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**St. Clair County  
Health Care Commission**

# + HEALTH SUMMIT 2019

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

# **Community Safety Work Group**

## ***Together, We Can! One Community's Journey Toward Reducing Crime & Violence***

### **Session Objectives**

#### **FACILITATORS:**

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East Side Aligned

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Washington Park, IL

- Learn key principles and tactics for engaging residents and other community stakeholders in developing a community-based crime reduction plan for their neighborhoods.
- Learn how local churches and companies are working together to implement the Brighten the Block program and how it can be replicated in other neighborhoods.

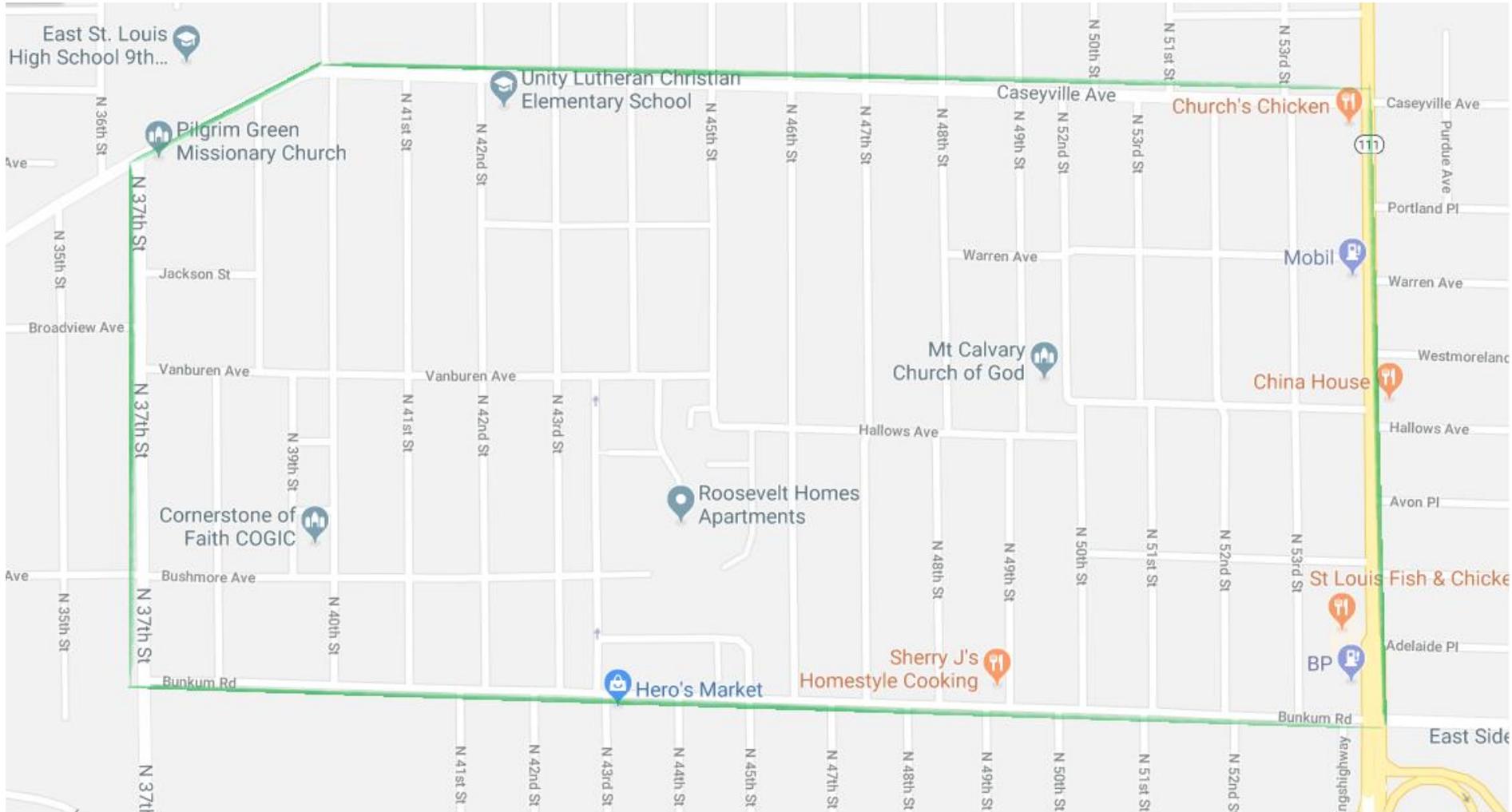
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# Community-Based Crime Reduction (CBCR)



United Way of Greater St. Louis, as backbone to East Side Aligned, was awarded a 3-year, \$1 million CBRC grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to reduce crime and violence in the Lansdowne/Washington Park area.

