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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 Parkdale and Walden 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 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 PARKDALE AND WALDEN PERSPECTIVE

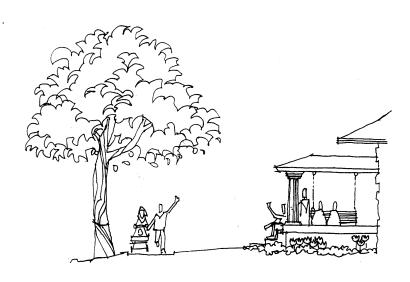


On Saturday, June 15th, 2002, the Parkdale and Walden area came together at Northwest Bible Church for their FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop. The boundaries of this Census neighborhood tract are: NW 64^{th} Street on the north, the city limits on the south, N Klamm Road/city limits on the west, and I-29 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 Parkdale and Walden Census neighborhood tract encompasses several developments, including Parkdale, Walden, Tremont, Village North, Harmony Heights, Willow Lake Apartments, and the new Northwood Hills Townhomes. These provide a wide variety of housing choices: smaller homes on large, wooded lots, patio homes, apartments, townhomes, and new, larger homes.

This area, though surrounded by major thoroughfares, still retains a tucked-away feeling, in part because of the wooded areas throughout the neighborhoods. The large portion of this Census tract that is as yet undeveloped provides a rural feeling: mature stands of trees, rolling hills, even an old family cemetery, the Deister Cemetary on NW 56^{th} Street. 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 64^{th} Street and I-29, and the sense of community as important reasons why they choose to stay in their homes.

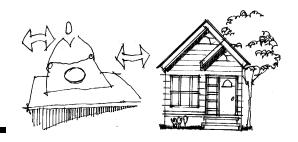
Residents also discussed those aspects of the community that need attention. Common throughout these neighborhoods are concerns about storm water run-off and erosion, street maintenance, and tree/brush trimming.

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.

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 Parkdale and Walden 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 runoff 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)

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Increase and Improve Communication

Residents in the Parkdale and Walden 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)

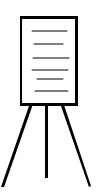


CHART NOTES

The Parkdale and Walden Neighborhood Assessment covered the following area: NW 64^{th} Street on the north, NW 52^{nd} Street/city limits on the south, N Klamm Road/city limits on the west, and I-29 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:

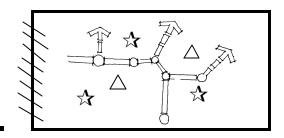
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Other suggested slogans:

- 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 large map.

▲ Landmarks — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs

H Paths — routes people use to get places

Activity Centers — gathering places to do some activity

■ Districts — areas of recognizable character

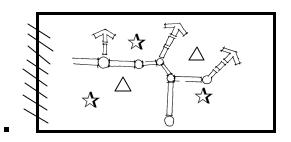
Edges or Barriers — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it

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
- Houston Lake (both the community and the lake itself)
- The gate house, fountain and flower plantings at the Tremont entrance (NW 62nd Terrace and N Mattox Road)
- The Hen House grocery store on NW 64th Street
- Burlington Creek
- Diester historic cemetery
- The glass and stucco Northwood Hills entrance sign at N Beaman Avenue and N Polk Drive
- The swimming pool behind the Northwood Hills entrance sign
- The club house and pools in Walden
- The NW 56th Street exit from I-29
- The hills in the area
- The bill board on NW Prairie View Road at NW 62nd Street
- The King Super gas station/convenience store at NW Prairie View Road and N Northwood Road
- The Please Stop gas station/convenience store on Highway 9
- The microwave towers on NW 56th Street

Paths

- NW Prairie View Road
- Burlington Creek
- Flight paths over the neighborhood

Activity Centers

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

Districts

Parkdale

Edges/Barriers

- The noise from I-29
- Burlington Creek
- Illegal dumping behind Stephen's House child care facility

Features

- The trees in Breen Hills
- The green spaces in Tremont
- NW Prairie View Road
- The river bluffs along Highway 9
- Burlington Creek
- Future game area off Highway 9
- Wildlife and spacious lots in Parkdale
- Diester historic cemetery
- The ponds and the horse pasture near the Diester cemetery
- Sound of the train whistles from Parkville

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Landmark: The entryway into the Tremont subdivision is beautifully appointed with a gateway building, a fountain, and landscaping





Landmark and Feature: The historic Deister Cemetary on NW 56th Street

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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



Landmark: The King Super gas station and convenience store at NW Prairie View Road and N Northwood 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 Parkdale and Walden area.

