

The Business Case for Walkable and Bike-Friendly Communities

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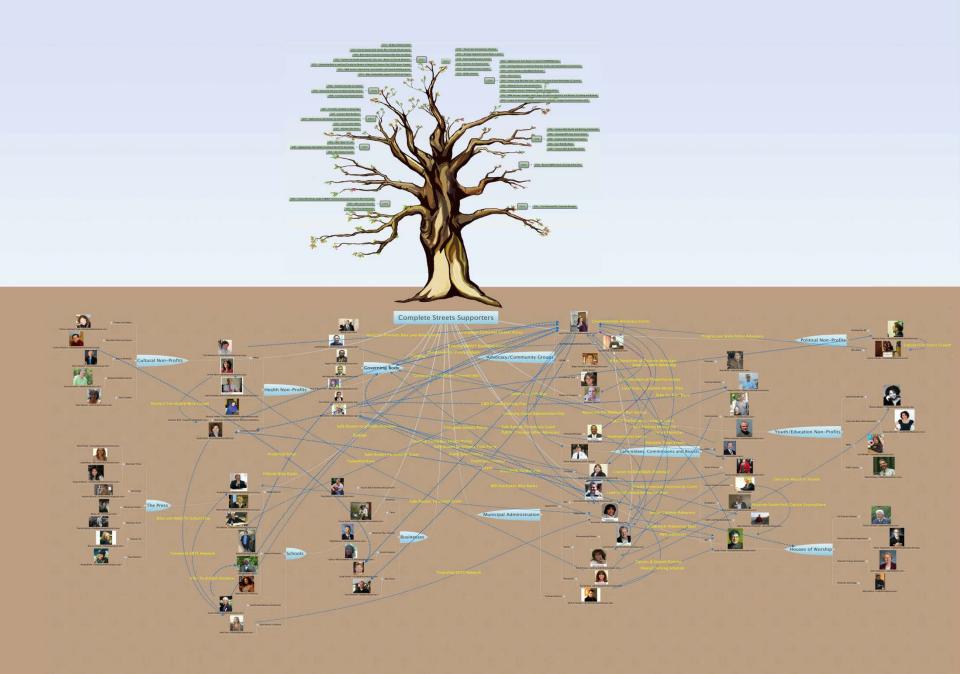
- Co-Founder of Bike&Walk Montclair in 2002 with1000+ Participants/yr
- Partnerships between Government, Advocates, Business, Health, Recreation groups
- \$100k. Bike/Pedestrian Action Plan
- \$650k. Safe Routes To Schools Grants
- \$200k. Land Use and Circulation Element
- \$500k 0% interest loan for South Park Promenade
- NJ's First Complete Streets Policy in 2009
- Lead Ambassador, Rutgers/VTC/AIM
- Montclair Mayor 2008-2012
- Montclair Environmental Commissioner

How walking and biking makes a healthier town

- "Safety in numbers"
- Youth and the crisis of inactivity
- Seniors thriving
- A healthier commons
- Cleaner air, more outdoor activities
- Health in All Policies

Top 10 \$\$ Reasons To Improve Walk/Bike-ability

- 1. Increases property values
- 2. Reduces residential property taxes
- 3. Improves retail sales and reduces vacancies
- 4. Attracts knowledge-driven + service companies
- 5. Compete with cities for new graduates
- 6. Retains seniors (saves tax \$\$) "aging in place"
- 7. Helps with grant opportunities
- 8. Adds a point on your NJDOT grant application
- 9. Easier and cheaper now than in the future
- 10. Saves on parking costs and availability





