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Healthy Kingston for Kids hosts a Team Walkability Assessment Day!

Become a part of the solution. Help us make the streets in Kingston City School District safe for pedestrians!

The Safe Routes to Schools and Parks committee of the Healthy Kingston for Kids Project invites you to join our workshop, "Team Walkability Assessment Day" to conduct a walkability assessment using Global Positioning Unit (GPS) in your neighborhood. The Safe Routes committee is collecting location-based GPS data on barriers to walking and bicycling in the Kingston City School District, and we need your help to get the data! The data will be projected in a Geographic Information System (GIS) to make maps which will help the committee determine safe routes to schools and parks, work with municipalities to identify, prioritize, and fix problems, and assist municipalities in application for funding of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects.

The Safe Routes committee encourages you to form a team of 2-4 people and participate for the day! Team members can include adults and youth from your family, youth group, club, sports team, school group, or any combination of people.

The first part of the workshop will take place at Hutton Park on 39 Grant St. in Kingston from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, October 23 (Rain date is October 24). For the second part of the workshop teams will disperse throughout the Kingston City School District to go for a walk and collect data with a borrowed GPS unit. Teams will meet back at Hutton Park at or before 4:00 pm to return the GPS units with the new data.

The workshop is FREE! Your team must register no later than Friday, October 22, 2010 to participate. Register online at:
<http://www.cceulster.org/100410%20Healthy%20Kingston%20GPS%20Mapping%20FLYER%20FINAL.pdf>

For more information about the GPS Workshop call Kristen Wilson at 845-340-3990 or email kew67@cornell.edu.

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