



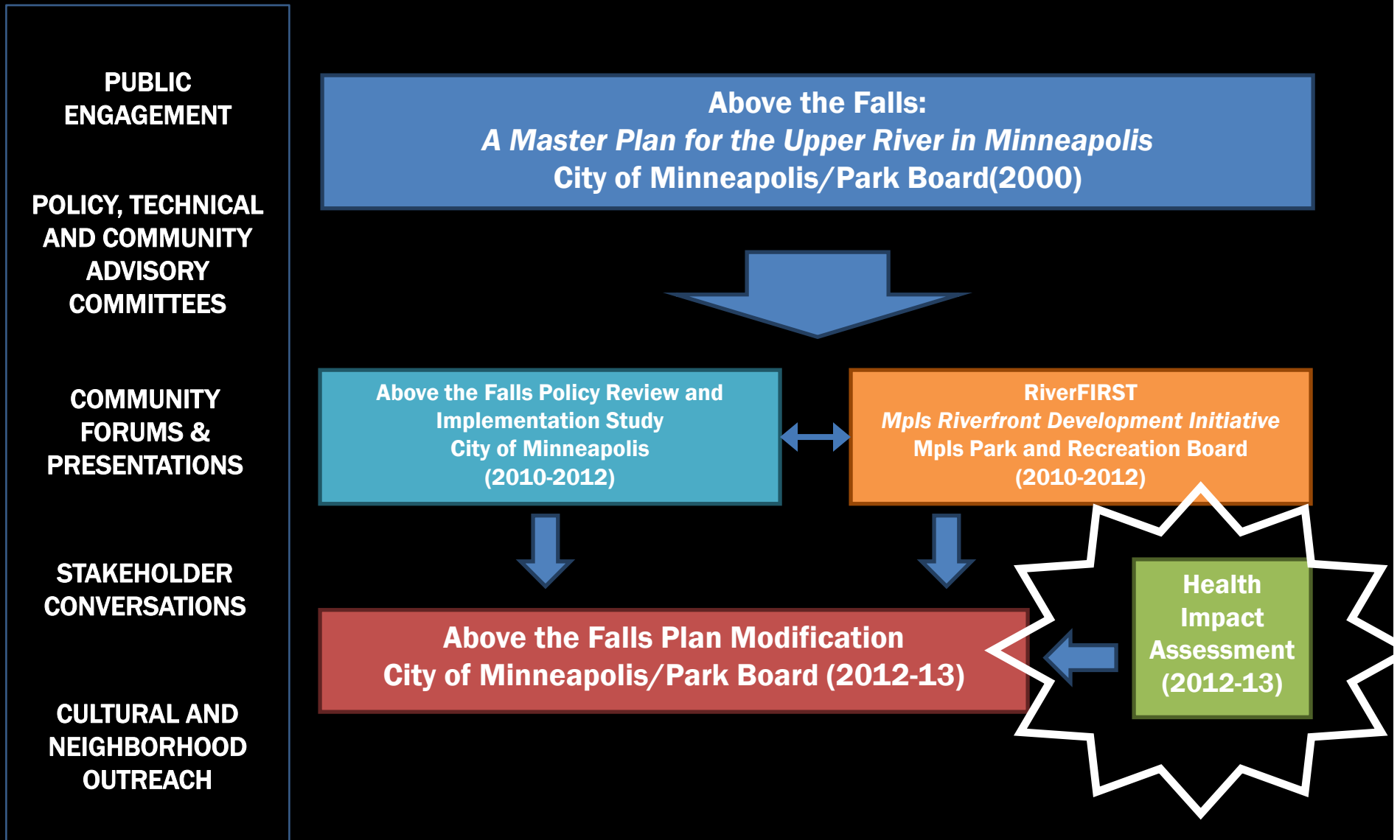
Above the Falls: HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