

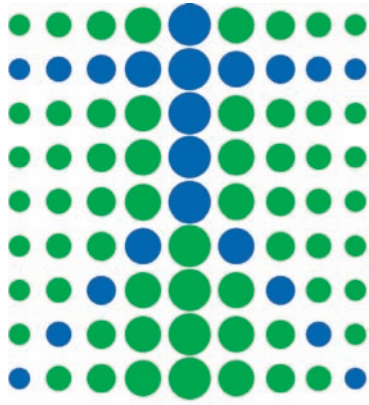
THE

PARTNERSHIP

A MEMBERSHIP CONSORTIUM OF PARTNERS FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

2011-2012





THE PARTNERSHIP

A New Network of Leaders for a
Livable Future

Consider becoming a member of Partners' new community development network by drawing on this valuable set of resources and helping your community move forward toward improving livability.

THE PARTNERSHIP is an association of like-minded communities and institutions with interests as diverse as business development, philanthropy, government, and arts & culture that have a stake in community development and promotion of livability. As a member you not only receive unique hands-on technical assistance and support for your community needs but are provided the opportunity to join other members in unique networking opportunities.

THE PARTNERSHIP is being launched under the leadership of the Board of Trustees and direction of Partners' president, Robert McNulty. Current staff members with technological and communication skills will be assigned to assist the president in membership recruitment, organizing the retreats/gatherings of the membership, soliciting clients, putting together consulting teams providing benefit services to members and communicating with the members of THE PARTNERSHIP.

Join the Class of 2011-2012!

For further information on THE PARTNERSHIP, contact bmcnulty@livable.org
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PARTNERS FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES:

LIVABILITY'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Partners has always been a step ahead of the game. Whether you call it an early warning system or a canary in the mineshaft, Partners has been a leader in identifying cutting edge issues that affect a community's livability and quality of life. As a member of THE PARTNERSHIP, you will have access to these ideas and trends as they are developing and be able to use them to help your community adapt as the world changes

✔ Who was the innovator behind understanding the **economics of amenity**? . . . Partners was.

Partners was the organization in the forefront in promoting amenities-based planning through an urban economic development initiative entitled "Economics of Amenity," that explored how amenities and the quality of life in a community are linked to economic development and job creation.

The result of this exploration changed the way businesses made location decisions, and gave a boost to communities to invest in an amenity infrastructure that included libraries, parks, streetscapes, and museums.

✔ Who was the first to develop and begin to address an idea called **aging in place**—an issue that will dramatically affect every man, woman, and child in the next 20 years? . . . Partners did!

Partners has been and continues to be a major spokesperson on how to drastically redesign communities to accommodate the growing aging population. Through groundbreaking conferences and technical assistance, Partners is helping communities develop strategic plans to address specific issues affecting Aging in Place, such as housing, enrichment, funding, community redesign, health and social services, and policymaking

✔ Who is at the forefront of the **creativity movement** in cities around the world? . . . Partners is!

Partners Creative City program continues to explore livability in the New Economy through the creation of 16 separate action plans in laboratory communities nationwide. Each plan is designed to set the framework for how communities can become more globally competitive by providing comprehensive information on how to harness livability, how to pay for it, the role of the central city, how to create regional collaboration, ways to create and retain skilled workers, and how to develop a 24-hour downtown.

✔ Who will continue to be **before the curve** on emerging trends and ideas in the community development field? . . . Partners will!

Partners will continue to be a step ahead of mainstream community development as a result of a constant persistence towards bringing about valuable change and a belief in livability for everyone. As a result of our work with a large consortium of city and community related organizations and our on-going programs and technical assistance services, Partners is kept informed of what is happening worldwide through a large array of topical best practices, scholarly and popular publications, articles, studies, reports, and contacts.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: THE PARTNERSHIP: A MEMBER CONSORTIUM OF PARTNERS FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES



* Sums indicate the total membership acquisition from each group.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES

All PARTNERSHIP members have total access to The Livability Service Center and The Executive Consulting Service. Below are the additional benefits that each category of membership receives:

CORPORATIONS — 4 MEMBERS — \$25,000 EACH

- Corporate recognition on all Partners' Material
- 5 members invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- 1 free on-site consultation by a senior Partners' leader
- Media Marketing as company that supports key civic issues
- 1 Workshop/Forum on a strategic issue for the company or client of your choice

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS — 4 MEMBERS — \$25,000 EACH

