

Healthy Canada by Design:

**Impact of School Site Selection, Design, and Usage Agreements on
Active Transportation and Active Recreation**

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Presentation Outline

- 1. Healthy Canada By Design**
Reconnecting planning & health
Winnipeg approach
- 2. School Siting and Active Transportation**
Winnipeg Context
- 3. Process Overview**
- 4. Next Steps**



Healthy Canada By Design

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Make the healthy choice the easy choice!

Integrate physical activity at home, at school, at work, at play, and on the way.



Healthy Canada By Design

CLASP Initiative

Phase 1: 2009-2012- development of tools, resources and processes to facilitate strategic collaborations between “health” and “planning.”

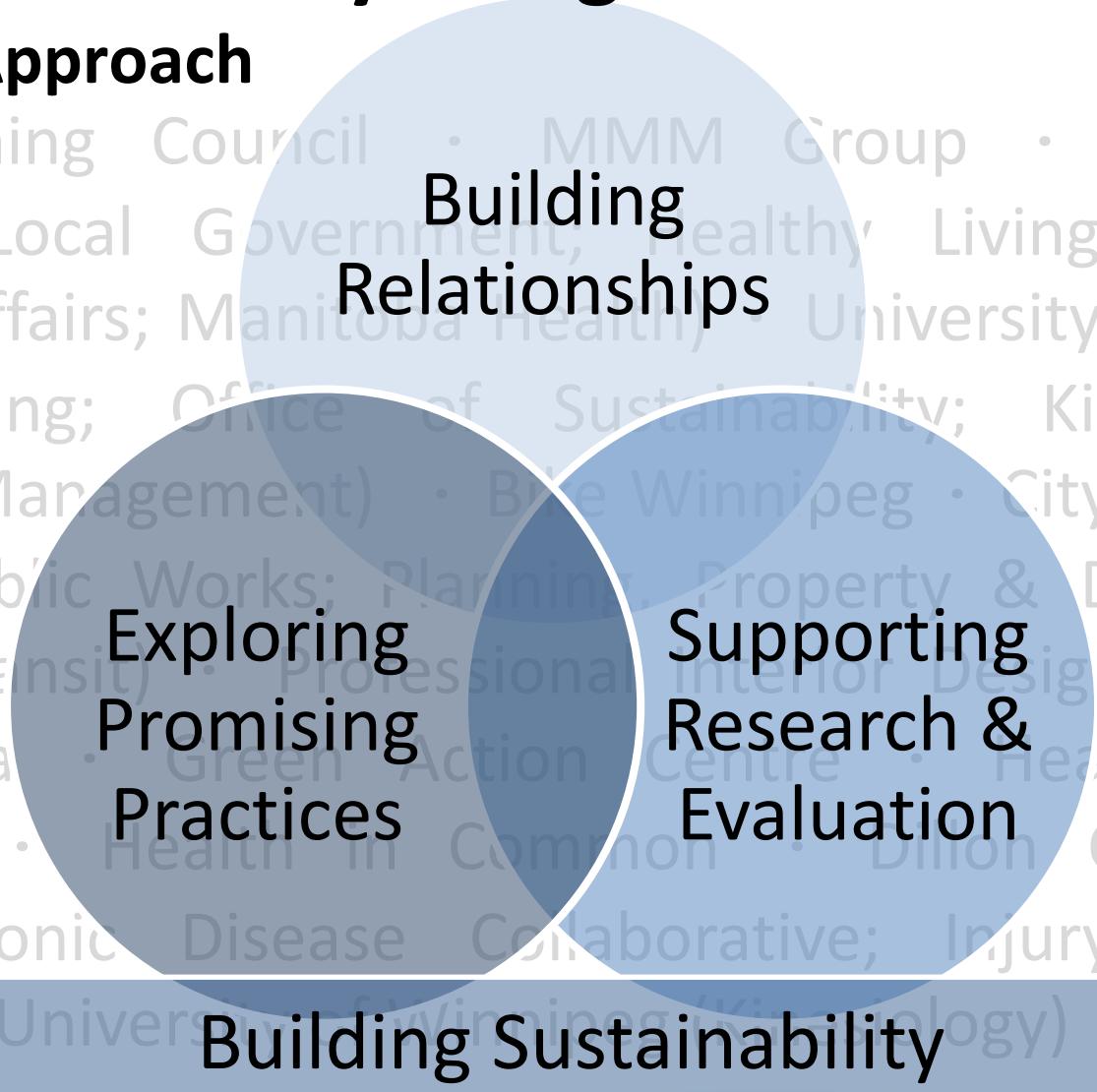
Phase 2: 2012-2014- broaden the impact of CLASP in new health regions, and deepen the impact of CLASP in previously funded regions