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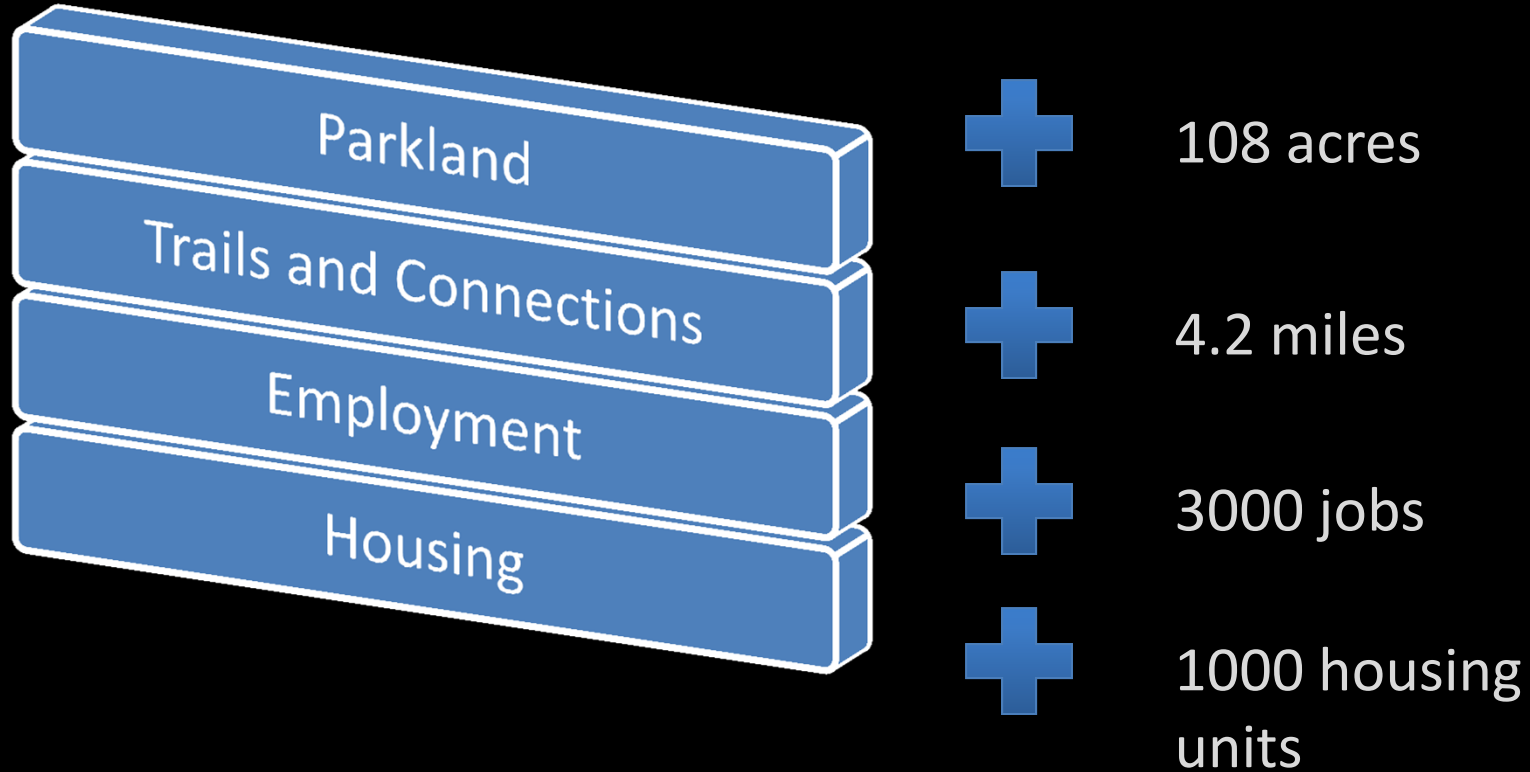
The Above the Falls Area

