

Baltimore City has a rich history of community organizing and involvement. A notable example is the Southeast Community Organization (SECO) which prevented the construction of a highway through its neighborhood in the late 1960's. BNIA-JFI currently tracks nine neighborhood and community indicators to measure the extent to which the City's neighborhoods are active, organized, and empowered. These include: the number of neighborhood associations and block groups; the number of Community Development Corporations (CDCs); the number of umbrella organizations; the number of park groups; the number of community gardens; Healthy Neighborhood Initiative locations; the number of historic properties; the percentage of the population registered to vote; and the percentage of persons voting. Highlights of changes in the neighborhood action and sense of community indicators tracked by BNIA-JFI include:

### Neighborhood Groups and Organizations

BNIA-JFI tracks four indicators including: the number of neighborhood associations and block clubs; the number of community development corporations (CDCs); the number of umbrella organizations; and the number of park and environmental groups. This data is collected from the Baltimore City Department of Planning and is reported by each organization to the City who maintains the list of organizations.

- In 2009, the City reported a total of 482 neighborhood associations and block clubs. This number has remained constant from 2008 but is lower from 2003 when there were 650 neighborhood associations and block clubs. This decrease may indicate better tracking and record keeping of established neighborhood associations and block clubs by the Department of Planning and not a decrease in neighborhood level civic engagement.
- In 2009, the number of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) in Baltimore City has remained the same from 2008 at 60. CDCs provide important and wide-ranging programs, services, and other activities that promote and support community but are primarily engaged in housing development.

**Figure: Community Development Corporations, 2009**



## Neighborhood Initiatives

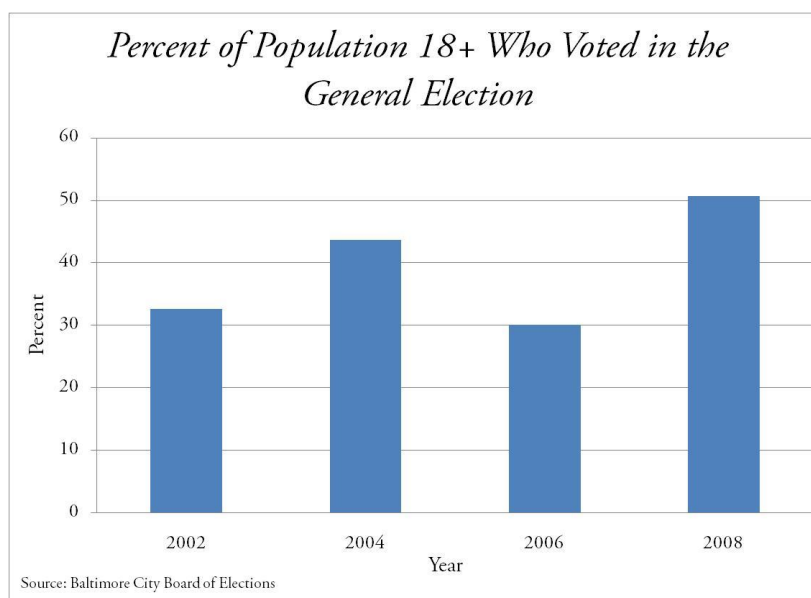
BNIA-JFI tracks currently tracks two important neighborhood initiatives in Baltimore City. These are Healthy Neighborhoods and the number of historic buildings as designated by the Commission on Historic and Architectural Preservation (CHAP). The data is collected from the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative and the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development.

- The number of neighborhoods with a Healthy Neighborhood Initiative site (HNI) did not change from 2008 to 2009 with a total of 19 programs in the City. The mission of HNI is to help strong but undervalued City neighborhoods increase home values, market their community, create high standards for property improvements, and forge strong connections among neighbors.
- The number of registered historic buildings in Baltimore decreased slightly in 2009 from 8,634 in 2008 to 8,580 properties in 2009. The CSAs with the greatest numbers of registered historic buildings are located in Midtown (1,858) and Fells Point (1,398).

## Voter Participation

BNIA-JFI tracks both the percentage of persons registered to vote and the percentage of persons voting in the general election as indicators to measure resident engagement. Both are for persons aged 18 and over in Baltimore City and both are provided by the Baltimore City Board of Elections.

- The percentage of the City's residents who are registered to vote increased from 58.1% in 2000 to 67.0% in 2008.
- The percentage of the City's residents who voted in the general election



increased by fifteen percentage points from 35.7% in 2000 to 50.7% in 2008. An increasing level of voter turnout may be an indicator that residents are becoming more involved in community and in civic decisions that may impact their neighborhoods. Given the significant African American population in the City, the dramatic increase may have also been related to the first ever African American candidate having been nominated for the Presidency.

