

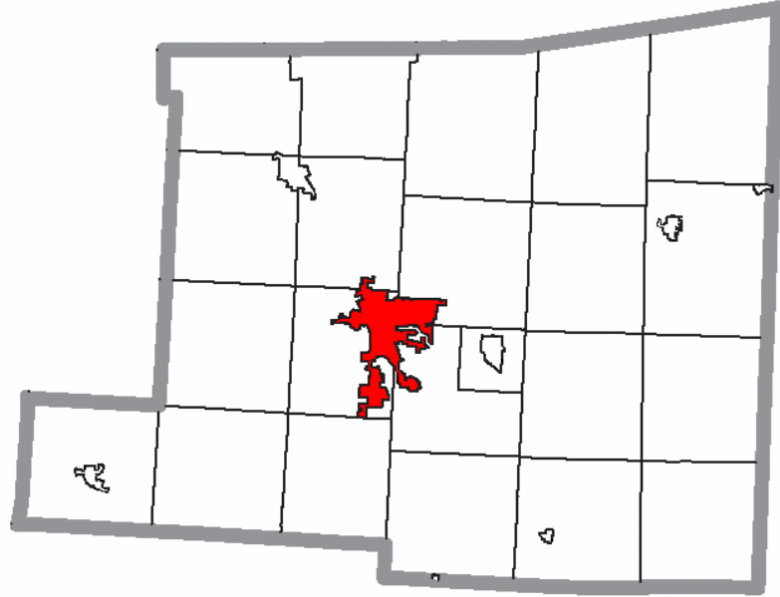
Successful Neighborhood Revitalization Programs:

