

## **Civic Participation and Leadership– 2007-2011 POW Worksheet**

### **Logic Model Overview:**

#### **Situation:**

Information gleaned from GAP assessments held in all 10 NH counties, as well as needs identified as a result of 45 Community Profiles conducted in NH towns over five years, indicates that communities find it difficult to engage diverse citizens in activities and decision-making processes. Lack of volunteerism and deficiencies in leadership exacerbate this decline in civic engagement. The following trends outline the situation facing NH communities:

- There appears to be a decreasing diversity of individuals participating in decision-making and community activities at the local level.
- There is a lack of support for activities that encourage diverse participation in local decision-making processes.
- The percentage of individuals that vote is declining.
- Social networks between community citizens, organizations, and associations appear to be weakening.
- Volunteerism around community activities has declined due to increasing life-demands on individuals and families.
- Existing leaders lack the skills to engage and/or mobilize diverse participation in community activities and decision-making processes.
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and develop new leaders for community activities.

#### **Assumptions:**

- The majority of community members care about the community they live in.
- Citizens want to impact community decision-making.
- All citizens have leadership potential and the capacity to contribute to their community.
- There are potential leaders and volunteers in every community.

#### **External Factors:**

- Changes in Extension priorities may occur as federal, state and county financial support changes
- Support for local Extension work may limit the scope of staff activities.
- Disasters and economic conditions may influence the short and long-term civic participation and leadership needs of NH residents.

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	<p>CPL4 - Twenty groups around the state implement participatory decision-making processes as a result of Civic Participation and Leadership Team activities (i.e. Master Plan Visioning Session, Community Profile Action Planning, strategic planning). In addition, individuals and leaders in these communities realize their capacity to make a difference in their community. CPL8. Over 100 trained community leaders learn processes and techniques for engaging citizens in community decision-making.</p>		
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	<p>CPL3-Youth-adult partnerships form in three communities and seek the Civic Participation &amp; Leadership Team's assistance. (Relates to 4H9) CPL5 - Up to 20 groups learn to collaborate more effectively to form partnerships and/or community coalitions. (Relates to 4H4 &amp; SNHC5)</p>		

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	<p>CPL1 -Twenty groups/organizations around the state network more effectively and share resources, expertise, and assistance with other groups. This will enable groups to provide more needed services to individuals and communities. (Relates to 4H10 &amp; SNHC11)</p> <p>CPL7 - Through civic participation and leadership training, up to 20 communities build a knowledge base of resources for building civic engagement and leadership.</p>		

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	<p>CPL2 -Twenty groups/organizations work with youth and adult leaders to engage diverse citizens in community decision-making and needs assessment.</p> <p>CPL6-100 community leaders learn skills to more effectively lead groups/organizations. (Relates to 4H8 &amp; SNHC1)</p>		
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