PROMOTING ACTIVE COMMUNITIES (PAC)

NEIGHBORHOODS AUDIT PRINT VERSION

This print version includes the questions for the Promoting Active Communities Neighborhoods Audit. This print version is similar but not identical to the online version. The print version is intended to provide a way to preview the questions to get a sense of the information needed to complete the audit. It cannot replace the online interactive application.

The paper/print version differs from the online version in the following ways:

- The online version automatically shows the questions you need to answer based on your previous answers. In this print version, instructions on which questions to answer and which to skip are shown in red font.
- The online version automatically calculates answers and point values based on information you type in. In this print version, the automatic calculations are noted in red font.
- In the online version, you can mouse over or hover over the words in blue font to get a definition or examples to provide more information and help you to answer the question.
- In the online version, links to helpful documents are clickable and appear in a different color. In this print version, the links are noted with an underline but are not clickable.
- The online version provides a Feedback Report based on your answers as soon as you submit your assessment. It automatically tabulates your scores and indicates which best practices you are currently achieving. The Feedback Report is available only with the online version.
- The formatting of some questions in the online version may look different from the print version. However, the questions and responses are the same as those included in this document.
Neighborhood Audit

This audit tool assesses how the built environment in a neighborhood supports physical activity. It was designed using evidence-based strategies to help you identify ways that a neighborhood can help your community be more physically active. This audit has two main sections, a 10-minute walking audit and a consideration of the facilities available in the neighborhood.

Please be sure to audit the neighborhood below at a time and under circumstances that are safe for you.

This online audit form should be completed in one session. You can use the print version of this online audit form to record the information while you are visiting the neighborhood and then come back to this online form to enter the information. Words/phrases in blue font indicate that you can see definitions/explanations by mousing over the word/phrase.

Please be sure to save your work periodically by clicking the Save button at the bottom of the page. When you have finished entering and saving all the information, please go to the Submit tab to officially submit the audit.

NOTE: If you are visiting the neighborhood with another auditor, each auditor should complete a separate online audit form.

SECTION 1: Site Information

The neighborhood you are auditing is:

Name:
Location:
Zip Code:

Which of the following best describes your role in your community? If more than one applies, select the role in which you invest the most time.

- Health Coalition Representative
- Community Member
- Economic Development/Business Community Representative
- Municipal Government Planning Department Representative
- Municipal Government Transportation Representative
- Neighborhood Representative
- Parks & Recreation Representative
- Public Health Representative
- Public Works Representative
- School/School District Representative
- Transit Agency or Transportation Representative
- Tribal Community Representative
- Other, Please Describe

Enter the date and time of the audit and describe the weather conditions. If more than one response option applies for an item, select the response that represents the conditions for the majority of the time you spent completing the audit.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/_____/_______ Validate for date format. Date cannot be in the future.
Time of day:
- Morning (from sunrise to noon)
- Afternoon (from noon to 4 pm)
- Early evening (from 4 pm to sunset)
- Night (from sunset to sunrise)

Temperature
- Below 32 degrees Fahrenheit
- 32 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit
- 51 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit
- 71 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit
- Above 90 degrees Fahrenheit

Weather:
- Clear
- Partly Cloudy/Cloudy
- Rain
- Snow

What is the walk score of the neighborhood? To find the neighborhood walk score, visit https://www.walkscore.com/ and enter the name of the neighborhood. If no results are found by neighborhood name, enter an address on the roadway that you will be walking.

- 0 to 24
- 25 to 49
- 50 to 69
- 70 to 89
- 90 to 100
- No walk score available

WALKING AUDIT

Take a strolling walk in a part of the neighborhood that is generally representative of the entire neighborhood. Cover a distance of about ¼ of a mile (or a road segment or block between two major intersections) that can be easily walked in about ten (10) minutes.

Before you head out, review the questions below and as you walk, note the items that stand out to you, checking all that apply. As you assess the conditions of the walkability, pedestrian amenities, safety, and overall conditions on your walk, pay special attention to the items outlined below. Consider the physical aspects of what you see around you, specifically, the area surrounding a particular place and distinguishing characteristics that can include landscape, geography, physical attributes.

