

○ the power to make our community the best it can be



“Example is leadership.”

—Albert Schweitzer

Application and Acceptance Process

Completed applications for the next Neighborhood Leadership Institute must be returned to:

**City Hall,
101 W. Third Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402**

or, email to
jonathan.johnson@daytonohio.gov.

The deadline published on the application form is critical. Be sure to review the form and dates and direct questions to the Department of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development by calling 937-333-3816.

When all applications have been reviewed, those considered for final selection will be invited to a personal interview with

the selection committee. The committee will look for those persons who have demonstrated a personal commitment to the community or neighborhood and who have time to give toward neighborhood service.

The committee will seek a group of about 30 people who represent a balance of men and women from different geographic, career, educational, social and cultural backgrounds. The committee is composed of established neighborhood and community leaders.

Along with the application, look for this year’s program description, dates and times. Locations will be announced and dates are subject to change.

Application deadline: Feb. 20, 2026



The City of Dayton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Neighborhood Leadership Institute

NLI

Developing
the strength of our
community



SINCLAIR
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

City of Dayton, Ohio
Department of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development

○ a unique opportunity to learn, to participate, to contribute.

Dayton's Need

A city, like any living thing, needs certain elements in order to flourish and grow. Knowledgeable leaders at every level are vitally important to achieve the community's goals. Dayton has enjoyed a steady succession of dedicated community leaders and concerned, involved citizens. They sustain long-standing traditions of active neighborhoods, participating citizens, and lively cooperation between government and the community

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute has played a key role in helping individuals understand and participate in the dynamic process of making Dayton a better place to live.



NLI is an educational experience that gives participants insight into Dayton's history, its governmental process and the inner workings of its neighborhoods. It is a unique partnership project sponsored by the City of Dayton, Sinclair Community College and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute Alumni Association.

Program Objectives

- To broaden participants' understanding of the community;
- To expand the pool of skilled neighborhood leaders;
- To encourage and assist the establishment of networks among neighborhoods and their leaders; and
- To enhance the ability of neighborhoods to resolve problems on their own or in cooperation with other neighborhoods and/or institutions.

○ solving today's problems and building tomorrow's dream.



Program Results

Each year, as the leadership class graduates, the pool of knowledgeable leaders in the community increases. For Dayton, this means more people with ability and drive to make things happen. For participants, this means enhanced leadership skills, a better understanding of Dayton and its neighborhoods, and the satisfaction of accomplishment.

Eligibility and Application

Any adult residing or working in the city of Dayton may apply; however, each class is limited to 30 people.

Applications for the Neighborhood Leadership Institute are available from the Department of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development and the City Commission Office, both located at 101 W. Third Street, or at daytonohio.gov. For more information call 937-333-3816.

Cost: Your Time

There is no charge for participation. Your cost is the time and effort you spend. The program consists of 13 evening and/or Saturday sessions over a three-month period. Classroom and/or workshop sessions are held at various locations related to the session topic. Presenters include current neighborhood, business, and government leaders. Each participant must attend all sessions in order to be certified as having completed the program. In addition, outside field assignments are required.

Return on Investment

In addition to the knowledge, skills and experience you gain, completion of this program qualifies participants for one credit hour (VOL 190) at Sinclair Community College. The real returns, however, are the contributions you make to your neighborhood and to Dayton. Your efforts will make a difference and help our city thrive today and tomorrow. Leadership is, after all, a gift to your community – a gift of skill and time.