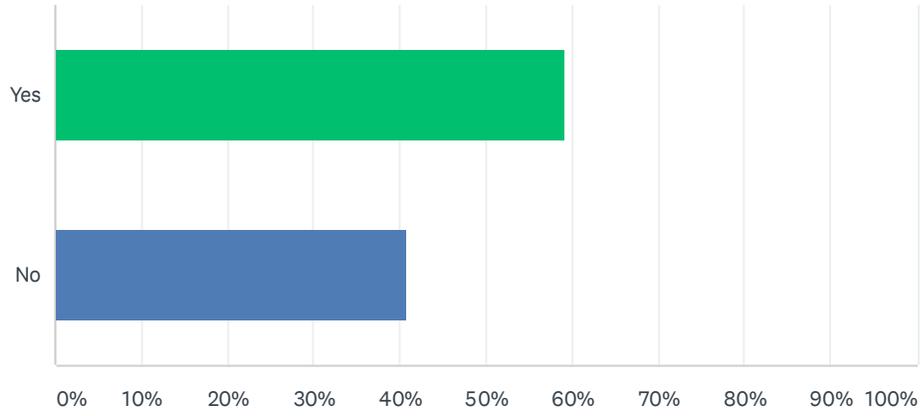


Q2 Does your property currently have a sidewalk?

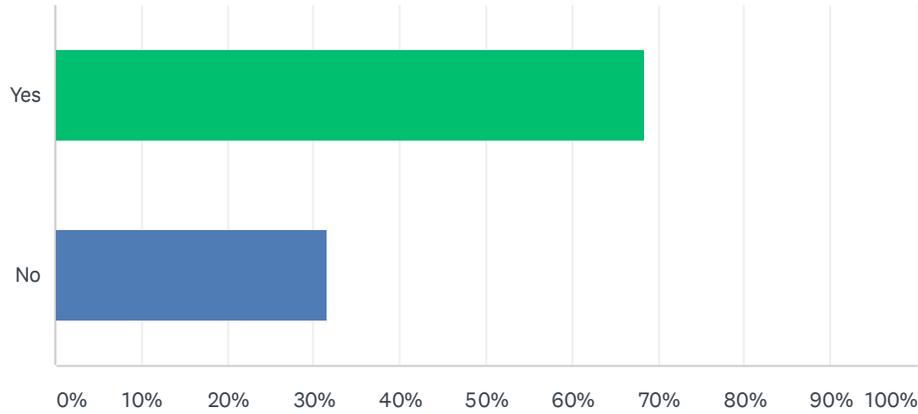
Answered: 387 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.17%	229
No	40.83%	158
TOTAL		387

Q3 Even though you have existing sidewalk in front of your home, are you in favor of participating in a Village cost share program to install sidewalks in areas where pedestrians currently share the roadway with vehicle traffic?

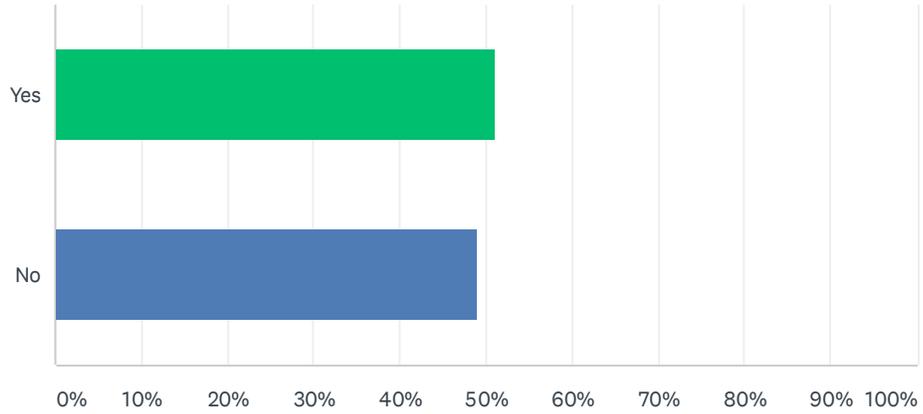
Answered: 225 Skipped: 164



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.44%	154
No	31.56%	71
TOTAL		225

Q4 Are you in favor of a participating in a Village cost share program to install sidewalks in areas where pedestrians currently share the roadway with vehicle traffic?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 234



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.97%	79
No	49.03%	76
TOTAL		155

Please leave any additional questions or concerns you may have.

Open-Ended Response

Unnecessary expense for Village + homeowners.

I am not willing to pay in part for sidewalks that heretofore have been the responsibility of the Village and homeowner. I understand that new construction is supposed to include the installation of sidewalks but that does not seem to be universally done and this disturbs me.

I appreciate you keeping the sidewalks as a safe, even place to walk. Thank you, Margie Hatter

If survey results indicate approval of sidewalks, they would not automatically be necessary on both sides of the street in order for pedestrians to avoid the roadway.

Your survey questions #3 & #4 seem to be flawed in that they suggest a certain answer or place judgment upon a particular answer. Everyone would already know that if there is no sidewalk pedestrians might share the roadway with vehicles. Have there been a number of injuries where there are no sidewalk?

Unnecessary expense for Village + homeowners.

