

PARK PLAZA

Neighborhood Assessment Report

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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 this neighborhood 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 Park Plaza neighborhood conducted its neighborhood self-evaluation workshop with assistance from City staff. Residents, businesses, and people who work in local institutions provided input. These community members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.



The Park Plaza workshop participants assembled for the start of their meeting



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. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

Developing Conservation Stabilization Redeveloping

Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. 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.



Workshop participants voting on their priorities during their FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop

THE PARK PLAZA PERSPECTIVE



The Park Plaza neighborhood is a mixture of newer and existing subdivisions, older homesteads, the Greenway Park, a large area of undeveloped land, and other assets which add to the area. The boundaries of the Park Plaza neighborhood, for purposes of the FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop, are NW 72nd Street to NW 64th Street and Waukomis Drive to I-29 Highway.

The Park Plaza FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop was hosted by the staff members of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA. The congregation has existed in the neighborhood since 1959 and recently completed renovations to the worship space in 1998. The church was the ideal meeting place for the neighbors who attended their workshop, on Saturday, June 22, 2002.

The workshop brought people together for their important community building discussion. The workshop participants discussed their concerns about the neighborhoods and identified creative ways in which to work as an interconnected community. They enjoy the many aspects of the neighborhood, such as proximity to major highways, easy access to KCI airport, close-knit neighborhoods, open spaces, abundance of wildlife and other natural resources, etc. They are also aware of commercial and residential development taking place in and around their area that affects some of the quality of life issues. Increased vehicle traffic, wear and tear on existing streets and roads, and the lack of infrastructure improvements to accommodate such growth and development are examples.

At the workshop, the group listened to Michael Burke, resident and PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) representative for the 2nd Council District, explain the PIAC process and the importance of neighbors' involvement. Mr. Burke gave information about the One-Cent Sales Tax. The tax was approved by voters, and is a method neighborhoods can utilize to request funding for public (capital) improvement projects. Projects eligible for this type of funding include parks or street improvements, stormwater/drainage improvements, curbs, shoulders, sidewalks, etc. The group used their FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment workshop to discuss their ideas for collectively improving their neighborhood.

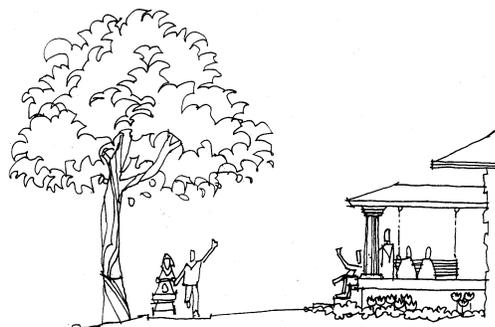


As in most other neighborhoods, the neighbors have their concerns. These concerns include the way residential and commercial development occurs in the area. The residents want developers to meet with them pertaining to development proposals and to adhere to their proposals. They believe that neighborhood concerns are overlooked and ignored in favor of approving projects and accommodating development companies. The neighborhood remarked that construction work is often poorly done and new development does not tie into the existing neighborhoods, leaving unimproved streets next to streets with new curbs/sidewalks and storm drains. In addition, existing streets such as NW 72nd Street and Overland Road are too narrow to accommodate the increased traffic and pedestrians.

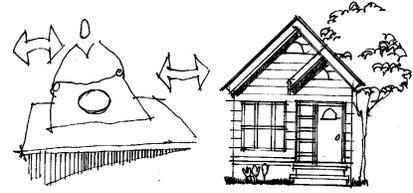
Another common concern for the Park Plaza neighborhood is the traffic, specifically speeding throughout the residential streets, particularly on NW 72nd Street, Overland Road, Roanridge Street. Much traffic detours through the neighborhood to avoid Barry Road. The residents would like to see increased enforcement of the speed limit on these streets. They would like to meet with the Park Hill School District officials and students to discuss concerns about students observed speeding throughout residential streets, loitering, etc. The group believed that speeding is a safety concern for motorists, as well as pedestrians who like to walk, jog, or bicycle through the neighborhood and on the streets mentioned above.

As a result of their workshop, the neighborhood and the subdivisions will seek other opportunities to expand their relationship with each other. They believe that they can work together pertaining to their respective traffic concerns, street/road improvements, meeting with developers, and other matters that affect their communities.

