

A Summary of NRP Neighborhood Investments

1991-2007

Introduction

Now in its seventeenth year, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is a unique effort to change the future of the City's neighborhoods, making them better places to live, work, learn and play. Neighborhood-based planning and priority setting are the heart of the NRP.

Residents and other neighborhood stakeholders identify and address neighborhood concerns in partnership with government and others by developing a Neighborhood Action Plan. The partnerships created through involvement in the NRP have been as varied as the people and interests involved in the planning process. Residents have learned to work with City, County, Parks, Library and School staff to tap new resources in their neighborhoods.

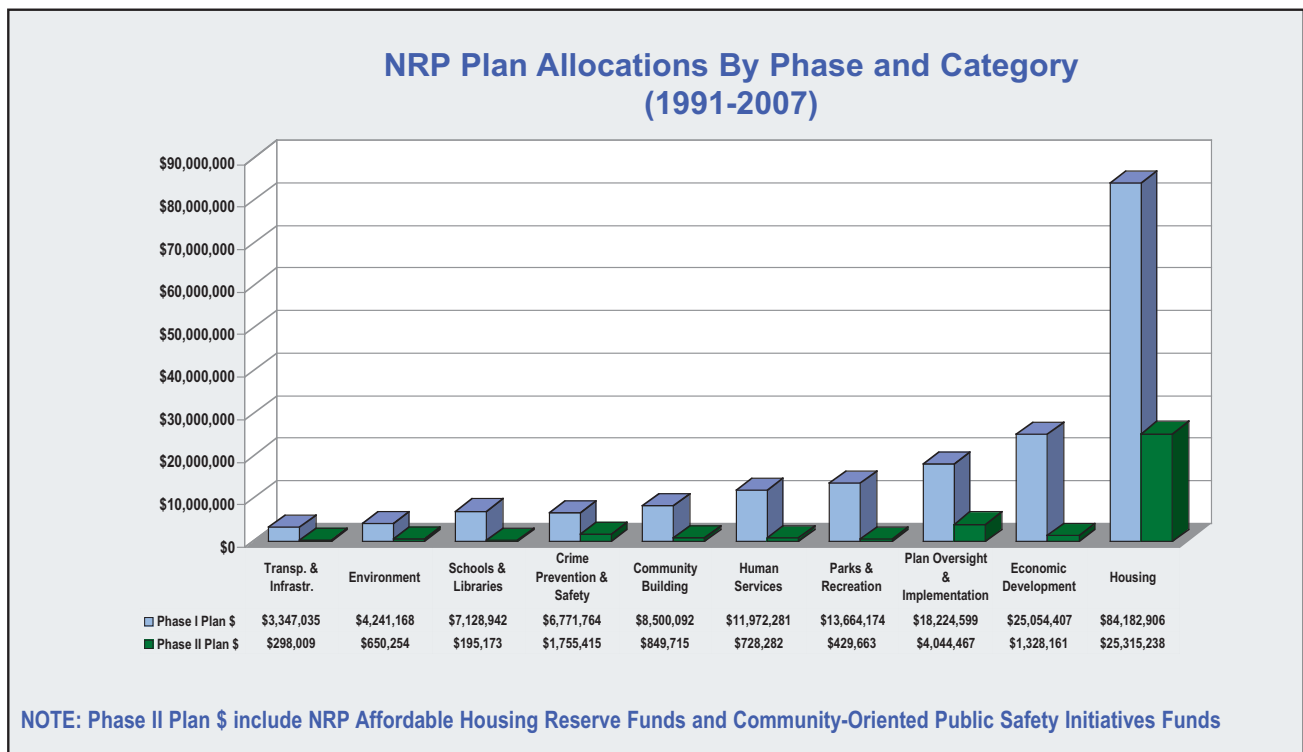
Thousands of Minneapolis residents have used the NRP planning process to identify and meet their neighborhood's housing, safety, economic development, recreation, health, social service, environment and transportation needs. They build a foundation for their future by organizing residents, gathering information, prioritizing needs, brainstorming solutions and implementing the Neighborhood Action Plan that they develop.

About this Report

This report summarizes how Minneapolis neighborhoods have prioritized and invested their NRP resources since the program began in 1991. Given the volume and breadth of activity undertaken through neighborhood plans, it is difficult to fully capture the program's impact on the people and character of the city. The report attempts to provide a sense of the scale and variety of activity carried out through the program and give some examples to help illustrate that variety.

The table below provides a general summary of the categories of investment made through neighborhood plans during Phase I and II of NRP. The pages that follow provide a more detailed look at each of these broad categories.

Note regarding Phase II: As of September 30, 2007, there have been 37 Phase II plans approved out of a potential 72 city-wide. Information about Phase II allocations included in this report is shown at 100% of the allocations approved by the City Council and NRP Policy Board to date. However, given recent revenue projections for Phase II, the Policy Board, on April 19, 2004, directed that neighborhoods can only expend up to 70% of their plan's approved allocations.



Housing

Some Quick Stats About NRP Housing Investments:

Housing Education / Counseling / Referral

Residents in 35 neighborhoods have prioritized the need for housing education, counseling and referrals through 75 plan strategies. In Phase I, 6 of those neighborhoods allocated \$318,575 of NRP funds for these efforts. In Phase II, 10 neighborhoods have allocated \$414,500 for this purpose.

Financial Assistance for Home Purchase

Thirty-five (35) neighborhoods have included 64 strategies in their plans that aim to help people purchase homes. In Phase I, 17 neighborhoods allocated \$5,549,110 for financial assistance for home purchases. In Phase II, 8 neighborhoods have allocated \$540,196 for this purpose.

Home Improvement Loans and Grants

Through 254 strategies, 60 neighborhoods have prioritized the need for home improvement assistance (for structures of 3 or fewer dwelling units). In Phase I, 59 of these neighborhoods allocated \$50,150,086 for home improvements. In Phase II, 33

neighborhoods have allocated \$7,845,321 for such assistance.

New Housing Construction

In 38 NRP plans, residents have included 72 strategies that call for development of new housing. In Phase I, 9 neighborhoods allocated \$3,288,500 for new housing construction. In Phase II, 20 neighborhoods have allocated \$7,105,325 for such projects.

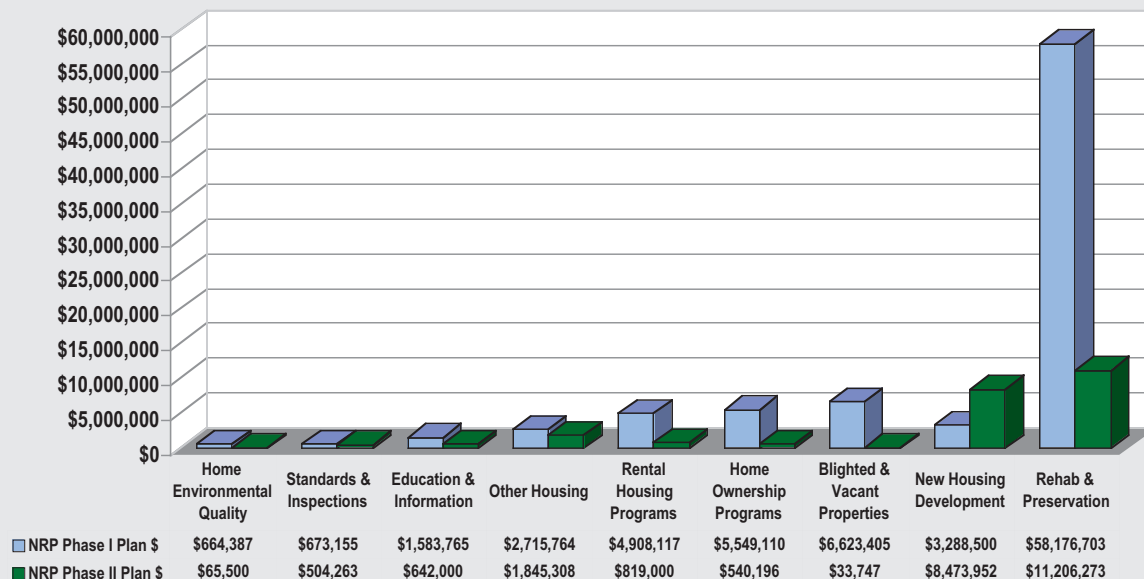
Mixed-Use Development

Seventeen (17) neighborhoods included 26 strategies in their plans calling for mixed-use development. In Phase I, 1 neighborhood allocated \$362,854 for mixed-use housing. In Phase II, 5 neighborhoods have allocated \$338,627 for these projects.

Rental Housing

In Phase I, 5 neighborhoods allocated \$204,400 to support a renters association or landlord/tenant organization or work with rental property owners. In Phase II, 1 neighborhood has allocated \$20,000 for this purpose.

**NRP Plan Allocations for Housing
By Phase and Type of Activity**



NOTE: Phase II Plan \$ include NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Funds

Examples of NRP-Funded Housing Initiatives:

Whittier Housing Programs - During Phase I of the NRP, the Whittier neighborhood invested \$4.5 million, or 58% of the neighborhood's overall NRP allocation, in rental and homeownership housing initiatives. The results of this investment are significant, and home ownership in the Whittier neighborhood has increased nearly 15 percent since the launch of the NRP.

Corcoran Roof Replacement Education Program - The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization conducted a major public education and outreach campaign to inform residents that their roofs may have been damaged in a 1998 hailstorm. Because the entire neighborhood was declared a Catastrophic Area by the insurance industry, 70 percent of the roofs - including all owner-occupied homes, rental properties and churches - were replaced.

Hawthorne Homestead Program - Under this NRP supported initiative, 25 new homes were built for owner occupants in a neighborhood in which little new construction had previously occurred.

East Village Apartments - Elliot Park invested \$500,000 of NRP funds to help jump-start a new \$30 million mixed-income, mixed-use housing development. Among East Village's 179 units, forty are affordable to households with incomes at or below 50 percent of the Metro Median Income. East Village was the first market-rate housing built in Elliot Park in decades.

Shingle Creek Commons - Using \$250,000 of their NRP funds, Camden community neighborhoods partnered to support the construction of 75 units of senior housing at Shingle Creek Commons on the Humboldt Greenway.

HOMS Initiative - The HOMS Initiative brought neighborhood groups, foundations and non-profit developers together to create affordable home ownership opportunities in South Minneapolis. Neighborhoods contributed \$400,000 of NRP funds toward the \$2.6 million project, which produced 150 affordable housing units.

Stevens Community Apartments - Stevens Square invested \$500,000 of NRP funds and teamed with private property owners to renovate and rehabilitate 618 units in 23 low-income apartment buildings. The neighborhood leveraged nearly \$15 million in additional private and public monies to assure that quality affordable housing would remain in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the city.

