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# HIA in the United States: Overview of current practice

National HIA Meeting
Plenary Session, Day 1:
State of Practice &
Impacts of HIA

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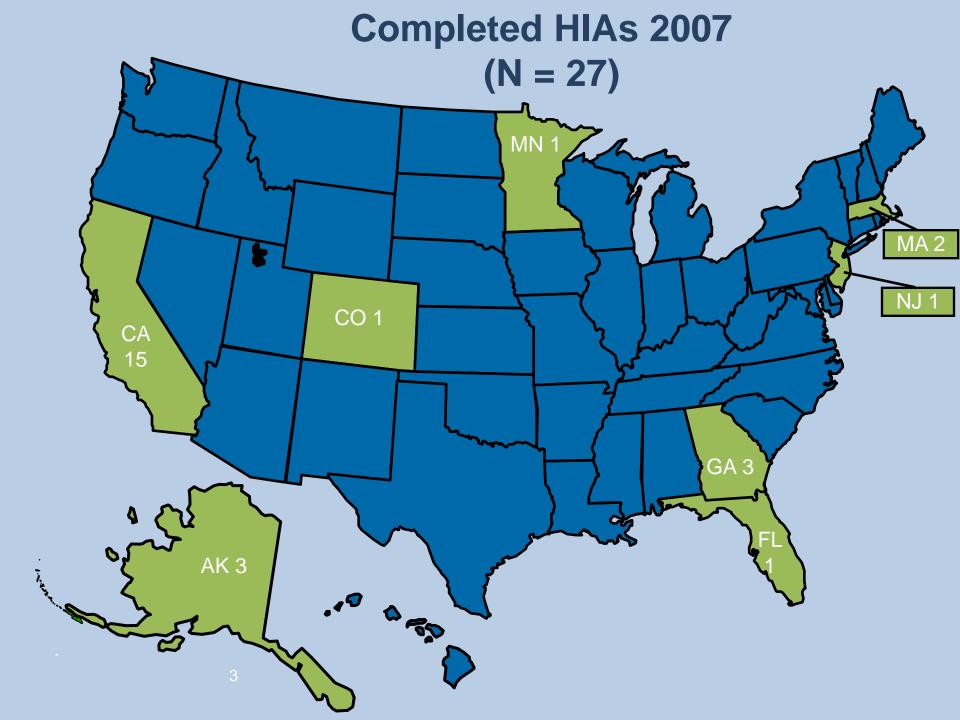


