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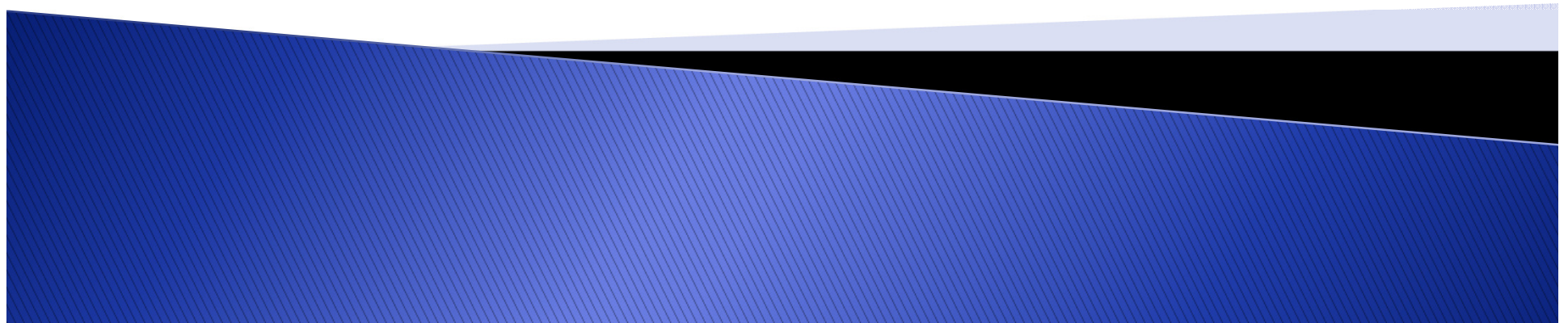
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# Community Matters

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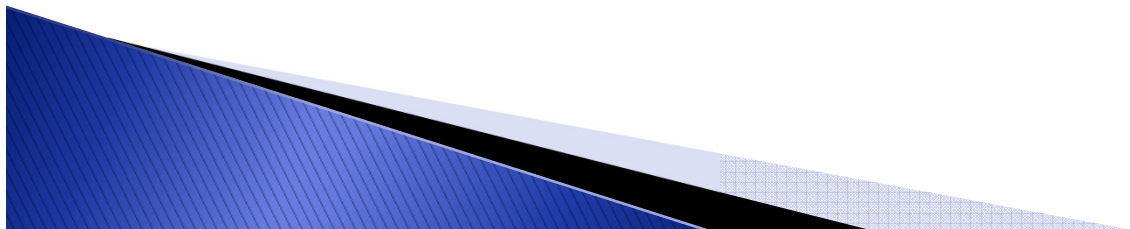
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# Community Charettes

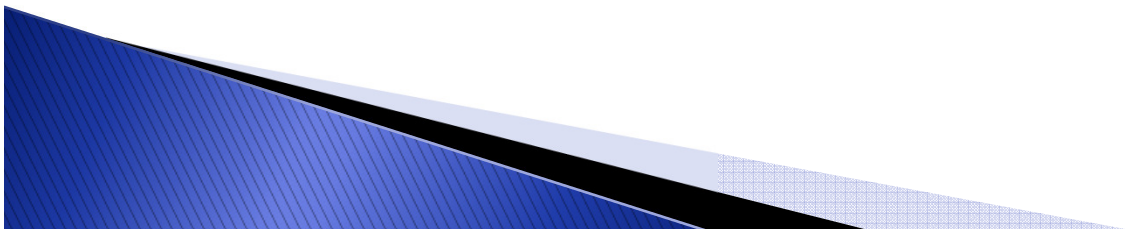


**Upper Mississippi River Conference**



# Partner Organizations

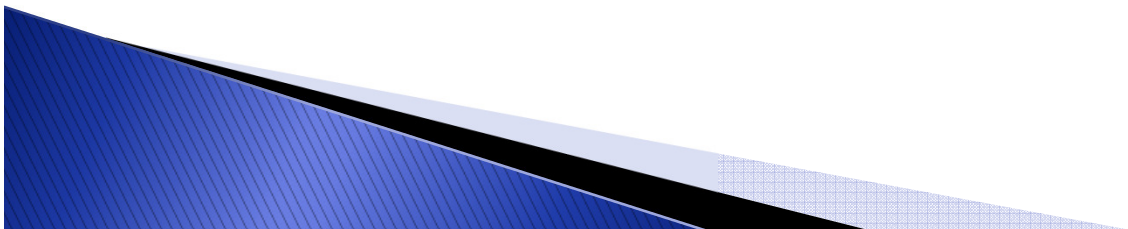
- ▶ River Action (host)
- ▶ University of Illinois at Champaign–Urbana
- ▶ Department of Regional and Urban Planning
- ▶ Western Illinois University Quad Cities  
Campus, Department of Instructional Design  
and Technology
- ▶ Professional facilitators
- ▶ University of Illinois Extension