City of Mount Vernon



July 23, 2025

City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio



Success Story Speakers



Matthew Starr
Mayor
City of Mount Vernon, OH



Brian Ball, P.E.
City Engineer
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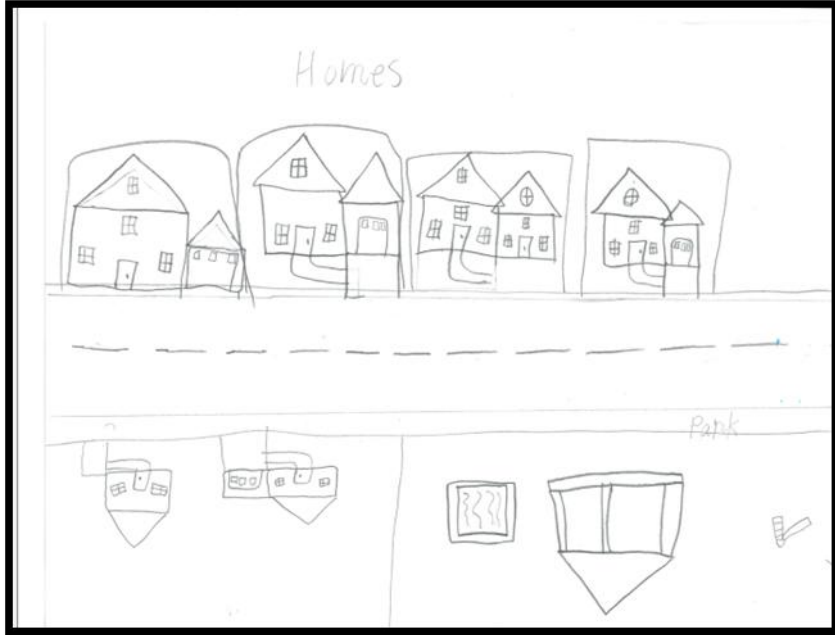
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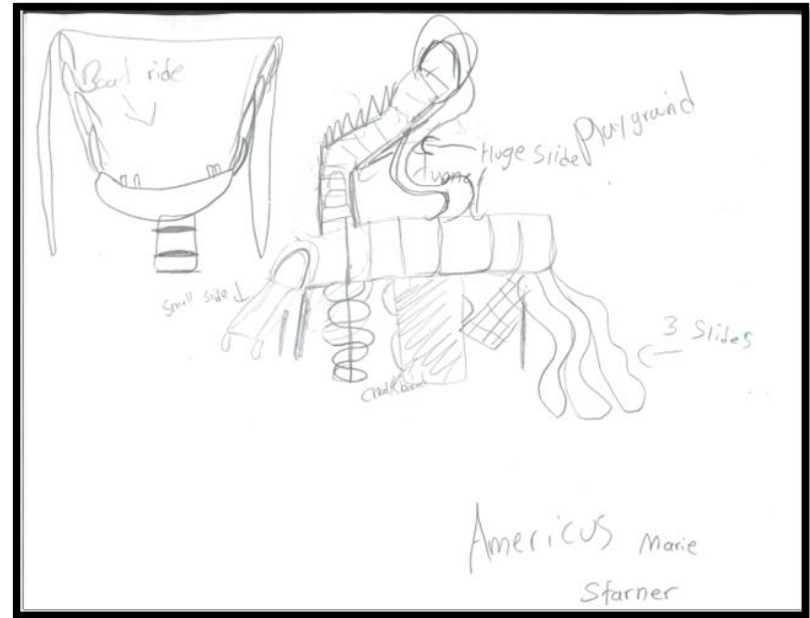
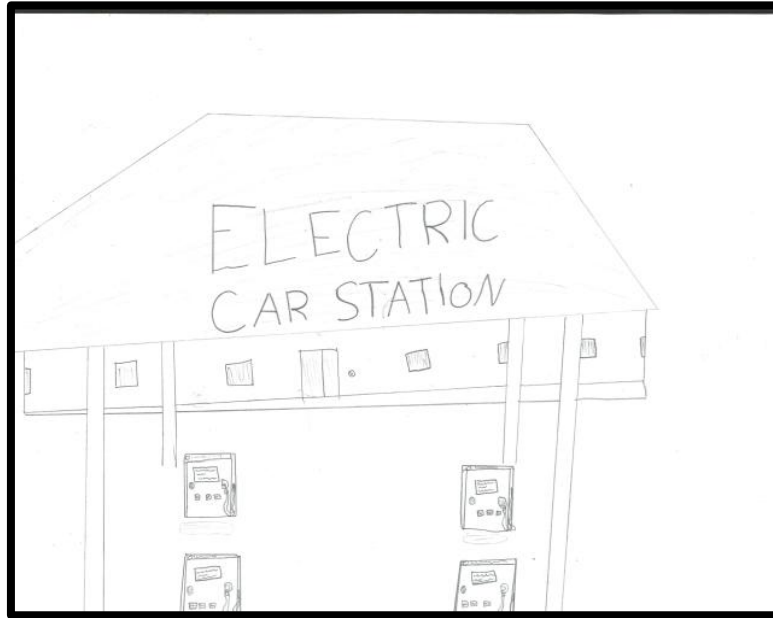
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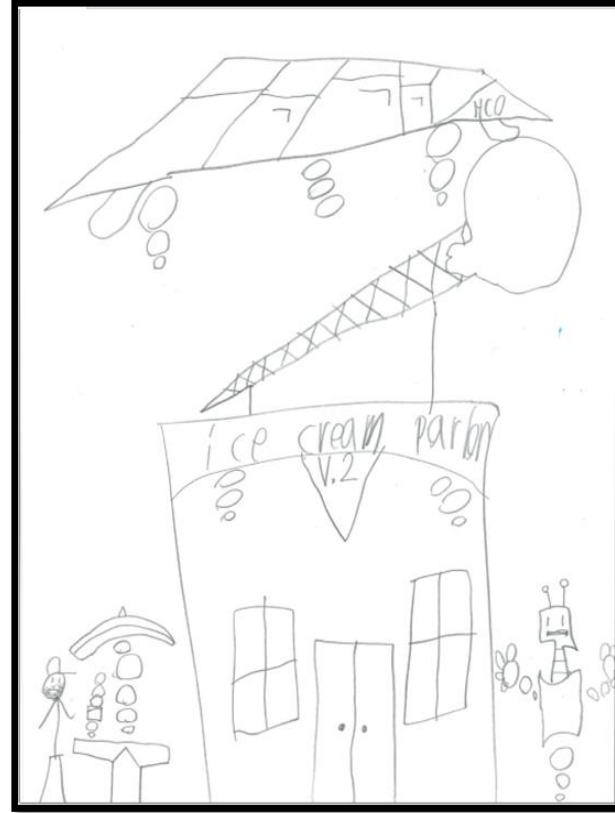
City of Mount Vernon Strategic Planning