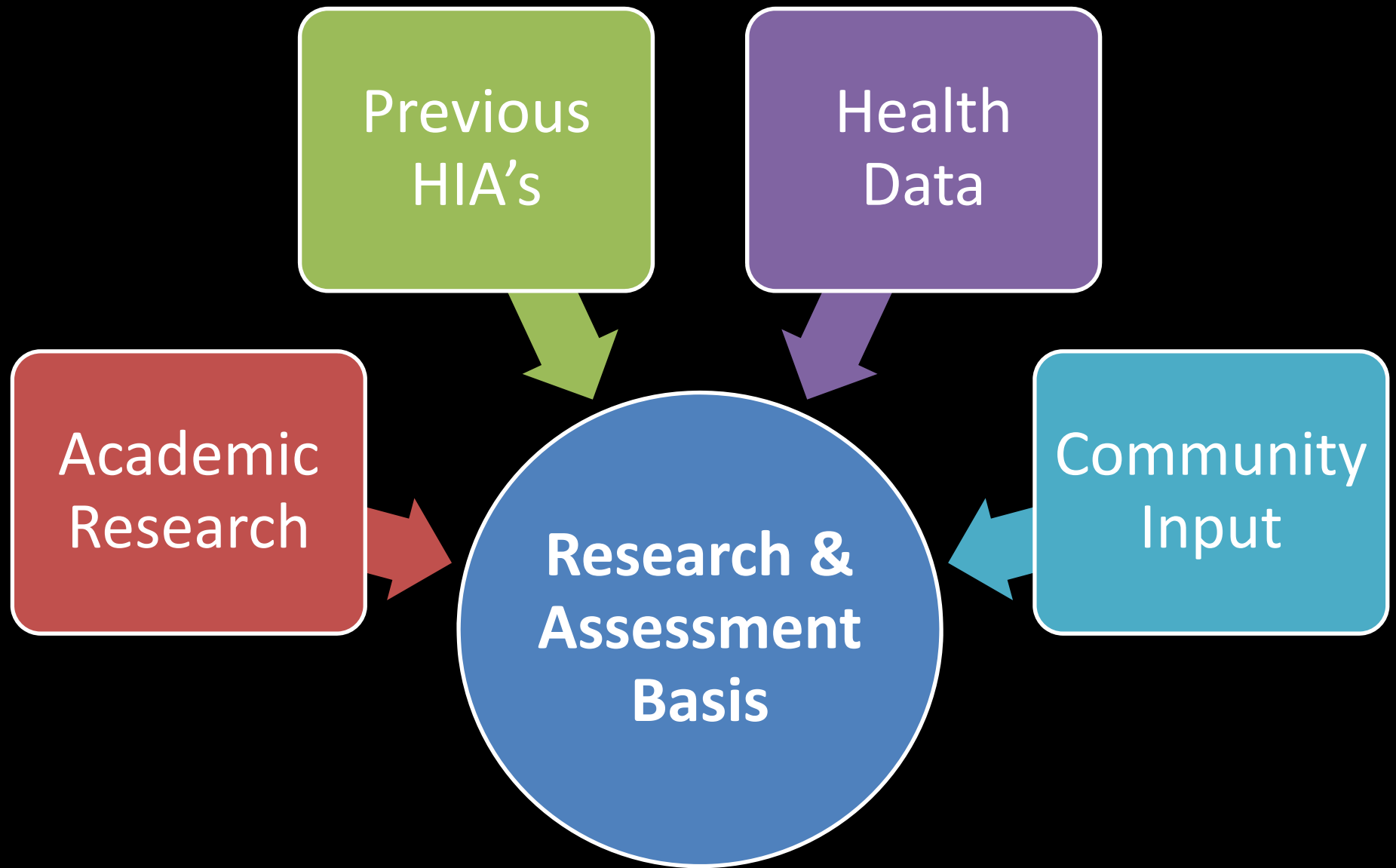


Upper Riverfront Planning



What will be the health impact?





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The HIA Project Team and partners:

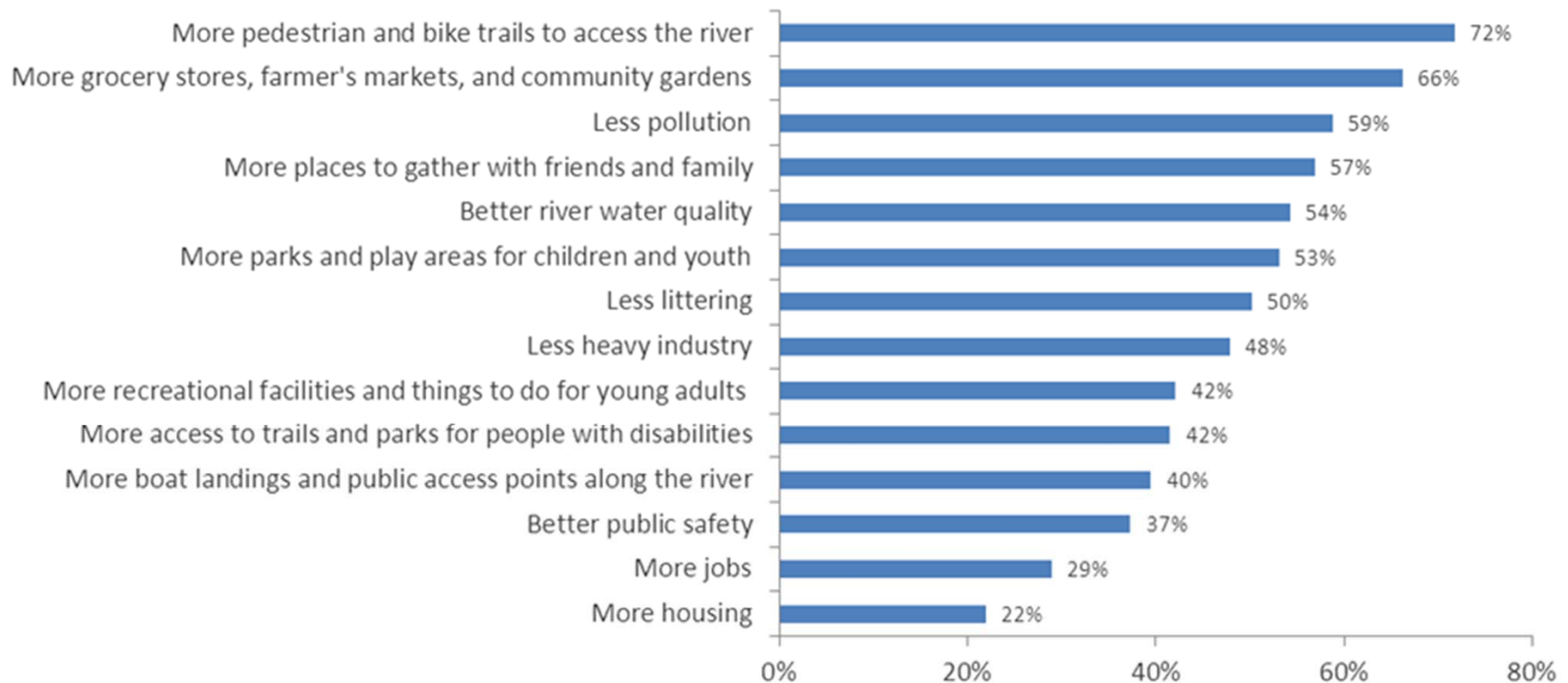
- Presented to 21 local committees, community groups and neighborhood organizations
- Conducted outreach at 15 community events
- Collected nearly 400 community-input online and paper surveys
- Received over 120 RIVER comment cards
- Saints Cyril and Methodius Church: Latino Engagement (~150 attendees)
- Lao Assistance Center: South East Asian Engagement (~30 attendees)

