

BREEN HILLS

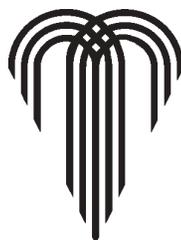
Neighborhood Assessment Report

Neighborhood Workshop Date: June 15, 2002



FOCUS Kansas City
City Planning and Development Department
City of Kansas City, Missouri

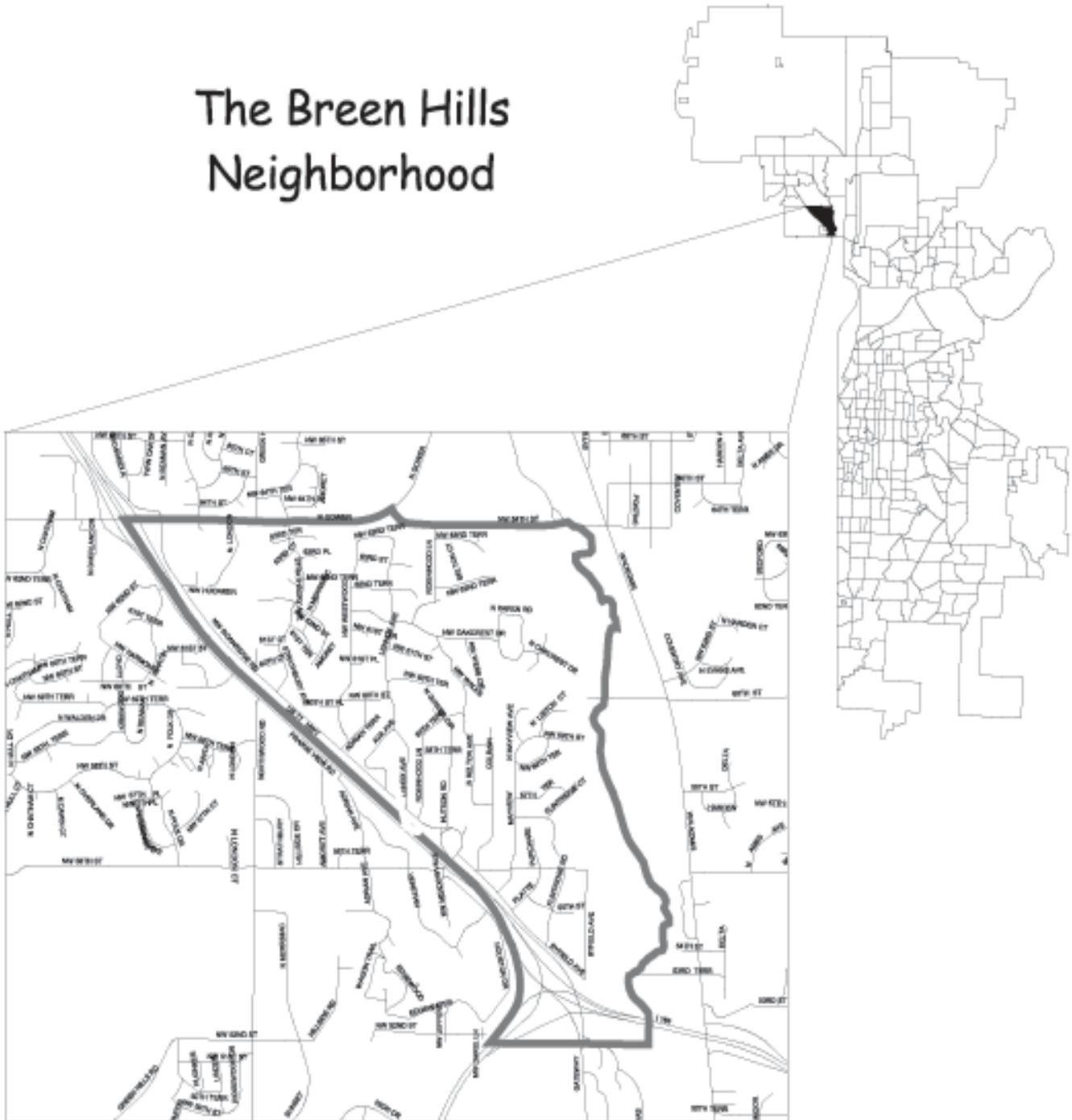
City of Fountains



Heart of the Nation

Kansas City, Missouri Neighborhoods

The Breen Hills Neighborhood



0 900 1800 Feet

TABLE OF CONTENTS



FOCUS Kansas City and Neighborhood Assessments.....	2
Breen Hills Perspective.....	4
Breen Hills Priorities.....	6
Chart Notes:	
Slogans.....	8
Step 1: My Neighborhood I s.....	9
Step 2: I f I Could Fix One Thing.....	14
Step 3: My Neighborhood's Assets.....	17
Step 4: Facts About My Neighborhood.....	18
Step 5: Describing My Neighborhood.....	22
Step 6: Making My Neighborhood Better.....	23
Follow-up I nformation.....	26
Participants, Sponsors and Contributors, Getting I nvolved.....	28
Acknowledgements.....	29

