

Stride & Thrive: Master Plan Walk Audit

What's a walk audit?

A **walk audit** is a valuable tool used to assess the walkability of a neighborhood, street, or public space. By evaluating the conditions that affect pedestrian safety, comfort, and accessibility, walk audits help identify areas for improvement to create more walkable and vibrant communities.

Why Conduct a Walk Audit?

In the Village of Milford, residents value walkability. While most of the village seems pretty walkable, there are areas that could be improved. To help identify these areas, we're asking members of the community to join in and participate in a walk audit.

This collaborative effort will involve walking through different parts of the village to assess conditions such as sidewalk quality, crosswalk safety, and accessibility features. Your observations and feedback will be crucial in pinpointing specific challenges and opportunities for enhancement. By working together, we can create a safer, more accessible, and enjoyable walking environment for everyone in our community.

Doing a walk audit will help the Village of Milford enhance safety, improve accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, and support community health by helping people incorporate physical activity into their daily lives.

What to Look for During a Walk Audit

1. **Sidewalk Conditions:** Assess the quality, width, and continuity of sidewalks. Look for obstacles, uneven surfaces, or areas where sidewalks are missing.
2. **Crosswalks and Pedestrian Signals:** Evaluate the visibility, placement, and safety of crosswalks. Check if pedestrian signals are functioning properly and if there are adequate crossing times.
3. **Street Lighting:** Examine the adequacy and coverage of street lighting, especially in areas frequented by pedestrians.
4. **Traffic Calming Measures:** Identify features like speed bumps, pedestrian islands, and traffic signs that help manage vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian safety.
5. **Accessibility Features:** Check for curb cuts, ramps, and accessible pedestrian signals that accommodate people with disabilities.
6. **Amenities and Land Use:** Observe the availability of benches, shelters, and nearby amenities like shops and parks that can influence walking habits.

How to Conduct a Walk Audit

For this audit, we are asking people to walk or bike from your home or workplace to one of the community destinations on the included map.

1. **Plan Your Route:** Highlight your intended route on the map included in the toolkit.

2. **Download the App or Grab your Checklist:**

- Download the app here and follow the attached directions to login.



3. **Document Findings:** Use the app or take notes and photographs to record observations and support recommendations.

- **Use the App** following the directions above.
- **Or Use a Checklist:** Make your observations on the included checklist.

4. **Share your observations!**

- App: If you use the app, your feedback will be automatically shared to our map. Remember to answer the questions at the end of the map.
- Checklist: Please return your checklist to the Village of Milford offices. Answer the questions at the bottom of the list.:
- If you have additional feedback or comments, please send them to _____

Walk Audit Notes (Note: if using the app, you do not need to fill this out)

Note on the paper map your areas of concern and number each one. On this sheet, tell us what you see (there is more room on the back)

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Questions:

How did you choose your route?

Which part of your walk/ride did you enjoy the most?

Where did you see the most people?

What were the challenges along your route, if any?

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