

Neighborhood Snapshot

Crescent Hill



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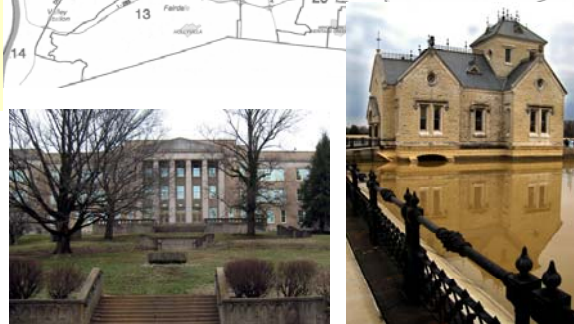
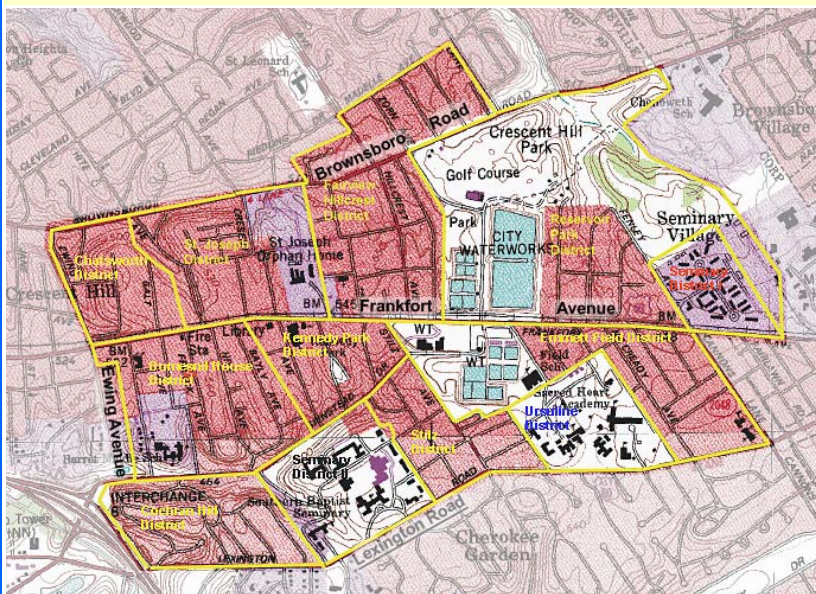
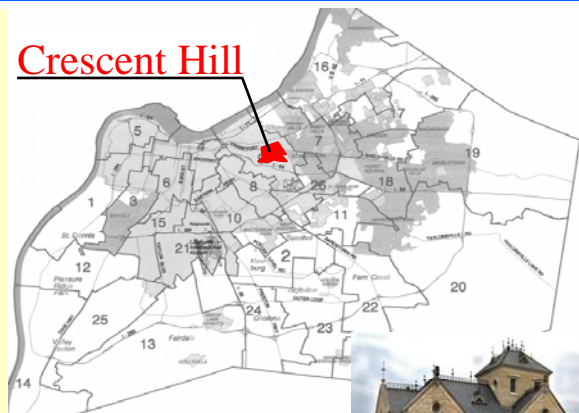
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The Crescent Hill neighborhood is located in north central Jefferson County, approximately 4 miles east of downtown Louisville.

The boundaries of Crescent Hill are generally Brownsboro Road on the north, St. Matthews's city limit (roughly Cannons Lane) on the east, Lexington Road to the south and Ewing Avenue to the west. Frankfort Avenue bisects the neighborhood.

Surrounding neighborhoods include Clifton, Clifton Heights, Brownsboro Zorn, Cherokee Gardens, Rock Creek/Lexington Road and the City of St. Matthews.

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Neighborhood Highlights

- **Neighborhood size** - Approximately 2 square miles
- **Metro Council District 9**, Councilwoman - Tina Ward-Pugh
- **Neighborhood Schools** - Barrett Traditional Middle School, Highlands Latin School, Field Elementary School, Ursuline Montessori School, Sacred Heart Model School, Sacred Heart Academy, Holy Spirit School, Chenoweth Elementary School.
- **Civic Groups** - Crescent Hill Community Council
- **TARC** - Bus routes #15-Market Street, #19-Muhammad Ali, #25-Oak Street, #29-Eastern Parkway, #31-Middletown, #55-Westport Road
- **Distance from Metro Louisville Central Business District** - 4 miles
- **History** - Originally called "Beargrass", the Crescent Hill area began developing in the 1850s as the Louisville and Lexington turnpike (now Frankfort Avenue) and the Louisville and Frankfort railroad were built. The current St. Joseph Children's Home stands on land that was adjacent to what was once a 38-acre fair ground that hosted the Agriculture and Technology Fair from 1853 until 1883. Among the many attractions in this neighborhood are the Louisville Water Company Reservoir, the Peterson-Dumesnil House and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



