

Walk-On Map – A Tool for Educators

As Education Coordinator of the Stamford Historical Society in Stamford, CT, I commissioned Zachary Raslan to create a very unique resource for us. We are presenting an interactive *History of Stamford* program in all of the public schools and required a very special local map. Zach delivered a huge, **walk-on** map of the city printed on a very durable, and 8 x 5 ft. vinyl banner that can withstand the footprints of many children. My specifications required the inclusion of extensive, child-friendly landmarks such as all of the schools, parks, rivers, *important* destinations such as Target, Dairy Queen, the mall, Stamford Railroad Station, Stamford Nature Center and all the major neighborhoods. Zach included everything I requested as well as a color-coded key that is easy for children to use. I have never seen a map like this and I am sure this will be a wonderful tool for any educator and student. Unlike projecting an interactive map on a large screen, students will actually be able to *feel* the distance between two points. As social studies and geography is being included again in all school curricula, Mr. Raslan's map creations can help deepen a student's understanding of where he/she lives and his place in the world.

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