

Cross Country EMS INSPIRE Plan: Proposed Primary Walking Routes

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Introduction

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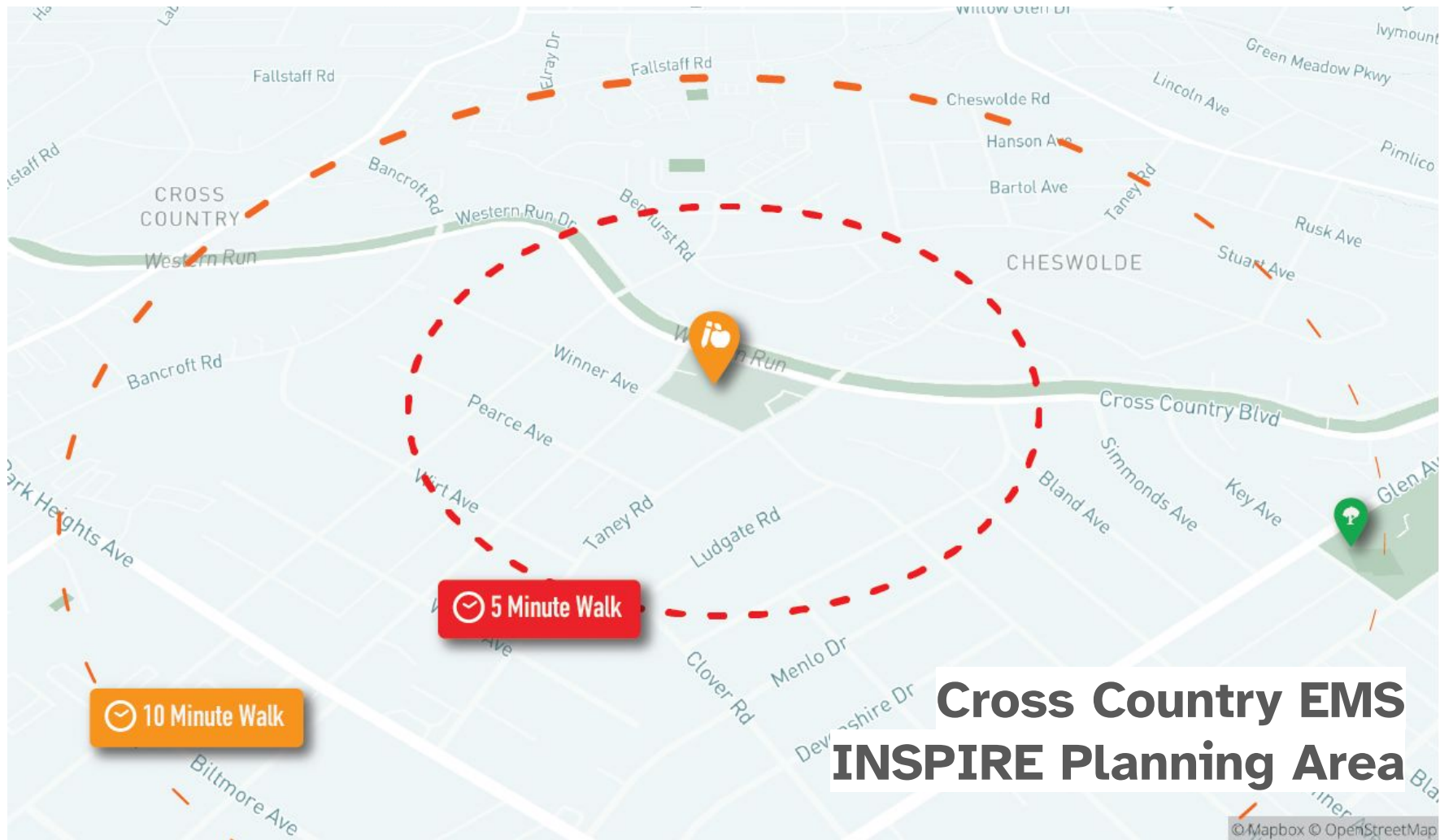
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What is INSPIRE?

INSPIRE stands for Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence.

The Department of Planning is working with communities in a **quarter-mile area** (about **a five minute walk**) around each 21st Century School to create a plan that can guide new private and public investments in each area.



What is INSPIRE?

The scope for each INSPIRE plan includes:

1. Area-Specific Recommendations
2. Community Improvement Project (\$100K)
3. Primary Walking Routes Improvements

Primary walking routes will be identified by
February 2023.

Types of Recommendations

1. Invest in Housing & Market-Strengthening Opportunities
2. Create Connections & Access
3. Improve Public Safety
4. Create Opportunities for Health & Wellness
5. Create Environmentally-Sustainable & Clean Neighborhoods

Types of Community Projects

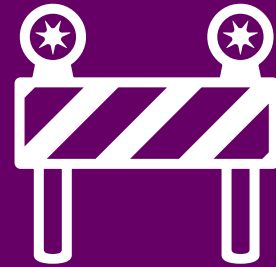
Other INSPIRE Community Projects have included:

- Park improvements
- Traffic calming
- Public art
- Public space improvements

Ideas for projects come from residents, students, and other members of the school community. Please share your ideas!