# Community Charettes

Expanding riverfront facilities, tourism and businesses was the focus of the planning processes held for six local communities.

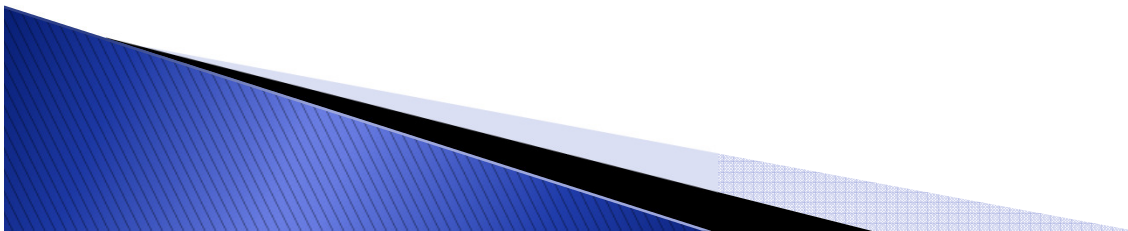


# Hennepin Canal Trails Project



# Partner Organizations

- ▶ Village of Milan
- ▶ Big Island Soil and Water Conservation Association
- ▶ Bi-State Regional Commission
- ▶ Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- ▶ University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Department of Landscape Architecture
- ▶ University of Illinois Extension





# Hennepin Canal Trails Project





# Goal-Based Collaboration

= Project with  
Well Defined Outcome

# Quad Cities Self Sufficiency Initiative Opportunities for Quad Citians (OQC)

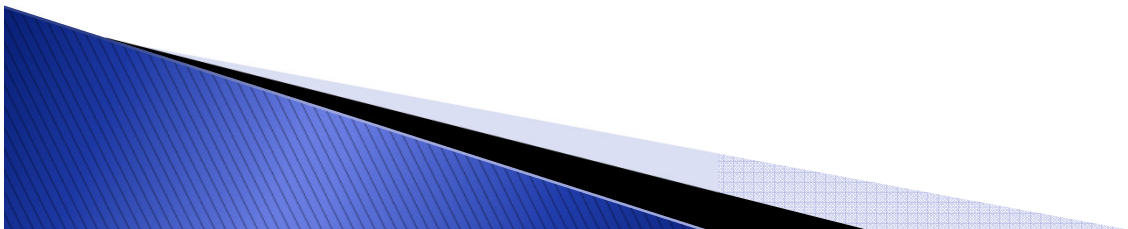


***Mission***

Interrupt the long-term  
generational cycle  
of poverty  
through strategic alignment  
of community resources and  
stakeholders.

# Composition

- ▶ Area housing agencies: Davenport, Greater Metro, Moline, and Rock Island
- ▶ Area foundations: Community Foundation of the Great River Bend and Day Foundation
- ▶ Scott County Housing Council
- ▶ University of Illinois Extension
- ▶ About 10 service agencies and civic organizations (conversation held October 31, 2012)



# Vision

The Quad Cities community will realize that poverty for some impacts us all. Building on the stable foundations provided by our local public housing authorities, other resources, services, and advocates, we will innovate sustainable community systems – systems that encourage and support families to reach their self-sufficiency goals. A crucial outcome of this work is that parents will be in better position to positively influence their children's life opportunities, thereby interrupting the long-term generational cycle of poverty.



