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### **Barriers**

#### Health

- Physical Inactivity
  - Don't meet MVPA standards (CDC ,2011)
  - Increased screen time (Braithwaite, Steward, et al., 2013)
  - Less recess (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2013)
- Obesity
  - Prevalence-Nearly 1/3 overweight (Cunningham, Kramer, & Narayan, 2014)
  - Poor Diets (Carlson, Crespo, Sallis, et al., 2012)

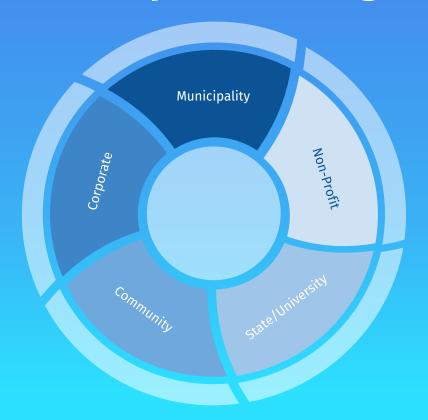
#### Programming

- Poor training (Balyi, Way, & Higgs, 2013)
  - Adult programs superimposed on kids
  - Preparation geared toward winning
  - Lack of fundamental movement skills; few teaching proper sport skills, if at all
- Poor Communication/Lack of Integration (Balyi, Way, & Higgs, 2013)
  - Education, Recreation, Sport and Health agencies do not communicate
  - Emphasis is on compartmentalization--Territorial

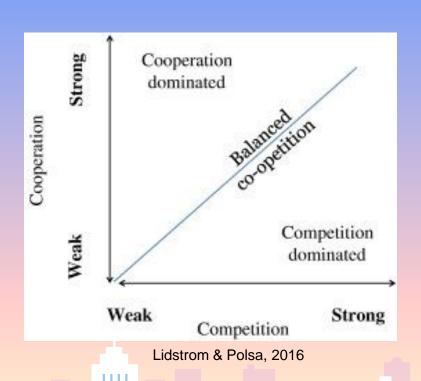
# Tennessee Department of Health

- Healthy Active Built Environment Grant
  - Purpose is "to fund communities to plan, develop, implement and assess sustainable projects and programs to increase access to safe and publicly-accessible opportunities for physical activity for a diverse group of users, including those who live, visit, work, play, worship and learn in the community."

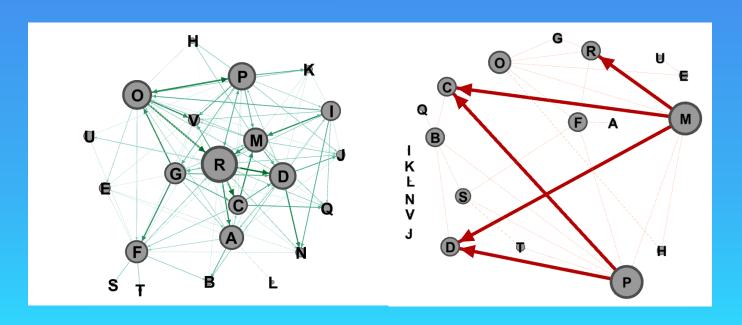
### **Let the People Come Together**



# Coopetition



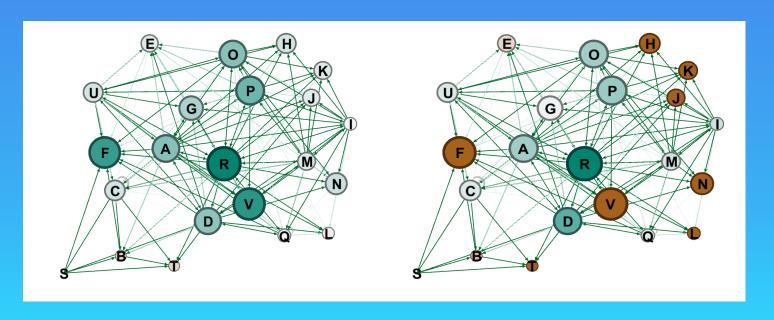
### Levels of Cooperation vs. Competition



"We don't compete. We all provide important aspects to youth mountain biking that benefit and grow youth mountain biking in the area"

Smith, Rundio, & Dotterweich (2019)

### **Levels of Trust**



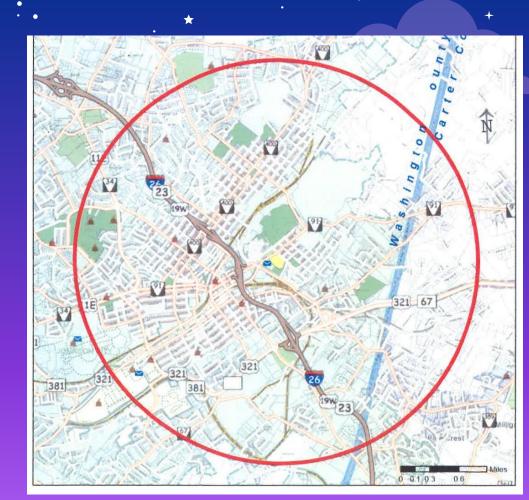
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# Memorial Park Community Center 2-mile Radius

• Appx. 6,500 youth Age 0-19





## Mountain Biking









### **BIKING RESOURCES**









### **Scope of Project**

- Pumptrack
- Programming
- Existing infrastructure
  - Tweetsie Trail
  - Tannery Knobs





### **Programming**

- Introductory M.B. Skills
  - Sort of....
- Teach and model pro-social and positive values
- Address both recreational and competitive pathways







OUR KEYS TO SUCCESS

- System Alignment
- Careful Assessment of Needs and Resources
- Realistic Goals
- Good Budgeting
- Sound Programming
- Coopetition







Municipality

## **Challenges: A Rising Tide Raises all Ships**



### Our process now...

Continue
Coopetition
Efforts Through
Programming



Expansion of Resources

Expansion of Community through programming



### What you can do...

- Find Money and/or resources
- Find allies, competitors and other stakeholders and be coopetitive
- Create or find good programming
- Make data informed decisions











# Tack så mycket Thank you very much!

**Any questions?** 

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