

## NE 1962 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Other Green Environments: Understanding Human and Community Benefits and Mechanisms

### **What is this project about?**

The NE 1962 is a multi-state research group established to provide evidence for the role of and mechanisms by which parks and other green environments support human well-being in three areas (health, environmental literacy, community vibrancy/resilience) and extend the knowledge gained to practitioners and other affected groups.

The project seeks to expand the evidence of parks and recreation services in promoting:

1. Physical activity and associated preventative health benefits, particularly among youth.
2. Environmental literacy among youth, and documentation of the long-term influences of early lifespan connections with nature.
3. Community vibrancy and resilience.

For more information see: <https://sites.google.com/view/ne-1962multi-stategroup/home>

### **How can I participate?**

The project is open to researchers at any college/university. Researchers at land grant institutions have the opportunity to participate through a Hatch multi-state project at their respective Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station.

### **What is expected of me?**

The project serves as a network of colleagues with similar research interests. Participation provides a venue to share your research and learn what others are doing, and a source for potential collaborators throughout the country. There is not a required minimum level of involvement, but participants are asked to report annually on activities related to NE 1962.

### **Is there funding?**

NE 1962 does not have funding itself. However, many participants at land grant institutions have been able to secure funding through their Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station. Contact your station director for more information.

### **Meeting goals**

- Provide an overview of your recent research
- Learn about the research needs of federal agencies
- Identify potential areas for collaboration on research projects, papers, and grant proposals.