



HEARTLANDS CONSERVANCY

Walk Audit Summary

Conducted on Saturday, October 22 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Prepared by Heartlands Conservancy

November 8, 2022

The walk audit was conducted on October 22, 2022 at 8:30 am. Participants used a walkability checklist developed by the Safe Routes Partnership to evaluate conditions in the community. Seven people completed the checklist and one additional person (a child) participated in the walk but did not complete a checklist. The walk audit was led by three Heartlands Conservancy staff members.

The walk started at the parking lot located east of Mt. Calvary Church of God on N. 52nd Street in Washington Park. The walk audit route distance was 0.8 miles on segments of 52nd Street, Hallows Avenue, 49th Street, Caseyville Avenue, 48th Street and Warren Avenue. A map of the route is shown on the next page.

During the walk participants were asked to think about sidewalk conditions, street lighting, crosswalk conditions, and driver behavior. Participants were encouraged to imagine the experience of walking in the community under different weather conditions, different times of day, and as a child, a person with visual impairments, or a wheelchair user.

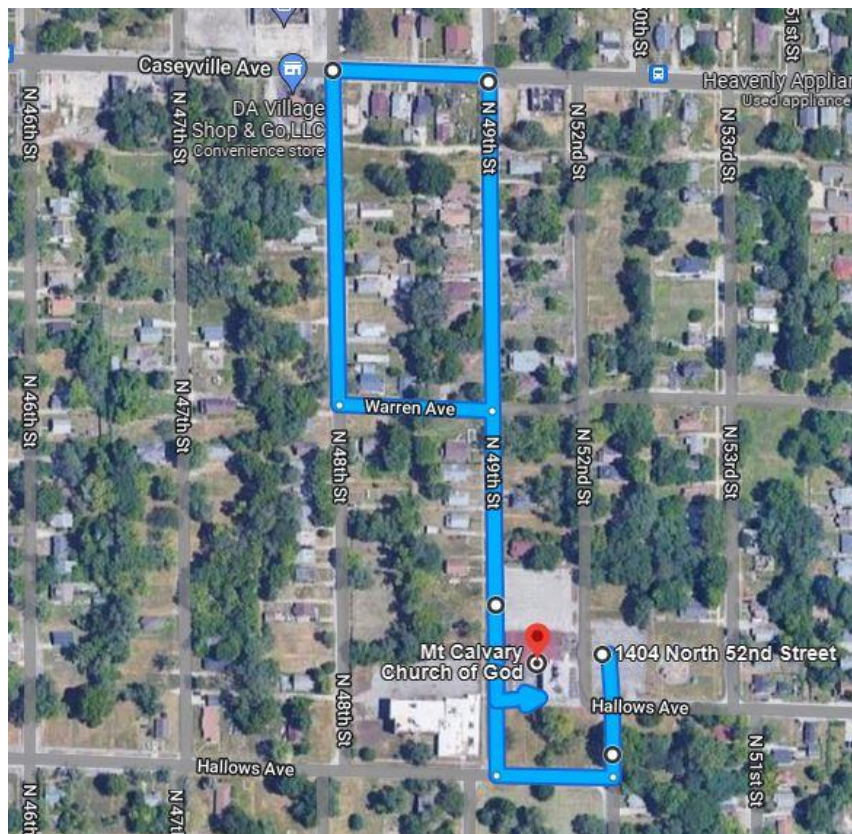
At the conclusion of the walk, participants were asked to complete the walkability checklist, capturing written comments and a numeric score. Results are summarized below.

- Most residents felt that there was no room to walk and identified a few problems with sidewalks. Sidewalks were broken or cracked, were missing segments, or there was no sidewalk at all.
- While crossing the street residents identified some problems. Striped crosswalks need to be painted or repainted and curb ramps need to be installed or repaired.
- Driving behavior was good overall. Some residents noted that there were some cars that drove too fast.
- A few people felt that it was not easy to follow safety rules like using crosswalks at intersections, walking on sidewalks or shoulders, and crossing with pedestrian signals.
- Almost everyone noted some unpleasant things about the walk. The most common answers noted the need for more grass, flowers, or trees; dirty conditions due to litter or trash, and poor sidewalk conditions.
- **On a point scale from 5 to 30, the average score for the walk audit is 15.75 which indicates that Washington Park needs a lot of work to become more walkable.**

Walk Audit Participants and HeartLands Conservancy Staff



Walk Audit Route (0.8 miles)



Observed Conditions