Jordan Housing Programs - Nearly \$8 million in NRP funds has been invested in Jordan's housing stock through revolving loans, purchase/rehab loans and grants, and major housing redevelopment efforts. Jordan's NRP funds have been used to improve over

Types of Housing Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Rehab & Preservation	63	90%
Education & Information	48	69%
Rental Housing Programs	39	56%
Blighted & Vacant Properties	38	54%
New Housing Development	38	54%
Standards & Inspections	35	50%
Home Ownership Programs	35	50%
Other Housing	28	40%
Home Environmental Quality	13	19%

400 properties. The program is structured so that it helps those who need it most; recipient annual income has averaged under \$30,000.

Audubon Home Improvement Programs - The Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA) invested 60% of its Phase I NRP funds in its housing programs. Over \$1.2 million of its NRP funds have been invested in home improvements.

Columbia Park Home Improvement Program - Columbia Park invested \$200,000 of their NRP funds in a home improvement program that leveraged an additional \$125,000 of private investment. Eighty-six homes were improved through the program, with improvements ranging from new roofs and siding to sidewalk and foundation repairs.

Lind-Bohanon Housing Programs - Lind-Bohanon neighborhood residents invested nearly \$400,000 in home improvement programs and senior housing construction. These programs helped stabilize the neighborhood's supply of affordable housing.

Near North -Willard Hay Home Improvement Loans - Neighborhood Housing Services has used \$1.2 million dollars of Near North Willard Hay NRP funds to make \$5 million in home improvement loans to neighborhood residents. The 325 loans, which average about \$15,000 per home, have generated approximately \$3.3 million in exterior improvements to single family homes, \$1.5 million in interior improvements to single family homes, and \$200,000 in improvements to multi-family properties.

Economic Development

Some Quick Stats About NRP Economic Development Investments:

Commercial Corridors

Fifty-eight (58) neighborhoods included a total of 157 strategies in their NRP plans for improving commercial corridors. In Phase I, 37 neighborhoods allocated \$4,998,142 toward improving commercial corridors. In Phase II, 11 neighborhoods have allocated \$455,331 toward improving the corridors.

Commercial Rehab

Thirty-eight (38) neighborhoods included a total of 70 strategies that prioritize the improvement of commercial buildings. In Phase I, 28 neighborhoods allocated \$4,075,164 for improvements to these buildings. In Phase II, 11 neighborhoods have allocated \$365,859 for such improvements.

Business Associations

Twenty-six (26) neighborhoods have included strategies to support business associations and development councils. In

Phase I, 12 neighborhoods approved \$497,440 to promote neighborhood businesses - including business directories, business associations and development councils. In Phase II, 8 neighborhoods have approved \$55,395 for these efforts.

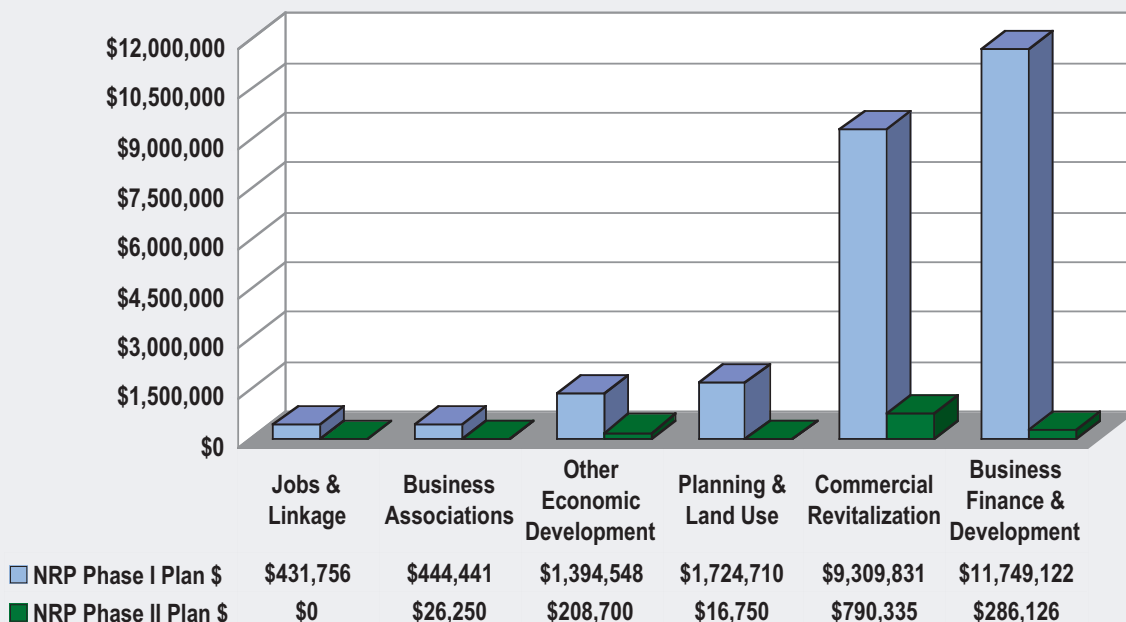
Business Development

In 146 plan strategies, 42 neighborhoods have addressed business development activities. In Phase I, 27 neighborhoods approved \$9,219,492 for business development activities. In Phase II, 5 neighborhoods have approved \$107,512 for such activities.

Home Based Businesses

Residents in 27 different neighborhoods have addressed the needs of home-based businesses through 45 NRP Neighborhood Action Plan strategies.

**NRP Plan Allocations for Economic Development
By Phase and Type of Activity**



Examples of NRP-Funded Economic Development Initiatives:

Ancient Traders Market - NRP funds were used to help acquire and renovate a building at 1113 E. Franklin Avenue. The building, now known as Ancient Trader's Market, serves as a retail mall/small business incubator housing American Indian and other multi-cultural businesses.

Camden Physicians Clinic - The Webber-Camden, Lind-Bohanon, Folwell, Victory, and Cleveland neighborhoods contributed a total of \$260,000 of their NRP funds to assist with the relocation of the Camden Physicians Clinic to the old Camden Theater site on Lyndale Avenue North. This action kept the only private practice clinic located in Camden from going to the suburbs.

Mercado Central - The Powderhorn Park and Phillips neighborhoods invested \$327,000 of their NRP funds in Mercado Central — a cooperative marketplace owned and operated by 47 Latino merchants. The Mercado creates an exciting marketplace atmosphere and attracts larger crowds than any single business could on its own. Mercado merchants also have access to a number of in-house business and technical support services.

Midtown YWCA - Residents of five neighborhoods invested more than \$1 million of NRP funds in the construction of a new \$21 million Midtown YWCA Community and Urban Sports Center that provides youth activities, childcare and fitness programs to thousands of residents. Construction of the YWCA has spurred development on this previously neglected stretch of Lake Street.

Central Avenue Improvements - Audubon, Holland and Windom Park invested NRP funds in pedestrian lighting for Central Avenue, a Business Watch Program to keep crime down, and banners with a new Central Avenue logo. Perhaps the most visible of the improvements are the 95 low-level pedestrian scale street lights that span from 18th to 27th avenues NE - creating a safe, pedestrian environment and a link to rear parking areas.

Hennepin Ave. Revitalization - Lowry Hill organized a 7-neighborhood planning process that resulted in the Hennepin Avenue Strategic Plan and over \$550,000 of NRP investments along the Avenue, from Douglas to 28th Street. Hennepin Avenue has been a major priority for nearby neighborhoods. Improvements included new pedestrian-level lighting, tree grates, benches, sidewalk improvements, and reconfigured entry points to the Avenue. The Hennepin Ave Strategic Plan also provides a detailed vision for the corridor to guide future development.

Franklin Avenue Streetscape - Residents in the Phillips neighborhood invested \$300,000 of NRP funds in a \$3.8 million Franklin Avenue Streetscape renewal project for the blocks from

Types of Economic Development Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)

	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Commercial Revitalization	58	83%
Business Finance & Development	48	69%
Planning & Land Use	36	51%
Other Economic Development	28	40%
Business Associations	20	29%
Jobs & Linkage	3	4%

Chicago to 16th Avenues. The project includes new pedestrian lighting, 80 new trees, benches, perennial flowerbeds, bike racks and widened sidewalks inlaid with colorful graphic designs depicting the many cultures represented in the Phillips neighborhood. The streetscape improvements have already stimulated additional development in the area.

Nicollet Avenue Streetscape: EAT STREET - The Whittier, Loring Park, and Stevens Square neighborhoods invested \$287,000 in NRP funds in planning for and marketing the renovation of Nicollet Avenue from 15th Street to 28th Street. The investment leveraged additional public and private funds that brought new trees, new sidewalks, decorative iron and brick railings, and pedestrian level street lighting to a 1.2 mile stretch of Nicollet Avenue. When EAT STREET officially opened in 1997, it completely changed the Avenue into one of the hottest restaurant and food-oriented corridors in all of Minneapolis.

Nicollet Island-East Bank Storefront Matching Grant Program - The Nicollet Island-East Bank neighborhood established the St. Anthony Heritage Storefront Improvement Fund using \$155,748 in NRP funds. Improvements were made to more than twenty businesses. The funds acted as seed money and the resulting improvements encouraged other development. The commercial area has boomed ever since.

Stinson Marketplace/Rose Court Townhomes Project - The "Stinson Marketplace" and 32 "Rose Court" town homes are now located on the former site of the Rosacker's greenhouse in Northeast Minneapolis as the result of a \$25,000 grant for land acquisition/demolition, \$100,000 in low interest loans, and a \$500,000 loan guarantee from Windom Park. The land's former zoning designation would have allowed uses ranging from the originally proposed three-story apartment building to an adult entertainment establishment. Neighborhood involvement created a development benefiting both the neighborhood and the city.

Community Building

Some Quick Stats About NRP Community Building Investments:

Block Clubs

Fifty-three (53) neighborhoods have addressed block clubs and block club projects through 128 NRP plan strategies. In Phase I, 28 neighborhoods approved \$1,097,763 for block clubs and block club projects. In Phase II, 6 neighborhoods have approved \$171,630 for block club efforts.

Gateway Projects, Kiosks, and Signs

Sixty-nine (69) plan strategies in 49 neighborhoods have called for projects involving neighborhood gateways, kiosks, or signs. In Phase I, 32 neighborhoods approved \$722,964 for gateway projects, kiosks, and signs. In Phase II, 1 neighborhood has approved \$12,500 for such projects.