- 4 members invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- Promotion of leadership speaking role at national and international forums and conferences
- Media Marketing as association that supports key civic issues
- 1 Workshop/Forum on strategic issue for the association or client of your choice

U.S. CITIES/COUNTIES — 10 MEMBERS — \$10,000 EACH

- 3 persons invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- 1 free on-site consultation by a senior Partners' leader
- Media Marketing as "Key City on the Move" or "Leadership for Change"
- Promotion of leadership speaking role at national and international forums and conferences

INTERNATIONAL CITIES/REGIONS — 5 MEMBERS — \$10,000 EACH

- Promotion of city/region through America's Most Livable website as "Learning from Abroad"
- 3 persons invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- Media Marketing as "Key City on the Move" or "Leadership for Change"
- Promotion of leadership speaking role at international forums and conferences

FOUNDATIONS — 4 MEMBERS — \$10,000 EACH

- 3 persons invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- Key resource briefing by a senior Partners' leader to the Foundation or client of your choice
- Media Marketing as a Foundation "On the Cutting Edge"
- Promotion of leadership speaking role at national and international forums and conferences

PARTNERS' AFFILIATES — 4 MEMBERS — \$2,500 EACH

- 3 persons invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- Promotion of leadership speaking role at national and international forums and conferences

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

100 MEMBERS — \$500 EACH

Individual members from trustees, past trustees, associates, and former Partners for Livable Communities members will be invited to join THE PARTNERSHIP membership consortium.

INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS:

- Invited to attend Partners' retreats and gatherings
- Build knowledge and contacts by participating in Partners' consulting teams/panels*
- Job Brokerage Service through Partners' resource network**
- Media Coverage as key expert in your field

** Benefit from public service participation in Partners' Technical Assistance Teams/Panels that provide hands on consulting services to communities on livability issues.*

***Benefit from THE PARTNERSHIP job brokerage service that puts members in touch with job opportunities and access to the consulting skills of fellow members to form consulting teams.*

KEY AREAS

THE PARTNERSHIP provides its members with innovative ideas and solutions for the physical, economic and social development of communities through the following:

- **Interactive Retreats and Meetings** for its members to network with a diverse group of people concerned with livable communities
- **Networking Opportunities** that include study tours and special events.
- A **Media Center** that promotes members through the press and will invite members to speak/present at Partners' and affiliated organizations' gatherings
- **Livability Central**, a national research and technical assistance center
- **Livability Service Center**, Partners' research and resources department

WHAT MAKES MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTNERSHIP UNIQUE?

ONE OF A KIND

THE PARTNERSHIP is the only membership group united around the banner of livable communities. Members care about cities and their quality of life, and work to improve the livability of communities for all citizens.

EXCLUSIVENESS

Membership in THE PARTNERSHIP is limited to a finite number of organizations in certain categories at any one time that are our colleagues in advancing the livability of communities.

NETWORKING

THE PARTNERSHIP will provide an interactive forum through membership retreats and on line communications for members to learn and share information on cutting edge issues affecting the livability of communities.

HANDS ON ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES

The consulting panels of THE PARTNERSHIP give members the opportunity to provide hands on, practical assistance to help civic leaders improve the livability of their communities.

ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT

The opportunity to be actively involved with Partners' "livability early warning system", participate in Partners' panel service, and learn and share information on livability trends and new programs. Partners is recognized for thinking out of the box, comprehensively and identifying cutting edge issues affecting the economic and social development of communities before they become mainstream.

DIVERSE

The membership is diverse—attracting members ranging from public officials and business executives to arts and cultural leaders, all with a wide range of talents and professional expertise.

BENEFITS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

1. INTERACTIVE RETREATS AND MEETINGS

An important part of membership in THE PARTNERSHIP is the opportunity to participate in retreats and meetings organized for members. These special events will be held in interesting locations and will give members the opportunity to network, share ideas, learn from one another, and socialize. A livability theme will be selected for each event; a guest speaker will be invited to facilitate conversation on trends, cutting edge issues and innovative ideas to approach the challenges and problems facing communities, emphasizing the tradition of Partners as “livability’s early warning system”.

