

Roads and Vehicular Circulation

Winton Road is a major arterial in the Hamilton County Thoroughfare Plan. It has a required right of way (ROW) of 120'. Winton Road travels north-south, linking the Village to I-275 to the north and to Ronald Reagan (Cross County) Highway to the south. The speed limit on Winton Road is 35 MPH. Speed limit on local streets is 25 MPH.

The average daily traffic count was 25,000 in 2000¹ on Winton Road, north of Lakeview Dr. Winton Road splits the Village into east and west sections. East and west sections connect at two intersections: Winton at Damon/Ingram Road, and Winton at Cromwell/Farragut Road. Winton Road carries the majority of through traffic with heavy usage at peak hours.

The Village of Greenhills has 14 miles of local roads. The street network in Greenhills includes a major arterial (Winton Road), local streets that play a connector role (Damon/Ingram and Cromwell/Farragut), local streets that traverse the neighborhoods, and cul-de-sacs.

Many of the suburban houses originally built included one off-street parking space. Sets of stand alone garages were also provided for rent to residents. Several of the stand alone garages are gone because of redevelopment as apartments and condos. Parking needs in residential areas have increased. Parking in the business district is provided on surface lots that surround the buildings. Parking in the business district seems adequate at this time. There are over five acres of municipal parking lots.

Walkability, Pedestrian, and Bicyclist Circulation

Sidewalks enhance pedestrian and cyclist mobility within a community. Safe pedestrian dedicated paths increase the “walkability” of the Village, connecting residents to destination points. Greenhills has approximately 25 miles of sidewalks/pedestrian pathways. Typical amenities for pedestrians and cyclists are bike racks and benches. In Greenhills, they are mostly concentrated in the Village center. Benches can also be found throughout the residential areas.

Community facilities, which are typical destination points, are mainly located on the east side of the Village. They include the swimming pool, golf course, library, the commons, an assortment of retail and service stores, village administration, schools, churches, and parks. There are a number of parks and churches on the west side of the Village that also function as destination points. In general terms, walking and biking are considered leisure activities not transportation modes in Greenhills.

Walk Score² is a non profit organization that ranks 2,508 neighborhoods in the largest 40 U.S. cities based on walkability. This helps interested people find walkable places to live. Walk Score calculates the walkability of an address by locating nearby stores, restaurants, schools, parks, etc. Walk Score measures how easy it is to live a “car-lite” lifestyle; not how pretty the area is for walking. Some of the Greenhills neighborhoods ranked in the 50-69 range, “Somewhat Walkable,” in which some stores and amenities are within walking distance, but many everyday trips still require a bike, public transportation, or a car. Other areas fell in the 25-49 range, the “Car Dependent,” in which only a few destinations are within easy walking distance. For most errands, driving or public transportation is a must.

¹ OKI – Traffic Count – Hamilton County Directory 1995-2006

² <http://www.walkscore.com/how-it-works.shtml>



Map 14 Suggested Greenhills Pedestrian Network Improvements

Source: Greenhills Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transportation Circulation Plan, University of Cincinnati Transportation Seminar - Spring 2008

In Greenhills, most local streets have sidewalks on both sides of the street. Wider sidewalks can be found on streets near the elementary school and middle school. Along Winton Road there is a sidewalk only on one side of the street at any given point. From the southern border to Farragut, the sidewalk is on the west side. From Farragut to the northern border, the sidewalk is on the east side of Winton Road.

