

## About Des Moines' Neighborhood Revitalization Program

The Revitalize Des Moines MindMixer site is an input tool for the City of Des Moines' Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The Program is a public/private partnership to stabilize and enhance Des Moines' neighborhoods. Residents and stakeholders from selected neighborhoods work with City staff to create and implement a Neighborhood Plan. The plans identify goals, strategies and action steps for improving the quality of life in a neighborhood. Most plans focus on physical improvements to housing, parks, trails and open space, infrastructure, and commercial areas. Some look at other issues like crime and safety or neighborhood engagement. Participation in the program also provides access to lending through the Neighborhood Finance Corporation.

Beginning in 2012, eight neighborhoods are actively participating in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program: Gray's Lake, Lower Beaver, Martin Luther King Jr. Park, River Bend, Beaverdale, Woodland Heights, Capitol East, and Capitol Park (a map is included in this document). While this site is primarily intended to gather input for these eight neighborhood plans, the "All Neighborhoods" category asks for your ideas on improving Des Moines' neighborhoods in general. Anyone who has ideas about how to make our neighborhoods better is invited to participate in the conversation.

### How can my neighborhood participate in the program?

Neighborhood associations apply for the Revitalization Program through a competitive application process. This round's selection was determined based on the types of issues and opportunities identified by the neighborhood, the availability of resources to meet those needs, the level of support demonstrated by members of the neighborhood, and the willingness of the neighborhood association to take on a leadership role.

For the first time, Charter neighborhoods were also invited to apply in 2011 under a pilot program. A Charter neighborhood has already completed and implemented a plan; however, many of these plans are now 15-20 years old. The five Charter neighborhoods -- River Bend, Beaverdale, Woodland Heights, Capitol East, and Capitol Park -- will be updating their original plan with new goals for the future. These neighborhoods will work with City staff as well as graduate students in planning from Iowa State University. River Bend is taking on a special, neighborhood-led planning process.

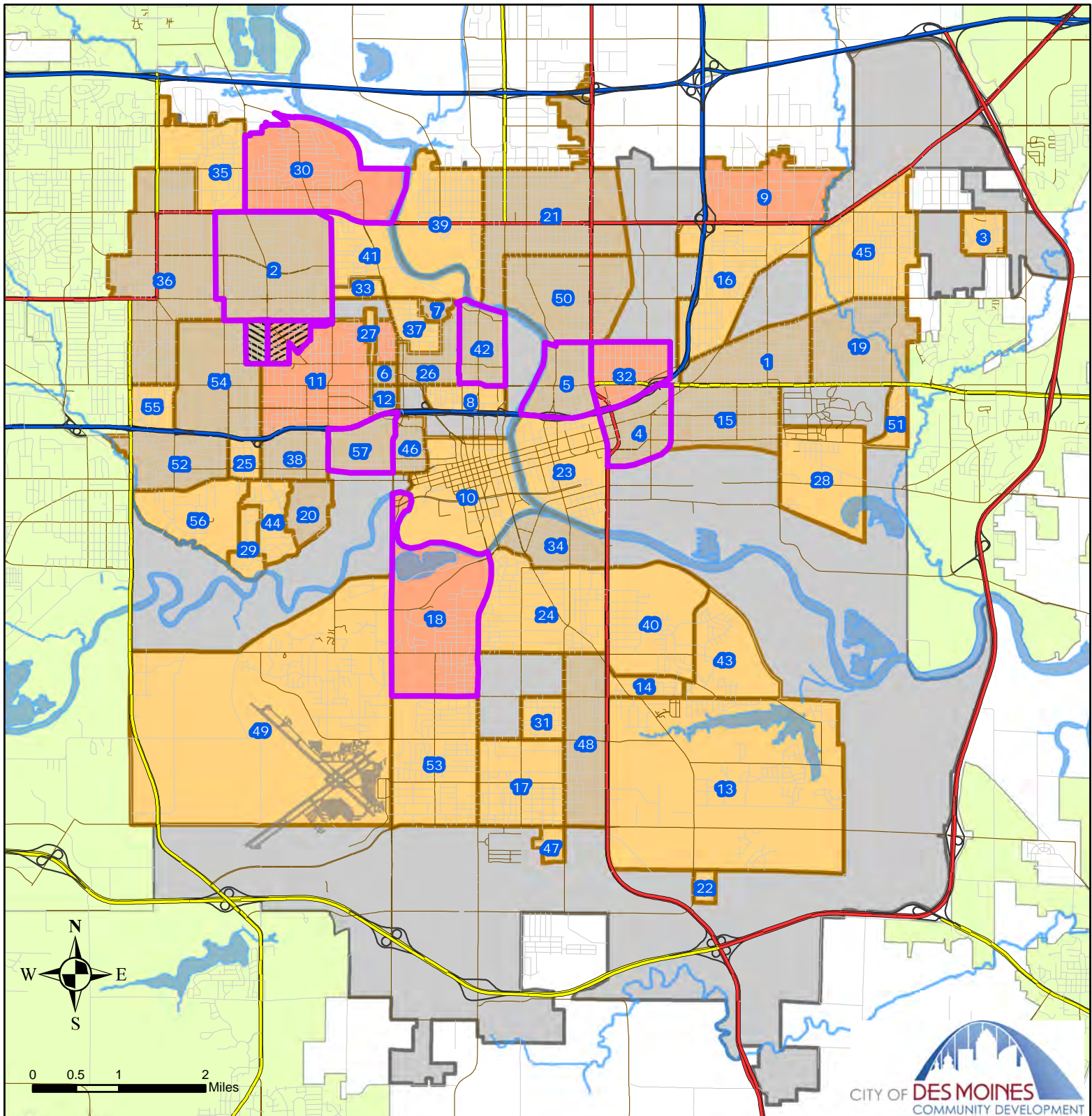
The next round of applications for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program is expected to open sometime in 2014.

