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Smart Growth America announces the best Complete Streets policies of 2013

National coalition ranks policies passed last year, provides guidance for communities interested in Complete Streets

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Washington, DC—Cities and towns across the country are making roads safer and more convenient for everyone who uses them through Complete Streets policies. A new report released today by Smart Growth America's National Complete Streets Coalition examines all the policies passed in the last year and highlights the nation's best.

In 2013, more than 80 cities, states and regions passed Complete Streets policies. The National Complete Streets Coalition evaluated and scored each policy based on 10 elements of an ideal Complete Streets policy. The communities with the top-scoring policies are:

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| 1. | Littleton, MA | 9. | Piqua, OH |
| 2. | Peru, IN | 10. | Oakland, CA |
| 3. | Fort Lauderdale, FL | 11. | Hayward, CA (tie) |
| 4. | Auburn, ME (tie) | 11. | Livermore, CA (tie) |
| 4. | Lewiston, ME (tie) | 11. | Massachusetts Department of |
| 6. | Baltimore County, MD | | Transportation (tie) |
| 7. | Portsmouth, NH | 14. | Cedar Falls, IA (tie) |
| 8. | Muscatine, IA | 14. | Waterloo, IA (tie) |

The town of Littleton, MA, is home to 2013's top policy, with a total of 94.4 points. The rankings celebrate the communities that have done exceptional work in crafting comprehensive policy language over the past year.

"Complete Streets can be a game changing strategy for local and state governments," said Roger Millar, Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition. "It's a low-cost way to make a huge difference for travelers and taxpayers and we're excited to see more—and better—policies being adopted and implemented nationwide."

"A lot of this year's policies direct additional action on Complete Streets. That's a huge part of turning words on paper into better, safer streets," said Stefanie Seskin, Deputy Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition. "Seeing the benefits of that on-the-ground change in other communities is a big part of why so many cities are adopting Complete Streets policies today."

Nationwide, a total of 610 jurisdictions in 48 states have Complete Streets policies in place.

See more information about the winning policies and evaluation criteria at <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets-2013-analysis>.

The National Complete Streets Coalition, a program of Smart Growth America, seeks to fundamentally transform the look, feel and function of the roads and streets in our community, by changing the way most roads are planned, designed and constructed. Complete Streets policies direct transportation planners and engineers to consistently design with all users in mind.

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.

Learn more at <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets>.

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