The workshop participants seemed eager to build on their successes. They will have this Final Report to document their concerns and challenges as they, the City, their community partners, and the surrounding neighborhoods look toward working together.



PARK PLAZA PRIORITIES



The following themes were the result of the workshop participants' ideas concerning ways to improve their neighborhood.

Identify Appropriate Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Calming Measures

These neighborhoods are often plagued by vehicular traffic that speeds through the residential streets. Neighbors complain of the speeding on NW 72nd Street, Overland Road, and throughout other residential areas. Motorists detour through the neighborhood from Barry Road, adding to the traffic congestion. Residents suggested the following actions:

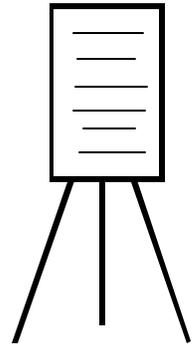
- Improve NW 72nd Street and Overland Road by widening both with shoulders, curbs and sidewalks; children walk to the nearby schools on these dangerous roads
- Meet with the administration and students the Park Hill School District to curtail high school students from speeding in the residential areas and using the wooded areas surrounding the neighborhoods for illegal and suspicious activity
- Install streetlights along heavily traveled streets such as NW 72nd Street and Overland Road to aid in the safety of both motorist and pedestrians
- Replace pedestrian signs and speed limit signs with the new neon colored signs that better reflect light, especially at night
- Enforce and install speed limit signs along NW 72nd Street and Overland Road

Mandate Developers Comply with Neighborhood Desires to Preserve Neighborhood

The group expressed their demands that developers meet with the neighborhood group concerning development plans and proposals. Residents stated that they are often uncertain about development proposals such as:

- Proposed multi-family housing units that will increase traffic density to a mostly single-family housing area with added wear and tear to streets, roads, etc.
- The commercial redevelopment in the Metro Shopping Center, re-routing the traffic from Barry Road onto the residential streets, creating traffic congestion throughout the neighborhood and adding wear and tear to the older unimproved streets

CHART NOTES



The Park Plaza area covers NW 72nd Street to NW 64th Street and Waukomis Road to I-29 Highway.

Neighborhood Slogans

The attendees listed several slogans to describe their neighborhoods. The slogans helped the participants identify how they viewed their community.

The selected slogan:

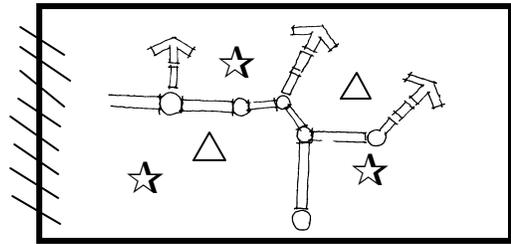
Country in the City!

Other suggested slogans:

- A Neighborhood With Character
- The Garden District
- The Best



Residents cited the natural creeks and waterways are some of the reasons for living in the Park Plaza area



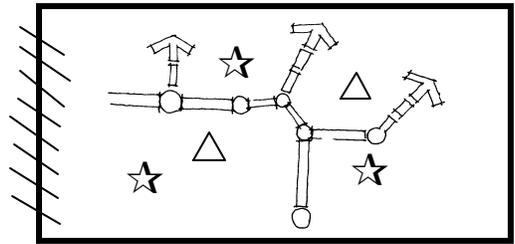
STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance in the neighborhood. 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



A resident points out the many features and assets of the Park Plaza area



Landmarks

- Park Plaza arches at entryway
- Line Creek School
- Lake Waukomis
- Price Rite Market, "country" grocer

Paths

- 64th Street
- 72nd Street
- Overland Road
- Linden Road
- Byran Road
- The "path" that runs through the neighborhood
- Dagget Road/Street
- I-29 Highway

Activity Centers

- Price Rite Market, "country" grocer
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA
- Chinn Elementary School
- Line Creek Community Center
- Northland Baptist Church
- Church of Christ

Districts

- Park Hill School District

Edges or Barriers

- Noise and traffic from I-29
- Speeding on residential streets

Features

- Horses and other livestock visible in the neighborhood
- Wildlife habitat
- Line Creek Community Center
- Residents who offer space in their homes and property to host neighborhood events
- Price Rite Market, "country" grocer



The Chinn Elementary School

NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGES

A watershed adds to the natural beauty of the area.



