

Marlborough East Neighborhood Association: Vision Presentation

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Keeping Marlborough Clean and Safe

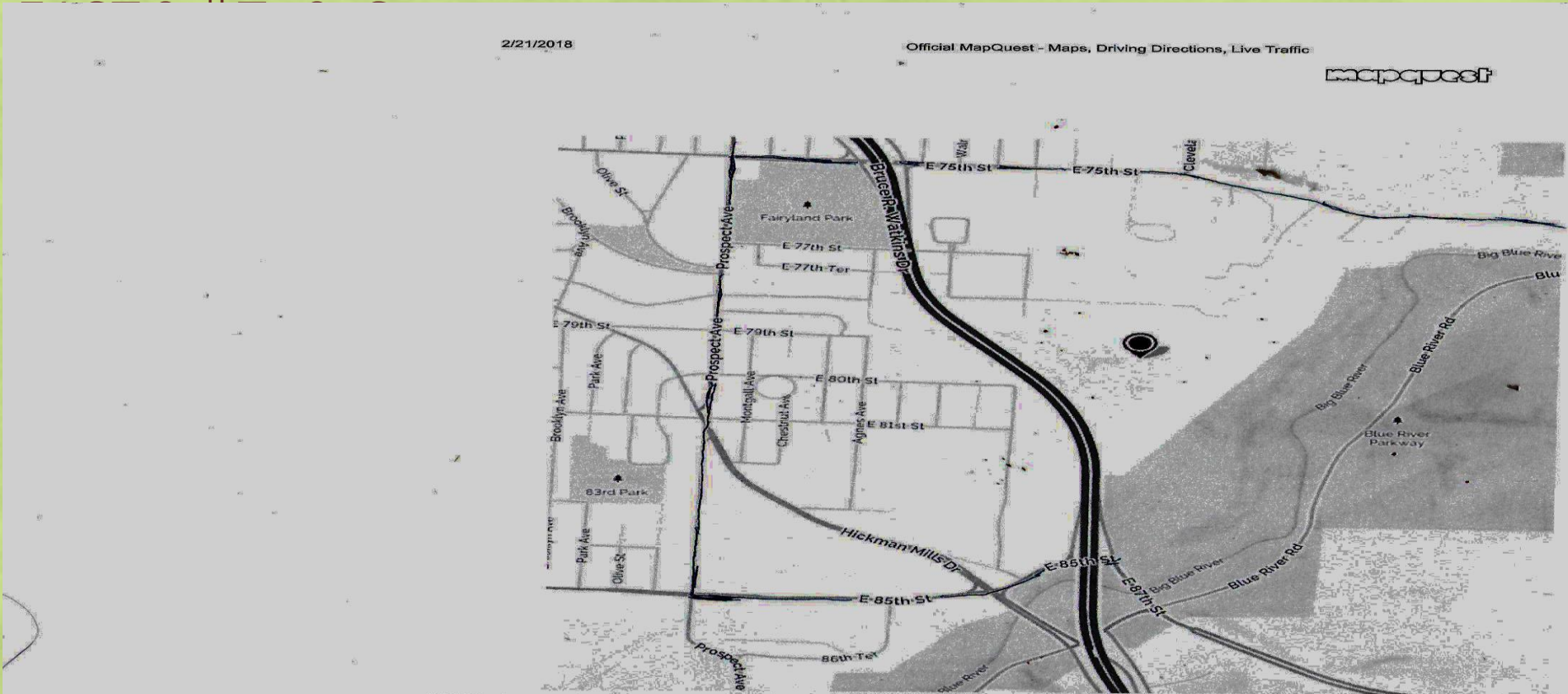


Three Drivers for Our Neighborhood Vision:

- Environmental Stewardship
 - Cleaning/Mowing Vacant Lots
- Conservation
 - Solving the Food Desert Crisis
- Public Safety
 - Using technology and the tried and true model for community policing, to control illegal dumping and encouraging resident engagement to prevent violent crime.

