

# THE POLICY BRIEF

A newsletter issued by the Health in All Policies (HiAP) team in Pinellas County

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## PROGRAM REVIEW

### St. Petersburg Workshop

On April 10th, the HiAP team hosted a jurisdictional HiAP workshop for the City of St. Petersburg. Opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Kanika Tomalin, the city's administrator and deputy mayor, and Kim Lehto, the Healthy St. Pete coordinator. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Sandra Whitehead, a nationally recognized HiAP expert, and Cassidy Mutnansky, the city's health planner. In attendance were 49 elected officials and city staff representing 24 city departments.



### Pinellas Park Workshop

On April 11th, the HiAP team hosted a jurisdictional HiAP workshop for the City of St. Pinellas Park. Opening remarks were delivered by Tammy Hillier, the community services manager in the city's Planning & Development Services Division. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Sandra Whitehead and Daphne Green, the city's health planner. In attendance were 49 elected officials and city staff representing 29 city departments.





## Pinellas County Workshop



On April 12th, the HiAP team hosted a jurisdictional HiAP workshop for Pinellas County. Opening remarks were delivered by Renea Vincent, the director of the county's Planning Department. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Sandra Whitehead and Caitlin Murphy, the county's health planner. In attendance were 25 appointed officials, elected officials, and department heads representing 19 county departments.

## Community Presentation

On April 23rd, the HiAP team hosted a Health in All Policies community presentation at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg. Opening remarks were delivered by Darden Rice, St. Petersburg city council member, and Elizabeth Smith, the executive community health nursing director at the Florida Dept. of Health. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Sandra Whitehead, Cassidy Mutnansky, Daphne Green, and Caitlin Murphy. In attendance were 79 representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.



## Public Health 101



On May 3rd, the HiAP team hosted a Public Health 101 presentation at St. Petersburg College - Gibbs Campus. The presentation was facilitated by Dr. Alicia Best, an assistant professor in the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida, and Heath Kirby, the HiAP program manager at the Florida Dept. of Health. The presentation served as an introduction to the role of public health in disease prevention and an exploration of the social determinants of health. In attendance were 32 representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

## PARTNER BIOGRAPHY

### Daphne Green



Daphne Green is the health planner for the City of Pinellas Park.

Daphne is originally from Pensacola, FL. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Geography and Environmental Studies at Florida State University, where she continued her education earning a Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

In her graduate studies she concentrated on Neighborhood Planning and Community Design, gaining a wealth of knowledge on how housing, land use, and citizen empowerment principles shape the planning profession.

In Tallahassee, she gained experience in resilience planning and neighborhood planning working for the city as a Mayoral Fellow, where she assisted the newly formed Resilience Department with the research and development of the city's first ever Community Resilience Plan. Also, in Tallahassee, she assisted the Office of Neighborhood Affairs with developing a Neighborhood First Planning Initiative for a historic neighborhood in the city's Southside, which was the first ever community-led plan for the neighborhood. Daphne has also interned with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, where she had the opportunity to work on conservation-based projects in the State of Florida.





# COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

**Carrie Moss**



Carrie Moss is the community compliance supervisor for the City of Pinellas Park.

On the interrelation of code enforcement and health, per Carrie, "On the surface, many people view code enforcement as dealing with items such as broken-down vehicles, tall grass, and telling homeowners to go around and clean up their properties. In code enforcement, we do deal with these types of issues, but an element of code

enforcement often overlooked is the impact our actions can have on health.

Overgrowth, debris in yards, and inoperable vehicles can become harborage for various rodents and snakes; it can also lead to pools of stagnant water which can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and propagate mosquito-borne diseases. Something as simple as damaged soffit and fascia may be an eyesore for the average citizen, but, to us, it's access for anaphylaxis-inducing bees or disease-carrying rats, raccoons and bats to get inside an attic and potentially interact with our citizens.

