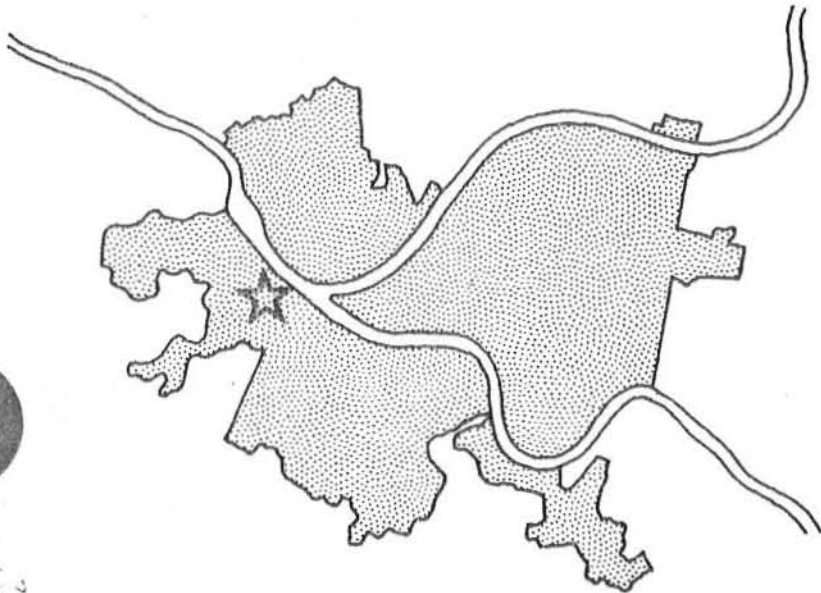


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PREFACE

One thing that citizens need if they are to take part in planning for their neighborhoods is up-to-date information about their neighborhoods. This booklet is an attempt by the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning to present information, primarily from the United States Census of Population and Housing, for use by citizens and community groups. Unfortunately, census material is not perfect; it may not have all the information that you need and it may not be in the most useful form for your purposes. It is, however, the best that is available.

Where possible, comparisons have been made between 1960 and 1970 characteristics, and between neighborhood and city-wide values, in order to better understand present neighborhood conditions.

The material has been divided into four sections, Population, Housing, Socio-Economic characteristics and Community Facilities. Although most of the information comes from the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the statistics on building permits (new, and alterations) come from the city's Bureau of Building Inspection; the crime data was compiled by the Bureau of Police; and the welfare data was provided by the Allegheny County Board of Public Assistance. The summary tapes from which much of the census information was extracted were provided by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission.

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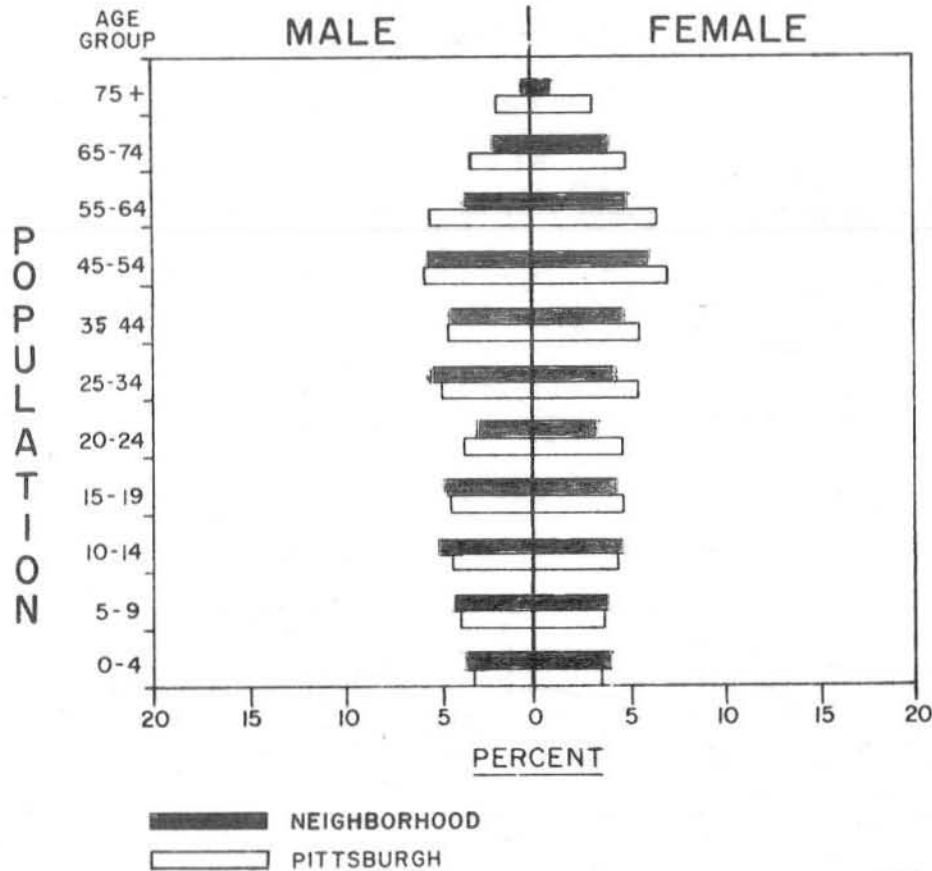
The Elliott community is considered to include both "Church Hill" and the Herschel area as well as Elliott itself. This is a predominantly middle-income area of single-family houses. The houses, primarily of wood frame, were built mostly around the turn of the century.

