

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Freeman Durham, President of the EWHA Board, called the Monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 37 people attended the meeting.	None
1. Cincinnati Police Report	Officer Perry Locke discussed the crime statistics for August 2022 (posted on the website prior to the meeting and attached). Officer Locke highlighted thefts from autos and stolen cars. Both are occurring throughout the city. He reminded attendees not to leave key fobs in the vehicle. The City was not towing cars for a while because the impoundment lot was full. In August the City started towing again. Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov ; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470	None
2. Bush Recreation Center Report	Vanessa Henderson presented. Fall hours are 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Mon-Fri. A summary of what is going on at the Bush Recreation Center in September is attached. Contact Ms. Henderson for further information (vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov).	None
3. Public Library – Walnut Hills Branch Update	Ashley Barnhill, branch manager of the Walnut Hills branch of the Public Library (Ashley.Barnhill@chpl.org) presented an update on the renovations of the building on Kemper Lane. The opening of the renovated and expanded building is expected before the end of the year. The branch remains in its temporary location at 961 E McMillan until the end of September. For a short time when they transition back to Kemper Lane, there will be no library services in Walnut Hills. More information can be found at walnut_hills@chpl.org .	None
4. Meeka Owens Presentation	Councilmember Meeka Owens, Chair of the Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, presented. Her PowerPoint presentation, <i>Green Cincinnati, Building a Sustainable and Equitable City</i> , which she shared with attendees, is attached. She discussed the Green Cincinnati Plan, first drafted in 2018 and renewed twice since then. She highlighted current actions and successes to address climate change. She shared a slide that showed the specifics for East Walnut Hills: (1) EWHA demographics, (2) community health profile, (3) ecosystems and infrastructure in EWH, (4) socio-economic indicators, and (5) built environmental hazards. She ended her presentation with a information on how to get involved, including completing a Climate Change Survey,	None
5. Approval of the June 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes	There being no revisions to the June 1, 2022 monthly Assembly Minutes (posted on the website prior to the meeting), the Minutes were deemed approved as posted.	None
6. Treasurer’s Report.	There was no Treasurer’s Report.	None
7. Membership Committee Report.	Valerie Dailey reported. It’s not too late to join or pay dues. https://eastwalnuthills.org/join-now/	None
8. Candidates Night	Mark Niehaus reported that EWHA and the Walnut Hills Area Council will be hosting a Candidates Nights at 7:00 p.m. October 5 in the St Francis de Sales School cafeteria. [Following the Assembly meeting, the date was changed to October 12, same time, same place]	None
9. Events Committee Report.	Christine Johnson reported. (1) This summer EWHA and Evanston Community Council are collaborating with Evanston on 5 music events. Gospel Fest and the June 26th family friendly event with Push Play in Owls Nest Park were very successful. Unfortunately the August 6 th Cincinnati Symphony concert at Owls Nest Park was rained out, as was the music festival on September 3 rd at the Evanston Playground. The last music event, JazzFest, will take place October 1 st in Owls Nest Park from 2-6 p.m.. Mambo Combo will perform and the jazz ensemble from the Cincinnati Symphony will close out the event around 5:00 p.m. Go to Festivalsofevanston.org to find out more about the music events collaboration between East Walnut Hills and Evanston. You can sign up to volunteer or have a community resource table or vendor table.	None

