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Walkability Leaders Celebrate Earth Day by Expanding Advocacy Skills

Walking and walkable communities play a critical role in addressing climate change and increasing the overall health of our planet. **Almost 30% of greenhouse gas emissions comes from transportation.** Many of those trips could be replaced with active commutes. What better way to foster active, thriving communities than to cultivate home-grown walkability champions to help lead the way?

This month, we celebrated Earth Day by **welcoming 27 stellar local advocates into the Walking College training program.** These passionate community leaders will embark on a **journey to actualize accessible, active mobility** from the ground up in each of their communities — increasing sustainable transportation options in urban, suburban, and rural neighborhoods throughout the country.

Get to Know Your 2019 Walking College Fellows



Beyond the Crash Report: Mining Data on Pedestrian Crashes

We all have our own stories or have heard others stories when it comes to near-misses. There is power in these stories but we often lack the data to validate or quantify these critical accounts of pedestrian vulnerability. Ellen Zavisca, Principal Transportation Planner for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, wanted to investigate this tip of the iceberg further. **Read her guest blog post** that highlights an important near-miss survey as a brilliant attempt to supplement crash report data while driving home a strong call to action — that hazardous conditions for people walking and bicycling must be addressed immediately.

'The Color of Law' Catalyzes Short Film 'Segregated by Design'

Segregated By Design, a new short film inspired by Richard Rothstein's *The Color of Law*, examines the forgotten history of how our federal, state and local governments unconstitutionally segregated every major metropolitan area in America through law and policy.



In case you missed it, America Walks used Rothstein's book to kick off its **Walking Towards Justice** series with **The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Government Segregated America**. It focuses on how these historic truths influence the transport and mobility choices we live with. This is a great time to **give it a listen or a look back**.

America Walks to Expand Work on Inclusive Health

America Walks **is proud to announce** that the organization has been selected to receive one of the **2019 Inclusive Health Innovation Grant awards from Special Olympics**. This grant will enable America Walks to develop tools and identify models for including people with intellectual disabilities in community efforts to increase walking, create walkable places, and develop integrated mobility systems designed to put people first. Stay tuned for more on how to get involved with this exciting project.

Explore Walking with April's Monthly Theme Lead Organizations

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Safe Routes to School National Partnership helped to kick off the #ExploreWalking quarter this month. Be inspired to hit the trail with **these eight urban trails "perfect for on-foot exploration"** and honor International Anti-Street Harassment Week with **Safe Routes to School National Partnership's call to action** on stopping ways walking in public can be uncomfortable, intimidating and even dangerous.



Three Rivers Heritage Trail near Point State Park | Photo by Amy Kapp

Mark Those Calendars

- **May 6–9th**: The National Outdoor Recreation Conference, hosted each year by the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals (SORP), showcases innovative and creative approaches to outdoor recreation research, planning, and management. **Register today**.
 - **May 8th**: Encourage children to safely bicycle or walk to school and join National Bike to School Day. It's an opportunity for schools across the country to join together to celebrate and to build off of the energy of National Bike Month. **Learn more here**.
 - **May 20th**: Join us for the second in our three-part training on Equitable Development. **You can register here** to learn about putting equitable development into practice. Miss part one? **Catch the recording here**.
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- [K-12 STEM Resources / The Institute of Transportation Engineers \(ITE\)](#)
- [The Power of Public Spaces: What Five Cities Learned / Knight Foundation](#)
- [Crash Diet for a Freeway Corridor / Congress for the New Urbanism \(CNU\)](#)
- [2019 Walking College Fellow's Ted Talk / Thomas Wojcicki](#)

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