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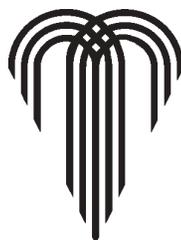
Neighborhood Assessment Report

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The Boone Hills Neighborhood

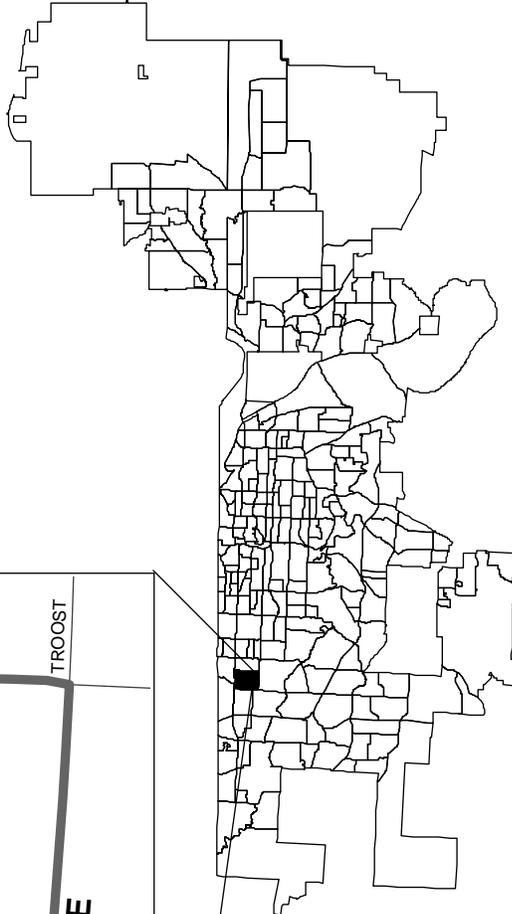
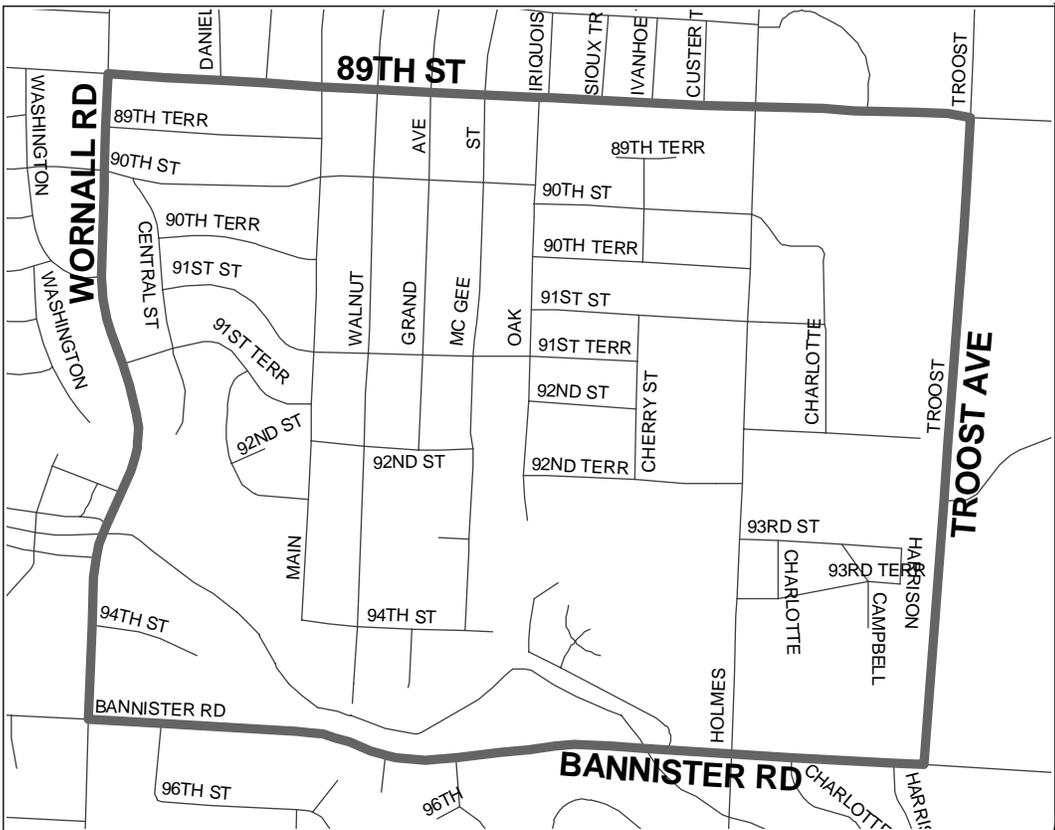


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FOCUS KANSAS CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSESSMENTS



FOCUS Kansas City, Kansas City's strategic and comprehensive plan, recognizes that neighborhoods understand best how to direct their own futures. The first initiative in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* is a strategic assessment / evaluation that enables a neighborhood to evaluate its strengths and needs. Through the assessment process, a neighborhood can direct its assets towards its most critical needs. The *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* identifies the assessment format.