**What are primary
walking route
improvements?**



What *do* the walking route improvements include?

Improvements include:

- Repairing uneven and damaged sidewalks
- Repainting faded crosswalks
- Installing new crosswalks
- Installing or repairing accessibility ramps
- Planting and pruning trees



What *don't* the walking route improvements include?

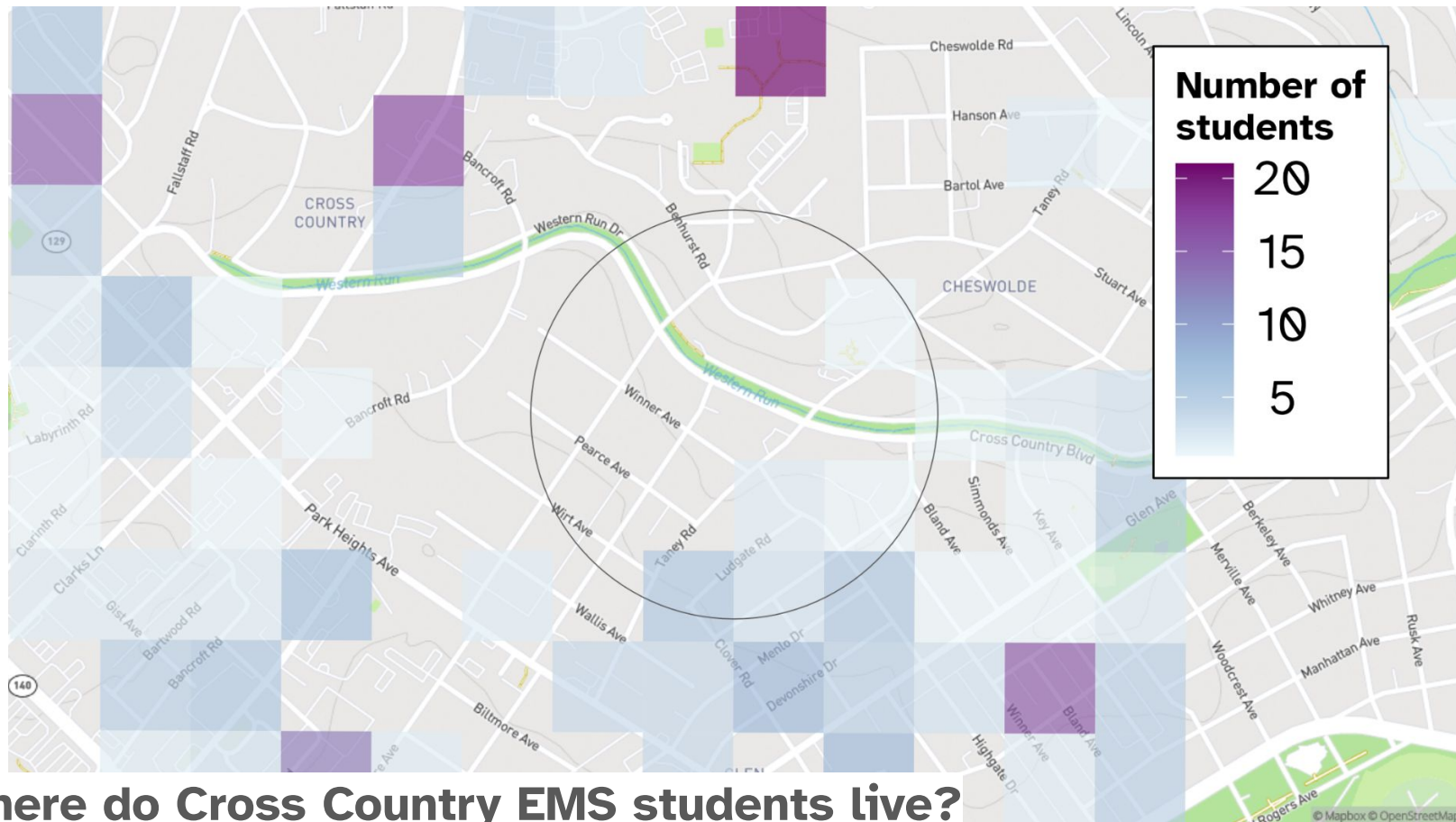
Sidewalk repairs and crosswalk replacement take place **on the designated primary walking routes *only***—not across all area streets.

Improvements are funded by the INSPIRE program—**there is *no* cost to adjacent property owners.**

Additional repairs or road safety improvements **may be included in the plan recommendations** but may take time for the Department of Transportation to fund and complete.

