

Problem Statement

Lack of accessible community playgrounds present structural challenges for low-income families in Troy, SC. It also encourages physical inactivity and outdoor play in unsafe and unsupervised areas.

Goal

To build a safe and interactive play space on a trusted site for children ages 2 to 12 using the community build model.

Logic Model Diagram:

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Long-term Outcome (3+ years)

Increased number of physically active children who become healthy, physically active adults.

Rationales

Accessible playgrounds encourage parent-child bonding and play.

Active play influences brain development, fights obesity, and allows children to create and explore.

Assumption

Engagement of children and community volunteers in the design and installation process will facilitate new relationships and foster a sense of community pride, stewardship, and ownership.

Resources

Funding (capital and operational)

Equipment vendor relationships

Part-time project staff (2): project coordinator + groundskeeper

Community partners + volunteers

Design plans

State/local laws and regulations

Media (paid + in-kind)

Activities

Research and interview church-community playgrounds.

Develop preliminary design plans with community input.

Solicit bids for equipment + project oversight for build day.

Acquire in-kind donations for media, food and playground surface mat'ls from local businesses.

Recruit volunteers + assign teams for build day.

Ensure compliance for playground planning + maintenance.

Outputs

Obtain recommendations for planning and building + methods for acquiring baseline data for use and management

Obtain list of community wants + needs in a playground

Acquire 3 competitive bids to complete the project

Trained and motivated play advocates and community leaders

Intermediate Outcomes (2-3 years)

Increased number of youth who meet the recommended standard of 60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week.

Increased community social capital

Short-term Outcomes (1 to 2 years)

Increased access to safe spaces for children to play (↑ public use + physical activity).

Increased social interaction, healthy exploration + cognitive development

Stronger community relationships (↑ social engagement and civic capacity)