



*GAINESVILLE, Fla.* - The City of Gainesville Public Works Department is pleased to announce the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center has designated the City of Gainesville a bronze level Walk Friendly Community for its walkability initiatives and programs. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and FedEx, Walk Friendly Communities is a national program aimed at recognizing communities for their commitment to pedestrian safety.

The City of Gainesville earned this honor for its commitment in the implementation of complete street strategies that enhance connectivity for all roadway users, its interagency collaboration and utilization of tools to improve pedestrian safety.

Gainesville is among nine communities recognized in the latest round of Walk Friendly Communities announced. The Walk Friendly Community designation, awarded from bronze to platinum, is given to applicant communities that have demonstrated a commitment to improving and sustaining walkability and pedestrian safety through comprehensive programs, plans and policies. To date, 33 communities in the U.S. have been designated as Walk Friendly Communities. See more Gainesville highlights at:

<http://www.walkfriendly.org./communities/community.cfm?ID=29>

For more information on Walk Friendly Communities, please visit <http://www.walkfriendly.org>.