UPCOMING: 2011 RETREAT IN PARK CITY, UT

PREVIOUS RETREATS

THE BILTMORE RETREAT

In June 2006, Glenda Hood, Partners’ Chairman and former Florida Secretary of State hosted Partnership members and Partners’ Board of Trustees at the luxurious Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. There were engaging conversations led by Fred Kent and Kathy Madden of Project for Public Spaces on place-making, a presentation by Jim Murley of Florida Atlantic University on the environmental challenges and consequences of rapid growth in the South Florida region, and an elegant dinner with Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick. Partnership members and community representatives from across the country were able to share experiences on the opportunities and challenges they face in making their community’s livable, as well as receive advice and input from other members and Partners’ Trustees.

THE NEWPORT RETREAT

In October 2004 Trustee Emeritus Ronald Lee Fleming hosted a board retreat at his home, the Bellevue House in Newport, Rhode Island. This brought back an old spirit of camaraderie, social and civic exchange, and rekindled the spirit of collaboration and partnership while looking into Partners’ future. 20 members of Partners took part in this serious discussion of Town/Gown strategies and rekindling of camaraderie.

THE WHITE OAK PLANTATION RETREAT

In February 2002 Partners held a very successful retreat at the White Oak Plantation conference center in Yulee, Florida. Invited to the forum were participants in Partners’ Creative City Initiative and members of civic, business, nonprofit and education sectors to discuss the attributes of a creative city in the new economy.

Richard Florida, author of “The Rise of the Creative Class”, was presented his research and writing, demonstrating that the future of cities and regions in the globally competitive economy is based on attracting the “creative class” from home and abroad. He gladly donated three days of his time to Partners.

The introduction of this new concept resulted in a productive discussion of the participants who agreed that Creative City agenda should apply to a full range of the urban population, not just the creative class. When participants were not brainstorming, they engaged in a host of things to do around the plantation ranging from bowling to walking around the impressive grounds.

BENEFITS OF THE PARTNERSHIP (cont.)

2. NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Build relationships and have the opportunity to explore issues and create competitive strategies with many of this country's most outstanding mayors, city managers, community leaders, and business executives. Activities include retreats, on-site briefings, study tours, reunions, and award ceremonies.

Associates will receive priority invitations to participate in these events or will have the option to host or sponsor an activity.

STUDY TOURS

Study Tours can be National or International, short or long, large or small and are an effective means for civic leaders or specialists to share innovative ideas about community improvements in a hands-on environment.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events can be opportunities to "open new doors" for future collaboration or a time to celebrate with like-minded persons.



3. MEDIA CENTER

Partners represents its name by definition. As a 25 year plus organization Partners has built a rare and unique network of individuals and organizations with similar interests. Many of these individuals have gone on to become successful entrepreneurs, academics, civic leaders, or even Presidents of the United States, and affiliated organizations have grown in clout and notoriety. Our media brokerage center will put our members alongside in conversation with this esteemed and unique group. This center is a contact for national and international media on issues of livability, and publicizes the success of local people and groups that have improved livability in their community.

As a member, Partners will promote your organization and its work at gatherings, conferences, and workshops worldwide. Representatives from your organization will be invited to speak at Partners' gatherings and conferences where they can garner national and/or international attention and recognition for their work.

4. LIVABILITY CENTRAL

Each of Partners memberships include priority access to Livability Central, a national research and technical assistance center that focuses on issues of community livability. The goal of Livability Central is to document successful local community development strategies, to help communities and community leaders tailor best practices to their local conditions, and to promote the successes of particular communities as examples.

To become a livable community, local leaders need information, examples and models, training, and guidance. Livability Central fills a valuable role by providing data, publications, and technical assistance on improving the quality of life in communities across America.

BENEFITS OF THE PARTNERSHIP (cont.)

ASSOCIATES MAY ACCESS THE RESOURCES OF LIVABILITY CENTRAL IN THREE WAYS:

- THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

This computerized database contains over thousands of specialized reports, case studies, and best practices on livability issues and community development and over 350 books on public policy, economic development, cultural policy, and public/private cooperation. In addition to receiving \$150 worth of publications each year, Partnership Associates will have access to this exclusive database and may borrow items at any time.

- THE COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Communities that wish to develop livability strategies may solicit Partners for direct, hands-on technical assistance and consulting.

- THE CELEBRATE AMERICA MEDIA BROKERAGE CENTER

Livability Central's media brokerage center is a contact for national and international media on issues of livability. The center works with the media to publicize the success of local people and groups that have improved livability in their community. The Center may also provide analysis on community development.