The early population was largely German, both Catholic and Protestant. Within the past 50 years, however, Elliott has become more ethnically mixed, though the population has been gradually declining since the 1930's. The oldest developments were around Lorenz and Chartiers Avenues, where a commercial section still exists, and -- on the other hill -- at the top of Walbridge Street near West End Park.

Several Protestant churches are located in the Lorenz Avenue area and a new Catholic church building has just been opened on the edge of the neighborhood in Crafton Heights. The new Greenway Middle School is under construction in that area. The Elliott community has an Overlook above the Ohio River, a parklet on Chartiers, and a major playground on Herschel.

Included in Elliott are Census Tracts 2007 and 2008.

AGE - SEX COMPOSITION



AGE-SEX COMPOSITION, 1970

According to the 1970 Census, the greatest portion of Elliott's population falls in the age 45-54 category, the smallest being the 75 & over age group. Citywide, more people are found in the age 45-54 group than in any other; the age 75 and older category is the smallest.

POPULATION CHANGE, 1960-1970

The population of Elliott has changed from 5,679 in 1960 to 4,955 in 1970, representing a -12.7% change. This compares to an average citywide change of -13.9%, where population declined from 604,332 in 1960 to 520,117 in 1970.

FAMILIES BY TYPE AND PRESENCE OF CHILDREN LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD

The predominant family-type in this neighborhood is the husband-wife-family - children less than 18 category. The highest portion of families with incomes below poverty level is the female head - children less than 18 group.

MEDIAN AGE, 1970

The median age for the neighborhood is 31.6 years; for the city it is 33.6 years.

