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**A Message from the Executive Director,
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Dear fellow Sangamon County residents and local leaders:

It is with great pleasure that we present the results of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission's Neighborhood Appearance Survey, conducted in conjunction with the University of Illinois at Springfield's Survey Research Office, Center for State Policy & Leadership.

Almost 40 years ago the Planning Commission surveyed residents in the region asking them what they saw as they looked about their neighborhoods. This "What I See" survey was intended to not just collect residents' thoughts about the aesthetics of the places where they lived, but to try and determine how they *felt* about them. The relationship between what people *see* in their neighborhoods and how they *feel* about them is important for both better community planning and the prioritization of local resources, because how we feel about the places where we live has real social, cultural and economic consequences for residents as well as the communities in which they live.

Neighborhoods serve as the building blocks of communities. They are the most fundamental units at which a community can examine goals, develop shared priorities, and cultivate growth. Neighborhood awareness helps residents develop "pride of place," and in so doing, fosters an engaged and interconnected citizenry. The visual components of a neighborhood even contribute to resident behavior, with studies suggesting, for example, that residents in safe, walkable neighborhoods have higher likelihoods of knowing their neighbors, and are more likely to participate, trust, and engage with them.

The new survey discussed in this report again sought the opinions of Sangamon County residents concerning the visual appearance of their neighborhoods—their perceptions of buildings, streets, alleys, landscaping and other things in the places where they live—as a means of assessing both their feelings about their current neighborhoods and their concept of what an "ideal" neighborhood might be. We consider it just a first step in better understanding which trends in neighborhood design and accessibility merit further exploration, and in which geographical locations additional attention should be addressed for better planning.

The residents of Sangamon County seemed to understand the importance of how their neighborhoods look as well. We found that respondents welcomed the opportunity to participate in this survey, and their enthusiasm led to a robust response rate that has enabled us to compare perceptions across various areas of the county instead of just the county as a whole.

We were pleased by this, as the Planning Commission believes that engaging the residents of our neighborhoods in planning is vitally important to our work. Through neighborhood involvement, a

resident is provided a forum in which to consider community needs and goals on a manageable and meaningful scale. With a coordinated vision, strong neighborhoods can provide the basis for informed economic development and community improvements, and interaction among strong neighborhood groups can contribute to overall community health and growth.

As a first step in achieving this end, the SSCRPC and Survey Research Office are pleased to present this important preliminary snapshot of our neighborhoods, hoping that it will generate additional conversations regarding neighborhood improvement, assisting local leaders as they target the improvement efforts of the future.

Sincerely,



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Executive Summary

In April of 2014, the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) and University of Illinois at Springfield's (UIS) Survey Research Office (SRO) conducted a mail survey to gauge resident attitudes toward the appearance of their current neighborhood and opinions regarding their "ideal" neighborhood. This survey was intended to guide local leaders in decision-making related to the visual appearance of the community and to assist the SSCRPC in targeting future research.

Survey results presented in this report are based on 728 completed surveys. The overall response rate for this survey is 18.7 percent, and responses were statistically weighted to be representative of the Sangamon County community. Overall, residents expressed favorable attitudes toward their neighborhoods, though many felt that the "ideal" neighborhood would have features that are not included in their current environment.

The survey included six topical sections: General visual appearance of your neighborhood; Landscaping, green, and open spaces; Neighborhood detractions; Access to businesses and services; Impressions of your neighborhood; and Your ideal neighborhood. Some of the key findings in the survey dealt with resident perceptions of various amenities and are consistent across residents throughout the county (including Springfield metro area). For example, all residents had fairly favorable attitudes toward streets and roads in terms of cleanliness and convenience but only one-third felt they were in good condition.

Other results vary between regions (SSCRPC and SRO developed eight regional groups discussed further in the methodology section). Residents outside of the Springfield metro area were more positive toward the buildings in their region than residents within the city. Residents of Northeast Springfield were most likely to report that sidewalks were not suitable for walking, and alleys were viewed as more important and ranked more favorably among residents of Southeast Springfield.

Throughout the report, we provide distinctive terms used by residents to describe various aspects of their neighborhoods. For example, when residents are asked to describe their neighborhoods, we can provide the primary identifiers used by residents in each region:

- North Sangamon County: Quiet
- East Sangamon County: Homey
- South Sangamon County: Calm
- West Sangamon County: Appealing
- Northeast Springfield: Older
- Southeast Springfield: Maintained
- Southwest Springfield: Developed
- Northwest Springfield: Connected

Other distinctive terms identified in this report including descriptions of desired amenities, landscaping, as well as mobility interests.

Survey results related to an "ideal" neighborhood varied by demographic group and region. Overall, residents' top-rated features in their ideal neighborhoods would be more recreation opportunities, improved maintenance/cleanliness/appearance, better infrastructure, sidewalks, and larger lots. Infrastructure was more desired by males, whereas more females valued neighborhood safety and appearance. Top-ranking amenities for an ideal neighborhood included houses with outdoor space, many trees, access to gardens, and access to hiking/biking trails.

Other key findings included racial, education, and income differences. For example, African American respondents were more likely to report lack of access to business and services. Finally, over 80% of residents in every region like their neighborhood, with Northeast Springfield residents expressing the most negative sentiment toward their neighborhood. Residents with lower and higher income and education levels expressed greater discontent with their current neighborhood than those in the middle ranges of these two demographic indicators.

The neighborhood survey provided an informative and potentially fruitful basis for understanding important features of neighborhood perception, and offers a foundation for future research.

Introduction

For the past century, scholars have been examining neighborhoods¹ in an effort to learn about poverty, race relations, community engagement, community wellness/contentment, and social mobility in U.S. cities and counties. Research demonstrates that many neighborhood attributes and personal feelings can affect how satisfied an individual is with their neighborhood. These include a variety of personal factors, physical factors, social factors, and safety factors.² Anecdotally, social norms inform us that most people want to live in a “good” neighborhood. However, how do we quantify what constitutes a good neighborhood? And perhaps more importantly, do different populations want different amenities in their neighborhoods? This project examines the different factors affecting neighborhood satisfaction among individuals in Sangamon County and how they differ among individuals across demographics and regions.

In early 2014, the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) contacted the University of Illinois Springfield’s Survey Research Office in an effort to replicate a prior study conducted by the SSCRPC examining how Sangamon County residents felt about their neighborhoods four decades ago. This project expands and improves upon this work by employing sampling methodology in order to properly account for populations residing throughout the county. In addition to beginning to answer the questions raised above among Sangamon County residents, it also serves as a starting point for additional conversations and studies. Our hope is that the information provided in this report can provide direction for current infrastructure improvement needs in Sangamon County, provide the SSCRPC a framework for future development and planning purposes, as well as identify areas that require further study and analysis.

The survey includes six topical sections (General visual appearance of your neighborhood; Landscaping, green, and open spaces; Neighborhood detractors; Access to businesses and services; Impressions of your neighborhood; and Your ideal neighborhood). There is an additional section including demographic questions for analysis purposes. The topline report includes actual question wording and frequencies for each answer category as well as all open-ended responses.

¹ Park, R.E. and Burgess, E.W. (1967). *The city*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Originally published in 1916).

² Higgitt, N. and Memken, J. (2001). “Understanding neighborhoods.” *Housing and Society* (28).

Methodology

Sampling frame

The 2014 Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission's Neighborhood Survey is a paper-based survey (with an online option) that was sent to 7,021 Sangamon County residents. Mailing addresses were compiled using Virtual Genesys' Address Based Sampling (ABS) methodology and were stratified by zip codes based on the most recent Census population estimates. For addresses that service multiple residences (e.g., boarding houses), a single unit was randomly identified to be contacted. No seasonal, P.O. boxes, or vacant addresses were included in the sample.

The survey was sent via U.S. Postal Service on April 4, 2014 and was addressed to the individual whose name is associated with the address but included "Or Current Resident." Included in the mailing was an introductory letter to the resident, the blank questionnaire, and a business reply envelope.

Respondents were encouraged to have the youngest adult (18 years or older) in their household complete the survey. Of the 7,021 questionnaires sent, 218 were returned as undeliverable, eight individual households refused to participate, five households reported that they were not part of the identified sample (residents of Sangamon County), 38 responded too late to be included in the analysis, and one individual only completed part of the survey. The results presented in this report are based on the 728 completed surveys. The overall response rate for this survey is 18.7 percent (AAPOR Response Rate 3 Calculation).

Data weighting

Results are weighted to better represent the Sangamon County population using the 2012 American Community Survey 3 year estimates. The data is weighted using gender, race, age, education level, and zip code of resident. Due to high levels of nonresponse bias on the question asking for individual incomes, we chose to impute the missing values based on gender, education level, and whether the individual owns or rents their home. A complete list of demographic frequencies (weighted and unweighted) is available in Table 1.

Regions used for analysis

For comparison purposes, individuals were placed into regions based on the location of their mailing address. The analysis is broken down into eight geographic regions based on 2010 U.S. Census Tracts. Each region includes at least 70 respondents and a map of the regions is available in Image 1 as well as frequencies in Table 2. The major geographic divides for the regions within Springfield metro are approximately South Grand Avenue and 2nd street. The Sangamon County regions are outside of Springfield metro areas and are separated by Highway 29 (Dirksen Parkway) and Veterans Parkway. It is also important to note that while the regions used in the analysis are based on geographic location, the construction of the regions was constrained by both the number of individuals who participated in the survey in different parts of Sangamon County as well as the census tracts dividing the county. Because of this, we cannot provide results either at the street or "neighborhood level," and are limited to the geographical breakdowns mentioned previously. The overall margin of error for this survey is +/-3.6 percentage points. When examining subgroups of data respondents, the margin of error will increase slightly. However, due to high response rates and weighting procedures, we are confident that this data is representative of the Sangamon County population.

What is a neighborhood?

The actual question wording in the survey instrument referred to an individual's "neighborhood." It is important to note that we understand the underlying complexities of this term, and do not wish to

wade into the current academic debate on the right definition of the term. The term “neighborhood” invokes different meanings to individuals depending on where they live (urban, rural, or suburban communities) as well as their ethnic and cultural backgrounds. However, we felt that it was important for this study that we use the term and that we allow individuals to define it however they chose. Yet, for this reason as well as the other methodological concerns explained above, the analysis is not reported at the neighborhood level. Instead, we rely heavily on the eight regions throughout the report to highlight differences as well as demographic variables including gender, age, race, income, education level, and disability status.

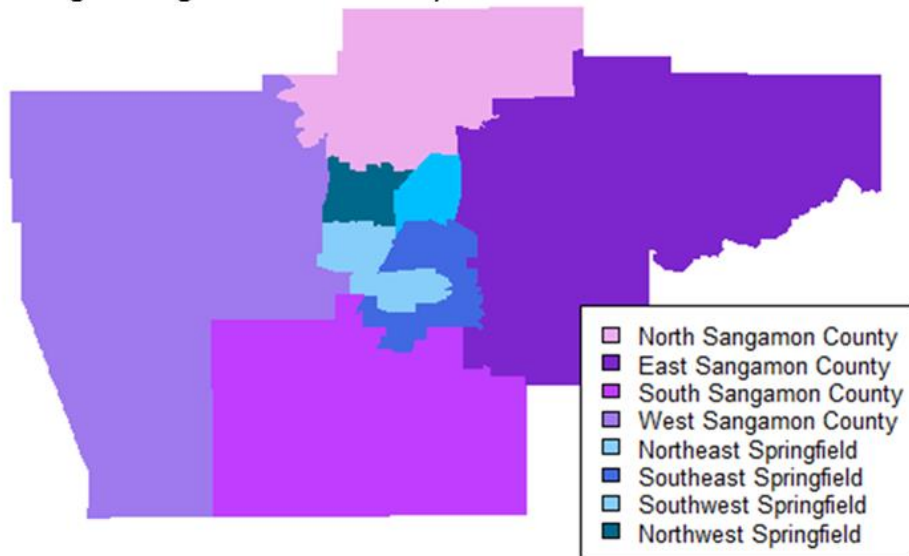
Table 1. Demographic characteristics of sample v. population

	Sangamon County Population (2012 ACS estimates)	Unweighted Results	Weighted Results (used for analysis)
Gender			
Female	52.0%	61.4%	54.8%
Male	48.0%	38.6%	45.2%
Race			
White	83.7%	95.8%	84.5%
African-American	12.0%	2.2%	10.5%
Asian	1.6%	0.4%	1.9%
Other	2.7%	1.5%	3.0%
Ethnicity			
Hispanic/Latino(a)	1.8%	0.3%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic/Latino(a)	98.2%	99.7%	99.5%
Age			
18-24 years old	6.0%	2.2%	8.5%
25-34 years old	12.8%	5.9%	14.5%
35-44 years old	12.8%	10.0%	15.6%
45- 54 years old	15.2%	12.9%	21.2%
55-64 years old	13.3%	27.5%	18.7%
65 or older	13.7%	41.6%	21.6%
Education			
Less than high school diploma	8.2%	1.3%	10.4%
HS diploma	28.6%	17.4%	23.3%
Some college/trade school	31.6%	30.8%	31.4%
College degree	20.1%	23.1%	22.4%
Advanced degree	11.6%	27.4%	12.5%
Disability Status			
Have a disability	-	89.0%	86.6%
Do not have a disability	-	11.0%	13.4%
Income			
\$15,000 or less	-	4.1%	14.2%
\$15,001-\$30,000	-	8.4%	10.2%
\$30,001-\$45,000	-	12.7%	13.9%
\$45,001-\$60,000	-	16.2%	16.9%
\$60,001-\$75,000	-	13.6%	12.4%
\$75,001-\$90,000	-	17.9%	16.7%
\$90,001-\$105,000	-	13.2%	7.5%
\$105,001-\$120,000	-	3.0%	1.2%
\$120,001-\$135,000	-	2.1%	2.1%
\$135,001-\$150,000	-	4.1%	2.0%
More than \$150,000	-	4.8%	2.7%

Table 2. Region by number of responses

	Number of respondents (unweighted)	Frequency (weighted)
North Sangamon County	73	5.1%
East Sangamon County	101	8.8%
South Sangamon County	76	11.5%
West Sangamon County	99	8.6%
Northeast Springfield	75	18.6%
Southeast Springfield	100	18.5%
Southwest Springfield	119	16.0%
Northwest Springfield	85	13.0%

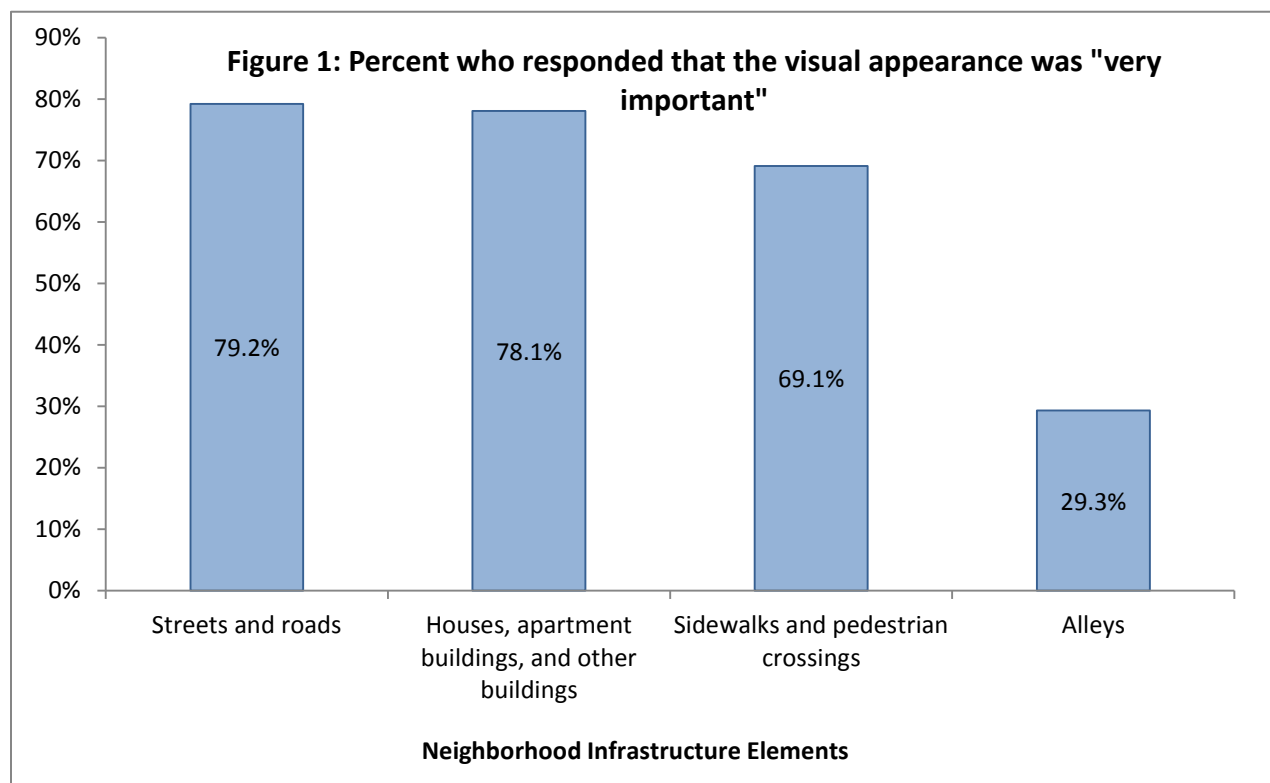
Image 1. Regions used for analysis



Report on Findings

Section 1: General Visual Appearance of your Neighborhood

When asked how important, if at all, the visual appearances of buildings, streets, sidewalks, and alleys are to respondents when they think about the overall visual appearance of their neighborhood, we find that the visual appearance of streets and roads are the most important. Almost 80 percent (79.2%) report that the visual appearance of streets and roads is “very important,” to the overall visual appearance of their neighborhood. Houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings were also very important to respondents with 78.1 percent reporting that they are “very important,” followed by sidewalks and pedestrian crossings (69.1 percent), and alleys (29.3 percent) (see figure 1).



