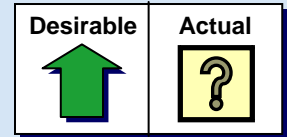


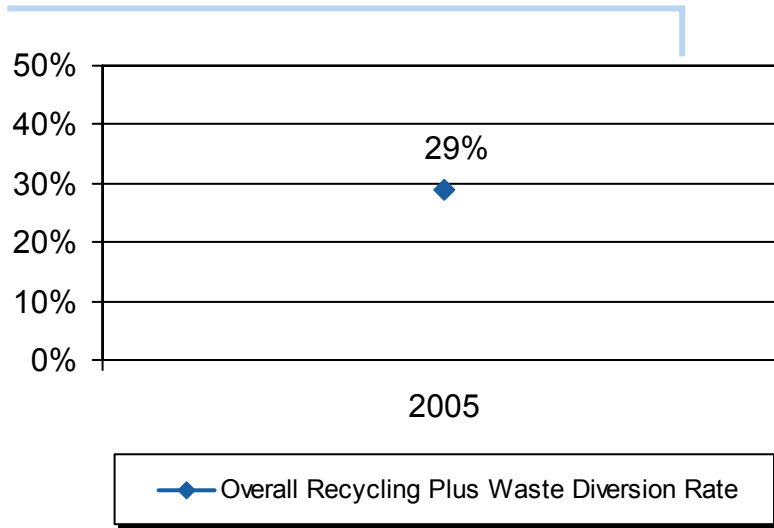
Environment & Land Use:

Indicator data shows that the percentage of days with good air quality has decreased from 67% in 2000 to 42% in 2005. However, over a third (38%) of residents did not believe that air quality was an issue, and 62% believed resources were adequate to address this issue. Fewer community leaders (39%) believed resources were adequate, and only 18% of residents (written) believed this.

The recycling rate varies by community, but overall our community recycles or diverts 29% of our waste. Approximately a third of residents and leaders believe recycling is a major issue.



Total Recycling Plus Yard Waste Diversion Rates



Local Differences

	Recycling Rate	Yard Waste Diversion Rate
Washtenaw County	14%	15%
Ann Arbor	24%	24%
Chelsea	30%	4%
Dexter	7%	51%
Manchester	26%	22%
Milan	13%	8%
Saline	19%	17%
Ypsilanti	13%	18%

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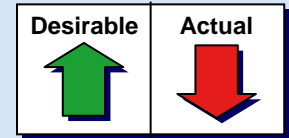
The amount of solid waste diverted from landfills consists of waste that is recycled as well as yard waste that is diverted from the landfill and composted.

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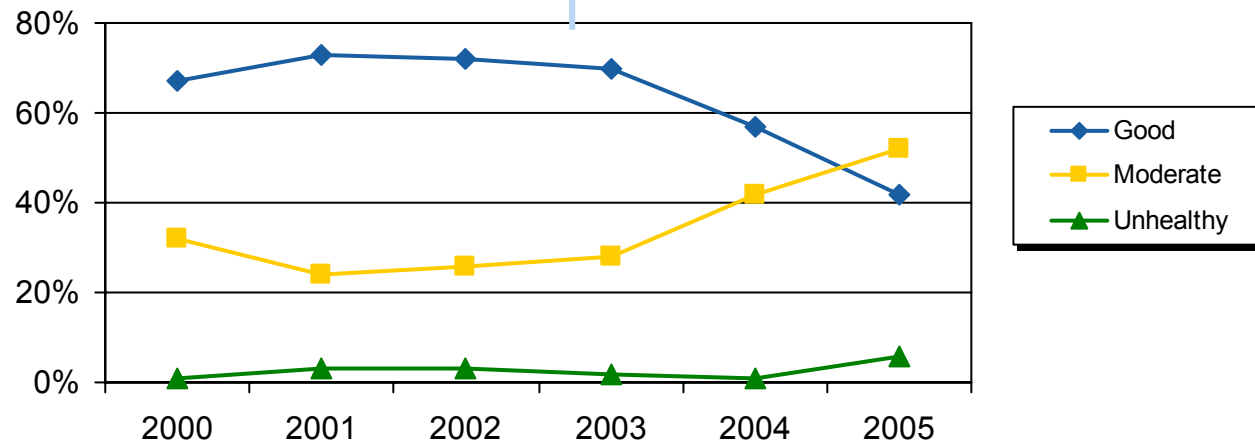
Waste not sent to landfills helps save resources and preserve our environment.

What it tells us:

Almost a third of waste is diverted from landfills in Washtenaw County.



Percentage of Days When the Air Quality in Washtenaw County Was Good, Moderate, or Unhealthy



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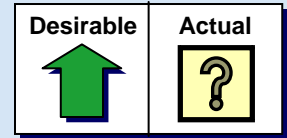
The Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Index is a nationally standardized measure of air quality that determines the number of days measuring "good," "moderate," or "unhealthy", as a percentage of total days monitored in the given year. Washtenaw County's measurement point is currently located in Ypsilanti.