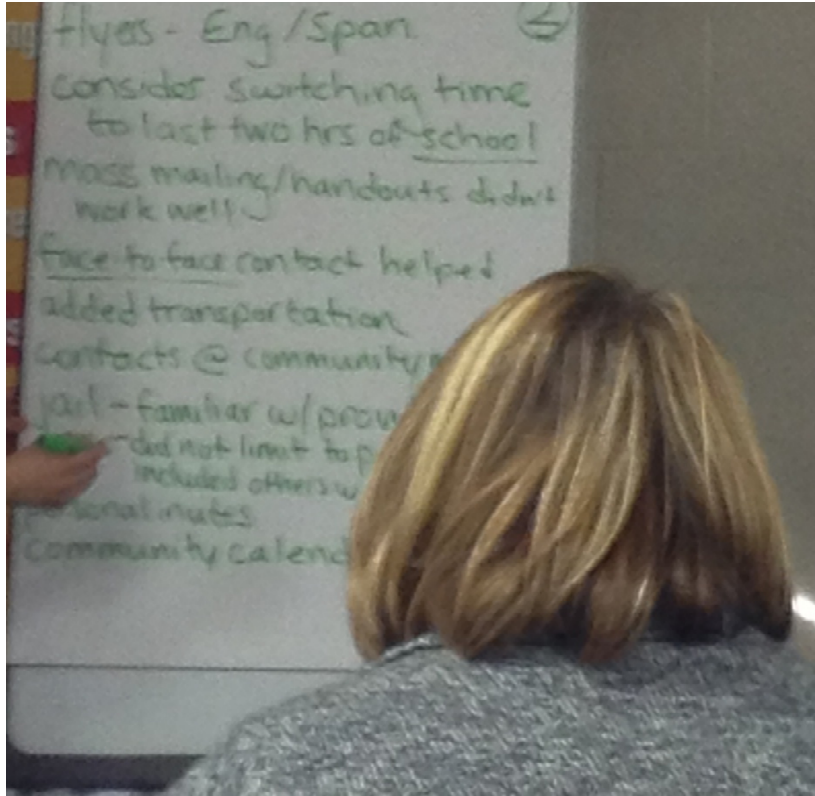
# Strategy #1 and 2

- ▶ Engage the Quad Cities housing authorities in leading this initiative to interrupt the cycle of poverty.
- ▶ Begin this journey to interrupt generational poverty by partnering with the section 8 voucher choice program and public housing participants who have taken productive steps to self-sufficiency.

# Strategy #3

- ▶ Invest in the ongoing collaborative leadership needed to support inclusive partnerships that include, even rely upon the people being served as experts of their life situations.

# Service Providers Forum



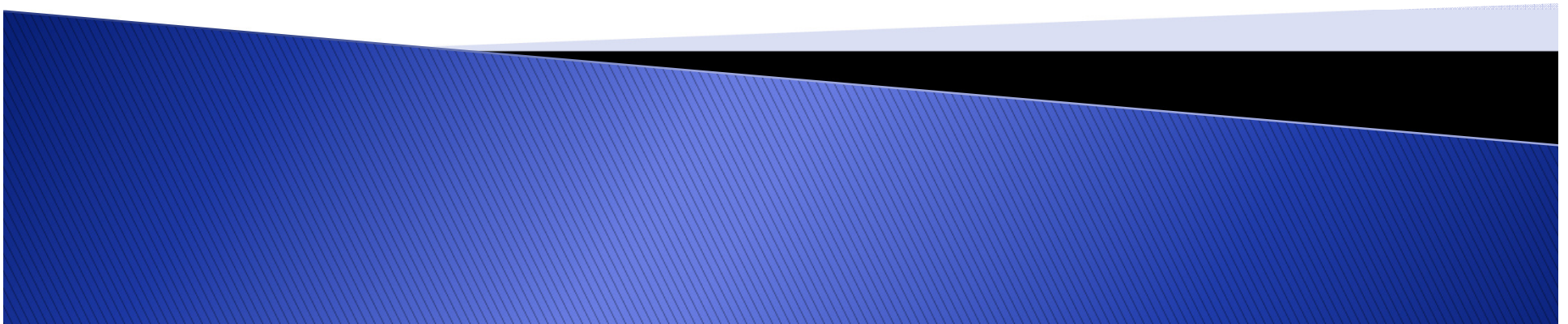
# Strategies #4, 5 and 6

- ▶ Build shared measurements into the early stages of the initiative's process and identity.
- ▶ Identify and address macro issues that restrict and discourage people who are fighting to leave poverty behind.
- ▶ Build the programs and resources network that will help families and individuals on the verge of self sufficiency to advance on the housing continuum.



