

Neighborhood Partners Network (NP2)*

What is NP2: Our vision is for communities and the entire Fox Valley region strengthened by an ever-growing number of increasingly vibrant and productive neighborhoods.

Purposes: The Neighborhood Partners Network will:

- (1) train a cadre of leaders to forge the relationships and mobilize the assets necessary to create positive change in their neighborhoods.
- (2) support a network of municipal and other governmental, nonprofit and corporate institution that together develop best practices in effectively supporting and working alongside emerging and established neighborhood organizations.

The purpose is to strengthen the leadership necessary to achieve sustainable, effective neighborhood organizations that:

- Build deep networks of neighbor relationships
- Plan and act with great attention to inclusion and accountability
- Promote a neighborhood culture of “we can”
- Improve quality of life within the neighborhood and positively influence outside perceptions
- Facilitate positive, collaborative relationships with City departments and other government, corporate and nonprofit organizations

Winter 2016 – Session I and Session II of Leadership Development for Neighborhood Core Teams

- 7 Neighborhoods (Historic Central, Erb Park, Doty Island, Heart of Menasha, Jefferson Park, Sawyer Creek, Happy Valley) ~30 participants
- Session I (Oct 2016)– Relationship Building
- Session II (November 2016) – Leading Yourself and Others
- Sessions III & IV (Jan, Feb 2017) – Asset and Influence Mapping; Making Things Happen
- Role of Neighborhood Core Team
- Evaluation Results (Post-Workshop, Personal Skill development before and after)



Fall 2016 – Institutional Gapper’s Network

- October 2016 ECWRPC Mini-Conference on roles and skills for “Gapper” work
- Oshkosh taking lead on pulling community institutions together
- Oshkosh creating an ‘internal’ team to work across departmental boundaries to support neighborhoods

UW-Extension Role: Curriculum/Training Development, Program Evaluation, Coaching, NH Group facilitation, NP2 collaboration