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



Residents were eager to engage in a conversation about their area



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

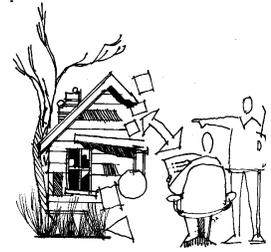
The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan, Appendix A, "General Neighborhood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



A workshop participant votes for her Neighborhood Type

THE BREEN HILLS PERSPECTIVE

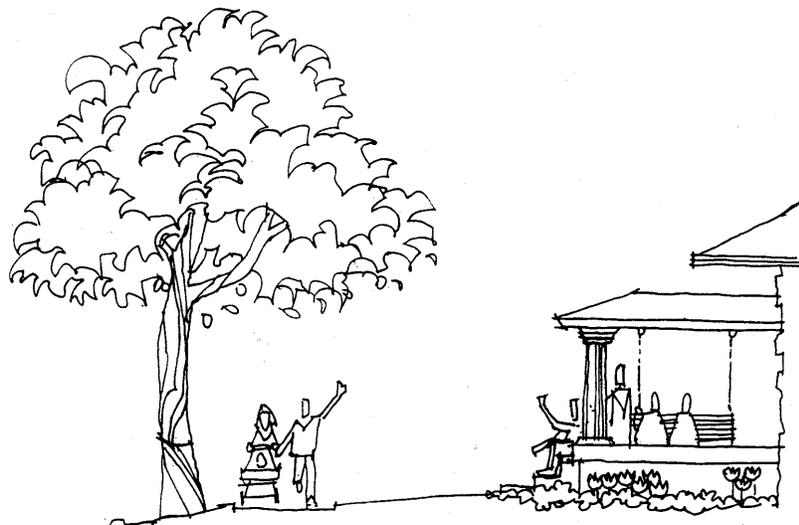


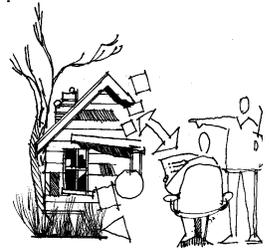
On Saturday, June 15th, 2002, residents of the Breen Hills area came together at Northwest Bible Church for their FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop. The boundaries of this Census neighborhood tract are: NW 64th Street on the north, I-29 on the south and west, and Line Creek on the east.

Many 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 Breen Hills Census neighborhood tract encompasses several developments, including Strathbury Woods, Coventry, Countryside, Sun Pointe, Breen Hills and the Camden Passage Apartment complex. This area provides a wide variety of housing choices: homes on large, wooded lots, apartments, and newer homes in subdivisions.

This area, though surrounded by major thoroughfares, still retains a tucked-away feeling, in part because of the limited access in and out of the neighborhoods. While most of this area is already developed, there are some new homes being built off of N Mayview Avenue, north of NW 59th Street. In the southern portion of the Breen Hills area lies the original farm house of the Keller farm, which was part of the original Platte Purchase; built sometime in the late 1800's, the farm house is the oldest building in the area, and neighbors consider this piece of history important and worth preserving.





.....

Workshop participants mentioned the character that the green spaces and wildlife add to the area as one of their most important assets, and that these aspects of the community are some they want to see preserved. Neighbors also mentioned the Park Hill School District, the easy access to the rest of the city via NW 64th Street and I-29, and the sense of community as important reasons why they choose to stay in their homes.

Residents also discussed those aspects of the community that need attention. Common throughout these neighborhoods are concerns about storm water run-off and erosion, street maintenance, and tree/brush trimming.

Any new development that includes paving over green space of course contributes to an increase in storm water run-off to all areas "downstream" from the development, and additional storm water collection measures are necessary to compensate for this. When there are not enough storm sewers or other methods of diverting water from existing structures and properties, the result is accumulation of water, and sometimes debris.

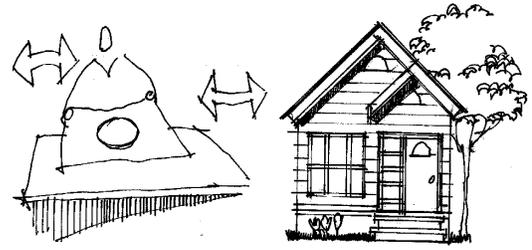
In addition, when erosion controls are improperly installed (or not installed at all), there is an impact on the storm water run-off system (through the addition of soil to the stream), on any "downstream" lakes or ponds, resulting in siltation. There is also often an accumulation of dirt and mud on the streets and sidewalks, and erosion of topsoil in the yards in the neighborhood. Residents feel that these situations are a persistent, ongoing problem in their neighborhoods.

