Where Should I Walk: Walk Study Checklist



Study Information

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Community Name	Cross Creek	
Date of Walk Study:	May 2, 2012	
Participants:	City Staff: 1	
	Adults: 4	
	Children: 0	
Distance Walked:	3.1 Miles	
		(ex.1.78 miles)
Weather Conditions:	Hot, Sunny, mid 80s	
		(ex. Partly Cloudy, low 50's)



General Comments:

The Cross Creek subdivision is a great place for walking. There is a connected network of sidewalks in good condition in almost all places throughout, shade from trees, and pleasant streets. While there are many destinations within a 2 miles radius of the subdivision, traffic perceived as traveling at high speeds on main arterial streets and cut through roads discourages walking to daily destinations.

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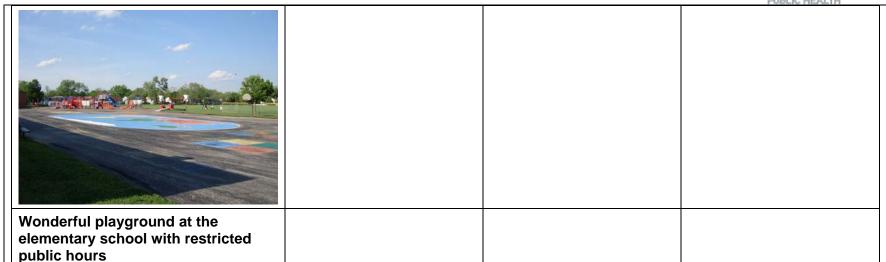


Playability/Recreation

Playgrounds where these conditions were obs	served:							
Available shade.	Cross Creek Elementary has a wor	nderfu	ıl play	/groun	d and	athletic fie	lds.	
Benches or tables for seating.	Recreation centers in the Hilliard m	nunici	oality	are ne	arby.			
Water Fountains.								
Play equipment appropriate for young children.								
Smooth asphalt playground.								
Regularly mowed open spaces.								
Lack of available shade.	Cross Creek Park is close to the bushade or places to sit, but is in nice	•				and lacks	any	
No benches or tables for seating.								
No working water fountain.								
Unsafe playground equipment.								
Deteriorated asphalt.	Children were seen throughout the neighborhood playing mostly in front lawns – but lacking a real play space centrally within the subdivision.							
Open spaces that are not mowed.								
Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities in your neighborhood?	Rating: (bold one)	1 Few	2	3	4 N	5 ⁄lany		
Photos:								

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Comments: While there are dedicated places for children to play, residents expressed that they wish there were better relationships between the community and the Hilliard municipality. They shared that it was expensive to utilize Hilliard's facilities and that Hilliard puts time limits on when the general public can use the free facilities.

Children were all over the community playing in their front yards, almost looking for a third space to occupy.

Residents in the neighborhood shared that they have regular places they like to walk for exercise on the residential streets.

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Neighborhood Streets and Sidewalks

Streets and addresses where these conditions Sidewalks are wide with room to pass other walkers or walk with a friend.	were observed: While sidewalks are connected multiple people to walk and p		ot com	fortably	v wide e	enough f	or
Sidewalks are continuous throughout the walk.	- Than pic people to want and p	, dog.					_
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Sidewalks are uneven, cracked or broken.	Sidewalks weren't continuous	s on Iveywild A	√ve				
Sidewalks are missing or stop in places.	Very few places where sidewalk quality was bad.						
There are no sidewalks or designated walking areas.							
Overall, how would you rate the sidewalks within your	Rating: (bold one)	1	2	3	4	5	
neighborhood?	Few				Many		

