

Radnor Township Walk Audit Findings

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BACKGROUND

In Fall 2025, the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC) and Delaware Public Health District (DPHD) organized a Walk Audit for Radnor Township. Attendees included DCRPC, DPHD, Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD), and Township residents and representatives.

A walk audit is a simple process to help assess and provide information on how supportive the street and surrounding environment is for walking. A walk audit surveys a pre-planned route, and documents ways that the environment supports and prohibits walking. Additionally, walk audits can help to understand the environment from an all-ability inclusive perspective. Audit participants included local residents, volunteers, and stakeholders.

This report provides a summary of observations from walk audit participants as well as recommendations for improvements. Recommendations include both short- and long-term solutions to be considered by Radnor Township officials and community stakeholders.

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

A "Complete Street" is designed for all roadway users, whether they're driving, riding, walking, bicycling or rolling (e.g., pushing a baby stroller, using a wheelchair). Since not every street can or should be "complete," Complete Streets policies simply require that the needs of all users be considered and, when appropriate, met. The Township is actively working to create a Comprehensive Plan to help guide development in the Township and part of the Plan will evaluate existing streetscape conditions, traffic and pedestrian safety, and will potentially create streetscape design guidelines. Findings in this report should be considered when proposing new development and infrastructure in the community, or updating existing infrastructure.

THE AUDIT LOCATION & ROUTES

Yellow Route:
East and west sides of
OH-203.

Red Route:
John St./Baker St.,
Radnor Cemetery,
Radnor Rd., east side of
OH-203.



Friday,
October 3,
2025



9:00 AM

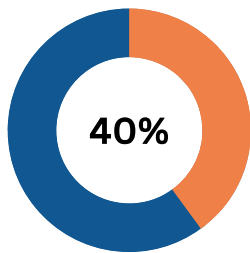
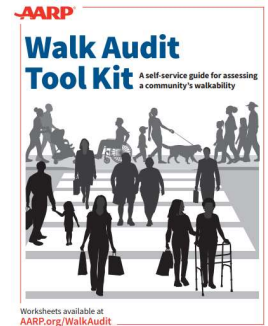


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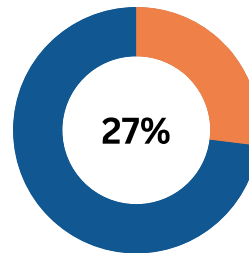


Auditor Summary

An electronic survey (ArcGIS Survey 123) was made available for "Auditors", or participants to utilize in the field to document their findings. A map function allowed Auditors to pin locations, indicate conditions of infrastructure, add comments and upload photos related to their location. The AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit (Pictured, Right) was also utilized by Staff to ensure a successful walk audit was completed. The following is a brief summary of the survey information received.



Reported sidewalks or pedestrian infrastructure is "Poor/Needs Repair" in specific areas



Reported sidewalks or pedestrian infrastructure as "None Existing"

Of the **41 responses** (with multiple topics), **23** reported the sidewalks are either too narrow (4' wide) and/or have different types of sidewalk disruption (overgrown with weeds/shrubs, sidewalk ends, in need of repair), **6** reported vehicles parked in the right-of-way (mostly in gravel parking areas), and **7** reported positive feedback (existing street trees on OH-203 and Baker St., raised tactile indicators in good condition, potential for sidewalk/path extensions, and Watch for Children signage).



Electronic survey - Geolocated points of interest

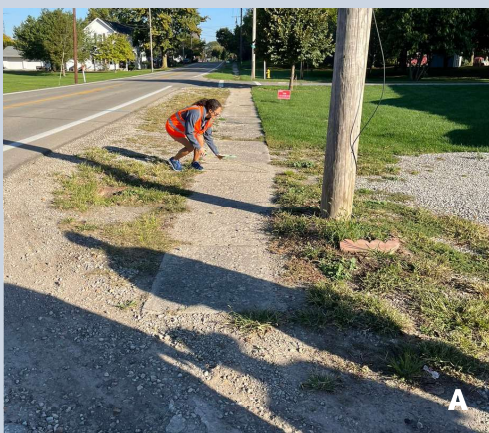


Recommendations

Prior to this event, Auditors were provided a Walk Audit Overview that served as an educational resource describing why and how a Walk Audit is completed, which included maps of the individual audit routes (See Page 1). Individual observations from each route are identified in the appendix (Pages 4-6).

