# **Engagement Plan**

**Neighborhood** Bottineau **Time frame** 2023-2024

## Plan detail

Demographic group	Renters	Somali Community	Families	People with disabilities
Numbers or	54.7% or 367/634	27.1% or	47% or 300/634	8% or 143/1627
percentage	households	441/16400 per	households	per capita
Total 2020 Census	*MN Compass,2016-2020	capita		**MN
1640		(Black or African	**MN	Compass,2016-2020
		American)	Compass,2016-2020	
		*MN		
		Compass,2016-20		
		20		

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Initiative, activity, project or program	Communicate & interact so that the board can advocate for needs and decisions that affect our renters  Ultimate goal is to have renters represented in our meetings/events and on our board to reflect the nature of our neighborhood  Make renters aware of BNA and our activities	Find a more culturally appropriate way to get our Somali community involved in decisions that affect them  Ultimate goal is to have Somali representation in our meetings/ events and on our Board	Communication & Interaction  Ultimate goal is for families to be represented in our meetings/events and on our Board	More accommodating Communication & Interaction  Ultimate goal is for PwD to be represented in our meetings/events and on our Board

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Barriers to engagement	Difficulty reaching renters, especially new renters via email  High renter/ mobility: difficult to access new residents  Renters may not be aware of neighborhoods in general or what neighborhood they live in	Language barriers  Culturally appropriate communications (  Family friendly meetings and events	Accommodating meeting days and times for families, esp. with large number of single parent households Family friend activities during meetings and events  Technology to hold live, virtual meetings that can be attended and interacting from home  Finding inclusive space to hold meetings	Accommodating low mobility residents with live meetings and presentations via technology  Technology to hold live, virtual meetings that can be attended and interacting from home  Finding inclusive space to hold meetings and events

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Outreach and engagement strategies	Mail printed newsletters and Gazette; including events, invites, etc  Increase social media reach  Spread events more throughout neighborhood for added visibility, especially complexes that have high renter population  Collect contact information during free events inc questionnaire about best meeting days/times  Create a survey to identify renter's needs  Create a new website that is easier to navigate, more accessible  Create a new, eye catching logo	Create a survey to identify needs of the Somali community  Translate written communications to Somali  Spread events more throughout neighborhood for added visibility, inc The Commons & Banaadir Elementary Create a new website that is easier to navigate, more accessible  Partner with Banaadir Elementary School for programming	Collect contact information during free events inc questionnaire about best meeting days/times  Spread events more throughout neighborhood for added visibility, inc The Commons & Banaadir Elementary, Bottineau Park, A Chance to Grow, & other large complexes frequented by families  Create a survey to identify family needs  Create a new website that is easier to navigate, more accessible	Offering our meetings in an electronic format that is live and interactive  Mail printed newsletters and Gazette; including events, invites, etc  Spread events more throughout neighborhood for added visibility  Create a new website that is easier to navigate, more accessible

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Resources needed	Funding: print and mailing costs  Funding: Staff costs to create and distribute the mailing and post on social media	Funding: children's activities at events and meeting	Funding: free events to draw in children (families) and open communications/ visibility (ie; pumpkin giveaway,	Equipment for hybrid meetings  Funding: Staff costs to create and distribute the mailing
	Funding: supplies and programming to make events enticing	Funding: Staff costs to create and distribute the mailing	plant giveaway, etc)  Funding: Staff costs to  create and distribute  the mailing	Variety of spaces to hold events (inc. some funding)
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			Equipment for hybrid meetings	

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Partners in the work	East Mpls Exchange Club	Commons Board	Sentryz Market	EastSide Meals on
	EastSide Meals on Wheels	Somali Museum	The NE Lions	Wheels
	NorthEast CDC (in CA Bldg)	Banaadir Elementary	Bottineau Park	
	MinnesotaUnite (works	E African Community	Banaadir Elementary	Exploration High School
	w/Darul-Qalam)	Specialist (works with NSR, per	Commons Board	NorthEast CDC (in
	NE Kiwanis	Steve)	California Bldg	CA Bldg)
	Eastside Neighborhood Services	Eastside Neighborhood	EastSide Meals on Wheels	NE Kiwanis
	NEMAA	Services	Exploration High	A Chance to Grow; In home
	Marshall Terrace (neighboring	NE Kiwanis	School	services(Partners with many NE
	associations)	MinnesotaUnite (works with	NE Kiwanis	groups)
	Sheridan Neighborhood (neighboring	Darul Qalam)	NorthEast CDC (in CA Bldg)	Eastside Neighborhood
	associations)	NorthEast CDC (in CA Bldg)	Eastside	Services
	Neighborhood Businesses		Neighborhood Services	Sheridan Neighborhood
		Neighborhood Businesses	Sheridan Neighborhood	Neighborhood Businesses
		Sheridan Neighborhood		

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Person(s) responsible	Outreach & Engagement Manager, Neighborhood Coordinator	Outreach & Engagement Manager, Neighborhood Coordinator	Outreach & Engagement Manager, Neighborhood Coordinator	Outreach & Engagement Manager, Neighborhood Coordinator