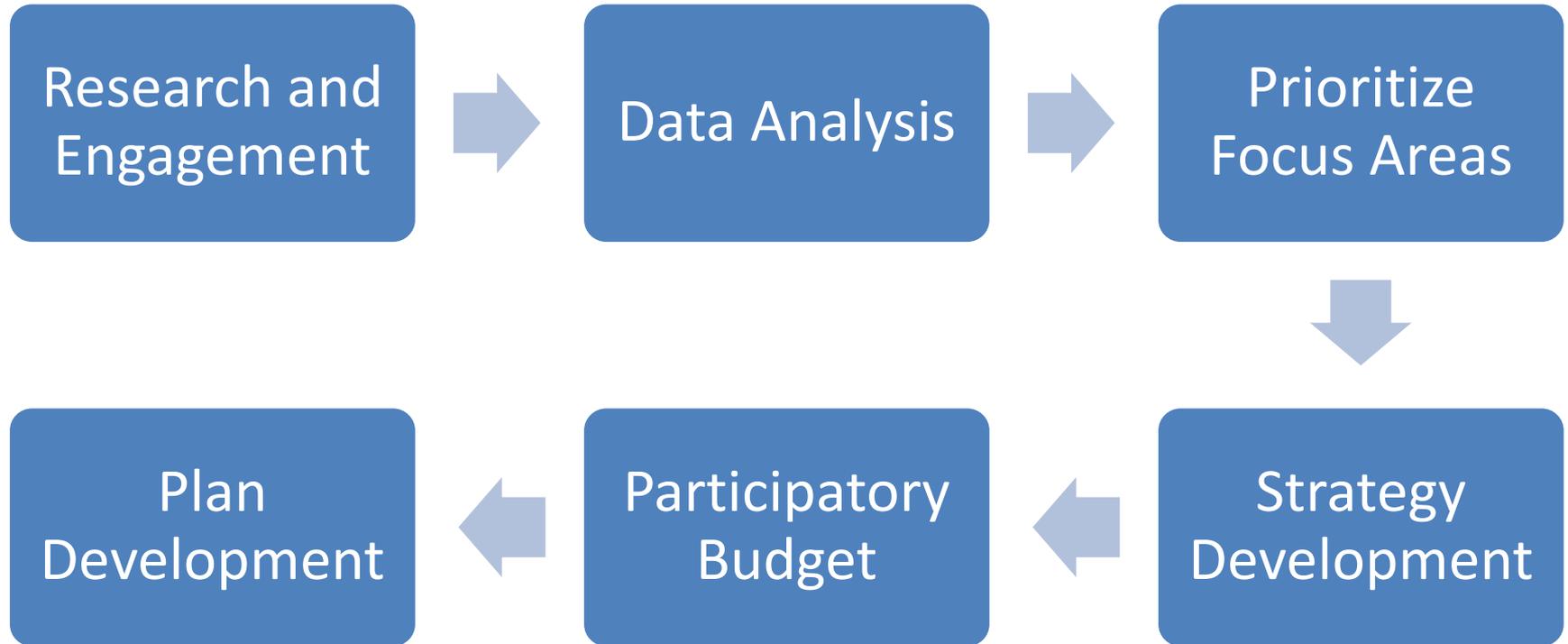
# CBCR Footprint



Healthier Together – 25 by 2025

A Collective Impact Approach

# Community Planning Process



# Research and Relationship Building

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Community Surveys
- Data Collection



# Research and Relationship Building

## Community Surveys and Findings



- 40 questions about crime and safety, police-community relations, resources, etc.
- 321 surveys were completed
- Community Mapping:
  - 27 questions on property use and conditions
  - 1,543 properties surveyed and mapped