Strategic planning gives us the opportunity to gather feedback from our current and future generation of city residents



Strategic Planning feedback is vital because all opinions matter



CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Target Areas



Past NRG Project Year 2018 in **Orange**:
Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization Project

Current NRG Project Year 2022 in **Green**:
Northside Redevelopment Project

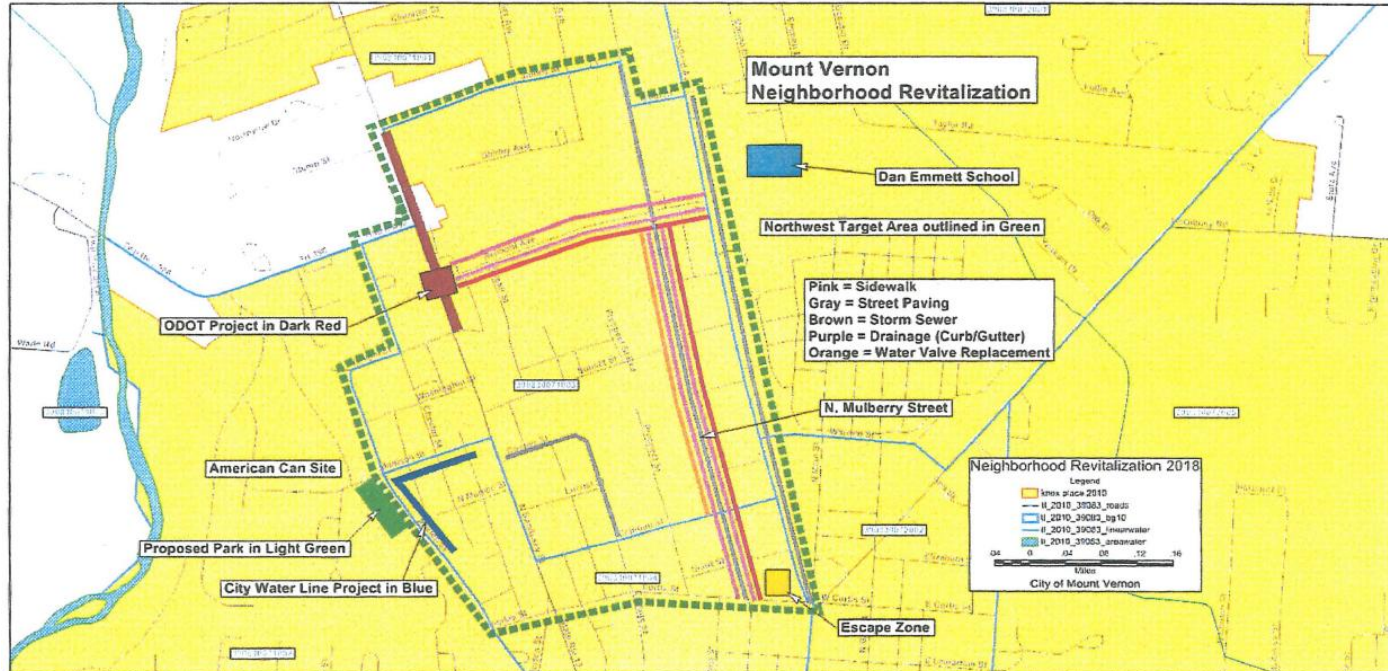
Future NRG Project Year 2024 in **Blue**:
Westend Revitalization Project



PY 2018: Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization Project

Map

Mount Vernon 2018 Neighborhood Revitalization



Mount Vernon Neighborhood Revitalization All Projects Map



Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization Project: PY 2018

Reconstruction Project Details:

