

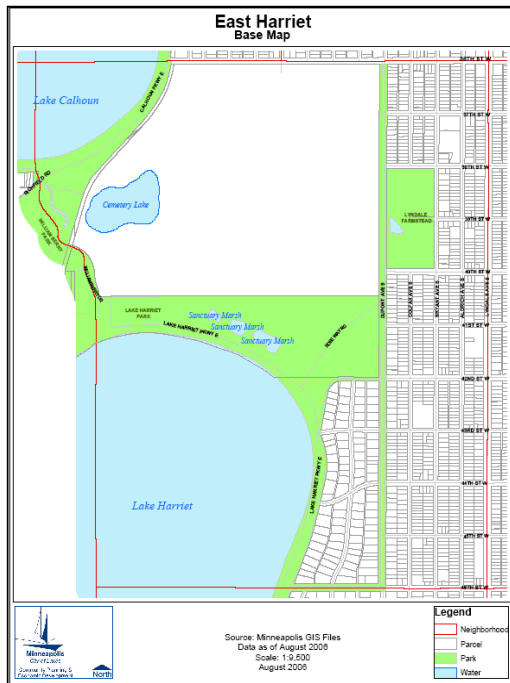


Minneapolis Police Department 2007 Neighborhood Policing Plan *East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood*

Introduction:

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood is in the Minneapolis Police Department's Fifth Precinct.

Neighborhood Map:



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Overview:

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood is located in southwest portion of Minneapolis. It takes its name from Lake Harriet, which Fort Snelling builder, Col. Henry Leavenworth, named after his wife in 1819. The neighborhood is bordered by 36th Street on the north and 46th Street to the south. Lyndale Avenue is the eastern boundary; Lake Harriet and Lakewood Cemetery largely make up the western border of the neighborhood. In addition to these Minneapolis landmarks, the Lyndale Park Rose Garden and the Thomas Sadler Roberts Bird Sanctuary are located within East Harriet. Many houses in the neighborhood are two-story homes, set back from the streets.

Crime Statistics:

While East Harriet Farmstead remains one of the safest neighborhoods in southwest Minneapolis, and experienced a 5.23 decrease overall in Part 1 Crime. An analysis of the 2006 crime statistics for the neighborhood show decreases in all categories except for slight increases in residential burglary and assaults over the previous year.

Neighborhood Concerns:

At meetings in the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood, neighbors expressed concern about the increase in burglary, car break-ins, and ongoing Part 2 Crimes (livability issues) occurring near the Walker Care Center. The neighbors stated that they would like to see more police officers on patrol in the area, and this would help to make them feel safer in their community. They would like more frequent updates from the police on crime and how they can be involved.

2007 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department has two citywide goals: reduce crime and improve the relationship with the community it serves. In the East Harriet Farmstead neighborhood, we will be focusing on two specific crime reduction strategies:

1. Reducing Burglaries. Strategies include continued patrols, conducting additional premise surveys and home safety workshops and educating the community about target hardening.
2. Reducing Theft from Motor Vehicles.

The MPD will also engage in two projects to increase the relationship with the community:

1. Explore ways to enhance and increase communication with people in the neighborhood via different venues, i.e. SAFE e-list (web-based technology designed to facilitate stronger communication and information sharing), the community newspaper, and attendance at monthly neighborhood meetings, block club meetings and other neighborhood events identified.
2. Continue to working with residents and Walker Care employees to reduce the number of Part 2 Crimes occurring in the area.

Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood, policing is a shared community concern – residents and businesses need to be part of that response and effort. The collaboration of MPD and Residents, through the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association, have committed to the following:

1. Organizing a communications plan to increase community awareness of activity and individuals in the neighborhood; increasing Operation ID participation (residents recording serial numbers on valuable property and photographing valuable items without serial numbers); use of premise surveys, and other activities to reduce burglary incidence.
2. Participating fully in community efforts, being involved with the sector e-list, building and sustaining block clubs, participation in the community monthly meetings, volunteer for Court Watch, and encourage businesses to be involved in the Nicollet – East Harriet Business Association.

2007 Performance Measures:

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood will use the following criteria to measure success:

1. Decrease in burglary and theft from motor vehicle incidents by 5%.
2. Enhance and sustain block clubs.
3. Decrease in Part 2 (livability) Crimes' concerns by 5%.