- Prohibit the illegal dumping in the area; furniture, trash, unwanted pets are dumped along NW 52nd Street and Green Hills Road (undeveloped area)
- Maintain N Northwood Road, NW 52nd Street and Green Hills Road: weeds consistently need to be mowed, there are dangerous ditches, trash
- Improve basic services west of N Northwood Road along NW 56th Street; this area needs weed control and attention from a Codes Enforcement Officer
- Improve police protection in Parkdale

- Widen N Lucern Drive, and when adding asphalt, keep the street width the same (each time asphalt is laid, the street gets more narrow)
- Keep the zoning in the Parkdale area with large lots (use best practices, taking into consideration soil type, topography, etc.)
- Address the dangerous situation at the bridge at N Helena Avenue and NW 53rd Terrace, including cutting the tall brush and installing guard rails (many motorists do not know this is a bridge)



N Lucerne Drive has recently been re-paved, but not widened



This area at NW 56th Street and N Helena Avenue needs attention



- Address the uninhabited, dilapidated house at 5430 NW Parkdale Road
- Address the narrowing of NW 56th Street, and add curbs and gutters south of NW 56th Street (in the Parkdale area)
- Trim the overgrowth at NE 56th Street and NW Roan Ridge Road, and at N Polk Drive and NW 56th Street
- Install sanitary sewers in the area west of Houston Lake (residents have septic tanks now)
- Connect NW 62nd Street with Prairie View Road to allow easier and safer access in and out of the area in icy weather, and by large trucks (including utility companies)
- Implement regular snow and ice removal in Countryside

- Use less salt on roads to help them last longer
- Upgrade the bus stop at 61st Street on NW Prairie View Road, perhaps including a shelter house (the bus stops between 64th and 61st on Prairie View Road are not very inviting)
- Install sewers south of NW 56th
 Street
- Install curbs and sidewalks to make the streets safer for children and families to walk/ride bikes on
- Create an easily accessible park in the neighborhood
- Have developers of Northwood Townhomes maintain the empty lots; the grass often grows high and is not mowed regularly, and there is erosion from the lots with no grass



Neighbors would like to see this abandoned house dealt with



Residents want to see streets like this one improved for increased safety



- Address the gully area in Walden that is between the patio homes and the townhomes; there is overgrown brush, and raccoons
- Prevent youth from gathering and partying near the pond behind NW 58th Street in Walden
- Increase police patrols, especially dusk to 2:00 AM; there is currently not enough patrolling during these hours
- 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 (there is very heavy traffic in this area, and the entrances to the two outer roads cause congestion and confusion)
- Address the problem the City caused when they added layers of asphalt - the curbs disappeared

- Encourage more young people to get involved in neighborhood organizing
- Address the area-wide water runoff and erosion problems, including: upgrading the streets, putting a moratorium on building until the infrastructure is upgraded, and making developers follow laws concerning setbacks and erosion control
- Put a restriction on high density housing in new and future developments
- Make developers responsible for their unbuildable lots in Walden; several 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 Walden
- Address the problem of developers who go bankrupt, then leave their former properties untended





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

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



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
- 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



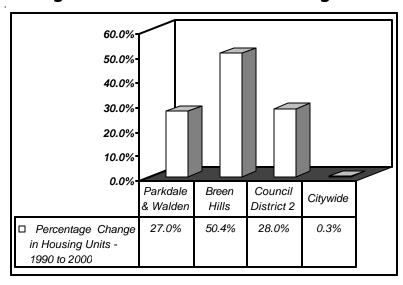
Neighbors value the trees and green spaces in the Parkdale and Walden area



STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

The data presented at the Parkdale and Walden 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.)

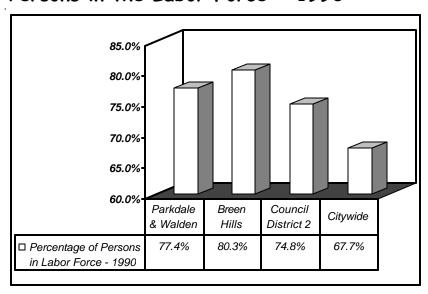
Change in the Number of Housing Units 1990-2000



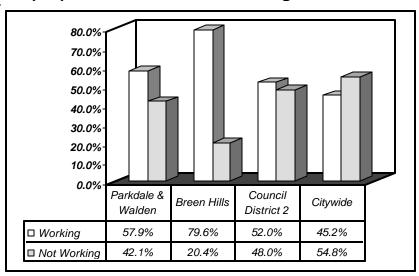
Residents feel the increase in the number of housing units has facilitated development in the area, including some poorly constructed infrastructure.