There were two objectives for these neighborhoods during the self-evaluation:

1. To self-identify its **neighborhood type** from the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan*.
2. To develop **improvement strategies** that will direct neighborhood improvement, a "To Do" list/Action Steps incorporating participation by the neighborhood, community partners, and the City.

The Boone Hills area conducted the neighborhood assessment workshop with assistance from City staff. These community members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhoods.



Residents listen at the beginning of the FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop



NEIGHBORHOOD TYPE

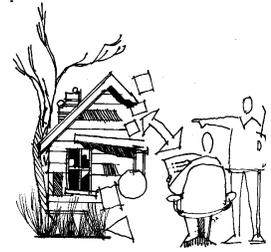
The FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Kansas City are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. FOCUS developed four unique Neighborhood Types that generally describe Kansas City neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

Developing Conservation Stabilization Redeveloping

The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan, Appendix A, "General Neighborhood Description / Types."

In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their Type, then similarly "typed" Kansas City communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.

THE BOONE HILLS PERSPECTIVE

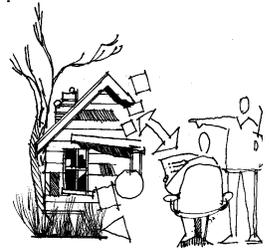


Residents of the Boone Hills area - a Census neighborhood tract bounded by 89th Street, Bannister Road, Wornall Road and Troost Avenue - came together on Saturday, August 24th at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple for their FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop.

Committed residents came to take part in this important community-building discussion. This self-evaluation workshop was an opportunity for residents to look at the connections between where they live, work and socialize. The participants engaged in a neighborhood mapping exercise, and they discussed challenges and barriers facing their community. They also identified their area's assets, and voted on their Neighborhood Type. Finally, they voted on their priorities.

The Boone Hills neighborhood is diverse in many ways: housing units ranging from larger, well-tended homes to small houses in need of repair/rehabilitation, as well as an apartment complex on the east side of the neighborhood; residents with moderate to high income and educational levels to those on smaller incomes with a high school education only. The area is racially diverse, though not quite as much as the rest of Council District 6 or the city at large. There are a variety of businesses in and around the neighborhood, including gas stations, restaurants, and banks.

During the course of the workshop, participants mentioned many specific aspects of their community that they appreciate about the place they call home. Residents enjoy the wooded areas in the neighborhood, and would like to see them enhanced as parks with walking trails and other amenities. They value the quality Center School District, as well as the many churches and libraries in the area. Boone Hills neighbors also have easy access to shopping, including the shopping area on Wornall just south of 89th Street, and the Target store being installed at the Ward Parkway Shopping Center.

