



City of High Point

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Meeting Agenda

Community Development Committee

Tyrone Johnson, Chair

Tim Andrew

Amanda Cook

Vickie M. McKiver

Mayor Cyril Jefferson (Alternate)

Mayor Pro Tempore Michael Holmes (Alternate)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Community Development Committee - Council Member Johnson, Chair

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

1. [2024-089](#) Consideration of the 2024 Annual Action Plan
City Council requested to set a Public Hearing on the 2024 Annual Action Plan for Monday, April 1, 2024
Attachments: [2024 Annual Action Plan](#)
2. [2024-090](#) Community Development and Housing Updates
Staff will provide updates on Affordable Housing, Homelessness Initiatives, and Local Codes. Bernita Sims, Guilford County Continuum of Care Board Chair, will provide a Continuum of Care Update.
Attachments: [Community Development and Housing Updates](#)
3. [2024-091](#) Community & School Gardens Update
Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program.
Attachments: [Community & School Gardens Update](#)

ADJOURNMENT



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File Number: 2024-089

File ID: 2024-089

Type: Privileged Resolution

Status: To Be Introduced

Version: 1

Reference:

In Control: Community
Development
Committee

File Created: 03/01/2024

File Name:

Final Action:

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April 1, 2024

Notes:

Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: 2024 Annual Action Plan

Enactment Number:

Contact Name:

Hearing Date:

Drafter Name: sandra.keeney@highpointnc.gov

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CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: 2024 Annual Action Plan	
FROM: Thanena Wilson, Director Community Development and Housing	MEETING DATE: March 5, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING: n/a	ADVERTISED DATE/BY: n/a
ATTACHMENTS: 2024 Annual Action Plan Presentation	

PURPOSE:

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) outlines the strategic plan for addressing community needs identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan, with an emphasis on low to moderate income and special needs populations. The AAP details the projects and programs that will be undertaken during the program year using funding received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs.

BACKGROUND:

The AAP is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of entitlement funding. On an annual basis the City of High Point receives CDBG and HOME funds to carry out specific activities within the City. The draft AAP will be made available for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning March 25, 2024. During this time, we will also conduct two citizen participation meetings on March 25th and April 2nd. The final plan is due to HUD on May 15, 2024.

BUDGET IMPACT:

2024 funding allocations have not been received.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Community Development and Housing Department requests that a Public Hearing on the 2024 Annual Action Plan be set for the City Council meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024.



2024 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Council
Committee

March 5, 2024



SAVE THE DATE



**THE FUTURE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

APRIL 5, 2024 | 9 A.M.
HIGH POINT CITY LAKE EVENT CENTER

PRESENTED BY
THE HIGH POINT HOUSING COALITION

INCLUDES 2024 BUS TOUR, LUNCH
& PRESENTATION

CITY OF
**high
point.**



STRATEGIC PLANNING

- 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
 - The Consolidated Plan is designed to help jurisdictions assess affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions.
- 2024 Annual Action Plan
 - 5th year of the 5-year plan
 - Strategic plan that describes sources, uses, and beneficiaries of programs
 - Primarily identifies how the City will use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds

GOALS & STRATEGIES



Housing

Special
Needs

Homeless

Community
Development

Economic
Development



AREAS OF IMPACT

- Affordable Housing
 - Emergency/Urgent Repair
 - Downpayment Assistance & Incentives
 - New Construction – Single and Multi-family
- Community Capacity Building
 - Public Service Grants
 - Technical Assistance to Neighborhood Associations/Groups
 - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
 - Community Gardens
- Code Enforcement
 - Public Nuisance Abatement
 - Minimum Housing Ordinance



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Citizen Participation Meetings
 - March 25th – Neighborhood Leaders Meeting, Oakview Rec Center
 - April 2nd – High Point Public Library
- Public Hearing
 - April 1st – City Council Meeting
- Public Review & Comment Period
 - A draft Annual Action Plan will be available for a 30-day period beginning March 25th

