

# Websites: Walkability Resources and Tools

## RESOURCES

- ▶ **Active Living by Design's** mission is to create environments that promote physical activity.  
<http://www.activelivingbydesign.org>
- ▶ **America Walks** is the voice of advocacy for local, state, and national issues. They are at the heart of a growing movement to create walkable communities across North America.  
<http://www.americawalks.com>
- ▶ **Canada Walks** is an initiative of Green Communities Canada and brings together a diverse group or projects whose focus is on promoting walking and walkable communities  
<http://www.canadawalks.ca/>
- ▶ **Complete Streets** is the diverse coalition of groups working in support of complete streets  
<http://www.completestreets.org>
- ▶ **Green Communities Canada Active & Safe Routes to School** is a comprehensive community-based initiative that taps into the increasingly urgent demand for safe, walkable neighbourhoods.  
<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/>
- ▶ **Living Streets** is a charity that campaigns to create better streets and public spaces for people on foot.  
[http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk)
- ▶ **The National Center for Bicycling & Walking** (NCBW) helps create bicycle-friendly and walkable communities across North America by encouraging and supporting the efforts of individuals, organizations, and agencies.  
<http://bikewalk.org/>
- ▶ **The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center** (PBIC) is a national clearinghouse for information about health and safety, engineering, advocacy, education, enforcement, access, and mobility for pedestrians (including transit users) and bicyclists.  
<http://www.walkinginfo.org/>
- ▶ **Pedestrian Program** - The City of Charlotte is committed to becoming a more "walkable" community as part of an overall strategy for advancing a balanced transportation system that accommodates motorists, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists.  
<http://walkcharlotte.charmeck.org>
- ▶ **Report on Public Health & Urban Sprawl in Ontario – A review of the pertinent literature** produced by the Environmental Health Committee, Ontario College of Family Physician  
<http://www.ocfp.on.ca/docs/publications/urbansprawl.pdf>
- ▶ **Smart Commute Hamilton** is an association led by the City of Hamilton which works with local businesses and community organizations to provide programs and initiatives that encourage the use of active and sustainable transportation.  
[www.smartcommutehamilton.ca/](http://www.smartcommutehamilton.ca/)

- ▶ **SmartGrowthBC** works throughout the province with community groups, businesses, developers, planners, municipalities and the public to create more livable communities in British Columbia.  
<http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/>
- ▶ **Smart Growth** -- Walkable communities are desirable places to live, work, learn, worship and play, and therefore a key component of smart growth.  
[www.smartgrowth.org](http://www.smartgrowth.org)
- ▶ **Transportation Canada** is a municipal transportation program that encourages walking and cycling through enhanced infrastructures  
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs/environment-utsp-casestudyactivetransportation-1069.htm>
- ▶ **Walk 21** exists to champion the development of healthy sustainable and efficient communities where people choose to walk.  
[www.walk21.com](http://www.walk21.com)
- ▶ **Walkable Communities** was organized for the express purposes of helping whole communities become more walkable and pedestrian friendly.  
<http://www.walkable.org/>
- ▶ **8 – 80 Cities** is a non-profit organization dedicated to create awareness of the benefits of Walking and Cycling as *Activities* and of Urban Parks and Trails as *Great Places* as they improve our Environment, advance the Economic Development, enhance our Transportation systems, rise the Recreation levels for All, and make better our Personal and Public Health.  
<http://walkandbikeforlife.org/>

## TOOLS

### Pictures

- ▶ Image library provided by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Centre.  
<http://www.pedbikeimages.org/>
- ▶ Walkthere mapping tool (shows destinations within 2km of given location)  
<http://environmenthamilton.org/walkthere/>

### Walkability Checklists

- ▶ <http://www.walkinginfo.org/cps/checklist.cfm>
- ▶ <http://www.walkableamerica.org/checklist-walkability.pdf>
- ▶ <http://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca/pdf/fp-WalkabilityChecklist.pdf>
- ▶ <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/hwi/toolkits/walkability/index.htm> (worksites)

### Bikeability Checklist

- ▶ <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/pdf/bikabilitychecklist.pdf>

## Walkability Score

- ▶ Walk Score helps people find walkable places to live. Walk Score calculates the walkability of an address by locating nearby stores, restaurants, schools, and parks.  
<http://www.walkscore.com/>

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