



# Crossing Sectors to Create Parks

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## Session 5 Agenda

- Series Recap
- Best Practices for Activating Shared Spaces & Partnerships
- Case Study: Good Acres, San Antonio, TX
- Q&A

## *Transition*

- Breakout Groups
- Next Steps



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3- Navigate Land Use



4- Activate the Shared Space

# Strategies to Unlock Lands

Strategy	Land Types
Shared Use Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schoolyards</li><li>• Existing naturalized lands</li><li>• Watershed lands</li><li>• Utility lands</li></ul>
Activate Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public libraries</li><li>• Public housing properties</li><li>• Public buildings</li></ul>
Transform Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacant lots</li><li>• Brownfields</li><li>• Parking lots</li></ul>
Greening Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Light trail and greenway connectivity</li><li>• Rights of way</li><li>• Transit stations and stops</li></ul>
Temporary Activations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open streets</li><li>• Pop-up parklets</li></ul>
Multi-use for passive experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public cemeteries</li></ul>
Public Private Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPs)</li><li>• Plazas</li></ul>

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# Bringing Your Space to Life

Once you have the green light, where do you go?

- What does ribbon-cutting day look like? How do you celebrate together?
- How will the space be activated moving forward?
  - By whom?
  - How often?
  - What's needed?
- What's needed to maintain the momentum?



# Sustaining Long-Term Partnerships

Partnerships don't end with the MOU – it's just the beginning!

- What mechanisms did you establish for long-term partner collaboration and accountability?
- Who is responsible for planning, programming, ongoing care, and seasonal uses?
- Who are the champions and other actors that helped move this project forward? What role can they play moving forward?
- What role did the media play? How will you continue to tell this story?



**Case Study**  
**Charis Park**  
**San Antonio, TX**



# Q&A

Please share your questions in the chat!



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# Thank you!

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