

**MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

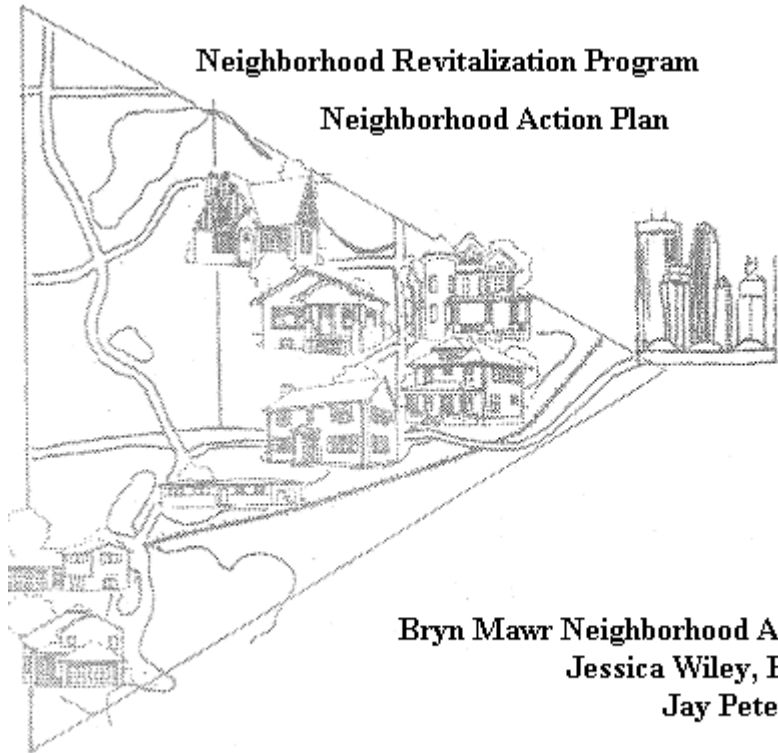
**BRYN-MAWR  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ACTION PLAN**

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# *Bryn Mawr Neighborhood*



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**Neighborhood Action Plan**

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan

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## Neighborhood Vision

### *In our vision of Bryn Mawr:*

We strengthen the sense of belonging of our residents and foster a strong of identity for our neighborhood. We take an active role in maintain parks, schools and other community resources, while improving our ac facilities in the city-at-large.

We maintain and enhance the quality and diversity of Bryn Mawr housing stock to retain residents and attract new neighbors to the community recognize our unique position as a bridge neighborhood located between of the highest per capita income sections of the city and one of it disadvantaged areas.

We work with elected representatives, transportation officials and neigh communities to minimize the negative impact that increasing traffic has i neighborhood, while preserving the easy access Bryn Mawr has to the 1 metropolitan area.

We find dynamic solutions to issues of public safety. We enable our kids and our elders to take an evening walk in the parks without fear. We knot our homes are safe from intrusion and that our neighbors are always watching out for us.

We patronize and support the merchants of Bryn Mawr in their provision of community-based services and products. We recognize the important these establishments to the health of the neighborhood and work to make economic endeavors successful.

## Neighborhood Profile

As Bryn Mawr residents, we are proud of our community.

Recognition of Bryn Mawr as one of the most livable places in the metropolitan area pl but does not surprise us. We occupy an enviable position as a neighbor surrounded by parkland, the gateway to the city's lakes and cultural centers, and close to the pulse of the city yet as tightly knit as a small town. We read a time about the disappearance of the way of life we came to expect as chi] but here in many ways we are living that expectation. We know and care : our neighbors, we work together to find solutions to our problems, we responsibility for improving our surroundings. We seek primarily to pre: rather than transform, our community. The NRP process gives 1 opportunity to examine our environment and our communal relationships; discover what we treasure and what we need to change.

Located on the western edge of Minneapolis, Bryn Mawr is borders parkland: Theodore Wirth Park to the north and west, Bassetts Creek to the north, Bryn Mawr Meadows to the east and Cedar Lake Park running tin the southern area. Just west of downtown Minneapolis, the 1-394 co bisects Bryn Mawr and is the major entrance to our neighborhood. According to the 1990 Census, the neighborhood had a population of people in 1,306 households. The population consists of 95.5% white persons 2.3% African-American, 0.5% Native American, 1.8% Hispanic Americana and

1.2 % Asian/Pacific American. In 1989, the number of persons below the poverty level was 2.4 %, compared to 18.5 % in the city as whole.

Bryn Mawr is a stable residential neighborhood, where residents own 90% of the homes. Residents live in a variety of homes. There are both modest and large single family homes, built throughout all stages of the city's development. [20% were constructed prior to 1920, 69% between 1920 and 1960 and 11% after 1960.] Homeowners consist of both first time and "move-up" buyers. Many Bryn Mawr buyers want to live here for the long term and often "move-up" within the neighborhood. For the most part, homes are well maintained; only a few houses show signs of age and/or neglect. According to the assessor's office, only 3.3% of all residential structures are considered standard" compared to a citywide level of 10%.

Bryn Mawr has three areas where businesses are found: 1) a small retail in the heart of Bryn Mawr that contains a gas station, two *coffee* shops, a store, a pizza shop and deli, a travel agency, a beauty salon, a chiropractor, a dentist, a dry cleaner/tailor, an antique dealer, a day-care center and a grocery store that serves as a neighborhood hub. 2) Businesses on Chestnut Ai include a *coffee* supplier, a sign shop and a drill bit manufacturer. 3) Dayton Hudson credit operations, US West and additional commercial establishments line both sides of 1-394.

Other neighborhood landmarks include a middle school (6-8) and elementary school (K-6), a church, four children's playgrounds and the 1 that surround the neighborhood. Bryn Mawr is served by two Metropolitan Transit bus routes.