Traditionally, it has been the builders responsibility to put in sidewalks. Going forward, let's require (ordinance?) all builders of new construction or tear-downs to include sidewalks. For now, the responsibility can be shared between the homeowners + the Village: - Change the amounts contributed by homeowners + the Village -Give the homeowners a tax break for "x" years to Encourage home owners to do all the work* *to avoid having to pay union wages under "Right to Work" Laws

I am on a fixed income - can not afford to pay

We prefer the aesthetics of full lawns unbroken by concrete sidewalks. To us the latter connote city, city rather than

I do not mind sidewalks but can not pay for them!

Please publish* Data reflecting the number of deaths or serious injurious in the past 1,5 + 10 yrs. attributed to the presence of sidewalks. If many such deaths or serious injuries, then may be in favor. *On Village website

We would like to maintain the character and charm of the neighborhood.

See Attachment

I lived here 52 yrs. There have never been an accident here. I'm retired + widowed, don't want to pay for a sidewalk. I see no reason now to install sidewalks!

I am TOTALLY AGAINST sidewalks. We moved here 33 years ago from Chicago. The main reason we moved here is because there were NO sidewalks. We really liked the fact that our lots seemed much larger WITHOUT the sidewalks. We inherited a sidewalk on 53rd street nearly 20 years ago when 53rd street was extended west past Fair Elms west over Flagg Creek to connect with the Commonwealth Development. I am out quiet frequently in my yard/garage on a daily basis. I would definitely say that nearly 90% of the pedestrian traffic that goes east/west on 53rd Street uses the street even though there is a sidewalk available for use. I TOTALLY oppose the Village spending upwards of \$100K on a feasibility study on this sidewalk issue. That would be money better spent on improving the water distribution infrastructure in the Village. Despite the results of our annual water quality report, we will not drink our water. We use bottled water for cooking/drinking. We believe Village Leadership over the years have neglected water infrastructure improvements to the detriments of its citizens. We have some of the most expensive water per thousand in the area and there is so much sediment in it and odor that is unpleasant. We have a whole house water filter that needs to be changed monthly, rather than the recommended 90 day change as the filter is a dark brown after 30 days of use. This is UNACCEPTABLE! The Village continues to spend money on pumps and wells without addressing the root cause. Lake Michigan water would be best but we can't get it because our water distribution has so much leakage that the Village doesn't qualify. Again, this is because of the lack of leadership of

We have lived in the Forest Hills subdivision of Western Springs for 30 years and the beauty of the properties with deep setbacks and front lawns with no concrete sidewalks have always been pleasing for us and anyone who visits.

It's about time! The fact the Village was actually considering a lit bike path along Flagg Creek before sidewalks is short-sighted, dangerous and irresponsible. Don't waste money on a feasibility study. There's no question we need sidewalks! Spend the money on the study on the actual sidewalks. Then spend the money on more streetlights to make those new sidewalks safer to walk on. And, why not look for government grants to support wheel-chair bound residents who shouldn't have to drive in the street because we don't have consistent sidewalks.

<p>How many trees will be cut down during this process? We have been Western Springs residents for more than 30 years. We moved here because we loved the aesthetic of NO sidewalks. We were forced to have a sidewalk put in when they added the 53rd Street bridge. It is the only sidewalk down 53rd to Wolf Road and we do not have any sidewalks in front of our home. No other sidewalk was added across 53rd from our house. People walk on the street anyway! They do not even use the sidewalk! If people moving in to WS want sidewalks then they should look for a community with sidewalks. Western Springs Forest Hills was built to be without sidewalks. And as for the money you will spend on the survey and beyond like the up keep how about fixing the water issue in Western Springs which has never been as bad as it is now! I vote NO we do</p>
<p>I think we should look to apply for a grant like what was looked at for the bike path. First seek as much funding outside of WS, than I would be open to splitting any remaining balance.</p>
<p>We live next to a dead-end driveway that leads to the dead-end (and creek) and ESPECIALLY OPPOSE an unnecessary sidewalk being added there. There is no traffic on that street and no reason or need for a sidewalk there, or for the destruction and expense that would be incurred to add one. In the event that this project goes forward, we ask that the Village consider individual cases like this. Thank you.</p>
<p>Even though I have a sidewalk, I feel the neighborhood has more young families walking (with baby strollers!) than ever before. It's just too dangerous.</p>
<p>We need sidewalks on all properties</p>
<p>The cost of the program should be provided before final agreement by all homeowners.</p>
<p>We have a sidewalk in front of our home. However, we have to walk on the street to church at SJC, downtown and everywhere else around us due to the major gap in sidewalk presence. It's dangerous, as we have a 5 year old who is learning to ride a bike, a 2 year old who rides a scooter, and a puppy.</p>
<p>All of the Western Springs residents use all of the sidewalks. To keep people of all ages safe - there should be sidewalks throughout our town. Parents with strollers, little kids on bikes or scooters, anyone on a bike, anyone walking, etc. all should have a safe place to walk or ride away from the cars.</p>
<p>This is so very important to the safety of our community</p>
<p>The cost to complete feasibility study should be directed to sidewalk implementation. The \$50,000-100,000 for study would be better utilized straight away.</p>
<p>I had to pay for my own sidewalk others should pay for their own too.</p>
<p>I am not sure what cost share means as I already have a sidewalk. Does this mean I am willing to pay for others sidewalks? Forest Hills needs full sidewalks for all houses. You need to let those with sidewalks know potential cost implications though. In Chicago, it's a 50/ 50 split for new sidewalks. WS should do the same. Any homeowner who wants sidewalks should pay 50 percent and village should pay 50 percent.</p>
<p>More stop signs need to be implemented in Forest Hills. Too many intersections don't have them and it's dangerous with children riding bikes, dog walking and stroller walking. People won't stop for pedestrians or children if there's no stop sign and there have been many close calls.</p>
<p>Safety of our children walking to neighborhood schools! Please please consider the children and their safety!!</p>
<p>We are only 1 of a few sidewalks on our section of Lawn that we like to say, go nowhere. We were required by the Village at our expense to put one in when we built our house in 2013/2014. Even though none of our neighbors have one. How the bill would be split amongst the properties that already have sidewalks will be of interest. I would like to see kids be able to ride and walk on the sidewalks vs the street throughout the entire neighborhood.</p>
<p>This is a safety issue and should be a top priority.</p>
<p>Long overdue. If you are putting sidewalks in, we also need street lamps</p>
<p>As local real estate professional - sidewalks in Forest Hills would help property values. I have had home buyers decide on other locations due to no sidewalks in Forest Hills. Additionally for the safety of children going to school & local residents walking through the neighborhood. Please install sidewalks!</p>
<p>The survey cost seems excessive. The village should look at the number of escrow accounts for new/renovated homes should be assessed. The current standards have not been applied to many homes but would fill many gaps.</p>
<p>While we feel the village should subsidize a portion of the cost of installing sidewalks where there are none currently, we also believe it should be the property owners where new sidewalks are being installed who should primarily fund the cost since they are the primary users/beneficiaries.</p>
<p>I am in favor of sidewalks on both sides of the all streets in Forest Hills.</p>
<p>Why does a feasibility study cost so much? Why can't the suppliers just quote the job?</p>

