

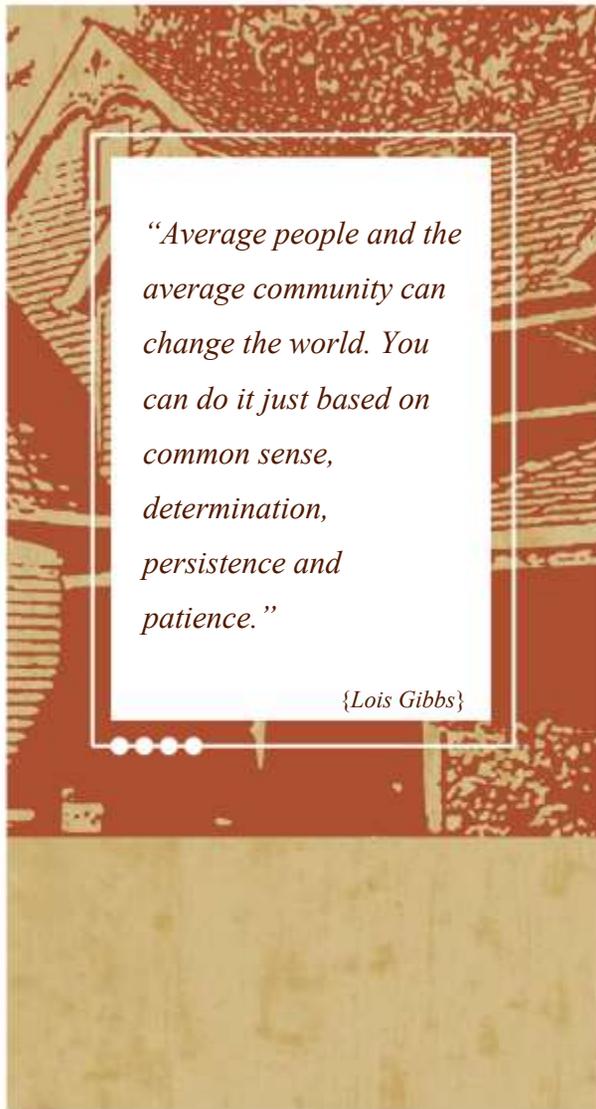
What is a neighborhood?

Neighborhoods will be “self-defined” rather than defined by the City. They can be as small as a block or they can be a combination of several blocks.



How do we define our neighborhood?

In order to “define” your neighborhood, please see Bethany Williams at the City Building to request a map template to define the block or blocks that comprise your neighborhood. Fill out the map to include all of the lots that have agreed to be a part of your neighborhood.



“Average people and the average community can change the world. You can do it just based on common sense, determination, persistence and patience.”

{Lois Gibbs}

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**NEIGHBORHOODS OF HOPE
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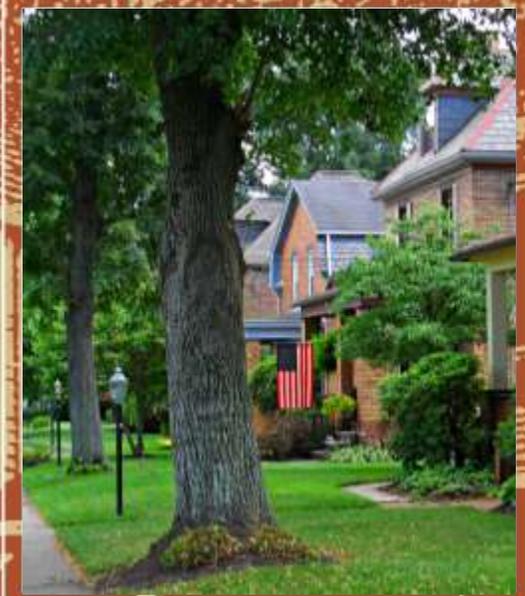
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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

{Margaret Mead}

“What do we need to become a Neighborhood of Hope?”

- *A designated neighborhood, defined by you*
- *A completed application and map submitted to the Community Development Coordinator*
- *A “Communications Director” to relay information to the Neighborhood*
- *A strategic plan for work days, transitional plan for the lot after demolition, attendance of Neighborhood Watch meetings, mobilization of neighbors to fix minor issues*
- *Meetings planned with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Code Enforcement to discuss the plan developed for the Neighborhood*



NEIGHBORHOODS OF HOPE

Revitalizing the City of Beaver Falls, One Neighborhood at a Time

Blight is a major issue in our community and, often, the local government does not have the resources to demolish or cause renovation of every blighted home. As a “Neighborhood of Hope,” your self-defined neighborhood will be an intentional coalition of neighbors to tackle blight and begin a process of

concentrated revitalization in your area. If you are interested in partnering with your neighbors to become a “Neighborhood of Hope,” stop by the Beaver Falls City Building to pick up an application and map template from the Community Development Coordinator.

Contact Bethany Williams at (724) 847-2808 (x201) with any questions.

“We can begin by doing small things at the local level, like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously.”
{Grace Lee Boggs}