Some recent trends in the neighborhood include the following:

- High resale value of homes/quick turnaround on home sales;
- Increased home remodeling;
- Stable or increasing income levels;
- Younger households and families;
- Increasing numbers of single, professional homeowners;
- Many pedestrians on sidewalks and walkways in the parks; and
- Bicycle trail connections to Cedar Lake Park and Bassets Creek.

The Bryn Mawr neighborhood is well organized. Since 1974, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) has been a strong, respected neighborhood advocacy and planning group. Neighborhood volunteers make up the Board and represent the seven geographic areas of Bryn Mawr plus officers. Elected area representatives bring specific area concerns to attention of the Board. The BMNA sponsors a number of events, including annual meeting/potluck dinner, an ice cream social and co-sponsor Thanksgiving dinner. The BMNA encourages and assists with block party for National Night Out each August. The BMNA publishes the monthly *E Mawr Bugle*, a respected journal of neighborhood news, delivered free, to each home and business.

## **Bryn Mawr Comprehensive Plan**

The Bryn Mawr Comprehensive Planning Committee concluded that the approximately \$413,000 of remaining NRP funding is a great deal of money that funds allocated to individuals can make an individual difference, for example, to their home. However, this amount is not enough to pay for large projects that may have a visible impact on the neighborhood. This amount of money is only enough to seed funds to address issues facing Bryn Mawr in the future.

The Committee decided to develop a Comprehensive Plan that would focus discussion on what is important to Bryn Mawr, challenge the neighborhood focus and help organize the volunteer efforts that make the neighborhood successful. The Plan is the result of efforts by neighbors and volunteers. It is d to keep Bryn Mawr an attractive neighborhood with many amenities Comprehensive Plan, attached as an addendum, provides an e understand and graphic view of the neighborhood, specific characteristics that make it unique and those characteristics that warrant attention. The plan is meant to strengthen and sustain our sense of community and maintain the "nostalgic" aura of the neighborhood.

### Audiences for the Plan

#### **Residents and Business Owners of the Neighborhood**

Bryn Mawr residents and business owners can use the plan to obtain understanding of the neighborhood, its past development, present strengths and concerns for its future. The Plan provides a framework to understand and categorize activities that may require funding or residents' support.

#### **Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)**

The Comprehensive Plan provides a framework for the Bryn Mawr Plan and identifies a set of projects for funding with the remaining funds. NRP was established to provide neighborhood input in allocation of funds available for neighborhoods directly from Minneapolis City Council and with agreement with the Minneapolis School Board, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Minneapolis Library Board and the Hennepin County Commissioners.

All Minneapolis neighborhoods in the NRP are designated as one o categories as needing redirection, revitalization or protection. Each neighborhood is also allocated funds to assist in developing their vision and goals. Bryn Mawr, a protection neighborhood, participated in the First Step initiatives in 1996 and requested funding of two projects it Access release of funds.

#### **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board**

The Comprehensive Plan provides the BMNA Board with a view about the neighborhood, its strengths and challenges. The Plan further identifies some action items and outlines projects. It provides the Board perspective in discussions with developers, City agencies and to process. Board sub-committees or individuals who volunteer al informed about how their ideas fit with the vision and goals of the neighborhood. The Plan also advances a number of implementation

## **Neighborhood NRP Process History**

projects that have broad support within the neighborhood for NRP consideration and funding.

### **City Agencies**

The Plan provides for city planners with an understanding of the specific goals and desires of Bryn Mawr. We hope this will be the Genesis of proposals developed by public agencies that will advance the further improvement of Bryn Mawr.

### Topic Areas in the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is divided into six topic areas. These topics detail various characteristics of Bryn Mawr. They describe existing conditions and how the neighborhood has changed in the past ten years. Each topic area identifies Bryn Mawr attributes and strengths and sets a vision for this topic area for the future. Major challenges or concerns that exist or are anticipated in the next three to five years are noted. Finally, each topic area lists some opportunities or strategies dealing with these concerns, and some actions to take and projects to implement.

In 1993, the Bryn Mawr neighborhood applied for NRP Early Transition funding for a project to preserve wetlands in Area 1 of the neighborhood. The project was approved but was changed due to legal issues. The neighborhood was divided on the outcome; however, a project was completed.

### **Steering Committee Formed**

A Steering Committee consisting of 12 neighborhood volunteers began the NRP First Step process in January of 1994. This committee was made up of people with various backgrounds. It started as a subcommittee of the Mawr Neighborhood Association and has worked closely with this organization throughout the process. The Steering Committee met monthly to organize the gathering of ideas. Its members attended classes offered by the NRP to increase their understanding of the NRP process. The neighborhood was initially engaged in September 1994 with a community visioning meeting. A comprehensive written opinion survey of the neighborhood followed in the fall of 1994. A meeting in December 1994 results of the survey set the general direction for Steering Committee work.

### **Subcommittees Formed**

Based on the meeting and the survey, seven subcommittees were formed to address concerns expressed in the following areas:

- Parks and recreation;
- Schools;
- Community;
- Safety;
- Traffic and Transportation; •  
Housing.



These committees held many meetings, inviting participation from the community. Goals, objectives and strategies were developed and in some cases, preliminary budget figures emerged. In August and September 1994 and February 1995, newsletters were published and distributed to the neighborhood that summarized the work of the subcommittees and invited all residents to a neighborhood-wide meeting. Monthly reports were printed in the neighborhood newspaper and a board posting meeting dates was set up at the neighborhood market.

Ideas gathered from the neighborhood at large were incorporated into the work of the subcommittees. Later, the parks and recreation, schools and community subcommittees were combined into one, as were the traffic transportation subcommittees.