Each day, our community compliance specialists drive our city and look for other issues which may be detrimental to the life, health, and safety of our citizens and businesses, like the painting of vehicles without a paint booth or the discharge of pollutants, chemicals, debris, etc. into our waterways. Some of the most common violations are overflowing dumpsters and illegal dumping of items, including chemicals, into dumpsters. These chemicals can erode the metal dumpster and cause leakage onto roadways and into community waterways. Dumpsters that are overflowing with garbage and food waste can attract disease-carrying rats and other rodents; this combined with a damaged, leaking dumpster can lead to quite a mess in the area."

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

## Introduction to Community Planning



On July 12th from 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM, the HiAP team will be hosting an "Introduction to Community Planning" presentation at Park Station in Pinellas Park. The presentation will be facilitated by Ben Ziskal, the director of Planning and Development Services for the City of Pinellas Park, and will explore how community planning shapes the fabric of our neighborhoods, our communities, and our lives.

**RSVP for the presentation here:**

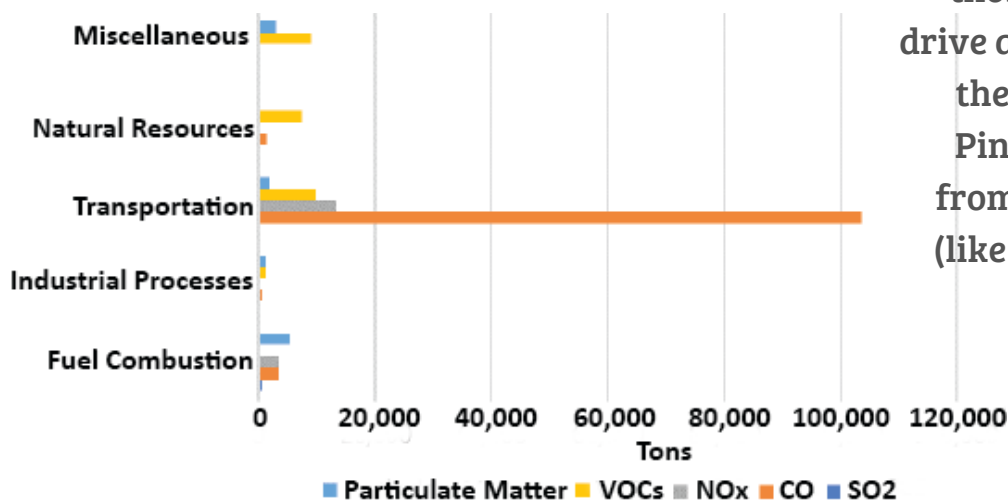
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-community-planning-tickets-62928680377>



## HEALTH FACT OF THE MONTH

### Active Transportation

Air Pollutants by Source, Pinellas County, 2014



In Pinellas County, 87.5% of residents use an automobile for commuting to and from work. Of those who use an automobile, 79.5% drive alone. Transportation causes the vast majority of air pollution in Pinellas County. Commuting to and from work via active transportation (like biking and walking) reduces air pollution, decreases traffic congestion, increases physical activity levels, and alleviates stress-inducing environmental noise.

# LITERATURE REVIEW

## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Carter, S.P., Carter, S.L., and Dannenberg, A. 2003. Zoning Out Crime and Improving Community Health in Sarasota, Florida: "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design". American Journal of Public Health. Retrieved from: <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.93.9.1442>

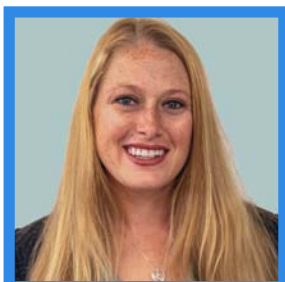


## Land Use and Health



Frank, L. et al. 2006. Many Pathways from Land Use to Health: Associations between Neighborhood Walkability and Active Transportation, Body Mass Index, and Air Quality. Journal of the American Planning Association. Retrieved from: [https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/d6f7/6ca88000717b842d94c387661df2364f7733.pdf?\\_ga=2.134694897.1422427033.1559317195-502256876.1559317195](https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/d6f7/6ca88000717b842d94c387661df2364f7733.pdf?_ga=2.134694897.1422427033.1559317195-502256876.1559317195)

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