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Restore Rundberg – U.S. Dept. of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant

Restore Rundberg is a partnership between the community, government, researchers, and community stakeholder groups.

The mission of Restore Rundberg is to improve the quality of life, health, safety, education, and well-being of individuals living and working in the Rundberg Neighborhood.



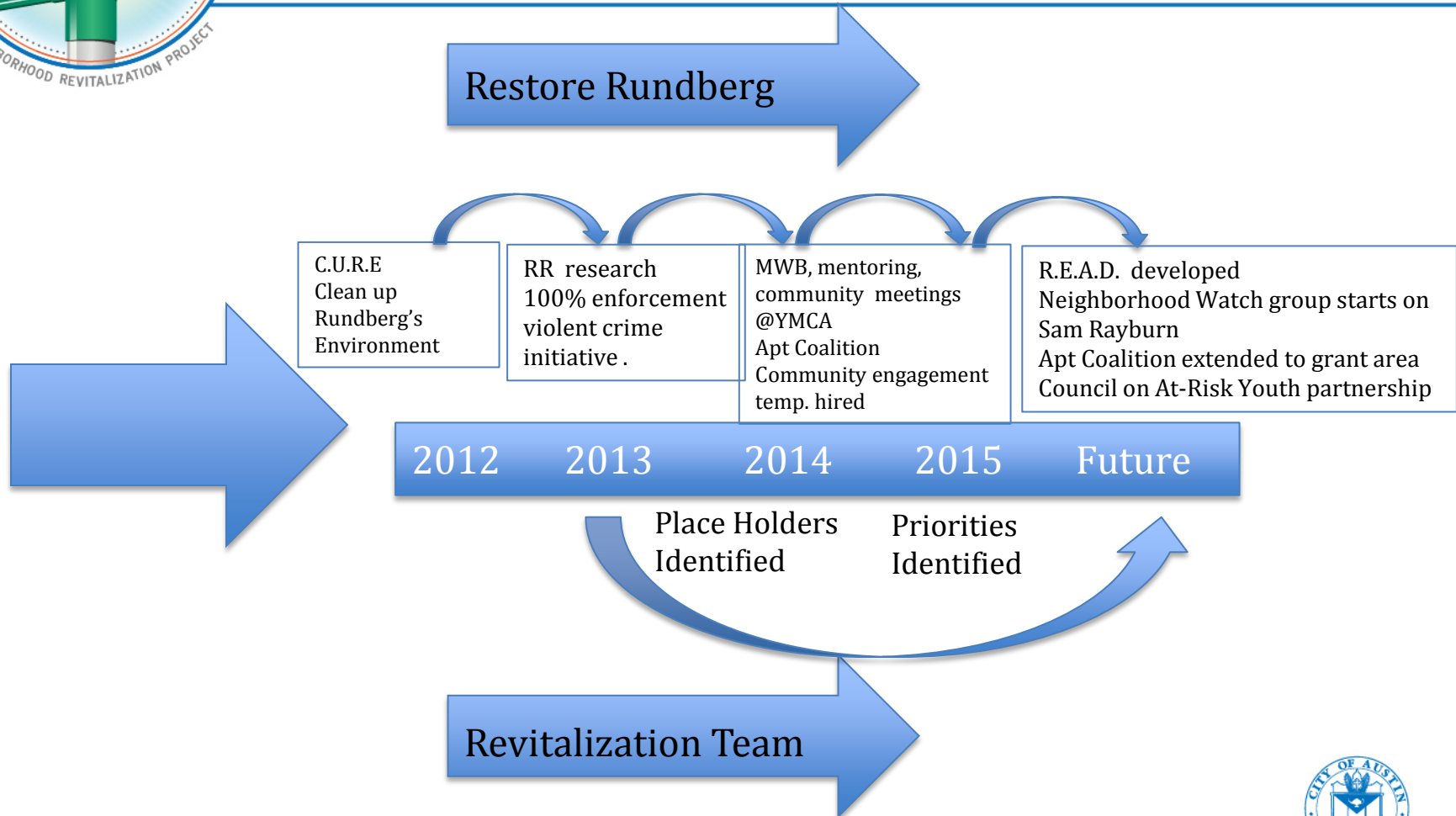
Restore Rundberg grant initiative area



The Austin Police Department received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to help revitalize the Rundberg area and reduce crime during the next three years. The first year of the grant funding focuses on the purple area of the map. The remaining years focus on the orange area.



