

Student Resource III

Walkability of your school's neighborhood

Now that you have found places that may be parks and community gardens, assess the walkability of the school's neighborhood. The walkability is related to the safety of walking to places in the neighborhood. Are there barriers to going to a park such as a large road or water body?

There are many indications and evidences of the benefits of walking and walkable neighborhoods, owing to a huge demand for housing in these neighborhoods. Low income residents have a dearth of these walkable neighborhoods with crime, poor market strength and racial segregation negatively influencing the factors of walkability.

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscape/vol17num2/ch1.pdf>

Go to the following website: <https://www.walkscore.com/>

Type in the address or your school and get the walkability score: the higher the score is the better the walkability of the area. (Example: Downtown of San Francisco has a walkability score of 98)

Walkability Score: _____

1. Find five areas that are different than the area around your school and find the walkability score.

Location	Location Description	Walkability Score
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

2. Go back to Google Maps. Looking at the imagery, identify barriers to students at your school to get to parks and community gardens nearby.