### **Goals and Strategies Prioritized**

At a February 1995 meeting, the initial results of the survey and the work the subcommittees was reviewed. Residents were invited through a postcard mailing to a prioritization meeting in May 1995. Each of the subcommittees presented the results or their work and neighbors offered opinions. Meeting attendees voted on the priority of plans in progress.

The Steering Committee used responses from this prioritization to prepare a final July 1995 neighborhood ballot on First Step projects to NRP funds. After mailing the ballot, Steering Committee members nearly every household in Bryn Mawr to encourage their response.

### **First Step Projects Implemented**

During 1995-1996, some of the allocated NRP funds were used for some First Step Projects. A housing program processed approximately 50 applicants provided 22 deferred loans and eight of these borrowers got grants for home improvement programs allocated \$125,000. These projects targeted code violations and exterior repairs. Bryn Mawr used \$10,000 of its NRP to employ a consultant on freeway noise and engage MNDOT in implementing improvements to the I-394 freeway through the neighborhood. Minneapolis Park Board was allocated \$75,000 following considerable discussion about the siting and design of the Bassett's Creek Bike Trail.

### **Early Access Projects Funded**

Months of neighborhood and committee meetings lead to three additional projects that would receive funding through the Early Access procedure. Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board approved two of these projects in September of 1997. These included \$40,000 for the purchase of core at Anwatin Middle School that will be available to students and neighborhood residents and \$10,000 to purchase equipment for the Bryn Mawr Elementary School neighborhood meeting room. A third proposed project, to pave the remaining unpaved alleys in Bryn Mawr, was turned down by the Board. This decision is under review in accordance with the Bryn Mawr Grievance Policy.

### **Comprehensive Planning Committee Formed**

In October 1995, the NRP steering committee formed itself into the Comprehensive Planning Committee. This committee added people and extended an invitation to all residents to join in development of a long-range view of the neighborhood. The committee met regularly over the next two years to gather information and develop ideas on the assets of the neighborhood and the issues and concerns related to those assets.

The Comprehensive Plan was completed in December 1997 and reviewed in a series of neighborhood focus groups held in each of the seven Bryn Mawr Areas. These Focus Groups produced a list of specific strategies for NRP funding and these are the basis of recommendations in this Action Plan.

A neighborhood-wide meeting reviewed these recommendations in 1998. The neighbors present provided a unanimous recommendation for approval by the BMNA Board in April 1998.

## **NRP Action Plan Summary**

### **Community / Housing - \$350,000**

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes the unique character of housing in Bryn Mawr. The diversity of styles and the periods of building provide one of the bases for Bryn Mawr's charm. Discussions included comments that housing is the base of defining a good neighborhood, if the housing is maintained the neighborhood will survive. Yet, the Plan notes there are some homes and garages that need considerable work where residents are unable to afford these needed structural improvements.

The proposed housing program continues to address housing deficiencies as in the focus of the First Step program. In addition, other items may be considered for funding including alley and sidewalk paving, retaining walls and garages. Creation of a revolving fund will also be investigated.

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes a number of projects and opportunities to maintain the neighborhood image and unity of its seven areas. Examples of these include developing and installing signage at all road and trail entrances to Bryn Mawr and working to keep historic neighborhood boundaries.

### **Retail - \$85,000**

The condition and value of "Downtown" Bryn Mawr was identified as a concern by the focus groups in the Comprehensive Plan. The Bryn Mawr Market was viewed as a major asset to the community and the development of many improvements by businesses was applauded and encouraged.

The proposed spending would support the formation of a design effort to develop ideas for the area, facilitate business owner and neighbor participation, create drawings for improvements and investigate various funding sources. This spending might also leverage money to provide low-interest loans to the business owners and develop visible improvements to the area.

**Parks - \$154,500 (\$16,000 for the Meadows / \$50,000 for Bassetts i Valley / \$11,000 for Cedar Lake and Brownie Lake / \$77,500 for Bs Creek Bike Trail)**

There have been discussions about the parks at Bryn Mawr and how to improve them. Focus group discussions and the Comprehensive Plan view the parks surrounding Bryn Mawr as one of its main assets. These parks surround the neighborhood and differentiate it from other Minneapolis neighborhoods. The proposed spending would support a number of projects in three of the major park areas of Bryn Mawr. Specifically it would look at the development of additional parking, lighting and improvement of restrooms and tennis courts at the meadows, improve a sports field that would be set aside for the children from Bryn Mawr. Near Cedar lake, proposals include upgrading of equipment at the 24<sup>th</sup> and Drew Park and paths and trails with assistance from CIDNA and St. Louis Park, and possibly building of a canoe storage deck on Brownie Lake. Another area with strong support was the improvement of the Bassetts Creek Valley. This includes redesignating the Creek from a drainage ditch to a full creek and addressing the deteriorating pedestrian path, spillway and rapids near Fruens Mill and improve the overall water quality. This would develop opportunities for working together with the Harrison neighborhood.

#### **Safety - \$7,500**

There was widespread support for improving lighting in the neighborhood. This included both alley and park lighting.

The proposed spending would support leveraging funds to provide motion detector lighting to neighbors and in critical park areas used by significant numbers of pedestrians.

#### **Schools - \$50,000**

Bryn Mawr neighbors are strong supporters and advocates of the two schools in the neighborhood. Many hours of volunteer time were used to support construction of the new Bryn Mawr Elementary School. In addition the neighborhood uses and supports the Community Education programs and use of Anwatin as a community gathering place.

The spending released through Early Access funding purchased equipment for the Bryn Mawr Elementary and helped to buy computer equipment for Anwatin.

