Factors of Walkability:

* Community
  + Willingness to improve sustainability
  + Involved
  + Connected and symbiotic
  + Showing results of green alternatives
* Commuting
  + Make walking a good commuting alternative
  + Promote alternative forms of transportation, including combining different modes of transportation.
  + Make public transportation and walking more attractive to the general public.
  + Increase the number of places where public transport can take the public
* Affordable Housing
  + Increases population density
  + Improves community satisfaction
  + Makes living in a city attractive
* Recreation
  + Promote gyms and outdoor parks/courts
* Safe Pedestrian Infrastructure
  + Pedestrian-only spaces
  + Priority zones for pedestrians or vehicles
* Economic effects of urbanization
  + Leads to higher GDP
  + Higher job opportunities
  + More job competition
  + Lower poverty rates in urbanized areas
* Effects on biodiversity and pollutants
  + Leads to less biodiversity and pollutants
  + Promote zero carbon footprint
  + Creates hot zones which have a higher overall temperature

Issues with changing commuting methods:

* Commuting methods are habitual.
* Longer distances to work increases chances of car usage.
* Changing to non-car usage is difficult due to behavioral change that is required.
* Much of the research done has a small impact on commuting behaviors, is completely unsuccessful, or is unreliable.

Areas of Further Research

* Specific Worcester Data
  + Effects of Worcester development on environment
  + Geography and walking
  + Public transportation accessibility (Location and cost)
* Surveying WPI Students
  + Surveying WPI students about how they get to campus and if they would change their approach.
  + Surveying WPI students about what they don’t like about Worcester in terms of walking.