

**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**CONNECTIONS WORKSHEET**

***VISION: A vibrant, safe community built and connected by thriving neighborhoods.***

The Committee is looking for ways to increase connections in Manchester and its neighborhoods to achieve this vision. The Committee agreed that the most important characteristic to focus on was **connected**. We defined **connected** as:

- Togetherness - common goals, interests, and values
- Accessible - streets, sidewalks, bikeways and other types of physical connections between neighborhoods and places
- Participation - people take part in community affairs (part of this success means getting information to people - communication)

Use this worksheet to make a list of actions that you think would improve physical and social connections. Be positive and creative. There are no bad ideas at this stage. Also, try to think about ideas that, if implemented, would improve connections for everyone in Manchester.

Ideas to improve physical connections between neighborhoods and places (use additional sheets if necessary)

Ideas to encourage togetherness and participation both in neighborhoods and the community (use additional sheets if necessary)

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Resources: For ideas, review the previous Committee minutes or visit any of the following websites:

Center for Community Change: [www.communitychange.org](http://www.communitychange.org)

City of Hampton Neighborhood: <http://www.Hampton.gov/neighborhoods>

Livable Neighborhood Program: [empowermentinstitute.net/files/LNP.html](http://empowermentinstitute.net/files/LNP.html)

NUSA: <http://www.nusa.org>

Thriving Neighborhoods: [www.solutionsforamerica.org/thrivingneigh/index.html](http://www.solutionsforamerica.org/thrivingneigh/index.html)

Leveraging Resources Technical Assistance:  
[www.ncset.org/tacommunities/levresources/workshop.asp](http://www.ncset.org/tacommunities/levresources/workshop.asp)

Community Mobilization – Youth Engagement:  
[como.typepad.com/community\\_mobilization/2007/08/youth-engagemen.html](http://como.typepad.com/community_mobilization/2007/08/youth-engagemen.html)