

Jane's Walk



What are Jane's Walks?

- Free walking tours
- Led by people who live and play in the neighbourhood
- Gets people thinking, talking and connecting with their stories and vision of their city
- Gets people talking about the places they care about



Who is Jane Jacobs?



Jane Jacobs



Jacobs protesting Penn Station demolition, NYC

“No one can find what will work for our cities by looking at ... suburban garden cities, manipulating scale models, or inventing dream cities. You’ve got to get out and walk.”

- *Downtown Is For People*



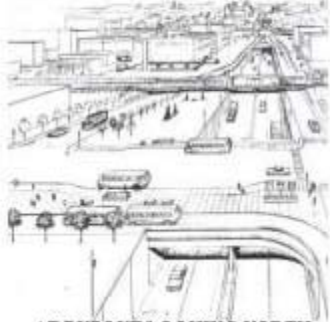
The Spadina Expressway



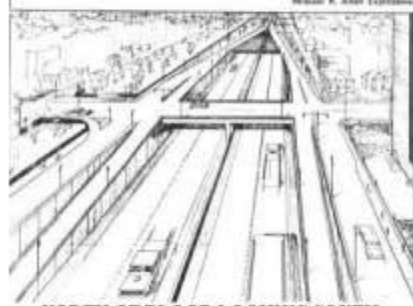
AT BATHURST LOOKING NORTH



AT DAVENPORT LOOKING NORTH



AT DUPONT LOOKING NORTH



NORTH OF BLOOR LOOKING SOUTH

SKETCH OF SPADINA (W.R. ALLEN) EXPRESSWAY EXTENSION INTO DOWNTOWN TORONTO, LATE 1960'S



Seeing like Jane

“...look closely at real cities. While you are looking, you might as well also listen, linger, and think about what you see.”



Everyone who makes a life in the city sees it differently

Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*



Sidewalk Ballet



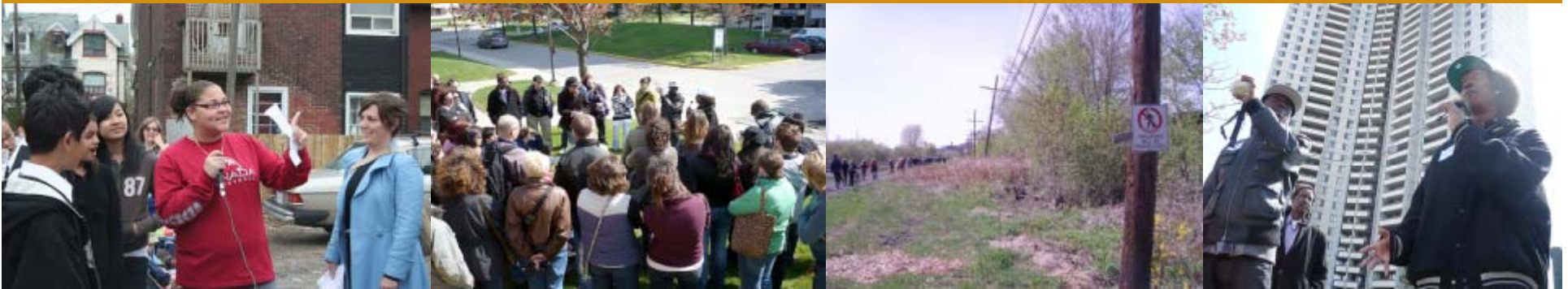
“The stretch of Hudson Street where I live is each day the scene of an intricate sidewalk ballet.”

- The Death And Life Of Great American Cities, 1961



Why is it important to
care about your
neighbourhood?

Jane's Walk



One
group,
one walk,
one hour

Smaller
groups
animate
each
tour
stop

About
six
stops

You
decide
what
matters



Jane's Walks are held in...

Toronto, New York, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton,
Vancouver, Winnipeg, Halifax, Guelph,
Charlottetown, Thornbury,↑ Montreal, Regina,
Washington, Boston, Chicago and New Orleans.



What will your walk look like?



