

WHERE SHOULD I WALK? *Walk Study Checklist*

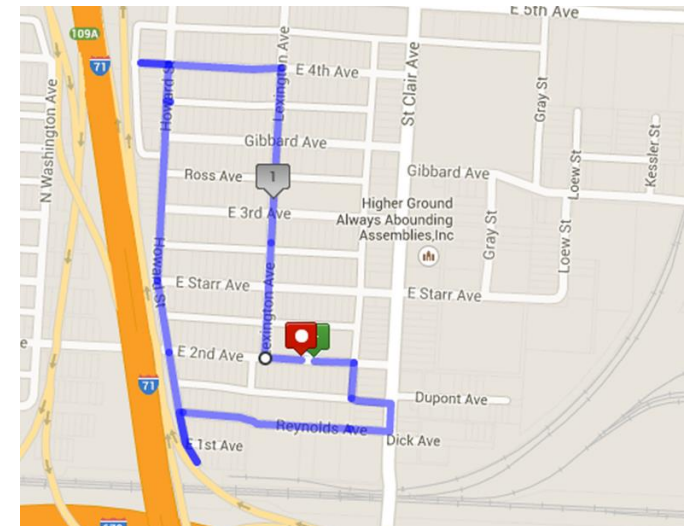
WALKABILITY STUDY

The goals of the walkability study are to increase neighborhood residents walking in their neighborhood and to identify destination places that are within walking distance.

This is done by walking with neighborhood residents to identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood, inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers, and identify neighborhood destinations.

STUDY INFORMATION

Community Name	Milo Grogan
Date of Walk Study:	7/11/14
Participants:	City Staff: 2
	Adults: 6
	Children: 0
Distance Walked:	1.17 miles
Weather Conditions:	75 degrees, fairly sunny



OVERALL COMMENTS:

Milo Grogan is home to many people who are passionate about their neighborhood. Milo Grogan offers residents a recreation center and park, in addition to some beautiful gardens and trees among the residential lawns. However, Milo Grogan does not have sidewalks on many of the streets, and has a transfer station that is the source of physical, emotional, environmental, and public health concerns. There are also significant amounts of vacant houses and accumulated litter. Milo Grogan does have access to public transit and offers residents some pleasant spots to walk in the neighborhood.

PLAYABILITY/RECREATION

Playgrounds where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Available shade.	New Beginnings Park
	Benches or tables for seating.	Milo Grogan Recreation Center, New Beginnings Park
	Water Fountains.	Milo Grogan Recreation Center
	Play equipment appropriate for young children.	Milo Grogan Recreation Center, New Beginnings Park
	Smooth asphalt playground.	Milo Grogan Recreation Center, New Beginnings Park
	Regularly mowed open spaces.	New Beginnings Park
FAIR	Lack of available shade.	
	No benches or tables for seating.	
	No working water fountain.	
POOR	Unsafe playground equipment.	Tire on 2 nd and St. Claire
	Deteriorated asphalt.	
	Open spaces that are not mowed.	
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities in your neighborhood?		Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 (4) 5 >>Many
COMMENTS: The Milo Grogan Recreation Center and the New Beginnings Park are wonderful assets to the community. The parks provides a lovely play set, picnic benches, swings, basketball court and bike racks. While walking along the neighborhood, observations were made about unsafe playground equipment in alleys (pictured below).		



