

# Cross Country EMS INSPIRE Plan: Proposed Primary Walking Routes

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# Introduction

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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.

🕒 5 Minute Walk

🕒 10 Minute Walk

# Cross Country EMS INSPIRE Planning 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?

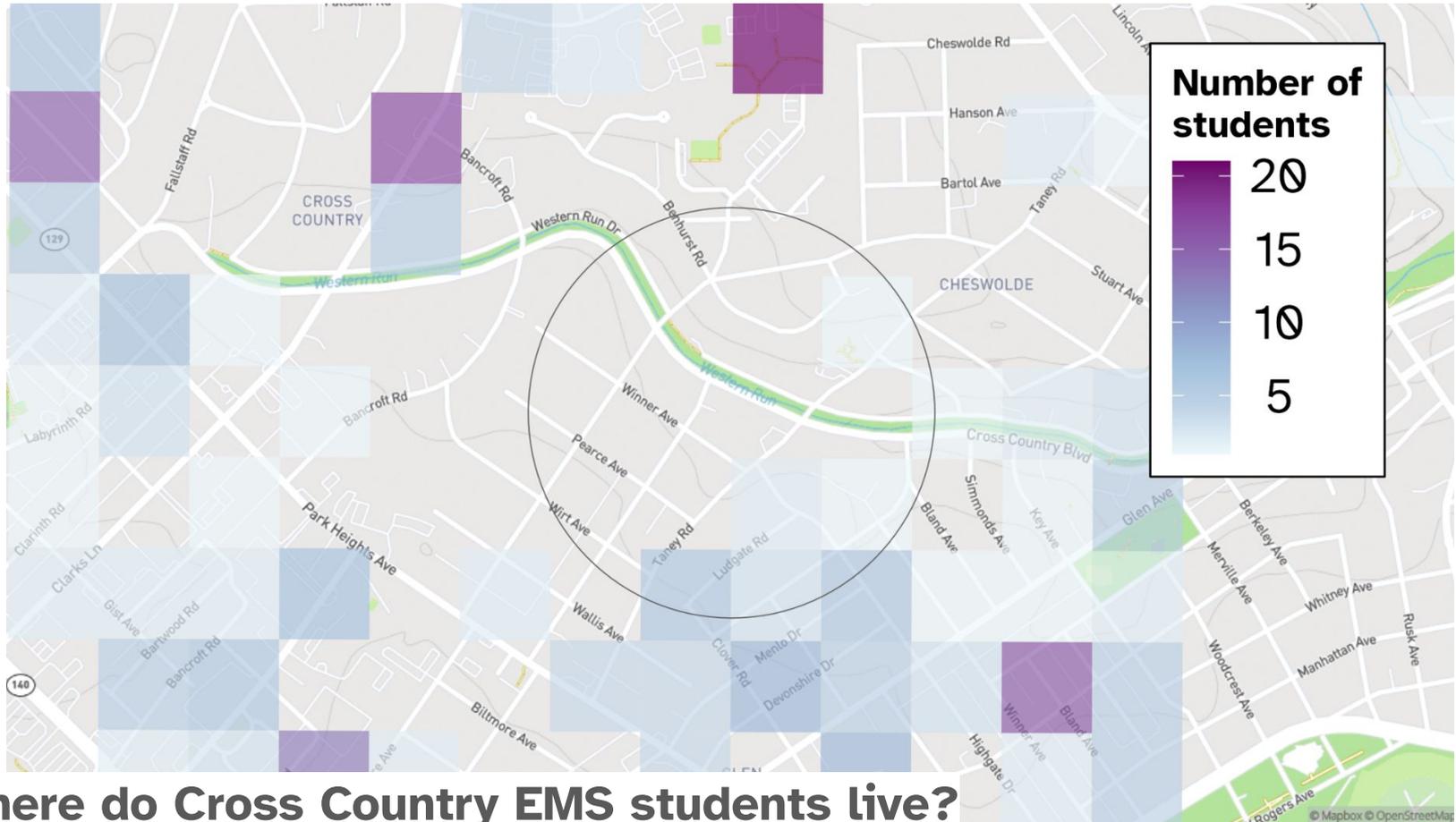
Sidewalk repairs and crosswalk replacement take place **on the designated primary walking routes *only***—not across all area streets.

