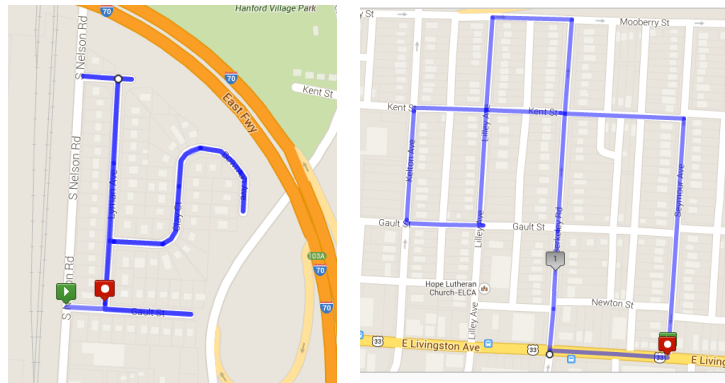


WHERE SHOULD I WALK? *Walk Study Checklist*

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.



Community Name	Hanford Village/ Driving Park
Date of Walk Study:	8.13.14/ 9.8.14
Participants:	City Staff: 1
	Adults: 10; 5
	Children: 2
Distance Walked:	2.07 miles
Weather Conditions:	Sunny and clear

OVERALL COMMENTS:

The Driving Park community is full of wonderful residents making a change in their community. Some sidewalks are present in Driving Park yet many are narrow, discontinuous, have no buffer, or are in disrepair. It can also be difficult to walk to nearby community assets, such as the Hanford Village Park, because there is no way to walk there safely due to fast traffic and lack of sidewalks. There are numerous abandoned houses in the West section of the pride area and residents are concerned there may be criminal activity. Though these barriers exist, the Driving Park community is a tight-knit group striving to make their neighborhood safer and more pedestrian friendly!

PLAYABILITY/RECREATION

Playgrounds where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Available shade.	_____
	Benches or tables for seating.	_____
	Water Fountains.	_____
	Play equipment appropriate for young children.	School on Kent
	Smooth asphalt playground.	School on Kelton
Regularly mowed open spaces.	_____	
FAIR	Lack of available shade.	_____
	No benches or tables for seating.	_____
	No working water fountain.	_____
POOR	Unsafe playground equipment.	Noah's Ark on Lilley- incomplete playground equipment that could provide safety hazard
	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 play equipment available to the community is located on school property and it is unclear if community residents can use it after hours. Residents use two parks- Hanford Village Park and Driving Park- abutting the Pride Driving Park Area. However, both Nelson Road and Alum Creek Drive do not have a sidewalk for the majority of the street, making it difficult to walk safely to Hanford Village Park. There is also a park, Noah's Ark, that looks like it is no longer in use yet there is still playground equipment present which could provide a safety hazard.



Play equipment on school property.



Play equipment no longer in use.

NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

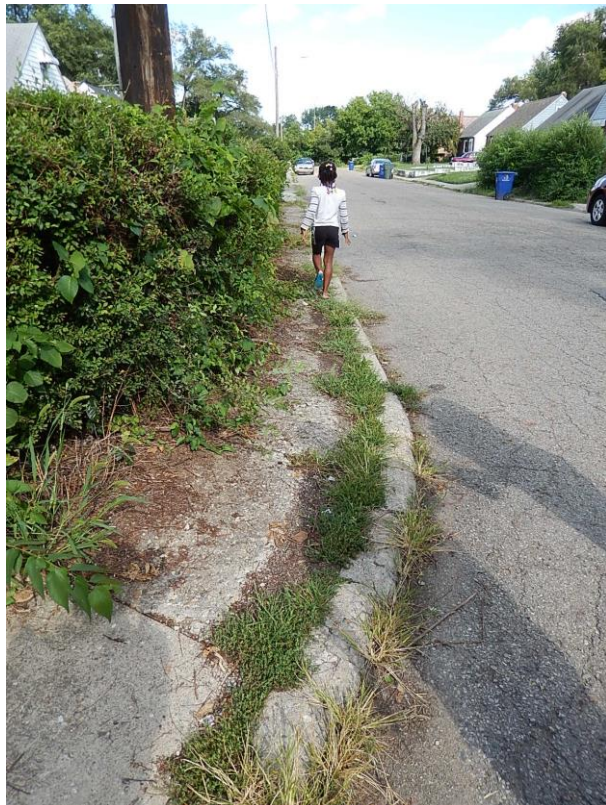
GOOD	<p>Sidewalks are wide with room to pass other walkers or walk with a friend.</p> <p>Sidewalks are continuous throughout the walk.</p> <p>There is available shade along sidewalks.</p>	<p>Gault- narrow sidewalks and vegetation overgrowth; Lyman Ave- narrow sidewalks; Seymour; Berkley- have some ADA ramps; Kelton</p>
FAIR	<p>Sidewalks are uneven, cracked or broken.</p> <p>Sidewalks are missing or stop in places.</p>	<p>Gault, Livingston, Clay Court- sidewalks cracked and curbs falling apart, Kent, Seymour; Berkley; Lilley</p> <p>Nelson Road (only present for a block from Livingston to Gault St), Gault, Clay Court; Mooberry- sidewalk on 1 side</p>
POOR	<p>There are no sidewalks or designated walking areas.</p>	<p>Bowman Ave</p>
<p>RATING: Overall, how would you rate the sidewalks in your neighborhood? Circle one: Few >> 1 2 (3) 4 5 >>Many</p>		
<p>COMMENTS:</p> <p>The sidewalks in Driving Park are in need of maintenance- when sidewalks are present, many are overgrown, are not continuous, do not have an existing curb, are cracked, or have ill-placed water valves. Residents from Hanford Village walk along Nelson Road to go to both Livingston and Main Ave, however, no continuous sidewalks exist on Nelson, which makes it difficult to walk safely.</p>		



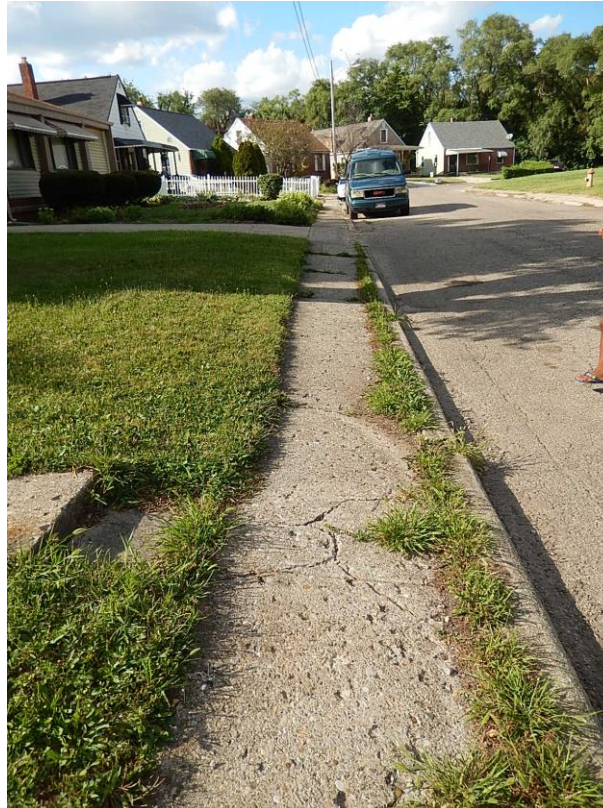
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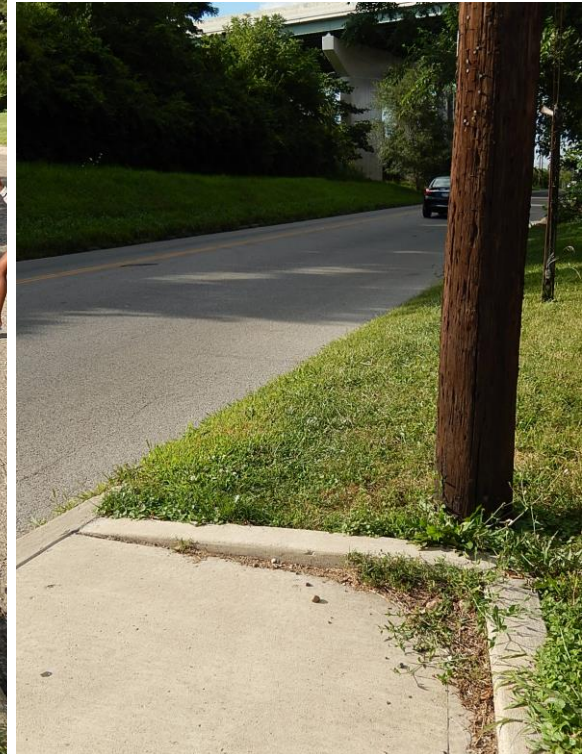
ADA ramp present.



