



## Milestones and Accomplishments

- March 15, 2006      Founded in response to the dialogue stemming from the Bring New Orleans Back Commission, Neighborhoods Partnership Network - then known as Neighborhood Participation Network - held its first meeting.
- Summer 2006      The organization name was officially changed to Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN).
- 2006      NPN receives first major funding from blue moon fund. This supported sustained the organization for two years and funded the creation of the Neighborhood Liaison Program, Board of Directors activities and NPN's Membership programming including the Wednesday Night Forum.
- January 2007      NPN publishes its first issue of The Trumpet newspaper.
- December 2007      NPN develops its first organizational strategic plan to guide its work through 2009.
- Summer 2008      NPN convenes more than 75 participants for a Community Roundtable concerning the lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav. The convening documented resident and organizational input on how to improve the state's evacuation procedures. Recommendations were institutionalized by Offices of Homeland Security at the state and local level.
- 2009      Launched Capacity College  
Through Capacity College, NPN convened 48 residents from across the city to discussed the need for an Office of Neighborhood Engagement. The group evaluated similar offices from across the country and submitted four models for consideration. The final selection - the Baltimore model - was one of Capacity College's recommendations.
- 2010      NPN received the inaugural award for Citizen Participation from the Committee for a Better New Orleans (CBNO) its accomplishments in building an effective network for citizen engagement.
- 2011      NPN produced its first special issue of The Trumpet focusing on Jail Expansion in the city of New Orleans. This led to a citywide conversation and produced two white papers reflecting community response.
- NPN launched the Budgeting for Democracy Campaign which resulted in the creation of the Citizen's Guide the City Budget, a 20-page plain language document on the budgeting process.

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2012 Provided technical assistance to the tenants of the former C.J. Peete Public Housing Development to transition from a residents' council to Harmony Oaks Neighborhood Association, the first public housing council in the nation to accomplish this milestone.

2013 NPN has established strong relationship with community partners and is shifting its focus to building a collaborative network based on sector-focus work. A primary example of this was the co-location with its partners the Orleans Public Education Network (OPEN) and the Alliance Institute to a new state-of-the-art facility in July.

NPN also launched its Parents First initiative with OPEN focusing on parent engagement in shaping the educational landscape in New Orleans. In August, it released its first Parents First special edition of The Trumpet.

Additional sector-focused partnerships include:

- Health: Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI)
- Sustainable communities: Beacons of Hope
- Arts & Culture: ArtSpace and Creative Alliance New Orleans (CANO)
- Workforce Development: Job1