

# *Reducing Social Unrest:*

*The police role of community  
development*

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Problem Oriented Policing Conference

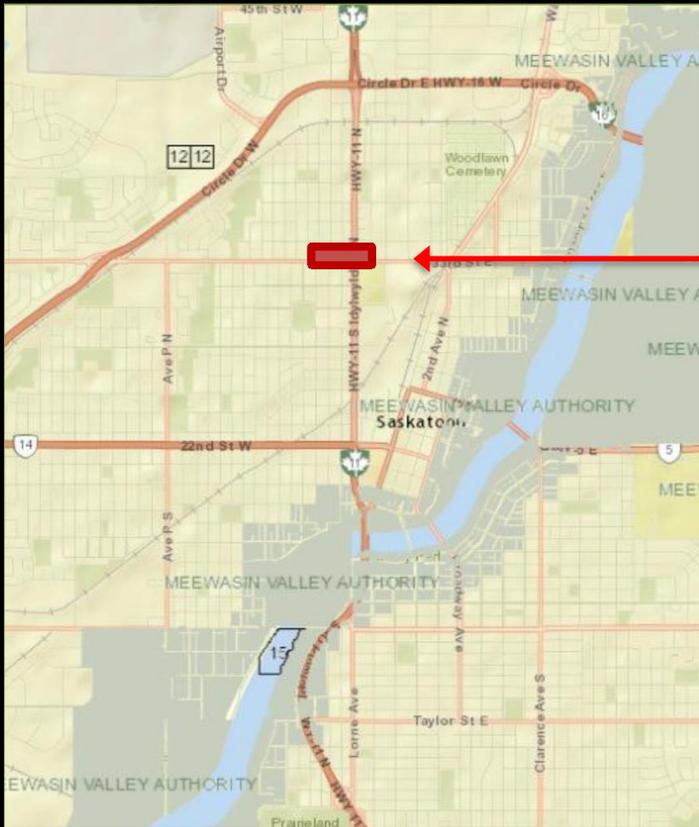
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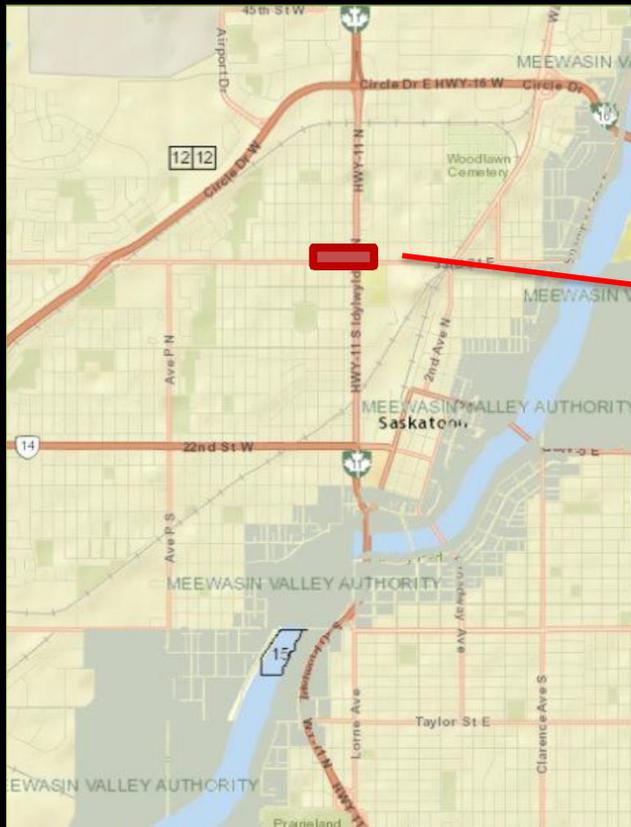
# *steps for SafeGrowth Plans*

## The SafeGrowth Model: Six Elements of Effective Safety Planning





SafeGrowth planning starts by identifying clusters of neighborhoods that might represent high crime hotspots in the city