- N. Mulberry St Improvements
- Belmont Avenue: Sidewalks and Drainage replacement
- North Sandusky Street Improvements (L)
- Marion/Madison Street Waterline (L)
- Water Valve Replacements
- Marion Street Park Upgrades
- Mansfield Avenue Improvements
- Repaving surrounding neighborhood street surfaces

Collaborative Project Funding:

PY '18 CDBG NRG Award:	\$450,000
(L) ODOT:	\$1,561,750
City of Mount Vernon:	\$597,000
Ariel Foundation:	\$215,000
Lowes of Mount Vernon:	\$2,500
Total Project Cost:	\$2,826,212

* (L): Leveraged Project



Supporting Community Investment Projects



Mulberry Street Roadway
Improvements Project

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North Sandusky Street Utilities
(Phases I & II)

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Sandusky Street Sidewalk
Improvements

(PY 2020 & 2022)

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Mansfield Ave Waterline &
Drainage Improvements Project



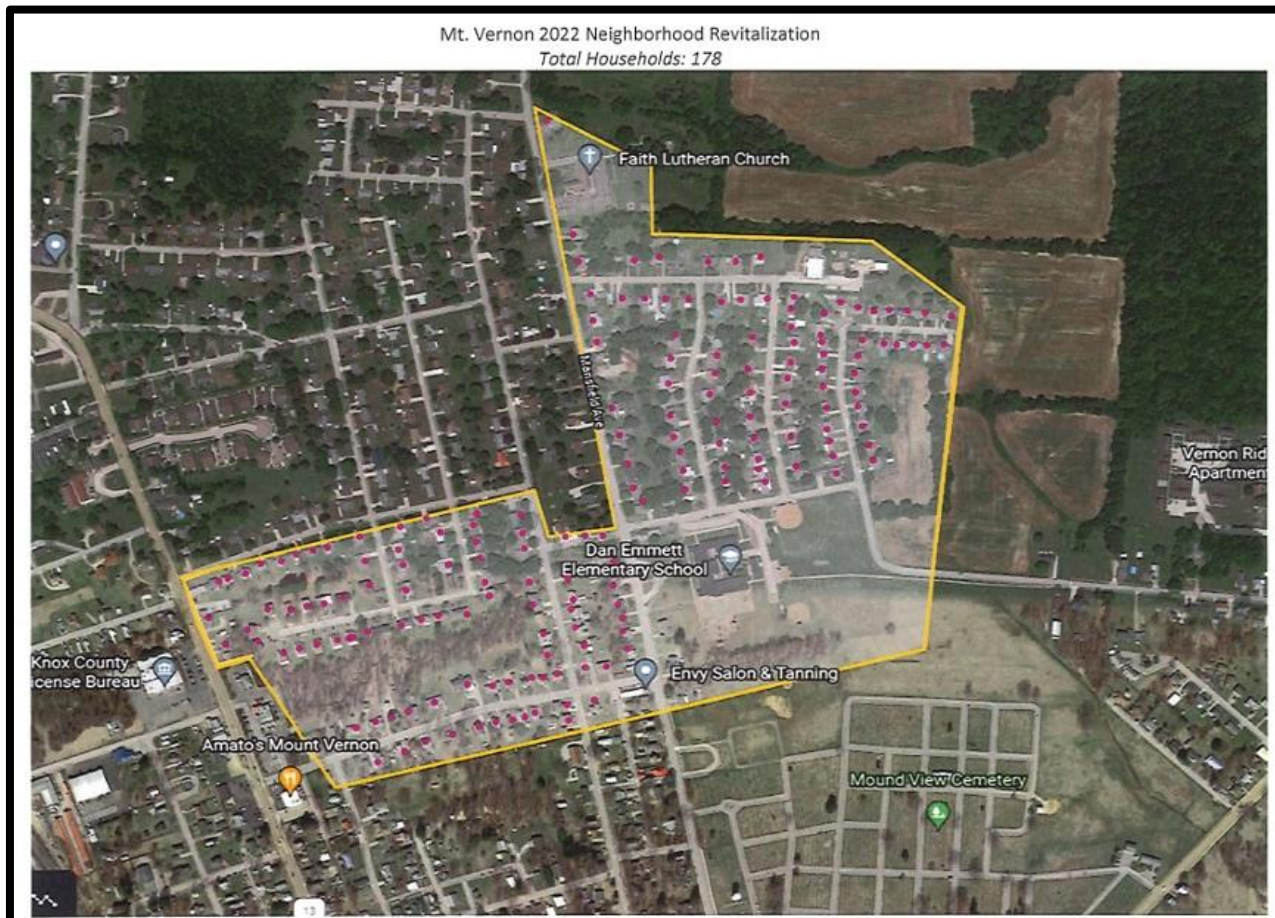
Sustainability and Longevity on Improvements