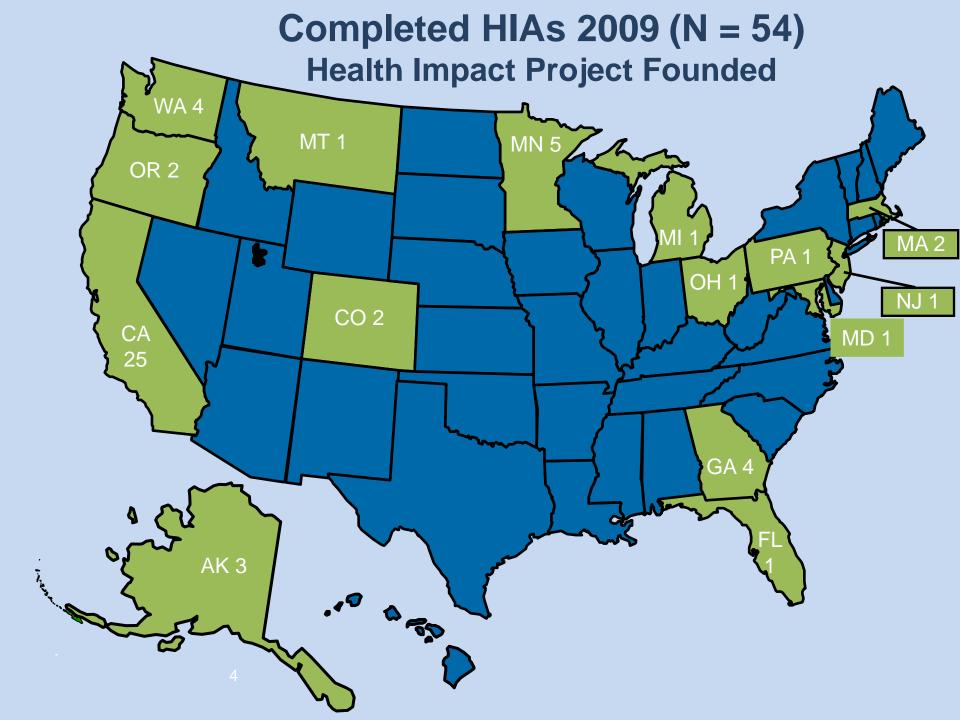


## A brief history of HIA in the U.S.

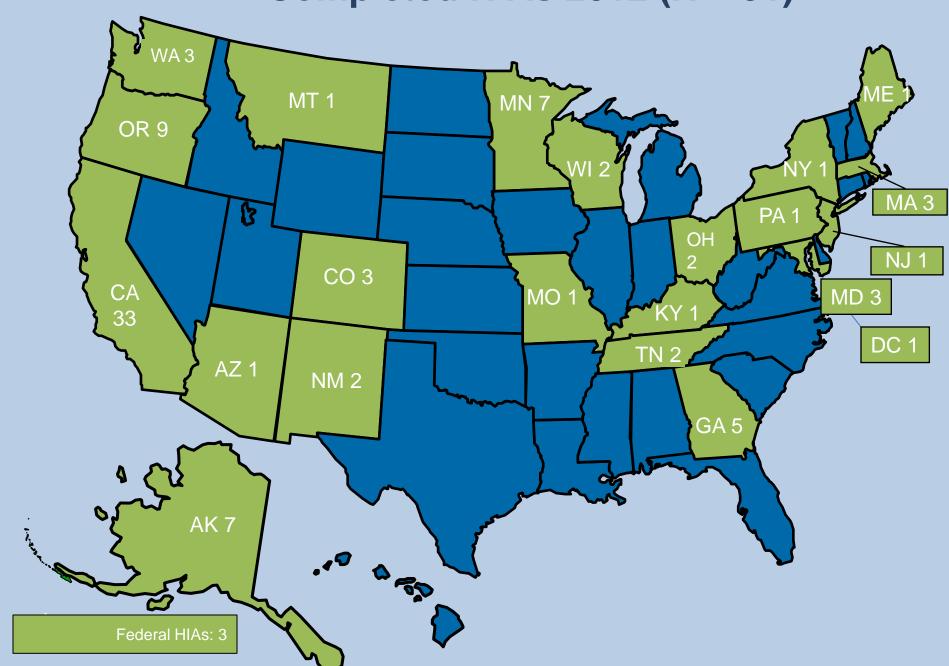
- 1999 (First HIA?) San Francisco DPH HIA on minimum wage
- 2001 First RWJF grant on HIA—Partnership for Prevention
- 2004 Workshop on advancing the field of HIA in the U.S.
- 2005-2008 Many new HIAs; HIA funders
  - Human Impact Partners founded
  - Use of HIA under federal and state EIA laws
- 2009 Health Impact Project founded
- 2010 North American Practice Standards
- Federal recommendations and grant programs support HIA (NPC, Healthy People, Let's Move, CTG, others)
  - National Research Council guidance