If the results of the survey indicate favoring sidewalks while the side are being installed, is it possible to receive a discount on the installation of an upgraded water line?
I believe we should work towards a pedestrian-friendly area, but it can be done over time.
I am a little shocked to see a study estimate to be so high.
none
We have NO interest in funding additional sidewalks in the Village.
Sidewalks are ubiquitous and one of the reasons Western Springs is in such high demand. Consistent sidewalks would be very integral to the entirety of Forest Hills.
I worry about my children walking and riding bikes to and from school and when playing with friends. I think it is dangerous for the people walking their dogs, as well. If they are on a street with no sidewalks at night it is a danger to the bikers, walkers, and pets to be in the street. I feel very strongly that EVERY street in Forest Hills should have a sidewalk!!!
Those who want new sidewalk on their property should pay for it themselves. I do not want to pay for it. We chose to buy property with sidewalks which met, and still meets our needs.
With the increase in distracted driving this seems to be an essential safety change for our neighborhood!
I currently have a corner lot with sidewalks. When they need replacement I cost share with the Village. I believe properties with no sidewalks have a minimal cost sharing. This has been an issue forever in the Village. When I was on the Infrastructure Commission this was a third rail issue. I note that new houses built in those areas apparently are required to put in a sidewalk. When a property changes hands perhaps that should be a requirement.
I grew up in Riverside, a Village of sidewalks. Moved to Forest Hills because there were sidewalks. Sidewalks make a village welcoming. I am in my 80's, lived here 58 years - paid for my sidewalk etc. People are tearing down/rebuilding \$\$\$\$ houses. They should pay for their sidewalks. It won't take long to have sidewalk everywhere.
I am very concerned about the safety issues on our block without sidewalks. My kids ride their bikes to school and it is scary to share the streets with so many speeding cars and bid trucks (Lawn is a through street). Our location means we have kids from both SJC and Forest Hills walking to and from school. We need sidewalks.
I understand there may be more areas in Forest Hills where some residents feel there is a need for sidewalks, and no doubt that is a significant safety issue. However, virtually every street in this neighborhood is marked with potholes and in disrepair. My hope is that condition is addressed before the situation worsens.
I am on a corner therefore it would cost me more. I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. I cannot afford this expense.
I feel certain parts of sidewalk are a tripping hazard. I brought it to the Village's attention last summer.
We are now paying for a sidewalk 187 ft. Why are you asking us to pay for other sidewalks in Forest Hills?
Yes we need more sidewalks. It is not safe to walk in the street especially at night. Most residents I talk to would love more sidewalks. I have been a resident here for 18 yrs. Thanks.
Tell the truth! Tell residents that the cost will be on their tax bills for 5 years with interest. Tell them the cost will be based on valuation and that the village won't pay that much. TELL THE WHOLE STORY!
The current sidewalk program which is available to residents who wish to add sidewalks in front of their homes via SSA should be the approach. I moved to a block with sidewalks from a block without for a reason.
For safety & uniformity, sidewalks for all of Forest Hills would be best, but greater cost should be borne by households without present sidewalks.
When I moved in we had no sidewalks. I was forced to pay my own cost of the sidewalk. If this is approved, I would expect to be reimbursed for my sidewalk!
I absolutely DO NOT want to participate in a sidewalk program. Being a senior citizen it would be difficult to maintain snow removal from a public sidewalk. Since I have lived here since 1958 I have done well without a sidewalk and have always considered Western Springs a beautiful suburb with open boundaries.
Appears that the sidewalk path will cause damage to existing tree roots. We have no problem with pedestrians walking across our lawn if they wish. Save feasibility costs and apply those to other prospects.
Reference attached letter to Matthew Supert dated January 26, 2012.
First, the cost would be prohibitive. I am very happy with the look of my front lawn as it is. We live on a cul-de-sac so pedestrians are few. A sidewalk would interrupt the beauty of the lawn.
We have too much snow removal now. Additional sidewalks would only add to our burden.
If I pay to have sidewalks installed, then I expect the Village (Police) to enforce people from jogging, pushing baby strollers and congregating in the streets. I hope this is fair.
How much would this project add to our property tax bills? Would make Forest Hills more consistent with rest of W.S.

