

Community Forklift

Reuse Operations: Creating Local Community Connections and Benefits

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Goal

To demonstrate the potential for community based revitalization based on capturing the value of used “building materials” (all interior fixtures, and the building itself) and redistributing them by making the materials available at low cost, or free to community members, organizations, and public agencies.



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Service Area

- Primarily serves under resourced community (Port Towns, Prince George's County, MD – ½ mile from DC border)
- Serves the entire DC region of ~6 million residents
- Diverse community of majority POC, 45% white
- High average income and high level of income inequality



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Facility

- 35,000 sq. ft. of retail and programming space in main warehouse
- 6,000 sq. ft. of office and workshop space
- 16,000 sq. ft. of warehouse storage and online sales
- ~ 3/4 acre of yard space for sales and storage
- Located on a brownfield site on the outskirts of industrial area near gentrifying neighborhoods



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Staff and Operations

- 35 Fulltime staff (50 + pre Covid)
- 0 volunteers (100's pre Covid)
- Starting wages of \$17 per hour plus full benefits
- Operation Start Date and Hours
- Opened Nov 16, 2006 and in operation almost 16 years
- Currently open: 12 – 5 daily (pre Covid hours: 9 – 7 daily)



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Budget

- 2022 Annual budget: \$3,212,665
- Earned income: 85% or \$2,736,165
- Public support: 7%
- Private Foundations: 5%
- Individual support: 2%
- From 2019 – 2021 generated a reserve



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Diversion

Recovered an estimated \$45 million of building materials in the DC metro region since 2005

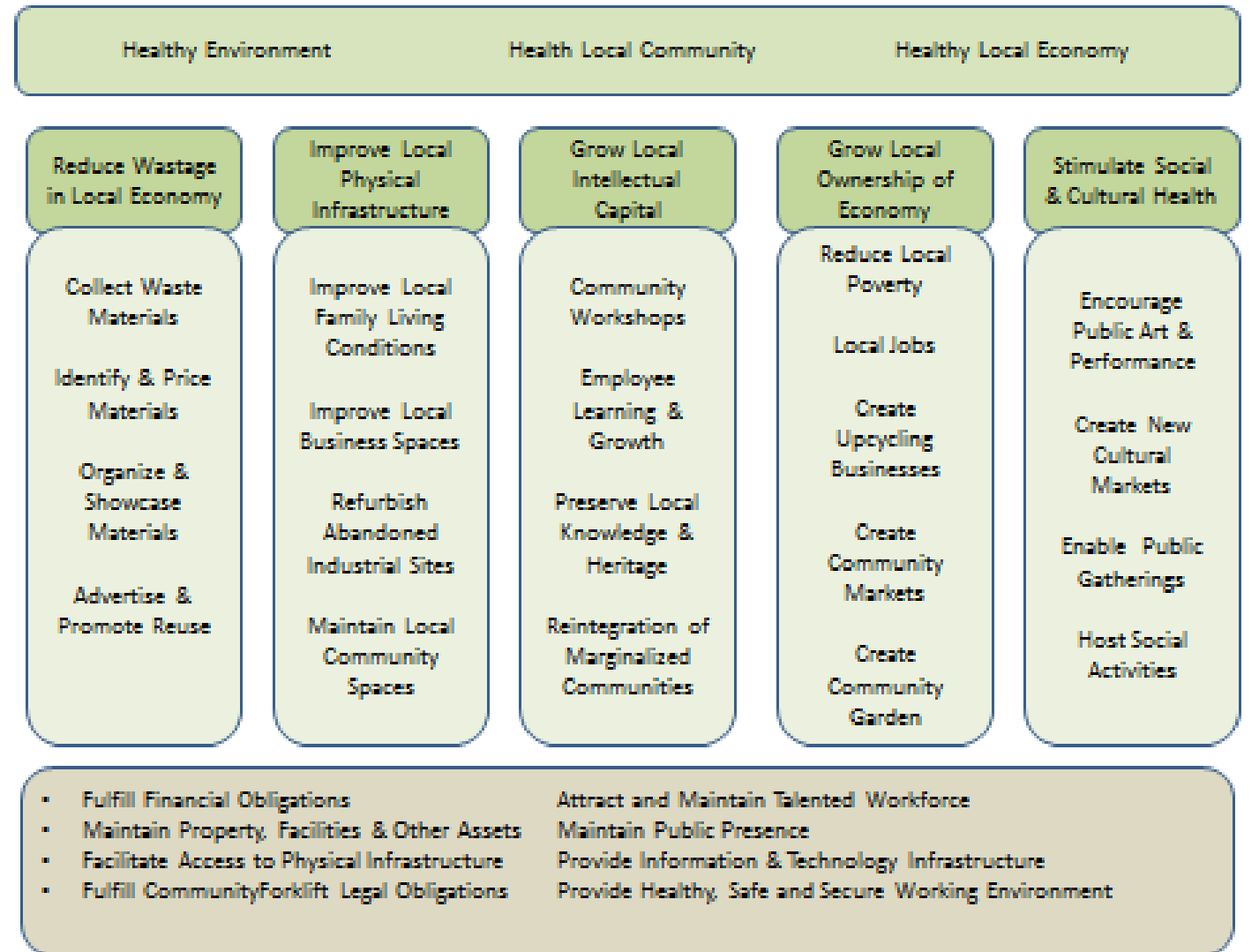


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Reuse Value



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