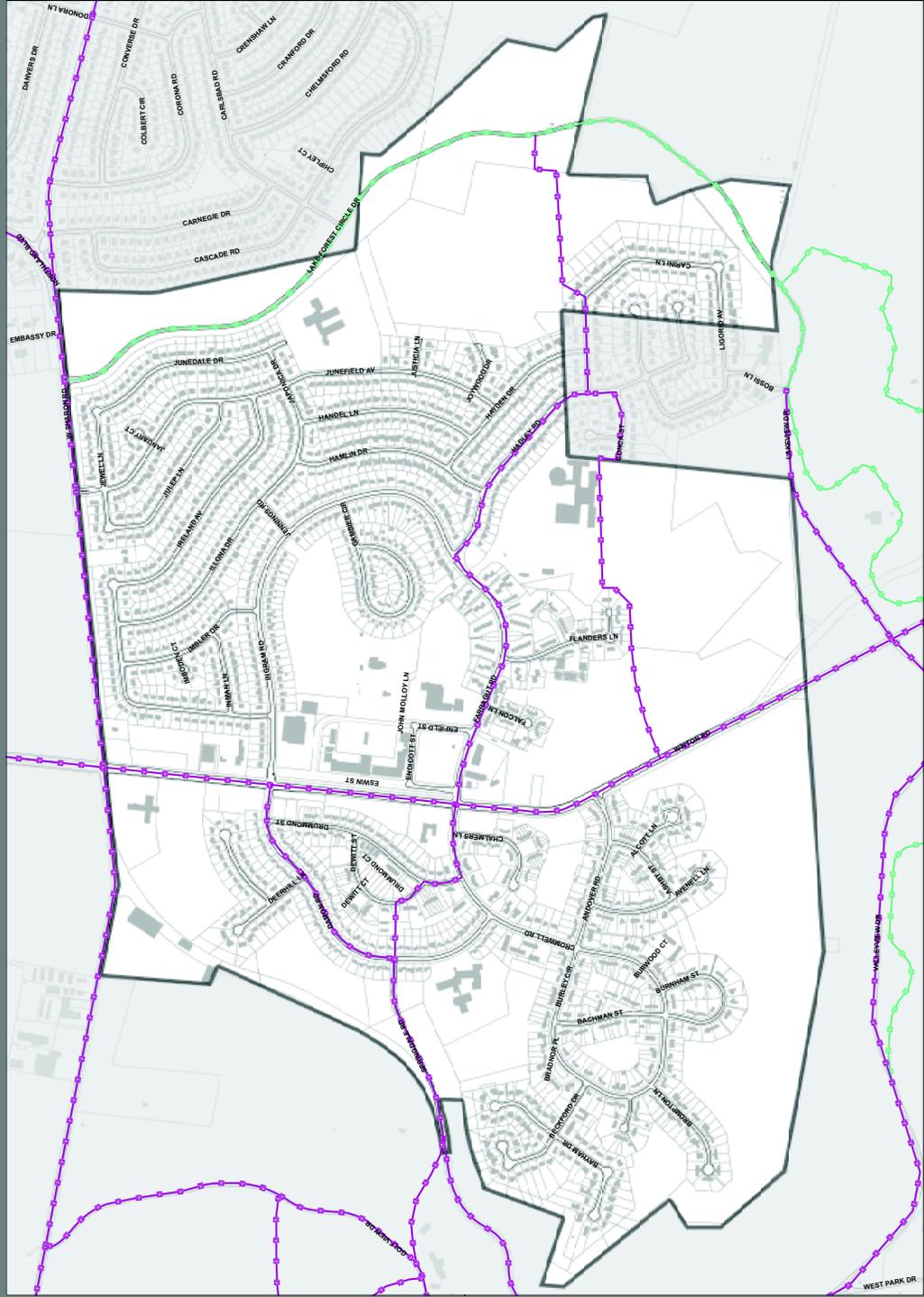
Winton Road splits the Village into east and west sides. Connectivity between both sides of the Village is automobile-dependent. There are traffic lights on Winton Road at Farragut and at Damon Roads. They are not timed for pedestrian crossing, making it unsafe for pedestrian or cyclist to cross the street.

The University of Cincinnati conducted a Transportation Seminar in the spring of 2008 that evaluated local conditions and regional plans to address connectivity and circulation issues focusing on pedestrian and bicycle transit.³ Recommendations from the Greenhills Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transportation Circulation Plan include:

- Establish Greenhills as a cultural and recreational destination
 - Build on cultural and historic resources in the Village
 - Ease access to/from Winton Woods
 - Promote awareness of recreational opportunities in and near Greenhills
- Enhance internal pedestrian and bicycle transit safety and access
 - Enhance crosswalks, internal sidewalks
 - Utilize traffic calming tools to reduce speed of traffic throughout the Village
 - Add amenities (bike racks, water fountains, benches, restrooms)
 - Enhance sidewalks and crosswalks on Winton Road.
- Increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to Winton Woods and Forest Park
 - Coordinate bike trail connection/extension with Hamilton County Park system
 - Coordinate bicycle trail connections with Forest Park
- Improve infrastructure to serve diverse mobility needs of population
 - Comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility regulations, crosswalks and curb ramps, selection of materials for trail surfaces
 - Enhance bus stop amenities, signage, and upgrade shelters

³ Greenhills Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transportation Circulation Plan. University of Cincinnati. Transportation Seminar. Spring 2008

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

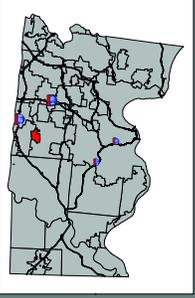


Bike & Pedestrian Path Map

- Legend**
- Proposed Bike/Ped. Path (1)
 - Existing Bike/Ped. Path (2)
 - Buildings
 - Parcels

Source:
 (1) Greenhills Pedestrian, Bicycle & Transportation Circulation Plan 2008 (University of Cincinnati)
 (2) Hamilton County Park District

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Comprehensive Plan
 Greenhills
 Hamilton County, Ohio
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Map 15 Bike & Pedestrian Path

Source: Greenhills Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transportation Circulation Plan
 University of Cincinnati Studio

Public Transportation

Residents in Greenhills do not depend on public transportation to get to work. According to 2000 Census data 88.6% of residents work outside the Village and 92.1% drive to work. Around 80% of Greenhills' residents travel 15-20 minutes every day to work.

The bus routes⁴ that currently serve Greenhills are the 20 Winton-Tri-County and 20x Forest Park Express. The express service offers five morning and five afternoon trips, plus the local service on the 20 that runs throughout the day during the week and on Saturdays (but not Sundays). This service basically runs along Winton Road. Only 45% of all residential units within Greenhills have pedestrian access to a bus stop.⁵

(See Bus Route Map on next page)

⁴ Greenhills is served by SORTA (South Ohio Regional Transit Authority) Queen City Metro Bus service. The bus service functions with a hub downtown. The radial system links suburbs to downtown with little east-west connectivity provided.

⁵ Greenhills Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transportation Circulation Plan. University of Cincinnati. Transportation Seminar. Spring 2008. Page 17.

