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# Addressing School Siting in the Greater Nashville Area

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# Safe Routes to School

- ➔ Walk to School Day – 1999
- ➔ Safe Routes to School Training – 12 schools
- ➔ Safe Routes to School Train-the-Trainers Program
  
- ➔ But wait...what about new schools??



# School Siting

➔ My 'a-ha' moment!



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# School Siting - Nationally

## ➡ School Consolidation

	<u>1930</u>	<u>2006</u>
# Schools	238,000	97,382
# Students	28 million	55 million



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National Center for Educational Statistics, 2008

## The Big Box Approach to Education



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# School Siting Policies

- ➔ Who decides where schools should go?
- ➔ What factors go into siting schools?
- ➔ What about the public?



# School Siting Symposium

- ➔ Literature Review
- ➔ School Siting Survey and Interviews
- ➔ School Siting Symposium



# Symposium Details



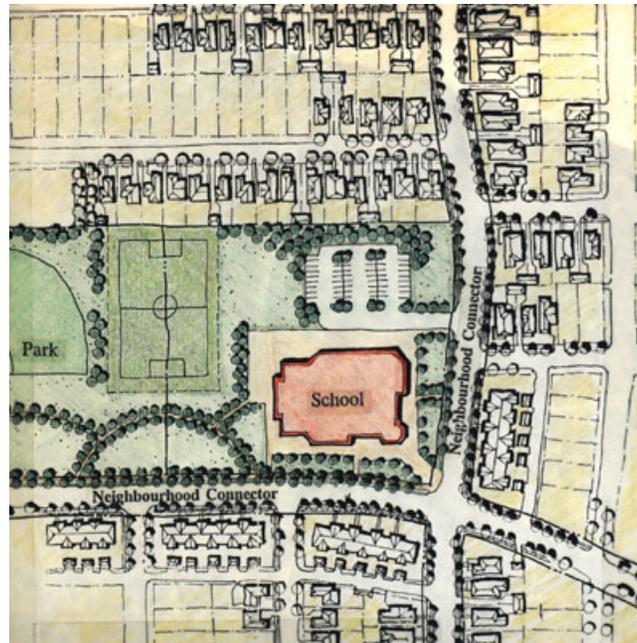
January 2010

- ➔ Full-day symposium with 2 national speakers, a local panel and breakout sessions
- ➔ 125 Attendees from public and private sector
- ➔ Results: 2 Major Recommendations
  - Host a training for school board members and planning commissioners on school siting
  - Include School Siting Guidelines in Community Plans



# Next Steps

- ➔ School Siting Project with Univ. Memphis and the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
- ➔ Safe Routes to School State Network Project
- ➔ Save the Children and Coordinated School Health



# How to get started

- ➔ Learn about practices in your state and your community
- ➔ Find out about the decision makers
- ➔ Host a training
- ➔ Read *Why Johnny Can't Walk to School* and *Helping Johnny Walk to School*



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