4.9 STRATEGIC ACTION COMMITTEE AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Short Term 0-5 Years

Strategic Action Committee

One of the most important recommendations of this plan is the formation of a strategic action committee to guide the overall implementation of this plan. This group should be established immediately upon adoption of this plan with the authority and oversight of the City to proactively participate in Latonia’s rejuvenation efforts. This committee is challenged with the promotion, direction, and management of the redevelopment of the Latonia neighborhood. Ideally this group will be made up of representatives from business within the area, churches, schools, civic leaders, residents and others who have an interest in seeing Latonia work towards the future. Initial responsibility of this group should be to understand and embrace this document as a guide to achieving the desired vision of the community and to begin making connections and seeking opportunities for implementation measures based on their own examination and prioritization of the recommendations made within this plan. A model for implementing and supporting this committee exists in the Linden Gateway Oversight Committee that was established to guide implementation of the recommendations of the Linden Gateway Small Area Study. The Center for Great Neighborhoods could provide staff support in terms of organizing meetings and providing general guidance to help sustain the Strategic Action Committee.

This committee should work to coordinate with the neighborhood associations, the city, and other responsible parties to implement the recommendations of this plan. NKPAC and other agencies such as the Kenton County Conservation District, Sanitation District Number One, the Northern Kentucky Area Development District, the Kenton County Extension Office, and others may be contacted for further assistance or may offer grant opportunities that may assist in the implementation of these projects.

Mid Term 5-12 Years

Neighborhood Associations

Currently, two neighborhood associations exist within Latonia and represent parts of the community as depicted in Map 4.9.4 on the next page. This study recommends that additional associations be formed to cover the entire area as issues present themselves. New neighborhood associations could start as part of an existing association, with the assumption that the existing association will act as a mentor until the appropriate time for the new group to separate into its own association. This process can help establish new associations and better insure their survival. With all areas and residents represented by neighborhood associations, pertinent issues will come to light more quickly allowing the city to provide better services to the residents of Latonia.
Map 4.9.1: Neighborhood Associations