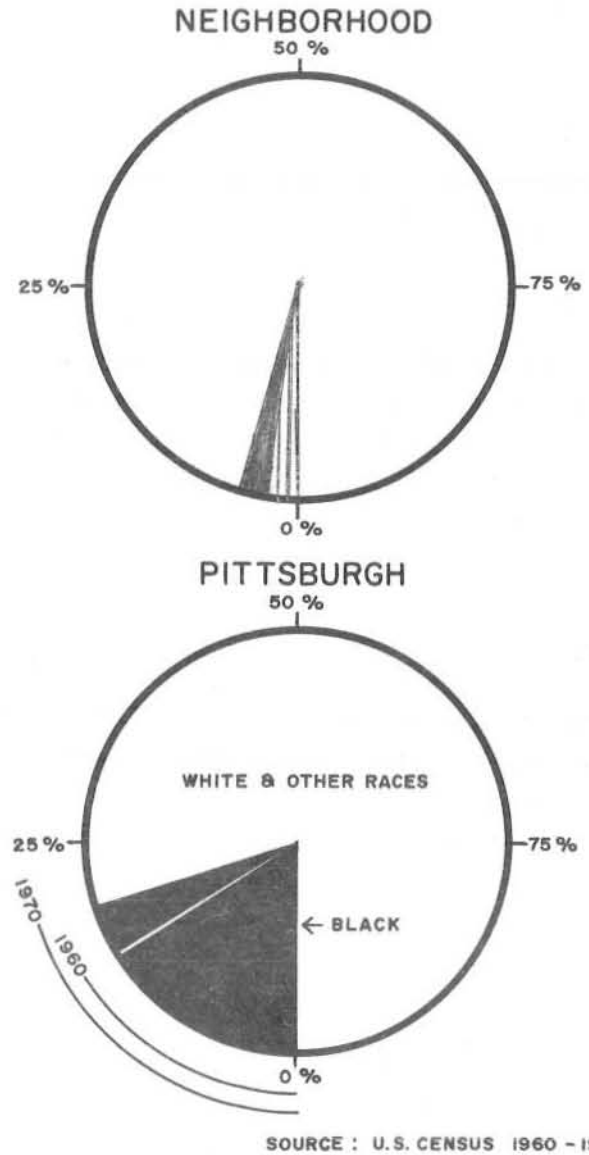
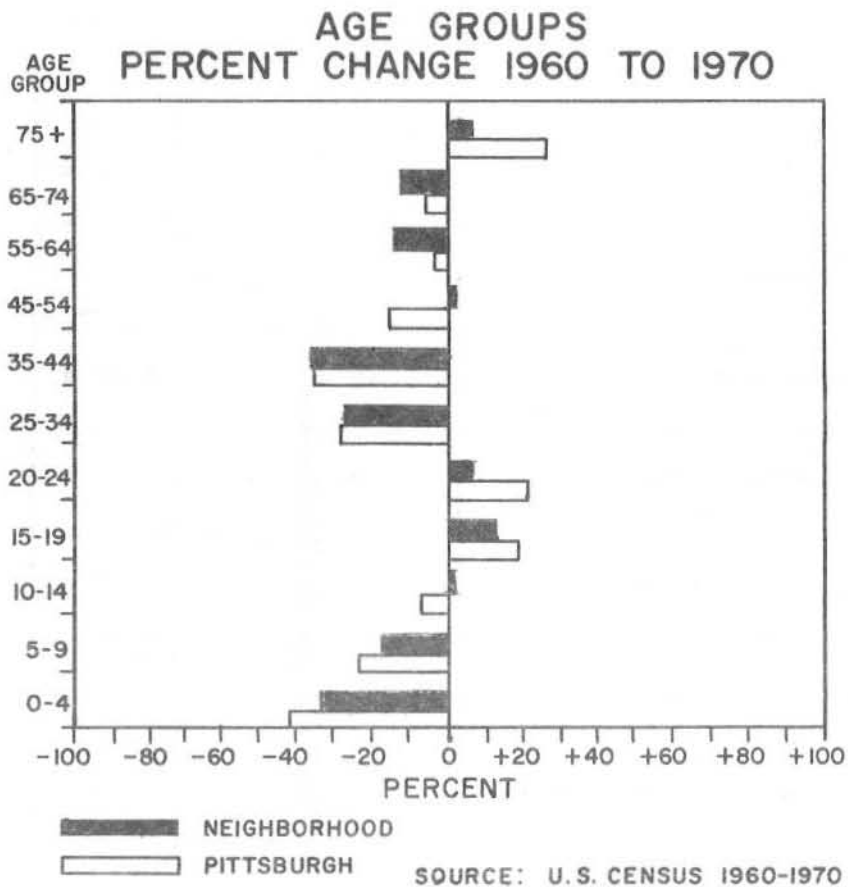
AGE-GROUP CHANGE, 1960-1970

Five age brackets increased in population between 1960 and 1970 in the neighborhood. For the city, population in the 15-19, 20-24, and the 75 years and older age groups increased.

