

**F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, *Forging Our Community's United Strength*
Citizens' Strategic Plan - A Road Map for Action**

*CNY Pathways
Connecting Healthy Communities*

Definition of Sustainability
A thriving, sustainable community is a place that provides a safe, healthy, high quality of life for current and future generations. Sustainability pertains to the interrelationships and interdependence of economic vitality, social equity, and environmental preservation.

VISION: Make Central New York a healthy place where all human modes of travel are safe, accessible, and easy and support healthy neighborhoods.

MISSION: Create a clear, unified Citizens' Plan for Action with specific goals for a connected network of routes for biking, hiking, walking, and wheeling throughout CNY.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ALL CHALLENGES: Create public web site with maps, safety information, and contacts.

Challenge #1: Provide safety and security for walkers, hikers, and wheelchair users

Recommendations for Challenge #1	Prioritized Strategies	Champions/Contacts/Organizations
<u>Recommendation #1.1</u> Assess conditions of major pedestrian intersections	1. Audit pedestrian intersections using Complete Cities standards 2. Analyze data 3. Prepare summary report 4. Distribute results	FOCUS (repository for completed audits)
<u>Recommendation #1.2</u> Improve, repair, and maintain existing sidewalks in city and villages	1. Clean debris from existing sidewalks 2. Add signage (e. g. Share the Road) as appropriate 3. Develop Pedestrian Infrastructure Maintenance Plan to prioritize activities 4. Identify sidewalks most in need of repair 5. Ensure that no obstructions exist	City of Syracuse DPW
<u>Recommendation #1.3</u> Provide traffic calming and awareness tools at high accident and other identified dangerous intersections to improve pedestrian safety	1. Research availability/ recommend addition of pedestrian cones and other visual cues at identified dangerous intersections 2. Provide education re: pedestrian right of way in NYS 3. Review existing information to aid in intersection identification 4. Construct calming measures at intersections	City, County DOT, towns and villages, FOCUS results of intersection audits, SMTCC, CNYRPDB, City of Syracuse DPW

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<p>Recommendation #1.4 Require commercial and residential developers to design new parking lots/garages and redesign existing lots/garages to improve safety for walkers and drivers and provide parking for bicycles</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold informational meeting with City Constituent Services/L. Speicher 2. City legislation currently in place; ongoing work with developers 3. Create/promote legislation to require developers to include amenities for pedestrians and cyclists 	<p>Home Builders & Remodelers Assoc. of CNY, City and County Zoning Boards, City of Syracuse DPW</p>
<p>Recommendation #1.5 Implement Safe Routes to School</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map routes throughout region (3 schools completed) 2. Coordinate activities with Syracuse University programs 3. Use national SRTS website as resource to develop school curriculum and training programs for parents, teachers, students 	<p>City of Syracuse DPW, Jonnell Allen Robinson, Bob Haley</p>
<p>Recommendation #1.6 Develop community-wide training, education, and marketing programs</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement Walking School Bus programs in neighborhoods 2. Solicit volunteers to participate 	<p>TNT neighborhood groups, FOCUS volunteers</p>

Challenge #2: Provide safety and security for cyclists

Recommendations for Challenge #2	Prioritized Strategies	Champions/Contacts/Organizations
<p>Recommendation #2.1 Develop a comprehensive cycling infrastructure to improve cycling safety</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create regional Bike Lane Master Plan 2. Increase supply of bicycle parking/racks 3. Develop template for sign attachments 4. Recalibrate traffic lights to improve road safety for all users 	<p>City of Syracuse DPW, FOCUS Volunteers, Onondaga County, Village officials, Hanover Square Assoc., Armory Square Assoc., Other Business Owners</p>
<p>Recommendation #2.2 Improve, repair, and maintain existing bicycle paths in city and villages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add bicycle lanes 2. Clean debris from existing bicycle lanes 3. Add signage (e. g. Share the Road) as appropriate 4. Ensure that no obstructions exist 	<p>City of Syracuse DPW</p>
<p>Recommendation #2.3 Provide traffic calming and awareness tools at high accident and other identified dangerous intersections to improve cyclist safety</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research availability/ recommend addition of visual cues at identified dangerous intersections 2. Provide education re: cycling rules in NYS 3. Review existing information to aid in intersection identification 	<p>City, County DOT, towns and villages, FOCUS results of intersection audits, SMTc, CNYRPDB, City of Syracuse DPW</p>