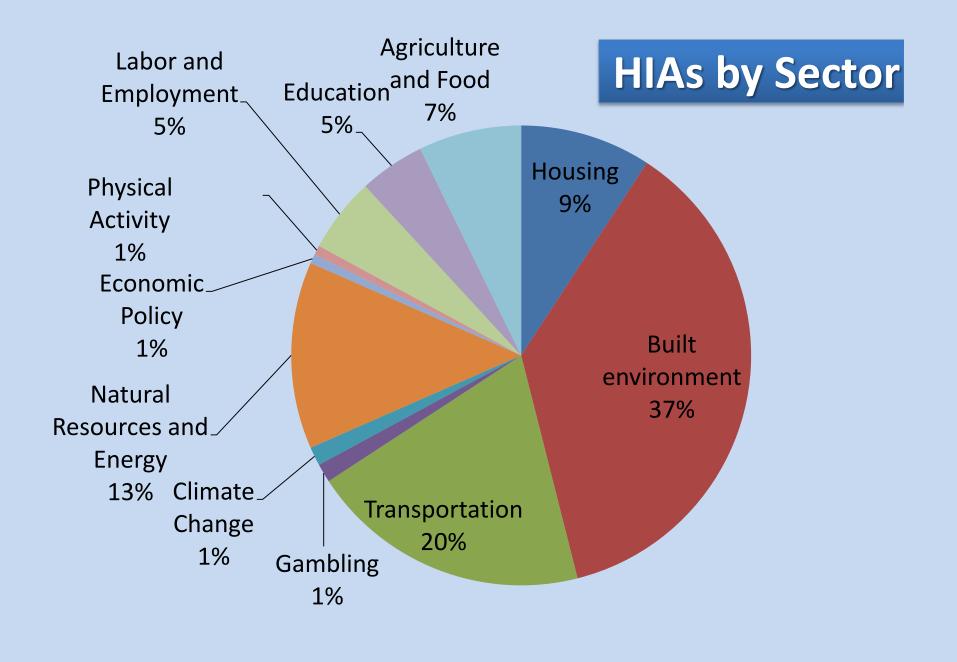




### Completed HIAs 2012 (N = 91)



#### **Completed HIA and In Progress HIAs** 2012 (N = 173)WA 6 ME 1 MT 2 MN OR 13 NH 1 20 MA 5 3 PA 1 NE 1 OH NJ 1 IL 3 CO 4 CA KS 1 MO MD 3 53 DC 1 TN<sub>2</sub> NM AZ 2 SC 1 GA 7 TX 4 15 Map Courtesy of A. Dannenberg, A. Wendel, Federal HIAs: 3



# Recent Developments in the Field Federal Emphasis on Cross-sector Approach

#### National Prevention Council

 "Integrate health criteria into decision making across multiple sectors"

 - "..coordinate investments in transportation, housing, environmental protection and community infrastructure to promote sustainable and healthy communities."

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- · Let's Move
- Healthy People 2020
- Sustainable Communities
   Partnership—HUD, DOT,
   EPA, now USDA and CDC



# Recent Developments in the Field Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Associations of local governments created by Congress to plan regional transportation

- Several MPOs now using HIA (Nashville, San Diego, others)
- Health Impact Project call for proposals:
  - No proposals for funding in 2010
  - Over 10 proposals in 2011

#### Learn more:

- Transportation session today at 11:30
- SANDAG talk today at 2:15



# Recent Developments in the Field Legislation

- Massachusetts Healthy Transportation Compact: requires DOT and DPH to implement HIAs for transportation projects
- Do people think this is a good idea?
   71% favor/25% oppose according to a poll of WA voters on pending legislation.

#### Learn more:

- -2:15 Approaches to Implementing HIA (HIA legislation)
- -3:30 in Institutionalizing HIA (Implementing MA transportation compact)





## **Recent Developments in the Field**

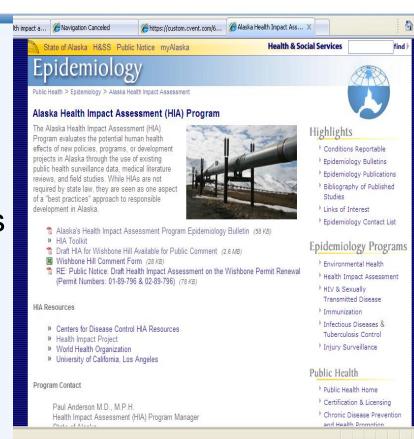
#### Institutionalization

#### State of Alaska:

- Collaboration with Dep't of Natural Resources
- HIAs on all large natural resource development projects
- Self-supporting

