

IMPROVING STATE CAPACITY IN MINNESOTA FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (HIAs)

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GOALS OF ASTHO GRANT

- Provide HIA trainings (3)
 - State agency professionals
 - Local public health and planning professionals
 - Table top exercise
- Develop Website
 - Provide HIA resources
 - Showcase HIA work in MN
 - Establish a communication vehicle for people to share lessons learned
- Provide technical support
 - Develop list of state and local experts
 - Share lessons with other states
- Evaluation



PROCESS & PARTNERS

○ Steering Committee

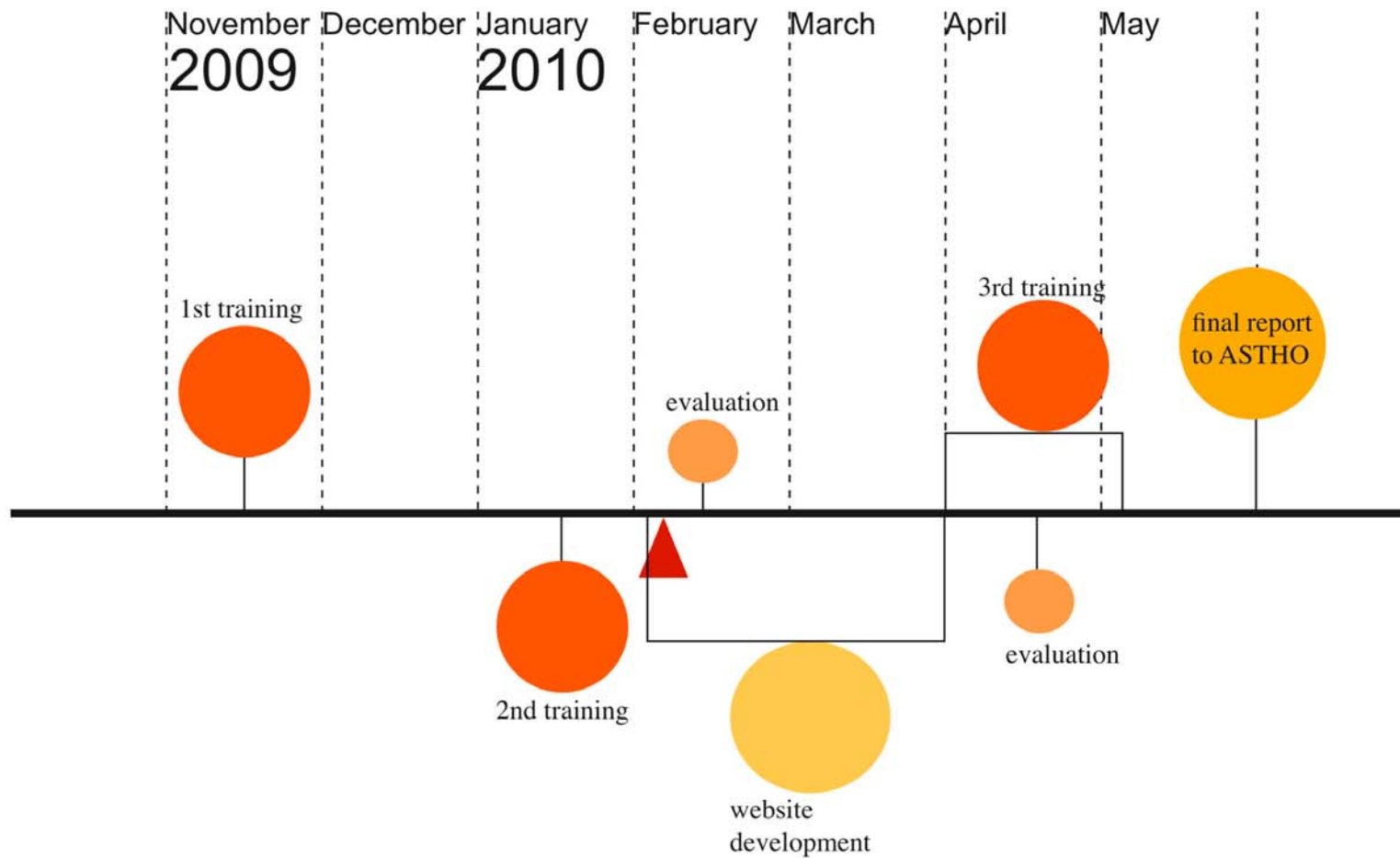
- Dan Symonik, MDH, EH
- Tannie Eshenaur, MDH, EH
- Chris Kimber, MDH, Health Promotion
- Amber Dallman, MDH, Chronic Disease Risk Reduction
- Brooke Ahlquist, MDH, State Health Improvement Program
- Philipp Muesing, MPCA
- Tracy Bade, LPH, Carver County
- Holly Kreft, LPH, City of Victoria