Welcome Programs

Thirty (30) neighborhoods have developed 36 strategies to provide programs and materials to welcome new residents. In Phase I, 18 neighborhoods approved \$52,530 for programs and

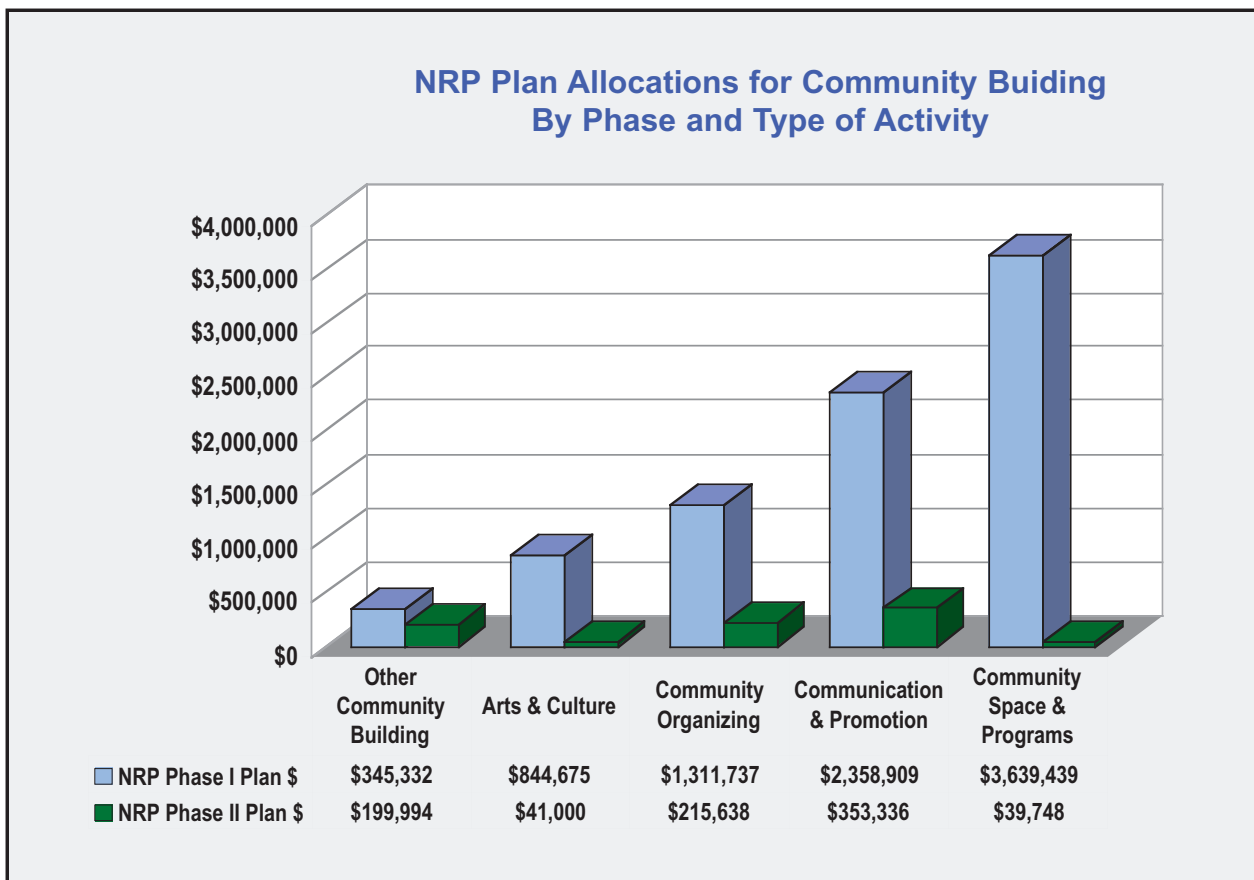
materials aimed at welcoming new residents. In Phase II, 4 neighborhoods have approved \$11,000 for such programs and materials.

Neighborhood History

Residents in 26 neighborhoods have included 44 strategies in their NRP plans to preserve neighborhood history. In Phase I, 9 neighborhoods allocated \$470,099 for preserving neighborhood history. In Phase II, 2 neighborhoods have allocated \$15,000 for these preservation efforts.

Arts and Culture Programming

Thirty-two (32) neighborhoods have created 70 plan strategies to address arts and culture programming. In Phase I, 20 neighborhoods allocated \$611,125 for arts and culture programming. In Phase II, 5 neighborhoods have allocated \$29,000 for such programming.



Examples of NRP-Funded Community Building Initiatives:

Washburn Water Tower - The Tangletown Neighborhood Association (TNA) invested \$35,000 of NRP funds to renovate the water tower grounds with landscaping, decorative iron fencing, gardens, and benches. The Tower is a prominent historical feature in the neighborhood. It had also, however, been a target of graffiti and source of late night problems. Neighborhood volunteers invested thousands of hours over a three-year period to convert this site to a beautiful and safe neighborhood destination.

Van Dusen Mansion Renovation - Stevens Square saved the Van Dusen mansion from demolition - investing \$300,000 of NRP funds to help renovate this historic landmark. Built in 1894 by grain industry mogul George Van Dusen, the mansion has been home to a host of private owners. Nearly a century after its construction, this landmark was scheduled for demolition - deemed too costly to renovate. The site had sat vacant for over a decade, vandals stripped the abandoned property, and it had fallen quietly into ruin. The project received a 1997 Heritage Preservation Award, and a record-breaking 5,000 visitors toured the mansion during the Tenth Annual Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour. Once slated for the wrecking ball, the Van Dusen now sits proudly on the National Registry of Historic Places. Turning around this single property contributed greatly to the neighborhood's revitalization.

Building a Sense of Community - Fulton initiated a major effort to increase residents' awareness of the neighborhood and connect residents to each other. The effort included the expansion of the Fulton Neighborhood Newsletter, installation of neighborhood signs, distribution of information and welcome packets, an annual Fulton Festival, an annual volunteer recognition program called "Friends of Fulton", formation of the Fulton Safety Committee, and development of a network of block contacts.

Windom History Book - Windom secured a CURA grant to fund a journalism student who interviewed neighborhood elders and compiled a history book with photos and stories about the early settlers in the area. The book was printed using \$1,341 in NRP funds and distributed to local residents, realtors and businesses.

Harrison Community Center - Harrison residents collaborated with the Minneapolis Public Schools and the Park Board to raise funds for construction of a new Level 5 school and a single building to house programs of all three partners. The facility is three times the size of the partners' original facilities, and joint use allowed unification of the park and more green and play space for residents. The building is home to the Harrison Neighborhood Association for the next 20 years. Harrison allocated \$300,000 of its NRP dollars for the project and conducted a capital campaign that raised an additional \$400,000 from private sources.

Types of Community Building Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Communication & Promotion	56	80%
Community Organizing	52	74%
Community Space & Programs	40	57%
Arts & Culture	32	46%
Other Community Building	17	24%

Bethlehem Stewart Community Center - In order to create additional space for older neighborhood youth, Whittier invested \$250,000 of NRP funds to assist Loring Nicollet-Bethlehem Community Center with its expansion to and renovation of the Bethlehem Stewart Community Center.

Windom Community Center - Windom invested \$1.7 million of NRP funds in a \$3 million Windom Community Center. The project provided new classrooms, meeting rooms, media center, gymnasium, and park multi purpose rooms. The Center, a dream come true for neighborhood residents, resulted from a partnership between the Windom Community Council, the Minneapolis Public Schools, the Windom Open School Site Based Management Team, the Park Board, and the Volunteers of America. The design and final construction produced a beautiful, historically compatible addition to Windom Open School.

Folwell Fun Factory - The Folwell Fun Factory is a small, closed trailer packed with active game and sports equipment that is delivered by staff and a Special Projects Team to block parties within the neighborhood. The Fun Factory was designed as an icebreaker to facilitate resident communication and community building. It provides a significant opportunity for multi-generational and diverse resident interaction. Residents in the Folwell neighborhood invested \$11,500 of NRP funds in the Folwell Fun Factory.

Picnic in the Park - Picnic in the Park is a summer celebration of the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake (HPDL) neighborhoods that draws 2,500 - 3,000 people each year to Pearl Park to enjoy live bands, great food, and kids' games and attractions. The Picnic is a partnership between Pearl Park, the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council, and the HPDL Community Association. Businesses, non-profits, churches, and committees sponsor booths. More than 40 businesses, churches, and non-profits participate in the event and over sixty volunteers from the community help put it on.

Crime Prevention & Safety

Some Quick Stats About NRP Crime Prevention & Safety Investments:

Police Services and Community Policing

Fifty-nine (59) neighborhoods have included 136 strategies to address the need for additional police services and community policing - including police "buy-back," "cops on bikes" and police substations. In Phase I, 26 neighborhoods allocated \$1,419,040 for additional police services. In Phase II, 45 neighborhoods have allocated \$1,097,412 for these activities. (The Phase II allocation includes \$954,062 for Community Oriented Public Safety Initiative Reserve Fund, COPSIRF).

Citizen Patrols

Thirty-nine 39 strategies in 29 neighborhoods include citizen patrol efforts. In Phase I, 19 neighborhoods allocated \$544,320 for citizen patrols. In Phase II, 5 neighborhoods have allocated \$76,171 for citizen patrols.

