



Neighborhood Renaissance Program Fact Sheet

What is the Neighborhood Renaissance Program?

The goal of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP) is to involve citizens in identifying what is important in their own communities. Everyone wants their community to be a better place to live, work, learn, and play. By empowering the people who live in the community to set priorities and identify a plan of action, the City can better respond to each community's needs.

How does the NRP work?

The NRP groups Stockton's neighborhoods into Service Districts with dedicated teams of City staff and community members working together to solve neighborhood problems and plan improvements in each area.

1) Physical Organization:

- *Service Districts:* The NRP divides the city into six Service Districts that roughly follow the boundaries of existing police reporting areas.
- *Neighborhoods:* Within each Service District, the NRP identifies neighborhoods along boundaries of shared physical, political, perceptual, social and economic characteristics.

2) Leadership Team Organization:

- *Core Working Group:* The Core Working Group consists of a group of representatives from various City departments (including redevelopment, planning, and police) that will allocate resources to, and direct outreach in, the Service Districts. Other department resources will be added based on each neighborhood's needs.
- *Neighborhood Action Committee (NAC):* The NAC includes a volunteer group of key stakeholders and community leaders who will provide insight into the area's needs and partner with the City to implement improvements.

How does the Neighborhood Renaissance Program affect me?

The City will partner with community members to make their neighborhoods better by analyzing neighborhood problems, creating plans and prioritizing improvements. Citizen input and involvement is the key to the program's success.

What are the Neighborhood Service Tiers?

In order to organize NRP efforts, City staff identified the needs of each neighborhood and then created a three-tiered neighborhood classification system reflecting the level of service required to address these needs.

The three tiers of neighborhood need and NRP emphasis are:

- *High Need Neighborhoods:* The emphasis of the NRP will be on public safety, including drug and gang intervention measures; efforts will be driven by the Police Department with intensive community involvement.
- *Focus Neighborhoods:* The emphasis of the NRP in these areas will be on the preparation of neighborhood plans with intensive community involvement.
- *Stable Neighborhoods:* The emphasis will be on public outreach and community involvement.

The organization of Service Districts and neighborhoods by need category will be subject to revision throughout the NRP process.

What is a Neighborhood Plan?

A Neighborhood Plan is the result of neighborhood meetings in which the community, the NAC and City staff work together to prioritize improvement needs and implementation actions. The plan will describe the neighborhood as community members would like it to be in the future, and the goals, objectives and strategies that will help accomplish this vision. During the initial phase of the NRP, only Focus neighborhoods will create of Neighborhood Plans.

What happens in other neighborhoods?

Stable and High Need areas will not create Neighborhood Plans right away, but will instead identify and address the specific needs of their neighborhoods. As such, the emphasis in High Need neighborhoods will be on increasing public safety and communication with City staff, with the Police Department directing neighborhood implementation efforts. In Stable neighborhoods, NRP efforts will focus on increasing public involvement and improving community outreach focused on available City services and programs.

When will the NRP start?

The NRP launched in April 2008 with the formation of the Service Districts and initial neighborhood boundaries. The program will continue with the launch of a pilot plan in the University Neighborhood, a Focus neighborhood. After the University Neighborhood Improvement Plan is underway, the City will begin the NRP process in other Service Districts and neighborhoods across the City.

Who should participate in the NRP?

All community members are invited to join the NRP process in their neighborhood:
The greater the level of community participation, the greater the ability of the City to partner with citizens to make real improvements in the neighborhood.

How can the public find out more about the NRP?

The easiest way to get more information about the NRP is to go to the City's NRP website, located at: <http://www.stocktongov.com/nrp/>.

Community members can also contact their Council person, or call NRP coordinators Sue Marks or Carol Murray for more information: (209) 937-8539.