

Site Ratings

Walkability-The overall walking conditions within the location. Areas high in walkability would be locations with quality sidewalks, safety and buffers to moving traffic (planter strips, on-street parking, or bike lanes), easy access to mass transit, availability of pedestrian crossing, and aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Areas low in walkability would be locations without sidewalks or where sidewalks are not in useable condition, unsafe and with a lack in buffers to moving traffic, lack access to mass transit, do not have pedestrian crossing, and are not aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Using a scale from 0 (not at all walkable) to 10 (extremely walkable), rate the walkability of the location.

Landscaping-The presence and care of foliage (plants, flowers, and trees) within the location. Areas well landscaped would have healthy and attractive foliage, well groomed bushes, shrubbery, and/or grasses, and be free from weeds or brown/dead areas. Areas lacking in landscaping would include unhealthy and unattractive foliage, overgrown bushes, shrubbery, and/or grasses, and include weeds or brown/dead areas. Rate the extent to which the area is landscaped using a scale from 0 (not at all landscaped) to 10 (extremely landscaped) and briefly describe the landscaping.

Infrastructure-The placement of physical items within a location (e.g., planters, paved walkways, benches, trash receptacles, etc.) as a means to increase the aesthetics, walkability, cleanliness, and landscaping of the area. Areas high in infrastructure include the presence of items that were physically placed in the area. Areas that are low in infrastructure do not include items that were physically placed in the area. Rate the overall infrastructure of the area using a scale from 0 (low infrastructure) to 10 (high infrastructure) and briefly describe the location and type of the infrastructure.

Beautification-The steps that have been taken at a particular site to increase the beauty of an area. This is usually done using increased walkability, cleanliness, landscaping, infrastructure, and the reduction of litter in a given area. Please describe the beautification efforts at the location.

Crowdedness-Rate the minimum and maximum levels of crowdedness during the observation period using a scale from 1 (not at all crowded) to 10 (extremely crowded). Crowdedness is a subjective rating of the perceptions and feelings of being crowded (e.g., ability to move freely). Crowdedness is a combination of the number of people in the location and the features of the location. For example, a beach area with 50 people would be rated as less crowded than a fast-food restaurant with 50 people