Engaging Residents & Improving the Neighborhood with PNCIS

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Community Strategy

- Target specific region of neighborhood
  - Identify need for revitalization by block
    - Vacancy, condemnations, demos, tax delinquency, code violations, foreclosures
Community Strategy

- Resident voice’s are paramount
  - Gathered 50+ resident interviews in targeted part of the neighborhood
- Identified the top 5 community needs
  - activities for youth, littering/dumping, abandonment/blight, sidewalk condition, safety
2nd Most Reported Community Issue: Dumping & Littering
PNCIS and Engaging Community Interest

- Connecting real data to community voiced concerns
- Visual appeal and ease of understanding new concepts
- Keeping block by block data organized and user-friendly
- Bringing PNCIS training to local community groups & residents
PNCIS Guiding Community Action

- Resident group activities & PNCIS
  - Targeted community clean-up of specific abandoned lots identified
  - Walking group formed that observes community conditions and maps the location of concerns
  - Identify abandoned homes of concern to prioritize community demo needs
Garfield Community Clean-up
April 24, 2010
Next Steps

- Parcel by parcel survey of neighborhood to identify all abandoned & vacant properties
- Combine data with resident information to form community priority demo list
- Use to track foreclosures
Summary: Benefits of PNCIS

- Easy to use
- Clear communication tool
- Breaks down complex concepts
- Ability to compare different data sources
- Access up to date data