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**Walkability Workshop Using GPS Coming to Kingston Point**

*Volunteers sought to participate in Kingston City School District-wide project aimed at creating safe streets*

Become part of the solution. Help us make the streets of Kingston safe for walkers and bikers city wide!

The Safe Routes to Schools and Parks committee of the Healthy Kingston for Kids Project will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop at The Kingston Kayak Festival on Saturday, June 12 to teach youth and adult participants how to use GPS units and conduct walkability assessments in their neighborhood. The GPS Walkability Workshop will be on Saturday, June 12 at the Kingston Point Beach from 11:00am - 1:00pm followed by a GPS Scavenger Hunt from 2:00pm - 3:30pm Participants in the Hunt will also have the chance to win great prizes from the Kayak Festival!

The workshop is FREE, but pre-registration is required no later than Wednesday, June 9. People can register online or get the paper form by visiting [www.cceulster.org](http://www.cceulster.org) and clicking on Event Registration forms in the left column. Registrants are expected to use the knowledge gained to conduct at least one ½-mile walkability audit with GPS in a Kingston City School District neighborhood.

This program is intended for adults and teens 14 and up. Youth ages 8-13 may participate when accompanied by an adult. These maps will be used to encourage municipalities to fix the problems and to help them find the funding to do so.

For more information about the GPS Workshop call Kristen Wilson at 845-340-3990 or email [kew67@cornell.edu](mailto:kew67@cornell.edu)

For more details about the Kingston Kayak Festival click on [www.kingstonkayakfestival.info](http://www.kingstonkayakfestival.info)

The Safe Routes to Schools and Parks Committee is working to make it safe and easy for children to walk and bike to school. Increasing physical activity is one way that can reduce childhood obesity, which is the aim of the Healthy Kingston for Kids project.

This project is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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