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Crescent Hill - Facts and Statistics at a Glance

Population Highlights (information drawn from 2000 U.S. census unless otherwise noted)

	<u>Crescent Hill</u>	<u>Louisville Metro</u>	<u>Metro Statistical Area*</u>
Total population	6,717	693,604	1,025,598
Race			
White	6,189 (92 %)	563,462 (77.3 %)	849,362 (82.8 %)
Black	206 (3 %)	130,153 (18.8 %)	141,623 (13.8 %)
American Indian	22 (<1 %)	1,625 (0.2 %)	2,633 (0.3 %)
Asian	200 (3 %)	9,043 (1.3 %)	10,227 (1.0 %)
Other race	24 (<1 %)	4,308 (0.6 %)	5,756 (0.6 %)
Two or more races	76 (1 %)	11,741 (1.7 %)	15,694 (1.5 %)
School enrollment			
Elementary/Middle (1-8)	616	77,351	116,361
High School (9-12)	231	37,969	56,902
Commuting to work	3,270	329,091	492,821
Car, truck, alone	2,705 (83 %)	265,977 (80.8 %)	404,166 (82.0 %)
Carpool	285 (9 %)	36,332 (11.0 %)	53,769 (10.9 %)
Public transportation	69 (2 %)	10,096 (3.1 %)	10,898 (2.2 %)
Walk	99 (3 %)	6,556 (2.0 %)	8,485 (1.7 %)
Bicycle	6 (< 1 %)	737 (0.2 %)	924 (0.2 %)
Work at home	106 (3 %)	7,348 (2.2 %)	11,587 (2.4 %)
Occupation	3,322	334,938	501,258
Mgmt, professional	1,644 (50 %)	110,677 (33.0 %)	156,307 (31.2 %)
Service occupations	396 (12 %)	47,317 (14.1 %)	69,713 (13.9 %)
Sales and office	879 (26 %)	95,673 (28.6 %)	139,756 (27.9 %)
Construction, etc.	142 (4 %)	28,105 (8.4 %)	46,067 (9.2 %)
Production and transportation	261 (8 %)	52,620 (15.7 %)	88,144 (17.6 %)
Median household income <i>(in 1999 dollars)</i>	\$ 37,592	\$ 49,161	\$ 40,821
Poverty Status	714 (11 %)	84,143 (12.1%)	109,575 (10.7 %)

Housing Highlights

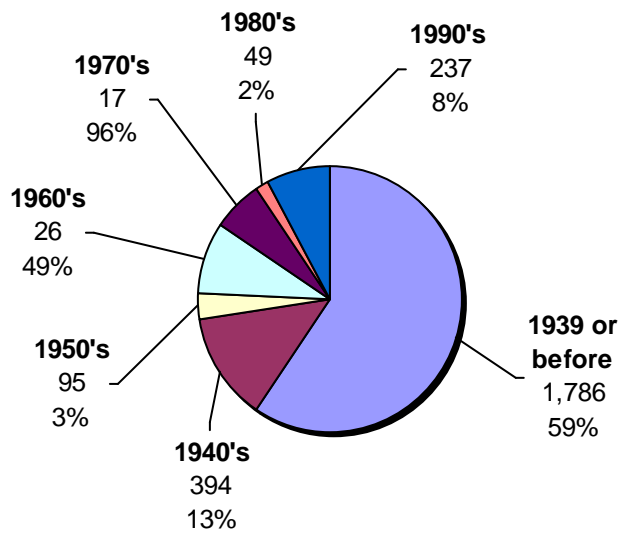
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Total housing units	3,204	305,835	438,235
Occupied housing units	3,029 (94.5 %)	287,012 (93.8 %)	412,050 (94.0 %)
Vacant housing units	175 (5.5 %)	18,823 (6.2 %)	26,185 (6.0 %)
Median home value	\$ 127,455	\$ 103,000	\$ 102,300
Owner-occupied	1,679 (55 %)	186,358 (65.0 %)	282,466 (68.6 %)
Renter-occupied	1,350 (45 %)	100,654 (35.0 %)	129,584 (31.4 %)
Year structure built			
1995 – 2000	166 (5 %)	23,272 (7.6 %)	43,187 (9.9 %)
1990 – 1994	71 (2 %)	16,065 (5.3 %)	29,527 (6.8 %)
1980 – 1989	49 (2 %)	26,369 (8.6 %)	45,334 (10.3 %)
1970 – 1979	179 (6 %)	53,928 (17.6 %)	81,702 (18.6 %)
1960 – 1969	264 (8 %)	56,326 (18.4 %)	72,875 (16.6 %)
1950 – 1959	295 (9 %)	54,813 (17.9 %)	68,367 (15.6 %)
1940 – 1949	394 (12 %)	28,392 (9.3 %)	36,608 (8.4 %)
1939 or earlier	1,786 (56 %)	46,670 (15.3 %)	60,635 (13.8 %)
Total	3,204 100 %	305,835	438,235

