

#### "Cultural Dimensions of Access to Active Living: Understanding Youth and Adult's Experiences of Health and Place"

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#### Outline

- Community Health Assessment Mapping Partnership (CHAMP)
- Participatory Photo-Mapping (PPM)
- Case Studies and Outcomes
- New ways of thinking about old problems?

#### **CHAMP**

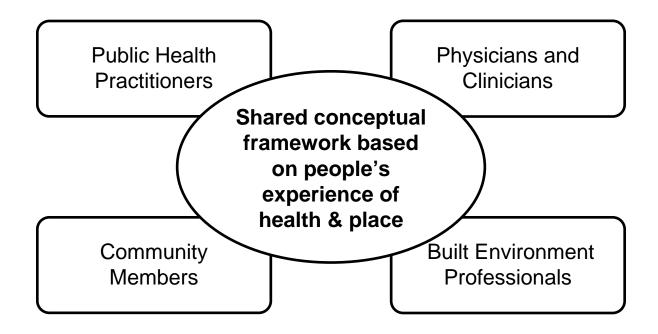
- ☐ A transdisciplinary working group to inform policy at multiple scales
- □ To develop and implement a collaborative community health assessment integrating multiple methods
- ☐ To implement community-based participatory research (CBPR) techniques combining population-based data with assessments of the built environment

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#### **CHAMP Model**



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#### Participatory Photo Mapping

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#### PROJECT HIGHLIGHT



Our goal is to use Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM) to develop and design collaborative projects and networks to improve health and well-being of communities by stregthening health information systems and sharing that information with community members and public health decision-makers. It is all about

reaching the goal of "Healthy People in Healthy Places".

#### What is Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM)?

PPM is a tool for exploring the experience of health and place and for communicating this experience to decision-makers who share a common goal of addressing health. Using a PPM helps to uncover opportunities and barriers related to using the built environment for daily active living.



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# Boa constrictor digesting an elephant

