

ON THE PATH TO SAFE ROUTES TO PARKS

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ACTIVATING COMMUNITIES

CONNECT THE COMMUNITY TO QUALITY PARKS

Conduct a Safe Routes to Parks walk audit with park personnel, community residents, and other key partners to identify routes that people take to get to parks, and how to improve walking, biking, and accessibility to and from homes, schools, workplaces, grocery stores, libraries, and other destinations. [Learn more.](#)

MARK THE ROUTES

Install maps, signs, and community art that resonates with and is designed by neighborhood residents. Translate information into languages commonly spoken in the community.

PUT THE "SAFE" IN SAFE ROUTES TO PARKS

Work with community residents to understand what prevents them from feeling safe on the way to the park. Build trusting relationships with law enforcement and community members to discuss conflicts and collaborate on ways to address crime and violence concerns and enhance personal safety in and around the park. Host family-oriented events such as movie screenings in the park, live music, or free or low-cost sports clinics.

ENGAGE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Community residents should be at the center of all efforts to improve park accessibility to make sure priorities align with their neighborhood's unique needs. Reach out to residents, law enforcement, neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, and other community-based organizations. [Learn more.](#)

CELEBRATE THE BENEFITS

People living closer to parks are more likely to visit parks and be physically active more often than those who live further from parks. Studies also suggest that access to parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers can lead to active behaviors by youth, including walking or bicycling to parks.



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