Map your neighbourhood



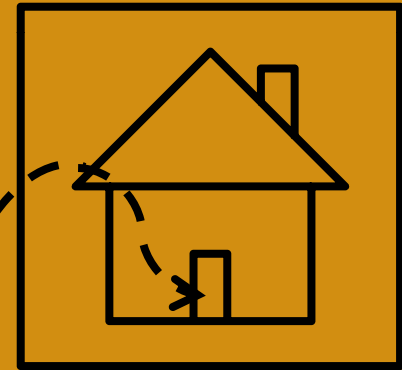
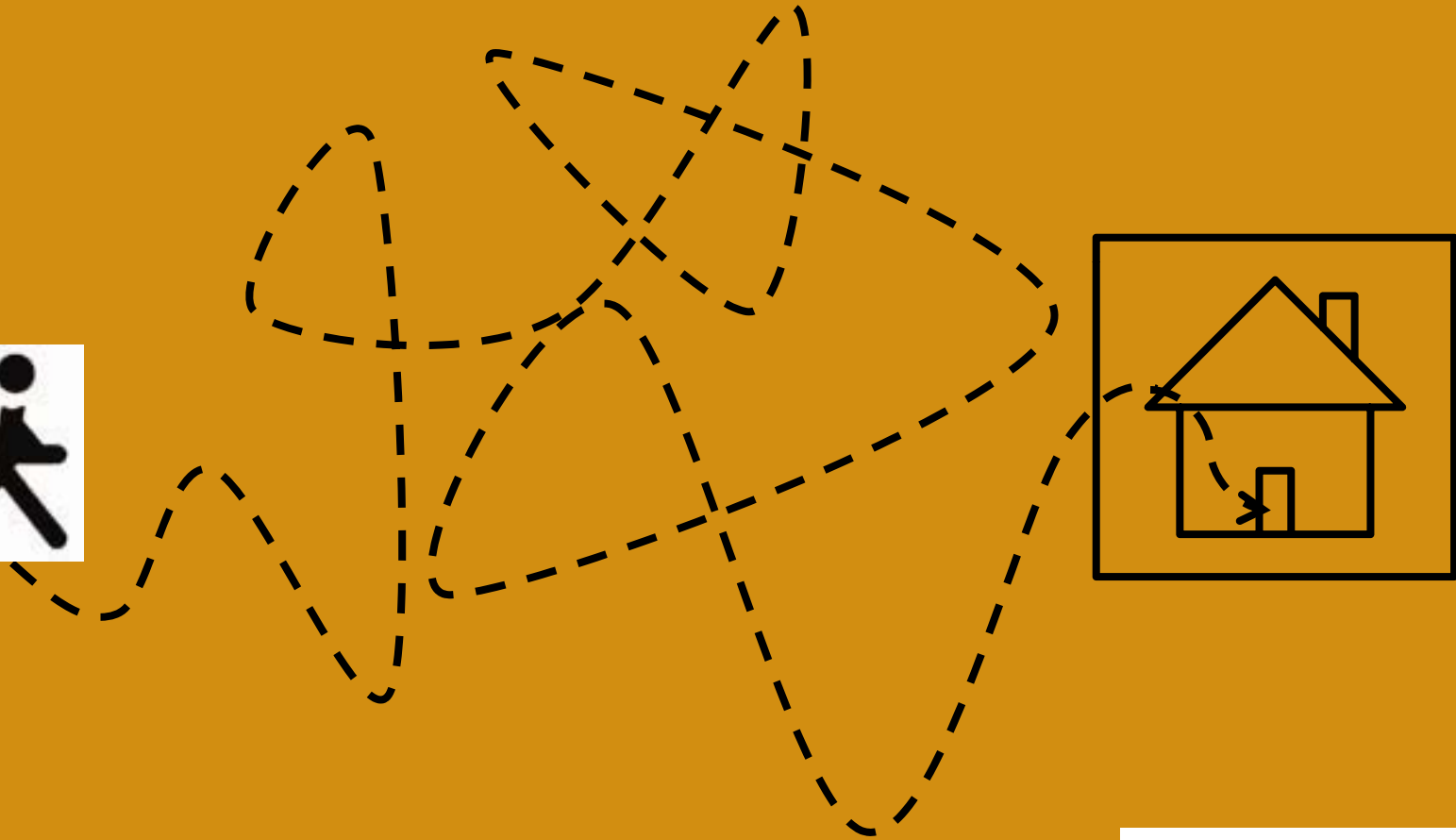


Where do you spend your time?





