

## A Survey for Change Housing priorities in Saint John

In early 2006, Vibrant Communities Saint John assisted the residents of Crescent Valley – a 388-unit public housing development with deep and persistent poverty – to design and carry out an extensive community survey.

Residents participated in survey design and facilitation, with an impressive result – 54% of the community responded with their vision for improving the neighbourhood.

The top three priorities identified by neighbourhood residents were:

- Services for children and youth
- Improvement of the neighbourhood's appearance, including renovating buildings, sidewalks and streets and adding green space
- Crime prevention and community safety

Identifying and communicating these needs has already paid off for Crescent Valley residents. On August 16, \$523,000 in funding was announced, including funding for a new community police office, a new multi-purpose community centre and the renovation of three subsidized housing buildings in the neighbourhood. As residents of Crescent Valley have demonstrated, community involvement truly does pay off!



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