

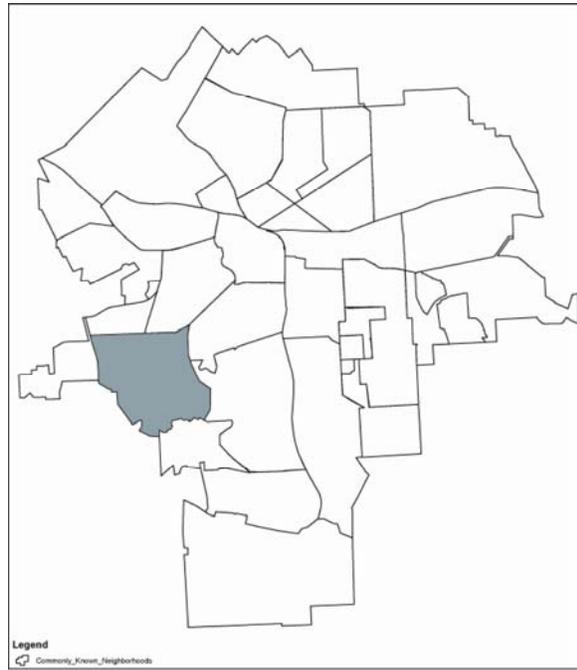
Strathmore Neighborhood Profile

Boundaries

The Strathmore neighborhood is bounded by Bellevue Avenue on the North; South Avenue and Onondaga Avenue on the east; Elmwood Park and Glenwood Avenue on the south; and the City limits on the west.

Primary Characteristics

The Strathmore neighborhood, located in the southwest section of the City, is a primarily residential neighborhood consisting of single-family homes where many professionals and families reside. Several unique styles of architecture can be found in many of the homes in the Strathmore neighborhood. Most Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church and Bellevue Heights Methodist Church both have a very strong presence in this neighborhood.



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Strathmore Demographics							
Population	Households	Average Household Size	Families	Average Family Size	Median Household Income	Unemployment	
						Male	Female
6,666	2,452	2.7	1,701	3.3	\$39,695	5.8%	3.1%

Housing Description



The Strathmore area has many early- to mid-20th century houses and streets lined with magnificent trees. Robineau Road is the site of the Robineau Residence and the Robineau Studio, both listed on the National Register. The Summit Avenue area also contains several grand late-19th and early-20th century brick and stucco dwellings. Renowned local architect Ward Wellington Ward designed several homes in the neighborhood, and architectural styles represented in Strathmore include Colonial Revival, Tudor, and Arts and Crafts. An annual

Strathmore House Tour showcases these historic homes.

Originally “Strathmore by the Park” was designed to give homeowners an exclusive residential environment. An original brochure boasted that Strathmore, due to its elevation, was the healthiest location in Syracuse. It was “high and dry” and therefore far away from the smells and pollution from the industry, railroads, and factories. The Strathmore Neighborhood Association works to maintain the neighborhood’s integrity. The original subdivision, located south of Onondaga Park, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and efforts are underway to list other parts of Strathmore, on the other sides of the park, on the National Register.

Strathmore has a high rate of owner-occupancy and most homes are well-maintained, but vacancies are a growing concern.

Strathmore Housing Data								
Housing Stock		Tenure			Occupancy Status			
Median Age	Housing Units	Owner Occupied	Renter Occupied	Owner/Renter Ratio		Occupied	Vacant	Vacancy Rate
1942	2,798	1,521	937	54.4%	33.5%	2,458	340	12.2%

Economic Development

Other than a few corner delicatessens, there is little business presence in this neighborhood. There is a corridor on South Avenue which has a few operating business establishments and which recently was the focus of an Urban Design workshop sponsored by Area #3 TNT and the SUNY-College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Schools

Roberts School (K-8) is in Year 2 of “In Need of Improvement,” according to the New York State Report Card on the Syracuse City School District, and is considered an asset to the neighborhood. Bellevue Elementary School and the newly restructured Bellevue Academy at Shea Middle School are rated “In Good Standing,” while Corcoran High School is in Year 6 of “Requiring Academic Progress.” The neighborhood is also home to an elementary school at Most Holy Rosary Church..



Greenspace & Recreation

Upper Onondaga Park, a 67-acre community park and one of the City’s most beautiful, is centered on Hiawatha Lake. The park, which connects with Lower Onondaga Park, features a swimming pool, basketball courts, tennis courts, a playground, walking paths, and a picnic area. The Onondaga Park Association, comprised of an active group of residents whose homes surround the Park, are attempting to obtain resources to develop a botanical garden in Lower Onondaga Park.



Wadsworth Park, a 7-acre neighborhood park that leads into the Winkworth neighborhood, features a baseball field, tennis courts, a basketball court, and a playground. The park is home to the Southside American Little League.

The Woodland Reservoir provides recreation such as walking and jogging and offers a panoramic view of the City. Corcoran and Roberts Schools have playing fields, tennis courts, and wooded

areas that connect with Elmwood Park. The Bellevue/Shea school complex offers playing fields and a playground.

Housing Development Strategies

- Middle and Upper Income Market – The City should work to maintain the stability of the Strathmore neighborhood and promote programs such as “Say Yes” to Education to attract young families.
- Neighborhood Association – The Strathmore Neighborhood Association is an active and influential group that helps maintain neighborhood stability.
- One House on the Block – Code enforcement and rehabilitation assistance can be used to prevent a few abandoned or neglected properties from bringing down the value of the entire neighborhood.

Promotional Strategies

- City Living – The neighborhood offers natural beauty and historic architecture not found in the suburbs. Address plaques that proclaim “Strathmore: Welcome to City Living” are available from the Strathmore Neighborhood Association.
- Target Specific Populations – Young families and professionals are likely to find the Strathmore neighborhood desirable.

Success Indicators

- Reduced vacancies
- Rehabilitation of blighted structures
- UNPA model replicated
- Increased home improvement activities