



Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Outcomes Tracker to Date

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Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Walkability Action Institute (WAI) Specifics:

- **Official Course Title:** Active People Healthy NationSM Louisiana WAI
- **Course Implemented:** April 15-28, 2023, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- **Target Audience:** Interdisciplinary local teams within the state of Louisiana
- **Course Attendees:** **Five** Total Teams
 - Included five local interdisciplinary teams with state public health partners.
- **Total Course Participants:** **20**, inclusive of the following:
 - 15 interdisciplinary team participants
 - Five state public health partners

Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Local Teams:

- 1) **Abbeville, Louisiana**
- 2) **Bunkie, Louisiana**
- 3) **Hammond, Louisiana**
- 4) **Sunset, Louisiana**
- 5) **Zachary, Louisiana**



Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Individual Outcomes to Date:

Abbeville, Louisiana:

- The original WAI team is still meeting monthly.
- New System Changes:
 - Two state roads were accepted by the City of Abbeville as local streets, which will be overseen and maintained locally moving forward (**n=2**).
- New Environmental Changes:
 - With collaboration and support from the Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX), the LSU AgCenter, and Well Ahead Louisiana, a Complete Streets demonstration project was implemented in downtown Abbeville near the Courthouse that

redirected traffic, included curb extension bulb-outs, new crosswalks, and rear-angle parking (**n=1**). Additionally, the demonstration project included a community survey data collection element.

- New Non-PSE Outcomes:

- Two community town hall input meetings were convened: one pre-demonstration project to vote on some aspects of the project for implementation, and one post-demonstration project to review process and experiences (**n=2**).
- A substantial social media campaign was implemented to create heightened awareness about the demonstration project (**n=1**).
- The Mayor of Abbeville published a [Question/Answer excerpt](#) in the local newspaper to address community questions about the Complete Streets demonstration project (**n=1**).

“I find myself advocating for multimodal transit nearly every day. I believe improving our community connectivity will make our community stronger and healthier. Thank you for equipping me with the vocabulary to articulate ideas more clearly and adding depth to the concept.”

*(Mayor Roslyn White,
Abbeville, LA)*

- The City of Abbeville collaborated with the CPEX to develop a set of renderings so that residents could view images of what future reconstruction of downtown could look like (North State Street build-out, Concord Street, and Pedestrian Plaza State Street) (**n=1**).

- The City of Abbeville participated in the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development’s Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment (**n=1**).

- Additional Outcomes in Progress:

- As part of receipt of a planning grant, the City of Abbeville is developing a new Connectivity and Mobility Plan (**n=1**).
- The following built environment infrastructure projects are currently being constructed:
 - A new Pedestrian Plaza with new sidewalks and bulb-outs (**n=1**)
 - New pedestrian islands at each of the four corners around town square (**n=4**)

- Removing stoplights at a downtown intersection and converting to a four-way stop (**n=1**)
 - Enhanced crosswalks and front-end angle parking in downtown (**n=2**)
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = Not Provided
- Total of **two** new system changes, **one** new environmental improvement, **six** new non-PSE changes, and **nine** additional outcomes in progress (**18 total outcomes**).
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = **\$10,000** from the following sources:
 - Received \$10,000 from Well Ahead Louisiana for planning and design of mobility and safety improvements in downtown.

Bunkie, Louisiana:

- The original WAI team is still meeting on a quarterly basis.
- New Environmental Changes:
 - A pocket park was implemented in Bunkie by WAI partners (**n=1**).
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = Not Provided
- Total of **one** new environmental improvement (**one total outcome**).
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = Not Provided

Hammond, Louisiana:

- **The Team Lead did not participate in the progress reports made available to this cohort to date.**
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = None Provided
- Total Outcomes Reported = None Provided
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = None Provided

Sunset, Louisiana

- **The Team Lead did not participate in the progress reports made available to this cohort to date.**
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = None Provided
- Total Outcomes Reported = None Provided
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = None Provided

Zachary, Louisiana

- The Team Lead did not participate in the progress reports made available to this cohort to date.
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = None Provided
- Total Outcomes Reported = None Provided
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = None Provided

Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Collective Outcomes to Date:

- The breakdown of the outcomes is detailed in Chart 1 below in the following outcome categories:
 - New Policy Changes;
 - New System Changes;
 - New Environmental Changes;
 - New Non-PSE Outcomes;
 - New Resources;
 - New Tools; and
 - Additional Outcomes in Progress (not yet accomplished)

Chart 1: Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Total Number of Outcomes per Team

Year 9/ Cohort 12 Teams:	New Policy Changes:	New System Changes:	New Environ- mental Changes:	New Non-PSE Changes:	New Tools:	New Resources:	Additional Outcomes in Progress:	Totals:
Abbeville, Louisiana	0	2	1	6	0	0	9	18
Bunkie, Louisiana	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hammond, Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunset, Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Zachary, Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	2	2	6	0	0	9	19

- Collectively, the Year 9/Cohort 12 has achieved **10 total outcomes** (not including **nine documented additional outcome that is currently in progress** as of November 2023). **Please note that reach numbers were not provided by survey respondents of this Louisiana cohort.**
- The breakdown of total estimated reach and funds leveraged per Year 9/Cohort 12 team is reflected in **Chart 2**.

Chart 2: Year 9 (2023, Cohort 12) Team Estimated Reach and Leveraged Funds

Team:	Reported Funds Leveraged:	Reported Estimated Reach:
Abbeville, Louisiana	\$10,000	-----
Bunkie, Louisiana	-----	-----
Hammond, Louisiana	-----	-----
Sunset, Louisiana	-----	-----
Zachary, Louisiana	-----	-----
TOTALS	\$10,000	-----

- Collectively to date, the Year 9/Cohort 12 has leveraged a total of **\$10,000** since attending the NACDD WVA to implement walkability and active transportation efforts in their respective locations.
- A total project budget of **\$720,000** in 2023 was invested by CDC Division of Nutrition Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO) to NACDD for the ninth annual WVA event.
 - This total amount reflects all funds involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the WAI course.
 - **Since this amount provides for three Year 9 Cohorts (National WVA, Louisiana WAI, and South Carolina Hybrid WAI/WVA) and an additional Island WAI in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the total annual funding will be divided evenly between the four groups, representing an**

estimated investment of \$180,000 for each of the three Year 9 cohorts for WAI planning, implementation, and evaluation and for the CNMI WAI.

- The amount of funds collectively leveraged via self-reported voluntary progress reports of \$10,000 divided by the total Cohort 12 project budget of \$180,000 to determine an estimated **project return on investment (ROI) ratio of 0.1:1.**

**Please note that these outcomes are provided through voluntary annual online progress reports. We only have outcomes documented for those teams that complete the progress reports. Because the outcome and fiscal data are voluntarily self-reported by Team Leads, outcomes are likely underreported.*

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