Why We Are Here...

- In 2006 Mayor Perez launched this effort to foster neighborhood involvement in neighborhood planning efforts.
- The North Frog Hollow NRZ spearheaded a citizen based effort which formulated the plan.
- The plan contains existing conditions, proposes new activities, and lists action steps.
- Today is the official kick-off of the City endorsement of the citizen plan.
- The following are selected action steps contained in the plan.
- The plan in its entirety can be found at www.hartford.gov\development\planning.
BUILDING CONDITIONS

- Licenses and Inspections will conduct concentrated code enforcement efforts on worst properties in Target Area.
- The worst properties around intersection of Russ and Putnam Street, and Babcock Street between Capitol Avenue and Russ Street will be targeted first.
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will provide addresses of other problem buildings in need of code enforcement.
- Housing Division will publicize its Housing Preservation Loan Fund.
VACANT BUILDINGS & VACANT LOTS

- Vacant Building / Land Plan
  1. Attempt to work with present owners of vacant buildings to get them rehabilitated and made into owner-occupied units
  2. Use tax foreclosure & Anti-Blight Ordinance to gain control of vacant buildings
  3. Market properties with goal of having them become owner-occupied
  4. Vacant buildings that are structurally unsound will be demolished
  5. New owner-occupied houses will be built.
  6. Split undersized lots and deed them to adjoining properties where feasible.
Historic Preservation

- Planning Division will publicize its Guidelines for Restorations and Additions to Historic Buildings
- Housing Division will promote the Housing Preservation Loan Fund to assist homeowners with low interest loans
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will work Hartford Preservation Alliance to conduct walking tours of Target Area to show variety of historic structures
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will contact appropriate agencies to research history of the neighborhood
PUBLIC SAFETY

- Hartford Police Department (HPD) will train new leaders for additional block watches through Citizens’ Academy
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will actively recruit new leaders to enroll in the Citizens’ Academy from the blocks that do not have block watches
- Block Watch members will notify HPD of suspected drug dealing in the area (hot spots.)
- HPD will target “hot spots” where drug dealing is allegedly taking place.
- The HPD will review feasibility of putting foot patrols and bicycle patrols in Target Area
Economic Development

- Planning Division will promote Façade Improvement Program to Owners of mixed-use buildings on Capitol Avenue in Target Area
- City will seek money from the State for streetscape improvements for Capitol Avenue
- Planning Division will work with residents on possibility of re-zoning block of Capitol Avenue between Babcock and Lawrence streets from R-O1 to B-4 and other re-zoning opportunities
TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- Traffic Calming on Babcock and Lawrence Streets
  - DPW to stripe streets to allow for parking on both sides
  - Travel lane will be in the middle
  - Speed tables installed if plan does not work
- DPW to install speed tables on Mortson Street, Putnam Heights, and Putnam Street
- Hartford Parking Authority Objectives
  - Work with North Frog Hollow NRZ to improve Capitol Avenue area traffic circulation
  - Enforce parking restrictions on residential streets to deter office workers from parking on them all day
Pedestrian Accessibility

- Planning Division will survey all slate sidewalks in Target Area, determine which need repair, and share results with the Department of Public Works.
- Department of Public Works will work with CL&P to improve lighting in Target Area, with emphasis on Babcock Street, Putnam Street, and Park Terrace.
- DPW will install better crosswalks at intersections of Broad Street Capitol Avenue, and Park Street and Park Terrace.
Positive Youth Activities

- The Mayor’s Office of Youth Services, will convene a meeting with all youth service providers in that Target Area.
- The Mayor’s Office of Youth Services with work with youth service providers identified to determine how present programs could be better structured to serve neighborhood youth.
- North Frog Hollow NRZ will approach St. Anne’s Church to determine availability of gym and rec. center that church owns at 778 Park Street.

Hartford Students Win Regional Robotics Competition
Litter

- Planning Division will conduct a survey of the location of City receptacles in the Target Area
- Department of Public Works will initiate plan to install additional trash receptacles on Capitol Avenue, Baby Pope Park, and the area around Burns and Sanchez Schools
- North Frog Hollow NRZ, SAMA, and DPW will encourage business owners to sweep and pick up in front of their business twice per day