

Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

Project Name: *Coming Together to Understand and Reduce Louisville's Urban Heat Island*

- **Year Complete:** 2015
- **Local Government:** City of Louisville, KY
- **Local Foundation:** Augusta Brown Holland Philanthropic Foundation

Project Purpose

To work as a community to better understand and address the growing urban heat problem in the Louisville area.

Key Lessons Learned

Lessons learned about tools and tactics through the project that other sustainability directors could use to advance their work.

The project work was primarily performed by an outside consultant, Dr. Brian Stone. Dr. Stone came to Louisville for the project kickoff meeting and the project team used the opportunity to engage the public in the conversation about Louisville's urban heat island problem. Additional tools and tactics were employed that were shared with the other sustainability directors.

Lessons for developing a collaborative process between a local government sustainability director and local place-based foundation(s).

The city sustainability director interacted with the local place-based foundation to share the preliminary heat assessment data. Communication was a vital aspect of this project and the project team continually strived to include the local place-based foundation in the knowledge loop.

Additional Information and Resources

This grant laid the foundation for additional work on urban greening in the Louisville area. More information on these efforts can be found [here](#).