

EPDC is committed to assisting every neighborhood resident in achieving their full human potential.

Our Focus includes:

- Good Schools
- Safe streets
- Decent and affordable housing
- Job training
- Employment opportunities
- Public transportation
- Health care services
- Adult education
- High quality municipal services

EPDC believes these can be attained through strategic community planning, urban design, on-going community organizing and accessible adult education.



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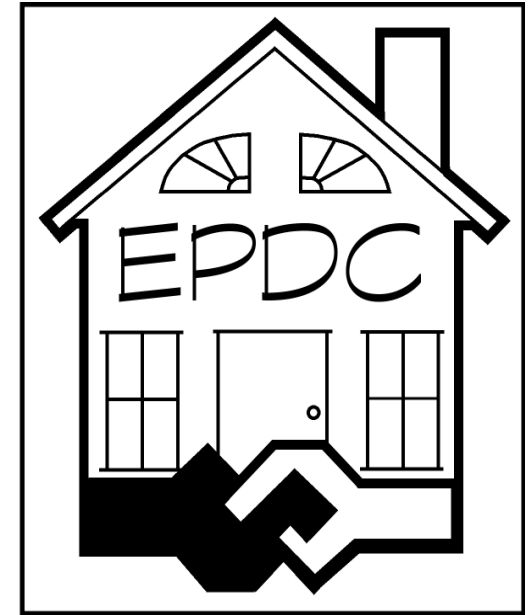
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Community Organizing

*Residents Empowered to
Revitalize Their Neighborhood*

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Goals

- Expand EPDC board and membership
- Train Leaders
- Organize Community Events
- Offer Formal Community Organizing Training

Target Program Areas and Objectives of EPDC

1. Economic Development

Expand employment and business opportunities for local residents.

2. Housing Improvement

Encourage reinvestment and expand affordable housing options for renters and home-owners.

3. Crime Prevention

Reduce the incidence of drugs, violent crime and prostitution, while improving community-police relations.

4. Human Services

Respond to the unmet needs of youth and their families and empower all residents.

5. Zoning, Land Use and Municipal Infrastructure Improvements

Creation of a distinct land use pattern that facilitates growth in housing and retail uses and improves the quality of local infrastructure.

6. Community Organization

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The EDPC community organizing tactics are based on the teachings of the nationally known and successful Midwest Academy



The Midwest Academy teaches an organizing philosophy, methods and skills needed to challenge the power of the special interests and defend the rights of ordinary people.