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?**





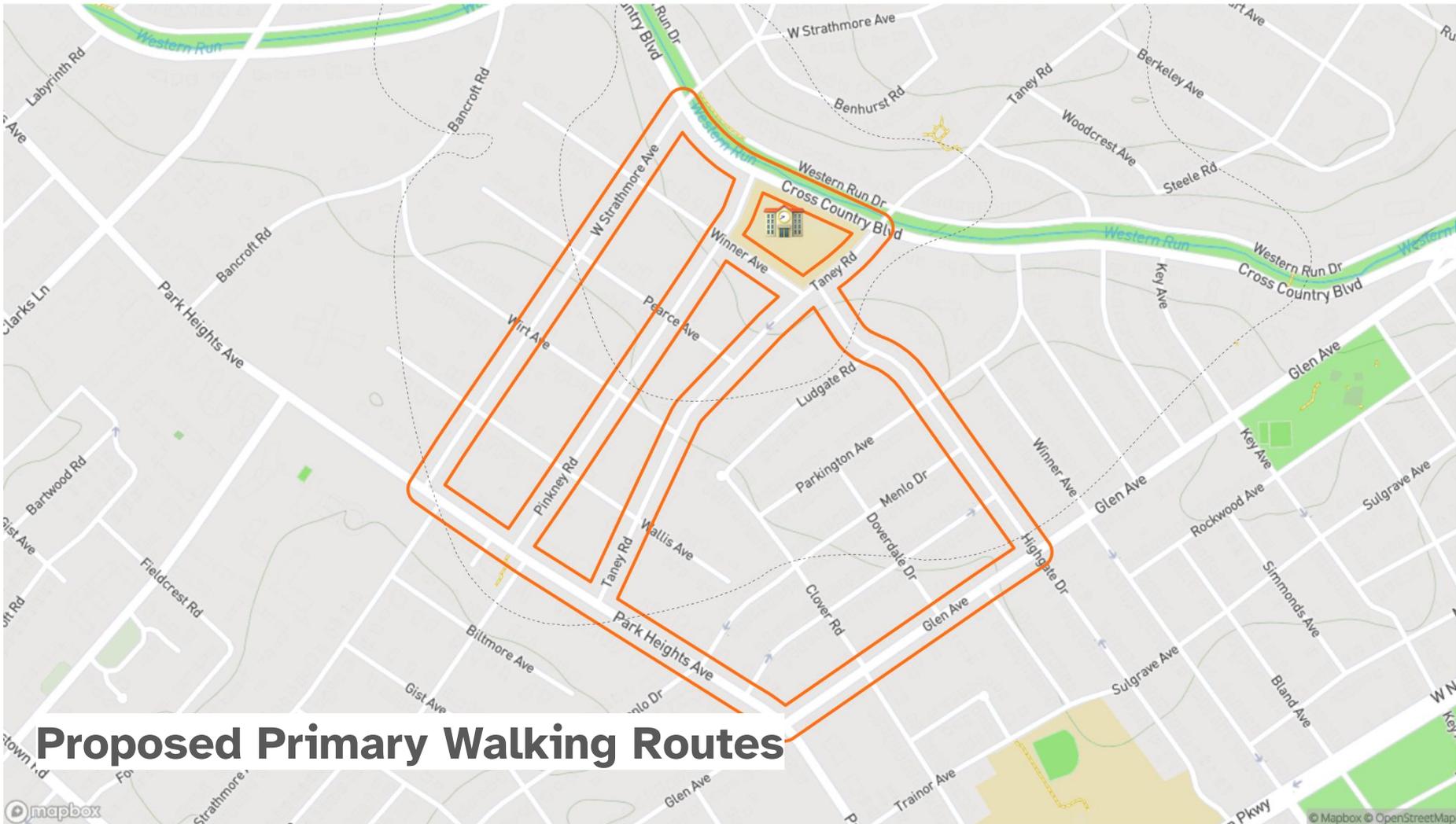
## Where do Cross Country EMS students live?

Source: BCPSS SY2122 Enrollment Data

# What streets do nearby students use to walk to school?

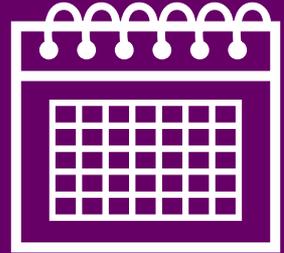
- Cross Country Boulevard
- Highgate Drive
- Taney Road and Pinkney Road (from MTA bus stops on Park Heights Avenue)





# 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](https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/cross-country-elementary-middle-school)

**Questions?  
Feedback?  
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