Please install sidewalks to show the Village cares about the safety of its residents. We actually chose not to buy a certain house in Western Springs, because it was on a block without sidewalks. People move to Western Springs to give their young children a nice environment to grow up in, and installing sidewalks will make it safer for children, adults and drivers.

This is a community enhancement and safety issue. The mismatched and incompatible sections of sidewalks (some corners in FH don't have cut slope to the street) causing changing of bike and walk patterns which result in potential injury and

A few years back I paid to have the sidewalk installed, several of the neighbors did not want sidewalks so we only have sidewalks in certain areas. They did not want them before & I am certain all would rebel again. No need to pay a lot of

Please confirm that votes of no are cross referenced against either those that may already have money in escrow or were recently extensively renovated

Sidewalks also increase property values.

Why do a survey then pay up to 100K for a feasible survey. Put the 100k toward the sidewalks.

I would like to see the Village take on the cost of adding sidewalks throughout all the neighborhoods. This could be done over the course of 10 or so years, beginning with those streets closest to schools and other public places frequented by children. Residents interested in receiving sidewalks more quickly than assigned could move forward sooner using the cost

n/a

not willing to pay for additional sidewalks

taxes, shoveling more (Its hard enough to shovel the driveway at my age, no one ever comes down here to the dead end cul-de-sac- not even trick or treaters in the 36 years I've lived here, only have 3 grammar school kids on the block & they all live

Please DO NOT waste money on a "FEASIBILITY" report. Sidewalks are feasible. We need a quote and a price per resident which should not cost much to obtain. Spend the money fixing the problem and not analyzing it. \$50K for a report is bad

I am on a fixed income and sidewalks are cost-prohibitive. I pay enough in property taxes and shouldn't be asked to kick in for sidewalks. This would be a forced tax that would ruin the character of the Forest Hills neighborhood. No sidewalks!

the lack of sidewalks creates safety issues in our neighborhood as residents need to walk and ride in streets.

We don't need sidewalks. We live on a cul-de-sac. My property taxes are sky-high and I do not want to have to pay to have sidewalks installed. Nor do I want to have my front lawn torn up to accommodate a new sidewalk. I see people walking in the street on blocks that have sidewalks...this idea is crazy. #nosidewalks

Having the current situation of patchwork sidewalk fragments only in front of the new construction homes is a bit "silly" and aside from looking odd, doesn't help getting off the street during walks, etc. Completing those sides of the street would be a safer alternative to the current situation.

Why are there not sidewalks consistently in the neighborhood? Always wondered.

It would be beneficial to have sidewalks consistently throughout Western Springs. Especially as people are more active in walking and running.

One of the deciding factors on purchasing 4728 Central was no sidewalk. The kids were able to use the whole front yard to play sports and wouldn't have been able to with a sidewalk.

It would be great if we could at get sidewalks so children can walk to school safely.

The discontinuous sidewalks is maddening. With small children and a large sweet dog, the stress of people whipping onto Grand Ave off of 55th is high. It's unbelievable that there aren't sidewalks in any residential location (esp WS) where it might be dangerous. ANY opening from 55th, Wolf, 47th, should have sidewalks for miles. I've almost been hit 4 times by speeding cars just casually walking my dog down Grand. It doesn't matter what time of the day it is. My 5th graders aren't allowed to ride their bikes b/c of the way people drive down these streets. Children are playing and speed trap signs do not help. Please install sidewalks...it's the right thing to do. Thank you

I paid extra for my home because the street had existing sidewalks and now your proposing that I pay more to take care of the shmucks who chose a street without them. Don't penalize me twice.

We set up an SSA twenty + years ago to pay for our present sidewalks. Therefore, we are not in favor of sharing the cost

As a mother who has walked her children hundreds of times to Forest Hills School, I can't tell you the number of times I have seen close calls on our morning walks to school that have made me want to be sick. Landscaping trucks, piles of leaves, work vehicles, and even a simple parked car pose as a major threat to a short child who cannot be seen by and is not keen enough to notice oncoming traffic as they walk (or bike) around such an obstruction. As an adult, I too have had numerous encounters that could have had tragic outcomes had it not been for the fact that I have learned to be constantly aware and

Is it possible to give the option for residents in non-sidewalk areas to fund the new sidewalks?

Do NOT spend \$50,000-\$100,000 on a feasibility study. This is absolutely ludicrous! Instead, put the money towards the cost of installing sidewalks. Sidewalks are absolutely needed and benefit the safety of the residents in Forest Hills.