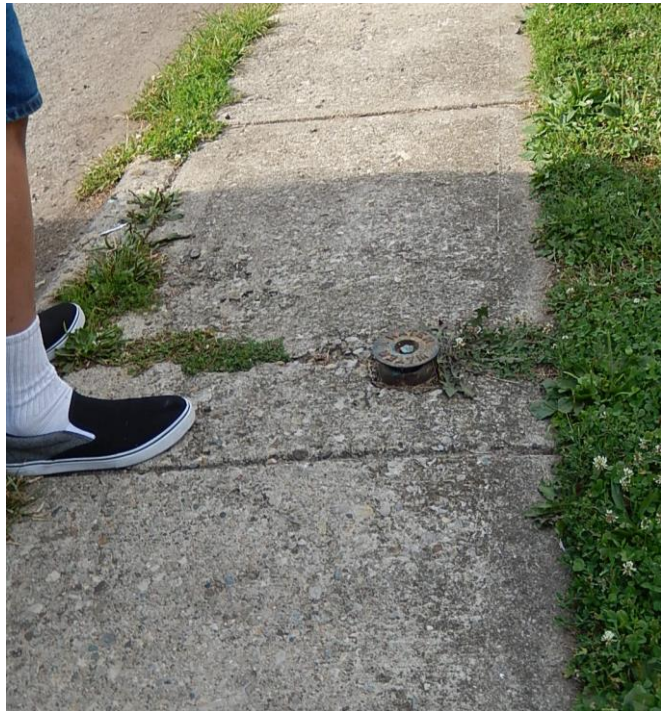
Narrow sidewalk with overgrowth.



Continuous sidewalk.



No sidewalk



Ill placed water valve.



Deteriorating sidewalk.

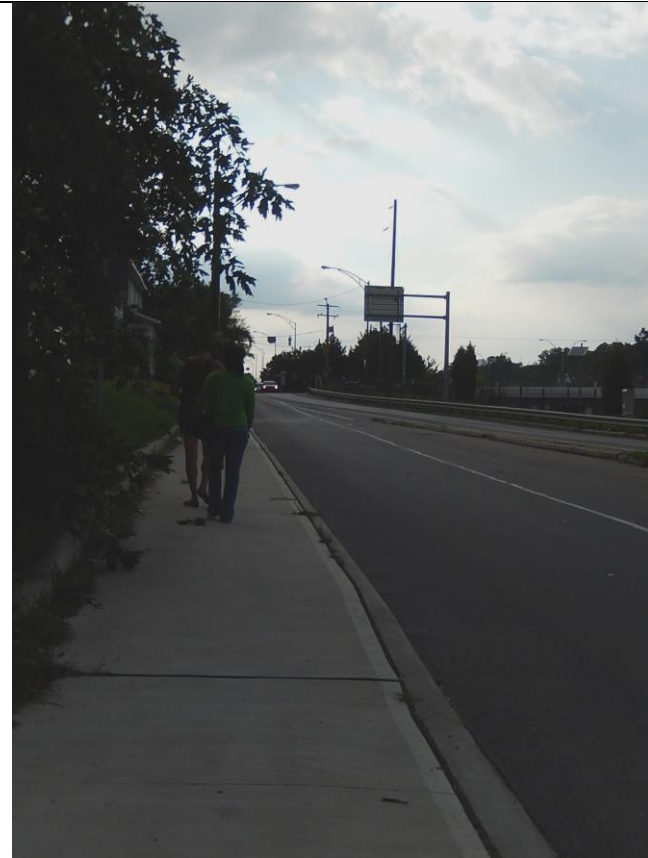
NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS AND FURNITURE