As seen in table 3, respondents were asked to evaluate their current neighborhood on 21 different scales related to the visual appearance of their neighborhood. While each of the scales varies in terms of the aesthetic evaluated, all of the scales included both a “somewhere in-between” and a “don’t know” option. The other two items in each scale were opposing evaluations (e.g., ugly v. pretty). Of the 84 possible terms, the most commonly identified terms used to evaluate respondents’ current neighborhoods are: Developed (70.6%); Relaxed (64.0%); Calm (62.1%); Connected (59.0%); Maintained (58.9 percent); Ordinary (57.8%); Appealing (53.5%); Older (52.5%); Traditional (52.4%); and Orderly (51.3%).

Table 3. How respondents evaluate the visual appearance of their neighborhoods

8.2%	50.1%	41.4%	0.3%
Ugly	Somewhere in-between	Pretty	Don't know
67.7%	24.3%	6.8%	1.1%
Homey	Somewhere in-between	Uncomfortable	Don't know
64.0%	24.6%	10.3%	1.1%
Relaxed	Somewhere in-between	Tense	Don't know
9.0%	31.2%	58.9%	0.9%
Shabby	Somewhere in-between	Maintained	Don't know
15.6%	31.7%	52.5%	0.2%
Newer	Somewhere in-between	Older	Don't know
5.3%	73.7%	18.5%	2.5%
Dilapidated	Somewhere in-between	Pristine	Don't know
7.4%	27.9%	62.1%	2.5%
Hectic	Somewhere in-between	Calm	Don't know
48.1%	30.9%	15.4%	2.8%
Planned	Somewhere in-between	Unplanned	Don't know
19.5%	51.3%	26.3%	2.8%
Intimate	Somewhere in-between	Spacious	Don't know
58.1%	28.4%	13.4%	0.1%
Quiet	Somewhere in-between	Noisy	Don't know
15.0%	31.3%	52.4%	1.3%
Modern	Somewhere in-between	Traditional	Don't know
51.3%	36.9%	10.0%	1.8%
Orderly	Somewhere in-between	Chaotic	Don't know
53.5%	34.7%	11.4%	0.4%
Appealing	Somewhere in-between	Unappealing	Don't know
4.6%	52.6%	40.7%	2.1%
Ornate	Somewhere in-between	Plain	Don't know
7.8%	32.6%	57.8%	1.8%
Different	Somewhere in-between	Ordinary	Don't know
7.2%	21.0%	70.6%	1.3%
Undeveloped	Somewhere in-between	Developed	Don't know
25.7%	58.8%	10.5%	5.0%
Dense	Somewhere in-between	Sparse	Don't know
15.3%	34.3%	43.0%	7.4%
Uncoordinated	Somewhere in-between	Coordinated	Don't know
24.0%	59.2%	15.0%	1.9%
Busy	Somewhere in-between	Sparse	Don't know
7.9%	32.2%	59.0%	0.9%
Isolated	Somewhere in-between	Connected	Don't know
11.9%	32.5%	49.0%	6.6%
Inconsistent	Somewhere in-between	Consistent	Don't know

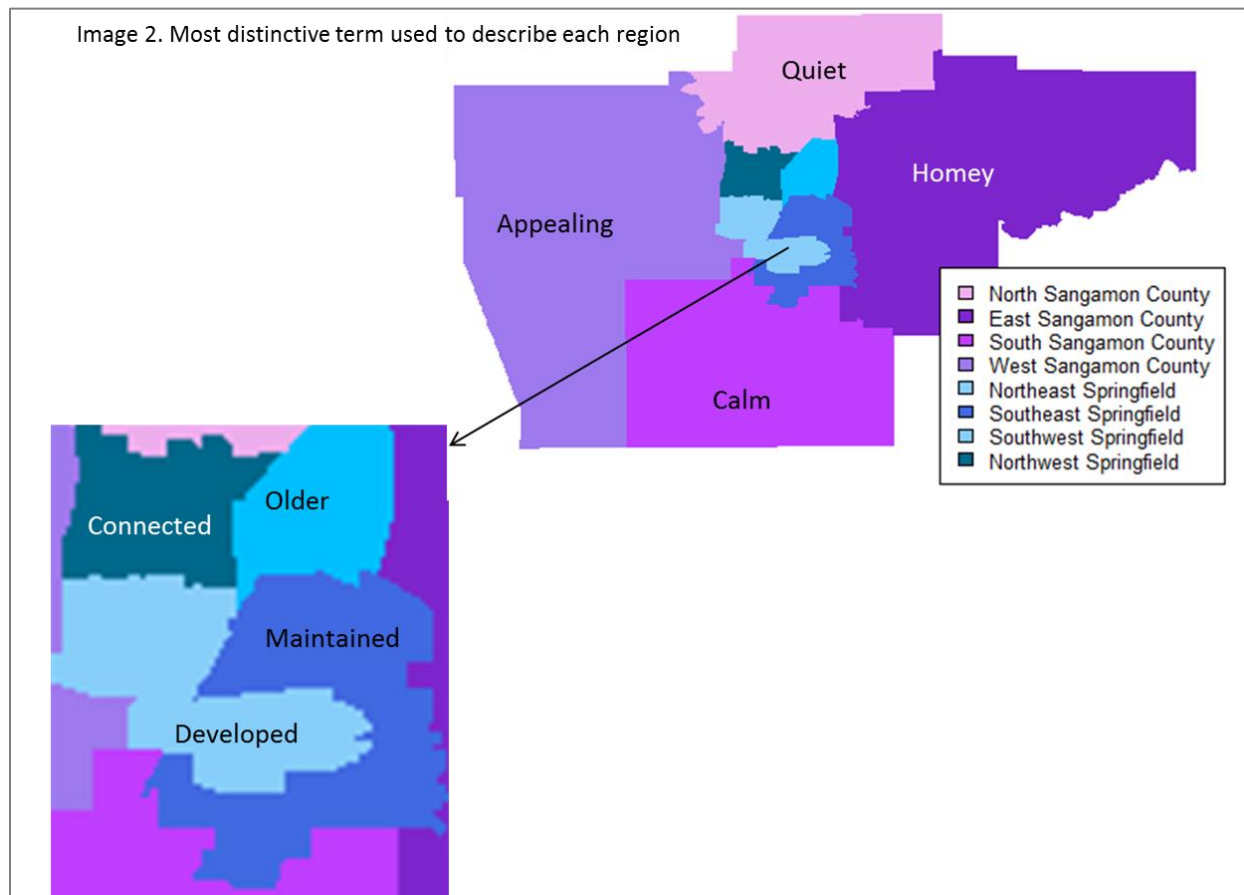
In addition, there are regional differences. Table 4 presents the five most frequently used terms for each region as well as the most distinctive term³ for each region.

Table 4. How residents describe their neighborhoods

	Most frequently used terms	Most distinctive term
North Sangamon County	Calm (85.7%) Quiet (77.3%) Relaxed (76.2%) Homey (71.4%) Maintained (61.9%)	Quiet
East Sangamon County	Homey (81.2%) Relaxed (80.9%) Quiet (75.0%) Maintained (67.3%) Appealing (66.7%)	Homey
South Sangamon County	Calm (91.9%) Relaxed (83.9%) Homey (80.0%) Developed (79.6%) Quiet (71.4%)	Calm
West Sangamon County	Appealing (76.7%) Relaxed (73.2%) Homey (72.5%) Calm (70.0%) Ordinary (63.4%)	Appealing
Northeast Springfield	Older (72.4%) Connected (71.2%) Developed (69.7%) Ordinary (64.0%) Plain (63.8%)	Older
Southeast Springfield	Developed (77.8%) Homey (73.3%) Maintained (67.3%) Quiet (62.4%) Older (52.0%)	Maintained
Southwest Springfield	Developed (84.8%) Connected (76.4%) Ordinary (66.2%) Traditional (62.7%) Older (59.7%)	Developed
Northwest Springfield	Connected (76.5%) Relaxed (76.1%) Homey (76.1%) Developed (72.1%) Consistent (70.6%)	Connected

³ The most distinctive term is the unique survey scale item that received the most responses in each of the regions. If an item was chosen most often by multiple regions, it was associated with the region that has the largest percentage of responses.

Image 2 depicts the most distinctive term by region.



Streets and roads

As mentioned previously, the visual appearances of streets and roads are very important to Sangamon County residents. Survey respondents were asked to evaluate their streets and roads in their current neighborhood using six unique scales. All of the scales included a “somewhere in-between” option as well as a “don’t know” response option. Overall, there are mostly positive evaluations regarding the streets and roads in Sangamon County.

The majority of residents report that the streets and roads in their neighborhood are *easy to navigate* (64.9 percent) and *clean* (52.5 percent). When asked whether the streets and roads in their neighborhoods were *too narrow* or *too wide*, we find that the majority of residents report that they are *somewhere in between* (71.3 percent). However, we do find that only one-third (34.5 percent) of residents report that the streets and roads in their neighborhoods are *in good condition* and only 35.4 percent report the streets in their neighborhood have curbs that are in good condition.

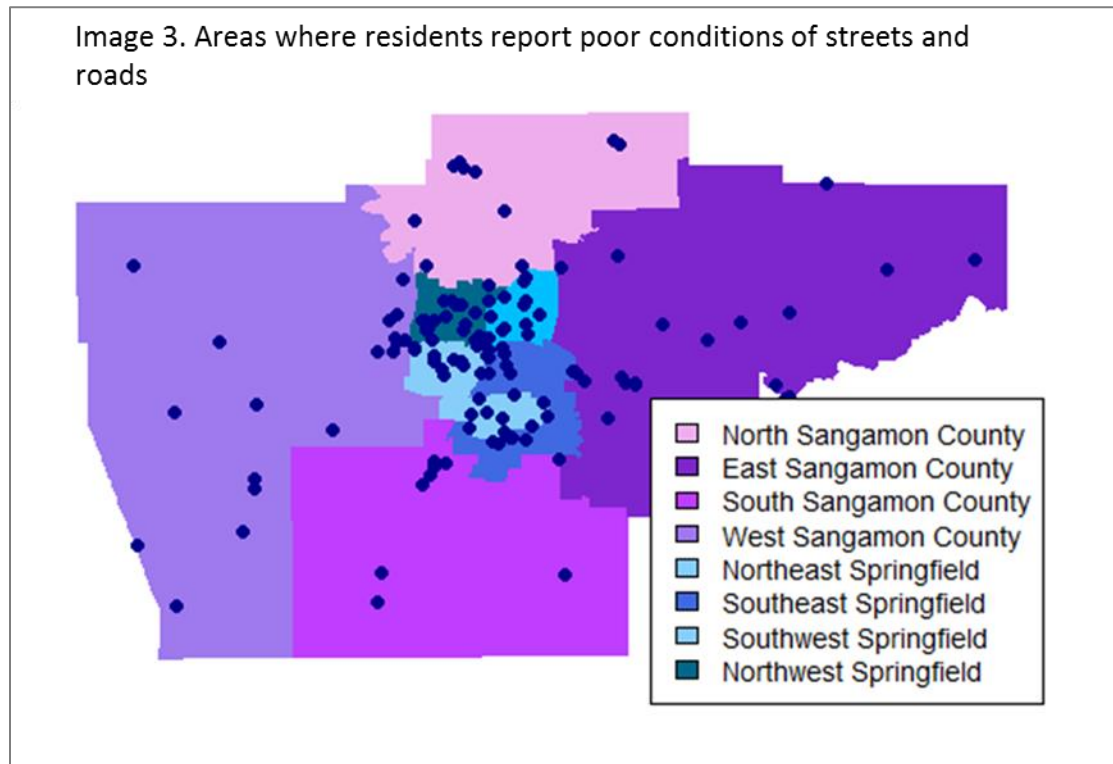
When we examine the biggest concerns regarding streets and roads by region, we find that there are slight regional differences. In North Sangamon County, a majority of residents report that their streets and roads are *easy to navigate* (70.8 percent) and *clean* (63.0 percent), but residents are also concerned over the lack of curbs or the poor condition of the curbs (57.7 percent). In addition, one-third of North Sangamon County residents report that the streets and roads in their neighborhoods are *too narrow*.

In Eastern Sangamon County, the lack of curbs or the poor condition of curbs is also a major concern with 73.5 percent reporting that they either *do not have curbs* or *have curbs that are in poor condition*. A majority of East Sangamon County residents also report that their streets and roads are *easy to navigate* (74.5 percent) and *clean* (57.1 percent). One-fourth of both North Sangamon County and East Sangamon County residents report that their streets and roads are currently *in poor condition*. By comparison, South Sangamon County residents and West Sangamon County residents have no real concerns about the current condition of their streets and roads with a majority reporting that their streets and roads are *clean* and *easy to navigate* and less than ten percent of residents reporting that they are *in poor condition*.

When we examine Springfield residents’ responses, Southeast Springfield residents are the most positive in their evaluations of their streets and roads with 51.4 percent reporting that they are in *good condition* (the highest of any region) and 65.6 percent reporting that the streets and roads are *easy to navigate*. Southeast Springfield residents are also positive in their evaluations of their curbs with 52 percent reporting that they are in *good condition*, but are more negative in their evaluations of their ditches with only 14.1 percent reporting that their neighborhood has ditches that are in *good condition*. Northeast Springfield residents are the most negative in their evaluations with 31 percent of residents reporting that the streets and roads in their neighborhoods are *dirty* and less than one-fourth reporting that they are in *good condition* (the lowest of any region). Southwest and Northwest Springfield residents are somewhat neutral in their evaluations of the streets and roads in their neighborhoods with the majority reporting that the condition of the streets and roads are either positive or in the *somewhere in-between* category for almost all of the survey scales.

When examining which area had the most individuals reporting that the streets and roads in their neighborhoods are in poor condition, we find that they tend to aggregate within the Springfield metro in neighborhoods east of 11th street and north of the downtown area. When we examine the county, we find that residents west of Farmingdale Road are the most negative in their evaluations of their neighborhood's streets and roads.

Image 3 maps each of the respondents who report that the streets and roads in their neighborhoods are in poor condition.



Houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings

The appearance of houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings is the second most important aspect of Sangamon County residents' evaluations of their neighborhoods. Survey respondents were asked to evaluate the houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings in their current neighborhood using six unique scales. All of the scales included a "somewhere in-between" option as well as a "don't know" response option. Overall, there are mixed evaluations regarding the visual appearance of houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings in Sangamon County. Of the 24 possible items (4 items in each of the six scales) the only item that receives a majority of responses is *have colors and materials that go together* with 55.3 percent of residents reporting that this describes the houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings in their neighborhoods.

When examining regional differences, we find that residents living outside Springfield metro are more positive, on average, in their evaluations of the buildings in their neighborhoods than residents living in the Springfield metro area. East Sangamon County residents are more positive in their evaluations on almost all survey scales in this section than any other region (with the exception of whether they find the buildings *attractive*). In contrast, Northeast Springfield residents are the least positive in their evaluations with one-third of residents in this region reporting that there is clutter or litter in their neighbor's yards, 20.8 percent reporting that the buildings are *poorly maintained*, and only 38.6 percent report that the buildings have *colors and materials that go together*.

Table 5. Attitudes towards houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings by region.

	Percent who report that the buildings in their neighborhood are "well-maintained"	Percent who report that the buildings in their neighborhood are "attractive"	Percent who report that there is clutter or litter in the yards in their neighborhood
North Sangamon County	58.3%	53.8%	22.2%
East Sangamon County	68.8%	42.0%	8.0%
South Sangamon County	52.9%	53.4%	12.9%
West Sangamon County	59.6%	45.5%	4.7%
Northeast Springfield	39.6%	33.3%	33.3%
Southeast Springfield	51.5%	48.0%	13.7%
Southwest Springfield	44.1%	35.6%	11.8%
Northwest Springfield	36.5%	35.2%	14.9%

Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings

Seventy percent of Sangamon County residents report that sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are *very important* to the visual appearance of their neighborhood. When asked to evaluate the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in their neighborhoods on seven different scales, all of which included a “somewhere in-between” option as well as a “don’t know” response option, we find that Sangamon County residents give the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings more modestly positive ratings. A majority of residents report that the current sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in their neighborhoods *allow access to other neighborhoods* (51.2 percent) and are *suitable for walking* (52.5 percent). However, only 40.9 percent of residents report that the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are *in good condition* and only one-fourth (25.9 percent) report that the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in their neighborhoods are *attractive*. In addition, when asked whether the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are *too wide, too narrow, or somewhere in-between*, the majority of residents (77.9 percent) report that they are *somewhere in-between*. More than three-fourths (77.7 percent) of respondents report that the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in their neighborhoods *do not connect to hiking/biking trails* and only 8.8 percent report that they do connect.

