

Using Prevention to Foster Healthy NC Communities: Focus on DPH & DOT Collaborative Efforts

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Built Environment Defined:

Built Environment — all buildings, spaces and products that are created, or modified, by people, including homes, schools, workplaces, parks/recreation areas, greenways, business areas and transportation systems.



what we design and construct in the places where we live, learn, earn, play, and pray

Built Environment Changes Require:

- **Policy and Environmental Change**
 - ✓ Educate the public and stakeholders about policy interventions to improve population health
 - ✓ Create social and physical environments that support healthy living
- **Actions at Local, State and Federal Level**



NC State Level

- **Healthy Environments Collaborative**

An interagency collaborative whose **mission** is to integrate and align departmental efforts to improve the health of North Carolina's people, economy, and environments.

- **NC Sustainable Communities Task Force**

The **goal** of this new initiative is healthy and equitable development without compromising natural systems and the needs of future generations of North Carolinians.



**NC Sustainable
Communities**
TASK • FORCE

NC Division of Public Health

- **Communities Putting Prevention to Work**

Pitt County

- Adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Employed physical activity standards in after-school programs
- Created safe routes to school for the children in Pitt County
- Encouraged zoning and policies that allow for gardens, healthy stores, and farmers' markets

Appalachian District

- Prioritized joint use agreements to promote physical activity
- Passed Complete Streets resolution to encourage active transportation
 - Community workshop with Mark Fenton
 - Relationships between DOT and town planners

- **Community Transformation Grant**



NC Department of Transportation

- Mission is “connecting people and places”
 - Land use: where people are and where they want to go
 - Choices: how they get there
- Actively engaged in supporting healthy, sustainable communities through shaping the built environment 30-Year Comprehensive Statewide Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
 - Health Impact Assessment
- Integrating health considerations into 25-year local transportation plans
- Complete Streets



Federal Level

- Funding changes to support links between DOT, DHHS, Commerce, HUD, & DENR
- Technical Support for:
 - Comprehensive Land Use Plan
 - School Siting Policy Changes

