# **Tipperary Hill Neighborhood Profile**

#### **Boundaries**

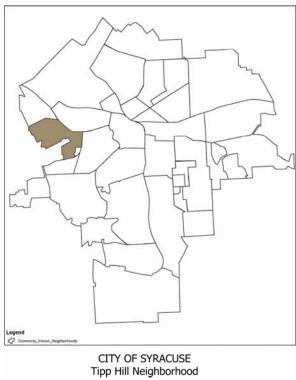
Tipperary Hill is bounded by West Genesee Street on the north; West Fayette Street and



South Wilbur Avenue on the east; Grand Avenue on the south; and City limits on the west.

## **Primary Characteristics**

Tipperary Hill is a mixed-use neighborhood located on the west side of the City. The neighborhood has traditionally been home to Irish immigrants, and businesses in the area catered to that population. This can still be seen by the number of Irish pubs and shops. There are monuments highlighting the



influence of Irish immigrants, most noticeably the "upside-down" traffic light at the corner of Tompkins Street and Milton Avenue, where the green light is on top. In recent years, however, the neighborhood has diversified, and is now home to a variety of populations. neighborhood is home to several churches and community centers.

Tipperary Hill Demographics											
Population	Households	Average Household Size	Families	Average Family Size	Median Household Income	Unemployment					
						Male	Female				
4,123	1,888	2.2	901	2.5	\$34,084	7.3%	3.8%				

## **Housing Description**

Tipperary Hill has a mix of one- and two-family homes and small apartment buildings. Some of the larger structures have been divided into multi-family residences or apartments. As such, it has a high rate of renter occupancy, and many younger people are attracted by the variety of taverns and activities. It has a dense concentration of residential structures built in the late- $19^{
m th}$ and early-20<sup>th</sup> centuries, ranging from modest homes and railroad apartments to large Queen Anne styles.

Tipperary Hill Housing Data											
Housing Stock		Tenure				Occupancy Status					
Median	Housing	Owner	Renter	Owner	/Renter	Occupied	Vacant	Vacancy			
Age	Units	Occupied	Occupied	Ratio		Occupica	Vacant	Rate			
1940	2,047	832	1,042	40.6%	50.9%	1,874	173	8.5%			

### **Economic Development**

Many small businesses are thoroughly integrated into this neighborhood. These businesses, which include taverns, pizza shops, corner stores, barbershops, and floral shops, make Tipperary Hill a destination for City residents, suburban visitors, and out-of-towners, especially during the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

#### **Schools**

Fowler High School, located on the eastern edge of the neighborhood, is in Year 5 of "Requiring Academic Progress," according to the New York State Report Card on the Syracuse City School District, and is on the State's list of Persistently Lowest Achieving Schools. The Syracuse Academy of Science Charter School is also located in the neighborhood.



## **Greenspace & Recreation**

Burnet Park, an 88-acre community park, features a 9-hole golf course, a swimming pool, a skating rink, playing fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, a playground, and a picnic area. This park is home to Onondaga County's Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

Nearby Pass Arboretum displays many species of trees and attracts

residents and visitors alike. The arboretum has recently been the home of musical festivals and community events.

The Westcott Reservoir, which is located west of this neighborhood in the Town of Geddes, is owned by the City of Syracuse.

## **Housing Development Strategies**

- <u>Neighborhood Association</u> Tipp Hill has an active neighborhood association that will help maintain the quality and vibrancy of the area.
- 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**

- <u>City Living</u> Tipp Hill offers a unique cultural heritage and historic architecture not found in the suburbs.
- <u>Target Specific Populations</u> Young professionals are naturally drawn to this neighborhood; the City should capitalize on this.

## **Success Indicators**

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