HEART OF KENSINGTON
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
A FRAMEWORK FOR TRAUMA INFORMED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
STUDY AREA

360 acres
167 city blocks
KENSINGTON is the center of Philadelphia’s DRUG TRADE.
44% of the population over 25 does not have a high school degree - and only 3% of the population has a bachelor’s degree.
23 ACRES OF VACANT PROPERTIES
17 ACRES OF VACANT BUILDINGS

14% OF TOTAL AREA IS VACANT

VACANCY

SOURCE: INTERFACE STUDIO FIELD SURVEY 2016, OPEN DATA PHILLY

BY PARCEL AREA

42%
54%
2%
2%

STUDY AREA BOUNDARY
VACANT BUILDING
VACANT LAND
MAINTAINED VACANT LAND
PRIVATE SIDE YARD
HOMICIDES

2006-16

There have been 128 homicides in the Study Area since 2006 and 24 homicides since 2015.

In 2015, there were 38 homicides in this map extent, which accounted for about 12% of all the homicides in the CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.
What can change?

“_________ grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

-Karl Paul Reinhold Niebuhr
TRAUMA INFORMED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HOW WHAT
Trauma Informed Care

“Trauma-informed care is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives.”

(http://www.samhsa.gov/nctic/)
Physiology of Trauma: Survival
“The fight or flight system”
Trauma-organized individuals + systems:

- Loss of basic safety/trust
- Loss of emotional management
- Problems with cognition
- Communication problems
- Problems with authority
- Confused sense of justice
- Inability to grieve and anticipate future

Trauma-informed responses:

Create Safety
Emotional Management
Use Wise Mind
Clear Communication
Leadership
Managing Judgment
Grieving and imagination
VISION
An overarching aspirational statement that synthesizes the community’s hopes for the neighborhood and describes the desired future outcomes.

GOALS
Statements designed to help achieve the vision and provide a framework for organizing strategies.

STRATEGIES
Specific actions taken to fulfill the goals and make the vision become a reality.

TACTICS
The where, when and how to accomplish each strategy.
Pillars of a Healthy Community

- Public Health & Safety
- Education
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Community
FOCUS ON INTERCONNECTION

HEALTH

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION

SOCIAL COHESION
Testing Mechanisms of Change

Resilience (Re) ↔ Collective Efficacy (CoE)

Social Cohesion (SC)

Trust (Tr)
FOCUS ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

- Address CHALLENGES
- Build on STRENGTHS
- Opportunities for COLLABORATION
KEY FEATURES

- HOPE PARK
- PUBLIC OWNED VACANT LOT
- GURNEY STREET
- DRUG CORNERS
- OLD MILL BUILDINGS
- A & INDIANA BUILDING