



Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: Green City, Healthy People: Eliminating Health Disparities while Revitalizing Milwaukee's Johnson's Park

Grantee: Urban Open Space Foundation, Inc.

Academic Partner: Blaise Nemeth MD, MS, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatrics and Orthopedics & Rehabilitation, UW SMPH

Program: Development

Grant Duration: 03/01/2006 to 09/30/2007 (19 months)

Expenditures: \$50,000 of 50,000 (100% expended)

Use of Funds: Coalition development

► **Description:** Reduce long-standing health disparities in Milwaukee's inner-city, Fond du Lac and North Avenues neighborhoods.

► **Results:** With the support of the Wisconsin Partnership Program planning grant, the Greater Johnsons Park Health Coalition (GJPHC) was successfully launched in April 2006. Currently comprised of over thirty (30) partners, the Coalition is "a gathering of community-anchored groups and neighbors, their friends and partners that promotes and serves as a resource for Health." Members define health as a personal and community condition that reflects the fullest attainment and expression of physical, mental, environmental, spiritual, and economic potential. Through early assessment efforts, Coalition partners identified three health action priorities: 1) to improve access to nutritious foods, 2) to increase opportunities for physical activity, and 3) to improve neighborhood safety. The Coalition developed two workgroups, one of which has focused on goals and objectives related to increasing access to affordable nutrition, and the other of which has focused on addressing physical activity and safety concerns in the neighborhood.

► **Met Objectives:** Yes

► **Baseline Progress on SHP Objectives:** Not measured

► **Academic Partner Role:** The academic partner was instrumental in developing assessment tools and assisting with the Institutional Review Board process.

► **Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind):** 23,471

► **Dissemination:** There are no plans to submit the work from the first planning year for publication.

► **Sustained:** The momentum from this first planning grant period allowed the Coalition to successfully obtain funding for a second planning year. The intent of the second planning grant (3/1/07—2/28/08) is to support the Physical Activity and Safety workgroup in conducting further assessments and designing and implementing community pilot programs. In addition to the second Wisconsin Partnership Program planning grant, the Coalition's Affordable Nutrition workgroup applied for and received a Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program (HWPP) development grant (7/1/07—6/30/08) that is focused on developing a Farm to Fork Affordable Nutrition strategy for the neighborhood. Finally, community partners are committed to the long-term sustainability of the Coalition. To that end, they have partnered in smaller groups on other grants locally and nationally. The full Coalition also recently submitted a three-year impact (implementation) grant to HWPP that, if funded, would allow the Coalition to deepen its community programs and continue to build its vision for a healthier neighborhood.