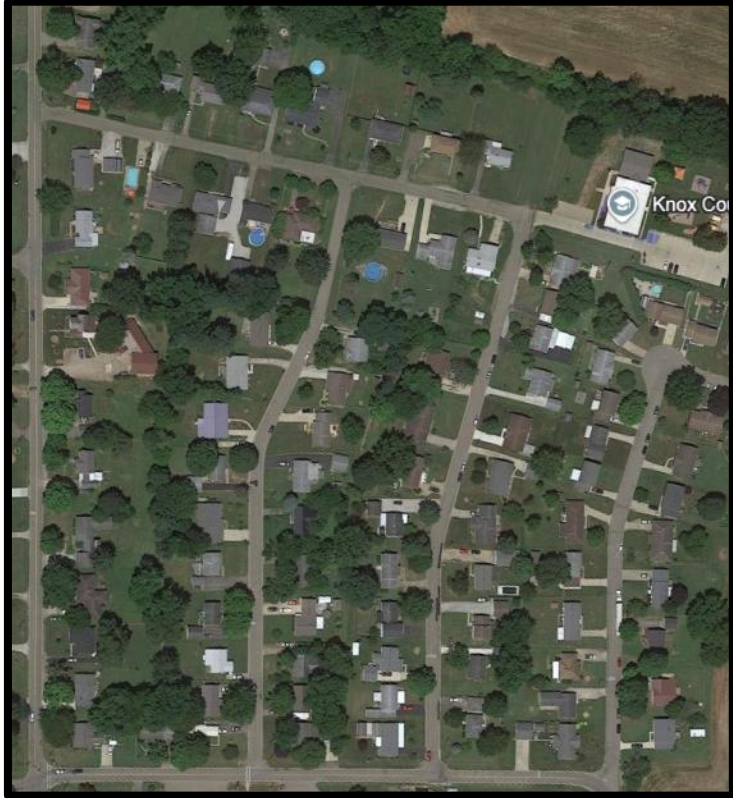
- 2018 → approximately 40 water main breaks
- 2024 → less than 10 water main breaks



PY 2022: Northside Redevelopment Project Map



Northside Redevelopment Project: PY 2022



Project Description:

- 4,527 feet of stormwater pipe replacement in backyards of private properties
- 32 catch basins
- 1,919 feet of street repaving
- 257 feet of waterline extensions
- 1 added fire hydrant
- 2,134 feet of sanitary pipe installation
- Full depth pavement, grading, and storm drainage street improvements on Nuce Road, Marma Drive, Northgate Drive, and Dan Emmett Park Drive



Sanitary sewer line extensions



Sidewalk installation

Aerial Footage Street and Safety Upgrades



Northside Redevelopment Project: PY 2022

Park/Recreational Improvements:

- New Playground Equipment
- Upgraded basketball courts
- Newly reconstructed ADA parking lot serving Dan Emmett Elementary School and the Park
- 2,525 ft of sidewalk installed to improve pedestrian access and provide alternative options for transportation
- Jersey Barriers created to provide safe separation between the baseball fields ongoing traffic on Nuce Road