Residents remarked on the abundance of natural resources and wildlife in and around the Park Plaza area, including the grazing livestock, (left) and "country" roads and walking paths (below), features that the residents would like to see preserved.



NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGES

One of the well-maintained homes of the Park Plaza area with improved streets curbs, and sidewalks



Located on Waukomis Drive, Price Rite "country" Market is one of the landmarks in the area.



The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, ELCA (above left) was the site of the Park Plaza FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment. Pastor Steve Lunning (above right) gives a smile!



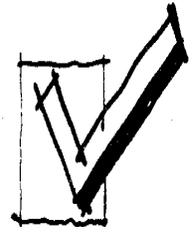
STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can prevent 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 Park Plaza neighborhood.

- Replace the 2-inch water lines in the Park Plaza cul-de-sac with larger water lines to increase the water pressure
- Prevent the traffic congestion on Barry Road from detouring throughout the residential streets
- Implement the improvements recommended in the 1984 Line Creek Study to improve the Line Creek watershed
- Design better street traffic patterns when planning new housing developments
- Enforce the speed limits on Overland Road, Waukomis Road, Park Plaza Drive, and NW 72nd Street, and especially around school zones
- Address the illegal dumping that often happens in some of the undeveloped areas of the neighborhood
- Construct new sidewalks, shoulders and widen 72nd Street as a safety concern; children walk on 72nd Street on their way to school, and the street is inadequate for the high volume of vehicle traffic
- Construct a sound barrier along the I-29 Highway right-of-way to insulate neighborhood from highway traffic noise
- Work with the Park Hill School District administration and students to address concerns of students' speeding on residential streets, hanging-out in wooded areas of the neighborhood, underage drinking, etc.



Workshop participants commented that the large areas of undeveloped land often become illegal dumping sites



STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets that add value to their neighborhood. The assets include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other asset that adds value to the neighborhood.

- Good place to raise families
- Neighborhood events: bimonthly newsletter, garage sale, block watch
- Park Hill School District: Chinn Elementary School and Park Hill Middle School
- Elite areas: Breen Hills, Park Plaza, Coventry, Trafalgar Square subdivisions
- Big trees
- Access to interstate/highway system
- Low crime rate
- Neighbors know each other
- Stability of neighborhoods
- Large spacious lots
- Quality design, planning and layout to the area



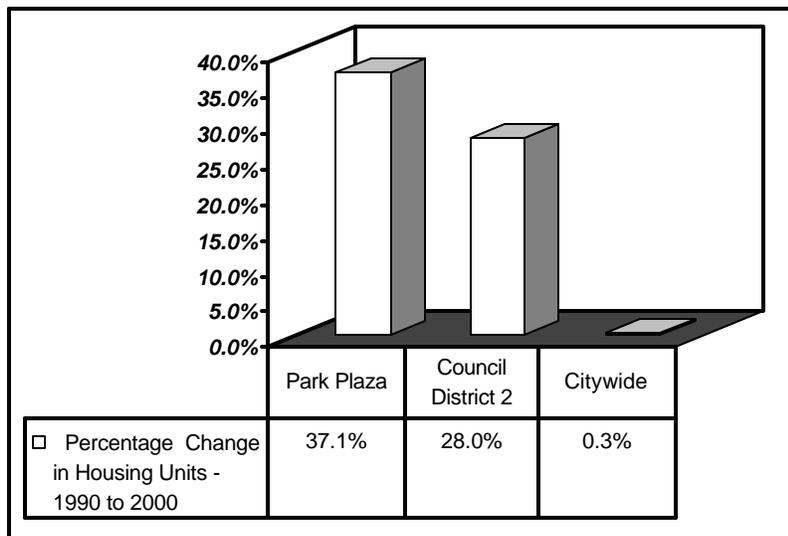
Residents are happy to have good signage around school zones, and commented that the signs and accompanying speed limits need to be enforced, particularly in these areas



STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

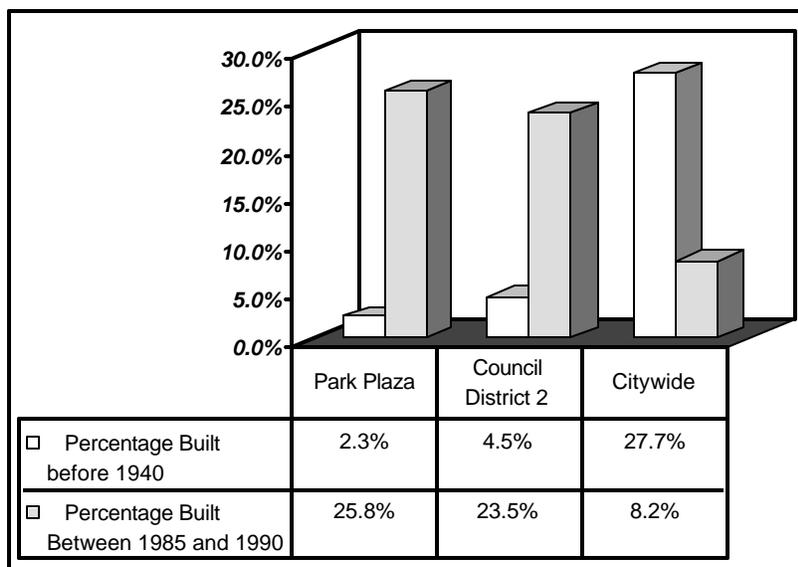
The data information about the Park Plaza neighborhood was from both the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more data detail.)

Percentage Change in Housing Units - 1990-2000



The workshop participants commented that the 37.1% change in housing units between 1990-2000 can be attributed to the new subdivisions built in the area. Residents believe that there are needed infrastructure improvements for the overall Park Plaza area to keep up with this rate of housing growth.

Age of Single Family Housing Units

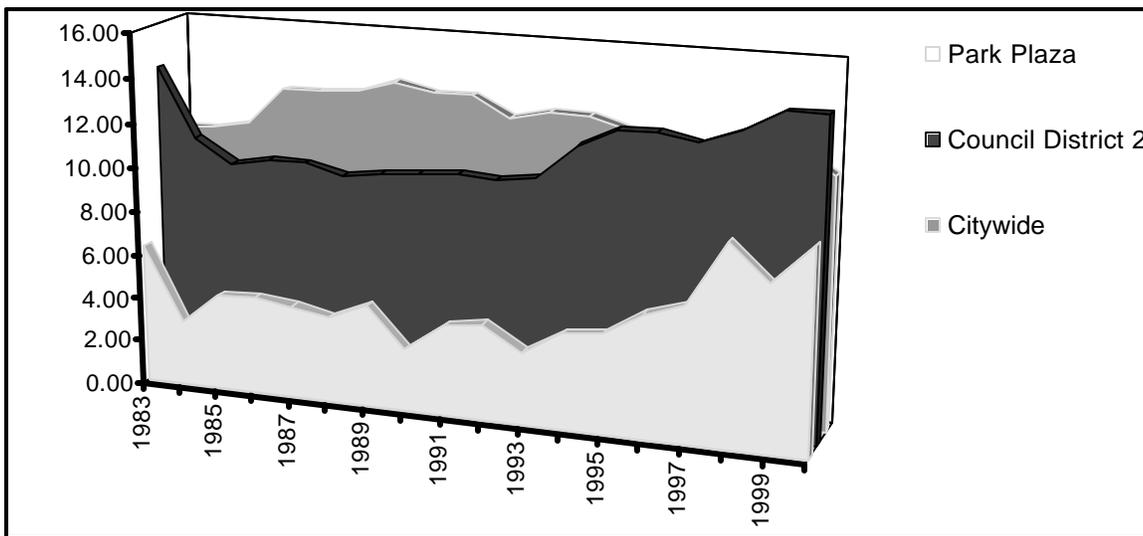


Residents stated that the increase in traffic due to the homes built between 1985-1990 is adding to the impact of having no shoulders, curbs, and sidewalks on major streets such as NW 72nd Street and Overland Street.