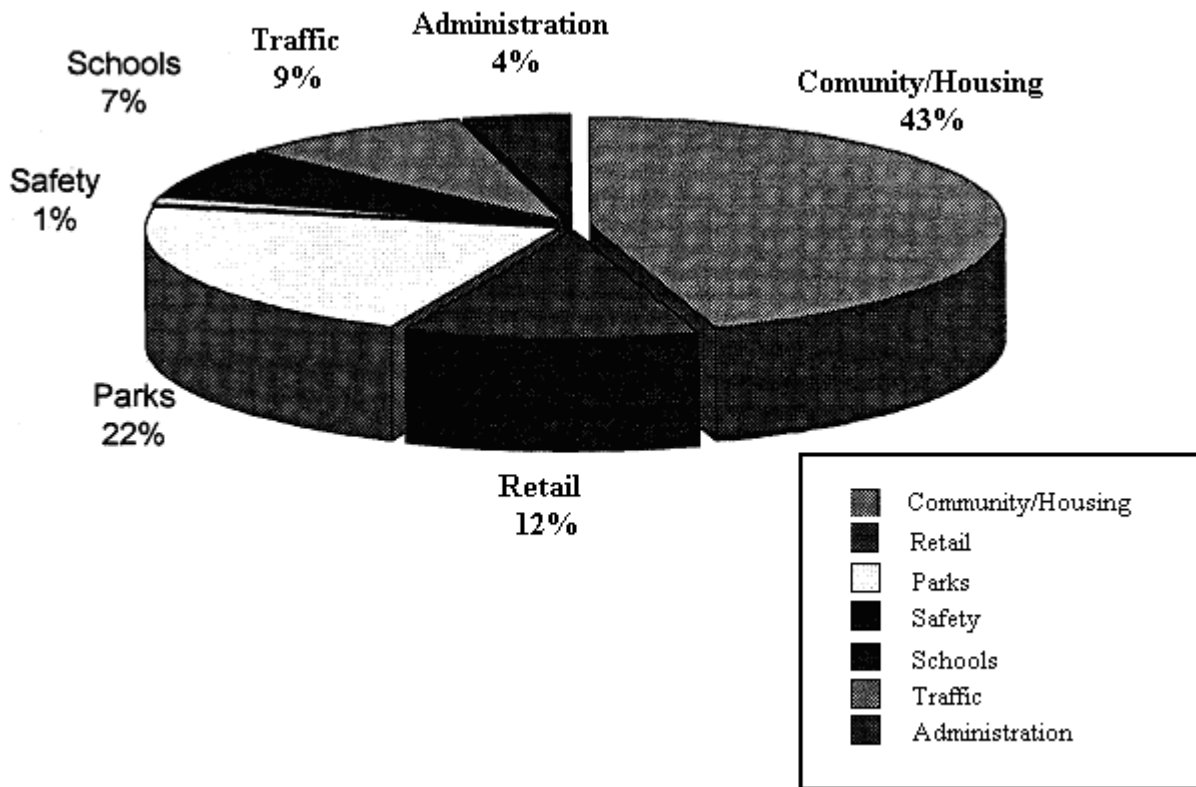
#### **Traffic - \$66,000**

There are many traffic issues in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. Some can be resolved by City and Police Department enforcement of traffic Others require work to redesign some of the arterial streets, to increase safe crossing by pedestrians and bikers, develop attractive gateways into Mawr that identify the neighborhood and provide more complete pedestrian circulation.

The proposed spending would redesign the Penn and I-394 intersect eliminate pedestrian and bike crossing hazards, allow for equitable access to I-394 from both the north and south, encourage photographic viewing of the Downtown skyline, provide a visual end to Penn Avenue and continuous pedestrian movement in approaches to and through the intersection.

It would also develop and advance traffic calming ideas for the South Frontage Road and Penn Avenue. Funds would support a design committee to develop plans and provide some match for the city, county and state funds required for these improvements.

## Bryn Mawr NRP Action Plan Budget Summary



Bryn Mawr NRP Action Plan Budget							
	Total	NRP Total	First Step	Action Plan	Leveraged	Partner	
<b>Community/Housing</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>						
<b>1) Housing</b>							
1.1.1) Housing funds & resources		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000				
1.1.2) Housing counselling		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000				
1.1.3) Extended housing program		\$ 300,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 400,000	BM neighbors	
				\$ 30,000	<b>-Reallocated</b>		
					<b>First Step</b>		
					<b>Safety funds</b>		
<b>2) Community</b>							
2.1.1) Neighborhood gateway signage		10000		10000		MNDOT/Minneapolis	
2.2.1) Administration		30000		30000			
<b>Retail</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>						
3.1.2) Retail area design study		\$15,000		\$15,000		BM Businesses/MCDA	
3.2.1) "Downtown" area improvement		\$50,000		\$50,000	TBD	BM Businesses/MCDA	
3.2.2) Business improvement seed money		\$20,000		\$20,000	TBD	BM Businesses/MCDA	
<b>Parks</b>	<b>\$154,500</b>						
<b>4) Bassetts Creek</b>							
4.1.4) Bassetts Creek Bike Trail		\$77,500	\$77,500		TBD (ISTEA)	Park Board/ISTEA	
4.1.5) Improve the Bassetts Creek Valley		\$50,000		\$50,000	TBD	Park Board	
Falls reconstruction						Public Works	
Fruens Mill trail improvements						US Corps of Engineers	
Gazebo construction							
Water quality improvements							
<b>5) Meadows</b>							
5.1.1-4) Improve the Bryn Mawr Meadows		\$16,000		\$16,000	TBD	Park Board	
Lighting improvements							
Perking improvements							
Path improvements							
Restroom improvements							
Sports Field improvements							
Tennis court improvements							
<b>6) Cedar Lake/ Brownie Lake</b>							
6.1.1-2/6.2.1) Cedar Lake / Brownie Lake improvements		\$11,000		\$11,000	TBD	Park Board	
24th and Drew equipment improvements						CIDNA	
Brownie Lake canoe access						St Louis Park	
Cedar Lake path/trail improvements							
<b>Safety</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	\$0	\$30,000	(\$30,000)		Reallocated First Step Safety funds	
7.1.1) Neighborhood resident organization		\$2,500	\$2,500			CCP/SAFE	
7.2.1) Alley lighting		\$4,000		\$4,000		CCP/SAFE	
7.2.2) Park lighting and 911 blue lights		\$1,000		\$1,000		Park Boards	
<b>Schools</b>	<b>\$152,082</b>						
8.1.2) Bryn Mawr School equipment		\$10,000		\$10,000	\$12,082	School Board	
8.1.3) Anwatin School computer equipment		\$40,000		\$40,000	\$40,000	School Board	
					\$50,000	State of MN	
<b>Traffic</b>	<b>\$66,000</b>						
9.1.1) I-394, Penn and traffic calming design study		\$15,000		\$15,000		BM neighbors	
						MNDOT	
						Public Works	
						Hennepin	
<b>Total</b>							
9.2.1) 1-394, Penn and traffic calming improvements		\$36,000		\$36,000		BM neighbors	
						MNDOT	
						Public Works	
						Hennepin	
9.4.1) Develop communications network		\$5,000	\$5,000				
9.4.2) I-394 improvement consultant		\$10,000	\$10,000				
		<b>\$1,215,082</b>	<b>\$713,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$463,000</b>	<b>\$502,082</b>	