Many streets in these areas, as in many other areas in the northland, are the original, unimproved streets that were part of the area when the City originally annexed them. Neighbors want to see these streets improved, and especially want to be sure that the height of the streets don't continue to increase, and that the width of the streets are returned to their original dimensions. When layers of asphalt are added, often the new layer does not extend to the original, or even last, layer, and the street becomes both higher and narrower and, residents feel, more dangerous.

For the most part, residents feel that their area is in good condition, and a quality place to live. They want to ensure that this continues to be the case, and that any necessary improvements are made and preventative measures are taken.

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 Breen 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 Erosion and Run-Off Concerns

The new developments (both residential and commercial) in this area create a variety of challenges and problems. Neighbors are most concerned about storm water run-off and erosion from developments, two major issues that affect property value and quality of life. Their suggestions are:

For themselves:

- Attend the PIAC meetings
- Contact the City Planning and Development Department about any proposed developments in the area

For the City:

- Enforce all codes/ordinances (related to buildings, property maintenance, and those related to developers) with quick resolution
- Mandate that developers put in needed infrastructure before new development begins

Improve Long-Term Planning

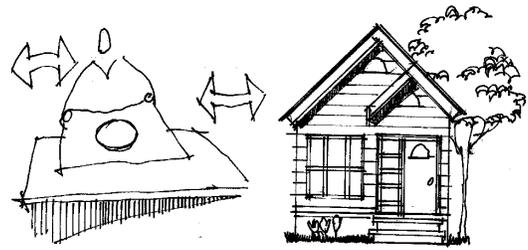
Another broad-based issue that neighbors want to see addressed is long term planning. They feel that the City often reacts to a situation, rather than being proactive. Their ideas are:

For themselves:

- Identify places (green spaces, buildings, programs such as the Police Athletic League) for youth in the area, to curtail problems and provide opportunities

For the City:

- Install curbs and gutters
- Implement the watershed study/plan
- Plan and implement green spaces/park areas
- Publish a schedule of maintenance (mowing, trimming overgrowth, street repair)
- Prioritize PIAC funding to repair damage/address safety issues
- Be a better neighbor to other communities (see the CityStates report)



.....

Increase and Improve Communication

Residents in the Breen Hills area saw that a very important part of getting things done is to first ensure communication between any and all important parties: governments (City and County), the school district, the KCMO Police Department, Mid-America Regional Council, neighborhood organizations and, of course, individual residents. Workshop attendees suggested the following:

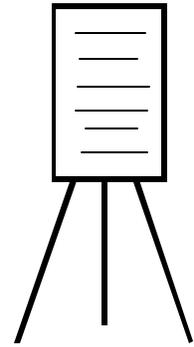
For themselves:

- Invite the directors of City Departments, and the higher-ups from Platte County, to a meeting to discuss neighbors' issues
- Contact the Park Hill School District, invite them to a meeting with neighbors to discuss issues with youth (speeding, vandalism, truancy, the need for more effective parenting, etc.)
- Call North Patrol about crime and police issues
- Attend the MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) transportation/pollution meetings
- Expand relations between neighborhoods, work on common concerns
- Work with NNI to coordinate a meeting with City Department directors, County officials, business leaders, the Kansas City Police Department and the Park Hill School District to address issues
- Work with the Missouri Department of Conservation (including the new Discovery Center) on environmental concerns, such as Stream Teams
- Work with the North Star group on common issues

For the City:

- Create intergovernmental cooperation among the City, County, and other municipalities, pertaining to basic services such as snow removal, street maintenance (improve the communication/partnership)
- Work with MARC to keep the air quality cleaner (pollution in this area comes up from Johnson County)

CHART NOTES



The Breen Hills Neighborhood Assessment covered the following area: NW 64th Street on the north to the city limits on the south, and I-29 on the west to Line Creek on the east (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:

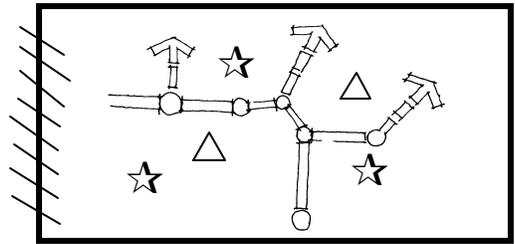
Hills of Breen: Let's Keep It Clean

Other suggested slogans:

- The Globe Trotters
- FEMA Opportunities
- Helping Hands
- Apathy Abounds



After going through the icebreaker exercise of choosing a slogan for the neighborhood, a neighbor votes on his favorite