	Christine Johnson (301) 922-8294 or email scorpio.chris57@gmail.com (2) The monthly trash walk will take place on October 1, starting at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the former Suzie Wong's location.	
10. Infrastructure Committee & Farmer's Market	Deb Dereshkevich reported. (1) EWHA with the assistance of new committee member, Ryan Crane, will be submitting an application for funding for traffic calming to the City's Pedestrian Safety funding program. Three locations are being considered: (1) the intersection of Madison and Woodburn Aves., (2) the intersection of Moorman Ave. and Taft Rd., and (3) the intersection of Victory Parkway and Lincoln. (2) Farmer's Market- There has been great community support for the Farmers Market, held every Friday 3-7 p.m. through the end of October in the Madison Rd. parking lot. Postcards have been mailed to EWH and Walnut Hills residents to remind them to come to the Market. There's a punch card program where a participants can earn \$5 coins that can be spent at the Market. There's a new meat vendor and the vendor accepts SNAP. On the Fridays when Walk on Woodburn takes place, there is a drawing. People who sign up for the newsletter are eligible to win. Winners receive gift certificates from participating merchants. @EWHfarmersmarket	None
11.. Development Committee Report	Drew Gores reported. (1) The two-way street conversion project is completed. The new sidewalks and trees will be added this fall with a completion date for the entire project in October. (2) Construction of the Purcell Marian School stadium, north of St Francis De Sales Church, has started. (3) The "Woodburn Properties", seven houses north of the stadium property, are being demolished. The Planning Commission met and approved the request from Onyx +East, the developer of new market rate townhouses and single-family homes on the site, to change the zoning of the property from RMX to RM-0.7. City Council will meet to approve the zone change later in September. (4) Dave Osborn, manager of the new restaurant/bar being built in the former garage on Woodburn Ave. between the barber shop and the brewery, reported that they will be serving brunch.	None
12. Parking Committee Report	Rick Boydston reported. There are two lots that EWHA owns or leases – one on Woodburn and one on Madison - with approximately 120 spaces in the two lots. Discussions continue with the City about the renewal of the lease for the Madison lot that the City owns. Two issues are still being negotiated: (1) the ability for EWHA to use the profits from the lot for business development and not limiting the funds to capital improvements; and (2) not limiting the number of 24/7 monthly parking passes – the City wants more spaces available for transient parking.	None
13. Business Association Report.	Sara Sieftring reported that Walk on Woodburn will be taking place this Friday, September 9, and the Seven Hills Symphony will be performing.	None
14. Other Business	(1) Freeman reported: (a) the Beautification Committee will be working with the City to plant and maintain the new traffic islands at McMillan and Woodburn and Taft and Woodburn; and (b) a party to honor former EWHA Board Trustees Tony Fischer and Ed Pfetzing will take place at Woodburn Brewing on September 23 at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. (2) Drew reported that the community garden on De Sales Lane will start construction this fall with a planned opening in spring 2023. She is looking for someone who will be willing to manage the garden.	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.	

Submitted by Ben Strohm, Secretary

Attachments: Agenda, Police EWH Crime Statistics, Bush Rec Center Report, *Green Cincinnati* presentation

THE NEXT EWHA ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00 P.M. CANDIDATES NIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Both events will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

Become a voting member of the Assembly by going to <https://eastwalnuthills.org> and signing up..

EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY AGENDA
September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Call

1. Welcome *Drew Gores*

 2. City Department Presentations
 - a. Cincinnati Fire Department
 - b. Cincinnati Police Department *Officer Perry Locke*
 - c. Bush Recreation Center, CRC *Director Vanessa Henderson*
 - d. Walnut Hills Public Library *Ashley Barnhill*

 3. Green Cincinnati Plan *Councilmember Meeka Owens*

 4. Approval of Minutes from Assembly Meeting on June 1, 2022

 5. Treasurer's Report *Vince Accorinti*

 6. Committee Reports *Various Committee Chairs*

 7. Other Business
- Adjournment

**The Assembly will host a candidates night on
October 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Reach out to the EWHA Board at: info@eastwalnuthills.org

