



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Healthy Neighborhoods

Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney
Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Scotty Johnson

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

5:30 PM Mt. Washington Recreation Center, 1715 Beacon
Street. Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Report - Jaime Castle, President

ENCAMPMENTS

Parks Board - Jason Barron, Director

Police - Officer Wendelyn Martin

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN MT WASHINGTON

Mt. Washington CDC - Joe Sandman, President

BUSINESS DISTRICT UPDATE

Mt. Washington CURC

Wendy O'Neil, President

Bob Wetterer, Vice President

PARK PROGRAMMING - SPAC (STANBERRY PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL)

Marc Raab, President

Priscilla Elgersma, Board Member

AGENDA

[202500112](#) PRESENTATION submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Mt. Washington CDC, Wendy O'Neil; President and Joe Sandman; Vice President. Regarding development projects in the Mt. Washington Community.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

[202500113](#) PRESENATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Mt. Washington Community Council, Jamie Castle; President. Regarding Mt. Washington Community updates.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Mt. Washington CDC

Organizational Pillars

- Equitable and stable housing
- Revitalized NBD
- Trail Connection to Little Miami Trail network

The Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation is a non-profit whose mission is to nurture and advance our diverse and inclusive community through sustainable growth for all.



Mt. Washington CDC Board

Wendy O'Neal
President

Joe Sandmann
Vice President

Sam Morgan-Jablonski
Treasurer

Dr. Katie Stefani
Secretary

Mike Seiber

Jim Tucker

Frank Busofsky

Damian Dotterweich

Nick Stone

Real Estate Development *Ice & Beer*

- Purchase funded by NBDIP
- Currently controlled by the Hamilton County Land Bank
- Developer should complete white box this Spring
- Prospective tenants being pursued





Real Estate
Development
*Affordable Senior
Housing*

- Property Acquisition funded by the Quick Strike Grant
- Developer: Sieber Construction
- 4% with OLIHTC Project
- 54 affordable senior units
- Tentative Spring 2026 project start

Business District Parking Lot

- Funded by NBDIP
- NBD's only FREE lot, owned by the MW CURC
- MtW CDC managed Construction
- Upgraded lights to LED
- Added outlets
- New parking surface and sidewalk
- Cameras monitored by CPD
- Signage
- Potential EV station





Business District Facade Improvement Project

- Encouraging economic development of Mt. Washington by supporting existing and new local small business owners
- Grant Funding from NBDIP
- OSG
- Beautify NBD and help with street calming
- 9 reviewed; 8 will be awarded

Economic Development & Placemaking

- Community Biergartens, Bike & Recycling Event
- Partners: Volunteers, Girls Rock Cincinnati, Big Ash Brewery, Studio Beechmont
- Community engagement
- Community Entertainment District designation
- ULI
- Yard & Company
- UC DAAP





Seeds of Change

- Funding through City of Cincinnati Office of Environment & Sustainability
- 2 new bike racks + 9 racks from City in business district
- e-Waste Recycling, Community Bike Safety Fair and Bike Ride in Stanbery Park
 - Bike safety course with Cincinnati Police Department
 - Free helmets, bike lights, bike locks
 - 500 lbs. of e-waste diverted from landfill
 - 2 children received a new free bike in raffle
 - Free Bike Repairs
 - 7 community partners