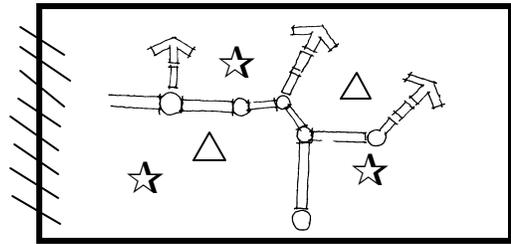
STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

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 wall 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 Activity Center: Park Hill South High School



Landmarks

- Park Hill South High School
- Southeast Elementary School
- The Hen House grocery store on NW 64th Street
- Strathbury Park
- The Keller Farm off of Roan Ridge between N Flint Ridge Road and N Byfield Avenue (original property in Platte Purchase, oldest home in the area)
- The NW 56th Street exit from I-29
- The hills in the area
- The Please Stop gas station/convenience store on Highway 9

Paths

- Strathbury Park

Activity Centers

- Park Hill South High School
- Southeast Elementary School
- Strathbury Park
- Line Creek Community Center

Edges/Barriers

- The noise from I-29

Features

- The trees in Breen Hills
- The river bluffs along Highway 9
- Strathbury Park
- Future game area off Highway 9
- Sound of the train whistles from Parkville

BREEN HILLS IMAGES



Landmark and Activity Center:
Southeast Elementary School on N Northwood Road



Landmark, Path, Activity Center and Feature:
Strathbury Park



Landmark: The oldest house in the area, part of the original Keller farm, off NW Roanridge Road

BREEN HILLS IMAGES



Landmark: The Hen House supermarket on NW 64th Street



Landmark: The NW 56th Street exit from I-29 is familiar to most north of the river



Activity Center: The Line Creek Community Center on NW Waukomis Drive



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 Breen Hills area.

- Install curbs and gutters consistently in Breen Hills to address the erosion of yards from storm water run-off, and to improve the appearance of the area
- Install sidewalks in Breen Hills
- Encourage cooperation between governmental agencies (as well as developers) in addressing the destruction of infrastructure by industrial trucks along NW 56th Street east of I-29, and in the 5700 and 5800 blocks of N Mayview Avenue, as well as the new construction areas in Walden and on N Northwood Road
- Improve the water lines in the area east of Strathbury Park (the loop of N Lenox Avenue, NW 63rd Terrace, and NW Westwood Lane)
- Grade N Lenox Avenue and NW Westwood Lane (the increased height of the street due to the many layers of asphalt causes increased erosion in residents' properties)
- Prevent youth from using the Sun Pointe area for smoking and drug activities
- Trim overgrowth and dead trees in Strathbury Park, address the water and silt run-off that collects in the small stream in the park



Residents want to see streets like this one improved for increased safety, erosion control and beautification



This picture of NW Westwood Lane's new asphalt was taken one month after the workshop; the height of the street was increased



- Repair the intersection of NW 61st Court and N Strathbury Avenue
- Preserve the trees and green space in the Strathbury Woods neighborhood when adding any new developments
- Increase police patrols, especially dusk to 2:00 AM; there is currently not enough patrolling during these hours
- Address the area-wide erosion problem, including upgrading the streets
- Address the noise level from I-29
- Remedy the traffic problem at I-29 and NW 64th Street, from N Cosby Avenue on the west to N Gower Drive on the east (very heavy traffic in this area, and the entrances to the two outer roads cause congestion and confusion)
- Make developers follow laws concerning setbacks and erosion control
- Implement regular snow and ice removal in Countryside
- Use less salt on roads to help them last longer
- Address the water run-off and erosion; put a moratorium on building until the infrastructure is upgraded



The intersections around I-29 and NW 64th Street are a concern for residents



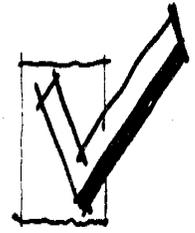
When erosion controls are ineffective, soil builds up on streets and runs into storm sewers



- Fix the problem the City caused when they added layers of asphalt - the curbs disappeared
- Get more young people involved in neighborhood organizing
- Put a restriction on high density housing in new and future developments
- Make developers responsible for their unbuildable lots in the area; they have not been tended, and are full of brush, rocks, and sometimes dumped trash (these could perhaps be turned into park space)
- Prevent speeding in Sun Pointe
- Address the problem of developers who go bankrupt, then leave their former properties untended



Residents feel that "unbuildable" lots such as this one are a detriment to the neighborhood



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 Park Hill School District
- Close to downtown/work
- The sense of community
- Proximity to KCI and all of the city via I-635 and I-29
- The neighborhood association in Misty Woods/Northwood Hills, and the Stream Team there
- The lower tax base in Platte County
- The trees give a sense of ambiance and an old-world feeling
- The character of the area - open space, large lots, green spaces
- There is relatively less traffic than in many other places in the Northland (like Barry Road)
- It's quiet
- Land is not as plentiful for development, as along Barry Road