Neighborhood Location and Boundaries

Marlborough East starts at 75th Street to the North, all the way to the Blue River to the South. Prospect Avenue (Eastside) To Northside of



Environmental Stewardship: Land Priorities

- Adopt a Neighborhood Grant from the City: used to maintain land care equipment.
- We started land care of the vacant lots in our neighborhood about 7 years ago.
 - Six foot tall grass
 - Years worth of illegally dumped trash on lots
 - Clearing and chipping of brush and downed limbs
- By 2017 things had changed
 - The City started letting us focus resources on 5 lots for nuisance abatement.
 - In addition to mowing, we put down weed preventer, picked up trash, cut back trees and invasive plant species.



Neighborhood Cleanup Day: cleaning City lots.



Our Crew: Mowing, chipping brush and keeping the neighborhood clean.



Environmental Stewardship: Water Priorities

- Water quality of the Blue River is being addressed through a partnership with the Blue River Watershed Organization.
- Installation of Rain Garden at 81st Street and South Benton Avenue
- Flood wall completion in the Dodson Industrial Park; after flooding in August of 2017 created disaster for many tenants, concerns were also raised about run-off of pollutants back into the river.
- Sewer Installation vs. Septic Maintenance

Land clearing to start the rain garden in Marlborough East at 81st Street and South Benton Avenue.



This is the finished work on the rain garden at the time it was installed, further plans to install walking paths and plant more native plants are in the works.



Many hours and a lot of hard work went into keeping these lots maintained to what is shown in these pictures. Criminals have no place to hide on Marlborough East Neighborhood vacant lands.



*A clean neighborhood
is a
safe neighborhood*

Using Technology to Advance Safety Goals:

- We acquired scouting/trail cameras and installed them where we have illegal dumping.
- Not currently networked, these devices have SD cards. Recorded evidence of dumping is stored on a card and has to be physically taken out to monitor dumping.
- Recorded evidence can be turned over to the City for prosecution.
- We have been working with the city for 5 years now and we seen 50% of the dumping stop since we started putting up these cameras.
- Most of the time you will find out that its people in your own neighborhood/nearby community that's doing the dumping.

Covert Scouting Cameras

- You can go to this webpage www.covertsscoutingcameras.com and look at them and see what you want to buy. Here is a picture of what they look like with that you need to get a card
- A lock that secures the cameras to the site of installation
- Set of batteries

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21st Century Blockwatch Concept

- Takes the 3 pillars of the National Sheriff's Association model for a traditional neighborhood watch:
 - Crime Watch
 - Terror Watch
 - Disaster Preparedness
- Brings this traditional model for community policing into the 21st century by putting technology in the hands of neighborhood leaders and Block Captains.
 - Networked security cameras vs. trail cameras that require and SD card
 - Crime mapping and data-driven approach to violent crime prevention

How do you make your neighborhood safe?

If you have a cell phone and see something going on - take a picture and call the police.

When officers arrive on the scene, share/show pictures (intel) with them, this way they know who/what they are looking for.

Do not be afraid to call the police if you don't call - your neighborhood will never be totally safe. Collaboration and partnership with law enforcement and prosecution is very important.

If you see something – SAY SOMETHING!

Conservation: The act of conserving; prevention of injury, decay, waste and or loss.

- Typically, practicing conservation is synonymous with protecting fish, wildlife and other natural resources.
- Residents of our neighborhood have expanded the practice of conservation in their community to include actively addressing quality of life issues for residents.

Preventing the Decay of Marlborough East:

- Identifying problems for residents that can be solved through prevention – while still keeping sight of the original goals regarding environmental stewardship – led the neighborhood to focus on the food desert crisis in our community.

