Hi everyone,

Below are my notes from the small group meeting of 12/11/21 on community health and outreach.

Community health and engagement small group
Ben, Yvonne, Donelle

Intros
Yvonne - lots of experience in public engagement grant writing

Donelle - background in environmental science and education
Wanting to have the feeling of making progress on things
Wild harvest nature connection - where she works

Donelle has google docs she has been using to help organize thoughts. Will share with group.

Ben - Climate was a big part of joining city council

Big picture thoughts 20 min

Yvonne -
- Bike friendly community designation, work community health into city policies,
- Website resources. Community, schools,
- EEK - Environmental education for kids
- Engagement - individual actions, community events,
- Gardening/local food fair?
- Indicators will be challenging
- Community oversight group?

Ben -
- Look into solar on superfund site
- Amend comprehensive plan
- Tool library as part of library or a distributed community org
- No mow may - City could facilitate it

Donelle -
- Dollar value of natural resources is disconnected from real value
- Curiosity about school district, what we can work with and what existing education is out there
    - Student groups?
    - Daycares & connecting to nature
    - Monona & Sun prairie had a lot about awareness. Liked their organization of indicators.
        - Citizens
        - Government

        - Schools
        - Businesses
- Connecting groups and orgs doing good work already
- Nature center like urban ecology center in Milwaukee
- Education for sustainability

Goals and clarifications
Picking up specific ideas and next steps as the group

Supporting other efforts with PR/outreach stuff

Separation of community health and awareness? They are related
Raising awareness, action

Officially name group/ focus as community health and engagement?

Next steps for us

Review Donelle's documents, add our contributions

Ben - Forward city's parks and trails plan, CORP, and comprehensive plan to large group

Check in early/mid January

Report on our work in January meeting