



Strong Neighborhoods Committee Update

<https://wilkinsburgcdc.org/strong-neighborhoods-committee/>

February 2021

Purpose: The goal of this committee is to build strong neighborhoods through an investigation of the causes and impacts of blight and vacancy in Wilkinsburg and work with the WCDC to develop a Vacant Property Re-Use Plan to address vacancy and blight, mitigate threats of displacement and gentrification, and create catalysts for reinvestment driven by community vision.

Committee Meetings

- The resident-led committee has met monthly since October and adds new attendees with each meeting. The next meeting is March 10, 2021, at 4 pm on Zoom. **Email jpallitto@hillgroupinc.com to be added to the call invite.**
- February's meeting focused on sharing the status of the process, and began encouraging committee members to step up as community stewards and to share issues and resources with each other.
- March will focus on some preliminary findings in the collected data, the upcoming neighborhood focused visioning efforts.

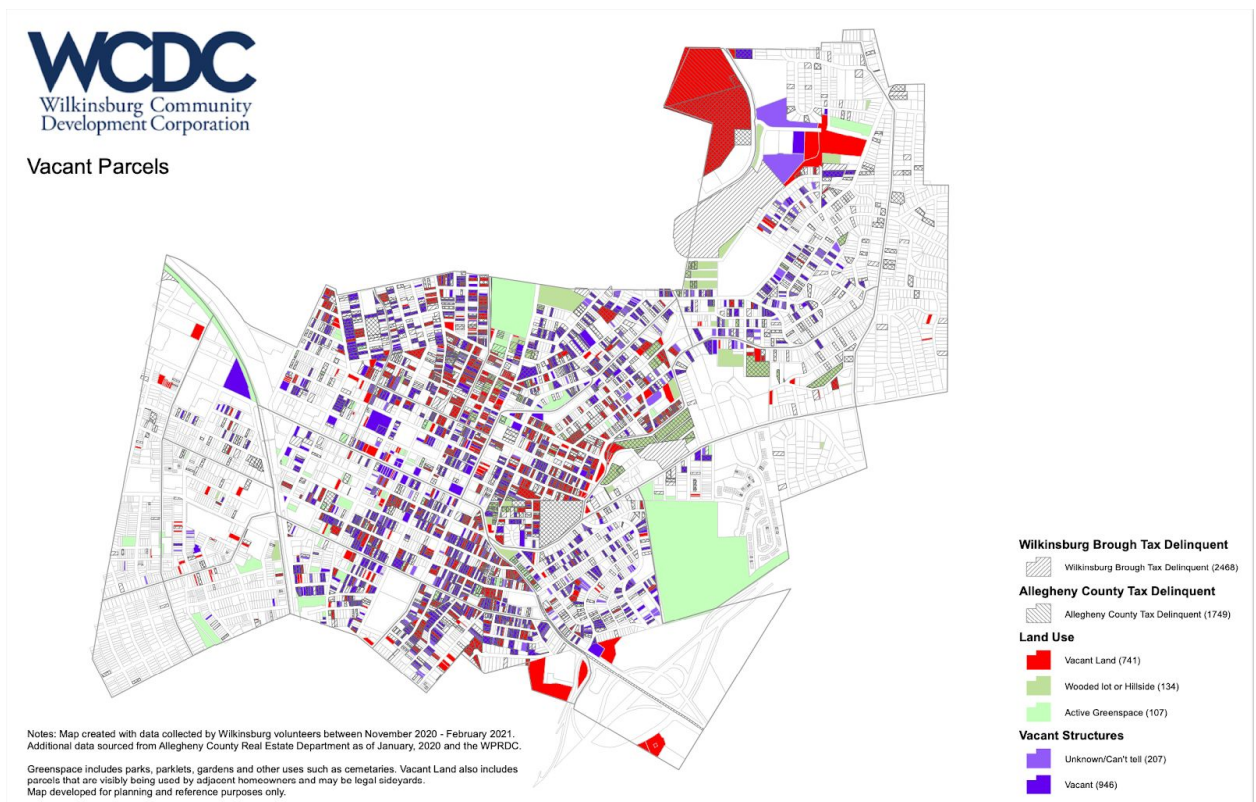
Data Collection

- Data collection was completed at the end of January thanks to the participation of 14 residents over the past 3 months.
- This data is being analyzed and compared to secondary sources and will be introduced at the March committee meeting. This data concludes:
 - Location of vacant properties and parcels as well as their observed condition
 - Tax delinquency, zoning, public ownership and public assets
 - Potential demolitions, possible development areas, possible sideyards available
- Some data must still be verified - there are several vacant structures that couldn't be confirmed as vacant - if anyone has additional insight on these properties to share, please add comments to this [document](#)



Outreach

- We are still working on gathering contacts and are encouraging everyone to share the [outreach form](#) for individuals to share their preferences for participation and add to our master contact list. A quick overview was given to the block watch committee meeting to introduce the process, if there are other active groups we can connect with, let us know!
- Neighborhood-specific visioning conversations are being planned now, dates and times are coming soon, so stay tuned on the webpage for those details, keep an eye out for your neighborhood and help spread the word. **Flyer located below**
- **We are looking for neighborhood stewards to support the visioning process in each neighborhood - if you are interested, let us know in the outreach form**
- Education resources and activities are now being planned for the spring onward, if anyone has a particular topic they'd like to see covered, would like to participate or assist in the coordination efforts, email evaine@wilkinsburgcdc.org





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COMMITTEE**

Invites you to join us as we address vacant properties throughout the community.

**NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING SESSIONS
WILL BEGIN IN MARCH 2021!**



Scan the QR code or join us at wilkinsburgcdc.org/strong-neighborhoods-committee/ to sign up to stay informed and participate in the planning process and share your input.

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