Where Should I Walk: Walk Study Checklist



Study Information

Community Name	Reeb-Hosack, Steelton Village & Hungarian Village
Date of Walk Study:	June 18, 2013
Participants:	City Staff:1
	Adults: 3
	Children:1
Distance Walked:	1.77 Miles
	(ex.1.78 miles)
Weather Conditions:	Warm, high 80s
	(ex. Partly Cloudy, low 50's)

Map of Area Surveyed



General Comments:

Overall, this neighborhood could be great for walking. Land uses are well connected on an easy to navigate street grid. However, the high rates of vacant and abandoned property, deteriorating public infrastructure, and poor aesthetics discourage people from walking or walking safely. Where Should I Walk: Walk Study Checklist



Playability/Recreation Playgrounds where these conditions were observed: At the Southeast Lion's Park Available shade. At the Southeast Lion's Park Benches or tables for seating. Water Fountains. Play equipment appropriate for young children. Smooth asphalt playground. At Southeast Lion's Park Regularly mowed open spaces. Playground at the Reeb School lack's shade Lack of available shade. No benches or tables for seating. No working water fountain. Much of the play equipment at the Reeb School is rusted and not safe for Unsafe playground equipment. play At the Reeb School Deteriorated asphalt. There are several open and vacant spaces throughout that could be used Open spaces that are not mowed. for park space but they are not mowed or maintained. Overall, how would you rate the recreational 1 2 5 Rating: (bold one) 3 4 opportunities in your neighborhood? Few Many

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Photos:

Community Garden at Hosack and 9 th provides recreation.	Playground at Reeb Avenue School	Southeast Lion's Park Playground
Old Baseball Field at Reeb School	Unusable Basket Ball Hoops at Reeb School	Vacant property on Washtington near Reeb School that could be used for play
Comments: The Southeast Lion's Park throughout the community	is a wonderful play space for the commu are in poor condition or unsafe. There a	Inity. However, several play spaces

Neighborhood Streets and Sidewalks



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Many

Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed: Parsons has wide sidewalks for walking side by side. Sidewalks are wide with room to pass other walkers or walk with a friend. Sidewalks are continuous throughout the walk. Sidewalks on most streets in the area are uneven, cracked, and broken. Sidewalks are uneven, cracked or broken. Sidewalks are missing, crumbled, or stop in places. Much of this has to do with Sidewalks are missing or stop in places. the high amount of vacant housing throughout the area. There are no sidewalks or designated walking areas. Overall, how would you rate the sidewalks within your 1 2 Rating: (bold one) neighborhood? Few Photos:



COLUMBUS **Healthy Places** Where Should I Walk: Be Healthy, Stay Safe Walk Study Checklist COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH This walk is near a school. Walks stop abruptly or disconnect in some places. Crumpled walks. Brick buffer on Parsons. New ADA ramps throughout the area. Weeds make it hard to walk. While most of the area has sidewalks, they are in such poor conduction it makes it very difficult to walk. Comments:

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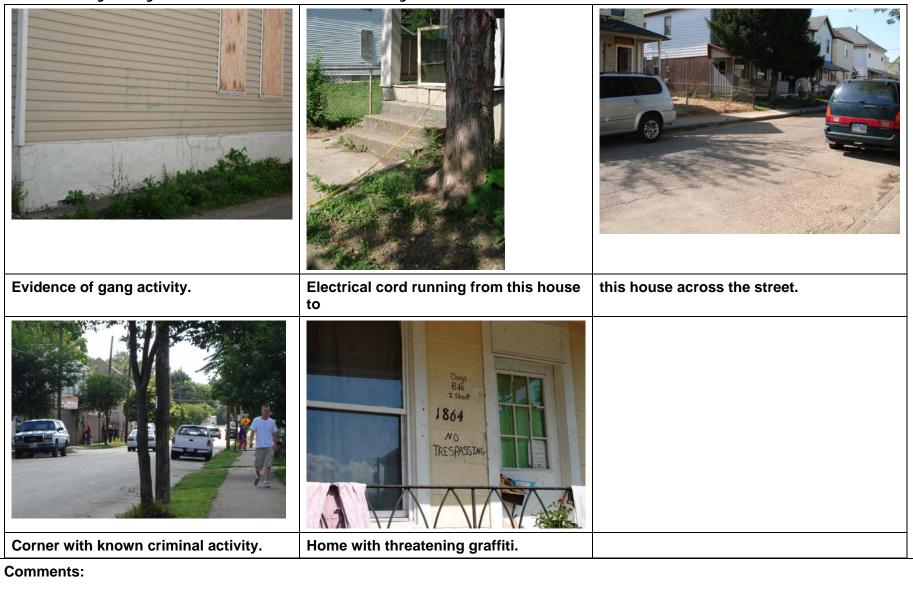


Streets and addresses where these cond	itions were observed:					
Lighting is bright.						
Neighbors are outside.	Neighbors were seen outside o	on almost all streets.	L			
Dogs are secured.						
Traffic is calm.						
Drivers obey stop signs and crosswalks.						
No one else is outside.						
Dogs are intimidating or not secured.	There were several intimidating	g and unsecured do	gs.			
There is no lighting.						
Drivers ignore stop signs and crosswalks.						
Traffic is fast or unsafe.	Traffic on Parsons is dangerou	s. There is a lot of ti	ruck tra	affic, e	specially	on Hosack.
Overall, how safe do you feel walking in your	Rating: (bold one)	1 2	3	4	5	
neighborhood?		Few			Many	
Photos:						
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Housing					
Streets and addresses where these conditions	were observed:				
Houses are well-kept and yards are mowed.					
There is no excessive noise.					
There is a pleasant feeling about the street.					
Houses are not well maintained.	Most streets in the Reeb-Hosack and Steelton Village areas have at least one vacant property on each street. Hungarian Village homes are more well maintained.				
Excessive noise comes from houses.	There is the complaint of noise and dust from housing construction.				
Criminal activity may be taking place.	See images in safety section.				
Overall, how would you rate the housing environment	Rating: (bold one)	1 2 3 4 5			
in your neighborhood		Few Many			
Photos:					

 Overgrown vacant lot is unsafe for kids.
 Litter includes discarded tires.

Abandoned nuisance property.

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Comments: The largest deterrent to walking in the area is the large amount of vacant and abandoned property. Several new and rehabbed housing projects are scattered throughout the area –improving the built environment.

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Community Gathering Places

Streets and addresses where these condition	ons were observed:							
Neighbors can buy food and groceries.	The Kroger at Moler and Parsons is about a mile away from the southern boundary of the neighborhood – a very walkable distance.							
Neighbors can gather with friends.	The Southeast Lions Park, some small businesses, and a school. There are several churches throughout the area.							
Neighbors can worship together.								
Overall, how would you rate the opportunities for community building in your neighborhood?	Rating: (bold one)	1	2	3	4	5		
		Few			1	Many		

Photos:



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	PROFINE PLACE	
The Hungarian Reformed Church on Hinman and Washington is a long established gathering place.	Small businesses in Reeb Hosack	A new pizza place in Reeb Hosack that is very walkable.

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