

District Eight

5 x 5 Neighborhood Program



Improving Neighborhoods

Building Communities

Five Blocks at a Time

5 x 5 Program



Mission Statement:

“Expand the City of Macon’s 5 x 5 Program to the entire community and develop a volunteer component that engages residents and connects them to available beautification resources that can help maintain the targeted areas.”

The 5 x 5 Program is a process for Macon-Bibb County to enhance and target areas in a five block area in each District for five weeks. Macon-Bibb will work with the community and organizations on projects and events as a way to build a sense of ownership in the improvement process.

Goal: The goal is to complete nine 5 x 5 events a year. Five square blocks for five weeks once a year equals an estimated 45 square blocks of focused improvements and clean ups each year.

‘Forward Together’ Strategic Priorities

Economic and Community Development

Our highest priority is to create a robust economy & strong communities. We will focus on retaining our current business & industry & creating opportunities for new economic development while addressing poverty & supporting & encouraging quality education & workforce development.

Safe Neighborhoods and Safe Communities

Safe neighborhoods are the foundation of great communities. We will focus our efforts on providing for public safety, citizen education & engagement, and crime prevention, all in an effort to create safe & enduring communities.

Effective Government and Governance

Commission and staff will work to improve the governance and government process, and apply fair and equitable taxation principles and employee compensation, and utilize best management practices to execute Commission policy towards completing SPLOST and all other projects successfully and in a timely manner. Our most valuable asset is our employees and we will commit to their training and development, recognizing their good works, and retaining those assets.

Infrastructure Improvement

To achieve the community we desire we will focus on and develop stormwater, water and waste water infrastructure and an integrated transportation system of rails, trails, roads, and runways to become the transportation and logistics hub of Georgia.

Quality of Life

We will support, encourage, and promote good living in Macon-Bibb with arts and cultural events, tourism improvements, social and night life opportunities, and a community-wide system of passive and active recreation.

PARTNERS

The Macon-Bibb County Community

Bibb County Sheriff's Office

Community Partnership

Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission

Land Bank Authority

Macon Water Authority

Departments

Mayor's Office

Animal Welfare

Business Development Services

E-911

Economic and Community Development

Engineering

Facilities Management

Fire Department

Municipal Court

Parks and Beautification

Public Works

Recreation

Solid Waste



Robert A. B. Reichert, Mayor

"Working with Commissioner Watkins, this neighborhood along the Second Street Corridor received some very visible improvements during the five-week period. Over the next several months and years, we will continue to help raise up this neighborhood through services, house demolitions, expansion of green space, and a new pedestrian-friendly road connecting it to Downtown."



Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

"The 5 x 5 Project provided much needed services to the Second and Knott Street areas. This intense service provision revealed the true potential of this historic neighborhood. The success of this project and the high volume of debris removed, highlight the need of a year-round well funded program to address right of ways and vacant lot maintenance."

Departmental Reports

Solid Waste

PERSONNEL					EQUIPMENT				MATERIALS		
Activity	Per-sonnel	Hrs	Rate	Cost	Equip-ment	Hrs	Cost	Cost	Quantity Dis-posed	Rate	Costs
Debris Removal	Watkins White	30	\$13.60	\$405	Knuckle Boom	30	\$100	\$3,000	23.92 tons	\$27.75	\$633.78
Debris Removal	Jones Smelter	5	\$13.60	\$68	Roll Off Truck	5	\$100	\$500	2.98	\$27.75	\$82.70
Total				\$473				\$3,500			\$746.48
TOTAL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL										\$4,719.48	

Fire Department

Man Hours	Homes	Vacant Homes	Refused Service	Stencil Address	Detector Installed	Replaced Battery	Not Home Left Literature
40	97	27	10	66	10	1	31

Property Maintenance Division

Property Management conducted drive by inspection on each property within the target area.. Twenty (20) 'Condemned' structures were stenciled in red paint with a No Trespassing, No Occupancy.

There were forty-nine (49) total cases managed. Twenty-three (23) cases were closed and Twenty-six (26) cases remain open and are being monitored for compliance. The total hours spent by 5 personnel was 106 hours with the approximate cost with overhead of \$3,180.



Facilities Management

PERSONNEL				EQUIPMENT		MATERIALS			
Activity	Personnel	Hours	Cost	Equipment	Cost	Materials	Quantity	Rate	Cost
Fab Signs	Sams	17.2	\$292.23						
	Bell	8	\$107.60						
	Pleas	17.2	\$206.74						
Install Signs	Matthews Fountain	21.9	\$244.62	Sign Truck	\$657.00	Post Signs	12	\$35.00	\$420.00
		21.9	\$251.85			Hardware Sign Painting	77	Varies	\$1,039.95
Roadway Striping	Sams	5.5	\$93.45	Lift Gate Paint Truck Sign Truck	\$165.00 \$467.50 \$165.00	Yellow Paint	46	\$8.85	\$407.10
	Bell	5.5	\$73.98						
	Forrester	5.5	\$59.13			White Paint	154	\$8.65	\$1,332.10
	Matthews Fountain	5.5	\$61.44 \$63.25						
Clean / Paint Curbs	Sams	28.8	\$489.31	Lift Gate Paint App Sign Truck	\$864.00 \$266.40 \$777.00	Yellow Paint	134.50	\$9.15	\$1,230.68
	Bell	25.9	\$348.36						
	Forrester	25.9	\$278.43						
	Fountain	26.8	\$308.20						
Total			\$3,177.92		\$2,584.90				\$4,523.88
Grand Total									\$10,286.70

Water Authority

PERSONNEL				MATERIALS			
Activity	Personnel	Hours	Cost	Materials	Quantity	Rate	Cost
403 Addresses walked and visually inspected for repair needs	Two field Service Technicians	6	\$242				
40 Work Orders Issued, Worked and Completed	Five Meter Repair Technicians	64	\$2,400	Box Repairs, /lids/ New Meter Boxes	15	Blended Costs	\$475
Total			\$2,642				\$475
Grand Total							\$3,117

Before



After



Economic and Community Development

The District Eight area for District 8 -5x5 project is composed of 17 streets. There were 23 properties that were condemned due to property conditions. The Order of Condemnation for these properties has been filed on the Superior Court records. These properties are not slated for immediate demolition, however, Notices of Demolition have been forward to all of the property owners for the following properties – 555, 574 and 581 Cynthia Avenue, 2092 Felton Avenue, 2471 Felton Lane, 705 Pebble Street, 722 Williams Street, 1478 and 1490 Second Street, and 2460 and 2716 Houston Avenue. Three properties, 1245, 1255 and 1737 Second Street are owned by the City of Macon and/or a non-profit. Prior to the start of the 5x5, condemned properties located at 560 Cynthia Avenue, 2042 Freeman Street, 1630 Second Street Rear, 1635 and 1647 Second Street, 2916-2918, 1765, 2487 and 4262-4264 Houston Avenue were demolished by Macon Bibb County.



Conclusion

Commissioner Watkins chose an area off Second Street near the downtown area. This area is occupied by low income housing and had several abandoned homes. There was extensive work on overgrown right-of-ways. Several dump sites were discovered and trash was prevalent throughout the area. Upon completion there was a noticeable difference in the neighborhood. The timing of the 5 x 5 was good due to the re-routing of traffic from Mercer through the middle of the 5 x 5 area.