## **NRP Action Plan Detail**

### **Richness of Community \$350,000**

Results of the Comprehensive Planning Committees meetings and responses from community meetings form the basis for the prioritization of the following objectives. Community meetings include focused discussions in each of Bryn Mawr's seven areas and a community-wide meeting. There was also an open invitation to participate in the Planning Committee's deliberations.

**1.)Goal: Maintain and enhance the quality and diversity of the housing stock to retain and attract neighbors to Bryn Mawr.**

**1.1) Objective: Maintain and improve the quality of the existing Bryn Mawr housing stock.**

**1.1.1) Strategy: Gather and disseminate information of available housing improvement funds and resources.**

Bryn Mawr will continue to contract for information that will be available to all Bryn Mawr residents on housing improvements and fu resources.

Partners: CEE

Timeline: 1998 / 1999

NRP Funds: \$5,000 (included as part of the First Step Plan)

Other Funds: \$0

**1.1.2) Strategy: Direct financial and housing improvements counseling to individuals needing assistance.**

Bryn Mawr will continue its contract with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) to assess the extent of housing improvements required. CEE will also provide direct counseling to individuals on the availability of funds and other resources to *support* the improvement their homes. This assessment and financial counseling program will continue to be available to all residents and homeowners.

Partners: CEE

Timeline: 1998 / 1999

NRP Funds: \$5,000 (included as part of the First Step Plan)

Other Funds: \$0

**1.1.3) Strategy: Direct funds in the form of a grant and deferred loan program for individuals unable to afford needed improvements.** Bryn Mawr will extend its contract with CEE to manage a grant and loan program to assist residents with demonstrated financial need in making home improvements. Bryn Mawr will consider extending the criteria for eligible projects to include alley and sidewalk paving, garage repair and improvements and retaining wall repair and improvements. These funds target support to low-income residents in the neighborhood. Bryn Mawr will consider the merits of developing a long-term, revolving fund to fund the housing program from loan repayments.

Partners: CEE / Bryn Mawr Neighbors  
Timeline: 1998 / 1999  
NRP funds: \$300,000 (\$115,000 as part of First Step plan/\$30,000  
reallocated from Safety section of First Step Plan)  
Other Funds: \$700,000

**2.) Goal: Present Bryn Mawr as a united neighborhood containing seven areas.**

**2.1) Objective: Identify and clarify the visible boundaries of Bryn Mawr and assure these are recognized by public and private agencies in their planning and service territories.**

**2.1.1) Strategy: Develop attractive signage that clearly marks entry into Bryn Mawr.**

Bryn Mawr will develop a gateway signage program. This program will design, create and install markers at the important road and trail entrances to the neighborhood.

Partners: Bryn Mawr, Neighbors/MNDOT/Park Board/Public Works  
Timeline: 1998 / 1999  
NRP Funds: \$10,000  
Other Funds: TBD

**2.1.2) Strategy: Develop a major gateway identifier that welcome visitors and neighbors to Bryn Mawr.**

Bryn Mawr will work with MNDOT and the City to leverage fu design, develop and install a hedge at the Penn and I-394 intersect welcome residents and visitors to the Bryn Mawr neighborhood.

Partners: Bryn Mawr Neighbors / MNDOT / Public Works  
Timeline: 1998 / 1999  
NRP Funds: \$0  
Other Funds: TBD

**2.1.3) Strategy: Maintain the historic boundaries of Bryn Mawr.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the various public and private agencies to maintain the historic boundaries of Bryn Mawr in their planning and service territories. This includes resisting the tendency to divide Mawr into two parts, north and south of I-394.

Partners: School Board / Planning / WD / MNDOT  
Timeline: On-going  
NRP Funds: \$0  
Other Funds: \$0

**2.1.4) Strategy: Develop a Bryn Mawr directory and a neighborhood computer network to improve communications between areas as well as residents within their respective areas.**

Bryn Mawr will work to create a directory of neighborhood residents and complete a neighborhood website of public information.

Partners: Bryn Mawr neighbors / BMNA

Timeline: Ongoing

NRP funds: \$0

Other Funds: \$0

**2.2) Objective: Provide administrative support that assures the proper implementation of the NRP Action Plan.**

**2.2.1) Strategy: Contract with a neighborhood NRP staff person for Bryn Mawr**

Bryn Mawr will contract a staff person to support the implementation process.

