



Engaging Partners: Local Businesses & Nonprofits

Planning Office



NEIGHBORHOOD
ACADEMY

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- Introduction
- Identifying the Right Partners
- Researching Partners
- Initial Approach
- Building a Lasting Partnership
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Course Summary

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Identify the Kinds of Support Needed:

- Funding
- In-kind donation
- Volunteers
- Resources
- Advocacy/Influence
- Other _____

How to Identify the Right Partner:

Think of your . . .

- Timeframe
- Needs
- Priorities
- Obstacles

Research Checklist:

For Local Businesses:

- Year established
- Business owner(s)
- Challenges
- Schedule
- Past neighborhood support
- Potential conflicting agendas/interests
- Potential PR issues

For Nonprofits:

- Mission, Vision, Values
- Focus
- Programs
- Recent support
- Leadership
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Storytelling Checklist:

- Data
- Stories
- Pictures
- Videos

Storytelling checklist:

- What will you receive?
- What will you give?
- What will you report?

Components of an Elevator Pitch:

30-60 Seconds

- Introduction
- Summary of what you do
- Explain what you want
- Call to Action

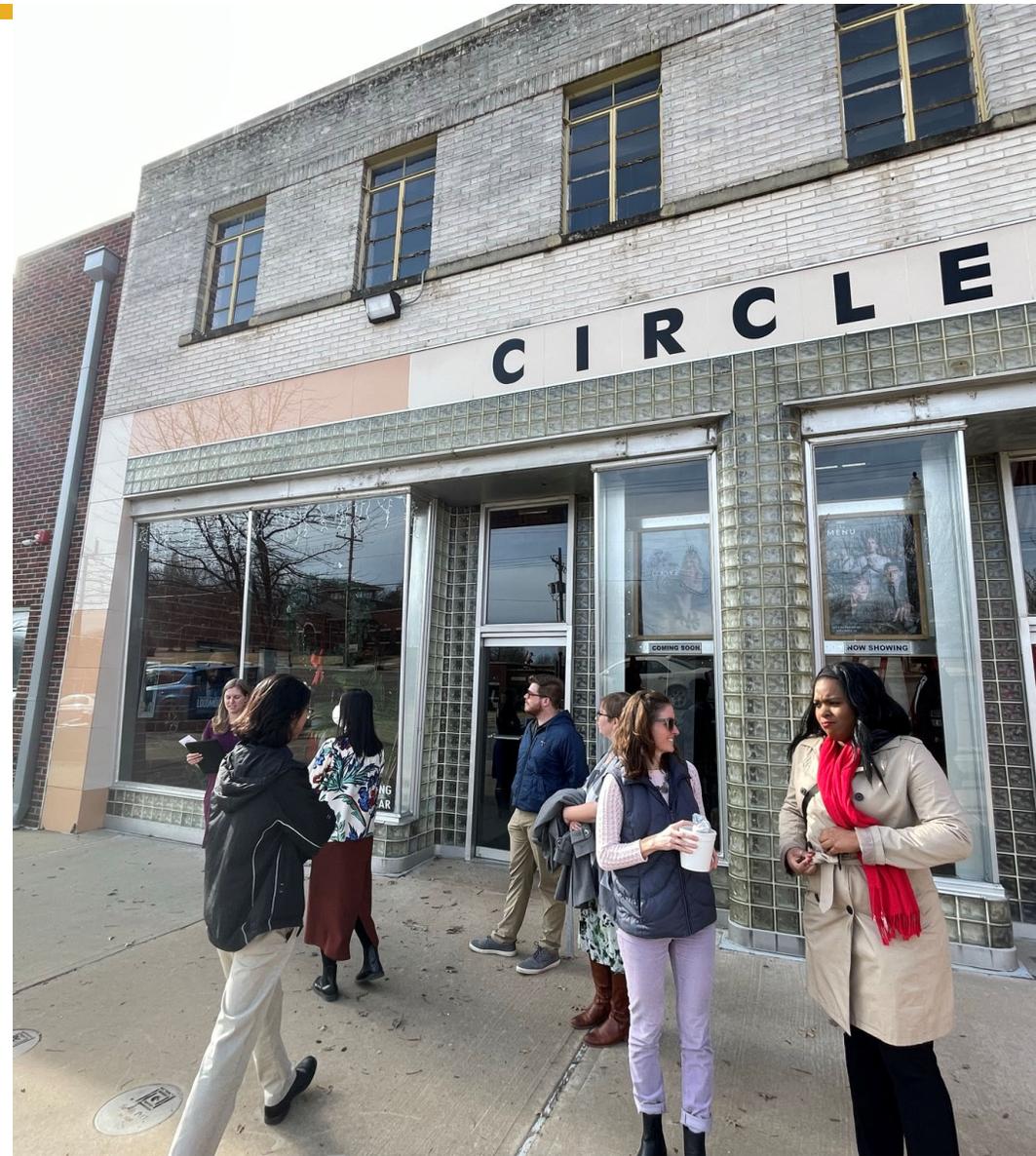
Why do we need to engage partners?



