MIDWESTERN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

Preparing Midwestern Communities for Power Plant Closures Meeting

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US EPA Support to Energy Communities

- Grants and Technical Assistance
- Interagency Convening
- Best Practices and Past Examples
Technical assistance on community revitalization available through EPA HQ and Regions.

Federal partnerships to support investment in healthy, vibrant, thriving communities

Brownfields and Superfund programs result in cleaned up sites for redevelopment.

Energy efficiency, stormwater, air attainment, etc. support healthy places.

How-to guides and best practices available on EPA websites.
Technical Assistance Approach

Assess
- Understand context
- Refine the problem statement
- Customize agenda and materials
- Assemble relevant case studies
- Coach community on stakeholder participation

Convene
- Conduct community tour
- Affirm vision
- Assess assets, challenges
- Brainstorm what needs to happen to realize the vision
- Set specific goals/objectives
- Establish manageable short term and long term action steps to meet objectives

Implement
- Write action plan
- Follow up calls
- Mobilize resources
- Align funding
Williamson Health & Wellness Center

- Creating a Culture of Health
- Built a Federally Qualified Health Center on Main Street in downtown
- Renovated vacant building
- Provided workforce training for former coal miners to renovate space

Additional Programs:
- Community garden
- Farmers market
- Mobile market
- Prescription veggie program
- Health Innovation HUB
- Active living programs
Community Revitalization

**Vision**
Define shared community goals and strategies for specific area

**Priorities**
Identify priorities, define specific action steps, designate leads, develop phasing plan and research funding sources.

**Feasibility**
Resolve technical, environmental, political and financial implementation issues

**Funding**
Develop a funding and financing plan.

**Design**
Design the project or program.

**Implement**
Construct the project/implement the program.

Supporting Equitable, Sustainable, Thriving Communities

Community Engagement Throughout
Where OCR has worked,
2010-2020

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Tools and resources for energy communities

- Community Revitalization Assistance: www.epa.gov/community-revitalization
  www.epa.gov/smargrowth

- Land Revitalization Toolkits: www.epa.gov/land-revitalization/land-revitalization-toolkit

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