

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



AN INTERVIEW WITH
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WHAT YEAR DID YOU BEGIN WORKING WITH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY?

I began working for MSU in 2015.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OR PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION?

Community-based public health research at Michigan State University.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN THE HEALTH PROMOTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (HPTED) PROJECT AT THE PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTER OF MICHIGAN?

I am the MSU lead. We're doing research just like UM does. I personally participate in Clean & Green, mowing vacant lots every 3 weeks throughout the summer.

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT HPTED PROJECTS COULD BE GOOD FOR FLINT?

Flint has a particularly large set of challenges with respect to its built environment. Anything we can do to improve the image and safety of and in the community is likely to be beneficial in some way.

WHY DOES THE HPTED THEORY MAKE SENSE FOR FLINT?

It makes about as much sense for anywhere. If anything, it may be a bit ambitious! After all, other communities have more resources for enacting the kinds of programming and improvements that we talk about. But I do think we'll see benefits because we have a lot of community groups dedicated to HPTED-like activities already.

WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HPTED PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY?

Where they're needed most, and where they'll impact the most people.

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