

December 2017: Invest Health Team Descriptions

Team	The team aims to:
Akron, OH	Develop a pipeline of projects focused on the Middlebury neighborhood, including a mixed-use housing development, a loan fund to foster a healthy rental market, hiking and biking trails, street and park improvements, and neighborhood business district development.
Asheville, NC	Develop a park—designed and led by the LatinX community in the Emma neighborhood—to provide space for recreation, education, and community projects; and to work with a coalition of partners to advance a systemic focus on “health in all community development.”
Bloomington, IL	Develop a range of short- and long-term food access solutions, including a mobile food market and a grocery store, in the West Bloomington neighborhood.
Buffalo, NY	Redevelop an abandoned manufacturing plant to serve as a local food hub, complete with a hydroponics facility, farmers market, commercial teaching kitchen, and food production space as a social enterprise for wellness programs.
Canton, OH	Expand a community center in Southeast Canton, where years of disinvestment have contributed to poor resident health outcomes. An indoor pool, health clinic, and food bank are among the possible new uses being explored with residents.
Des Moines, IA	Devise a new community-driven approach to development that empowers residents to shape changes and investments in their neighborhoods. As a starting point, the team is targeting the 50314 zip code and is engaged in extensive community organizing and stakeholder outreach.
Dundalk, MD	Work with a local hospital and community college to implement programs to increase the well-being of those aging in place by promoting a trust-based social cohesion network and creating home modification employment opportunities and skills trainings for youth.
Durham, NC	Develop a revolving loan fund in partnership with anchor institutions to finance community redevelopment projects including multifamily, commercial, and single-family homes.
Eau Claire, WI	Revitalize the Randall Park neighborhood by increasing the stock of safe, affordable housing options, enhancing physical spaces to promote physical activity and social connection, and strengthening residents’ access to healthy and affordable food.

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Flint, MI	Connect and coordinate disparate efforts to improve food access, including a new market by a private developer on the North Side, a planned co-op, and a movement of “growers” focused on increasing local food production and economic opportunity.
Framingham, MA	Build a collaboration of municipal and community stakeholders to enhance safety and economic vitality in the downtown and Southside neighborhoods through infrastructure and lighting improvements; and address gaps in the safety net such as food security.
Grand Forks, ND	Increase awareness of the carcinogenic effects of radon gas and reduce the number of ND homes with elevated radon levels by changing state and local laws and developing low-interest loans or grants to help low-income families remediate their homes.
Grand Rapids, MI	Pursue a multi-pronged approach to increasing equitable health outcomes in historically low-income areas of Grand Rapids. The approach includes five key areas of work: home environment, food and movement, infant mortality, economic security, and a large-scale affordable housing development.
Greensboro, NC	Eliminate housing conditions associated with the incidence of asthma. They are collaborating with the health care system, housing improvement teams, and local residents, first on a demonstration project and then to scale the approach citywide.
Gulfport, MS	Bring health and community programs to an isolated neighborhood and, partnering with Gulf Coast Community ExCHANGE, create the Healthy Communities Collaborative: a regional effort to build partnerships and leverage data for health-focused development initiatives.
Hartford, CT	Examine, assess, and improve the food system from production through consumption in the North Hartford Promise Zone, through investable built environment opportunities with a focus on the retail food environment and mid-sized independent grocery stores.
Henderson, NV	Implement a revitalization plan for the Pittman neighborhood to improve access to healthy food, health care, and other services. Early implementation projects include a mobile health clinic; produce truck; supper club; and school garden.
Iowa City, IA	Improve health outcomes in three low-income neighborhoods. Projects identified through extensive community engagement include a behavioral health drop-in center, birth-to-five childcare system enhancements, and an integrated community health center.
Jackson, TN	Renovate a large underused school building in a low-income neighborhood to create a mixed-use facility including a senior center, demonstration kitchen and incubator, job training services, and a community historical center.
Kansas City, KS	Create a structure for systematically addressing operational improvements to CDC's around the City, having already leveraged the expertise of the team to strengthen the operations of a struggling local CDC.

