

# Charlotte

## Strategic Planning

# Community



**INTRODUCTION:** A healthy community assures equal opportunities to participate in decision making and enhance diversity, promoting a sense of pride and shared purpose.

A sustainable community has three overlapping and sometimes competing elements: the economy, the environment and the community. The community influences the other two elements and is also impacted by them. This idea is further expanded through our “7 elements of a healthy community.” In this element, “strong and connected neighborhoods and communities,” we are considering how nurturing relationships between neighbors of all ages and throughout the community can enrich civic participation and the actions of local government as well as provide the support system to enable all residents to reach their fullest potential.