

# HISTORY

## Muncie Action Plan

The Muncie Action Plan (MAP) is a strategic guide that expresses the community’s values and aspirations and creates a compelling agenda for the future of Muncie, IN.

“What should be done to make Muncie the best it can be in the coming years?” In 2009–2010, this question was answered by more than two thousand Muncie residents through idea workshops, brainstorming sessions, open houses, and public presentations.

Two community review processes were conducted and updates to the original MAP document were produced in 2013 and 2018.



In 2021, the Muncie Action Plan board of directors partnered with NEXT Muncie and the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission to embark on a year-long strategic planning process – TogetherDM—that resulted in the newest MAP for the Muncie Community. This citywide Strategic Investment Plan continues to highlight the important role that neighborhoods play in the health and prosperity of our community.

The planning process identified our community’s *Core Values*:  
**We are entrepreneurial. We are gritty. We are inclusive. We are bold. We are thoughtful.**

We will utilize these Core Values to **Get the Basics Right**—from fixing potholes, to keeping our homes and parks in good shape, to making sure our 3rd graders read at a 3rd grade level. This will allow us to move **Beyond the Basics** and excel in ways that make Delaware-Muncie more competitive than ever.



# TASK FORCES

MAP’s newest plan, approved by City and County government in January 2022, directs the work within four task forces:

## Neighborhoods ARP

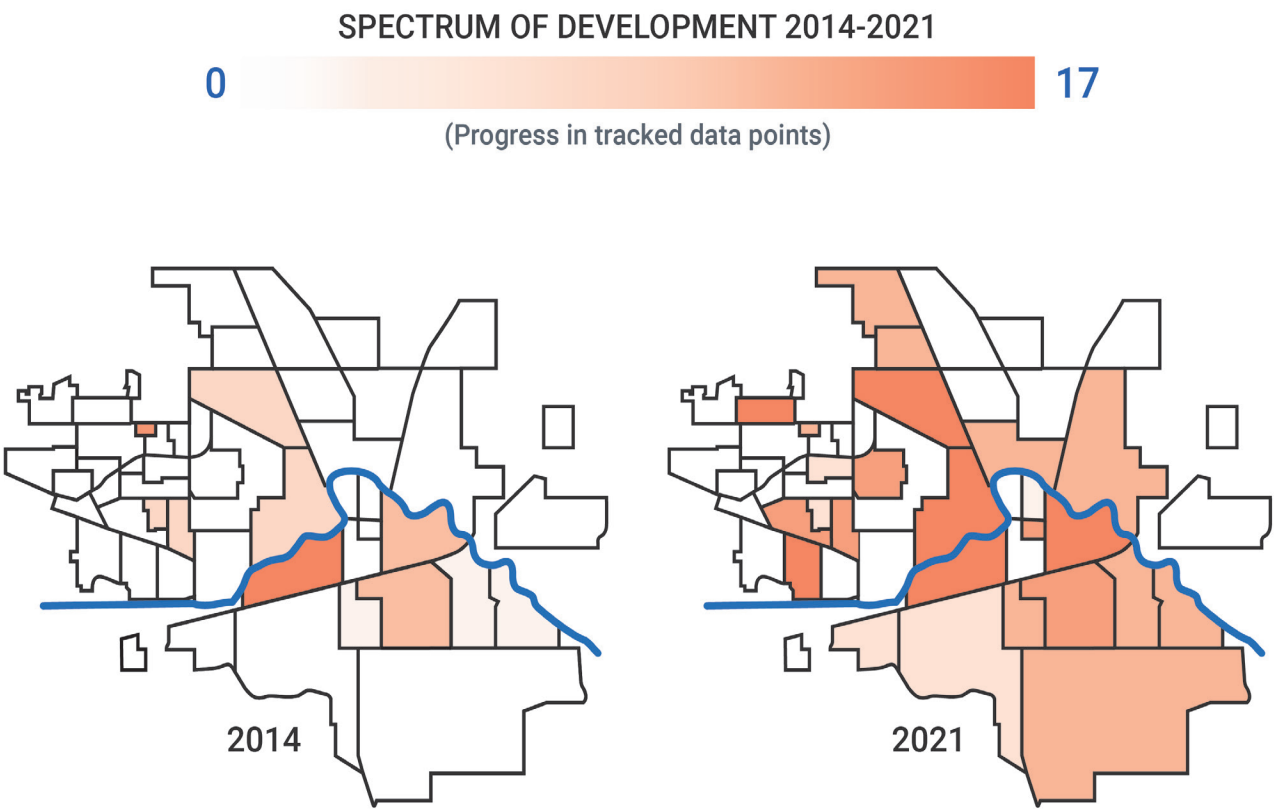
The City of Muncie allocated \$1,000,000 of its overall ARP funding to help offset the impact of COVID on the city’s neighborhoods. The Muncie Action Plan was selected as the 501c3 nonprofit to oversee the disbursal of those funds. MAP’s initial step was to convene a committee of residents and leaders from across the city to determine project eligibility and how best to allocate the funding equitably.

