

Maple Street Park Project



2013

As the local sponsor, MSD secured a \$9.75 million grant (\$8.48M from FEMA and state of Kentucky/\$1.27M from MSD) to fund voluntary homeowner buyouts, moving residents out of harm's way and creating green space to naturally absorb rainwater.



2013-2020

114 of 128 eligible flood-prone properties purchased through the FEMA grant. The purchased structures are demolished and soil tests completed, creating nearly 18 acres of open space in the California Neighborhood.



2019

20+ neighborhood and community stakeholder gatherings/events allow the collection of 400 surveys to obtain meaningful public input on potential land uses.



Present

Now, more than a decade after the flooding catastrophe, Maple Street's promise as a community asset is poised to become reality. A coalition of public, private, and nonprofit entities has been established and collectively are partnering with area residents to explore ways of reversing decades of disinvestment in this neighborhood; one of which is the planning and development of the park. The Louisville Parks Foundation has been named the nonprofit partner in the project, and is committed to community-driven development to transform this vacant land into a 23-acre park.

Please visit our website to learn more and get involved ~ lpfky.org/maplestreetparkproject



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Community Happenings

2009

Heavy rains cause massive flooding in Louisville with serious damage on the Maple Street corridor. A Presidential disaster declaration allowed funding to be available to assist impacted residents across the commonwealth.



2018-2020

A California Neighborhood plan is drafted with a vision to be "an engaged, unified community that creates opportunities for safe and healthy living where everyone thrives." Residents prioritize the Maple Street Flood Mitigation Area as a community asset for tree-planting, sports leagues, public art and urban farming, highlighting the need to create, fundraise, maintain and program new public parks.



2019

Jan

JCPS announces plans to build a new elementary school in the area, combining Roosevelt-Perry and Phillis Wheatley; the new YMCA on Broadway is identified a potential site.

Oct

New Directions Housing Corporation, a non-profit founded in the California Neighborhood in 1971, relocates its headquarters to the corner of Maple and 17th Streets and begins working with MSD and other community partners to support the creation of more housing and neighborhood amenities.

Dec

The \$28 million Republic Bank Foundation YMCA opens, integrating fitness facilities, a family/pediatric practice, mental health counseling, banking, and community meeting space to expand opportunities for everyone to have equitable access to healthy choices.

