

<b>Story Title</b>	Malone Complete Streets
<b>Program</b>	Franklin - Nutrition Education Local
<b>Educators</b>	Vanetta M. Conn
<b>Is this related to an Equal Program/Employment Opportunity?</b>	Yes
<b>Executive Summary</b>	Community collaboration makes environmental and policy changes to make walking and biking easier and safer for Malone residents.
<b>Issues/Needs and Audiences</b>	Increased over weight and obesity, decline in downtown shopping corridor and unsafe conditions for walking and biking to school create diminished fiscal and physical well-being for the residents of the Town and Village of Malone.
<b>Extension Responses</b>	CCE Franklin worked closely with the Malone Complete Streets program from the time of inception, through the development of a comprehensive plan and policy and continues to act as an advisor to the committee now that it is an official Advisory Board to the Town and Village of Malone.
<b>Accomplishments and Impacts</b>	CCE Franklin worked with the Malone Complete Streets Partnership since 2010 before it was called Complete Streets. Lead by the North Country Healthy Heart Network, funded by a Capacity Building for Healthier Communities grant from the New York State Department of Health, CCE Franklin and representatives from many agencies, local government and local schools from throughout Northern Franklin County came together to receive education and explore the possibilities of policy and environmental change for making it easier to walk and bike, accommodate all modes of transportation and improve the well-being of local families, seniors and individuals.

Members of the partnership reviewed and looked at the many varied benefits of a Complete Streets Policy and Plan. These benefits range from better health and well-being for individuals to better health for local business. Some examples include increasing mobility for people of all ages and physical abilities or disabilities, promoting active living and good health for all, safety for all ages, and economic revitalization for local business. As a group, we decided that we wanted our community to experience the benefits and to pursue and develop a Complete Streets policy. Both the Town of Malone and the Village of Malone supported resolutions for creating a Complete Streets Policy.

The process began with education and evaluation of local conditions regarding walking, biking and traffic patterns. Together, the group reviewed and prioritized conditions, possible solutions and barriers. A time consuming process and labor of love for many of committed representatives involved in the partnership. Out of this process came the Malone Complete Streets Plan. One of the first and biggest successes was obtaining a Safe Routes to School grant for building a sidewalk on Elm Street connecting St. Joseph Community School and Elm Manor.

The overarching and long term impacts of the Malone Complete Streets Board include:

1. achieve walkable and bikeable neighborhoods in Malone;
2. prioritize and support safety in these neighborhoods;
3. create routes that connect neighborhoods, parks and economic centers;
4. promote good health through movement;
5. enjoy our beautiful environment by encouraging outdoor activity.

**Collaborators** Alice Hyde Medical Center, Eastern Adirondack Health Care Network, Franklin County Board of Legislators, Franklin County Office for the Aging, Franklin County Public Health, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, Franklin County Traffic Safety Board, Healthy Schools New York, Malone Central School District, Malone Revitalization Foundation, Malone Telegram, North Country Healthy Heart Network, Retired Senior Volunteers Program, Town of Malone, Village of Malone

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