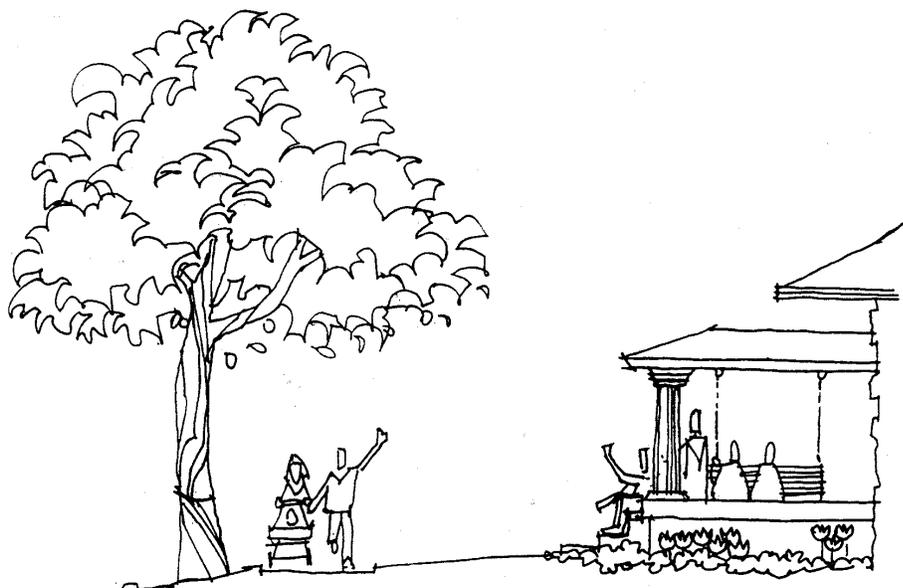


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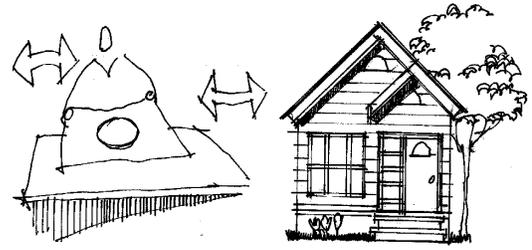
Other important aspects of this area that neighbors value are the fire station on the corner of Bannister Road and Holmes Road, the GSA (General Services Agency) complex on Bannister Road, and the many nice people who live in the neighborhood.

As with any other community, this area also has its challenges. Residents want to see their streets improved with curbs and sidewalks, especially along 89th Street. They are very interested in seeing the natural, wooded areas in the neighborhood preserved and enhanced, perhaps connecting to the other greenways in the area. And they want to be sure that their neighborhood is served by quality water lines, including a sufficient number of fire hydrants to ensure their safety.

At the conclusion of the workshop, neighbors were eager to work together and take on some of the challenges they identified during their meeting. The purpose of this report is to help clarify goals and identify resources. The following page contains the residents' priorities and some possible improvement strategies they suggested. The report also contains the lists of assets, challenges and ideas for improvement that area residents named during the workshop. Finally, a list of frequently used City and agency services is on the inside back cover.



PRIORITIES



At the conclusion of the Boone Hills Neighborhood Assessment, participants voted for the issues they most wanted to see addressed from the lists they created. Their top priorities are listed below.

Address Infrastructure Issues

The physical aspects of a neighborhood affect safety, quality of life, and a sense of community. Residents in this area are very concerned about several issues related to the area's infrastructure, and want to see the following:

- Installation of curbs, sidewalks and shoulders on 89th Street, Oak Street, Holmes Street and Wornall Road; neighbors can work with PIAC and Center School District concerning sidewalks around schools
- Installation of new water mains on Wornall Road, and installation of fire hydrants as needed throughout the area
- A crosswalk built across Bannister at Holmes Street for the safety of the many families who cross at this point in heavy traffic
- Installation of a storm drain on Holmes Street south of 92nd Terrace (south of Audrie Seeley nursery) to accommodate the large amount of storm water run-off here

Preserve and Enhance Natural Areas

Boone Hills residents cherish the natural areas in their community, and want to be sure they are preserved. They also want to see them enhanced in these ways:

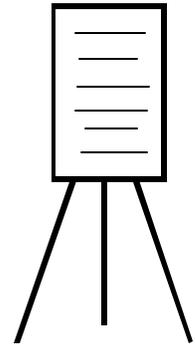
- The design and building of a recreational area (with walking trails, park space, etc.) along the Dyke Branch Creek, from Wornall Road to the intersection of Holmes Street and Bannister Road
- Establishment of a park area somewhere in the neighborhood, perhaps at the wooded area on the NW corner of Bannister Road and Holmes Street

Improve Neighborhood Livability

Sometimes it is the "smaller" things that can make a big difference in a neighborhood. These residents suggested the following:

- Work with the United States Postal Service to get a drive-by mail drop box in the area
- Establish a "Welcoming Committee" for new residents
- Work with the Kansas City, MO Police Department on getting a Neighborhood Watch organized

CHART NOTES



The Boone Hills Neighborhood Assessment covered the following area: 89th Street to Bannister Road and Wornall Road to Troost Avenue (see map on page 10 for details).

