

Walk Audit Checklist

You know your neighborhood better than anyone else. That’s why Montgomery Planning wants to hear directly from the experts—the residents—on how your walking experience is in Aspen Hill.

Walking in Aspen Hill should be safe and easy. Take a walk in your community and describe what you see using this walk audit checklist. Below are some characteristics and issues to consider when walking through your community. Consider other users in your community including older adults, children, and people with limited mobility and vision impairments. Your work will help to guide recommendations on how to make it safer for all modes of transportation in Aspen Hill.

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Below are some characteristics and issues to consider related to pedestrian safety and comfort. Use this checklist to describe what you see and feel as you walk around your community

SIDEWALKS

What is the sidewalk condition (broken, trip hazards, narrow, etc.)?	
Are sidewalks continuous from the street to destinations (stores, bus stops, schools, offices, churches, etc.)?	
Is the sidewalk a comfortable width? Can you walk side by side with your companion, push a stroller, etc.?	
Is the sidewalk often interrupted for cars (driveways, loading docks, etc.)?	
Do intersections (and medians) have curb ramps for wheelchairs, strollers, and carts?	
Do curb ramps orient pedestrians directly toward the crosswalk and receiving ramp, and do ramps have detectable warning strips?	
Are there barriers that make walking difficult (poles, signs, shrubs, trash cans, low-hanging trees, etc.)?	
Do intersections have marked crosswalks?	

NOTES

STREETS

Are there safe places to cross the street (i.e., 4-way stops, signalized intersections)? Are these crossings frequent?	
When traffic lights are present, is there enough time to cross for all users, including children and older adults?	
Can children and wheelchair users reach and hear pedestrian push buttons at crossings?	
Does vehicle traffic move at a speed that feels safe walking by or when crossing the street?	
Are sidewalks separated from traffic by parking, trees, grass buffer, etc.?	
Do drivers yield to people crossing the street?	
Were vehicles, trees, or signs blocking the view of traffic for pedestrians?	
Are there bike lanes? Would children be safe biking?	
Do streets have medians? If so, do they include trees, pedestrian refuges, or are they raised?	

EXPERIENCE

Is there shade provided by trees, canopies, or buildings?	
Are buildings easy to access from the sidewalk (e.g., facing the sidewalk, providing pathways or entrances near the sidewalk, etc.)?	
Is there adequate, pedestrian scale lighting?	
Describe the general condition of the area (is trash or graffiti present)?	
Do you feel safe from cars walking along this street?	
Are there benches or other places to stop and rest?	

TRANSIT

Are bus stops sheltered?	
Are bus stops separated from the road?	
Do bus stops have safe crossings nearby?	
Are bus shelters accessible for everyone (people with limited mobility or for strollers)?	