

Community Technical Assistance, Inc.

Study Area and Project Site

Community Technical Assistance, Inc. (CTA) is a New Jersey based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides technical assistance to residents, focus groups, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and non-profits in low-to-moderate and disadvantaged communities.

Our focus is to assist the respective groups in community development as part of a building process. The process will empower citizens to create their environment and improve their quality of life.

CTA provides technical assistance to focus groups and persons of low-to-moderate income communities. One of our groups involve students in the 5th and 6th grades who are gifted and talented. The students attend East Orange Public Schools', Gordon Parks Academy of Radio, Animation, Film, and Television, Mildred Barry Garvin School and Ecole Toussaint Louverture. Their goal is to learn **'How to plan their community.'** The technical assistance is a series of training and working sessions that involve the active participation of the students. Each session is designed to encourage, teach and guide their development as well as to promote hands-on teaching methods that foster and promote an excellent learning environment.

Prior to the design of their project site, the students were provided with technical assistance that involved a four-step process. Their project site is located in East Orange's 4th Ward at the intersection of Greenwood Ave and Eaton Place. The project site is also within a 5 minute walk from the Oval Park, East Orange Civic Center, Gordon Parks Academy of Radio, Animation, Film, and Television, and Mildred Barry Garvin School.

Step One – Learn and Construct a Base Map

- a. Elements Required of a Base Map – Map Title, City Block, City Block Number, City Tax Lots, City Tax Lot Numbers, Right-of-Way, North Arrow, and Map Scale.
- b. City Agency Site Visit– City of East Orange Department of Engineering

Step Two – Define the Study Area and Conduct a Neighborhood Assessment

- a. Assembly city tax maps of the Study Area.
- b. Document property ownership information for the respective city tax parcels.
- c. Conduct a physical assessment of the Study Area's streetscape and built environment.
- d. City Agency Site Visit- City of East Orange Tax Assessors Office.

Step Three – Define the Right-of-Way / Streetscape at Eaton Place in the Study Area

- a. Elements of the Streetscape – Sidewalk, Grass Area, Street Curb, Street, Street Lights, Street Signs, and Fire Hydrant
- b. Project Site Visit and Investigation

Step Four – Address the Overall Issues in the Study Area, Impacting the Project Site

- a. Design a new streetscape for Easton Place
- b. Group Discussions and Decision Making as to the elements required to improve the Study Area and Project Site.

In support of the technical assistance provided by **CTA** to the students of East Orange Public Schools', Gordon Parks Academy of Radio, Animation, Film, and Television, Mildred Barry Garvin School and Ecole Toussaint Louverture, the project is partially funded by:

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City of East Orange



Gordon Parks Academy of Radio, Animation, Film, and Television



Mildred Barry Garvin School



Project Site – Greenwood Avenue and Eaton Place



Technical Planning Team



Study Area and Project Site



Streetscaping, Site Improvements to Study Area and Design of Project Site



Project Site Aerial View



Project Site Aerial and Site Perspective



Project Site Entrance and Interior Design Layout



Project Site Streetscaping and Sidewalk Design

Our **Study Area** is located in the City of East Orange at the intersection of Easton Place and Greenwood Avenue. The Study Area is made up of 2 City Blocks (172 and 49.01) and seven (7) City Tax Lots (1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 9.01).

We conducted a field investigation of the Study Area existing conditions. The assessment revealed that there are three lots (block 172, lots 4, 5, 6) with buildings and five (5) vacant lots (block 172, lots 4, 8, 9, 9.01 and Block 49.01, lot 1).

Our **Project Site** consists of three vacant city owned properties.

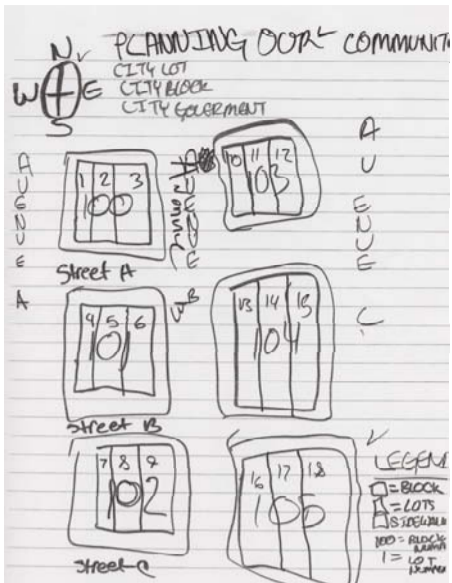
After review, documentation and analysis of the Study Area, we determined that there is an immediate need to address the existing poor condition of the sidewalks, street, lack of lighting, buildings and vacant lots.

Our proposed design recommendations for Study Area is focused within the right-of-way. The elements to be improved are the street and sidewalk, installation of more street lights, implementation of waste receptacles, and cleaning of the street.

Step One – Learn and Construct a Base Map



Creating Base Maps



Step Two – Define the Study Area and Conduct a Neighborhood Assessment



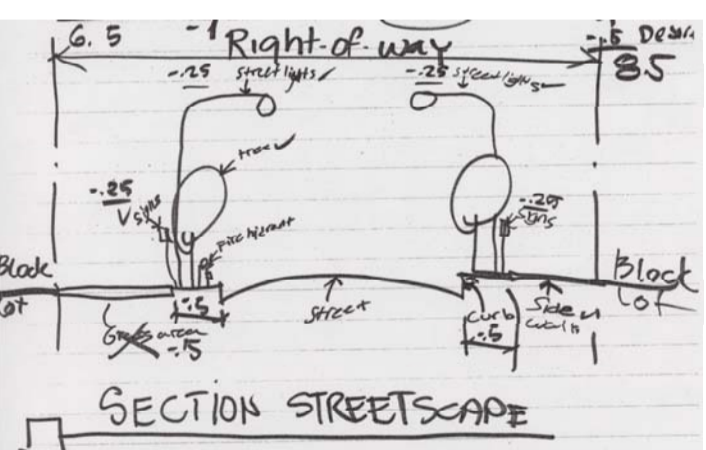
Neighborhood Assessment of the Study Area's Streetscape and Built Environment

Block	Property address	Owner's name	Address address
Block 49.01	120-122 Eaton Place	City of East Orange	44 City Hall Plaza
Block 172	118 Eaton Pl	City of E O	44 City Hall Plaza
5	116 Eaton Pl	Joe D. Juncos	30-32 Greenwood Ave
6	114 Eaton Pl	M. Chona	44 City Hall Plaza
7	110 Eaton Pl	City of E O	44 City Hall Plaza
8	104-108 Eaton Pl	City of E O	44 City Hall Plaza
9	23-27 Greenwood Ave	City of E O	44 City Hall Plaza
49.01	23 Greenwood Ave	City of E O	44 City Hall Plaza
Block 49.01	118 Eaton Pl	City of E O	44 City Hall Plaza



Documentation of Property Ownership, City Tax Assessors Site Visit and Developing of the Study Area.

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Streetscape Development and Site Visit Investigation



Step Four – Address the Overall Issues in the Study Area, Impacting the Project Site