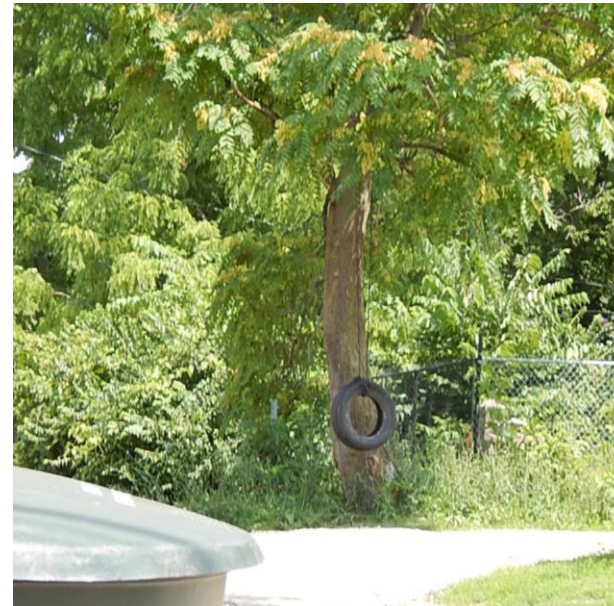
Milo Grogan Playground



Picnic tables under tree- provide nice shade



Bike racks at Milo Grogan Recreation Center



Unsafe tire swing in alley

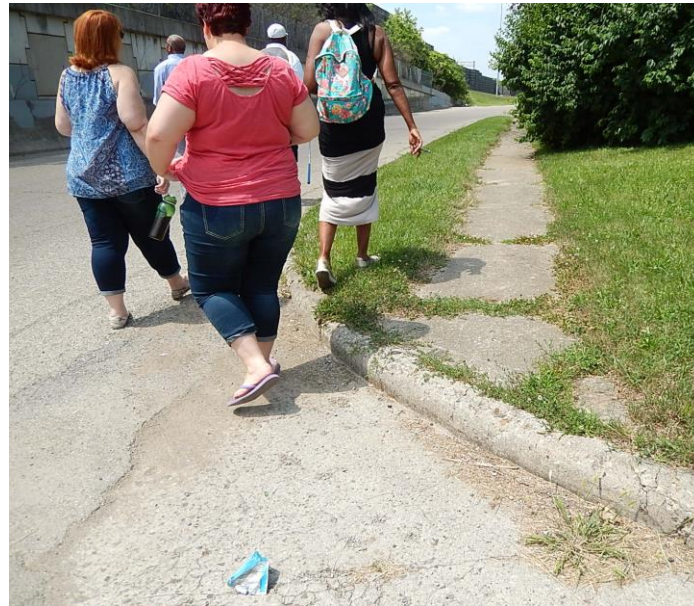
NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

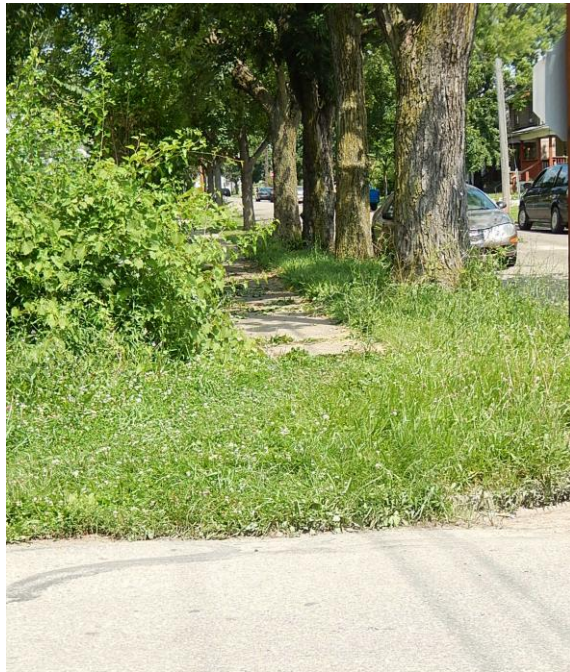
GOOD	Sidewalks are wide with room to pass other walkers or walk with a friend.	2 nd , 3 rd , Howard Ave, Gibbard, 5 th
	Sidewalks are continuous throughout the walk.	2 nd
	There is available shade along sidewalks.	
FAIR	Sidewalks are uneven, cracked or broken.	Starr Ave- overgrowth; Reynolds- posts in sidewalk, trash, and glass; 4 th
	Sidewalks are missing or stop in places.	Howard- graffiti on wall, narrow sidewalks, overgrowth Howard, Starr; 4 th - sidewalk on only one side; St. Clair
POOR	There are no sidewalks or designated walking areas.	Lexington, 9 th St from 5 th - Reynolds
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the sidewalks in your neighborhood? Circle one: Few >> 1 (2) 3 4 5 >>Many		
COMMENTS: There are some sidewalks present throughout the neighborhood, however, many of the sidewalks are discontinuous, have litter or overgrowth, or are only present on one side. There are also barriers to walking on sidewalk, such as poles in the sidewalk and little to no ADA ramps. Residents are especially concerned about the streets without sidewalks as many people still walk along the road without them.		