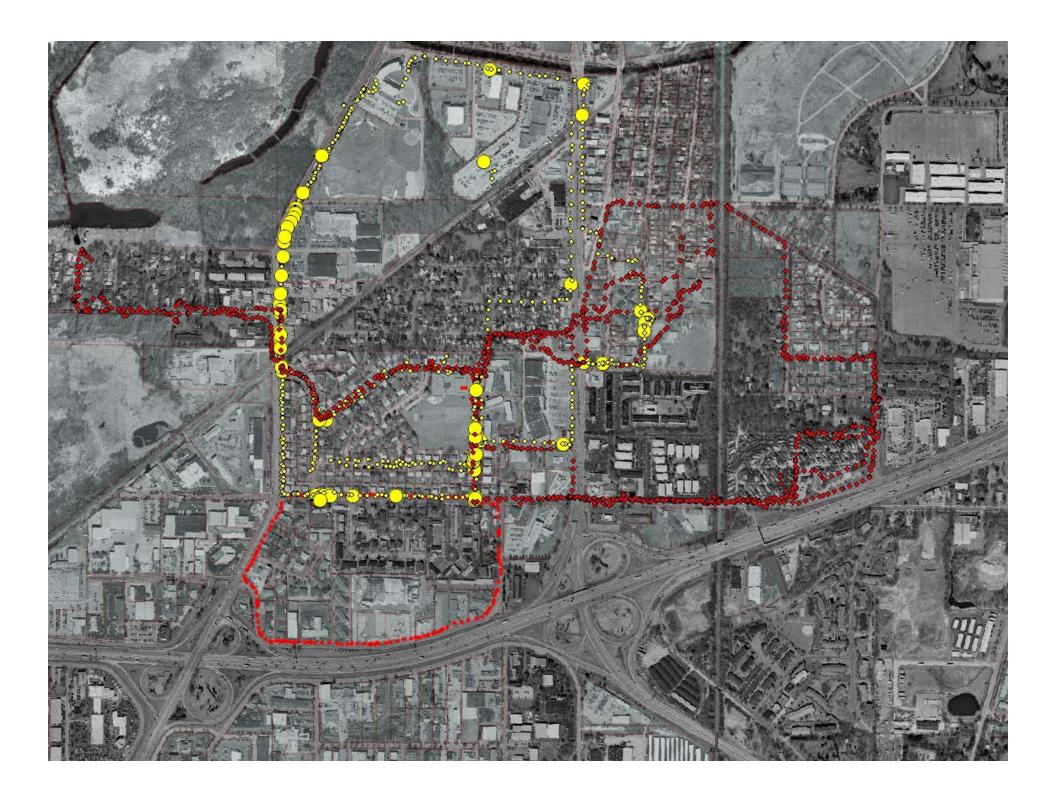


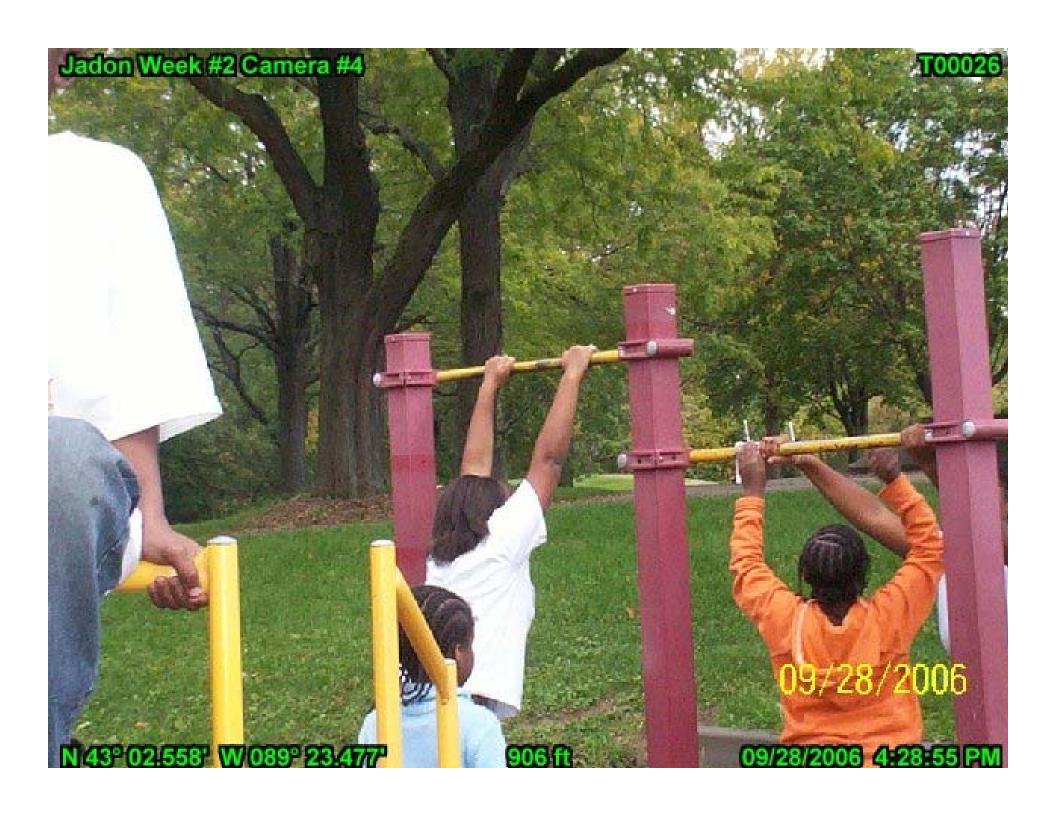
## Grown-ups: "They always need explanations."