Neighbors value the trees and green spaces in the Parkdale and Walden area

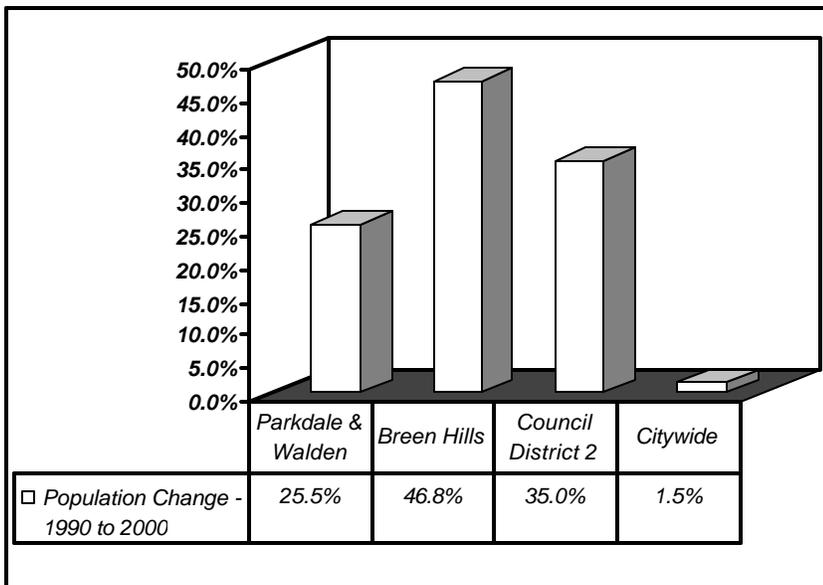


.....

STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

The data presented at the Breen Hills Neighborhood Assessment was from both the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census, and from 2000 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

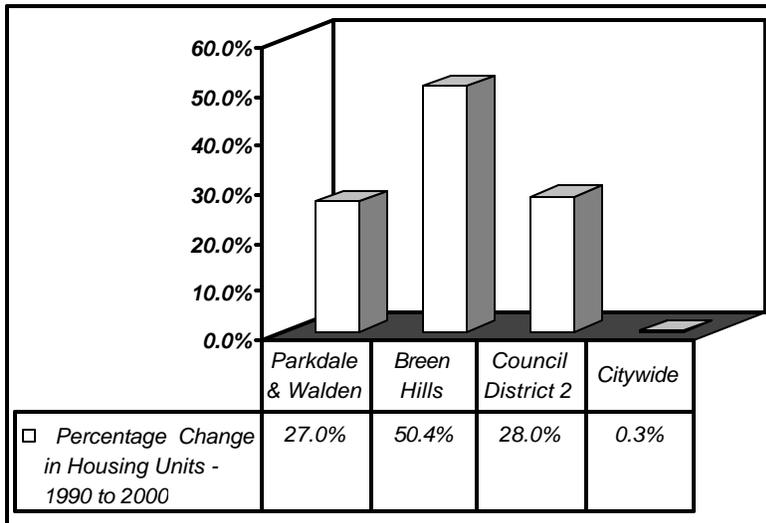


Workshop participants stated that *Coventry*, *Strathbury Woods*, and *Camden Passage* were all built in the 1990's, which accounts for the increase in population. They also feel the increase in population means the Northland can be a strong voice at the voting booth to influence the direction of the area.



.....

Change in the Number of Housing Units 1990-2000

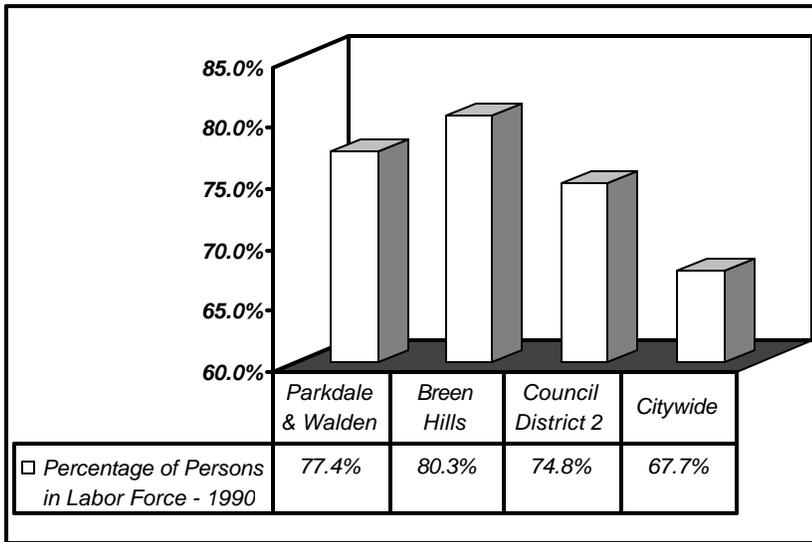


Residents feel the increase in the number of housing units has facilitated development in the area, including some poorly constructed infrastructure.