○ Trainers: Design for Health

- Carissa Schively Slotterback, University of Minnesota
- Kevin Krizek, University of Colorado
- Ann Forsyth, Cornell University



TIMELINE



STATE AGENCY TRAINING: 11_20_09

- Methodology: Design for Health | Evaluation
- 38 Attendees: MPCA, MDH, Met Council, DNR, MHFA, Commerce
- Pre evaluation (n=30):
 - 20% read intently on HIAs or have been to previous HIA trainings
 - 80% ranged from “never heard of an HIA” to “have thought about the concept but don’t know what it involves”
 - 0% have performed an HIA



STATE AGENCY TRAINING

- Content:
 - Planning for public health
 - Sources of data for HIAs
 - HIA Preliminary Checklist
 - HIA Rapid Assessment
 - HIA Threshold Analysis
 - Other HIA tools
 - Planning a workshop
- Post eval (n=24):
 - 75% would recommend training
 - 21% (5) didn't know
 - 4% (1) no
- Successes: raised HIA awareness, interagency dialogue



Lessons learned

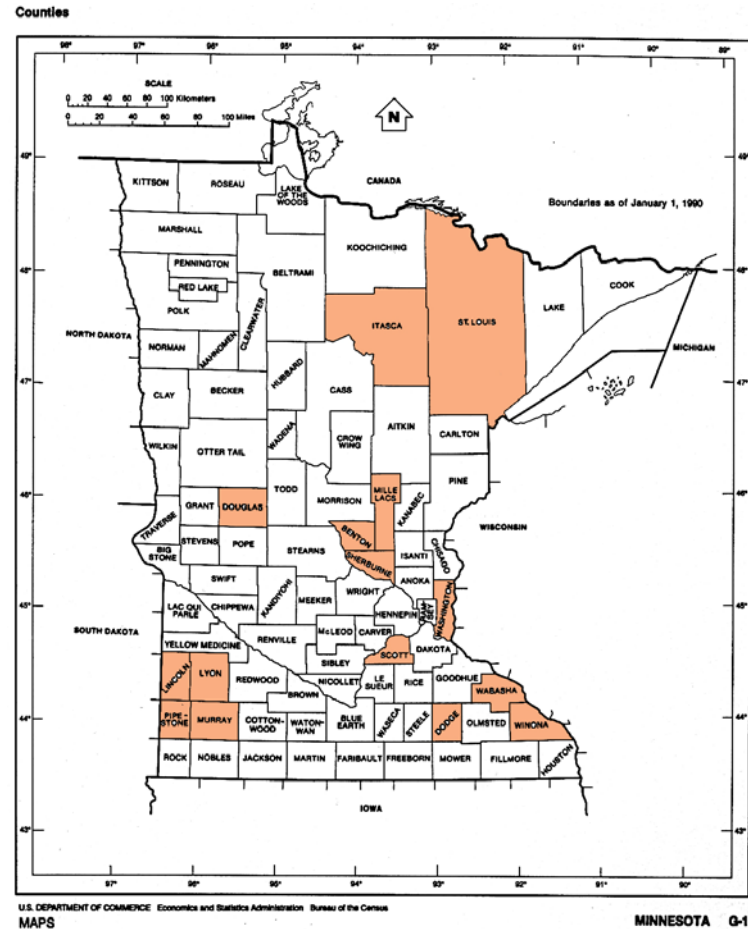
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Not enough examples & hands on exercises



LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND PLANNING PROFESSIONALS TRAINING: 1_19_10