Howard- debris present with deteriorating buffer. Also note overgrowth of trees on retaining wall-hazardous to walkers.



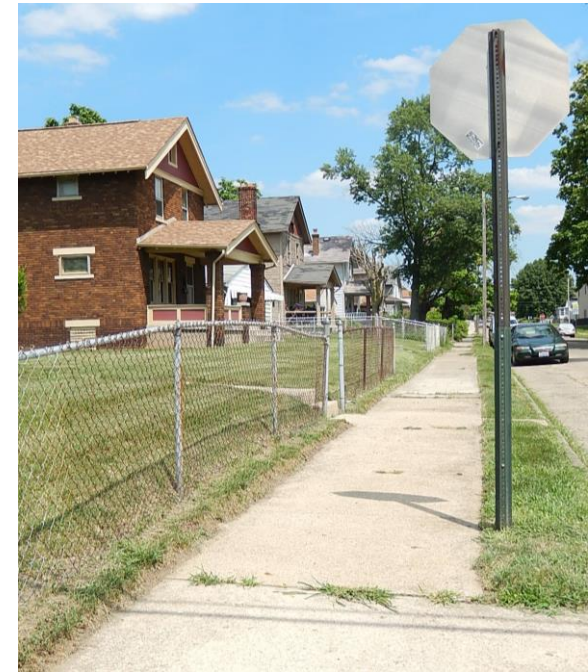
Sidewalk present but does not have a ramp, litter and cracks present.



Discontinuous sidewalk



Curb present but no sidewalk



Nice sidewalk with buffers present

NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS AND FURNITURE

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	There are marked crosswalks.	Lexington and 3 rd ; Lexington and 2 nd
	Buffers are present on most streets.	Starr Ave, St. Clair, Gibbard
	Transit stops are present in the neighborhood.	2 nd , 5 th , St. Clair
	There are places to sit along the sidewalks.	
	Bike lanes are present.	
FAIR	Buffers are present on some streets.	
	There are a few marked crosswalks.	
POOR	There are no marked crosswalks.	Most streets in the area
	There are no buffers present.	Reynolds
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the streets in your neighborhood? Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 (4) 5 >>Many		
COMMENTS: The neighborhood offers residents options for public transit and does have buffers on some of the streets. Yet, there are not many crosswalks, no bike lanes present, and no opportunities to sit along the sidewalk, including bus stops.		



Crosswalk at Lexington and 3rd



ADA ramp at Lexington and 3rd –may be difficult to use due to large curb.





Bus stop on St. Clair



Buffers are not present.

COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Neighbors can buy food and groceries.	Nick's Market on 5 th , Arena Produce- some neighbors may not buy produce here because it is next to the Reynolds Transfer Station
	Neighbors can gather with friends.	Milo Grogan Recreation Center, New Beginnings Park
	Neighbors can worship together.	Lord Jesus Christ; Triedstone Baptist Church, Higher Ground AAA
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the opportunities for community building in your neighborhood?		Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 (4) 5 >>Many
COMMENTS: Residents have opportunities to gather with friends within walking distance, be it the Milo Grogan Recreation Center or one of the many places to worship.		
		
Triedstone Baptist Church		Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies, Inc.



