

Safe Winter Walkways 2011-12 After-Action Report

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For 2011-12 the Safe Winter Walkways program began taking applications from participants and volunteers in October. Lawrence had still not received any significant snowfall at the end of the program. During the 2010-2011 season we had several major snow events, which greatly encouraged registration and volunteerism. As a result this past season has shown a decline in volunteerism.

For 2011-12 the program has increased slightly to 124 requests for assistance with snow removal. Volunteers dropped to 38. The volunteers were matched with 53 of the households requesting assistance. Of those 53 matched with a volunteer only 3 had no public sidewalk, while out of the 71 that were not matched with a volunteer 31 had no public sidewalk. The chart below demonstrates the progression of the program over the last 5 years.