Crime Prevention Education

Residents in 45 neighborhoods included 86 strategies aimed at

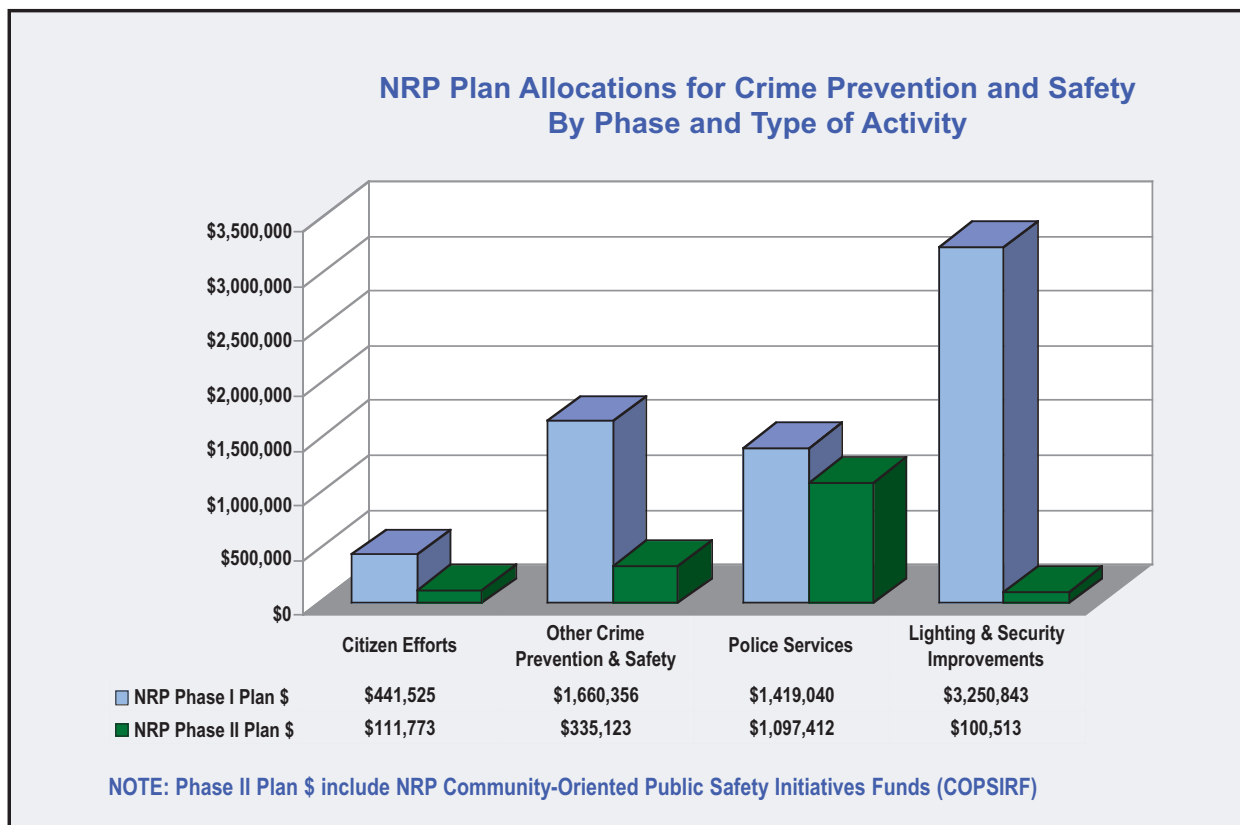
producing and distributing crime prevention education and information in their Neighborhood Action Plans. In Phase I, 11 neighborhoods allocated \$128,747 for these projects. In Phase II, 5 neighborhoods have allocated \$52,762 for this crime prevention activity.

Graffiti Removal

Thirty-one (31) neighborhood's plans include graffiti removal strategies. In Phase I, 9 neighborhoods allocated \$64,110 for graffiti removal efforts. In Phase II, 3 neighborhoods have allocated \$58,500 for graffiti removal efforts.

Lighting and Security Improvements

One hundred fifty (150) strategies in 57 neighborhoods address lighting and other security improvements. In Phase I, 23 neighborhoods allocated \$3,250,843 towards these improvements. In Phase II, 6 neighborhoods have allocated \$100,513 toward lighting and other security improvements.



Examples of NRP-Funded Crime Prevention & Safety Initiatives:

Cops on Bikes - The Northeast Cops on Bikes program was created by the St. Anthony West, St. Anthony East and Nicollet Island-East Bank neighborhoods with over \$95,000 of NRP funds. Residents identify neighborhood “hot spots,” and police on bicycles get to know residents while working to address neighborhood-identified problems.

Central Cities Neighborhood Partnership Community Conferencing Program - Stevens Square initiated a multi-neighborhood collaboration with Loring Park and Elliot Park that resulted in the creation of a restorative justice program called Community Conferencing. Restorative justice programs are based on the belief that the community is one of the victims when a crime occurs. Justice can be served when the community and the victim hold offenders accountable for their actions. The NRP-supported neighborhood organizations and boards have given the program visibility and credibility and it has been copied in other neighborhoods.

Crime Prevention Matching Grant Program - Community Crime Prevention/S.A.F.E. administered a Crime Prevention Matching Grant Program on behalf of the Standish-Ericsson neighborhoods. \$59,087 helped residents receive reimbursement of up to 50% (maximum \$25) on the purchase of auto theft deterrence devices, and up to 50% (maximum \$300) of the pre-tax cost on the purchase and installation of approved home security devices.

Jordan Community Garden - When crime rates began climbing, residents invested a small portion of their NRP crime and safety funds in improving a vacant lot bordering 26th Avenue, an especially troubled corridor. The garden they established has become a neighborhood gathering spot and a symbol of hope.

15th Avenue Street Lighting - When University of Minnesota students voiced safety concerns, residents in Southeast Como and Marcy-Holmes invested \$6,000 of their NRP funds and worked with the University and the City to install pedestrian level street lights along 15th Avenue Southeast -- a common route to the U.

Neighborhood Cop Shop - Windom neighborhood volunteers worked with Minneapolis Police to close a “massage parlor” located on Nicollet Avenue South. When the owners indicated that they intended to re-open the business, the neighborhood dedicated some of its NRP administrative funds to rent a small, nearby office space. Police officers were invited to use the office as a cop shop, a place to interview people or to write

Types of Crime Prevention & Safety Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Other Crime Prevention & Safety	64	91%
Police Services	59	84%
Lighting & Security Improvements	57	81%
Citizen Efforts	39	56%

reports, and to take lunch breaks. Neighborhood residents provided treats and kept the office and restroom available for police use. The unwanted business did not like the attention of the police, who frequently used the office, and eventually sold the property to a legitimate business-property owner.

Prostitution Reduction Program - Corcoran worked in partnership with an agency whose sole purpose was to alleviate the prostitution problem in Powderhorn Park and Corcoran. Volunteers patrolled areas known for prostitution, took down license numbers, and CCP/SAFE sent “Dear John” letters to inform the cars’ owners that their car had been observed in an area known for prostitution. In addition, they counseled known prostitutes on how they could stop, and helped connect those interested with services that would help them.

Safety Cameras - Working with corporate partners and the police department, the Downtown East and West neighborhoods provided \$25,000 of NRP funds to the Minneapolis Downtown Council to support the installation of a wireless, digital camera network in the Downtown Minneapolis SafeZone District.

Thermal Imaging Equipment - The Downtown neighborhoods provided funds to the Minneapolis Fire Department to enable them to purchase thermal imaging equipment. Currently, fire fighters who do not have this equipment have to crawl on the outer exterior of a room and feel around to see if there are people or pets in that room. The thermal imaging equipment allows them to see through the smoke and determine the exact location of the person or pet in that room. It also enables them to identify if there is a person or pet in a particular room in the house so they can make their room sweeps more quickly and increase the safety for the fire fighters.

Transportation & Infrastructure

Some Quick Stats About NRP Transportation & Infrastructure Investments:

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Activities

177 strategies in 52 neighborhoods' action plans address pedestrian, bicycle and transit concerns. In Phase I, 27 neighborhoods allocated \$1,152,384 for bicycle, pedestrian and transit activities. In Phase II, 8 neighborhoods have allocated \$106,509 for these efforts.

Traffic Calming Improvements

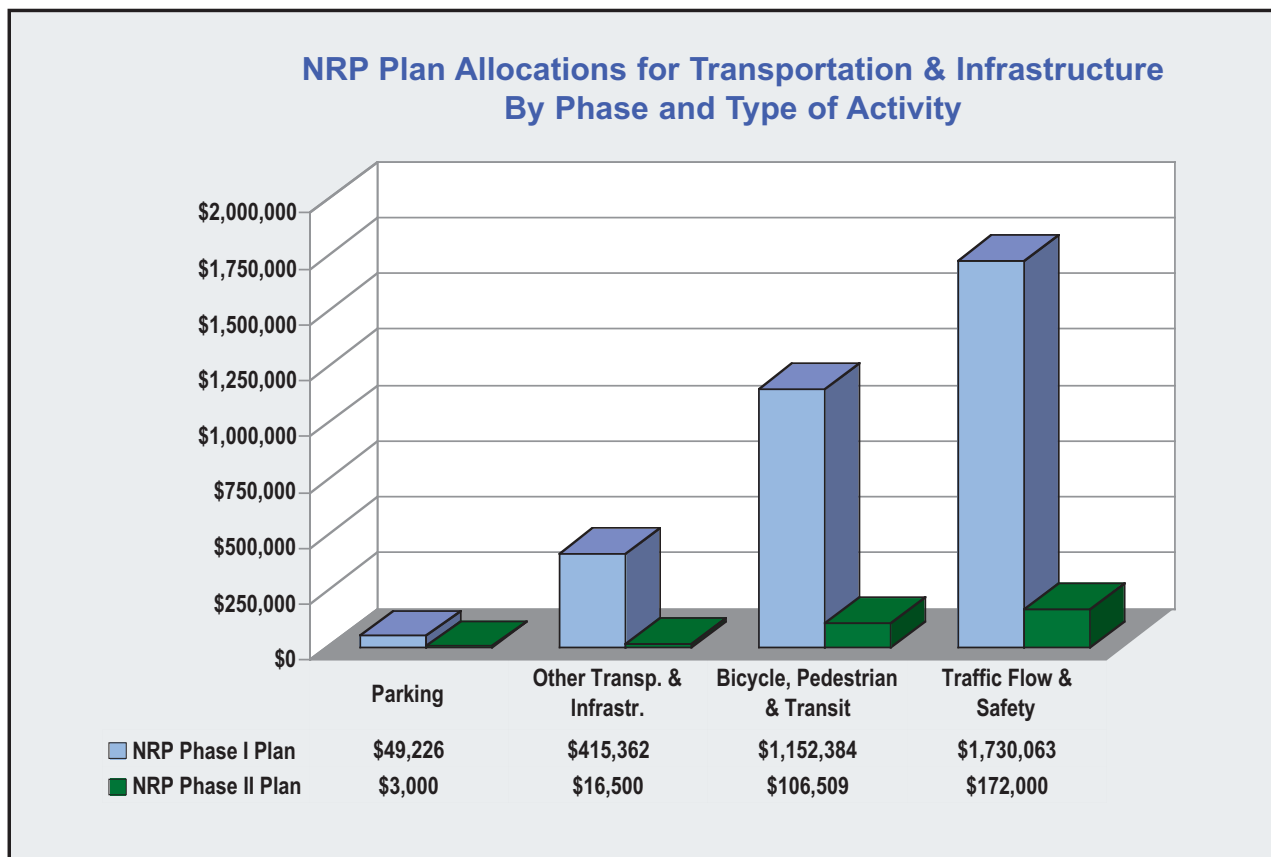
Fifty-four (54) strategies in 37 neighborhoods work toward implementing specific traffic calming improvements. In Phase I, 20 neighborhoods allocated \$1,267,924 for implementing these improvements. In Phase II, 4 neighborhoods have allocated \$101,500 for implementing traffic calming improvements.

Transportation and Traffic Studies

Residents in 47 neighborhoods included 97 strategies that call for traffic or transportation studies in their NRP plans. In Phase I, 18 neighborhoods allocated \$520,359 for such studies. In Phase II, one neighborhood has allocated \$30,500 for transportation and traffic studies.

Parking

Twenty-seven (27) neighborhoods have created 37 strategies to address parking issues. In Phase I, 6 neighborhoods allocated \$49,226 to this issue. In Phase II, one neighborhood has allocated \$3,000 to address parking issues.



Examples of NRP-Funded Transportation & Infrastructure Initiatives:

Midtown Greenway Bicycle and Pedestrian Path - Six Minneapolis neighborhoods contributed about \$215,000 of NRP funds toward planning and construction of segments and amenities along the 2.8-mile Midtown Greenway Bicycle and Pedestrian Path. The Greenway is nearly complete and extends all the way from Minneapolis' western border to the Mississippi River along 29th Street.

Excelsior Boulevard Master Plan and West Calhoun Village Center Public Improvements - West Calhoun used its NRP funds to develop a plan for the important intersection of Excelsior Boulevard and West Calhoun Parkway. They also set aside funds for implementing complementary improvements. NRP funds were used for landscaping, brick detailing, burying overhead power lines, and other streetscape improvements. The result is a shopping area that's pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly as well as useful to area shoppers.

Neighbors for Safe Driving Campaign - Traffic calming measures aimed at reducing traffic speeds and volume are a priority in 36 NRP Neighborhood Action Plans. One of the most innovative and visible of these traffic calming projects was the highly successful "Neighbors for Safe Driving" campaign launched by residents in the Fulton and Lynnhurst neighborhoods along 50th Street South. Developed in collaboration with the Minneapolis Police Department, this education and enforcement campaign used lawn signs, billboards, bumper stickers, newsletters, and a radar gun to encourage drivers to slow down. The campaign changed driver behavior along 50th Street South and helped build a greater sense of community.

Street Pavers on Nicollet Island - The Nicollet Island East Bank neighborhood invested \$62,000 of their NRP funds to install street pavers on the island. The neighborhood investment supplemented Park Board funds used to reconstruct the streets of the island.

Nicollet Avenue Bridge - The neighborhood invested \$130,000 to slow traffic on the bridge and to increase pedestrian safety. The Nicollet Avenue bridge over Minnehaha Creek had the reputation of being the fastest bridge in the City, with recorded vehicle speeds reaching 60 mph. This project reduced the bridge driving lanes from 4 lanes to 2, widened the sidewalks, installed new bridge lighting and added 4 pediments with the Tangletown "T" logo. Pedestrian scale streetlights were added in 2003-2004 to Nicollet Avenue with an NRP investment of \$53,000 to complete the streetscape.

Types of Transportation & Infrastructure Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)

	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit	52	74%
Traffic Flow & Safety	47	67%
Other Transp. & Infrastr.	44	63%
Parking	27	39%

43rd and Upton/Sheridan Improvements - NRP funds were used to make "downtown Linden Hills" greener and safer for both drivers and pedestrians. The results were traffic circles and planted medians that helped reduce vehicle speeds and increase pedestrian safety.

40th Street Greenway - The neighborhood invested \$290,000 of its NRP funds to plan and begin construction of a bike and pedestrian friendly greenway along 40th Street that would connect Lake Harriet and the Mississippi River. The project is a collaboration between Kingfield and the neighborhoods along the rest of the greenway route.

Phelps Park Community Center - Bancroft, Powderhorn Park and Bryant neighborhoods worked together to create a joint-use facility shared by the Boys and Girls Club of Minneapolis and the Park Board. The neighborhoods funded construction of the new gymnasium and computer center with the Boys and Girls Club. Both the Boys and Girls Club and the Park Board provide staff and programming at the facility.

Pedestrian Safety - When Phelps Park was improved with a new community center, the Bryant, Bancroft and Powderhorn Park neighborhoods also realized that many of the road crossings to get to the park were dangerous. The new center successfully attracted children to the park, but they had to cross two of the City's busiest streets. Crosswalk improvements on Chicago and Park Avenues were incorporated into the project to increase pedestrian safety. Bancroft's NRP investment in the park renovation and crosswalk improvements for safe crossing on Chicago and Park Avenues (1995-96) was \$220,000. Bryant and Powderhorn Park contributed \$40,000.

Bancroft Safe Crossing - Bancroft provided \$20,000 of NRP money for a safe crossing near Bancroft School by installing four way stops at 13th and 14th Avenue and 39th Street.

Environment

Some Quick Stats About NRP Environmental Investments:

Tree Planting

Residents in 36 neighborhoods have created 64 strategies that provide for the planting of trees, bushes, wildflowers, native grasses and other plantings. In Phase I, 25 neighborhoods allocated \$973,086 for such plantings. In Phase II, 9 neighborhoods have allocated \$153,525 for plantings.

“Blooming Boulevards” and Community Gardens

Sixty-nine (69) strategies in 43 neighborhoods include community gardens or “Blooming Boulevards.” In Phase I, 22 neighborhoods allocated \$304,558 for “Blooming Boulevards” and community gardens. In Phase II, 7 neighborhoods have allocated \$42,093 for this activity.

Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction

Forty-five (45) strategies in 28 neighborhoods address recycling needs and solid waste reduction efforts. In Phase I, 5 neighborhoods allocated \$37,656 for these efforts. In Phase II, 1 neigh-

borhood has allocated \$10,500 for recycling and solid waste reduction efforts.

Wildlife Habitat and Natural Vegetation

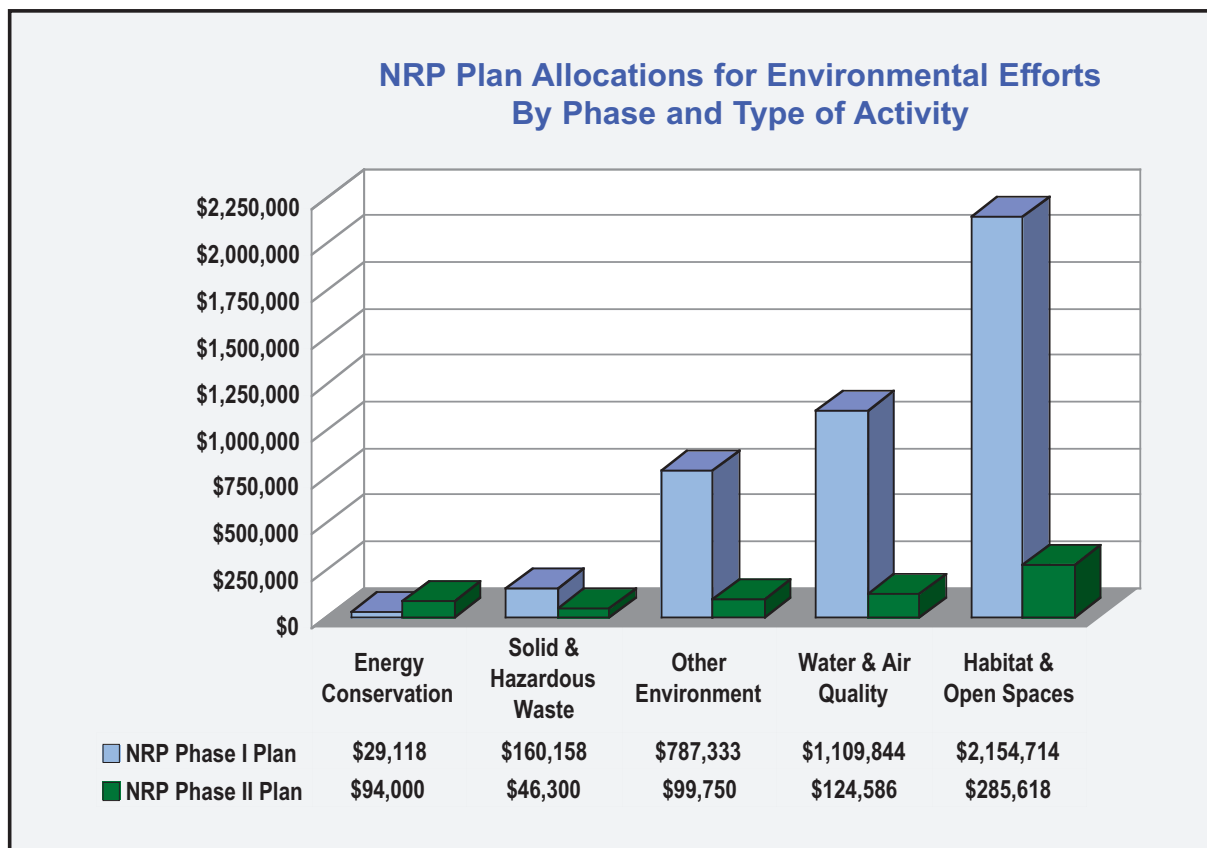
Resident in 11 neighborhoods have created strategies aimed at restoring and protecting the natural habitat.

Neighborhood “Clean Sweeps”

Twenty-eight (28) neighborhoods included neighborhood clean-up events (or “clean sweeps”) in their plans.

Water Quality Improvements

NRP Neighborhood Action Plans include 71 strategies that address water quality projects. In Phase I, 17 neighborhoods allocated \$705,152 for creating wetlands, reducing pollutants in storm water runoff, and other efforts to improve water quality. In Phase II, 7 neighborhoods have allocated \$91,000 for these improvements.



Examples of NRP-Funded Environmental Initiatives:

Southeast Pollution Prevention Project - Surrounded by industry and freeways, Como residents take a particular interest in air quality. Como's environmental efforts have resulted in two Good Neighbor Agreements that reduce or eliminate more than 730 tons of solvents from entering the neighborhood and \$1 billion in pollution equipment upgrades at area power plants. The neighborhood has also produced the first Minneapolis on-line environmental inventory. The inventory identifies the environmental impacts of over 70 facilities in and around Southeast Minneapolis.

Lake of the Isles Improvements - East Isles invested \$375,000 to help fund rehabilitation of flood damaged areas around Lake of the Isles and support improvements to the lake and surrounding park grounds - specifically shoreline restoration, tree planting, pathway reconstruction, flood prevention and control measures, landscaping and wildlife habitat improvement measures. East Isles was one of the major partners in the multi faceted program to improve the walking and biking paths, stabilize the shoreline and plant appropriate trees.

Kenny Environmental Program - The Kenny neighborhood invested \$12,240 in NRP funds and raised another \$60,000 from DNR, MN OEA, CURA and the Minneapolis Foundation to develop a wetland management plan for Grass Lake. Grass Lake, a Public Works asset, is an important hydrological and environmental amenity in Kenny. Many volunteer hours were spent removing buckthorn, other non-native trees and vegetation as part of the plan. The neighborhood made an additional investment of \$10,000 in NRP funds for new plantings in 2003-2004.

Kenilworth Lagoon - Kenwood residents invested NRP funds to improve the shoreline and adjacent area along the north side of Kenilworth lagoon near Lake of the Isles.

Milfoil Harvester - Linden Hills and Fulton used \$67,000 of NRP funds to purchase a milfoil harvester to address the quality of Lake Harriet. The Park Board has used the Milfoil harvester keep this important and frequently used lake from being overrun with invasive vegetation.

