



Sustainable Neighborhoods for Happiness

April 30th, 2015



Introduction



Student Introduction

Methods





Metrics

Community Governance	Community leader or a liaison to city council or local governing body: (1=no participation; 2=one liaison/leader attending; 3=multiple members attending)
Energy	Effective Shade: Shade trees within 15'-0" of the home's east, west walls or within 10 '-0" of home's south walls: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 (3 or more)
Neighborhood Design	Distance walked to various landmarks (art, public gathering spaces, etc): miles

Community Meeting

- **Expectations**
- **Feedback**
- **Turning Point**





Lessons Learned

- Plan for a diversity of residents
- Rein in your expectations

Best Practices

- **Build trust**
- **Strengthen communication**
- **Work towards transparency**
- **Develop connections & define common ground**
- **Show dedication & put in the time**



Mindfulness and Empathy



Future Suggestions

Metrics

Buildings	Does the exterior of the house demonstrate a personal touch? (0=no personalization; 1=one to two personal features; 2=three or more features)
Business & Economic Development	Community expert directory: (0=no; 1=yes)
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Food	Accessibility (distance to fresh and affordable food sources): geographic analysis of farmer's markets, CSA locations; grocery stores with local/organic options
Neighborhood Design	Distance walked to various landmarks (art, public gathering spaces, etc): miles
Transportation	Survey and map Inter/Intra Neighborhood Public Transportation System
Waste	Litter and scattered trash items: Marine Debris Tracker App
Water	Stormwater management: (0= none; 1= some infrastructure, but not fully functional; 2= adequate infrastructure; 3= fully functioning infrastructure)