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## **City and regional planning: a primer for public health officials.**

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Recognizing that planners' decisions affect the public's health, some public health officials are becoming more involved in city and regional planning. This article describes city and regional planning fundamentals to help public health practitioners better understand plan making and plan implementation, including the development project review process; provides examples of how three local public health agencies are currently involved in planning; and discusses general strategies for such participation. With this information, public health officials could increase their influence on local planning with consequent public health benefits.

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