# LEGISLATIVE # 110752C









#### Neighborhood Improvement

# Potential Blight Study for a New CRA Area

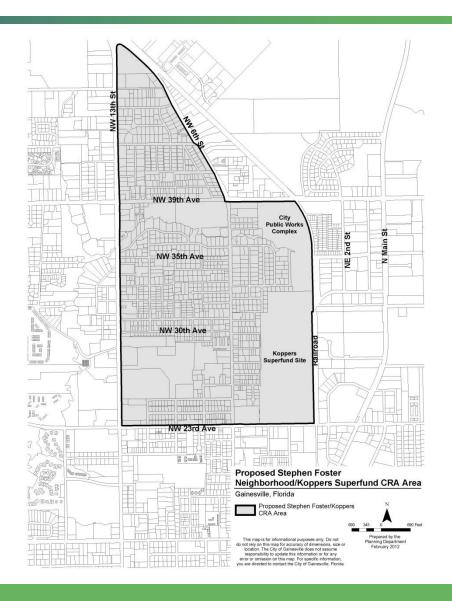


# **Proposed Area**

Stephen Foster Neighborhood

KoppersSuperfund Site

City's Public Works Complex





# Questions

- Should the City develop a RFQ to hire a consultant to do a Blight Study?
  - Is Blight present?
  - If it is, should the City create a new CRA Area?
  - What boundaries?



# **CRA Activities**

- Non-regulatory
- TIF, No additional tax
- Infrastructure/Beautification
- Planning/Design
- Advertising/Marketing/Promotions
- Financing
- Land consolidation
- Business development and incentives



# **Issues & Concerns**

- Neighborhood protection & condition
- Property values
  - Superfund Site
- Generating enough TIF money
  - Residential/Non-Residential
- Impact on General Fund
  - Too much success?
- Efficient administration
  - Existing districts (4) & projects



# Impact on General Fund

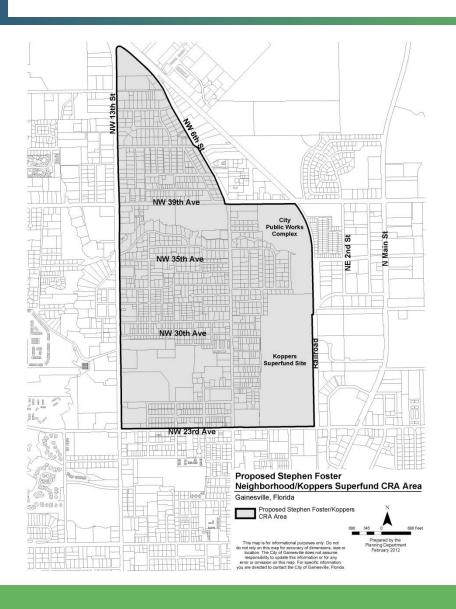
- Current (existing districts)
  - \$1.845 million per year
  - 8.3% of revenue

- Short-term
  - Little or no change for 3-5 years

- Long-term
  - unknown



# **Proposed CRA Area**



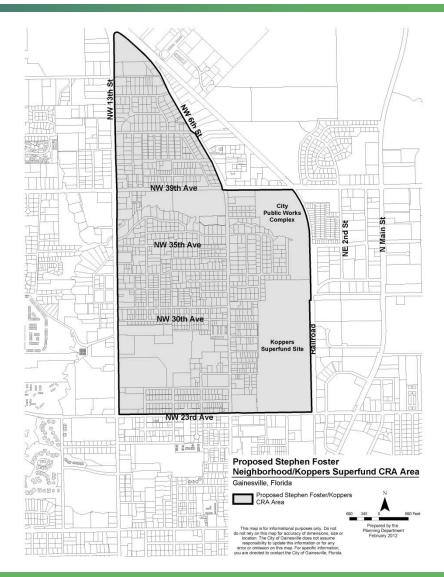


# **Land Use Mix**

Proposed Area

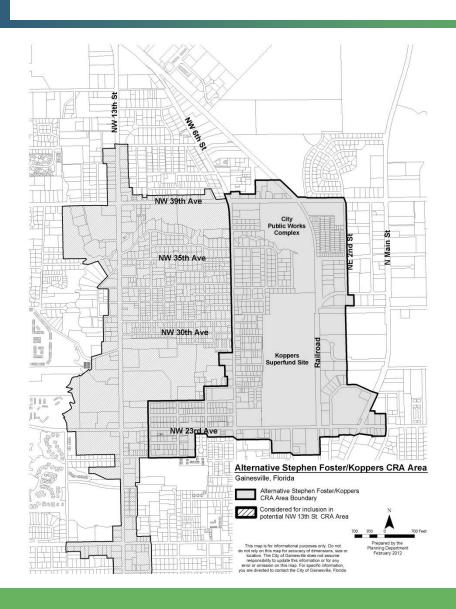
661 acres

44.5% residential





# **Alternative CRA Area**



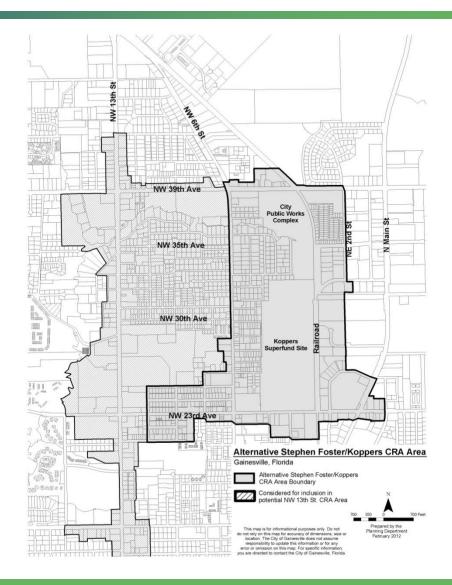


# **Land Use Mix**

Alternative Area

446 acres

22.6% residential





# **Summary**

- Alternative Area is more likely to contain blight
- Alternative Area is smaller, but contains a higher % of non-residential;
- Alternative Area is focused on Superfund and nearby areas
- Some residential Parts of the Proposed
   Area may be studied with NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street.



#### Recommendation

- Consider whether or not to authorize staff to develop a RFQ to conduct a Blight Study of a proposed or alternative area; and
- Direct the City Manager to include a discussion of whether or not to fund a Blight Study for this area in his FY 2012-13 Budget Presentation.