

# COMPLETE STREETS 101



## What are Complete Streets?

“Complete Streets” is the concept that streets should be planned, designed, operated and maintained to support safe travel by people walking, bicycling, taking transit, and driving, as well as by people of all ages and abilities.



## Dutchess County’s Complete Streets Policy:

In October 2016, the Dutchess County Legislature adopted a Complete Streets Policy. The policy states:

*Dutchess County shall strive to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain its streets, bridges, bus system (buses, stops, shelters, etc.), parks, trails, and buildings to promote safe, comfortable, efficient, and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities, and for all types of transportation, including walking, bicycling, riding the bus, and driving, to the greatest extent possible.*

*Over time, these facilities will be integrated into a countywide network that promotes the health, safety, environment, and economic vitality of Dutchess County and makes it a more desirable place to live, work and visit.*

## Why are Complete Streets important?

Complete Streets:

- \* Support local businesses & promote economic development
- \* Improve safety; reduce crashes and injuries
- \* Reduce traffic congestion and auto-related air pollution
- \* Improve health
- \* Provide transportation options
- \* Create accessible environments for people of all abilities
- \* Make our communities more inviting



## What can you do?

- \* **Adopt a Complete Streets policy and checklist** (see for example, [www.dutchessny.gov/CompleteStreets](http://www.dutchessny.gov/CompleteStreets))
- \* **Promote safe driving, walking, and bicycling** (see the Dutchess County Watch Out For Me Campaign: [www.dutchessny.gov/WatchOutForMe](http://www.dutchessny.gov/WatchOutForMe))
- \* **Educate your constituents** (see National Complete Streets Coalition resources: [www.completestreets.org](http://www.completestreets.org))