



The Hillsides and Ridgeway Neighborhoods session focused on the entire Lick Run Watershed.



Most preferred images (59% participated in survey)

Based on a visual preference and written survey, respondents preferred:

- Using rain gardens, street planters, vegetated bumpouts in streets, etc. to manage stormwater throughout the watershed.
- Preserving and responsibly managing the forested hillsides, parks and open spaces in the watershed.
- “Complete Streets” concepts with dedicated bike lanes, street trees and bike racks, bus shelters and trailheads to encourage alternative modes of transportation.
- Improved pedestrian safety.
- Connecting different areas of the watershed through a network of trails.
- Using natural materials such as wood and stone in structures and bridges throughout the watershed.

“Green planning should be the overall vision for the community.”

– SOUTH FAIRMOUNT RESIDENT

For more information about the Lick Run project, visit: www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun. You can also contact MaryLynn Lodor at (513) 244-5535 or send an email to MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov.



LICK RUN WATERSHED

RESULTS OF COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP #1

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Lick Run Community Design Workshop #1

On Thursday, August 11, 2011, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) hosted its first of three “Community Design Workshops” at Roberts Paideia Academy to gather public input on the proposed Lick Run Alternative project.

What’s the Lick Run Alternative?

The Lick Run project is a series of underground storm sewers and natural, above ground waterways to transport stormwater and natural drainage to the Mill Creek. This storm sewer separation project would eliminate about 800 million gallons of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) annually. It is an “alternative” to a deep, underground storage tunnel and enhanced high-rate treatment facility.

The central element of this alternative project would be an urban waterway in South Fairmount between Queen City and Westwood avenues east of White Street.

Focus of Community Design Workshop #1

The workshop featured an overview presentation and four breakout sessions designed to gather community input on the proposed urban waterway in South Fairmount and other topics related to the entire Lick Run watershed. Community input was collected through written surveys and visual preference surveys, which used photographs to solicit participant preferences on topics ranging from waterway characteristics to recreational opportunities. The results of the workshop are summarized inside.

What’s Next?

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011** for the **Lick Run Community Design Workshop #2**. The workshop will be held from **6:30-9:00 p.m.** at **Gilbert A. Dater Montessori** (elementary school), 2840 Boudinot Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45238. Attendees will review and discuss design concepts for the urban waterway in South Fairmount. The workshop will also cover draft stormwater management guidelines and land development principles for the overall watershed. All were developed with input from Community Design Workshop #1.

The information from the first and second workshops will be used to prepare a preliminary draft Lick Run Master Plan, to be unveiled at the Lick Run Community Design Workshop #3, anticipated in winter 2012. The Master Plan will contain the selected design concept for the proposed urban waterway, as well as future guidelines and principles for the entire watershed.

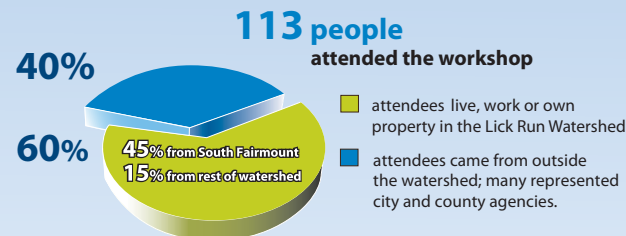
What if I missed the first meeting?

We encourage your participation and input at any stage of the process.

Major Findings from the Workshop:

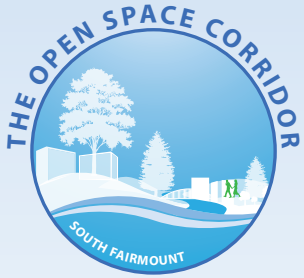
Breakout Session Survey Results:

- **84%** of respondents feel the proposed urban waterway in South Fairmount could **benefit the community**.
- Some of the most requested recreational amenities were **safe walking and biking trails**.
- **Historic architectural styles were favored** over modern architectural styles for the South Fairmount community.
- When asked what was missing from the South Fairmount business district, popular responses included an **identifiable business district**, a **mix of restaurants**, and the need for **grocery stores** and other basic services.



Exit Survey Results:

- **89%** of respondents support the proposed Lick Run Alternative as compared to 11% who support the deep tunnel
- **90%** of respondents felt better informed after attending the first workshop.
- **95%** of respondents said they will attend the second workshop (51% of attendees completed the exit survey.)



The Open Space Corridor session focused on the proposed urban waterway in South Fairmount between Queen City and Westwood avenues east of White Street.



Most preferred images (66% participated in survey)

Based on a visual preference and written survey, respondents preferred:

- A natural-looking waterway that fits in with an urban neighborhood and encourages community interaction.
- Water quality features such as rain gardens and ponds to be integrated with the urban waterway to improve water quality.
- Mini-waterfalls, pools and riffles in the waterway.
- Open gathering spaces along the waterway that allow for passive recreation (e.g., picnicking) and for community events.
- Assortment of recreational opportunities along the waterway with an emphasis on bike and pedestrian trails.

“Make Lick Run beautiful and exciting and bring it into a very urban setting, where many people can enjoy it.”

- CITIZEN EMPLOYED IN SOUTH FAIRMOUNT



The Community Core session focused on the South Fairmount business district.



Most preferred images (73% participated in survey)

Based on a visual preference and written survey, respondents preferred:

- Historical and traditional architecture.
- Mix of residential homes, businesses, schools, churches, etc.
- Reusing existing buildings where possible.
- Including basic services (e.g., grocery store, pharmacy) in the business district.
- Small, green areas for civic spaces and common areas for community events.
- Mix of on-street parking and surface parking lots between buildings.
- Improved street lighting and safer sidewalks and crosswalks.
- 3 to 4-story buildings with wide sidewalks and public gathering spaces.

Note: Nearly all respondents said existing traffic patterns would need to change for the business district to be successful.

“Focus on destinations, safety, walkability, local foods and community amenities.”

- SOUTH FAIRMOUNT RESIDENT



The Historic Fabric session focused on historical and cultural resources in the community.



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Most frequently identified historic buildings in South Fairmount (44% participated in survey)



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Respondents were asked to identify places of local cultural and historical significance in South Fairmount. The properties identified below were selected by two or more people:

- A Cincinnati & Westwood Railroad
- B Panther Athletic Complex
- C C&O Railroad
- D San Antonio Church
- E Central Fairmount School
- F St. Francis Court Apartments
- G Vitt & Sterner Funeral Home
- H Orion Academy
- I Row Houses on Westwood
- J South Fairmount Recreation Area
- K Water Works Pumping Station
- L St. Clair Park
- M Theodore Roosevelt School
- N Lunkenheimer Factory
- O Western Hills Viaduct

MSD is currently working with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and other public agencies to identify and mitigate project effects to historic properties in the South Fairmount area. MSD is also conducting extensive review and gaining public input prior to deciding upon the need for demolitions.

South Fairmount Corridor



“Historic buildings are important, but it is also about the people, the culture.”

- CITIZEN'S COMMENT DURING BREAK-OUT SESSION DISCUSSIONS