

C. S. Lewis said, “When things go wrong, you’ll find that they usually go on getting worse for some time, but when things start going right, they often go on getting better and better.” I feel that the people in Carnegie have been going wrong for a long time by not improving our community. If we all start doing things right, and start helping each other make Carnegie a better place to live, our chain of “rights” will live forever.

It’s not hard to make a difference. You just have to have an organized plan, or blueprint, to start off with. That’s what I have, a blueprint. One that will improve Carnegie and the people in it.

First of all, I would like to plan at least one day a month when everyone cleans up trash. This would make our community will look a lot nicer and help animals stay safe! We don’t just have to clean up to amend Carnegie. Together, we could put up birdhouses, bird-feeders, and other things to attract more small animals. Then Carnegie will be filled with beautiful animal sounds.

Speaking of “attracting,” Carnegie used to be a thriving community filled with grocery stores, movie theaters, and most of all, people! Restaurants could be

opened in some of the buildings left empty from the flood of 2004. That would definitely lure more people into this community. If there were grocery stores nearby where people could drive, or even walk to easily, Carnegie would be full of life and have a much greater population.

Another way to reel in the people is to turn Carnegie into what it really is, a beautiful butterfly. Right now it is wrapped up in an ugly, gray cocoon, but with a few small changes, everyone will see the true beauty in our community. A few trees here and there, and maybe a small flower garden along a couple sidewalks would definitely spice up our boro. I used to see kids planting flowers in bare, open areas, but I don't anymore. I think the fifth or sixth-grade class of Carnegie Elementary could do that for a field trip. Not only would this improve Carnegie, but it would also be a wonderful Ecology lesson for the students!

How about a swimming pool in Carnegie Park? More people would come to Carnegie and the population would grow even larger! Families could just walk to the pool after school, or drive there on a hot weekend.

I know making a change seems like it would be very hard, but it *can* be simple! If we all work together, and maybe have a few fundraisers, bake sales, or just make money donations, we can all raise enough money to improve Carnegie

and make it a better place to live, even though it might take a long time. If we help each other, we can start to get things going right, and they will keep getting better and better.