



# Environment & Policy Setting

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*Meeting #3  
Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012  
9:30-11:30am*

## Participants:

- Helen Arthur, DPH
- Heather Dunigan, WILMAPCO
- Herb Inden, Office of State Planning Coordination
- Dan Lacombe, DeDOT
- Fred Breukelman, DHSS
- Kevin Coyle, DNREC
- Kendall Sommers, DNREC (Parks and Recreation)
- Karen Horton, DE State Housing Authority
- Connie Holland, Office of State Planning Coordination (Committee Co-Chair)
- Andrea Trabelsi, Delaware Greenways (Committee Co-Chair)
- BJ DeCoursey, IPA

## Follow-up / Action Items:

- Two day HIA training (tentatively looking at Dec. 11/12 or 12/13)
  - Kendall: check on whether the Grassdale Center could accommodate ~ 30 people and technology and if it is available
  - Helen: check on availability of Eden Hill medical center (does Governor Bacon have any kind of facilities that could accommodate us?)
  - Connie: check on availability of room at Armory
  - Andrea: finalize date/time
- Nov. 8th Fort DuPont Meetings:
  - Andrea: confirm and communicate time of am meeting (advisory team members welcome to attend)
  - All Advisory Team Members: participate in Community Meeting at 7pm (De City Fire Hall)
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> League of Local Govt. Presentation:
  - Andrea, Connie, Herb will attend and collaborate on presentation
  - Andrea will follow-up after Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Healthy Community Award meeting
- Press Release for HIA
  - Andrea will draft press release for HIA (issued by DE Greenways, with mention of DE HEAL) and send out to group for review
  - Kevin/Andrea will further discuss mention of Fort DuPont in the release during next Thurs. stakeholder meeting with consultants
- HIA Tech Memo #1: Work Plan
  - Andrea: will draft and email by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - All Advisory Team Members: review and provide comments by Nov. 21
- General Environment & Policy Awareness Presentation Development

- NEED one or a few committee members for a sub-committee to pull together content and draft the presentation (draft needed by ~Dec. 3 so we have time to review and get approval of HEAL Leadership by January/Feb. presentation to Board of Architects)
- BJ: check with grad students to see if there is interest
- All Advisory Team Members: submit ideas to Andrea ([atrabelsi@delawaregreenways.org](mailto:atrabelsi@delawaregreenways.org)) for content of presentation (especially helpful would be submittal of interesting slides, graphics, diagrams or other existing material which we can adapt with minimal effort)
- Assessment and Data Analysis→need to further identify what data we have and what data we will need to do our assessments. This will be dependent on
  - Andrea will meet with individual advisory team members to inventory available data, needed data, and developing assessment plans:
    - OSPC (Miriam, others, via Connie)
    - DelDOT
    - U of D, IPA (BJ?)
    - WILMAPCO (Heather)
    - DNREC (Kevin, Kendall)

## Notes

### Discussed date for two day HIA training:

- looking to schedule two day HIA training session with ASTHO trainers during week of Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were clear for the 12<sup>th</sup>. ASTHO knows our schedule request and will get back to Andrea.
- training will likely include a general HIA training session, to which any interested party would be welcome to attend (probably cap the group at ~30 participants), and a focused session on the Fort DuPont HIA