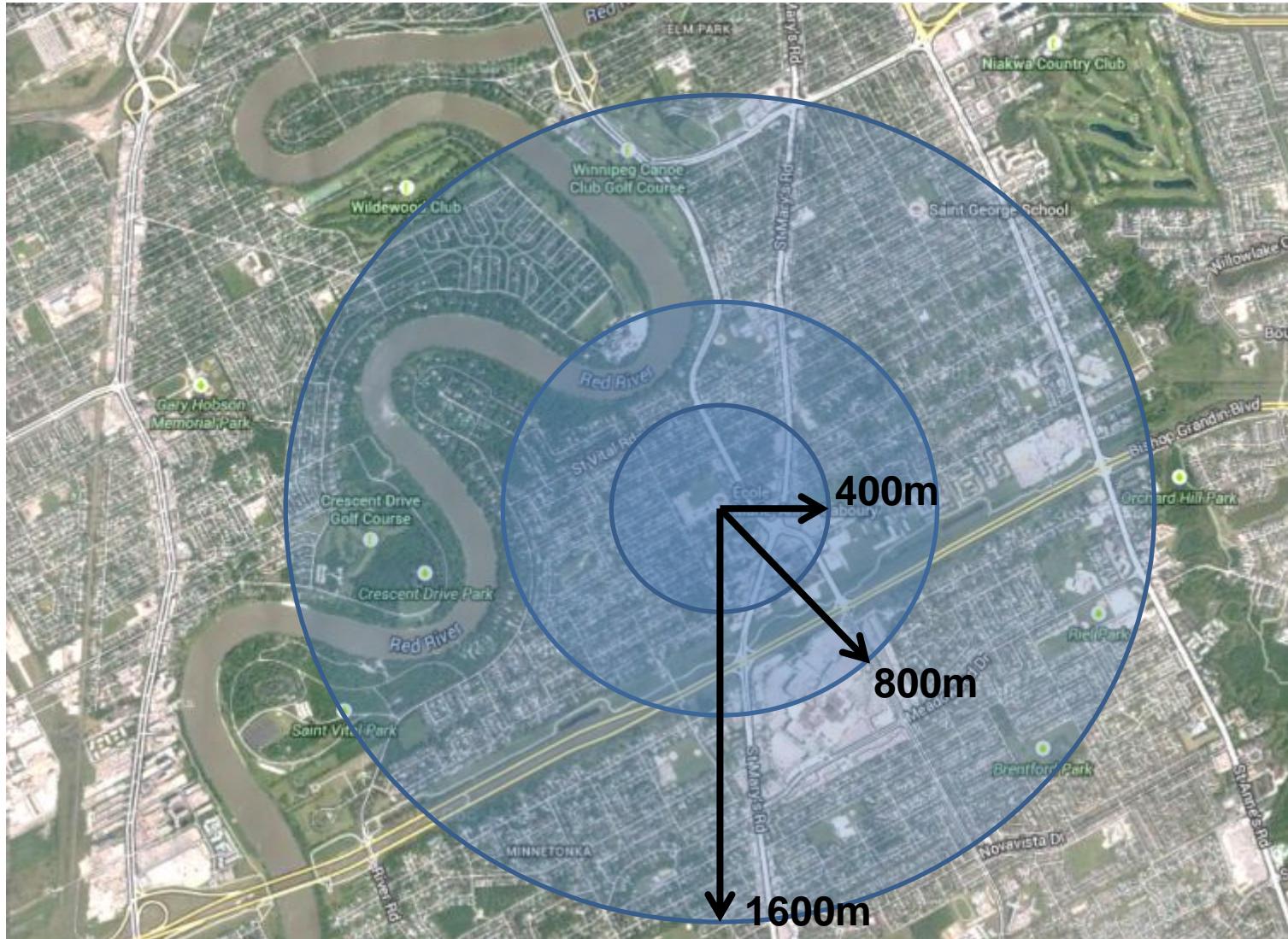
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Winnipeg Approach



