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## February 2016 Newsletter

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We're clearing slush and snow from sidewalks to continue to take exciting steps in 2016. You can stay warm and active by:

- Checking out our recent webinars:
  - ["Pedestrian Planning for Communities: A Transferable Training and Implementation Program from Kentucky"](#) from February 11th
  - ["The New Federal Transportation Bill: What Does It Mean for the Walking Movement?"](#) from February 24th
- Joining our upcoming Twitter Chat with Jeff Speck on March 7. Use #AWAsksJeffSpeck at 2pm Eastern
- Attending our next free webinar ["Exploring Tactical Urbanism"](#) on March 8.

We're getting the word out. America Walks published ["Walking Keeps America on a Healthy Path"](#) in the Spring 2016 Newsletter of the New Jersey Public Health Association and ["Taking Steps to Healthy, Active and Focused Students"](#) in the NEA's Healthy Futures blog.

The Walking Movement is marching in step with the Corps. We hosted a conversation with the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health in Region V to brief United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers on the Call to Action on Walking and Walkable Communities. [Read and listen to the presentations here.](#)

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## Is the Walking College Right for You?

- ✓ Are you passionate for all things walking?
- ✓ Do you dream of your community becoming more walkable?
- ✓ Do you want to join others from across the nation to take the first step towards becoming an effective advocate?

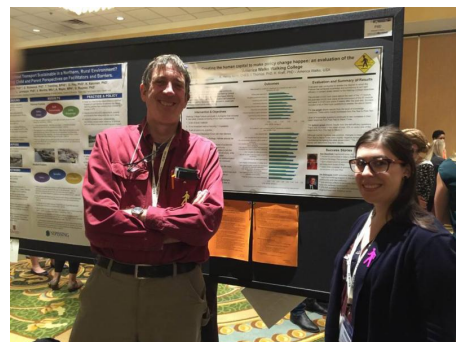


If you said yes to any of these questions, consider applying to be part of the 2016 Walking College, an interactive, online educational program for walkable community advocates. [Learn more about the 2016 Walking College program and stay tuned for applications to open in March.](#)

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## America Walks Hits the Beach at 2016 Active Living Research Conference

It was sun, sand and research on developing human capital at the [2016 Active Living Research Conference](#) in Florida. America Walks was honored to present a poster on the 2015 Walking College program titled, "Creating the human capital to make policy change happen: an evaluation of the America Walks Walking College."



We enjoyed sharing our successes as well as our plans for the 2016 Walking College with a diverse group of researchers and practitioners from the United States as well as across borders in places like Canada, Australia, and South Africa. [Read more and view the poster here.](#)

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## America Walks Receives Grant from W.K.Kellogg Foundation

We are excited to announce that we have received a \$200,000.00 grant from the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#) to support our work in making walking and walkable communities a national priority.



These funds will be used to further the work being done to expand the walking movement to be more inclusive of vulnerable families and help America Walks to continue its work to expand walkable communities for every individual. [Read the full press release here.](#)

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### What We're....

- Reading: [This article from Strong Towns](#) on how increasing walkability strengthens communities, build relationships and creates growth.
- Watching: [This short video](#) on what happened when one city decided to change crossing signal times.
- Listening to: This [series of podcasts](#) that explores how the relationship between equity and the built environment.



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