When we examine regional differences (see table 6), we find that North Sangamon County residents are the most positive in their evaluations of the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in their neighborhoods, while Northeast Springfield residents are the most negative. Eighty-five percent of North Sangamon County residents report that the sidewalks in their neighborhoods are *clean* compared to only one-fourth of Northeast Springfield residents. In fact, 25 percent of Northeast Springfield residents report that the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in their neighborhoods are *not suitable for walking*.

Table 6. Attitudes towards sidewalks and pedestrian crossings by region.

	Percent who report that the sidewalks are clean	Percent who report that the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings connect to hiking/biking trails	Percent who report that the sidewalks are not suitable for walking
North Sangamon County	85.7%	20.0%	0%
East Sangamon County	54.2%	28.0%	12.5%
South Sangamon County	47.4%	10.5%	7.3%
West Sangamon County	66.7%	12.5%	10.3%
Northeast Springfield	25.3%	0%	25.0%
Southeast Springfield	53.4%	2.2%	19.4%
Southwest Springfield	63.6%	22.0%	9.7%
Northwest Springfield	45.1%	5.6%	9.7%

Alleys

Less than one-third of Sangamon County residents report that the alleys in their neighborhoods are *very important* to the overall visual appearance of their neighborhood. Respondents were asked to evaluate the alleys in their neighborhoods on four different scales, all of which include a “somewhere in-between” option as well as a “don’t know” response option. It is important to note that a significant number of respondents did not respond to the questions evaluating alleys in their neighborhoods because (as the instructions directed) their neighborhoods do not have alleys. Overall, a larger percentage of Sangamon County residents who do have alleys in their neighborhoods report that those alleys are in *poor condition* than in *good condition*. More than one-third of Sangamon County residents report that the alleys in their neighborhoods are in *poor condition*, compared to 27.5 percent who report that they are in *good condition*. In addition, 33.2 percent report that the alleys are *dirty* compared to 26.5 percent who report that they are *clean*.

When examining regional differences, we find that Southeast Springfield residents have the most positive evaluations of the alleys in their neighborhoods with 48.4 percent reporting that they are *clean* and only 3.1 percent reporting that the alleys are *impassable*. On the other hand, Northwest and Southwest Springfield residents are the most negative in the evaluations of their alleys with 47.1 percent of Southwest Springfield residents reporting that the alleys are in *poor condition*, as do 51.3 percent of Northwest Springfield residents.

Table 7. Attitudes towards sidewalks and pedestrian crossings by region.

	Percent who report that the alleys are clean	Percent who report that the alleys are impassable	Percent who report that the alleys are in poor condition
North Sangamon County	*	*	*
East Sangamon County	*	*	*
South Sangamon County	33.3%	22.7%	26.1%
West Sangamon County	*	*	*
Northeast Springfield	21.1%	13.0%	43.7%
Southeast Springfield	48.4%	3.1%	23.1%
Southwest Springfield	12.1%	9.4%	47.1%
Northwest Springfield	17.1%	10.0%	51.3%

* indicates where there were fewer than 30 cases and therefore unable to analyze.

Evaluation of all neighborhood structures

Respondents were asked to rate the visual appearance of ten different structures in their neighborhood on a five point scale ranging from *excellent*, *good*, *fair*, *poor*, or *very poor* (don't know was an included response category but is excluded for this analysis). Table 8 presents the mean evaluations for each structure as well as the standard deviation (how much the average score deviates from the mean). Higher values indicate more negative evaluations. As seen in the table, all of the structures receive positive evaluations (less than 3) with public or semi-public buildings receiving the most favorable evaluations and alleys receiving the least favorable evaluations.

Table 8. Evaluations of structures in resident neighborhoods (higher scores indicate poorer ratings for visual appearance)

Structure	Mean (SD)
Public or semi-public buildings	2.08 (.74)
Houses	2.12(.85)
Traffic signs	2.20(.78)
Business buildings	2.27(.79)
Other signs	2.40(.85)
Utility poles	2.44(.88)
Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings	2.65(1.1)
Streets and roads	2.66(1.0)
Apartment buildings	2.67(.98)
Alleys	2.97(1.4)

When we examine regional differences, we find that while the majority of regions rate public or semi-public buildings and houses most positively among all of the structures, there are a few exceptions. Residents in Northeast Springfield rate business buildings most positively among all of the structures.

Table 9. Top two most positively rated structures and most negatively rated structure within each region

	Most positively rated structure	Second most positively rated structure	Most negatively rated structure
North Sangamon County	Public buildings	Houses	Alleys
East Sangamon County	Public buildings	Houses	Alleys
South Sangamon County	Houses	Public buildings	Alleys
West Sangamon County	Public buildings	Houses	Streets and roads
Northeast Springfield	Business buildings	Traffic signs	Alleys
Southeast Springfield	Public buildings	Houses	Streets and roads
Southwest Springfield	Public buildings	Houses	Alleys
Northwest Springfield	Public buildings	Traffic signs	Alleys

Section 2: Ideal Neighborhood

Respondents were asked to describe the visual appearance, amenities, and proximity to green spaces in their ideal neighborhood in two unique ways. First, respondents were asked to identify the **one** thing they would like their ideal neighborhood to have through an open-ended question. Second, respondents were asked if they would like particular amenities in their ideal neighborhood. Given the distinct nature of the two types of data, we present the results of the data in two sections: *Qualitative Results of an Ideal Neighborhood* and *Amenities of an Ideal Neighborhood*.

Qualitative Results of an Ideal Neighborhood

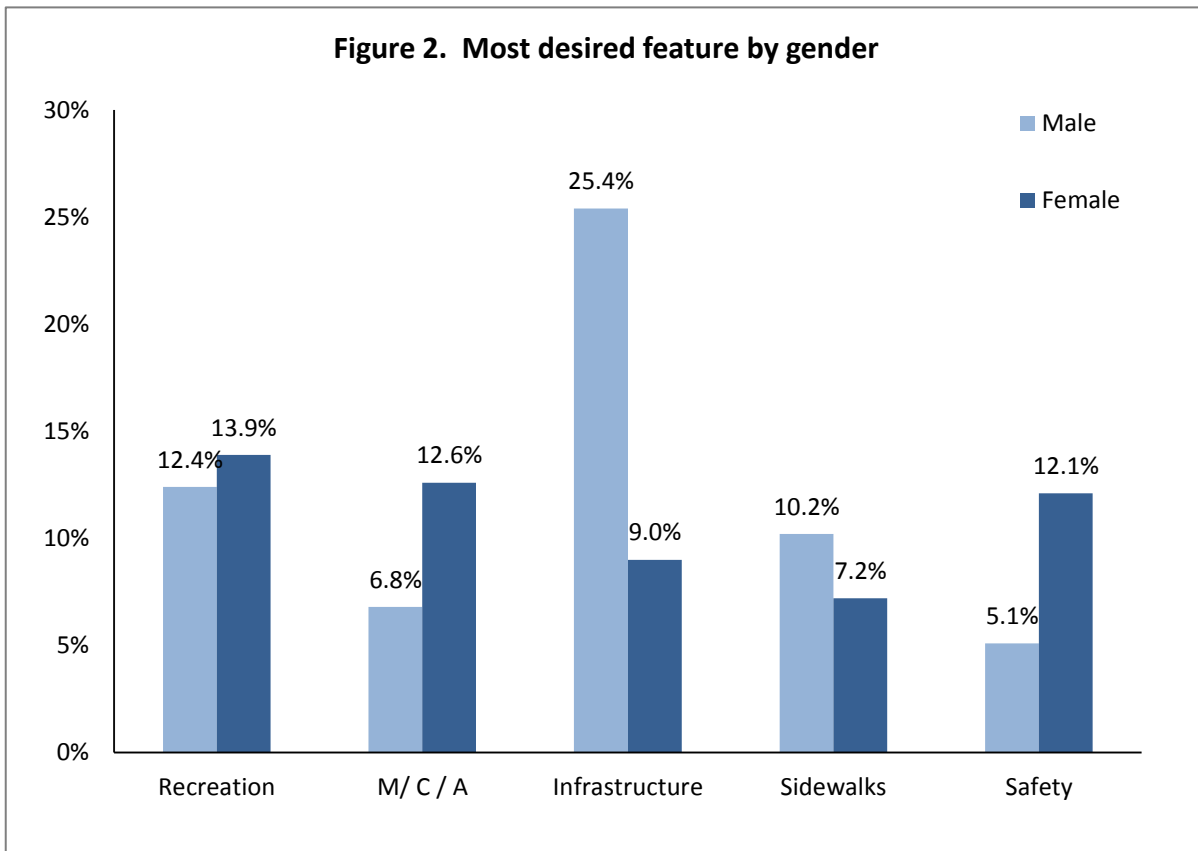
The open-ended question “What is the ONE thing you would like your ideal neighborhood to have?” provides us with a level of nuance and expression that is not as attainable in most quantitative measures. Specifically, this data allows examining in greater detail desirable features respondents would like to see in their ideal neighborhood. In total, 504 respondents provided usable responses to this open-ended question. Each response was evaluated and placed into a category created by the Survey Research Office. Often, respondents responded with an answer that encompassed more than one category. For these responses, we selected the category that stood out the most. When responses contained data that could be placed equally into more than one category, we selected the category that came first in the response. In sum, the Survey Research Office concluded there are 14 different themes: safety and security, recreation opportunities, landscaping, maintenance/cleanliness/appearance, transportation opportunities, less traffic/ better parking, sidewalks, larger lots, better infrastructure, proximity to water, better location, quality of neighbors, neighborhood association, and other for responses that did not correspond to the previously mentioned themes. The open-ended responses to this question were coded into these 14 themes using qualitative coding methodology. Two coders, independently, coded all of the responses into the 14 categories and intercoder reliability was measured by Krippendorff’s Alpha, .844, which is well above the accepted limit. Table 10 presents the breakdown for all of the responses. As seen in the table, the four most desired aspects of their ideal neighborhood are *more recreation opportunities* (14.1 percent), *improved maintenance/ cleanliness/ appearance* (10.9 percent), *better infrastructure* (10.9 percent), and *sidewalks* (9.7 percent).

Table 10. What is the ONE thing you would like your ideal neighborhood to have?

	Valid percent(n)
More recreation opportunities	14.1% (71)
Improved maintenance/ cleanliness/ appearance	10.9% (55)
Better infrastructure	10.9% (55)
Sidewalks	9.7% (49)
Larger lots	8.1% (41)
Better safety and security	7.9% (40)
More landscaping	7.7% (39)
Better location	6.0% (30)
Quality of neighbors	5.4% (27)
Less traffic/ better parking	2.4% (12)
Transportation opportunities	1.8% (9)
Proximity to water	1.4% (7)
Neighborhood association	0.8% (4)
Other	12.9% (65)

Additionally, we find differences when we examine Sangamon County respondents by demographics. For example, figure 2 displays the most desired feature in an ideal neighborhood by gender. Men are

more likely to be concerned about a neighborhood's *infrastructure* than women (25.4 percent compared to 9.0 percent). Women on the other hand are generally more concerned with *safety* (12.1 percent), *maintenance/ cleanliness/ appearance* (12.6 percent), and *recreation* (13.9 percent) than men (respectively, 5.1 percent, 6.8 percent, and 12.4 percent).



We also find significant differences among the age groups of respondents. More than 60 percent of 18 to 24 years olds (61.9 percent) report that they most want *better infrastructure* in their ideal neighborhood while 25 to 34 year olds report that *sidewalks* are a higher necessity than any other feature in their ideal neighborhood (20.9 percent). Respondents- ages 35 to 44 years old- want better *recreation opportunities* (11.7 percent) and respondents ages 45 to 54 are most concerned with *safety*. Approximately 15 percent of 55 to 64 years old respondents and respondents 65 years and older both desire more *recreation opportunities* in their ideal neighborhood.

Amenities of an Ideal Neighborhood

Respondents were also asked to evaluate whether they would like to have access to or see particular amenities in their ideal neighborhood. In order to assess this, respondents were provided with 17 unique scales, all of which included both a “somewhere in-between” and a “don’t know” option while the other two items were opposing evaluations (e.g., rural v. urban). The scales covered topics regarding transportation, landscaping, recreation opportunities, infrastructure, and community planning.

Overall, Sangamon County residents overwhelmingly report wanting features that enhance the outdoor space of their ideal neighborhood. For instance, 85.7 percent of respondents report wanting *houses with outdoor space* while 65.9 percent report wanting *many trees in their neighborhoods*. Additionally, 60.3 percent of respondents report wanting *access to gardens* and 58.8 percent report wanting *access to hiking/ biking trails*. When we examine the amenities of an ideal neighborhood, we find large differences among the different regions within Sangamon County (see table 11). For example, there is great variation among the different regions of Sangamon County regarding access to public transportation. Respondents who reside within the city of Springfield are more likely to want *access to public transportation* than respondents who reside outside of the city of Springfield.

Table 11. The percent of respondents who want this amenity in their ideal neighborhood by Sangamon County regions

	North Sangamon County	East Sangamon County	South Sangamon County	West Sangamon County	Northeast Springfield	Southeast Springfield	Southwest Springfield	Northwest Springfield
Houses with outdoor space	100%	84.4%	90.7%	91.7%	87.6%	78.4%	88.0%	80.9%
Many trees	68.2%	65.9%	70.9%	73.7%	64.8%	59.8%	72.3%	60.9%
Access to gardens	70.8%	55.8%	70.8%	45.9%	68.5%	40.2%	72.0%	64.7%
Access to hiking/ biking trails	63.6%	42.9%	59.6%	57.9%	58.0%	59.4%	64.6%	58.5%
Many sidewalks	52.4%	42.9%	54.7%	47.4%	75.6%	37.8%	74.7%	70.6%
Landscaped parkways	50.0%	41.0%	55.1%	45.7%	70.9%	58.7%	55.7%	51.6%
Many streetlights	39.1%	27.9%	47.2%	21.1%	59.8%	33.3%	60.2%	56.6%
Large yards	77.3%	55.8%	61.4%	65.8%	54.3%	51.9%	47.0%	40.3%
Planned community	42.1%	50.0%	63.5%	38.9%	56.3%	38.7%	56.2%	61.2%
Many public places where children can safely play	54.5%	42.9%	57.7%	27.8%	55.6%	46.4%	48.2%	53.7%
Access to public transportation	20.0%	18.6%	15.4%	20.5%	66.3%	53.8%	58.5%	49.3%
Has a neighborhood association	21.7%	11.6%	21.2%	26.3%	47.3%	24.1%	42.5%	56.5%
Many open spaces where neighbors can gather	42.1%	34.9%	37.0%	40.5%	35.6%	26.0%	33.3%	40.3%
Gated community	10.0%	9.3%	11.8%	14.3%	20.9%	13.1%	24.4%	10.1%
Urban	4.8%	9.1%	11.5%	5.6%	48.8%	12.6%	20.0%	20.3%
Located near a commercial area that meets all my needs	36.8%	20.0%	34.0%	29.7%	32.3%	16.7%	39.8%	36.8%
Many alleys	4.8%	0%	7.5%	5.1%	6.8%	3.8%	2.6%	7.7%

Image 4 presents the most distinctive “one thing that individuals want their neighborhood to have” by region and Image 5 presents the most wanted amenity for an ideal neighborhood by region.