We absolutely need complete sidewalks especially further south in Forest Hills - at the very least until 53rd street for all streets, then Lawn and Grand all the way down to 55th since those are thru streets and car traffic can be high and dangerous
It is extremely unsafe for children to not have sidewalks. We hope this is a top priority.
From a safety standpoint, all homes should have a sidewalk to designate walkways for residents and passerby's. It would especially keep children off the streets from oncoming vehicles.
We live directly across the street from the elementary school. Often times, both for school events and youth athletic events, vehicles will park on both sides of the street. Due to the lack of sidewalks, this leaves a narrow and dangerous walkway for pedestrians and restricts the visibility of drivers.
Would participate depending upon cost. Where feasible, consider sidewalk on one side of street.
Safety in the village is paramount. There should be sidewalks through all of Western Springs. The cost should be shared by all residents just as our streets and their maintenance are. Residents who have no sidewalk should not decide if they have should or should not have one. The sidewalks are on village, not private, property. I would also like to point out that the amount of money to pay for a feasibility study would pay for a lot of concrete!
Will the feasibility study, if needed, go out for public bid?
Please get sidewalk done!!
We need uniform sidewalks in Forest Hills
There has been no information provided or available on what the "revised sidewalk policy" is and without this information it is impossible to know if I would be supportive of the policy or new sidewalks. I'd recommend providing the homeowners with information on the "revised sidewalk policy" then resurvey the residents of Forest Hills.
I like how our lawn looks without sidewalks. It would look smaller with sidewalks. I believe a large tree I have would be impacted. I don't want the inconvenience of street tied up with trucks and construction. I don't want to pay anymore money. Older people live on the street and are not used to backing up and stopping before a sidewalk. They back to the end of the driveway and look for traffic. There could be an accident. It is not necessary.
I hate knowing my kids have to use the street on their bikes just a few blocks from my house. It tooo dangerous
I think it is very important for our community to have sidewalks, throughout, especially when a large majority of our children walk to school! I love Western Springs, and really the only complaint I would have about our town would be the lack of sidewalks. When my family and I take a walk to the downtown, it can be very stressful dodging cars with our kids. It can also be challenging walking our dogs around the neighborhood.
My sidewalk only is in front for 4 houses. Not having a continuous sidewalk in town and to/from school is a serious accident waiting to happen. Kids walk to school in streets shared by heavy traffic, more than 1/2 of which are landscape vehicles and
Overall, my wife and I are supportive of having sidewalks in areas that do not have them. There are many children living on both sides of the road, and a sidewalk would increase safety. Also, it would better improve the aesthetics of the town - who heard of half the side having a sidewalk and half without!
This is long overdue in our community to ensure safe and consistent pedestrian traffic by our neighbors of all ages and
I have noticed new construction, fully remodeled, and 2nd floor additions going up without sidewalks. If you read the city ordinance on the issue some of these homes should be required to have sidewalks. I want to help in any way I can.
This is one of the most pressing matters for the safety and welfare of residents. The culture of walking, running and pushing strollers etc along our roads in Forest Hills in conjunction with vehicle traffic poses significant safety risk. Therefore proper, uniform, and consistent sidewalks are essential.
My eliminate concern is the location/cost of the proposed sidewalk based on the location of a tree in front of my house. I also want to make sure that if we do not proceed with the sidewalk in front of the house that the Village will not revisit the proposed walkway behind our homes next to the creek that has already been rejected.
Just put in the sidewalks please!!! I will even pay for my 80 year old neighbor to put them in too.
We did not move to a community with a HOA program for reasons such as this. Neighbors should be not forced to pay for improvements to other's property. Those who purchased property in neighborhoods without sidewalks present were aware of the circumstance. Personally, we avoided looking at homes on Fair Elms for this very reason.
We believe that the sidewalks not being available is an issue for our entire community. There are multiple safety concerns as well non-uniformity with out them
Sidewalks are a critically important safety issue throughout FH. Uniform Sidewalks are essential!
Don't need a sidewalk, and don't need an unexpected and unwelcome cost to install a sidewalk that I don't want.
Having new builds put in sidewalks was a very underhanded policy. It is a way to influence the vote.

