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Health Impact Assessment: What are we evaluating?

Green Space

Green space – parks, gardens, arboretums, public space, bike and walking paths, trees, and urban landscaping – provide a respite from the urban landscape and multiple health benefits.

Air Quality

Clean, healthy air is important for public health, quality of life, and climate protection.

Physical Activity

Regular physical activity can improve people's quality of life as well as be preventive against numerous chronic diseases.

Water Quality

Clean water is indicative of a healthy ecosystem and essential to protect human, plant, and animal health.

Noise

Community noise is a source of annoyance and may have a causal role of health impacts.

Social Connections

The social networks, trust, reciprocity, and civic engagement that develop through community interactions can impact health and well-being.

Mental Well-being

Positive mental well-being outcomes can be realized from physical activity, stress reduction, feelings of safety, and exposure to natural areas.

Emergency Medical Services

Efficient movement of emergency service staff, supplies, and patients, daily and during emergencies is critical to increasing survival and reducing disability from health incidents.

Safety

Feeling safe and secure at home, work, play and in the community is basic to people's sense of well-being.