Community Statistical Area	<i>Neighborhood Associations and Block Clubs*</i>			<i>Community Development Corporations</i>			<i>"Umbrella" Organizations</i>			<i>Parks and Environmental Stewardship Groups</i>		
	2003	2008	2009	2003	2008	2009	2003	2008	2009	2003	2008	2009
1 Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	13	11	11	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
2 Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	10	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Belair-Edison	6	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4 Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
5 Canton	7	7	7	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
6 Cedonia/Frankford	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Cherry Hill	5	3	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
8 Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	9	5	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Claremont/Armistead	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Clifton-Berea	18	9	9	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
11 Cross-Country/Cheswolde	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Dickeyville/Franklintown	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
13 Dorchester/Ashburton	14	8	8	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
14 Downton/Seton Hill	12	4	4	2	5	5	2	1	1	0	3	3
15 Edmondson Village	7	6	6	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
16 Fells Point	17	7	7	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	2
17 Forest Park/Walbrook	10	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
18 Glen-Falstaff	12	8	8	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
19 Greater Charles Village/Barclay	18	9	9	1	5	5	2	2	2	1	1	1
20 Greater Govans	16	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
21 Greater Mondawmin	11	10	10	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	0
22 Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	11	8	8	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
23 Greater Rosemont	36	27	27	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
24 Greenmount East	9	10	10	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
25 Hamilton	9	3	3	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
26 Harford/Echodale	8	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
27 Highlandtown	5	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
28 Howard Park/West Arlington	6	5	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
29 Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	16	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
30 Jonestown/Oldtown	19	14	14	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
31 Lauraville	13	7	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
32 Loch Raven	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33 Madison/East End	6	9	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
34 Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	6	11	11	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	7	7
35 Midtown	7	10	10	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	3
36 Midway/Coldstream	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
37 Morrell Park/Violetville	5	6	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
38 Mount Washington/Coldspring	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
39 North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	4	19	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 Northwood	18	10	10	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
41 Orangeville/East Highlandtown	4	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
42 Patterson Park North & East	6	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
43 Penn North/Reservoir Hill	14	23	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
44 Perkins/Middle East	12	7	7	1	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0
45 Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	7	20	20	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
46 Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	17	7	7	3	3	3	4	5	5	0	0	0
47 Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	10	20	20	3	2	2	5	4	4	0	0	0
48 South Baltimore	12	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
49 Southeastern	18	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 Southern Park Heights	16	20	20	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
51 Southwest Baltimore	11	9	9	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
52 The Waverlies	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53 Upton/Druid Heights	36	10	10	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
54 Washington Village/ Pigtown	9	6	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1
55 Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	9	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>

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Community Statistical Area	Community Gardens	Areas with a Healthy Neighborhood Initiative Program**				Number of Designated Local Historic Buildings (CHAP)			
	2005*	2006	2007	2008	2009	2,003	2,007	2,008	2,009
1 Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	4					1	0	0	0
2 Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	2					473	491	491	491
3 Belair-Edison	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	1	0	0	0
4 Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	1		yes	yes	yes	1	0	0	0
5 Canton	1					1	2	2	1
6 Cedonia/Frankford	2					2	0	0	0
7 Cherry Hill	0					0	0	0	0
8 Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	1	0	0	0
9 Claremont/Armistead	0					0	0	0	0
10 Clifton-Berea	2					38	77	78	77
11 Cross-Country/Cheswolde	0					30	30	30	30
12 Dickeyville/Franklintown	1					162	199	198	198
13 Dorchester/Ashburton	0			yes	yes	0	0	0	0
14 Downtown/Seton Hill	0					336	296	302	324
15 Edmondson Village	1			yes	yes	0	0	0	0
16 Fells Point	1					161	1,395	1,399	1,398
17 Forest Park/Walbrook	3	yes	yes	yes	yes	2	0	0	0
18 Glen-Falstaff	0		yes	yes	yes	0	0	0	0
19 Greater Charles Village/Barclay	6	yes	yes	yes	yes	5	53	53	53
20 Greater Govans	3					0	0	0	0
21 Greater Mondawmin	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	0	0	0	0
22 Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	0					2	15	15	15
23 Greater Rosemont	2		yes	yes	yes	1	0	0	0
24 Greenmount East	4					3	0	0	0
25 Hamilton	0					0	0	0	0
26 Harford/Echodale	0					0	0	0	0
27 Highlandtown	0	yes	yes	yes	yes	0	0	0	0
28 Howard Park/West Arlington	2			yes	yes	0	0	0	0
29 Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	3					590	561	561	562
30 Jonestown/Oldtown	1					363	611	611	611
31 Lauraville	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	0	0	1	0
32 Loch Raven	0					0	0	0	0
33 Madison/East End	3					0	0	0	0
34 Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	1					3	33	39	38
35 Midtown	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	2,694	1,857	1,893	1,858
36 Midway/Coldstream	0		yes	yes	yes	1	9	9	9
37 Morrell Park/Violetville	1					0	0	0	0
38 Mount Washington/Coldspring	2					147	151	151	151
39 North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	0					3	27	28	27
40 Northwood	0					0	0	0	0
41 Orangeville/East Highlandtown	0					0	0	0	0
42 Patterson Park North & East	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	42	47	46	46
43 Penn North/Reservoir Hill	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	454	583	579	553
44 Perkins/Middle East	0					11	13	11	10
45 Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	0		yes	yes	yes	0	0	0	0
46 Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	4					448	483	483	483
47 Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	9					1	1	1	1
48 South Baltimore	0					0	0	0	1
49 Southeastern	1					0	0	0	0
50 Southern Park Heights	0					0	0	0	0
51 Southwest Baltimore	4					783	842	842	842
52 The Waverlies	2		yes	yes	yes	23	81	81	80
53 Upton/Druid Heights	1					437	426	426	425
54 Washington Village/ Pigtown	2					9	0	0	0
55 Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	0					1	0	0	0
<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>79</b>					<b>7,259</b>	<b>8,592</b>	<b>8,634</b>	<b>8,580</b>