Community Input



Health

Which of the following possible future changes to the Upper Mississippi Riverfront would positively affect your health, wellbeing, and enjoyment of the riverfront?



Community Input

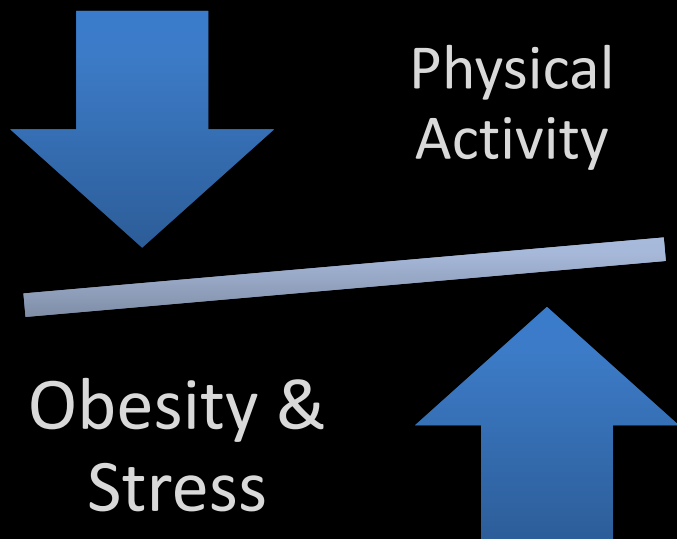


Health

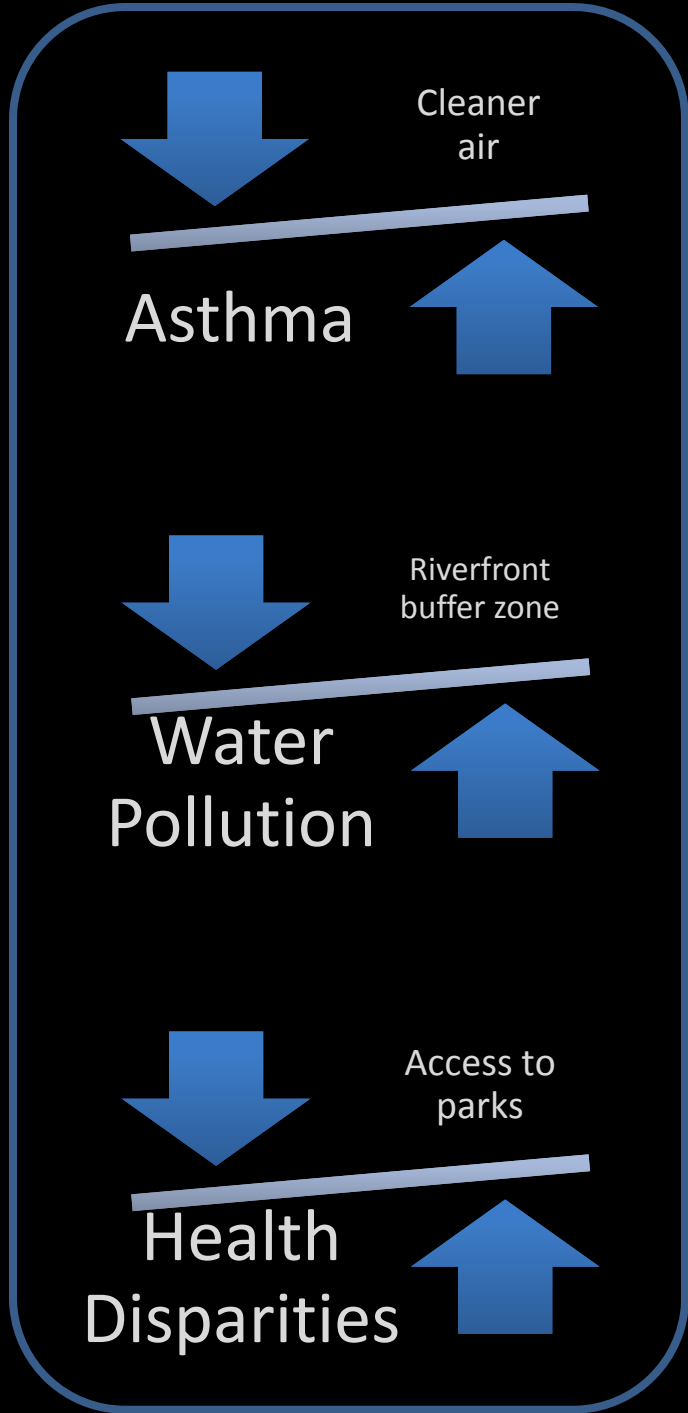
Top three things from Lao and Latino forums ...

- Parks and play areas for children and youth
- More pedestrian and bike trails to access the river
- More places to gather with friends and family (Latino only)
- A marketplace and community gardens (Lao only)

HEALTH IMPACT:
PREDICTIONS



parks & trails:
strong overall
potential health
impact



Community Input

+ Health

Northeast

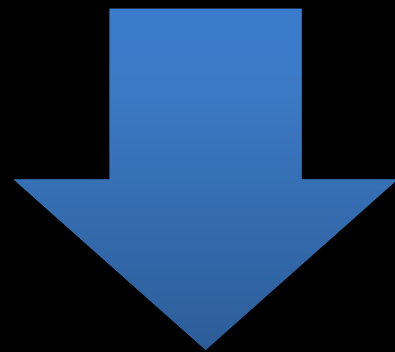
North Side

Not enough
jobs nearby
(18%)

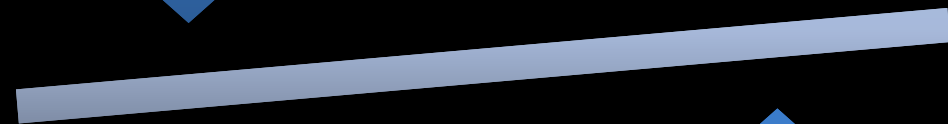
Not enough
jobs nearby
(50%)

What negatively
affects their
health?

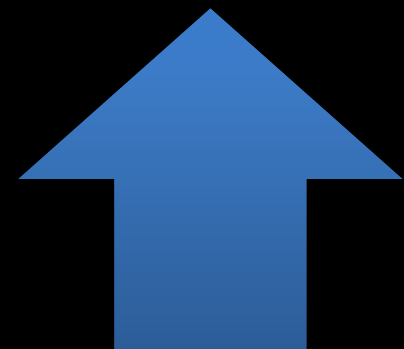
jobs:
strong
potential
health
impact for
North Side
residents



Employment



premature death,
chronic disease,
depression



housing:

increased neighborhood

livability

- Affordable for whom?
- Extent of residential & commercial mix and overall neighborhood “livability”?
- Reach of the impact?

summary of findings:

- Residents clearly see the addition of new parks and trails as potentially improving their health
- Research makes the strongest connections between income-generating uses and improvements in health
- Residents do not directly connect additional housing and jobs along the riverfront with having a positive impact on their own health
- Residents have concerns about “not enough jobs nearby” and “poor quality housing” that negatively impacts their health



Thank You

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