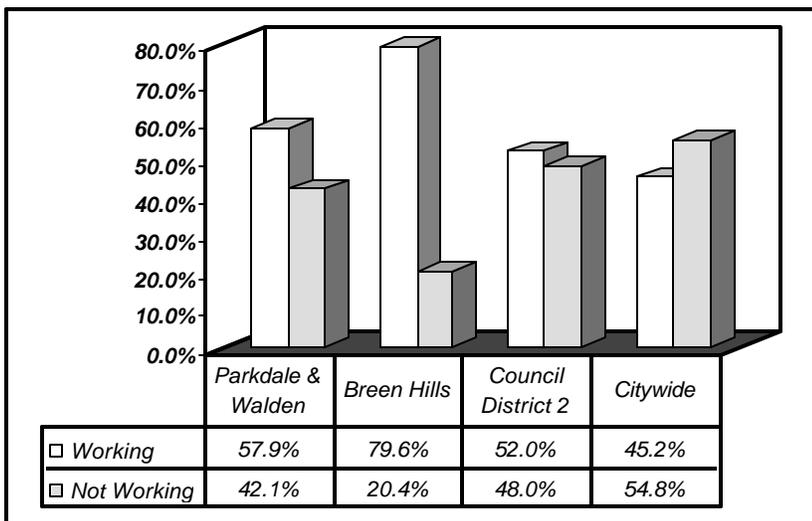


.....

Persons in the Labor Force - 1990



Employment Status of Teenagers 16-19 - 1990

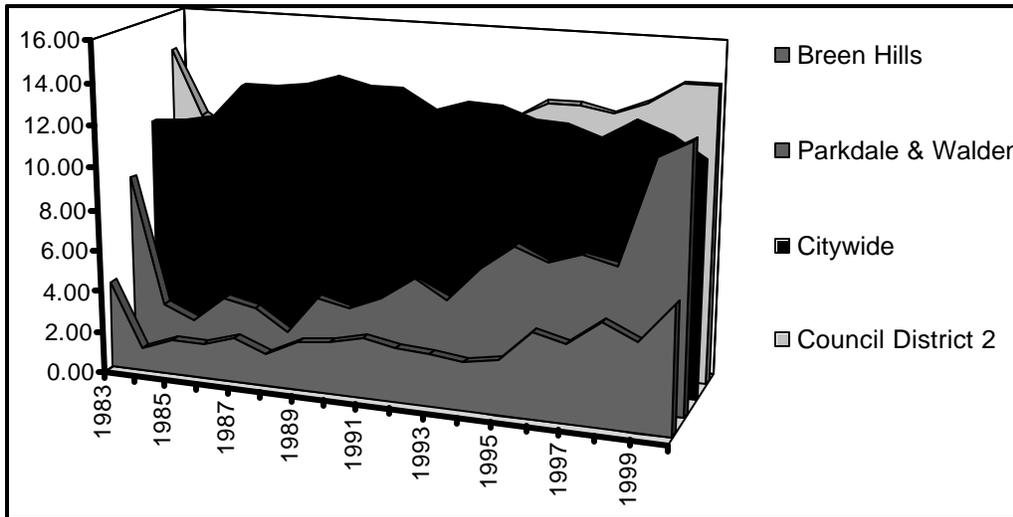


Workshop participants stated there is a strong employment base, and a strong work ethic, in the Northland.

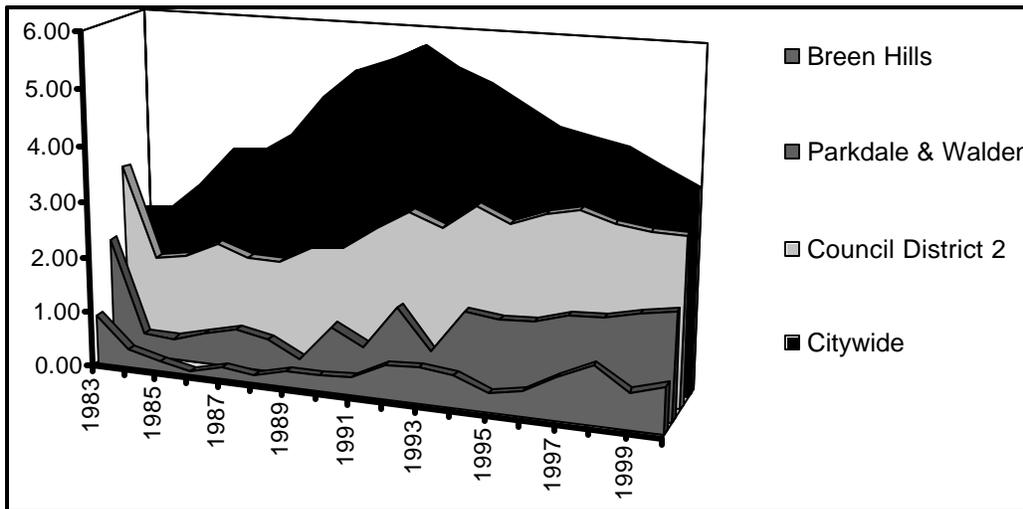


.....

