

Annual Report template

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550 Main Street
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Description of the Southwest and Behind the Rocks NRZ: The Southwest and Behind the Rocks neighborhood is defined as the area bounded on the by north Hamilton Street, on the west by Interstate 84, the railroad right of way, and the boundary of Hartford and West Hartford, on the south by the border of Hartford and Newington, and on the east by the western periphery of Goodwin Park, the rear property lines of properties on the east side of Fairfield Avenue, and Summit Street to the intersection with Hamilton Street.

Southwest and Behind the Rocks is a neighborhood in the Southwest corner of Hartford, abutting the towns of West Hartford and Newington.

Operations: To view the SWBTR NRZ documents (i.e. By-laws, 2023 Strategic Plan, list of Board of Directors, Calendar of monthly meetings) see Town Clerks or Hartford Next's websites.

Finances: Treasury: \$50.00

Grants awarded: SWBTR NRZ is not a 501c3. Hartford Next is the NRZ's fiscal agent

Love Your Block funding:

1. \$2,500 (contracted with Knox to install flower pots at two intersections)
2. \$25,000 (funded a mural on the Hyland Park building, planted 5 trees at Rocky Ridge Park, still working on another tree and neighborhood flag project)

Funding from the City Council:

1. \$3,876 from the City of Hartford

Strategic Plan projects:

Projects Started or continuing:

1. The design for the expanded community center at Hyland Park. Initial report available. The NRZ is working with the City Council and the Mayor
2. Hosted monthly tag-sales at Rocky Ridge Park with the assistance of HPD CSOs.
3. Continuing to work on the creation of neighborhood flags to highlight neighborhood assets
4. In collaboration with the City of Hartford and Senator Fonfara the NRZ was part of the planning committee to improve the building facades along the New Britain business corridor- in 2024 local businesses were contracted and can now apply for this funding.
5. The South Park River Trail expansion and improvement project is still ongoing
6. Repurposing the Rocky Ridge Park building – the Department of Public Works has agreed to make the building habitable.

7. Continue working with Hartford Next on projects and with the assistance of their administrative assistant
8. Monitoring the progress of the proposed Roundabout that will be located at the intersection of New Britain and White Street
9. Monitoring the progress of the proposed Roundabout that will be located at the intersection of Stone Street, New Britain Ave. and Newington Ave.

Projects Completed:

1. Held annual meeting with the Mayor and Council to review the 2023 Strategic Plan
2. Love Your Block beautification project completed
3. In collaboration with the City of Hartford, a dangerous traffic intersection was made safer with changes to both the traffic signal and the lane striping.
4. Tree planting at Rocky Ridge Park
5. Clean-up day at Hyland and Rocky Ridge Park
6. Purchased and utilized and remote access technology to be used when in-person meetings are scheduled
7. Members were involved in the City initiated cigarette liter disposal project
8. The Forester Heights Park renovation is mostly complete
9. NRZ leadership was part of the committee that chose the new Director of Hartford Next