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«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»  
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Dear «Title» «FirstName» «LastName»,

I am writing to invite you or your designee to an important forum on promoting walkability in Island County—one of thirteen strategies identified in the *Island County Plan for Healthy Living* for moving toward the vision for a healthy Island County. This forum provides an opportunity to bring together members of our community who have been identified as advocates for actively addressing this issue.

This forum is sponsored by the Island County Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) whose citizen members were appointed by the Board of Health in 2002. This group of Island County community volunteers identified the physical environment's influence on walking as an environmental health issue of concern for our county and they are working to develop solutions. With your participation, EHAT hopes to achieve the same level of success with the walkability forum as with its two previous forums on illegal waste dumping and littering.

**The purpose of the forum:**

- Discuss how environmental factors impact our need for safer and more accessible walking routes
- Facilitate communication and cooperation around the issue of walkability in our communities
- Review local data on the relationship between overweight/obesity and walking in Island County
- Work together with other agencies, organizations, and volunteers to identify the primary gaps in our understanding of walkability and the barriers to addressing problem areas
- Build consensus on the gaps and barriers

**The forum on walkability will be held:**

**Friday, October 27, 2006**  
8:00 - 10:00 AM  
Coupeville Recreational Hall  
Refreshments will be provided!

Please RSVP by October 20 to Whitney Webber at 678-7886 or [whitneyw@co.island.wa.us](mailto:whitneyw@co.island.wa.us) and plan to join us for this important event as we work together to make a difference in Island County.

Sincerely,

Wm. L. "Mac" McDowell, Chairman  
Board of Island County Commissioners  
Island County Board of Health