

Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces: Creating Healthy Communities

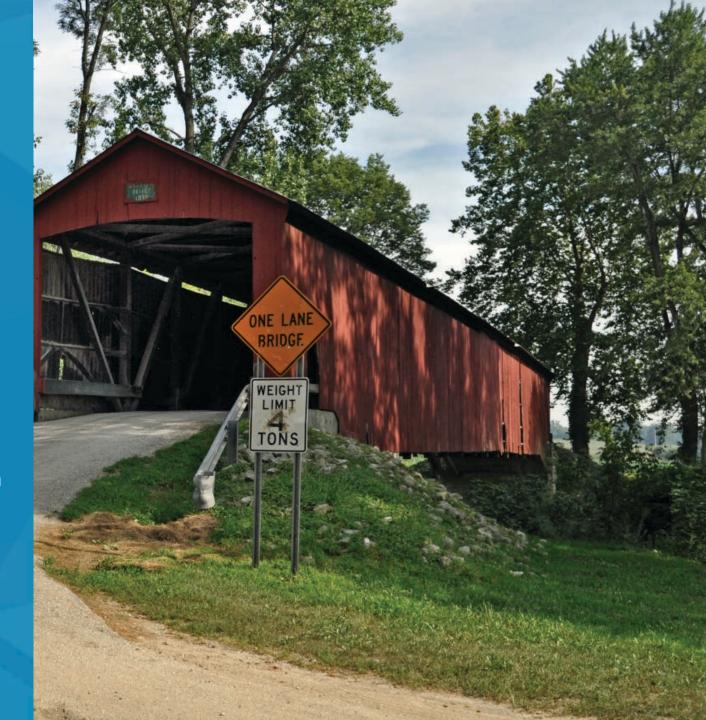
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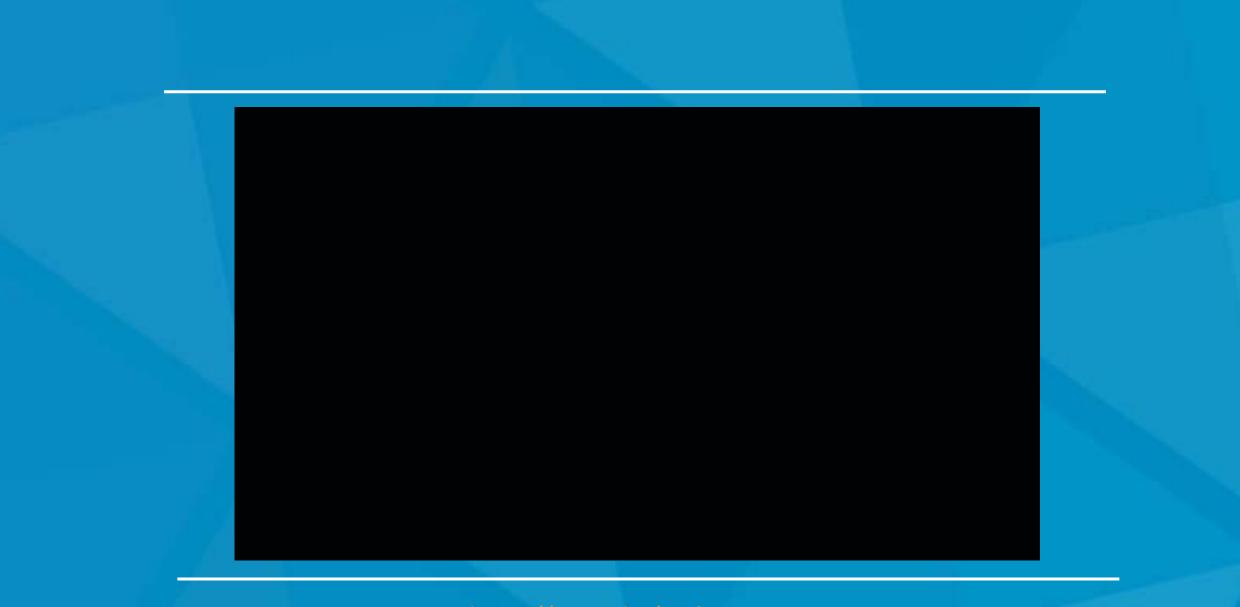
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Objectives

