



ACCOMPLISHMENTS
HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

SAN ANTONIO

EASTPOINT

SPECIAL THANKS



United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County

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SAN ANTONIO FOR GROWTH ON THE EASTSIDE



UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Eastside Developer Open House
- Eastside Education & Training Center (EETC) Opening
- 2016 Neighborhood Leadership Academy
- Living Stories of the Eastside: Part II
- 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March
- Gift of Hope Food Distribution
- Luminaria: Downtown East
- Fiesta Kid Fest at Dignowity & Lockwood Parks
- EastPoint Back to School Kick Off
- Ready, Set, Work! Job Fair



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By 2025, EastPoint will be a vibrant community, rich in diversity and opportunity, catalyzing progress throughout the Eastside.

IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFETY (3 CS')

Crime – **Violent crime** in the EastPoint footprint decreased by 6.0% compared to 3.7% increase citywide, **property crime** decreased by 13.3%, Oct. 1, 2014 to Dec. 2015. **Proactive policing**, such as drug arrest, prostitution and liquor law violation increased by 47.1%.

Canine – Between Oct. 1, 2014 to Dec. 2015, Animal Care Services responded to 2,640 calls, resulting in a 20% increase in the number of **animals impounded**, and 125% increase in **citations issued**. The total number of **dogs returned to owners** increased by 375%, the number of **pets micro-chipped** increased by 500% from 42 to 266, and the number of **pets spayed and neutered** increased to 302 in 2015 versus 0 in 2014.

Code Enforcement – 5,732 cases were responded to by inspectors and of those cases, 5,113 were proactive and 619 were reactive (citizen calls). Due to **sustained/proactive** code enforcement activities, the number of **dangerous properties** cleaned and/or secured decreased by 6.0%, the number of **overgrown vacant lots** cleaned decreased by 5.0%, and the number of **graffiti cases** resolved increased by 39%.

VIOLENT CRIME DECREASED
BETWEEN OCT. 1, 2014 — DEC. 2015

6%

EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

4-year graduation rate at Sam Houston High School was at 81% in 2015 compared to 45% in 2009. At the same time, the **dropout rate** declined from 35% to 14.6%. San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and Eastside Promise Neighborhood (EPN) launched **STEM Fridays** in all 6 EPN targeted schools, and this initiative is now being replicated to other sections of the school district.

Percent of **3-year olds** who demonstrated **age-appropriate learning** (Frog Street Press) increased from 54% in 2013 to 94% in 2015. At the same time, percent of children who are **kinder-ready** in the targeted EPN schools increased to 41% compared to 31% three years ago.

Percent of students **enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college** after graduation rose from 41% in 2013 to 44% in 2015. At the same time, percent of Eastside **residents attending St. Philip's College** increased from 1% in 2010 to nearly 10% in 2015. Enrollment at the **Early College High School** at St. Philip's College increased by .73% from .104 in 2014 to .180 students in 2015.

More than 350 4-year olds are enrolled in the **Pre-K 4 SA** program at the Eastside Education Center.

SAISD successfully converted Wheatley Middle School into a **full-service community school** to provide after school programs and services to youth, adults and families.

IDEA Public Schools opened a new **K-12 charter school** with a second high school scheduled to open fall 2015.

SAM HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL
4 YR GRAD. RATE
IN 2015 COMPARED TO 45% IN 2009

81%

PROMOTED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY & LEVERAGED PRIVATE CAPITAL

San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE) invested in 3 new businesses thru the **Equity Fund** which will result in more than **40 new jobs**. Moreover, SAGE closed 1 business loan through the **Grow Eastside Fund**, and provided 11 **Store-Front Grants**, increasing the total number of grants issued to 59. SAGE is also completing an **economic development strategic plan** to identify development opportunities on the Eastside.

21 new businesses opened in the EastPoint footprint since 2014 including Dignowity Meats, Tony G's, Medwheels, Smoke Restaurant, and Alamo [Movie] Studios.

Provided city incentives to 11 residential and commercial development projects to leverage more than **\$100 million in private investments** to projects like Alamo Brewery, Cherry Modern Homes, Crockett St. Urban Lofts, and the Oscar Eason senior housing project.

Median sales price in the historic Dignowity Hill neighborhood has increased from \$55,100 to \$158,250.

SINCE 2014,
NEW BUSINESSES
HAVE OPENED IN THE EASTPOINT FOOTPRINT

21
TOTAL

PROMOTED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/JOB CREATION

149 residents received certificates in in-demand occupations through the **Promise Zone to Work Initiative** in the areas of certified nursing assistants, IT, construction, welding, manufacturing and others.

