University & Community Partnership towards Sustainability

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Vacant Lot Transformed
University of Maryland BioPark

BioPark: Building I, completed in 2005, and Building II, completed in 2007, are both part of a six building biotechnology facility located in downtown Baltimore, MD.
The Struggle
3 Solutions

1. Strong Leaders
2. Capacity Building for Grassroots Organizations
3. Rebuild and Renew Public Education
Solution #1: Leadership

- Lead By Example
- Motivate
- Inspire
- Mentor
- Coach
- Vision
- Teamwork
- Win
Leadership Evidence
Solutions #2:
Grassroots Capacity Building
Historical Trends

Early 1900’s
- Grassroots leadership
- Strong neighborhoods

Late 1900’s
- Umbrella nonprofits
- Issue based action

Last Decade +
- Safety Nets disappear quickly
- Services decline
Why do they disappear?

Mission

Energy

Time

Resources

Mission
Lack of Infrastructure = Vulnerability to Major Shifts

Changes in Leadership, Funding Sources, Constituent Base
Need Solid Foundation

- Strategy
- Leadership
- Vision
- Diversity
Our Response:
The Resource Mentoring Project
Our Response:
Public Allies Maryland
Our Response: ReServe Maryland

Energize Your Cause With Experience
Solution #3: Rebuild and Renew Public Education
Community Schools

Benjamin Franklin High School
- Refurbish
- Re-Engage
- New Partners
- Enrollment

Augusta Fells Savage Institute
- Parent Organization
- Family Resources
- Drop-outs
- Donations
Community Schools
Lessons Learned

From 40 years of Community-University Engagement
Lessons Learned

1. Community, Community, Community!
2. Embrace Diversity
3. Funding Mix
4. The Right People
5. Never...
NEVER GIVE UP
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