



Invigorate Your Neighborhood Park

Help Us With A Father Hansas Redo!



Before Pictures 2009-2010



After Pictures 2012



Father Hanses Park

Lewisburg Neighborhood

Father Hanses Park

Overview

- Father Hanses was ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 1919 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Covington, Kentucky.
- Father Hanses held various assignments in the Diocese of Covington
- Hanses was a much beloved figure in both the parish and neighborhood. He worked with people living in poverty situations.
- 1990's and early 2000's, Lewisburg's thriving neighborhood group led the effort to improve playground equipment in the park
- The park served as a hub for community activities such as Art in the Park, Fall Festival, movies in the park, Lewisburg Cleanup and child play space.
- Arson occurred in 2010 and 2011.
- 2012 structures were demolished due to vandalism

Northern Kentucky Health Department

Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

Overview

1. Screening: determine needs and value
2. Scoping: develop work plan based on the targeted health impact
3. Assessment: utilizing existing data, expertise and experience
4. Communication: synthesizing results and sharing
5. Monitoring: tracking impact of HIA

Steering Committee consist of representatives from the following organizations:

- Northern Kentucky Health Department
- City of Covington
- Lewisburg Neighborhood Association
- Center for Great Neighborhoods
- Environmental Protection Agency



Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

Benefits of City Parks

Public Health, Social & Environmental

- Exposure to nature and green space makes people healthier
- Physical activity makes people healthier
- Natural spaces improve the environment
- Control storm water runoff
- Increase safety
- Create stable neighborhoods with strong community

Current Physical Aspects

Park Usage

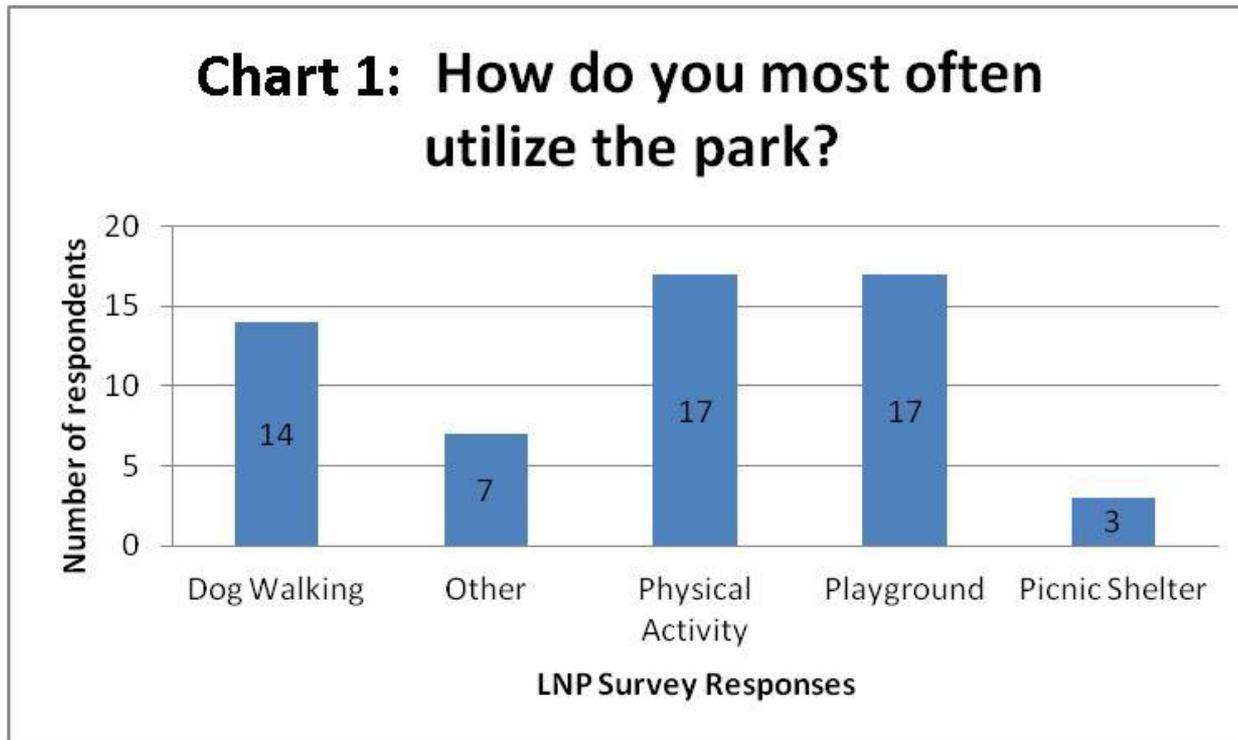
2013 Door-to-door Survey

- Total of 67 participants
- 51% had never visited the park. Sited perceived safety issues as the reason for not visiting.
- Residents said the park had “drug activity” and the park was a “trouble spot”
- Also sited was the lack of facilities. “I used it all the time before it was tore down.”
- 49% (33 residents) did visit the park and the majority visited once a week or more



Park Usage

Usage Frequency



Strategies for Mitigating Potential Barriers

Physical aspects of the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use universal design principles• Design elements to encourage gathering• Amenities likely to be used by local population• Minimize maintenance costs
Ability for Lewisburg resident to be healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program structured activities for Lewisburg residents• Include educational outreach related to physical activity when promoting park activities• Capitalize on existing programming in neighborhood by expanding or creating new programs to complement
Crime, safety, and social cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase eyes on the street (police presence, neighborhood watch groups)• Install safety infrastructure (call boxes, security cameras, lighting, post park rules and ensure proper sight lines)• Government incentives and zoning to encourage creation of positive social spots adjacent to park
Environmental Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect quality of soil to be used for food production• Capture and reuse storm water• SD1 recommends consulting with Water Resources Engineer prior to site development

Conclusion

Recommendations

- Playground structure (fire proof, low maintenance)
- Small picnic shelter with picnic table and benches (fire proof, low maintenance)
- Raised soil beds for perennial flowers, fruits and vegetables
- Increased lighting
- Frequently scheduled park activities
- Signage and posted park rules
- Neighborhood Watch and increased patrolling





PARK RULES

- No Loud Music
- No Swimming
- No Alcoholic Beverages
- Dogs must be on a Leash
- Park closes at Sunset



Crime Prevention & Safety Perspective

Chief Bryan Carter



**“I find peace where the sun
kissed leaves dance in the
melody of the cool breeze that
floats through the air.”**

– Siam Cheeda