Challenge #3: Teach everyone how to share the road safely

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<p>Recommendation #3.1 Provide training and education courses for drivers and pedestrians</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research existing models (e. g. Capital Coexist) for application in CNY 2. Use DMV Driver’s Manual as education resource 3. Support legislation requiring inclusion of bicycle awareness in Driver’s Education courses 	<p>Better World Club, School Drivers Ed programs, Branches and other driving schools, DMV</p>
<p>Recommendation #3.2 Increase awareness of pedestrian and bicycle regulations and safety issues</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Involve Onondaga County Traffic Safety Board 2. Support/promote bicycling programs for children and adults 	<p>City of Syracuse Parks & Recreation, Onondaga County Parks & Recreation</p>
<p>Recommendation #3.3 Promote integration and coordination of activities with partners and collaborators to ensure cohesiveness/continuity/alignment of all trails</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify common language to support regular, consistent communication 2. Provide list(s) of accomplishments to partners, others 3. Develop ongoing forums for communication (e. g. Google docs) 4. Conduct annual meeting of all partners 	<p>All groups represented on CNY Pathways group, other identified community partners, P. King</p>

Challenge #4: Encourage walkable communities and accessible urban trails

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<p>Recommendation #4.1 Develop Directory/Table of Contents listing resources and maps</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify current resource data 2. Work with Onondaga County Library and other organizations to collect and add information 3. Develop consistent mapping system 4. Develop database to serve as index to materials 5. Consolidate/distribute data 	<p>FOCUS Volunteers, CNYRPDB, SMTC, SOCPA, Urban Design Center, Onondaga County Parks & Recreation, Parks & Trails NY, Onondaga County Public Library, City of Syracuse Parks & Recreation, CenterState CEO, Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau</p>

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<p>Recommendation #4.2 Develop dedicated website/links devoted to routes and trails for safe cycling, walking, hiking, and wheeling</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold discussions with community partners re: using current platforms 2. Post information on existing platforms 3. Explore internal maintenance sites 	<p>City of Syracuse Parks & Recreation, Onondaga County Parks & Recreation, Syracuse Convention & Visitors Bureau, SMTC, SOCPA, P. King</p>
<p>Recommendation #4.3 Validate and promote the health benefits of trails/walking/hiking/cycling for people of all ages and abilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase citizen knowledge and awareness of existing trails and health benefits 2. Provide information/support to local events 3. Suggest improvements to air quality around trail areas to enhance benefits to walkers, hikers, cyclists, and wheelers 4. Plant new trees and other wind barriers 5. Develop one trail to serve the needs of all, including those with visual, physical, and other impairments 	<p>Onondaga County Health Department, NYS Dept. of Health, NYS Healthy Hearts, American Cancer Society, AARP, Aurora, Insurers, Physicians, YMCA</p>
<p>Recommendation #4.4 Create phone apps/handheld instruments with walking tours, photos, historical, and current information of downtown, neighborhoods, and village centers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research technical requirements for these applications 2. Develop business plan 3. Identify resources/funding sources 	<p>FOCUS Working Group, CNYRODB, City of Syracuse Parks & Recreation, Onondaga County Parks & Recreation, SMTC</p>
<p>Recommendation #4.5 Reconnect CNY communities by providing a connected network of routes for cycling and walking throughout the City of Syracuse and surrounding communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement ESF to Erie Canal (SE Trail) proposal 2. Revise Bike Suitability Map 3. Research concept of Urban Village Zones utilized in other cities (e. g. Seattle) 4. Connect villages and diverse neighborhoods with healthy walkways 5. Promote and encourage collaboration among all partners 	<p>SMTC, City of Syracuse DPW, CNYRPDB, Parks & Trails NY, City and County towns and villages</p>
<p>Recommendation #4.6 Complete paved walking/hiking/bicycle path around Onondaga Lake (Loop the Lake)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with existing partners 2. Encourage citizen input and participation in the planning process 	<p>Onondaga County Parks & Recreation, Honeywell, Citizens, DEC, CSX</p>
<p>Recommendation #4.7 Support proposals for accessible canalway</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold/attend meetings with key stakeholders (Canal Heritage Commission, Parks & Trails NY, Canalway Trail Association NY) to solicit support for the project 2. Promote citizen engagement in project 	<p>Canal Heritage Commission, City of Syracuse Transportation Planning, City of Syracuse Parks & Recreation, Onondaga County Parks & Recreation, SMTC, Parks & Trails NY, Canalway Trail Association NY</p>

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