

### Summary of Weed and Seed Evaluation Meta Analysis

The following table summarizes the findings on the crime control aspects of Weed and Seed local sites as reported in 34 evaluation studies. The Weed and Seed strategy consists of four components—1) law enforcement; 2) community policing; 3) prevention, intervention, and treatment, and 4) neighborhood restoration. Most of the evaluation studies obtained for this meta analysis examined the weeding efforts of the local sites. Many looked at both aspects, while a few focused solely on seeding related activities.

Of note is the fact that none of these local evaluations reported an increase in crime greater than that experienced in the surrounding area. Of the 34 evaluations in this analysis, 21 show positive outcomes relating to crime control for the Weed and Seed area. In this case positive outcomes include:

- Reductions in crime greater than those experienced by the overall jurisdiction
- Reductions in crime greater than those experienced in a control area
- Statistically significant reductions in crime in the Weed and Seed area

Five of the evaluation showed inconclusive results (e.g. little or no difference from patterns in the larger jurisdiction), and eight of the evaluations did not present findings related to law enforcement success. There are several reasons why some evaluations did not present findings on the sites' law enforcement efforts such as the lack of a sufficient study period (time from program implementation) or a focus on other program (seeding) outcomes for the purpose of evaluation.

Additionally, a number of the evaluations attempted to measure the impact of community policing or related measures. Primarily this was accomplished through resident surveys that examined resident perceptions of community safety, police performance, police presence, or other measures relating to crime and safety in their community. Thirteen of the sixteen evaluations that included a discussion of these measures noted positive results, while 3 of the 16 showed inconclusive outcomes. Eighteen of the 34 evaluations did not study this issue.

Key: ✓ - positive results, ≈ - little or no change, ? - no findings on this Weed and Seed component

Jurisdiction	Law Enforcement/ Crime	Community Safety	Jurisdiction	Law Enforcement/ Crime	Community Safety
San Diego, CA	✓	✓	Atlantic City, NJ	≈	?
Hartford, CT	✓	✓	Albuquerque, NM	≈	≈
New Britain, CT	≈	?	Akron, OH	?	?
Wilmington, DE	✓	?	Youngstown, OH	✓	✓
Wilmington, DE	✓	≈	Oklahoma City, OK	✓	?
Ocala, FL	✓	?	Philadelphia, PA	?	?
Sarasota, FL	✓	?	Pittsburgh, PA	✓	✓
Savannah, GA	≈	?	Pittsburgh, PA	✓	?
Honolulu, HI	✓	✓	Houston, TX	?	?
Des Moines, IA	✓	?	Salt Lake City, UT	✓	✓
Shreveport, LA	✓	✓	State of Virginia	?	?
Baltimore, MD	?	≈	Seattle, WA	✓	✓
Woburn, MA	≈	?	Seattle, WA	✓	?
Grand Rapids, MI	?	?	Wheeling, WV	✓	✓
Kansas City, MO	✓	✓	Madison, WI	?	?
Las Vegas, NV	✓	✓	Milwaukee, WI	✓	✓
Reno, NV	?	?	Milwaukee, WI	✓	✓