

1. What happens to the homeowners property rain water drain pipes which empty into the current ditch? Will they get connected to what is installed in the ditch?

Gerry S., 5 Aug 2024, 11:49

Downspout lines situated within the ditch line will be connected to the new storm pipes being installed as part of this project. However, if an existing downspout line is in a ditch where no new storm pipe work is planned, the downspout line will remain unchanged.

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2. Wanted to take a minute today to express that I am in favor of the sidewalk on Valley View Road. There has been ample amount of time for homeowners to come forward with concerns and questions- I hope we can move forward quickly with the construction of the sidewalks.

K Rollins , 6 Aug 2024, 11:35

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on this project.

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3. As a Valley View resident between Hunting Hollow and Hines Hill, I am fully in favor of the proposed sideway project. The street is way too busy to be able to run or walk my dogs safely on the shoulder.

Tracy Buchanan, 6 Aug 2024, 11:48

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on this project.

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4. I am a Valley View Road resident coming in far too late to this thread. But... 1. The comment referencing that the "95 homes within the neighborhood feel as though we are being punished or completely ignored."- was this validated with a signed petition of 95 owners (the total number of homes in the HOA) that I never saw? How many attendees of the council informational meeting represented the 95? 2. Valley View is still a busy dangerous street- would not let my young ones ride bikes on it or cross it alone. The 4 way light and speed limit drop have helped, but cars open up after the light. We have lost 2 mailboxes to hit and runs in non winter

conditions. 3. This additional walk at the high price tag, really goes nowhere- it opens up additional walking steps but we can go to Middleton quite easily. Why not extend the walks from VV and HH to Prospect and finish Prospect's sidewalk? We could walk to the library or St Mary's church. 4. I am curious as to how many Valley View residents are ready to give up their chosen semi-ruralness of Valley View and the privacy, and embrace the welcome mat to solicitors who will now be able to walk to each door and having to shovel and de-ice the sidewalks. The MUP comment should have been considered since this road is a popular bike route for groups.

Brenda C, 11 Jul 2024, 19:32

1. The City has not received any petition from residents of the Connecticut Colony neighborhood. The City has received comments from a few residents that reside in Connecticut Colony.
2. Earlier this year, the speed limit along Valley View Road was lowered from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. In addition, as part of the recent paving project, the edge lines along the roadway were moved in to push vehicles away from the road edge and lower speeds. Staff will be collecting additional speed data along Valley View Road to verify that the addition improvements have lowered driver speeds along this section of roadway.
3. A future trail extension along Prospect Street, from Steepleview Dr, north over the turnpike to Hines Hill Road is scheduled for design and construction. The project has been split into phases and is scheduled for final construction in 2027.
4. Residents along Valley View Road along the proposed sidewalk alignment are requested to provide public input via this website, by calling the City of Hudson Engineering Dept (330-342-1770) or attending the public input meeting rescheduled for 7/22/24. The results of public input will be collated and shared with City Council at a Council Workshop scheduled for August 27.

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5. Which side of the road will the Valley View Sidewalk be on, between Hines Hill and Middleton? It appears to be on the South/West Side. Is this correct?

Brent C, 22 Jul 2024, 13:36

The recommended alignment along Valley View Road, between Hines Hill and Middleton Rd, is the east side of the road.

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6. I am a resident on Valley View Rd., between Hines Hill and Middleton Rds. What is the current status of the sidewalk project along this stretch of Valley View, please? We received a letter regarding the evaluation of this possibility, and wondered what the current updates are. Thank you.

Spiro M, 24 Jun 2024, 17:41

The sidewalk section along Valley View Road between Hines Hill and Middleton Road is currently in the preliminary design phase. A public meeting will be held with residents regarding the overall sidewalk plan and selected side of the road for a new sidewalk installation on July 11 from 6:00-8:00pm at Hudson City Hall. Letters will be sent to property owners along the project alignment notifying them of the public input meeting in the coming days. Staff will then present the preliminary design and gathered public input to City Council at the August 6th Workshop ahead of finalizing the design and bidding the project later this fall.