Partners: Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association / NRP

Timeline: 1998 - 2000

NRP Funds: \$30,000

Other Funds: TBD

**Neighborhood  
Focus and  
Activity in its  
Retail Setting  
\$85,000**

**3) Goal. Provide and maintain a retail center that consists of shops serving Bryn Mawr neighbors with convenience goods and services in an area that is attractive and appealing and economically rewarding to the merchants**

3.1) Objective: Understand the principles needed to guide future development and improvement of the "Downtown" Bryn Mawr area.

**3.1.1) Strategy: Facilitate the formation of a Bryn Mawr business association.**

Bryn Mawr will facilitate the formation of a business association of the Bryn Mawr merchants.

Partners: Bryn Mawr businesses / MCDA

Timeline: 1998

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: \$0

**3.1.2) Strategy: Create a commercial area plan with participation of the business community and Bryn Mawr residents.**

Bryn Mawr will form a design committee to create a plan for commercial area of Bryn Mawr. This committee will develop design principles for development of the area, define the study area, identify critical issues and develop an improvement plan. The committee will create drawings, sketches and propose implementation changes for the area.



**Neighborhood  
within a Park  
\$154,500**

Partners: Bryn Mawr businesses / Bryn Mawr neighbors / MCDA /  
Planning / Public Works  
Timeline: 1998  
NRP funds: \$15,000  
Other funds: TBD

**3.2) Objective: Implement improvements to "Downtown" Bryn Mawr.**

**3.2.1) Strategy: Use NRP funds to support some improvements in the "Downtown " area.**

Bryn Mawr will consider improvement proposals prepared by a commercial design committee and implement these. The committee will identify investment opportunities for the area. Ideas suggested include plantings, banners, street furniture, redesigning the bus stop, street lighting, awnings, a kiosk, parking, roadway redesign, etc.

Partners: MCDA/Bryn Mawr business owners/Planning/Public Works  
Timeline: 1999 / 2000  
NRP Funds: \$50,000  
Other Funds: TBD

**3.2.2) Strategy: Leverage low-interest loans to business owners.**

Bryn Mawr will investigate ways and opportunities to use NRP funds as seed money to leverage other funding that could assist Bryn merchants in making capital improvements to their establishments.

Partners: Bryn Mawr businesses / MCDA  
Timeline: 1999 / 2000  
NRP Funds: \$20,000  
Other Funds: TBD

***4) Goal: Develop and enhance the Bassetts Creek Valley as a major city and neighborhood amenity.***

**4.1) Objective: Improve the Bassetts Creek Valley to make it more attractive and increase its usage by neighborhood residents.**

**4.1.1) Strategy: Change the designation of Bassetts Creek in City plans and agency programs.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board, the Public Works Department and the US Corps of Engineers to change the designation of B Creek from a drainage ditch to a creek.

Partners: Park Board / Public Works / US Corps of Engineers  
Timeline: 1998 / 1999  
NRP Funds: \$0  
Other Funds: \$0

**4.1.2) Strategy: Improve the walking trail near Fruens Mill.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to improve the condition of the walking trail west of Fruens Mill and to make this a priority

Improvement by the park board. These improvements would start as the Bike Trail is under consideration.

Partners: Park Board / Public Works / US Corps of Engineers

Timeline: 1998/1999

NRP funds: Included in Strategy 4.1.5

Other funds: TBD

#### **4.1.3) Strategy Improve Bassetts Creek water quality**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board, the Public Works Department, the U.S. Corps of Engineers and The Friends of Bassetts Creek to improve the water quality of Bassetts Creek.

Partners: Park Board / Public Works / US Corps of Engineers

Timeline: 1999 / 2000

NRP Funds: Included in strategy 4.1.5

Other Funds: TBD

#### **4.1.4) Strategy: Complete the Bassetts Creek Bike Trail.**

Bryn Mawr supports the completion of the Bassetts Creek Bike Trail consistent with the final design that separates bike and pedestrian movements and maintains the natural environment of the creek and adjoining vegetation.

Partners: Park Board / ISTEIA / Public Works

Timeline: 1998 / 1999

NRP Funds: \$77,500 (included as part of First Step Plan)

Other Funds: TBD

#### **4.1.5) Strategy: Improve the Bassetts Creek Valley.**

Bryn Mawr anticipates other improvements immediately adjoining the Bassetts Creek Bike Trail including the Fruen Mill walking trail, soccer field in Harrison and parking for the Bryn Mawr Meadows ea the Burlington Northern railroad tracks. Bryn Mawr will also work the Park Board to build a small gazebo that would be available for small gatherings, small groups of musicians or discussions. This gazebo would be a small shelter and would take advantage of the natural amphitheater available in the area.

Partners: Park Board / US Corps of Engineers

Timeline: 1998 - 2000

NRP Funds: \$50,000

Other Funds: TBD

4.2) Objective: Work with the Harrison neighborhood in developing plans and improvements along Bassetts Creek.

4.2.1) Strategy: Support the Friends of Bassetts Creek.

Bryn Mawr will support- the efforts of the Friends of Bassetts Creek organization as they identify projects of value to both Harrison and Bryn Mawr neighborhoods. This group has helped to clean up the creek and sees it as a focal point to facilitate the two neighborhoods working together.

Partners: Friends of Bassetts Creek  
Timeline: Ongoing  
NRP Funds: \$0  
Other Funds: \$0

**5) Goal: Facilitate needed improvements to the Bryn Mawr Meadows.**

**5.1) Objective: Improve some facilities in the meadows.**

**5.1.1) Strategy: Upgrade the restroom facilities in the park building.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to make needed improvements to the restrooms in the Meadows.

