



What is The Loop?

- 131-mile path around metro area
- 6 river parks





Completed Path
Under Design or Construction
Planning
0 1.0 2.0 4.0
Scale in Miles



Alternative Transportation



- $\frac{1}{2}$ household trips \rightarrow 2 miles or less
- $\frac{1}{4}$ of all trips are within a 20-minute walk
- 1 mile of urban highway averages \$50 million
- 1 mile of multi-use paths \$500,000



Health Benefits



- 1960-2009 bicycling & walking fell 66 % while Obesity increased **156%**
- Improved health = **Improved productivity**
- Reduced health care costs = **More disposable income**

Greenways = Low Cost Health Care

- Surgeon General is asking American communities to install trail systems
- President's Council on Physical Fitness – “build more trails”



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