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Priority Area 9:

Neighborhood and Community Development

Intended Result

All people in South Carolina live in neighborhoods and communities with safe, accessible, and sustainable environments.

Why is This Important?

Neighborhood and community development plays a powerful role in shaping the social and physical environments where people live, work, and connect. These environments directly affect the health, safety, and overall quality of life for South Carolinians. Thoughtfully designed and maintained communities provide affordable housing, reliable transportation, clean surroundings, and safe spaces for activity and social connection. Addressing these factors encourages healthier lifestyles, strengthens economic stability, and improves access to healthcare and other essential services.

Headline Indicators

Walkability

Percentage of South Carolinians with access to opportunities for physical activity.

Violent Crime

Rate of violent crime per 10,000 inhabitants.

Housing Cost Burden

Percentage of South Carolinians with housing cost burden.

Transportation

Percentage of households in South Carolina with no motor vehicle.

Strategies & Opportunities for Collaborative Action

- Improve and sustain a pedestrian-centered infrastructure.
- Implement and enhance coordination between evidence-informed violence reduction initiatives.
- Support the creation of affordable and sustainable housing in South Carolina.
- Increase access to safe and accessible multimodal transportation.



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