

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE REVITALIZATION PLAN

1. Introduction

The South End Neighborhood, extending from the Wethersfield town border to the edge of Hartford's downtown, remains one of the most stable residential and commercial districts. The area is a distinctive mix of single family homes, two-to-six story multi-family residences, restaurants, independent retailers, automotive-oriented commercial establishments and various industrial uses. Its position in close proximity to major highways, the Hartford Downtown and suburban areas is well suited to retain property owners and attract external economic benefit.

In an effort to retain and improve the neighborhood's quality of life, the South End NRZ (Neighborhood Revitalization Zone) Committee has prepared a report to address particular issues. The Committee asked BFJ, Inc. to supplement the draft report prepared by Urban Strategies entitled "Principal Directions for South NRZ Revitalization Plan". This report focuses on specific issues that the NRZ Committee, in partnership with the City, can address.

The Principal Directions for South NRZ Revitalization Plan contained a number of strategies to strengthen the neighborhood. A summary of the report is supplied within this document. We have used a number of images from the Plan to highlight specific issues. We credit Urban Strategies for preparing the document and appreciate the use of the information.

The process to determine the priority issues began with a review of the existing accomplishments of the Committee. A workshop to revisit the issues determined previously was conducted on October 3, 2000.

