

Healthy Places Walkability Study Arlington Park Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2009 Neighborhood Pride areas. 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 will be done by walking with neighborhood residents to 1) identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood; 2) inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	June 29, 2009
Community Participation	6
Distance Walked	1.54 miles
Weather	Warm, beautiful evening

The Arlington Park neighborhood is most concerned with vacant and abandoned housing and property owners taking care of their property and the neighborhood. Residents expressed their love for the neighborhood and the fact that they do not want to move, they just want people to be more responsible.

Neighborhood Findings

Neighborhood

- This is our home, we don't want to move.
- East Linden school is a beautiful new school for the neighborhood.
- We have good COTA bus access.

Street

- Frequent overgrown tree lawns and sidewalk maintenance issues.

Housing

- Some dogs are in the backyard and secured but they are barking and disturbing the neighborhood. They also stink.
- Many houses have beautiful landscaping with nice yards and flowers.
- Some driveways and driveway aprons are raggedy.

Safety

- We do have stray dogs in our neighborhoods-we see the dog catcher a lot.
- Traffic is not too bad but the speed limit is not followed.
- We have a problem with people leaving mattresses outside.
- Traffic is fast and kids are in the street all the time.
- We don't have any real crime, mostly property issues with junk cars and abandoned houses.
- There are no sidewalks on parts of Myrtle Ave and it is a main east to west street.

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Beautiful home with flowers at
2382 Woodland Ave



Vacant and abandoned home at 2420 Woodland
Ave. This house has been a consistent
neighborhood nuisance.



Overgrown lawn 2410 Dawnlight Ave.



The neighborhood's new East Linden Elementary.

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The mile-marked maps will highlight neighborhood features, safe paths and destinations. The report will also be forwarded to City of Columbus departments that can assist neighborhoods in addressing their needs.

The mission of the Healthy Places program is to enhance healthy and active living by establishing development policies and practices to reduce negative health impacts and by creating places that foster physical activity as a part of everyday life. For more information, please contact Christine Godward Green, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CGGreen@columbus.gov.

Addendum

Site Specific Comments
Routes
All Pictures

Thank you to Sam Block, student at Centennial and Fort Hayes High Schools for taking all the pictures in this walkability study.