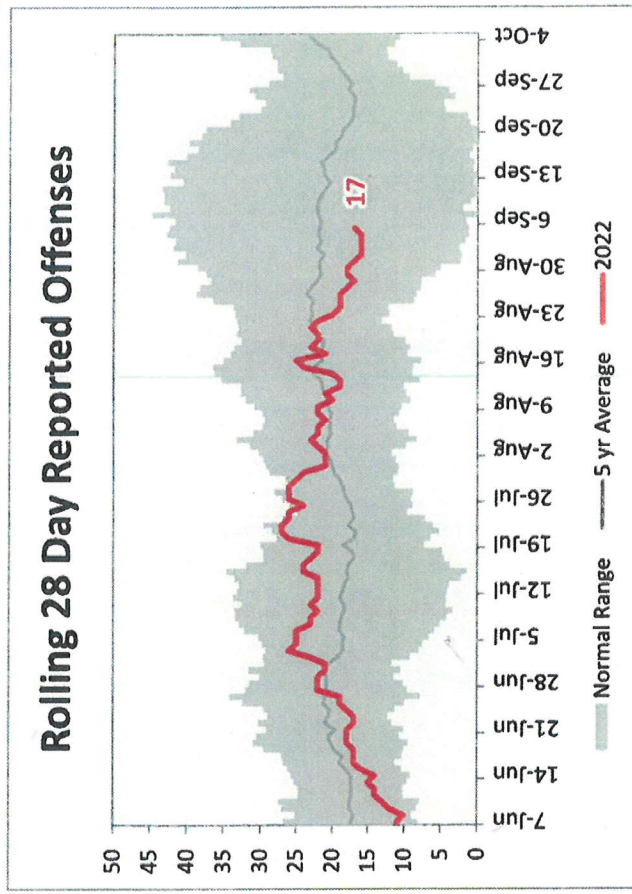
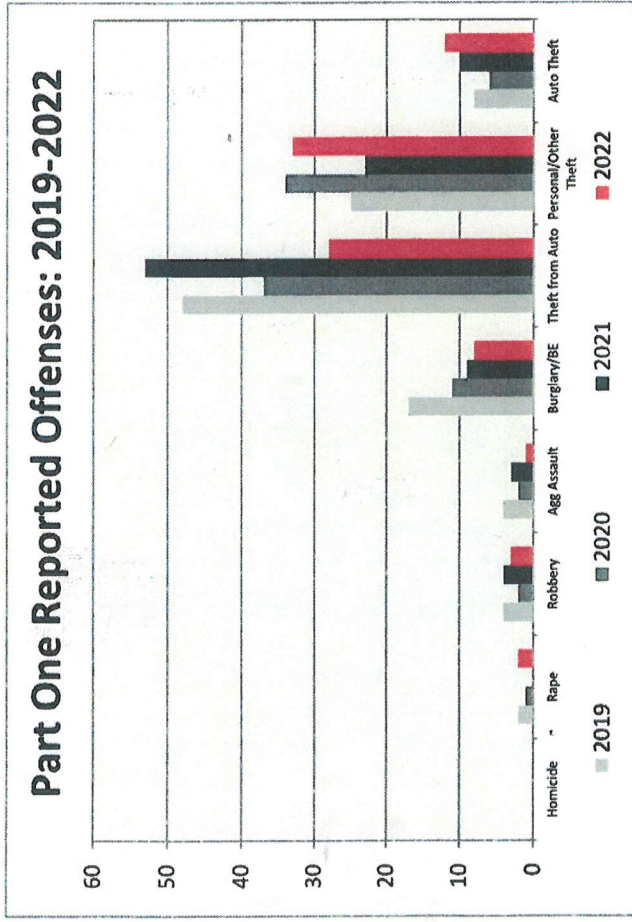
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East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

