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Dear Friend,

SnowBuddy sees sidewalks as important transportation corridors that should be walkable 365 days a year.

As you may know, SnowBuddy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing free sidewalk snow removal service for the Ann Arbor Water Hill neighborhood. We just wrapped up our fifth successful season keeping the neighborhood's 12 miles of sidewalks clear of snow and ice. It really is transformational to have the sidewalks maintained in their entirety and walkable throughout the winter. We have achieved safe sidewalk transportation for our young, elderly, and physically challenged neighbors, knowing others benefit as well.

SnowBuddy believes it is time for the City of Ann Arbor to move from the question of "Should the city be responsible for sidewalk snow removal?" to "How should the city ensure quality sidewalk winter maintenance for all?".

We are glad to share the enclosed report with you. This evaluation report, funded by the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, serves several purposes, all with the goal of recommending a viable path forward towards quality wintertime sidewalk maintenance for all in the City of Arbor. SnowBuddy sees a future of city-wide winter sidewalk maintenance.

If you would like to join the conversation, please email us at [info@snowbuddy.org](mailto:info@snowbuddy.org). We will continue to engage stakeholders across the City in next steps. We are already undertaking a next round of research and development for a city-wide solution, developing background data on the scope of the potential service, evaluating alternative models for service delivery, engaging stakeholders in discussions of what an ideal solution looks like, and developing recommendations for next steps – all while getting ready for next winter – just around the corner!

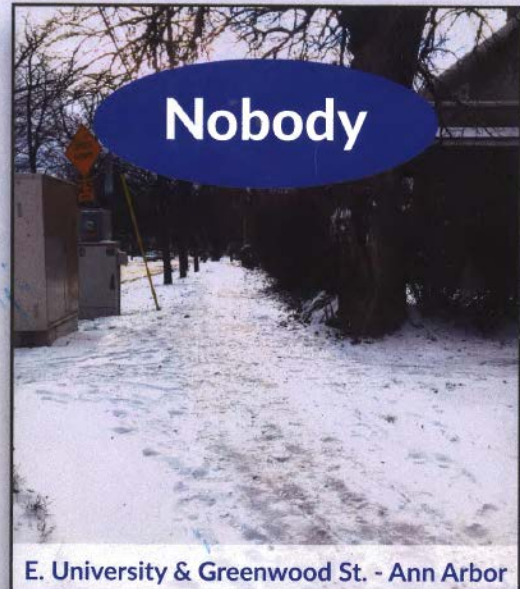
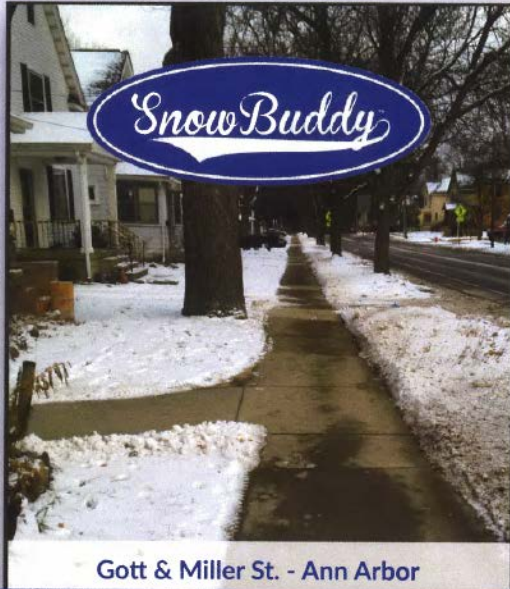
Thank you for caring so much for our City – and for your interest in SnowBuddy!

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Tinkerhess".

The SnowBoard: Lisa Brush, Tom Brush, Jim Frey, Robbin Pott, & Paul Tinkerhess  
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## SNOW REMOVAL MAINTAINED BY



Both photos taken on the same afternoon, several days after a snowfall.

To learn more visit: [snowbuddy.org](http://snowbuddy.org)

## SIDEWALKS ARE CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS



SnowBuddy believes that everyone should have safe and equal access to sidewalks.

We are working hard to find a city-wide solution to winter sidewalk maintenance and are making great strides.

### TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP

Visit [snowbuddy.org](http://snowbuddy.org) for suggested actions you can take to support our mission and to read an evaluation report conducted by SnowBuddy with support from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.