WHAT IS WEED & SEED?

Many residents wonder if Weed & Seed is a new landscaping service or community beautification program, but it really is not. Weed & Seed is a comprehensive approach to crime prevention that has been used throughout the United States for several years and Manchester received Official Recognition in 2002 and Graduated Site status in 2007.

Weed & Seed brings together:

Community Organizations
City Departments
Law Enforcement
Community Residents

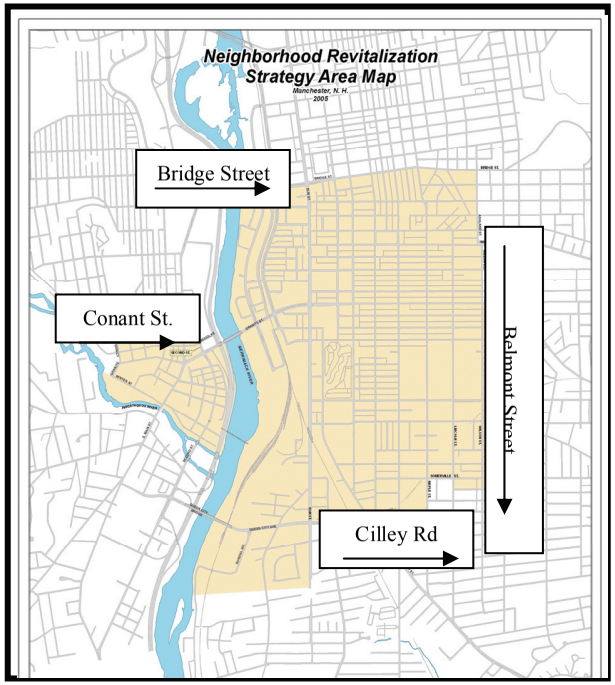
All working together to improve the quality of life for Manchester's residents.

Weeding – police work towards "weeding" out the crime by utilizing:

Community Police Officers
Special Details
Neighborhood Watch Patrols

Seeding – during and after the weeding out of crime, community organizations along with residents work together to identify needed services intended to improve the quality of life for residents such as:

After Hours Programming for Youth
Cultural Competency Training
Neighborhood Beautification
Refugee and Immigrant Trainings
Neighborhood Mobilization



The Weed & Seed Target Area

The original W&S Target Area was located on the east side of the City. The new Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) defines today's Weed & Seed Target Neighborhoods. This includes the original designated site and a small portion of the West side.

The analysis of city crime statistics and demographic information provided city officials with the necessary information to determine the greatest level of need for the City of Manchester. The target area represents a group of neighborhoods with increased crime and other priority issues.

WEED & SEED

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME AS A RESIDENT?

Weed & Seed is a nation wide concept utilized not just for Manchester, but for other designated sites across the country as well. Weed & Seed provides Manchester the ability to organize and move toward improving the neighborhoods in which you live, work, or send your kids to school.

Weed & Seed is based upon the basic belief that no one should live in fear and no one should be denied services because of where they live.

Weed & Seed is an opportunity to enrich the lives of the children that live and play in the target area and to improve the quality of life for all residents.

SO WHAT CAN I DO?

Weed & Seed is currently recruiting willing and able community residents and businesses like you to join in the effort to rebuild the community and make the neighborhoods a safer place in which to live. Weed & Seed needs your input and involvement in order to succeed. As a resident and/or business leader, we hope that you will become a part of the Weed & Seed effort.

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Get Involved…

Communicate: Get together with your neighbors, neighborhood church groups, school groups, clubs and organizations. Talk about your neighborhood. It might just be a few of you once a month in your living room or it could be several blocks' worth of residents in a church hall. We cannot provide the services you need or target the crimes that threaten you and your families, if we do not know about them.

Cooperate: From there, resident groups or neighborhood watch groups can be formed and you can work with the Manchester Police Department and Community Liaison to assist in bringing your needs to the Weed and Seed Steering committee. The W&S Community Police Officer and the W&S Community Liaison serve as communication avenues for the city residents.

In addition to identifying crime problems in your neighborhood, we want you to help us identify key community needs – this can include but is not limited to: trash clean up, positive hang outs for youth, frail and elderly seniors in need of assistance and more!!

Manchester Police are working cooperatively with other key community partners, such as those listed within this brochure, in order to improve the quality of life for all Manchester residents.

Weeding out crime and drug activity
and
Seeding in hope and community involvement.

Manchester Weed & Seed Partners

21st Century After-School Programs
Child and Family Services
Child Health Services- Mediasmart
City of Manchester Board of Mayor & Aldermen
City of Manchester Health Department
City of Manchester Office of Youth Services
City of Manchester Planning Department
City of Manchester Police Department
City of Manchester Public Library
Daniel Webster Council Boy Scouts
Drug Enforcement Administration
Families in Transition
Friends of the Valley Cemetery
Girls, Inc.
Greater Manchester American Red Cross
Greater Manchester Family YMCA
Hillsborough County Attorney's Office
Hillsborough County Reentry Initiative
Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office
Makin' It Happen Coalition
Manchester Boys and Girls Club
Manchester Community Resource Center
Manchester Housing Redevelopment Authority
Neighborworks Greater Manchester
MPAL/ Michael Briggs Community Center
Manchester School District
NH Dept. of Corrections Prob. & Parole
NH Dept. of Health & Human Services, DCYF
NH Minority Health Coalition
NH United States Attorney's Office
Seniors Count Initiative
Southern NH University, CED
Somali Development Center
Teen Challenge
The Salvation Army
The Way Home
UNH Cooperative Extension
US Dept. of Probation & Parole
YWCA of Manchester
And you…Manchester residents

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