City of San Antonio, Alamo Community Colleges, SAISD and partners are working to open in 2016 a **one-stop education & training center** which will have job training classes, an adult high school, a childcare center, a truancy prevention center, a workforce center, and a food maker space.

1,300 jobs created and retained since 2012 using various City incentives. **Unemployment rate** declined to 11.0% versus 15% four years ago, and **poverty rate** declined to 31.2% versus over 35% 4-years ago.

250 job seekers and 30 employers attended a **Promise Zone job fair** in 2015, resulting in numerous interviews and conditional hires.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
VERSUS 15% FOUR YEARS AGO

11%

PROMOTED INFRASTRUCTURE/ STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Seven **2012 Bond capital improvement projects**, totaling \$30 million have been completed are under are construction.

Construction of the **\$9.2 million Menger Creek Drainage & Linear Park bond project** near East Meadows is underway. The project will remove 50 homes from the flood plain, replace 2 bridges, and provide hike & bike trails, picnic tables, playground equipment, covered basketball court, and lighting. The anticipated completion date is February 2017.

The City has begun \$2 million of targeted **neighborhood street improvements** in the Choice Neighborhood footprint to complement the planned infill housing development.

In addition, City completed nearly \$500,000 in **street maintenance** through the Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP), and an additional \$1.8 million has been budgeted for 2016.

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTPRINT

\$2
MILLION



LAUNCHED MY BROTHER'S KEEPER & CONNECT HOME INITIATIVES

San Antonio Mayor Ivy R. Taylor accepted the President's challenge and established **My Brother's Keeper San Antonio (MBKSA)** with a focus on closing the achievement gap for young men of color. A press conference was held March 7, 2016 at the Young Men's Leadership Academy to launch the MBK strategic plan. More than 200 community leaders attended the event. The Eastside (Sam Houston High School feeder partner) was selected as one of two pilot projects for MBK.

San Antonio was selected by the White House to be a **"ConnectHome"** City, aimed at connecting public housing residents to high speed internet. SAHA is working with the City, Google and Promise Zone partners to develop implementation strategies.

IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLNESS

Opened 3 **farmers' markets** since 2012 to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to area residents. In addition, Bexar County is working to acquire a 10-acre parcel from Union Pacific Railroad to develop an Urban Farm to be managed by the 4-H Extension Program.

Opened a **SPARK Park** at Wheatley Middle School to provide a local activity center for children and families.

Design began on a 25,000 sq. foot **University Health System Clinic** adjacent to the SAHA's Sutton Oaks apartment complex. (Construction tentatively scheduled for early 2017.)

San Antonio Fighting Back served more than 400 residents with **substance abuse** challenges, and more than 200 residents attended healthcare fairs and insurance workshops to sign up for insurance under the **Affordable Care Act**.

SAHA opened the **Resurgence Collaborative** at the Barbara Jordan Center to provide wrap-around services to ex-offenders & their families. More than 1500 individuals have been served since the facility opened in 2015.

IMPROVED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

SAHA began construction of the **\$108 million, 412-unit East Meadows** (formerly Wheatley Courts), the second phase of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI). Construction of the initial 215 units is 30% complete with temporary certificate of occupancy expected fall 2016. Construction of the 4,200 sq. foot **Bibliothek Electronic Library** is underway and expected to be completed in early 2017.

SAHA successfully **received low income housing tax credits** to begin building the 80-unit senior housing complex in fall 2016. SAHA will also begin demolition of 35 boarded-up houses on Walters Street this fall to construct the 117-unit final phase of East Meadows.

City and SAHA continue to assemble vacant lots for development of new **infill housing** in the neighborhoods surrounding East Meadows.

"Eastside Investor Summit" scheduled for June 2016 to encourage private developers to build infill housing in the EastPoint footprint.

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\$108 MILLION EAST MEADOWS
FORMERLY WHEATLEY COURTS

412
UNITS

PROMOTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

City launched the **Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA)**, a 4-month program aimed at informing Eastside neighborhood leaders how the city works and how they can be part of the solution to revitalize and sustain their neighborhoods. A total of **38 leaders graduated** from the inaugural class, representing 12 of the 16 neighborhood associations in the Promise Zone.

AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers continued to focus on building neighborhood capacity and community engagement, and continued to attend all 16 neighborhood association meetings on a monthly basis to identify city services needed by residents.

Awarded \$100,000 towards development of a **Neighborhood Sustainability Plan for EastPoint**. The aim of the plan is to evaluate the accomplishments, the collective impact model, and provide recommendations on how to sustain the program, and how to scale it up to other parts of the Promise Zone and the City. The planning process will begin fall 2016.

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