Arena Produce on Reynolds- next to Reynolds Transfer Station

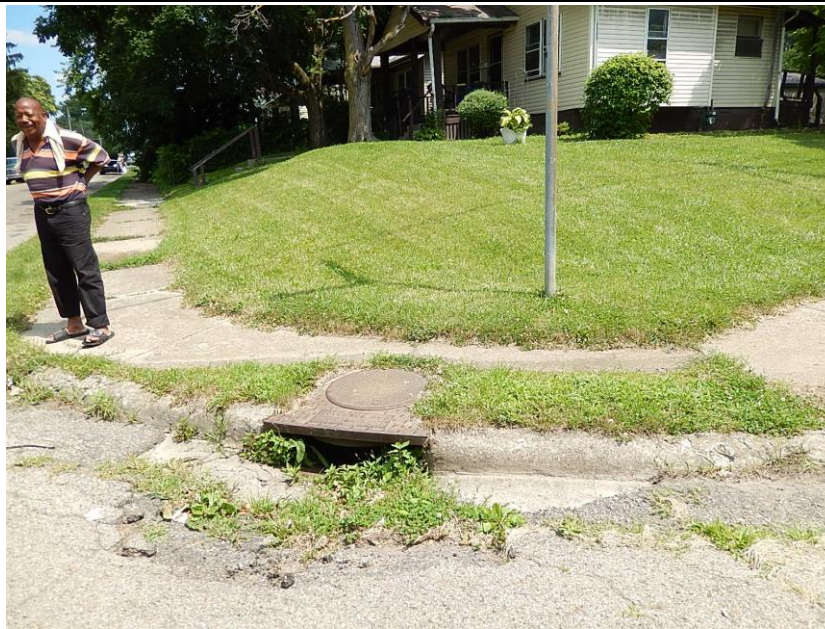
SAFETY

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Short, pedestrian-scale lighting is present.	
	Neighbors are outside.	Lexington and 4 th intersection, parts of Howard and 4 th St
	Dogs are secured.	
	Traffic is calm.	
	Drivers obey stop signs and crosswalks.	
FAIR	Tall, automobile lighting is present.	Howard, Lexington, St. Clair
	No one else is outside.	
	Dogs are intimidating or not secured.	4 th
POOR	There is no lighting.	Second St bridge
	Drivers ignore stop signs and crosswalks.	
	Traffic is fast or unsafe.	Lexington, Howard, Starr
RATING: Overall, how safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood? Circle one: Very Unsafe >> 1 2 (3) 4 5 >> Safe		
COMMENTS: Community residents are often outside and offer friendly hellos while walking. However, traffic can exceed the speed limit on a couple of streets and automobile lighting is not present on all streets.		



Lexington Ave- cars tend to speed. Note automobile lighting.



Neighborhood resident outside.

HOUSING

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Houses are well-kept and yards are mowed.	3 rd , Howard; intersection of Lexington and 4 th
	There is no excessive noise.	
	There is a pleasant feeling about the street.	East 4 th Ave
FAIR	Houses are not well maintained.	Starr Ave, 3 rd Ave, Gibbard, 2 nd Ave, 4 th Ave - vacant houses; Overgrowth on Gibbard- city construction debris, Reynolds- SW far end- vacant houses
	Excessive noise comes from houses.	
POOR	Criminal activity may be taking place.	
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the housing environment in your neighborhood Circle one: Poor >> 1 2 (3) 4 5 >> Excellent		
COMMENTS: Some of the houses and yards are well-kept in the area. However, there are many vacant houses throughout Milo Grogan and some of the lots are ill-maintained.		



Well maintained yard and house.



Lovely yard and house.



Abandoned house



House falling apart and appears to be abandoned

ENVIRONMENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

Environmental Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reynolds Ave Transfer Station <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Wall/ Retaining Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Trash <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal dumping 	List the streets/addresses: Residents are concerned that hazardous materials are coming into the transfer station and that it may expand eventually. There is constant noise from the trucks entering and leaving and an unpleasant smell. <hr/> A portion of the highway wall is missing and is unsafe for community residents at the end of 4 th Ave. The retaining wall along 1-71 on Howard has tree overgrowth and could be hazardous to walkers due to falling debris. They are not trimmed the full length of the wall. <hr/> We noticed trash, such as old furniture, in the alleys and along the streets, including junk vehicles and overgrown lots on Reynolds <hr/> Illegal dumping at far South end of Howard and signs of homeless camp <hr/>
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the environmental concerns in your neighborhood?	Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 4 (5) >>Many
COMMENTS: Milo Grogan residents have many environmental concerns in their neighborhood and have worked to address these issues. See below for example pictures.	



Reynolds Ave Transfer Station



Debris/ uncontained supplies on Howard



Trash in alleys



Hole in highway wall on 4th