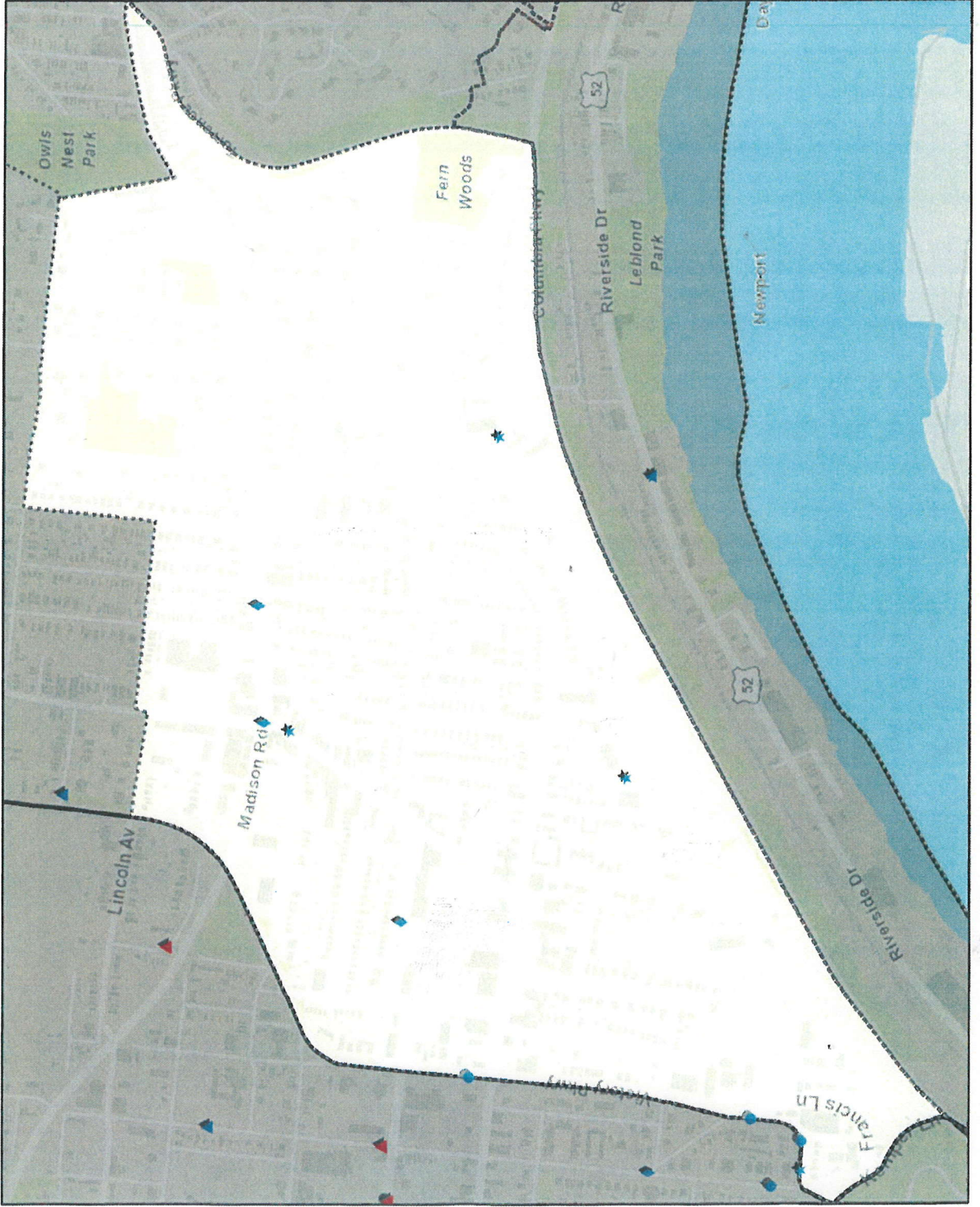
East Walnut Hills	Year-to-Date: 6-Sep						
	2019	2020	2021	2021-21	Avg / 22	% Change: 2021 / 2022	% Change:
Part 1 Crime							
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0	0	N/C	N/C
Rape	2	1	0	1.0	2	100.0%	↑ 2
Robbery	4	2	4	3.3	3	-10.0%	-25.0%
Agg Assault	4	2	3	3.0	1	-66.7%	-66.7%
Total P1 Violent Crime	10	5	7	7.3	6	-18.2%	-14.3%
Burglary/BE	17	11	9	12.3	8	-35.1%	-11.1%
Theft from Auto	48	37	53	46.0	28	-39.1%	-47.2%
Personal/Other Theft	25	34	23	27.3	33	20.7%	43.5%
Auto Theft	8	6	10	8.0	12	50.0%	20.0%
Total P1 Property Crime	98	88	95	93.7	81	-13.5%	-14.7%
Total P1 Crime	108	93	102	101.0	87	-13.9%	-14.7%

East Walnut Hills	Rolling 28 ending: 9/6/2022					% Change:
	Period 4	Period 3	Period 2	Period 1		
Part 1 Crime	05/18/22 - 6/14/22	06/15/22 - 7/12/22	07/13/22 - 8/9/22	08/10/22 - 9/6/22		
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Robbery	2	1	0	0	0	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Total P1 Violent Crime	2	1	0	0	0	N/C
Burglary/BE	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Theft from Auto	3	7	2	3	3	-57.1%
Personal/Other Theft	4	8	5	3	3	-62.5%
Auto Theft	1	0	7	0	0	N/C
Total P1 Property Crime	8	15	14	6	6	-60.0%
Total P1 Crime	10	16	14	6	6	-62.5%