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census <http://factfinder.census.gov/>
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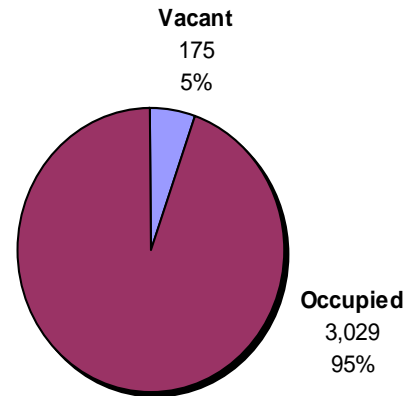
*Geographic and population area of Jefferson County and its surrounding counties.

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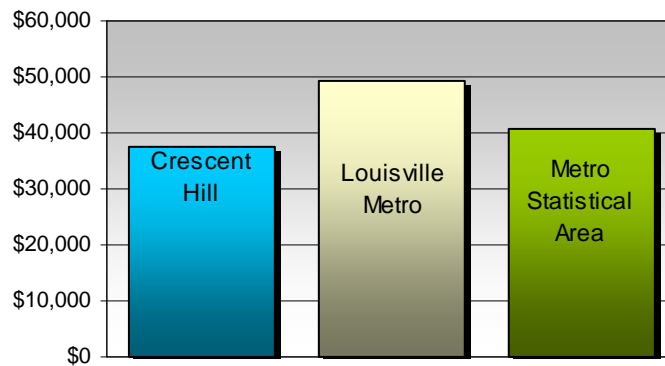
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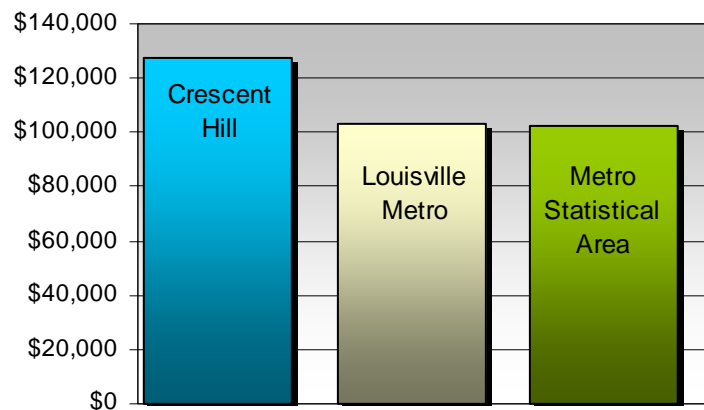
Housing Occupancy



Median Household Income



Median Home Value

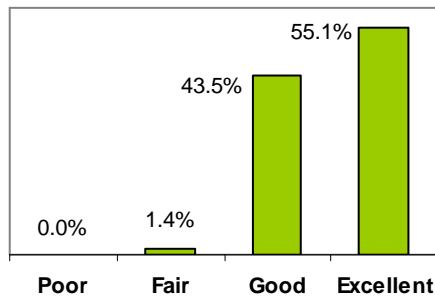


Survey Highlights

The following results highlight responses from 150 residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Survey. Of the survey participants, 27% have lived in the Crescent

Hill for 1-4 years, 34% for 5-15 years and 36% for more than 15 years. Participants ranged from under 20 to more than 70 years of age.

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in the Crescent Hill ?



You most strongly agree with the following statements:

1. I think this neighborhood is a good place to live
2. I feel at home in my neighborhood.
3. If someone asked me for directions I would stop to help
4. I hope and expect to live in this neighborhood for a long time.
5. I feel safe walking in my neighborhood.
6. If I really needed them to, one of my neighbors would provide some small immediate help, such as a ride to the doctor's office or loaning me \$10.00.