Will the construction of sidewalks, if approved, be impacted by the expected infrastructure for 5G cellular?
There is large tree on the parkway that would be adversely affected.
I have been living here for 30 years and am an avid runner and walker in all parts of town. I find that in winter, about 30% of the sidewalks are not even shoveled. I am sure there are rules and regulations to this matter, and yet it persists. Also for those who want to say that their kids need these to walk to school, that may be true for a few, however most drive their kids to school and as can be seen in the other parts of town, this will not change with sidewalks. Most of the missing walks are south of 53rd street and do not effect that many people.
the lack of continuity in the neighborhood is ascetically dis-pleasing, and does not help the safety of our residents.
Parking on the 4600 block of Grand and Lawn should be limited to one side of the street or the other. There are times when traffic on 47th Street is stopped because of cars trying to turn onto these streets.
Why pay money for a feasibility study? Put that \$\$\$ into the cost of the sidewalks. NO NEED to spend \$ on a study.
I am against paying for any sidewalks anywhere.
I had to pay for my sidewalks when I built my house, approximately \$5000 out of my pocket. Others should pay for their own sidewalks. People walk their dogs around blocks and we should have sidewalks throughout Forest Hills and each homeowner should be required to provide them
I believe our subdivision needs sidewalks to help kids be able to walk or bike to school. I also see a need as I regularly run, walk and walk my dog on those streets. I'm vigilant but have had some close calls.
I demand sidewalks for every single street in Western Springs. On a daily basis, children walking and on bikes and mothers with strollers are put at risk by having to walk in the street. It's horrifying that this problem hasn't been corrected yet. The city MUST take action before a child gets killed. Money is absolutely no excuse for the basic safety needs of our children.
Our street does not have sidewalks and is right by LT school. We have a lot of foot traffic and also a lot of cars come by to bypass Wolf and 47th. We strongly are in favor of sidewalks
I had to pay and install my own sidewalks. Wouldn't everyone be responsible for their own? Don't understand why I had to pay for mine and theirs.
In favor of adding sidewalks since my kids attend forest hills elementary and walk in the street
Thanks for taking on this worthy project! I hope it comes to fruition!
Would be willing to participate, subject to cost. I do not see the necessity of a feasibility study, esp at the cost estimated on
I find it ridiculous that the Village would spend \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a study. For \$100,000 the Village can install approximately 2,800 LF or 2 blocks of sidewalk. What percentage of Forest Hills has sidewalk already and how much sidewalk is required to sidewalk all of Forest Hills? I'm guessing 20,000 LF. What would the Village spend 15% of the budget on a study? This is why we have a Municipal Services Department. Get bid tabulations from other municipalities, get your employees to go out and measure or use Google Earth and provide the residents facts and figures, in terms of the cost per property. This should not a Village employee very long to do. Why hire a consultant? This survey is way too vague.
When we moved in we had to pay for sidewalks in front of our house so would hope that we don't have to pay for walks in front of other people's homes.
It's ridiculous there are streets without sidewalks in a village with the money to do it
Please, please put sidewalks everywhere for the safety of our children!
Even though we do not live in forest hills proper our children attend forest hills elementary and spend time in the neighborhood with friends, walking various areas. Additionally we live on 5100 block of fair elms for a year and a half. It is crazy that a community like western springs does not have sidewalks throughout town. This is not a convenience issue - it is a matter of safety. Old and young, able bodied and those with disabilities should be able to take advantage of this walkable community. Western springs touts itself as a walking friendly, family friendly village. Secondarily if there is funding to build a bike path within the village (which inevitably serves those passing through the village) there should first be sidewalks that
We are NOT interested in incurring any incremental costs for a feasibility study NOR are we interested in assuming any incremental cost for a sidewalk we don't want!!!!
I would like to see more speed controls on our streets, rather than spending that much on a study. To many people exceed the speed limits with their cell phones talking instead of concentrating on driving carefully. I am sure that sidewalks will solve
Sidewalks are a necessity throughout Western Springs, not just Forest Hills. With the increase in e commerce shopping, landscaping, and home repair the streets are just not a safe place for any pedestrian. A village wide referendum would be a great plan to fund and install sidewalks everywhere.

We find it wasteful and irresponsible to spend \$50,000-\$100,000 on a feasibility study. Instead, please do a free survey to determine if majority of residents want and can afford to contribute to the cost of installing sidewalks. Then, use the money towards that installation cost. We believe the \$50,000-\$100,000 should go only to installation and NOT toward any study.

Will the residents who want the sidewalks pay for those who do not want to pay for a sidewalk on their property?

This is something the village should pay for.

I feel that those areas that do not have sidewalks are the ones who should be contributing.

I believe any house on Central should have a sidewalk. All kids must go down Central to get to Forest Hills School. Sidewalks should be there. Also, I paid for 300 feet of sidewalk at my home. I don't want to pay for anybody else's sidewalk. Let homeowners pay that have moved into a house that currently didn't have a sidewalk. The seller should have to pay for new owners sidewalk before their is a closing. This should of never been an issue. It's a simple fix.

I do not believe we need to spend \$50-\$100K to do a feasibility study. It's outrageous.

My house is on a corner -- wondering which side the sidewalk would be on... Also wondering about estimated cost (ballpark) to homeowner.

We don't need higher taxes especially to pay for something we don't want in the first place. We feel that sidewalks would detract from the appearance of the Forest Hills neighborhood by removing trees, ornamental bushes, and grass. This issue was discussed many years ago, and there are many residents opposed to sidewalks. Do not waste Village money on a feasibility study. The money could be better used to help maintain our crumbling infrastructure.

New construction has had to pay for sidewalks on their own. Our area had a special referendum and assessments over 3 years to pay for them in our area. We should not have to pay for sidewalks (effectively twice taxed for them) in other areas of town based on these village actions in the past.

We are a corner lot so only 1 side has sidewalks. While I am in favor of adding a sidewalk to the other side, I am not in favor of sharing the cost, the sidewalk would not benefit us but would benefit others. I would think the village should be

In areas where there ARE sidewalks, pedestrians still walk/jog in the street - to the point of walking two to three abreast and don't move over for vehicles. I am NOT in favor of paying for sidewalks.

Few Questions: 1) Can you explain how sidewalks are prioritized above water and drainage? If there is a concern for safety, I believe water drainage is more important from a health perspective and any monies should go towards addressing that issue. 2) I'd like to see a survey that says, should we focus on sidewalks or water / drainage first and see what residents say. 3) Why is this just a Forest Hills issue and not a Western Springs Issue? Please feel free to email or call me 312 925 9005 or

All streets in Forest Hills need to have sidewalks. It is unfair for the kids to walk to school in the streets. It also is a safety hazard for all pedestrians. It will help with home values as well. I'm speaking for all homes on streets without sidewalks. Families with small children want sidewalks. This is a must for the community.

I'm also concerned about current sidewalks (not) being maintained - with cracks/broken cement causing walking/running hazards. Thank you.

Please don't spend 50-100k on the study. If it costs around \$3500/house and you need to do 120 houses then its going to cost \$420,000. If the village pays 30% and you divide the rest evenly among the 900 houses it will cost every house \$327.

I think for the safety of all community members and guests there should be sidewalks on every property and every street. It should not have to take an accident in order for the village to understand that sidewalks = safety for all.

Should be a Village priority! Instead of spending \$50,000-\$100,000 on feasibility study, take that money and build sidewalks!

