ABSTRACT
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control and Eat Smart Move More (ESMM) South Carolina funded Lexington County for an ACE Special Project. ESMM Lexington County worked with two municipalities — Cayce and Springdale — to improve access for walking and bicycling.

BACKGROUND
The City of Cayce and the Town of Springdale are small municipalities in Lexington County that have similar populations. Both municipalities were chosen for the ACE Special Project due to racial and economic disparities, as well as government and community leader involvement in healthy eating and active living strategies.

PURPOSE
The purpose of the project was two-fold. In Cayce, the project focus was on improving connectivity between Riverwalk Park and the Julius Felder neighborhood. In Springdale, the project focus was on improving walkability and bikeability near the town center to impact and spur economic development, as well as to increase physical activity.

ASSESSMENT & RESULTS
Both communities conducted walkability assessments using the Active Neighborhood Checklist, Rural Active Living Assessment, and the Walkability Checklist. Assessment results identified the following needs:

- Way-finding signage from the Julius Felder neighborhood to Riverwalk Park in Cayce.
- Maps of trails in Cayce.
- A corridor study in Springdale.

KEY STEPS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Cayce: Way-finding signs were added to Riverwalk Park trail heads. A large kiosk was installed and trail maps were included at the kiosk.
- Springdale: A Corridor Study Request for Quotation was released in Springdale.
- Key partnerships were formed and included: Town of Springdale, City of Cayce, Central Midlands Council of Governments, Julius Felder Coalition for Change, Springdale Beautification Committee, and local walking enthusiasts.

LESSONS LEARNED

- City/Town planners play an integral role and need to be involved.
- Small municipalities can work together and share resources.

NEXT STEPS
ESMM Lexington County plans on using the same approach to implement healthy eating and active living projects in other areas of Lexington County. Batesburg-Leesville is at the top of the list.