

**The Walk Audit: An Effective
Tool for Community Change
America Walks and AARP
Webinar
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**Enhancing Pedestrian
Mobility From Vision to
Accomplishment**



Carbondale Age-Friendly Community Initiative CAFCI

- CAFCI formed as a loosely organized group of older adults who got together in Jan 2019
- **Our mission – To be visible, vocal, and contributing to the community**
- Our first action would be **pedestrian safety**
- **We wanted to help the town be true to its vision**

“To create multi-modal options that would reduce car dependence and build a healthy sustainable future.”





IN THE BEGINNING

When winter brought mobility issues

- We went to a Board of Trustees work session on mobility with an initiative signed by 186 citizens
- We filled the chamber
- We asked our elected officials to make our trails and streets more walkable
- We said we would help them do it (That is how we address ageism)

***Nothing About Us
Without Us***

We built
personal
relationships
with those
who can bring
about change

Elected Officials

Mayor and Board of Trustees

Boards and Commissions

Bike/Pedestrian/Trails

Parks & Rec

P&Z

Environment

Town Staff

Public Works

Building

Planning and Zoning

Town Clerk

Police

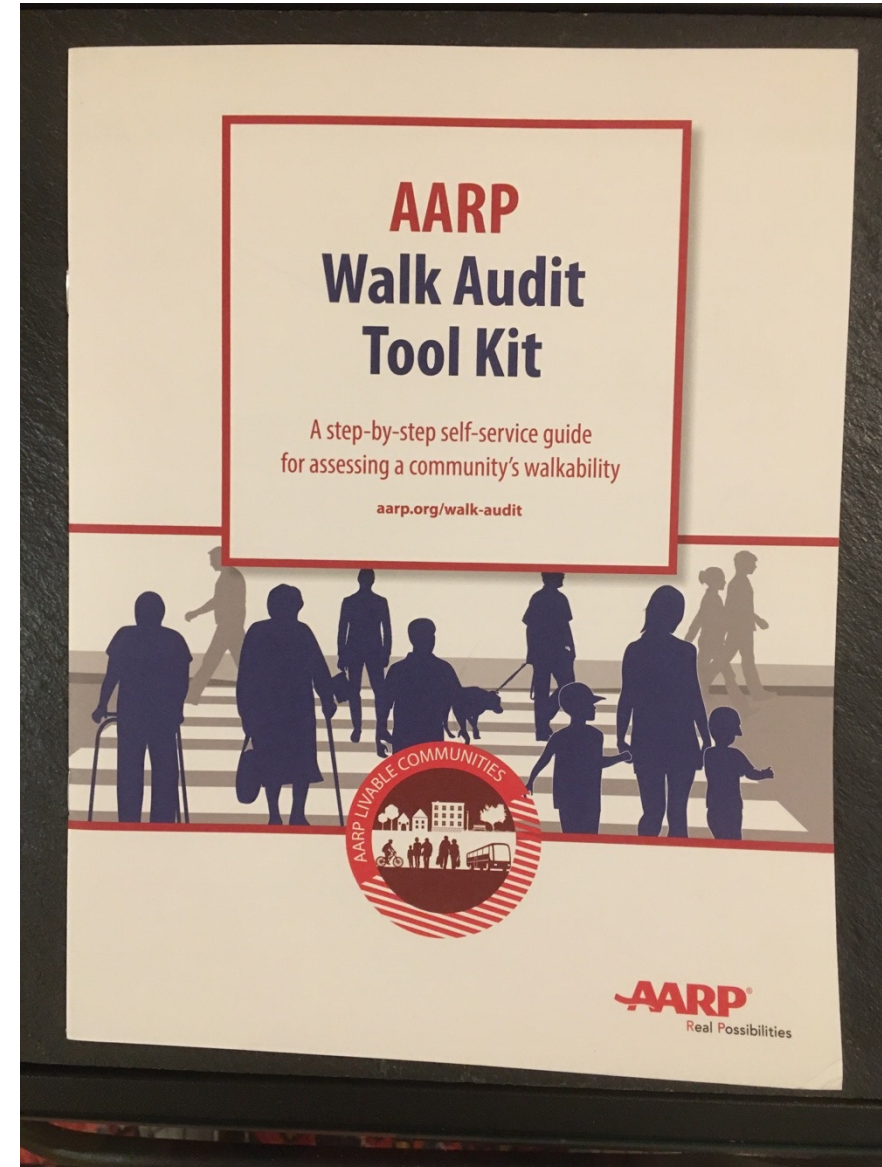


WHO ARE THE PEDESTRIANS?

Aging in Community: Plan for very young, very old, and everyone in between






A tool that helped us clearly document our concerns – not our complaints

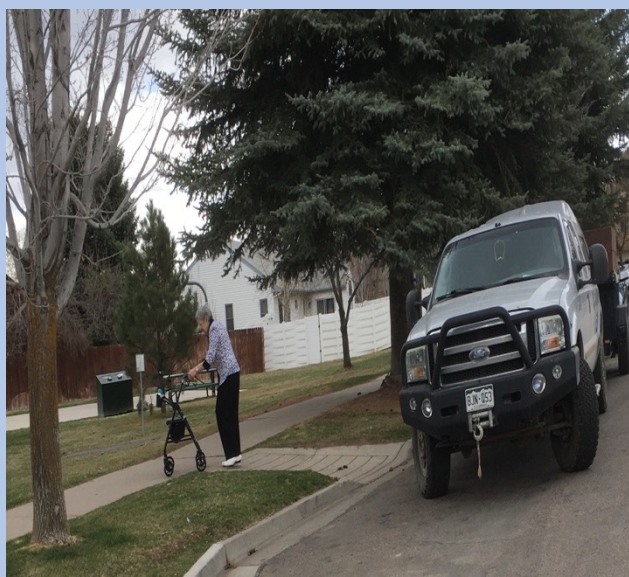




Legend

-  Carbondale Roads
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridors**
-  Important Future Connection
-  Nighttime Priority Route

We documented impediments to walking and the consequences for pedestrians



Accomplishments



Annual walk audits



The catalyst for major infrastructure project



Doubled budgetary allocation for repair and maintenance of sidewalks



Embedded pedestrian access into the town's updated Comprehensive Plan



To DO: →



Make those visions actionable by bringing about changes in UDC and Building Codes

From Audit to Action

