

SOLUTION

The Baltimore Greenway Trails Coalition will address issues in the built environment and create a more robust trail network to increase and sustain connectivity and opportunities for physical activity. The coalition will work with new and established partners to identify opportunities and barriers through community outreach and engagement, create and implement demonstration projects to showcase active living opportunities, and ensure that active living is incorporated into neighborhood plans. This project will help to inform and establish best practices and will be shared with other regional trail networks.

RESULTS

In the fall of 2017, the Baltimore Greenways Trail Coalition conducted extensive community engagement at the Druid Hill Farmers Market along the Jones Falls Trail, working with neighborhood partners in the Greater Mondawmin Community. At the market we talked with residents about trails and safe streets as part of a healthy city. We captured data from area residents while they explored the Plan4Health project map and shared their thoughts on walking, biking and what makes a healthy community. As part of this outreach we were able to hire a local artist to install a pop-up mural crosswalk across a busy intersection which serves to better connect residents to the park, the trail and the farmers market. This temporary intervention speaks to the need for permanent improvements in pedestrian and bike infrastructure which the coalition is working on.

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