



Project Location

Flint, MI

The Flint community is strong and engaged in the city's wellbeing, with over one-third of Flint residents involved in efforts to improve their neighborhood or community. That equates to dozens of block groups, neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, and nonprofits mobilizing for action. This involvement is vital, as Flint has a range of built environmental health risks, including one of the highest residential vacancy rates in the nation.

Project Partners

- Michigan State University College of Medicine
- Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center
- Kettering University

HPTED Partners

- Community Foundation of Greater Flint
- Hurley Medical Center
- Genesee County Health Department
- Crim Fitness Foundation
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub
- Genesee County Land Bank
- Flint Neighborhoods United
- University Avenue Corridor Coalition

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Health Promotion Through Environmental Design (HPTED)

From 2019-2024, the Prevention Research Center of Michigan (PRC Michigan) will investigate the effects of environmental change initiatives on community health in Flint, Michigan. HPTED builds on previous Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) research methods with an expanded focus on community health promotion. HPTED strategies focus on modifying or activating the built environment to improve health and work along the following three pathways:

Improving Community Safety

- Changing environments in ways that reduce crime, injury, and victimization

Creating Healthier Built Environments

- Changing environments in ways that reduce hazards and increase access to healthy food, physical activity, and safe and affordable housing

Building Community

- Changing environments in ways that increase community connections and resources to positively affect neighborhoods

Evaluation Strategy

The evaluation strategy is based on several components. In partnership with Michigan State University, we will track neighborhood health data that we will subsequently link to HPTED activities. Ultimately, we will use spatial analysis to investigate the level of HPTED needed to make neighborhoods safer, support healthy behaviors, and help neighbors feel more connected.

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