



# PlanBTV South End Health Impact Assessment

# Planning & Public Health

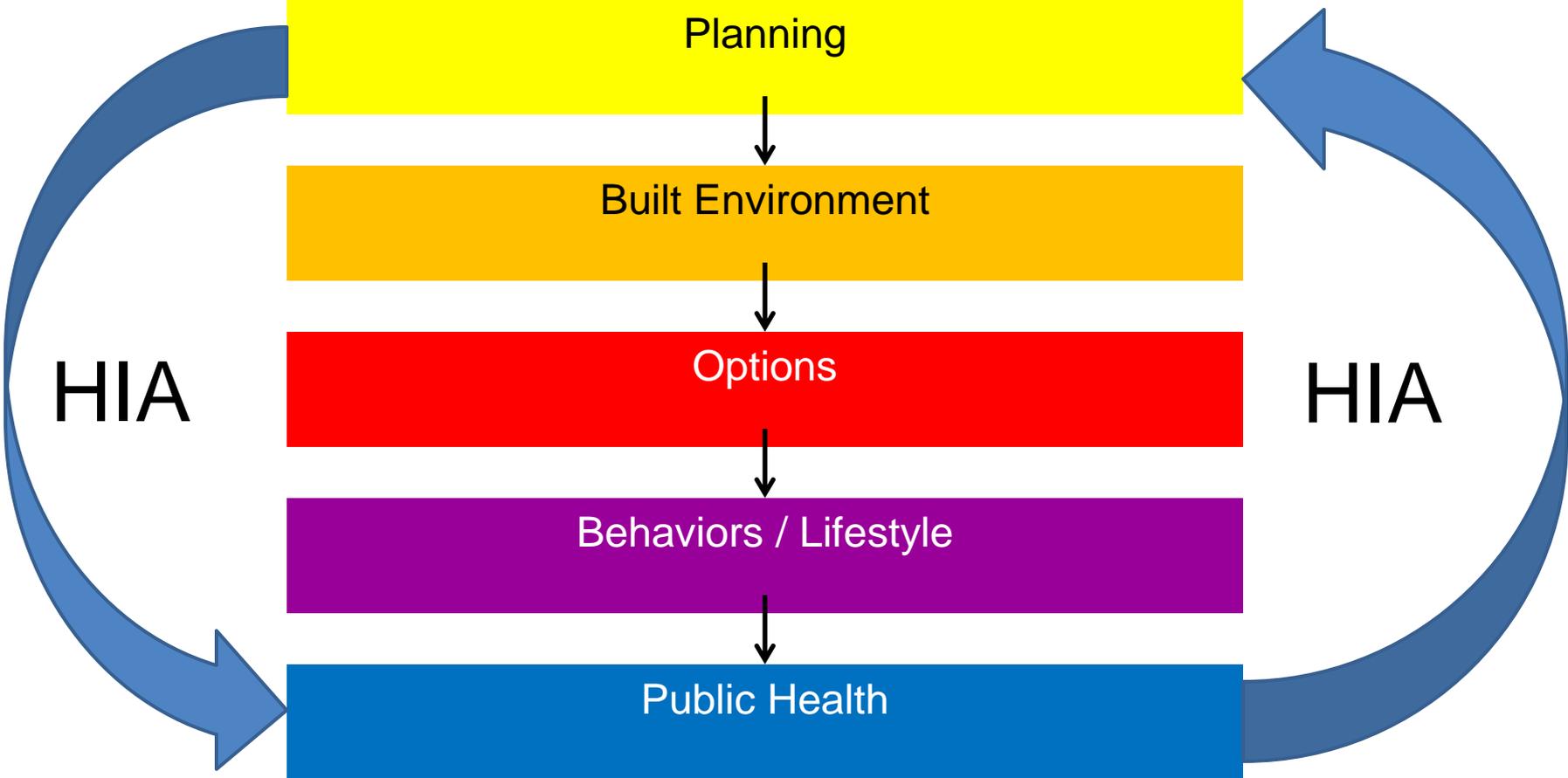
## What **Makes** Us Healthy



## What We **Spend** On Being Healthy

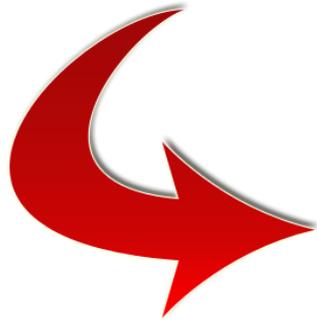


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# Health Impact Assessment

How might a proposed policy, plan or program...



***affect...***

Housing, Air quality,  
Noise, **SAFETY**, Social  
networks, Nutrition,  
Parks and natural space,  
Public services,  
TRANSPORTATION,  
Livelihood, Water  
quality, Education,  
**INEQUITIES AND  
DISPARITIES.**



and lead to the predicted health outcomes.

# Connecting Health to Policies and Projects

## **What is an HIA?**

HIA is a systematic process that uses an array of data sources, analytic methods and input from stakeholders to determine the potential effects, of a proposed policy, plan, program, or project on the health of a population and the distribution of those effects within the population.

(National Research Council)



# planBTV South End

A good fit for an HIA

# Scoping

Potential changes
Add more <i>affordable</i> housing
Add more businesses
Increase street connectivity
Increase recreation resources/opportunity
Increase access/availability of community services





# Assessment

# Assessment Results

Potential (planning/land use) changes in South End	Strength of Evidence Improve Physical Activity	Strength of Evidence Improve Mental Health
Add affordable housing	*	**
Add businesses	**	*
Increase street connectivity	****	***
Increase opportunity for recreation	****	***
Increase access and availability of community services	**	**



# Recommendations

# Recommendations – Land Use

- Support mixed use development.
- Plan by subarea.
- Consider non-profit stewardship as a means of controlling costs of studio, retail, and residential space for artists.
- Include “health supporting language” in master plan.

# Recommendations - Transportation

- Establish and implement “Complete Streets” policies.
  - Include language in Master Plan to support investment in sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic calming devices, safety features (street lights, cross walks), and regular transit to community services.

# Recommendations - Recreation

- Locate recreational facilities near homes and schools, ensure accessibility.
- Preserve open space within the barge canal area and improve or increase access points to the lake.
- Require developers to include green space with new or redeveloped industrial projects.

# Recommendations – Community Services

- **Preserve and invest in community services that are accessible by sidewalk, bicycle and transit and in close proximity to residential areas.**

# Questions?

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