The purpose of this workshop is to provide:

- Inform participants about the program content and processes employed to successfully deliver the program.
- Describe successful program implementation through community-based pilot projects.
- Describe lessons learned for maximizing collaborative efforts with SNAP-Ed and Cooperative Extension.
- Hands-on virtual experience introducing tools associated with the curriculum including flipped classroom materials, interactive processes, strategy matrices and action planning

EVPS: CHC Program Purpose

- Facilitators coach communities through development of a high quality action plan for their public spaces.
- The plan can guide decisions and better position communities to take advantage of opportunities to promote healthy eating and active living.
- As a result, communities that are prepared with a public spaces action plan can boost economic development, improve the quality of life, and create a healthier place for individuals and families.



Program Overview

Community-based program consists of:

- Curriculum
- Workshop
- Facilitated working group meetings to complete high-quality action plan

Action-planning process includes:

- Education, resources, and framework
- Forum for collaboration and stakeholder input

Approximately six-month process from start to finish



Application

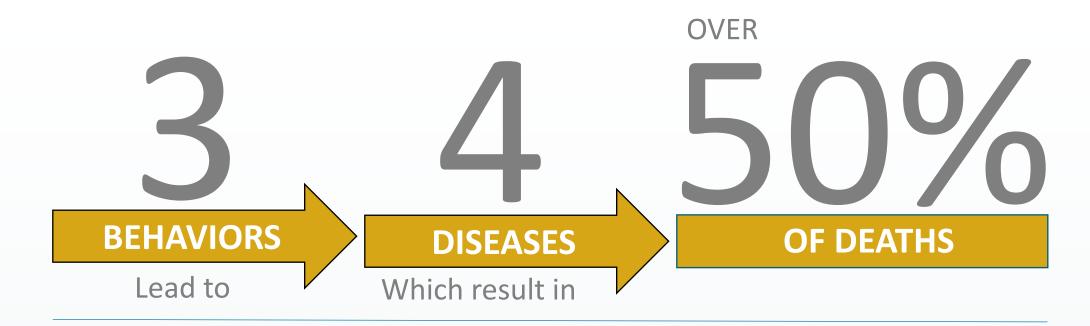
Final action plan and process can be used as a part of the following examples:

- Comprehensive Plan update
- Five-Year Parks and Recreation
 Master Plan submission
- Downtown revitalization project
- Preparation for a specific grant proposal and project





Healthy Communities are those that are continually developing and enhancing the conditions and resources in public spaces necessary to create healthy food and active living environments for all its residents and visitors.



- Physical inactivity
- Poor nutrition
- Tobacco use

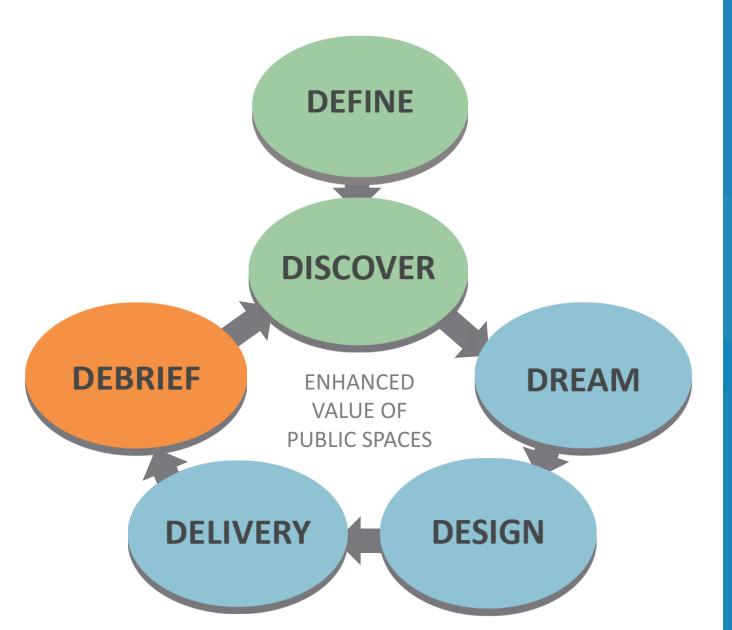
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Type 2 diabetes
- Lung disease