Lake Nokomis Improvement Project - The Nokomis East area invested \$350,000 of NRP funds to carry out several environmental initiatives. They established the Blue Water Commission in partnership with other neighborhood groups, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and Hennepin County to oversee these efforts. The Commission issued a report that has served as the blueprint for addressing Lake Nokomis water quality

Types of Environmental Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Habitat & Open Spaces	55	79%
Water & Air Quality	40	57%
Solid & Hazardous Waste	36	51%
Other Environment	29	41%
Energy Conservation	9	13%

concerns. Three wetland ponds were constructed near the southwest part of Lake Nokomis to help capture contaminated runoff before it enters the lake. Neighborhood volunteers also reintroduced native plants, grasses, and wildflowers in three gardens and on the shoreline around Lake Nokomis to improve water quality through erosion control. The gardens are a major source of pride for residents responsible for their maintenance.

Minnehaha Creek Wetland - Standish-Ericsson used \$78,000 of NRP funds to create a pilot storm water wetland along Minnehaha Creek. The Park Board excavated the wetland, provided the design and supervised the plantings by neighborhood volunteers. The Minnehaha wetlands help improve the water quality of the creek. This project won a CUE award.

GHAR Square - The Lind-Bohanon neighborhood used \$112,162 of NRP funds to clean up and landscape a blighted and polluted site along 6th Street North. Numerous trees were planted to make this former eyesore a green and shady urban forest. The square is named for George Hill, a long time resident and neighborhood leader, and Alice Rainville, a former City Council member who served North Minneapolis for more than 30 years.

Tree Planting - Lynnhurst invested over \$52,000 of their NRP funds for tree plantings on parkland in the neighborhood. The prospects for survival were enhanced by volunteers who participated in the "Adopt a Tree" program and watered the new trees.

Community Landscapes, Greening and Park Projects - With projects ranging from the "BRYN MAWR" hedge to the Blooming Bryn Mawr Garden Tour (which drew 300 visitors in its first year) to the long awaited Luce Line Trail, Bryn Mawr residents have worked tirelessly to establish and tend community gardens. Their NRP investment makes up just a small percentage of the overall contributions to these projects. Residents note that "the highlight of these gardening projects was the community building."

Parks and Recreation

Some Quick Stats About NRP Parks & Recreation Investments:

Park Buildings, Playgrounds and Fields

One hundred seventy-three (173) strategies in 51 neighborhoods support improvements to park buildings, playgrounds, and fields. In Phase I, 40 neighborhoods allocated \$9,354,696 for these park improvements. In Phase II, 5 neighborhoods have allocated \$178,163 for improvements to park buildings, playgrounds, and fields.

Park Programming and Events

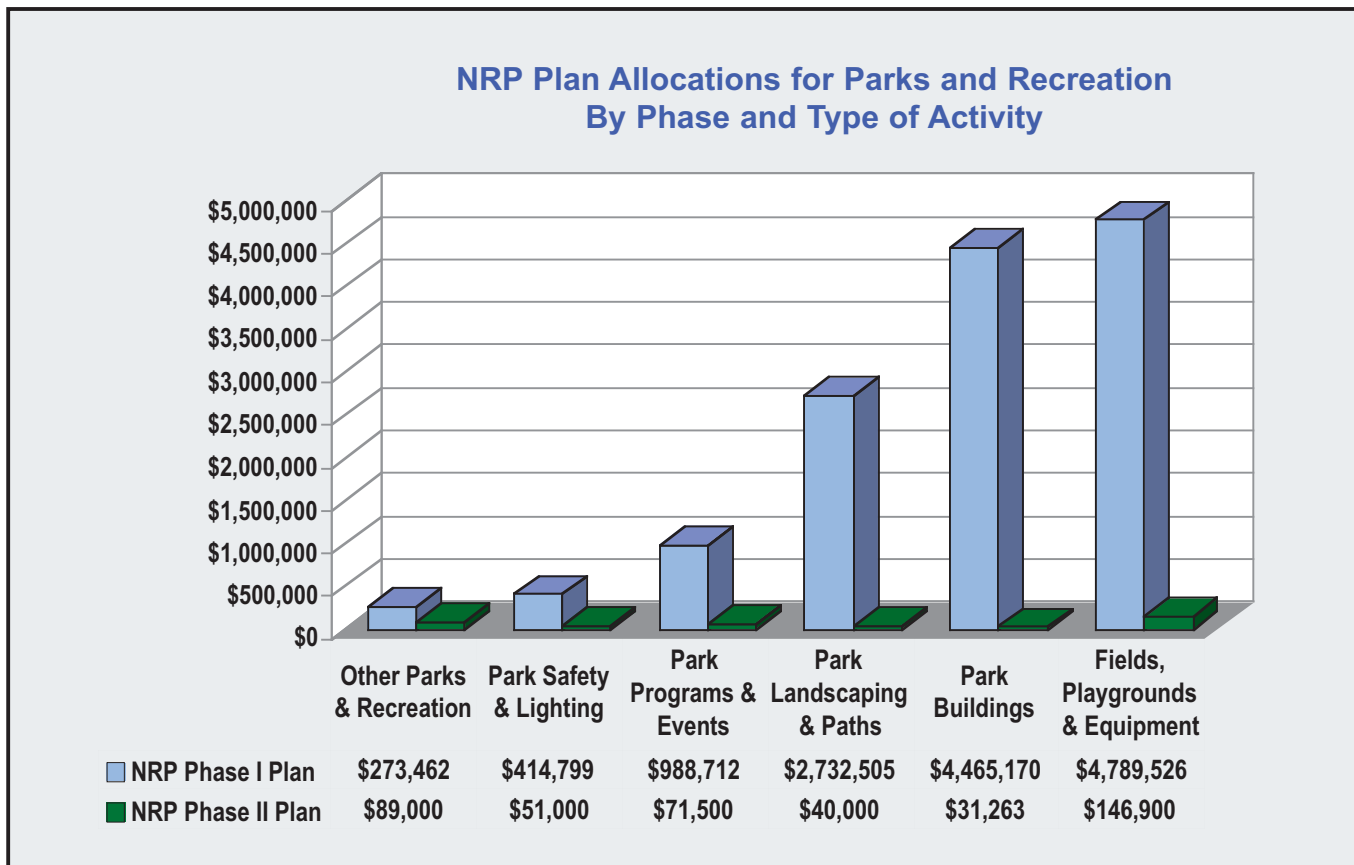
Residents in 41 neighborhoods have created 95 strategies addressing park programming. In Phase I, 24 neighborhoods allocated \$988,712 for park programming and events. In Phase II, 8 neighborhoods have allocated \$71,500 for park programming and events.

Park Landscaping, Green Space, Lighting and Safety

One hundred forty-three (143) neighborhood plans include 107 strategies for park landscaping, green space, paths, lighting and safety. In Phase I, 23 neighborhoods allocated \$3,147,304 for these park improvements. In Phase II, 4 neighborhoods have allocated \$91,000 for park landscaping, green space, lighting and safety.

Non-sports Programming in Parks

Twenty-two (22) neighborhood action plans contain strategies supporting non-sports activities / program in parks.



Examples of NRP-Funded Parks & Recreation Initiatives:

Loring Park Renovation - Residents in the Loring Park neighborhood invested \$1.1 million of NRP funds to renovate Loring Park. The improvements included: revitalizing the pond to stop it from losing water; safer bike and pedestrian paths; new lights, benches and landscaping; relocation and renovation of the historic office of the Park Board's first superintendent; and creation of a formal "Garden of the Seasons" at the park's center. The hundreds of people empowered through NRP to create a vision for the Park and see that vision become reality did so for the enjoyment of all the residents of Minneapolis who use and visit the park.

Thomas Lowry Park Improvements - Lowry Hill NRP invested \$265,000 in improvements to Thomas Lowry Park that included: major repairs to the "7 Pools" fountain, repaving of pathways, installation of new lighting and benches, and refurbishing of the perennial beds.

Van Cleve Park Improvements - NRP funds made possible a variety of improvements to Van Cleve Park, the park building and the pool. New playground equipment was installed, along with benches, a sign, a computer lab, and increased programming.

Lake Hiawatha Park - The Standish-Ericsson neighborhoods invested \$359,500 in developing a Master Plan and implementing a completely renovated playground at Lake Hiawatha Park that is accessible to all of the children of the neighborhood. They also invested \$145,000 in shoreline stabilization and plantings.

Beltrami Park Improvements - NRP funds paid for major improvements to Beltrami Park. Improvements included new playground equipment, a soccer field, and a ventilation system for the Beltrami Park building.

Farview Park Improvements - Farview is one of Minneapolis' busiest parks. The Hawthorne neighborhood has invested NRP funds in sports programs, computers, lighting, air conditioning and added staffing at this popular gathering spot for kids.

MLK Park - Kingfield invested \$152,016 of NRP funds to rehabilitate the park building and to make the multi-purpose room suitable for meeting space with improved acoustics and ventilation.

Brackett Park Recreation Center and Park Renovations - Longfellow residents invested \$677,000 of NRP funds to help bring a new \$1.2 million recreation center to Brackett Park. The 5,300 square-foot recreation center replaced a 70-year old park structure that was in need of major renovation. In addition, the neighborhood used NRP funds to create and support community

Types of Parks & Recreation Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Fields, Playgrounds & Equipment	38	54%
Park Programs & Events	41	59%
Park Buildings	31	44%
Other Parks & Recreation	25	36%
Park Landscaping & Paths	24	34%
Park Safety & Lighting	19	27%

programs for children, families, and seniors at Brackett Park.

Matthews Park/Seward Montessori School - The Seward neighborhood invested \$370,000 of NRP funds to enhance the facilities and equipment available at this Park/ School complex. The facility is a hub of community activity in the neighborhood. NRP dollars were used to improve: lighting, drainage and circulation in the parking lot; and the storage facilities, circulation, and accessibility at the recreation center. Seward also paid for a new floor in the gymnasium; new volleyball and other equipment for the park, and video and computer equipment for the media center.

Columbia Park Improvements - Columbia Park residents invested \$142,000 of NRP funds in improvements to the Columbia Park playground and nearby ball fields. With \$100,000 from the Park Board, and a \$70,000 Youth Initiative Grant, the total investment exceeded \$300,000. Improvements included new playground equipment, a half basketball court, a junior softball field, a rugby/soccer field and a big red slide.

Kenny Park and School Playground Renovation - The Kenny neighborhood invested \$185,297 of NRP funds with \$117,500 in Park Board funds to do a complete renovation of the Kenny Park and School playground. Funds were used to install new playground equipment, landscape the playground area so that it would be accessible to children with special needs, improve site grading, and upgrade lighting, play surfaces, and seating.