There were common themes that emerged across all audit routes, the following recommendations stem from these themes:

- Sidewalk widths are too narrow. They do not accommodate for groups to walking together and should be widened to 5 feet (minimum). (A)
- Sidewalk buffers (tree plantings, berms, etc.) should be installed along OH-203. (B)
- Sidewalks could connect to Radnor Cemetery and even Grace Community Fellowship. (C)
- Shrub trimming is needed along OH-203 to allow the full width of the sidewalk to be used. (D)
- Sidewalk repair is necessary as they are overgrown with grass and covered with debris. (E)
- Crosswalk markings need installed or repainted and ensure all crosswalks are level with the street. (F)
- Consider adding dedicated pedestrian spaces (sidewalk or striping) on some of the side streets and street lighting.
- Gravel parking areas in the ROW may need removed if not permitted. (G)



Appendix: Specific Observations

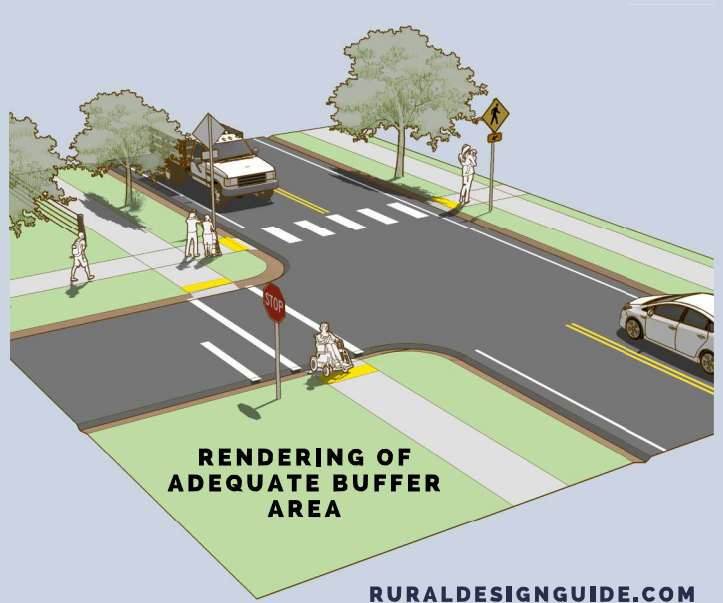
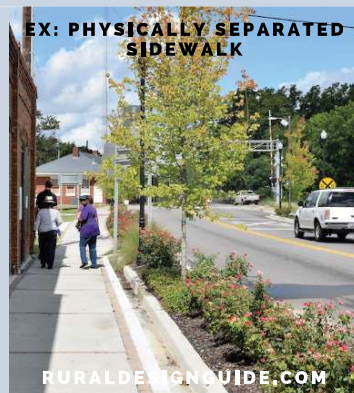
RED ROUTE:

- The sidewalk along OH-203 that connects to the park property is in disrepair. (A)
- Storm drains may be a hazard to pedestrians. (B)
- Sidewalks are only 4 feet wide, which is too narrow. Sidewalks are broken down and grass is growing up between them. (C)
- Sidewalks end in multiple locations, with sidewalks also turning into gravel.
- What appears to be serving as an alley (not platted) and connecting OH-203 and Baker St. is in disrepair. (D)
- Shrubs are overgrown and blocking the sidewalk.
- Post office parking is right off of the roadway and there may be site distance issues for those entering/exiting the parking areas. (E)
- The sidewalk abruptly ends and is elevated just north of the Post Office. (F)
- The ADA ramp in front of D&W Home Solutions is steep and may not be ADA compliant.
- Gravel Parking abuts the sidewalk and does not provide a buffer between the sidewalk and the street. (G)
- Motorcycle parked on, and blocking the sidewalk.
- No east/west crosswalk at OH-203 and Radnor Rd.
- Broken drain cover needs repaired.



YELLOW ROUTE:

- Sidewalks are only 4 feet wide, which is too narrow. (A)
- Sidewalks are cracked, with grass growing up between them.
- What's the gravel area between the road and the sidewalk used for? (B)
- There are "No parking within 8 feet of pavement edge" signs, but gravel parking is on this property. (C)
- The raised tactile indicators are in good condition. (D)
- Sidewalk ends at John St. along OH-203.
- Is parking in the right-of-way (gravel surface) permitted?
- There are no sidewalks on John St./Baker St., but there are Watch for Children signs. Did the community request those? (E)
- Excessive noise from barking dogs on Baker St. and it can be heard through a significant portion of town.
- Baker street is narrow and has utilities on the west side of the street that may restrict the installation of sidewalks. The street also slopes to the west and gravel parking areas are in front of some homes. (F)
- Existing pedestrian bridge could allow for more miles of paths if connecting Grace Community Fellowship property to Radnor Cemetery.
- There is potential for a path along the perimeter of Radnor Cemetery. There's approximately 5 feet from a grave stone to metal post (property line?) and 5 feet from field/grass edge.
- Could connect the cemetery to town with a sidewalk along Radnor Road.



YELLOW ROUTE:

- Existing street trees on east side look good, but are on private property. Continue planting street trees along OH-203? (A)
- Crosswalk striping at OH-203 and Radnor Road needs repainted.
- Shrubs are overgrown and blocking the sidewalk on OH-203.
- There are multiple locations where sidewalks become broken and turn to gravel surface. (B)
- There's no pedestrian infrastructure on the park property. (C)