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Partners Can Offer:

- Funding
- Resources
- In-Kind Donations
- Volunteers
- Advocacy
- Influence



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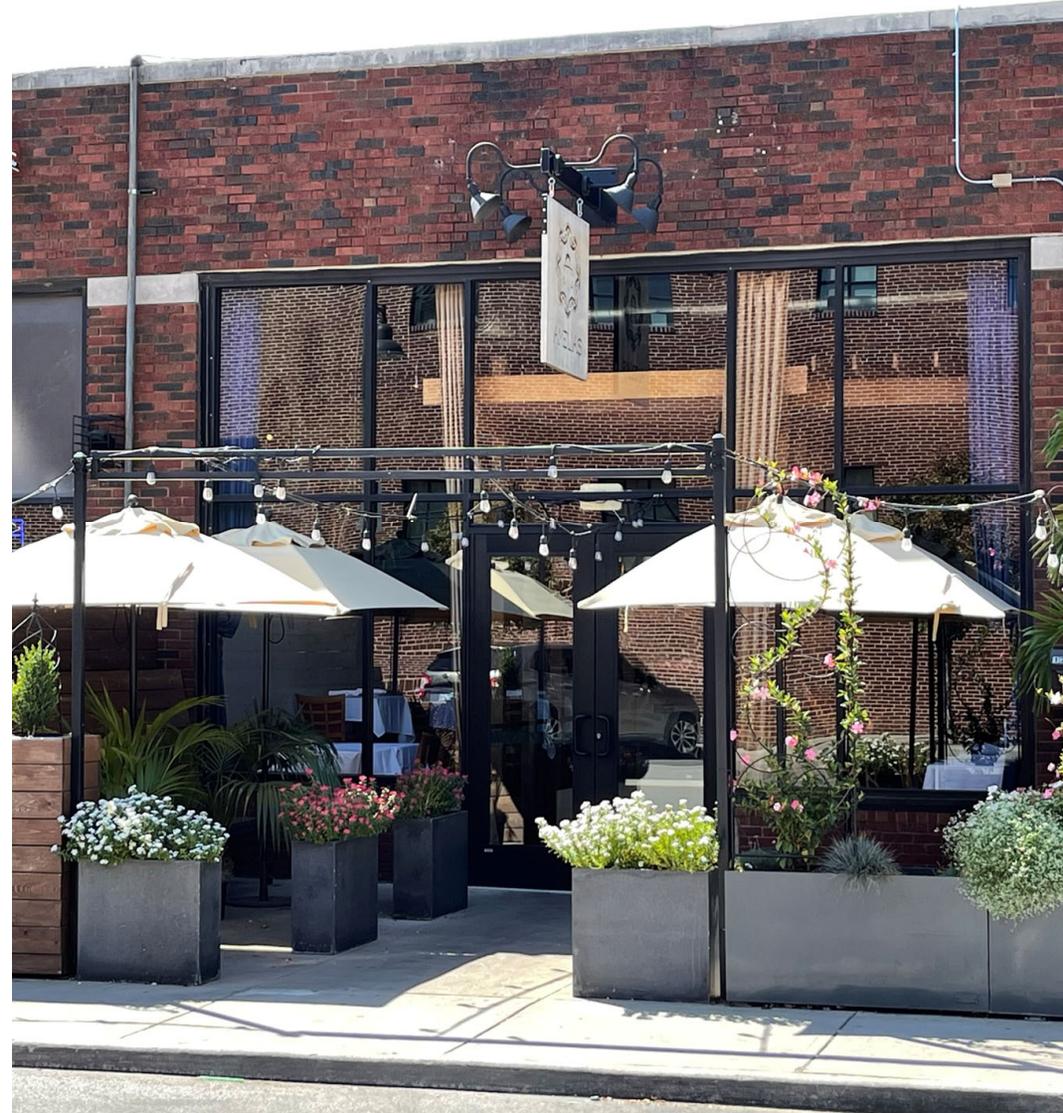
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