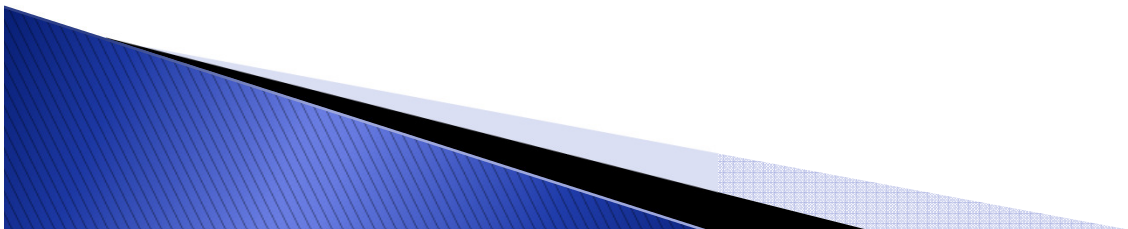


A Collaboration Between Higher Education  
and the Business Community



# Composition

- ▶ Geography:
  - northwestern Illinois
  - southeastern Iowa
- ▶ 33,426 Students
- ▶ 438,575 Region's Population
- ▶ Institutions:
  - 3 Community Colleges
  - 3 Liberal Arts College
  - 2 Universities
  - 2 Land Grant Extension Services



# Mission Statement

Provide leadership in service learning and volunteerism with community partners

# Goal #1

Improve the quality and number of service learning opportunities in the region.



## Goal #2

Establish infrastructure that fosters student and community interaction.

## Goal #3

Provide education for campus and community stakeholders.

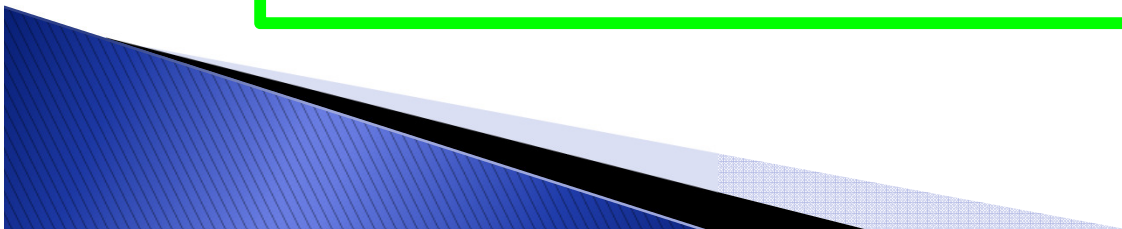
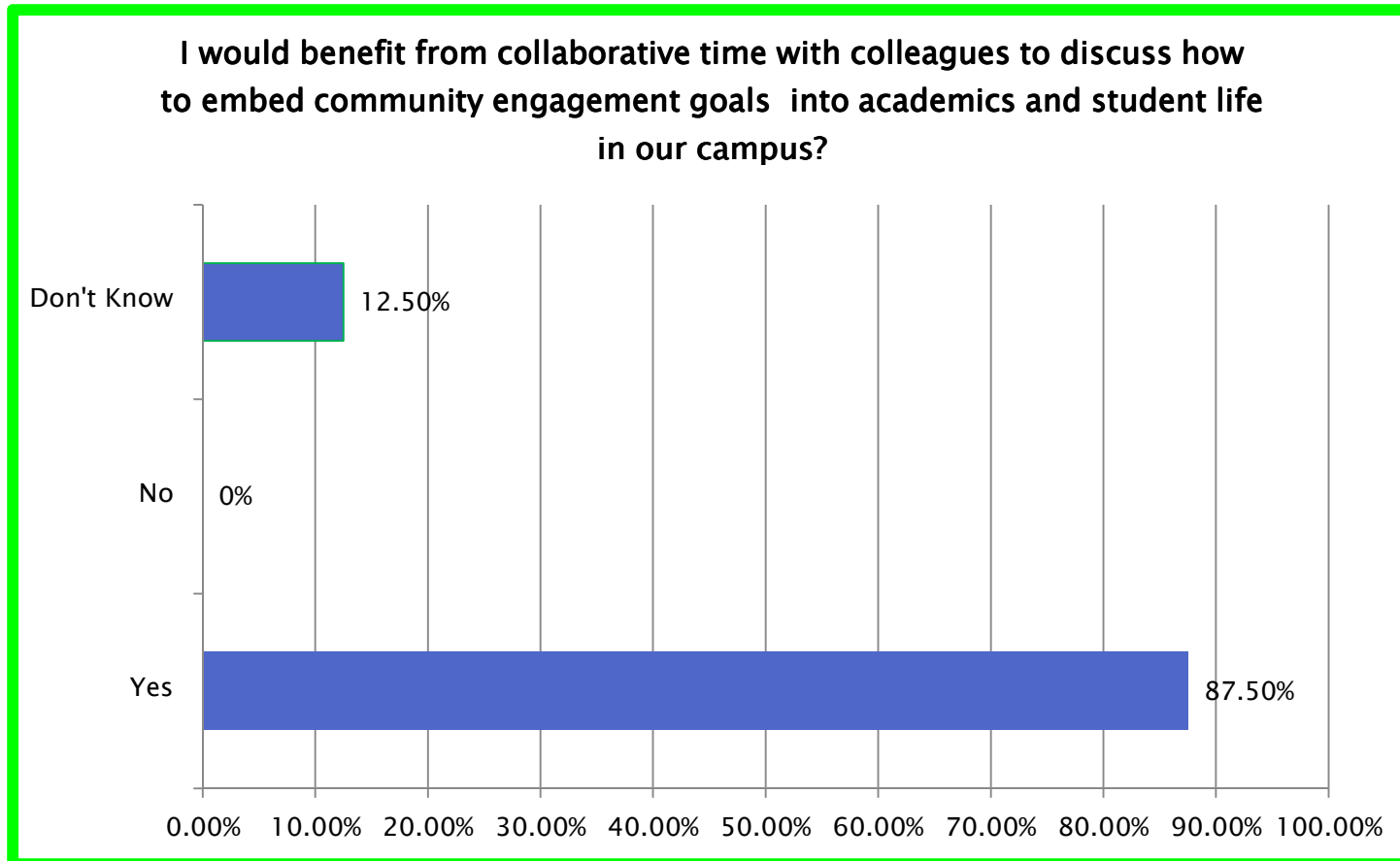
# Inaugural Event for Faculty and Administration: April 2010