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Non-Violent Crime



Residents believe the incidences of non-violent crimes have increased among teenagers. They are concerned with increased activity with students from the Park Hill schools, particularly students speeding through the neighborhood, loitering in the wooded/secluded areas, underage drinking, etc. They also commented that they would like to meet with the Park Hill School administration and the students to discuss these concerns.



STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

The Park Plaza neighborhood attendees were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described their neighborhood. They chose Stabilization.

Stabilization

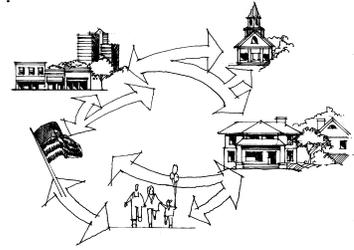
My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Several of the businesses and institutions located in the neighborhood may be changing, either recently expanding, scaling back services, just moved into the neighborhood or considering moving to another location outside the neighborhood. Places of worship,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



This a view of Mayview Road; neighbors would like to see improved by being widened, installing shoulders and sidewalks, grading and resurfacing it, and removing the overgrowth that obstructs the view of vehicle traffic.



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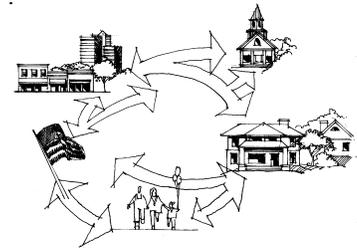
STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

The Park Plaza 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.

Below are the lists of all the ideas mentioned by workshop participants. They voted on the ideas that they most want implemented to make their neighborhood better.

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

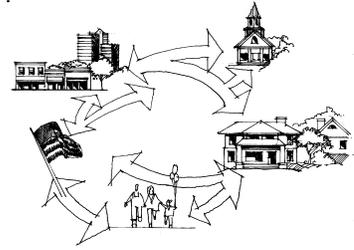
- Encourage more neighbor participation among all the subdivision neighborhoods in the area
- Obtain information pertaining to reforesting and planting new trees in the neighborhood, particularly along I-29 easement to act as a sound barrier from the highway noise into the neighborhood (Contact Kurt Becker, at MoDOT regarding tree planting along I-29 easement)
- Obtain information about zoning plans for the area
- Attend meetings at Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance (KCNA) regarding neighborhood preservation and code enforcement
- Attend PIAC meetings for the area on July 16, 2002 at Northland Neighborhood Inc. (NNI), 5312 NE Chouteau Traffic way, 454-2000
- Submit a PIAC application for capital improvements in the area, such as improvements to NW 72nd Street with shoulders and sidewalks



- Expand relationship with the surrounding subdivisions such as Coventry, Trafalgar Square and others in the area, in order to work on common concerns such as street/road improvements, traffic speeding, speed bumps and traffic calming measures
- Form a neighborhood committee to identify development ideas for the area that the neighbors would like to see occur, such as recreational trail along Line Creek Road, reforestation and landscaping along Roanridge Road, low density multi-family housing units, etc.
- Request that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SBC) on Kirkwood Street better maintain their property and area by: mowing, cutting down overgrowth, planting and landscaping around the building to make it attractive, and installing sidewalks on 66th Street so children can have a place to walk and play

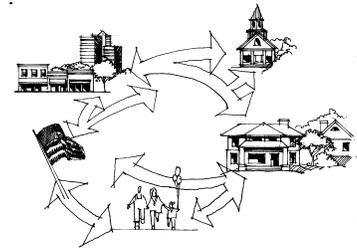


The Adopt-A-Street project of the Chinn Elementary School is one of the many ways in which the Park Plaza neighborhood is already working on ways to make their neighborhood better.



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

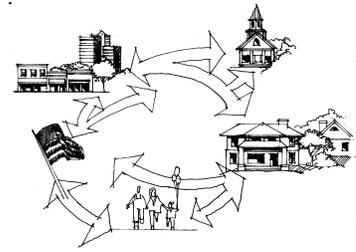
- Work with the Parks and Recreation Department to design a recreational path along Line Creek
- Meet with Bill Bilings of MoDOT to identify the types of trees, bushes, etc. to plant along the I-29 easement that would buffer the neighborhood from the noise of highway traffic
- Work with the surrounding neighborhoods who share concerns about issues with the Metro North Shopping Center, such as the increased automobile traffic that is detouring through the neighborhoods as a way to avoid Barry Road