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7. Hello, as a resident of Valley View Rd, I am wondering what the cost uplift of a Multi-Use Path (MUP) is versus just a standalone sidewalk. There are numerous safety benefits to including a wider walkway that incorporates bicyclists like myself (and 68% of Americans) who would prefer to cycle on grade-separated paths away from high speed motor vehicles, and more often than not, the cost uplift to an asphalt 6- or 8-ft MUP is not be significantly more than a sidewalk after having worked on the planning committees of other municipalities. The section of MUP that has already been placed on Valley View from 91 to Hunting Hollow is great, and I wish we had more of that kind of walk and bike infrastructure in Hudson. Plus, when you're looking at an estimated lifespan of 50 years or more for MUPs and sidewalks, it makes sense to me to be as inclusive as possible of all forms of non-car mobility as we move toward a more sustainable future powered by active transportation, and this is 100% the perfect opportunity to do this sort of project. If the city has not already considered the possibility, I would highly urge them to do a cost analysis of this oftentimes inexpensive upgrade to demonstrate a more forward-thinking nature.

Wendell, 19 Apr 2024, 22:40

The sidewalk alignments along Hines Hill Road and Valley View Road were identified in the City's 2021-2025 Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan, also known as the Connectivity Plan. The alignments of the future sidewalks and trails were selected for inclusion via public input that included residents, City staff, and City Council. This plan reflects ongoing efforts to enhance safe and practical non-vehicular connectivity across Hudson. Public input sessions in 2020, attended by residents, City Council members, the Mayor, and City staff, facilitated the identification of potential alignments, ranking, and estimated budgets for these projects. Following these sessions, the findings were consolidated into the City's Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan 2021-2025, accessible for review [here](#).

Analysis of construction costs over the past three years indicates that concrete sidewalks have proven cheaper to install per linear foot compared to asphalt trails. For instance, recent asphalt trail projects along Valley View Road and recent project from other municipalities in Ohio averaged \$325 per linear foot, while recent sidewalk projects along Middleton Road, Stow Road, and SR 303 averaged \$200 per linear foot. Given a larger footprint, factors such as environmental impacts, storm improvements and potential private property acquisitions, further contribute to increased costs for trails compared to concrete sidewalks.

Also, previous proposals for asphalt trails adjacent to residential properties of Hudson have encountered significant property owner pushback, with concerns including aesthetics of a trail in the front of the property, increased snow/ice removal maintenance of a wide trail, tree removals associated with the wider footprint, and shortening of driveway/reduced parking areas caused by trail width.

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8. The Connecticut Colony development is ONCE AGAIN neglected in the connectivity projects! The proposed walk along Middleton Rd is now projected to be on the north side of the road, rather than the south side to connect Conn. Colony and Middleton Park to the entire length of Middleton Rd. The Valley View sidewalk doesn't connect to Wethersfield Dr. OR TO MIDDLETON RD! The 95 homes within the neighborhood feel as though we are being punished or completely ignored. Walkways built all around us, but not including us!!!! What do these homeowners/taxpayers/voters have to do to be seen and heard?

Kathy B, 11 Mar 2024, 12:36

Staff is currently collecting survey data along Valley View Road, from Hines Hill to Middleton, to evaluate the possibility of extending the sidewalk project to this section.

The new Middleton Road sidewalk is being constructed on the north side of Middleton Road per City Council recommendation and Motion #21-0094. The sidewalk on the north side of Middleton Road will provide connectivity to the Connecticut Colony Subdivision along Winsted Road with new ADA ramps and pedestrian road striping.

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9. On which side of the road will the Hines Hill sidewalk be located?

Ray Dalton, 30 Nov 2023, 16:31

City staff and the design consultant are still reviewing what side of Hines Hill Road the sidewalk will be located on. City staff looks at many variables including costs, Right of Way impacts, utility impacts, wetland impacts and residents' concerns prior to finalizing a sidewalk alignment. The final recommended alignment will be presented to Hudson City Council at the City's 1/9/24 Council Workshop before being voted upon at the 2/6/24 Council Meeting.

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10. I am in favor of the sidewalks on Valley View (actually very excited!), but am concerned about the 45 mph speed limit. Now that there will be pedestrians very close to the road, can the speed limit be lowered to reflect the change to a more residential speed?

TheBrowns987, 28 Nov 2023, 11:40

City staff is reviewing the speed limit along Valley View Road with ODOT and anticipates lowering the speed limit along Valley View Road in early 2024.

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11. I'm just wondering the correlation of how many residents have asked for, and made the case for this project vs. the cost. It's a lot of money if, say, 4 people want it. I've wondered this about many of these projects. How are these expensive projects that affect so few residents justified?

SBCLocal, 4 Dec 2023, 9:38

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here: <https://www.hudson.oh.us/DocumentCenter/View/8992/Sidewalk-and-Trail-Master-Plan-2021-2025>.

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12. Comment: this is an exorbitant use of public funds for a potential “benefit” of VERY FEW. Residents.