Non-Violent Crime



Violent Crime



Neighbors speculated that the rise in crime may be in part due to the easy access to I-29. They suggested not hesitating to call 911, getting to know your neighbors, and requesting police presence in the neighborhood.



STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

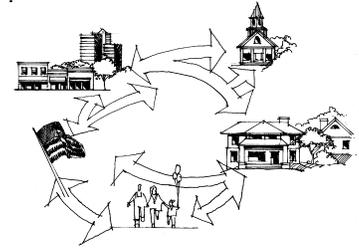
Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described the area. The votes were split between three descriptions, and the clear majority chose Purple, or Stabilization.

Stabilization

My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Due to age, several of the streets and sidewalks need repair or replacement and the water and sewer services may also need to be upgraded. Many houses, businesses, and public areas appear to lack routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, tree trimming, awning repair, etc.) or are vacant. Such conditions are impacting the value of my property and I don't know if I want to invest more money in the property.

Problems are starting to add up and are becoming harder to fix through our neighborhood association, a call to the City, or neighbors getting together to help one another. There are good aspects to the neighborhood but there are also problems that need to be addressed if the neighborhood is going to continue to be a place I want to live.



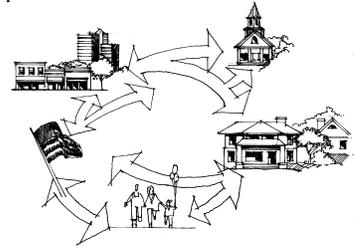
.....

STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

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**:

- Invite the directors of City Departments, and the higher-ups from Platte County, to a meeting to discuss neighbors' issues
- Encourage better parenting
- Contact the Park Hill School District, invite them to a meeting with neighbors to discuss issues with youth (speeding, vandalism, truancy, etc.)
- Call Major Hamilton and Officer Silk at North Patrol about crime and police issues
- Attend the MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) transportation/pollution meeting on June 19th at 5:00 PM
- Install your own security system
- Help your neighbors
- Acknowledge the responsible developers in the area (Kelly Crossing, Hunter's Glen, Willow Lake, North Lake)
- Contact Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. at 454-2000
- Take more responsibility to get to know your neighbors
- Attend the PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) general meeting on July 9 at the Line Creek Community Center, 7:00-8:30 PM
- Know what your problem is
- Get involved
- Have pride of ownership
- Find out more about the Kauffman KC Forum Study via Carol Cobb
- Contact Larry Stice in the City Planning and Development Department about any proposed developments in the area

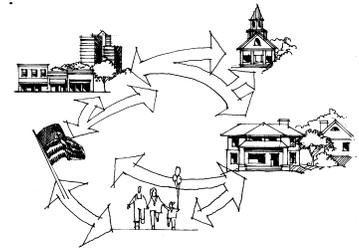


Things we can do with a **Partner:**

- Work with Park Hill School District on concerns about youth: vandalism, truancy, speeding, etc.
- Expand relations between Coventry, Strathbury Woods, Sun Pointe, and Breen Hills to work on common concerns
- Identify places (green spaces, buildings, programs such as the Police Athletic League) for youth in the area, to curtail problems and provide opportunities
- Work with NNI to coordinate a meeting with City Department directors, County officials, business leaders, the Kansas City Police Department and the Park Hill School District to address issues
- Work with the Missouri Department of Conservation (including the new Discovery Center) on environmental concerns, such as Stream Teams
- Work with the North Star group on common issues
- Partner with MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) to address pollution problem, including attending MARC meetings



Residents want to work with Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. on issues and concerns that affect the entire area



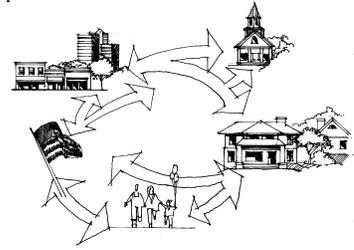
.....

Things the **City** should do:

- Enforce all codes/ordinances (related to buildings, property maintenance, and those related to developers) with quick resolution
- Mandate that developers put in needed infrastructure before new development begins
- Install curbs and gutters
- Create intergovernmental cooperation among the City, County, and other municipalities, pertaining to basic services such as snow removal, street maintenance
- Implement the watershed study/plan
- Plan and implement green spaces/park areas
- Request police presence in the neighborhood
- Work with the County more effectively on snow removal and street maintenance (improve the communication/partnership)
- Work with MARC to keep the air quality cleaner (pollution in this area comes up from Johnson County)
- Improve the search capabilities on the City web site so that it's easier to find information
- Publish a schedule of maintenance (mowing, trimming overgrowth, street repair)
- Prioritize PIAC funding to repair damage/address safety issues
- Be a better neighbor to other communities (see the CityStates report)



At the conclusion of the workshop, neighbors voted for their priority issues, and took time to talk with each other about them



.....

