

Healthy Places Walkability Study 2010 Southside Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2010 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	May 18, 2010
Community Participation	2
Distance Walked	1.0 mile
Weather	Overcast and rainy

Neighborhood Findings

Neighborhood/Parks

- Neighborhood needs more trees and greening.
- Millbrook Park is underdeveloped and underused. We need a shelter for the adults and families to have cook-outs, there is currently nothing for adults in the park which prevents it from being a community park.
- Valley City Factory is being torn down. The neighborhood needs to be involved in what will be built.
 - A road through this site would help connectivity in the neighborhood.
- There should be an easement for bike path access at the bottom of Integrity Drive but the business blocks it off.

Street

- Street has been scraped but not repaved.
- Pannell has good curbs, street has been paved and street trees.
- Fairwood is one of the most dangerous streets to ride a bike and it has terrible drainage ditches.

Housing

- Crime and drugs in the neighborhood apartments.

Safety

- Neighbors carry a stick for stray dogs.
- Lights are dim and they are off more than they are on.

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Millbrook Park. Great for kids but needs to involve adults too.



The old Value City site is a redevelopment opportunity.



Neighborhood street with sidewalks and trees.

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.