

Evaluation: South Lincoln Housing Redevelopment HIA

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HIAs Completed:

- All 5 HIAs low income, high communities of color
- 4 focused on informing planning process
- 1 influenced decision of location of regional recreation center



South Lincoln Redevelopment Case Study

- South Lincoln Homes owned and managed by Denver Housing Authority
- 270 Public Housing units on 15 acre; majority Hispanic
- Redevelop site: mix of housing products; range of income levels; triple population; TOD; 1:1
- Identified indicators – Healthy Development Measurement Tool

Phases: Scoping

Health Impacts to Consider

1. Physical activity
2. Obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes
3. Air quality, asthma
4. Water quality
5. Nutrition, gardens, grocery stores
6. Traffic safety
7. Accessibility
8. Noise
9. Mental health
10. Social capital/
cohesion
11. Social equity,
environmental justice
12. Hazardous waste
13. Personal Safety
14. Relocation

Data Collection/Community Engagement

1. Monthly community meetings, stakeholder committee
2. 2 surveys in South Lincoln neighborhood & Homes
3. Comparative data from Denver communities
4. Data from departments i.e. police
5. Healthy Development Measurement Tool indicators
6. Other HIAs
7. Interviews and focus groups with agency staff, community members i.e. senior group

Evaluation Research

- Adoption of Recommendations/ Health Language)



Comparison of Housing Master Plans

	South Lincoln	Yesler	Braddock	Old Colony
City/acres	Denver/15	Seattle/30	Alexandria/15	Boston/16.7
Adopt/HIA?/Pgs	2010/Yes/28	2011/No/20	2008/No/88	2011/No/115
Health	40	11	2	26
Bicycle, bike	23	2	9	9
Pedestrian	33	11	47	32
HIA	11	0	0	0
Obesity/OW	2	0	0	0
PA, Exercise	5	0	1	8
Walk	22	2	37	9
Total	225	34	137	115

Adoption of Recommendations

Initial Findings: 61 total recommendations

Levels	Total #	% of Total	# that were adopted	% of Total
More Feasible	27	44%	27	100%
Less/Not Feasible	34	56%	10	29.4%

Recommendation – Parking

- Back-in angle parking provides safety benefits for lower speed roads such as 10th street promenade and 11th in front of the recreation center but currently city regulations do not allow for this type of parking.
- On the north side of 11th Avenue between Osage and Mariposa Streets: back-in angled parking adjacent to Lincoln Park.

Not Feasible

Total adoption

One Outcome

- City Councilwoman became advocate for use of HIAs. She promotes health throughout city departments. Held meetings with Denver planners, state and city health staff, about incorporating HIAs into plans throughout Denver.
- Public health considerations is now included within request for proposals (RFP) for CPD and DHA.



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