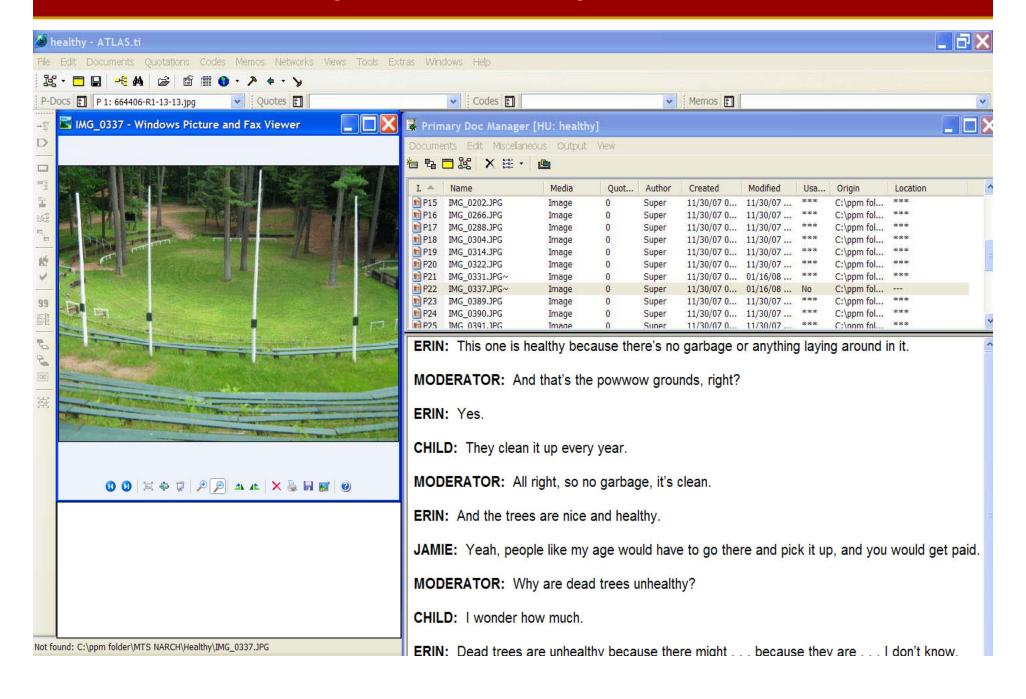
#### Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM) www.la.wisc.edu/ppm







#### Coding text and images (ATLASti)



## We developed PPM to...

- Compliment objective measures of built environment (walkability, proximity, etc)
- Enhance community-based participatory research
- Better understand people's experience of health and place
- Realize our shared goal of "healthy people in healthy places"

