Healthy, Hopeful, Vibrant Rural Communities

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Total population by racial group

Minnesota, 2010-2012

- American Indian
- Asian (Southeast)
- Asian (Other)
- Black (foreign born)
- Black (U.S. born)
- Other race
- Two or more races
- White (all)
Lesson #1:
The healthier the community, the more its residents are able to solve problems and create new trajectories.
The 9 dimensions of a healthy community

- Spirituality & Wellness
- Life-Long Learning
- Inclusion
- Recreational & Artistic Opportunity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Infrastructure & Services
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Healthy Community

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Lesson #2:
Change can happen from anywhere.
Lesson #3: Leadership is an unlimited resource.
26% never invited to play a leadership role

Only 41% have recently served in a community leadership role
Lesson #4: Sustainable community action is anchored in the quality and diversity of its connections.
43% say local leadership DOES NOT reflect people of differing backgrounds
Lesson #5:
In order for a community to change, it has to have hope.
Lessons learned

1. It takes a healthy community to move forward.
2. Change can happen from anywhere.
3. Leadership is an unlimited resource
4. Quality and diverse connections sustain progress.
5. Hope leads to change.
You are the leaders we have been waiting for.
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