

## TransFormation Alliance Health Vision

We envision an Atlanta where healthy living is the most accessible, affordable, and appealing option for everyone. We believe:

- Health is not just the absence of disease, but complete physical, social, and emotional wellbeing.
- Increased stress, disease burden, and exposure to health and safety hazards perpetuate structural inequities, impacting all aspects of life.
- A healthy community is a place that welcomes all people to enjoy fresh food, safe and easy access to transit, streets and community spaces, restorative parks and green spaces, living wage jobs, and first class health services.
- Healthy places prioritize safe and walkable streets, provide quality, affordable housing targeting all income levels, support businesses that provide healthy goods and services, and utilize infrastructure that enhances and adapts with the natural environment.
- While promoting healthy places through changes to environments and amenities, we must also vigorously call out the ways these changes perpetuate disparities in predominately Brown and Black communities, and low-income communities, and actively pursue anti-displacement strategies.

## How can this vision become a reality?

1. Adopt a 'health in all policies' mindset, which considers potential health, opportunity, and quality of life impacts to guide decision-making.
2. Use all available tools to predict and prevent both cultural and socioeconomic displacement around healthy community development, such as community-based, participatory health impact assessment on proposed policies and projects.
3. Specifically, assess impacts on health equity, so policy not only supports positive impacts on people, but also starts to correct the inequitable distribution of healthy places and resources.
4. Align the activities of health providers and payers with healthy community investments, including economic and career development, so that the savings captured by reducing health disparities and increasing community wellness can be reinvested into improving access to care and prevention.

The TransFormation Alliance is a diverse collaboration working to ensure that the value of integrating transit into development is made accessible to all residents of a community, not just some. Through our working committees, we collaborate with organizations that share our passion for strengthening communities.





## Example Health Strategy



**Health Strategy #2: Use all available tools to predict and prevent both cultural and socio-economic displacement around healthy community development, such as community-based, participatory health impact assessment on proposed policies and projects.**

TransFormation Alliance and the Georgia Health Policy Center are implementing this strategy through utilization of conservation use tax credits by urban farmers to prevent displacement of Black-owned land and businesses, support financial security in the food system economy, and maintain community access to healthy, sustainable food.

Community based growers are health keepers and promoters in many important areas:

Improve social inequities that affect health	Increase access to healthy places and amenities	Mitigate environmental health risks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grows locally-owned business and jobs</li> <li>• Creates local jobs and businesses</li> <li>• Maintains land access and ownership</li> <li>• Holds opportunities for range of educational levels and backgrounds</li> <li>• Addresses racial inequities in wealth-building, job training, and hiring</li> <li>• Addresses inequities in location of food retailers</li> <li>• Supports small businesses and entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Creates opportunity to capture market share</li> <li>• Engagement, education, and training programs</li> <li>• Can integrate health services and information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase access to healthy foods in disinvested communities</li> <li>• Can support affordable access for food insecure families</li> <li>• Serves as the foundation for a healthy local food system</li> <li>• Maintains green spaces in community</li> <li>• Locations in neighborhood or near transit can reduce miles travelled, increase active transportation</li> <li>• Supports physical activity on site</li> <li>• Supports local community-based organizations</li> <li>• Addresses food and service needs identified in health assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands sustainable land management capacity</li> <li>• Practice, promote, and train on environmental practices</li> <li>• Mitigates water and heat hazards</li> <li>• Supports climate resilience</li> <li>• Reduces impact of food systems on air, water, soil</li> </ul>
		Maintain healthy cultural and emotional life
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenspace improves behavioral health</li> <li>• Markets and events act as social spaces</li> <li>• Maintains food and growing culture</li> <li>• Maintains self-sufficiency</li> <li>• Supports community collaboration</li> </ul>