

# Website: 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>

**Complete Streets** is the diverse coalition of groups working in support of complete streets

<http://www.completestreets.org>

**Go for Green** encourages Canadians to choose an active modes of transportation.

<http://www.goforgreen.ca/at/eng/index.aro>

**Green Communities 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/>

**Land Transport NZ** is working towards integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport that makes a better New Zealand.

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/consultation/ped-network-plan/chapter4.html>

**Living Streets** is a charity that campaigns to create better streets and public spaces for people on foot.

<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/local/files/Communications/Current%20Issues/Urban%20Sprawl-Jan-05.pdf> –

**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)

**Walkable Communities** was organized for the express purposes of helping whole communities become more walkable and pedestrian friendly. <http://www.walkable.org/>

**Walk and Bike for Life** 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/>

**The Walking Plan for London** – “Making London a Walkable City”  
<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/businessandpartners/walking-plan-2004.pdf>

## TOOLS

### Pictures

- <http://www.pedbikeimages.org/> - Image library provided by the Pederstrian and Bicycle Information Centre.

### 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/dnpa/hwi/toolkits/walkability/index.htm> - Worksites

### Bikeability Checklist

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

### Walkability Score

- <http://www.walkscore.com/> - 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.

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