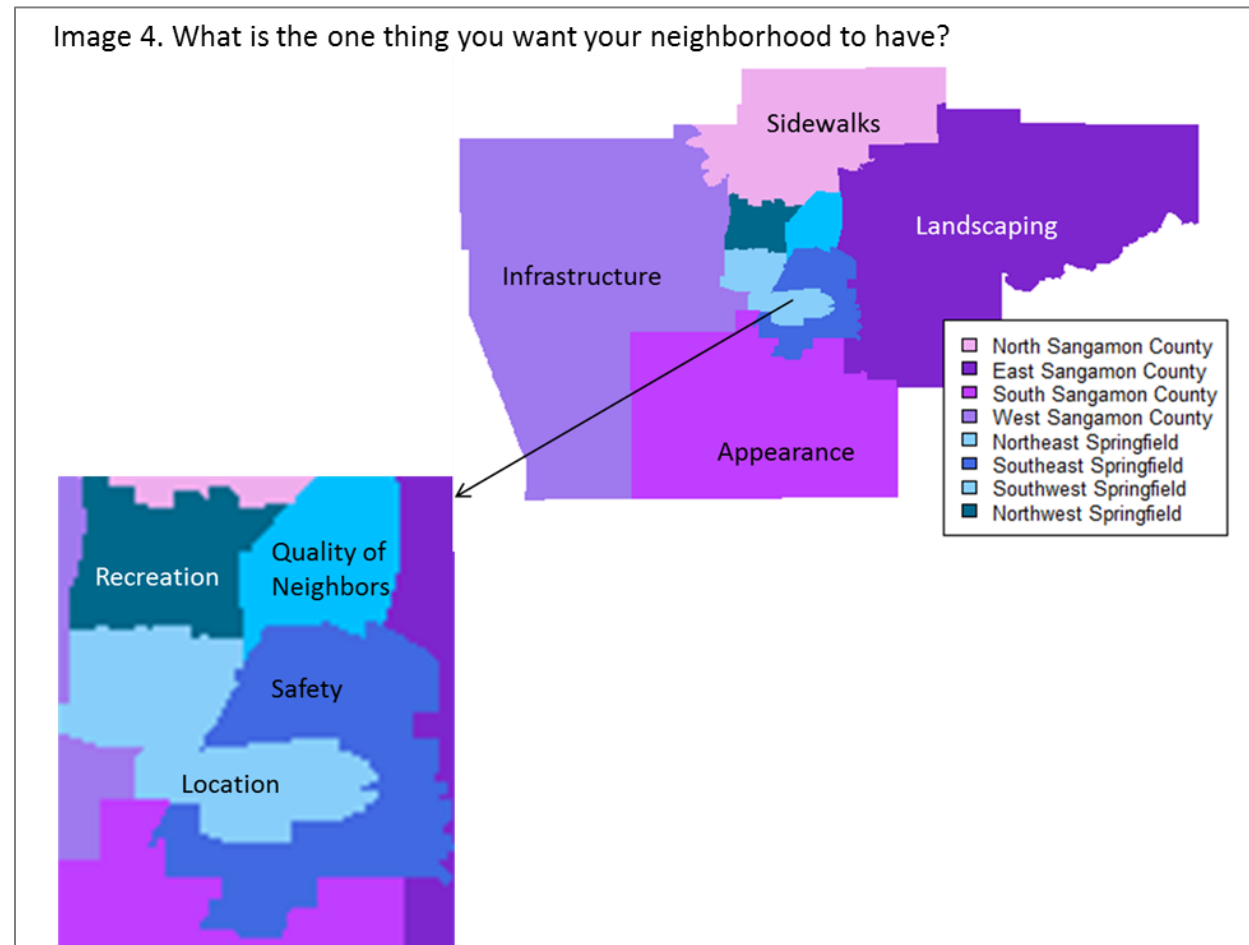
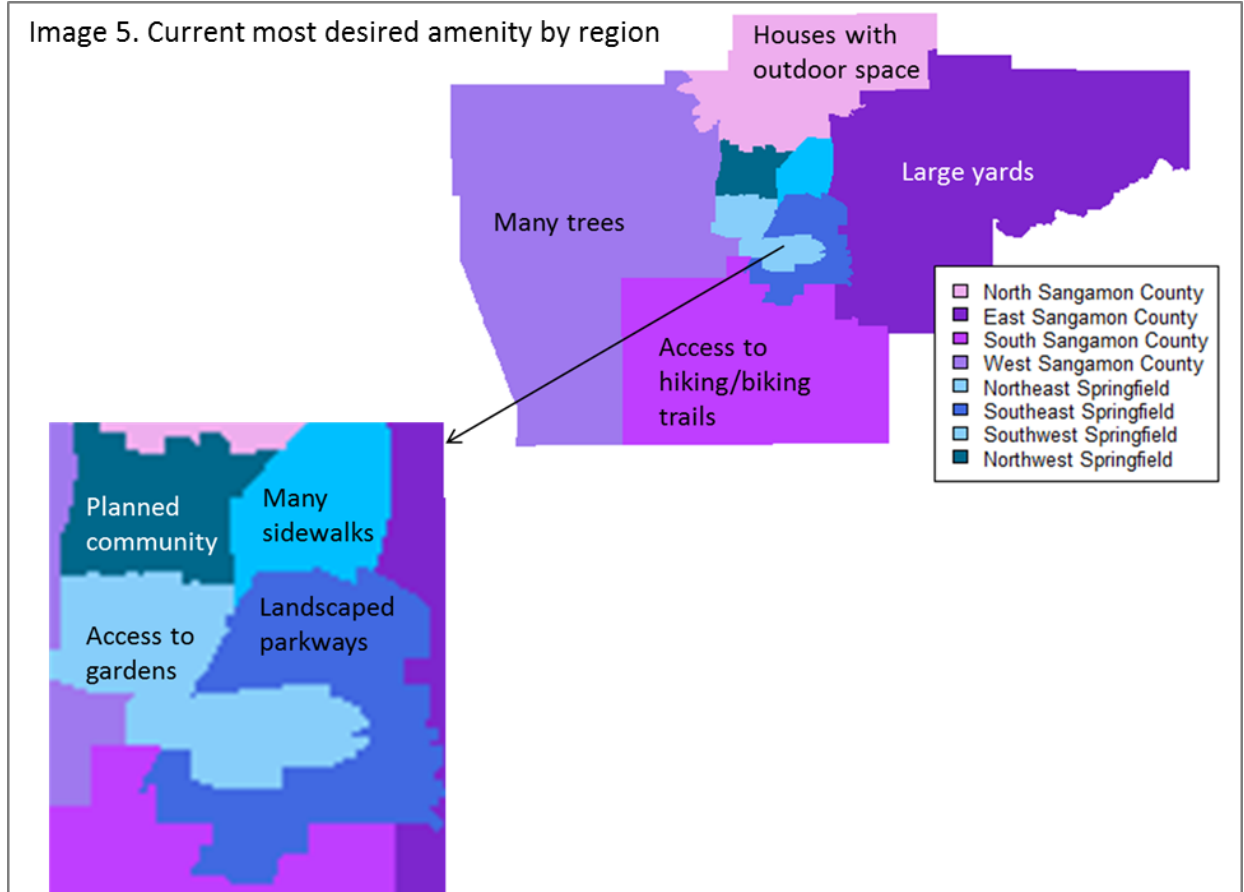
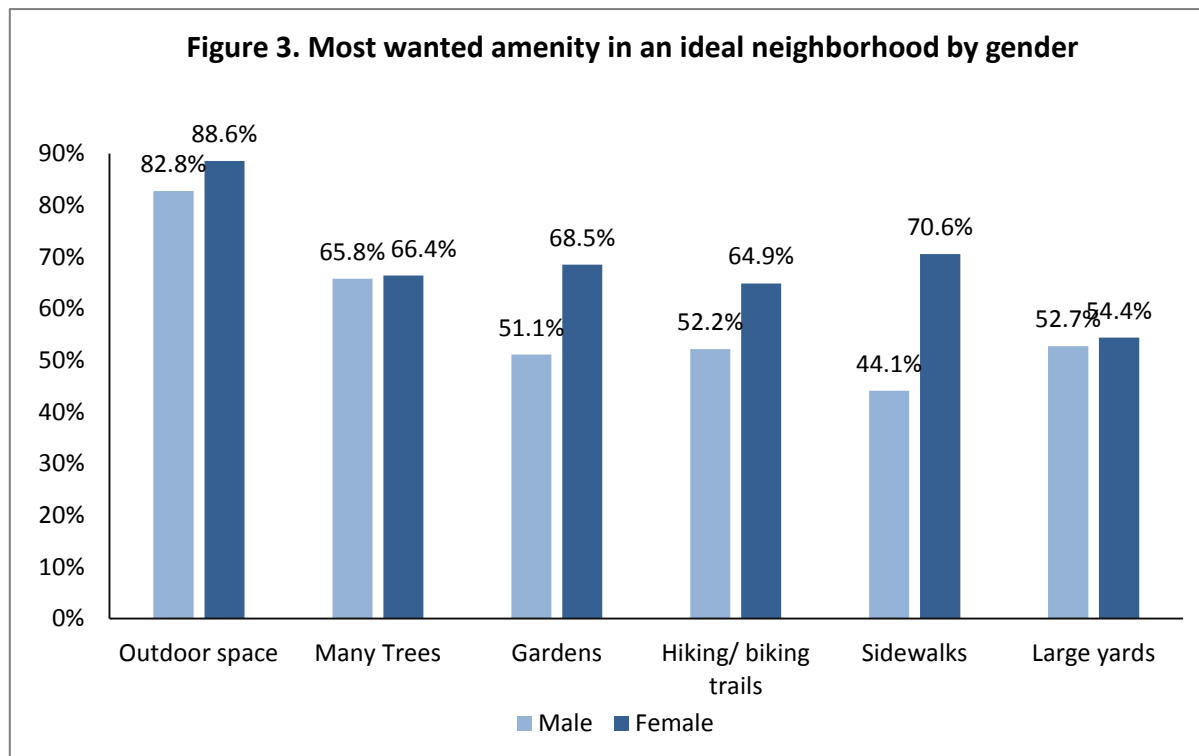


Image 5. Current most desired amenity by region



We find that there are large differences among the most wanted amenities in an ideal neighborhood and among different demographic groups. Figure 3 displays the most wanted amenities in an ideal neighborhood by gender. Overall, we find that women are more likely to report wanting amenities than men. Specifically, more women want *houses with outdoor spaces* (88.6 percent), *gardens* (68.5 percent), *hiking/ biking trails* (64.9 percent), and *sidewalks* (70.6 percent) than men do (respectively, 82.8 percent, 51.1 percent, 52.2 percent, and 44.1 percent). However, we find that women and men are equally likely to report wanting *many trees* and *large yards* in their ideal neighborhoods. Sixty-six percent of women and 65.8 percent of men report that they want *many trees* and 52.4 percent of women and 52.7 percent of men report that they want *large yards* in their ideal neighborhood.



Additionally, we find large differences exist among self-reported racial groups. Figure 4 displays the most wanted amenities in an ideal neighborhood by race. African-American respondents are more likely to report wanting *hiking/ biking trails* (71.4 percent) and *large yards* (85.7 percent) than White respondents (respectively, 59.6 percent and 49.6 percent). White respondents are more likely to report wanting *gardens* (60.6 percent) and *sidewalks* (64.8 percent) than African-American respondents (respectively, 44.0 percent and 24.5 percent). Both African-American respondents and White respondents are equally likely to report wanting *houses with outdoor space* (respectively, 90.0 percent vs. 86.4 percent) and *many trees* (respectively, 71.4 percent vs. 66.4 percent) in their ideal neighborhood.

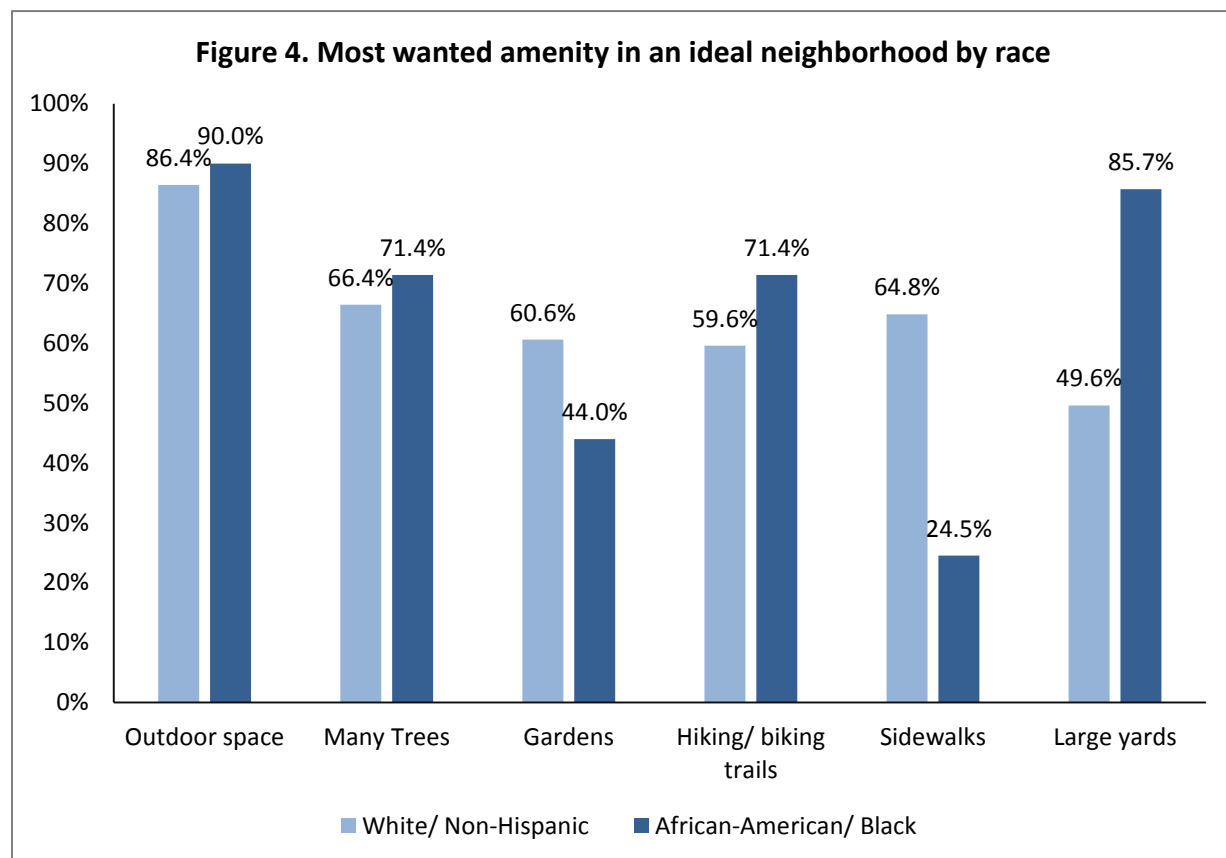


Table 12. Percent reporting houses with outdoor space and many trees as amenities they would like to see in their ideal neighborhood

	Houses with outdoor space	Many trees
Gender	*	*
Male	82.8% (192)	65.8% (154)
Female	88.6% (234)	66.4% (176)
Age		*
18-24 years old	100.0% (44)	97.7% (43)
25-34 years old	85.0% (68)	67.5% (52)
35-44 years old	92.8% (77)	74.7% (65)
45-54 years old	80.0% (88)	57.3% (63)
55-64 years old	85.7% (72)	59.5% (50)
65 or more years old	81.4% (70)	57.5% (50)
Race	*	*
White	86.4% (367)	66.4% (281)
African-American/Black	90.0% (45)	71.4% (35)
Education	*	*
Less than high school diploma	100.0% (52)	96.1% (49)
High school diploma or GED	69.8% (74)	48.6% (52)
Some college or trade school	88.5% (138)	56.4% (88)
Four-year college degree	89.2% (107)	75.6% (90)
Advanced degree	85.1% (57)	80.6% (54)
Income	*	*
Less than \$15,000 a year	88.2% (67)	76.6% (59)
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	63.4% (26)	36.4% (16)
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	75.0% (51)	63.6% (42)
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	89.7% (78)	64.7% (55)
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	93.2% (55)	74.2% (46)
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	92.8% (77)	69.1% (56)
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	88.4% (38)	74.4% (32)
More than \$105,000 a year	89.2% (33)	64.9% (24)

* indicating statistical significance.

Table 13. Percent reporting access to gardens and hiking/ biking trails as amenities they would like to see in their ideal neighborhood

	Access to gardens	Access to hiking/ biking trails
Gender	*	*
Male	51.1% (117)	52.2% (121)
Female	68.5% (176)	64.9% (163)
Age	*	*
18-24 years old	36.4% (16)	79.5% (35)
25-34 years old	55.3% (42)	75.6% (59)
35-44 years old	67.1% (57)	62.8% (54)
45-54 years old	73.6% (81)	58.9% (63)
55-64 years old	66.7% (54)	51.9% (42)
65 or more years old	49.4% (39)	34.2% (27)
Race	*	*
White	60.6% (248)	59.6% (243)
African-American/Black	44.0% (22)	71.4% (35)
Education	*	*
Less than high school diploma	34.6% (18)	89.8% (44)
High school diploma or GED	60.6% (60)	47.0% (47)
Some college or trade school	60.4% (93)	41.9% (65)
Four-year college degree	63.6% (75)	68.4% (80)
Advanced degree	74.2% (49)	75.4% (49)
Income	*	*
Less than \$15,000 a year	48.7% (38)	73.7% (56)
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	51.2% (22)	42.2% (19)
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	56.5% (35)	53.4% (31)
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	60.2% (50)	59.5% (50)
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	79.3% (46)	54.2% (32)
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	56.1% (46)	54.2% (45)
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	73.8% (31)	70.0% (28)
More than \$105,000 a year	67.5% (25)	62.2% (23)

* indicates within group differences significant at the $p < .05$ level among all responses, therefore statistically significantly different.