ANTICIPATED FUNDING

- HUD Federal Allocations*
 - CDBG \$817,693
 - HOME \$541,533
- 2024 NCHFA Awards
 - URP \$132,000
 - CTP \$70,000
- City General Fund
 - \$1,175,213

**Based on 2023 awards*





Thank You

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ATTACHMENTS: None	

PURPOSE:

Staff will provide updates on the following:

- 1) Affordable Housing
- 2) Homeless Initiatives/Continuum of Care
- 3) Local Codes

BACKGROUND:

Information regarding a housing assessment, housing fund, winter shelter/emergency hotel assistance, and local codes case numbers will be shared. Bernita Sims, Guilford County Continuum of Care Board Chair, will provide a Continuum of Care Update.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

None





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ATTACHMENTS: High Point Community Extension Agent Advisory Presentation	

PURPOSE:

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program in High Point for the period July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The role of the Community and School Garden Agent is to assist individuals, communities, agencies and schools with establishing and sustaining community and school gardens through an asset-based community development model.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMENDATION /ACTION REQUESTED:

No action to be taken.

Community & School Gardens Program High Point Community Extension Agent Advisory Update

July 1 – December 31, 2023

50 Community Gardens in High Point

- **7 Neighborhood Gardens:** Bountiful Harvest (West End Ministries), Burns Hill, Cedar St, East Ave, Gatewood, Howard Pl, Southside Garden
- **17 School Gardens:** Allen Jay, Andrews HS, Fairview Elem, Ferndale MS, Florence Elem, High Point Central, Johnson Street Global, Kirkman Park Elem, Montlieu Academy, Northwood Elem, Oak Hill Elem, Oak View Elem, Penn Griffin MS, Shadybrook Elem, Southwest Guilford MS, Triangle Lake Montessori, Union Hill Elem
- **3 Youth Gardens:** Bailey's Enrichment ECE, D-Up, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- **12 Community Organizations:** Covenant UMC, High Point Kiwanis, High Point Library Teaching Garden, Morehead Recreation, Oakview Recreation, The Arc of High Point, Pennybyrn, People of God, Salvation Army Hope Center, Tumani-Hope (World Relief), Southside Orchard, Village Life Cathedral, Mosaic Community Garden
- **11 Urban Agriculture:** Beeson, Deacon Davis Growing High Point (White Oak/Walnut, Thissell Grow, Pershing, East Green, Hopyard, Drozik's Produce, Eat & Beetz, Furlough, Ridge Berry)

2023
City of High
Point
Community
Garden
Assistance
APPROVED

Neighborhood Gardens, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizations:

- Burns Hill
- Cedar Street
- Deacon Davis @ Heroes Center
- East Avenue
- Howard Place
- Ridge Berry Farm
- Southside Community Orchard
- Southside Community Garden
- The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden

School:

- Fairview Elementary



Support for New and Existing Gardens



City of High Point 2023

COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSISTANCE APPLICATION



11 Grants Received Totaling \$942.54
(City of High Point spent between Jan-June)

- 1.5 tons of wood mulch
- 61 tons of topsoil
- 33 tons of compost
- 6 tons of leaf mulch

Fair Market Value: \$2,208.80

- \$17/ton – mulch
- \$22/ton – everything else

SAVINGS - \$1,266.26

New & Re-Start Gardens

High Point:

- High Point Friends School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Fairview Elementary (adding additional beds)

