Healthy, Hopeful, Vibrant Rural Communities

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Vibrant. Rural. Community.
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- Grants
- Convening and public policy
- Community leadership training
Lesson #1:
The healthier the community, the more its residents are able to solve problems and create new trajectories.
8 Dimensions of a Healthy Community

- Life-Long Learning
- Inclusion
- Spiritual, Recreational, & Artistic Opportunity
- Economic Opportunity
- Community Leadership
- Environmental Stewardship
- Safety & Security
- Services & Infrastructure

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Lesson #2:
Change can happen from anywhere.
Lesson #3:
Leadership is an unlimited resource.
41% never invited to play a leadership role

43% local leadership does not reflect different backgrounds
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Lesson #4: Sustainable community action is anchored in the quality and diversity of its connections.
Street scene, Pequot Lakes
Lesson #5:
In order for a community to change, it has to have hope.
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.
The hope business.
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You are the leaders we have been waiting for.