

Support Us!

Register yourself or your family with us!

Your registration with our project is crucial for its success. To convince funders and cities that our project is viable, we must show that there is public support for creating carfree areas. Specifically, we need to demonstrate that there is significant market demand for a carfree lifestyle. Please go to our website and click on the register button to register your support.

Or register your organization with our project. Support from other organizations adds credibility and momentum to our project. If your group's purpose is related to ours, we can work together to reach our mutual objectives.

Become a CarfreeCity, USA volunteer. We need volunteers to help with tasks such as technical research, grant writing, public speaking, and outreach. If you can donate some time, we will gladly put you to work!

Financial support. Your financial support is critical to our success. Tax-deductible donations may be made on-line with your credit card. Checks should be made out to "CarFree City, USA" and mailed to:

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Working to create the first CarFree city in the USA!

www.carfreecity.us

The goal of CarFree City, USA is to create carfree areas in the USA.

The Problem

Millions of Americans just like yourself are sick of sitting in their cars, stuck in traffic. As a nation, millions of hours are wasted each day. Our air is being polluted with noise and smog. Billions and billions of our tax dollars are spent to support our cars' addiction to oil.



"I want to live in a carfree area so that my kids can have a safe place to play. I always worry about them getting hit by cars."

Patty Santos, Berkeley, CA

"Air free of automobile noise and stench. I can't think of anything better."

James Alamillo, Los Angeles, CA



Who are we?

We are everyday citizens who strongly desire to push automobiles to the fringes of our lives and enjoy the numerous personal and global benefits of carfree living.

A carfree city is a great idea! With our everyday needs within walking distance, we save time, money and the environment. Plus, walking and biking keep us healthy!

Charlotte Brooks & Phyllis Ceaser, Cincinnati, OH



The Solution: carfree areas

Carfree areas are newly-developed or redeveloped areas built for people who prefer to conduct their everyday activities without having to be in or around cars. The compact, mixed-use development pattern achieves mobility by walking and bicycling. Efficient, reliable, and clean public transit connects residents to more distant destinations. Parking garages at the edge of the carfree area provide access to cars when they are the logical choice for use outside of the carfree area. Drivers in existing urban and suburban areas benefit by having cleaner air and fewer cars on the road.

The large amount of space normally dedicated to streets and parking can be productively used for amenities such as parks, playing fields, plazas— even creeks and orchards! The overall cost of development is about the same.

More information about carfree urban design is available at www.carfree.com, the book *Carfree Cities* by J.H. Crawford, and our website, www.carfreecity.us.



"I would love to live in a carfree area because it will be a much more natural way to live. I envision a lifestyle which puts you in contact with your neighbors more. I think living spaces that are safe to be used by everyone and are not dominated by concrete and cars will make everyone happier."

Matt Griffiths, Tucson, AZ

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Benefits

The benefits of carfree living are numerous. Here are just a few...

- ↳ Slower-paced, more relaxed lifestyle and environment
- ↳ No traffic noise
- ↳ Streets and plazas that are pleasant places for socializing, walking, biking, and dining
- ↳ No time wasted in stop-and-go traffic
- ↳ Close proximity to public transit and large open spaces
- ↳ Children can play safely outdoors
- ↳ Children can travel on their own -- no need to chauffer
- ↳ Children have access to playgrounds, parks and playing fields within easy walking or biking distance
- ↳ Cleaner air
- ↳ More personal interaction with neighbors
- ↳ Increased housing affordability
- ↳ Decreased transportation expenses (by about half compared to suburbs)
- ↳ No vulnerability to skyrocketing gasoline prices
- ↳ Greater preservation of agricultural and natural lands
- ↳ Conservation of energy and open space

Too good to be true?

It can be done!

There are many successful examples of carfree areas all over the world. In the U.S., numerous university campuses function as carfree environments. In Europe, Venice and Zermatt are carfree as well as parts of Copenhagen, Vienna, Amsterdam, and numerous cities in Germany. Many other carfree areas are presently being planned and constructed -- there are hundreds of examples worldwide. It's time to give Americans the carfree choice!

Visit our website to find out about our plan of action!