You most strongly disagree with the following statements:

1. I regularly provide services such as transportation or running errands for an elderly relative or friend who lives outside my house but in my neighborhood
2. My neighbors and I have met to do something about a neighborhood problem or to organize a neighborhood improvement project.

The following are the top three reasons you continue to live in Crescent Hill:

1. I feel safe here.
2. I have easy access to grocery stores and other retail services.
3. I have opportunities for becoming involved in the community.

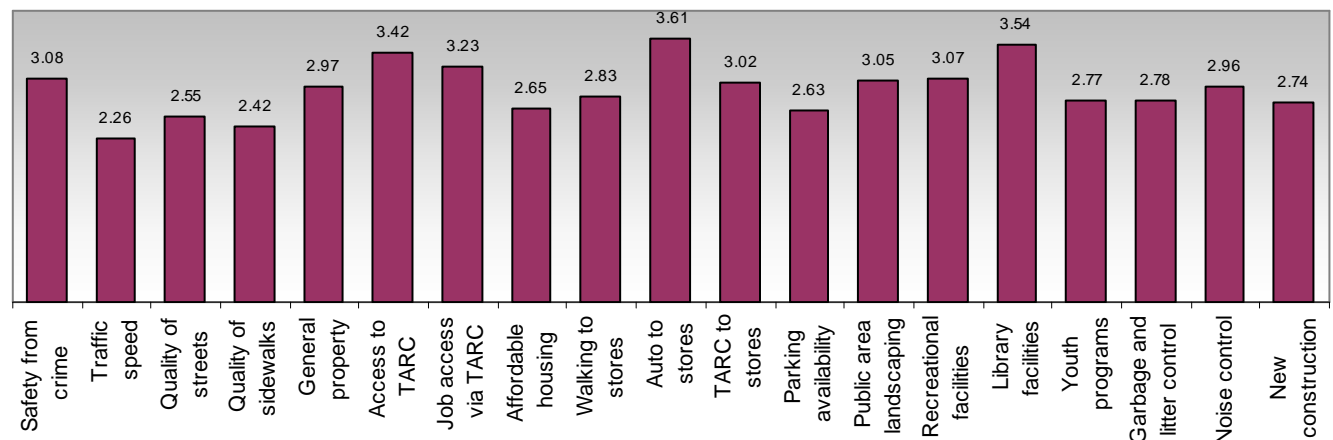
The following are the top three reasons that might make you consider moving away from Crescent Hill:

1. I don't feel safe here.
2. Rent / housing costs are too high.
3. The neighborhood is dirty and unattractive.

You would regularly use the following new establishments added to your neighborhood:

1. Grocery Store (especially small, local, organic, etc.)
2. Sit-down restaurant
3. Specialty retail shop (clothing, antiques, bookshop, etc.)

Rate the following aspects of life in Crescent Hill
Rating scale: 4.0 = Excellent 3.0 = Good 2.0 = Fair 1.0 = Poor



Summary

Resident Survey and Public Workshop

Residents of the Crescent Hill neighborhood submitted responses to the Quality-of-Life Survey, the major results of which are shown on the earlier “Survey Results” page of this Snapshot. Additionally, a dedicated group of 34 neighbors attended a resident workshop, held at the St. Joseph Children’s Home, on the morning of Saturday, February 23rd. The 3-hour meeting brought together residents, leadership from neighborhood institutions, representatives of the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods and planners and facilitators from the Center For Neighborhoods.

The principle result of this public workshop and the residents’ energies is the **Action Matrix**.^{*} In addition to being a “to-do” list of neighborhood improvement projects, this document outlines sustainable partnerships between Crescent Hill and all the identified entities, such as Louisville Metro agencies and private business organizations, who can continue to help each other realize their common goals of a healthy and prosperous neighborhood with an ever-improving quality of life.

