

# NOKOMIS CENTER REVITALIZATION

Project: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND OUTREACH (UD-3)

**Project Type:** County and Community

**Project and Background Description:**

Encourage neighborhood associations and community groups to participate in community enhancement efforts such as County-sponsored clean-up days. Encourage residents and business owners to work together to improve the appearance of the commercial areas within the Nokomis Center. Seek other opportunities to improve the community by expanding existing after school programs or encouraging volunteer opportunities.

Nokomis residents identified a number of concerns, as well as actions, to improve the quality of life in the Nokomis Center. Recommendations include improving the appearance and function of both residential and commercial areas. Residents noted the need for additional code enforcement and for a way to ensure that privacy fences and walls are maintained (see Project Sheet UD-2). Dumpsters and outdoor storage areas need screening, especially in the commercial areas but also in multi-family areas (see Project Sheet UD-1). Yards and other areas need clearing of trash and debris.

Residents have noted the need for more after school activities for the young people, including community dances and other gatherings. Others have asked how they can volunteer to help the efforts to improve the Nokomis Center. The County should continue to work with the Nokomis neighborhood associations and the Nokomis Area Civic Association to improve the appearance residential and commercial areas in the Nokomis Center.

**Preliminary Cost Estimates:** Soft Costs Only (In-House Staff Project)

**Potential Funding Source(s):** Development Services, County Administration

**Implementation Time Frame:** Short to mid term, one to five years.

**Responsible Parties:** Developmental Services, Growth Management Planning Services, County Administration Volunteer Coordinator, Nokomis Area Civic Association, Neighborhood Associations, Residents

**Steps Required to Implement:**

- Continue to work with residents and neighborhood associations to increase community participation at County-sponsored clean-up days.
- Identify ways that residents can work with business owners to improve the appearance of the commercial areas.
- Identify opportunities to expand after school activities, including community dances.
- Work with County Administration to coordinate volunteer interest and opportunities in the Nokomis Center.

**Issues Requiring Further Analysis/Action:**

1. None.