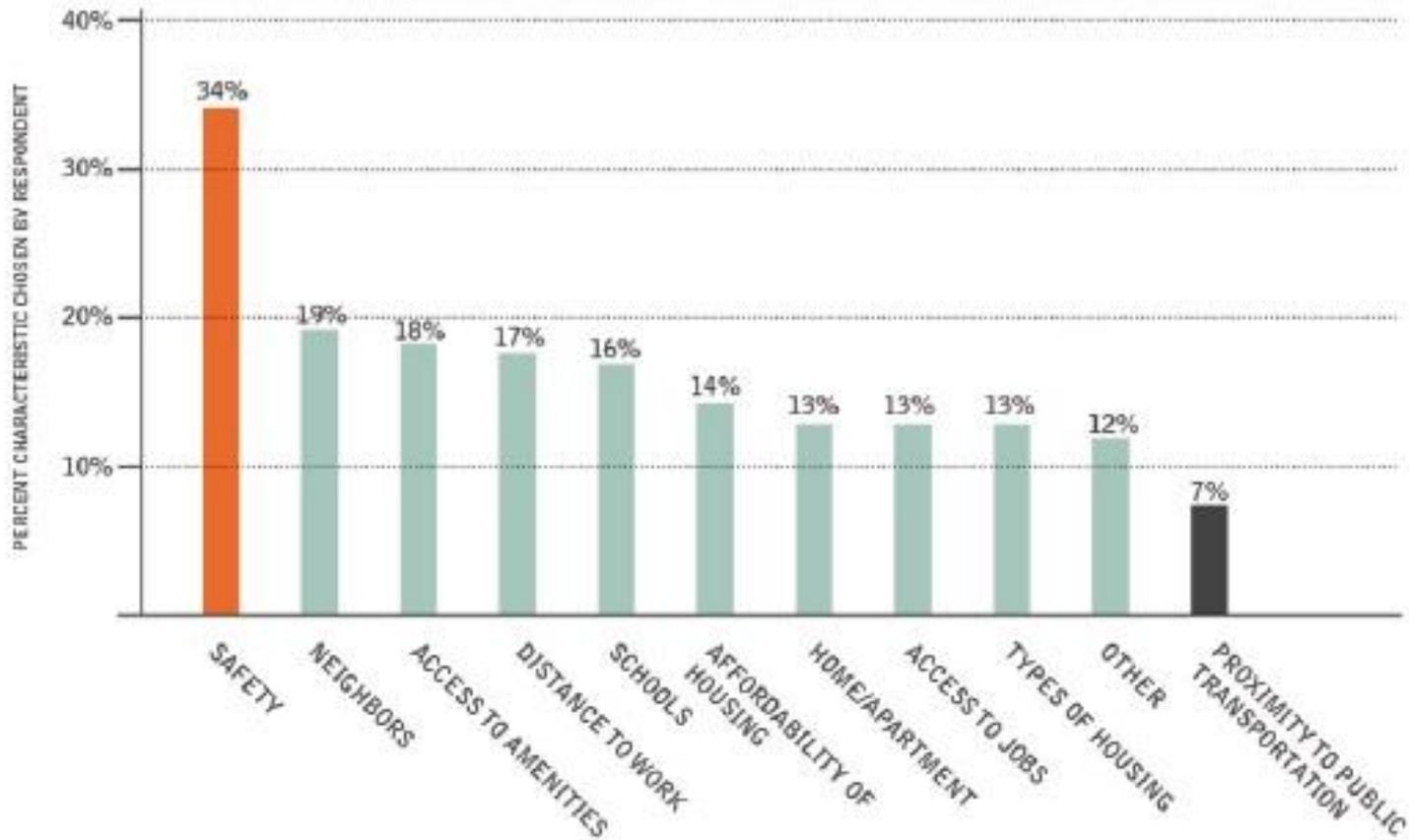
SafeGrowth planners then work with residents and identify the neighborhood boundaries and active neighborhood or business groups in that area who want to participate in training and planning

Neighborhood teams scope out local problems and plan their own projects



# Problem Identification

WHAT DO YOU LIKE **LEAST** ABOUT LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY?



A SafeGrowth training teaches basic skills in problem and crime analysis and resident teams begin scoping out various problems for their plans.



They conduct site visits, surveys,  
community safety audits



They select specific projects to initiate their work on – that work will expand to other projects and that will help them develop their own neighborhood SafeGrowth plan – in this case they selected a high crime bus stop



They begin soliciting help from other resources in the area and then strategizing different collaborative responses



In this case their inaugural project involved designing a new community-built bus shelter with the help of local architecture students – that project led to other projects and a Neighborhood Safe Growth Plan

Within one Neighborhood SafeGrowth Plan in Philadelphia, the plan included  
The implementation of an annual program to develop community leaders  
called the Livability Academy



Harry Tapia  
Livability Academy -  
Philadelphia



*Welcome To Fairhill & St. Hugh*

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**Location**

Located in Philadelphia’s North district, bordered by Kensington, Fishtown, and Hunting Park.

**Demographics**

20,000 residents; 85% Latino (majority Puerto Rican); 60% speak Spanish at home; \$15,000 median income; 30% unemployed; 31% have a HS diploma; 56% renters.



## Current Narrative

Media portrayals of the area have highlighted public health & safety crises.

Philadelphia's "badlands" neighborhoods have gotten more than their fair share of negative attention in local and national press, largely related to the region's opioid epidemic and looting.