RACE

Black population in Elliott constituted 2.4% of its 1960 population, and 4.3% of its 1970 population. For Pittsburgh, the Black population increased from 16.7% in 1960, to 20.2% in 1970.

BLACK POPULATION, 1960 - 1970



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OCCUPANCY STATUS 1960 - 1970

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In 1960, total housing units numbered 1,694; in 1970, 1,646, representing a -2.8% change. A total of 63.0% were owner-occupied in 1970, compared to 47.2% citywide. In 1960, 49 units were vacant, as compared to 77 vacancies in 1970. This represents a 4.6% vacancy rate for 1970 as compared to the city's 6.2%. Overcrowded units comprised 11.6% of the 1960, and 8.5% of the 1970 neighborhood housing stock.

MOBILITY

For the neighborhood, 1,005 people over five years of age have changed their place of residence between 1965 and 1970. This represents 22% of its population. For the city, 159,774 changed their place of residency during those years, which is 33% of the total population.

	1960	1970	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	1694	1646	- 2.8
TOTAL OCCUPIED UNITS	1645	1569	- 4.6
OWNER OCCUPIED	1059	1038	- 2.0
PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED	62.5	63.0	
RENTER OCCUPIED	586	531	- 9.4
PERCENT RENTER OCCUPIED	34.5	32.2	
VACANT UNITS	49	77	+ 57.1
PERCENT VACANT	2.8	4.6	
MEDIAN MARKET VALUE	\$ 8697	\$ 9510	+ 9.3
MEDIAN GROSS RENT	\$ 66	\$ 82	+ 24.2
PERCENT OVERCROWDED UNITS	11.6	8.5	

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960 - 1970

BUILDING ACTIVITY, 1972

In 1972, there were 38 building permit applications in this neighborhood, at an estimated construction cost of \$41,580 . For the entire city, 4,002 permits were issued, accounting for construction in excess of \$53 million.

Also in 1972, there were 0.00 new housing units constructed per 1,000 existing units, and 21.87 alterations per 1,000 units in the neighborhood. City-wide 3.6 new housing units and 16.2 alterations were undertaken per every 1,000 existing units.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 1972

	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
NEW HOUSING UNITS		
OTHER NEW STRUCTURES		
EXTENSIONS & ADDITIONS	2	\$ 3,300
ALTERATIONS	36	38,280
TOTAL	38	\$ 41,580