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	There are marked crosswalks.	_____
	Buffers are present on most streets.	_____
	Transit stops are present in the neighborhood.	Livingston Ave
	There are places to sit along the sidewalks.	_____
	Bike lanes are present.	_____
FAIR	Buffers are present on some streets.	Gault, Lyman, Lilley
	There are a few marked crosswalks.	_____
POOR	There are no marked crosswalks.	_____
	There are no buffers present.	Kent, Mooberry, Kelton
RATING: Overall, how would you rate the streets in your neighborhood?		Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 4 5 >>Many
COMMENTS: Residents do have access to transit stops along Livingston Ave and some buffers are present on the residential streets. Yet, there are areas without buffers or curbs, which can make walking along busy streets feel unsafe.		



Deteriorating curb.



No buffer on Mooberly.



Buffer present.

COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Neighbors can buy food and groceries.	Family Dollar, (Kroger on Main- not in pride boundary)
	Neighbors can gather with friends.	Driving Park Library; Community Garden on Kelton
	Neighbors can worship together.	Hope Lutheran Church- also has community garden

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 do have access to the new Driving Park Library and Hope Lutheran Church. There is a Kroger nearby but difficult to walk to due to lack of sidewalks.

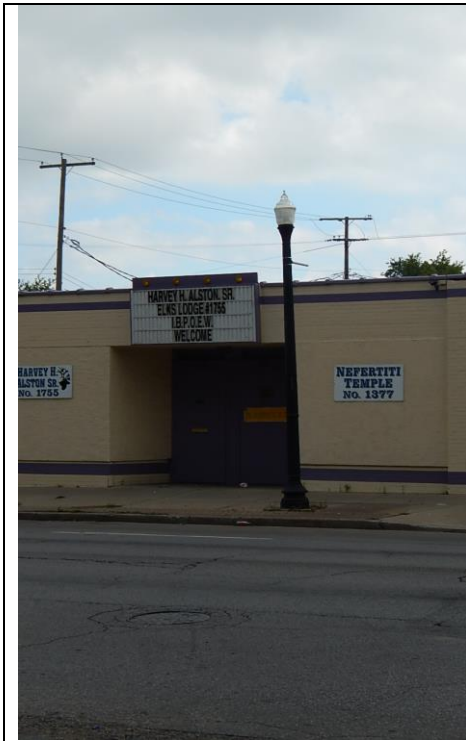


Hope Lutheran Church

SAFETY

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	Short, pedestrian-scale lighting is present.	Livingston Ave
	Neighbors are outside.	
	Dogs are secured.	
	Traffic is calm.	
	Drivers obey stop signs and crosswalks.	
FAIR	Tall, automobile lighting is present.	Gault
	No one else is outside.	
	Dogs are intimidating or not secured.	Lyman and Kent St
POOR	There is no lighting.	
	Drivers ignore stop signs and crosswalks.	Clay Court and Lyman, Nelson and Livingston intersection
	Traffic is fast or unsafe.	Mooberry; Livingston Ave; Illegal U-turns on Kent- cars come from Nelson Rd; Intersection of Lyman and Gault (no stop sign); fence separating Bowman from Alum Creek Drive- pedestrians often jump over it and cars have crashed into it- often in disrepair
RATING: Overall, how safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood?		Circle one: Very Unsafe >> 1 2 3 4 5 >>Very Safe
COMMENTS: Lighting is present in some areas of the neighborhood and neighbors are outside. However, residents are concerned about the fast traffic, illegal u-turns, and possible criminal activity in the abandoned/ vacant houses.		



Pedestrian lighting.



Automobile lighting.



Intimidating dog.

