

DIY Walk Audit Kit



Thank you for your interest in helping make Dunstable Town Center a safe, walkable place! This DIY Walk Audit kit is designed to guide you through the process of observing conditions on Main and Pleasant Streets, and invite your ideas for how to improve sidewalks, crosswalks, and intersections to make Town Center a better place for all.

We recommend doing the walk with a group--the more the merrier! Visit the area on a clear day with good visibility, and wear brightly colored clothing to ensure drivers can see you. Feel free to walk on as much of the project area as you feel comfortable reviewing (and if you don't feel comfortable walking the entire area, that's good information to tell us as well!).

See below for a step-by-step guide to observing conditions in the Town Center:

- 1) Lace up your walking shoes and pack a water bottle.
- 2) Walk any portion of the following areas (see attached map):
 - A. Main Street: between Town Hall and Dunstable Public Library
 - B. Pleasant Street: between the intersection of Main and Pleasant Streets and Pond and Pleasant Streets.
- 3) Note problematic areas or suggestions on the attached map.
- 4) Complete the worksheets on pages 2 and 3 of this kit.
- 5) Return materials to the Town Administrator's Office in Dunstable Town Hall, or scan/photo-graph your worksheets and email them to klynema@nmcog.org.

Deadline: Please return your materials by Wednesday, September 27.

Walk Dunstable Community Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, October 4, where we'll share what we've heard, provide project details, and talk about next steps!

Who:	You!
When:	Wednesday, October 4 5:00pm
Where:	Dunstable Town Hall

Questions?

Contact Jason Silva, Town Administrator, at jsilva@dunstable-ma.gov or Kelly Lynema, Deputy Director at Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG), at klynema@nmcog.org.



HIGHLAND ST

HIGH ST

MAIN ST

HILLCREST ST

Wickham & Willoughby

Town Hall

Dunstable Free Public Library

Farmhouse Cafe

Police Department

Dunstable Evangelical Congregational Church / Maple Village Preschool

Swallow Union Elementary School

Fire Department

West Auto Repair

old town well field & scales

town common & fields

brook

A

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A

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**WALK
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Sidewalks, Streets & Crossings



Posted speed limit(s): _____

Do the motorists appear to be obeying the speed limit(s)? _____

Total number of vehicle lanes: _____ The street is: one-way | two-way

If more than one lane: Does the roadway have a median and/or a pedestrian island?

The street has: no sidewalk no sidewalk but needs one no sidewalk but needs two partial sidewalks a sidewalk on one side of the street sidewalks on both sides of the street

THE STREET :

- 1. Has traffic lights and/or stop signs at intersections and crossings
- 2. The traffic lights and/or stop signs are clearly visible to drivers and pedestrians
- 3. Has crosswalks
- 4. The crosswalks are well marked and clearly visible to drivers and pedestrians
- 5. Has signage alerting drivers to the presence of pedestrians
- 6. Has a designated bicycle lane
- 7. Has a pedestrian crossing signal, also called a beacon (if yes, complete the next section)

THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS

YES | NO | OTHER Skip any statements that don't apply

- 1. Are working
- 2. Have a "push-to-walk" mechanism, meaning pedestrians can stop the vehicle traffic
- 3. Have audible prompts for people with vision impairment
- 4. Are placed in appropriate locations (if not, where are more needed)
- 5. Provide enough time to cross (indicate the amount of time provided: _____ minutes _____ seconds)
- 6. Provide suitable opportunities to cross (indicate the amount of time pedestrians must wait for a traffic light change in order to cross: _____ minutes _____ seconds)

Street Safety & Appeal

THE LOCATION HAS

YES | NO | OTHER Skip any statements that don't apply

- 1. Places to sit
- 2. Shade trees
- 3. Grass, flowers and landscaping (if yes, is the greenery well maintained? _____)
- 4. Awnings, outdoor umbrellas or other shelter from rain and other weather conditions
- 5. Drinking fountains (if yes, are they working and clean? _____)
- 6. Public restrooms (if yes, are they clean and safe? _____)
- 7. A transit or bus shelter (if yes, is there seating? _____)
- 8. Trash receptacles (if yes, so they appear to be regularly emptied?)
- 9. Buildings and/or homes that are well-maintained
- 10. Informative signage
- 11. Well-placed signage
- 12. Streetscape features (art, signage, etc.) that are representative of/suitable for the community
- 13. Pedestrian-scaled lighting

IMPRESSIONS

- 1. The location/street is a safe and appealing destination
- 2. The location/street is a safe and appealing travel route
- 3. The location/street appears to be safe for users of all ages, abilities, etc.
- 4. The location/street appears to be safe for pedestrians during both the day and night
- 5. Pedestrians appear to be safe from moving vehicles
- 6. Pedestrians appear to be safe from crime, harassment or similar threats

Walkability of the area, based on the findings above:

Great Acceptable Mixed Poor