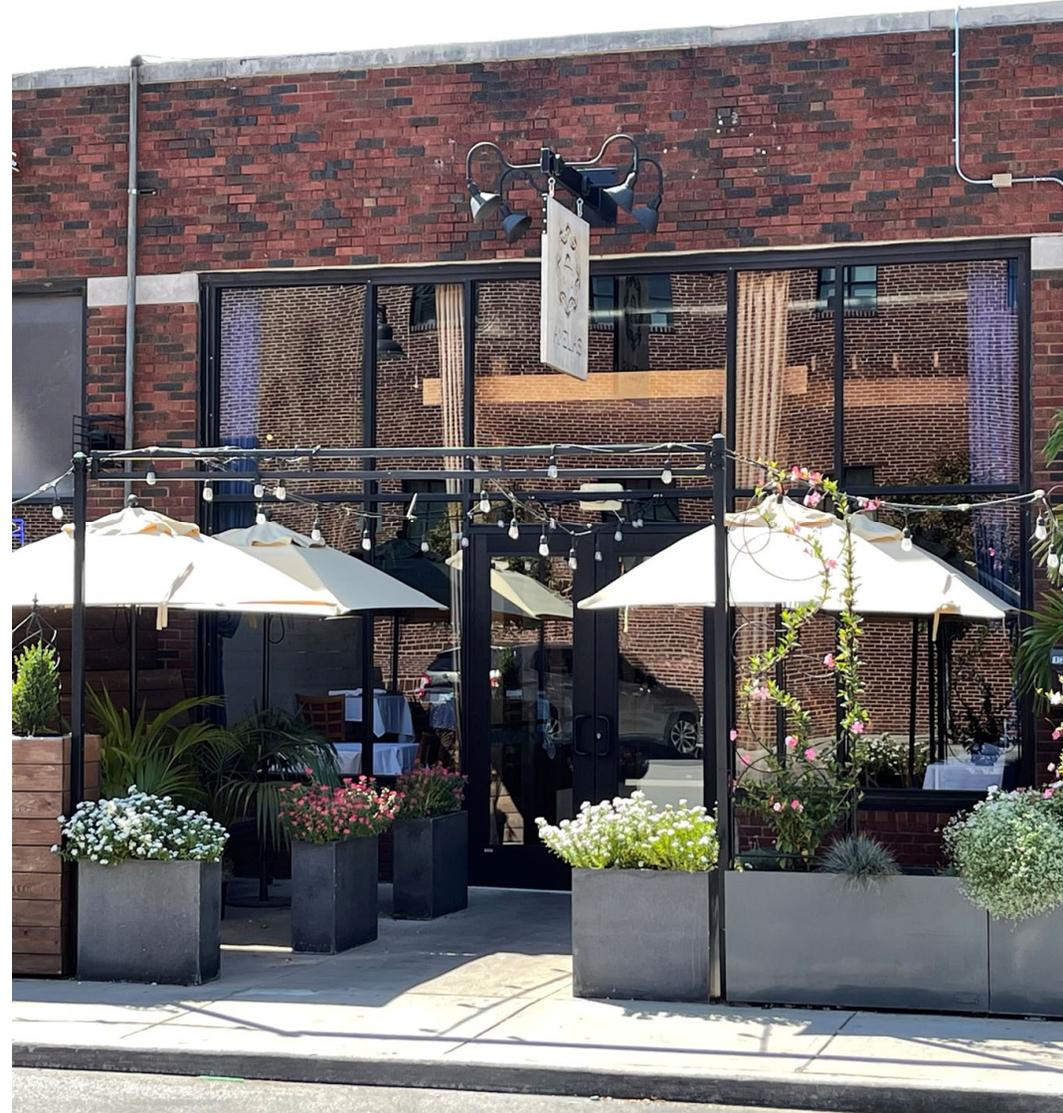
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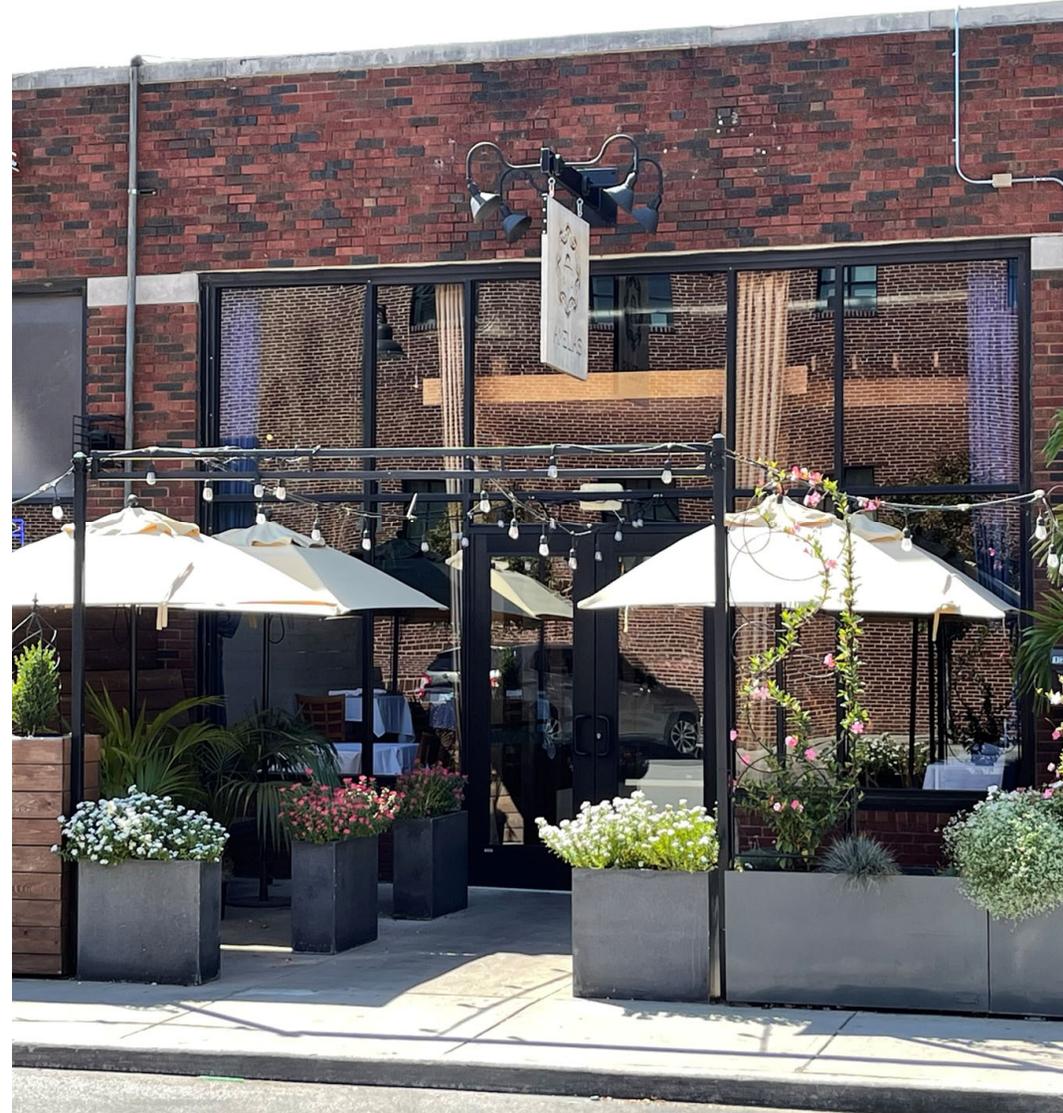