*“The QCCEC has the potential to contribute not only locally but also nationally by demonstrating how community engagement efforts can be enhanced through multi-institutional collaboration. ..By creating issue-focused teams of faculty, staff and students from multiple institutions, community partners, and community members, the consortium could foster interdisciplinary learning and action – while also identifying ways for campuses to address those issues through institutional policies and practices as well as student engagement.”*

*– Julie Plaut*



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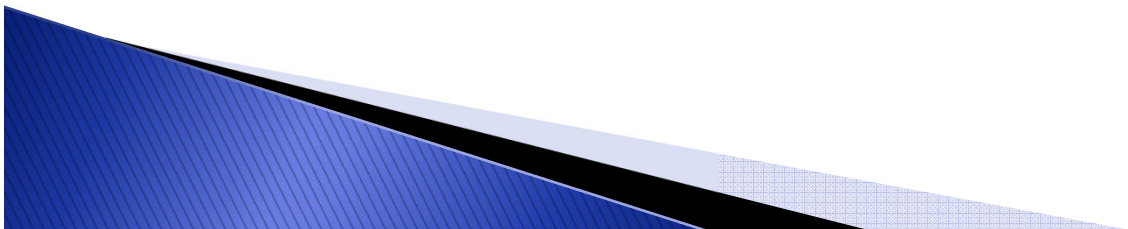
# Funding

United States Department of Education

Civic Learning and Engagement Initiative

Submit comments by November 30:

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# Habitat for Humanity Project

Students from the Quad Cities Community Engagement Consortium put volunteerism and service learning to work on this joint project.

# Accomplishments

- ▶ Definitions adopted
- ▶ Logo and marketing materials
- ▶ Small grants to purchase software
- ▶ Word-of-mouth
- ▶ Job description for coordinator
- ▶ Budget projections





# Next Steps

- ▶ Virtual hub software
- ▶ Hire coordinator
- ▶ Second faculty workshop
- ▶ Student Advisory meetings
- ▶ Community partners visits and agencies workshop
- ▶ Semantics
  - Common Templates
  - Public Relations
  - Outcome Measures





Education and work are the levers to uplift a people. Work alone will not do it unless inspired by the right ideals and guided by intelligence. Education must not simply teach work – it must teach Life. – W.E.B. Du Bois, 1903.