

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

PUBLIC INPUT

Vision for our community health

- Plant wildflowers
- Responsible growth
- Eliminate drug problem
- Physically active and engaged population
- Healthy
- Fewer smokers
- Energetic
- Less obesity
- Personal accountability
- Self-discipline
- Health body and community
- More exercise
- Education
- Compassionate grouping of people

Vision for our community environment

- Clean and safe
- Beautiful
- Sustainable
- Healthy
- Inviting and inclusive
- Green
- Beautiful built and natural environment
- Good stewards of the environment
- Outdoor environment accessible to all
- Plant wild flowers
- Better environment through education
- Safe, maintained buildings
- Improved neighborhood standards
- Personal responsibilities
- Balanced, sustainable, individual, economic, and natural

What neighborhoods need to do in order to improve the cleanliness of our housing stock and neighborhoods

- Encourage homeowners to take more pride in their property
- No litter
- Improve the environment – plant more wild flowers

- Penalize defaulters
- Responsible education
- Free/low cost internet access
- Neighborhood Associations to lead cleanliness of neighborhoods
- Neighborhoods police themselves
- Neighborhood dwellers should be more considerate in letting their pets on others' yards
- Provide incentives for neighborhood pride
- Education of landowners that own property to keep the property clean
- Condemn property not up to acceptable standard
- Enforce cleanliness regulations
- Educate/provide advice to our community on neighborhood cleanliness

What the Town administration can do to improve the cleanliness/healthiness of our neighborhoods

- Require community buildings to maintain facilities
- Look for more opportunities and encourage education for recycling
- Regional participation on recycling
- Enforce random violation citation
- Provide incentive/recognize improvements
- Provide clean walkways
- Provide cleanliness ordinance in little pamphlets to property owners
- Bring in police to help enforce neighborhood cleanliness
- Provide information to the public through bills, newspapers, etc on enforcement of cleanliness in the community
- Enforce environmental cleanliness codes
- Equate fine for neighborhood dirtiness with cost of the dirt to the community
- Condemn property in unacceptable cleanliness standards
- Enforce cleanliness regulations
- Educate our community on keeping housing stock clean

Parks, recreation and open space facilities that are needed to improve the general wellness of our community residents considering the different demographics

- Long cross Town walkway
- Interconnection of walkways
- Plant wildflowers
- Accessibility to swimming facilities
- Bike trails
- Walk spaces in neighborhoods
- Position a community LED sign for information in a place of significantly high traffic or where most people pass
- Dog park

- Visitor Center
- Sidewalks
- Mini golf

What we as a community can do to enhance the health, beauty and sustainability of our natural and built environments

- Plant wildflowers
- Continue to encourage green space
- Improve existing green spaces
- Install French drains in parking lots
- Investigate stormwater runoff options
- Enhanced cross-walks
- Install outlets to catch basins
- Continue requirement of landscaping on site plans
- Continue provision of additional landscaping for parking reduction credit
- Encourage permeable surfaces in developments
- Encourage off-site parking
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Policies and actions we need to put in place in order to improve drainage ways, air and water quality, reduce or eliminate pollution and mitigate hazards in our community

- Focus on air quality level so that it remains below state oversight
- Plant wildflowers
- No junk cars in residential neighborhoods, especially abandonment on lawns
- No junk cars in active commercial areas, especially abandonment on lawns
- Connect stormwater management/landscaping to wetlands
- Encourage streetscaping
- Monitor EPA
- Maintain infrasutstructure
- Annually review procedures that affect environmental quality

What we as a community can do to care better for the sick and provide the health needs of the different demographics in our community

- Plant wildflowers
- Build wellness model that can be an example for the community
- Promote more activities for the elderly
- Organize a volunteer program to care for the sick and needy
- Create a community health week
- More education on wellness in community
- Target workshops providing and sharing ideas on health improvement
- Staff communication
- Incentive plans

What we as a community can do to improve the availability and access to fresh and health food

- Encourage local farming
- A consolidated farmers market
- Education on healthy food choices
- Encourage community gardens
- Promote farmers market
- Educate residents to have a positive view of farming
- Rural resources
- Communication

Task 10: Drugs pose a significant health crisis in our community. Feasible steps that can be taken to eliminate or at least significantly reduce the drugs problem in a community

- Education
- More programs and encouragement of participation to fill the void in peoples' lives – voids that are being filled with drugs
- Provision of job opportunities
- Education and training
- Sports/exercise
- Role models
- Mentors
- Corporate partnership
- Provide employment opportunities

Resource sources that our community can tap into in order to implement the above ideas.

- Church activities
- Boys and Girls Club
- Schools
- Corporate businesses
- Get funding as a pilot project
- Grants
- Sustainability Expo
- Shared partnership with resources
- University and colleges

Identify institutions, agencies, organizations, etc that we can rely on as a community to assist us in implementing the ideas you have put forth.

- Philanthropic groups and foundations
- Keep Greene Beautiful
- Engage Arts Community
- Corporations
- Civic organizations