Restore Rundberg Process





Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team

- **Place 1:** City of Austin Neighborhood Planning Representative
- **Place 2:** Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Neighborhood Planning Area Representative
- **Place 3:** North Lamar/Georgian Acres Neighborhood Planning Area Representative
- **Place 4:** North Austin Civic Association Neighborhood Planning Area Representative
- **Place 5:** Education Representative (K-12)
- **Place 6:** Education Representative (higher ed.)
- **Place 7 & 14:** Hispanic Leadership Representatives.
- **Place 8:** Immigrant Community Representative
- **Place 9:** Faith- Based Community Representative
- **Place 10:** Affordable Housing/Homelessness Prevention Representative
- **Place 11:** Public Safety Representative
- **Place 12:** Economic Development Representative
- **Place 13:** Community Health Representative



Workgroups

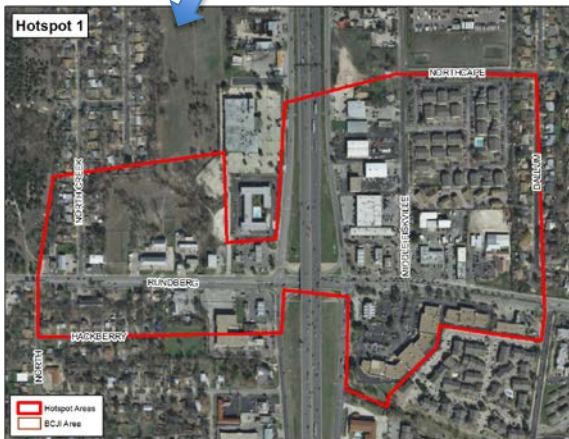
Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team's Priority Areas:

- 1. Revitalization of Key Properties
- 2. Healthcare
- 3. Afterschool Programs
- 4. Code Compliance
- 5. Homelessness Intervention
- 6. Housing Affordability
- 7. Economic and Workforce Development
- 8. Prostitution Prevention and Intervention



Restore Rundberg *Hot Spots*

Vacant Land
Hotspot 1 – **Rundberg/35**



Hotspot 2 - **Sam Rayburn**

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Hotspot 3 –
Northgate/ Galewood

Vacant Land





Restore Rundberg

Hot Spots

Hot Spot 4 – *New for 2016*





Rundberg's Circle of Crime



Large wooded area/ hard to police at night



Cheap hotels/ gas stations & smoke shops

Violent/ property crimes

Transients, prostitutes
drug dealers/users



Heavily trafficked intersection







 **Opening in 2015**



 **IDEA Rundberg will open in August of 2015!**
9504 N. Interstate 35 (Rundberg Lane)



IDEA Rundberg future expansion



IDEA AUSTIN - RUNDBERG OVERALL SITE PLAN PERSPECTIVE

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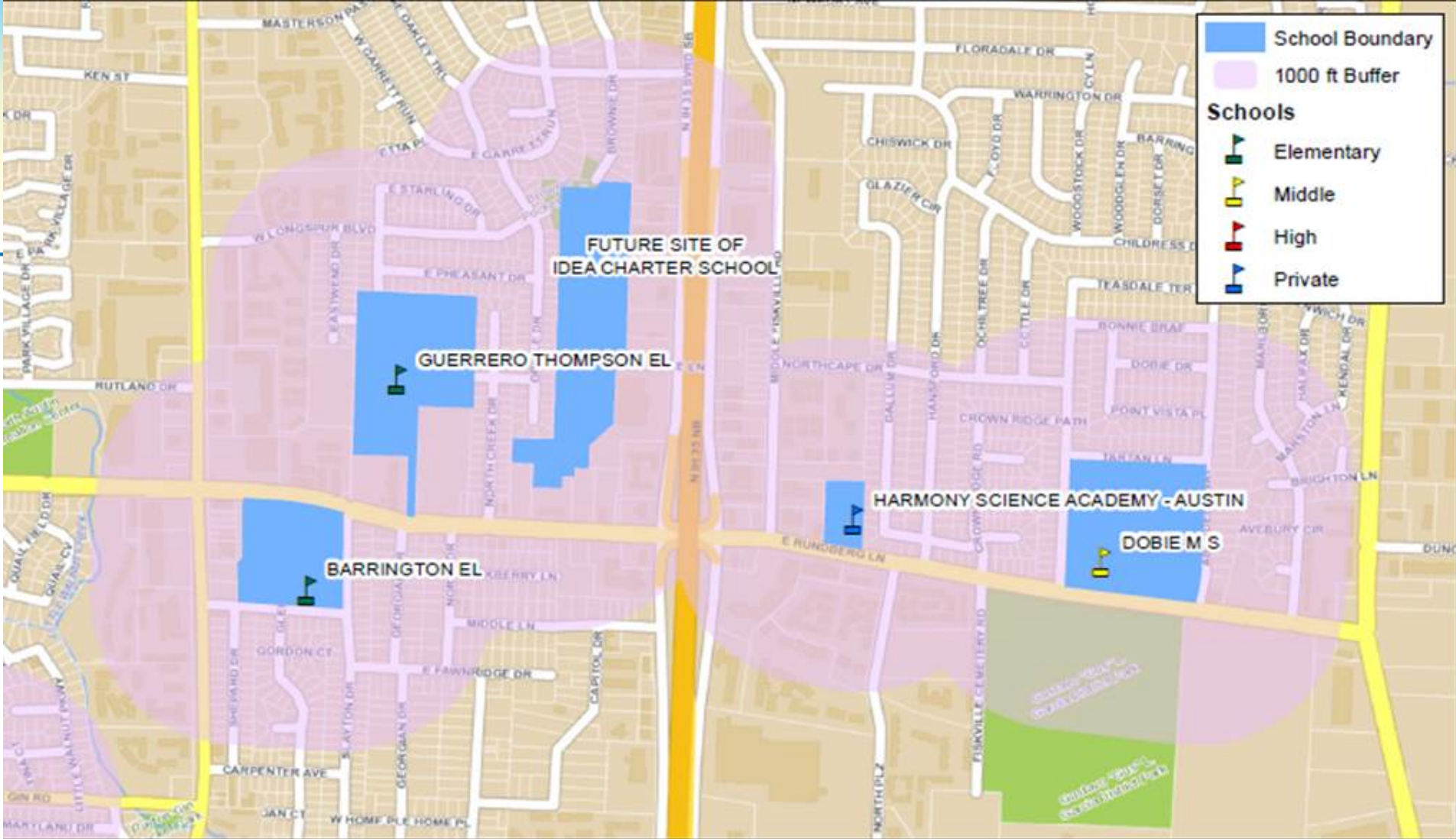
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SPO Ray Kianes
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2014 Austin Police Department RUNDBERG CORRIDOR SCHOOLS



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This map was created by the Planning and Research Analysis Unit of the Austin Police Department for the sole purpose of the geographic display of crime. No warranty is made with regards to its accuracy or completeness.

Map was created using ESRI ArcGIS ArcInfo 10.1. Data is projected using North American Datum 1983, Texas State Plane Central. Units are measured in US Feet. Data sources: Austin Police Department, City of Austin Corporate GIS.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH ANALYSIS UNIT



What is R.E.A.D. ?

The Rundberg Educational Advancement District (READ) grew out of the Restore Rundberg revitalization initiative in 2014.

As a result of this initiative, there is visible and tangible crime reduction in the area, and community efforts are now turning toward sustaining that progress in the long term.

