Abstract

Communities nowadays are more aware about their health and livability that are affected lately by the unmanaged growth. Walkability is a measure of the effectiveness of the urban form and the design of the community. Walkability means enhancing walking, cycling to replace the use of cars for shopping, going to school and public spaces. Moreover, walkability enhances sustainability of design, promote fitness and combat obesity. Nowadays, walkable communities are the main concern of urban planners. Issues related to walkability have received considerable attention in developed countries; few studies exist in developing countries. In Palestine walkability is a new topic in urban planning and there is lack of studies concerning it. However, Palestinian people used to walk in different Palestinian cities for different reasons basically reasons related to socio-economic conditions. In my project I will take Tulkarm city as a study area for designing a walkable environment. My work will pass through process consist of 3 main steps which are: site selection and analysis, concept development and finally implementation and design.