"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

-Jane Jacobs
Mission Statement
Create a welcoming and safe community, led by residents who are empowered to be involved and responsible for the continuous development of our community.

Vision
- To work together to achieve our goals for a better community
- To engage and create an active and responsive link between residents, service providers and others involved in the Davis Creek Community
- To encourage residents’ participation in the Davis Creek Community
- To be a voice in the neighbourhood for the Davis Creek Community

Values
- Respect
- Communication
- Safety
- Socialization
- Partnerships
- Improvement
- Fun
- Responsibility
- Commitment
- Involvement
- Breaking Down Barriers

Davis Creek Catchment Area (Boundaries)
- North – King Street
- South – Escarpment
- East – Centennial Parkway
- West – Redhill Expressway
1 Welcome to the Davis Creek Neighbourhood
   1 History of the Neighbourhood
   3 Profile of Riverdale

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History of the Neighbourhood

We, the Davis Creek Community Planning Team, developed this plan in 2011-2012. We were supported in the planning and implementation process by a Community Development Worker, Hamilton Community Foundation and the Neighbourhood Development Office of the City of Hamilton.

We engaged the Davis Creek Neighbourhood throughout this planning process in the following ways:

- Flyers and Posters 500
- Face-to-face meetings:
- Survey 76
- Schools
  - Sir Wilfrid Laurier (gr.4-5) 57
  - Glendale Secondary School 62
- Community meetings:
  - Community members 125
  - Service Providers 43
- Community Events 250

This plan is more than words on paper; it is intended to drive clear and feasible action by the Davis Creek Community Planning Team and the City of Hamilton. It is intended that this plan will be used to develop City of Hamilton work plans and funding priorities. However, we understand that not all our actions may be feasible due to funding or other limited resources, but we will explore each option to its fullest.
Profile of Davis Creek

There are at least three established communities within this area. Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) on Quigley Rd and Pine Grove Place on Congress Court, have long-term community resident groups and projects. The Tindale area is similar to the other areas in that it contains a lot of high density living and many low income families. This area has never been formally organized for or by residents.

The three areas have a number of other similarities. They are mixed neighbourhoods of single family residents, town house complexes and high rise apartment dwellings. Although some of the areas would be considered stable long-term residential areas, others are characterized by low income, lone parent families, and high rates of unemployment. Parents often feel isolated. There are limited, locally available constructive activities for children, youth and families. As well, drug related violence and gang activity are frequent occurrences in all three areas.

For the last 9 years, CATCH on Quigley Road has offered the community a community driven response to short and long-term community needs. It currently provides a preschool and parent drop-in five mornings a week, a parent/child lunch program, a food cupboard two days a week and after school programs in 2 sites for children and youth. Recently it has taken on more of an advisory role then a decision-making one. The issues have not changed and hopefully, through the neighbourhood planning process the community residents will have some impact on community planning and implementation of projects to improve the lives of the residents.

Pine Grove has a community tenant association that is focused on improving living conditions for the tenants. The residents are interested in becoming more involved in community activities.

The Davis Creek Community Planning Committee has been meeting every other week since March to work through the Neighbourhood Planning Process. Residents from all three areas have attended meetings. However attendance is variable and some residents are frustrated by the planning and want to see immediate action.
Why did we do this
• For the community to have a say in what goes on in our community
• For the good of our neighbourhood
• To meet our neighbours
• To have the best neighbourhood in the City of Hamilton
• To take pride in our neighbourhood

How the plan was developed
• Community Consultation
• Special events
• Talking to community resident’s
• Open forum discussions
• CATCH office
• Bus stops, stores, on the street, etc.

