

LIVING TRADITIONS CORPS

A collaborative research planning project in partnership with AmeriCorps, Washington State Parks and other regional partners

During 2023-24, the Folk Education Association of America is partnering with AmeriCorps, Washington State Parks, and other partners to develop a Folk School-like model for civic engagement.

The goal is to reduce rural isolation and increase community health through building connections and networking resources.

Project Description

This planning grant, funded by AmeriCorps, will develop a three-year operation grant proposal to:

- Identify site location partners to hold community gatherings
- Identify and connect AmeriCorps members from the local communities to the location partners
- Connect site and AmeriCorps partners with community hosts to identify community needs
- Coordinate initial hosted community gatherings to begin making connections among people to the knowledge and resources they want
- Develop and expand a replicable model that can be used in other states with a variety of partners



Proposed Outcomes

Develop and expand a model that:

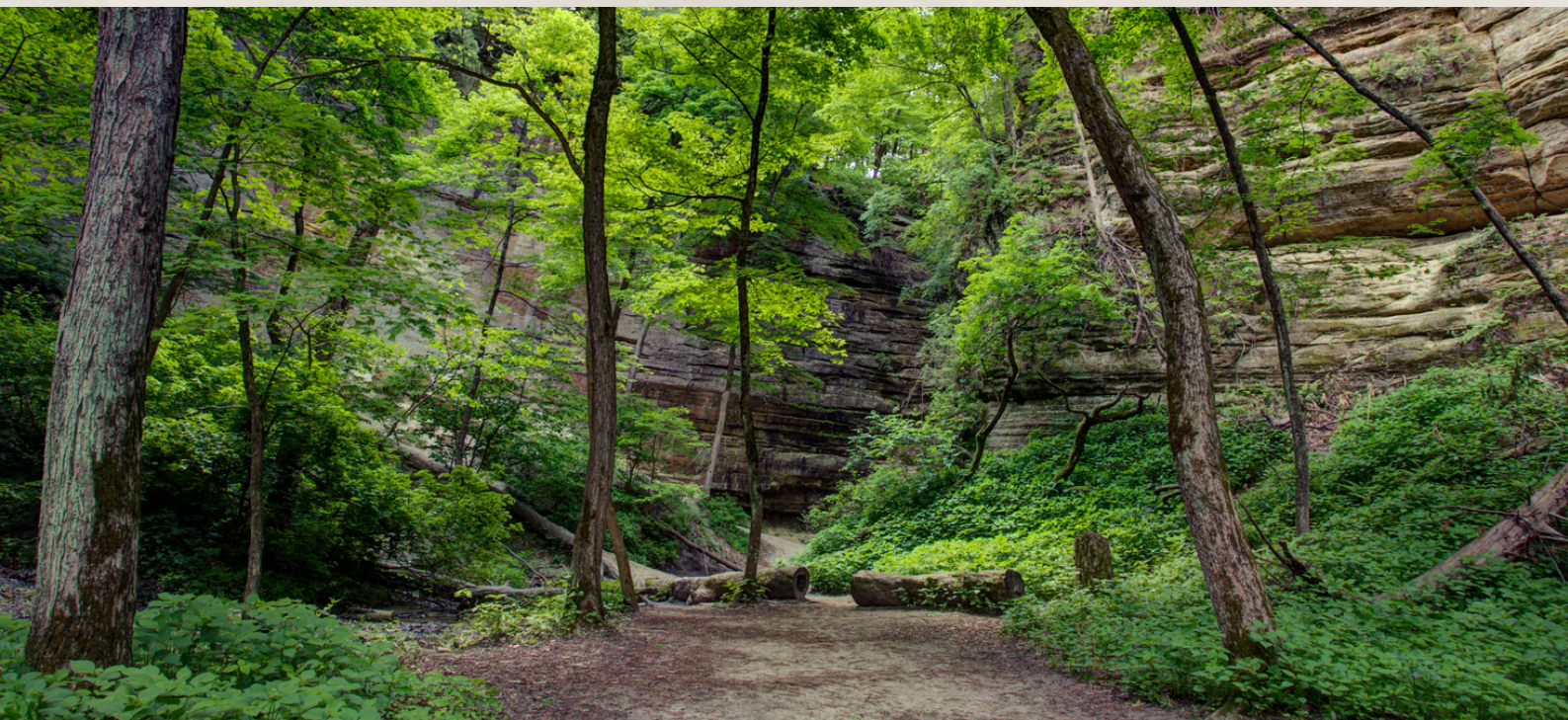
- Utilize the strengths and systems that exist in the community, building on what is already present;
- Scalable and replicable, that can be used in other communities / states with a variety of partners / stakeholders;
- Adaptive to meet the particular needs and wants of the community;
- Engaging with esteemed individuals to serve as hosts / stewards of a Folk School-like model;
- Improve shared knowledge, physical and mental health, reduce isolation in rural areas, and build community;

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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Participatory Action Research

A qualitative research methodology that involves researchers and participants collaborating to understand social issues and take actions to bring about social change. Study participants may be asked to document their experiences and the impact of those experiences through interviews, questionnaires, and/or digital storytelling (recorded audio or video).



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