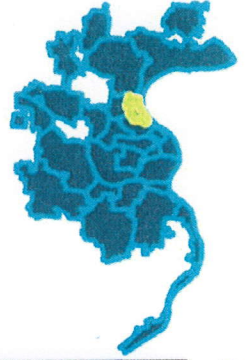
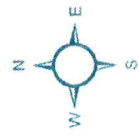


EAST WALNUT HILLS Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 DAY REPORTING PERIOD

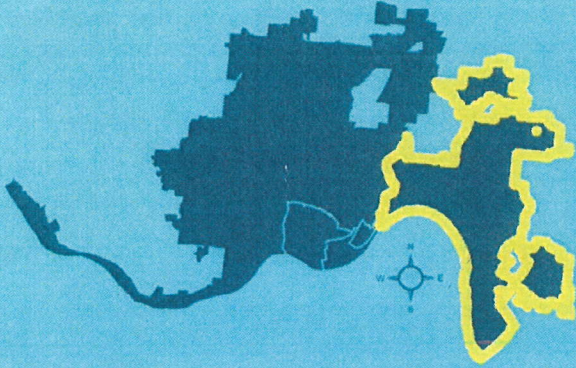
*All information shown here are preliminary and subject to change



- Neighborhoods
- Districts
- Violent Crimes**
 - Homicide
 - Rape
 - Robbery
 - Agg Assault
- Property Crimes**
 - Burglary/BE
 - Theft from Auto
 - Auto Theft
 - Personal/Other Theft



Neighborhood Block Report EAST WALNUT HILLS



Burglary/BE

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021952	Breaking and Entering	8/18/2022 3:03:00 PM	28XX WOODBURN AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229022864	Breaking and Entering	8/29/2022 11:32:43 AM	4XX BOND PL

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021079	Burglary	8/11/2022 3:00:00 PM	24XX INGLESIDE AV

Part 2 Offense

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021530	Assault	8/15/2022 11:07:00 PM	25XX HACKBERRY ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021460	Assault	8/15/2022 11:51:00 AM	4XX COLLINS AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021351	Assault	8/14/2022 5:49:00 AM	25XX HACKBERRY ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021120	Assault	8/11/2022 6:36:00 PM	27XX WOODBURN AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021460	Criminal Damaging/Endangering	8/15/2022 11:51:00 AM	4XX COLLINS AV

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229023027	Domestic Violence	8/30/2022 7:10:00 PM	26XX HACKBERRY ST

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021794	Forgery	8/18/2022 6:00:03 PM	22XX VICTORY PY

Personal/Other Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229020725	Theft	8/8/2022 4:42:40 PM	22XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021794	Theft	8/18/2022 6:00:03 PM	22XX VICTORY PY

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229022048	Theft	8/21/2022 11:00:00 AM	XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Theft from Auto

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229021482	Theft	8/15/2022 3:11:00 PM	17XX MADISON RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229023099	Theft	8/31/2022 1:31:00 PM	13XX WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT RD

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
229023062	Theft	8/16/2022 9:40:00 AM	16XX MADISON RD

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

MACA, EWAC, and WHAC Month – September, 2022
Bush Recreation Center 2640 Kemper Lane – 281-1286

Thank you for supporting Bush Recreation Center programs.

CRC is currently looking for part time staff members – Recreation Specialist for all Community Centers – please apply at www.cincyrec.org.

Bush Recreation Center Fall hours are Monday – Friday 11:00 am – 8:00 pm. Adult Open Volleyball, Chess, Fitness, and Senior programs.

CRC – Athletic Division is hosting Flag Football for 8 – 14 year-olds. All games will be played at Walnut Hills High School. For more information, please contact North Avondale/Athletics at 513-961-1584.

Barbershop Talk Series – Monday, September 19th 6 – 9 pm. Free haircuts, MNF games, and food. Please contact North Avondale/Athletics for more information.

The Cincinnati Walk – Saturday, September 17th at Bush Recreation Center. Health screenings at 7:00am and walk/run begins at 9:00am. For more information or to register, please visit www.aawellness.org

Bush Center & neighborhood partners will offer Trunk or Treat in October. More information to come.

