



Amplifying Montréal's Urban Resilience Through Social Capital Development



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Social Capital in Montréal

- Community Gardens Program (1975)
- Green (and White) Alleys Program (1997)
- Parks and Public Spaces

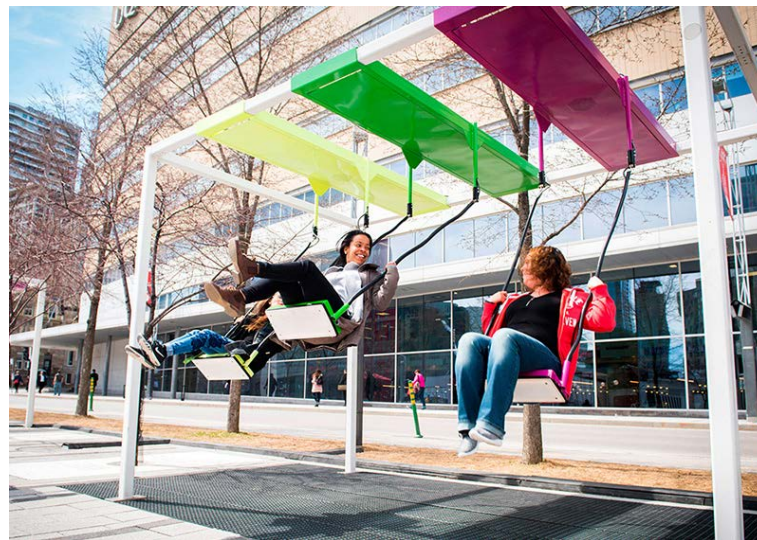




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Social Capital in Montréal

Murals and Art Work - Parklets (*placottoirs*) – Summer/Winter Festivals



Social Capital in Montréal

Solidarity during crisis and emergency situations is strong.

How can we develop solidarity preventively to foster community resilience?

How can we be more inclusive and not forget our vulnerable populations?



2017 Flooding Event



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Social Capital and Community Resilience

Summer 2018 – Heat Wave in Montréal

Emergency Plan /Measures

Vulnerable Population :

- Communication to citizens / cooling services
- Door-to-Door Visits during the Heat Wave
- Water Distribution to the Homeless
- Extended hours for exterior swimming pools



Source images : Journal de Montréal

Between June 30th to July 5th, the Public Health Authority identified 66 death linked to the heat in Montréal.

Vulnerability Factors :

- Young Child and Elderly Person
- Citizens with :
 - no air-conditionning
 - Cardiovascular Diseases
 - Mental Health Issues
 - Drug or Alcohol Dependency
- Men Living Alone



Source images : Le Devoir

Lessons Learned for the Chicago (1995) and Europe (2003) Heat Waves





What more can we do?

Vision for Montréal

An Alert, Proactive and Inclusive Community Acting on Social, Economic and Environmental Challenges

1- Take Action In Support of a Unified and Safe Community

**Foster the Development of Social Capital
Among Montrealers in Order to Strengthen
Community Resilience**



2018-2019 : 4 Research/Pilot Projects in the Community

1- Citizen Engagement (Local Soup) and Social Capital Building Study

Corporation de développement communautaire Centre-Sud

2- Emergency Preparedness, Community Resilience and Social Capital Building Study

Transition NDG



Centre-Sud Local Soup, February 19, 2019



Disaster Ready & Resilient Workshop, October 2018

2018-2019 : 4 Pilot Projects in the community

3- Youth Social Engagement and Environmental and Climate Change Awareness

C-Vert Program by Montréal's YMCA

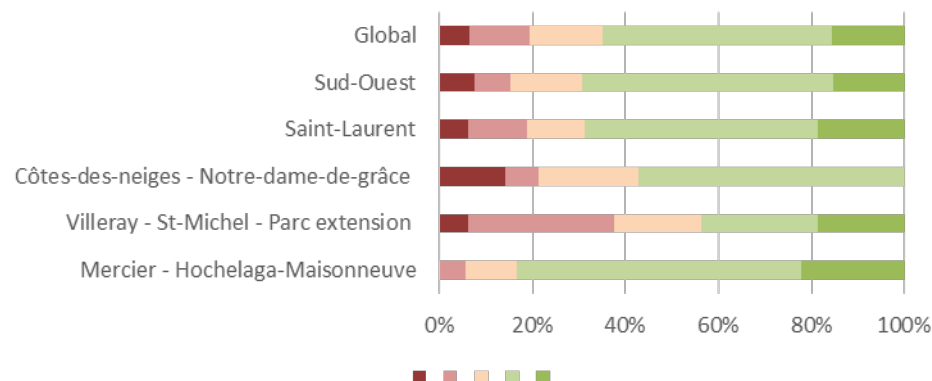
4- Understand and Support the Process of Resilience and the integration of immigrants into Montréal life

Building Migrant Resilience in Cities / universities Concordia and UQAM



C-Vert Program 2018-2019, YMCA Montréal

In general, I can trust people in my community



In parallel... ongoing work at the city on :

- Measuring Wellbeing of Montrealers
- Reviewing the Urban Security Approach
- Rethinking Climate Resilience and Risk Communication



Mid-Term / Long-Term Objectives :

- Share best practices locally and internationally
- Support the development of a more ambitious social capital project in Montréal
 - ✓ **vulnerable population/ neighborhoods**
 - ✓ **urban resilience, citizen engagement and empowerment**
- Develop a better understanding of social capital and community resilience

Key indicators, data and solid evidence of the impact of projects



Social Capital, Community Resilience and Sustainable/Ecological Transition

January 2019 : Office of Sustainable Transition and Resilience

(Bureau de la transition écologique et de la résilience)

(Sustainable Development + Urban Resilience + Climate Change)

Sustainable/Ecological Transition :

Tends toward innovative practices that encourage responsible consumption and production, as well as improve on working and living conditions, in order to address environmental and social challenges

Equity + Resilience

Questions?

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