

# B. BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Everyone, regardless of age, gender, ability, language, culture, or housing situation should have access to participating in achieving the goals of *Rochester 2034*.
- Public participation is essential to informed decision making.
- Collaboration among government, residents, businesses, neighborhood groups, and community development partners make it possible to pool knowledge, balance interests, reduce conflict, and sustain engagement.
- Neighborhood and community organizations are critical partners to implement *Rochester 2034*.
- Many neighborhood groups could benefit from additional support, resources, and/or technical assistance to better engage and represent the people and areas they serve.

