

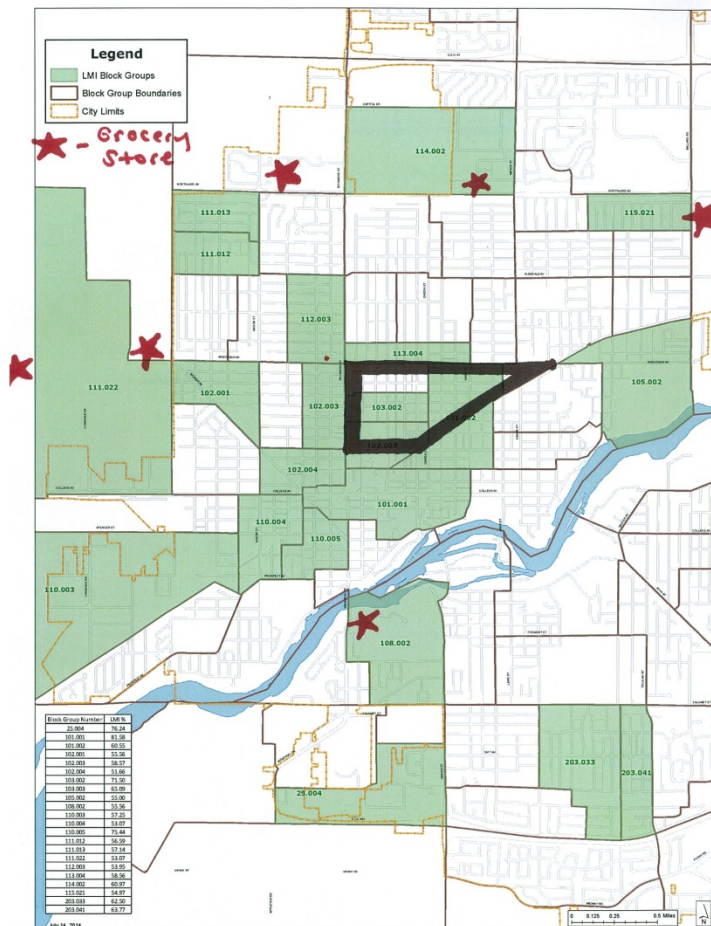
NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

Creating a vibrant and resilient Fox Valley

A program of **Sustainable Fox Valley** in collaboration with:
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Greater Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity
Goodwill Grows
City of Appleton
Outagamie County
...and many other nonprofit, government and corporate
organizations in the Fox Valley



Appleton's Historic Central Neighborhood



Poverty rate of 20.3%

60% renter-occupied, up from less than 50% in 2000.

The students at Columbus Elementary not achieving on pace with peers in other schools.

Identified as a food desert

Neighbors concerned about crime and property deterioration

2010 Neighborhood Priorities

Neighbor Connections and Sharing

Cooperative hands-on projects

Bridge cultural gaps

Materials & Learning Exchange

Gardening/food education, cultural

Workshops on home maintenance

Safety

Reclaim Arbutus Park

Youth after school/summer opportunities

Engage Property Owners

Neighborhood welcome brochure

Build relationships with landlords



Local Economy

Attract desired businesses

Create home-based business directory

Community Actions



Arbutus Park Stewardship/Butterfly
Mosaic

St. Therese Community Garden

Neighborhood Food & Gardening Hub

Columbus School Playground Renovation

Jr. Landscapers & Arbutus Kids Club

Home Energy Efficiency Programs



Project Partners

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Agape
Appleton Public
Housing Authority
Appleton Area School
District
Backyard Organics
Boys & Girls Club of the
Fox Cities
Chain Reaction Cyclery
Epiphany Law
Festival Foods
Focus on Energy
Heckrodt Wetland
Reserve
Iris Fine Yarns
Just Act Natural
Kiwanis Club-Appleton
Kustom Kurb

Lakeview Christian
Center
Landscape Associates
Lawrence University
Miron Construction
Red Shoes PR
Riverview Gardens
St. Therese Parish
SCORE
Shenandoah Books
Simple Simon
UW-Extension Master
Gardeners
UW-Stevens Point
UW Sustainable
Management
Wild Ones-Fox Valley
Zion Lutheran Church

Neighborhood Gifts & Skills

Gardening
Working with children
Crochet
Cooking
Cross stitch
Landscaping
Farming
Construction
Elder care
Managing an illness
Computers
Canning
Filing
Typing
Early childhood education
Home remodeling
Scrapbooking
Trapping chipmunks

Knitting
Tatting
Sales
Cartooning
Acting
Speaking German
Writing
Pet training
Camping/hiking
Photography
Painting
Storytelling
Professional food service
Nursing
Mechanics
Plastic needlepoint
Circle knitting
Living history

Baton twirling
Baking
Latch hooking
Drumming
Fire fighting
HVAC systems
Telemarketing
Carpentry
Tennis
Cheerleading
Football
Hunting
Drawing
Bowling
Dental hygiene
Occupational therapy
Ranching
Holistic health

Neighborhood Activities

Neighborhood social events

Community evening walks

Cooking Club

Neighborhood watch

Support elderly/homebound neighbors

Chess/cards club

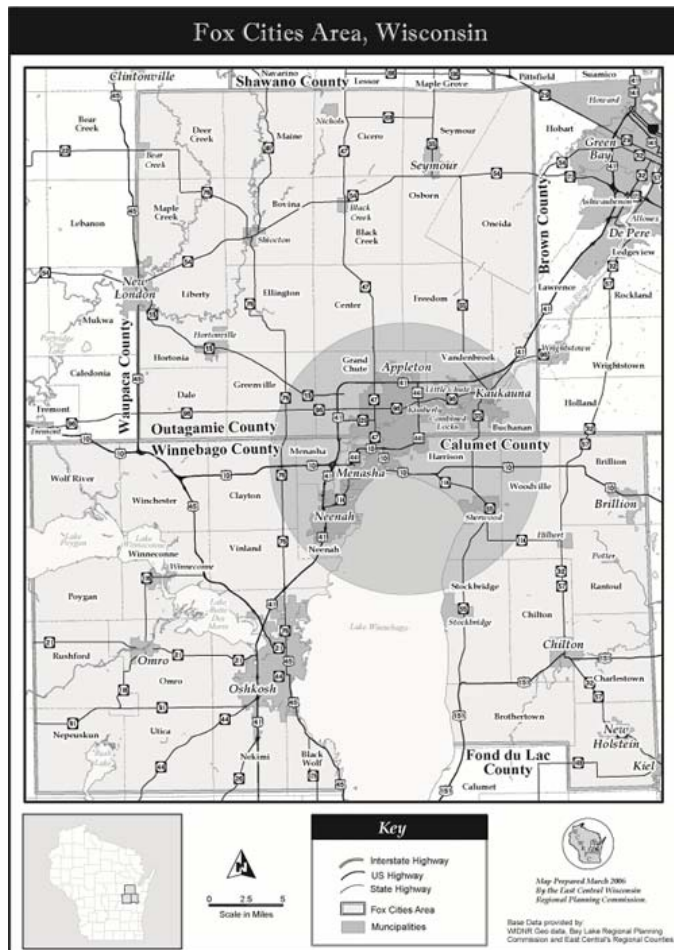
Spend time with neighborhood kids

Book club

Neighborhood food & gardening hub

Musical group/talent show

Neighborhood Partners Resources



- Asset-Based Community Development Process
- Neighborhood Leadership Training & Mentoring
- Community Planning Facilitation
- Project Support
- Resource Development
- Neighborhood Indicators
- Neighborhood Ideas Bank & Networking

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

The logo for Neighborhood Partners features a stylized house and two trees. The house is a green silhouette with a white square representing a window. The two trees are represented by green circles with black outlines, positioned to the right of the house. The word "NEIGHBORHOOD" is in a dark brown, sans-serif font, and "PARTNERS" is in a green, sans-serif font.

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St. Therese Community Garden



Vegetable plots
Fruit trees
Native plants nursery
Row for Joe
Tool Shed

Partners:

- Goodwill Grows
- St. Therese Parish
- Miron Construction

12,000 square feet of community garden space created.



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Neighborhood Food & Gardening Hub

A 2009 neighborhood survey revealed that about 25% of neighbors were growing some of their own food.

Neighborhood Partners supports these gardeners with discounted bulk purchases, educational opportunities and social events.



Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators

Sustainable Community Indicators Sources:

- STAR Community Rating System
- Sustainable Neighborhood Indicators Guidebook
- Fox Cities LIFE study
- Municipal/County Sustainability/Comprehensive Plans

Categories:

- Built & Natural Environment
- Climate & Energy
- Equity & Empowerment
- Arts & Culture
- Health & Safety
- Diverse & Strong Social Fabric
- Local Economy

Sample indicator (one of more than 50 available):

Indicator: Percentage of residents who know the names of at least 20 of their neighbors

Recommended standard: 75%

Measurement tool:
Neighborhood survey

Columbus School Playground Dreams

Name: Videl Martin

If you could improve and change the current Columbus/ABS playground area, what would you do? We want to hear all creative ideas!

I would love to have grass. If we had grass it would not hurt as much when you fall. People would look at our school and say "that's a nature loving school." Our school would be more environmental. If we had grass you could walk out side and smell the fresh air. Yes it will take a long time to mow it but it will be more safe than the cement. You might think "oh no they will get messy with dirt" well the wood chips have dirt.



Name: Sean Nuttall

If you could improve and change the current Columbus/ABS playground area, what would you do? We want to hear all creative ideas!

I would want a place with grass because people would not get as hurt as they would on Black top. AND MAYBE it is a good idea in shed of wood chips.



Jr. Landscapers & Arbutus Kids Club

Training children and youth as entrepreneurs and stewards of their community.



Partners:

- Landscape Associates
- SCORE
- UW-Extension Master Gardeners
- Boys & Girls Club – Columbus School