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\* Data not currently available. Parks and People are still conducting a survey of community gardens in Baltimore.

\*\* Healthy Neighborhoods are the neighborhood and not the CSA. For a full description of each of the Healthy Neighborhoods please go to:

<http://www.healthynneighborhoods.org/>

Community Statistical Area	Percent Population 18+ Who are Registered to Vote					Percent Population 18+ Who Voted in the General Election				
	2002	2004	2006	2008	Change 2002- 2008	2002	2004	2006	2008	Change 2002- 2008
1 Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	58.4	61.8	65.7	69.7	11.3	31.7	42.5	27.4	50.8	19.2
2 Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	61.7	67.7	71.3	75.7	14.0	37.1	50.7	36.2	62.9	25.7
3 Belair-Edison	62.1	68.4	75.4	70.7	8.5	35.1	47.7	32.6	61.0	25.9
4 Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	35.8	41.1	50.6	53.4	17.6	16.7	24.3	16.3	30.2	13.5
5 Canton	62.8	73.0	87.1	65.7	2.9	35.4	51.2	38.2	62.4	27.0
6 Cedonia/Frankford	54.5	61.1	70.0	71.6	17.1	31.5	43.1	30.5	56.8	25.3
7 Cherry Hill	67.0	75.4	80.7	63.6	(3.4)	31.6	45.2	26.6	57.7	26.1
8 Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	66.5	72.0	74.8	73.8	7.2	40.9	53.6	37.8	61.3	20.3
9 Claremont/Armistead	47.3	50.7	54.5	65.2	17.9	22.7	32.6	21.7	39.7	17.0
10 Clifton-Bera	68.4	66.7	73.7	64.1	(4.3)	34.3	41.8	29.3	51.9	17.6
11 Cross-Country/Cheswolde	73.6	80.5	85.0	72.0	(1.5)	51.4	63.4	50.2	65.8	14.3
12 Dickeyville/Franklintown	46.2	53.5	57.9	68.8	22.6	24.5	38.6	22.6	44.9	20.4
13 Dorchester/Ashburton	67.2	71.3	74.3	73.3	6.1	41.1	52.0	36.8	60.0	18.9
14 Downtown/Seton Hill	35.9	43.6	78.3	57.2	21.4	13.1	28.6	23.8	53.7	40.5
15 Edmondson Village	74.0	79.1	80.6	71.7	(2.2)	41.6	54.2	36.0	63.6	21.9
16 Fells Point	52.5	61.1	70.4	63.2	10.7	28.9	40.8	29.7	49.1	20.2
17 Forest Park/Walbrook	59.3	62.9	66.4	70.3	11.0	33.6	43.9	28.9	52.7	19.1
18 Glen-Falstaff	62.4	70.5	72.6	69.6	7.3	37.7	50.2	36.4	55.8	18.0
19 Greater Charles Village/Barclay	43.4	46.4	53.2	62.1	18.7	22.7	32.4	21.6	36.3	13.6
20 Greater Govans	64.4	66.8	77.0	71.0	6.6	36.3	46.0	34.7	61.0	24.7
21 Greater Mondawmin	67.4	70.6	75.1	67.9	0.5	37.5	47.9	32.7	57.0	19.5
22 Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	75.9	80.8	86.0	78.8	2.8	52.4	63.0	58.9	71.2	18.8
23 Greater Rosemont	67.9	68.9	70.4	65.8	(2.1)	34.9	45.1	28.2	51.5	16.6
24 Greenmount East	64.2	63.2	68.5	60.1	(4.1)	29.1	36.0	23.3	45.4	16.3
25 Hamilton	57.4	63.4	71.8	72.9	15.5	36.8	47.5	37.4	58.0	21.2