Victory Park Improvements - Residents in the Victory neighborhood proved just how committed they are to the City by investing their time, energy, and \$195,000 of NRP funds in a project to renovate their neighborhood park. The Victory neighborhood partnered with the Park Board and the Minneapolis Schools to: purchase new playground equipment, make major field improvements and design and implement a major landscape redesign.

Human Services

Some Quick Stats About NRP Human Services Investments:

Families, Childcare and Parenting

Seventy-five (75) strategies in 28 neighborhoods address family, childcare and parenting concerns. In Phase I, 12 neighborhoods allocated \$982,891 for this purpose. In Phase II, 2 neighborhoods have allocated \$7,024 for these activities.

Youth and Teens

One hundred eighty-nine (189) strategies in 48 neighborhoods address youth and teen issues (excluding park/school related activities). In Phase I, 28 neighborhoods allocated \$2,401,962 to these issues. In Phase II, 12 neighborhoods have allocated \$482,078 to address youth and teen issues.

Employment

Through 147 strategies, 24 neighborhoods have prioritized job training and job placement activities. (Job placement is graphed in the Economic Development section). In Phase I, 11 neighbor-

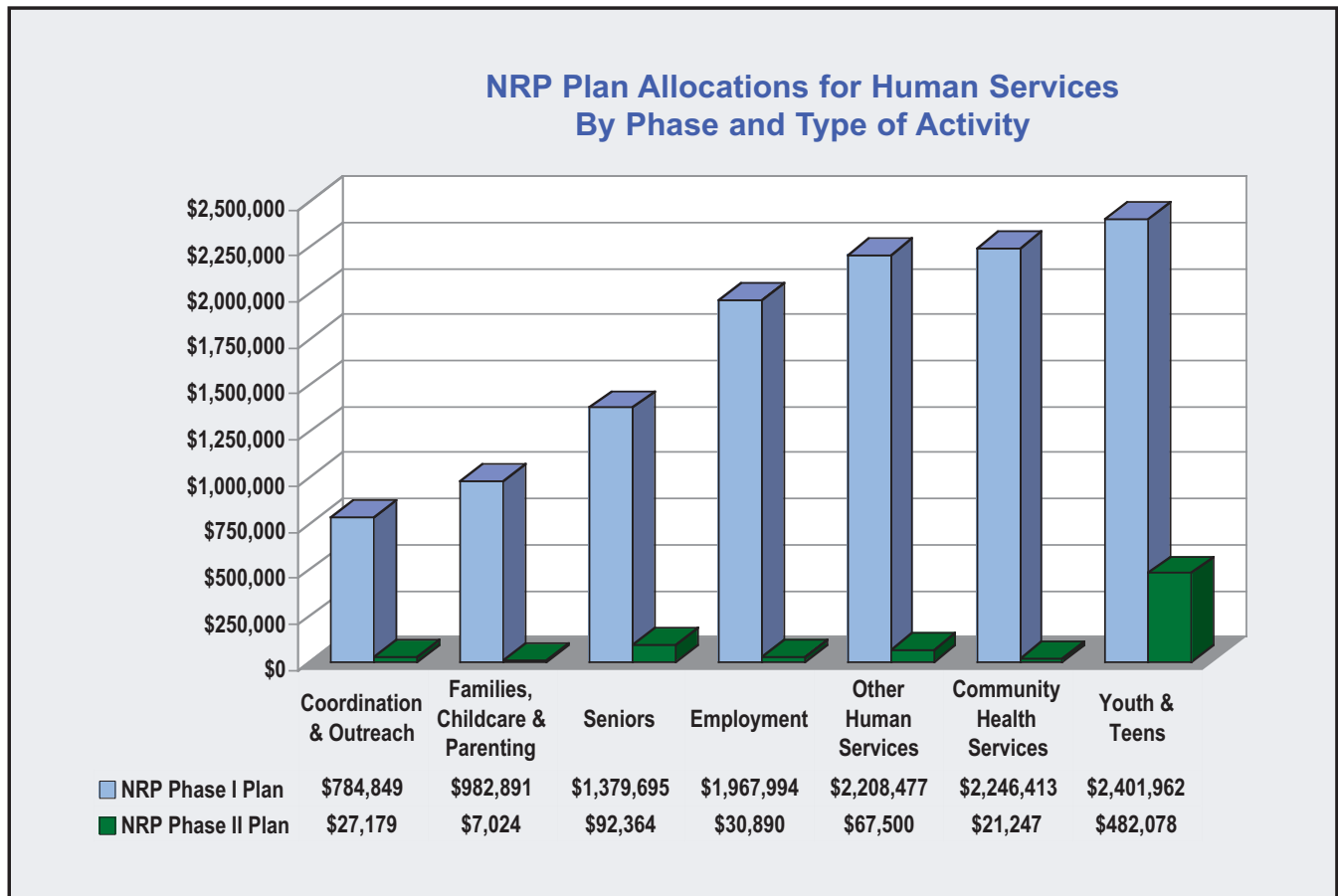
hoods allocated \$2,399,750 to address these employment issues. In Phase II, 2 neighborhoods have allocated \$30,890 for job placement and job training activities.

Community Health Clinics

Residents in 12 neighborhoods have created 19 strategies that call for community health clinics. In Phase I, 8 neighborhoods allocated \$2,000,554 for clinics. In Phase II, 3 neighborhoods allocated \$21,247 for community health clinics.

Senior Activities and Programs

Thirty-five (35) neighborhood plans include strategies supporting senior activities and programs. In Phase I, 17 neighborhoods allocated \$1,379,695 for senior activities and programs. In Phase I, 5 neighborhoods have allocated \$92,364 in support of seniors.



Examples of NRP-Funded Human Services Initiatives:

Mujeres Latinas en Accion - The 79 Latino women and their families who are involved with Mujeres Latinas en Accion have created a powerful support network within Lyndale's Latino community. Mujeres Latinas en Accion focuses on building community by: creating learning opportunities on immediately relevant topics such as domestic violence, fire prevention and safety, tenants rights etc.; celebrating and sharing Latino culture with non-Latino neighbors; and helping Latino women achieve economic independence. By taking this holistic approach, the isolation and alienation felt by Latino women five years ago has disappeared. Relationships have been established that never existed before and Latino women have become more invested in the community.

East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) has been an important part of Northeast Minneapolis since 1915. Bottineau residents invested \$200,000 of NRP funds to support the construction of a new \$7.8 million Northeast Neighborhood House two blocks from its original home. The new facility allowed ESNS to: increase its childcare capacity from 70 to 105 children, provide much needed space for ESNS's Menlo Park Alternative High School, provide better physical support for the multitude of senior services that ESNS offers, and house a food shelf for families in crisis, employment services, family intervention programs and a Minnesota Care program.

Youth Leadership Initiative - Lyndale's Youth Leadership Initiative annually supports over 100 teens working on dozens of projects including: graffiti removal and neighborhood beautification, weekend-long leadership retreats, and weekly summer service and enrichment projects. Youth are active and respected community builders in Lyndale. Lyndale residents have come to realize that involving teens as leaders and empowering them to help shape their community was critical to revitalization efforts.

Southeast Seniors Program - Residents in the Marcy-Holmes, Southeast Como and Prospect Park neighborhoods have invested \$128,140 of NRP funds in the Southeast Seniors Living at Home Block Nurse Program. The program enables seniors in these neighborhoods to continue living in their own homes. Seniors participating in the program can access in-home nursing services, certified home health aides, homemaker assistance, and companionship from visiting volunteers. In addition, the program helps seniors with transportation, meals, and other chores.

Community Health Program - The Logan Park, Sheridan, Holland and Saint Anthony East neighborhoods have invested \$173,600 of NRP funds to support the Community Health Program carried out by the Northeast Senior Citizen Resource

Types of Human Services Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
Youth & Teens	48	69%
Seniors	35	50%
Families, Childcare & Parenting	28	40%
Other Human Services	26	37%
Employment	24	34%
Coordination & Outreach	18	26%
Community Health Services	12	17%

Center. The Program provides a range of preventive services to seniors, lower income residents and young people.

Glenwood Lyndale Community Clinic - Sumner Glenwood NRP provided funds for capital improvements for the Glenwood Lyndale Community Clinic and for outreach efforts to encourage use of its culturally sensitive health services by surrounding neighborhoods - especially mothers and children of immigrant families. The clinic received more than 10,000 patient visits per year from 1,646 users. Its impact on the provision of health services to the new American communities was recognized with national awards from the American Hospital Association and SmithKline Beecham. Recently the clinic's operations were absorbed into the North Point clinic in the Willard Hay neighborhood.

Minneapolis Urban League's Glover-Sudduth Center for Urban Affairs and Economic Development - This \$6 million facility brought a treasured community institution home to the formerly vacant corner of Plymouth and Penn Avenues. The Glover-Sudduth Center received \$350,000 of Near North Willard Hay NRP funds to help create an employment and training center in the facility that provides unemployed and underemployed community residents with marketable and upgraded job skills, and serves as a business incubator for six small businesses.

Youth Farm and Market Project - The Lyndale Youth Farm and Market Project was established to help low-income urban youth, ages 9-14, develop the skills and support they will need to make the difficult transitions from adolescence to adulthood. YFMP's goals are to create entrepreneurial work experiences for urban youth, build community by strengthening relationships among youth and other neighborhood residents, create more "youth friendly" space in urban neighborhoods, teach youth skills to achieve economic independence, and produce high quality food for low-income people.

Schools & Libraries

Some Quick Stats About NRP Schools & Libraries Investments:

School Facilities

Seventy-eight (78) strategies in 37 neighborhoods supported the need for school building and site improvements. In Phase I, 28 neighborhoods approved \$5,732,274 for these improvements. In Phase II, 4 neighborhoods have approved \$47,000 for building and site improvements at schools.

School Program, Events, and Partnerships

Residents in 43 neighborhoods have created 124 strategies that address school programs, events, and partnerships. In Phase I, 16 neighborhoods approved \$531,217 for these activities. In Phase II, 8 neighborhoods have approved \$69,673 for school programs, events and partnerships.

