

## ~~Proposed~~ Pedestrian Improvement Policy Statement Adopted 3/28/2011

The Mount Baker Community Club supports making our community more walkable by improving pedestrian access throughout the Mt. Baker neighborhood, including the restoration of existing pathways, stairways, and trails, and where feasible, the creation of new ones to, through, and between our parks and open spaces.

Promoting walking helps build strong, livable communities, since walking is a natural and convenient way for neighbors to meet and get to know one another. Increasing pedestrian opportunities addresses the City of Seattle's interest in reducing obesity and improving health, reducing pollution, and addressing global warming.

Our neighborhood has an extensive network of previously established paths and stairways thanks in large part to the Olmsted design legacy. However, over the years, many of the paths have become overgrown and other pedestrian access options have not been developed.

The Mount Baker Community Club supports doing what is reasonable and practical to restore, enhance and create pedestrian access on public property throughout our neighborhood.

*"A connected system of parks and parkways is manifestly far more complete and useful than a series of isolated parks."*

-- Frederick Law Olmsted --