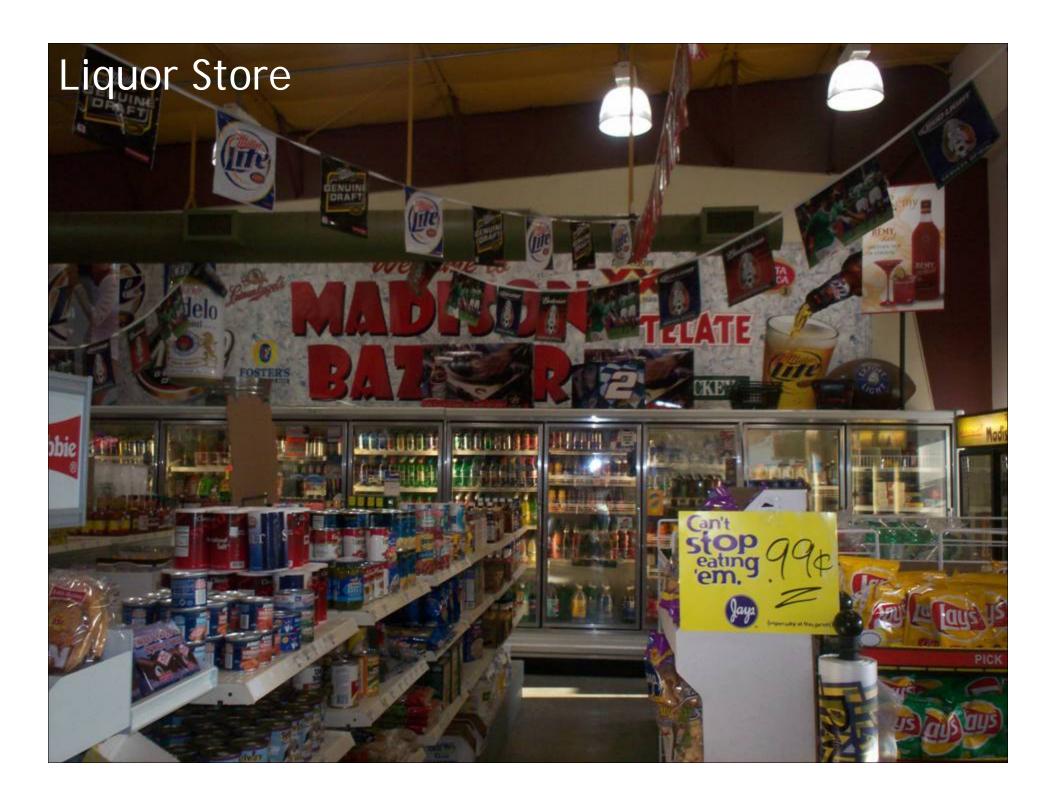
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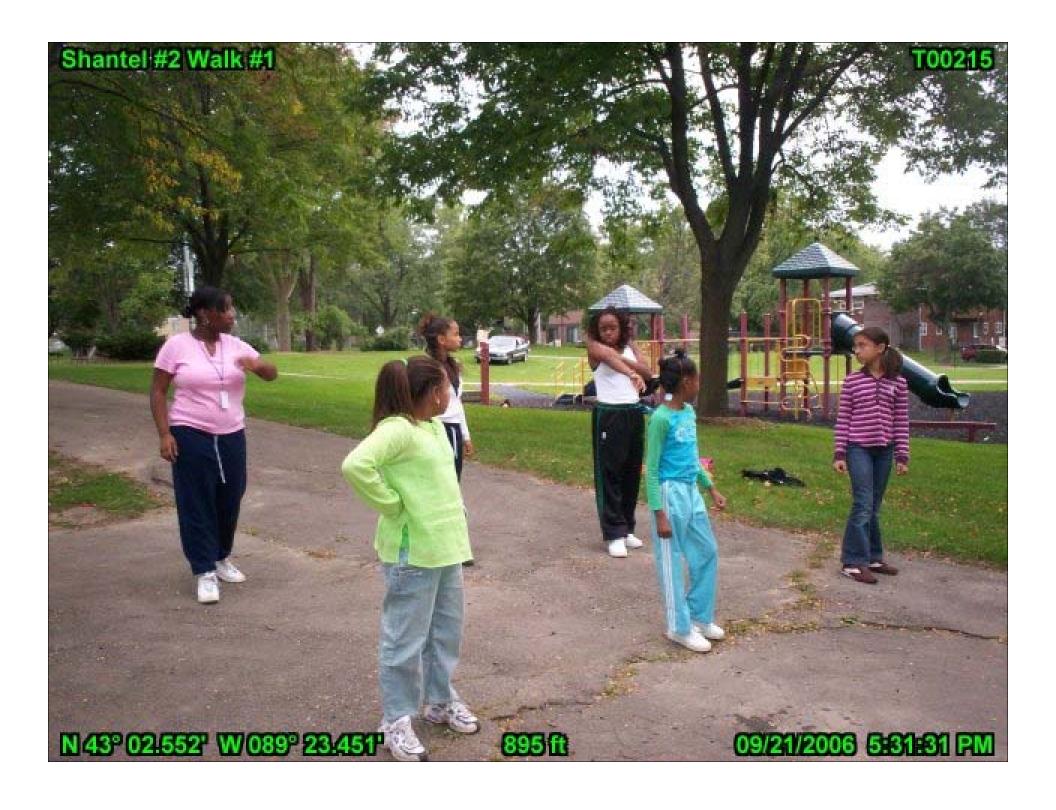


















