

At one time or another, the City has supported capital investments and/or a portion of the operating costs of these centers and gardens as a way to encourage activities, which strengthen the fabric of our neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Centers

Atwood Community Center
 Bayview
 Boys and Girls Club of Dane County/Allied Site
 Boys and Girls Club of Dane County/Taft Site
 East Madison Community Center
 Kennedy Heights Community Center
 Neighborhood House Community Center
 Northport Community Learning Center
 Packer Apartments Community Learning Center
 Vera Court Neighborhood Center/Vera Court Site
 Vera Court Neighborhood Center/Bridge-Lakepoint-Waunona Site
 Warner Park Community & Recreation Center
 Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center
 Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center



Community Gardens

(contact Community Action Coalition, 246-4730)

Badger Road
 Baird Street
 Bridge/Lakepoint
 Gammon Road
 Nygard Street
 Old Sauk Road
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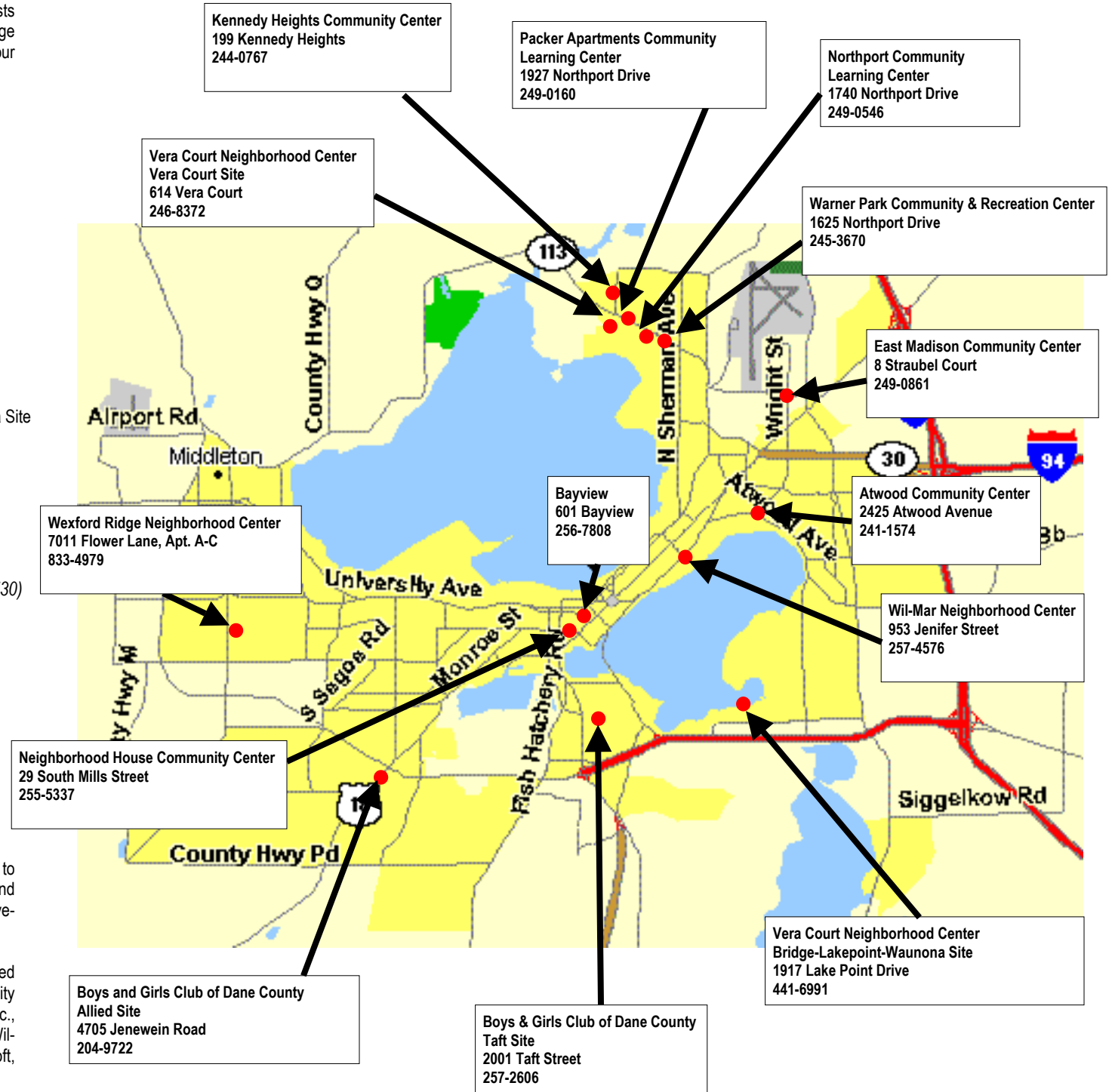
Reynolds
 Rimrock Road
 Sheboygan Avenue
 St. Paul Avenue
 Troy Drive
 Truax