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Timeline	Recurring monthly: newsletter/Gazette /social media  January: Develop survey and start web design  April: Earth Day Neighborhood Clean up, partner with youth clubs to increase participation  May: Plant giveaway  September: Annual Meeting + Ice Cream Social  October: Pumpkin Giveaway	Recurring monthly: newsletter / Gazette /social media  January: Develop survey and start web design  April: Earth Day Neighborhood Clean up  May: Plant giveaway  September: Annual Meeting + Ice Cream Social	Recurring monthly: newsletter/Gazette/ social media  January: Develop survey and start web design  April: Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up, partner with youth clubs to increase participation  May: Plant giveaway  September: Annual Meeting + Ice Cream Social	Recurring monthly: newsletter/Gazette /social media  January: Develop survey and start web design  April: Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up, partner with youth clubs (accommodate and support requests from PwD for specific areas/yards/ streets)  May: Plant giveaway  September: Annual
		October: Pumpkin Giveaway	October: Pumpkin Giveaway	Meeting + Ice Cream Social

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Quantitative goals	Represented in our meetings and on our Board  Engage with 15 renters quarterly, whether it be attendance at meeting/event, or electronic outreach  Obtain contact information from 50 new neighbors at events/meetings.	Represented in our meetings and on our Board  Increase attendance at the meetings from the Somali communities  Get feedback from 25 families	Represented in our meetings and on our Board  Distribute pumpkins to children  Get feedback from 25 families	Represented in our meetings and on our Board Get feedback from 10 people
Qualitative goals	Learn about what tenants care about in the neighborhoods Identify issues that need attention	Find ways to effectively support the Somali community in efforts to connect with landlords and city officials  Providing family friend meetings and events  Create and maintain strong relationships	Learn more about family's needs from a neighborhood organization  Providing family friendly meetings and events	Learn more about how we can accommodate low mobility community  Find ways to include PwD in recurring events

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Outcome of engagement	More representation of tenants on neighborhood board and/or committee membership  More tenants receive neighborhood organization updates, newsletters and other information  Tenants have the knowledge and ability to become involved in the organization and in decision-making	More representation of Somali community members at meetings. Find ways to support the Somali community in efforts to connect with landlords and city officials.  Have a partner to collaborate with on future opportunities	Meeting the interests of what the family needs are, including researching what nights and times work best with our families.  Setting events at places and times that families can attend. Determine what makes a family friend event	Increase attendance at meeting  Reduction in barriers that prevent people from attending  Have a partner to collaborate with on future opportunities (ie: 2022 partnership grant)
Next steps	Reach out through our pumpkin give away and Plant Giveaway event for feedback Produce mailings and a survey Web design	Develop a survey and translate into Somali Web design	Host other family friendly events based on the feedback Web design Produce mailings and a survey	Find out more about how we can serve  Produce mailings and a survey  Web design

#### 2025 Amendment

Bottineau

#### **TIMELINE**

**Engagement Activities Timeline** 

Goal 1: Collaborative Partnership for Inclusive Engagement on the Marshall Street Reconstruction Planning

Winter 2025: Identify key stakeholders within Hennepin County and establish initial communication channels.

Winter 2025: Conduct a needs assessment to identify specific strategies tailored to underrepresented communities.

Spring 2025: Contribute to the Hennepin County outreach plan and help implement targeted strategies.

Goal 2: Expand Community Outreach

Ongoing: Promote neighborhood events through social media, email, and direct outreach to apartment complexes, especially the Canvas building.

Summer 2025: Organize a targeted outreach campaign focused on reaching new residents in the Canvas building.

Ongoing: Track attendance at neighborhood events and identify opportunities to increase participation.

Ongoing: Evaluate the effectiveness of outreach efforts and adjust strategies as needed.

Goal 3: Increase Renter Engagement

Spring 2025: Tailor upcoming events to appeal to renters

Ongoing: Promote events through channels that reach renters directly

#### **GOALS**

Goal 1: Collaborative Partnership for Inclusive Engagement on the Marshall Street Reconstruction Planning

Specific: Partner with Hennepin County to ensure that Marshall Street engagement efforts are inclusive of underrepresented communities.

Measurable: Collaborate with Hennepin County to develop and implement a joint outreach plan that includes at least three targeted strategies to engage underrepresented communities by the end of 2025.

Achievable: Identify key stakeholders within Hennepin County and establish regular communication channels. Conduct a needs assessment to identify specific strategies tailored to underrepresented communities.

Relevant: Partnering with Hennepin County can leverage their resources and expertise to reach a wider audience.

Time-bound: The goal is set for the end of 2025.

#### Goal 2: Expand Community Outreach

Specific: Establish contacts with 50 new neighbors through targeted outreach efforts.

Measurable: Increase the number of new contacts by at least 50 through active participation in neighborhood events (Earth Day Clean Up, Plant Giveaway, Pumpkin Giveaway, Ice Cream Social, and Annual Meeting) by the end of 2025.

Achievable: Develop a targeted outreach plan that includes promoting events through social media, email, and direct outreach to apartment complexes and community organizations, particularly to the new Canvas building.

Relevant: Expanding the network of engaged neighbors can strengthen community connections and support local initiatives.

Time-bound: The goal is set for the end of 2025.

#### Goal 3: Increase Renter Engagement

Specific: Enhance current events to attract and engage a larger number of renters.

Measurable: Increase renter attendance at neighborhood events by 25% by the end of 2025.

Achievable: Tailor event themes and activities to appeal to renters. Promote events through channels that reach renters directly.

Relevant: Engaging renters can help to address their specific needs and concerns, fostering a sense of belonging and community.

Time-bound: The goal is set for the end of 2025.