



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2023 GRANTEE



PROJECT

Green Space for Youth & Teen Mental Health & Physical Activity



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The Boys & Girls Club of Morgan Co



INVESTMENT

\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County (BGCMC) is to empower all youth, especially those who need us most, to grow to their full potential to be responsible, caring, and productive citizens. BGCMC offers affordable after-school and break-day childcare (only \$20 per year), provide nutritional snacks and academic assistance, and offer programs that enhance the physical and social/emotional wellbeing of youth ages 5-18 living in Morgan County, Indiana. With the support of the MIBOR ECDC, BGCMC was able to create an outdoor greenspace on what was an underused and overgrown lot on the organization's property. The greenspace serves as a space to improve the mental health of youth and teens through participation in health, wellness, and educational small group programs and recreational activities. The investment was used to create a large playing field, clear scrub trees/brush, create a seating area with picnic tables, mitigate invasive weeds and add an overhead pop-up shelter. The outdoor greenspace will be used by all BGCMC members, and the space will also be available to the community at-large, thereby serving hundreds or thousands more.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors