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Knoxville, TN	Be a key voice in redevelopment plans for the Five Points neighborhood by improving access to healthy foods. The team is working with a local corner store to make healthy interventions based on community trends and feedback.
La Habra, CA	Revitalize the old central La Habra core to create a Wellness District, including connecting to the Orange County Bike Loop to improve walkability and biking, and creating a walkable mixed-use neighborhood with businesses focused on wellness.
Lansing, MI	Pursue a multi-faceted partnership that will result in Beacon Southwest—a project including a community playground, system of walking trails, and soccer field—with the goal of improving physical activity, health, and safety in Southwest Lansing.
Little Rock, AR	Improve public safety along the two-mile stretch of the 12th Street Corridor and areas just south of I-630. Additionally, the team aims to improve access to more stable housing through a "Live Local" program and enhance the streetscape in the area.
Missoula, MT	Improve mental health outcomes and decrease obesity in Missoula's three lowest-wealth neighborhoods. Accomplishments include meaningfully engaging residents, building health equity into key city policies and plans, and securing nearly \$1 million for new sidewalks.
Nampa, ID	Improve health outcomes in North Central Nampa by implementing innovative food access initiatives—including a mobile food market, a healthy food prescription program, and a food pantry in a community school—and ultimately developing a local grocery store.
Napa, CA	Reduce the food insecurity, rent burden, and social isolation faced by low-income residents. Initiatives include a community loan fund to finance the building of accessory dwelling units and improvements to the emergency food provision system.
New Britain, CT	Create a loop of health that connects a low-income neighborhood to the city's downtown TOD hub with improved sidewalks and green space, and develop a teen community center along this loop to improve education, employment, and mental health.
North Charleston, SC	Improve community wealth and health within southern North Charleston by improving access to healthy food, recreation, affordable housing, and economic development opportunities, including through redevelopment of Old Chicora Elementary School.
Paterson, NJ	Develop a pipeline of projects for the 4th Ward neighborhood that will reduce the barriers to health and create a healthier Paterson. Specifically, the team is working with corner stores, creating a community garden, and making park improvements.
Peoria, IL	Develop a learning kitchen near a neighborhood with the most negative health outcomes in the metropolitan area. Potential benefits include job training and skills development in culinary arts and horticulture, in a neighborhood with more than 30% unemployment.

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Pontiac, MI	Improve residents' health and quality of life by facilitating increased use of existing transit options and promoting transit-oriented development. Projects launched include a bus stop improvement pilot, adopt-a-stop program, and Complete Streets Plan.
Portland, ME	Work closely with residents and stakeholders in a diverse public housing development to co-create projects that will improve health and quality of life. Priorities include healthy food access and food security, community building, and built environment.
Providence, RI	Set priorities for improving the active transport and street environment on key corridors in the South Side of Providence, in order to increase physical activity among youth and adults in the target area.
Pueblo, CO	Conduct a planning process to integrate social services, health-focused programming, and opportunities for recreational activity in the new Uplands Townhomes project in a historically neglected area of the city.
Richmond, VA	Conduct a Market Value Analysis to understand regional real estate market trends, encourage long-term regional collaboration on an equitable development strategy, and facilitate resident-driven community engagement.
Riverside, CA	Establish an urban farmer training and incubation program, expand capacity and distribution of a food hub, and develop an affordable housing “agrihood” that provides onsite edible landscaping and a community garden.
Roanoke, VA	Develop a grocery store that will improve Northwest residents' access to healthy, affordable food and meet other community needs. The team aims to create a model for future work in the neighborhood that is data-driven and places residents at the center.
Rochester, NY	Build relationships and knowledge across sectors, and work to integrate tools acquired through Invest Health to enhance system-level initiatives and investments across our community for better results.
Roseville, CA	Reimagine Weber Park, which suffers from high crime, poor lighting, and underuse. “Re-Imaging Our Neighborhood Parks” engages residents to improve health and well-being in Downtown Roseville's core residential neighborhoods of Roseville Heights, Cherry Glenn, and Thieles Manor.
Savannah, GA	Develop a multi-agency resource center (MARC), a collaborative initiative to provide early intervention for youth at risk of entering the juvenile court system, as public safety has a critical impact on the social determinants of health.
Spokane, WA	Develop shelter and supportive housing developments for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness and/or exiting institutions and expand service availability for this population to increase likelihood of stability and independence.

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St. Louis, MO	Support interventions in the Near North Side: development of a recreational community center; development of an aquaponics fishery; youth jobs to maintain a newly built trail at a neighborhood school; group-based healthy eating and physical activity programs; and advocacy for a community benefit agreement with neighborhood food stores.
St. Paul, MN	Attract investment for community development projects in Dayton's Bluff, including a cultural arts center, a food incubator supporting local food systems, a commercial kitchen incubator/processing facility, and improvements to neighborhood parks.
Stamford, CT	Develop holistic, community-oriented responses to chronic school absenteeism through youth development, community-building, civic engagement, and strategic partnerships, in order to prevent youth (juvenile and young adult) violence.
Syracuse, NY	Improve health and nutrition in Downtown Syracuse through transit-oriented design. The team is facilitating the development of a Central Market one block from the bus transit hub, which is currently located in the middle of an urban food desert.
Tallahassee, FL	Work closely with the City and the iGrow South City Community Garden to establish a farmers market in a neighborhood plagued by food insecurity. Additionally, the team is facilitating the development of other projects in Southside such as an affordable housing development and a community center.
Tuscaloosa, AL	Rehabilitate homes for the elderly in West Tuscaloosa while increasing employment skills and opportunities for youth and addressing the impacts and drivers of toxic stress in this underserved neighborhood.
Westminster, CO	Increase equitable access to opportunity including affordable housing, economic opportunity, active living, youth development, and healthy food access, in light of the expansion of the transit system and attendant issues such as displacement.
Youngstown, OH	Improve the health of Youngstown residents through four comprehensive action plans for health education, lead hazard abatement, improved parks and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and enhanced food access.