

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



AN INTERVIEW WITH **ALAN HARRIS**

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WHAT YEAR DID YOU BEGIN WORKING WITH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY?

2018, I have been with them for 4 years.

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

Taking data collected from the street surveys, attaching them to physical points on a map, analyzing the data, and looking for patterns to help with any intervention efforts.

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

There are a lot potential benefits that can be dictated or driven by the actual residents of the City.

WHY DOES THE HPTED THEORY MAKE SENSE FOR FLINT?

I think of things in a holistic systems sense. So it makes sense when I think of our health and the design of our environment and how that interacts with the other aspects of our world.

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

I think this project and the concepts behind the project are designed to address every community's unique challenge. But I'd like to see it continue to be applied to communities that have been historically disinvested neighborhoods.