Community Building through Grassroots Neighborhood Efforts

Kelli Huth, Director, Center for Civic Engagement (CCE)
Center for Civic Engagement

Binghamton, New York
Center for Civic Engagement
Center for Civic Engagement

University Downtown Center

College of Community & Public Affairs
Center for Civic Engagement

Town Gown Advisory Board

• Demonstrates that the city and the campus are working together to address issues of concern
• Members are appointed by government groups
• Provides grant funding around identified priority areas
Center for Civic Engagement

Town Gown Advisory Board

- Student Housing
- Transportation and Parking
- Dangerous/Underage Drinking
- Safety
- Promoting and Cultivating Positive Community Engagement
Center for Civic Engagement
Center for Civic Engagement
Neighborhood Planning Process

Facilitated by George Homsy (Public Administration) and Siobhan Hart (Anthropology)

Students in the Neighborhood Heritage and Sustainability Project
Neighborhood Planning Process

- Over 50 resident and stakeholder interviews were conducted by students
- Neighborhood lunches in the park
- Two additional public input meetings after the plan was drafted
Neighborhood Priorities

• Safety in our Streets
• The Mansion at Walnut Street – A place for all to learn and grow
• Greening our Streets
• Enlivening Walnut Street Park
• Remaking Main Street
Neighborhood Priorities

- Creating Healthy Homes
- Reclaiming Vacant Lots as Productive Spaces
- Creating a Neighborhood Heritage & Healthy Living Trail
- Creating a Neighborhood Green Team
Center for Civic Engagement

Ongoing Collaboration

- The Mansion at Walnut Street - A place for all to learn and grow
- Enlivening Walnut Street Park
Center for Civic Engagement
Questions?

khuth@binghamton.edu

Ph. 607-777-2875