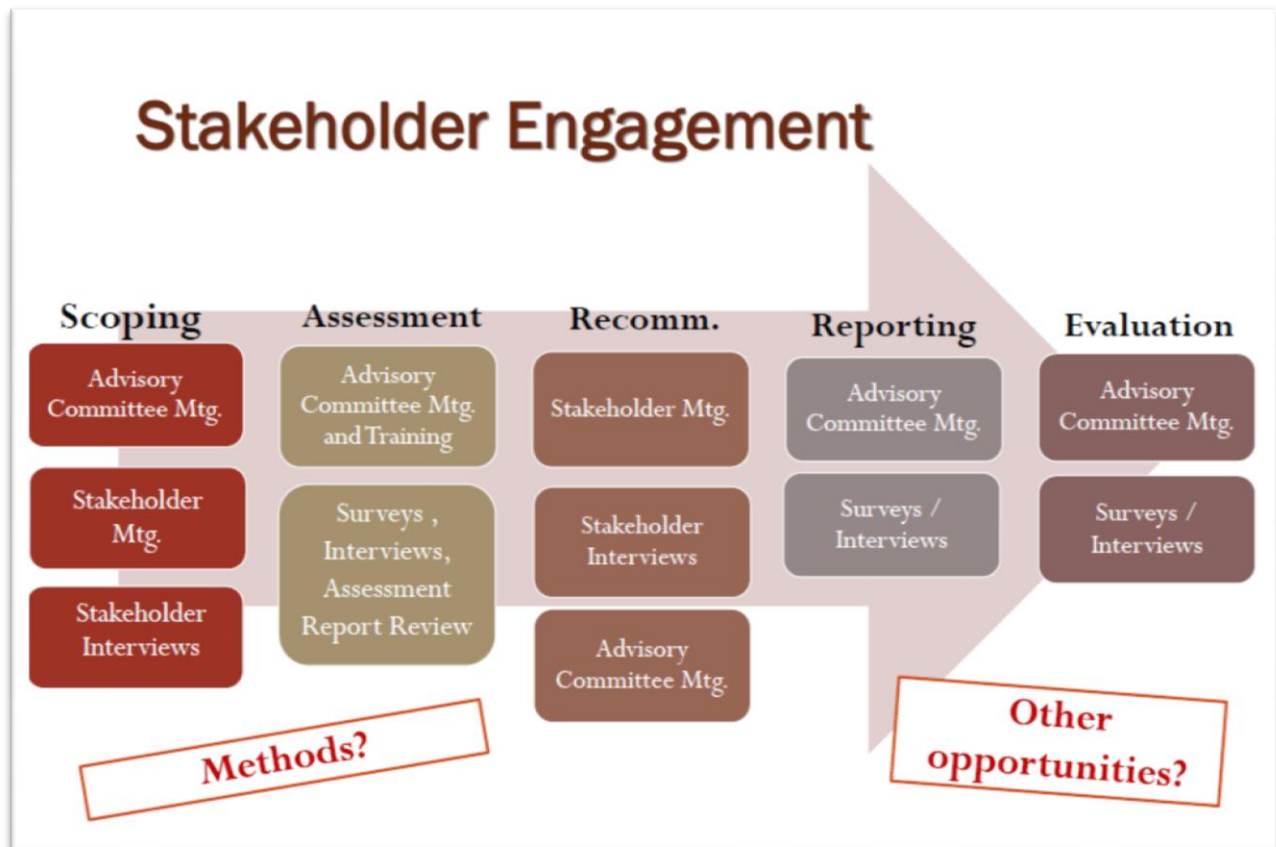
### Fort DuPont HIA Scoping Discussion (see powerpoint):

#### *Health Impacts to Analyze*

- consider pathways through which health may be affected, not just health outcomes
- cost/benefit analysis
- group confirmed that our key health impacts of emphasis should be:
  - complete communities (access to goods/services/employment/recreation; multimodal, safe transportation network)
  - environmental hazards and pollution exposure (e.g. sea level rise)
  - unequal impacts on particular populations
  - Add mental health
  - *ALSO* include cost-benefits analysis, which will be important from the perspective of many stakeholders, and the public
- before finalizing assessment questions and methods, get feedback on priority health related issues from stakeholders
- Be sure to also consider the differences in health impacts for a “no development”/ baseline scenario--if the site does not get used for residential versus using it for a mixed use community.
- the DNREC Master Plan will dictate the options that the HIA analyzes, in addition to a baseline scenario.

### Stakeholder Engagement

- reviewed list of stakeholders, which is similar to, but slightly different from the list DNREC has developed (HIA Advisory Team is considering stakeholders and their interests particularly related to the health outcomes we will examine and recommendations we develop; DNREC/consultants are considering stakeholders and their interests in the full impacts of the Fort DuPont redevelopment project (HIA Advisory Team is one of their stakeholder groups)
- conducted exercise to identify stakeholders characteristics in terms of power, influence, decision making, health impacts, interest, support, opponent. This was documented and will be presented for additional feedback in the work plan issued next week.
- *Connie suggested using the term "housing alternatives" instead of "subsidized housing"*
- Proposed stakeholder engagement plan (below) was reviewed; Connie suggested that we add an additional community meeting to just focus on the health issues (kind of like a charrette)
- Add league of Women Voters as advocates (advocacy stake)
- Add birders, DE Audubon society (Fred B.)
- Add DART (transit)



