

## HIA Screening Worksheet

Screening Questions	Response and Supporting Facts
<p><i>The project, plan or policy <u>has been proposed</u>, a final decision about whether to adopt the proposal <u>has not been made</u>, and there is <u>sufficient time</u> to conduct an analysis before the decision is made.</i></p>	<p>The concept for a east side trail &amp; greenway that links Rockefeller Park, University Circle, Forest Hills Park, Nela Park to Euclid Creek Reservation and to the Lakefront at Wildwood Park, including Shaker Lakes has been proposed, a group of about 15 stake holders have agreed in concept to work on a feasibility study. The initial scoping for a feasibility study is beginning. The parameters of the project have not been defined, that will be part of the feasibility study. An HIA would add the perspective of potential health benefits to the early project development and help develop community support for the project. This is a long term multi year, multi jurisdictional project.</p>
<p><i>Does the decision have the potential to affect, positively or negatively, environmental or social determinants of health that impact health outcomes of a population? Would health inequities be impacted? In what ways? What are the most important health concerns that could be addressed by a HIA?</i></p> <p><i>Would those health impacts be considered without an HIA?</i></p>	<p>The east side (East Cleveland, Cleveland) has been identified as area with a high degree of health disparities. It is likely the plan will proceed as a physical improvement project without an intention component devoted to creating health impacts without an HIA.</p>
<p><i>Is the proposal too closely, or too distantly related to health? If applied, would HIA findings and recommendations potentially improve the impact that the project, plan, or policy has on health?</i></p>	<p>From my understanding it is neither too close or too distantly related. The project is a long term physical intervention that can potential engage residents both in the development and long term operation and utilization of the improvement</p>
<p><i>Who are the stakeholders and interest groups involved in the decision-making process? Do they seem to have the interest and the capacity to participate in an HIA? Would stakeholders use the HIA to inform or influence the decision-making process? How?</i></p>	<p>CSU, UCI, Shaker, East Cleveland, Cleveland, Euclid, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Metroparks, Library, NEORS, Cemetery. The stakeholders would be supportive.</p>
<p><i>What are some challenges (and by what stakeholders) to change that you might anticipate?</i></p>	<p>A HIA will enlighten the project stakeholders on the potential health outcomes and inform the design process to ensure that the outcomes are intentionally considered as part of the development process and design criteria. A challenge is the large scope and long duration of the project.</p>

<b>Other screening questions to consider:</b>	
<i>Is the decision-making process open to HIA and/or recommendations for changes to design, mitigations and alternatives?</i>	This can be built into the process
<i>Are there decision alternatives that are more or less advantageous to public health? Would one scenario affect vulnerable populations more than another?</i>	Definitely, things such as route location, public use amenities, security and maintenance, integration into local community programming and connectivity to local schools, playgrounds, libraries etc.
<i>Have public concerns about the health impacts of the decision been documented (even if these concerns have not explicitly been stated as health concerns)?</i>	No, other than the disparity issues that are talked about in general discussions about “Place Matters” in Cuyahoga County
<i>Are the proposal’s impacts to health significant in terms of the number of people impacted, the magnitude, breadth and immediacy of impacts?</i>	Yes, 100,000 – 200,000 people would have easy access to this greenway for recreation and active transportation
<i>Do data and research methods exist to analyze health impacts of concern associated with this decision?</i>	Yes
<i>Is it feasible to analyze the health impacts of the decision in the decision-making time frame? What are some barriers to timely completion that you might anticipate?</i>	Yes, there could be a HIZ along side each phase of the project from early feasibility to design and development.
<i>Could the HIA help lead to institutional and/or systemic change?</i>	Yes, stakeholders are engaged and would become aware of HIA
<i>What additional information do you need to decide on the overall value of an HIA in this context?</i>	