

How to Build a Healthier Community through Improved Infrastructure

Using the PACE EH experience to improve quality of life issues



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Definition of "Health"

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

-World Health Organization



What is Environmental Health?

"In its broadest sense, environmental health comprises those aspects of human health, disease, and injury that are determined or influenced by factors in the environment. This includes not only the study of the direct pathological effects of various chemical, physical, and biological agents, but also the effects on health of the broad physical and social environment, which includes housing, urban development, land-use and transportation, industry, and agriculture."

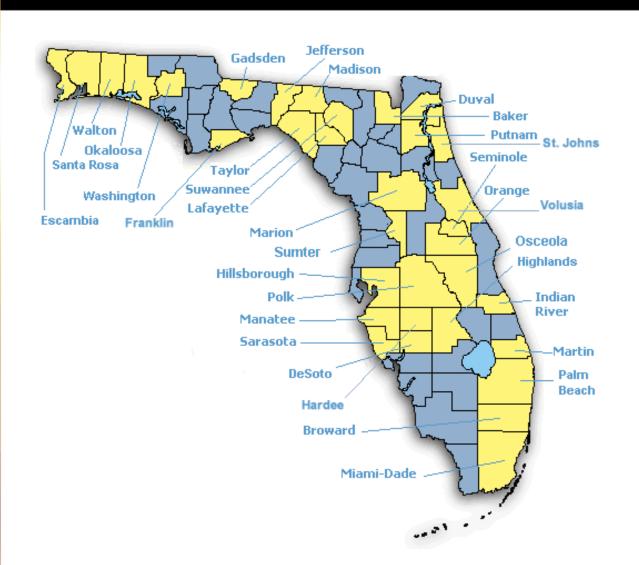


Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence In Environmental Health (PACE EH)



http://www.myfloridaeh.com/programs/PACE-EH/PACE-EH.htm

FLORIDA PACE SITES



What did the Communities Tell Us?

- No sidewalks
- No bike paths
- No street lights/Insufficient lighting
- Not safe
- Speeding
- 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
- Noise
- Air contamination/ pollution
- Leash ordinance



Wabasso: A Community Lost in Time

- What do you do when there is virtually no infrastructure in a community?
- Where do you start in terms of addressing the problems?
- How does PACE EH achieve this?
- How can you prevent this from happening in the future?



The Present Situation

Communities





Tragedy of the Commons?

- Each agency task driven
- Each agency has their own goals
- Who takes into consideration what the community thinks they need?
- Why aren't we asking them?- after all it's their community and they should know better than any regulatory agency

















How Infrastructure can Improve the Quality of Life for Residents in a Community

- Gives them better connectivity
- Increases their level and sense of safety

 Increases opportunity for physical activity which leads to better health



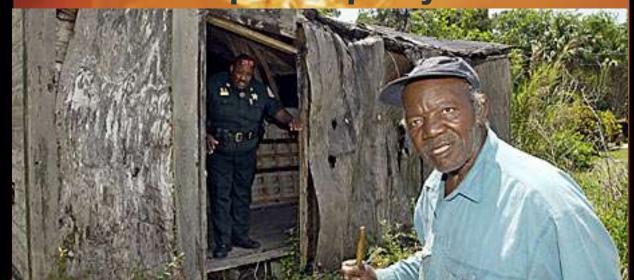
The Impact....

- Mrs. Black- new home, water, paved road, streetlight, new septic system, sidewalk
- PACE Process= Drastic improvement of health for the community of Wabasso

The Results ARE REAL



Interaction between agencies and/or private entities and communities CAN help improve infrastructure and this leads to an improved quality of life



A \$30,000 Investment Yielded:

- Water Project= \$825,000
- Park Improvements=\$81,750
- Sidewalks=\$43,500
- Streetlights=\$7,281
- Septic Grant=\$40,000
- Demolishing Abandoned Homes=\$6,000
- World Changers and Project Hope=2 New Houses and 26 Homes Improved
- Walking Trail in Wabasso Park=\$10,000
- 24 Hour House Build=\$130,000



The Return...

• OVER \$1.5 MILLION
DOLLARS and counting of
Improvements to the Wabasso
Community!!!!