#### South Madison Outcomes

- Presentations to all south side police officers
- Neighborhood tours for Wingra and Access clinicians and staff
- South side community health assessment
- Penn Park redesign team
- Splash Park PPM walking audit Safe Communities Coalition
- Northside neighborhoods Youth Mapping
- CHAMP community health assessment mapping partnership



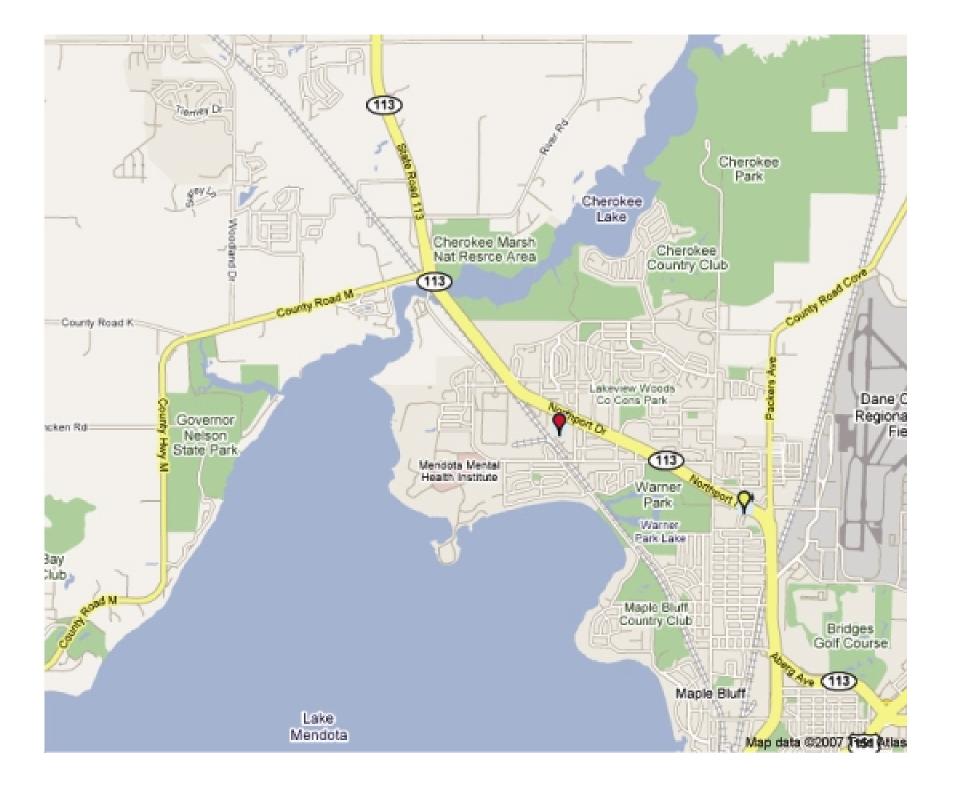
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#### Cypress Spray Park Walking Audit - Outcomes