We are looking to improve our adult programs for the Winter 2023. If you have any ideas, please call Bush Recreation Center at 513-281-1286 or email me at vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov

CRC Center Membership Information:
All memberships have been extended

Seniors \$10.00 (50 plus)
Adults \$25.00 (25 – 49 yr)
Young Adults \$10.00 (18 – 24 yr)
Junior \$2.00 (5 – 17 yr)
Cards are valid at all CRC Recreation.
Additional fees may apply.



Green Cincinnati

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE CITY

Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

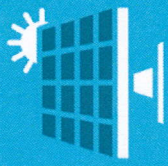
What is the Green Cincinnati Plan?

- First drafted in 2008, renewed twice since
- 2018 Green Cincinnati Plan
 - Community engagement helped to shape
 - Guiding sustainability plan and community vision to address climate change
- 8 Themes
 - Built Environment; Education & Outreach; Energy; Food; Natural Systems; Resilience; Transportation; Waste
- 2018 Goals
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050
 - Reach 100% renewable energy by 2035
 - Reduce Food Waste by 20% by 2025
 - Increase Tree Canopy and Access to Greenspace
- Cincinnati has become a national leader in addressing the climate crisis.

Current Action and Successes



American Cities Climate
Challenge Winner



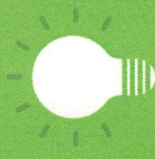
Plan for 100 MW of
Solar Power Announced



Passed Regional Funding
Mechanism for Public Transit



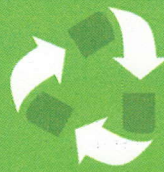
First Electric Vehicles
Introduced into City Fleet



Established Low-Income
Energy Efficiency Program



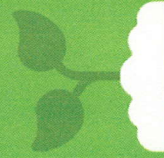
Launched Cincinnati
2030 District



Began Beyond 34 Recycling
Initiative with US Chamber

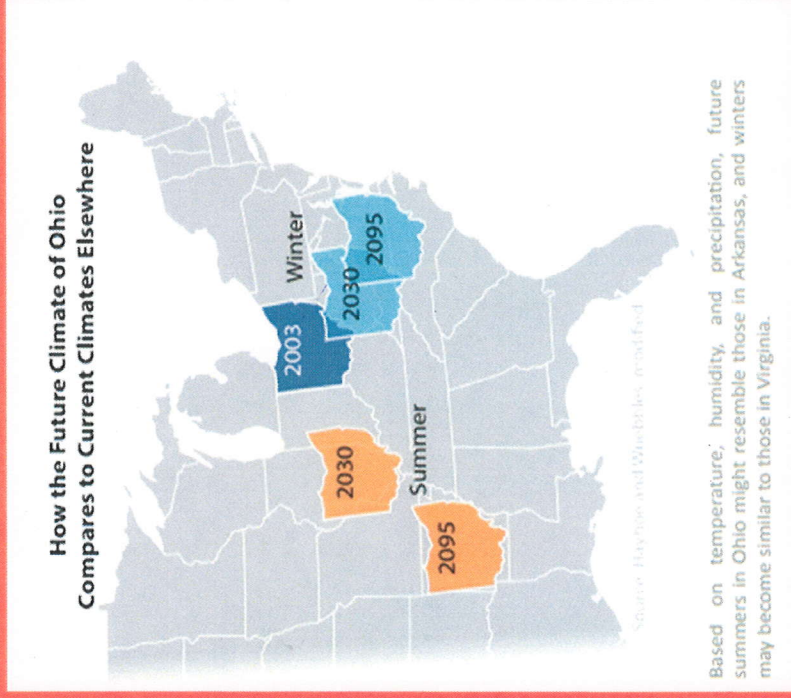


Implemented Air Quality
Action Plan



Passed Urban Agriculture
Zoning Changes

- The Change
 - More Extreme Weather - 9 Hundred-Year Storms in last 10 years
 - Rising Temperature
 - Worsening Air Quality
- The Impact
 - Hotter Summers, Cooler Winters
 - Wetter Overall, with Periods of Drought
 - Landslides, Storm Water Issues
 - Vulnerable populations in frontline communities disproportionately feel the impact
- Cincinnati, 2095
 - Summers will feel like Little Rock, AK
 - Winters will feel like Washington, D.C.



