

LIVABLE WALKABLE COMMUNITIES
Baseline Data/Community Assessment by Category

Geographical Area (describe boundaries): _____

OVERALL QUESTIONS

How many miles are traveled by auto versus on foot/bike?	
How many miles are there of bike lane, sidewalks, paths, and trails compared to miles of road?	
Number of trips that are less than a mile traveled by auto versus walking/biking?	

AESTHETICS

How many town beautification projects does your community currently have? Please list.	
Does your community have initiatives that promote attractive landscaping? Please describe.	

DESTINATIONS/LINKAGES

Are key destination points (nodes, town center, neighborhood, village) interconnected? Please list gaps.	
Are homes, workplaces, schools, stores, recreation areas and other key destinations located close together?	
Can you get to key destinations such as, homes, work, schools, and stores by walking? Biking? Please describe barriers.	

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DESTINATIONS/LINKAGES (con't.)

Can you park your car in your town center/downtown and walk to key destination points?	
Does your community have multi-use trails and paths and are they mapped? Please elaborate.	
Are trails and paths accessible during winter? During other seasons? Please elaborate.	
Do you have paths, trails, and/or public transportation that connect your community to surrounding communities? Please describe.	
Does your community promote a connected grid of streets?	
How many water access points do you have?	
Does your community offer public transportation for reaching key destinations?	

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Does your community encourage mixed-use development?	
Does your community have a Natural Resources Inventory?	
Does your community have an active conservation commission, land acquisition or other municipal committee to address natural resource protection issues?	

HEALTH

Does your master plan/community vision/ordinances include information on LWC?	
Does your community follow the LWC practices outlined in its master plan/vision/ordinances?	

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HEALTH (con't.)

Does your community have programs that encourage walking (walk your child to school, a Wellness Team for the community or school, Historic Trails, etc.)?	
What recreational facilities do you have? Do you want? Please list.	
What is your pedestrian count?	
What is your bicyclist count?	
What percentage of your sidewalks are accessible for people with disabilities?	
What percent of your children walk to school?	
What percent of adults own a bike, skates, etc.?	

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Has your community conducted a Historic Resources Inventory?	
Does your community have an active historical society, historic preservation or other municipal committee to address historic preservation?	
How many vacant buildings can be found in historic districts within your community?	

HOUSING

How many housing units are located in the downtown core?	
Does your community have a mix of housing types that support the needs of the community (including affordable/workforce, multi-family, single family, apartments and/or senior)?	
Has your community adopted any regulations regarding mixed housing types in new developments?	
Is senior housing located within walking distance of necessary services (grocery, post office, etc.)?	
What percentage of your neighborhoods have cul-de-sacs?	

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OPEN SPACE

Does each neighborhood or district have at least one park or playground?	
What percentage of your community consists of open space?	
What percentage of your open space is viable and accessible?	
Are parks, playgrounds and other open spaces accessible by walking and/or biking? Please Describe.	
Do publicly- and privately-owned spaces with public access within your community provide recreational opportunities (hunting, fishing, hiking, nature observation, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, etc.)?	
Does the community have a plan for acquiring and linking conservation lands?	
Has your community established a minimum goal for the percentage of public land to be placed in permanent protection?	
Does your community promote voluntary conservation of privately-owned land?	
Has your community adopted regulations to require publicly accessible open space in new developments?	

SAFETY

What percentage of your sidewalks is in good condition?	
What is the condition of your sidewalks in winter? Please describe.	

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SAFETY (con't.)

Does your community have requirements or regulations for creating sidewalks along new roads?	
Does your community have requirements for lighting along sidewalks, pathways and/or trails?	
Does your community maintain its trails and paths?	
Are roads throughout the community designed to ensure safety of walkers, bicyclists and others?	
Does your community have programs to educate its drivers about pedestrian safety?	
Does your community have safe walking routes to each of your schools?	

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Does your community have a civic leadership or other committee that works to promote interaction among residents?	
Does your community host annual events or celebrations intended to bring residents together?	
What percentage of your community serves on volunteer boards or committees?	
Does your community have public meeting places where residents can informally gather with neighbors, family or friends (coffee shops, parks, etc)?	
Does your community have formal public places where residents can host or gather for organized meetings and events (town/city offices, library, other)?	

VIBRANT ECONOMY

Does your community have an economic development plan, included in or separate from the Master Plan?	
Does your community have an economic development committee/organization (Chamber of Commerce, other)?	
Does your community encourage mixed-use development where appropriate?	

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VILLAGE CENTER OR DOWNTOWN

Do you have a downtown or town center?	
Are necessary services located in downtown or town center (including post office, grocery, pharmacy, retail/shopping, hardware, bank, library, town/city hall, others)?	
Does your community have a plan for maintaining and improving the downtown or town center to encourage and support local businesses?	
Does your community have any annual events designed to bring people into the village center or downtown?	