



Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces

This program addresses public spaces and their role in improving quality of place by helping neighborhoods, communities and regions plan and prepare for a vibrant future.

Target Audiences

Local leaders and decision-makers, including parks boards and planning commission members, public officials and their staff, and members of organizations that provide services related to programs or management of public spaces.

Takeaways

A completed high quality public spaces action plan that can be used to:

- update comprehensive planning efforts,
- update parks and recreation master plans and
- support fundraising initiatives.

Program Overview

Collaborative activities are used throughout a one-day workshop to identify best practices for improving public spaces to start the Enhancing process. An emphasis is placed on forming partnerships to achieve desired community goals. Purdue Extension facilitators walk participants through the process of:

- collecting data on community assets,
- planning improvements to public areas and
- integrating those plans with larger community programs and goals.

Facilitators give participants the tools they need to design, implement and evaluate community-specific public spaces projects. A companion Indiana-based curriculum connects decision-makers with additional how-to resources.

Follow-on working-group meetings provide the resources and technical support needed to plan and implement projects tailored to individual communities.



To learn more about Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces and schedule a workshop, please visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/cdext/thematic-areas/community-planning/enhancing-the-value-of-public-spaces.html>, or contact:

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