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## **Announcing the best Complete Streets policies of 2014**

*New ranking names 10 communities with the top policies adopted last year, celebrates Complete Streets nationwide*

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Washington, DC – Nationwide, communities are working to make streets safer and more convenient for everyone by adopting and implementing Complete Streets policies. Over 70 communities passed such policies in 2014, and a new report out today highlights the nation's best.

*The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2014* evaluates all 74 policies passed last year and scores them based on objective policy criteria. The ten jurisdictions with the highest-scoring policies adopted in the last year are:

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| 1. Ogdensburg, NY          | 6. Acton, MA (tie)   |
| 2. Troy, NY                | 6. Middleton, MA (tie)   |
| 3. Lakemoor, IL (tie)      | 6. Reading, MA (tie)   |
| 3. Dawson County, MT (tie) | 6. Salem, MA (tie)   |
| 3. Austin, TX (tie)        | 10. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (tie) |
|                            | 10. Stoughton, MA (tie)  |

The City of Ogdensburg, NY, located on the northern border of the state and home to 11,000 people, adopted 2014's best-written policy, which scored a total of 92.8 points. Nationwide, a total of 712 jurisdictions in 48 states now have Complete Streets policies in place.

"We celebrate the best policies because they do the most to help people," said Roger Millar, Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition. "Great policy language can make streets safer for someone walking with a child or more convenient for a person in a wheelchair. We're thrilled to celebrate the communities, advocates, activists, transportation leaders, and policymakers who have stood up for these issues in 2014."

"A Complete Streets policy is a key part of Ogdensburg's efforts to revitalize our waterfront and downtown to make healthy living an easy choice for residents," said Mayor William Nelson of Ogdensburg, NY, which had the highest-scoring policy of 2014. "We set out to write a strong policy. We didn't know it would wind up being one of the best Complete Streets policies ever passed."

See more information about the winning policies and evaluation criteria at <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets-2014-analysis>.

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**The National Complete Streets Coalition**, a program of Smart Growth America, is a non-profit, non-partisan alliance of public interest organizations and transportation professionals committed to the development and implementation of Complete Streets policies and practices. A nationwide movement launched by the Coalition in 2004, Complete Streets is the integration of people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation networks. To date, over 700 agencies have adopted Complete Streets policies.

**Smart Growth America** is the only national organization dedicated to researching, advocating for, and leading coalitions to bring better development to more communities nationwide. From providing more sidewalks to ensuring more homes are built near public transportation or that productive farms remain a part of our communities, smart growth helps make sure people across the nation can live in great neighborhoods.

For additional information, visit <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/completestreets>.