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Things the **City** should do:

- Mandate that developers /builders install sewers/sewer extensions and other infrastructures; residents believe they unfairly bear the costs of infrastructure items such as sewer extensions, water lines and mains and other drainage improvements when the developer/builder should bear these costs as part of any new development that is tying in with existing homes or properties
- Mandate that developers/builders preserve natural resources, such as mature trees, when constructing new subdivisions/housing
- Limit the number of multi-family housing units in proposed development projects; the roads and streets systems are inadequate (mostly two-lane unimproved streets) to accommodate increasing traffic and density
- Grade and resurface Dagget/Mayview Road between N 68th and N 64th Streets
- Design a recreational trail system along Line Creek Road connecting to Waukomis Drive; residents would like to preserve this area along Line Creek as a natural resource
- Improve NW 72nd Street (from I-29 to Overland Street) with shoulder and sidewalks; NW 72nd Street is a major road with both heavy vehicle traffic and children walking on the street on their way to and from the Chinn Elementary School and Plaza Middle School in the area; residents also believe that vehicle traffic is detouring into their neighborhood from Barry Road, which is creating traffic congestion in their neighborhood
- Install sidewalks on Linden Road
- Install at 4- way stop sign at the intersection of Overland Drive and Old Trail Road



- Enforce the speed limit and no parking on Park Plaza Drive, Waukomis Drive, Linden Road; the streets are mostly two-lane unimproved streets and vehicles speed on them
- Paint a double-yellow line on Overland Drive between N. 72nd Street and N. 64th Street to deter vehicles from passing each other on Overland Drive; residents who live along Overland Drive cannot turn in or out of their driveways in fear of both speeding and passing vehicles on the street
- Request that Parks and Recreation Department better maintain Green Hills Park by mowing/pruning; residents stated the current condition of the park makes it unusable as a park
- Reforest the highway easement along I-29; the increasing noise and volume of traffic from the highway creates noise in the abutting neighborhoods, and the plantings would act as a sound barrier to the traffic and noise



These two views of NW 72nd Street illustrate the need for street improvements as stated by the residents at their FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment. They stated that the road is too narrow, lacks shoulders, curbs or sidewalks, and is not safe for children who use the road to walk to school.

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The entry marker of the Park Plaza neighborhood.

Information & Getting Involved

For information about **Northland Neighborhoods Inc. (NNI)**, its meetings and neighborhood events/activities, services, resources, etc. contact Carolyn Vellar, Executive Director at (816) 454-2000. NNI is also a FOCUS Center for the Northland, essentially a mini-City Hall.

For information about curbs, sidewalks, street improvements via the **PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) process**, contact your PIAC representative Mike Burke at (816) 741-4252 or Patrick Klein, Capital Improvements Program, in City Hall at (816) 513-2623. The PIAC season is June-August of each year. PIAC requests can be made online (Patrick Klein can assist you with this).

To learn about **street grading/resurfacing** and the rating of your neighborhood streets, contact Jeff Martin, Street Preservation Engineer, (816) 513-9450.

The **Line Creek Community Center** offers recreational and other activities to the surrounding neighborhoods, call (816) 505-2244 for more information.

Requests for **sound barrier aesthetic plantings or reforestation** along I-29 and your neighborhood, contact Bill Billings at MoDOT, (816) 622-0434.

The **Kessler Society** of Kansas City also has information pertaining to tree replacement and maintenance; contact George Hicks, President of the Kessler Society, at (816) 942-0464.

For **water lines/water pressure** information contact Michele Giele, Water Services Engineer, (816) 513-2211.

The **Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ)** accepts applications from private and non-profit groups that have ideas on improving air quality via alternative fuel projects, bicycle/pedestrian recreational trail projects, transit projects, etc. Projects can be submitted for FFY 2004-2006. Contact Steve Noble/ James Joerke at MARC (Mid-America Regional Council), (816) 474-4240.

The Kansas City Stream Asset Inventory and pilot program, is a resource for improving **Green Infrastructure Through Natural Resources Conservation**, contact Scott A. Schulte, CHMM, Environmental and Land Use Planner at (913) 495-3923 to schedule a presentation for your neighborhood/community



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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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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.



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