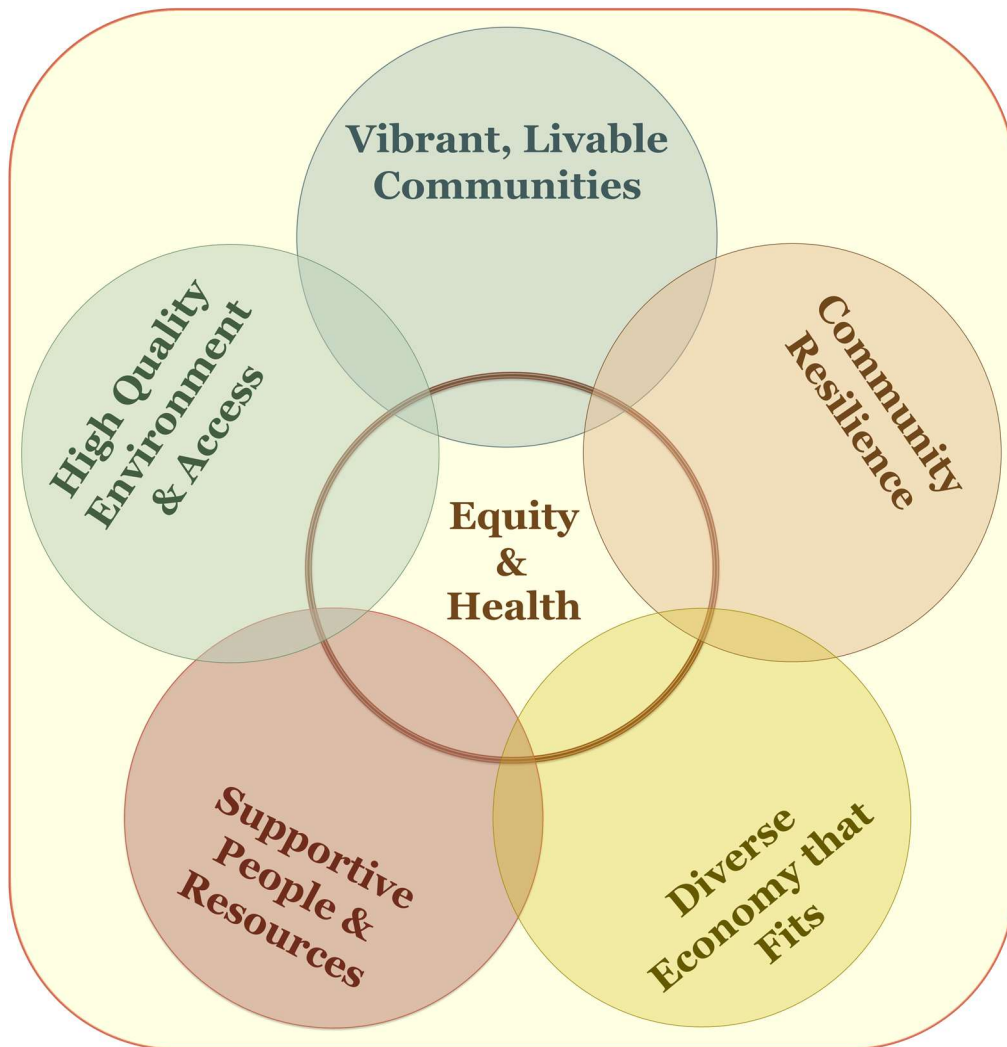


Benton County
2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Ensuring Communities' Core Values Today & for Our Future

A community-driven initiative to secure what we like about where we live and to guide efforts to ensure our Core Values now and in the future



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Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative's Core Values

***Based on the Principles of Equity & Health,
Benton County Strives to Ensure:***

"Vibrant, Livable Communities"

***Vibrant, Safe, & Livable Communities that Promote Creativity,
Forward-Thinking, a Sense of Place, & High Quality of Life***

"Supportive People & Resources"

***Welcoming Communities that Actively Build Social Connections,
Personal Interactions, & Community Resources that Foster Belonging***

"High Quality Environment & Access"

***High Environmental Quality, Conservation of Natural Resources,
Consideration of Carrying Capacity, and Easy Access to the Outdoors***

"Diverse Economy that Fits"

***A Diverse, Robust Economy that Inspires & Stimulates Local Business,
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, & Opportunities***

"Community Resilience"

***Communities & Individuals are Prepared to Respond to &
Recover from Natural & Human Caused Disasters, Threats, & Changes***

Equity for Everyone

***We Appreciate the Inherent Value of Each Community Member,
Honor Differences, Celebrate Diversity, & Foster Inclusion***

Health in All Actions

***We Recognize & Will Address the Well-Being of our People by Including
Health Considerations in all Policies, Practices, Activities, & Operations***