Design for Health Checklists for Comprehensive Plan Elements

Parks and Open Space

Questions for All Sections	Yes	No	NA	Comment
Is there explicit language connecting the plan element to human health?				
Where are there areas where explicit language could be added?	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
What other health topics, if any, could be incorporated into this section?				
Is there an implementation plan?				

Essential for Health	Yes	No	NA	Comment	DFH Topic
Is there a tree planting/tree canopy plan?					Mental Health
Are there policies that require that all developments have views of greenery for mental health benefits?					Mental Health
Are all existing and planned residential areas located with 600m (preferably 400m) of playing areas, parks, and trails?					Physical Activity
Is adequate lighting required in parks so that pedestrians on paths see other pedestrians at least 200 meters away?					Safety

Good for Health	Yes	No	NA	Comment	DFH Topic
Does the plan provide for a variety of natural areas that can accommodate a variety of uses (parks, plazas, landscaped areas) ranging from highly maintained to more wild areas?					Mental Health
Are greenways incorporated to provide natural, non-motorized open space corridors (often following roadways, ridge tops and waterways)?					Physical Activity
Does the plan require that at least a small amount of green space be provided for all development?					Mental Health