

## Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

**Project Name:** *Bridging West End to the River: A Community Riverfront Vision*

- **Year Complete:** 2024
- **Local Government:** Pittsburgh
- **Local Foundation:** The Heinz Endowment

### **Project Purpose**

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To build a foundation for community leadership as significant riverfront planning efforts get underway in Pittsburgh's West End.

### **Key Lessons Learned**

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1. Maintain transparency in project updates and developments. Provide clear financial information and timelines.
2. Actively seek input from project participants, incorporate their ideas, and address concerns.
3. Create fun and relatable opportunities for project participants to actively participate in project planning and execution, thus creating a sense of ownership.
4. Build meaningful partnerships with community members, organizations, public agencies, and local businesses to leverage their resources and support.
5. Invest in slow trust-building and establish deep and hands-on learning mechanisms.

### **Additional Information and Resources**

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Learn more about Pittsburgh's West End community efforts [here](#).