WalkBikeDutchess Survey: Upper Taconic

Responses: 105 from Upper Taconic Planning Area (Towns of Clinton, Milan, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Stanford, Washington, and the Village of Millbrook)
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=104)

How Often I Walk

- Every Day: 22%
- 5-6 Days per Week: 12%
- 3-4 Days per Week: 16%
- 1-2 Days per Week: 25%
- A few times per Month: 12%
- Rarely: 2%
- Never: 2%
- Weekends Only: 0%
- I am not physically able: 0%

How Often I Bicycle

- Every Day: 1%
- 5-6 Days per Week: 11%
- 3-4 Days per Week: 17%
- 1-2 Days per Week: 17%
- A few times per Month: 19%
- Rarely: 16%
- Never: 12%
- Weekends Only: 6%
- I am not physically able: 1%
Q32. For which of the following purposes do you usually walk/ride a bicycle? Select all that apply. (n=104)
Q33. When you choose to walk, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=101)

Why I Walk

- It's healthy/good exercise: 90%
- It's pleasant/fun: 85%
- It's environmentally friendly: 50%
- To be with family/friends: 40%
- It's economical: 20%
- Destinations are relatively close: 15%
- Other: 5%
- I don't drive/have access to a car: 2%

Q34. When you choose to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=92)

Why I Bicycle

- It's healthy/good exercise: 95%
- It's pleasant/fun: 85%
- It's environmentally friendly: 60%
- To be with family/friends: 45%
- It's economical: 30%
- Destinations are relatively close: 20%
- I don't drive/have access to a car: 5%
- Other: 5%
Q38. When you choose NOT to walk, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n=89)

Why I Don't Walk

- Inadequate road shoulders/sidewalks
- There's too much traffic
- I don't feel safe
- Poor surface quality
- Drivers are inconsiderate
- Unpleasant walking environment
- It takes too long
- Other
- It's hard to walk with kids, bags, etc.
- 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=95)

Why I Don't Bicycle

- Road shoulders are too narrow
- There's too much traffic
- Poor road pavement
- Drivers are inconsiderate
- Too few bicycle paths/trails
- I don't feel safe
- No safe bicycle parking
- The surrounding area is unpleasant
- Other
- It takes too long
- It's hard to ride with kids, bags, etc.
- I don't know how to ride in traffic
- I don't have access to a bicycle
Q40. What is the best location for walking in your area? Be as specific as possible. (n=87)

Best Walking Locations

- Rail Trails
- Parks
- Walkway Over The Hudson
- Cary Institute

Q41. What is the best location for bicycling in your area? Be as specific as possible. (n=78)

Best Bicycling Locations

- Rail trails
- Back roads
- Local roads
Q42. What is the most problematic location for walking in your area? Be as specific as possible. (n=73)

Difficult Walking Locations

- Rt. 44
- Rt. 82
- Salt Point Turnpike

Q43. What is the most problematic location for bicycling in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=75)

Difficult Bicycling Locations

- Rt. 44
- Rt. 82
- Salt Point Turnpike
- Rt. 9
Q44. When walking, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n=88)

**Walking Issues**

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

Q45. When bicycling, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n=85)

**Bicycling Issues**

- Inadequate road shoulders/lack of bicycle paths
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Poor road conditions--cracked; unsmooth
- Distracted/Inattentive motorists
- Too much traffic
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
- Difficulty crossing intersections/roads safely
- 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=103)

**Route Criteria**

- Seems safe
- Scenic
- Low traffic volumes
- A trail/off-street path exists
- Surface quality
- Wide road shoulders exist
- Not too hilly
- Direct route available
- Other

Q47. Please indicate how strongly you agree with each of the following statements: (n=104)

**Local Walkability**

- Many alternative walking routes exist in my neighborhood
- Stores are within walking distance of my home
- My neighborhood has many interesting things to look at while walking
- It is easy to walk to a bus or train stop from my home
- Many places are within walking distance of my home

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
Q48. How satisfied are you with how the community where you live is designed for safe walking and bicycling? (n=100)

**Community Designed for Walking**

- Very Satisfied: 10%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 27%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 37%
- Very Dissatisfied: 26%

**Community Designed for Bicycling**

- Very Satisfied: 3%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 21%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 38%
- Very Dissatisfied: 38%
Q49. In your opinion, what are the 4 most important improvements to be made? Select up to 4 improvements. (n=103)

Suggested Improvements

- Increase width of road shoulders
- Add more rail trails/shared-use paths
- Add bicycle lanes/shared lane markings
- Add more sidewalks
- Provide smoother road pavement
- Enforce traffic safety laws more strongly
- Implement traffic calming
- Maintain walking/bicycling facilities
- Install better crosswalks/crossing signals
- Expand safety education
- Add more bicycle racks/parking for bicycles
- Provide more sidewalk amenities
- Upgrade traffic signals to detect bicycles
- Other
- Provide safety/directional signage

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70
Q50. Where is bicycle parking—racks, lockers, etc. needed? Select the 3 most important locations.

### Bicycle Parking Needs

- At parks
- At stores
- On sidewalks adjacent to local destinations
- At town halls/libraries/municipal facilities
- In parking lots
- At schools
- At bus stops/train stations
- 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=99)

### How I Prefer to Travel

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

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

- By Walking
- By Bicycle
- By Public Transit
- By Car

Appendix F: Walk-Bike Dutchess Survey- Upper Taconic
Effective March 27, 2014
Q52. What factors should be used to prioritize improvements? Select up to 4 factors. (n=101)

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