# Research and Relationship Building

## Findings

*What is your top safety related concern?*

Responses	Number
Guns, shootings, etc.	45
Lack of police presence and protection	34
Kids' safety	28
Inadequate lighting	11
Gangs	8
Overgrowth (weeds, trees, shrubs, etc.) and trash	7
Drugs	6
Loitering	5
Outsiders coming into community	3
Lack of jobs	3

## Findings

*Are there places in your neighborhood you avoid because of safety concerns?*

Responses	Number
Corner stores	93
— Orange Store	53
— Royal Land	11
The entire neighborhood	21
Roosevelts (in general, basketball court, etc.)	20
Other local businesses (gas stations, restaurants, etc.)	13
Abandoned houses, vacant streets, etc.	8
“Back streets” on and around Caseyville Ave.	6
Parks, playgrounds, etc.	4
“Front streets” on and around Bunkum Rd.	3

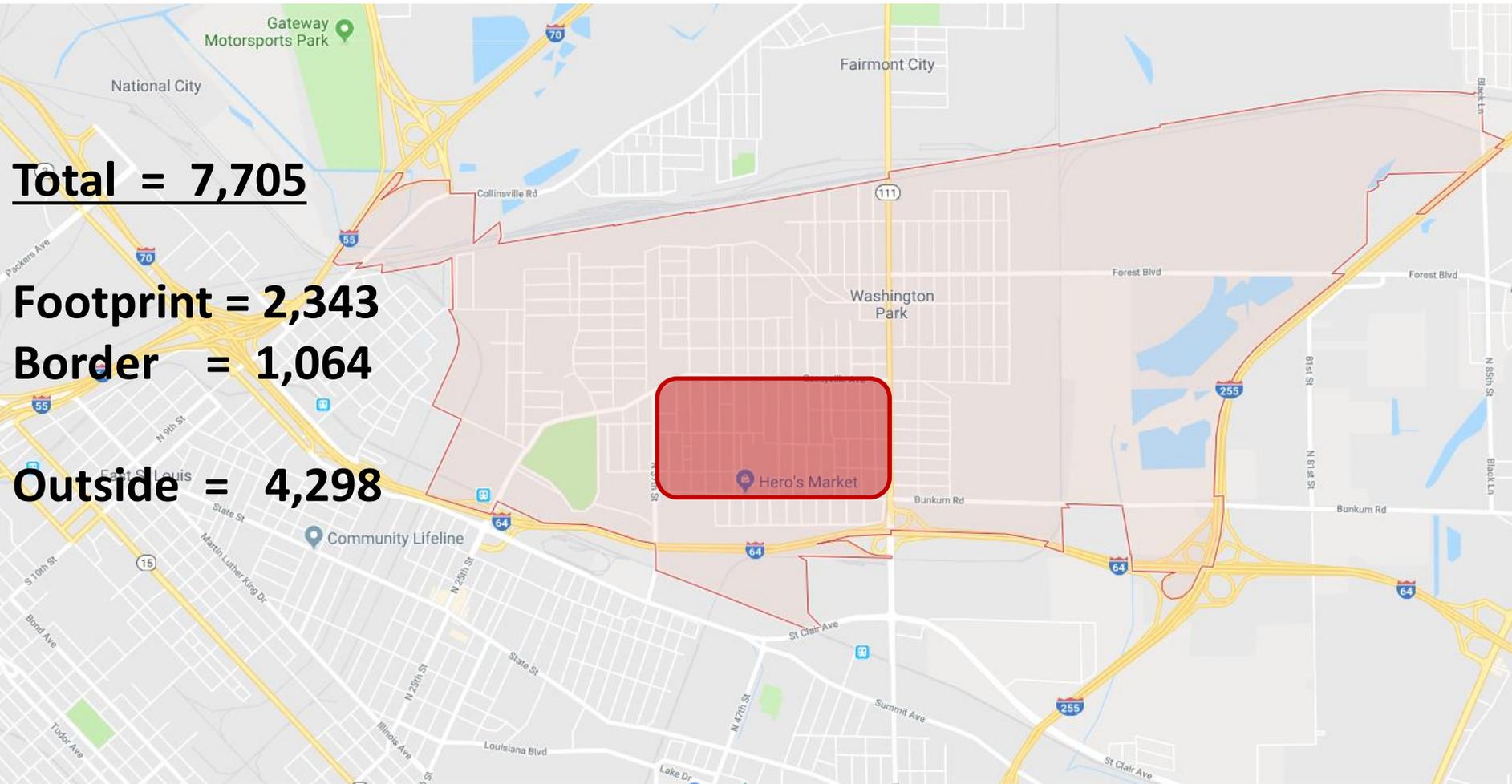
# Research and Relationship Building

## Findings

*What would you like to see done to improve the neighborhood?*

Responses	Number
More police/security patrols, police substation in 'Velts, etc.	86
Clean up neighborhood, maintain trees and shrubs, etc.	45
