

Healthy Places Walkability Study Willow Creek 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	August 24, 2010
Community Participation	2 residents plus one Institute for Active Living representative
Distance Walked	1.1 miles
Weather	Sunny and warm

Neighborhood Findings

Neighborhood

- Overall, we like our neighborhood! It is quiet and people are friendly. It is very safe.
- There are no destination places in our neighborhood.
- We need connectivity between neighborhoods.
- Connectivity to the bike paths would be great too.
- Connectivity would help us feel like a community instead of separate neighborhoods.
- No opportunities to bike, walk or take COTA. The car is the only option.
- A COTA bus that runs from the Casino to the Arena District would be great and give us park and ride options to get downtown.

Street

- Neighborhood streets are great for leisure walking.
- Gantz and Frank Roads and Hardy Parkway are hard to navigate as a pedestrian. There are no sidewalks and cars speed. Hardy Parkway has sidewalks after the industrial area but cars still may speed.

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Intersection of Hardy Parkway and Rock Creek Drive. The intersection is wide but crossing is still manageable.



View of neighborhood street. Neighborhood streets have sidewalks with a tree lawn to separate cars from pedestrians.



Neighborhood street with great trees.



Hardy Parkway is a major street in the neighborhood but the sidewalks and wide tree lawn allow pedestrians to walk safely.



Willow Creek Park is a popular neighborhood park.