

# Governing Officials and 4-H Service-Learning Projects

Identify a city or county government official you will talk to as you develop and implement your project. This can include a mayor, city manager, parks and recreation director, city council member, county commissioner, school superintendent, sheriff, fire chief, or any other local government official.

Why do you think it is important to involve a local official while planning your project?

## Possible Roles for Public Officials in Your Project

- Grant you access or permission to do your project
- Provide more information on the issue or topic
- Offer insight or guidance on how you can have the biggest impact
- Recognize and promote your service
- Raise awareness or gain media attention for your project
- Change policy or budgeting priorities for the future

## Tips for 4-H Club Members Approaching Leaders

- Set up an initial meeting
- Be clear on what you are seeking
- Provide details about your plan
- Ask for guidance/support
- Suggest ways the leader can be directly involved. Offer a few options right away.
- If they are too busy, let them know other ways they can support you (i.e. recognition, media)



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