Who participated on the Planning Team
• Residents of Davis Creek
• Helen Thomas – Facilitator, CATCH; Co Chair - McMaster University, School of Nursing, Retired Professor
• Jadranka Petrovic – CATCH
• Judy Kloosterman – Community Development Worker
• City Housing Hamilton – Community Development Worker
• Parkview Terrace
• Student Placements

Who was consulted
• Residents of Davis Creek
• Various Departments of the City of Hamilton
• Ward 5 City Councilor’s office

When did the planning take place
• Between March 2012 and September 2012.
Special Community Events held in the Davis Creek Community

- Quigley Road/CATCH Easter Egg Scramble  
  March/April
- Quigley Road/CATCH Community Clean Up  
  April
- Pine Grove Community Clean Up  
  April
- Pine Grove Community BBQ  
  June
- Pine Grove Community Yard Sale  
  September
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Movie Night  
  September
- Green Venture Community Clean Up  
  October
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Haunted House  
  October
- Quigley Road/CATCH Christmas Event  
  (children, youth and seniors)  
  December
Next Steps

• Have a strong community planning team
• Continue community engagement
• Implement community work plan
• Bring Service Providers to table on a community need basis
• Seek out and support strengths in community
• Continue promoting of the DCCPT
• Continue engagement with City of Hamilton to implement the work plan
Terms of Reference

Davis Creek Community Planning Team

Purpose

- Identify and address the challenges that effect Davis Creek
- Build on existing relationships and resources
- Organize events to bring the community together
- Involve the community in the development of Davis Creek
- Promote a positive environment where ideas can be exchanged

Membership

- Representation from households, businesses, agencies, and faith communities as per boundaries of Davis Creek
- Anyone who is committed to our mission and vision, identifying issues and suggesting solutions
- Working sub group committees will be created as deemed necessary by the Davis Creek Planning Team and members solicited for these purposes.
- New member recruitment process will be ongoing
- Service Providers as required by the work plan

Resources and Support

The Davis Creek Community will welcome the support of any and all individuals, agencies and institutions as invited that support the vision and mission of our group.

Positions of the Community Planning Team

Will have up to 15 seats, 4 specific, remaining 11 will have voting rights and titles to be determined (sub co-chairs, school/business liaison, membership, outreach, etc.)

All members of the Davis Creek Community Planning Team will represent the group in a “lead by example” manner at all times.

Chairperson/Co-Chair (selected from the membership with an annual review or as needed)
**Co-Chairs (2)**
Co-Chairs responsibilities are to:
- Demonstrate leadership
- Set the agenda in consultation with the recording secretary
- Facilitate productive meetings
- Participate or designate an alternate to represent city-wide activities

**Sub-committee Co-Chairs (5)**
Sub-committee Co-Chairs responsibilities are to:
- Demonstrate leadership
- Set the agenda with the secretary
- Facilitate meetings
- Chair subcommittee for the length of time necessary to complete the work plan goal
- Reporting to the planning team

**Treasurer**
The treasurer is responsible to:
- Demonstrate leadership
- Prepare and present financial statements for each meeting
- Set and maintain a bank account for the RCPT

**Secretary**
The secretary is responsible to:
- Demonstrate leadership
- Record notes
- Support Chair/Co-Chair in meeting preparation and follow up
- Set the agenda in consultation with the chairperson/co-chair
- Provide communications support to the RCPT and appropriate community resources
- All notes are to be reviewed by the co-chairs for final edit before being distributed.
- All regrets are to be communicated to a member prior to meeting.
Members
Members are invited to:
• Attend meetings on a regular basis
• Be prepared to discuss items on the agenda
• Share personal expertise and participate in activities, initiatives, sub committees, planning process etc.
• Regrets are to be communicated to the Chair or another DCPT member prior to meeting (when possible).

Meetings

Frequency
• Meetings will be held as determined DCCPT
• Extra meetings as determined by the needs of the DCCPT.

Location
As determined by the DCCPT. Different locations throughout Davis Creek to give all community members an opportunity to attend.

Decision Making
Consensus will be the preferred decision-making model. If consensus cannot be achieved, the decision will be based on 50% plus one of the membership in attendance.
Vision Statement

Davis Creek Neighbourhood
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“Create a welcoming and safe community led by residents who are empowered to be involved and responsible for the continuous development of our community.”
Davis Creek Neighbourhood

What is a community asset?

