

Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

Project Name: *Cross Community Climate Collaborative (C4)*

- **Year Complete:** 2024
- **Local Government:** Cook County, IL
- **Local Foundation:** Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation

Project Purpose

To build additional partners in C4, implement structures for communication and collaboration within and across communities, and implement specific equitable climate projects.

Key Lessons Learned

1. Be prepared to provide additional support as under-resourced and small communities have limited bandwidth.
2. Sufficient staff support and partners to do intensive work is essential.
3. Utilize peer accountability to drive action. Strong mayoral leadership is a bonus.
4. Sharing backgrounds and stories can lead to an increased appreciation among team members and discussions about overall approach to working within BIPOC/LMI communities.

Additional Information and Resources

Learn more about Cook County's Cross Community Climate Collaborative (C4) [here](#).