LSAP Goal #7
Community Resilience and Empowerment

some helpful images

- WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY RESILIENT?
- CONNECTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS
- BUILDING RESILIENCE WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY
WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY RESILIENT?
Resilient Communities begin in neighborhoods...

Why neighborhoods?

• Neighborhoods are where everyone can be involved.

• Neighborhoods are where individual actions make a difference and can become collective action.

• Neighbors working together can provide the motivation and encouragement needed for success.
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...residents interact with each other through a variety of formal and informal networks...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...residents have positive relationships with the natural world and awareness of the native flora and fauna. Residents cooperate to help nature succeed...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...landscape and green spaces mitigate heat, preserve and conserve water supplies, and provide habitat for wildlife via corridors and “lily” pads...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...a strong local food system exists...residents can grow or purchase food which is local, in season and organic wherever possible. Farmers markets and CSAs are available. Food deserts are minimized...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...carbon footprint is considered and minimized by community planning and cooperation which encourages walkable/bikeable lifestyles and renewable resources...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...a strong local economy provides goods, services and just employment with the least waste and damage to the environment...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...water systems are sustained through residential and municipal planning, conservation and pollution avoidance...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...those who are struggling are helped...newcomers are welcomed and integrated...
Resilient Communities have neighborhoods where...

...what characteristics would you add?...
CONNECTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS
Consider the various networks in your life, formal and informal...

Can they participate in resolving the environmental and social problems of our time?...

My neighborhood
My nation or country
My region or state
My city or county
My next door neighbors
My family and extended family
My company's corporate office
My church
Local schools
Charitable organizations
My Faith Group
Me & my household
My city or county
My region or state
My nation or country
My Faith Group
National Orgs
Civic groups
Work
Favorite stores
Sports clubs
Can you ask them?
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5 Ways to Persuade People
1. Do, don't preach
2. Do something
3. Show, don't tell
4. Give them steps to take
5. Stay positive
BUILDING RESILIENCE WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY
Ways to help build neighborhood community...some suggestions...

- Listen to the birds
- Go to the park (take the kids and the dog, too!)
- Plant flowers!
- Go outside
- Listen to the birds
- Talk to the mail carrier
- Organize a block party
- Greet people
- Use the library
- Share

https://www.syracuseculturalworkers.com/products/family/how-to-build-community
Finally, re-consider Pope Francis’ reflection on Civic and Political Love”...

“We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.

Care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together and communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters. Fraternal love can only be gratuitous; it can never be a means of repaying others for what they have done or will do for us. That is why it is possible to love our enemies. This same gratuitousness inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we cannot control them. In this sense, we can speak of a “universal fraternity”. Laudato Si’, 228 & 229.
God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good…

Genesis 1:31
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