



Walking with a Purpose Success Story: Dallas County

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The walkability assessment was conducted within a two-mile radius of Perry Middle School. The weather impacted the attendance at the event, but several members in the community were still able to attend, including the police and fire department. The group discovered the route had no sidewalks on either side of the street in some areas. In addition, they identified a particular intersection of two busy streets without crosswalks, a spot where jaywalking seemed like a necessity to get from one side of the street to the other. They also identified unsafe construction areas without safety fences. These safety hazards make walking difficult for members in the community. On a positive note, there were no scary dogs or litter, and there was plenty of green space along the route.



The findings were presented to the City Administrator, on May 28, with an emphasis on the need for complete streets. The results will also be shared with the Dallas County Board of Health. The group plans to work with the mayor, city administrator, and city council to conduct more walkability assessments and adopt a policy requiring sidewalks on at least one side of the street.