Computers / Media Centers in Schools and Libraries

Twenty-eight (28) strategies in 22 neighborhoods call for increased or improved computer / media centers in schools and

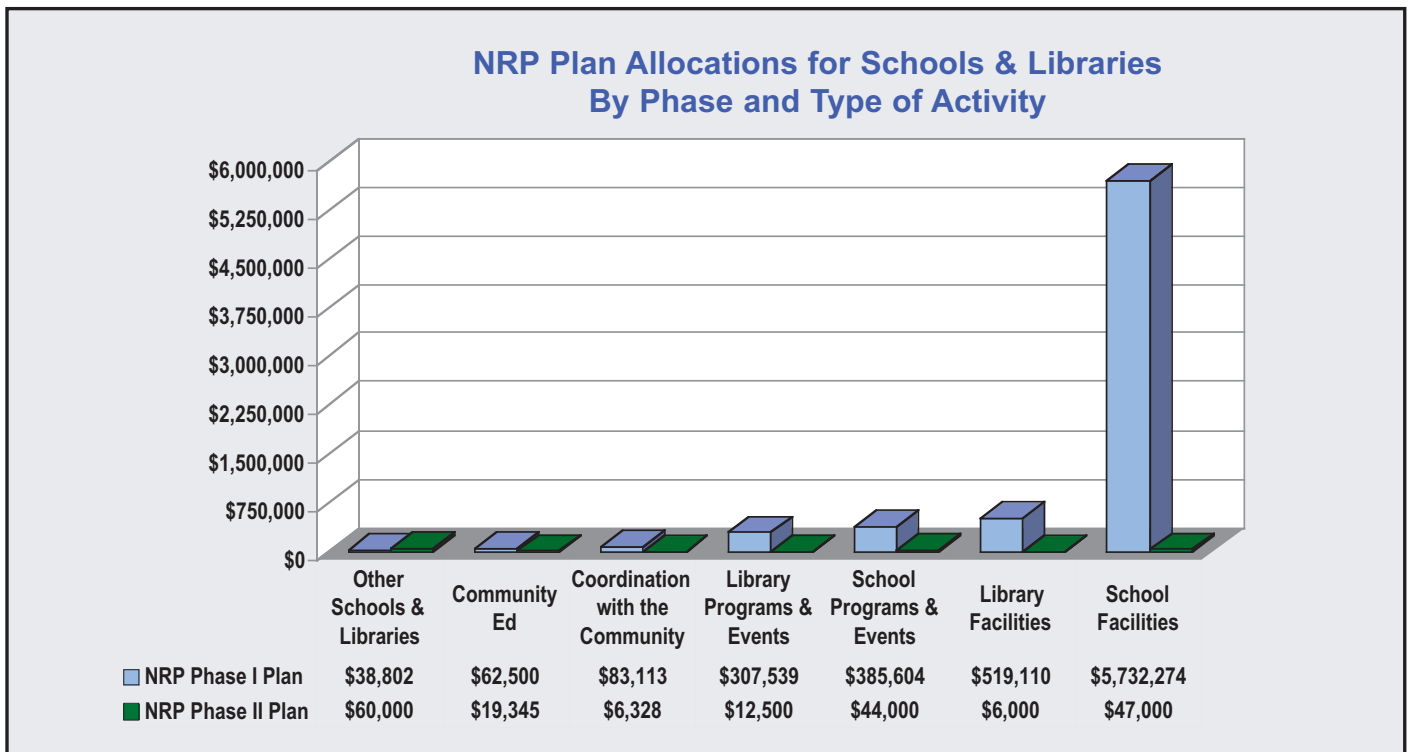
libraries. In Phase I, 13 neighborhoods approved \$1,107,810 for these centers. In Phase II, one neighborhood has approved \$12,000 for schools or library computers / media centers.

Library Facilities

Sixteen (16) neighborhoods have included 19 strategies that address library facility improvements. In Phase I, 8 neighborhoods approved \$519,110 for library facilities. In Phase II, one neighborhood has approved \$6,000 for library facilities.

Library Programs

Twenty-two (22) strategies in 19 neighborhoods support library programming. In Phase I, 10 neighborhoods approved \$307,538 for library programs. In Phase II, 3 neighborhoods have approved \$12,500 for library programs.



Examples of NRP-Funded Schools & Libraries Initiatives:

Armatage Park/School Complex - Armatage residents invested \$717,000 of NRP funds in the \$2.8 million Armatage Park and School expansion that opened in January 2000. Armatage Neighborhood Association partnered with the School District and Park Board to build a new gymnasium and playground joining Armatage School and Armatage Park Neighborhood Center.

Pratt School Renovation and Reopening - Neighborhood efforts to foster community-based learning led to the reopening of Pratt School in 2000 after it had been closed for 18 years. The neighborhood invested over \$750,000 of NRP funds in major improvements including the addition of an elevator to increase accessibility, a playground, a "village green," a performance amphitheater, and an update to the facility's mechanical systems and grounds.

Whittier Community School of the Arts - Residents in the Whittier neighborhood invested more than \$2 million in NRP funds to acquire and clear land adjacent to Whittier Park, fund a renovation of the park, and construct a new gymnasium that is now shared by the school, park and community. Whittier designated \$400,000 of NRP funds to facilitate the construction of a new school building adjacent to the Whittier Park Center. The neighborhood's NRP investment helped leverage \$15,000,000 from the Minneapolis Schools for this state-of-the-art complex, which has become a vital asset to the community and brought a new school to a neighborhood with 3,300 children.

Ramsey School Playground Improvements - Neighborhood residents worked with school parents and other volunteers to install a new playground using \$75,000 in NRP funds and to purchase new equipment with \$40,000 in private contributions.

Lake Harriet Community School Upper Campus Playground - Residents in the Fulton and Linden Hills neighborhoods invested NRP funds to assure that children at Lake Harriet Community School would have a playground when the Minneapolis Schools built a new addition joining the original school to an annex built in 1965. The playground was built through a community-build process utilizing volunteer installation.

Pierre Bottineau Library - What began as a modest NRP investment from St. Anthony West in library computers at the old under-sized Bottineau library grew into the newest community library in Minneapolis. Sheridan and St. Anthony West residents invested over \$120,000 of NRP funds, and countless volunteer hours, to support construction of the new 1,200 sq. ft. library. The new library combines the best of the old (the 1893 Wagon Shed and

Types of Schools & Libraries Activity Addressed by Neighborhoods in NRP Plans (By Number and Percent)		
	# of Neighborhoods	% of Neighborhoods
School Facilities	37	53%
Coordination with the Community	26	37%
School Programs & Events	19	27%
Library Programs & Events	19	27%
Library Facilities	16	23%
Community Ed	13	19%
Other Schools & Libraries	9	13%

the 1913 Millwright Shop of the old Grain Belt Brewery) with a new addition that maintains the same look and feel as the historic original buildings. The neighborhood history collection, a youth tech zone, a conference room for book clubs and meetings, and teen-friendly areas are just a few of the assets of this new and old community landmark.

Jefferson School Playground - Residents in the Lowry Hill East and East Isles neighborhoods invested NRP funds and volunteer hours and energy in designing and installing (with over 200 neighborhood volunteers) a new playground.

Anwatin Computer Facility - Bryn Mawr was one of the first NRP groups to fund a computer center for their area school. Over 20 new computers were funded for school children and access by the broader community.

Washburn High School Computer Lab - A new computer lab was installed in Washburn High School with a neighborhood NRP contribution of \$125,000.

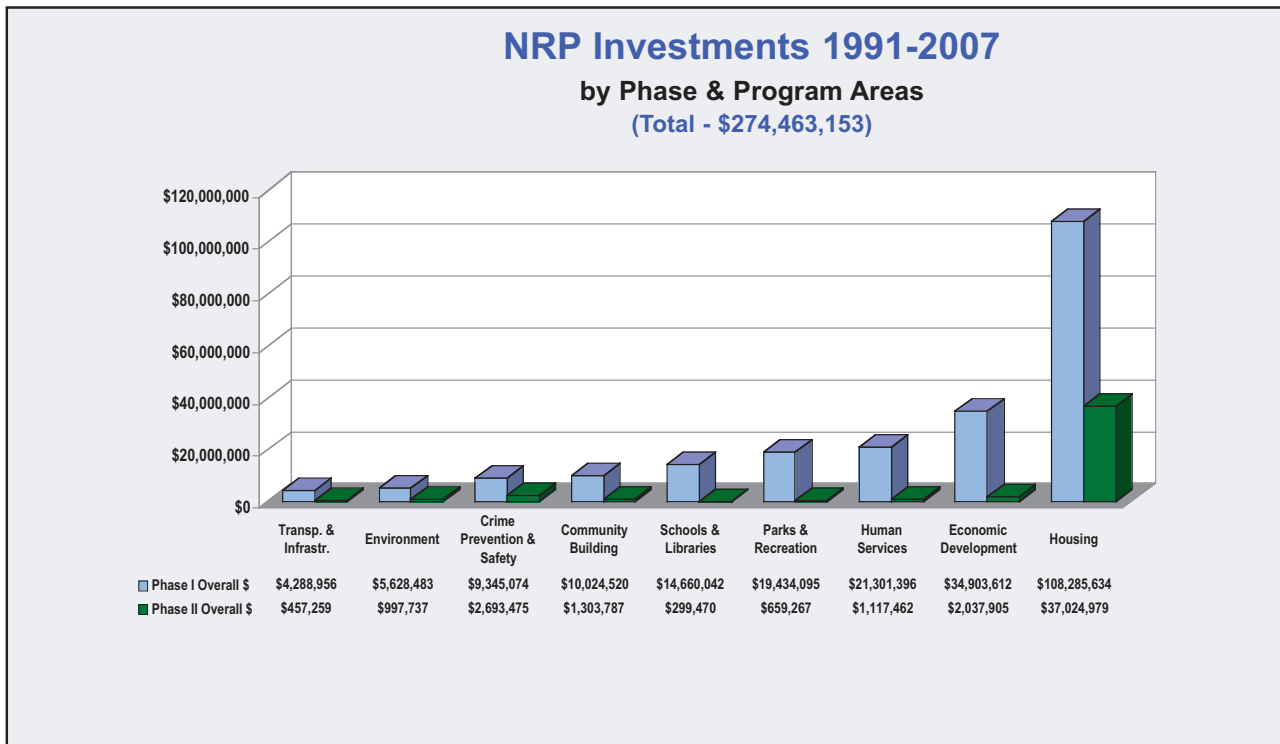
Hosmer Library - Residents of Bryant, Central, Kingfield, Lyndale, and Powderhorn Park invested \$440,000 of NRP funds for the renovation and restoration of the Hosmer library. Major facility improvements at the rejuvenated 90-year old library included a computer lab and tech center, and community meeting room. Library patronage at Hosmer increased 100 percent over each of the first four years after the renovation was completed in 1997.

Linden Hills Library - Linden Hills NRP provided \$138,000 for restoration and renovation of the Linden Hills Library that included a new elevator and an accessible front entrance, an enhanced children's room, an increase in audio-visual materials, and a new neighborhood history collection.

NRP Overall

The chart below provides a snapshot of how all NRP funds have been invested since the inception of the program. To a large extent, this chart mirrors the chart on page 1 because funding of neighborhood plans has been the primary focus of the program,

In addition to funds approved for neighborhood plans, however, this chart also captures NRP dollars approved for Phase I Participation Agreements, Phase I Transition Funds, County & School "2nd & 7 1/2" funds, the Youth Coordinating Board, and NRP Central Administration.



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