Climate Change in Cincinnati

Climate Change in East Walnut Hills

East Walnut Hills Cincinnati Neighborhood Profile

Low Adaptive Capacity

High Sensitivity

High Adaptive Capacity

Low Sensitivity

People			
Indicator	Rank	% of Persons	# of Persons
Population	-	-	4,931
Persons over 65	41	17.3%	852
Persons 17 and Under	6	11.4%	564
Children Living w/ Grandparents	15	0.5%	23
Race/Ethnicity:			
Black	-	26.7%	1,316
white	-	64.6%	3,184
Asian	-	2.7%	133
Other	-	6.0%	298
Latinx	-	2.5%	121
Persons 5 and Older in Households w/ Limited English Ability	17	0.1%	7

Health			
Indicator	Rank	Value	Persons with Condition
Life Expectancy	10	78.4 years	-
Disease Prevalence w/Condition Estimates:			
Asthma	9	9.0%	446
Cancer	38	6.4%	316
Diabetes	13	11.0%	542
High Blood Pressure	16	31.6%	1,560
Heart Disease	17	6.2%	303
Kidney Disease	17	2.7%	133
Obesity	11	30.6%	1,507
Lack of Health Insurance	8	7.2%	357
Persons w/ Independent Living Difficulty	13	1.8%	91
Persons Living w/ Disability	12	9.9%	490

Ecosystems and Infrastructure			
Indicator	Rank	Value	
Tree Canopy Coverage	25	24.9%	
Greenness of Land Surface	31	50.9%	
Percent Land in Parks and Greenspaces	43	3.5%	
Impervious Surface	25	35%	
Heat Island Exposure	25	0.53	
Walkability	-	Above Average	
Persons w/ Low-Income and Low Food Access	24	25.2%	
Transit Accessibility	-	Good	
Daytime Population vs. Resident Population	28	101.5%	
Commuters Leaving Each Day	-	2,733	
Commuters Using Public Transit	25	6.2%	

Climate Change in East Walnut Hills, Con.

East Walnut Hills Cincinnati Neighborhood Profile

Low Adaptive Capacity

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Socio-Economic Indicators			
Indicator	Rank	%	#
Persons Living in Poverty	9	13.8%	680
SNAP Recipient Households	8	8.8%	244
Educational Attainment:			
Less than High School	-	4.3%	-
HS or Equivalent	-	8.4%	-
Some College	-	11.6%	-
Associate's Degree	-	4.0%	-
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	-	49.3%	-
Educational Attainment Index	7	0.64	-
Extreme Housing Burdens:			
Renter-Occupied Housing (as % of All Housing Units)	14	52.8%	1,465
Renters Spending 30% of Income or More on Rent + Utilities	6	13.9%	385
Renters Spending 50% of Income or More on Rent + Utilities	9	8.0%	223
Homeowners Spending 30% of Income or More on Mortgage + Utilities	27	19.4%	254
Average Energy Costs (as % of Income)	5	1.8%	-
Persons without Vehicle Access	20	7.2%	353

Built Environmental Hazards		
Indicator	Relative Exposure Level	Value
Traffic Exposure	High	-
Potential Lead Paint Exposure (Houses Built pre-1960)	High	66.53%
Cancer Risk from Air Pollution	Very High	-
Respiratory Disease Risk from Air Pollution	Very High	-
Proximity to Water Pollution Sources	High	-
PM2.5 Levels in Air, µg/m3	High	9.71
Ozone Concentration, ppb	Very High	46.74
Diesel Particulate in Air, µg/m3	Very High	1.23
Proximity to Superfund Sites	Very High	-
Proximity to Potentially Toxic Industrial Activity	Moderate	-
Proximity to Hazardous Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities	High	-
Neighborhood Planning		
Indicator	Description	
Community Councils	East Walnut Hills Assembly	
Community Development Corporations	Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation	
Community Plans	Desales Corner Conservation Plan (1985)	

Get Involved!

- [Complete the Climate Change Survey](#)
- [Make Recommendations](#)
- [Read the 2018 Green Cincinnati Plan](#)
- [2021 Climate Equity Indicators Report](#)
- [Participate in Engagement Sessions](#)
- Share on social media with: #GreenCincy2023