SOURCE : BUREAU OF BUILDING INSPECTION

**EDUCATION: YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY PERSONS
25 YEARS AND OVER, 1960-1970**

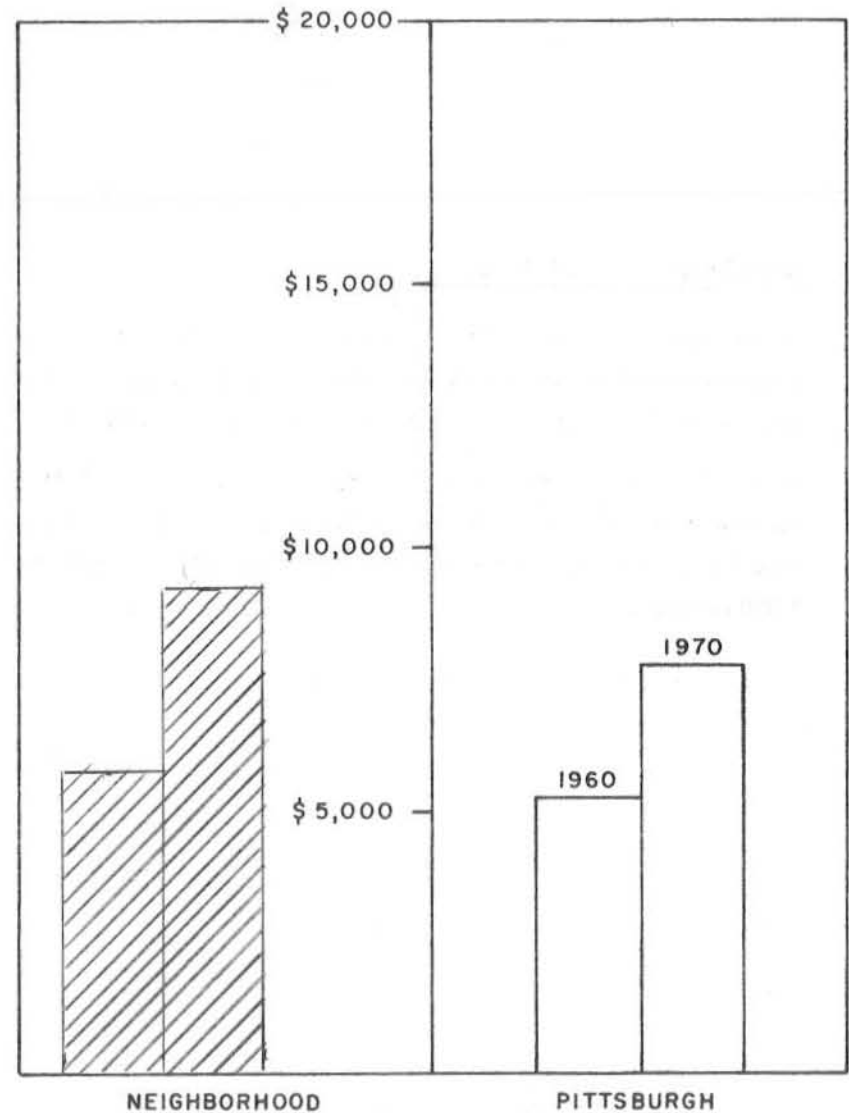
The 1970 Census indicates that, of those local residents, aged 25 and over, the largest percentage have attained a high school education. In 1960, the largest percentage had attained a elementary education.

**SCHOOL YEARS
COMPLETED BY PERSONS
25 YEARS & OVER
1960-1970**

	1960	PERCENT OF TOTAL	1970	PERCENT OF TOTAL
NO SCHOOLING	37	1.1	40	1.5
ELEMENTARY (1-8 YRS.)	1425	42.9	873	32.0
HIGH SCHOOL (1-3 YRS.)	986	29.7	805	29.5
HIGH SCHOOL (4 YRS.)	716	21.6	875	32.0
COLLEGE (1-3 YRS.)	109	3.3	77	2.8
COLLEGE (4 YRS.)	49	1.5	62	2.3
TOTAL	3322	100.0	2732	100.0