Table 14. Percent reporting that many sidewalks and large yards as the amenities that they would like to see in their ideal neighborhood

	Many sidewalks	Large yards
Gender	*	
Male	44.1% (101)	52.7% (126)
Female	70.6% (187)	54.4% (141)
Age	*	*
18-24 years old	17.8% (8)	88.9% (40)
25-34 years old	77.8% (63)	44.9% (35)
35-44 years old	60.0% (51)	71.3% (62)
45-54 years old	63.0% (68)	48.6% (53)
55-64 years old	48.8% (41)	50.6% (44)
65 or more years old	58.85% (50)	38.8% (33)
Race	*	
White	64.8% (271)	49.6% (211)
African-American/Black	24.5% (12)	85.7% (42)
Education	*	*
Less than high school diploma	45.1% (23)	71.2% (37)
High school diploma or GED	53.4% (55)	41.4% (46)
Some college or trade school	56.2% (90)	47.4% (74)
Four-year college degree	66.4% (77)	62.4% (73)
Advanced degree	67.7% (44)	59.1% (39)
Income	*	*
Less than \$15,000 a year	51.9% (40)	57.9% (44)
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	38.6% (17)	31.1% (14)
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	65.7% (44)	52.2% (35)
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	66.3% (57)	58.9% (53)
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	66.7% (40)	55.9% (33)
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	54.3% (44)	48.8% (40)
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	62.5% (25)	69.0% (29)
More than \$105,000 a year	48.6% (18)	54.1% (20)

* indicates within group differences significant at the $p < .05$ level among all responses, therefore statistically significantly different.

Section 3: Landscaping, green, and open spaces

In this topical section, respondents were provided with ten scales assessing their attitudes towards the landscaping in their neighborhoods. Each scale included both a “somewhere in-between” and a “don’t know” option. The other two items were opposing evaluations (e.g., many trees v. few trees). Table 15 presents the frequencies for each response on the ten scales. As you can see, a majority of respondents report that their current neighborhood has *many trees* (52.7 percent), *large trees* (52.5 percent), *few park-like areas* (59.3 percent), *few gardens* (50.5 percent), and *few public places where children can safely play* (56.5 percent). This indicates that while there are significant trees in residential areas in Sangamon County, residents are less likely to report having communal areas like gardens, parks, or public places for children to play.

Table 15. How respondents evaluate the landscaping, green, and open spaces of their neighborhoods

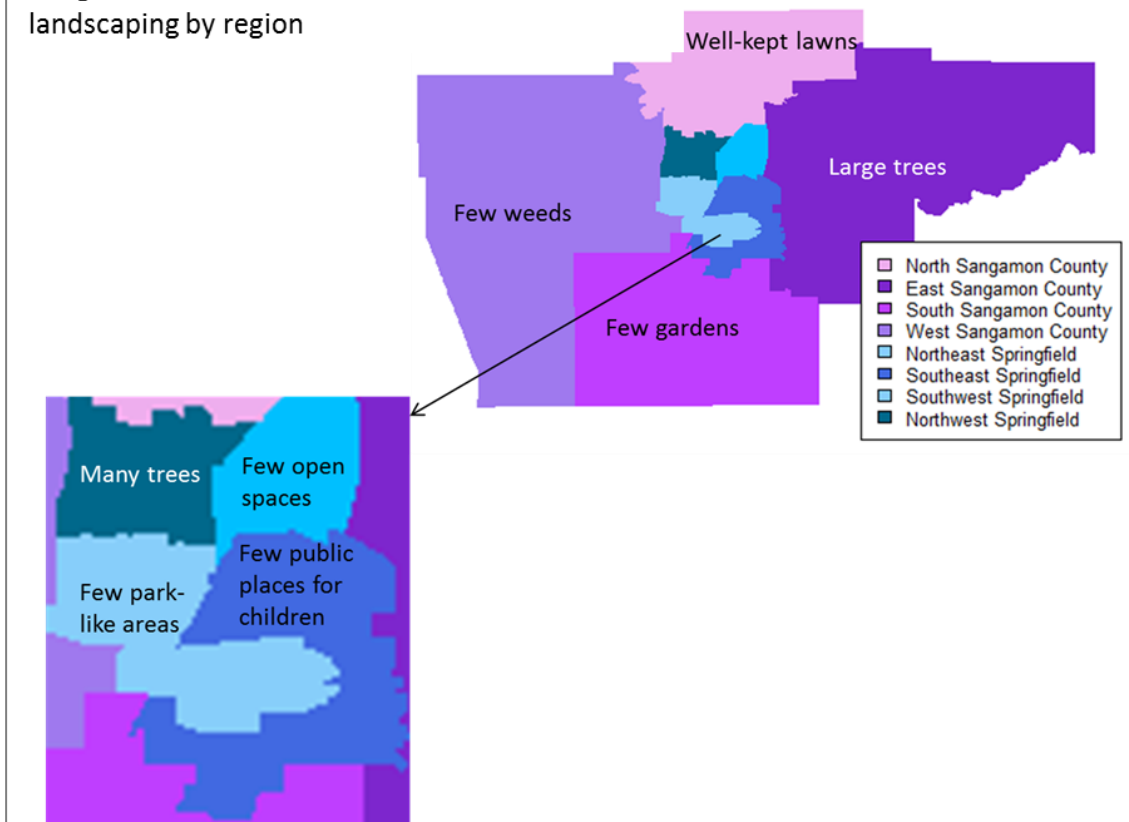
52.7%	34.0%	12.7%	0.6%
Many trees	Somewhere in-between	Few trees	Don't know
52.5%	37.6%	9.7%	0.2%
Large trees	Somewhere in-between	Small trees	Don't know
32.9%	40.4%	26.2%	0.5%
Small lawns	Somewhere in-between	Large lawns	Don't know
11.5%	38.7%	49.3%	0.4%
Unkempt lawns	Somewhere in-between	Well-kept lawns	Don't know
42.8%	41.4 %	13.9%	1.9%
Few weeds	Somewhere in-between	Many weeds	Don't know
9.1%	30.2%	50.5%	10.3%
Many gardens	Somewhere in-between	Few gardens	Don't know
59.3%	22.8%	13.7%	4.2%
Few park-like areas	Somewhere in-between	Many park-like areas	Don't know
15.9%	33.4%	47.1%	3.5%
Many open spaces where neighbors can gather	Somewhere in-between	Few open spaces where neighbors can gather	Don't know
12.9%	27.0%	56.5%	3.6%
Many public places where children can safely play	Somewhere in-between	Few public places where children can safely play	Don't know
11.5%	33.1%	36.3%	19.1%
Landscaped parkways	Somewhere in-between	Un-landscaped parkways	Don't know

When examining the landscaping evaluations by region, we find slight differences. Table 16 presents the three most frequently used terms used by respondents in each to describe their landscaping, green, and open spaces as well as the most distinctive term for each region.

Table 16. How residents describe their neighborhoods

	Most frequently used terms to describe neighborhood landscaping	Most distinctive term used to describe neighborhood landscaping
North Sangamon County	Well-kept lawns (74.6%) Many trees (63.1%)	Well-kept lawns
East Sangamon County	Well-kept lawns (59.6%) Large trees (57%)	Large trees
South Sangamon County	Well-kept lawns (67.2%) Few gardens (52.4%)	Few gardens
West Sangamon County	Well-kept lawns (62.5%) Few public places where children can safely play (56.6%)	Few weeds
Northeast Springfield	Few open spaces where neighbors can gather (62.1%) Few park-like areas (57.6%)	Few open spaces where neighbors can gather
Southeast Springfield	Few public places where children can safely play (64.4%) Large trees (60.7%)	Few public places where children can safely play
Southwest Springfield	Large trees (61.7%) Many trees (61.1%)	Few park-like areas
Northwest Springfield	Large trees (67.9%) Many trees (65.9%)	Many trees

Image 6. Most distinctive term used to describe landscaping by region



In addition, we find that there are significant differences among demographic groups in terms of *access to parks, open spaces where neighbors can gather, and places where children can safely play*. As seen in table 17, African-American residents as well as individuals with a disability report the lowest levels of access to open spaces, public places for children to play, as well as park-like areas.

Table 17. Percent who report that their current neighborhood has few open spaces where neighbors can gather, few public places where children can safely play, and few park-like areas

	Few open spaces where neighbors can gather	Few public places where children can safely play	Few park-like areas
Region	*	*	*
North Sangamon County	27.3%	32.7%	31.5%
East Sangamon County	45.0%	46.8%	52.0%
South Sangamon County	40.0%	40.0%	50.8%
West Sangamon County	51.3%	56.6%	51.4%
Northeast Springfield	62.1%	62.1%	57.6%
Southeast Springfield	49.4%	64.4%	50.0%
Southwest Springfield	56.7%	59.4%	53.6%
Northwest Springfield	50.0%	50.0%	45.9%
Gender	*	*	*
Male	43.2%	48.7%	48.7%
Female	52.2%	55.7%	49.7%
Age			
18-24 years old	58.3%	72.7%	66.7%
25-34 years old	45.0%	40.0%	41.0%
35-44 years old	52.3%	56.7%	54.7%
45-54 years old	48.7%	55.1%	53.2%
55-64 years old	49.7%	54.8%	45.2%
65 or more years old	47.2%	51.7%	51.7%
Race		*	*
White	49.0%	52.3%	50.1%
African-American/Black	54.5%	72.7%	72.7%
Income			
Less than \$15,000 a year	36.0%	54.2%	50.0%
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	60.0%	50.0%	58.5%
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	56.6%	61.6%	60.6%
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	42.7%	48.7%	48.7%
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	51.4%	57.9%	55.4%
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	52.6%	51.9%	41.2%
More than \$105,000 a year	35.0%	43.4%	31.2%
Disability status	*	*	*
Have a disability	60.7%	59.0%	55.7%
Do not have a disability	47.6%	52.0%	49.6%

* indicates within group differences significant at the $p < .05$ level among all responses, therefore statistically significantly different.

Section 4: Neighborhood detractions

This section allows respondents to report on things that detract from their neighborhood. Respondents were provided with eight items that may detract from their current neighborhood and asked whether it *detracts a lot*, *detracts a little*, or *does not detract* from their neighborhood (respondents were also provided a *don't know* option, but this is not included in the analysis).

The parking of cars in the front yards of homes is the item that received the highest percent of residents reporting that it *detracts a lot* from their neighborhood. Forty-five percent of Sangamon County residents report that this *detracts a lot* from their neighborhood. Table 18 below presents the percent of individuals who report that each of the items *detracts a lot* as well as the region in Sangamon County that had the highest percent of residents reporting that it *detracts a lot*. As one can see, South Sangamon County residents were the individuals who report that four items (presence of special vehicles or equipment, parking of cars along neighborhood streets, appearance of overhead wires, and number of billboards) *detract a lot* from their neighborhoods.

Table 18. Neighborhood detractions

	Percent who report that it <i>detracts a lot</i>	Region where this is most reported
The parking of cars in the front yards of homes	44.9%	South Sangamon County
The parking of trucks or other large vehicles along neighborhood streets	41.7%	South Sangamon County
The presence of special vehicles or equipment	28.8%	South Sangamon County
The parking of cars along neighborhood streets	22.7%	Northeast Springfield
The amount of traffic on the streets in your neighborhood	17.9%	Southwest Springfield
The appearance of overhead wires in your neighborhood	17.9%	Northeast Springfield
The number of billboards or commercial signage	16.4%	North Sangamon County
The appearance of utility poles in your neighborhood	11.2%	Northeast Springfield

Section 5: Access to businesses and services

Having access to businesses and other services that individuals regularly need is an important aspect of any neighborhood. In order to measure access to businesses and services, the survey provided five items aimed at measuring accessibility. Individuals were asked to rate the five items using a five-point Likert scale ranging from *strongly agree*, *somewhat agree*, *neither agree nor disagree*, *somewhat disagree*, or *strongly disagree* (respondents were also provided a *don't know* option, but this is not included in the analysis). Using these five items, we have created an “overall access to business and services” score. Table 19 presents the overall mean access score, the mean access score for each region, as well as demographic differences. As one may imagine, access may be influenced by age, disability status, and income. Higher values indicate more negative access scores.

As seen in table 19, the overall access to businesses and services in Sangamon County is 2.65, indicating that they report having a moderate level of access. When examining regions, we find that individuals living in Southwest Springfield report the best levels of access (2.29), compared to individuals living in East Sangamon County and Northeast Springfield, who reported the lowest levels of access (2.77 and 2.72, respectively). Age, race, and income are important predictors of access with younger individuals reporting less access as well as those earning less than \$15,000 a year. In addition, African-American residents report much lower rates of access within their neighborhoods than White residents (see figure 5).