- Methodology: Design for Health | Pairs of LPH and planners | Evaluation
- 13 Pairs | 37 Attendees
- Pre evaluation (n=26):
 - 15% read intently on HIAs or have been to previous HIA trainings
 - 85% ranged from “have heard of an HIA” to “have thought about the concept but don’t know what it involves”
 - 0% have performed an HIA



LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND PLANNING PROFESSIONALS TRAINING: 1_19_10

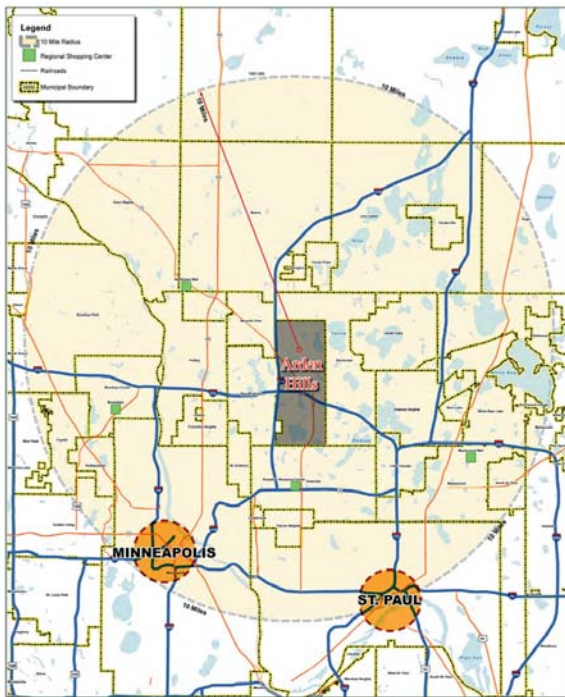
- Content:
 - HIA Preliminary Checklist
 - HIA Rapid Assessment
 - HIA Threshold Analysis
 - Showcasing HIAs
 - Partnership exercise
- Post eval (n=23):
 - 87% would recommend training
 - 13% (3) didn't know
- Successes: public health and city/transportation planners worked together, built capacity



TABLE TOP EXERCISE: ARDEN HILLS | TWIN CITIES ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (TCAAP)

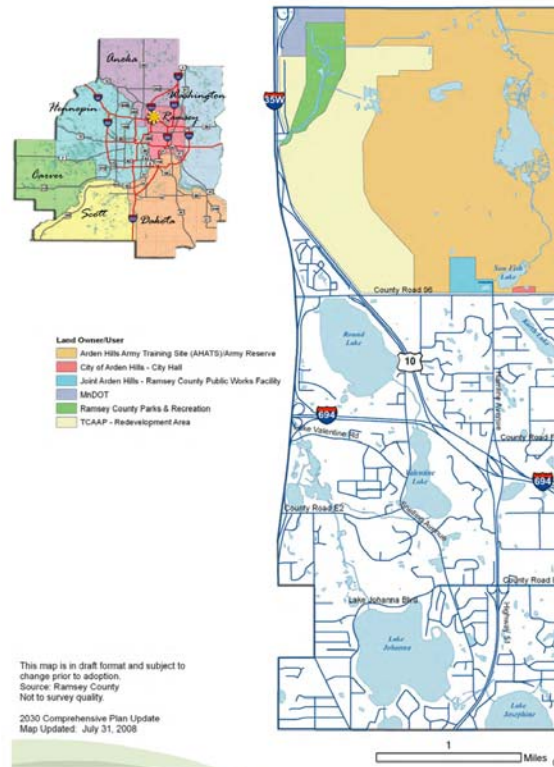
Regional Context Map

Figure 1.1
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Former Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant 2008 Land Ownership

Figure 3.2
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RESULTS OF FUNDING TO DATE

- Building relationships with other state and local agencies
- 68 trained state and local professionals, representing 23 different agencies
- Ability to leverage increased capacity to apply for additional funding



IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE NEXT STEPS

- Finishing grant goals
 - Develop website
 - Form expert network
 - Continue trainings
 - Continue evaluation
- Develop standardized or comprehensive HIA for Minnesota
- Policy development requiring HIAs in MN
- Integrate assessment (HIAs) with design (taking the analysis a step further to create solutions or designs)



THANK YOU!

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