



1.0 - Introduction

The City of Alexandria (COA) has suffered significantly from drug- and alcohol-related violent crime, prostitution, group offender activity, and other criminal activity over recent years. Many of our older neighborhoods need address to bring back and help retailers, businesses and avoid population flight.

2.0 - Purpose

Every Alexandria neighborhood should be clean, healthy, with safe and secure places to live, work and play. Clean, healthy, neighborhoods create a more marketable community and attract investors and people looking for a city to call their home. SafeAlex works to eliminate vacant, dilapidated and abandoned properties that are causing economic distress in many Alexandria neighborhoods and return these neighborhoods to appealing, attractive and healthy parts of the community.

3.0 - Scope

SafeAlex addresses four primary areas: Health (ShapeUP), Safety (Crime Prevention), Physical (CleanUP), Youth (AlexCorps).

4.0 - Objectives

- Support healthy eating and physical activity throughout the city.
- Implement sustainable policies and environmental changes (CPTED).
- Develop strong neighborhood relations.
- Educate neighbors to recognize suspicious activity and take appropriate action.
- Contribute to the reduction of neighborhood crime through health & crime prevention programs and literature.
- Improve the physical appearance of dilapidated neighborhoods.
- Eliminate the vacant, dilapidated and abandoned properties causing economic distress.
- Restore distressed neighborhoods as appealing, attractive and healthy parts of the community.
- Employ short-term volunteer programs throughout the City in a number of different areas.
- Partner with organizations to identify additional short-term volunteer opportunities both locally and regionally.
- Establish Commissions to take on project-specific tasks and programming.
- Responsibility Through Volunteerism



5.0 - Implementation Strategy

Phase 1 : Community Assessment

Phase 2: Local Priorities and Needs addressed by respective SafeAlex Committees

Phase 3: Committees develop programming

Phase 4: COA aligns department with Committee needs and Programming,

Phase 5: Create and update City code, ordinances, policies, etc.

Phase 6: Establish partnerships

Phase 7: Implement

Phase 8: Assess

Implementation should be focused on the following connective strategies:

- **Sustainability:** Ensure that programs and services can be sustained for the duration of their need.
- **Partnership:** Implementers should collaborate where possible to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of services.
- **Accessibility:** Communicate to potential users, the economic resources of potential users, and transportation availability.
- **Skill Development:** Make resources available to enhance the skills of those responsible for implementing programs and for parents.

