

East Price Hill SafeGrowth 1-year report

Our SafeGrowth site in East Price Hill is located at the corner of Hawthorne and Warsaw Avenues. This site is the East gateway into East Price Hill's Warsaw Avenue Neighborhood business district (NBD). The vision and objectives we established for our site through the SafeGrowth training process was to support a site that is safe, equitable, and welcoming to all in East Price Hill's Warsaw Avenue NBD where everyone has access to opportunities to thrive, connect, and prosper. We plan to achieve this vision by establishing a Livability Academy with nearby stakeholders of the site, reduce drug abuse and prostitution behind the Price Hill Recreation Center, and to reduce litter and increase lighting to make the space more welcoming to residents outside of the immediate vicinity.

As a result of the training that we received, we have been able to form many positive relationships with a team of individuals, groups, and businesses that now actively care for and advocate for the space. Our partners consist of the following groups and individuals: Price Hill Will, East Price Hill Improvement Association Community Council (EPHIA), Cincinnati Police Department District 3, Price Hill Recreation Center, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, 977 Hawthorne property owner, Price Hill Mart business owner, new occupant of the old Jojo's Fish & Chicken storefront, residents that frequent the space on a regular basis, and we have recently established a relationship with the 974 Hawthorne property owner across the street from our site.

Our success has taken the form of relationship and trust building between the multitude of individuals and groups that surround and occupy the space. We have learned a lot from this seemingly slow process and are excited to start executing more physical changes to the space. Other projects that we have been able to complete over the last year include the completion of a property survey to determine the property lines between the Rec. Center and the corner lot, volunteer litter clean-ups in and around the space, and vegetation and brush removal. We have also submitted a grant proposal for the space and plan to submit more in the future.

