

Amazon Neighborhood Walks  
OUTDOOR LIGHTING  
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Good outdoor lighting makes our community a safer and more pleasant place to live. And good lighting benefits all of us in a variety of ways:

1. Energy conservation: Although outdoor lighting uses only a small fraction of the electricity used locally, it is easy to increase the savings by using appropriate levels of well-directed light.
2. Increased public safety: By reducing or eliminating the disabling glare created by unshielded and/or poorly designed fixtures, we provide a safer and more secure environment for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, & others.
3. More attractive neighborhoods: The elimination of "light trespass" (e.g., your neighbor's "security" light shining into your bedroom all night...) increases the feeling of privacy. And well-illuminated front porches and businesses are downright appealing to look at, compared to conventionally illuminated areas that create unwanted & unnecessary glare.

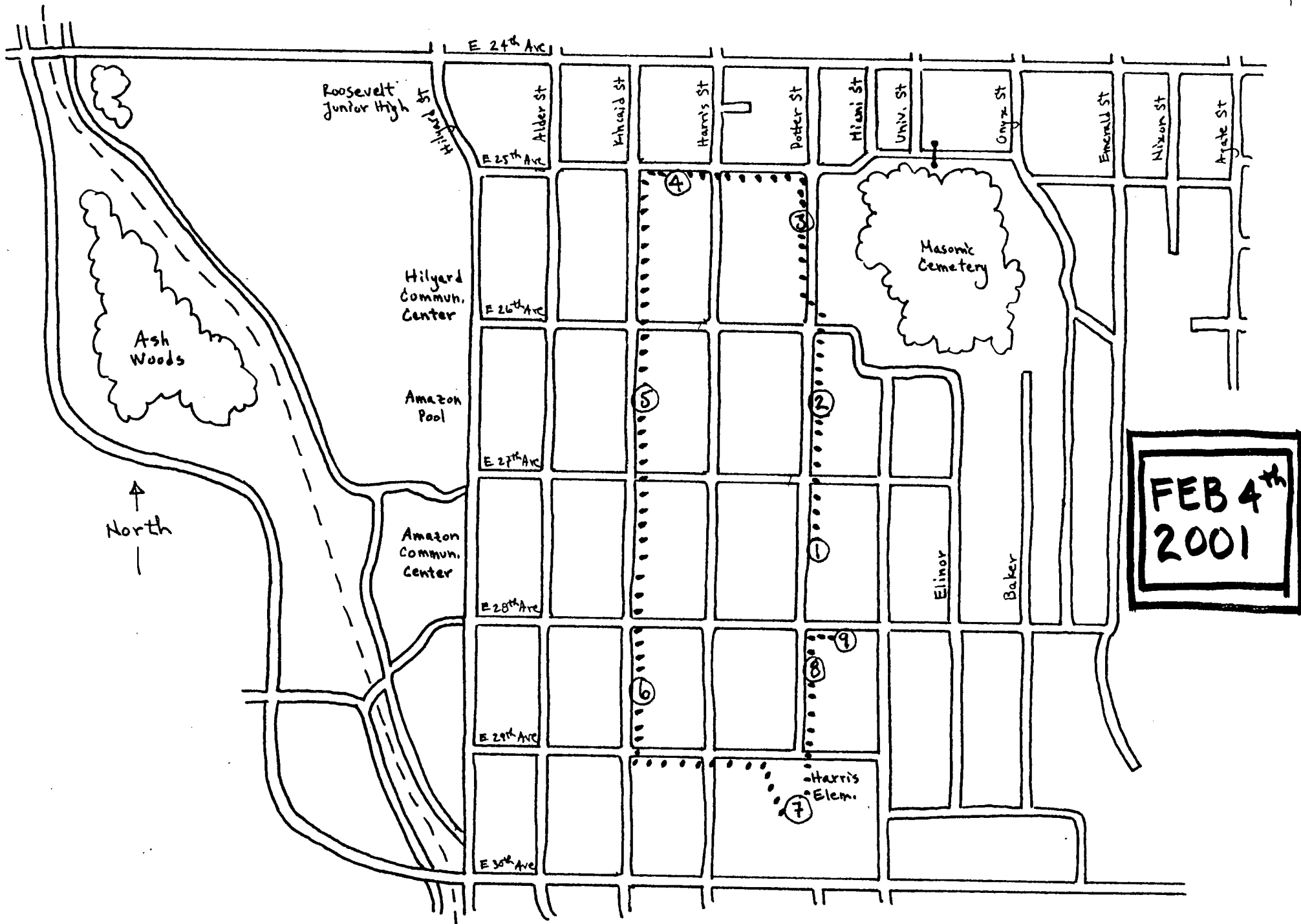
4. Ecological benefits: Plants and animals here in the middle latitudes all evolved in the absence of 24-hour lighting. Good lighting is less likely to "confuse" plants and create hormonal disruptions in humans and other animals.

5. Star-filled skies: Sky-glow created by poorly designed lighting robs us of a priceless natural resource: A dark night sky. Just as we deserve clean water, clean air, and healthy natural areas in our community, we also deserve a clear look into the universe of which we are but a tiny part.

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More Information

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