26 Harford/Echodale	57.7	64.4	69.7	70.5	12.7	35.6	46.5	34.5	54.3	18.7
27 Highlandtown	56.3	62.4	69.8	61.6	5.3	29.6	39.0	28.6	45.8	16.2
28 Howard Park/West Arlington	68.7	73.8	76.2	72.6	3.9	42.1	52.1	37.9	60.8	18.7
29 Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	61.7	66.6	78.5	67.5	5.8	37.0	51.0	37.2	57.7	20.7
30 Jonestown/Oldtown	51.4	55.6	72.7	57.8	6.4	23.1	32.7	23.2	48.0	24.9
31 Lauraville	59.1	66.1	70.1	72.4	13.3	38.2	49.6	38.2	55.1	16.9
32 Loch Raven	58.8	65.3	74.0	76.2	17.4	36.1	48.5	36.4	64.0	27.9
33 Madison/East End	56.4	57.7	64.2	58.0	1.6	24.3	33.8	19.1	41.9	17.6
34 Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	52.8	59.7	70.8	68.0	15.2	31.6	43.6	35.3	51.9	20.3
35 Midtown	48.4	54.9	64.1	64.6	16.2	26.7	40.5	27.3	45.6	18.9
36 Midway/Coldstream	67.6	68.4	68.5	62.8	(4.8)	31.3	42.1	24.5	47.0	15.7
37 Morrell Park/Violetville	40.1	45.4	54.0	58.6	18.5	22.4	30.1	23.5	34.2	11.8
38 Mount Washington/Coldspring	81.4	89.0	94.9	77.7	(3.7)	59.8	72.8	61.6	77.1	17.3
39 North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	54.4	58.5	65.3	73.8	19.5	39.3	47.9	41.0	50.6	11.4
40 Northwood	62.7	68.0	71.5	73.1	10.4	38.8	49.5	36.2	57.2	18.5
41 Orangeville/East Highlandtown	48.5	50.4	52.8	52.4	3.9	24.0	30.0	21.0	28.9	4.9
42 Patterson Park North & East	52.7	57.7	65.0	59.5	6.7	24.7	35.9	23.7	42.8	18.1
43 Penn North/Reservoir Hill	58.9	62.3	64.5	66.1	7.1	30.0	41.1	25.1	47.9	17.9
44 Perkins/Middle East	59.2	57.9	56.7	56.6	(2.6)	25.3	34.2	18.2	35.9	10.6
45 Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	58.2	61.2	64.7	65.6	7.4	30.2	38.9	26.0	48.0	17.8
46 Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	56.1	61.0	67.6	61.9	5.8	26.3	38.8	22.3	47.7	21.3
47 Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	60.8	61.3	67.7	61.0	0.2	26.3	36.3	22.3	46.4	20.1
48 South Baltimore	59.6	67.4	85.1	68.0	8.4	34.4	47.7	38.6	63.5	29.1
49 Southeastern	47.5	50.6	56.9	50.7	3.2	21.9	27.8	19.3	30.2	8.3
50 Southern Park Heights	54.9	61.3	65.3	64.2	9.3	27.0	39.6	23.7	47.5	20.6
51 Southwest Baltimore	48.4	50.8	57.9	58.5	10.1	21.0	29.7	18.6	38.3	17.3
52 The Waverlies	66.6	72.3	81.6	70.0	3.4	36.0	50.2	36.9	63.5	27.5
53 Upton/Druid Heights	60.0	63.2	70.4	60.2	0.2	26.0	37.6	23.9	48.5	22.6
54 Washington Village/ Pigtown	48.6	52.8	64.7	63.2	14.6	23.8	34.5	23.1	45.7	21.9
55 Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	49.4	54.0	57.9	63.3	13.9	23.7	34.4	20.6	40.2	16.5
<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>18.1</b>

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