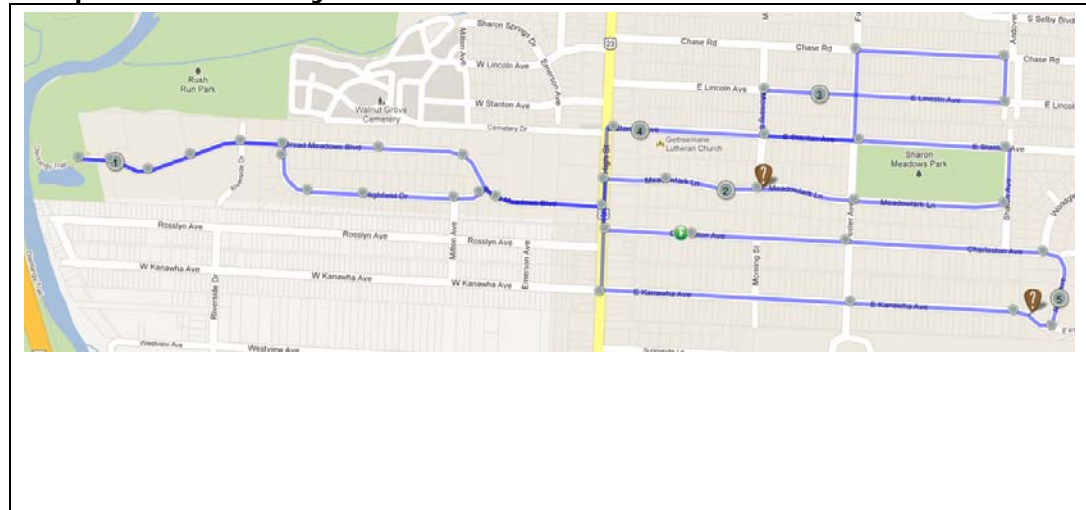


**Study Information**

Community Name	Sharon Heights
Date of Walk Study:	April 15, 2012
Participants:	City Staff: 1
	Adults: 1
	Children: 0
Distance Walked:	5.6 miles <i>(ex. 1.78 miles)</i>
Weather Conditions:	Partly Cloudy, high 60s <i>(ex. Partly Cloudy, low 50's)</i>

**Map of Area Surveyed**



**General Comments:**

Residents view this as a great neighborhood for walking – despite the almost total lack of sidewalks throughout the community. A mix of close-by amenities and residential streets with mostly calm traffic contribute to the overall walkability of the Sharon Heights community.



**Photos:**



**Many playgrounds serving residential apartment complexes in the Broadmeadows area West of High Street**



**Olentanty Trail and Antrim Park connections from Rush Run Park**



**The new Sharon Meadows Park features a one mile walking path, recreation fields, and a natural area with community-planted trees**

**Comments:** The new Sharon Meadows Park is a celebrated addition to the community. The resident on the walk shared that prior to the parks completion – the area surrounding the vacant school lot that became the park was experiencing a concentration of foreclosed homes. Since completion of the park – home vacancies have decreased around the park.

There are some issues with perceptions of safety in the Broadmeadows area, west of High Street which discourages some from walking to the trail head or other recreation features concentrated along the river.



**Comments:** The community feels strongly that the lack of sidewalks in some residential areas actually serves as a form of traffic calming as they have observed vehicles traveling slowly on streets with pedestrians on the road and at higher speeds on streets with sidewalks.

High Street within the pride area is particularly unfriendly for walking. Although there are sidewalks many stretches are in poor condition, there are many curb cuts and there is no real buffer between the sidewalk and the street.





**Comments:** Residents expressed that there have been some issues of crime in the neighborhood lately – petty thefts, some home break ins and copper thefts are an area of concern in some places.

Residents perceive that there is a greater concentration of crime in the west of High Street Broadmeadows area.





