

District One

5x5 Neighborhood Program



Improving Neighborhoods
Buildings Communities
Five Blocks at a Time

June 13, 2014

5x5 PROGRAM



The 5x5 Program is a process for Macon-Bibb County to enhance and target areas in a five block area for five weeks in each district. Macon-Bibb will work with the community and organizations on improvement projects and events as a way to build a sense of ownership in the improvement process.

Mission Statement

Expand the 5x5 Program to all of Macon-Bibb County and develop a volunteer component that engages residents and connects them to available beautification resources that can help maintain the targeted areas.

Goal

The goal is to complete ten 5x5 events a year, which will improve an estimated 225 square blocks a year.



B.E.S.T.

Build a Sustainable Community.

Educate our Citizens.

Safety and Services in every neighborhood.

Transit and Technology throughout the region.

Partners

Macon–Bibb County Community

Bibb County Sheriff’s Office

Community Partnership

Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission

Land Bank Authority

Macon Area Habitat for Humanity

Macon Water Authority

Rebuilding Macon

Departments

Animal Welfare

Business Development Services

Economic Community Development

E-911

Engineering

Facilities Management

Fire Department

Mayor’s Office

Municipal Court

Parks and Beautification

Public Works

Recreation

Solid Waste



Robert A. B. Reichert, Mayor

"The recently completed 5X5 project in District One marked the beginning of a new, expanded program that will encompass our entire community and bring enhanced municipal services to all parts of our county. Our efforts in District One were quite successful and will hopefully inspire pride in the residents of that area and build a sense of ownership in the entire neighborhood."

- Mayor Reichert

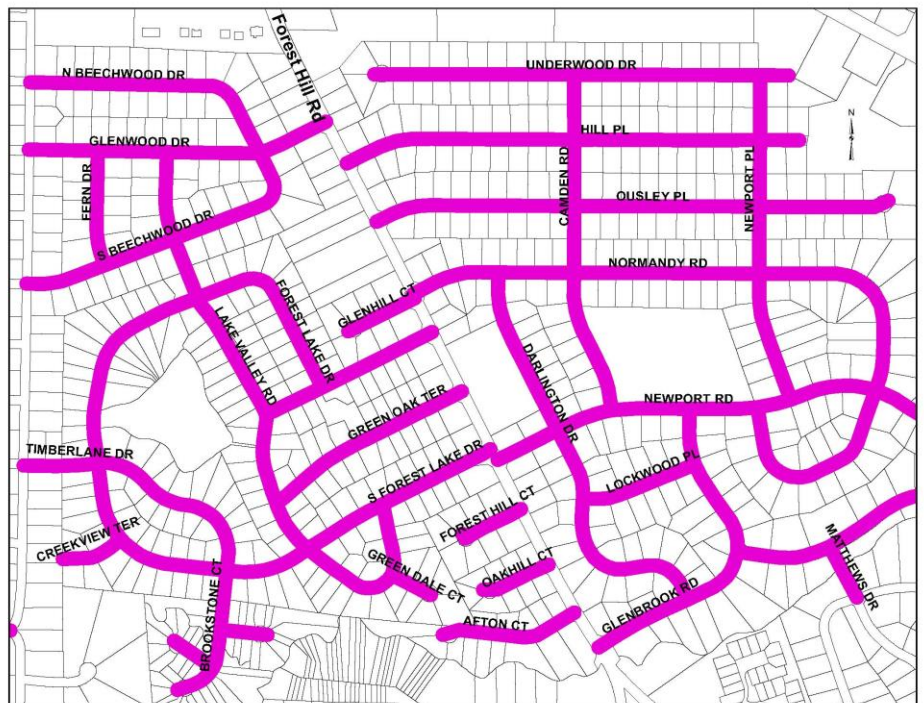
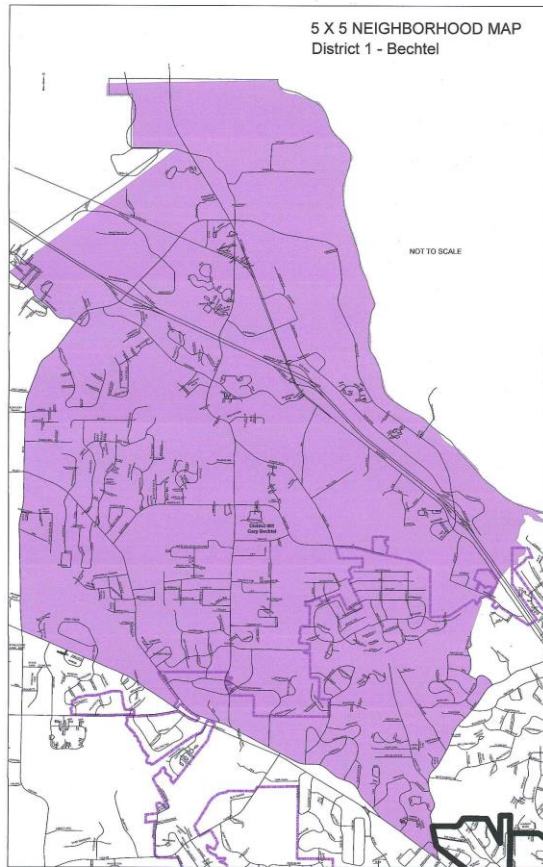


Gary Bechtel, District 1 Commissioner

"I am excited that District One was the first area chosen to reinstitute the 5 x 5 program. Although the area was much larger than anticipated, the improvements made a more pleasant looking and safer neighborhood. I applaud the efforts of the Macon Water Authority, the Departments of the Macon-Bibb County Government and the citizens for joining together to improve our community."

