

**Priority Area:**

Address Homelessness

**Goal/Objective:**

Address transient issues in neighborhoods and overall homelessness problem of Joplin residents.

**Strategy 4 - Develop program to encourage private property owners to maintain properties to discourage illegal camping.****Action Steps:**

- a. Inventory private properties where tree/brush undergrowth is or may be encouraging transient or criminal activity.
- b. Develop GIS map layer of properties.
- c. Review city ordinances to determine if proper authorities are present for requiring private property owners to maintain properties in a way to discourage transient or criminal activity.
- d. Meet with municipal court staff and prosecutor's office to receive input into plan.
- e. Develop processes and procedures for proactive code enforcement program to require private property owners to maintain properties.
- f. Inform stakeholders of program development to seek input.

**Resources Required:**

1. Staff time to identify and inventory sites.
2. Staff time to develop GIS map layer.
3. Staff time to review ordinances for authorities.
4. Staff time to develop process and procedures for program.
5. Funding for additional 0.50 FTE for a Neighborhood Improvement Officer and operational costs for the program.

**Total Plan Cost:**

Total Additional FTE: 0.50

One-Time Costs: \$1,000

Staffing Annual Costs: \$32,500

Program Annual Costs: \$5,000

**Desired Benefit/Outcome:**

- Reduce unwanted negative effects of transient trespassing and camping on private properties.

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*"I would love to see some of the abandoned buildings addressed. I believe Pittsburg had a process of giving building owners timelines to clean up the buildings or they become city property that is then either sold to a developer or torn down." – Listening Tour Respondent*