

Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee recommends all site plans, within the boundaries of Union Township, will require sidewalks to be shown on the site plan. The Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee recommends to the Township Board and Planning Commission the following as it relates to the construction of sidewalks on parcels requiring a site plan.

I. Identification of Designated Streets for Sidewalk Construction

The Planning Commission will NOT grant a developer/owner of a parcel, with frontage along the designated streets, relief from the construction of a sidewalk as shown on the site plan. The goal is to develop sidewalks on both sides of the designated street.

- The designated streets were identified to complete sidewalks, to fill gaps with existing sidewalks to connect with city, and CMU property; to connect schools, parks, bus stops, activity centers, employment centers, retail, business, health care facilities, senior living centers, religious institutions, civic buildings, community services within the township.

Designated Streets (Identified on the Sidewalk map as developed by the Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee, March 2018.)

- North
 - **Pickard Road** from Lincoln to Township Boundary
 - Township parcels: Along **Crawford Road** North from Pickard to Mission Creek Park
- East
 - **Isabella Road** South from Pickard Road to Blue Grass
 - **Remus Road** (from Isabella Road east to 127)
 - **Remus Road** (from Isabella Road west to city limits)
- South
 - Township parcels:
 - **Broomfield Road** (east) - Gover Parkway to city line
 - **Broomfield Road** (west) - city line to Lincoln
 - Townships parcels: Crawford Road Broomfield to Deerfield
 - **Blue Grass** Isabella to Mission
- West
 - **Lincoln Road** north from Broomfield to Pickard
 - **Remus Road** (from Lincoln Road east to city limits)

II. Criteria for Granting Relief of Sidewalk Construction

Parcels not identified on a designated street may be granted provisional relief of sidewalk construction if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The development is located on a property zoned industrial.
2. The development is located on an unimproved road.
3. The development is located on property with road frontage where no car-pedestrian injury or fatality, due to the need of the pedestrian to walk in the roadway, has occurred for a distance of 1 mile in either direction of the development. A car-pedestrian accident within 1 mile of area provided relief from building the sidewalk will required sidewalk construction within 1 year.
4. Less than 50% of the surveyed sections of the township along the road fronting the proposed development has sidewalks. If on a corner lot, the mile will extend in both directions along the frontage roads. Once the threshold has been meet all parcels will be required to construct sidewalks within 1 year.
5. If the cost of the sidewalk construction exceeds more than 50% of the total cost of the project.

III. The Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee recommends to the Township Board

1. Property owners previously granted relief (waivers) to construct sidewalks that have road frontage along the designated streets, as identified by the committee on March 12, 2018, need to be contacted and a plan be developed for the sidewalk to be constructed with 2 years.
2. The designated streets, accompanying map, and the Criteria for Granting Relief should be reviewed yearly by the Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee and adjusted as conditions and growth occur with the township.

IV. Definitions

- a. Designated Street: A public way or road within The Charter Township of Union, Isabella County Michigan.
- b. Provisional: Provided for the time being; grant of relief is subject to later alteration.
- c. Relief: To eliminate the required construction of a sidewalk as shown on the site plan.
- d. Sidewalk: A paved path, usually concrete, located in a road right-a-way but away from the actual road surface and designed, constructed and designated for pedestrian travel. While Michigan law (MCL 257.660c and 257.660d) allows for travel on sidewalks or pathways by bicycle, provided they yield to pedestrians and do not impede traffic by pedestrians, adult cyclists are encouraged to use roadways or pathways as safer options.