

**Project Connect is an Action Plan being developed by the City and its residents that will connect current initiatives being proposed by both the public and private sector.**

The process will initiate coordination and collaboration between neighborhood revitalization, transportation, and other re-development efforts and the City's investments to support NGA.

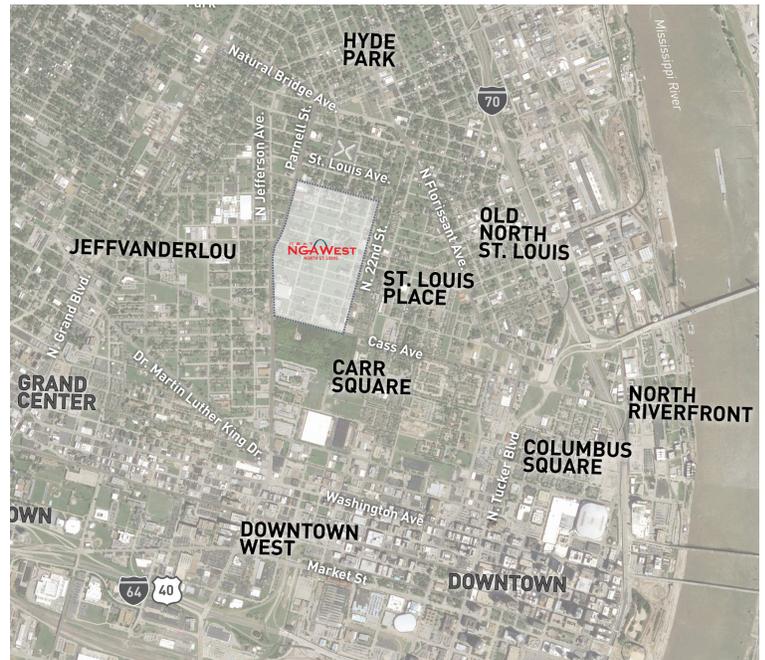
Project Connect will define and prioritize elements of the public realm that will support **neighborhood stability and reinvestment**. The team will work with residents to determine how the City should best utilize public funding to begin reinvestment in these neighborhoods. The resulting Action Plan will guide future investment in streets, transit, bicycle access, social services, parks, open spaces, and stormwater facilities.

The project will create alignment between People, Plans and Projects:

- **People** - social services and policies
- **Plans** - existing and future plans in the area
- **Projects** - ongoing and proposed projects by various public agencies and NGA



*Community Meeting.*



*Neighborhoods of Project Connect and the future home of NGA West.*

Detailed Study Area:	Areas of Influence:
St. Louis Place	Columbus Square
Carr Square	Downtown West
JeffVanderLou	Hyde Park
Old North St. Louis	North Riverfront

Through a variety of methods, a deep level of coordination is happening between the public, city agencies and the project team to ensure a diverse planning process. These include:

- Resident & Business Interviews
- Service Provider Interviews
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Regular Meetings with Neighborhood Improvement Specialists
- Small Forum Neighborhood Working Group
- Large Public Meetings
- Project Email and Comment Forms
- Website Updates Every Other Week
- Coordination with Local Projects
- Coordination with St. Louis Police Department
- Coordination with NGA and USACE
- Technical Working Group Meetings Across all Agencies and City Departments

## Process

Over the next several months neighborhood residents, business owners, and community organizations will be working closely with the Project Connect team to formulate potential priority projects for the City.

This joint process between the City and community is extremely important to ensure that public investment has a positive impact on the existing community and supports future growth.

Ideas generated with the community will inform Project Connect's technical process. This process includes understanding current and future needs for traffic, transit, stormwater, public spaces, community services, retail, housing, office space, and social services. Those ideas then go through a financial model to test viability of options for projects in the area.



**The next NGA West facility is moving to a new location in St. Louis at North Jefferson and Cass Avenues.** This project is the largest project within Project Connect and will be a catalyst for future development.

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is the nation's primary source of geospatial intelligence for the Department of Defense and the U.S. Intelligence community. It provides support to U.S. national security and defense as well as disaster relief.

The City is preparing the site and NGA will complete the construction of its facility. Preparation activities include site acquisition, demolition, environmental cleanup and utility relocation and improvements.

NGA is working on programming for the site and community integration first before they determine the building locations and design the buildings. The Project Connect team is currently **collaborating with NGA** on identifying opportunities for integration with schools and neighborhood development that is sensitive to existing residents.

### PROJECT MILESTONES

- **June 2, 2016:** NGA announces its Record of Decision to locate in North St. Louis.
- **July 2016:** City begins NGA site preparation.
- **Fall 2017:** City to transfer property to NGA; NGA begins construction.
- **2022:** NGA opens!