5. THE LIVABILITY SERVICE CENTER

The Livability Service Center is Hi-Touch/Hi-Tech research and resources department of Partners for Livable Communities, a nationally recognized nonprofit community development organization, based in Washington, DC. Partners has been actively involved, over the past quarter century, in assisting a diverse range of partners – from neighborhoods to community foundations, from public officials to corporate sponsors, in defining a higher level of livability and helping to achieve that level in their own communities.

The Livability Service Center gathers information on what are “cutting edge” issues, best practices and quality of life measures. Drawing upon Partners' 7,000-title library, over 1,000 indexed case studies and a network of knowledgeable organizations and individuals, The Livability Service Center is a primary source for key advice and unique information on new strategies, best practices, emerging trends and other aspects of the fast-growing community revitalization movement.

The Livability Service Center will provide customized research and technical assistance support for your needs. Among the topics addressed by the Livability Service Center are:

- People: Towards a Caring Community
- Place: The Built and Natural Environment
- Leadership: The New Civics
- Jobs: Economic Development And Diversification of Employment Base
- Finance: Paying For It
- Housing
- International Initiatives

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

HOW THE PARTNERSHIP CONSULTING PANELS WORK

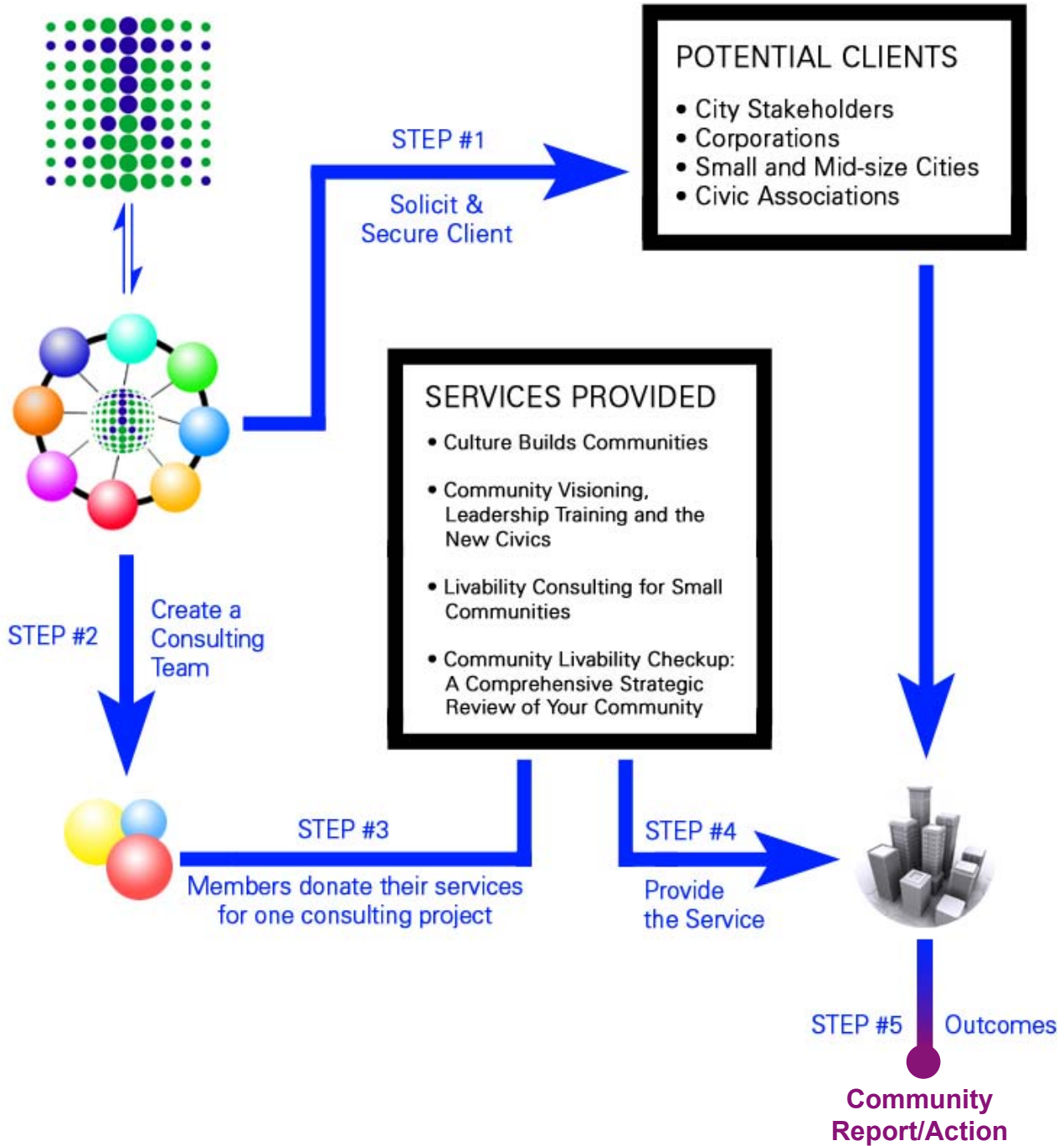
Using the ULI panels and RUDAT teams as models, THE PARTNERSHIP concept could provide the opportunity for Partners to develop more comprehensive consulting services that could bring in consulting fees in the range of \$125,000. Also, THE PARTNERSHIP structure will give members the opportunity to make a contribution to Partners and to provide a public service to communities by offering to be part of consulting teams that will be formed to meet the needs of the client.