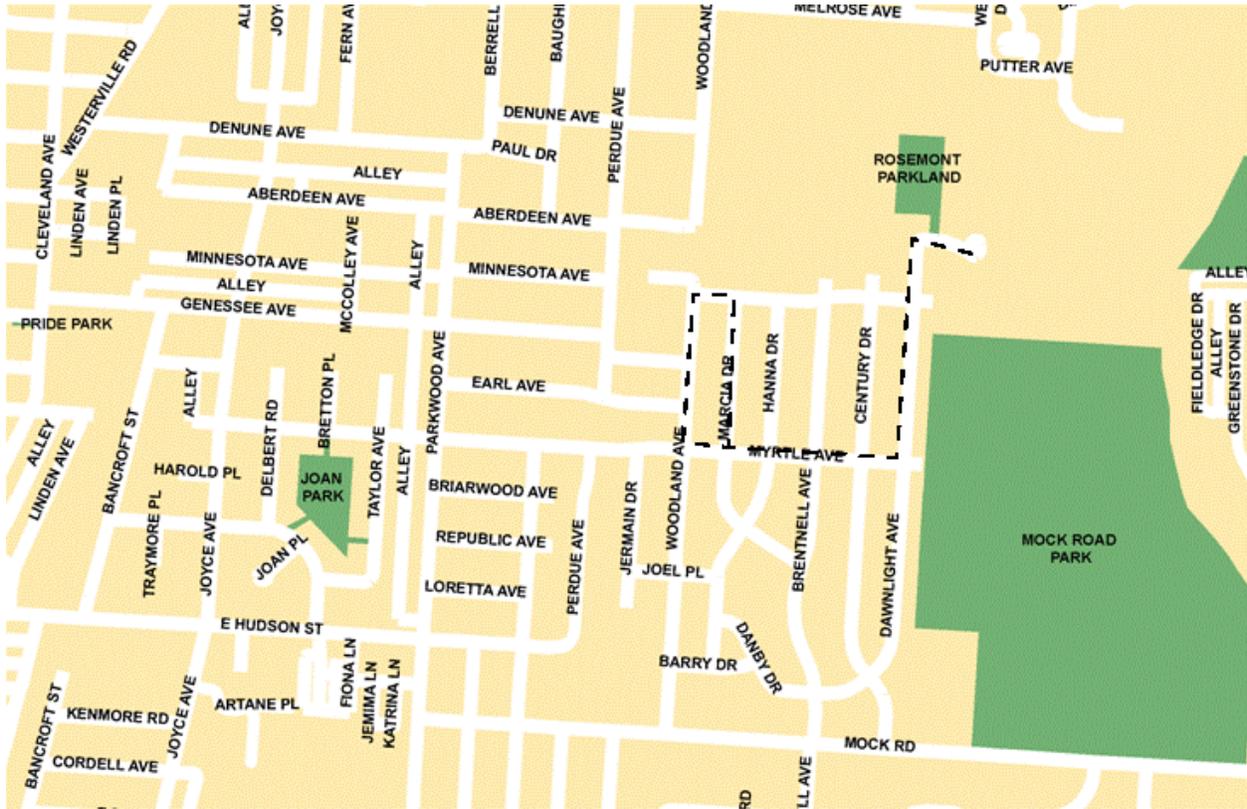
Site Specific Comments

Street Comments	Comment
2468 Dawnlight	Crumbled sidewalk and driveway (picture 2)
Woodlawn Ave near Mock Road	Avoid walking
2336 Marcia (at Myrtle)	Bushes are blocking view of oncoming traffic; when going south, cannot see east (picture 14-15)

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Myrtle Ave Dawnlight west to Brentnell Ave (picture 8-9)	Woodland Ave
Dawnlight Ave south of Danby Drive	Marcia Drive
Century Drive south of Danby Drive	Hanna Drive
Brentnell Drive south of Danby	Brentnell Drive north of Danby
2233 Woodland (picture 24)	Century Drive north of Danby
Woodland north of Myrtle Ave (picture 35)	Dawnlight north of Danby

House Issues	
2468 Dawnlight Ave	Crumbled sidewalk and driveway
2433 Dawnlight Ave	Vacant and abandoned house, overgrown yard
2410 Dawnlight Ave	Sidewalk overgrown
2347 Dawnlight Ave	Mattresses in front yard (picture 7)
2322 Marcia Drive	Overgrown tree lawn (picture 13)
2433 Marica Drive	Driveway apron is deteriorating (picture 3)
2375 Marcia Drive	Overgrown front lawn, trash; abandoned house (picture 17)
2398 Marcia Drive	Garage needs painted
2406 Marcia Drive	Overgrown grass
2411 Marica Drive	Overgrown, cars is never moved; probably abandoned (picture 20)
2419 Marcia Drive	Car does not move
2427 Marcia Drive	Car does not move
2451 Marcia Drive	Mattresses in back yard (picture 23)
2420 Woodland Ave	Vacant and abandon house with broken windows, overgrown yard and cats inside house (pictures 27-29)
Behind 2434 Woodland Ave	Do not clean up after dogs, yard stinks
Earl and Woodland Ave	Trash pile, mattresses on street (picture 36)
2221 Myrtle Ave	Mattresses in yard
2315 Dawnlight Ave (NW corner of Myrtle)	Broken garage door (picture 37)
2347 Dawnlight	Mattress on curb

Route Walked



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Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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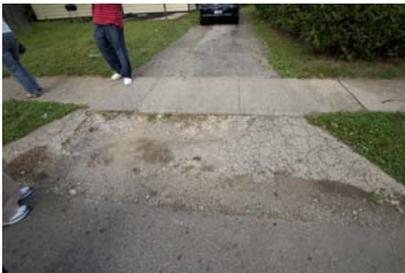
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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1	Walk study group at Rosemont Center
2	2468 Dawnlight, crumbled sidewalk and driveway
3	2433 Dawnlight, vacant and abandoned house
4	2410 Dawnlight, overgrown sidewalk
5	Walk study group on Dawnlight
6	2382 Dawnlight, beautiful landscaping
7	2347 Dawnlight, mattress in front of house
8-9	Myrtle Ave looking west, no sidewalks
10	Walk study group on Myrtle Ave
11	Myrtle and Brentenell, nice houses
12	Walk study group looking at an ADA ramp on Myrtle Ave
13	2322 Marcia, overgrown tree lawn
14-15	Corner of Marcia and Myrtle Ave, driving south the view east is blocked
16	2344 Marcia, driveway apron in poor condition
17	2375 Marcia, houses is abandoned, overgrown
18	2420 Marcia, nice yard and house
19	2414 Marcia, nice house with nice landscaping
20	2411 Marcia, overgrown, abandoned house, car does not move
21	2435 Marcia, nice house with beautiful landscaping
22	2436 Marcia, nice house with beautiful landscaping
23	2451 Marcia, mattresses in back yard
24	2233 Woodland, gap in sidewalk
25	New East Linden Elementary School
26	2442 Woodland Ave, nice yard and house
27-29	2420 Woodland Ave, vacant and abandoned home, chronic neighborhood issue, cats have invaded the house, windows are broken, bushes are taller than house
30	House behind 2420 Woodland Ave is overgrown and people cut through a gap in the fence
31	Neighbors discussing 2420 Woodland Ave
32	View of Genesee looking east from Woodland Ave
33	2382 Woodland Ave, house with nice flowers
34	Earl and Woodland Ave, trash pile on curb
35	Sidewalk gap on Woodland Ave north of Myrtle Ave
36	2221 Myrtle Ave, mattress in front of house
37	2315 Dawnlight, broken garage