A community asset is *anything* that improves the quality of community life.
## The Workplan

### Davis Creek Neighbourhood Action Plan

### GOAL A: Redevelopment of Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School Site into Community Centre/Space

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<td>Marie</td>
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<td>Action 2: Ensure a member of the planning team sits at the city planning table</td>
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<td>Action 1: Advocate for space to be used by community members and service providers</td>
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<td>Action 2: Determine the feasibility and the process of negotiating with the HWCDSB to access the space</td>
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<td>Action 3: Staff of the Hamilton Neighbourhood Development office to determine the process for engaging the city in this endeavour</td>
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<td>Action 4: Determine the minimum space requirements for programming</td>
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<td>Action 5: Determine annual rental costs for the space to be leased based on annual maintenance costs of the building and outdoor space as well as city administrative costs</td>
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<td>Action 6: Identify funding opportunities to provide needed ongoing programming</td>
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<td>Action 7: Have a community plan to determine actual space requirements</td>
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<td>Action 8: Identify groups and/or agencies that would be interested in space (leasing)</td>
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<td>Action 1: Conduct surveys and focus groups with area residents.</td>
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<td>Action 2: Determine programming by community needs and feasibility</td>
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<td>Action 3: Hamilton Neighbourhood Development office, the DCNPT, area councilor and others to identify groups and/or agencies that would provide services</td>
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<td>Action 4: Collect signatures to show community support (petitions)</td>
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<td>Wanda Davis Creek Planning Committee</td>
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<td>Action 2: Invite police to planning table</td>
<td>Wanda Davis Creek Planning Committee</td>
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<th>Objective 2: Advocate Positive Activities for Youth to Increase a Positive Life Style</th>
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<td>Action 1: Ask for stats on youth crime in community</td>
<td>Wanda</td>
<td>October 2013</td>
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<td>Action 2: Bring accessible programs to the neighbourhood (using Chillhill as the model)</td>
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<td>Year 1 – Year 5</td>
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<td>Action 3: Give life skill credits for participation</td>
<td>Hamilton Wentworth School Board</td>
<td>Year 1 (Ongoing)</td>
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<td>Action 4: Encourage students/youth to volunteer in this community</td>
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<td>Action 1: Advocate for arm controlled rail cross stops at Quigley and Greenhill</td>
<td>Canadian Pacific Green Venture</td>
<td>Year 1 (Ongoing)</td>
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<td>Action 2: Advocate for pedestrian controlled stops across busy streets (Mt. Albion, Greenhill, Quigley)</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
<td>Year 1 (Ongoing)</td>
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<td>Action 3: More police involvement/presence re: youth activities/gangs/drugs/speeding</td>
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<td>Action 4: Invite city traffic department to attend meeting of the planning team to discuss the impact of increased traffic flow from the Greenhill off ramp</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
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<td>Action 5: Traffic safety around all schools</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
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<td>Action 6: Improve lighting for pedestrians and vehicles on main streets (locations to look at – Quigley and King, Mt. Albion and King etc.)</td>
<td>Public Works Green Venture</td>
<td>Year 2</td>
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<td>Action 7: Hydro poles that have been stuck down to be replaced in a timely fashion</td>
<td>Energy One/Hamilton Hydro</td>
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## Davis Creek Neighbourhood Action Plan

