

Northwest Independence Sidewalk Health Impact Assessment

Based on survey responses and community input from YOU and other residents in YOUR neighborhood, the following recommendations have been made.

Goal: To recommend sidewalk placement in northwest Independence.

Recommendations from you:

1. Sidewalks to link park, trail, community center and other resources within the Fairmount Neighborhood.

2. Sidewalk placed on Ash Avenue from Kentucky Avenue to 24 Highway.

3. Sidewalks along Arlington Avenue and Kentucky Avenue.

4. Sidewalk on Kentucky Avenue from Brookside Avenue to Overton Avenue.

5. Sidewalks to connect NWCDC to the Mount Washington Senior Living.

6. Fix areas where sidewalks are present but in disrepair or unwalkable.



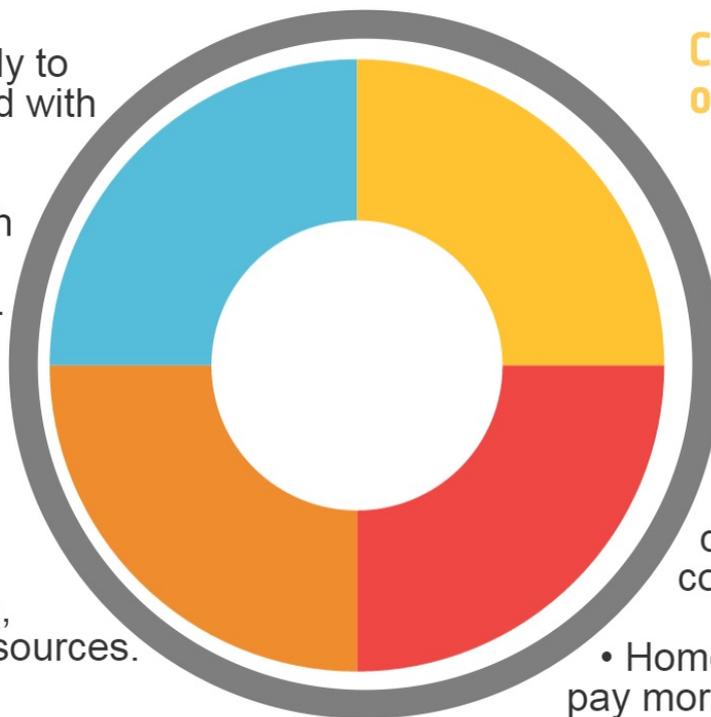
The Facts

Physical Activity

- People are more likely to walk in a neighborhood with sidewalks.
- Children in areas with sidewalks tend to be more physically active.

Crime and Perception of Safety

- Perception of safety is associated with increased rates of physical activity.



Sense of Ownership

- Property values increase due to sidewalks in the community.
- Homebuyers are willing to pay more for homes in walkable neighborhoods.

Access

- Sidewalks increase access to parks, trails, schools, and other resources.



CONCLUSION:

Installing sidewalks north of 24 Highway in zip code 64053 will have a positive impact on health.

Community Survey Results

Do you or someone in your household walk or run around your neighborhood?

64%
YES

36%
NO

- Exercise
- Relaxation
- Visit people

- No sidewalks
- Speeding
- Unleashed pets
- Worried about safety
- Poor lighting

If sidewalks were placed in your neighborhood, would you use them?

89%
YES

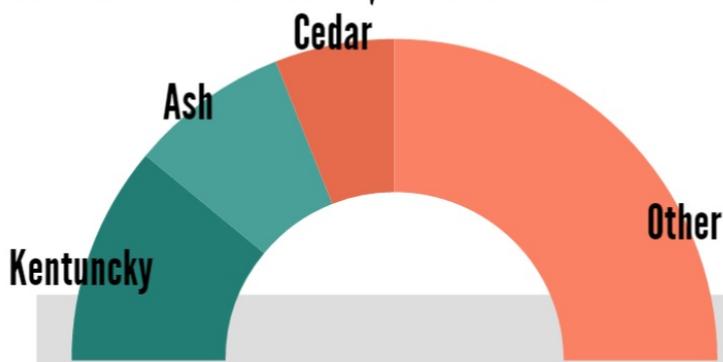
Where people are walking:

- Park
- Gas station
- Community center
- Fairmount area
- Church

Where people want to walk:

- Fairmount Park
- Fairmount area
- Kentucky Avenue
- 24 Highway
- Ash Avenue
- Arlington Street
- Huttig Avenue

Streets listed as most unpleasant to walk:



Is walking in your neighborhood a pleasant experience?

67%
NO