School Siting and Active Transportation



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Process Overview







Building on Community Engagement



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Precedents

Ontario Heart
Health Network:
Collaborative
Policy Scan
project

Healthy Living
Niagara Review
of Council
Meeting
Minutes

Information being collected

- Key search terms
- Policy name
- Level of policy (school, school division, municipal, provincial...)
- Stage of policy development
- Responsible organization
- Supporting organizations/partners
- Relevant sections
- Potential role for Public Health
- Source



Policy Scan

School Level Policies

School Travel Plans

Student/Parent Information Handbook

School Division Level Policies

Policy on Transportation of Students

Fiscal Management Policies

School-Community Relation Policies

Municipal Government Level Policies

OurWinnipeg (municipal development plan)

Complete Communities Direction Strategy

Area Structure Plans & Secondary Plans

Winnipeg Community Sport Policy

Provincial Government Level Policies

City of Winnipeg Charter

Manitoba Planning Act

Manitoba Green Building Policy

Public Schools Finance Board Act



Policy Scan

**School Division
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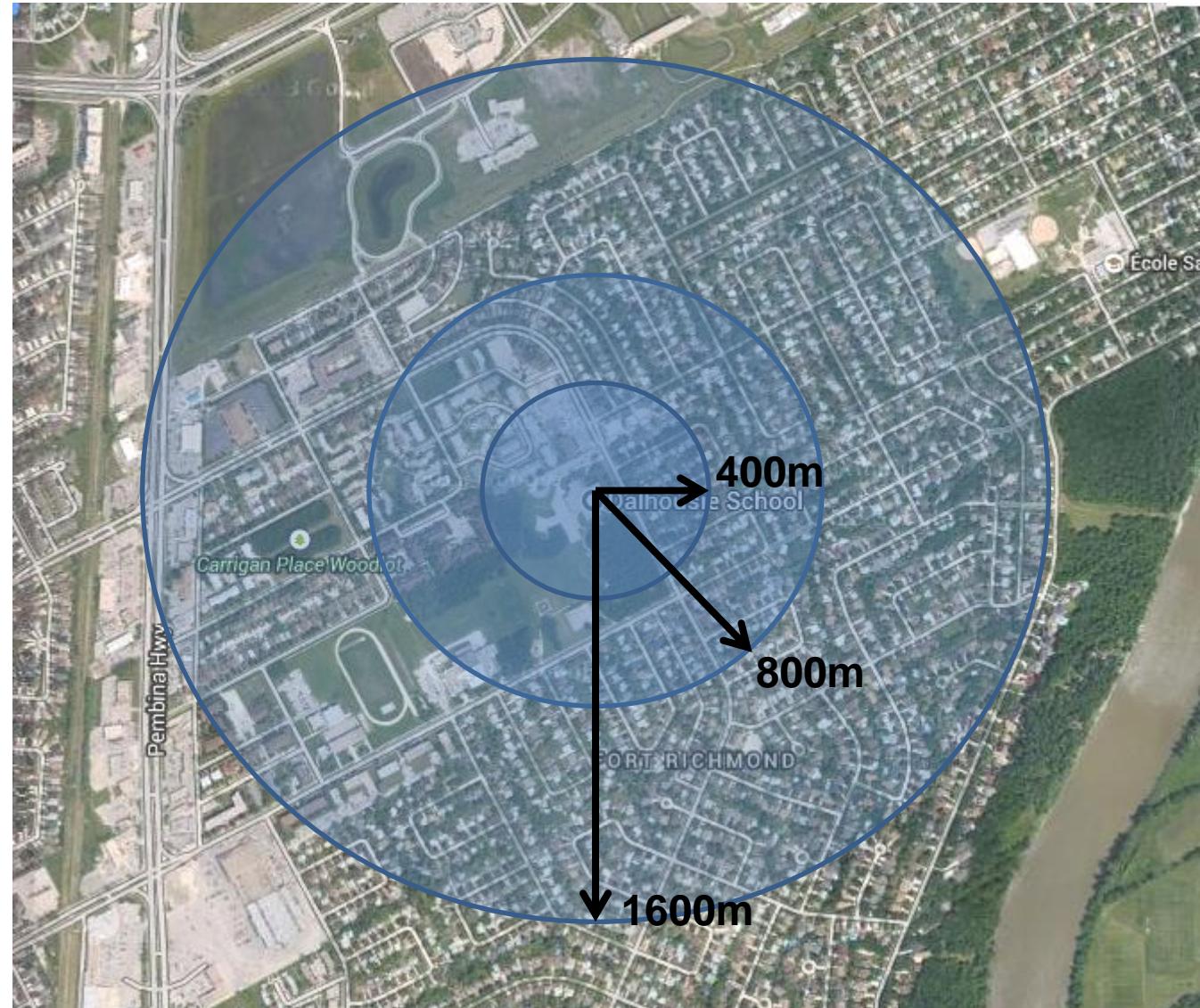
Excerpts from Policy

