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Eat Smart, Move More NC Leadership Team Meeting

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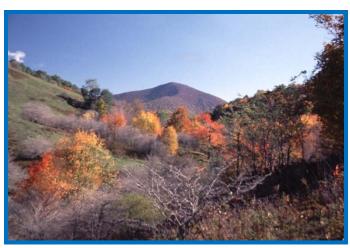
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History of My Role

- •Background: Hazardous waste
 - Risk assessment, impact on human health
 - Brownfields, community revitalization



•Land Conservation:

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•Climate Change: CAPAG & now DENR's Climate Plan Steering Committee – focus comm. design

First Formal Interaction with DHHS

Active Living Leadership Forum – August 2010

•Daniel Rodriguez's talk - reduced future health care costs





Sustainable Communities = Active Living

- 1. Industrial Site Remediation/revitalization
- 2. GHG Reduction/Climate Change
- 3. More sustainable/alignment with feds/\$
- 4. Reduce Health Care Costs



Current Involvement



SCTF

- Led for first 6 months until hired staff;
 now DENR resource
- •Work closely with DHHS— threading health issues into the joint work **HIA major** recommendation
- Triad Piedmont DENR a partner, providing green infrastructure mapping resource

•HEC

- •Recent member ~ Feb 2011
- Impressed with policy analysis and focus
- •Understand/aware of goals Greenways, LUP, HIA



Recent Intersections



2011 Environmental Summit theme = Sustainability

•Chaired workgroup on built environment, steered to sustainable communities – recommending HIAs

Interagency Climate Change Initiative



•Vulnerabilities Assessment – much of impacts will be on health and less political to talk about



Future Intersections

Interagency Sustainability Initiative

- DENR, DOT, DHHS, Commerce
- Others to be added (Ag, Cultural Resources),
 federal agencies, NGOs (new Sustainability
 Center), businesses, academia
- New, more than just sustainable communities

Opportunity for new projects/initiatives



STATE'S Role in Sustainability

- •DENR's goal is to protect natural resources; Commerce to grow economy/jobs; DHHS to protect health of the citizens, etc. Collaborate to improve health of environment, the people and the economy
- •Coordinate efforts to support job/economic expansion while:
 - Reducing use of natural resources and carbon footprint
 - Position NC as the premier destination for sustainable businesses/entrepreneurs
 - Assist businesses in achieving sustainability scores required by customers



Future Intersections

- NC Business Sustainability Network A selfhelp network of North Carolina commercial and industrial businesses in partnership with local government and academia to increase sustainability thinking and action in business practices
 - Work Well NC worksite wellness
 - HEC
 - SCTF



Future Intersections

I'm a good advocate and I look for opportunities

– send them my way!

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