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An experiment in the power of public spaces

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Dear Steve,

A few years ago, Knight and fellow foundations joined in an experiment. We wondered: Is it possible to revitalize and connect neglected public spaces—parks, trails, plazas, libraries—to promote greater civic engagement, economic development and environmental sustainability?

Initially piloted in Philadelphia in 2015, the experiment became Reimagining the Civic Commons, a national initiative that took root in four other diverse U.S. cities (Akron, Ohio; Chicago; Detroit; and Memphis, Tennessee). Each city has made progress, and we're able to glean important insights and lessons from their unique experiences.

A [new report](#) from Knight Foundation released last week takes a deep dive into the successes and challenges for each of the participating cities so far. It shows how cities can invest in public spaces to bring residents together and revive neglected neighborhoods, an undertaking more important than ever as American communities face growing levels of economic and social division.

[How five U.S. cities reimagined their public spaces](#)

Importantly, the report reveals that while there's no one-size-fits all strategy to create great public spaces, the most successful approaches are those shaped with, by and for residents.

To learn more about the report and its takeaways, [read this blog](#) with highlights by myself and Knight's lead consultant on this work, Lynn Ross. You can also find the [full report here](#).

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