- ... School Division shall also transport students in Grades K to 6 whose most direct walking distances to their designated schools require them to cross major thoroughfares not currently supervised by school patrols/adult crossing guards.
- The School Division determines a student's eligibility for transportation with respect to provincial funding guidelines. The Province provides transportation support for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 attending their designated school with more than 1.6 kilometres to walk in order to reach the school.



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Municipal
Government
Level:
Waverley West
Area Structure
Plan

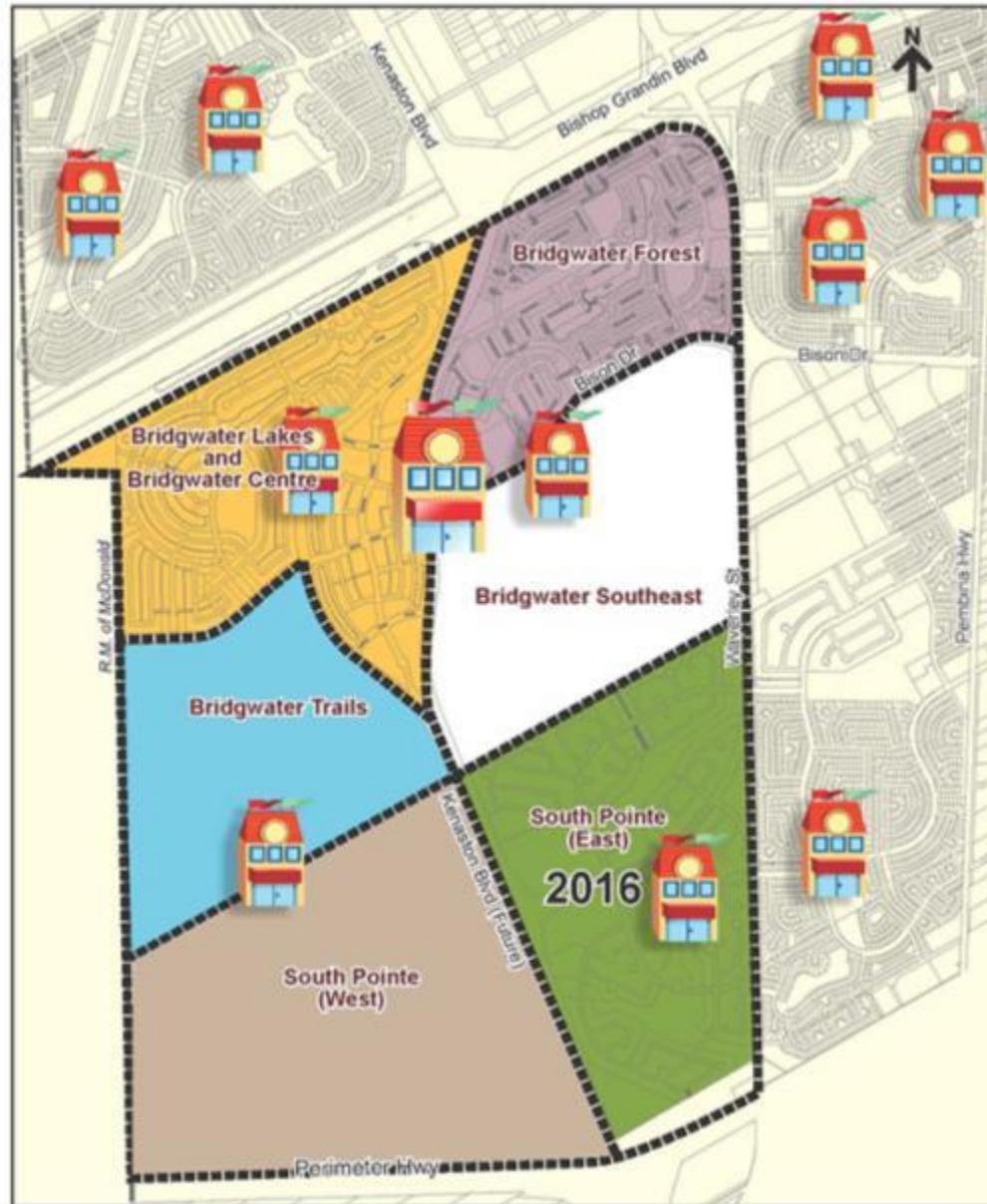
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- **School sites (K-6/8) shall be accommodated within each neighbourhood plan area, at a size and location to be defined through consultation with the School Division in the Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan and development application processes.**
- **Planning for school sites (K-6/8) should take into consideration a central location within a neighbourhood, walkability, a location directly adjacent to a collector level street, and site planning criteria focusing on student safety.**

