



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Most of Kildare was developed during the 1960s, but residential development continued well in to the 1980s. The major structure type in the neighbourhood is the single-detached house, although almost half of the total dwelling units are contained in row houses, collective residences and low rise apartments.

Kildare has a relatively high mix of land uses, due to the presence of St. Michael's Cemetery and Londonderry Mall. Roughly 45 percent of Kildare's property area is residential, and the remainder of the area is commercial and institutional. Kildare Park provides residents with a large open space and the students of adjacent Kildare Elementary with recreational/play space. The neighbourhood's connection with 137th Avenue, and close proximity to 97th Street provides residents with easy access to other parts of the city.

Kildare, Londonderry Mall and several surrounding neighbourhoods are named for Irish towns and counties. Kildare is named after the town and county of Kildare, Ireland. A nunnery was founded there by St. Bridget (453-523) who changed the name from Druim Criaidh to Cill-dara, which means church of the oak. The anglicized version of Cill-dara became Kildare. The name aligns with other Irish names for neighbourhoods within the area, including: Kilkenny, Killarney, and Londonderry.