Installation of a new basketball court during construction at Dan Emmett Park



Completed Basketball Court Facility including court equipment

Upgraded parking lot with ADA-compliant access



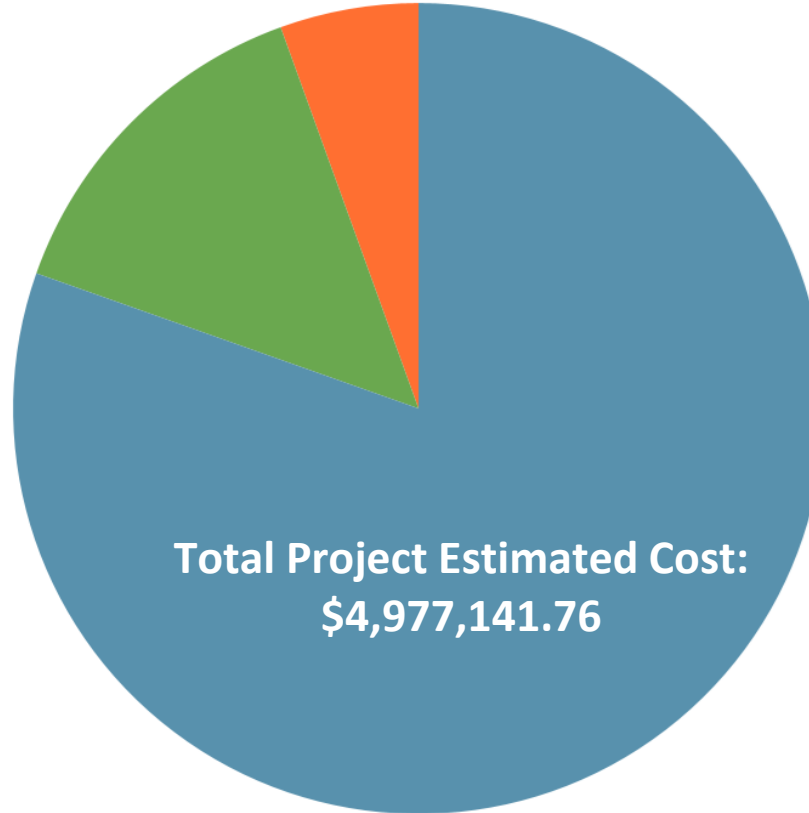
Jersey barrier installed along Nuce Road to enhance safety by separating the baseball field from passing traffic

