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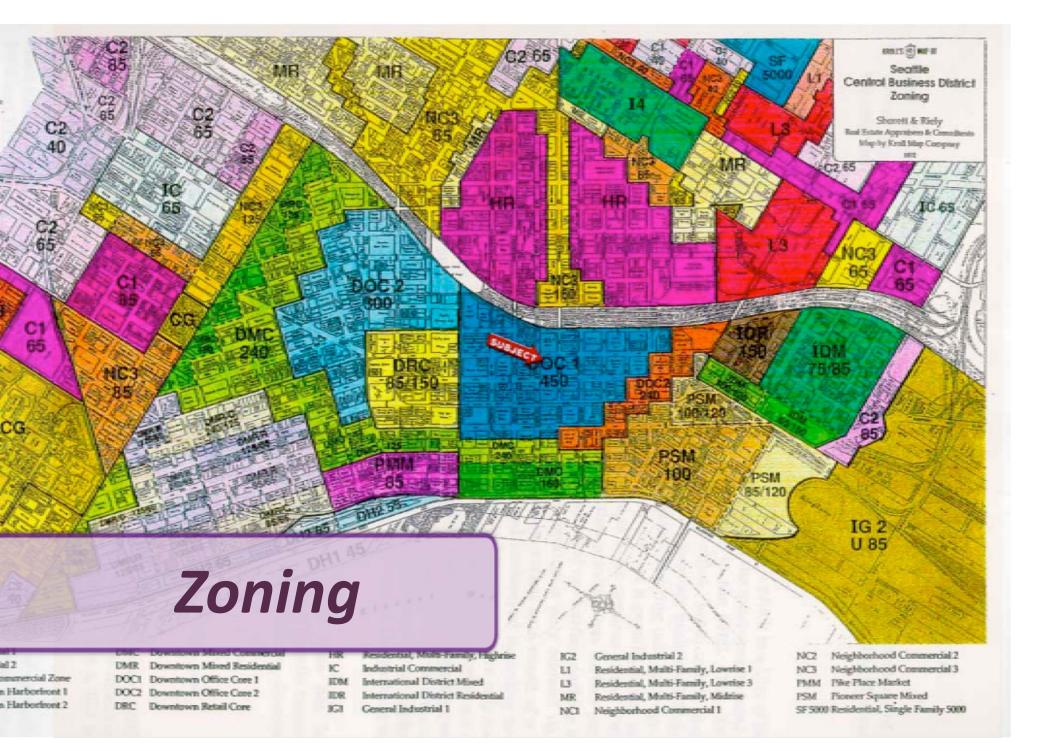
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Steps for Planning Healthy Communities

Engage communities and build partnerships

 Assess built environment conditions that impact health

 Update plans and policies to include health considerations

 Support implementation of healthy planning goals



What Worked:

- Prioritizing resident leadership
- Stipends provided for residents
- Informal mentorship structure



Challenges:

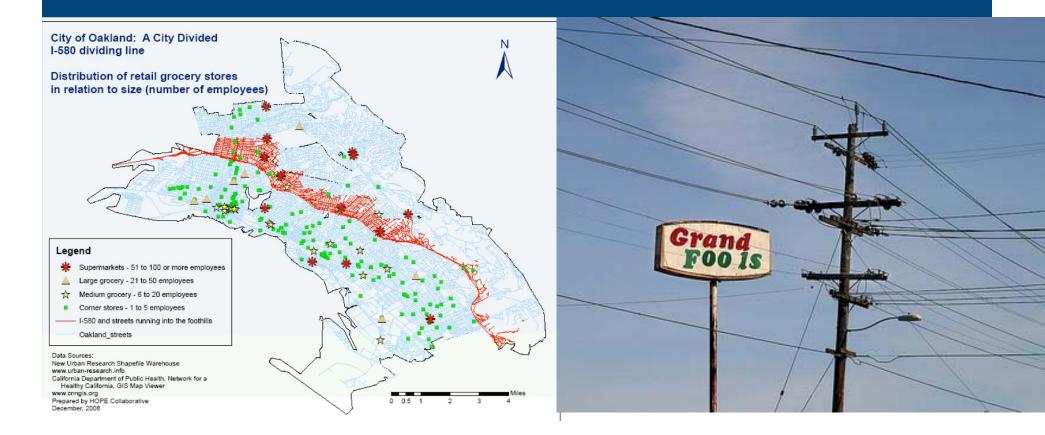
- Organizations don't get stipends; small non-profits had trouble participating
- No organization(s) charged with organizing
- Uneven geographic representation





What worked:

Lots of diverse strategies to collect data and cross-reference findings



Challenges:

- Qualitative versus quantitative
- Lots of data collection takes lots and lots of time
- No organization charged with analyzing all data
- Resident interpretation



Questions on the table

- Reality of policy work versus community engagement
- Building political capital to bring resources to community investment
- Tension between wanting to make immediate versus long-term change
- Staying coordinated, keeping involvement strong

Implement





Fact Sheets



Creating a Healthy Food Zone Around Schools

A Fact Sheet for Advocates

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This fact sheet answers

common questions about

Food Zone Onlinance, which was developed to help

NPLAN's Model Healthy

communities limit children's

access to the kinds of foods

most likely to contribute to

childhood obesity

Many schools are surrounded by fast food restaurants, which provide students with say access to unhealthy foods and undernine schools' efforts to offer matrifices meshs. Prohibiting fast food restaurants from locating near schools is one strategy to help reduce childhood obesity and support schools striving to improve students' health. NPLAN has developed a model ordinance that creates a "healthy food zone" by restricting fast food restaurants near schools or other areas children are likely to frequent.

Why would a community enact a "healthy food zone" ordinance?

Childhood obsity is spidemic in the United States. Over the last 25 years obsity most in children and team bave tipled.¹ Today 16.3 percent of children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 are obsets, and 31.9 percent are obsets or overweight.^{23,4} Recent studies show that if this trend continues, today's young people may be the first generation.⁵ Ac least on end where the scheme the students with fast food restauration within a half-mile of their school are more likely to be overweight than students whose schools are not near fast food restaurants.⁴

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Model Policies



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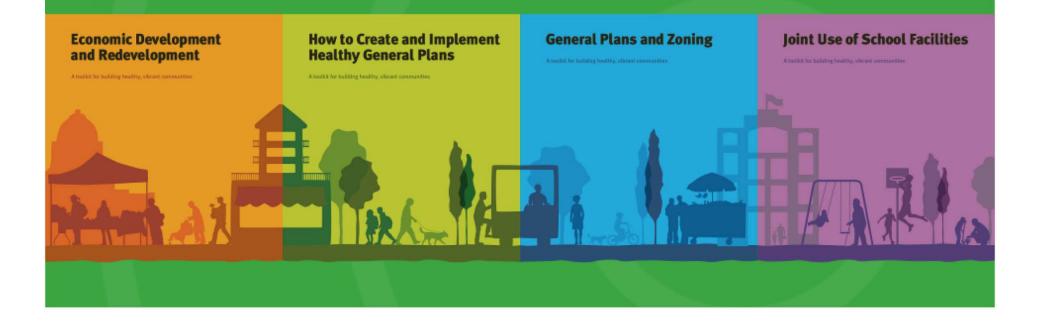
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Food Systems: Key findings

Residents:

- Cook at home
- Want fresh, healthy, affordable local food
- Travel 20-40 minutes one way to go to a supermarket, where they buy most of their food



Built Environment: Key Findings

Crime and

fear of crime creates significant barriers to using the build environment for physical activity and play

