



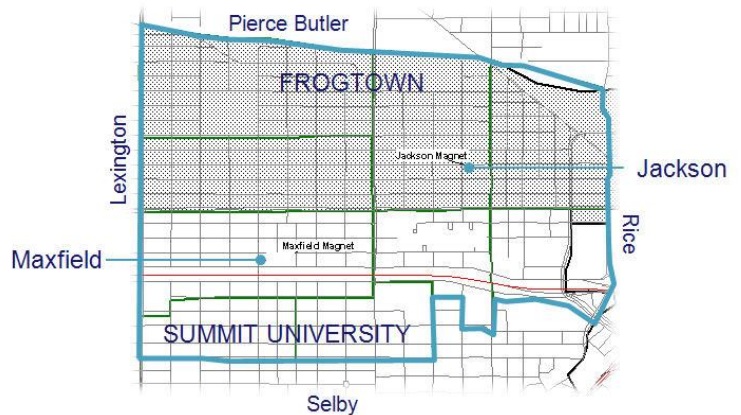
OVERVIEW

Goal:

The Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood is a community-wide effort to ensure all children succeed in school and in life.

Area:

The Promise Neighborhood encompasses a 250-block area in the Summit-University and Frogtown neighborhoods in Saint Paul. About one-third of the residents are younger than 18. Fifty-six percent of households have incomes below \$35,000; 89 percent of public-school students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.



Background:

Saint Paul is one of 21 communities across the nation selected to receive a Promise Neighborhood grant from the United States Department of Education.

The Promise Neighborhood effort is engaging residents and experts to develop a new model of cradle-to-career support to transform the way we identify and meet students' needs by integrating:

- Rigorous, high quality in-school and out-of-school learning time
- Educational, family, and community resources and supports

Two public elementary schools, Maxfield and Jackson, located in the Promise Neighborhood are targeted to become full-service community schools, providing students, families, and all community members with access to needed services. Other public, private, and charter schools serving children in the Promise Neighborhood area are also being engaged.

The Promise Neighborhood effort was inspired by the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City – a community-based, interlocking network of services for children from birth through college. The Harlem Children's program has received national acclaim for its success in closing the achievement gap.



Process: August 2010 - September 2011

The \$500,000 federal planning grant, along with in-kind contributions, and \$175,000 in local grants from the philanthropic community, is being used to complete a one-year community assessment and planning process to:

- Assess the major assets and needs of children and families, and current community programs, services, and capacity.
- Form six Solution Action Groups, each made up of 20-25 Promise Neighborhood residents and others who care about the area, who create a plan that builds on community strengths and includes research-based and culturally appropriate strategies.
- Bring together organizations to commit to implementing the plan.
- Create an awareness and outreach campaign to garner support and community participation.

Partners:

The effort is managed by Wilder Foundation in collaboration with:

City of Saint Paul	Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation
Frogtown Neighborhood Association	Summit University Planning Council
Ramsey County	YWCA Saint Paul
Saint Paul Public Schools	

Funders:

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