# Livability Academy

**Resident Leadership Development program cross-promotes homeownership and meaningful civic engagement**

Residents are invited to participate in a 8-week course (every spring and fall) where they design and implement innovative solutions to quality-of-life issues, drawing on their own expertise in the neighborhood.

▷ **PROGRAM RESULTS:**

**8 Livability Academy Sessions Completed** Curriculum covers: CPTED and SafeGrowth, data collection,

▷ communication and storytelling, fundraising, and building community partnerships.

**135 Resident Graduates**

8 small-scale community projects completed 6

neighborhood safety audits completed

8 quarterly meetings with local police district

40 problem/blighted properties addressed with City agency support



Each Livability Academy results in multiple problem-solving projects initiated by community-police teams – those teams build direct, permanent and personal relationships between local police and community members – those relationships are critical for mitigating future social unrest

HACE LIVABILITY ACADEMY + COMMUNITY WORKERS PRESENT

## REJUVENATION POP-UP LOUNGE

An opportunity for relaxation and restoration for people experiencing homelessness.

**HAIRCUTS  
MANICURES  
TOILETRIES  
ART & MORE**

Saturday, July 20  
11AM- 2 PM  
2774 Kensington Avenue

**WANT TO ATTEND?**  
Visit us at the Kensington Storefront on July 20!  
Note that supplies are limited and all services are first-come, first-served

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**  
Sign up for a shift here: <http://bit.ly/2NGxWE2>  
And join us for volunteer orientation: Tuesday, July 16, 6 - 7 pm at 167 W Allegheny

**WANT TO DONATE SUPPLIES?**  
Contact Ellie Matthews ([ematthews@hacedc.org](mailto:ematthews@hacedc.org)) or Towanda Tynes ([teea1492@gmail.com](mailto:teea1492@gmail.com))



## FOOD OASIS PROJECT

MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL AND HEALTHY

9 AM - 2 PM  
**APRIL 27TH 2019**

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**  
HELP THE FOOD OASIS TEAM BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING TO CLEAN AND ESTABLISH THREE COMMUNITY GARDENS IN FAIRHILL.

MEET AT FAIRHILL PARK  
4TH AND LEHIGH




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## Fairhill Square Park UNITY DAY

AT 400 W LEHIGH AVE. PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19133  
10am-12pm Park Clean up | 12pm-5pm Unity Day  
**Food | Refreshments | Games | Music  
Raffles Vendors and More!**  
12pm-2pm Free Yoga and Boxing lessons

Presented by  
**AARP** Real Possibilities  
Philadelphia

Music by  
DJ Ace DJ Ken Dellaz and TizztheInfluence

**Boom!**  
Hosted by:  
Paris Nicole Radio Host at Boom 103.9

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# FALL 2021 PROJECTS



## FAIRHILL UNITED FOR LIVABILITY

Fairhill United for Livability envisions a community where neighbors are **united together** to make a difference, **leading by example**, and **practicing consistency** to promote livability. The proposed project seeks to make an impact by **activating public spaces** through historical educational workshops, creative **community cleanups**, and **celebrations** piloted in Fairhill Square Park.

### TEEN TRAUMA TEAM

The Teen Trauma Team hopes to create a community that does not have a stigma attached to addressing trauma or receiving help for their mental health and acknowledges that **all people experience different types of trauma**. This intergenerational team proposed a project that creates **safe spaces** for themselves and their peers to discuss and **begin recovering from trauma**.



### Who We Are

 <b>Jayda Alexander</b> Founder of Jesus Jewel Center Peer Educator at the Achievement Enterprise Center	 <b>Nathaniel Cosme-Ortiz</b> High School Student I am trying to find a way to better help my peers deal with Trauma.	 <b>Amina Gauthney</b> Curious to learn more about the community and ways I can help make positive changes.	 <b>Darlene Burton</b> Community Activist, COVID ambassador, Community Connector and the "Mas Tree Lady"
 <b>Benita Tillman</b> Educator It's our obligation to guide the next generation.	 <b>Makaila Davis</b> Founder of Angels Protection Inc. and dedicated to using strength-based approach.		

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### L I T E R A L L Y L I T E R A C Y

The Literally Literacy Team aims to ensure that all adults have the tools they need to **overcome illiteracy**. Their project is tailored to **empowering and educating adults in breaking down the barriers to literacy** through reading classes, pop-up libraries, and jingles

Multiple Livability Academies product dozens of projects – here are a few from this year alone during the COVID pandemic – during regular times the output is larger

# Livability Academy 2.0

## PILOT RESULTS:

### 6 Livability Academy Workshop

CPTED Visioning

- ▷ 3 Community meetings
- ▷ Community Clean up

Planning for next generation, more advanced Livability Academies is already underway. The SafeGrowth Program and Livability Academy represents a powerful way for mitigating long-term social unrest through building community capacity



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