

Year 7 (2021, Cohort 8) Outcomes Tracker to Date

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Year 7 (2021, Cohort 8) Walkability Virtual Academy (WVA) Specifics:

- **Official Course Title:** Walkability Virtual Academy
 - In 2020 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Walkability Action Institute (WAI) course was converted to a WVA since in person implementation was not possible. Implementation of the WVA continued through year 2021
- **Course Implemented:** July 19-23, 2021, via the Zoom Meeting platform
- **Target Audience:** Interdisciplinary local teams within the state of New York
- **Course Attendees:** **Four** Total Teams
 - Included four local interdisciplinary teams with state planning and public health partners.
 - All four teams (**100%**) received \$15,000 mini-grants from New York SPAN to serve as starter implementation grants.
- **Total Course Participants:** **26**, inclusive of the following:
 - 24 interdisciplinary team participants
 - Two state public health partners

Year 7 (2021, Cohort 8) Local Teams:

- 1) **Erie County, New York**
- 2) **Lewis County, New York**
- 3) **Olean, New York**
- 4) **Waterloo, New York**



Year 7 (2021, Cohort 8) Individual Outcomes to Date:

Erie County, New York:

- Original WAI team no longer meets but routinely interacts with interdisciplinary partners.

- New Policy Changes:
 - A new [Bicycle Master Plan](#) is now in place for Erie and Niagara Counties, with potential to reach the total population of 1,161,192 across the two counties (**n=1**).
- New Systems Changes:
 - A new candidate project prioritization form was created to strengthen the collaboration between the Transportation Improvement Plan and the MPO so that potential projects could be evaluated against MPO goals, system performance, transit accessibility, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. This system change affects the two counties served by the MPO (Erie and Niagara) (**n=1**).
- New Environmental Changes:
 - The WAI team implemented a significant demonstration project of a protected intersection coupled with a road diet in Buffalo in 2023. The data from this project will result in future infrastructure changes (**n=1**).
 - Five new disability inclusive playgrounds are now in place at various park locations throughout Erie County (**n=5**).
- New Non-PSE Outcomes:
 - The WAI team convened a walk/move audit of Grant Street in Buffalo (**n=1**).
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = 1,161,192
- Total of **one new policy change, one new system change, six new environmental improvements, and one new non-PSE change (nine total outcomes)**.
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = **\$18,000** from the following sources:
 - Received \$18,000 from Buffalo City Council for the protected intersection and traffic calming demonstration project.

Lewis County, New York:

- **The Team Lead has been inactive since WAI participation and did not participate in either of the two 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

Olean, New York:

- Original WAI team no longer meets, but routinely interacts with cross-disciplinary partners.
- New Systems Changes:
 - A new wayfinding system has been installed throughout Olean so that visitors can access and quickly locate resources, shops, restaurants, trails, parks, etc. This impacts the 15,000 cars/vehicles that traverse the city daily (**n=1**).
- New Environmental Changes:
 - A new scooter micromobility share is now in place in Olean, allowing residents without a vehicle to move safely, quickly, and cost-efficiently through city streets and bike lanes (**n=1**).
 - Enhanced bike lane markings were installed along the main corridor to strengthen the visibility and resolution of bike lane markings, which is an added safety precaution and benefit to both cyclists and drivers (**n=1**; reaches 15,000 vehicle trips per day on the downtown corridor; *counted as n=1 since the number of new markings was not provided*).
- Additional Outcomes in Progress:
 - The City of Olean is working with the new owners of the Olean Center Mall and has secured funds to develop architectural plans to recreate the mall location into a mixed-use area, to include senior housing, retail, and food purchasing patrons (**n=1**), with potential to reach all 13,764 Olean residents.
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = 13,764
- Total of **one new system change**, **two new environmental improvements**, and **one additional outcome in progress** (**four total outcomes**).
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = **\$6,000,000** from the following sources:
 - \$6,000,000 for planning and renovation of the Olean Center Mall location (funding source not provided)

“We still work closely as a team to support each other and our collective endeavors.”

(Sandi Brundage, Team Lead Olean, NY)

Waterloo, New York:

- Original WAI team still meets semi-annually.

- New Environmental Changes:
 - Implemented Safe Routes to School demonstration project(s) through collaboration with the WAI team, local school(s), and Waterloo Village (**n=1**; *counted as n=1 since the number of demonstration projects and/or schools was not provided*).
- New Non-PSE Outcomes:
 - Purchased initial demonstration project materials (paint, stencils, signage, etc.) for initial and future use with hopes of building a pop-up/demonstration materials repository (**n=1**).
- Total Estimated Reach Provided = Not Provided
- Total of **one new environmental improvement** and **one new non-PSE outcomes** (**two total outcomes**).
- Reported total funds leveraged since attending the WAI = Not Provided

Year 7 (2021, Cohort 8) 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 7 (2021, Cohort 8) Total Number of Outcomes per Team

Year 7/ Cohort 8 Teams:	New Policy Changes:	New System Changes:	New Environ- mental Changes:	New Non-PSE Changes:	New Tools:	New Resources:	Additional Outcomes in Progress:	Totals:
Erie County, New York	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	9

Lewis County, New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olean, New York	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	4
Waterloo, New York	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	1	2	9	2	0	0	1	15

- Collectively, the Year 7/Cohort 8 has achieved **14 total outcomes** (not including **one documented additional outcome that is currently in progress** as of November 2023), affecting **1,174,956** estimated individuals.
- The breakdown of total estimated reach and funds leveraged per Year 7/Cohort 8 team is reflected in **Chart 2**.

Chart 2: Year 7 (2021, Cohort 8) Team Estimated Reach and Leveraged Funds

Team:	Reported Funds Leveraged:	Reported Estimated Reach:
Erie County, New York	\$18,000	1,161,192
Lewis County, New York	-----	-----
Olean, New York	\$6,000,000	13,764
Waterloo, New York	-----	-----
TOTALS	\$6,018,000	1,174,956

- Collectively to date, the Year 7/Cohort 8 has leveraged a total of **\$6,018,000** since attending the NACDD WVA to implement walkability and active transportation efforts in their respective locations.
- A total project budget of **\$420,000** in 2021 was invested by CDC Division of Nutrition Physical Activity and Obesity (DNPAO) to NACDD for the seventh annual WAI/WVA event.
 - This total amount reflects all funds involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the WVA course, as well as the funds used for travel stipends for attending teams.

- Since this amount provides for two Year 7 Cohorts (Arkansas and New York), the total annual funding will be divided evenly between the two cohorts, representing an estimated investment of \$210,000 for each of the Year 7 cohorts for WVA planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- The amount of funds collectively leveraged via self-reported voluntary progress reports of \$6,018,000 divided by the total Cohort 8 project budget of \$210,000 to determine an estimated **project return on investment (ROI) ratio of 28.7:1.**

**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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