Ending the Food Desert Crisis: Start a Farm

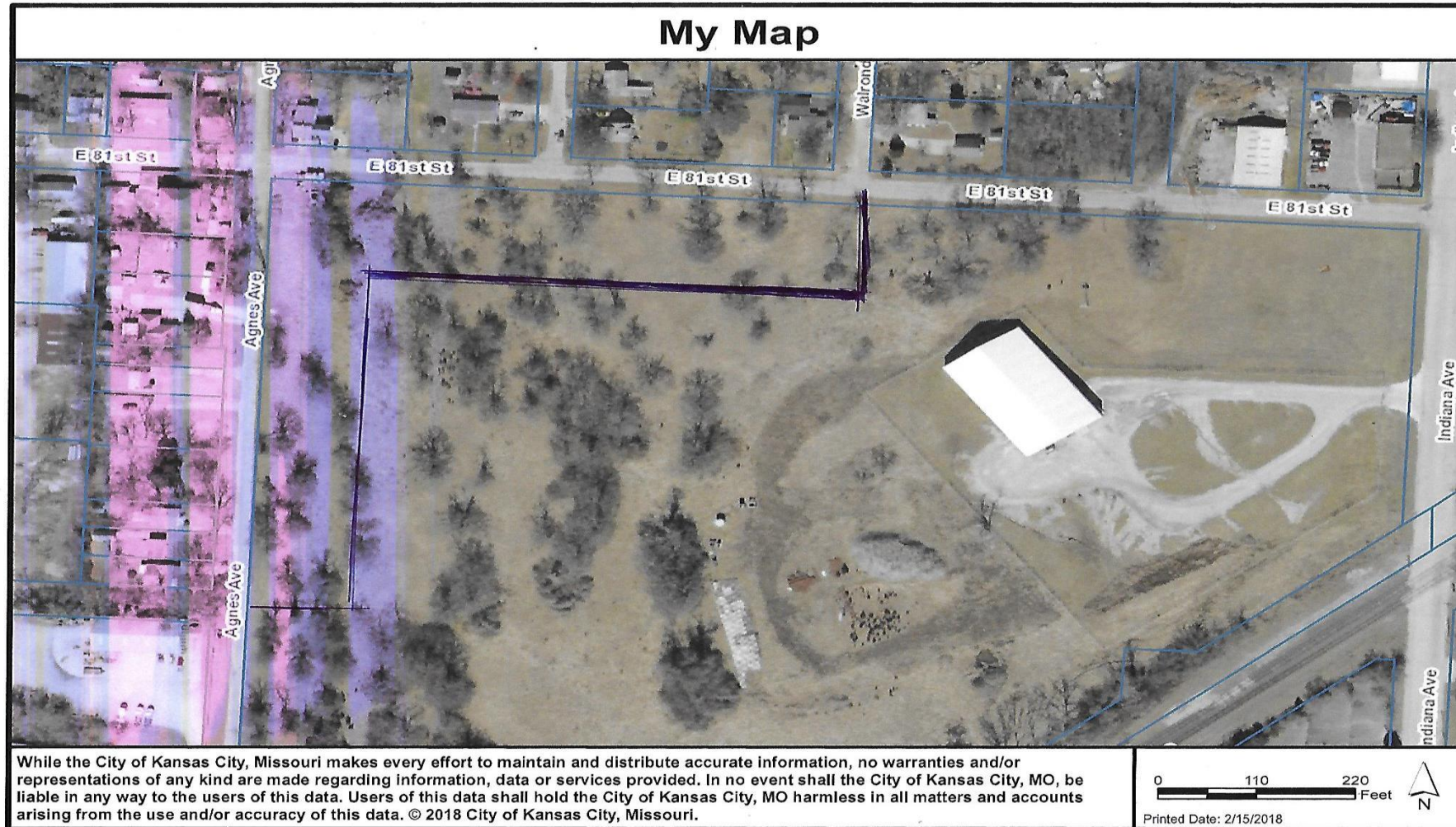
If you want to feed people – start a food pantry.

If you want to end a food desert crisis –

Invest in the development and implementation

Of strategies to produce a sustainable
community food supply.

Identifying a site for the farm: city owned parcels



Phases I and II:

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Phase I: Site Acquisition

- Gather data; identify usable land and start going to meetings
 - Discussions with the City Manager took about six months
 - Follow up conversations with City Manager, Public Works and the City Attorney took another six months
 - Temporary land use agreement came out of those discussions.
 - Permanent lease will take an additional 3-6 months

Phase II: Site Improvements

- Gather more data and begin prioritizing site improvements
- Be prepared to be patient, rolling out the project in manageable phases
- Identify a successful business model that can operate as fiscally sustainable, planned phases of growth until site is fully operational