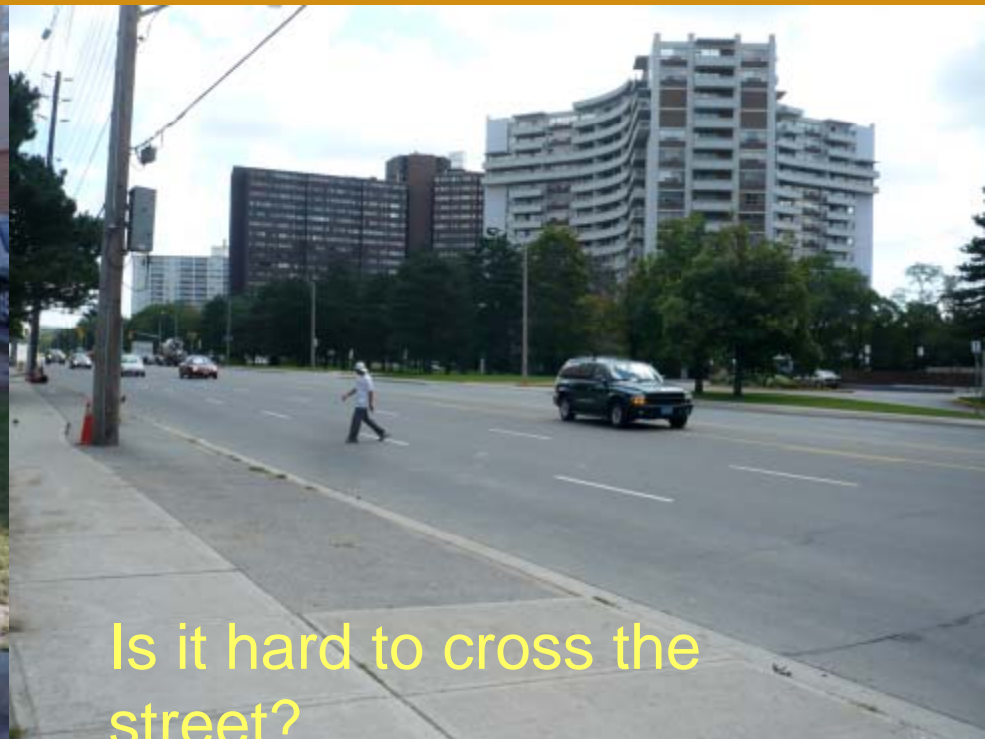
How do you use your space?



On a walking tour, even the parts you don't like can be interesting.

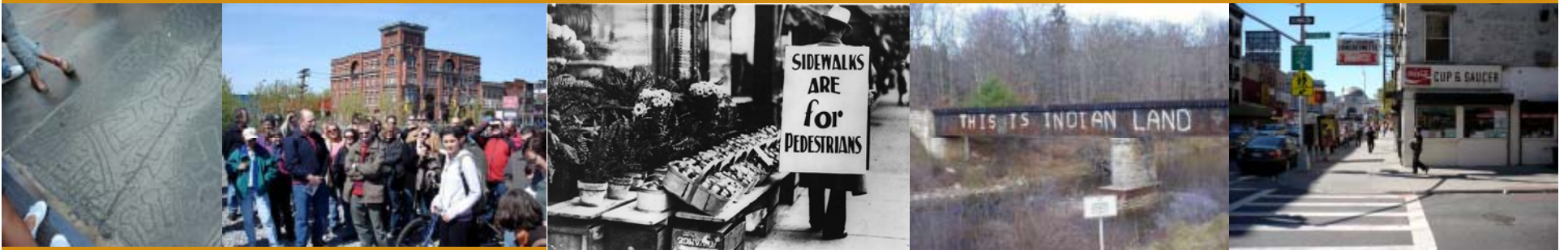


Are there missing sidewalks?



Is it hard to cross the street?

Is there some history to talk about?



What would you change?



NOTICE
NO BASKETBALL PLAYING
AFTER DUSK. FAILURE
• TO COMPLY WILL RESULT •
IN BASKETBALL HOOPS
BEING REMOVED.
M.T.H.A.

What are the places you care about?

If you came back to your
neighbourhood after a very long time
away, where would you go?

If you wanted to show someone ONE
place in your neighbourhood, where
would that be?



**Go and take a close look
at your neighbourhood.**

Come back with stories.



Next steps...

- Research your tour stops
- Develop stories
- Write and rehearse
- Get out and walk

