

## Notes for 5/16/07 EJ meeting

### Jill's Updates:

#### Outreach

- Jill will be attending the April 21<sup>st</sup> Beautify Niagara event and passing out GreenLine magnets.
- Jill met with Marge Gillis. The Niagara Beautification Commission is interested in partnering with the GreenLine to help promote both their organization and the GreenLine to the community. They are interested in promoting the adoption of certain blocks for clean ups as well as other beautification projects. Jill has been invited to attend the commissions next meeting in May.
- To Do:
- Jill still needs to follow up with the outreach committee regarding list of possible workshop topics. Pat asked Jill to put together a speakers series document. (Workshops!)
- Jill will follow up with the Niagara Falls Housing Authority regarding putting an article in their next newsletter about the GreenLine.

#### GreenLine

- COPC summer employees will assist with staffing over the summer break.
- Jill will be adding graffiti removal to the GreenLine Flier and Weed & Seed as a resource to the GreenLine manual.
- Jill is working with COPC intern Greg Dean to look at ways we can make the GreenLine more positive. Marge Gillis mentioned promoting beautification workshops and clean ups and assisting residents in getting recycling bins. Jill is also interested in linking callers to block clubs.
- **Graffiti Removal**
- **Mayor Anello's "Light it up"**

#### Home Assessments

- We have received no word on the status of two EPA grants, one focusing on lead and one focusing on asthma, submitted by NU. We should be notified in June 2007.
- COPC has been struggling to reach our goal of incorporating a service learning component into NU courses to fill a volunteer base for expanding home assessments with the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. Initial classes identified for this spring semester did not work out. Thus, we are essentially one year behind where we should be for this activity according to the grant. Jill will follow up with the social work department regarding their interest in assisting with home assessments. Jill, Gail Root and Dave Taylor will schedule a meeting for next week to meet with Dr. Mary McCourt chair of NU's chemistry department. Dr. McCourt teaches a non majors course "Chemistry in Society" and is interested in adding a service component to the course. The class is offered in both the fall and spring semesters.
- Chemistry summer student employee home assessments and testing
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#### Urban Environment

- COPC submitted a letter of support for the playground and garden proposal.
- Connect with block clubs; gather data with Weed & Seed, as part of the April 21<sup>st</sup> event. Connect with Marge Giles and the Niagara Beautification Commissions "Reality Bus Tour" on March 15<sup>th</sup> to gather data as well. Jill has touched base with Marge via e-mail concerning mapping data.

- Gail Root inquired as to who would assist COPC with GIS mapping of vacant lots and illegal dumping now that Sheen Rajmaira has resigned from NU's ELI. Jill mentioned that COPC's graduate assistant Rebecca Schicker is working on a GIS project for the COPC capacity building area and may be able to assist the Environment Justice and Health area with their GIS project. The sub-committee will need to work on collecting data from the city and the block clubs. Jill will need to look into the potential to get a student to assist with this as well as help with entering the data. Niagara University will keep the GIS lab and is in the process of trying to hire a technical assistant for this lab; this individual would be a potential aide if he/she is willing to help.
- Sr. Beth Niederpruem of Center for Joy and Zach Casale with Main Street Business & Professional Association are still in communication with the city concerning the potential lots for their playground project. However, these communications seem to have stalled as the city does not seem willing to give up this property. Zach has been in contact with officials from Abbot School who might be interested in taking up this project. The next step is for Zach and Jill to meet with Sr. Beth to see how she would like to proceed. Charles Walker mentioned that the city is in the process of re-investing in the park at North and Lockport Road. Candace Corsaro with the Niagara Falls Block Club Council is heading up this project.

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**Other:**

- Moving of COPC office; June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- Need new faculty coordinator
- COPC website: [www.niagara.edu/copc](http://www.niagara.edu/copc)