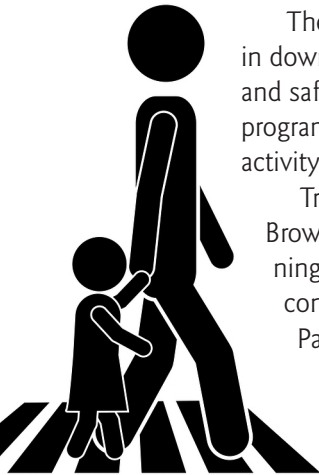


Health Department conducts study on Bloomfield pedestrian safety



The Bloomfield Health Department is auditing streets in downtown Bloomfield to determine the level of comfort and safety experienced by pedestrians who use them. The program is aimed at improving resident access to physical activity.

Transportation and traffic design consultant Charles Brown (also with the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers) has been tapped to conduct the audit. Funding for the study comes from the Partners for Health Foundation.

An audit steering committee made up of Bloomfield residents, Township employees and police met on March 17 to review crime and crash data collected by Brown. Based on the data, they chose specific streets to be audited. A community focus session (date to be announced) will be an opportunity for residents to give input on the selected streets.