Recommendation/Suggestion	Agency Responsible ?
Reduce speeding on Cypress Way  •Look at additional traffic calming measures along Cypress Way (in addition to traffic islands), especially at the crest of the hill (blind spots)	Traffic Engineering MPD
Improve crossing on Cypress Way  •Hughes (pedestrian entrance to Park)  •Crest of hill (blind spots)	Traffic Engineering
<ul> <li>Crossing Park Street</li> <li>Traffic signal at Hughes Place with pedestrian countdown timers and widening of median noses</li> <li>Straighten and widen median noses at Buick</li> <li>Improved crossing at Dane (North or South leg?) e.g. pedestrian activated flashing lights at Dane?</li> <li>Evaluate left turn arrow at Buick to improve ability for pedestrians to cross</li> </ul>	Traffic Engineering Engineering Engineering Traffic Engineering Traffic Engineering
<ul> <li>Crossing West Badger</li> <li>Repaint cross walk at Cypress (across Badger)</li> <li>Improve marked cross walks at bus stops <ul> <li>Catalpa (mark?)</li> <li>Fiedler (repaint)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sidewalk needed on Southside</li> <li>Repaint crosswalk on Catalpa &amp; Cypress (at Badger)</li> </ul>	Traffic Engineering Traffic Engineering Town? Traffic Engineering
Improve security at Metro South Transfer Point	Madison Metro
<ul> <li>Crossing Fish Hatchery Road</li> <li>Improve crossing at Carver         <ul> <li>Ped. activated flashing lights (overhead)</li> <li>Repaint marked cross walk</li> </ul> </li> <li>Median project between Culmen and Martin</li> <li>Review pedestrian accommodations at Badger</li> <li>Review pedestrian accommodations at Emil</li> </ul>	Traffic Engineering Traffic Engineering Traffic Engineering Traffic Engineering