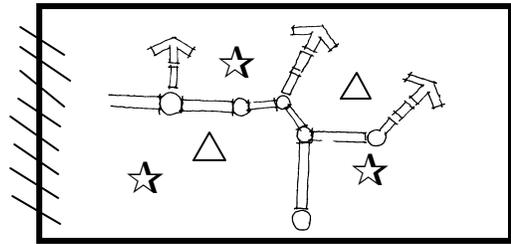
Neighborhood Slogans

The attendees brainstormed several slogans to describe their neighborhood. The slogans helped the participants to identify how they viewed their community. The selected slogans was:

Frontier Boone Hills Homes: Exploring New Paths

Other suggested slogans:

- Frontier Boone Hills Homes
- Friendly Folks, Fantastic Homes
- Exploring New Paths



STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

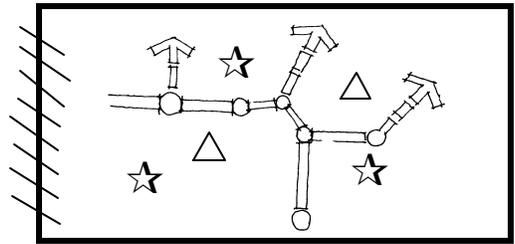
Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a large map.

- △ **Landmarks** — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- ⦚ **Paths** — routes people use to get places
- **Activity Centers** — gathering places to do some activity
- **Districts** — areas of recognizable character
- ▨ **Edges or Barriers** — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- ★ **Features** — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance



Landmark and Feature:

The fire station on Holmes Road just north of Bannister Road



Landmarks

- Christ the King Church
- Fire station (Bannister and Holmes)
- Boone Elementary School
- Sunnyside Park at 83rd and Wornall
- Audrie Seely nursery
- The "castle" house at 91st Street and Kenwood Avenue
- The large house at 89th Street and Grand Avenue (large lot, historic building)
- Center High School
- The shopping area on Wornall Road, south of 89th Street (both sides of Wornall)

Paths

- Holmes Street
- Wornall Road
- Bannister Road
- Central Street
- Main Street
- Oak Street

Activity Centers

- Christ the King Church
- Boone Elementary School
- Sunnyside Park (83rd and Wornall)
- All Saints Episcopal Church (voting site)
- Center High School
- The private park to the west of the 89th Terrace cul-de-sac, east of Oak Street

Districts

- Open field on the NW corner of Bannister Road and Holmes Street
- The shopping area on Wornall Road, south of 89th Street (both sides of Wornall)

Edges/Barriers

- Kenwood Avenue (is not actually a street)
- Grand Avenue (does not cut through to Bannister Road)
- Wooded area south of All Saints Episcopal Church/93rd Street, between Wornall Road and Main Street

Features

- Fire station at Bannister and Holmes
- Dyke Branch Creek
- Wooded area south of All Saints Episcopal Church/93rd Street, between Wornall Road and Main Street



BOONE HILLS IMAGES



Landmark and Activity Center:
Christ the King Church



Landmark and Activity Center:
Boone Elementary School



Landmarks: These historic homes in the Boone Hills area are valued by residents

BOONE HILLS IMAGES



Landmark:
Audrie Seeley nursery



Landmark and Activity Center: Center High School, including the recent addition shown here



Path: Wornall Road



STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can inhibit residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do. Below is the list of "fixes" that workshop participants said they would like to see in the Boone Hills area.

- Install a drive-by mail drop box in the neighborhood
- Install curbs, gutters and sidewalks throughout the area, especially: on 89th Street between Wornall Road and Troost Avenue, on 90th and 91st Streets, and on all streets south of 89th Street from Main Street to Holmes Street
- Install fire hydrants in the neighborhood
- Build a crosswalk across Bannister at Holmes Street (many families with young children cross to get to the gas station on the south side of Bannister)
- Put in a park in the wooded area at the NW corner of Bannister and Holmes
- Improve storm water drainage (standing water)
- KCPL should pay more attention to the neighborhood (neighbors call their area Black Out Gulch, because they believe they are always the last to get power restored after an outage)



Crossing Bannister Road at Holmes Road can be dangerous on foot

Residents would like to see this property at the NW corner of Holmes Road and Bannister turned in to a park area





- Install a sidewalk on the west side of Wornall Road, south of 89th Street, for safer pedestrian access to the shopping area there
- Install sidewalks on both sides of Wornall Road and Holmes Street (there are partial sidewalks now; residents believe that the lack of sidewalks undermines the sense of neighborhood, and is isolating)
- Stop the dumping and littering on the south end of Main Street (around 94th Street)
- Create a trail and an park along the greenway of the Dyke Branch Creek (from Wornall Road to Holmes Street, north of Bannister Road)
- Install a new water main along Wornall Road instead of always patching it (the line breaks 2-3 times a year)



Residents would like to see a sidewalk along the west side of Wornall Road south of 89th Street for safer pedestrian access the the shops there

