



**West Park District Plan Survey:  
Physical Activity, Access, and Mobility  
July 11, 2011**

Dear West Park District Resident,

As part of the West Park District Plan, the Philadelphia City Planning Commission (PCPC) is partnering with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to conduct a **Health Impact Assessment**, or HIA. The purpose of the HIA is to ensure that the District Plan's recommendations protect and improve the health and well-being of district residents. This survey is one piece of the HIA.

**We estimate that it will take approximately 5 minutes to complete this survey.** Your input will be important in understanding how your neighborhood and your transportation choices affect your safety, health, and physical activity.

We can assure you that responses will be used only for the purpose of informing this health impact assessment and the West Park District Plan recommendations. If you have any questions about the survey please contact staff member Clint Randall at 215-683-4685 or [clint.randall@phila.gov](mailto:clint.randall@phila.gov). We are happy to provide additional copies for anyone who is a resident of the West Park District.

You can find out more about District Plans, part of the Philadelphia2035 Comprehensive Plan, at [www.phila2035.org](http://www.phila2035.org).

Thank you for your participation!

# 1 How easy is it for you to access the following thing **without** a car? Check **N/A** if the question does not apply to you.

	Very Easy	Fairly Easy	Fairly Difficult	Very Difficult	Not sure, I always drive	N/A
Store or vendor that sells fresh fruits and vegetables						
Fast food restaurant						
Park or other public open space for physical activity						
School (for you or a relative)						
City recreation center						
Health center or other primary care provider						
Pharmacy						
Community center						
Place of worship						
Library						
Bank						
Transit stop						

## 2 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Check the box that best matches your response:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure or N/A
My lack of access to parks and open spaces makes staying active difficult					
The condition of sidewalks in my neighborhood discourages me from walking					
I would walk more frequently if stores and services were located within walking distance					
Walking during my daily routine (such as during my commute or errands) is the only exercise I get each day					
I do not have time to incorporate physical activity into my daily life					
A car is necessary for daily life in my neighborhood					
My personal health is important to me					
I deserve to have the opportunity to make healthy choices in my community					

### 3 Do you visit West Fairmount Park?

Yes

**If Yes, skip to Question 5**

No

### 4 Please identify the reasons you do **not** visit the park. Check **all** that apply:

- The park is difficult to reach from my home
  - The things I want to do in the park are hard to find
  - There is not enough to do in the park
  - The park lacks amenities that I need to enjoy it (such as restrooms)
  - The park does not seem safe
  - The park does not seem clean
  - I prefer to use a different park
  - Other:
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**If you answered Question 4, please skip to Question 8.**

### 5 How often do you visit West Fairmount Park?

- Multiple times per week
- About once a week
- Every couple weeks
- About once a month
- Less than once a month

### 6 How do you travel to the park on a typical day?

- Car (*you are the driver*)
- Car (*you are a passenger*)
- SEPTA
- Paratransit/CCT
- Walking
- Bicycle
- Other

### 7 What do you do most often in West Fairmount Park? Check all that apply:

- Organized sports teams or leagues
- Individual fitness or recreation (*such as walking, cycling, jogging, tai chi, etc.*)
- Picnics, cookouts, social events
- Sitting outside & enjoying the outdoors
- Other:

### 8 Check **ALL** statements you find **true** about access to West Fairmount Park:

- It is difficult to enjoy West Fairmount Park as someone who does not drive
- Existing SEPTA service to the park is ok or better than ok
- I would use the park more if SEPTA provided service through or into the park
- I would think about cycling to the park if I had access to a bicycle
- I would think about cycling to the park but am concerned about bicycle theft in the park
- Fairmount Park feels well connected to the neighborhoods next to it

## 9 In what neighborhood of the West Park District do you live?

- Belmont Village
- Cathedral Park
- East Parkside
- Green Hill Farms
- Overbrook Farms
- Overbrook Park
- West Parkside
- Wynnefield
- Wynnefield Heights
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10 Please check boxes next to statements you agree with about walking in your area:

- The sidewalks between where I live and the places I need to go are broken, narrow, missing, or difficult to navigate
- The places I need to go are designed for people in cars, not people on foot
- Most of the things I need in my daily life are not within walking distance of my home
- There are not enough places to sit or rest along the sidewalks
- I have concerns about crime when I walk during daylight hours
- I have concerns about crime when I walk after dark
- There is inadequate lighting in the areas I want to walk

## 11 Do you own or have easy access to a car?

- Yes
- No

## 12 What is your main way of getting around?

- Car (*you are the driver*)
- Car (*you are a passenger*)
- SEPTA
- Paratransit/CCT
- Walking
- Bicycle
- Other

## 13 Do you have any physical conditions that prevent you from walking around?

- No
- Yes, I can only walk short distances, such as within my home
- Yes, I cannot walk at all

## 14 What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

## 15 What is your race?

- White
- White, non-Hispanic
- African American
- Hispanic
- Asian – Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 16 What is your age?

- 12 years or less
- 13-17 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65 or more