There are now five schools along Rundberg Lane, between North Lamar Boulevard and Dessau Road:

- Dobie M.S.,
- Harmony Science Academy,
- IDEA Rundberg,
- Guerrero-Thompson E.S., and
- Barrington E.S.

Together, they form the **Rundberg Educational Advancement District (READ)**

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What is R.E.A.D. ?

Rundberg Educational Advancement District (READ):

Educators, city officials, community members, and police officers committed to supporting the educational advancement of the youth in the Rundberg area through:

- the connection of the most at risk youth with available resources,
- beautification projects, and
- communication about the positive and inclusive transformation of the area.

As READ expands, it will potentially include other schools of the Restore Rundberg area:

- Lanier H.S.,
- Jaime Padron E.S.,
- Wooldridge E.S.,
- Walnut Creek E.S., and
- Hart E.S.

Improving the Aesthetics of the Area





R.E.A.D. Pride

Harmony Science Academy staff and students proudly wearing their R.E.A.D. shirts





Dobie Middle School Beautification Project

Mormon Helping Hands, Keep Austin Beautiful, AISD, and other community stakeholders in Rundberg area working to make the campus more attractive.



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Mobile Walking Beat

Mobile Walking Beat To Date:

- Over One Year of Operations
- Over 13,000 contacts
- Distributed over 2500 Restore Rundberg pamphlets
- 2000 Medical Access Program flyers
- 500 Victim Assistance Information flyers

Race	
Hispanic	67.55%
Black	15.83%
White	12.66%
Asian	2.90%

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Mobile Walking Beat



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Community Surveys

2014 survey results: **33.5%** of the people felt safe in the area based on 756 community surveys

2015 survey results: **73.94%** of the people feel safe in the area, based on 1036 community surveys recorded on iPad and digitally uploaded to University of Texas research team





Violent Crime Statistics

(In Grant Area)

	COMPARISON PERIOD - INTERVENTION PERIOD	
	April 2012 - August 2013	April 2014 - August 2015
Hot Spot #1	5.77% Reduction	
Hot Spot #2	44.44% Reduction	
Hot Spot #3	20.00% Reduction	
Hot Spots Combined	15.09% Reduction	
Grant Area	4.52% Reduction	

Data from University of Texas research team





Violent Crime Statistics

(City-wide Impact)

	COMPARISON PERIOD	INTERVENTION PERIOD	
	April 2012 - August 2013	April 2014 - August 2015	<i>Trend in % Points</i>
% Violent Crime in Grant Area attributed to Hot Spots	18.43	16.39	-2.04% Reduction
% Violent Crime in Austin attributed to Grant Area	12.99	11.72	-1.27% Reduction

Data from University of Texas research team





Council on At-Risk Youth joins Restore Rundberg

Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY) was awarded \$128,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) grant to expand CARY's PeaceRox Youth Violence Prevention program.

CARY is in partnership with the Restore Rundberg project and currently serving 850 students in the grant area: Lanier H.S., Dobie M.S., Barrington E.S., and Hart E.S.



<http://cary4kids.org/cary-youth-advisers-implement-successful-saturday-program/>



Restore Rundberg CARY Summer Program

June 15-July 15 2015

Ages 8-17

M-Th 10:00-4:00

Objectives:

- Community safety
- Health and wellness
- Collective impact
- Service Learning and Leadership Training
- Mentoring and Case Management
- Parent Empowerment
- Sports, art, clubs, experiential education
- College and Career Readiness





Restore Rundberg Recognition in 2015

Austin Chronicle Critics:

***“Best Neighborhood
Revival”***





Restore Rundberg Recognition in 2015

Austin Community
Advancement Network's
2015 Butler Awards –

***“Spirit of Collaboration
Award”*** for Restore
Rundberg





Restore Rundberg Recognition in 2015

Austin City
Council:

***“Distinguished
Service Award”***





Conclusion

*Follow-up Questions
& Comments?*