- Clean up the property at 9108 Holmes, enforce property maintenance codes (frequently not mown, etc.)
- Install speed humps on Oak Street south of 91st Street (a lot of speeding here, many kids playing in the street)
- City should provide assistance to the residents south of 91st Street to 94th Street, from Walnut Street to McGee Street to improve their homes and property
- Install a street sign at 91st and Holmes Street, on the west side of Holmes Street
- Install a storm drain on Holmes Street south of 92nd Terrace to address the additional run-off from the Audrie Seeley nursery as well as the large amount of run-off from north of there (water often stands very high and is a danger to passing cars: water may get into the engine, and cars swerve into the other lane to avoid the standing water)



Water often collects at the SW corner of 92nd Terrace and Holmes Street



- City be consistent about naming Holmes - is it Road or Street? (different on maps and street signs)
- Eliminate drug houses quickly, keep quality renters (especially near 104 W 90th Street)
- Re-surface the intersection of Holmes Street and Bannister Road; it is very bumpy and potentially damaging to cars
- Change the timing for the north and south bound signals on Holmes Street at Bannister Road - only 4 cars can get through, and drivers usually run a red light here
- Prevent new residents on McGee from doing "donuts" on the property at the NW corner of 94th Street and Oak Street
- Curtail the dumping at the south end of Grand Avenue
- Investigate why people walk from the south end of Grand Avenue to Walnut Street; if it is to do some illegal activity, curtail that
- Stop the speeding on 94th Street
- Remedy the improper storm drainage around 9401 Grand, and clean out the gravel in culverts (running east-west)
- Control the busy traffic on 89th Street, restrict trucks/buses between Holmes Street and Wornall Road
- Keep ditches free from weeds
- Educate residents about when to put out trash to prevent them from putting it out too early
- Control the weeds and overgrowth at 8901 Walnut, investigate why there are often many people in the yard and many cars around the house



Neighbors often see dumping at the south end of Grand Avenue, as well as people walking from this dead-end through a wooded area, east to Walnut Street



The heavy traffic on 89th Street is a concern for neighbors, especially when large trucks use this residential street



STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets in their neighborhood. These qualities include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other feature that adds value to the neighborhood.

- The new streetlights
- The proposed Target at the Ward Parkway Shopping Center
- The wooded area north of 94th Street between Wornall Road and Main Street
- The shopping area south of 89th Street, on either side of Wornall Road
- Close to interstates/highways
- Diversity - economic, social
- Center School District
- Many churches and libraries in the area
- The GSA (General Services Agency) complex at the NE corner of Bannister Road and Troost Avenue
- Parks and other recreational opportunities (like walking paths) near the area
- Nice people
- The fire station at Bannister Road and Holmes Street
- The pride residents take in property maintenance
- Safety - low-crime area
- The National Archives Library at the GSA complex
- The Center Planning and Development Council



Neighbors are glad to see the new Target store in the Ward Parkway Shopping Center



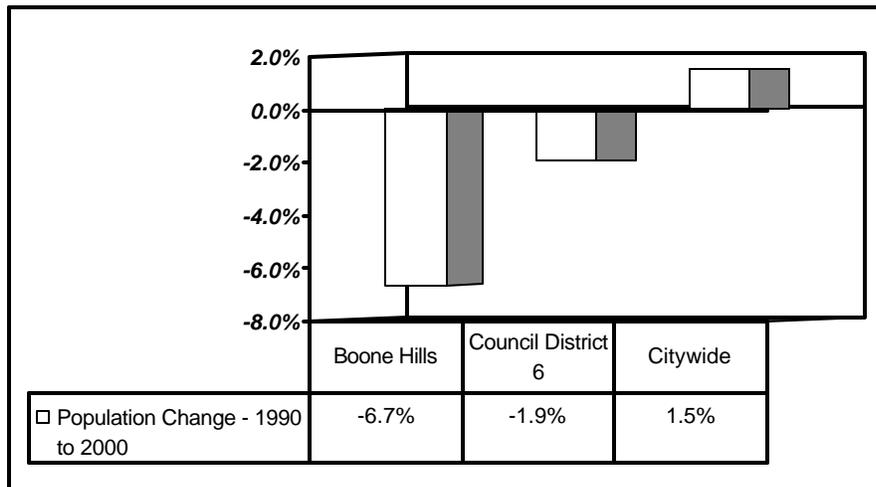
One of many entrances into the sprawling Government Services Agency at Troost Avenue and Bannister Road



STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

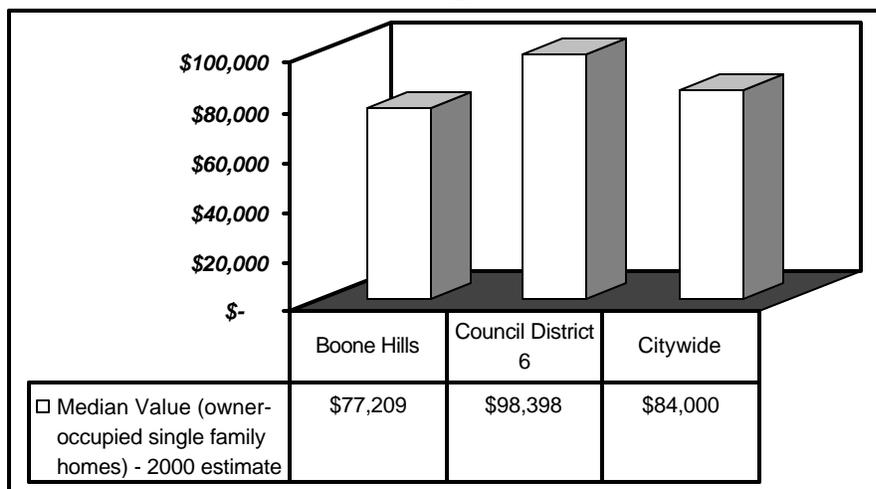
The data presented at the Boone Hills Neighborhood Assessment was from both the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census, and from 2001 information from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more detail.)

Change in Population 1990-2000



Workshop participants stated that the change in population could be attributed in part to residents passing on, as well as young people moving out and getting homes of their own.

Median Value of Housing Units - 2000 estimate



Residents believe the housing values in their neighborhood should be higher, closer to citywide (although the homes south of 91st Terrace between Main Street and Oak Street may contribute to the lower values).

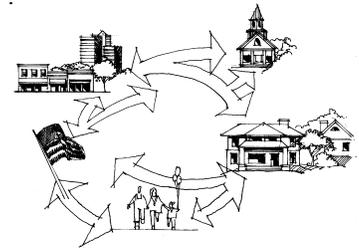


STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described the area. The majority chose Conservation (Orange).

Conservation

These areas are located throughout the city, potentially in any area built before 1980. They are areas that contain any age and type of development that is good quality with a strong market. For the city, these areas contribute good quality development of any type, for all markets. They also contribute significantly to the City's tax base. The actions needed are to keep these areas stable, and to predict any negative trends beginning so problems do not develop.



STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

Boone Hills neighbors talked about specific actions their community can take to address the issues and challenges identified earlier in the Assessment. They brainstormed ideas, concentrating on those actions that can be performed by the community to improve the neighborhood. They voted on the ideas they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better. Below is a list of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants, in order of most votes.

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

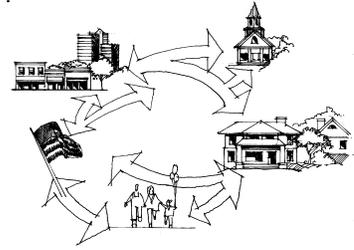
- Call Pat Klein in the Public Works Department for information about the PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) process to get curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the neighborhood, including how to fill out an application on-line
- Call Greg Brady in the Environmental Management Department to obtain (or get on a waiting list for) "No Dumping" signs for the neighborhood
- Establish a "Welcoming Committee" for new residents
- Each homeowner care for their own property
- Start a Neighborhood Watch group
- Make an effort to meet neighbors
- Support local businesses, such as Rupp's Thriftway on Wornall Road
- Support the Center School District



Residents exchange phone numbers at the conclusion of the workshop

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

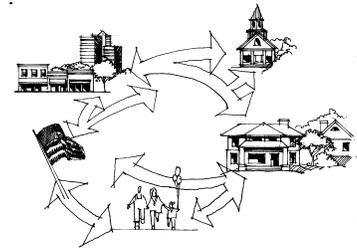
- Work with the United States Postal Service to get a drive-by mail drop box in the area
- Work with the Center School District and PIAC to get sidewalks around schools
- Work with the Kansas City, MO Police Department on organizing a Neighborhood Watch group



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Things the **City** should do:

- Install curbs, sidewalks and shoulders on 89th Street, Oak Street, Holmes Street and Wornall Road
- Design and build a recreational area (with walking trails, park space, etc.) along the Dyke Branch Creek, from Wornall Road to the intersection of Holmes Street and Bannister Road
- Install new water mains on Wornall Road, and install fire hydrants as needed throughout the area (according to code)
- Build a crosswalk at Bannister and Holmes Street
- Establish a park area somewhere in the neighborhood, perhaps at the wooded area on the NW corner of Bannister Road and Holmes Street
- Install walking trails/recreational paths
- Install a storm drain on Holmes Street south of 92nd Terrace (south of Audrie Seeley nursery) to accommodate the large amount of storm water run-off here
- Install a street sign at 91st Street and Holmes Street
- Enforce leash laws and address other animal control related concerns
- Do a professional and complete job when repairing water lines and doing other street improvements/repairs
- Reset the traffic signal north and south bound on Holmes Street at Bannister Road (only 4 cars can get through)
- Complete the street repair work at 91st Street and Wornall Road
- Coordinate City services (such as water main and other street repairs) so that streets are not torn up, re-paved and torn up again



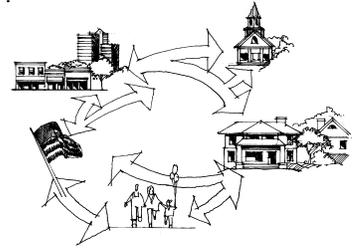
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Follow-up Information

This information was provided to those who attended the workshop and/or called requesting information.

Infrastructure:

- **Curbs/sidewalks/storm drain/crosswalk installation:** Citizens may seek improvements to streets via PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) requests. The deadline is August 30th. You may call the Public Works Department at 513-2617 for a project request form, or call your 6th District PIAC Representatives: Mike Graf, 8717 E. 109th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64134, 331-3800 (Business); Lou Austin, 5904 E. Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO 64134, 765-3900 (Business).
- **Grading/resurfacing streets:** Each year, the Street Preservation Section of the Public Works Department does a visual inspection of streets to determine their condition. Many of the older streets, especially those in developments that were annexed by Kansas City some years ago, are in fact too fragile to be ground down to their original level. These streets will likely have the most recent level ground down, and they will also not be raised any higher than their current level. If you would like to know your street's rating or request that your street be rated, or if you have any questions about this process, please call Jeff Martin, Street Preservation Engineer, at 513-9450.
- **Water lines/water pressure:** The City's Water Services Department uses a priority system to rank water line replacement, based on a water line's break history. When the following guidelines are met, the line is considered for replacement: 8 breaks per mile of water main per year for a period of 3 consecutive years, or 24 breaks in 3 years. If you have any questions about this system, or about the break history in your area, call Michelle Giele, Water Services Engineer, at 513-2211.



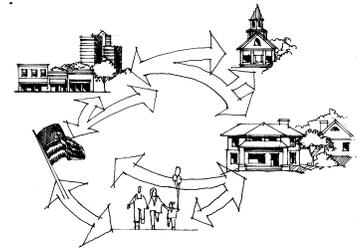
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Storm Water/Erosion/Flooding:

- Erosion ordinance/developers: To view the full text of the ordinance regulating erosion control by developers, go to www.kcmo.org, then click on "Ordinances" in the left column, then "Online Charter and Code." This will take you to another site (municode.com). At this site, choose one of four links (based on whether or not you want to see frames, and your computer's capacity). Under "Code of Ordinances" scroll down to Chapter 63 (Stormwater, Erosion and Sediment Control), and then Article II.
- General issues about clogged storm drains, standing water: Call the City's Action Center (513-1313), with as much specific information as possible, and they will open a case and stay in communication with you until the issue is resolved.

Neighborhood Quality:

- Clean Sweep: Clean Sweep is a collaborative effort between several City Departments, and coordinated by the Environmental Management Department, to help neighborhoods clean up and maintain their community. The neighborhood selects from a menu of options (tree trimming, pothole repair, etc.), and the Environmental Management Department provides dumpsters (one for leaves and brush, and one for trash). To get involved, call Carolyn George at 513-3474.
- Partners for Parks: The City's Parks and Recreation Department offers the Partners for Parks program as an opportunity to help with the maintenance of Kansas City's parks. Call Dave Burke at 513-8930 for more information.
- Tree trimming: Again, call the Action Center. You may also call the Street Tree Service number directly (513-9550) and request that street trees be trimmed.
- Adopt-A-Street: This free City program, through the Street and Traffic Division of the Public Works Department, helps neighbors keep their communities clean, and provides some clean-up supplies. Contact Nanci Regan at 513-2659.
- Walkability: The City Planning and Development Department is working on a walkability study. Contact John Sims at 513-2825 for more information. Additionally, the Mid-America Regional Council created a study for local governments called "Creating Walkable Communities." Go to www.marc.org/ then click on Publications and look for that title.