COMMUNITY CAPITALS



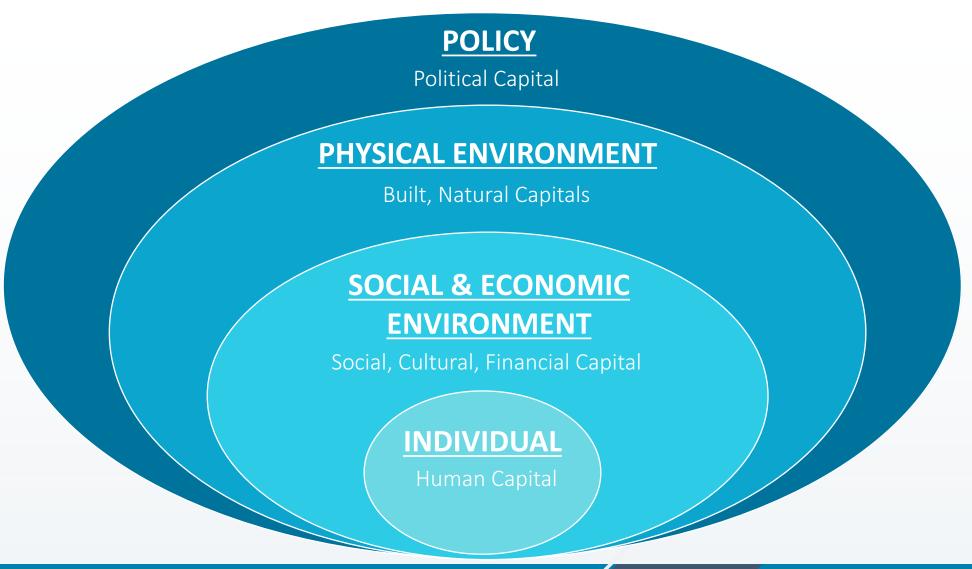
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APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY



Based on "Figure 1. The Process of Appreciative Inquiry" from Emery, Fey and Flora, 2006. "Community Capitals Framework using Appreciative Inquiry," CD Practice, Community Development Society.

CREATING SUPPORTING CONDITIONS ACROSS MULTIPLE LEVELS OF INFLUENCE



Policy

- Written statement of organizational or legislative position, decision, or course of action
- Might include a law, ordinance, mandate, regulation, or guideline

Systems

 Changes in organizations, procedures, and processes - often in connection with policy changes

Environment

- Physical changes in the built (man-made) environment
- Changes in the social, economic, and natural environments

