



## **Community Core Initiative Work Begins in East Bluff**

*Residents, volunteers, and community organizations come together for work day*

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Peoria, Ill. – This Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, residents and volunteers from local community organizations begin landscaping work on five properties in the East Bluff. This marks the first East Bluff work day associated with the Community Core Initiative launched last month.

The Community Core Initiative targets two primary areas of concern in the East Bluff and South Side as identified by residents and local leaders: blight and safety. Ultimately, the initiative aims to create neighborhoods that are safe and beautiful places to live. Greater Peoria LISC partnered with East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services in the East Bluff and PCCEO in the South Side to carry out the Community Core Initiative.

Community Core consists of four exterior improvement grant programs: Paint & Porch, Lawn & Landscape, Locks & Lights, and Vacant Lot Projects. Any resident within the core boundaries, whether they are renters or homeowners, are eligible to apply for these programs.

Keep Peoria Beautiful designed and provided landscaping plans for all five projects. Keep Peoria Beautiful and GEN U with United Way are also generously providing volunteers for the work day.

Lawn & Landscaping projects will take place between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. at the following homes in the East Bluff on June 20<sup>th</sup>:

- 1607 Wisconsin Ave
- 1604 Wisconsin Ave
- 1620 Wisconsin Ave
- 1622 Wisconsin Ave
- 1706 Wisconsin Ave

***Media are invited to cover the landscaping work taking place. East Bluff Community Organizer Marcus Fogliano will be available to answer questions about the program as well as future projects.***

Anyone interested in more information or covering the event can contact Brittany Brown, LISC program officer, by email at [bbrown@lisc.org](mailto:bbrown@lisc.org) or by phone at (765)586-4114.