

GRaffiti ABatement Partners, Inc.

Summary of Activities

July, 2007 – June, 2008

Eradication

Through our partnership with the Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Corrections, we cleaned up 155 sites and 17,345 square feet of surfaces where graffiti was found. These sites include signal boxes, retaining walls, bridge underpasses and several county parks including the Capital Crescent Trail and Rock Creek Park.

Using grant funds this year, GRAB was able to purchase a high power pressure washer which will give us much greater flexibility in the types of sites we are able to clean up.

Enforcement

GRAB continues to work closely with County police to provide valuable information regarding active graffiti vandals and to identify graffiti sites requiring clean-up. We also work with Code Enforcement officials to identify and expedite clean-up of graffiti on private property.

Education

GRAB's Executive Director regularly attends various community meetings including *Keep Montgomery County Beautiful*. In addition, we do presentations to community members regarding graffiti eradication and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

Vining Project

Planning has begun for a vining project to cover graffiti on the walls along the Metro Red Line entering Silver Spring. Vines will be planted to grow up the walls covering the graffiti and preventing further vandalism.

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