

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



AN INTERVIEW WITH **TOM WYATT**

Executive Director of **THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT HUB**

WHAT YEAR DID YOU BEGIN WORKING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT HUB?

I became executive director in 2021.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OR PURPOSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT HUB?

Our mission is to strengthen communities by providing a source of information, education, facilitating project development, advocacy, and support of equipment and materials.

We provide support to Flint neighborhoods in a variety of ways. Some of the support we provide is technical assistance, project facilitation, acting as fiduciary on grants they receive, and advocating on change in their neighborhoods.

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

I helped formulate the proposal and idea. I had early conversations with faculty and staff, and then acted as a consultant for my subject matter expertise. In this role we are providing data on what we are involved in and aware of in Flint neighborhoods. We give a good scan of what's going on in the neighborhoods. It's cool to see a project that is looking at so many areas that make a community a community. They are all connected to each other.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT HUB ONLINE?

[Twitter.com/@nehflint](https://twitter.com/nehflint) and [Facebook.com/nehflint](https://facebook.com/nehflint)

DO YOU HAVE ANY LINKS TO RESOURCES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE RELATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION?

Check out the community tool shed on our website. The tool shed provides equipment for lawn upkeep in the neighborhood. www.nehflint.org/community-tool-shed