



## **First 100 Days: Building a Safer, More Resilient, and Thriving Huntington**

### **Making Huntington Safer**

#### **Reshaping Solutions to Homelessness While Protecting a Vibrant Downtown**

- Launched an unprecedented partnership with leading health and service providers to relocate the low-barrier shelter outside of downtown—protecting the safety and vitality of our city center while creating a better model that brings wraparound care under one roof and offers a real path to long-term stability.

#### **Oversight of Sober Living Homes**

- Strengthened oversight of sober living homes by meeting with operators to resolve over \$10,000 in unpaid fees, inspecting 16 facilities for code violations, issuing 9 cease-and-desist letters, and launching a citywide review of licensing, registration, and compliance.

#### **Cracking Down on Abandoned and Dangerous Buildings**

- Took action to secure 17 abandoned buildings from trespassing, with legal steps underway on 7 more. Since January, 25 properties have been ordered demolished, 30 added to the vacant building registry, and 1,200 liens prepared for unpaid refuse fees—holding delinquent owners accountable. The adopted FY26 budget adds new funding to continue securing and tearing down unsafe structures.

#### **Targeted Traffic Enforcement**

- Rolled out new speed-detection equipment in areas where speeding is a problem and used real-time data to guide targeted enforcement. At the same time, we expanded DUI training across patrol teams to get impaired drivers off the road and keep our neighborhoods safe.

#### **Combating Drug Crime**

- Continued numerous major drug investigations by our Huntington Violent Crimes Drug Task Force, three of which led to significant “drug busts” utilizing HPD’s SWAT Team. Also, collaborated with the Cabell County Prosecutor’s Office to launch more proactive efforts to target street-level drug activity and protect our neighborhoods.

#### **Addressing Retail Theft**

- Increased proactive efforts to combat shoplifting, more than tripling the number of individuals charged with stealing from local businesses.



## **Making Huntington More Resilient**

### **Near-Term Effort to Reduce Flood Risk in Fourpole Creek**

- The City launched unprecedented efforts to clear debris from Fourpole Creek to improve water flow and reduce flood risk ahead of forecasted storms. This work is part of a broader commitment to tackling both immediate and long-term solutions to protect our city from flooding.

### **Early-Warning System for Fourpole Creek Flooding**

- Began evaluating early warning systems for Fourpole Creek while coordinating with county officials to issue pre-emptive flood alerts through the Cabell Alert and Safety System (CASS), helping residents respond sooner and stay safe during fast-developing flood events.

### **Secondary Evacuation Route for Enslow Park**

- Established an emergency egress in the Enslow Park neighborhood to help residents escape flooding, and initiated the engineering and design phase for a permanent evacuation route. Phase 1 began under contract in February 2025 and is fully funded in next year's city budget.

### **Advancing Long-Term Solutions to Huntington's Flooding**

- Sent a Letter of Intent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to sponsor the flood mitigation study for the Fourpole Creek watershed. While the first phase isn't yet funded, securing federal support is a top priority in 2025—advancing long-term solutions to Huntington's flooding through smart, consistent planning.

## **Making Huntington Grow and Thrive**

### **Opening the Door to Smart Growth and Real Investment**

- Secured passage of state legislation authorizing the historic creation of a new Excise Sales Tax District in Huntington—unlocking millions in future revenue to fund key economic development projects like the Marshall Innovation District, Pullman Square modernization, and Riverfront Park upgrades, without raising taxes or fees.

### **Huntington Is Open for Business—and Opportunity Is Moving In**

- Momentum is growing across downtown, Highlawn, and Fairfield as new investments take root. The City continues to partnership with Marshall University, and the Innovation District continues to attract major opportunities—including Intuit's new Prosperity Hub, which will bring over 200 jobs and year-round internships to students pursuing careers in tech and customer experience.

### **Listening to Business, Building for Growth**

- Completed the City's first business survey to hear directly from local entrepreneurs about what they need to grow. With input from over 100 businesses, the results are helping shape future policy, budget priorities, and how City Hall shows up as a stronger partner for small business.