WABASSO PACE SURVEY ISSUES

SURVEY ISSUES	Improve	d %	Same	%	Worse	%	Unsure	%	No Response	e %
Demolishing abandoned houses and/or removing abandoned cars	196	78.0%	35	13.6%	5	1.9%	21	8.1%	1	0.4%
2. Providing a bus route for transportation	208	80.6%	31	12.0%	3	1.2%	13	5.0%	3	1,2%
3. Having Access to improved drinking water	194	75.2%	39	15.1%	14	5.4%	10	3.9%	1	0.4%
4. Providing high-quality police service	148	57.4%	66	25.6%	17	6.6%	21	8.1%	6	2.3%
5. Having streetlights installed	197	76.4%	36	14.0%	13	5.0%	7	2.7%	5	1.9%
5. Providing septic system improvements	165	64.0%	53	20.5%	7	2.7%	26	10.1%	7	2.7%
7. Creating safe places to walk and exercise outdoors	179	69.4%	47	18.2%	9	3.5%	12	4.7%	11	4.3%
8. Because of improvements to my community such as streetlights and demolished abandoned homes, I feel safer now than I did 2 years ago	153	59.3%	73	28.3%	23	8.9%	8	3.1%	1	0.4%
Because of newly installed streetlights, park exercise equipment, and sidewalks is spend more time exercising outside than I did 2 years ago	139	53.9%	67	26.0%	19	7.4%	25	9.7%	8	3.19
My children miss fewer school days due to Illness than 2 years ago	94	36.4%	44	17.1%	19	7.4%	87	33.7%	14	5.4%
 I believe better water quality and new or repaired septic systems have the potential to improve my family's health 	182	70.5%	55	21.3%	4	1.6%	9	3.5%	8	3.19
12. The improved appearance of my community such as demolished homes, streetlights, sidewalks, park improvements and having 24 homes repaired by World Changers gives me a greater sense of well-being	178	69.0%	64	24.8%	8	3.1%	4	1.6%	4	1.69
 The improvements to my community have positively affected my mental and physical health 	146	56.6%	77	29.8%	13	5.0%	15	5.8%	7	2.7%
14. I feel that government agencies are better able to respond to my community's issues today as compared to 2 years ago	149	57.8%	84	32.6%	14	5.4%	9	3.5%	2	0.89
15. My community has experienced an improvement in the quality of life for the residents who live there over the past two years	154	59.7%	74	28.7%	9	3.5%	8	3.1%	13	5.0%

16. How	long have y	ou lived in	Wabasso?										
0-5 ye	ars %	5-10 ye	ars %	10-15 y	ears %	15-20 ye	ars %	20-25 year	ars %	Over 25 y	ears %	No Respo	nse %
29	11.2%	11	4.3%	22	8.5%	13	5.0%	16	6.2%	149	57.8%	18	7.0%

-17	%	18-24	%	25-44	%_	45-6	1 %	65-8	4 %	85 or 6	older %	No Res	ponse %	
5	5.8%	15	5.8%	65	25.2%	97	37.6%	37	14.3%	3	1.2%	26	10.1%	

18. What is your gender?	Male	%	Female %		No Resp	ponse %	
	92	35.7%	150	58.1%	16	6.2%	

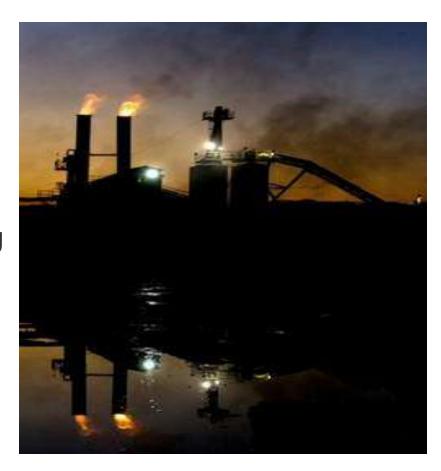
NW Ocala PACE- Ms. Reed





Neighborhood History

- 1970 Ocala Cleat company produced wood pallets on neighborhood site.
- 1982 Royal Oak took over and began producing charcoal.
- The neighborhood became concerned about the smoke being produced.
- After years of complaints about the smoke, Royal Oak's response was to increase nighttime production.



Royal Oak fined for violations

- OCALA The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has fined Royal Oak Enterprises \$39,500 for permit violations observed last September at its former Ocala manufacturing plant.
- In a consent order dated July 24, the DEP also required the Roswell-Ga. based charcoal giant to begin testing soil and groundwater samples for pollution.

Extreme Challenge: Two Homes, One Day