HOUSING

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed:

GOOD	<p>Houses are well-kept and yards are mowed.</p> <p>There is no excessive noise.</p> <p>There is a pleasant feeling about the street.</p>	<p>Clay Court, Lyman</p> <hr/> <hr/>
FAIR	<p>Houses are not well maintained.</p> <p>Excessive noise comes from houses.</p>	<p>Trash and overgrowth along Nelson Road; vacant house, trash, and bush overgrowth by highway on Gault; Vacant houses are a concern- see page 8 for details; overgrowth on Kent St; trash along Kent</p> <hr/>
POOR	<p>Criminal activity may be taking place.</p>	<p>Overgrowth of trees on Clay Court- need to be cut down- homeless camp present; Dirt path at end of Gault- used as cut through to Livingston, may be sexual predators and used as homeless camp; Lyman and Clay Court</p>
<p>RATING: Overall, how would you rate the housing environment in your neighborhood</p>		<p>Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 4 5 >>Many</p>
<p>COMMENTS:</p> <p>The majority of houses in Hanford Village are maintained, yet many houses West of Hanford Village/ Driving Park are abandoned or not well-cared for. In addition, residents are concerned criminal activity is taking place in abandoned houses and the vegetation overgrowth in the community. There is also confusion regarding placement of fire hydrants/ water valves in Hanford Village.</p>		



Lawn overgrowth.



Abandoned house.



Well-maintained houses and yards.



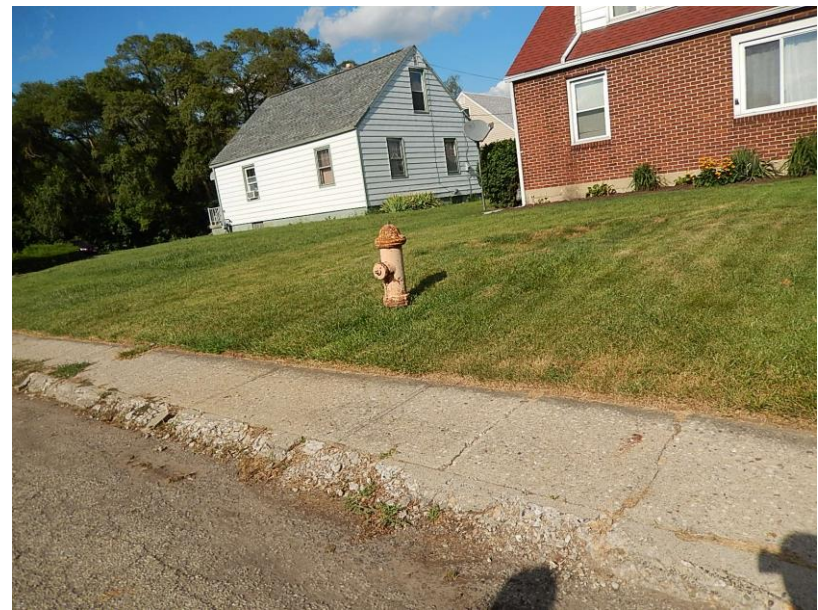
Litter along sidewalk/ street.



Trash outside of residents' house.



Presumed homeless camp/ dirt path cut-through to Livingston.



Ill-placed fire hydrant.

CATEGORY: VACANT HOUSES

<p>Check the boxes for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Houses</p>	<p>List the streets/addresses:</p> <p>Kelton Ave- 730,794, 804-806, 808</p> <hr/> <p>E. Livingston- 1532-1538; 1598-1600</p> <hr/> <p>Seymour Ave- 719, 731-734, 747-749, 753-755, 757-759, 761-763, 771-773, 777-782, 815-817, 820-822, 834, 838-844, 846-848, 850-852, 857-859, 865</p> <hr/> <p>Lilley Ave- 678, 695, 736-738, 753, 771, 793, 799, 811</p> <hr/> <p>Kent St- 693, 1584</p> <hr/>
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<p>RATING: Overall, how would you rate the vacant houses in your neighborhood?</p>	<p>Circle one: Few >> 1 2 3 4 (5) >>Many</p>
<p>COMMENTS: There are many vacant/ abandoned houses in Driving Park. Residents are concerned that they are being used for criminal activity or that people are living in them illegally.</p>	