

WALK FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES SELF-ASSESSMENT

Many cities and towns are already developing and implementing the initiatives, policies, and programs recommended by the Walk Friendly Communities program. Using this checklist will help your community document existing activities, identify those areas where you can grow your programs, and put you on the path to develop a Walk Friendly Communities application. The items in the checklist represent some of the key components of a Walk Friendly Community, but they do not include all of the items in the full Community Assessment Tool.

To learn more and submit a full application, visit www.walkfriendly.org.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION, DATA AND EVALUATION

- Pedestrian coordinator/dedicated staff
- Guiding policy statement or strategy (e.g. Vision Zero)
- Nonmotorized count program
- Analysis of safety data



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Gold Level Community Arlington, VA

PLANNING AND POLICY

- Pedestrian plan with routine implementation tracking and review
- Targets for increased mode share and safety
- Complete streets policy

EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- Safe Routes to School programs
- Public education and safety campaigns
- Open Streets and other events

ENGINEERING AND DESIGN

- Sidewalk design and network coverage
- Comprehensive design guidance
- Formal traffic calming and speed management program

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Dedicated traffic safety unit
- Targeted pedestrian safety enforcement operations
- Interdepartmental collaboration and cooperation

“Our city takes pride in recognition of the work that we do by organizations such as Walk Friendly Communities. Putting our city in the national conversation of multimodal planning played a role in City Council choosing to continue funding pedestrian projects at a high level...”

— Walk Friendly Community: Charlotte, North Carolina