- The president of Partners will organize two to three fee-based consulting projects a year and put together the appropriate consulting teams from THE PARTNERSHIP membership.
- Some of the potential clients for the services of THE PARTNERSHIP would be city and corporate members as well as medium to small cities and other civic associations that are not members.
- Members of the consulting teams will be drawn from THE PARTNERSHIP membership based upon the needs of the clients and skills of the members.
- Each member of the consulting team will be asked to donate his or her time for one project per year as a donation to the organization. Travel and out of pocket expenses will be paid to the team members.
- Consulting teams/panels provide services to clients.

It is proposed that THE PARTNERSHIP consulting teams/panels provide comprehensive services in the following four service areas that Partners would like to expand:

- CULTURE BUILDS COMMUNITIES – using the arts and cultural resources for economic stimulation, tourism, downtown revitalization, youth development and social programs.
- COMMUNITY VISIONING, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND THE NEW CIVICS – forming public/private partnerships that are inclusive, help form a shared vision of community goals and are effective stewards of the community in achieving goals.
- LIVABILITY CONSULTING FOR SMALLER COMMUNITIES – providing services tailored for cities with populations of 5,000 to 75,000 and helping to restructure a community's physical environment, quality of life, and image, while honoring small town values.
- A COMMUNITY CHECKUP: A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC REVIEW OF YOUR COMMUNITY – a strategic review and an action plan for improvement on topics such as regional cooperation, smart growth, the creative economy, downtown revitalization, animation, aging in place and marketing and community image.

CONSULTING SERVICES PLAN: HOW YOU WILL SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION



KEY COMMUNITY ISSUES

Partners can provide information on the following issues through THE LIVABILITY SERVICE CENTER, THE EXECUTIVE CONSULTING SERVICE, and THE COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM :

PEOPLE: TOWARDS A CARING COMMUNITY

Culture Builds Community
Multicultural America as an Asset
Kids at Risk: Who can Help?
Aging in Place: Allowing the Elderly to Remain in Their Homes
Health and Wellness Strategies

PLACE: THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Regional Cooperation
Greening the City
Public Art / Places as Art

LEADERSHIP: THE NEW CIVICS

Regional Capacity Building – Visioning and Goal Setting
Town-Gown Strategies
Livability Rankings – Benchmarks and Indices

JOBS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT BASE

The Creative Economy and Your Future
Training Tomorrow's Labor Force – School to Work
Quality of life to the bank: Update of Best Practices on Amenity Strategies
New Anchor Tenants for your Metropolitan Downtown
City Image: Perception and Reality
Tourism as Community Development

FINANCE: PAYING FOR IT

Public-Private Partnerships – Incentives that Work
Foundation Resources for Your City
Metropolitan “Asset” Financing
Entrepreneurial Financing Strategies – Privatization and Advertising

HOUSING

Downtown Housing – Living Above the Store
Artist Work/Live Spaces
Aging in Place – Housing Strategies

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

Learning from Abroad: Examples of Excellence from Abroad in these 6 Issue Categories

FOCUS OF THE PARTNERSHIP: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT 2011 - 2012

GROWING YOUR HUMAN CAPITAL

We are all working on the goal of making our cities and towns better places to live and work for everyone. The route for getting there is many faceted with an economic focus frequently taking highest priority. How is talented workforce attracted? What investments should be made to simulate a creative business sector? These are important questions, but they offer only a part of the solution.