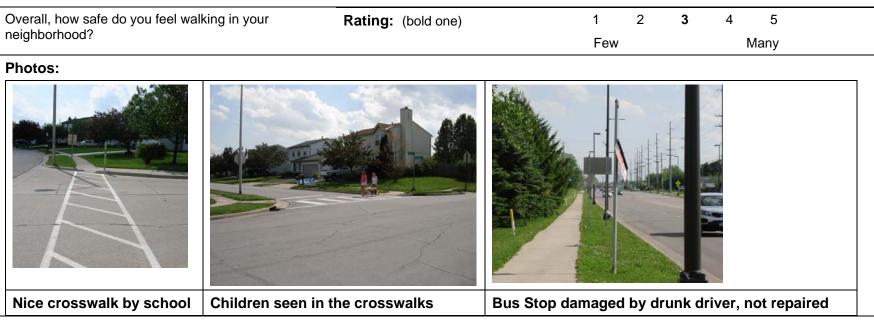
Photos:			
Many locations where sidewalks are raised due to tree roots	Sidewalk dead-ends in locations where housing shifts from single to multi family	One area where sidewalk is very badly deteriorated, next to a house that recently came out of foreclosure	Area on Springdale where a ramp is badly needed and children have worn a path in the grass from crossing

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Safety

Streets and addresses where these conditi Lighting is bright.	ons were observed: Neighborhoods were out and	l about all over the neig	ghborhood				
Neighbors are outside.	Traffic on most streets was very calm						
Dogs are secured.							
Traffic is calm.	Drivers were observed to yie	ld to pedestrians in cro	sswalks				
Drivers obey stop signs and crosswalks.							
No one else is outside.	Several dogs were off leash in front yards and intimidate walkers						
Dogs are intimidating or not secured.	Most lighting within subdivision is on private property (few city lights)						
There is no lighting.	Traffic moves at speeds that feel unsafe on Hilliard-Rome, Walcutt, Springdale,						
Drivers ignore stop signs and crosswalks.	and Ivywild.						
Traffic is fast or unsafe.							
Overall, how safe do you feel walking in your	Rating: (bold one)	1 2	3 4 5				
neighborhood?		Few	Many				



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Comments:

Residents wish for a traffic light at Gillette Ave and Hilliard-Rome Road, the busy street and school intersection, but the Hilliard municipality will not provide it. Hilliard-Rome feels very unsafe to residents, especially since it has been the site of drunk driving accidents.

Within the subdivision, almost all of the streets feel safe – except for the two cut-through streets, Springdale and Ivy Wild.

Residents remarked that they really wish there were more lighting in the neighborhood and feel unsafe walking at night because of a lack of lighting.

Residents perceive that there is a crime element coming from some of the areas of concentrated multi-family housing surrounding the subdivision in other municipalities and often avoid walking on those streets adjacent to the multi-family.

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Housing & Aesthetics

Streets and addresses where these conditions Houses are well-kept and yards are mowed.	were observed: Only a few instances where la	awns, trees, o	r shrub	s are o	overgro	wn	
There is no excessive noise.							
There is a pleasant feeling about the street.							
Houses are not well maintained.	Many of the storm drains do not drain well, leaving stinky standing water.						
Excessive noise comes from houses.							
Criminal activity may be taking place.							
Overall, how would you rate the housing environment	Rating: (bold one)	1	2	3	4	5	
in your neighborhood		Few	Few		Many		



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One of the most beautiful homes in the area



Drains backup with lawn and litter debris, causing smelly standing water



Another example of an unkempt lawn, possibly foreclosure



Overgrown tree



City swear cover damaged sidewalk



Broken water main lids throughout the neighborhood and missing ramps

Comments: While there are a few examples of aesthetic elements detracting from the good environment for walking, residents on the walk were quick to share success stories of community intervention around maintenance of homes and aesthetics. They could identify houses that the community came together around to ensure they were improved or taken care of or that neighbors in need were connected with assistance.

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Community Gathering Places Streets and addresses where these conditions were observed: Grocery stores and churches are in close proximity (though places of worship Neighbors can buy food and groceries. might not reflect the diversity of the neighborhood) There are too few locations for residents to gather as a neighborhood Neighbors can gather with friends. Neighbors can worship together. Overall, how would you rate the opportunities for 2 5 Rating: (bold one) 1 3 4 community building in your neighborhood? Few Many Photos:

Comments: While there are grocery stores are in walkable distance and bike facilities lead to them, residents voiced that they would not feel safe traveling to them any other way beyond a motorized vehicle.

Residents expressed their dissatisfaction with places for community gathering – feeling that they did not feel like a Columbus community when gathering in Hilliard facilities and that the school did not always meet all of their community needs. They feel a duel identity to Columbus and to Hilliard.