



ROUTE 9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Restoring the Community one neighborhood at a time.

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Together, we can continue building a stronger, healthier, and more connected community. Your voice is vital in spreading the word about our mission and achievements.



This resource is designed to provide you with everything you need to understand, promote, and collaborate with us as we work toward our mission of revitalizing our Route 9 community. We value your partnership in helping us create lasting impact in our community.



GETTING TO KNOW ROUTE 9 CDC

➤➤➤ OUR STORY

Route 9 CDC, formally known as New Castle Prevention Coalition formalized in 2010, is a coalition of organizations, agencies and people that seek to revitalize our community through partnerships that address social determinants of health and build community resilience. We focus on the 12 communities parallel the Route 9 Corridor from Rogers Road to Memorial Drive, north to south, and Route 9 to Route 13 east to west, where prevention activities will have the greatest impact.

QUICK FACTS

- 2 trails reclaimed
- 5 parks reclaimed
- 165 Trees planted
- 800 native plants planted
- 34,450 ft of trails cleared
- 42 tons of waste & debris removed

Communities:

- Oakmont
- Dunleith
- Rosehill
- Mansion Park
- Arbor Place
- Garfield Park
- Overview Gardens
- Holloway Terrace
- Mayfield Manor
- Simon's Gardens,
- Rosegate
- Mobile Home Village and Apartments



◀◀◀ OUR FOUNDER

Sandra Smithers is a busy woman and retired educator who still advocates for her community through environmental restoration and community resources. Retirement doesn't mean not working for the community she loves!

"When we look at social determinants of health, we look at the trauma in our community and we realize that the environment impacts the way kids learn, it impacts disease and respiratory conditions, and it impacts housing and the conditions that we live in."

-Sandra Smithers





OUR SERVICES

ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY

We host community meetings and provide an open forum for members to voice their opinions, advocating for systemic change.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

Our initiatives unite residents to improve quality of life, enhance infrastructure, and promote engagement.

ALTERNATIVE TO OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION PROGRAM (AOSS)

This program offers academic support and mentorship to help middle school students stay on track during suspensions.

THE ROUTE 9 COMMUNITY

Despite common misconceptions, the Route 9 Corridor experiences lower crime rates, thanks to grassroots leadership and youth-driven efforts. Through innovative, community-centered approaches that promote cohesion and care, residents are reshaping safety perceptions and addressing key social determinants of health (SDoH).

- Young leaders are using creative methods—art, storytelling, community events, and peer advocacy—to drive connection and awareness.
- Residents are no longer waiting for change; they're creating it through collaboration and compassion.
- Programs born within the community are showing measurable results in improving mental health, public safety, and trust.

These efforts prove that when a community invests in its people, transformation naturally follows. Route 9 is more than a corridor—it's a blueprint for everlasting, community-led progression.

OUR CONTRIBUTION

Route 9 CDC is dedicated to addressing the social determinants of health (SDOH) in the Route 9 corridor by creating a healthier, safer, and more equitable environment for all residents. We focus on economic stability, education, healthcare, neighborhood improvements, and social support to eliminate barriers to well-being.

Our programs include **Environmental Restoration Projects** that reclaim trails and parks, plant trees, and clear debris to create safe, green spaces. **The Alternative to Out of School Suspension (AOSS) program** provides middle school students with a safe, supervised environment during suspensions. Through **Community Engagement**, we organize cleanups, host events, and distribute resources to keep residents connected. Our **Health and Wellness Initiatives** promote health literacy and access to mental health resources, while we also offer **resources for Housing and Economic Support** through community workshops and financial assistance to improve housing stability and financial well-being.



THE DATA

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

The following data highlights the most frequent calls for service within top communities in Sectors 31 and 32 under the New Castle County Police Department's Targeted Analytical Policing System (INTERACTIVE)

What's going on?

Call volume varies by category, with domestic-related incidents, welfare checks, and vehicle-related issues appearing most frequently. The inclusion of community assist and public relations calls indicates continued engagement and responsiveness efforts by NCCPD in these communities.

This real-time data supports community policing strategies and allows for targeted responses that meet the corridor's evolving needs.

The top call types, listed from most frequent to least frequent, include:

Check on the Welfare (CheckWel),
Domestic – In Progress,
Domestic – Just Occurred,
Disorderly Person,
Abandoned Vehicle,
Parking Violation,
Suspicious Vehicle,
Burglary – In Progress,
Alarm – Burglary, Vehicle
Stolen, Assist Fire/EMS

Assist Other Agency, Public
Relations / Community
Assist, Fraud / Harassment /
Miscellaneous
Investigations, Violation of
No Contact Order, Criminal
Mischief,
Accident – Property
Damage / Hit & Run (PD
H/R), and PBOP
(Probation/Parole Offender
Patrol).





OUR IMPACT

- We've received a Bezos Earth Fund grant to support pathway clearing, trail connections, and neighborhood-based parks restoration throughout the corridor.
- Established a community feedback loop to learn of issues that affect residents' lives and to find solutions. This has allowed residents to resist development that is detrimental to the community in favor of development that supports community needs.
- Continuously keep the community informed with state resources, events, and wellness tips.
- Our community's restoration efforts have reclaimed 2 trails and 5 parks, planted 165 trees and 800 native plants, cleared 34,450 feet of trails, and removed 42 tons of waste, creating cleaner, greener, and more accessible spaces for all.









HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

We've provided downloadable resources to help you share our message:

- Current Event Flyer: Pre-designed flyers for upcoming community events. [Download Here](#)
- Social Media Posts: Ready-to-share community articles. [View Here](#)
- Press Releases: Background information and updates on our work. [Read Here](#)

QUICK LINKS

- [Questions or Concerns](#)
- [Monthly Community Meeting](#)
- [Our Services](#)
- [Awareness](#)
- [Community Events](#)



➤➤➤ MUST READ

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SUPPORT OUR MOVEMENT

MAKE A DONATION



Revitalization projects involve almost every aspect of civic life – social, cultural, economic, environmental and physical. Your donation can make a lasting impact on our community! We thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with us to support projects and initiatives that address the root causes of issues like crime, unemployment, underemployment, and community trauma. Your involvement can help make a meaningful difference in our community by contributing to efforts focused on creating safer, more stable environments.



BECOME A PARTNER

Identify areas where your organization's expertise and resources align with our mission and contact us.

CONTACT US

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