Partners believes that the work of making cities and towns better and stronger begins at home. And the logical place to begin is with the people who live and work in the community—your citizens are your most valuable asset. In business parlance, to maximize the asset you must make investments. The same is true with human capital—to be a competitive and strong city, regard of size; you must make capital investments in the people who live there. Some call this “building social capital”; others refer to it as “fair play”; Partners calls it plain good sense.

THE PARTNERSHIP is currently focusing attention on
Growing Human Capital in six key areas:

- Youth and Family Development
- Aging in Place
- Multiculturalism
- The Changing Workforce
- Neighborhood Reinvestment
- Health and Wellness

Here are a few questions to gauge your investment in people and building social capital:

- Are you looking at youth, especially at-risk youth?
- Have you considered the necessary changes for a population that is growing old?
- What are you doing for working families?
- Are there training programs for residents to take advantage of the new jobs you are attracting?
- Are you engaging libraries, museums, faith institutions, schools, medical centers and other potential allies in reaching your goals?

KEY COMMUNITY ISSUES:

GROWING YOUR HUMAN CAPITAL

Youth and Family Development

American households are changing. With increasing numbers of single-parent families, the nuclear family stereotype describes fewer and fewer homes. Thirty-five years ago, 40 percent of all households consisted of a husband, wife and children. Today that figure has fallen to about 28 percent. The explanation? A rising number of households are headed by only one parent. In 2005, nearly 13 million families were single-parent households, the vast majority of which are headed by single mothers. Simultaneously, education budgets have shrunk and the teaching focus has shifted. Schools having to focus on meeting standardized math and reading test scores set by the No Child Left Behind Act have little time or money to provide creative education. Today's youth are tomorrow's workforce. There is huge economic potential in providing adequate support services that allow families to remain stable parts of the workforce and youth to develop the skills needed to contribute to the local economy.

Aging in Place

There are a large number of healthy people—individuals who are able to economically participate and lead communities—moving towards social security and “old age”. The U.S. population aged 65 and older is expected to double in size within the next 25 years. By 2030, 72 million people, almost 1 out of every 5 Americans, will be 65 years or older. Thus, the country is facing the unique opportunity of having the aging community move from a lobby focused on retirement issues to a broad constituency centered on livability issues.

Multiculturalism

America is and has been a multiracial, multicultural society with a constant influx of immigrants from all parts of the world that add to the nation's richness. Recently, America's minority population topped more than 100 million people, accounting for 1 in 3 U.S. residents and totaling more than the whole population of all but 11 countries worldwide. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2050, roughly half of the U.S. will belong to a racial or ethnic minority. Ethnic diversity itself is an asset. Programs focused around cultural diversity can be used as tools to improve relations between different racial groups and build community pride and sense of place, which in turn brings about greater investment by the community itself in directing its future.

The Changing Workforce

As the economy and job market shift further away from manual labor and bureaucracy, the gap between those who have skill sets and those who do not grows wider. In a 2004 report released by the RAND Corporation, the authors describe how “the key characteristic of the future workforce is skill” and how “high-level cognitive skills [such] as abstract reasoning, problem-solving, communication, and collaboration” are highly valued in the knowledge economy. Without the skills to allow them to enter the new economy, workers are at a severe disadvantage in terms of their personal economic status and access to resources.

Neighborhood Reinvestment

“Distressed” communities can be characterized by conditions ranging from concentration of poor housing to lack of public services to the feelings of helplessness, but are also defined by the physical, social, and economics variables that determine the quality of life. By improving these variables or eliminating barriers created by the physical, social and economic factors in communities, local institutions can improve the variety of conditions that plague low-income, at-risk communities. Effective asset-based community development can result in physical neighborhood improvements, small business development, the creation of affordable housing, and open community dialogue to create neighborhood pride and empower the community to help direct its own future.

Health and Wellness

A major part of community sustainability is the health and overall wellness of its resident on both an individual and community-wide level. A glance at any health page in a newspaper will show alarming statistics about Americans’ lack of understanding and attention to the health and wellness of their minds and bodies. As Kenneth L. Gladish, Ph.D., national executive director of YMCA of the USA, puts it, “America has unwittingly created an unhealthy society for our children...over nine million U.S. children [are] overweight—more than double the percentage in 1980 according to Centers for Disease Control.” Without serious measures in place, communities are threatened by all manner of potentially degrading health-related problems. If nothing is done, today’s children could be the first generation to date to have a shorter life span than their parents.

