

Neighborhood Action Plan – East Hill

A resident-informed strategy for neighborhood stabilization and revitalization.

Why this plan was created:

East Hill is a historic, affordable, and well-located Sharon neighborhood with access to Downtown, employment, and recreational amenities. It also faces visible challenges, including declining rental conditions, vacant and blighted properties, aging owner-occupied homes, and deteriorated streets.

The East Hill Neighborhood Action Plan was created to turn the City of Sharon's Comprehensive Plan into focused, on-the-ground action over the next five years. It was developed by the City of Sharon, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC), Sharon Community Development Corporation (SCDC), residents, and community partners.

The plan reflects direct neighborhood input. In spring 2026, YNDC canvassed approximately 1,025 households, received 81 completed surveys, and recorded more than 40 additional resident conversations. Residents most consistently called for stronger landlord accountability, assistance for long-time homeowners and older adults, and repair of basic infrastructure.

What is in the plan:

The plan documents neighborhood conditions, identifies assets and priorities, and provides practical strategies for the City, residents, property owners, and community partners.

Six priorities guide the plan:

- 1. Strengthen rental housing quality and landlord accountability.** Improve registration, inspection, code enforcement, nuisance enforcement, and local-contact requirements for rental properties.
- 2. Help homeowners remain safely in their homes.** Connect eligible residents to home repair, weatherization, accessibility, and exterior-improvement resources.
- 3. Improve streets, sidewalks, drainage, lighting, and safety.** Focus future investment on walking routes, school and transit corridors, stormwater concerns, lighting, and traffic safety.
- 4. Address vacant, blighted, and nuisance properties.** Coordinate cleanup, board-up, maintenance, demolition, acquisition, rehabilitation, land banking, and side-lot strategies.
- 5. Support affordable and attainable housing.** Encourage quality housing for working households, older adults, and families that fits the character of the neighborhood.
- 6. Strengthen neighborhood-serving businesses and community pride.** Support reuse of underutilized commercial properties, façade improvements, practical business development, branding, wayfinding, and placemaking.

The plan also includes a property-conditions assessment, implementation tools for individual properties, potential funding sources, and measures for tracking results.

What happens next:

Following review and adoption in the fall of 2026, the City and its partners will use the plan to form and convene a Neighborhood Action Team to implement the recommendations. To provide comments on the plan or if interested in joining the Neighborhood Action Team, please contact Sara Daugherty at (330) 480-0423 or sdaugherty@yndc.org.