#### Local Governments and Public Health



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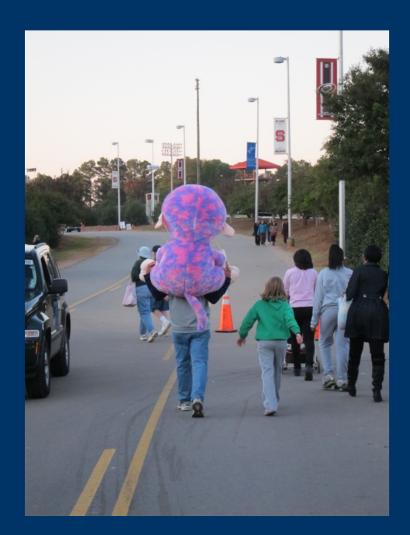




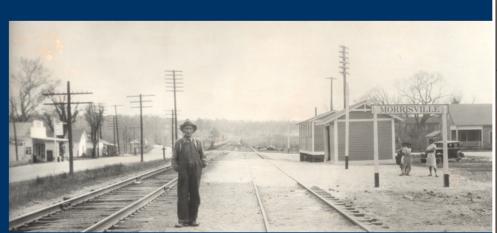
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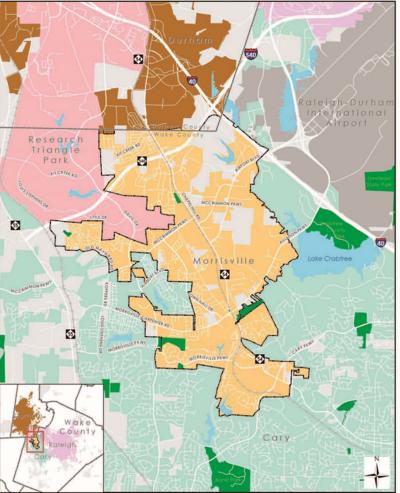




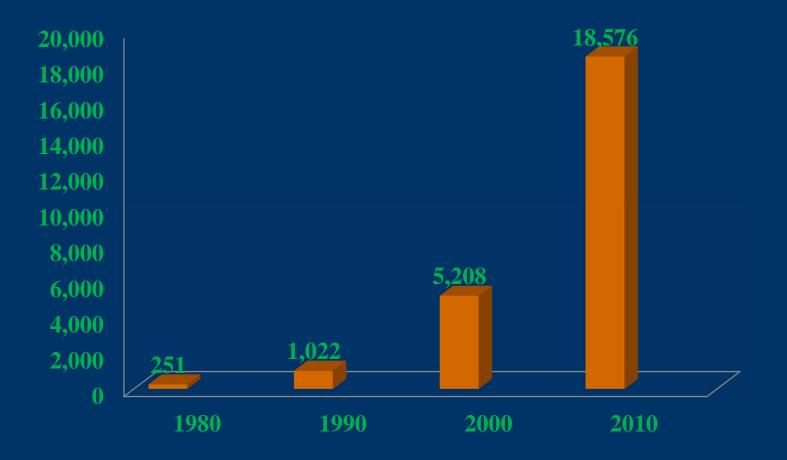


#### **Morrisville: From Refueling Stop, To Crossroads of Innovation**





#### Growth in Morrisville Population (1980 – 2010)

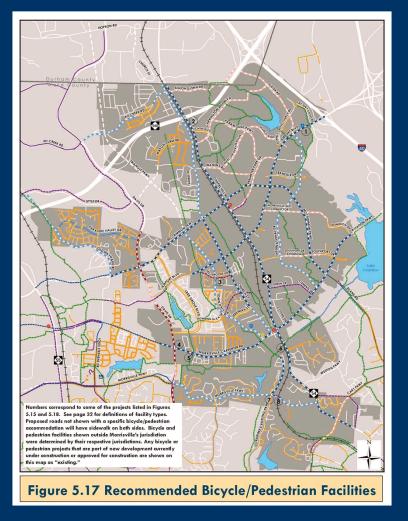


Municipal Role in Public Health

1) Plan and create Active Community Environments

- 2) Educate residents and employees
- 3) Provide physical activity programming

### **Active Community Environments Plan Local Ped-Bike System**



#### Figure 6.3 Church Street Streetscape Illustration

The image below highlights the transformation of Church Street to a more attractive and safe, pedestino-noterted, local road, similar to Town Hall Drive to the west. The images show the recommendation for this street to be or two-lane boulevard with a planted median and millituse paths on both sides Over time, residential development fills in, bringing more vitality to the corritor hole: The montage reflects the community's desire for landscop high. However, NCDOT currently typically requires a median of at least 16 in widthin torder to landscop with small trees





### Active Community Environments Build Sidewalks



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#### **Active Community Environments Build Bicycle Facilities**



#### **Indian** Creek Greenway

#### **Active Community Environments Create Walkable Communities**





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#### **Active Community Environments Create Walkable Town Center**



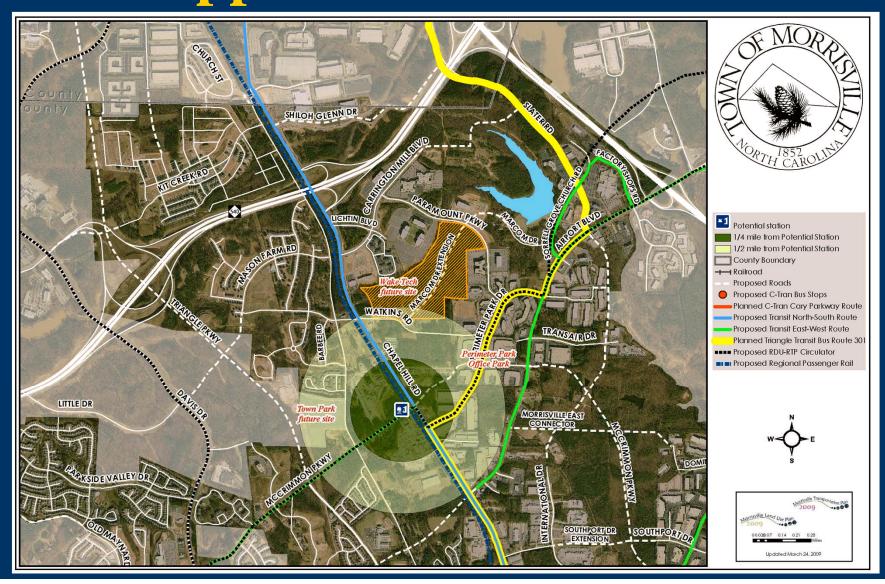
#### **Town Center Walking Loop**

#### **Active Community Environments Create Walkable Town Center**



#### **Morrisville Main Street Project**

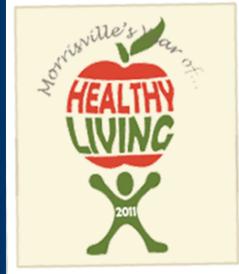
#### Active Community Environments Support Transit Service



#### **Education**

# **Town of Morrisville Year of Healthy Living**





### **Education Planning in the Classroom**



#### **Programming Annual Road Race**



Joint event with BeActive North Carolina

### **Programming** Semi-Annual Litter Sweep



# **Programming Community Garden**



#### **Question & Answer**