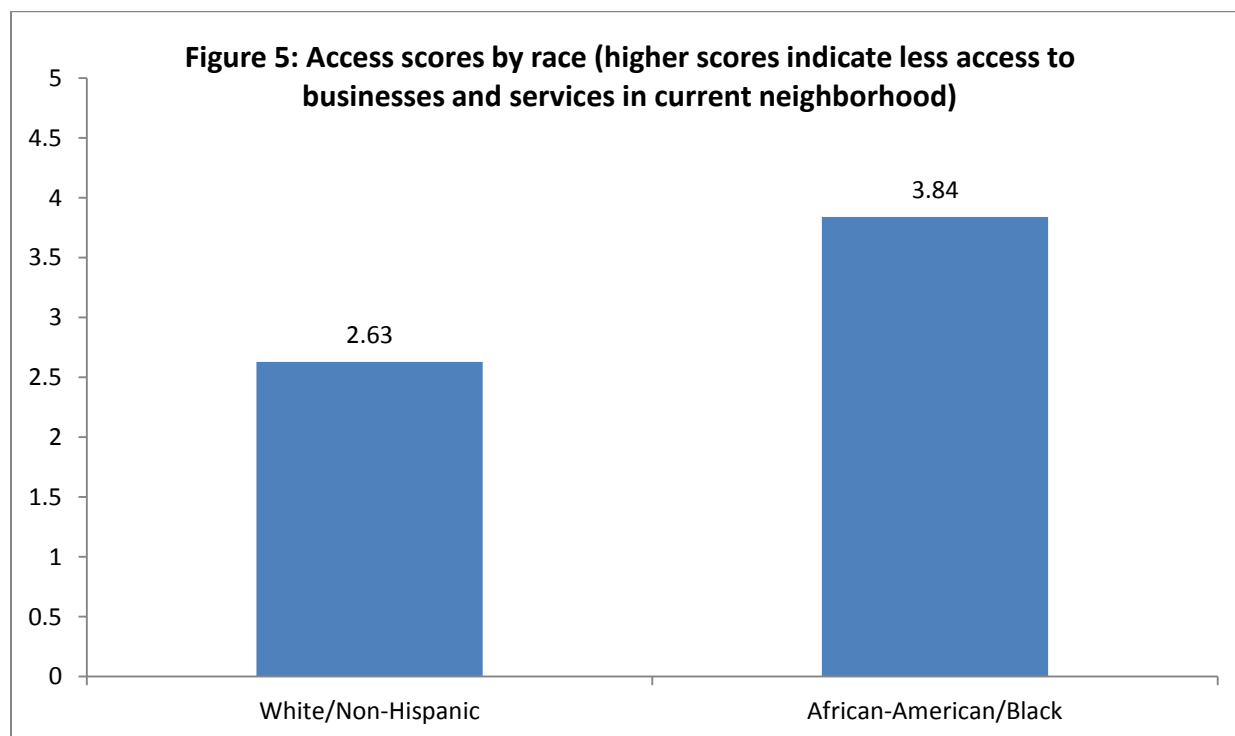


Table 19. Access to businesses and services by region and demographics

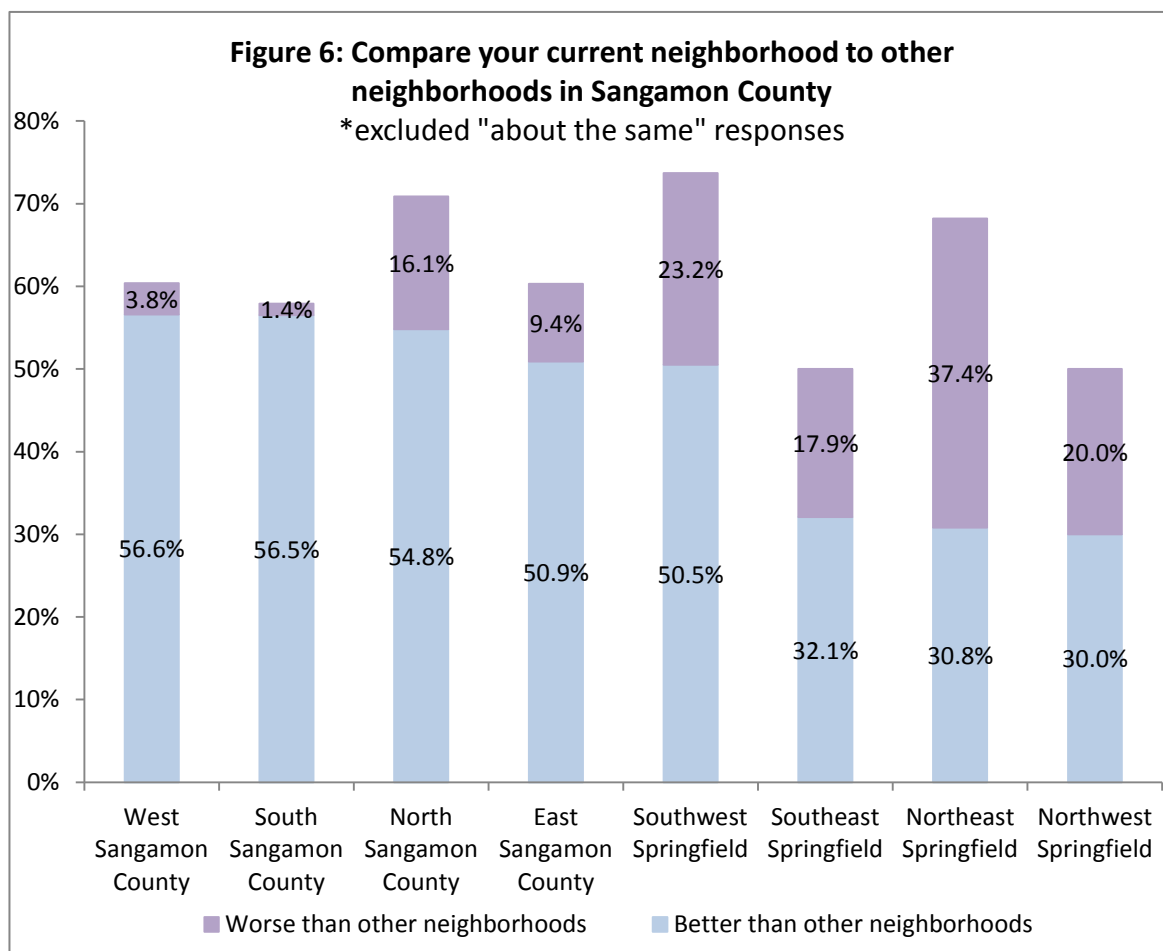
	Mean access scores (<i>sd</i>)
Overall	2.65(.87)
Region	
North Sangamon County	2.60(.85)
East Sangamon County	2.77(.83)
South Sangamon County	2.52(.99)
West Sangamon County	2.44(.76)
Northeast Springfield	2.72(.85)
Southeast Springfield	2.65(.64)
Southwest Springfield	2.29(.69)
Northwest Springfield	2.55(.73)
Gender	
Male	2.67(.90)
Female	2.62(.84)
Age	*
18-24 years old	2.61(.69)
25-34 years old	2.87(1.0)
35-44 years old	2.72(.98)
45-54 years old	2.61(.72)
55-64 years old	2.67(.86)
65 or more years old	2.44(.75)
Race	*
White	2.63(.88)
African-American/Black	3.84(.75)
Income	*
Less than \$15,000 a year	3.20(1.0)
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	2.30(.67)
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	2.62(.87)
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	2.67(.86)
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	2.68(.72)
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	2.49(.70)
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	2.60(.88)
More than \$105,000 a year	2.58(.83)
Disability status	
Have a disability	2.58(.71)
Do not have a disability	2.67(.89)

* indicates within group differences significant at the $p < .05$ level among all responses, therefore statistically significantly different.

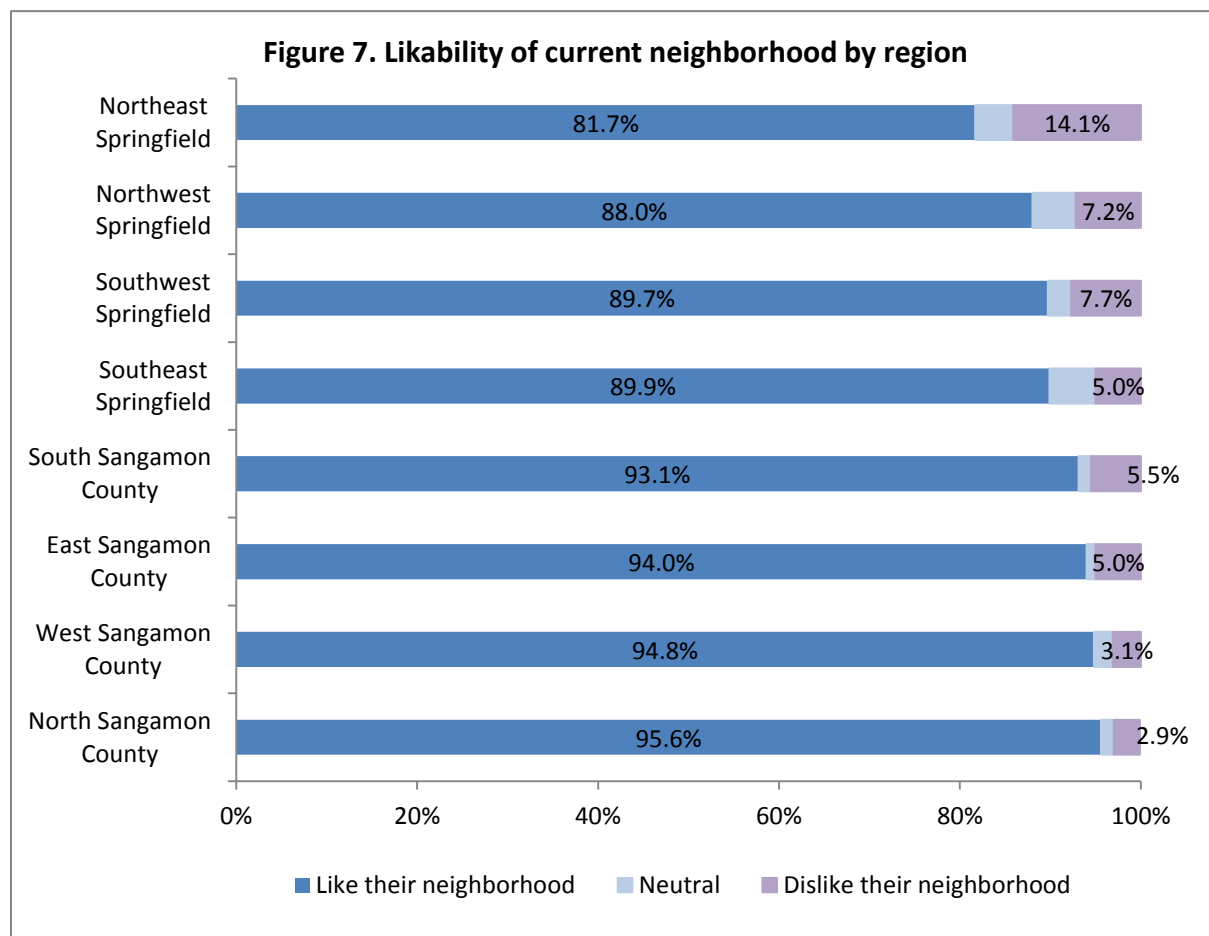
Section 6: Impressions of your neighborhood

Overall, respondents were not overly optimistic about the future direction of their neighborhoods. Only 7.7 percent of respondents report that a few years from now their neighborhood will be a better place to live, while 22 percent report that they believe their neighborhood will be a worse place to live. Northeast Springfield and Southwest Springfield residents were the most pessimistic in their predictions for their neighborhoods.

When asked to compare their neighborhood to other neighborhoods in Sangamon County, 56.6 percent of West Sangamon County respondents report that their neighborhood is “better” than other neighborhoods as did 56.5 percent of South Sangamon County respondents. Thirty-eight percent of Northeast Springfield respondents report that their current neighborhood is “worse” than other neighborhoods as did 23.2 percent of Southwest Springfield respondents and 20 percent of Northwest Springfield respondents. On average, respondents living outside of Springfield metro are more positive in their evaluations of their current neighborhood (see figure 6).



The majority of Sangamon County residents like their neighborhood as a place to live. When asked “Generally, how much, if at all, do you like your neighborhood as a place to live?” sixty-three percent of residents report that they *like it a lot*, 20.4 percent report that they *somewhat like it*, 4.1 percent report that they *neither like it nor dislike it*, 8.3 percent report that they *somewhat dislike it*, and 3.6 percent report that they *do not like it at all*. When examining regional differences, we find that North Sangamon County residents report liking their neighborhood the most (95.6 percent), followed by West Sangamon County (94.8 percent), East Sangamon County (94.0 percent), and South Sangamon County (93.1 percent) residents. In fact, residents living outside of Springfield metro reported liking their current neighborhoods at a higher rate than those living inside Springfield metro. Northeast Springfield is the region in which the lowest percentage of individuals reported liking their neighborhood (81.7 percent) and the highest percentage of individuals reported disliking their neighborhood (14.1 percent).



There are also significant demographic differences (as seen in table 20). Male respondents are more likely than female respondents to report that they “like their neighborhood a lot” (67 percent compared to 61 percent) as are non-White respondents compared to White respondents (85 percent compared to 60 percent). As expected, education and income are strong predictors of whether an individual likes their neighborhood. However, the relationship is interestingly curvilinear. Individuals at the lowest and highest income levels are most likely to report that they like their neighborhood as are those with the lowest and highest educational attainment. Image 7 displays this slope.

Image 7. The relationship between neighborhood likability and income and education

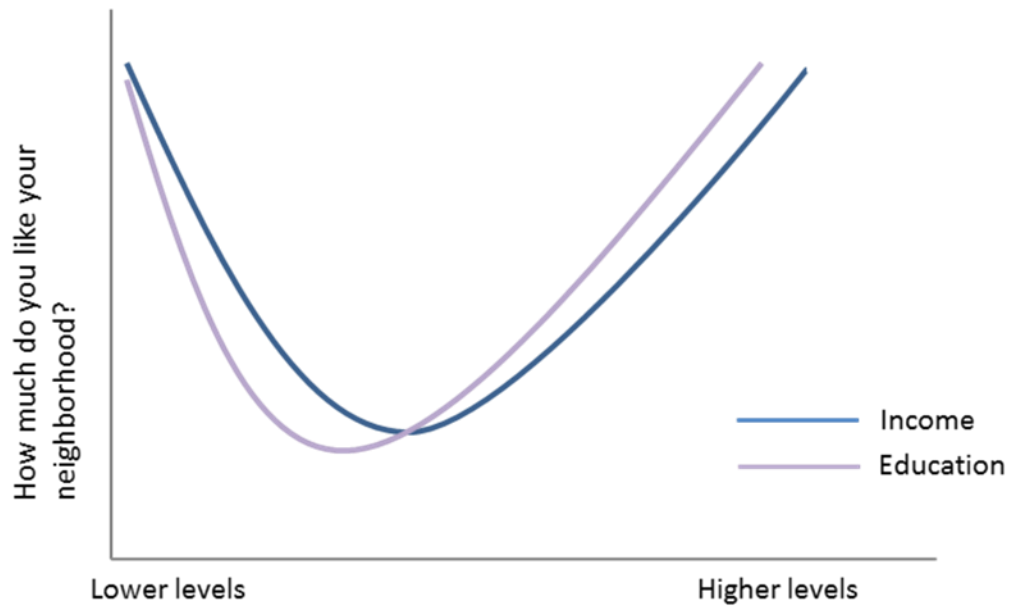


Table 20. Percent who reported liking their neighborhood

	Valid percent
Overall	91.4%
Region	*
North Sangamon County	95.6%
East Sangamon County	94.0%
South Sangamon County	93.1%
West Sangamon County	94.8%
Northeast Springfield	81.7%
Southeast Springfield	89.9%
Southwest Springfield	89.7%
Northwest Springfield	88.0%
Gender	
Male	90.5%
Female	92.0%
Age	*
18-24 years old	80.0%
25-34 years old	80.0%
35-44 years old	85.3%
45-54 years old	94.3%
55-64 years old	92.4%
65 or more years old	92.8%
Race	*
White	91.7%
African-American/Black	80.0%
Income	*
Less than \$15,000 a year	76.9%
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	82.0%
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	88.5%
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	88.6%
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	94.8%
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	92.8%
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	96.8%
More than \$105,000 a year	95.4%
Disability status	*
Have a disability	86.5%
Do not have a disability	91.7%

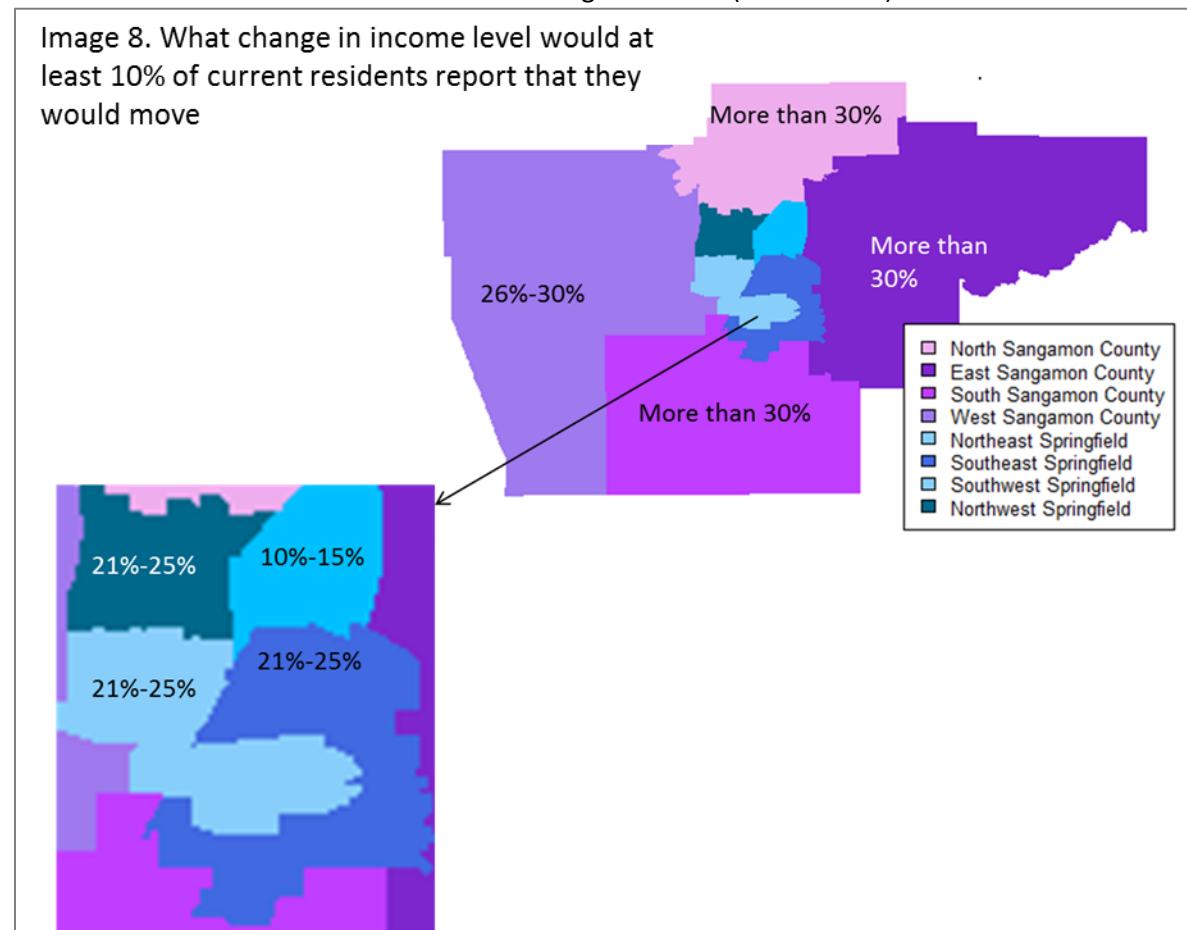
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Neighborhood Migration

Extant research demonstrates that neighborhood migration (individuals moving to different regions of the same metropolitan area) is greatly influenced by only modest changes in wealth among certain populations and in areas with high crime and high poverty rates.⁴ In order to examine this, we asked individuals how much of a change in their income they would need to experience, before they would move neighborhoods within Sangamon County.

Image 8 depicts at what income change rate, at least ten percent of current residents would move neighborhoods. It is important to note that in all regions outside of Springfield metro, the majority of residents reported that they would not move neighborhoods, regardless of a change in their income. Springfield metropolitan areas demonstrate the highest levels of neighborhood migration with 11.5 percent of individuals living in Northeast Springfield reporting that if they experienced a 10 to 15 percent income change, they would move neighborhoods.

When we examine differences among demographic groups, one of the more interesting findings is that no African-American respondents report that any change in their income less than 20 percent would influence their decision to move out of their neighborhoods (see table 21).