SUPPORTING CONDITIONS & CAPITALS ACTIVE LIVING EXAMPLES

POLICY

Adopt and implement a Complete Streets policy

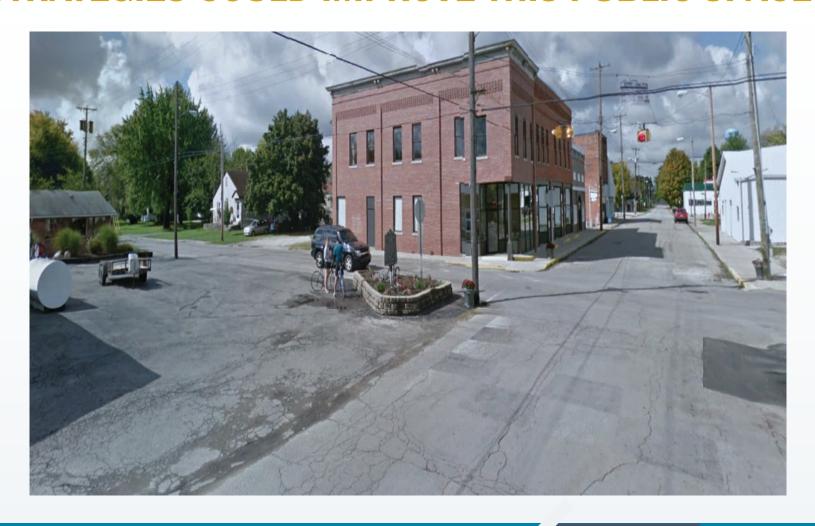
SYSTEMS

Incorporate health considerations in all governing land-use documents

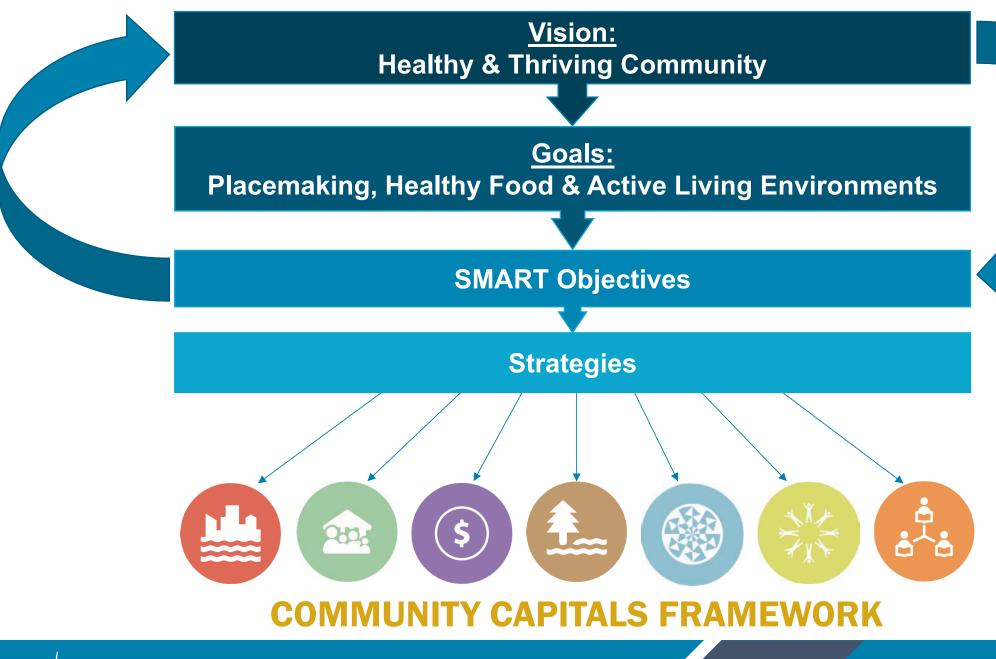
ENVIRONMENT

Develop and maintain a network of walking and biking routes

WHAT POLICIES, SYSTEMS, OR ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE STRATEGIES COULD IMPROVE THIS PUBLIC SPACE?







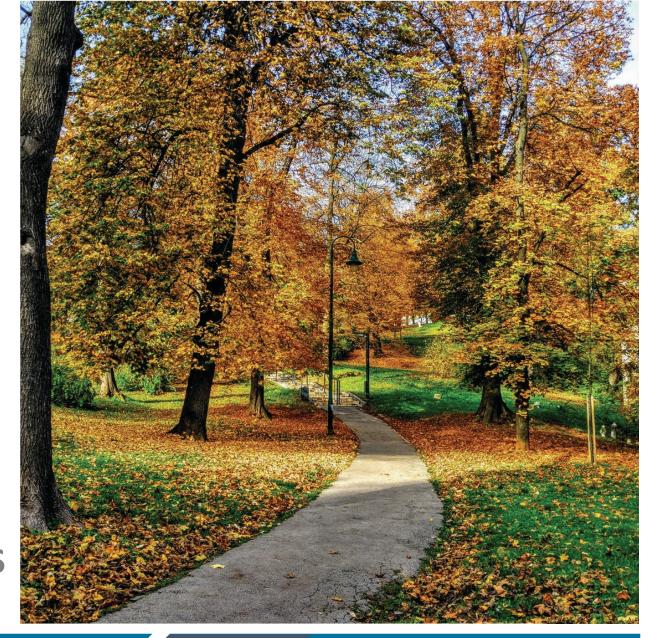
ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

