

# Community is at the Center...

of the solutions to address the growing **climate, health and equity crises** affecting everyone, and parks and public space are a proven container for building community and democracy.

Authentic community engagement is the key to building public spaces that nurture lasting **community relationships, identity & power.**



Midway Peace Park, St. Paul, MN

# TPL Community Framework:

## Proven outcomes of community-based parks engagement

- Tending to the civic commons is linked with increased **trust in neighbors** (Dresner, 2014; Tebes et al., 2015)
- Community gardens can facilitate **social bridging** (APHA, 2013)
- Residents who visited parks regularly have 66% more **social ties** than those who didn't (Każmierczak, 2013)
- Park safety and community engagement are linked with increased sense of **welcoming and belonging** (Powers et al., 2021).
- Individuals living with easy access to urban parks showed a stronger **sense of place attachment** (Scott et al., 2020)
- Environmental volunteers are more **engaged in civic actions** than the average American (Fisher et al., 2015).
- Pro-social environments of parks contribute to better civic order and indicators of **social capital** (Peters et al., 2010; Mowen & Rung, 2016)

