From Planning to Projects: Active Living Workshops
Road School 2017
Health by Design

Health by Design is a coalition of diverse partners working to ensure that communities throughout Indiana have neighborhoods, public spaces and transportation infrastructure that promote physical activity and healthy living.
ACTIVE LIVING INITIATIVES

- Education & Training
- Assessment & Planning
- Strategic & Innovative Partnerships
- Action & Implementation
ACTIVE LIVING WORKSHOPS

- 29 to date
- Eight scheduled for spring
- Call for applications for up to five additional through ISDH
- Seven more to be scheduled through Purdue Extension
ALW OBJECTIVES

• Describe how community planning and design influences and supports active living.
• Identify practical tools and ideas for building healthier neighborhoods.
• Recognize how transportation and land use patterns can work together to form safer, healthier and more accessible communities.
• Name and discuss Complete Streets principles and illustrate how they can be applied locally in a variety of contexts.
City of Bedford
Active Living Workshop
Planning for a Healthy Community

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bedford Chamber of Commerce
1116 16th Ave., Bedford, IN 47421

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions
Shawna Girgis, Mayor, City of Bedford
Barry Jeskewich, Parks Director, City of Bedford
Rachel Beyer, Community Wellness Coordinator, Purdue Extension

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Active Living – What It Is and Why It Is Important
• Our Challenge
• Our Charge
• Our Opportunity
• Our Direction
  Kate Riordan, MUP, Health by Design
  Joey Vrazel, PhD, MA, Leverage Points Consulting

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Walk Audit
• The Keys to a Walkable Community
  Pete Fritz, AICP, RLA, Indiana State Department of Health

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.  Lunch

12:30 – 1:15 p.m.  Walking and Bicycling Suitability Mapping Exercise

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.  Best Practices in Planning and Designing for Active Living
  Pete Fritz, AICP, RLA, Indiana State Department of Health

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.  Active Living Priorities: Group Brainstorming and Action Planning

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.  Wrap-up

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Active Living
What is it and why is it important?
ACTIVE LIVING

A way of life that integrates physical activity into daily routines.

- Walkable
- Bikeable
- Transit-oriented
- Universally accessible
- Streets are places
- All settings provide safe & easy opportunities for being active
“Physical activity offers many benefits to health, whether it be preventing disease, contributing to emotional and cognitive health, or helping to maintain independence later in life.

Many consider it the ‘wonder drug’ of health promotion.”

WALKING AND BICYCLING TO SCHOOL

48 percentage of children who walked or bicycled to school in 1969

13 percentage of children who walked or bicycled to school in 2009

-1969 Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey (USDOT, 1972) National Center for Safe Routes to School
## COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

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Source: http://www.countyhealthrankings.org
How did we get here?
“One number may determine how healthy you are and how long you live. It isn’t your weight, cholesterol count, or any of those numbers that doctors look at. It’s your address.”

Policy Link
PLACE MATTERS!

“The choices we make are driven by the choices we have…”

2009 Trailnet Healthy, Active & Vibrant Community Toolkit
Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice
The Benefits of Active Living

Health  

Economic  

Environment  

VS
WALK AUDIT

5 Ways to improve walkability:
1. Make places for people, not just cars.
2. Create destinations and a sense of place.
3. Provide connections to nature.
4. Be authentic.
5. Encourage diversity and variety.

Source-AARP and Dan Burden
SUITABILITY MAPPING INSTRUCTIONS

*STAR* common destinations

CIRCLE challenging intersections

GREEN = very safe and comfortable

YELLOW = somewhat safe and comfortable for biking and walking

RED = very unsafe and uncomfortable for biking and walking (and should/could be improved)
BEST PRACTICES

- **Policies** - that support and encourage active communities.

- **Plans** - that create a vision of what could be.

- **Programs** - that promote active living environments.

- **Projects** - that implement community change.

- **Performance measures** - to make sure it all works.
• Design streets for all ages and abilities
• Create incremental change
• 21 policies in Indiana
EVANSVILLE WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
SOUTH BEND BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN COUNTS
BEDFORD
JOHN WILLIAMS BLVD. & R STREET
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HUNTINGTON
JEFFERSON, RIVERSIDE, & ETNA
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CONNERSVILLE
PARK RD. & 27TH ST.
BRAINSTORMING & PRIORITY SETTING
FOCUS AREAS

• Biking
• Walking
• Land Use & Public Spaces
• Parks & Greenspace
• Transit
• Schools
BRAINSTORMING

• Ideas and images that caught your attention

• Assets & barriers to Active Living in the community

• What are your top three “low hanging fruit” ideas to improve Active Living?

• What are your top three “most important” ideas to improve Active Living?
DOT VOTING

Low-Hanging Fruit

Promote active after school programs (connectors, scales, etc.)

Community Garden

Unity/edible at a school

Most Important

Overall

Funding & Partnerships

Completion of B/Lt/Ped/Trails

ARTSCAPES + STREETSCAPES

STREET MARKINGS

GARDENS

Open schools for community usage

A comprehensive plan

Walk/Bike to School Day

Sidewalk Inventory

Greening

Street Markings

Partner with local organizations to allow all children equal opportunity for activities

After school activity bus.
FOLLOW UP

- Notes & Priorities – one week
- Active Living Workshop Report – six weeks
- Active Living Action Plan – three months
- Progress Report – nine months
- Success Story – one year
FRANKFORT ENCOURAGE BICYCLING

Source: Healthy Communities of Clinton County
MADISON
INCREASE CONNECTIVITY

Source: Valecia Crisafulli
KEYS TO SUCCESS

• Diverse group of community members

• City leadership involvement

• Champion to lead the work
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