

# PURDUE EXTENSION

## ENHANCING THE VALUE OF PUBLIC SPACES

### CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



### Why?

When community leaders make decisions about public spaces such as parks, farmers markets, schools, streetscapes and courthouse squares, they make decisions that can affect the health and wellness of the community. By taking the time for thorough public engagement and planning, leaders can make their communities more vital and sustainable. Our residents can boost economic development, improve quality of life and create healthier places for individuals and families when they contribute to the planning of our public places.

#### This program can help participants:

- Analyze current community assets and their effect on wellness
- Identify strategies that encourage a healthy lifestyle in plans for public spaces
- Strategically guide policy, systems, and environmental changes in public spaces to promote healthy communities, active living, and healthy eating

### Purpose

Program facilitators coach community groups through a meeting series process to plan, implement, and evaluate community-specific public spaces projects. As a result of the meeting series effort, community groups complete a high quality public spaces action plan that can be used to:

- Update comprehensive plan
- Update parks and recreation master plans
- Support fundraising initiatives

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