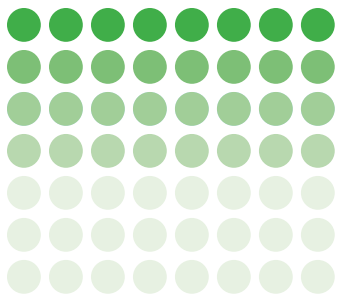
How to key resources to focus upon these issues?

See our special focus on “Institutions as Fulcrums of Change”



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Institutions as Fulcrums of Change

The Communities in Transition: Institutions of Fulcrums of Change

program seeks to initiate and facilitate changes in the philosophy and programming of community institutions to assist them in developing stronger and more effective social and economic development agendas for their community.

The *Communities in Transition: Institutions of Fulcrums of Change* program is a natural extension of Partners for Livable Communities' thirty-year evolution. Begun under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Arts, Partners has consistently argued that arts and cultural resources can play central roles in creating better communities, and in promoting social and economic development goals. Partners has found through its extensive technical assistance work in cities around the country that there are beloved, but under-utilized institutions that should be better incorporated into comprehensive community strategies.

FULCRUMS OF CHANGE INSTITUTIONS

- Community Arts Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Libraries
- Museums
- Medical Centers
- Zoos, Aquariums, Botanic Gardens & Arboretums
- Parks and Recreation Departments
- Congregations/Faith-Based Organizations
- Public Markets
- Community Foundations
- Community Gardens

KEY "COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION" ISSUES

- Aging in Place
- The Changing Workforce
- Livable Suburbs: Placemaking for Healthy Communities
- Multiculturalism: Building Bridges for Understanding and Cooperation
- Neighborhood Reinvestment
- Creative City: Downtown Alive
- Youth & Families
- Wellness

TESTIMONIALS

"I commend PARTNERS for continuing to highlight and foster our remarkable civic assets and for demonstrating how all of us, working together, can make America a better place in which to live."

-WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, FORMER UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

"It's easy to talk about change but something else to achieve results. PARTNERS has the know-how to make a real difference and has proven to be an invaluable asset in our efforts to revitalize communities."

-CATHERINE BESSANT, CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER, BANK OF AMERICA

"Each of us try in our way to make cities livable. PARTNERS has been an excellent vehicle by which we and other American cities can communicate good ideas and a positive progressive image...The future of any city is in its amenities, its quality of life. PARTNERS...not only helps get you started, it helps you find that future."

- WILLIAM H. HUDNUT, FORMER MAYOR, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

"Our city has difficulty working together across regional and racial lines. PARTNERS has helped us to build bridges and create new opportunities for cooperation."

- JANICE KREAMER, PRESIDENT, THE GREATER KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & TRUST

"Little did we know that when we asked PARTNERS to do a charette for Broad Street, we would set in process a whole new civic agenda for Richmond."

- JOHN SNOW, US SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

"Thank you for all that PARTNERS has done to assist Chattanooga. You all have been at the heart of our major civic initiatives which had lasting results."

-DEADERICK C. MONTAGUE, FORMER PRESIDENT, LYNDHURST FOUNDATION

"Partners is doing extraordinary work to improve the quality of life in American cities. I encourage PARTNERS to keep innovating, staying on the cutting edge and thinking about what it is going to take to rebuild our communities."

-HENRY G. CISNEROS, FORMER SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Few organizations have been as effective as PARTNERS in helping places like Memphis attack intergenerational problems. Your vision will have an impact throughout America."

-WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., FORMER MAYOR, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

"There is a natural alliance between community foundations and PARTNERS FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES. The combining of common goals and objectives provides a unique opportunity to address and provide solutions to some of our nation's most pressing problems."

-ALFRED W. WISHART, JR., FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO, THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION

Partners for Livable Communities (Partners)

is a non-profit leadership organization working to improve the livability of communities by promoting quality of life, economic development, and social equity. Since its founding in 1977, Partners has helped communities set a common vision for the future, discover and use new resources for community and economic development, and build public/private coalitions to further their goals.

Partners promotes livable communities through technical assistance, leadership training, workshops, charrettes, research and publications. More than 1,200 individuals and groups from local, state, national, international, public and private and media organizations make up Partners' resource network and share innovative ideas on livability and community improvement.

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