### Project Timeline

Here are the approximate dates we expect to open the Revitalize Des Moines conversation for each neighborhood, based on when planning work is expected to begin:

Neighborhood	Plan Kickoff Date	MindMixer Opening Date
River Bend	February 2012	February 2012
Lower Beaver	January 2012	February 2012
Gray's Lake	March 2012	February 2012
Beaverdale (Charter)	August 2012	Mid-May 2012
Woodland Heights (Charter)	August 2012	Mid-May 2012
Martin Luther King Jr. Park	Sept/Oct 2012	August 2012
Capitol East (Charter)	August 2013	Mid-May 2013
Capitol Park (Charter)	August 2013	Mid-May 2013

# Des Moines Neighborhoods



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## Neighborhoods

- Upcoming Plans
- Chartered
- Designated
- Recognized
- Shared Beaverdale/Drake
- Shared Beaverdale/Waveland Park

1 ACCENT	13 Easter Lake Area	25 Ingersoll Park	36 Merle Hay	47 Somerset
2 Beaverdale	14 Ewing Woods - Evergreen	26 King Irving	37 Mondamin Presidential	48 South Park
3 Brook Run	15 Fairground	27 Kirkwood Glen	38 North of Grand	49 Southwestern Hills
4 Capitol East	16 Fairmont Park	28 Laurel Hill	39 Oak Park	50 Union Park
5 Capitol Park	17 Fort Des Moines	29 Linden Heights	40 Pioneer Park	51 Valley High Manor
6 Carpenter	18 Grays Lake	30 Lower Beaver	41 Prospect Park	52 Waterbury
7 Chautauqua Park	19 Grays Woods	31 Magnolia Park	42 River Bend	53 Watrous South
8 Cheatom Park	20 Greenwood Historic	32 Martin Luther King Jr. Park	43 River Woods	54 Waveland Park
9 Douglas Acres	21 Highland Park	33 Martin-Hickman	44 Salisbury Oaks	55 Waveland Woods
10 Downtown Des Moines	22 Hillsboro	34 McKinley/Columbus Park	45 Sheridan Gardens	56 Westwood
11 Drake	23 Historic East Village	35 Meredith	46 Sherman Hill	57 Woodland Heights
12 Drake Park	24 Indianola Hills			