Cindy P, 4 Dec 2023, 11:13

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13. I live on Glastonbury Drive and support the sidewalk that would extend along Hines Hill to Valley View. I would suggest in the future extending the Hines Hill sidewalk west from Valley View Road to the MetroPark that is supposed to open across from the YDC.

KFarkas, 4 Dec 2023, 13:14

City staff will review this for a future connectivity option. As part of a future trail project, a trail is planned along Prospect Street from Hunting Hollow Drive to Hines Hill Road, and then west to the future park. Please review the City of Hudson Construction Projects webpage

here: <https://hudsonoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=5f0b1ce8e19a4e309d79f839aec4daf5> for more information.

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14. Let's include Valley View NORTH of Hines Hill to Middleton Rd. Seems to make sense as Middleton west of 91 is set to receive sidewalks.

Jim S, 10 Dec 2023, 9:21

City staff is reviewing this segment for a possible sidewalk connection in the future.

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15. Please consider extending the Valley View sidewalk to connect to the Middleton Road sidewalk. Thank you

MattR, 11 Dec 2023, 20:40

City staff is reviewing this segment for a possible sidewalk connection in the future.

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16. Extend Valley View sidewalk north to Wethersfield Dr. to allow the 90 homes access in the Connecticut Colony Neighborhood.

Lou Verhas, 12 Dec 2023, 8:08

City staff is reviewing this segment for a possible sidewalk connection in the future.

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17. My wife and I reside at 1925 E Hines Hill and my comments are particular to the Hines Hill segment - 2A-2C. 1. I am in favor of 2C as it seems to make the most sense connectivity-wise as well as engineering wise. 2. If 2A or 2C are chosen (North side of Hines Hill in front of my property): a. Will there be some improvement to drainage in the Granby/Glastonbury segment? Ditches enclosed? Tie in to residential drainage to the current open ditch? At present, there is significant standing water in the open ditch. b. I have some concern about a large pin oak on my property (particularly the SE tree). Will the construction affect the root structure? There is a very large limb which would overhang the sidewalk. Will this tree be affected/trimmed/removed? c. I understand driveway aprons would be replaced. Please confirm. 3. I would strongly suggest a double yellow line on Hines Hill from Darrow west. I have noticed a fair number of westbound vehicles passing other traffic at an excessive rate of speed in front of my residence (single line). I am concerned about the safety of the proposed crosswalk in the 2C alternative due to this traffic. Given limited sight distance on segments of Hines Hill, this is a hazard. Please pass on to city staff. 4. I understand Hines Hill is scheduled to be resurfaced. Would this project coincide with that construction? I really appreciate the open house and conversation with the representative from the engineering

consultant. I am in favor of this connectivity project. Feel free to contact me at 330-388-2866. Bob Carter

Bob Carter, 12 Dec 2023, 9:05

Currently, the City is considering all alignment options and their impacts. Upon completion of the public input collection and presentation to City Council, detailed design will commence. As the final alignment for the new sidewalk has yet to be determined, it is difficult to determine the exact drainage and tree impacts of the sidewalk project. Drainage issues within the public right-of-way will be addressed via new storm sewer systems as part of the detailed design. Regarding tree impacts, the City Arborist will be included in the detailed design review to identify potential tree impacts, including required tree removal or root cutting necessary for the project. City staff will review the speed concerns and on-road pavement striping with the consultant the City's Traffic Safety Committee. Note that the sidewalk project and the resurfacing project will most likely occur at a different times as they both have separate funding sources

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18. Why was there anything done on Hunting Hollow since it's a dead-end trail as there is no trail on Prospect connecting to it ?

ScottLMA, 12 Dec 2023, 11:12

Future connectivity along Prospect Street are scheduled for design and construction in 2024-2027 including new trail segments along Hines Hill Road and Prospect Street. Please review the City of Hudson Construction Projects webpage here: <https://hudsonoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=5f0b1ce8e19a4e309d79f839aec4daf5> for more information.

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19. A few years ago there were discussions of plans for a sidewalk/bike path along Hines Hill west of Valley View, out to Boston Heights and ultimately to the hike&bike trail. Is that still being considered?

RH, 15 Dec 2023, 21:07

As part of a future trail project, a trail is planned along Prospect Street from Hunting Hollow Drive to Hines Hill Road, and then west to the future park (Summit County's Maple Grove Park). Please review the City of Hudson Construction Projects webpage for more information: <https://hudsonoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=5f0b1ce8e19a4e309d79f839aec4daf5>

The future connection along Hines Hill Road from Maple Grove Park west into Boston Heights is still under consideration as a future trail connection.