



Mayors Innovation Project Summer Meeting 2025



TRUST FOR
PUBLIC
LAND®

Connecting everyone to the outdoors™



TPL is a national nonprofit that connects everyone to the **benefits and joys of the outdoors.**

Access to the outdoors is a **fundamental human need and essential to our health and well-being.**

PEOPLE NEED PARKS



The Power of Parks



HEALTH

Safe access to nature and the outdoors is a powerful public health strategy and ought to be available to all people.



EQUITY

Access to the outdoors is a fundamental human need. Communities are stronger, healthier, and more connected when everyone can get outside and engage with nature.



CLIMATE

Green spaces safeguard people from extreme heat, poor air and water quality, flooding, and sea level rise, making communities more resilient and prepared for change.



COMMUNITY

It's not just the place that matters, it's the process. Deep community engagement in co-designing and stewarding parks is essential to unlocking the community's power to address social challenges in their own terms.

**But great parks
aren't created equal.**

100 million people,
including 28 million
children, don't have a
park within a 10-
minute walk of home.



TPL work with cities and partners to close the **Park Equity Divide**:

1. **Do the work with communities** – building community-driven, outcome-maximizing parks
2. **Create a Solutions Roadmap** – research, resources, training, and direct assistance





Parks and Affordable Housing

Aligning housing and parks to support equitable, thriving communities

- Includes joint effort between **Trust for Public Land and Enterprise Community Partners**
- Responds to growing tension between housing needs and access to green space—**everyone needs a place to live *and* a nearby park**
- Guidebook in development to share practical strategies grounded in local practice



Parks and Public Housing

Aligning housing and parks to support equitable, thriving communities

- Trust for Public Land is working to **transform underutilized open spaces at public housing sites** into thriving community infrastructure
- In November, TPL will host a **convening for public housing authorities and green space partners** to explore opportunities for open spaces at public housing sites

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Since 1972, TPL has protected 4 million acres of public land; created 5,364 parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor places; raised \$94 billion in public funding for parks and public lands; and connected 9.4 million people to the outdoors.

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