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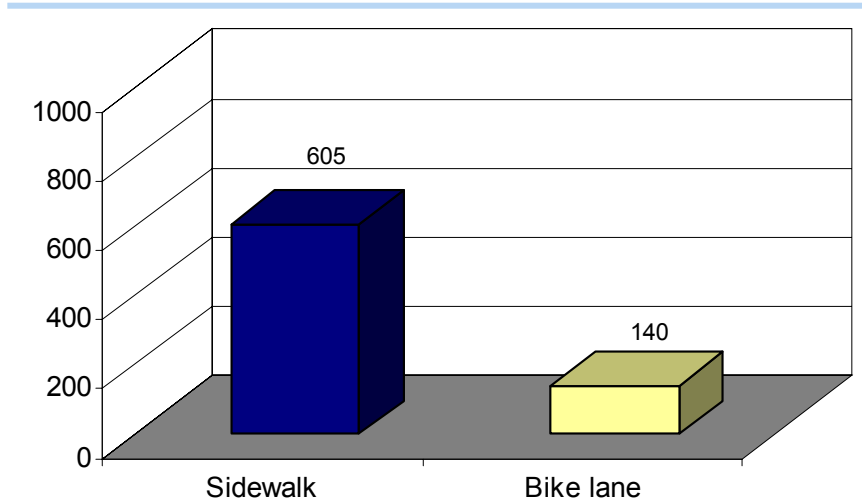
Air quality is a result of environmental issues, and has direct public health effects. Individuals with asthma and emphysema are particularly sensitive to air quality.

What it tells us:

The number of 'good' air quality days has decreased every year since 2001, while moderate air quality days have increased significantly, and unhealthy days have stayed below 6%.



**Miles of Sidewalks and Bike Lanes
Washtenaw County (2005)**



Local Differences, 2005		
	Sidewalk	Bike
Washtenaw County	605	292
Ann Arbor	Data not available	*152
Chelsea	34	0
Dexter	19	1
Manchester	10	0
Milan	Data not available	
Saline	52	0
Ypsilanti	98	3

* Bike facilities that may have been added due to road resurfacing in 2005 are not included in this figure, so this figure underestimates bike facilities.

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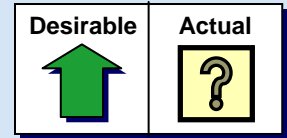
The miles of paved sidewalks, and bike ‘facilities.’ A bike facility is defined by the Washtenaw Transportation Study as any striped bike lane or designated shared-use path as well as any roads with a paved shoulder of greater than three feet.

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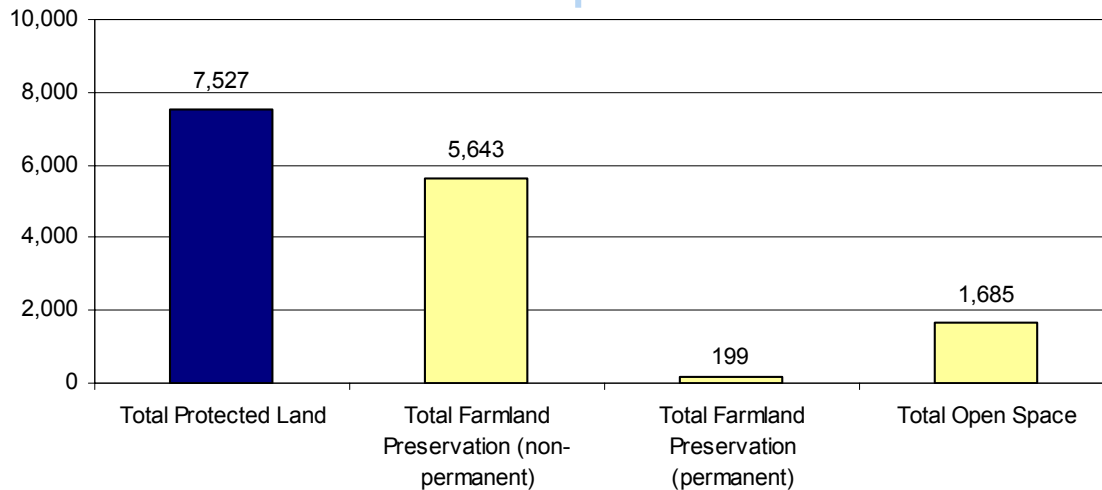
Increasing the availability of non-motorized options makes it easier for citizens to have the option to travel by foot or by bike, which has positive environmental and health effects.

What it tells us:

This baseline data for 2005 will allow us to measure the increase in bike lanes and sidewalks in future years.



Acres of Protected Land in Washtenaw County in 2005



What it is:

The total number of acres of land protected from development in 2005. This figure is broken down into three types of protected land. Farmland preserved permanently includes land preserved through the Ann Arbor Greenbelt and the United States Department of Agriculture Federal USDA-FRPP Program. Farmland preserved non-permanently includes land held in several USDA conservation programs. Open space includes parks and recreation land.

Why it matters:

Preserving land can help preserve agricultural land and limit sprawl. This is increasing important because of the loss of agricultural and wetland acres. In 2000, 191,145 acres of the county's 462,325 acres were being used for active agriculture, a decrease of 14% from 1990. 93,381 acres of land were considered woodlands and wetlands, a decrease of 2% from 1990.

What it tells us:

Data is not available for previous years. This data sets a baseline for Washtenaw County so that future data can show increases or decreases in the amount of land protected each year.