Programs for kids	17
Demolish abandoned structures	15
Better/more lighting	10
More and safer parks, playgrounds, etc.	10
More jobs	9
Build new homes, businesses, etc.	8
Strengthen community, improve neighborly relations, etc.	7
Address loitering	7

## Call For Service (CFS) Data



# Research and Relationship Building

## CFS Data

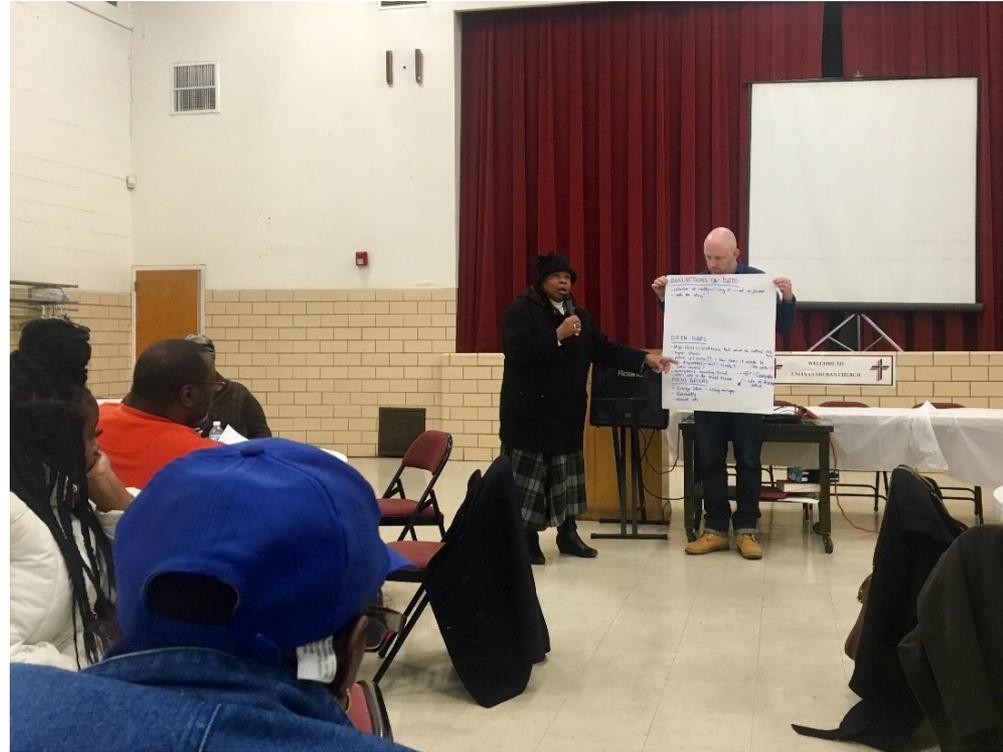
	<u>OUTSIDE</u>	<u>CBCR</u> <u>Foot Print</u>	<u>Total</u>
Call for Service	2426	1753	4179
Medical/Fire	745	516	1261
Traffic Stop	611	708	1319
911 (Open)	516	430	946
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4298</b>	<b>3407</b>	<b>7705</b>

## CFS Data



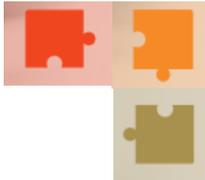
# Data Analysis

- Dived deeper into data
- Identified gaps in data
- Began prioritizing focus areas



# Prioritize Focus Areas

- Solidified focus areas
- Listed key issues to be addressed



# Prioritize Focus Areas

1. Hero's Market (The Orange Store)
2. Violent activity in the Roosevelt's
3. Resident engagement, leadership and capacity building
  4. Law enforcement quality
  5. Physical conditions



