



HUD's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

Opportunities for Public Health Leadership
and Healthy Community Design

Community Design and Health

- Obesity, physical activity, CVD
- Water quantity and quality

Related to land use

- Air pollution and asthma
- Climate change contribution
- Car crashes
- Pedestrian injuries

Related to
automobile
dependency

- Mental health impact
- Social capital
- Environmental justice

Related to social
processes

Public Health Leadership

- Comprehensive, formal, and systemic integration of local public health considerations into community design processes.
- Increased collaboration between local health, planning, transportation, and public works departments from the early stages of community design decision-making
- Early, sustained, and effective participation by affected community members in all stages of community design decision-making.

Source: *NACCHO Statement of Policy on Healthy Community Design, 2009*