**GOAL C: Increase Respect and Social Unity/Community Involvement**

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<td>Action 1: Make sure flyers are out in a reasonable time frame, implement facebook page, keep contact list up to date, make sure e-mail list is up to date, create marketing package for planning team members.</td>
<td>Davis Creek Planning Committee Adult Basic Education Association</td>
<td>Now to April 2013 (Ongoing)</td>
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| Action 2: Communicate with other members in the community about the Planning Team (e.g. events, schools, parks, your neighbourhood, bus stops, meeting places, Councillors Newsletter, St. Luke’s newsletter/bulletin board etc.) | David  
Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Members  
SWL Newsletter  
Councillor Collins Newsletter | Now to April 2013 (Ongoing) |
| Action 3: Make sure all outgoing materials have contact person/number on it | Davis Creek Planning Committee Adult Basic Education Association | Now to April 2013 (Ongoing) |
| Action 4: Promote community activities (Easter Egg Hunt, Community Clean Up) | Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Members | Now to April 2013 (Ongoing) |
| Action 5: Have table at school/parent info nights | Marie  
Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Development Worker | Yearly  
October 2014 to October 2017 |
| Action 6: Attend Parent Council/School Council meetings | Judy  
Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Development Worker | Monthly  
October 2014 to October 2017 |
| Action 7: Liaison with schools in area (Bagshaw, Laurier, St. Luke’s, Glendale, B.R.) | Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Development Worker | October 2014 to October 2017 |

**Objective 2: Sensitivity to Community Needs**

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<td>Action 1: Ensure recreation centre has programs that reflect community needs (seniors, families, youth, culture groups, etc.)</td>
<td>Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Development Worker</td>
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**Objective 3: Community Pride**

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| Action 1: Have a community awards celebration to recognize outstanding contributions of residents and business in the Davis Creek area. | David  
Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Development Worker | May/June 2013 |
# Davis Creek Neighbourhood Action Plan

## GOAL D: improve Beautification of the Neighbourhood

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<th>Objective 1: To Have a Clean Community and Promote Recycling</th>
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<td>Action 1: Find out policy and procedures around positioning of garbage cans in neighbourhood</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
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<td>Action 2: More garbage containers around the neighbourhood with divided recycling compartments</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
<td>October 2013 to October 2014</td>
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<td>Action 3: Advise city of proposed location of garbage receptacles</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
<td>October 2013 to October 2014</td>
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<td>Action 4: Promote community cleanups/increase frequency if existing cleanups already in the community</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
<td>Now to April 2013 (Ongoing)</td>
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<td>Action 5: Look into program to help educate children and adults of the importance of recycling and having a clean neighbourhood</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
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<td>Action 6: Advocate to Public Health to help with safe needle disposal</td>
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<td>Action 1: Promote Green Venture events/activities</td>
<td>Green Venture Davis Creek Planning Committee Community Development Worker Community Members</td>
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<td>Action 2: Invite Green Venture to the planning Team</td>
<td>Green Venture Davis Creek Planning Committee</td>
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<td><strong>Action 1:</strong> Promote community programs and businesses that have a positive impact on the community (<em>CATCH, DANIMAR pharmacy, Foodland, SWL Recreation Centre, Book Mobile, CityKIDZ, etc.</em>)</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
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<td><strong>Action 2:</strong> Have a community plan to have easy and marked access to trails and waterfalls in the area (<em>bridges, pathways, signs, etc.</em>)</td>
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<td><strong>Action 3:</strong> Advocate recreation centre to have programs that reflect community needs</td>
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<td><strong>Action 4:</strong> Determine community needs</td>
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<td><strong>Action 5:</strong> Identify organizations/funding opportunities to help provide resources, programs, services, etc. within the community</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
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<td><strong>Action 6:</strong> Identify free programs and advocate for free/reduced program costs at Recreation Centre (<em>supie program, after school activities, swimming, etc.</em>)</td>
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<td><strong>Action 7:</strong> To promote/support continuation of local programs (<em>CATCH, food cupboard, etc.</em>) that reflects the needs of the community</td>
<td>Green Venture</td>
<td>April 2013 (Ongoing)</td>
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<td><strong>Action 8:</strong> Create a newsletter for the Davis Creek area</td>
<td>Davis Creek Community Planning Team</td>
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We wish to thank the Hamilton Community Foundation for their generous on-going financial support and encouragement.