BUILDING CAPACITY FOR HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN OREGON

Oregon Public Health Division, Office of Environmental Public Health
HIA in Practice: Local Projects

- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Walkability Assessment
- Tumalo Community Plan
Benton County: Accessory Dwelling Units

- Decision: Update current ordinance that prohibits ADUs in rural parts of County
- Health Issues
  - Affordable Housing
  - Care for Elderly, Ill or Disabled
  - Source of income
  - Inequity between urban/rural residents
- Methods: Literature review, Focus groups with community members, Demographic analysis
Deschutes County: Tumalo Community Plan

- Decision: Finalization of a plan that will guide land use and development for next 20 years
- Community Health Priorities
  - Safe crossing on major highway
  - Safe, accessible walking/biking trails
  - Preservation of green space
  - Preservation of rural character
- Methods: Community focus groups ("visioning" exercise), compilation of existing data, interviews
Wasco County: Walkability Study

WALKABILITY SURVEY RESULTS

Results of 2010 Chenowith neighborhood walkability study showing pedestrian conditions for streets and intersections.

Numbers in blue are numbers of vehicle crossings at the adjacent intersection. Zero figures indicate that data has not been collected for these areas.

Conclusions/Recommendations:

- Intersections need improvements

- In the interim, create an improved pathway between 7th and Chenowith Loop to extend walkability between areas not currently improved.

Legend

- Chenowith Elementary School Grounds

PEQI Intersections and Street Scores

- poor quality, pedestrian conditions absent
- low quality, minimal pedestrian conditions
- average quality, pedestrian quality
- high quality, some important pedestrian conditions present
- highest quality, many important pedestrian conditions present

[Map with markers and labels indicating pedestrian conditions and street scores]
State-led HIA’s
What we’re finding

+ Tool for building partnerships
+ Process produces desired changes
+ Buy in from leadership is key
- Resource intensive
- $ for mini-grantees didn’t cover effort
- Mentor and provide technical assistance without having conducted a state HIA
- Sustainability