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Dear Eisenhower Park neighbor,

This is a follow up communication to last month's survey request. The Eisenhower Park survey closed on August 1st and I wanted to provide a survey response summary. We received feedback from 46 survey takers. Please visit www.a2gov.org/parkplanning for a recap of the project or additional details.

What we heard:

A clear majority – 87% - are in favor of the path. Six respondents do not support the path with concerns expressed by 12. See enclosed survey response results for details.

GIVE 365 and Adopt-a-Park have reviewed the feedback and evaluated the concerns and recommend this project move to the next step due to significant support for the path and a belief that concerns can be addressed. We also would like to respond to the expressed concerns and provide additional details. Therefore, we are hosting an onsite meeting for anyone who would like to discuss their concerns or hear more about potential next steps.

Open to both those who oppose or support, we invite you to stop by Churchill Downs Park on Wednesday, September 1st at 5:30pm. If you cannot make this but would like to discuss any concerns or add additional comments, please contact Erika at 734.794.6445 or epratt@a2gov.org.

We appreciate everyone's feedback on this matter.

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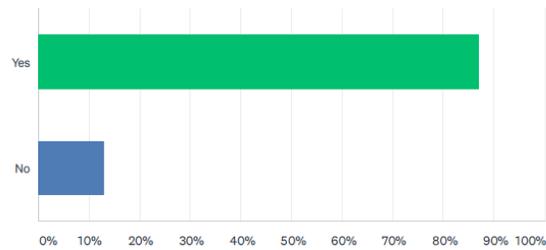


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Q1 Do you support a walking path through the Eisenhower Park land to connect Churchill Downs Park to Northbrook Drive?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



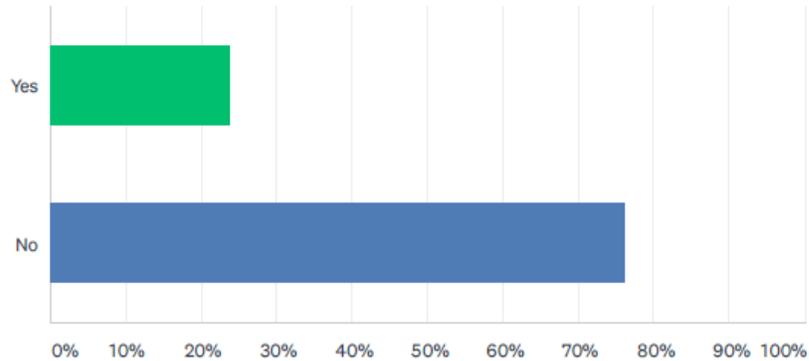
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.96%	40
No	13.04%	6
TOTAL		46

If you support a walking path through Eisenhower, reasons why:

1. I live on Northbrook Dr. and would love more walkable park options. I believe it would also increase home values
2. Why not?
3. This would be a great scenic walk and passthrough through the neighborhoods
4. It will make it easier and quicker to travel through the neighborhood on foot or bike. It is also a very pretty natural area that should be accessible to more people.
5. It seems like a really nice place for a trail, and it would generally be a wonderful addition to Eisenhower Park.
6. More connections for active transportation away from cars
7. It would be an improved use of this otherwise unused city property.
8. My kids play at Churchill Downs, so having a path to that park that avoids car traffic and the harm cars cause would be great!
9. It's wasted space now and could be enjoyed by many more people.
10. To create more recreational opportunities in this neighborhood.
11. This would provide a vital connection between Maple & Scio Church to Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. There are no safe alternatives currently
12. Better connectivity is good to reduce traffic, support alternatives to motorized transportation, and provide opportunities for exercise.
13. Gives walkers more off road walking trails.
14. The path would make a nice addition to my running route through the area. Having seen the park on published maps I have searched both Churchill Downs park and Churchill Downs Dr.looking for access and trails.
15. It needs more of a safe walking and kid bikeable area.
16. Creates a use out of a currently unused space. I live on the next street and it would give a cutthrough to walk the kids to the park.
17. would provide a well needed connection for residents in the area to get north or south in a more pleasant and efficient manner.
18. Connection between neighbors would be fantastic for adults, kids walking dogs between parks
19. I walk my dog through the neighborhood multiple times a day and it would be nice to have a new option.
20. It would be a great way to connect the two somewhat separated neighborhoods
21. It would be a nice trail for the neighborhood
22. nice wooded area to walk alternative to the sidewalks in the neighborhood
23. Improved recreation and transportation options
24. I'm always in favor of adding more usable green space to our neighborhood. I'm willing to help with this project and I'm looking forward to using it when the project is completed.
25. I want to walk my dog down the path.
26. have always wanted to walk through there

Q2 Do you have any concerns about the proposed path?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	23.91% 11
No	76.09% 35
TOTAL	46

If Yes, what are your concerns:

- I currently maintain this path. It travels from my backyard to the Churchill Downs park. It's not a real concern but it may agitate the dogs a bit.
- I don't want strangers walking past/through my backyard (Steeplechase)
- Can it be made bikeable?
- I would have been (in support), if the plan was included a net increase native space by converting groomed grass.
- Ann Arbor continues to remove habitat (already planned project to remove acres in this park); a contradiction to numerous environmental objectives without providing any natural spaces for biodiversity.
- I've had concerns at times about people who are hanging out in the back of Churchill Downs Park. This opens up a new pathway for those same people to return.
- (1) The Churchill Downs park attracts a lot of teenagers after dark (despite signs that it's closed at night), as does Meadowbrook Park. I have safety concerns about strangers being behind my house, especially after dark. (2. There are coyotes and deer back there, I don't want the coyotes driven into my yard or deer spooked onto I-94
- I heard that are coyotes that live in that part of the woods. I'm a little nervous about displacing them from their home or encountering them when I am walking my dog.
- would like it to be maintained once the wood chips are put in
- I have a few young children, and there are coyotes in the parkland. I would worry that they could be attacked. Several dogs have been attacked. The path is open to many properties that are next to it, will the city repair or install a new fence between the houses and path and between the path and highway. The exist fence has rotted and fell apart if there was one there. I would also not want to lose the few trees that grow in that area. The city does little maintence of the park now, are they going to improve that, or do even less?
- Where will you add plants to make up for the ones you are taking down?
- its in my backyard and I am concerned about trespassers and more drug issues which is ongoing at church hill Park. The park area is rather narrow.

Other comments: Ann Arbor is funding tree planting in yards in one hand and buying farmland outside the city; and removing natural areas in another; net result being less natural areas.