- **Speeding:** Call the KCMO Police Department's Traffic Division at 842-8180 to request attention at a specific spot. You may also speak to the officers about borrowing the Department's radar/speed display board. To request a traffic study (to determine if the speed limit should be changed, and/or if other traffic calming measures such as signs or speed humps are warranted), call Romero Geroche, the Street and Traffic engineer responsible for this portion of the City, at 513-2663.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Contact the KCPD South Patrol at 234-5550 for information about creating a Neighborhood Watch group, asking for a roll call in your neighborhood, etc.
- **Adjusting the north/south traffic signal on Holmes Street at Bannister Road:** During the workshop, neighbors expressed concern about the length of this signal being too short; they stated that many drivers speed through this light, creating an unsafe intersection. This intersection is managed by MoDOT because Bannister Road is a state road. After the workshop, Dave McDonald of MoDOT visited this site and adjusted the timing of the light so that more cars are able to get through at one time. If you have further concerns about the signals at this intersection, call Mr. McDonald at 622-0425.
- **Increasing the number of fire hydrants in the Boone Hills area to be consistent with other areas of the City; Installation of a mail drop box in the area:** As of the publication date of this report, information regarding these issues had not been received. The contact person at the Fire Department is Chief Germane Friends, Public Relations, 784-9210. The contact person at the Post Office is Curtis White, 374-9351.

Twelve Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood Right Now!

The KC Safe City Initiative encourages neighborhoods to adopt the following ideas for increased safety and involvement, which are based upon the KC Safe City Initiative Principles.

- 1. Report crime promptly.** Neighbors sometimes don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police; they assume police are too short-staffed to respond, or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a given problem anyway. Whether the issue is graffiti, petty vandalism, or something much more serious, police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from citizens.
- 2. Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems promptly.**
- 3. Take away the opportunity for crime.** Lock your car and never leave valuables, even for a few minutes, in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes or trees on your property that offer too-convenient hiding places. Make your front porch visible and make sure your home looks like someone lives there.
- 4. Meet the youth who live on your block and greet them by name.** This ensures that each adult is better able to help in an emergency and is better prepared to discuss problems immediately as they arise.
- 5. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of every neighbor on your block.** Unless you know neighbors' names and numbers, you can't call them about a concern or let them know about a neighborhood problem.
- 6. Make a list of landlords in your area.** As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and most are rightly concerned about the health of the community in which their properties stand.
- 7. Turn your porch light on.** Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Turning on porch lights is a simple way to start this process.
- 8. Walk around the block.** It sounds simple enough, but neighbors benefit over time when more responsible citizens walk about more (particularly those who are comfortable doing it) at night, every night, around their block.
- 9. Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.** You can take the lead in slowing down traffic in your neighborhood and those around you.
- 10. Pick up the litter near your home, even if you didn't put it there.** You can help stop the growth of trash in your neighborhood by taking away the existing litter that attracts it.
- 11. Stay where you are.** Stable neighborhoods are built on the commitment of long term residents who would rather live in a healthy community than move to a bigger house.
- 12. Help your neighborhood association or similar groups.** If leadership isn't your desire, at least make sure someone in your household attends local neighborhood association meetings. You'll be kept better informed of the issues facing the neighborhood and how you can help and, perhaps more importantly, you'll have the chance to shape, guide, and participate in the future of your neighborhood.

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City Services	Action Center	513-1313
Abandoned Cars on Private Property	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Abandoned Cars on Public Property	Kansas City, MO Police Department	234-5000
Abandoned Homes	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Air Quality	Health Department	513-6314
Animal Control	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9800
Building Permits	Codes Administration	513-1500
Bulky Item Pick Up	Environmental Management	513-3490
Curb Reconstruction	Public Works	513-2590
Dangerous Buildings/ Demolition	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Housing Code Violations	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Illegal Dumping Hotline	Environmental Management	513-3485
Neighborhood Assistance/ Services	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-3265
Paint Program	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-3266
PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee)	Public Works Department	513-2617
Parks and Community Centers	Board of Parks and Recreation	513-7500
Potholes	Public Works - Street and Traffic	513-2777
Senior Citizens Transportation	Share-a-Fare/ATA	842-9070
Sewers - Problems	Water Department After Hours	513-2180 513-2109
Sidewalks - Repair	Public Works	513-2602
Storm Drains	Water Department	513-2180
Street Light Repairs	Kansas City Power and Light	654-1400
Weatherization Program	Housing and Community Development	513-3015

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