** Action Matrix is the table of projects, potential partners and implementation schedule for neighborhood goals.*

Among the more than 150 neighborhood residents who took part in the Quality-of-Life Survey and Public Workshop and who gave generously of their time and ideas are:

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| Ann Adams | Steve Heine | Tom Shaw |
| Dee Allen | Roz Heinz | Barbara Sinai |
| Tim Allen | Janet Hendricks | Lisa Soler |
| Tracy Barnes | Glenn Homza | Kendall Spyke |
| Mary J. Bennett | Joan Humke | Barbara Sulzer |
| Craig Bland | Alex Hunt | Rusty Sulzer |
| Cabrina Bosco | Lorie Jacobs | Nell Tingle |
| Sally Ann Brignola | Kenneth Karem | Joe Ward |
| Pat Brinson | Lauren Kehr | Jim Watters |
| Daniel Broderick | Kristin Kephart | Alisha Wheatley |
| Michele Broderick | Tom Korbee | Jenny Yager |
| Brad Brown | Mary Kate Krippenstapel | Zach Zinser |
| Robert Brown | Bill Kuntz | |
| Brian Butler | Janine Linder | |
| Joyce Cossavella | Brian Martin | |
| John Catlett | Leslie Martin | |
| Grady Clay | Judith McCandless | |
| Fred Crismon | Barbara McGee | |
| D. Jason Crowder | Michele Melillo-Clem | |
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| Amanda Forsting | Sue Ritman | |
| Jonathan Gallisdorfer | Martin Rollins | |
| Diana Gautier | Stephanie Ross | |
| Greg Gibbons | Jon Schenkenfelder | |
| Judy Gogan | Pat Schmidt | |
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| Wes Harris | David A. Schulte | |
| Barbara Hedspeth | Lauren Scott | |
| Camy Heine | Rosie Scott | |



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In addition to the dedicated Crescent Hill neighborhood residents who participated in the Neighborhood Assessment Project, “Thanks” are extended to:

The Crescent Hill Community Council (for extremely capable local coordination of the assessment process)

Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods (for sponsorship, leadership, guidance and door prizes)

St. Joseph Children’s Home (for kindly hosting the resident workshop on its campus)

Heine Bros. Coffee, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, First Capital Bank of Kentucky (for refreshments and prizes)

Time Frame	Neighborhood Projects	Partnership Projects
1 Year or Less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Create a “Go Green” CHCC Committee ◆ Create an “Art and Artists” CHCC Committee ◆ Create a Neighborhood Directory with contact information update protocol ◆ Increase CHCC’s membership diversity and numbers to 75% of CH population ◆ Increase existing and develop new relationships with Crescent Hill residents, adjacent neighborhoods and neighborhood institutions ◆ Clean up the alleys through 311 reporting and community-wide cleanups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Find a solution that keeps Blackburn and Claremont open to through traffic ◆ Decrease the mosquito population during months of July-October ◆ Improve maintenance of sidewalks and removal of obstacles such as overgrown shrubs ◆ Improve neighborhood graffiti removal procedures and response time
1 - 3 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Create a CH Preservation Plan to preserve currently-existing character ◆ Find a location for and create a skateboarding area in Crescent Hill ◆ Establish a Crescent Hill nursery, with an arborist, for growing replacement street tree stock ◆ Create a process and program for evaluation ◆ Develop a program to identify, create and install historic markers at appropriate sites throughout Crescent Hill ◆ Improve, encourage and enforce clean-up regulations for residential/commercial properties ◆ Survey and make recommendations for improvements to Crescent Court (neglected/ponding) ◆ Find ways to get Crescent Hill’s renters more involved in the community ◆ Explore ways to make the area east of Stilz Ave. feel less “cut off” from the rest of Crescent Hill ◆ Preserve and protect the Green Space at the reservoir ◆ Find someone to open a diner next to Oscar’s Hardware 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Locate, design and install Signature Entrances to Crescent Hill ◆ Locate a small, neighborhood “corner grocery store” with fresh, organic produce in Crescent Hill ◆ Encourage CSX to take greater responsibility for the maintenance of their R.O.W.s, including reduction of standing water after rain events ◆ Work with MSD to reduce the odor from storm drains during summer months ◆ Find ways to increase parking for Frankfort Avenue retail businesses ◆ Install new roof on Mary T. Meagher therapy pool ◆ Encourage residents (enact a noise ordinance?) to limit the use of leaf blowers ◆ Survey existing sidewalk conditions for repairs and investigate opportunities for improving and increasing safe pedestrian crossings ◆ Work with LG&E to conduct a street light survey. Update fixtures (historic?) and implement improvements. Investigate improving pedestrian lighting in alleys and courts.
3 - 5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fund and build a neighborhood outdoor swimming pool ◆ Develop a coordinated network of green spaces and connecting greenways throughout the Crescent Hill neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Get a neighborhood movie theatre ◆ Bury utility lines ◆ Bring Light Rail through Crescent Hill ◆ Make traffic flow/aesthetic improvements to the intersection of Stilz, Frankfort and Hillcrest