



## Milliken Community Court MISSION

The Community Court's mission is to address low-level offenses through a balance of due process and problem-solving in partnership with community resources resulting in individualized sentencing that increases accountability with positive outcomes and enhanced safety with visible community benefit.

## THE PROJECT

Municipal courts have traditionally taken a conventional approach to low-level criminal behavior. Typical responses include blanket sanctions for every offense, including levying fines and occasionally requiring general, tedious community service; little regard is given to determine why defendants engage in illegal behaviors in the first place. In the court system, there has been minimal focus on proactive and preventive approaches to community problems and the conditions that give rise to those problems. The Community Court project takes a different approach in order to encourage collaboration between criminal justice system players, community partners and other government agencies to effectively and individually solve the problems.



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## THE COMMUNITY COURT - THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN PARTNERSHIP

**DIVERSION:** By being selected as a candidate for the program, you will have the opportunity to go through the following process:

1. When called, tell the Judge you wish to participate in the Community Court process.
2. Meet with the Case Manager to review forms and procedures.
3. Schedule a meeting for after the court process with the Case Manager to review the terms of your community court process. You will receive resources and direction to help complete these terms.
4. Appear before the Judge with the Case Manager once a month to review the terms and the progress.

3. Throughout the term of the agreement, you will meet with the Case Manager to review progress and turn in any necessary proof of work.
4. Upon successful completion, the case will be closed with **no further sanctions** and the charges will be dismissed.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, you will be able to discuss them with the Case & Resource Manager at the Monday meeting, or you may contact:

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q** What is the Community Court process?

**A** Community Court process works with you and the community to create things you can do to make things right after an offense. It involves working with you and your abilities on an individualized basis. By working through this process, and with successful completion, have charges dismissed

**Q** What happens if I don't comply with Community Court?

**A** If you don't comply with the Community Court, you must go before the Judge and enter a plea on the standing charges which will become a part of your permanent record and be sanctioned further.

**Q** What is the Benefit to me?

**A** Community Court works with your strengths and your situations to make sure that you understand the impact of your behavior onto the community. Your sanctions will be individualized, appropriate to the situation, and have a short term. Once you have completed the process, charges may be dismissed.

**Q** How can I have the opportunity for Community Court?

**A** Eligibility criteria must be met in order to have the opportunity for Community Court when a summons is issued. Anyone may refer to Community Court to have access to resources for issues that have not involved the law.