



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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## Legislation Text

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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](http://www.blaineparks.com) as well as [GoAnokaCounty.org](http://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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