### Assessment resources/Questions/Methodology

- See powerpoint for list of general research questions → be sure to ask question: what else should the site be used for, if not housing?
- Assessment will be mix of literature review, qualitative, and quantitative assessment; groups seemed to think that GIS data will be central to analysis
- Question arose about whether there are standard methods for HIA. Because HIA is a relatively new tool and still being developed, there are general standards, which we are following (e.g. lit

review, qualitative and quantitative), but depending on the subject of the HIA and the local data availability, the processes are not necessarily clearly defined and step-by-step.

- Connie mentioned that OSPC is working on improving state's GIS data availability and standardization
- data availability? Andrea will follow-up with team members individually to ascertain what we have and what we need
- Andrea and Kevin will discuss resource sharing with consultants at next Thursday's meeting.
- Recommendations will come out of comparison of the ~3 master plan alternatives (matrices will be developed to make assessment standardized and easy to understand) → be sure to look at the implications of people potentially being encouraged to live in the Fort DuPont Community, where there are known pollution issues (though dredge spoils site has never been measured, so not aware of the specific levels/pollutants), versus locating them in parts of the state where there is less exposure to hazards/pollutants.

#### *Communications strategy*

- discussed this briefly, but need to further define; Nancy Goff (ASTHO) will be emailing a list of resources that will guide us
- Nancy Goff mentioned that media involvement is an important part of the strategy.
- first press release to be issued soon, to announce that we were awarded a grant to conduct the first comprehensive HIA; Delaware Greenways will issue the press release (to circumvent potentially time-consuming process if DE HEAL or DHSS were to issue) and will seek rest of groups members support for distribution; Andrea and Kevin will inquire about whether we are ok to specify the Fort DuPont project
- Andrea and Kevin will discuss communications strategies at meeting with consultants next Thurs.
- All HIA Advisory Team Members will be asked to assist with communications by distributing info via their communications channels (e.g. WILMAPCO newsletter, DE HEAL listserv, etc.)
- Suggestion: part of our communications effort should extend beyond focus on the HIA to acknowledge and promote Master Planning, with a message of:
  - through the HIA we can better understand how land use planning and related decisions have an impact on public health, and ultimately efficient use of resources
  - Master Planning is a way that we can be more proactive to understand the costs and benefits of our decisions and create a plan to lead to the outcomes we want, as opposed to haphazard, unplanned development (which has shown to be more costly and less effective in a slightly longer-term view)
  - Master planning is about efficiency—efficiency in public spending, in our daily lives based on how our communities are designed and support our quality of life, etc.
  - Overall we want to frame master planning within our Health Impact Assessment communications, citing health impacts, and other costs/benefits.

#### **Awareness-building effort: Presentation Development**

- Did not have chance to address this topic much in the meeting
- Andrea mentioned the two upcoming presentations:
  - League of Local Governments—Healthy Communities Award, HIA (Nov. 15th@ 7 p.m. at the Sheraton, Dover)
  - State of Delaware Board of Architects
- Connie and Herb will attend the LOLG presentation and will work with Andrea for the presentation

- Andrea will follow-up after discussing with Yvette Santiago at the Healthy Communities Award meeting next week
- Andrea mentioned that we have not made much progress on developing the presentation, but our goal is to have an approximately 10 minute presentation that will use the DE HEAL Template and will provide the basic environment and public health information that is central to the work our committee does, plus some slides on local examples of data, case studies, the healthy community awards, and other related info.
- Andrea suggested engaging a few from our E&P Committee to work on presentation development in the coming weeks—get a draft started. Perhaps U of D student would be interested in participating in this item. Tasks would include:
  - Review target audience, target message, target outcome/ask (general structure, as the presentation can be adapted for specific audiences)
  - Review existing materials and content ideas
- PLEASE SUBMIT your ideas for content and/or any content that could be use (e.g. slides, diagrams, photos, etc.) to Andrea.

**Other:**

- for future meetings, we will have a call in option for those who would like to participate, but cannot attend in person. Because we cannot accommodate everyone on the E&P Committee list, please notify Andrea if you would like to participate by phone to received the call in details.