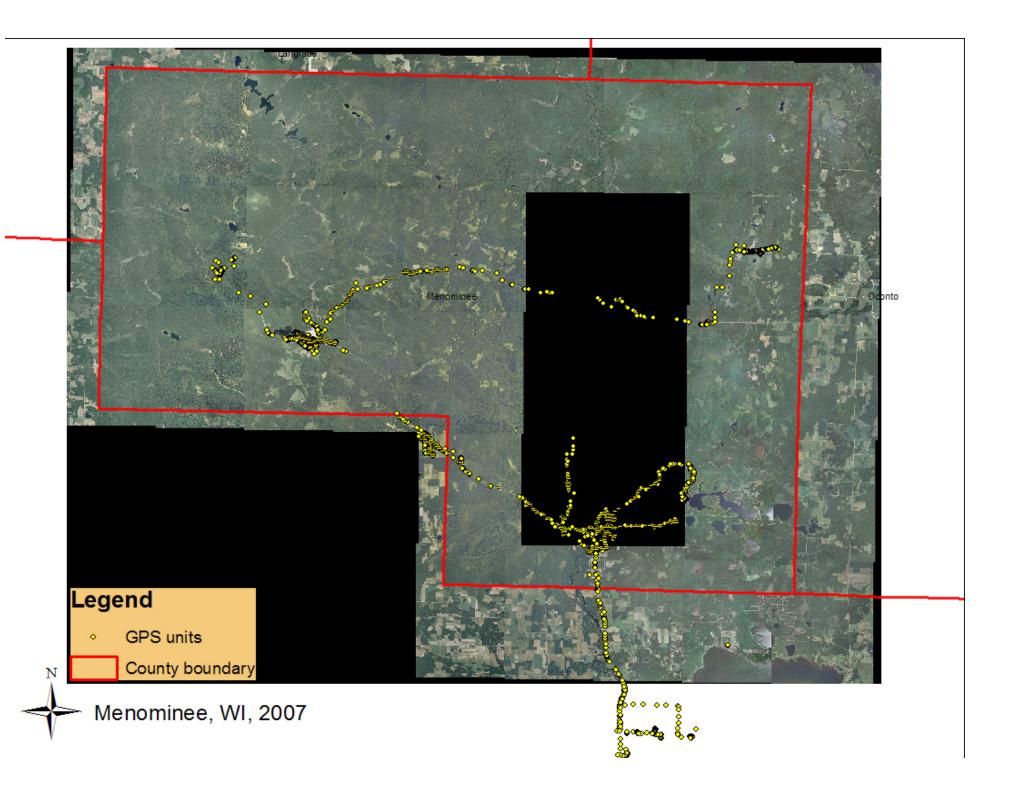
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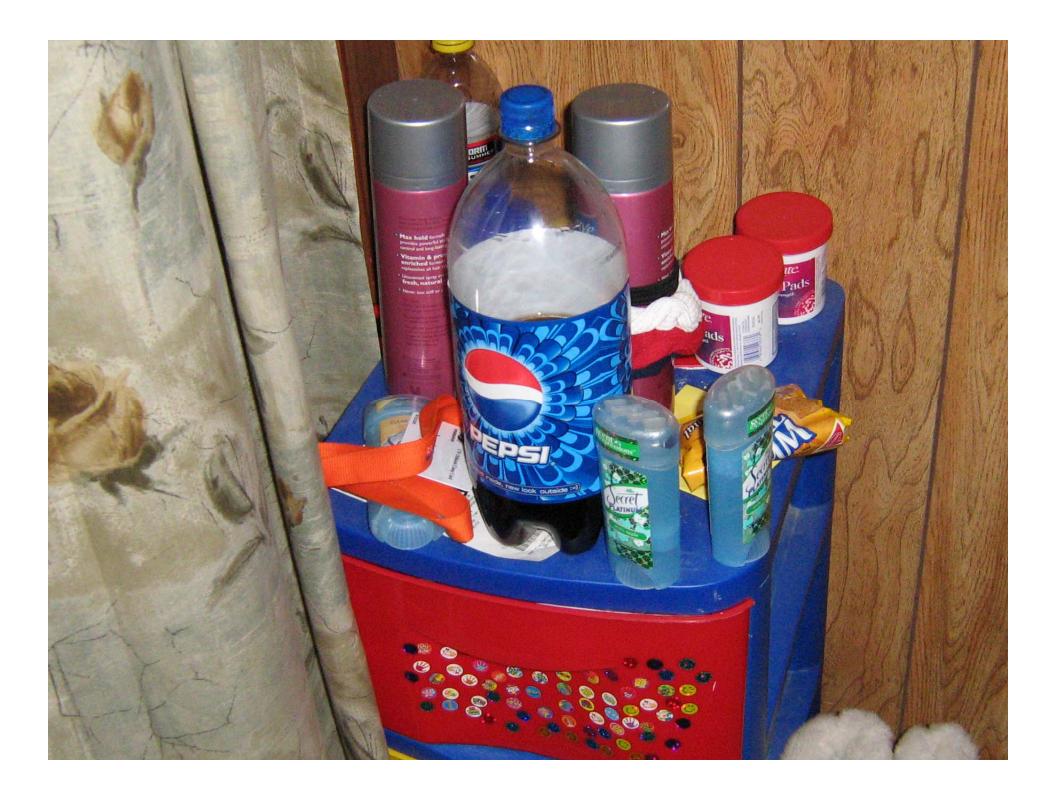
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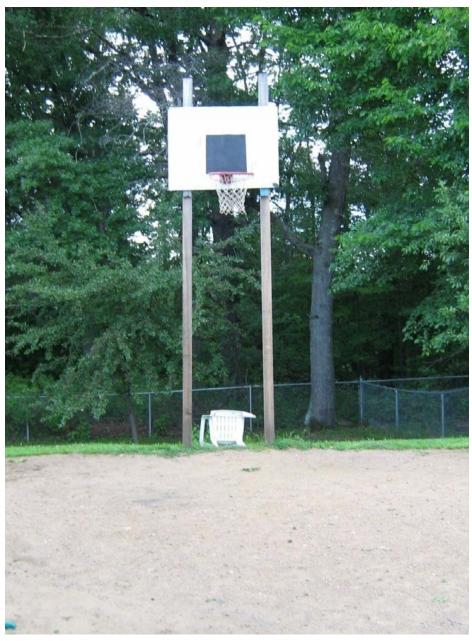






## Healthy or Unhealthy?





### New ways of thinking about old problems?

- Concepts and theories being generated by our transdisciplinary collaboration
- ☐ Food environment: access and intake
- Recreation Environment: proximity and participation
- Informing interventions and policies that respond to local cultural context

#### Thank You!

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