Roadway observed: ___________________________________________________________________

Between Street Name 1: _____________________________ Street Name 2: _____________________________

Land Uses

1. What types of residences did you see? Check all that you observe.
   - Single-family detached houses
   - Attached single-family dwelling units (with common walls but separate entrances to the street including: row houses, condominiums, townhouses, etc.)
   - Apartment buildings or complexes
   - Housing with supportive services (such as senior or assisted living housing, shelters, recovery centers, etc.)
   - Group living (such as dormitories, co-ops, and co-housing)
   - Residences with shared space, but detached units (including trailer parks, tiny homes, etc.)
1a. How many types of residences did you see? Count the check marks in the above list and indicate your answer.

- 1 (0 pts)
- 2 (4 pts)
- 3 or more (11 pts)

Non-Motorized Infrastructure (Sidewalks, Shared-Use Paths/Trails, On-Road Bike Lanes, Walkways and Greenways)

2. Do you see non-motorized transportation routes that connect the neighborhood to other neighborhoods/residential areas and to other destinations of interest, such as shopping, businesses, parks/recreation, etc.? Non-motorized transportation routes include: sidewalks, shared-use paths/trails, on-road bike lanes, walkways and greenways.

- Yes, and the routes connect conveniently to other neighborhoods and destinations of interest (26 points)
- Yes, and the routes connect conveniently to other neighborhoods but not to other destinations of interest (8 pts)
- Yes, and the routes connect conveniently to destinations of interest but not to other neighborhoods (10 pts)
- There are some routes but they do not conveniently connect to other neighborhoods or destinations of interest (Example: sidewalks in only a few locations or sidewalks throughout subdivision/neighborhood but without connections to other neighborhoods or destinations) (2 pts)
- No non-motorized routes/infrastructure (0 points)

If any of the first three “yes” answers are selected for Question 2, ask Questions 2a, 2b and 2c

2a. Which of the following types of non-motorized transportation routes does the network consist of? Check all that you observe.

- Sidewalks
- Shared-use paths/trails
- On-road bike lanes
- Walkways
- Greenways

2b. Please indicate the conditions of the routes (sidewalks, shared-use paths/trails, on-road bike lanes, walkways and greenways) that you observe during your walk.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>All (pts)</th>
<th>Most (pts)</th>
<th>Few or none (pts)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2b1) Routes are continuous</td>
<td>○ (5)</td>
<td>○ (4)</td>
<td>○ (0)</td>
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<td>2b2) Routes are wide enough</td>
<td>○ (3)</td>
<td>○ (2)</td>
<td>○ (0)</td>
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<td>2b3) Routes are free of cracks, breaks, rough surfaces or other obstacles</td>
<td>○ (3)</td>
<td>○ (2)</td>
<td>○ (0)</td>
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<td>2b4) There is a street buffer zone/planting strip between the route and the street</td>
<td>○ (3)</td>
<td>○ (2)</td>
<td>○ (0)</td>
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2c. Please provide any other comments or other notable observations about the non-motorized transportation routes in this neighborhood.

**Pedestrian Crossings**

3. Are there pedestrian crossings present?
   - Yes (6 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

   If answer to Question 3 is Yes, ask Questions 3a and 3b

3a. Indicate the characteristics of the pedestrian crossings present.

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<th>3a1) No more than 300 feet between pedestrian crossings</th>
<th>All Crossings (2 pts)</th>
<th>Some Crossings (1 pt)</th>
<th>None (0 pts)</th>
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<td>3a2) Crossings are well-marked</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>3a3) Road narrow enough to safely cross at the pedestrian crossing</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>3a4) Crossing(s) have a gentle slope or ramp from the highest point of the sidewalk to lower level of the street, ramps with flared sides and are textured or marked for those with visual impairments</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>3a5) Pedestrians have an unblocked view of traffic at crossings</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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3b. Indicate the characteristics of any pedestrian signals present. Answer None if no pedestrian signals present.

