Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH)

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Introduction

- **What is PACE-EH?**
  - A methodology consisting of tasks to engage the public’s involvement, collect necessary and relevant information pertaining to community environmental health status, rank issues and set local priorities for action

- **How is the methodology applied?**
  - 13 Tasks

- **Does it work?**
  - Results have been proven. In Florida, over 65 PACE initiatives have yielded $80 million in improvements
Forgotten Communities

Emma Williams

Freeman Wiggs
Use the PACE-EH experience to improve quality of life issues
PACE-EH Methodology

- Facilitators examine potential for a CEHA
- Facilitators “map” the target community
- Invite key community/staff members

Prepare for Process
Tasks 1-3

Locate Issues
Tasks 4-6

Set Stage for Action
Tasks 5-7

Quantify/Qualify Issues
Tasks 8-13

- Define goals & scope of assessment
- Generate list of local EH issues
- Describe the context of the issues

- Rank the issues
- Set priorities for action
- Develop action plans
- Evaluate progress

- Develop local indicators
- Select relevant standards
- Create issue profiles
PACE-EH: Most Common Health Issues

- No sidewalks
- No bike paths
- Infant mortality
- No street lights/insufficient lighting
- No affordable housing
- Dilapidated housing/uncared for property
- Forgotten by leaders
- Drinking water/well contamination
- Cut off from other neighborhoods
- No fire hydrants
- Heavy traffic
- Hazardous waste
- Sanitary nuisances
- Solid waste issues
- Sewage/septic issues
- Frequent flooding
- Water quality
- Drowning
- Crime (drugs, safety)
- Noise
- Air contamination/pollution
- Park improvements
Fellsmere PACE-EH Project
Over $4 Million Yield

- Creation of Residential Façade Improvement Grant Program
- CDBG Paving and Drainage project ($1M)
- FRDAP Award for Grant Park ($137,000 for ADA restroom and other amenities)
- Demolished eight abandoned homes
- Repaired over ten septic systems and rehabilitated homes
- Installed walkways around perimeter of community park
- Expansion of Go-Line Bus Route due to paving
- Initiation of Community Gardening Project
- Annexed adjacent Lincoln Park Subdivision
- Built Two Homes in One Day!
**PACE-EH Walkability Projects**

**Anonymous Survey**

**14 Questions**

**401 Total Respondents**

**378 Indian River County Residents Responses**

**Survey Responses collected September 2017-May 2018**

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**INDIAN RIVER RESIDENTS,**

**How do you get around town?**

**WE WANT TO KNOW!**

The Florida Department of Health and the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) are trying to make it safer for residents to walk and bike in our community. We want your input! Complete our online survey to receive a free ELC membership and the chance to win a free pontoon boat ride!

Please visit the link below:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/IndianRiverWalks
Is *Poor Lighting* a Barrier to you Walking or Biking in your Community?

- **All Respondents:** 57%
- **32966:** 51%
- **32967 (Gifford):** 58%
- **32967 (Other):** 69%
- **32967 (Wabasso):** 68%
- **32968:** 61%

Percentage of Respondents who selected this as a Barrier.
Mapped responses to the question—“Please list the intersections in your community you don’t feel safe crossing. List in order of most dangerous to least dangerous.”

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[Map Image of Most Dangerous Intersections in Indian River County]
Questions?

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