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ITEM: 7 *Jim Kappelhoff*

SHIP GRANT FOR 2012-13

The City of Blaine partnered with the Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services (CHES) Department's 2009-2011 Statewide Health Improvement Program to implement strategies that enhance walk-ability, bike-ability and active transportation as well as improve access to recreational facilities. The first phase accomplishments resulting from the SHIP grant include:

- Installed 69 trail distance "way-finding" signs throughout twenty five parks.
- Created and distributed 17,000 Park & Trail Maps for major trails, trail distances and loops.
- Developed virtual tours for ten parks. The virtual tours are posted on www.blaineparks.com as well as GoAnokaCounty.org.
- Conducted six community events promoting physical activity including: geo-caching, walking, running and biking events.
- The City of Blaine City Council voted unanimously to adopt a tobacco-free parks policy. The policy took effect on January 1, 2011 and includes all playgrounds, shelters, buildings, and athletic fields. On February 16, 2012 the City Council approved to have the City of Blaine again enter into a subcontract agreement to partner with Anoka County that would provide a maximum of \$18,000 SHIP Grant Funding in 2012-2013. The City will continue to work with CHES to implement policy, system and environmental changes that create active communities and ultimately improve community health with emphasis on high-risk neighborhoods. The goal is to create and maintain safe and convenient places to be physically active for people regardless of age by designing and/or redesigning systems that decrease the barriers preventing citizens from engaging in routine physical activity.

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