LOCAL LEADS

STEERING COMMITTEE

EDUCATION AND VISIONING PARTICIPANTS

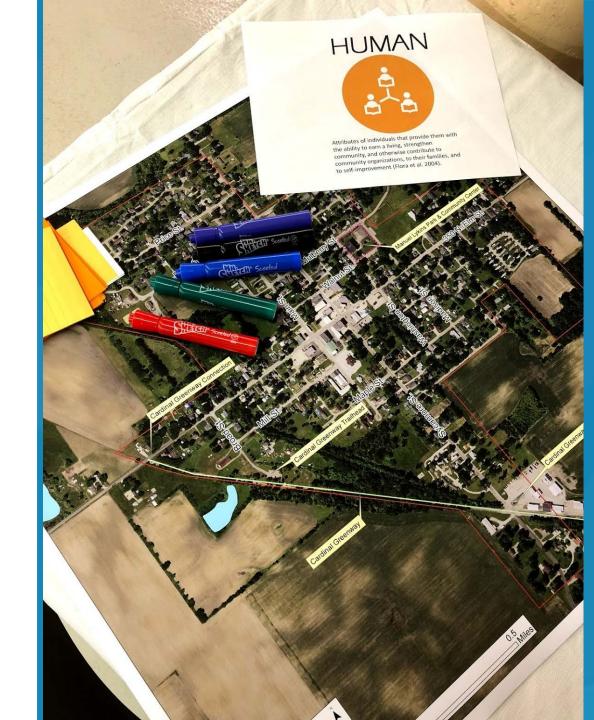
PURDUE EXTENSION FACILITATORS



MEETING SERIES

Scoping Sessions

- Present the EVPS: CHC Extension Program and benefits of action planning process
- Discuss needs, issues, & local input
- Form agenda & set workshop date
- Determine budget and program funding sources
- Create contact list of potential participants
- Address registration and event logistics



Community Education & Visioning Workshop

- Making the Connection to Healthy Communities
- Community Data Snapshot –
 Current Conditions
- Visioning through community assets and opportunities



30-50 attendees (3-5 hrs)

Working Group Meeting: Setting Goals, Objectives, & Identifying Strategies

- Working Group Sessions
 - Active Living Environments
 - Healthy Food Environments
 - Placemaking
- Recommended Strategies for Creating Healthy Communities

Prioritizing **Strategies** 3. Difficult/Major 1. Easy/Major Reduce barriers to free food /linor → Major 2. Easy/Minor 4. Difficult/Minor Effort Easy → Hard

10-15 attendees (3 hrs)

Working Group Meeting: Action Planning

- Introduce Planning Tools
- Draft Timelines
- Identify Roles & Responsibilities
- Develop Evaluation Plan
- Create Communication Plan



PUTTING EVPS: CHC INTO PRACTICE - PILOT PROJECTS

Terre Haute, Indiana

- Parks and recreation master plan update
- Connecting active living, healthy eating

Gaston, Indiana

Community Center/Park Revitalization Project

Connersville, Indiana

Downtown Revitalization Project



PUTTING EVPS: CHC INTO PRACTICE – Connersville, IN

Scope

- Downtown Public Space Action Plan
- Community of 12,000, in rural setting
- Focus on Healthy Eating & Active Living

Issues

- Connectivity (active living)
- Food Access (healthy eating)
- Economic Decline (placemaking)





PUTTING EVPS: CHC INTO PRACTICE – Connersville, IN

Approach

- Workshop Planning through local Community
 Wellness Coordinator and Community Foundation
- Harness existing social capital Discover
 Connersville/Community Voices for expanded reach

Process

- 3-part public meeting series, monthly
- Education Session Health + Built Environment





PUTTING EVPS: CHC INTO PRACTICE - Connersville, IN

Results

- Community-led action plan developed with objectives and strategies listed for goals of:
 - Increasing healthy eating, active living, placemaking in 18 block downtown
- Partnership with Landscape Architecture at Purdue
 - City land acquisition to implement placemaking/healthy eating objectives