# Strategy Development

- Reviewed strategies from other cities
- Learned what is and isn't working
- Prioritized plans we want to see in the neighborhood



# Participatory Budgeting

- Reviewed starter budget
- Agreed on allocation amounts



# Piecing It All Together

## **CULTIVATE RESIDENT POWER**

Equip residents with knowledge, skills and tools to exercise their leadership and power in addressing neighborhood crime and violence

## **INTERRUPT AND DETER VIOLENCE**

Increase the capacity of community members and law enforcement to effectively intervene at the first sign of risk and when violence occurs

## **INVEST IN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Provide positive youth development programs and opportunities to prevent violence and help young people thrive

## **IMPROVE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Advance policies, practices and projects to improve neighborhood safety and spur economic development

# Key Takeaways

- Uplift, honor and invest in resident voice and leadership
- Use data to inform strategies
- Find the nexus between various stakeholders' needs/interests
- Be transparent
- Communicate, communicate, communicate

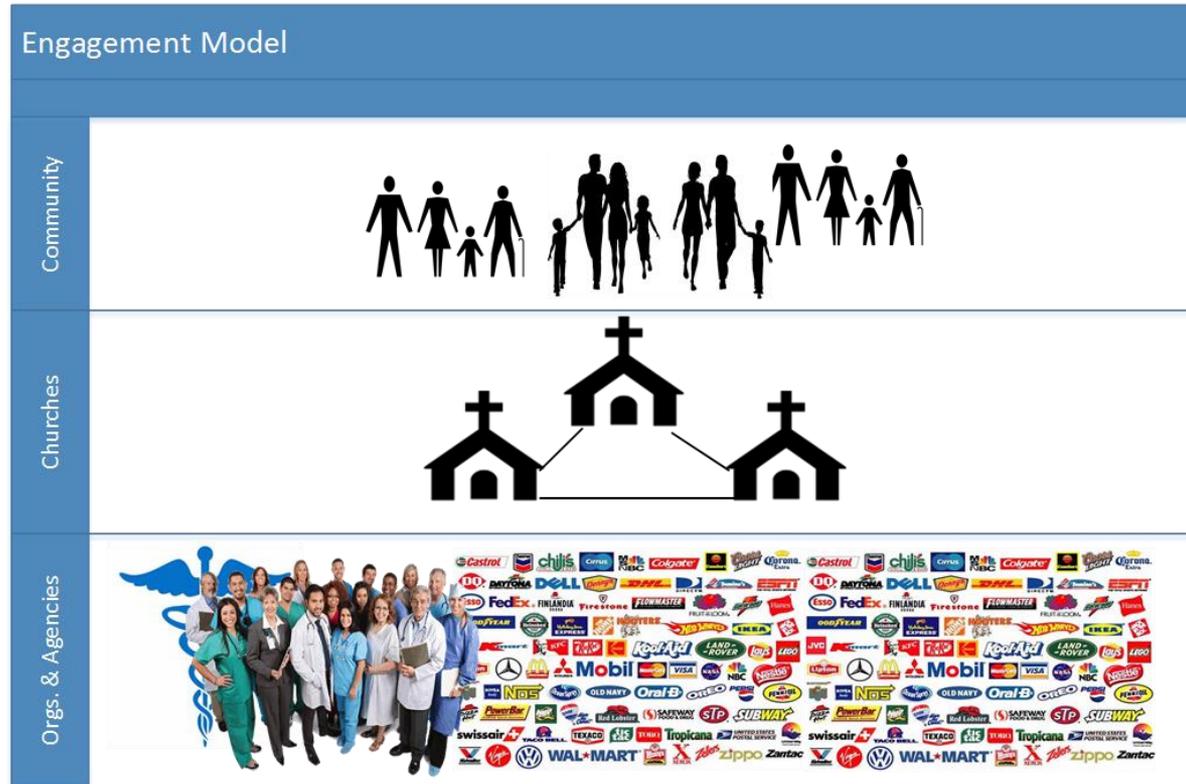
## Churches & Organizations Connecting

- Building Relationships
- Meaningful Dialog
  - *Needs, challenges, opportunities*
- Strategic Planning
- Resource Sharing & Collaboration
- Establishing Partnerships
- Increasing velocity & agility