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960 - 1970

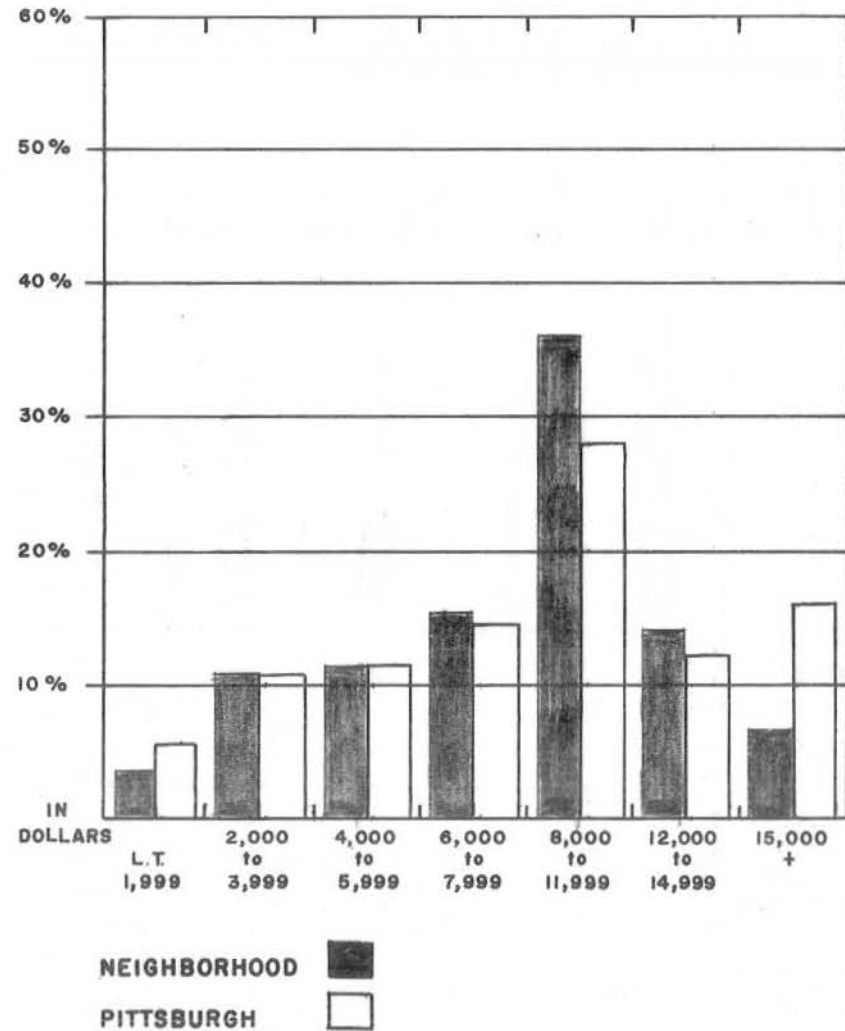


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 1960-1970

**PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
OF FAMILY INCOME
BY INCOME RANGES
(IN DOLLARS)**

INCOME, MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, 1960-1970

The median income for Elliott families was \$5,739 in 1960. In 1970, the median family income was \$8,826, representing a ten year change of 53.7%. Citywide, the median family income rose from \$5,605 in 1960, to \$8,800 in 1970, a 57% change.



SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**OCCUPATION: MAJOR OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS
OF PERSONS 14 YEARS AND OVER, 1970**

The largest percentage of people in this neighborhood work in Craftsmen-Foremen positions. This group constitutes 41% of the employed population. The largest percentage of people in the city work in Sales and Clerical positions, which represents 28% of the total population.

**MAJOR OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS
OF PERSONS 14 YEARS AND OVER, 1970**

	PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE	SALES AND CLERICAL	CRAFTSMEN, OPERATIVES, FOREMEN	LABORERS, SERVICES, HOUSEHOLD WORKERS	TOTAL EMPLOYED
MALE	112	167	623	220	1122
FEMALE	36	296	59	158	549
TOTAL	148	463	682	378	1671
PERCENT OF TOTAL	8.85	27.69	40.80	22.61	100.00

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS 1970

**PERSONS RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN 1972**

ASSISTANCE TYPE	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION
OLD AGE	17	.34
BLIND	4	.08
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	400	8.07
GENERAL	52	1.04
AID TO DISABLED	13	.26
TOTAL	486	9.79

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE
MARCH 2, 1973

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES IN 1972

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 1972

Of the neighborhood's total population, 10% received public assistance in 1972. Citywide, 14% of the population received some kind of assistance in the same year.

ARRESTS FOR MAJOR CRIMES, 1972

The crime rate listed here represents the number of arrests that were made for major crimes in 1972 as a ratio of the total population of the area. Major crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, and larceny. In 1972, the crime rate for this neighborhood was 1.70 ; for Pittsburgh, the rate was 4.71.

CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	CRIME RATE
MURDER	0	.00
RAPE	0	.00
ROBBERY	4	.08
ASSAULT	29	.59
BURGLARY	21	.42
LARCENY	30	.61
TOTAL	84	1.70

SOURCE: ANNUAL REPORT OF MAJOR CRIMES
CITY OF PITTSBURGH
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1972

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities which serve Elliott are not limited to those located within the confines of Elliott. Although there are many community facilities in the general vicinity, this list is limited to police and fire stations, public libraries, public schools, City of Pittsburgh recreational facilities (indoor and outdoor), major hospitals, and major colleges and universities.

Community facilities for this neighborhood include:

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Public Facilities

- No. 39 Fire Station
- No. 8 Police District

Recreation

- Herschel Playground
- Townsend Parklet
- West End Overlook
- West End Park

Schools

- Thaddeus Stevens Elementary
- Greenway Middle (under construction)
- Langley High

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