



PARK EQUITY COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE



REGISTER BY THE FIRST SESSION DATE OF EACH TRACK

OVERVIEW

Learning and networking is a core benefit and critical need for cities. 10-Minute Walk created the Park Equity Communities of Practice to provide a forum for cities across the country to discuss and advance policies and practices that address park access, quality, and equity. This year-long series tackles policies and strategies on how to close the park equity divide and elevates case studies through expert speaker panels and small group discussions.

FORMAT & PARTICIPATION

We will convene three deep dive tracks from October 2023 to July 2024, and request the following for participation:

- **Active engagement.** Each workshop is divided into opening plenaries with a panel of speakers and subject matter experts, followed by breakout groups for peer-to-peer discussion.
- **Sustained attendance throughout the year.** If you are unable to attend every session of a track, please have an additional representative from your city register to join the track.
- **Registration.** Registration is required and must be completed before the first session date of each track.

DEEP DIVE TRACKS

See the next page for initial session topics and dates for each track.

Parks Maintenance: Funding and Policies

Parks departments have long struggled with sustained maintenance of their parks due to the long history of the underfunding of parks departments. This chronic underfunding has led to an estimated \$65 billion backlog in deferred maintenance for park systems across all U.S. cities. This track will investigate key strategies to improve maintenance systems for parks, including policies, funding, assessments, and other approaches to capacity building. [Register before October 25 here.](#)

Community Power: Civic Engagement for a Healthy Democracy

Though the country feels increasingly polarized across political, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, parks and greenspaces offer much needed settings for exercising civic engagement and fostering social cohesion. This track will focus on ways to activate and strengthen the role that park organizations play in strengthening community power through civic education, trust building, investments in community capacity, and other steps towards a thriving democracy. *For participating municipal agencies, we request that you also invite your partners, like local nonprofits, community members, and academics, to register for this series.* [Register before November 9 here.](#)

Parks Plus: Affordable Housing

People's access to opportunities are highly dependent upon where they live, and integrating the planning of parks and green space with affordable housing is a critical lever for local equitable development. This track will investigate how to better plan for parks and green spaces with affordable housing development and highlight the role that parks play in enhancing neighborhood livability, sustainability, and growth. [Register before November 15 here.](#)



TRACKS: SESSION DATES AND TOPICS

Parks Maintenance: Funding and Policies Wednesdays, 2pm – 3pm ET <i><u>*Register before Oct. 25 here*</u></i>	Oct. 25	Maintenance standards and assessments
	Dec. 13	Maintenance funding- traditional models
	Feb. 7	Maintenance funding- nontraditional models
	Apr. 3	Maintenance staff, capacity, and partnerships
	June 5	Maintenance policies
Community Power: Civic Engagement for a Healthy Democracy Thursdays, 2pm – 3pm ET <i><u>*Register before Nov. 9 here*</u></i>	Nov. 9	Power mapping: How can parks play a role in nurturing a healthy democracy?
	Jan. 18	Participatory planning: How can parks transform community vision into reality?
	Mar. 14	Civic education: How can parks engagement be a bridge to civic participation?
	May 9	Park stewardship: How can we strengthen the capacity of friends of groups and their communities?
	July 11	Social resilience: How can parks serve communities in times of crisis?
Parks Plus: Affordable Housing Wednesdays, 2pm – 3pm ET <i><u>*Register before Nov. 14 here*</u></i>	Nov. 15	Affordable Housing and Parks
	Jan. 17	Leveraging Policies and Programs to Develop Parks with Affordable Housing
	Mar. 6	Funding Joint Development
	May 1	Livable Cities & Investing in Green Public Spaces
	July 10	Joint Development Typologies

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