Goal: Healthy People

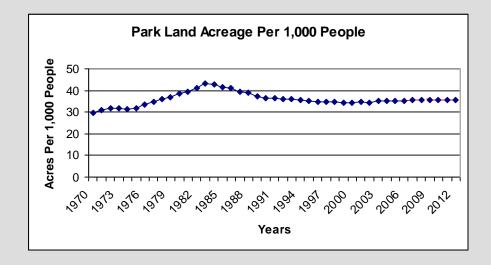
Creating an environment that promotes physical social, and mental health and health equity

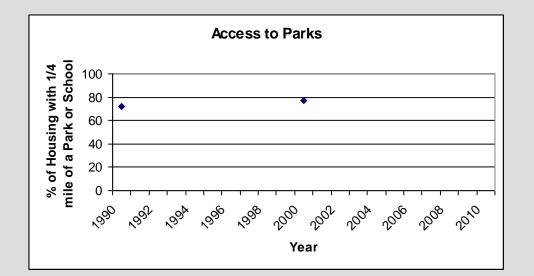
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Indicators







Proposed Indicators

Physical

- % of obesity in schools
- % of park utilization
- % with asthma
- degree of physical activity

Social

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Mental

- % with stress
- Depression rate

Story Behind the Trend lines

Prioritized Factors of an Obesity Indicator

- Factor #1: Sedentary lifestyle
- Factor #2: Poor nutrition
- Factor #3: Community attitudes and/or behavior (Culture)



Key Partners with a Role to Play

- Recreation Department
- Health professionals
- Transportation
- County government
- MCPS School system (education nutrition)
- Churches
- "the media"
- health professionals
- Public health
- Civic Groups
- Residents
- Gyms
- Planning Department



What Will Work to Make a Measurable Difference

Factor #1: Sedentary Lifestyle

Potential Strategies/Actions

- Provide active exercise program in facilities
- •Re-introduce people to nature or self-directed activities
- •Create facilities that accommodate all ages and abilities



What Will Work to Make a Measurable Difference

Factor #2: Poor Nutrition

Potential Strategies/Actions

- •Education and counseling to outcomes
- Modeling of healthy food purchases on a budget
- •Exercise



What Will Work to Make a Measurable Difference

Factor #3: Community attitudes and/or behavior (Culture)

Potential Strategies/Actions

•Promoting healthy, livable and walk-able mixed use communities

- •Telecommuting to reduce stress
- •Creating programs that encourage physical activity
- •Access to healthy, nutritious food.



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