



Grand Rapids – Central City

Weed & Seed

A Department of Justice Program

"Weeding out Crime and Seeding with Community Development"

## You Are Invited!

Weed & Seed Monthly Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2009

11am – 1pm

Wealthy Theatre Annex – Front Studio – 1110 Wealthy SE

***Community residents and stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend Weed and Seed meetings, as the decisions made directly impact the Weed and Seed Service Area.***

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order / Introductions – Chair, Pamela Benjamin (resident)
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. August meeting minute approval
- IV. Ice Breaker – Stacy Stout (resident)
- V. Discussion Topic: Our Vision for the Weed & Seed Community
- VI. Budget
- VII. Resident Empowerment / Engagement Plan Discussion
- VIII. Announcements / Updates / Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

### Our Strategies / Our Goals

- I. Law Enforcement
  - a. Reduce the incidence of juvenile crime
  - b. Reduce the number of narcotics related crimes
  - c. Reduce the number of gun violence crimes and other forms of aggravated assault
- II. Community Policing
  - a. Maintain proactive problem solving as a community policing strategy
  - b. Maintain permanent assignment of police officers and city staff to neighborhoods
- III. Prevention / Intervention / Treatment
  - a. Create and maintain Safe Haven sites
  - b. Reduce the incidences of domestic violence
- IV. Neighborhood Restoration
  - a. Expand and augment existing job readiness programs within the neighborhood and match neighborhood unemployed to training programs that meet the workforce needs
  - b. Create decent, safe, affordable housing to attract homeowners



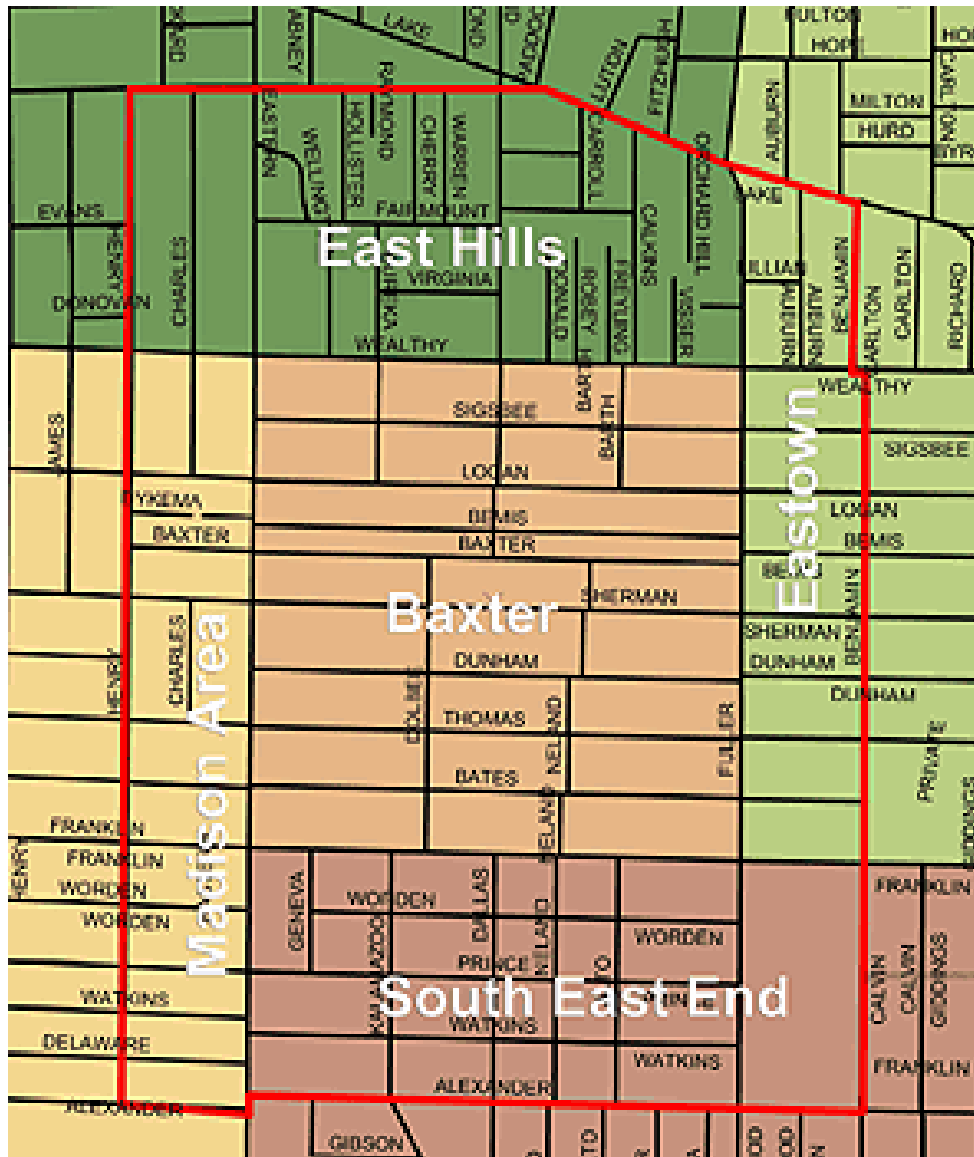
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### The Central City Weed and Seed Service Area



If you are a resident of the Central City Weed and Seed Service Area and are unable to attend the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, but would like to get involved or learn more about the Weed & Seed initiative, please contact Kristine Jaros at (616) 331-7247.