

Whatcom County Health Department

Whatcom County, WA



CTG Year 2 Highlights

Improving healthy community amenities through strong community engagement

Facilitating change in high priority communities:

Partnering to increase access to recreational opportunities:

Assisting **Birch Bay** community members to assess recreational facilities needs, conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts and define future pedestrian facility project goals as they relate to public health goals, including increasing physical activity and opportunities for social cohesion.

Working to improve the built environment to support walking and improve traffic safety: Assisting **East Whatcom County** community groups advocating for traffic safety improvements to promote safe walking, plan for walking/biking trail, and conduct walk audits.

Understanding food access issues in East Whatcom County:

Collecting data on food access to help inform community problem solving and identify possible place-based improvements.

Increasing healthy food access: Participating in community planning for a mobile food bank located in rural East Whatcom County to provide fresh fruits and vegetables.

Planning for healthier communities in concert with community agencies

- Participating in the Bellingham Bicycle Master Plan Steering Committee process to ensure health and health equity considerations in city planning.
- Collaborating with partners in community development and planning, housing and public health advisory boards to understand and engage in the community planning processes with the intention of better integrating public health goals into community design.



Environmental Change

Washington State DOT was awarded a federal grant to build a roundabout in the **Kendall community** that will include pedestrian infrastructure in the vicinity of the elementary school and library and connect to a proposed walking/biking trail.

<< Policy Work >>

Supporting a proposal to create a **smoke or tobacco-free parks and play areas policy** in the City of Bellingham.