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<th>3b1) Working/operational pedestrian signals and/or Push-to-Walk signals present</th>
<th>At all Crossings (2 pts)</th>
<th>At some Crossings (1 pt)</th>
<th>None (0 pts)</th>
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<td>3b2) Pedestrian signal(s) give people walking at an average speed enough time to cross</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>3b3) Push-to-Walk signal is accessible to people with disabilities. Answer None if there are no Push-to-Walk signals</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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3c. Indicate the additional characteristics of the pedestrian crossings present.
Pedestrian Street Safety

4. Indicate which of the following safety concerns are present.

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<th>No (1 pt)</th>
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<td>4a. Vehicles on the roadway move at inappropriately high speeds</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>4b. Heavy traffic present</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>4c. Evidence of threatening behavior present</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>4d. Unleashed or stray dogs present</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>4e. Street lighting is not sufficient to walk comfortably at night If you are conducting the audit during daylight hours, answer based on the number and location of the lighting fixtures you see.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>4f. Vacant lots are present</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>4g. Abandoned buildings are present</td>
<td>o</td>
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4h. Please provide any other comments about street safety.

Street Character

5. Indicate which of the following street characteristics you observe.

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<td>5a. Pedestrian scale amenities (Such as benches, garbage cans, drinking fountains) are present</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>5b. Public art is present</td>
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<td>5c. Sidewalks or shared use paths/trails are shaded</td>
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<td>5d. Wayfinding signs are present</td>
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<td>5e. Bicycle route signs are present</td>
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<td>5f. Signs that display the minutes needed to walk to nearby destinations are present</td>
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<td>5g. There is no non-commissioned graffiti</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>5h. There is no excessive litter or broken glass present</td>
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<td>o</td>
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<td>5i. There are no poorly maintained features and/or properties</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>5j. There are no odors or other poor air quality</td>
<td>o</td>
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5k. Please provide any other comments about the street character.
NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES

The questions below help identify whether people can safely walk from the neighborhood to destinations they might need or want to visit. For these questions, consider the entire neighborhood, not just the part you saw during your ¼ mile (10-minute) walk. To answer the questions, you might rely on your knowledge of the facilities and destinations in and near the neighborhood.

6. An outdoor recreation area or an indoor recreation facility is located in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk from the neighborhood.
   - Yes (9 pts)
   - No, not present or no safe route to walk to an outdoor recreation area or indoor recreation facility (0 pts)

7. A transit stop is available in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk from the neighborhood.
   - Yes (7 pts)
   - No (0 pts)
   - Not applicable, our community does not have a public transit system (0 pts)

8. Check all the retail destinations that are located either in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk from the neighborhood.
   - Entertainment venue(s)
   - Convenience store(s)
   - Grocery store(s) and/or supermarket(s)
   - Farmers Market(s)
   - Restaurant(s), café(s), or coffee shop(s)
   - Community garden(s) or urban farm(s)
   - Hardware store(s)
   - Clothing store(s)
   - Book store(s)
   - Pharmacy/Drug Store(s)
   - Post office(s)
   - Laundromat(s)/dry cleaners
   - Bank/credit union(s)
   - Personal service(s)

   8a. Number of retail locations located in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk. Count the items you checked and indicate your answer below.
   - 3 or more (9 pts)
   - 1 or 2 (4 pts)
   - None (0 pts)

9. Check all the education, healthcare, and office destinations that are located either in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk from the neighborhood.
   - Elementary School
   - Secondary School
   - Community College, College, or University
   - Medical Offices/Clinic
   - Hospital or Urgent Care Facility
   - Offices/office buildings
9a. Number of education, healthcare, and office destinations located in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk. Count the items you checked and indicate your answer below.

- 1 or more (5 pts)
- None (0 pts)

10. Check all the other community gathering places that are located either in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk from the neighborhood.

- Library
- Community centers
- Places of worship

10a. Number of community gathering places located in the neighborhood and/or within a safe 10-minute walk. Count the items you checked and indicate your answer below.

- 1 or more (5 pts)
- None (0 pts)

OVERALL IMPRESSIONS

11. Describe any features of this neighborhood that might encourage or inhibit physical activity.

12. What is one thing you would do to improve this neighborhood?
SECTION 2: Submit Your Audit

Please read and check the statement below and then click the Submit button to submit your audit.

**You will not be able to change your answers after successfully submitting your audit.** Please check your answers before you click the Submit button. You will see a thank you message when your audit has been successfully submitted.

- I have reviewed my answers and confirm that I am ready to submit this audit.

SUBMIT BUTTON