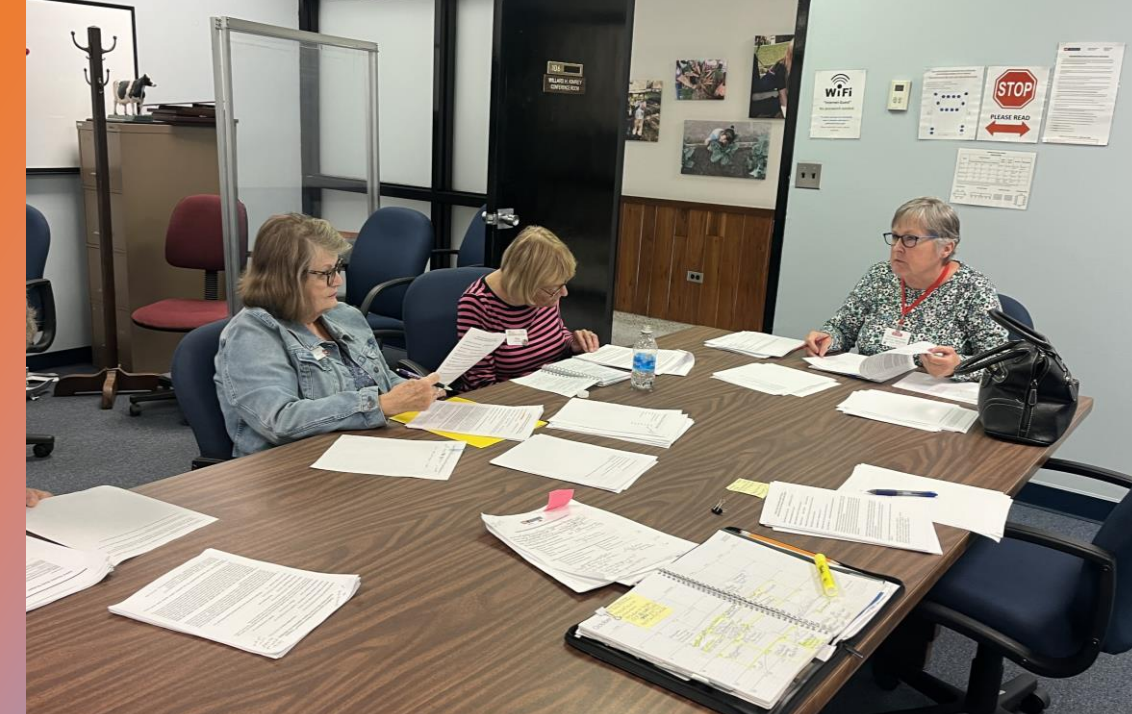
Greensboro:

- New Hope Community Garden
- Gibsonville Community Garden
- Christ Cathedral of the Triad

EMGV School Garden Micro-Grant Committee (\$300)

Micro-Grants Awards:

- Fairview Elementary
- Oak Hill Elementary
- High Point Friends School
- TW Andrews High School
- Sylvia Mendez Newcomers School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Union Hill Elementary





High Point Friends School





Shadybrook Elementary



The Arc of High Point Open House





Highland Mills Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting



Urban Agriculture Committee
Free Plant Giveaway



Integrated Pest Management Workshop

Urban Ag Committee Presents High Point Community Garden Contest Winners

- **Best Overall Community Garden:**
Bountiful Harvest (Kevin Warden)
- **Best Use of Output Materials:**
The Arc of High Point (Wendy Brosnan)
- **Best Sustainable Community Garden:**
Southside Community Garden
(Johnny Horne)
- **Best New Community Garden:**
Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden
(Jocelyn Anderson)



Upcoming Events 2024

- Seeds to Share – February 10
- Spring Gardening – March 16
- Summer Gardening – May 18
- Fall Gardening – August 17
- Free Plant Giveaway - TBA

Seeds to Share

Free Seeds for Community & School Gardens in Guilford County

veggies / flowers / herbs / heirlooms

GREENSBORO

SAT 3 FEB
9AM - 12PM

N.C. Cooperative Extension
3309 Burlington Rd
Greensboro, NC



HIGH POINT

SAT 10 FEB
9AM - 12PM

High Point Public Library
901 N Main Street
High Point, NC

Seeds have been generously donated by garden centers and seed companies. Garden experts will be available to answer questions. Contact Crystal Mercer at crystal_mercer@ncsu.edu





Soviero's Tri-County Garden Center