LESSONS LEARNED

Importance of scoping meeting

 Understand local political landscape, structure, and current projects

Process supports collaboration and minimizes conflict

- Community Capitals Framework provides opportunity for diverse engagement
- Best practices for community meetings

Delineate roles of consultant, Extension team, and community leads

Provide support for implementation follow up

- Coaching
- Identify local contacts

Flipped classroom education format provides focused opportunities for engagement



Community Tool Kit

PUTTING EVPS: CHC INTO PRACTICE – PLANNING FOR A PUBLIC SPACE SCENARIO

- Overview of public space project
- Data snapshot
- Workshop activities using Zoom and Jamboard
 - Mapping assets and opportunities
 - Strategy development and prioritization
- Focus on Active Living working group with facilitators



PLANNING FOR A PUBLIC SPACE SCENARIO

- Town of Hoosierville, Indiana
- 15,000 population
- Creating a downtown public space action plan



PLANNING FOR A PUBLIC SPACE SCENARIO

- Action plan purpose
 - Use as part of downtown redevelopment plan to apply to state grant program
 - Update downtown corridor through enhancing existing public spaces, creating new public spaces, and connecting public spaces to community amenities
- Additional community concerns
 - High rates of obesity
 - Limited access and opportunities for outdoor activities
 - Increase access to affordable healthy food
 - Several empty lots in downtown corridor not well maintained



DATA SNAPSHOT

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

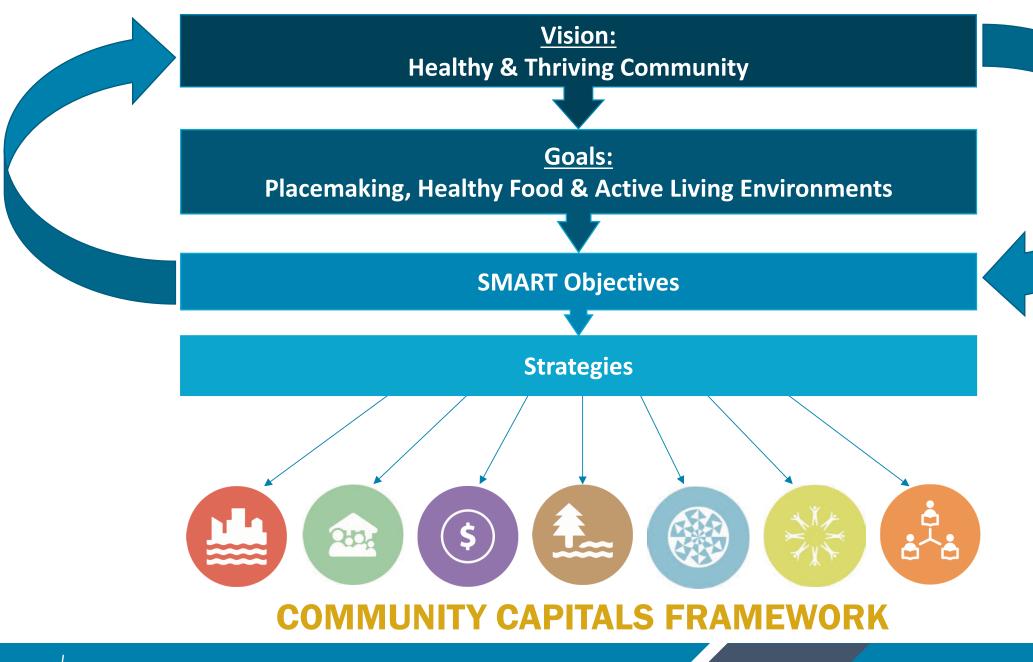
Variable	Fayette County	Indiana	US	Description
Limited access to healthy foods	8%	7%	2%	Percentage of population who are low-income and do not live close to a grocery store.
Food environment index	7.2	7.1	8.6	Index of factors that contribute to a healthy food environment, from 0 (worst) to 10 (best).
Physical inactivity	27%	27%	20%	Percentage of adults age 20 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity.
Access to exercise opportunities	70%	75%	91%	Percentage of population with adequate access to locations for physical activity.
Adult obesity	37%	33%	27%	Percentage of the adult population (age 20 and older) that reports a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2.
Premature death	13,600	8,300	5,500	Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100k population (age-adjusted)



DATA SNAPSHOT

In chat box, please provide examples of additional data sources.





