

# YOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## *YOUR 4-H COMMUNITY AROUND THE COUNTY*

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BOONE COUNTY  
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The purpose of the 4-H Community Improvement Activity for your club is to provide a needed service to your community and to learn how to make a group decision. We hope when you have finished your club project, your neighborhood will be a better place to live and more people will recognize your 4-H Club as an active helper in your community. It is also hoped that you will have fun while helping others.

## STEPS TOWARD PROGRESS

Here are some suggested steps you may find helpful to complete your Community Improvement Project:

### SELECT A LEADER

With the help of your adult 4-H Leader select a member to serve as Community Improvement Activity Leader. The member you select should be willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of the office.

### SELECT A PROJECT

Involve your whole club in choosing a project that interests them

- A. Begin by having everyone write a project on a slip of paper and hand them in. Then write all the suggestions on a chalkboard or newsprint. Add other suggestions that members might think of as you discuss the ones already mentioned. Don't eliminate any suggestions until all have been written on the board and discussed.
- B. Discuss each project and then narrow the list to two or three of the most interesting projects to your group.
- C. Assign each of the projects to one or two members to gather details about it. Ask them to make a report at your next meeting. Their report should include:

- D. After each report has been given, vote on the one your club will adopt for this year.

### **COMPLETE THE PROJECT**

- A. Make a plan of action - who, what, when and how,
- B. Explain the plan to everybody in your club, and
- C. Get your club involved in the project.

### **REPORT THE PROJECT**

- A. At each club meeting tell your members about the progress of the project and get additional help to complete it.
- B. Prepare a poster report of your project for the 4-H fair. Your report should include the report form which is attached. The poster should be 22" x 28", with a hard backing, and describe your project along with pictures or sketchings. The Community Improvement chairperson should check the poster in on Friday, along with the other projects at the 4-H Community Building.

Here are fifteen examples of projects your club might want to consider when selecting a community improvement project:

Assist the Boone County Historical Society with one of their projects (Contact Mr. Richard Isenhower, 482-3939 for details).

Assist with 4-H Grounds improvements (contact Mr. Jack Jones for specific project guidance, 676-6033).

Repair, paint and stencil names on mail boxes.

Survey and report county road signs which need repair or replacement.

- - Reseed a barren road bank.

Adopt a grandparent for a year at a nursing home.

Prepare and conduct a house safety survey.

- - Assist in registering blood donors for blood bank.

Provide child care for PTA or other community meetings.

Assist with cutting obstructions at county road intersections (i.e. cutting weeds and top corn during mid summer).

Create a toy loan library.

- - Assist with spring house keeping for handicapped and elderly residents.

**4-H COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT  
ACTIVITY REPORT SHEET**

Local 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Community Improvement Leader \_\_\_\_\_

1. What Club Community Improvement Activity was carried out?

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2. Describe the process used in selecting your club's Community Improvement Activity to be carried out:

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3. Describe how your club planned and carried out the activity:

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