STEP IT UP: EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY DESIGN AND ACTIVE TRAVEL IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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OVERVIEW

SC Health + Planning Advisory Committee

SC Health + Planning Toolkit

Community Partnerships
Approaching a statewide system

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South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association
South Carolina Community Loan Fund
South Carolina Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
ROLE OF THE SC H+P ADVISORY COMMITTEE

“Connecting Health and Planning in South Carolina”

- SC Health + Planning Toolkit
- Regional trainings
- Targeted technical assistance
- State-wide promotion
Informing policy at the state level
Healthy Eating

Active Living

A way of life that integrates physical activity into daily routines

Healthy Eating

The production, process, distribution, access, and consumption of food that limits the risk of diet-related chronic diseases.

County Comprehensive Plans

With consideration of other local plans
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TOOLKIT USERS

Local Government Professional

Public Health Professional

Elected Official

Advocate/Interested Citizen
### ACTIVE LIVING TOPICS COVERED IN THE TOOLKIT

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Sample Goal:
- Create an environment where residents can walk and bike to meet their daily needs.

Sample Policy:
- Prioritize pedestrian facility improvement on school routes within one-quarter mile of schools.

SC Example: *Fairfield County Comprehensive Plan*
- 2. Near Schools. Not every school-aged child rides a bus to school. For kids that live near their school and walk to school, they must have a safe place to travel. Areas within 1/4 mile of schools should be the highest priority for sidewalk improvements – 1/4 mile is generally estimated as a 5-minute walk, a distance that people will usually choose to walk. pg. 75-76

PRIORITIZES SIDEWALK DEVELOPMENT AND INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SCHOOL SITES
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
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- SC Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) are engaging planners statewide
- Regular communication between DHEC state and regional levels
- Strong relationships between DHEC regions and local level partners
- Successful history of implementing healthy eating and active living strategies