

# Welcome to Building Communities Strategic Planning

Everyone wants to live in a community that features a high quality of life and offers viable economic opportunities for current and future generations.

At the same time, every community is unique.

Over the next two days, while keeping the uniqueness of your community in mind, you will select strategies, initiatives, and envision projects to create a higher quality and more sustainable place to live and work.

Some people claim that there are no heroes anymore. Building Communities disagrees. We believe the real heroes of today are the people who volunteer their time and talent to make their community a better place.

Let's get started!



# Plan Week

Session	Activity	Purpose	Central Question	Your Role	Time (hours)
0		Determine the capacity to proceed	What <i>can</i> we do?	Nothing; you get the day off!	1½
1		Conduct 25 feasibility analyses	What <i>should</i> we do?	Use your knowledge to rate the factors	3
2		Build community quality-of-life	What would improve community <i>livability</i> ?	Offer your perspective on how to improve livability	2
3		Consider the four stages of civic condition	<i>How</i> do we work together?	Think about underlying community dynamics	1½
4		Hear from the community	What do we <i>want</i> to do?	Listen to what citizens want	2
5		Pick strategies and initiatives	What are we <i>going</i> to do?	Offer your opinion on community priorities	1½
6		Shift from planning to action	<i>Who</i> is going to do <i>what</i> by <i>when</i> ?	Assign roles and deadlines to do the work	1½
7		Tell your story	<i>Why</i> do we care?	Share your thoughts and feelings about your community	½