Community Profile Program

The Community Profile is a process by which communities take stock of where they are today and develop an action plan for how they want to operate in the future. The process provides a method for citizens to affirm community strengths, find collaborative approaches to meet challenges creatively, and manage change. One of the major outcomes of the Community Profile is more citizen participation in the community and the affairs of its government.

The Community Profile takes about four to six months to plan and organize, and a weekend (usually a Friday evening and all day Saturday, but a one-day Saturday format is also available) to implement. There are two distinct parts of the Profile, planning/preparation and the event itself. The planning is critical to the success of the Profile. We make considerable effort to ensure all stakeholders are engaged.

Master Plan Visioning Program

In order for a community to complete a Master Plan update, a visioning process should be conducted with the community to determine what citizens want their community to look like 10 or more years down the road. UNH Cooperative Extension helps to organize community forums and workshops and think through possible data collection activities as communities work to update these Master Plans.

For both programs,

A Steering/Master Plan Committee is formed to do the following:

- Make public announcements (press releases, cable television announcements, flyers, posters, web site, mailings etc.) to inform citizens who wish to participate.
- Make arrangements for a date, site and refreshments.
- Research and contact funding sources or local sponsorship, if needed
- Identify and invite a broad cross section of residents to participate. Everyone should be represented.
- Identify facilitators and plan for Extension training for facilitators.
- Evaluate process, develop structure and plan for follow-up support of identified projects.

Our fees for Community Profile or Master Plan Visioning range from $1000 to $3000 depending on the scope of work. For more information contact:

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