Partners: Park Board  
Timeline: 1998 - 2003  
NRP Funds: \$16,000  
Other Funds: TBD

**5.1.2) Strategy: Improve the condition of a sports field designated for neighborhood use.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board on a sports field Meadows that will be designated as primarily available to neighborhood children at all times of the year.

Partners: Park Board  
Timeline: 1998 / 1999  
NRP Funds: Included in strategy 5.1.1  
Other Funds: TBD

**5.1.3) Strategy: Improve the Meadows tennis courts.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to improve the tennis courts

Partners: Park Board  
Timeline: 1998 - 2000  
NRP Funds: Included in strategy 5.1.1  
Other Funds: TBD

**5.1.4) Strategy: Upgrade and improve the Meadows paths.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to identify some priority paths used by the neighborhood and make needed repairs to these.

Partners: Park Board  
Timeline: 1998 - 2000  
NRP Funds: Included in strategy 5.1.1  
Other Funds: TBD

**6) Goal: Facilitate needed improvements to the Cedar Lake Brownie Lake parks area.**

**6.1) Objective: Improve play equipment at 24<sup>th</sup> and Drew.**

**6.1.1) Strategy: Replace playground equipment at the 24<sup>th</sup> and Drew Park.** Bryn Mawr, CIDNA, and Saint Louis Park will work with the Park Board to make needed improvements to the playground equipment at the small park at 24<sup>th</sup> and Drew.

Partners: Park Board / CIDNA / St. Louis Park

Timeline: 1998 / 1999

NRP Funds: \$11,000

Other Funds: TBD

**6.1.2) Strategy: Upgrade and improve the Cedar Lake trails.** Bryn Mawr will work with CIDNA and the Park Board to upgrade the trails around Cedar Lake. These paths need to be improved so they do not endanger pedestrians, bikers and skateboarders. The neighborhood also is interested in developing better path access to the Cedar Lake Trail from Cedar Lake Parkway to the Ewing entrance.

Partners: Park Board

Timeline: 1999 - 2000 NRP

Funds: Included in strategy 6.1.1

Other Funds: TBD

**6.2) Objective: Increase the visibility of Brownie Lake by increased use and attractive access to this area.**

**6.2.1) Strategy: Develop a canoe storage area at the south end of Brownie Lake.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to build a canoe storage dock at the south end of Brownie Lake. This dock would only have w, access and would relieve some of the pressure on the Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles canoe storage facilities.

Partners: Park Board

Timeline: 1998 / 1999 NRP

Funds: Included in strategy 6.1.1

Other Funds: TBD

**7) Goal: Respond to the concerns for personal and community safety with a plan and program that reinforces neighbors watching out for each other and with improved lighting around homes and on paths frequented by pedestrians.**

**7.1) Objective: Research a plan to respond to concerns for personal and community safety.**

**7.1.1) Strategy: Organize neighborhood residents to respond to safety concerns of the neighborhood.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the City of Minneapolis to organize neighborhood residents to respond to safety concerns of the neighborhood.

Partners: CCP/SAFE / Park Board

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$2,500 (included as part of the First Step Plan)

Other Funds: TBD

**7.2) Objective: Improve personal safety of people outside theft homes.**

**7.2.11) Strategy: Make alley lighting more available.**

Bryn Mawr will work with CCP/SAFE to provide motion detector to residents desiring improved alley lighting.

Partners: CCP/SAFE

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$4,000

Other Funds: TBD

**7.2.2) Strategy: Identify and improve park lighting on pedestrian paths.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to identify specific locations in the Bryn Mawr parks in areas frequented by pedestrians that need improved lighting. These areas will be equipped with motion detector lights as needed. These areas may include the far east area of the Meadows, areas under the bridges of the Bassetts Creek Bike Trail areas under the bridges of the Bassetts Creek bike trail and areas that are near the Meadows and leading spiral walkway.

Partners: Park Board

Timeline: 1998 / 1999

NRP Funds: \$1,000

Other Funds: TBD

**7.2.3) Strategy: Investigate placement of 911 "blue lights" in the Bryn Mawr parks.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Park Board to determine the feasibility and value of placing 911 boxes at strategic park locations.

Partners: Park Board / Public Works

Timeline: 1999 / 2000

NRP Funds: Included in strategy 7.2.2

Other Funds: TBD

**7.3) Objective: Improve resident awareness of crime prevention issues.**

**7.3.1) Strategy: Increase participation in neighborhood safety programs.**

Bryn Mawr will increase the neighborhood's sense of community. This includes working with CCP/SAFE to organize more block clubs and block activities, placing blockwatch signs in blocks with certified blockwatch groups and sponsorship of events and programs that will build community.

Partners: CCP/SAFE

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$0

Other funds: \$0

**7.4) Objective: Increase the security of bikes in Bryn Mawr.**

**7.4.1) Strategy: Set up a bicycle safety program.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Minneapolis Police/SAFE officers up a public education program for bicycle safety and bicycle s( through easier bicycle registration and retrieval of stolen bikes.

Partners: CCP/SAFE / School Board / Park Police

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: \$0

**Neighborhood  
with Access to  
Life-long  
Learning  
\$50,000**

***8) Goal: Establish education as the foundation for our future and define our neighborhood schools, Bryn Mawr Elementary and Anwatin Middle School, as the geographical and educational center of Bryn Mawr***

**8.1) Objective: Cooperate with school administrators and staff in implementing and supporting the K-8 program.**

**8.1.1) Strategy: Continue the good relationship with the neighborhood schools**

Bryn Mawr will continue to maintain the relationship and communication with the neighborhood schools.

