

# Institutionalizing HIA in Challenging Political Contexts: South Carolina



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**National Health Impact Assessment Meeting**  
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# The South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health (IMPH)

- **Mission:** To collectively inform policy to improve health and healthcare
- **Purpose:** To serve as a convener to assemble evidence-based information relevant to policy decisions and other actions impacting the health and well-being of all South Carolinians



# South Carolina's First HIA

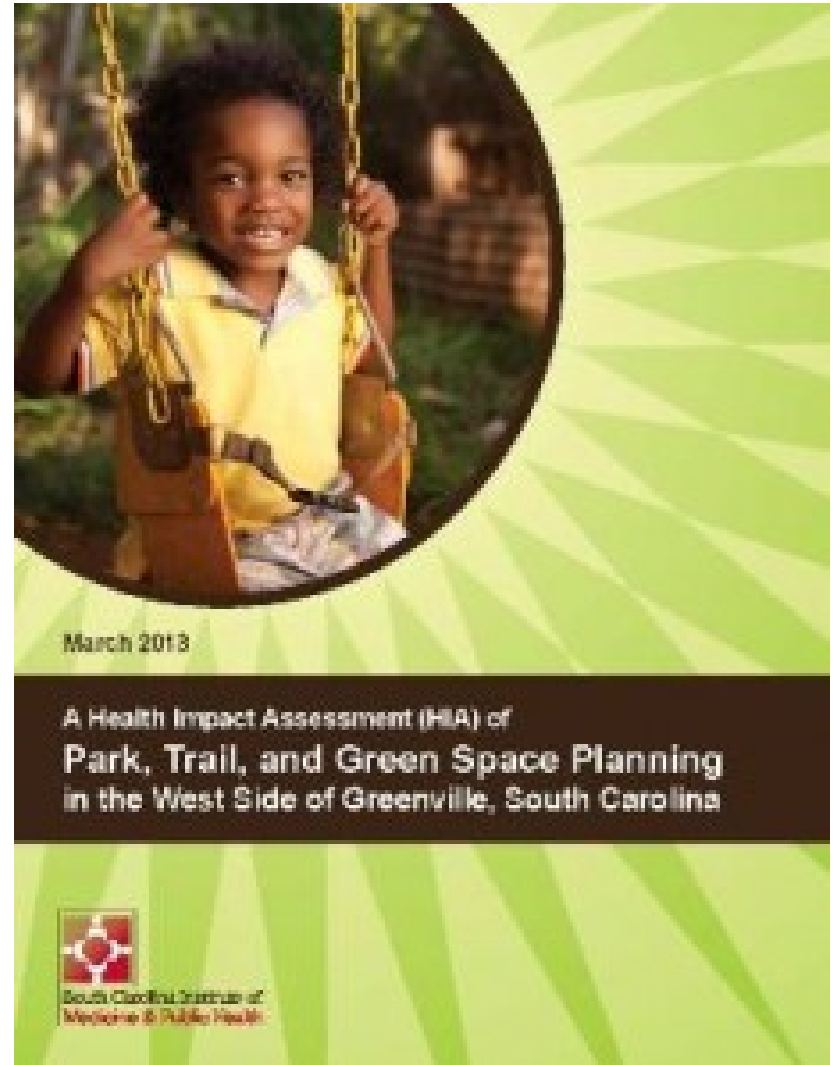
Health Impact  
Assessment (HIA) of  
Proposed “Road  
Diet” and Re-Striping  
Project on Daniel  
Morgan Avenue in  
Spartanburg, South  
Carolina





# South Carolina's Second HIA

A Health Impact  
Assessment (HIA) of  
Park, Trail and Green  
Space Planning in the  
West Side of Greenville,  
South Carolina





# Challenges

- ❑ State Agency Collaboration
- ❑ Partner Expectations
- ❑ Scope of Decision Point
- ❑ Cultural and Historical Context
- ❑ Lack of Understanding of HiAP



# Lessons Learned

- Even things that seem politically benign are probably not
- Relationship development and trust are key

Thank you!

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