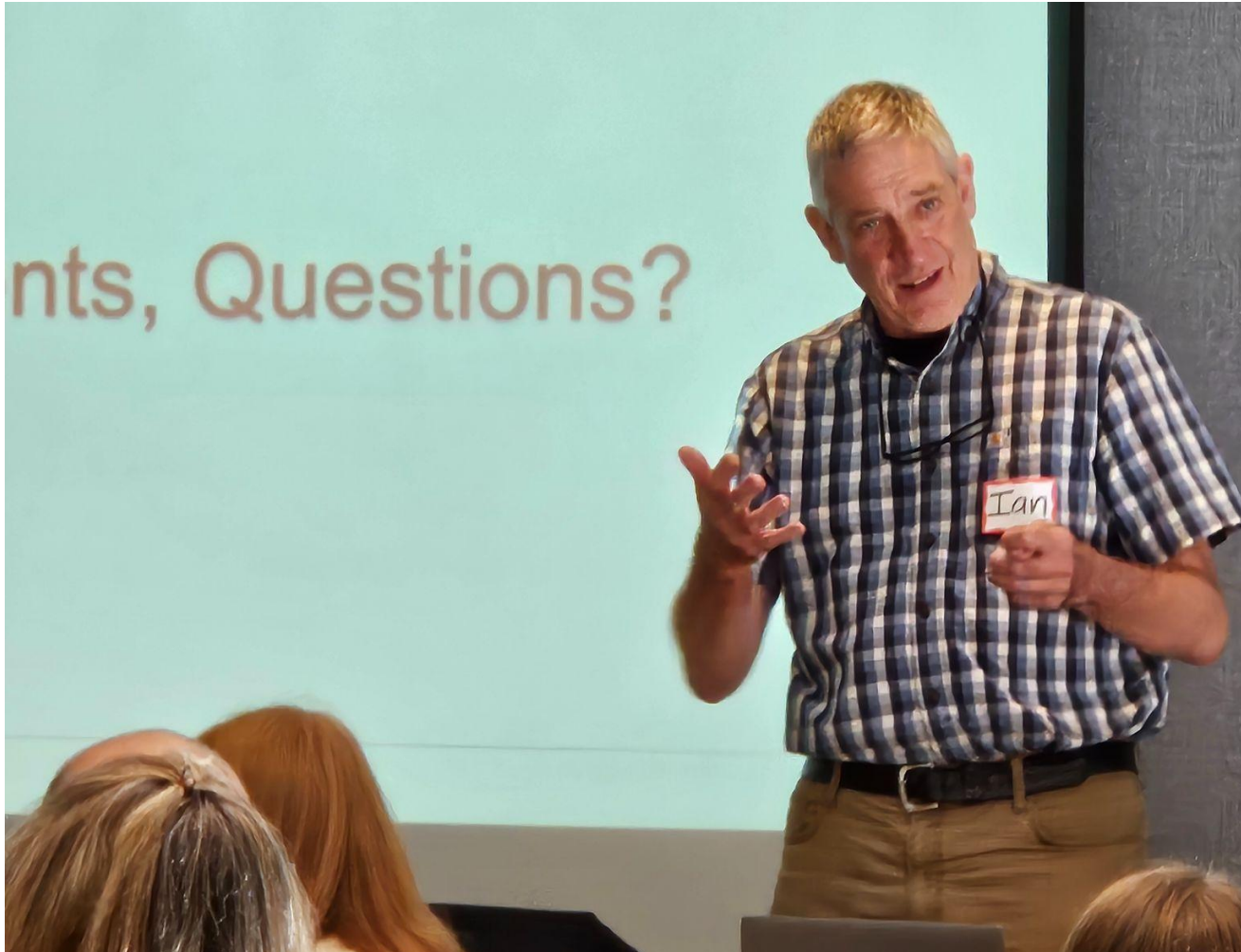


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# Walk Audit Workshop: Report + Findings

Thursday, August 22, 2024



**July 7, 2024 • 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Homewood Suites on 29N,**  
**Charlottesville**

- CAA Transportation + AARP Technical Assistance Grant for Livable Communities
- Bring community and non-governmental entities into the planning fold
- What's truly accessible?  
What's important?

**34 Attendees** from nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and the community

- Educate, assess and evaluate the nearby walkability and accessibility – including connections to transit
- Train-the-Trainer – make it a sustainable effort
- Design solutions that work for everyone



VISION

Investment in infrastructure will, with thoughtful and inclusive planning, enhance opportunities in underinvested Charlottesville + Albemarle neighborhoods by providing better-connected walkability and transit, leading to improvements in community health and access for all.

- Center equity
- Strengthen partnerships
- Generate ideas
- Establish foundations for the future





**Describe one or two locations which were **not walkable** and explain why**

*Along 29 N - sidewalk not rollable (cracked, slanted) curb slopes too steep, minimal buffer, pedestrian head timing too short, high speed traffic*



What can be done to **improve walkability** in the general area?

*“Design infrastructure with people (not cars) in mind”*

- Wider walkways
- Vigilant maintenance
- Adding shade
- Mixed use path
- Bigger buffers
- Slow down traffic
- Make sure sidewalks are for *all* users: mobility device, walkers, cyclists



- Moving as a pedestrian is hard, in a mobility device it's even harder
- It is striking how much more difficult and time consuming it is to take transit with a wheelchair
- Just because it is a sidewalk, doesn't mean it is rollable
- Have to consider future heat impacts and design for heat extremes (more shade)
- Bus system is clear if you are a frequent rider, but there's a big barrier for newbies who have to figure everything out

- Consult neighborhood leaders and neighborhood associations to conduct their own walk audits
- Support City and County improvement initiatives and walk audit efforts
- Keep community members connected to walkability work
- PATH Program: Transit Field Trip / Bus Buddies pilot



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Thank you!

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