

Month of Reported Progress:

August

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EH Manager/ Administrator:

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Has EH Manager/Administrator reviewed and approved this report?:

No

Is your PACE EH survey complete?:

Yes

If your PACE EH survey is complete, list your PACE EH community's top identified issues.:

Safety (crime, drug trafficking)

Abandoned Houses

Lack of business opportunity

Lack of street lights

Drinking water quality/stormwater runoff

Concisely summarize this month's activities.:

"Most obstacles melt away when we make up our minds to walk boldly through them." Orrison Swett Marden

This month was full of informational seeking meetings and associated fact finding actions on the parts of community groups and leaders. The items or issues in question which are pertinent to the Gifford PACE EH project included streetlights, a proposed concrete plant, budget figures for the Gifford Streetlighting MSBU and the East Gifford Stormwater Tax. Special meetings took place this month between local government and local leaders to get the specific facts and budgetary figures in relation to community issues.

Also, this month I assisted St. John's water management in addressing three flow wells in the community. One was gushing over 30 gallons a minute and was temporarily plugged. The community meeting on Aug. 17th was well attended and the information on a possible Brownfield Redevelopment initiative by Nandra Weeks, of GeoSyntec, was well received by the community. When I asked the leaders and meeting attendees if it was something they want to proceed with, the response was 100% yes. One more abandoned house, (community #1 issue) was demolished this month and two are slated for next month. Plans are underway to organize a fundraiser to build an affordable housing unit on a housing non-profit's land in the Gifford community. It's a small dent in the top five community identified issue of lack of housing choices but will be a major community event symbolic of more progress and change. Finally, the PACE

steering committee met and finalized action plans for the top five community identified issues this month.