Acquisition/Rehab Fund for Facilities

The City also administers a revolving fund to assist non-profit agencies serving Madison residents. The fund provides help for acquisition of property, accessibility improvements or renovation for code and energy improvements.

The City has assisted such groups as Community Coordinated Child Care, Second Harvest Foodbank, Atwood Community Center, Youth Center, Rainbow Project, Family Centers, Inc., Operation Fresh Start, Red Caboose, Boys and Girls Club, Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, the Eastside Alano Club, Teen Loft, and Yahara House.



OBJECTIVES RELATED TO SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Based upon its Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the CDBG program has established two objectives related to community-focused services and facilities.



One of these objectives involves services to lower income populations:

- Create, enhance or sustain the operation of neighborhood centers and community gardens that bring people of diverse backgrounds together.

One of these objectives involves capital investments in real estate used by agencies to offer services to lower income people:

- Improve or create safe, accessible and well-maintained environments for the delivery of human and recreational services.

The development, maintenance and improvement of community-focused services in Madison involves the work of many private, non-profit organizations, several other City agencies, and several other community or public funders. The CDBG Office works closely with the Office of Community Services and the Senior Center to help improve the quality of City support for such services. The CDBG Office works with such groups as United Way and Community Shares of Wisconsin to help coordinate support for operations of many groups, and with the Capital Campaign Committee, the Madison Community Foundation and the Dane Fund to coordinate capital support for facilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The City of Madison, working with its community and funder partners over the 1994-2003 decade, has been able to help produce these results:

- Almost 12,000 hours of programming for over 20,000 people in neighborhood centers per year;
- 400 gardeners raising food in community gardens each year;
- The acquisition of buildings for Community Coordinated Child Care, Second Harvest Foodbank, Atwood Youth Center, Rainbow Project, Dane County Parent Council (Head Start), Family Centers Inc., Madison Community Health Center, and others;
- Accessibility, code or other improvements for such agencies as Operation Fresh Start, Red Caboose, Boys and Girls Club, Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, the Eastside Alano Club, and Yahara House; and
- The construction of such facilities as the Warner Park Community and Recreation Center, and the East Madison Community Center addition.



In 1974, the Federal Government created the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Its purpose is to help cities and states meet the needs of their low and moderate-income residents by providing better housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities. Since that time, the City (through its CDBG Office and other units within the Department of Planning and Development) has worked with community organizations and their business partners to use additional funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and others, including the State Division of Housing and local Madison funds, to broaden the base of activities and better address those original objectives.

ONGOING OFFICE OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of the City of Madison. Community development funding actively supports the efforts of community-based, non-profit agencies to:

- Improve Madison's existing housing;
- Stimulate economic development;
- Expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services;
- Empower and revitalize Madison target area neighborhoods; and
- Improve access of lower income people to housing information and non-monetary resources.

For more information about any of the individual projects, call the individual agency. For more information about the City's investments in community-focused activities, contact the CDBG Office at:

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COMMUNITY- FOCUSED SERVICES: Centers, Gardens, and Other Community-Based Services

CITY OF MADISON Department of Planning and Development

*In partnership with the
Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD),
City of Madison Community Development Authority,
City of Madison Equal Opportunities Commission,
Dane County Human Services Department,
United Way of Dane County,
and many other business and community groups.*

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Mayor of Madison

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