- Commissioner Bechtel

District 1



Departmental Reports



PUBLIC WORKS

Activity		Amount	Time (hours)	Remediation Value
Concrete Repair		3.5 cubic yards	140	\$3,405
Asphalt Repair		6000 pounds	23	\$700
Street Sweeping		All streets swept 2 times	100	\$22,000
TOTAL			263	\$26,105

PARKS BEAUTIFICATION

Activity		Amount	Time (hours)	Remediation Value
Curb and Gutter Cleaning, Litter Removal, Rights of Way Cutting.		All streets and all rights of way in the	1768	\$21,216
TOTAL			1768	\$21,216

SOLID WASTE

Activity		Amount	Time (hours)	Remediation Value
Debris Removal		92,000 pounds	115	\$2,380
Debris Disposal		92,000 pounds	5	\$1,276
TOTAL			120	\$3,656

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Macon-Bibb County Fire Department spent 16 hours distributing free or checking existing smoke detectors.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Number</u>
Man Hours	16
Homes	139
Resident Home (Y)	59
Resident Home (N)	80
Refused Service	14
Stencil Address	6
Removed T-Shoes	1
Home Inspection	12
Fire Safety Plan	20
Detector Installed	11
Replaced Battery	6
Literature Left Door / Resident	115

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Bibb County Sheriff Office spoke directly with people in the area to hear their concerns and answer questions.

MACON WATER AUTHORITY

The following list contains the work orders conducted by field services and the meter reading and repair groups. Many areas require follow up.

- 9 – Leak in Box
- 38 – Raise Meter
- 18 – Lower Meter
- 4 – Leak in Road
- 1 – Replace Meter Lid



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Property Maintenance looked at every property (approximately 615) and cited 10 for code violations.
- Processed orders to cut and clean two vacant foreclosed properties and were able to get compliance prior to having the Mayor sign those orders.
- Four of the ten properties cited were for Housing Code violations beyond just high grass, and will continue to be worked.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

- The Engineering Department provided:
 - District maps
 - 5x5 maps
 - Sign maps



ANIMAL WELFARE



- Total hours – 65
- Visited 400 houses and distributed brochures on Animal Welfare
- Two officers visited the residents to offer brochures and education
- Complaints—two complaints, handled the same day

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Item	Price	Number	Material Cost
Street Signs (ea) 10x24 in.	\$7.61	6	\$45.66
Street Signs (ea) 10x30 in.	\$8.94	16	\$143.04
Street Signs (ea) 10x36 in.	\$10.71	34	\$364.14
Street Signs (ea) 10x42 in.	\$12.56	40	\$502.40
Street Signs (ea) 10x48 in.	\$13.95	40	\$558.00
5x5 Program 30x36 in.	\$52.87	11	581.57
End of Road	\$10.46	2	\$20.92
Dead End Sign	\$24.89	16	\$398.24
Slow Children	\$11.96	28	\$334.88
NPTSOS	\$6.91	4	\$27.64
School Advance	\$59.32	2	\$118.64
Speed Limit	\$20.45	37	\$756.65
Stop Sign	\$29.27	46	\$1,346.42
When Children Present	\$11.73	2	\$23.46
Blind Driveway	\$20.45	2	\$40.90
Stop Ahead	\$23.89	3	\$71.67
All Way	\$5.16	20	\$103.20
Sq Post	\$35.00	44	\$1,540.00
U-Channel Post	\$16.00	25	\$400.00
Cans Spray Paint	\$4.50	30	\$135.00
Hardware	\$4.10	102	\$418.20
		TOTAL	\$7,930.63

CONCLUSION

The District One 5x5 program began on April 14, 2014 and was completed May 16, 2014. Commissioner Bechtel chose neighborhoods off of the north end of Forest Hill Road. These neighborhoods consist of asphalt paving with very few sidewalks and virtually no curb and gutter streets, no dilapidated houses, and only a few nuisance properties. With these elements missing, program participants were able to focus on a larger area than the original five square block area.

The main focus was on street cleaning and repair, replacing signage, additional efforts to pick up yard debris, drainage, cutting the right of way; and public safety education efforts. Macon Water Authority completed an extensive overview of each property and their infrastructure. The program was successful and is serving as a learning tool for the District 2 5x5 Program in Lynmore Estates.