- 1 TogetherDM coalition**  
Connecting with the initiatives identified in the Muncie-Delaware comprehensive plan
- 2 Downtown Muncie**  
Make Walnut Street exceptional & connect downtown to community assets
- 3 City neighborhoods**  
Nurture healthy blocks for healthy neighborhoods
- 4 Parks & connective corridors**  
Connect high-quality public spaces

# ALLOCATION

NEIGHBORHOOD	2022 APR ALLOCATION
Anthony Northside	\$60,385.96
East Central	\$38,856.02
Gatewood	\$21,550.97
Gilbert	\$29,963.65
Halteman + Norwood	\$43,473.08
Industry	\$46,238.55
Kenmore	\$23,374.55
Lantern Pearwood Keller	\$26,619.72
Ludingwood	\$28,178.59
McKinley	\$34,257.87
Meadow Park	\$26,365.82
Minnetrista	\$31,590.43
Morningside	\$27,168.76
Old West End	\$43,767.91
Riverside-Normal City	\$84,700.28
South Central	\$38,512.87
Southeast + Blaine	\$52,983.82
Southside	\$109,681.29
Sunset Knoll + Johnson Woods	\$20,737.23
Thomas Park-Avondale	\$64,856.66
Westbrier	\$24,296.14
Western Woods	\$27,345.23
Westminster Villas	\$19,992.11
Westridge	\$29,247.24
Westside	\$45,856.19

Funding is allocated based on need (per HUD’s low- to moderate-income guidelines) and population (per U.S. Census data).



# PROCESS...

- 1
- Intent to Organize & Intent to Apply to determine allocation schedule**

  - **Intent to Organize**  
Intended for Neighborhood Associations not already organized to help determine the steps necessary to make sure the Neighborhood Association is eligible for ARP Funds.
  - **Intent to Apply**  
Intended for already organized Neighborhood Associations to help determine the final allocation schedule for all neighborhoods.

- 2
- Pre-Application to ensure neighborhood association eligibility**

- 3
- Full Applications submitted to MAP neighborhoods coordinator**

## ELIGIBILITY

The City of Muncie's American Rescue Plan includes \$1,000,000 to be appropriated to eligible neighborhood associations to use in response to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These funds can be used for a wide range of projects that support the mental and physical health of neighborhood residents. Wondering if your project is eligible and don't see it on the list below? Contact Mo Orbin at [mlorbin15@gmail.com](mailto:mlorbin15@gmail.com)

### Eligible Use Examples

#### BEAUTIFICATION/BLIGHT REMOVAL

- Purchase a building/house to demolish it
- Adopt-a-Lot program
- Gardening equipment/storage of equipment
- Exterior home improvements
- Tree plantings & upkeep
- Community Garden

#### UTILITY & BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

#### DIRECT PAYMENTS TO NEIGHBORS

- 4
- MAP Task Force 2 reviews full applications for project eligibility and community engagement compliance and makes a recommendation to the MAP Board**
- 5
- MAP Board votes**
- 6
- MAP notifies neighborhood association and signs ARP Funding Agreement**
- 7
- MAP notifies the City of Muncie to disburse funds to the neighborhood association**

#### PARKS

*(Coordination with the Muncie Parks Department is required)*

- Adding features to already created parks
- Updating existing parks
- Creating new parks

#### PUBLIC ART & MURALS

*(In partnership and coordination with Muncie Arts & Culture Council)*

- Purchase supplies
- Hire artisans for design, fabrication, and installation

#### IDEAS REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH THE CITY

- Streetlights
- Flashing speed limit signs
- Bus shelters

### Ineligible Use Examples

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sidewalks *(installation, repair, upkeep)*

#### MARKETING

- T-shirts, print materials, temporary yard signs

## TIMELINE

2022

- **NOVEMBER 11** ARP Committee meetings
- **DECEMBER 9** ARP Committee meetings

2023

- **MARCH 1** Intent to Apply/Intent to Organize
- **APRIL 15** Neighborhoods meet with MAP
- **MAY 1** Pre-Application
- **END OF 2023** Application must be approved by MAP Board of Directors or funds will be re-allocated

2024

- **END OF 2024** All Neighborhood ARP funding must be allocated

2026

- **END OF 2026** All Neighborhood ARP funding must be spent

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