

Community Focus Statement A: Increase recreational opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Muscoy.

Action Statement A.1: Conduct a community-based asset inventory to identify physical assets like vacant lots and spaces to be used for parks, open spaces, and community activities.

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Benchmark: Development of an asset inventory document.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: less than \$500



Baker Family Learning Center is an asset to the Muscoy community. Photo Source: Michael Baker International

Parks and open spaces that include sports fields and areas for community members to gather and celebrate are important for the development of a sense of community in Muscoy. Mapping the physical assets of the community presents a starting point for a community-building process in Muscoy as well as an opportunity to identify existing spaces that might contribute to meeting the community's needs. A community-based mapping process of Muscoy's physical assets can help identify land, buildings, streets, and infrastructure already in place that can contribute to increased recreational opportunities and community-building activities.

There are several benefits to conducting a community-based inventory to identify these existing resources. First, it creates an opportunity for residents to appreciate the value of and enhance what already exists in the community. In this process, the community can identify vacant land that would be appropriate for the development of athletic facilities, such as soccer fields, baseball diamonds, or other activities the community identifies as important. A vacant lot in a residential neighborhood could become a location for monthly barbecues or other outdoor events. A vacant lot in a commercial area could be used as a staging location or for extra parking during a community fair. Existing facilities could be used creatively to benefit Muscoy in order to create opportunities for community connectedness and social interaction.

As part of the physical asset inventory, it is key to pay attention to parts of the community that are underused such as vacant land or abandoned residential and industrial buildings in order to begin to identify new ways to make these assets work for the community. Community groups or nonprofit organizations can assist in identifying potential sites where this conversion would be the most cost effective and feasible.

Questions the community can ask during the mapping process:

- How might these assets be connected to individuals, associations, and institutions in the community?
- How might the community begin to imagine and institute new uses for underused assets?
- Who might best be able to use the land or buildings?
- Who can begin to put the redevelopment process in motion?

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Contact residents, hold a meeting and organize volunteers to serve on the Asset Inventory Task Force.	Champion Lourdes Garcia, Jane Hunt Ruble interested	Month 1	Building Communities from the Inside Out, by Kretzmann and McKnight San Bernardino County Regional Parks UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
2. Select a leader to serve as chair of the task force.	Asset Inventory Task Force (when established, Muscoy Community Advisory)	Month 2	
3. Develop a methodology for identifying and inventorying vacant lots and spaces in the community.	Asset Inventory Task Force	Months 3 – 4	
4. Create an asset database that is easily accessible by community leaders or other groups.	Asset Inventory Task Force	Months 4 – 5	
5. Connect community groups with information about assets for them to use.	Asset Inventory Task Force	Month 5 – On-going	
6. Revisit the asset inventory to reassess the situation and update as necessary.	Asset Inventory Task Force	Annually	