Follow-up Information

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

- **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. If you are interested in a copy of this Article, and are not able to access this information online, please call the Action Center at 513-1313.
- **Curbs and sidewalk installation:** Citizens may seek improvements to streets via PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) requests. There are PIAC meetings for Council District 2 on Tuesday, July 9, 7:00-8:30 PM, at the Line Creek Community Center, 5940 Waukomis Drive, and on Tuesday July 16, 7:00-8:30 PM at Park Hill Community Education Program, 7703 NW Barry Road. There is a citywide hearing on August 13, 6:30-8:30, also at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. In addition to attending these hearings, you may call the Public Works Department at 513-2617 for a project request form.
- **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 for more information.
- **Illegal Dumping:** To report illegal dumping, first try to get as much information about the person (and their vehicle) who has dumped trash illegally. Then call 513-3485 to report what you know. This area is currently on a list to receive "No Dumping" signs from the Environmental Management Department.
- **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.

Breen Hills Neighborhood Assessment Participants

Richard Basham
Craig Buesking
Orlin Chizek
Mary E. Eikerman
Robert Gilmore
Lowell and Sandra
Harmon

Marjorie Hendren
Frank M. Korosac
David Loecke
Vince and Julia Magers
Steve Mann
Coleen and Parker
McNeill

Robert and Ellen Miller
Tom Peca
Ed Schaeffer
Bonnie Skalland
Mary A. and Ernie
Smith
Wayne Stewart
Elsa Woodside

Sponsors and Contributors

- Northwest Bible Church
- Einstein Brothers Bagels

Getting Involved

For information about the Strathbury Woods Homes Association, contact President Rob Perschau at 746-9168. For information about the Sun Pointe area, contact Frank Korosac at 746-8261. For information about the Coventry Homes Association, contact President Brian Pieper at 506-2903.

For more information about neighborhood organization, contact Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance at (816) 753-8600, the City's Neighborhood and Community Services Department at (816) 513-3200, or the Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate Office at (816) 513-3500.

The Breen Hills area is in the 2nd Council District. Your Council Representatives are:

- Councilwoman Bonnie Sue Cooper, Second District-at-Large: (816) 513-1601
- Councilman Paul Danaher, Second District: (816) 513-1622

Marvin Stanton, Countryside resident, working on repairing and updating the neighborhood marker





Acknowledgements

The Honorable Kay Barnes, *Mayor*
Robert L. Collins, *City Manager*

City Council

The Honorable Ed Ford
First District-at-Large

The Honorable Teresa Loar
First District

The Honorable Bonnie Sue Cooper
Second District-at-Large

The Honorable Paul Danaher
Second District

The Honorable Troy Nash
Third District-at-Large

The Honorable Mary Williams-Neal
Third District

The Honorable Evert Asjes III
Fourth District-at-Large

The Honorable Jim Rowland
Fourth District

The Honorable Becky Nace
Fifth District-at-Large

The Honorable Terry Riley
Fifth District

The Honorable Alvin Brooks
Sixth District-at-Large

The Honorable Charles A. Eddy
Sixth District

City Planning and Development Department

- Vicki Noteis, AIA, *Director*
- Denise Phillips, *FOCUS Manager*
- Diane Charity, *Neighborhood Assessment Team Leader*
- Jermine Alberty, Sharon Cheers, Willie Mae Conway, Lindsey Cook, Suzy Latare, John Pajor, Robert Rutherford, Julie Xiong, *Neighborhood Assessment Team*

SERVICE	AGENCY OR CITY DEPARTMENT	PHONE
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	513-1451
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
Parks and Community Centers	Board of Parks and Recreation	513-7500
Potholes	Public Works - Streets 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

THE VISION OF FOCUS KANSAS CITY

We, as Kansas Citians, envision our city as a people-centered community. From economic development to the readability of street signs, we consider people first. Kansas City shapes and guarantees its future by examining first and foremost the impact of every decision on future generations.

We, as Kansas Citians, are full of hope. We demonstrate this hope through our investment in our families, our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our businesses and our city.



For more information about **FOCUS Kansas City**:

- call the office at **513-2822**,
- visit **www.kcmo.org/focus/**, or
- e-mail **focus@kcmo.org**.

To reach the Neighborhood Assessment Team, call **513-2909**.

FOCUS - Forging Our Comprehensive Urban Strategy