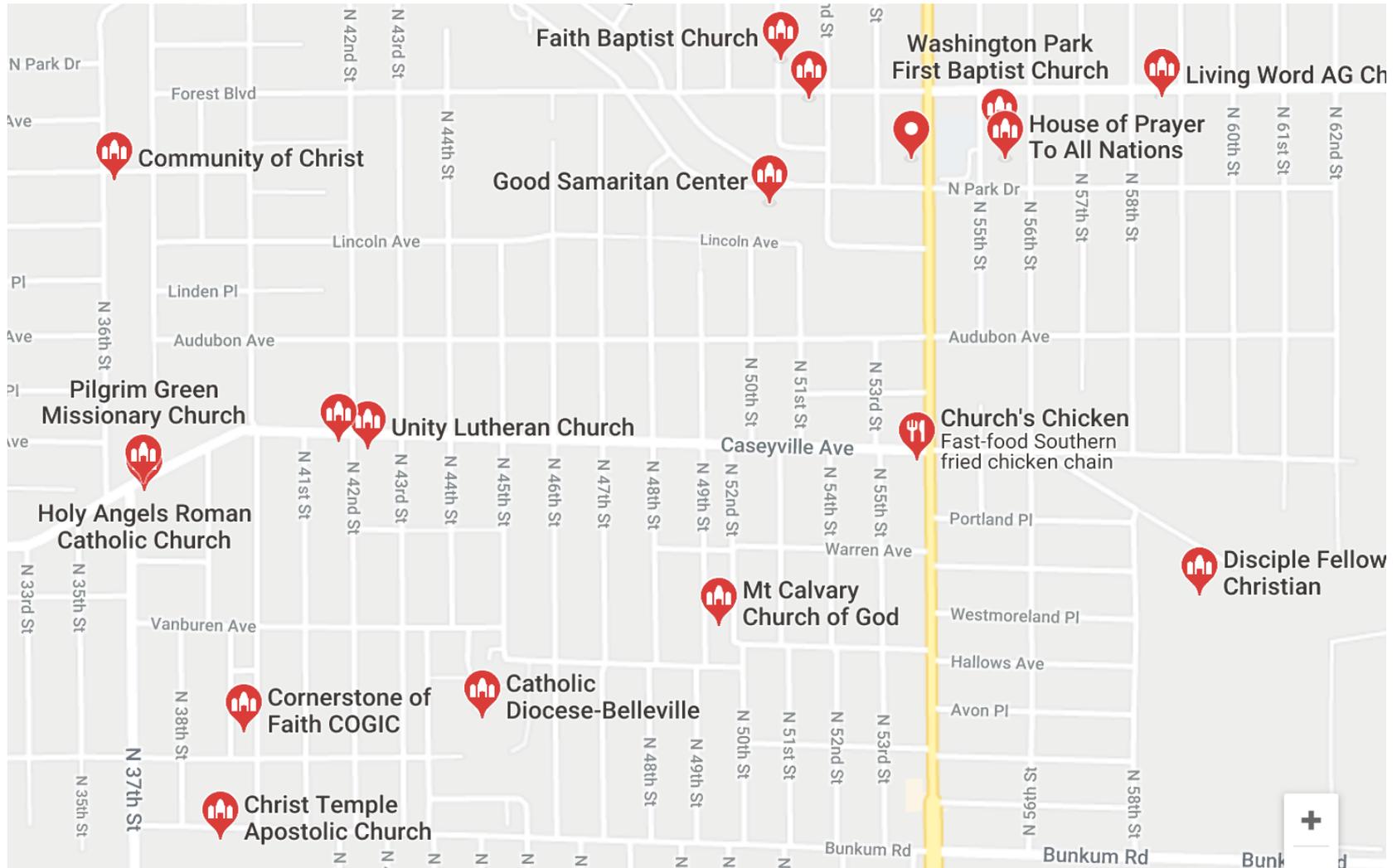


# Engagement Model

- Churches as focal points for Community and Agency interaction
- Resource centers for volunteerism
- The distribution & dissemination of resources & information
- The identification of needs and viable solutions



# Church Demographics





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