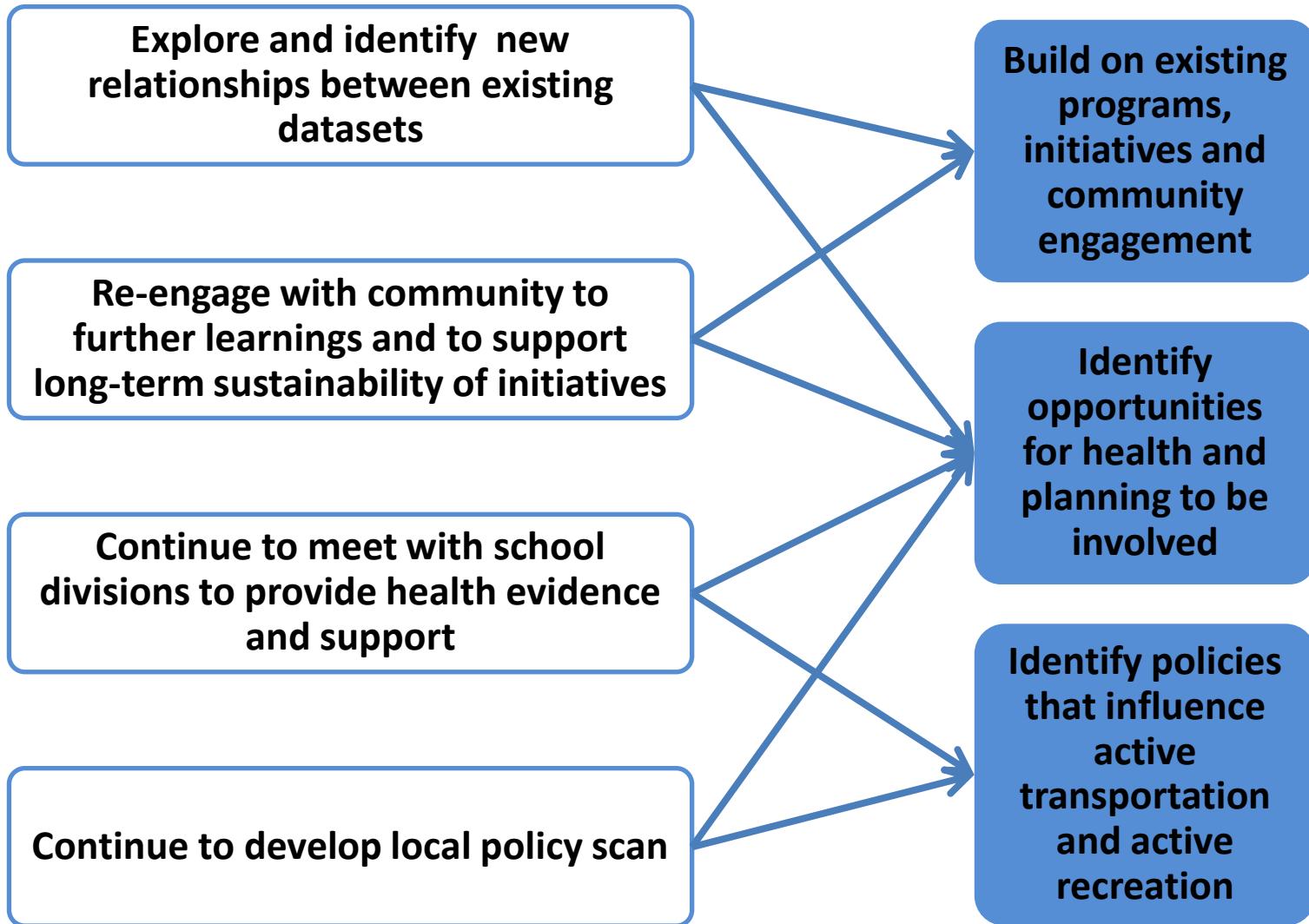


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