⁴ Wilson, W. (1987). *The Truly Disadvantaged: the Inner City, the Underclass and Public Policy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Table 21. Percent who reported that they would move neighborhoods if they experienced 20% or less change in their income

	Valid percent
Overall	6.6%
Region	*
North Sangamon County	1.6%
East Sangamon County	5.5%
South Sangamon County	1.9%
West Sangamon County	3.9%
Northeast Springfield	17.3%
Southeast Springfield	7.2%
Southwest Springfield	8.8%
Northwest Springfield	8.2%
Gender	
Male	6.8%
Female	6.6%
Age	*
18-24 years old	9.1%
25-34 years old	25.8%
35-44 years old	12.8%
45-54 years old	8.6%
55-64 years old	4.3%
65 or more years old	2.5%
Race	*
White	6.8%
African-American/Black	0%
Income	*
Less than \$15,000 a year	10.0%
\$15,001 to \$30,000 a year	4.5%
\$30,001 to \$45,000 a year	7.1%
\$45,001 to \$60,000 year	6.0%
\$60,001 to \$75,000 a year	9.5%
\$75,001 to \$90,000 a year	8.9%
\$90,001 to \$105,000 a year	4.1%
More than \$105,000 a year	5.9%
Disability status	
Have a disability	5.9%
Do not have a disability	7.0%

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Final Thoughts

The purpose of the 2014 Neighborhood Survey is to assess Sangamon County residents' attitudes towards their neighborhoods in an effort to provide guidance to local leaders. This project accomplishes this in multiple parts. The survey includes questions asking them to evaluate both their current neighborhood as well as their neighborhood; as well asking respondents to evaluate the visual appearance of their current neighborhoods including the overall appearance of homes, apartment buildings, and other buildings, streets and roads, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, and alleys. Respondents were also asked to report what they think of the landscaping in their current neighborhood, as well as their access to community spaces and safe places for children to play as well as possible detractors in their neighborhood. Finally, respondents report about their current access to business and services.

The report includes extensive detail on how Sangamon County residents evaluate their neighborhoods. Each topical section (General visual appearance of your neighborhood; Landscaping, green, and open spaces; Neighborhood detractors; Access to businesses and services; Impressions of your neighborhood; and Your ideal neighborhood) is analyzed examining regional differences as well as possible differences among demographic groups. And while the purpose of this report is not to rank neighborhoods or even regions in Sangamon County, we are hopeful that local leaders will use the data provided in this report in their efforts to rebuild infrastructure as well as in future planning efforts.

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Section 1. General visual appearance of your neighborhood

There are many things which taken together make a city or neighborhood a decent place to live, but right now we are trying to find out about just one aspect- the visual appearance of your neighborhood. Please rate your neighborhood (the area around the address where you received this questionnaire) using the scales below.

	Valid percent (n)
Ugly	8.2% (40)
Somewhere in-between	50.1% (243)
Pretty	41.4% (200)
Don't know	0.3% (1)

	Valid percent (n)
Homey	67.7% (335)
Somewhere in-between	24.3% (121)
Uncomfortable	6.8% (34)
Don't know	1.1% (6)

	Valid percent (n)
Relaxed	64.0% (316)
Somewhere in-between	24.6% (121)
Tense	10.3% (51)
Don't know	1.1% (6)

	Valid percent (n)
Shabby	9.0% (44)
Somewhere in-between	31.2% (154)
Maintained	58.9% (290)
Don't know	0.9% (5)

	Valid percent (n)
Newer	15.6% (77)
Somewhere in-between	31.7% (157)
Older	52.5% (259)
Don't know	0.2% (1)

	Valid percent (n)
Dilapidated	5.3% (25)
Somewhere in-between	73.7% (346)
Pristine	18.5% (87)
Don't know	2.5% (12)

	Valid percent (n)
Hectic	7.4% (36)
Somewhere in-between	27.9% (137)
Calm	62.1% (305)
Don't know	2.5% (13)

	Valid percent (n)
Planned	48.1% (232)
Somewhere in-between	30.9% (149)
Unplanned	15.4% (74)
Don't know	5.6% (27)

	Valid percent (n)
Intimate	19.5% (91)
Somewhere in-between	51.3% (238)
Spacious	26.3% (122)
Don't know	2.8% (13)

	Valid percent (n)
Quiet	58.1% (302)
Somewhere in-between	28.4% (147)
Noisy	13.4% (70)
Don't know	0.1% (1)

	Valid percent (n)
Modern	15.0% (73)
Somewhere in-between	31.3% (152)
Traditional	52.4% (255)
Don't know	1.3% (6)

	Valid percent (n)
Orderly	51.3% (252)
Somewhere in-between	36.9% (181)
Chaotic	10.0% (49)
Don't know	1.8% (9)
	Valid percent (n)
Appealing	53.5% (270)
Somewhere in-between	34.7% (175)
Unappealing	11.4% (57)
Don't know	0.4% (2)
	Valid percent (n)
Ornate	4.6% (21)
Somewhere in-between	52.6% (243)
Plain	40.7% (188)
Don't know	2.1% (10)
	Valid percent (n)
Different	7.8% (37)
Somewhere in-between	32.6% (154)
Ordinary	57.8% (273)
Don't know	1.8% (9)
	Valid percent (n)
Undeveloped	7.2% (35)
Somewhere in-between	21.0% (102)
Developed	70.6% (345)
Don't know	1.3% (6)
	Valid percent (n)
Dense	25.7% (121)
Somewhere in-between	58.8% (277)
Spacious	10.5% (49)
Don't know	5.0% (24)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Uncoordinated	15.3% (71)
Somewhere in-between	34.3% (160)
Coordinated	43.0% (201)
Don't know	7.4% (35)
	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Busy	24.0% (116)
Somewhere in-between	59.2% (286)
Sparse	15.0% (72)
Don't know	1.9% (9)
	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Isolated	7.9% (38)
Somewhere in-between	32.2% (153)
Connected	59.0% (281)
Don't know	0.9% (4)
	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Inconsistent	11.9% (56)
Somewhere in-between	32.5% (154)
Consistent	49.0% (232)
Don't know	6.6% (31)

How important, if at all, is the visual appearance of the following items to you when you think about the overall visual appearance of your neighborhood? Are they very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

Houses, apartment buildings, other buildings

	Valid percent (n)
Very important	78.1% (462)
Somewhat important	19.3% (114)
Not very important	1.6% (10)
Not at all important	0.9% (5)

Streets and roads

	Valid percent (n)
Very important	79.2% (474)
Somewhat important	19.2% (115)
Not very important	1.3% (8)
Not at all important	0.3% (2)

Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings

	Valid percent (n)
Very important	69.1% (382)
Somewhat important	20.4% (113)
Not very important	5.4% (30)
Not at all important	5.1% (28)

Alleys

	Valid percent (n)
Very important	29.3% (141)
Somewhat important	34.3% (164)
Not very important	14.2% (68)
Not at all important	22.3% (107)

Now thinking about the **houses, apartment buildings, and other buildings** in your neighborhood, please circle the item that best describes these buildings.

	Valid percent (n)
Well-Maintained	48.9% (275)
Somewhere in-between	40.2% (226)
Poorly Maintained	10.1% (57)
Don't know	0.7% (4)

	Valid percent (n)
Older	50.1% (269)
Somewhere in-between	36.2% (194)
Newer	13.5% (72)
Don't know	0.2% (1)

	Valid percent (n)
Attractive	42.1% (221)
Somewhere in-between	49.7% (261)
Unattractive	7.9% (42)
Don't know	0.3% (2)

	Valid percent (n)
Not Pleasing	8.0% (40)
Somewhere in-between	45.6% (230)
Pleasing	45.7% (231)
Don't know	0.8% (4)

	Valid percent (n)
Have colors and materials that go together	55.3% (289)
Somewhere in-between	33.2% (173)
Do not have colors and materials that go together	9.6% (50)
Don't know	1.9% (10)

	Valid percent (n)
Have clutter or litter in yards	15.9% (85)
Somewhere in-between	37.5% (200)
Do not have clutter or litter in yards	45.8% (244)
Don't know	0.7% (4)

Now thinking about the **streets and roads** in your neighborhood, please circle the item that best describes these streets and roads.

	Valid percent (n)
In good condition	34.5% (198)
Somewhere in-between	45.9% (264)
In poor condition	19.0% (113)
Don't know	0.0% (0)

	Valid percent (n)
Too wide	0.8% (4)
Somewhere in-between	71.3% (359)
Too narrow	22.5% (113)
Don't know	5.5% (27)

	Valid percent (n)
Has curbs in good condition	35.4% (188)
Somewhere in-between	23.6% (126)
Do not have curbs/Has curb in bad conditions	40.1% (213)
Don't know	0.9% (5)

	Valid percent (n)
Has ditches in good condition	20.9% (108)
Somewhere in-between	24.8% (127)
Do not have ditches/Has ditches in bad conditions	48.9% (251)
Don't know	5.4% (28)

	Valid percent (n)
Dirty	12.2% (64)
Somewhere in-between	35.3% (185)
Clean	52.5% (275)
Don't know	0.1% (1)

	Valid percent (n)
Easy to navigate	64.9% (337)
Somewhere in-between	27.3% (142)
Difficult to navigate	6.9% (36)
Don't know	0.9% (5)

And thinking about the **sidewalks and pedestrian crossings** in your neighborhood, please circle the item that best describes these sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Please skip if this does not apply to your neighborhood.

	Valid percent (n)
In good condition	40.9% (184)
Somewhere in-between	31.3% (141)
In poor condition	24.1% (109)
Don't know	3.7% (17)
	Valid percent (n)
Too wide	0.0% (0)
Somewhere in-between	77.9% (303)
Too narrow	17.8% (69)
Don't know	4.3% (17)
	Valid percent (n)
Unattractive	18.1% (72)
Somewhere in-between	49.1% (196)
Attractive	25.9% (103)
Don't know	6.9% (27)
	Valid percent (n)
Suitable for walking	52.5% (228)
Somewhere in-between	30.3% (132)
Not suitable for walking	14.4% (63)
Don't know	2.7% (12)
	Valid percent (n)
Does not connect to hiking/biking trails	77.7% (315)
Somewhere in-between	7.8% (32)
Connects to hiking/biking trails	8.8% (36)
Don't know	5.7% (23)
	Valid percent (n)
Allows access to other neighborhoods	51.2% (210)
Somewhere in-between	23.9% (98)
Does not allow access to other neighborhoods	20.0% (82)
Don't know	4.9% (20)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Dirty	13.2% (55)
Somewhere in-between	34.8% (145)
Clean	49.1% (204)
Don't know	2.9% (12)

Finally, thinking about the **alleys** in your neighborhood, please circle the item that best describes the alleys. If your neighborhood does not have alleys, then skip to the next section.

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
In good condition	27.4% (73)
Somewhere in-between	18.5% (49)
In poor condition	35.3% (94)
Don't know	18.8% (50)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Dirty	33.1% (83)
Somewhere in-between	21.5% (54)
Clean	26.8% (67)
Don't know	18.6% (47)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Drivable	38.7% (99)
Somewhere in-between	32.7% (84)
Impassable	8.9% (23)
Don't know	19.7% (50)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Does not allow access to other neighborhoods	19.3% (48)
Somewhere in-between	21.4% (53)
Allows access to other neighborhoods	32.8% (81)
Don't know	26.5% (66)

In general, please rate the visual appearance of the following structures in your neighborhood. Are they excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor? Please skip the item if there are none of these structures in your neighborhood.

Houses in your neighborhoods

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	21.7% (129)
Good	50.2% (299)
Fair	20.4% (122)
Poor	5.0% (30)
Very Poor	1.1% (7)
Don't Know	1.6% (10)

Apartment buildings

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	7.2% (28)
Good	33.6% (130)
Fair	27.8% (108)
Poor	11.5% (44)
Very Poor	4.2% (16)
Don't Know	15.8% (61)

Business buildings (offices, stores, services, restaurants, etc.)

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	10.5% (41)
Good	47.4% (186)
Fair	23.7% (93)
Poor	2.5% (10)
Very Poor	1.6% (6)
Don't Know	14.3% (56)

Public or semi-public buildings (churches, schools, meeting halls, private clubs, etc.)

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	17.6% (74)
Good	53.8% (225)
Fair	17.6% (74)
Poor	3.0% (13)
Very Poor	0.3% (1)
Don't Know	7.7% (32)

Streets and roads

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	7.6% (45)
Good	44.3% (260)
Fair	29.4% (173)
Poor	11.5% (67)
Very Poor	7.2% (42)
Don't Know	0.0% (0)

Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	10.8% (53)
Good	38.9% (191)
Fair	24.5% (120)
Poor	15.1% (74)
Very Poor	6.2% (31)
Don't Know	4.4% (21)

Alleys

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	13.0% (44)
Good	15.4% (52)
Fair	14.8% (50)
Poor	17.8% (60)
Very Poor	10.8% (36)
Don't Know	28.2% (95)

Utility poles

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	9.0% (48)
Good	46.9% (253)
Fair	24.7% (133)
Poor	9.1% (49)
Very Poor	2.0% (11)
Don't Know	8.3% (45)

Traffic signs

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	13.9% (77)
Good	57.3% (317)
Fair	20.5% (114)
Poor	5.2% (29)
Very Poor	0.9% (5)
Don't Know	2.3% (13)

Other signs (business signs, etc.)

	Valid percent (n)
Excellent	8.2% (32)
Good	48.3% (191)
Fair	23.5% (93)
Poor	7.5% (30)
Very Poor	1.9% (8)
Don't Know	10.6% (42)

Section 2: Landscaping, green, and open spaces

We are also interested in knowing what you think of the landscaping in your neighborhood. This includes the landscaping of houses and buildings as well as community green and open spaces like parks. Please circle the item that best describes your neighborhood.

	Valid percent (n)
Many trees	52.7% (302)
Somewhere in-between	34.0% (195)
Few trees	12.7% (73)
Don't know	0.6% (3)

	Valid percent (n)
Large trees	52.5% (284)
Somewhere in-between	37.6% (203)
Small trees	9.7% (52)
Don't know	0.2% (1)

	Valid percent (n)
Small lawns	32.9% (178)
Somewhere in-between	40.4% (218)
Large lawns	26.2% (141)
Don't know	0.5% (2)

	Valid percent (n)
Unkempt lawns	11.5% (63)
Somewhere in-between	38.7% (211)
Well-kept lawns	49.3% (269)
Don't know	0.4% (2)
	Valid percent (n)
Few weeds	42.8% (227)
Somewhere in-between	41.4% (220)
Many weeds	13.9% (74)
Don't know	1.9% (10)
	Valid percent (n)
Many gardens	9.1% (49)
Somewhere in-between	30.2% (162)
Few gardens	50.5% (271)
Don't know	10.3% (55)
	Valid percent (n)
Few park-like areas	59.3% (304)
Somewhere in-between	22.8% (117)
Many park-like areas	13.7% (70)
Don't know	4.2% (22)
	Valid percent (n)
Many open spaces where neighbors can gather	15.9% (84)
Somewhere in-between	33.4% (175)
Few open spaces where neighbors can gather	47.1% (247)
Don't know	3.5% (18)
	Valid percent (n)
Many public places where children can safely play	12.9% (67)
Somewhere in-between	27.0% (139)
Few public places where children can safely play	56.5% (293)
Don't know	3.6% (19)

	Valid percent (n)
Landscaped parkways	11.5% (53)
Somewhere in-between	33.1% (153)
Un-landscaped parkways	36.3% (168)
Don't know	19.1% (89)

Section 3: Neighborhood detractions

Sometimes there are things that can detract from a neighborhood. We would like to know whether you believe the following items detract from the appearance of your street or block. Please rate whether the following items detract a lot, detract a little, or do not detract from the appearance of your neighborhood.

The parking of cars along neighborhood streets

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	21.9% (123)
Detracts a little	38.2% (215)
Does not detract	36.5% (205)
Don't know	3.4% (19)

The parking of cars in the front yards of homes

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	42.5% (228)
Detracts a little	20.0% (107)
Does not detract	32.2% (172)
Don't know	5.3% (28)

The parking of trucks or other large vehicles along neighborhood streets

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	39.3% (206)
Detracts a little	23.6% (124)
Does not detract	31.2% (164)
Don't know	6.0% (31)

The presence of special vehicles or equipment (boats, trailers, camper, RVs, tractors, implements, etc.)

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	26.8% (144)
Detracts a little	26.0% (140)
Does not detract	40.2% (216)
Don't know	6.9% (37)

The amount of traffic on the streets in your neighborhood

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	17.3% (101)
Detracts a little	27.6% (161)
Does not detract	51.8% (302)
Don't know	3.3% (19)

The appearance of utility poles in your neighborhood

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	10.5% (59)
Detracts a little	29.1% (162)
Does not detract	54.9% (306)
Don't know	5.5% (31)

The appearance of overhead wires in your neighborhood

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	17.0% (93)
Detracts a little	31.5% (173)
Does not detract	46.2% (254)
Don't know	5.3% (29)

The number of billboards or commercial signage

	Valid percent (n)
Detracts a lot	12.9% (58)
Detracts a little	11.9% (54)
Does not detract	53.7% (243)
Don't know	21.5% (97)

Section 4: Access to businesses and services

Sometimes there are things that can detract from a neighborhood. We would like to know whether you believe the following items detract from the appearance of your street or block. Please rate whether the following items detract a lot, detract a little, or do not detract from the appearance of your neighborhood.