**Where are the
primary walking
routes?**





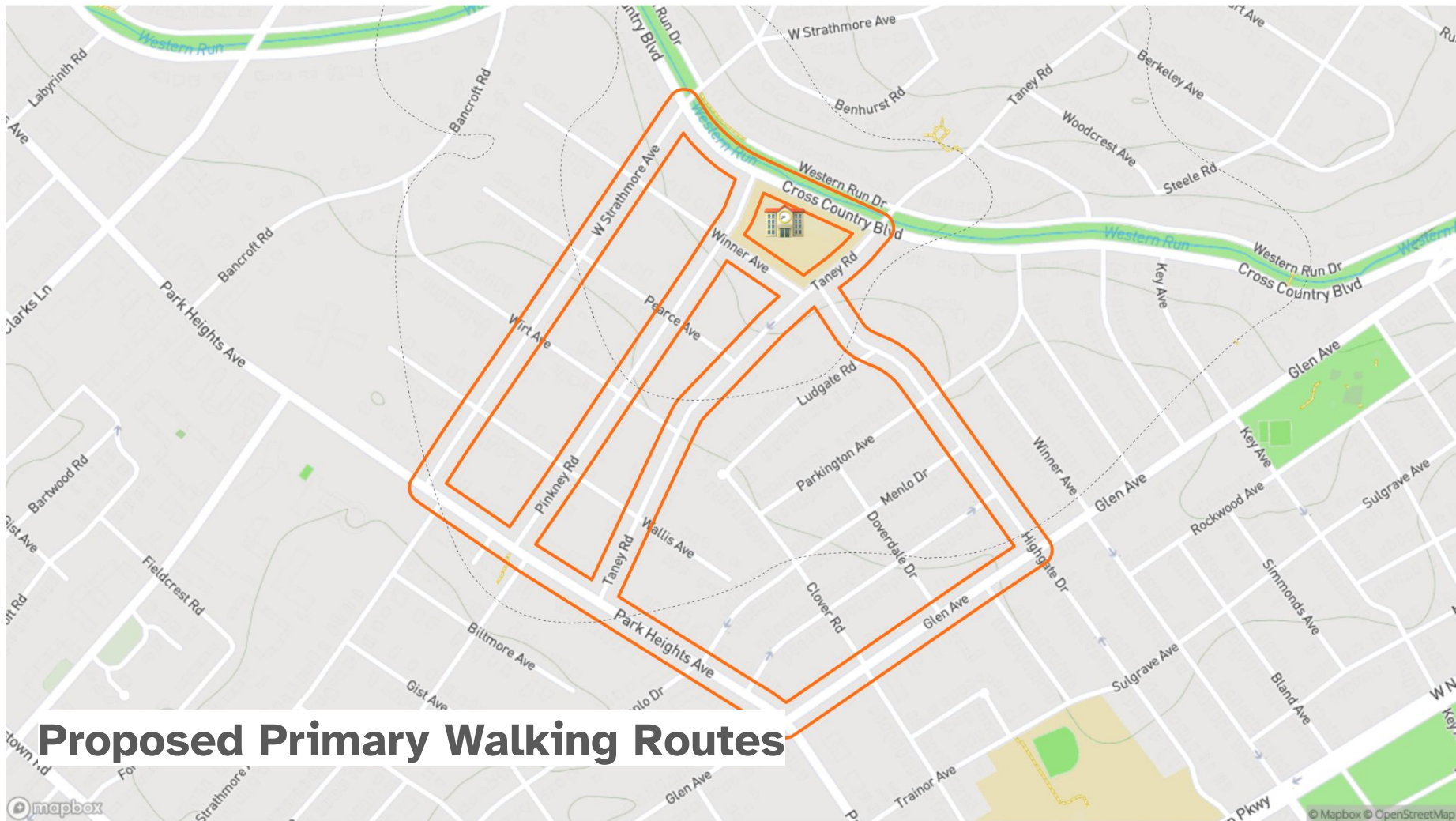
Where do Cross Country EMS students live?

Source: BCPSS SY2122 Enrollment Data

What streets do nearby students use to walk to school?

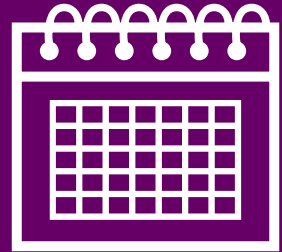
- Cross Country Boulevard
- Highgate Drive
- Taney Road and Pinkney Road (from MTA bus stops on Park Heights Avenue)





Proposed Primary Walking Routes

**What comes next for
the INSPIRE Planning
process?**



INSPIRE Planning Timeline

February 28, 2023: Deadline to receive additional community feedback on proposed Primary Walking Routes.

March 2023: Submit proposed Primary Walking Routes to DOT.

Summer-Fall 2023: Primary Walking Route improvements underway.

Learn more on the Department of Planning website:

planning.baltimorecity.gov/cross-country-elementary-middle-school

**Questions?
Feedback?
Get in touch.**

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