

The Walkable and Livable Communities Institute



The Walkable and Livable Communities Institute. We help individuals and communities achieve their best. We do this through collaboration. Dan Burden, the Executive Director, works in over 200 communities each year. By focusing on assessment, design review, visioning, conceptual design assistance, and training, we help individuals, organizations, developers and governments design and oversee critical stages of their projects and programs. We deliver successful and engaging public process events, helping build social capital at local and regional levels.



The Institute provides training in building healthy communities, Main Streets, Safe Routes To School programs, Aging-in-Place initiatives and a range of topics related to integrating urban design and transportation planning to create more livable places.



The Institute is dedicated fully to the training of leaders and practitioners to undertake the block-by-block, neighborhood-by-neighborhood, town and city transformations of built and yet-to-be-built environments.

The Institute teaches diverse disciplines how to work together to collaborate, network, and to plan and design context sensitive solutions to address problems. Through on-site assessments, independent expert review of projects, workshops, webinars, lectures and conferences, the Institute provides a living classroom that engages our planners, designers, and leaders. We bring motivated experts and inspirational achievers together to successfully rebuild blocks, corridors, neighborhoods, towns, and regions; to achieve more by learning to work together with many disciplines, many people, many groups.



The Walkable and Livable Communities Institute is a non-profit center focused on helping cities throughout the world become healthier, more walkable, bicycle friendly, sustainable, socially engaging, and welcoming places by improving their built form. We do this by teaching town making collaboration and leadership. We teach people how to be more creative through collaborative group settings.