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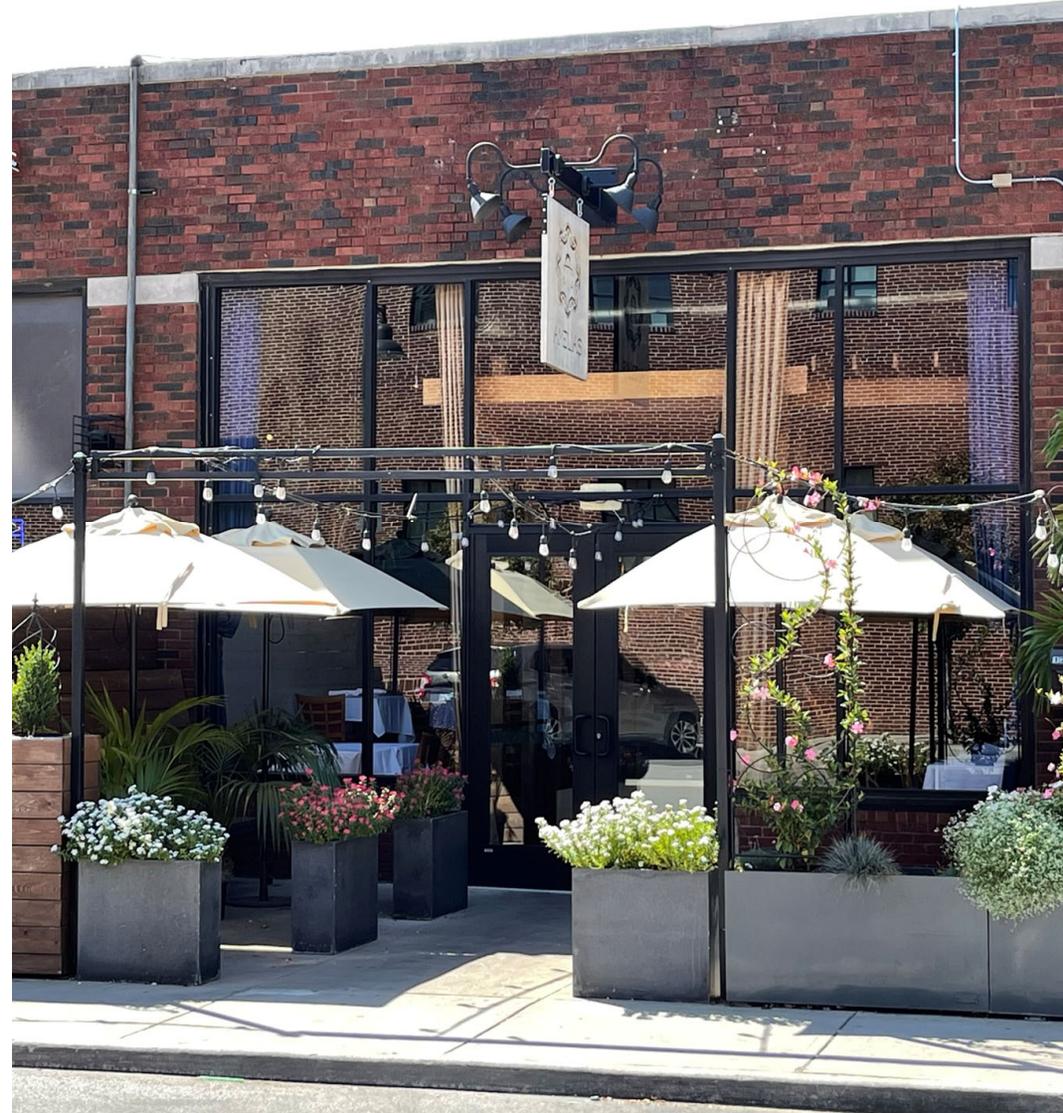
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