WalkBikeDutchess Survey: Lower Hudson

Responses: 470 from Lower Hudson Planning Area (Cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon; Towns of Poughkeepsie, Wappinger, and Fishkill; and Villages of Wappingers Falls and Fishkill).

Note: Not all respondents answered each question.

Q31. On average, how often do you walk and/or ride a bicycle? Select one response for each. (n= 470)

How Often I Walk

- 31% Every Day
- 14% 5-6 Days per Week
- 12% 3-4 Days per Week
- 22% 1-2 Days per Week
- 15% A few times per Month
- 19% Rarely
- 16% Never
- 18% Weekends Only
- 6% I am not physically able

How Often I Bicycle

- 18% Every Day
- 15% 5-6 Days per Week
- 16% 3-4 Days per Week
- 12% 1-2 Days per Week
- 8% A few times per Month
- 19% Rarely
- 15% Never
- 5% Weekends Only
- 1% I am not physically able
Q32. For which of the following purposes do you usually walk/ride a bicycle? Select all that apply. (n=469)
Q33. When you choose to walk, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=459)

Why I Walk

- It's healthy/good exercise
- It's pleasant/fun
- It's environmentally friendly
- Destinations are relatively close
- To be with family/friends
- It's economical
- I don't drive/have access to a car

Q34. When you choose to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=390)

Why I Bicycle

- It's healthy/good exercise
- It's pleasant/fun
- It's environmentally friendly
- It's economical
- Destinations are relatively close
- To be with family/friends
- I don't drive/have access to a car

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Q38. When you choose NOT to walk, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n= 438)

- Inadequate road shoulders/sidewalks
- Poor surface quality
- There's too much traffic
- I don't feel safe
- It takes too long
- Drivers are inconsiderate
- Unpleasant walking environment
- It's hard to walk with kids, bags, etc.
- Other
- It's too difficult for me physically

Q39. When you choose NOT to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n= 401)

- Road shoulders are too narrow
- There's too much traffic
- Poor road pavement
- Too few bicycle paths/trails
- Drivers are inconsiderate
- I don't feel safe
- No safe bicycle parking
- Surrounding area is unpleasant
- It’s hard to ride with kids, bags, etc.
- I don’t know how to ride in traffic
- It takes too long
- Other
- I don’t have access to a bicycle
- It’s too difficult for me physically
Q40. What is the best location for walking in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=407)

Best Walking Locations

- Rail Trails
- Walkway Over The Hudson
- Parks
- Local Neighborhoods

Q41. What is the best location for bicycling in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=368)

Best Bicycling Locations

- Rail Trails
- Walkway Over The Hudson
- Local Neighborhoods
Q42. What is the most problematic location for walking in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=355)

Q43. What is the most problematic location for bicycling in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=330)
Q44. When walking, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n= 437)

### Walking Issues

- Lack of adequate road shoulders/sidewalks
- Distracted/inattentive motorists
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Poor road or sidewalk condition
- Difficulty crossing intersections/roads safely
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Too much traffic
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
- Poorly lit streets
- Large trucks
- Other

Q45. When bicycling, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n= 386)

### Bicycling Issues

- Inadequate road shoulders/bicycle paths
- Poor road conditions
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Distracted/inattentive motorists
- Too much traffic
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
- Difficulty crossing intersections/roads
- Large trucks
- Poorly lit streets
- Other
Q46. What is most important when you choose where to walk/ride a bicycle? (Select up to 3 criteria for each.) (n=467)

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Q47. Please indicate how strongly you agree with each of the following statements: (n= 463)

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Q48. How satisfied are you with how the community where you live is designed for safe walking and bicycling? (n= 465)

**Community Designed for Walking**

- Very Satisfied: 18%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 41%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 28%
- Very Dissatisfied: 13%

**Community Designed for Bicycling**

- Very Satisfied: 5%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 26%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 34%
- Very Dissatisfied: 35%
Q49. In your opinion, what are the 4 most important improvements to be made? Select up to 4 improvements. (n = 463)
Q50. Where is bicycle parking-- racks, lockers, etc. needed? Select the 3 most important locations. (n= 399)

Bicycle Parking Needs

- At stores
- At parks
- On sidewalks adjacent to local destinations
- At town halls/libraries/municipal facilities
- At bus stops/train stations
- In parking lots
- At schools
- At job sites
- Other

Q51. If equally good facilities existed, how would you prefer to travel? For each trip type, choose by bicycle, walking, public transit, or car. (n= 450)

How I Would Prefer to Travel

- To/from parks/recreation
- To/from the gym/exercise
- To/from work
- To/from local errands
- To/from school
- To/from the bus or train
- To/from social activities

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Q52. What factors should be used to prioritize improvements? Select up to 4 factors. (n = 458)

**Prioritizing Improvements**

- Create longer continuous walk/bikeways
- Maintain walking and bicycling facilities
- Address existing/potential crash locations
- Facilitate trips to local destinations
- Economic development/tourism
- Provide access to bus stops and train stations
- Build facilities that will serve the most users
- Facilitate walking and bicycling to school
- Spend similarly in various municipalities
- Other

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