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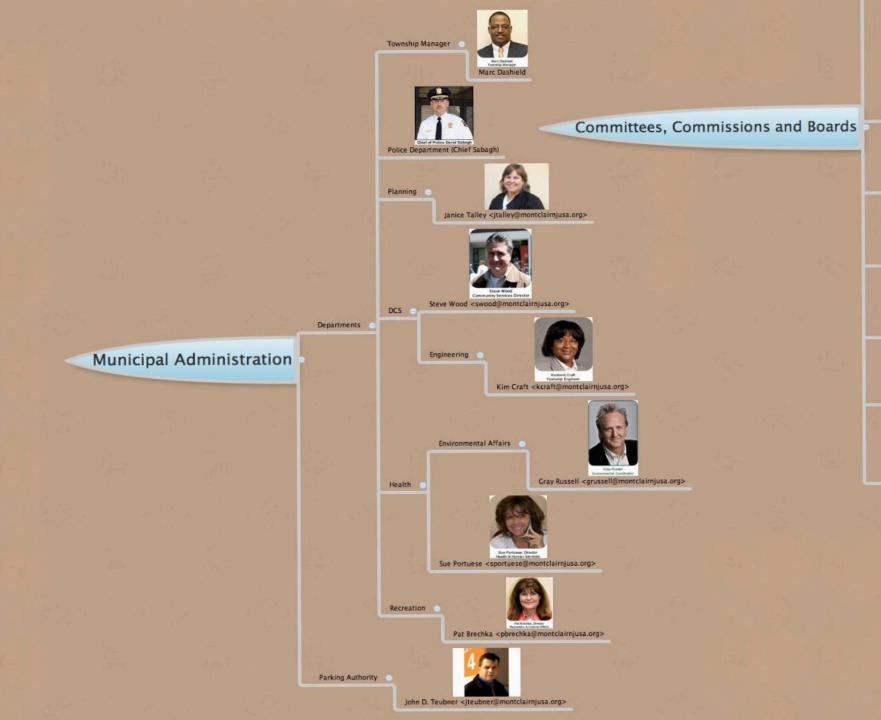
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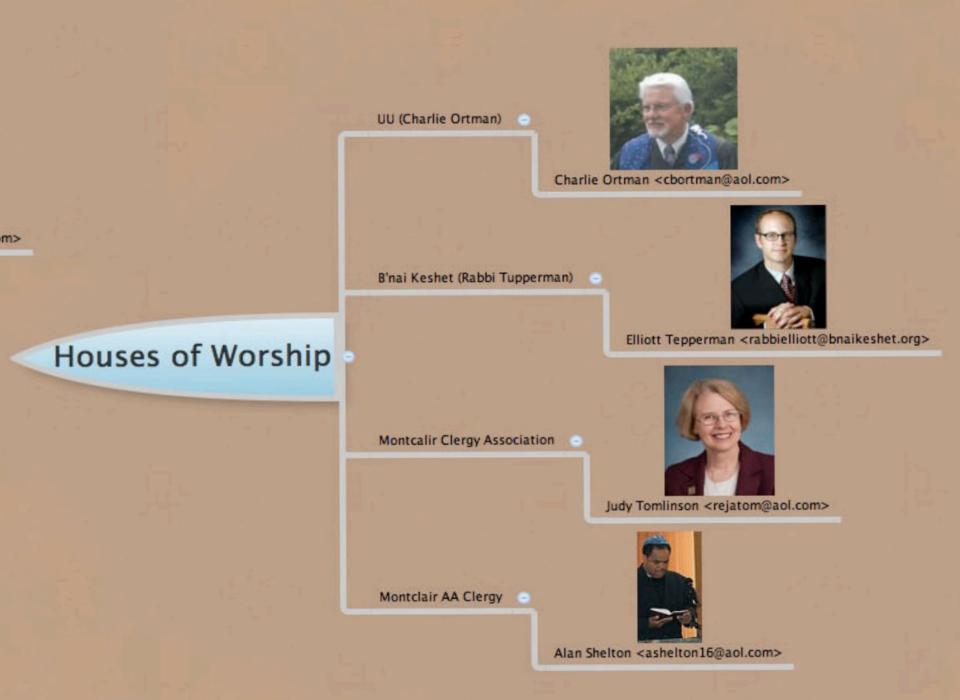
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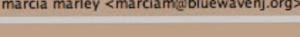
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South Park Street















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