We don't need to waste tax dollars on a study.

I am comfortable with the current policy with the home/property owner being responsible for covering the cost of installing a sidewalk if they do not have one.

Question #3 is way too vague to provide YES or NO answer. At some point YES and at some point NO. Over the past 32 years we have lived in WS, the RE Tax base in Forest Hills has gone up tremendously due to all of the tear downs. I would argue it has gone up tremendously more than other parts of WS and has therefore provided many more taxes to the coffers of WS. There should be plenty of \$\$\$s available to subsidize those neighbors sidewalks - if in fact the Survey says they want

We are located 2 houses off of a dead end street. The only vehicles that pass are residents next door. We have lived here for 49 years while our children were growing.

Sidewalks are an important - even vital - addition to the Forest Hills neighborhood.

Current policy is fine.

I should not have to pay for a sidewalk that is not part of my property. The Village can install it but I am not paying for it.

I support sidewalks, but feel that the village should cover 100% of the cost.

I don't really understand this question. By asking me if I'm in favor of "participating" in the cost share program, are you asking me if I'm willing to share the cost of putting sidewalks where they don't currently exist? Or are you asking if I'm in favor of the village simply having a cost share program for those that don't have a sidewalk? I answered "no" because I don't

We all can choose to live anywhere in this world: We chose WS for many reasons. When my kids were children, they would ride their bikes and walk to and from their friend's homes. Navigating the town on sidewalks is, undeniably, safer. Also, as a former daily dog walker, and now an active daily walker, continuous sidewalks provide my wife and I the opportunity to interact with the community, and safely take-in the neighborhood. It is our community. This shared investment is good for the community and good for the values of our properties.

We need sidewalks in our neighborhood. There is a lot of foot traffic from children and commuters. For their safety, we need sidewalks to keep them out of the street! Also, for the beauty of our community, it would be nice to have one consistent sidewalk. Currently, a few new construction homes have a small sidewalk in front of their home that leads to nowhere. It's an eye sore to not have a uniform look throughout the neighborhood.

No one uses the sidewalks...all runners/bikers/joggers are on the streets

It is simply unsafe having people, most importantly children, walking and riding bikes in the streets. With sidewalks randomly in some places and not others it makes it even more dangerous as you have people darting in and out of the street traffic multiple times on a given block. Lets not wait until someone is injured or killed before we take care of this!

Houses required to install sidewalks during construction should be rebated the same from their expected contribution today.

Although my home already has a sidewalk, my husband and I are very in favor of ALL of Forest Hills having sidewalks so that our kids, and all of the kids in our neighborhood are safe walking to Forest Hills School. There are also a lot of senior citizens who take walks down our street. In a town as affluent and family-filled as Western Springs is, there is no reason that all of

We tried to get sidewalks installed in the 5200, 5300 and 5400 blocks about 12+ years ago but were ultimately unsuccessful. As a result, we paid 100% of the cost to install a sidewalk in front of our house. It would be unfair to require us to help pay for other sidewalks unless we were compensated by the village for part of our out-of-pocket costs for our sidewalk.

Would it save on the \$50-100k to simply bid the job out?

Besides the unwanted, unnecessary expense, we feel that it will give children a false sense of security as people are normally backing out of their driveways.

We built our house and were forced to finish our sidewalk. Each resident should be responsible for finishing their sidewalk at a reduced Village rate.

Please leave us alone! Those of us living by Flagg Creek had to organize against the bike trail in our back yards idea. Now sidewalks. Let's save our money and enjoy the green space!

Even though I am not considered a Forest Hills resident because I live on Commonwealth, my children still attend Forest Hills School and have to walk or ride their bike on the street to get to school. As a safety issue, I support having sidewalks put in throughout the Forest Hills area.

Sidewalks needed for safety. Lots of children on the block walking to and from St John and Forest Hills. Additionally with two church lots, cars cut through and speed out from Wolf Road onto 52nd block of Lawn Ave.

I believe sidewalks everywhere is a necessity for the safety of all children and adults in the neighborhood.

I would also strongly prefer sidewalks with curb ramps.

My sidewalk does not solve the problems of my family walking/riding bikes anywhere because once you hit the end of our side of the block, there's no more sidewalks. With 2 little kids that will be walking to FHills elementary starting next year, it's crazy to me that the sidewalks are so few and far between. It's imperative for the safety of our community that sidewalks are installed throughout so that no one has to worry. It's so stressful letting my 3 year old ride his bike anywhere with

If existing village-provided parkway trees are impacted by sidewalk installation, will the impacted trees be relocated/ replaced at no cost to homeowner?

I believe that all of the new construction going on in the village should have as a requirement that sidewalks be put in place where none already exist as part of the building permitting.

Yes yes yes! We would love to have sidewalks for our littles and would be willing to contribute our fair share to install one in front of our property. We used to live on the 5400 block of grand and it was a significant concern with our little kids and fast drivers. Recommend priority to the blocks that border major roads.

We have a lot of young children on this street. It's important to have sidewalks. I see young families buying here in the future as well so I believe it would be a good investment

Why do we need a feasibility study - we should use that money for sidewalks.

It's hard to answer if we really have no idea how much this might cost us. I wouldn't accept this unless I did.