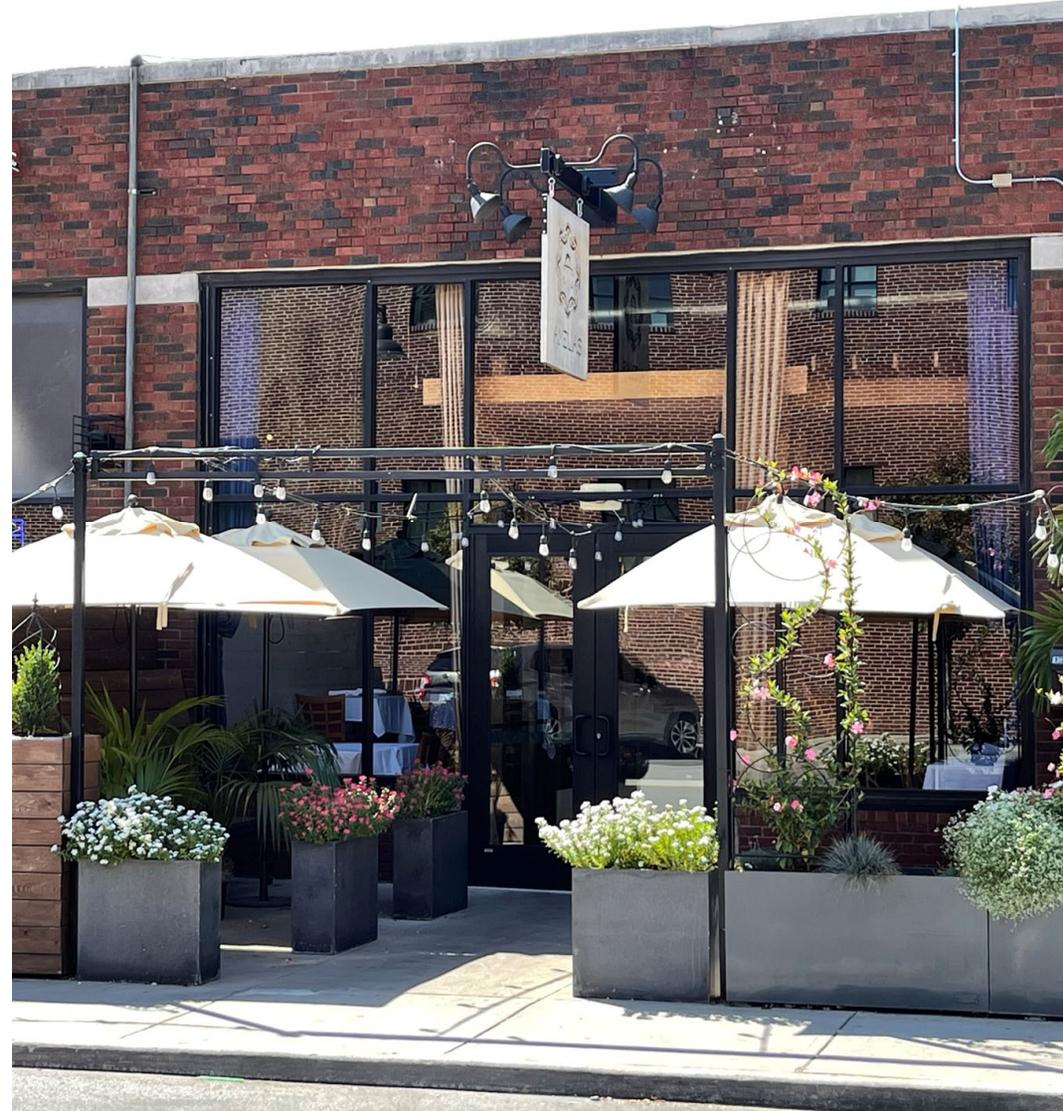
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Activity: Common Ground Mapping