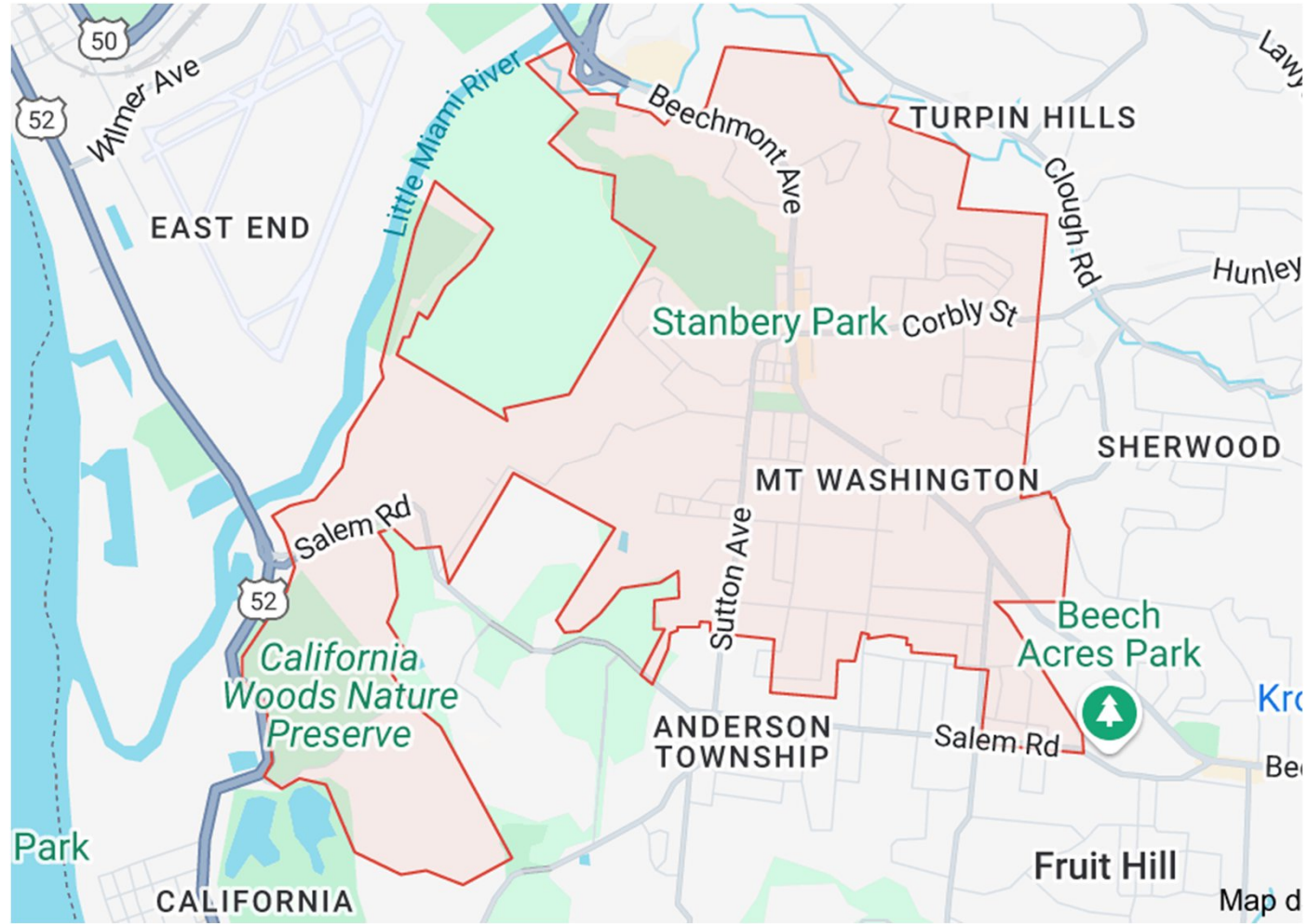




Little Miami Trail Connector

- Goal is to connect the business district to the largest multi-use trail network in the country
- Bringing visitors and economic activity to the business district
- Connecting and activating Stanbery Park while also addressing vagrancy and erosion issues.





Mt. Washington is the city of Cincinnati's easternmost neighborhood

Fun Facts

Population: 20,540 at the [2020 census](#)

Square Miles: 3.808

Established: 1846

Incorporation to the city: 1911

Schools: 6

Churches: 6

Banks/restaurants/businesses

Amenities:

Kroger Grocery Store

Post Office

Fire Station #7

American Legion Post 484

MtW Rec Center & pool

Public Library

Historical Cemetery

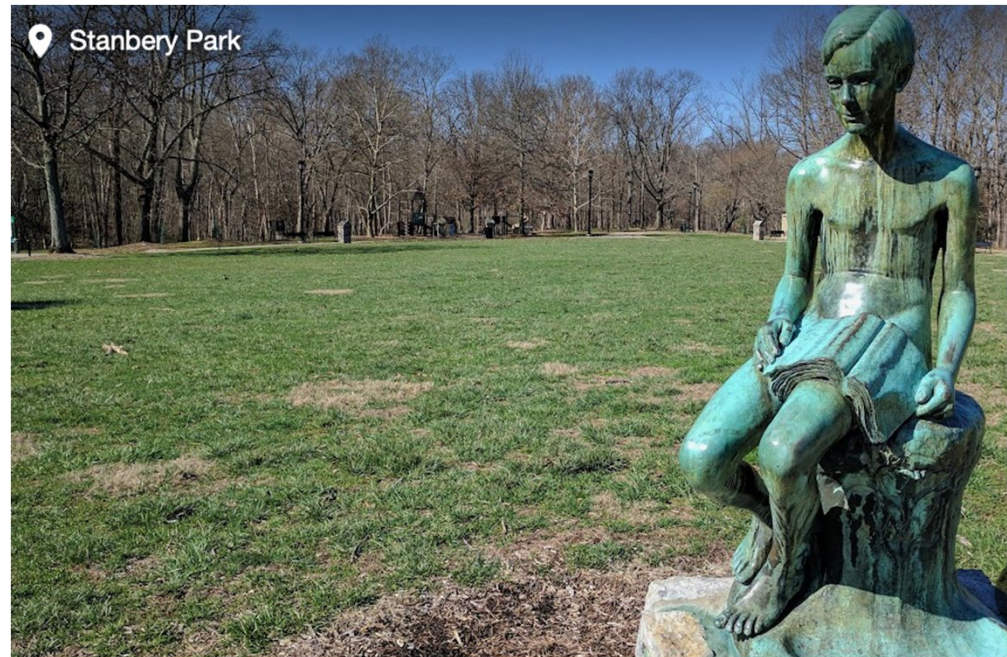
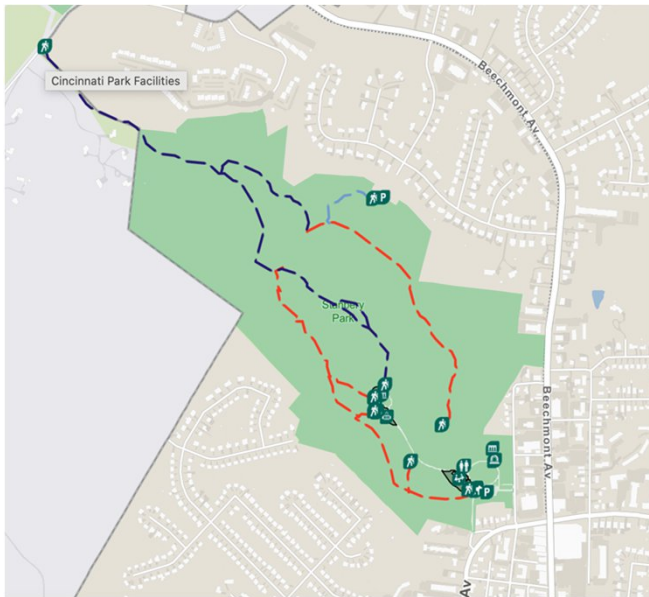
MtW Landmark

The Mt. Washington Water Tower is a concrete Art Deco style tower that holds 3,000,000 gallons of water and went into service in November 1940. It's height is 198 feet



Stanbery Park

125 acres, extensive hiking trails, Kyle Plush Pavilion, picnic shelter, public restrooms, playground, premiere sledding hill - and home to Pumpkin Chuck!



Affordability Amenities

Many rental housing units (44% of housing is rental)

Detached home average price: \$188,163

Second hand stores: Goodwill and St. Vincent DePaul

SEM Food Pantry

Healthsource - free vending harm reduction machine

Laundromat

Public Transportation

Walkability

Demographics of MtW

Housing Units: 9,935 - families: 59.1%, individuals: 36.2%

Race: White: 84.1%, Black/African American: 7.5%, Asian: 1.8%, Hispanic or Latino 2.7%, from two or more races: 5.6%, Native American: 0.2%, Some other race: 0.9%

Age: Under 18: 26.3%, 18-64: 58.3%, 65+: 15.4%

Gender: women: 52.8%, men: 47.2%

Estimated median annual income for a household: \$75,785

Family Households below poverty line: 5.9%

Adults with a Bachelor's degree or higher: 51.8%

HISTORY of MWCC

Residents of Mt. Washington formed the Mt. Washington Community Council (MWCC) in 1925 to help represent the needs and interests of the community, which, at that time, felt like a long way, physically and otherwise, from governing bodies in downtown Cincinnati.

PURPOSE

MWCC, continues to empower Mt. Washington residents by representing the views and opinions of community members to the city's governing agencies, as well as, educating residents on any relevant policies and actions taken by city leaders. MWCC brokers the city's Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) grant annually, through an open vetting and voting process with membership. MWCC assists Mt. Washington residents, property and business owners in dealing with zoning, land use, traffic, safety, beautification, crime prevention, recreation and many other issues affecting our community.

MWCC organizes the Pumpkin Chuck, held the first Saturday after Halloween, every year.



Issues faced in MtW

Lack of sidewalks

Influx of Unhoused people not wanting services - fears of safety and inability of residents to enjoy public park and spaces, businesses losing business, trash piles up, used needles litter

Traffic - safety concerns: speeding and not stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks

Beechmont Avenue's poor condition: constantly gets potholes and is a patchwork

Theft - car theft and property theft from cars

Concern regarding distance from District 2 HQ

Unsightly medians going up the hill - many missing trees and constant weeds

Private roads that residents would like the city to takeover