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Resources and Initiatives that Link Public Health and Planning

Connecting Ideas and Practice for Healthier Communities Workshop

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About Us

Public health officials across Canada have taken notice of the **links between health and the built environment**, and have started to take action.

However, there have been few attempts to unite these efforts under a strategic, integrated network of analysis and action.





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Background



Our goals

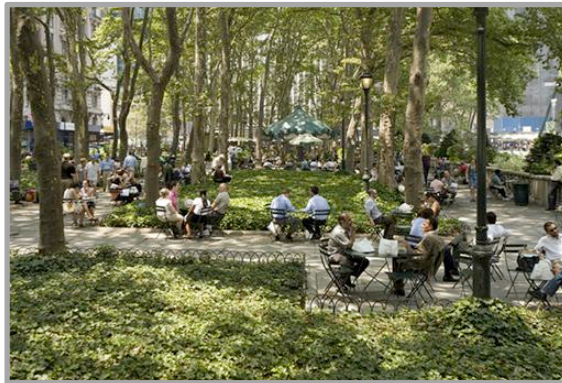
Together, we are:

- 1) **Piloting different approaches** to translating the latest research in this field into tools & processes to support policy-makers and practitioners in creating healthier built environments.
- 2) **Exchanging knowledge**, lessons learned and looking for opportunities to adapt practices from one city or region to another.
- 3) **Cultivating the building of a cross-sectoral community of practice.**





Quick Overview of **Projects** under our CLASP initiative





Providing three health authorities with access to a Planning Specialist to assist them in increasing their capacity to promote healthier built environments. E.g. engaging in land use and transportation planning processes in:

- Metro Vancouver
- District of North Vancouver
- Surrey
- Richmond
- Capital region



The Bullitt Foundation

Case studies

Developed the content and criteria for a **health background study** to be implemented at the municipal and/or regional levels

The framework developed with **input** from:

- Municipal planners
- Regional planners
- Local developers
- Public health staff



Activities in the Region of Peel

Developing, pilot-testing and recalibrating a **healthy development index**.

Consisting of seven **built environment elements**:

- Density
- Proximity to services and transit
- Land use mix
- Street connectivity
- Road network and sidewalk characteristics
- Parking
- Aesthetics and human scale

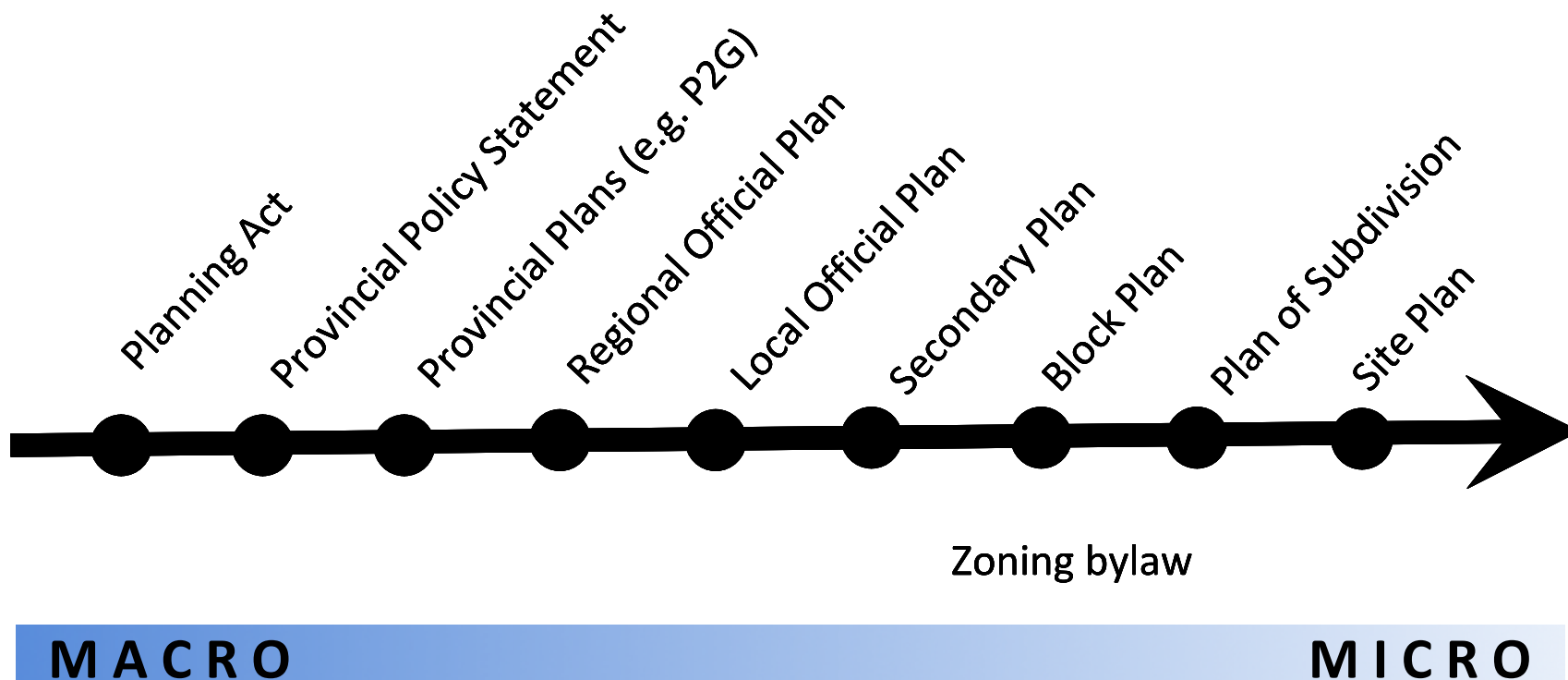
For each element:

evidence-based *targets and ranges as a reference point*



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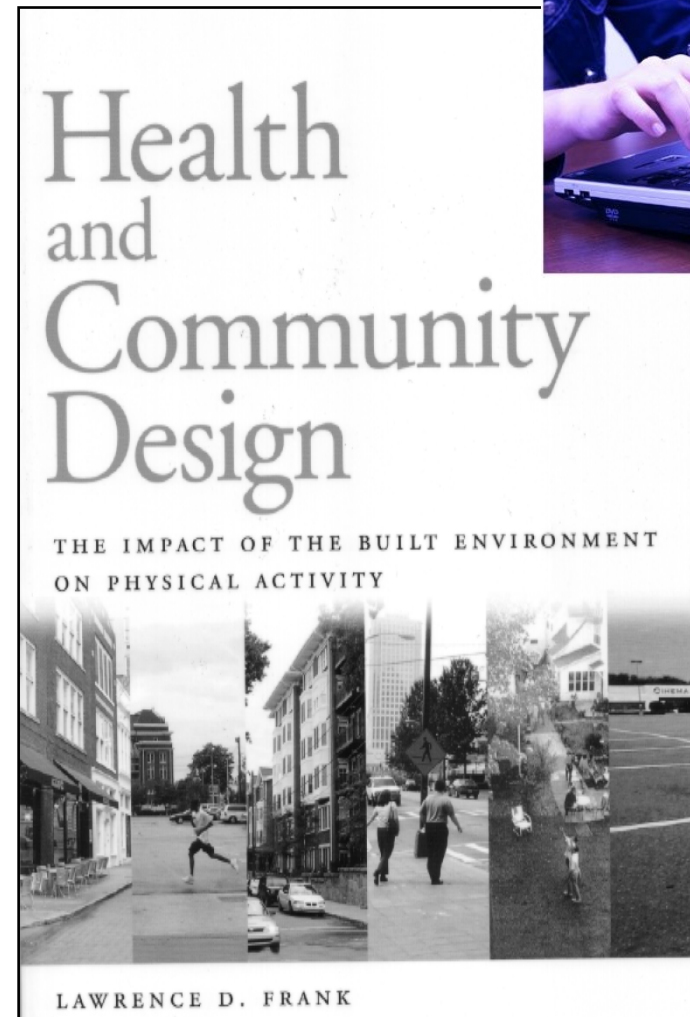
Creating supportive policies at each level of the planning policy hierarchy



Activities in Toronto

Software Tool

- Software tool to evaluate the extent to which proposed land use and transportation options promote or hinder health.
- “Enhanced” software tool will be built on Toronto-specific geo-coded data.
- Pilot tests in Greater Toronto and greater Vancouver.



Residential Preferences **Survey**

Purpose: to document demand for various types of residential community environments ranging from walkable to more auto – oriented in greater Toronto and Vancouver regions.



Inventorying, mapping and evaluating **community-based interventions** to promote greener, more walkable neighbourhoods:



National inventory, member survey, website, webinars, conference, professional expertise

- CIP supports continuous learning for Canada's 7,800 professional planners
- Creating a sub-section of the CIP website to profile health-related issues in planning and provide resources to planners
- Our goal is to translate insights from HCBD partners to the planning communities
- Webinars are planned for late 2011-early 2012



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