Number of Unique Youth Involved in Offenses/Incidents
The East Hills neighborhood rate of unique youth involved in Crime and Status Offenses fluctuated to a greater degree than the Grand Rapids city rate between 2006 and 2012. The offense rate in East Hills declined extensively between 2006 and 2007. Between 2007 and 2011 the East Hills rate of unique youth involved in offenses and incidents rose well above the city rate. In 2009 a rate of 160 per 1,000 youth in the population was recorded in East Hills. After 2009 a rapid decline in unique youth involvement occurred and continued through 2012. Between 2011 and 2012, the East Hills rate declined to well below the city rate.

As represented in Figure 5.1 East Hills experienced a gradual drop in unique youth involved in Crime Offenses between 2006 and 2008 albeit always remaining higher than the city rate. Between 2008 and 2009 the unique youth involved in Crime Offense rates rapidly increased and then rapidly decreased between 2009 and 2010. After which a steady decline has continued in unique youth involved in crime. The unique youth involved in Status Offenses (Figure 5.2) in East Hills was higher than the Grand Rapids rate between 2006 into 2007. After dipping below the city rate in 2007 the rate increased to a rate of 40 per 1,000 in 2008 and has been in a steady decline through 2012. The rate of unique youth connected to Family Domestic Incidents in East Hills (Figure 5.3) has exceeded the Grand Rapids city rate except for a short time period between late 2007 and early 2008.

Number of Unique Offenses/Incidents
In contrast to the city rate of unique offenses, East Hills unique offense rate was above the city rate
from 2006 through early 2011. A large increase between 2008 and 2009 was followed by a large
decrease between 2009 and 2010. After which, a steep decline in unique offenses occurred between
early 2011 through 2012. The rate change within the Crime Offense category in East Hills reveals
a large decline between 2006 and 2008 and a steep incline beginning in 2008 followed by a steep
decline thereafter. The Status Offense rate in East Hills was highest in 2006 with a sharp decline into
2007. After the initial decline of unique Status Offenses beginning in 2007, Status Offenses increased
into 2008 and then began a steady decline resulting in a rate less than the city rate beginning in early 2010. The Family Domestic Incident rate exceeded the city rate between 2006 and late-year 2007 and again mid-year 2009 through 2012.

Residence of Youth Inside or Outside of the Neighborhood
As can be seen in Figure 5.8, the percent of youth residing outside the East Hills neighborhood who were involved in offenses within the East Hills neighborhood is greater than East Hills resident youth who were committing offenses inside their neighborhood. In 2011, more than 90 percent of offenders for Crime and Status Offenses were non-residents of East Hills. When separating Crime Offenses and Status Offenses it is evident that a large proportion of crime offenses by youth in East Hills are attributed to non-East Hills resident youth. In regard to Status Offenses, the numbers fluctuate considerably between residents and non-residents.

Age of Offenders/Incidents
Figure 6.1 compares the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders in East Hills against the age of juvenile Crime and Status Offenders within Grand Rapids. In general, the age of onset in East Hills follows the same pattern as the Grand Rapids pattern. There are slight differentiations within years but overall the vast numbers of offenses are being committed by youth between the ages of 14 and 16 with 15 and 16 year old youth contributing the most toward Crime and Status Offenses within the neighborhood.
Density Map of Juvenile Offenses/Incidents

The geographical distribution of all juvenile offenses in East Hills is displayed in the map on the next page. All the juvenile offenses — including Criminal Offenses and Status Offenses — reported by the Grand Rapids Police Department from 2006 through 2012 are included within this density map. These maps represent the location of offenses only, not the residence of the youth involved. Within East Hills, the highest density of offenses occurring emanates from the Fulton Street/Diamond Avenue intersection southward toward Congress Elementary School. Further understanding of these areas with a slightly higher density of offenses can be developed through discussion with those familiar with the characteristics of the neighborhood and the particular blocks accounting for the high density of offenses.

Figure 5.8 East Hills - Residence of Offenders
Crime and Status Offenses

Figure 5.9 East Hills - Residence of Offenders
Crime Offenses

Figure 6.0 East Hills - Residence of Offenders
Status Offenses

Figure 6.1 East Hills - Age of Offenders
Concentration of Juvenile Offenses 2006 - 2012 – East Hills

Legend

- Grand Rapids Public Schools
- City of Grand Rapids
- Neighborhood Boundaries
- Green Space
- Rivers & Lakes

Major Roads
- Business
- Expressway
- State
- Street

Number of Juvenile Offenses
- 1 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 50
- (51 - 230)

Note: The (#) signifies the number of offenses in cells containing greater than 50 offenses.

Sources:
- Grand Rapids Police Department - 2013
- After School Programs Database - Our Community’s Children
- Community Research Institute

Projection: U.S. State Plane NAD 83 South - International Feet

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