# Wheeling, West Virginia

The City of Wheeling and partners is working to create what they call the "Edible Mountain," a holistic, place-based youth wellness hub that aims to increase access to local food, physical fitness, social connection, and creative exploration.



## Goals

- Improve physical health among youth, as measured by reduced prevalence and risk factors for childhood metabolic disorders
- Improve resilience among youth, as measured by reducing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences

# Background

- Population size: 26,771
- - Wheeling median household income for families with children is substantially lower than the state's average.

Wheeling's urban core's youth population suffers from metabolic disease and trauma at a disproportionately high rates.

Key Milestones from July – December 2020

# **Success Stories**



Hired a new parks and recreation director

Hiring process for coordinator is underway and being led by Never Bored Board, a youth leadership group



Participated in meetings with Prevention and Research Partner to learn best practices regarding evaluation metrics, data collection, analysis



individuals that attended community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating patterns

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partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns



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