



Department of Health
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U.S. Virgin Islands Walkability Institute

Follow-Up Discussion: Webinar Series, Demonstration Sites, & Coalition Growth

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m. AST/EST

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87613118664?pwd=amZxYVRJVE1FYUpUb0tMVVhDK3poQT09;>

Meeting ID: 876 1311 8664

Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Demonstration projects / Quick builds/ Evaluations**
 - COVID-19 impact on evaluations collection, progress?
 - Community engagement activity; online surveys for the three demonstration sites
 - Proposed communication outreach (Photo exercise [over 100+ collected], hashtags #usviwi, #ActivePeople, online surveys)

 - St. Thomas (Perimeter Road)
 - Status: Installation Complete; One pedestrian sign pending installation (include in 3-month post-evaluation)
 - Post-evaluation -Data collection incomplete January/April 2021
 - Three-month post data collection scheduled for May/June 2021

 - St. Croix (Sunny Isles)
 - Demonstration project from 2017 Walkability Institute
 - Community Engagement activity
 - Survey response; >100

 - St. John (Crosswalks 2): 1) Tennis Courts, Public Parking area; 2) Fire station, Community Center
 - Pre-evaluation for both crosswalks complete
 - Pending Department of Public Works striping and pedestrian signage
 - Community Engagement signage installed

- **USVI Walkability Institute Webinar series**
 - Follow-Up: March 26 webinar: *Improving Walkability for a Healthy & Resilient Territory: Utilizing Walkability to Support Workplace Safety and Increased Foot Traffic*
 - Rotary Club USVI Walkability Institute Introduction webinars; 5
 - Future webinar topics and dates
 - Engaging Youth in Creating More Livable, Safe Communities (USVI Department of Education)
 - Possible sequence of webinars to teach students about walkability



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- Proposed time frame: October 1, 2020 - April 2021
- Planning and Implementing Pop-up Demonstration Projects (USVI Department of Education)
 - The basics on planning, implementing & evaluating short-term (e.g. ~1 week or less) pop-up projects
 - Could be included in the Youth program “curriculum.”
 - Proposed time frame: February 1, 2021 – July 2021

• Coalition Growth & Development

- *Organizations listed below have an on-going project to influence walkability*
 - Future collaboration activities with USVI Department of Public Safety-Office of Highway Safety
 - US Virgin Islands Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands – Assessment of access for the disabled
 - University of the Virgin Islands CELL / Hazard Mitigation Planning team– Assistance with the UVI Hazard Mitigation planning; watershed management; mapping exercise
 - USVI Housing and Finance Authority; USVI Walkability Institute Advisory council/panel recommendation
 - USVI Economic Development Authority; Vision 2040 – Full report: [HOME | Vision2040 \(usvi2040.com\)](https://www.usvi2040.com)
 - USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources; Coastal Zone planning
 - Enterprise Community Foundation: webinar series focused on the US Virgin Islands (and Puerto Rico) and housing designs for islands communities
 - Urban Land Institute Cohort 8 Advisory panel
 - USVI Office of Disaster Recovery: [Home - US Virgin Islands Office of Disaster Recovery : US Virgin Islands Office of Disaster Recovery \(usviodr.com\)](https://www.usviodr.com)

• Additional projects

- AARP’s Complete Streets policy; status
- VITAL’s work
- AARP Livable Communities grant

Next Call: July 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. AST /EST

Achieving Walkability in the US Virgin Islands

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