

**Let's Move LI** is a collaboration among Long Island municipalities, schools, businesses and other organizations to promote active transportation across Long Island. Reaching destinations by being active offers a multitude of health, environmental, economic, social and safety benefits to individuals, communities and society.

## Let's Move LI goals are to:

- Promote walking and biking, alone or connected to public transit.
- Encourage bike and pedestrian safety education for students.
- Support safe walkability and biking infrastructure.



**Get Involved!** Visit our website or contact us for ideas on how to promote active transportation to your residents, students and employees, and for resources available on Long Island to help.

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# **Benefits of Active Transportation**

#### **Health benefits**

Walking and cycling can better your health and well-being by:

- Lowering your blood pressure
- Increasing your energy
- Increasing your flexibility and muscle strength
- Improving your posture/balance
- Lowering your stress levels
- Reduces the risk of depression, heart disease, obesity, adult-onset diabetes, osteoporosis, and high blood pressure

#### **Economic benefits**

- Walkable neighborhoods are catalysts for economic development, downtown revitalization, and higher home values
- On average it costs \$6,000-\$8,000 per year to own and operate a car, but only \$150 per year for a bicycle. And walking is virtually cost-free!
- Cars cause a lot more wear and tear on roads compared to walking and cycling.

### **Environmental benefits**

Leaving your car at home:

- Cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduces air pollutants
- Reduces noise pollution and congestion.
- Reduces the need for new parking lots and roadways.
- Saves valuable green space

## **Social and Safety benefits**

Walking and cycling means:

- Increased contact with your neighbors and community
- More equitable access to basic needs and services, such as education, jobs, recreation and health care
- Better access to mass transit
- Calmer and safer roads
- More "eyes on the street"
- "Safety in numbers"