Persons in the Labor Force - 1990



Employment Status of Teenagers 16-19 - 1990

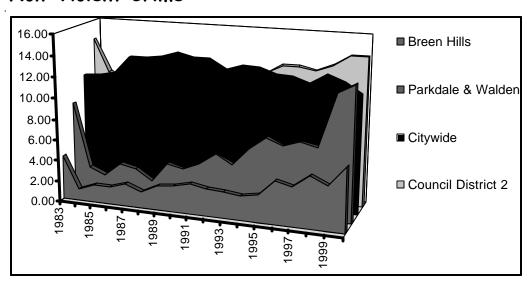


Workshop participants stated there is a strong employment base, and a strong work ethic, in the Northland.

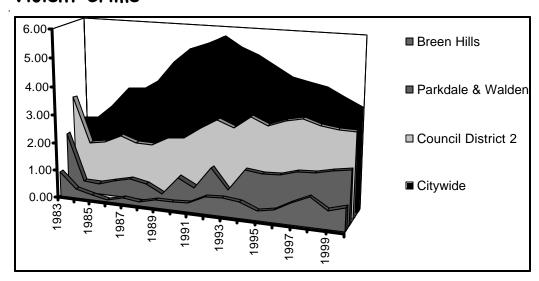
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Non-Violent Crime



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 as deterrents to crime.



STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described the area. Votes were split among three Neighborhood Types: those who voted for Developing (Blue) felt this description best illustrated the need to take many automobile trips from the neighborhood; those who voted for Conservation (Orange) and Stabilization (Purple), made no comment about their choice.

There was a tie between Developing and Stabilization; both descriptions follow (all descriptions are in the Neighborhood Assessment workbook).

Developing

My neighborhood has lots of room for new housing, commercial activity and employment. Much of the building in the area has happened during the last few years. The development pattern is not very dense. Subdivisions are usually developed on less than 80 acres of land and many times are not well connected. This development may be scattered and sometimes is located along two-lane unimproved roads.

More investment is needed to expand or provide infrastructure and amenities. Often many automobile trips are required to get to employment, shopping or entertainment areas. It is anticipated that many of these items will be located closer to the neighborhood as growth continues. Community facilities such as parks, schools, places of worship and libraries are currently being built or planned. These items, along with water, sewer and road extensions, are needed to accommodate the population and housing growth around the neighborhood. Since my neighborhood is relatively new, a neighborhood organization is just getting started or doesn't exist yet.

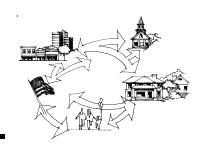


Stabilization

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 officials from Platte County, to a meeting to discuss neighbors' issues
- Encourage more effective parenting (parents getting more involved in their children's lives and studies)
- 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 Silke 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 to obtain resources to address issues that affect the area
- 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

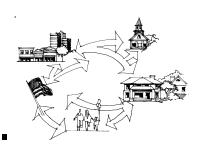


Things we can do with a Partner:

- Work with Park Hill School District on concerns about youth: vandalism, truancy, speeding, etc.
- Expand relations between neighborhoods (such as 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
- Increase 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)



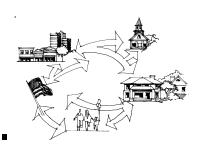
At the conclusion of the workshop, neighbors voted for their priority issues, and took time to talk with each other about them



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.



- Sound barrier from I-29: According to a MoDOT representative, they generally don't build sound walls without local government funding. There are numerous other stipulations as well; call 1-800-ASK-MODOT for more details. For information about aesthetic plantings, contact Bill Billings at MoDOT at 816-622-0434.
- 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.
- 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.
- Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI): NNI was formed to help neighborhoods north of the river get organized, and to create a place for neighbors to get together. Located in Antioch Shopping Center (on the east side), NNI is also a FOCUS Center essentially a mini City Hall that is home to Community Police Officers and a Code Enforcement Officer. Contact NNI at 454-2000 to find out about their variety of services.
- Tree trimming: Put in requests with the Action Center (513-1313); remember to be as specific about the location as you can, including the house number the tree is nearest, if possible. You may also call the Street Tree Service number directly (513-9550) and request that street trees be trimmed.
- Watershed Plans: For information on the watershed plan that affects your area, contact Terry Godard (Water Engineering, Stormwater Division) at 513-2253.

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Getting Involved

For information about the Hills of Walden Homes Association, contact Vice President Sharon Hutsler at 587-9707. For information about the Northwood Hills Homes Association, contact President Robert Crawford at 741-1259. For information about the Tremont Manor Homes Association, contact Steve Dillman at 746-4465.

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.

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