#### Learn more:

- -12:45 Making HIA Stick
- -3:30 Institutionalizing HIA





## Recent Developments in the Field

#### Institutionalization

San Francisco Department of Public Health—Program on Health Equity and Sustainability

- Not new, but innovating new ways to collaborate across sectors
- Roots in HIA
- Multi-agency collaboration to bring health into many city decisions
- Largely self-supporting

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## Is it making a difference?

## Better policies; Securing funding



Atlanta Beltline HIA – Over \$4 million in funding for trails and brownfield cleanup

Oregon Farm to School HIA

– improve legislation to
create more in-state jobs



## Is it making a difference?

### New baseline data; new safety measures



- Site-specific air modeling
- Traffic studies
- Contaminant studies in fish and game

-Diet and food security studies& monitoring

Learn more:

11:30 AM, Policymaker Track



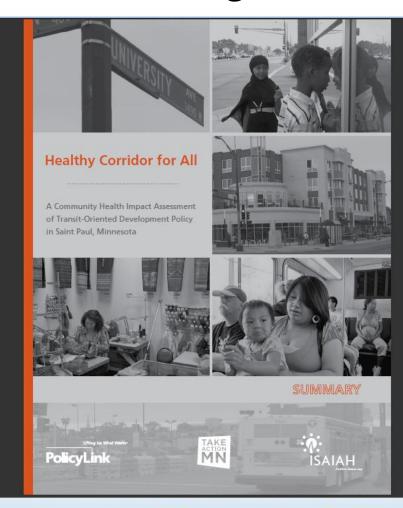
# Is it making a difference? Giving vulnerable communities a stronger voice

### Healthy Corridor for All

http://www.healthimpactproject.org/hia/us/st-paul-light-rail

Learn more: Wed, 9:30-11:00 Plenary

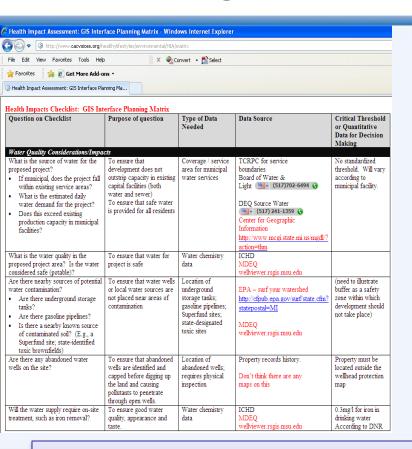






### Is it making a difference?

### "Working ourselves out of a job"



Ingham County, Michigan San Francisco DPH— www.thehdmt.org

- GIS-based health planning tools
- Checklists
- Routine consultation/ collaboration



### WWW.COUNTYHEALTHRANKINGS.ORG



## Public health – a turning point

# "Public health agencies alone cannot assure the nation's health"

Institute of Medicine, 2002. The Future of the Public's Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



### Is HIA Valuable?

#### **National Research Council**

HIA "seeks to correct the fundamental problem of failing to consider health at all in decision-making.

The Committee concludes that HIA is valuable even with a lack of perfect forecasting data and tools because it is better to consider potential health risks and benefits than to ignore them routinely."

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Learn more: Wednesday,

11:15-12:30

# HIA offers a practical tool to build partnerships with other sectors

- > Establishing a vocabulary, framework, and systems for productive collaboration.
- A structured approach that facilitates collaboration in the setting of real-time planning and decision-making
- HIA on a single project as a starting point for new, enduring interdisciplinary collaboration
- > Leveraging investments in transportation, housing, energy, social programs, etc to improve health



## Thank you