Active Living Jamboard

Model sessions 1 and 2 activities

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1I423VQx9AJ Br4BD6Ke8_fhr30dfFtHi_nN9x0NLlRiY/edit?us p=sharing

WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY

ACTION PLANNING STRATEGIES

- Short Term Strategies
 - Changes in knowledge, skills, motivation, & awareness
 - i.e. An educational event
- Medium Term Strategies
 - Changes in behavior, practices, policies & procedures
 - i.e. Implementation practices, program development
- Long Term Strategies
 - Changes in situation
 - i.e. Changes in management structure

ACTION PLANNING STRATEGIES EXAMPLES

Short Term Strategies

• Within a year, the Hoosierville Planning Office will hire an intern to complete a list of vacant properties, for-sale and brownfield sites within one mile of Hoosierville's community-scale parks

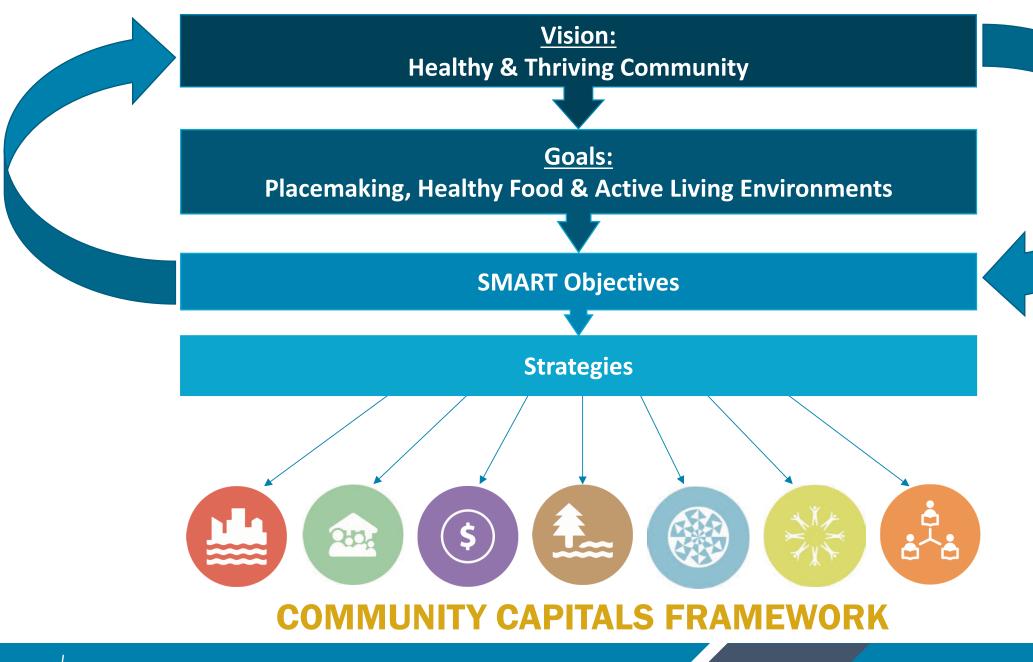
Medium Term Strategies

• Within three years, the Hoosierville Planning Office will complete the inventory of vacant, for-sale, and brownfield properties within one mile of Hoosierville's community-scale parks

Long Term Strategies

• Within five years, the Hoosierville Planning Office will conduct a public planning process to identify preferred trail corridors using the completed inventory of within one mile of Hoosierville's community-scale parks





Working Group Meeting: Action Planning

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PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PARKS AND TRAILS

CDC COVID-19 Parks and Recreational Facilities: Plan, Prepare, and Respond

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html

National Recreation and Park Association Keeping a Safe Physical Distance in Parks and Trials – COVID 19

www.nrpa.org/blog/keeping-a-safe-social-distance-in-parks-and-on-trails-during-the-covid-19-pandemic





For more information about EVPS: CHC visit http://puext.in/evpshealth

THANK YOU!