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2 minutes...

Choose a nonprofit or local business that you currently partner with

OR

A nonprofit or local business you'd like to approach

Activity

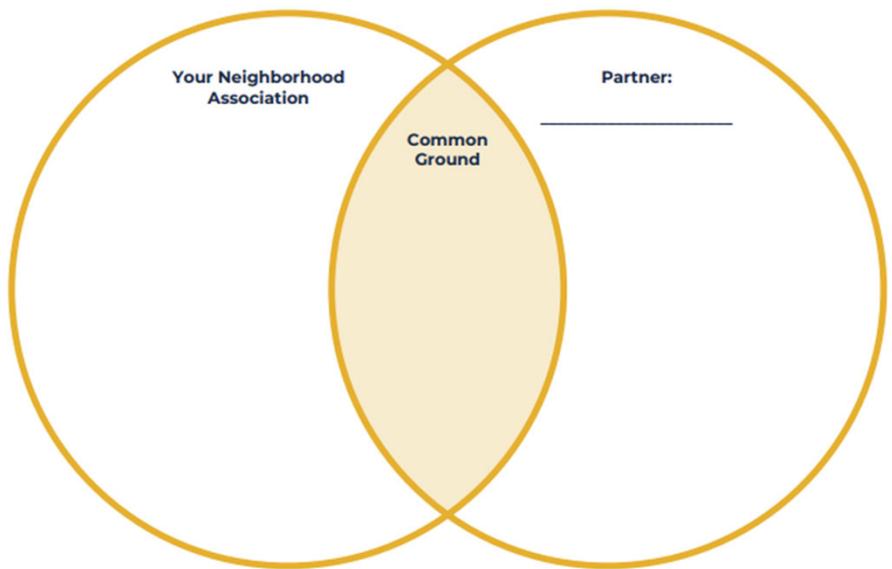
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Common Ground Diagram

Things to consider:

- Mission
- Values
- Challenges Shared
- Vision
- Projects



Your Neighborhood Association

Partner: _____

Common Ground

Initial Approach



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Gather:

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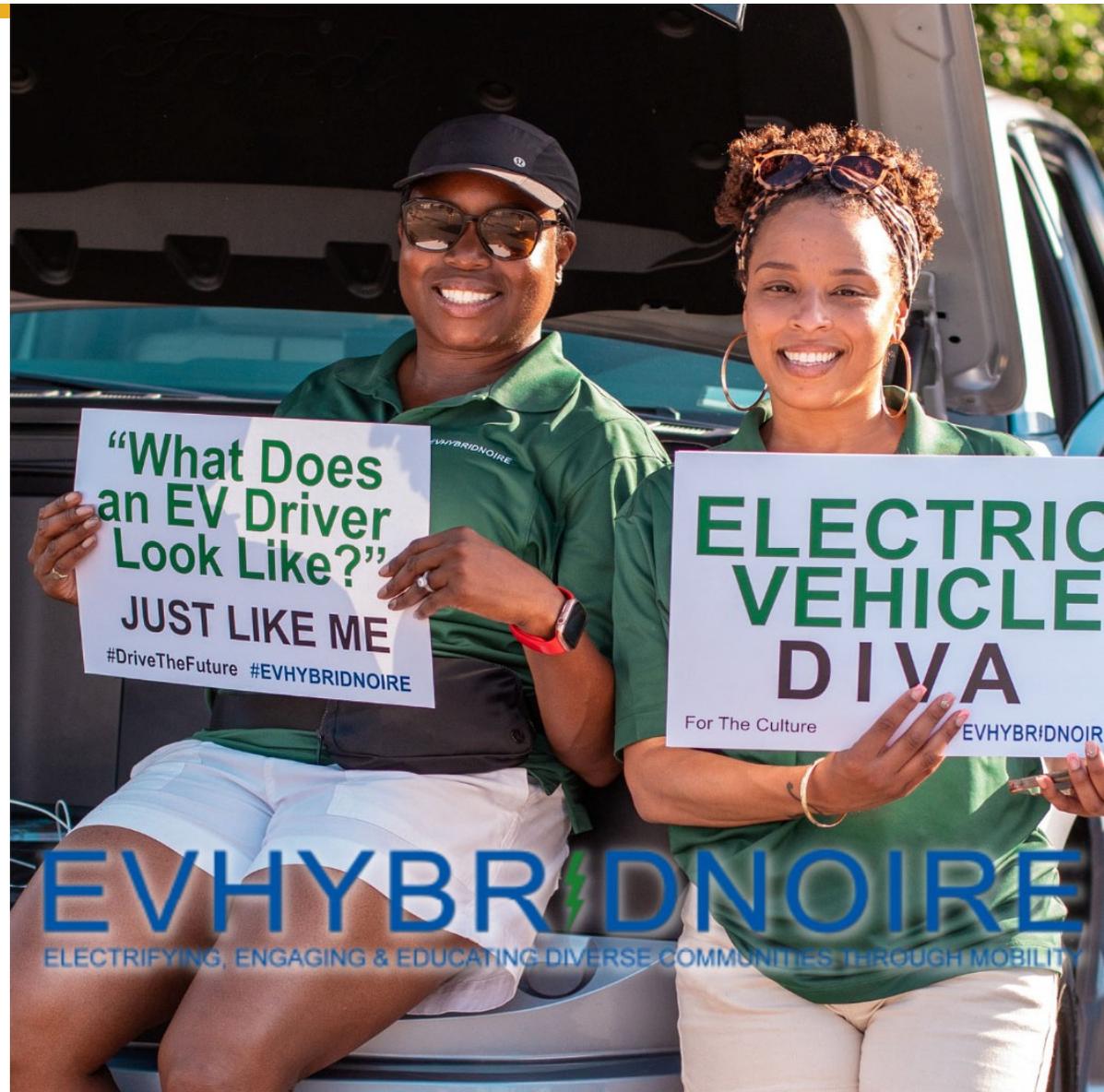


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Develop your ask:

Outline:

- What you will receive
- What you will give
- Reporting



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- Materials
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During Your Meeting



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Beyond your pitch, learn more about:

- Mission creep
- Future plans
- How your association can help them
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Building a Lasting Partnership



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- Support your partners
- Express gratitude
- Report impact
- Increase involvement



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Navigating Challenges



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- Conflicting Agendas / Interests
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Conclusion



Call to Action

- ❑ Make a list of potential partners
- ❑ Research partner list
- ❑ Complete the Common Ground Activity for partner list
- ❑ Develop ways to express gratitude to partners



Questions?



What's next?



What's next?

Plans & Partnerships

- ✓ Local Businesses & Nonprofits
- Volunteers
- SWOT Analysis
- Mapping Your Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Conditions Index (NCI)

THANK YOU

