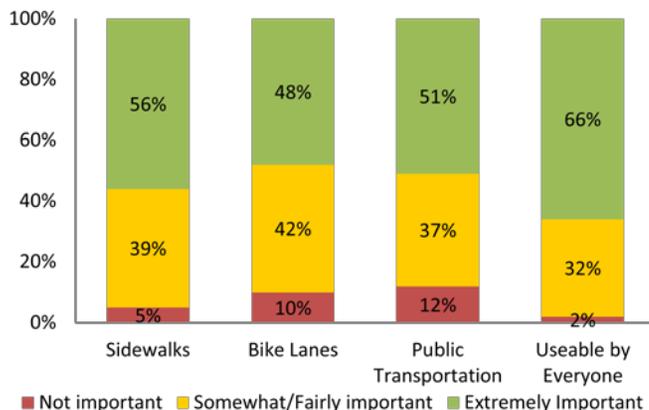


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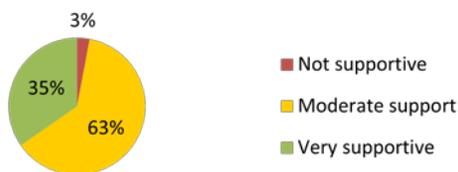
Complete Streets Ordinance

Complete Streets ordinances are a way for communities to make sure that the street network is useful for all drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. These ordinances make sure that roads and streets are safe and useful for people of all ages and abilities (school children through senior citizens).

Participants indicated that it is important to have sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transportation and that these options should be useable by everyone.¹



Despite the perceived importance of sidewalks and bike lanes, 31% think that most or all roads are NOT bike or pedestrian friendly² but 50% said that bike lanes are EXTREMELY important for getting to school²



More than 30% indicated that Savannah is very supportive of sidewalks and trails that allow for physical activity.¹



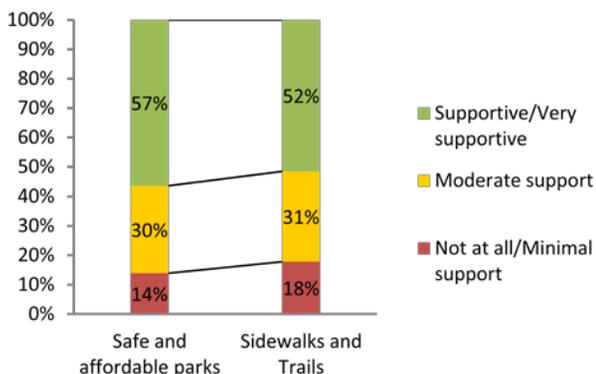
The majority think that a complete streets ordinance is important or extremely important for Savannah.¹

Truman Linear Park Trail

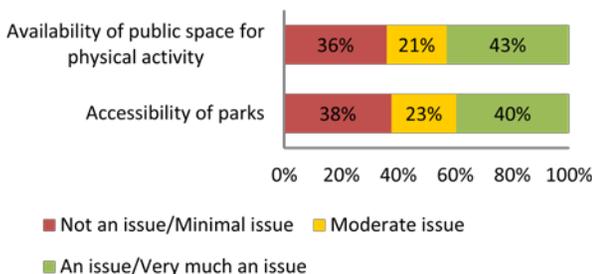
The Truman Linear Park Trail is a transportation project supported by Federal Highway funds to build an approximately 6 miles trail that will connect Daffin Park with Lake Mayer Community Park at Montgomery Cross Road, running parallel to Truman Parkway. The trail will be suitable for biking, walking, and running.

While 67% did not know about the Truman Linear Park Trail, 48% indicated they would use the Truman Linear Park Trail.¹

Community members feel that the city is generally supportive of parks and sidewalks/trails.¹

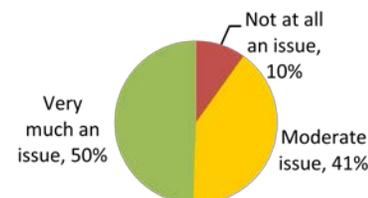


Over half of the community members indicated that accessibility of parks and availability of public space for physical activity is an issue in Savannah.¹



Healthy Children/Childhood Obesity

Almost all community members feel that childhood obesity is an issue in the Savannah community.¹

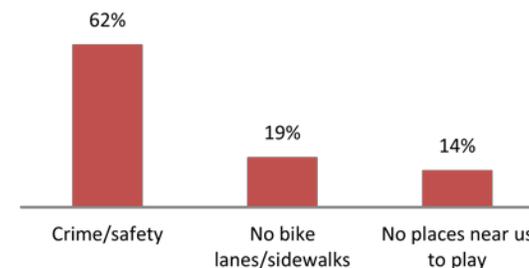


How can Healthy Savannah help address healthy children in Savannah?¹

Provide families w/cooking classes involving fresh produce, meats and dairy. Teach them how to choose wisely when eating and how to eat balanced meals. Teach them to drink water constantly!

Most of the families that Healthy Savannah talked to want to become more active, however crime and safety concerns as well as a lack of sidewalks and bike lanes are barriers to this activity.²

Barriers to Activity



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The attendees at the community meetings at the 10 Title I Schools were asked to discuss and rank the challenges that they faced in being more active in their community. One of the top 3 challenges that was mentioned at each school were crime/safety related issues. In addition, traffic/calming responses included comments about enforcement of speeding and traffic violations. There were 748 responses from 301 cards completed by those who participated in the meetings and provided rankings of the challenges. The average rank shows the perceived level of importance. The higher the rank the more important the theme was to participants.

THEMES	#	%	Avg. Rank
Crime safety	100	13.2%	2.3
Pedestrian infrastructure	165	21.8%	2.1
Traffic/Calming	157	20.7%	2.0
Community engagement/school	97	12.8%	2.2
Lighting/safety	70	9.2%	2.2
Bike infrastructure	58	7.7%	2.0
Physical activity access	35	4.6%	2.0
Other	66	8.7%	2.3

There were police representatives at each of the 10 Title I schools. Below is a breakdown of how many police representatives were present at each school.

School	# representatives
Shuman	4
Butler	3
Hodge	3
Brock	2
Hubert Middle	2
East Broad	1
Pulaski	1
White Bluff	1
Windsor Forest	1
Gadsen	1

At each of the community meetings, attendees were asked to indicate what the biggest barriers were to becoming more active. At each of the schools, crime/safety concerns was ranked as the **biggest** barrier.

Respondents who indicated “crime/safety concerns” as the biggest barrier to being more active.

School	% respondents
Gadsen	73%
Hubert Middle	71%
East Broad	68%
Hodge	65%
Butler	63%
Brock	60%
White Bluff	59%
Shuman	55%
Windsor Forest	50%
Pulaski	29%



The information presented in this summary was developed, collected, and are reported as part of the evaluation for the Healthcare Georgia Foundation Grant that Healthy Savannah received in 2014. Data is drawn from over 279 community surveys¹ and 403 audience response² from community meetings from March 2015. For more information about the grant, the evaluation, or Healthy Savannah please contact Paula Kreissler at paula@healthysavannah.org.