

If the Greenway is built....

What can you do to make it safe?

- Use the greenway! More traffic means more safety!
- More community involvement means a safer greenway. For example, starting a local neighborhood watch will improve safety.

Looking for the evidence?

Want to read the studies we looked at?

- *The full literature review is available online publicly at [website](#)*

More resources

Here's a few places to go for more information

- Greenway Project Website: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/living/northminneapolisgreenway>
- A committee of local residents, organizations, and project staff: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/living/WCMS1P-122175>
- Safety Resources:
 - ⇒ <http://midtowngreenway.org/about-the-greenway/safety/public-safety/>
 - ⇒ <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=31>
 - ⇒ <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/>



Safety and the proposed North Minneapolis Greenway

In response to community questions about safety regarding the proposed North Minneapolis Greenway, a literature review (summary of the research done) was created. Inside, the results of this literature review are summarized.

There are also comparisons of the effects of the 37th Ave Greenway constructed in the Folwell neighborhood, as well as further resources for community members.



Summing up the Research:



- Lots of researchers have studied the relationships between green areas (parks, biking trails, and greenways) and crime.
- Most studies find that when green space is added, crime rates stay the same or go down.
- Other positive effects include better physical and mental health, higher property values, and beautification.

Safety

- Greenways can be built with safety in mind!
- The research finds that good lighting and making sure bushes and plants are less dense and higher off the ground make a safer space.
- Neighborhood participation and involvement (such as creating a neighborhood watch), and having the neighborhood use the greenway



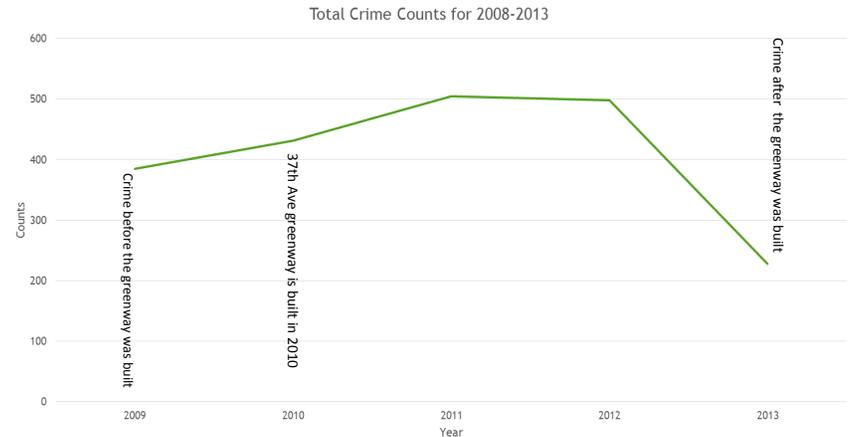
What about Minneapolis?

Minneapolis is a unique city—does the research apply here? We looked at a North Minneapolis street that was turned into a short (1/2 mile) greenway in 2010, to see what happened to crime in the area after it was built.

Check out the following page for what we found.

The 37th Ave Greenway

What happened to crime in the Folwell neighborhood?



The graph shows the total crime for the years 2009 through 2013 for the Folwell neighborhood. The 37th Ave greenway was built in 2010. Crime went down, just like in Minneapolis in general. Crime data used to make this graph can be found on Minneapolis police website quarterly reports.

Have the local police noticed anything?



- The 37th Ave greenway falls into the 4th Precinct's area.
- Two officers said that they did not notice any change in crime in the area at all after the greenway was built.
- They also believed that greenspace usually improves the crime rate.

Here's what the neighbors have to say:

"We were apprehensive of what it would look and feel like."

"It's really pleasant to see people...walking their dogs and biking."

"Before we had a lot of issues typical to North Minneapolis...it was a regular street...idling cars, loud music, cars going 50 miles per hour down neighborhood streets."

"I think we feel more safe."

"We haven't had any issues with crime or trouble."