

**Michigan Public Health Week 2008
Climate Change—Our Health in the Balance
Hometown Health Hero Nomination Form**

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Nominee Information

Please check or highlight one: Individual Group/Organization

Name* **Washtenaw Biking and Walking Coalition** (www.wbwc.org)

Occupation

Home Phone (include area code) **734-864-4095**

Work (Daytime) Phone (include area code)

Home or Work Address **117 N. Division St.**

City **Ann Arbor** Zip Code **48104**

E-mail Address (if applicable) **info@wbwc.org**

Name of Local Newspaper **Ann Arbor News**

* Those selected will have their names mentioned in a press release.

Check the box next to the most appropriate Climate Change theme of this person or organization's work:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparedness & Extreme Weather Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Supply |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Pollution & Respiratory Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water- & Vector-Borne Diseases | |

Tell Us about Your Hometown Health Hero

Please describe (**in 300 words or less**) why this person or organization is a Hometown Health Hero. If you are nominating a person who is employed full time in public or environmental health, tell us how this person has gone beyond normal job duties to address climate change needs.

Please note, due to a high volume of nominations, keep your submission to 300 words or less. Early submission is encouraged.

Since its inception in 1999, the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition (WBWC) has been a strong voice in the promotion of transportation options that make sense for sustainable and livable communities. Monthly membership meetings at the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor create a space for diverse stakeholders to join together to advance non-motorized transportation enhancement projects and policies and education initiatives. The coalition recognizes that emissions caused by our culture's overreliance on cars are a significant contributor to climate change and other significant public health threats such as obesity and they are working hard to promote walking and biking as valid transportation alternatives. Kris Talley, Chair of the WBWC since 2002, says, "The most important thing that WBWC does is show up where decisions that affect the biking and walking environment are being made. We are literally at the table for local policy decisions and I think that makes a big difference." The WBWC helps members get to the policy table

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through their “Go Team;” a group of community volunteers who are alerted by WBWC by email when a public meeting on a related topic is taking place in the county. The WBWC also has a strong presence at community events, educating the public about the air quality, physical and mental health, and economic benefits of sustainable transportation, as well as how cyclists and car drivers can safely co-exist on our roads. Thanks, WBWC, for your dedication to human-powered transportation – your work is vital to cutting emissions, improving air quality, and preventing the escalation of climate change!