



- Proactive code enforcement sweeps are performed on a weekly basis of the CDBG target area
- Officers help fight blight and housing deterioration in target area neighborhoods with entry level notices of violation for high grass, inoperable vehicles as well as trash and debris.
- The Codes Division also works closely with the Building Department in moving forward with condemnation of dilapidated and abandoned homes within the CDBG target area as well as structures in need of minor or major repairs. The Codes Division has a grand total of 994 cases for 737 households within the CDBG target area during the fiscal year. These numbers are comprised of:
  - High Grass and Weeds - 519
  - Inoperable Vehicles - 178
  - Improper trash/debris/unsanitary property - 264
  - Structure Related - 33
- Of the Structure Related Violations:
  - Eleven properties were condemned
  - Three of the 11 condemned properties were demolished by the City
  - Two of the condemned properties were demolished by the owners
  - The remaining properties are still active and working with the owners to address the issues.
- Education for property owners and landlords regarding health and safety issues, property maintenance and violations
  - Code enforcement website and Facebook page
  - Work with local community groups; Booths at public events to distribute brochures
  - Sponsored Know the Code with Lowes
- Public awareness of fair housing enforcement and lead based paint hazards by providing information to residents within the target area
- Current codes are assessable on City's website as well as an avenue for citizen complaints
  - Qalert or contacting the Codes office
- Code Enforcement partners with organizations such as Coalition for Community Improvement, Keep America Beautiful, The Refuge, City Fields, neighborhood associations, local church groups and service organizations to utilize every resource available to improve the livability within the target area.

The service area for Code Enforcement is the CDBG target area which encompasses Census Tracts: 103, Block Group 1, 2; 104, Block Group 1, 2; 107, Block Group 1, 2, 3, 4; and 108, Block Group 1, 2, 3. The area is 68 percent low to moderate income.

**PUBLIC FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMETS** - Two public facility projects are currently funded and will continue into the following year.

## **Blythe Bower Multi-Purpose Fields and Improvements (Avery Johnson Park) - 604 20<sup>th</sup> Street SE**

Construction is underway. Site work, drainage and field prep are complete. Irrigation is under construction. Sod will to be installed soon. Perimeter sidewalks have been installed. Trees are placed and are being planted. Plans for flowers and plants are underway. Fencing has been installed. Amenities such as benches, trash cans, dog waste stations, and soccer goals are being researched. Interior sidewalks will be installed soon.

The service area for the Blythe Multi-Purpose Fields (Avery Johnson Park) is in Census Tract 107, Block Group 1, 2, 3, 4 and Census Tract 108; Block Group 1 and 2, 3. This project will provide improved availability and accessibility to recreational facilities in an LMI neighborhood that is 66 percent low to moderate income.

## **Blythe to Blythe Sidewalks - Beginning at 12<sup>th</sup> Street, South to 20<sup>th</sup> Street along Chippewa Avenue**

City of Cleveland has secured funding from the Tennessee Department of Health to match with CDBG funds. The environmental review is underway and expects to be cleared mid to late September. Construction is expected to begin in mid to late November.

The service area for the Blythe to Blythe sidewalks is in Census Tract 107, Block Group 1, 2, 3, 4; and Census Tract 108; Block Group 1 and 2. The project will provide connectivity to parks and recreational facilities, schools and neighborhoods in an area that is 65.80 percent low to moderate income.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

### **Down Payment Assistance**

Down Payment Assistance in the amount of \$6,000 per household was provided to six families purchasing affordable homes. Four were constructed by Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland. All constructed by Habitat properties are located within Century Village Subdivision which is Census Tract 7, Block Group 4. Two homes were constructed by City Fields and were in Blythe Community and are located in Census Tract 107, Block Group 2.

## **FAIR HOUSING EFFORTS**

- Participated in “Fall Fun Festival” with the Bradley County Health Department on October 2018 - Staff was present to discuss Fair Housing and Code Enforcement. All participants received a Fair Housing Booklet and Code information - estimated attendance was 300
- Fair Housing Booklets were available City Fields Clients.
- Fair Housing Booklets are provided to all Habitat for Humanity clients
- Code Enforcement outreach within target area includes Fair Housing and Lead Based Paint information
- Fair Housing was discussed at both Annual Action Plan public meetings - March 12 and March 14, 2019
- Fair Housing information placed in Cleveland Utilities water bills - estimated 20,000 household received the information in May 2019
- Cleveland Housing Authority to partner on the preparation of the next Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Plan
- Discussion/planning for training for landlords that receive Section 8 vouchers in conjunction with the Cleveland Housing Authority
- Costs associated with any Fair Housing efforts were paid through Administration funds
- Fair Housing information on City of Cleveland website