Partners: Bryn Mawr neighbors / BMNA / School Board

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: \$0

**8.1.2) Strategy: Provide kitchen equipment, media production equipment and gym equipment to Bryn Mawr Elementary School**

Bryn Mawr will provide Early Access funds to help equip Bryn Mawr's new elementary school.

Partners: Minneapolis School Board

Timeline: 1997 -

NRP Funds: \$10,000 (Early Access funds)

Other Funds: \$12,082

**8.1.3) Strategy: Provide computer equipment to Anwatin Middle School.**

**Neighborhood  
that's easy to get  
into and around  
\$66,000**

Bryn Mawr will provide Early Access funds to help equip Anwatin's computer lab.

Partners: Minneapolis SchoolBoard / State of Minnesota

Timeline: 1997 - 1998

NRP funds: \$40,000 (Early Access funds)

Other funds: \$90,000

**9) Goal: Provide excellent multi-modal transportation access to and from the Bryn Mawr neighborhood, and facilities designed to ensure the safety, livability and vita of the neighborhood**

**9.1) Objective: Understand the principles needed to manage motor vehicle traffic from the 1-394 and Penn intersection as well as pedestrian and bike movements into the neighborhood. Design an attractive entrance to this major gateway to Bryn Mawr.**

**9.1.1) Strategy: Create a neighborhood traffic plan with a special emphasis on the collector and arterial roads used by residents of Bryn Mawr and the 1-394 and Penn Avenue intersection.**

Bryn Mawr will form a committee to create a plan for movement of traffic through the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. This committee will document design principles for development of a plan including defining the area, identifying critical issues and developing a master plan. The committee will create drawings, sketches and recommend changes for the area.

Partners: Bryn Mawr neighbors / MNDOT / Public Works / Hen County / Planning

Timeline: 1998 / 1999

NRP Funds: \$15,000

Other Funds: TBD

**9.2) Objective: Minimize the impacts of traffic on the neighborhood from residential and through traffic.**

**9.2.1) Strategy: Develop and implement a traffic calming plan for Penn Avenue and the South Frontage Road.**

Bryn Mawr will work with MNDOT, the County and City agencies to plan and implement traffic calming techniques to decrease motor vehicle speed and to address traffic issues at points in the neighborhood. Bryn Mawr, with assistance from the NRP and City, will identify the types of calming methods that have been successful in other neighborhoods.

Partners: MNDOT / County / Public Works / Park Board / Paa Police / Planning / MPD

Timeline: 1999 - 2003

NRP Funds: \$36,000

Other Funds: TBT)

**9.3) Objective: Minimize the impacts of traffic on the neighborhood from users of recreational facilities. Neighbors of the Bryn Mawr Meadows area have identified spring and summer traffic as a major concern.**

**9.3.1) Strategy: Develop alternate parking opportunities for Bryn Mawr Meadows and a traffic calming plan for streets accessing the Park, including Laural Avenue.**

Bryn Mawr will explore alternative parking arrangements for Bryn Mawr Meadows, including parking near the Bryn Mawr Meadows pedestrian bridge east of the park. Bryn Mawr will join the City of Minneapolis Park Board and Public Works staff in this exploration. A plan for traffic calming on access streets to the Meadows will also be developed and implemented

Partners: Park Board / Public Works / Planning

Timeline: 1998 - 2003

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: TBD

**9.3.2) Strategy: Identify streets and intersections where speeding, ignoring of traffic signs and other traffic infractions frequently occur.**

Bryn Mawr will work with the Minneapolis Police/SAFE officers to identify streets and intersections where speeding, ignoring of traffic and other traffic infractions occur. The police will use this identification to increase enforcement of existing laws by law enforcement personnel. Examples cited in previous discussions include: Penn Avenue, South Frontage Road, I-394, Glenwood Avenue, Cedar Lake Parkway near the beach, the Ewing Avenue curve, ignoring stop signs around neighborhood and school bus speeding.

Partners: CCP/SAFE/ WD

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: \$0

**9.3.3) Strategy: Investigate creating a greenway on Laurel Avenue.**

Bryn Mawr will investigate and determine the feasibility of creating a greenway in the neighborhood along Laurel Avenue that will use traffic calming techniques to discourage motor vehicle speeding. This work may be done in conjunction with planning for "Downtown" Bryn Mawr (3.1.2).

Partners: Public Works / Planning

Timeline: 2003

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: TBD



**9.4) Objective: Monitor the implementation of the 1995 Legislation Widening I-394.**

**9.4.10 Strategy: Develop a communication network of I-394 information.**

Bryn Mawr will work with public staff to develop a better communication network around I-394 issues. This would create the means to get information about the current situation and immediate news of changes of direction or action to all interested Bryn Mawr neighbors.

Partners: Bryn Mawr neighbors / MNDOT

Timeline: 1995 - 1996 (completed)

NRP Funds: \$5,000 (included as part of First Step Plan)

Other Funds: \$0

**9.4.2) Strategy: Monitor the proposed changes to the highway.**

Bryn Mawr will work with public staff to monitor proposed changes to the I-394 highway as they relate to noise and noise mitigating measures.

Partners: Bryn Mawr neighbors / Public Works / MNDOT

Timeline: 1995 - 1996 (completed)

NRP Funds: \$10,000 (included as part of First Step Plan)

Other Funds: TBD

**9.4.3) Strategy: Work with public staff to develop a twenty-year plan to deal with I-394.**

Bryn Mawr will continue to work to determine ways to minimize impacts of the highway over a twenty-year timespan. This approach will support the view of Bryn Mawr as one neighborhood and will address perceptions outside the neighborhood and communications.

Partners: Bryn Mawr neighbors / Planning / Public Works / MNDOT

Timeline: On-going

NRP Funds: \$0

Other Funds: \$0