

## Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

**Project Name:** *Living Cully Community Energy Plan Implementation*

- **Year Complete:** 2020
- **Local Government:** City of Portland, OR
- **Local Foundation:** Meyer Memorial Trust

### **Project Purpose**

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To implement the Living Cully Community Energy Plan, including a suite of community-led pilot investments, over a two-year period.

### **Key Lessons Learned**

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

Youth solar curriculum should be hands-on. The curriculum was updated during the project to combine classroom material while actually constructing the solar panels, which developed hands-on ways to teach the youth about energy forms and transformation of energy.

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

The project partner learned to ensure continued collaboration by clearly articulating long-term goals, beyond the current project.

Through this partnership, the importance of creating a community committee that centers frontline communities became clear. It is critical for the community to have a say in the city's climate priorities.

### **Additional Information and Resources**

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Construction on the project in the Cully community is set to begin soon, with [groundbreaking](#) scheduled for February, 2021.