<p>Pedestrian and traffic volume are up significantly compared to when the original Forest Hills homes were built and sidewalks were omitted to preserve a country like atmosphere. It is now a safety issue and with pedestrian fatalities up significantly nationwide, we are on notice of the risk to our children, dog walkers and all pedestrians by continuing without sidewalks in I believe every block needs a sidewalk on at least one side of the street</p>
<p>Having elementary aged students I feel it is a necessity for their safety to have sidewalks on one side of the street to walk to school on. There have been to many close calls with cars in the morning while walking to school to take this gamble with Children's' lives any longer.</p>
<p>We should have sidewalks throughout for equal access to safe passages. This is a huge issue for all children riding bicycles, people pushing strollers, using walkers, wheelchairs etc. We should not wait for a community tragedy to force this to occur. We must be mindful, contentious citizens, and do what is fair and just to insure there are safe passages and equal access for all of our community. We wholeheartedly support this passing.</p>
<p>Yes and more streetlights please! Thank you for asking for feedback!!!</p>
<p>Having sidewalks is a safety issue and I believe we should have them throughout the village.</p>
<p>We paid for our sidewalk to be installed less than 10 years ago, the last time Forest Hills sidewalks were an issue. We have NO interest in now being given a bill for people who elected to not put sidewalks in then.</p>
<p>Sidewalks would be a wonderful improvement in the neighborhood so the kids don't have to ride bikes and play in the</p>
<p>I find it completely ridiculous that the Village is considering spending \$50-\$100,000 on a feasibility study. This money should go to putting in sidewalks. Its for the safety of our community and should come out of our taxes. Put it towards the sidewalks - not the study - We need to have sidewalks on all streets!!!!</p>
<p>We moved from Old Town six years ago and were quite surprised at how much we had to walk in the street due to the lack of sidewalks. This needs to be addressed.</p>
<p>It is not safe to walk in the middle of the street with small kids. Please do whatever is necessary.</p>
<p>We have two small children and navigating the short, but sidewalk-less walk to one of our beautiful neighborhood parks is very dangerous. We live on 54th street, and cars drive way way way way too fast. There are no stop signs running east/west from Woodland to Wolf Rd on 54th, so cars can get quite fast. We have had numerous close calls with distracted drivers narrowly missing our stroller. As our children grow up in this neighborhood, they will make friends down the street, and I'd like for them to enjoy the freedom to run safely around the neighborhood that I enjoyed, growing up at 5108 Woodland. Thank you in advance for considering this. - Meredith & Colin Peterik</p>
<p>Would only participate if everyone on block is going to participate. Senseless for me to have sidewalk if next door neighbor</p>
<p>I do not see the need for a study or sidewalk program, if homeowners without sidewalks want one, let them pay for it.</p>
<p>I am in favor of participating in the actual cost of the work...as a village, we don't need to spend \$50,000 for a feasibility study...the Village should have multiple Profession Engineering firms submit design proposals and then have multiple design-build contractors submit budgets for the actual work...a feasibility study is not a wise use of funds...</p>
<p>We desperately need sidewalks for the safety of our children, family, and people of all ages in the Forest Hills area.</p>
<p>We would like for more street lights to be installed before sidewalks are put in. Thank you.</p>
<p>We believe sidewalks are so important for the safety of all pedestrians... especially kids. We have the amazing opportunity for our kids to walk to school, but so many of us don't take advantage of this because of the lack of sidewalks. It's unsafe given all of the car traffic, landscape trucks and construction trucks.</p>
<p>I dont understand the study cost. How about an estimate for free by block. Waste of money to do the study. Seems like the board could do it after they get a couple of estimates. I really hope this can happen it will make a big difference. Thank you for putting this together, I hope your leadership will see it finished by end of next summer!</p>
<p>Why would the village survey the entire Forest Hills subdivision including residents that already have existing sidewalks? Would it not be more appropriate to survey only those residents that do not have existing sidewalks? The Survey results will not be a true example of the desire of non-sidewalk residents. ie.....the survey results will be highly skewed. Secondly, does the village really need to spend \$50-\$100K for a feasibility study???? Wouldn't those funds be more appropriately spent going into the sidewalk project? This study is highly suspect. It shows that the village truly does not care about it's residents</p>
<p>I think sidewalks will benefit the whole neighborhood and be safer for pedestrians.</p>
<p>those without should pay for their sidewalk</p>
<p>those without sidewalks should pitch in and pay for their own</p>
<p>We need sidewalks. Forest Hills has too many young children and families walking around to be using the streets as a way to commute throughout our community.</p>

Sidewalks around Forest Hills school would make it safer for the kids walking to and from
Cost
We have always paid to keep up our sidewalks. I feel people without them should have to pay to put them in with the village paying 30% like the rest of us that have had sidewalks. All homes should have sidewalks.
Sidewalks only work if everyone has them. The safety risk in our community is too great to ignore. Please proceed with the study to develop an efficient and cost effective plan for our community.
We have very small children and it is so unsafe to have them walking in the street to go places. There's not a lot of street lights so it's hard for cars to see people and kids on the road. This is a safety concern! Also, kids riding bikes in the street because they have no option to ride in the sidewalk. We need sidewalks here immediately
The answer to question 3 is "it depends". What is a Village cost share program? I paid 100% of the cost for the sidewalk on our lot in 2006. I am not interested in now funding other sidewalks, unless it comes out of the Village general fund, i.e. supported by property taxes by all property owners in the entire Village. The village should either mandate that property owners pay for the installation of a sidewalk on their property, or it should be paid for by the Village entirely for all properties in the Village where a sidewalk does not exist. I am 100% against paying for a special assessment for Forest Hills,