Aerial Footage of Park and Recreational Upgrades

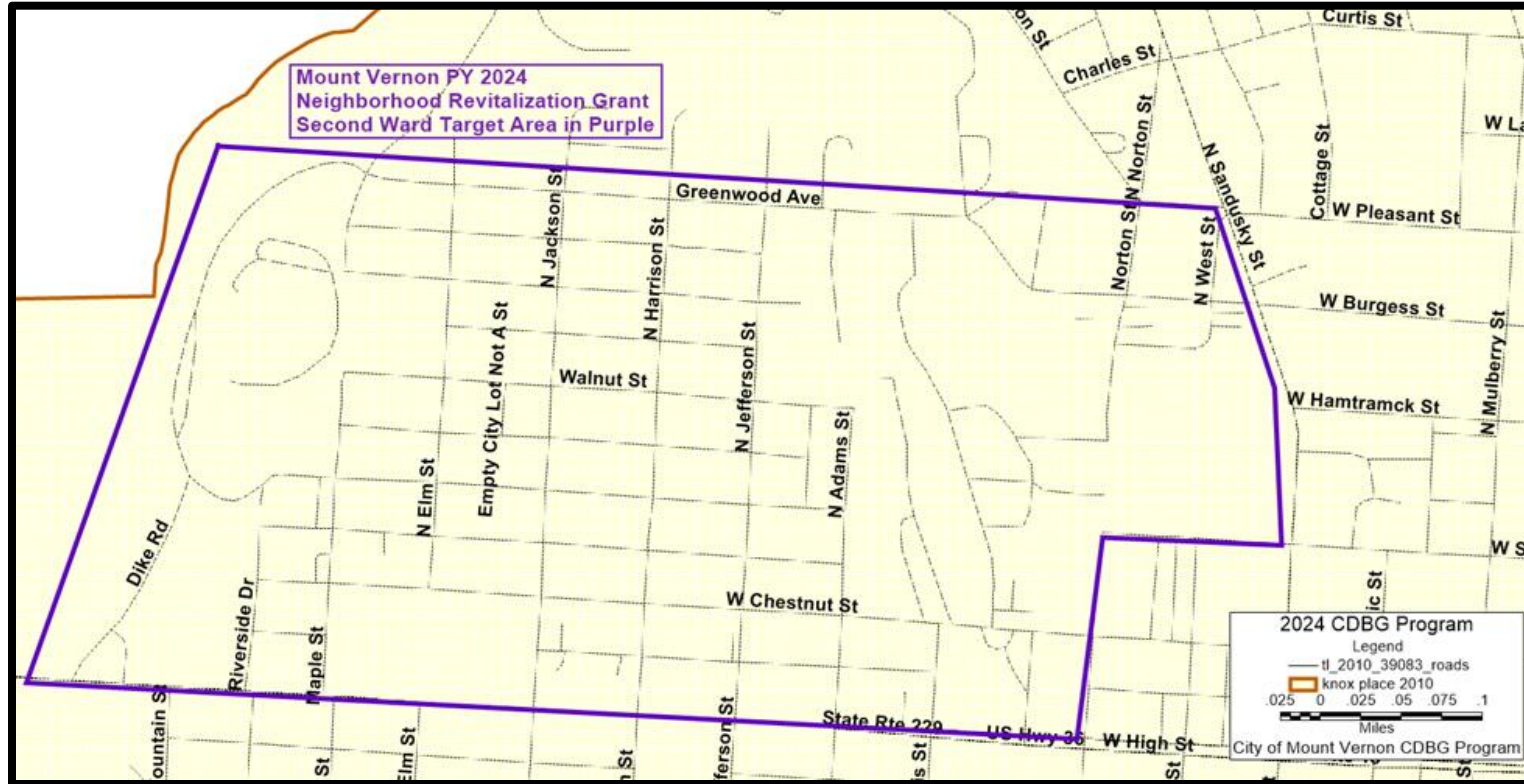


Northside Redevelopment Project: PY 2022

- City of Mount Vernon
\$4,002,141.76
- CDBG Grant
\$700,000
- Ariel \$275,000



Future Target Investment Area: West End Neighborhoods



Mt. Vernon PY24 Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Target Area



West End Revitalization Project: PY 2024

Reconstruction Project Details:

- Installation of new sanitary sewer lines on Beech Alley and North Adams St (benefiting approximately 1,170 residents in a low-moderate household income area)
- Replacing 4,800 linear feet of sidewalk on both sides of West Sugar St to improve connectivity from the West End Neighborhood to downtown
- Construction of 6 pickleball courts and 1 new basketball court to enhance neighborhood activities in Riverside Park
- Total street reconstruction with stormwater drainage enhancements to reduce flooding

Collaborative Project Funding:

PY '24 CDBG NRG Award:	\$ 750,000
City of Mount Vernon:	\$ 1,600,706
Ariel Foundation:	\$ 200,000
<i>Total Project Cost:</i>	<i>\$2,550,706</i>





West End Neighborhood Revitalization Project Improvements Exhibit

Shade Tree & Beautification Committee and Tree City USA

Since the 1995, the City of Mount Vernon has supported a well-established Shade Tree & Beautification Commission dedicated to enhancing and preserving the community's tree canopy. The Commission leads citywide beautification initiatives and provides shade tree planting and care — all at no cost to homeowners within the designated City Tree Lawn Area.

Over the past 10 years, more than **4,900 trees** have been planted and maintained through the combined efforts of the Shade Tree Commission and Tree City USA partners — and that number continues to grow.



Collaborative Partnerships

ODOT District 5
Community Roots
Mount Vernon City Schools
Knox County Head Start
Faith Lutheran Church
CDC of Ohio

Knox County, OH
Clinton Township
The Ariel Foundation
Shade Tree & Beautification Commission
Tree City USA
Morris Township

Local Contractor Partnerships

Elite Excavating LLC
Palmer & Sons Excavating, Ltd
Underground Utilities, Inc
Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc
Eclipse Excavating
Layton, Inc

Kokosing Construction
Ellis Brothers Concrete, Inc
Greenwich Electric, Inc
Small's Sand & Gravel, Inc
Columbia Gas of Ohio

