



Public Works 50/50 Cost Share Program for Residential Sidewalk Repair

Need help getting a sidewalk repaired? The City of Fort Wayne has a cost sharing program that may be the perfect solution -- in 3 easy steps!



Before



After

City Code (§ 99.046) requires property owners to repair and maintain the public sidewalk in front of their property. The City has created a cost share program in an effort to assist residents with these repairs.

Step 1 – Decide if you want to fix an individual sidewalk slab, multiple slabs, a drive approach, and/or curbs on your property in the right of way. *Note: This program applies to *existing* concrete infrastructure. Adding *new* concrete to your property does not apply to this program. *

Step 2 – Go to the City of Fort Wayne website, www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare, and fill out a petition. The petition can be filled out electronically on the website or printed off and mailed. An individual petition requires the signature of the property owner(s). A block petition requires signatures from 51 percent of the affected property owners on that block.

Step 3 – Fill out the petition online or mail it to the Right of Way office.

Step 4- The City's Division of Public Works will provide an estimate and by mutual agreement, the City will pay for 50 percent of the cost of the repair work and you will pay 50 percent for the cost of the work. In general, sidewalk repairs may cost approximately \$550-600 per sidewalk slab (usually 5'x5'). In this case, the cost to the homeowner would be \$275-300 per slab.

Step 5- A Construction Agreement (CA) will be mailed to the homeowner around April. If the homeowner(s) agree to the terms indicating the amount of concrete being replaced and the 50/50 cost, they sign it and return it to the ROW office.

Step 6- If the CA is returned on time to get in the current year's program and there are funds available when the CA is received, construction typically takes place in the summer/early fall months. Those who do not get to participate in the current year, will have their information carried over to next year. An updated CA will be sent the next calendar year with updated pricing.

The City offers a low-interest loan to assist property owners in financing their portion of the repair.

For more information, go to <https://www.cityoffortwayne.org/publicworks/right-of-way/50-50-cost-sharing-program.html> or contact the Right of Way Department at 260-427-6155.

Office Address:

Citizens Square
200 E Berry St, Suite 210
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

FREQUENTLY ASKED 50/50 COST SHARE QUESTIONS

Q1. Can anyone participate in the cost sharing program?

The improvement property must be within Fort Wayne city limits.

Q2. How does the program work?

First, decide if you want to fix an concrete at an individual address or an entire block. Then, go to www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare to fill out the appropriate program petition.

Q3. How much will my new sidewalk cost?

Sidewalk repairs cost approximately \$550-600 per (usually 5'x5') sidewalk slab/square. With 50/50 Cost Share, the homeowner pays share about \$275-300 per sidewalk slab.

Q4. What if there is a tree in the park strip heaving my sidewalk?

If the tree is heaving the sidewalk, it will be cut down. The City will pay for tree removal at no cost to the homeowner.

Q5. Who has to sign the petition?

If it's an individual petition, it must be signed by only the owner(s) of the property, as listed on the deed. Property owners wishing to have an entire block funded through Barrett Law must sign a petition which includes signatures from all of those participating in the project. All block petitions except for street light petitions must have at least 51% of affected property owners. Street light petitions must have at least 60% affected property owners per IC 36-9-9-3. The petitioners agree to pay a portion of the project cost.

Q6. What happens if I sell my house?

The assessment is a lien against the parcel of real property and must be paid in full at closing if the property transfers ownership.

Q7. Can I hire my own contractor to repair my sidewalk and get reimbursed by the City?

No, the City will bid the project, hire the contractor, and oversee construction.

Q8. Will the City fix my driveway as part of the cost share?

No, the City will not replace an entire driveway. The City will fix the driveway approach if the walk behind the drive approach and the approach are both in poor condition.

Q9. How long will I have to wait for my repairs?

It may take a year to complete your project, as projects are planned a year in advance. Estimation takes place in the late winter/early spring months. Construction takes place in the summer/fall months.

Q10. If I rent a house, can I still petition for the sidewalk to be replaced?

A renter can inquire about the cost share program but they cannot file a petition. The property owner(s) reflected on the deed of the property must complete the petition and sign a construction agreement in order for work to be completed at the rental property.

Q10. How can I pay for my portion of the project?

Notice of assessments can be paid in full by the due date on the Notice of Assessment or homeowners can complete the Waiver and take advantage of our low-interest loans paid on an annual or monthly basis. Additional financing and contact information can be found at the following website: <https://www.cityoffortwayne.org/publicworks/board-of-public-works-office/barrett-law.html>.

Further questions can be answered by calling the Right of Way office at 260-427-6155.