My neighborhood is located near a commercial area that meets all of my needs

	Valid percent (n)
Strongly agree	31.9% (188)
Somewhat agree	32.2% (190)
Neither agree nor disagree	11.5% (68)
Somewhat disagree	10.2% (60)
Strongly disagree	12.9% (76)
Don't know	1.4% (8)

I can easily drive to all of the businesses and services I regularly use

	Valid percent (n)
Strongly agree	55.6% (332)
Somewhat agree	27.0% (161)
Neither agree nor disagree	5.8% (35)
Somewhat disagree	5.7% (34)
Strongly disagree	3.2% (19)
Don't know	2.7% (16)

I cannot easily walk to all of the businesses and services I regularly use

	Valid percent (n)
Strongly agree	41.4% (234)
Somewhat agree	18.4% (104)
Neither agree nor disagree	14.4% (81)
Somewhat disagree	8.8% (50)
Strongly disagree	14.3% (81)
Don't know	2.6% (15)

I can easily bike to all of the businesses and services I regularly use

	Valid percent (n)
Strongly agree	16.5% (96)
Somewhat agree	27.4% (159)
Neither agree nor disagree	14.7% (85)
Somewhat disagree	12.6% (73)
Strongly disagree	25.0% (145)
Don't know	3.7% (22)

I cannot easily take the bus to all of the businesses and services I regularly use

	Valid percent (n)
Strongly agree	30.4% (170)
Somewhat agree	9.2% (51)
Neither agree nor disagree	12.3% (69)
Somewhat disagree	6.5% (36)
Strongly disagree	26.6% (149)
Don't know	15.0% (84)

Section 5: Impressions of your neighborhood

We would also like to know your general impression of your neighborhood. Please select the item that best fits your response.

Generally, how much, if at all, do you like your neighborhood as a place to live?

	Valid percent (n)
Like it a lot	63.3% (387)
Somewhat like it	20.4% (124)
Neither like it nor dislike it	4.1% (25)
Somewhat dislike it	8.3% (51)
Do not like it at all	3.6% (22)
Don't know	0.5% (3)

Suppose that for some reason you would have to move away from your neighborhood. How often, if at all, would you miss your neighborhood?

	Valid percent (n)
All of the time	11.5% (70)
Most of the time	23.7% (145)
Sometimes	38.7% (237)
Rarely	13.2% (80)
Never	9.4% (57)
Don't know	3.5% (21)

Thinking about a few years from now, do you think your neighborhood will be a better place to live, about the same, or worse place to live?

	Valid percent (n)
Better	7.6% (47)
About the same	66.6% (406)
Worse	22.1% (135)
Don't know	3.6% (22)

When comparing your neighborhood to others in the Springfield area and Sangamon County, how do you think your neighborhood compares? Is it better, about the same, worse than other neighborhoods?

	Valid percent (n)
Better	42.6% (257)
About the same	35.9% (217)
Worse	18.6% (112)
Don't know	2.8% (17)

Excluding factors like changes to job, marital status, family size, etc., how likely, if at all, are you to move away from your neighborhood in the next 5 years due to the nature and/or appearance of your neighborhoods?

	Valid percent (n)
Very likely	48.5% (288)
Somewhat likely	13.1% (78)
Neither likely nor unlikely	14.0% (83)
Somewhat unlikely	11.2% (67)
Not at all likely	10.7% (64)
Don't know	2.4% (14)

Sometimes changes in household income will lead to people moving to a different neighborhood. Please tell us how much your income would have to increase for you to consider moving to another neighborhood?

	Valid percent (n)
10%-15%	6.4% (38)
16%-20%	3.9% (23)
21%-25%	5.3% (31)
26%-30%	5.1% (30)
More-30%	26.3% (156)
Would not move to another neighborhood regardless of income change	33.2% (197)
Don't know	20.0% (118)

What is the name of your current neighborhood?

	<i>Unweighted results</i>	<i>Weighted results</i>
Amelia Ct	0.1%	0.1%
Auburn	0.1%	0.2%
Avondale	0.1%	0.2%
Beamington	0.1%	0
Beaver Creek	0.1%	0
Bell Fountain Road	0.1%	0
Belmont Gardens	0.1%	0.1%
Birch Grove	0.4%	0.4%
Birch Lake	0.1%	0.1%
Birch Lakes	0.1%	0.2%
Birchwood	0.1%	0.2%
Bissel Village	0.1%	0.1%
Blessed Sacrament	0.3%	0.3%
Bluffs	0.3%	0.1%
Bradfordton Rd	0.1%	0.1%
Bradforton Pl	0.1%	0
Breckinridge	0.1%	0.1%
Brendon Gardens	0.1%	0.1%
Briar Cliff	0.1%	0.1%
Briarcliff	0.1%	0
Brooks Eastside Estate	0.1%	0
Brookside Glen	0.3%	0.2%
Buckhart Rd	0.1%	0
Buffalo	0.8%	0.1%
Buffalo Hart	0.3%	0.2%
Cabbage Patch	0.1%	0.3%
Camelot	0.1%	0.2%
Cantrall	0.3%	0
Cartwright	0.1%	0
Chapel Hill	0.3%	0.4%
Chatham	0.1%	0
Chatham Rd	0.1%	0.1%
Cherry Hills	0.3%	0.1%
Cider Mill	0.1%	0.3%
Clairshire	0.1%	0.3%
Cobbit Pact	0.1%	0.1%

Cobblestone	0.3%	0.3%
Colony	0.1%	0
Colony West	0.5%	0.5%
Comanche Village	0.4%	0.2%
Cottage Grove	0.1%	0
Cottage Hills	0.1%	0.1%
Cottonwood	0.1%	0.1%
Country	0.3%	0.1%
Country Club Estates	0.1%	0.2%
Country Farm	0.1%	0.1%
Country Lake	0.1%	0.2%
Country Meadows	0.4%	0.7%
Country Place	0.1%	0.2%
Country Trace	0.1%	0.1%
Country	0.1%	0
Country Club Acres	0.1%	0.1%
Country Club Pl	0.1%	0.1%
Crown Point	0.3%	0.5%
Crows Hill	0.1%	0.2%
Crows Mill	0.3%	0.1%
Cummins	0.1%	0.3%
Darthmouth	0.1%	0
Dean Park	0.1%	0.1%
Deerfield	0.3%	0.1%
Deerwood	0.3%	0.2%
Divernon	0.1%	0.1%
Downtown	0.3%	0.4%
East Lake Shore	0.1%	0
Eastside Springfield	0.1%	0.4%
Eastview	0.1%	0.2%
Edgewood Meadows	0.1%	0.2%
Enos Park	0.4%	0.5%
Fairway Oaks	0.1%	0
Fallingbrook	0.1%	0.1%
Fishburn Rd	0.1%	0
Fisher Rd	0.1%	0.1%
Flaggland	0.4%	0.3%
Forest Green	0.1%	0.2%

Forest Park Hills	0.1%	0.1%
Forest View	0.5%	0.2%
Fox Creek	0.5%	1.0%
Fox Meadows	0.3%	0.2%
Franklin Park	0.8%	0.6%
Frontier Lake	0.4%	0.3%
Ginger Creek	0.3%	0.1%
Glen Acres	0.1%	0.1%
Glen Aire	0.3%	0.2%
Glenwood	0.1%	0.1%
Glenwood Park	0.3%	0.4%
Grand Central	0.4%	1.0%
Grandview	0.1%	0.5%
Grandy Valley	0.1%	0.1%
Grant's Ridge	0.1%	0.1%
Green Acres	0.1%	0
Greenwood	0.1%	0
Griffitt Creek	0.1%	0
Hankle Dr	0.1%	0
Hanover Hills	0.1%	0.4%
Happy Landing	0.3%	0.1%
Harmony Court	0.1%	0.2%
Harmony Court East	0.1%	0
Harvard Park	1.1%	3.2%
Hawthorn Wood	0.1%	0.3%
Hawthorne Pl	0.1%	0.1%
Hilltop	0.1%	0.1%
Hilltop Rd	0.1%	0
Historic Westside	0.7%	0.6%
Hopple Hills estates	0.1%	0
Horse Hills Estates	0.1%	0.2%
Hunting Meadows	0.7%	0.3%
Huntington Woods	0.3%	0.1%
Hurstbourne	0.1%	0.1%
Hurtsbourne	0.1%	0.1%
Hyde Park	0.4%	0.8%
Iles Park	0.1%	0.1%
Illiopolis	0.7%	0.3%

Indian Hills	0.3%	0.2%
Indian Hills	0.3%	0.3%
Irisdale	0.3%	0.2%
Jerome	1.0%	1.2%
Johnson Park	0.1%	4.2%
Knox Knolls	0.3%	0.1%
Koke Mill	1.5%	1.1%
Lake	0.1%	0
Lake Area	0.3%	0.1%
Lake Area Estates	0.1%	0.4%
Lake Forest	0.5%	0.1%
Lake Lawn	0.1%	0
Lake Pointe	0.7%	0.4%
Lake Springfield	1.0%	0.4%
Lake Springfield Area	0.1%	0
Laketown	1.0%	1.3%
Lakeview Estates	0.1%	0.3%
Lakewind Acres	0.1%	0.1%
LaPlaza Grande	0.1%	0.1%
Leland Grove	0.4%	0.2%
Leland Park	0.1%	0
Lincoln Acres	0.1%	0.1%
Lincoln Greens	0.4%	0.5%
Lincoln Park	0.4%	0.6%
Lincolnshire	0.5%	0.3%
Lincolnwood	0.1%	0.1%
Linden Pl	0.1%	0
Lindsey Pl	0.1%	0.1%
Little Flower	0.1%	0.1%
Loami	0.8%	0.2%
Madison Park Pl	0.1%	0.6%
Manor Hill	0.1%	0.2%
Maple Grove	0.1%	0.2%
Maple Grove Ln	0.1%	0
Mathers Well	0.1%	0.9%
Maxwell	0.3%	0.4%
Meadowbrook	0.3%	0.3%
Mechanicsburg	0.4%	0.1%

Mill Creek	0.4%	0.1%
Milton Ave	0.1%	0.1%
Monroe Park	0.1%	0.1%
Montvale	0.1%	0.1%
Morgan Crest	0.1%	0.1%
N 22 nd St	0.1%	0.5%
Near Northside	0.1%	0.3%
Near Westside	0.1%	0.1%
New Berlin	0.1%	0
New Berline	0.1%	0.1%
Newman	0.1%	0.2%
North End	0.1%	0.1%
North Gate	0.1%	0.2%
North Lake Rd	0.1%	0
North Lake Shore	1.0%	0.5%
North Wind	0.1%	0
North Wind Acres	0.1%	0
Northend	0.1%	0.2%
Northgate	1.2%	1.7%
Northpointe	0.1%	0.1%
Northside	0.1%	0.1%
Northwind	0.4%	0.1%
Oak Brook	0.1%	0.2%
Oak Hill	0.1%	0
Oak Hills	0.1%	0.1%
Oak Knolls	0.1%	0
Oak Lawn	0.1%	0
Oak Park	0.4%	0.2%
Oakbrook	0.4%	0.1%
Oaks	0.1%	0.1%
Oakwood	0.1%	0
Old Chatham	0.3%	0.2%
Old Indian Trail	0.1%	0
Old Williamsville	0.1%	0.1%
Olde Bradfordton Pl	0.1%	0
Olde Town	0.1%	0.5%
Orendorff	0.1%	0.1%
Panther Creek	0.1%	0.1%

Park Forest	0.3%	0.2%
Park Forest Hundred	0.1%	0.1%
Parkwood Estates	0.3%	0.1%
Pasfield	0.3%	0.4%
Pasfield Park	0.1%	0.1%
Pawnee	0.1%	0.1%
Pheasant Run	0.1%	0.1%
Pine View Estates	0.1%	0.5%
Piper Glen	1.0%	0.4%
Plateau Park	0.4%	0.2%
Pleasant Plains	0.1%	0.3%
Pleasant Valley Rd	0.1%	0.1%
Possum Troy Rd	0.1%	0
Prairie Grove	0.1%	0.1%
Prairie Grove	0.1%	0
Primrose	0.1%	0.1%
Rail	0.1%	0
Rail Meadows	0.1%	0
Raul Estates	0.1%	0
Reich Acres	0.1%	0
Reservoir Park Pl	0.1%	0.3%
Riveria	0.1%	0.2%
Riverside Dr	0.1%	0.1%
Riverview	0.1%	0.7%
Roby	0.1%	0
Rochester	0.4%	0.3%
Rose Meadows	0.1%	0.2%
Rural	0.5%	0.5%
Rural Mechanicsburg	0.1%	0.1%
Salem Church Rd	0.1%	0.2%
Salem Estates	0.3%	0.2%
Salisbury	0.1%	0.1%
Savannah Point	0.1%	0.1%
Scarborough	0.4%	0.4%
Sherman	0.4%	0.4%
Sherwood	0.8%	0.5%
Sims Western Rdwy	0.1%	0.1%
South 6 th St	0.1%	0.5%

South MacArthur	0.1%	0.1%
South State St	0.1%	0
Southeast Springfield	0.1%	0.2%
Southern View	1.1%	1.7%
Southgate	0.1%	0.2%
Southwinds	0.1%	0.1%
Spaulding	0.1%	0.2%
Spring	0.1%	0.2%
Springfield Estates	0.1%	0
Springfield Township	0.1%	0.1%
St Cabrini	0.1%	0.1%
St Mary's Ct	0.1%	0.3%
Staff Area	0.1%	0
Stepple Chase	0.1%	0
Stratford Pl	0.1%	0.1%
Sunny View	0.3%	0
Tara Hills	0.3%	0.3%
Thornhill	0.3%	0.1%
Timber Creek	0.1%	0.1%
Timber Ridge	0.1%	0
Timberland	0.1%	0
Trevi Gardens	0.1%	0.3%
Tulane	0.1%	0
Twin Lakes	0.8%	0.5%
University Heights	0.1%	0.2%
Villa Grove	0.1%	0.1%
Vinegar Hill	0.4%	0.5%
Walnut Hills	0.7%	0.3%
Walnut Park	0.5%	0.4%
Walnut Valley	0.4%	0.2%
Wandering Trails	0.3%	0.1%
Wanless Addition	0.1%	0.1%
Washington Park	0.7%	0.6%
Watch Ave	0.1%	1.3%
Watch District	0.1%	0.1%
Watch Factory	0.1%	0.1%
Waverly	0.1%	0.1%
Wellington Estates	0.1%	0.1%

West	0.1%	0.1%
West Lake Drive	0.1%	0
West Rd Park	0.1%	0.1%
West View Park	0.1%	0
Westbrook	0.3%	0.1%
Westchester	1.9%	2.0%
Westend	0.1%	0.3%
Western Knolls	0.1%	0.1%
Westwoods	0.1%	0.2%
Whispering Pines	0.1%	0.1%
Whispering Woods	0.3%	0
White Oaks West	0.1%	0.1%
Whittier-Woodside	0.1%	0.1%
Wiggins Ave	0.1%	0.1%
Wild Wood	0.1%	0.1%
Wildwood Hills	0.1%	0.1%
Williamsville	0.4%	0.2%
Williamsville Rd	0.1%	0
Willie Moore	0.1%	0.1%
Willows	0.3%	0.5%
Winch Rd	0.1%	0.1%
Window	0.1%	0.3%
Woodlands	0.1%	0.1%
Woods Farm	0.1%	0.1%
Woodside	0.4%	0.6%
Woodstock	0.3%	0.2%
Wyndmoor	0.1%	0.2%
Youngston Hills	0.7%	0.7%
NA	12.6%	13.5%
Don't know	14.7%	17.9%

Section 6: Your ideal neighborhood

Rarely do we live in our ideal neighborhood. In this section, we would like to know more about your ideal neighborhood—its visual appearance, its proximity to green spaces, its amenities, etc.

What is the ONE thing you would like your ideal neighborhood to have?

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Better safety and security	7.9% (40)
More recreational opportunities	14.1% (71)
More landscaping	7.7% (39)
Improved maintenance/cleanliness/appearance	10.9% (55)
Transportation opportunities	1.8% (9)
Less traffic or better parking	2.4% (12)
Sidewalks	9.7% (49)
Larger lot sizes	8.1% (41)
Better infrastructure	10.9% (55)
Proximity to lake	1.4% (7)
Better location	6.0% (30)
Quality of neighbors	5.4% (27)
Neighborhood association	0.8% (4)
Other	12.9% (65)

Now, we would like to know more about the items that you would like to see in your ideal neighborhood. Please rate your ideal neighborhood using the scales below. Please circle the item that best describe your ideal neighborhood.

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Many open spaces where neighbors can gather	34.5% (169)
Somewhere in-between	46.8% (230)
Few open spaces where neighbors can gather	12.5% (61)
Don't know	6.2% (30)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Large yards	53.4% (272)
Somewhere in-between	41.1% (209)
Small yards no yards	2.5% (13)
Don't know	3.0% (15)

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Landscaped parkways	56.2% (267)
Somewhere in-between	33.2% (158)
Un-landscaped parkways	6.5% (31)

Don't know	4.1% (20)
Valid percent (n)	
Many streetlights	45.7% (232)
Somewhere in-between	42.8% (217)
Few or no streetlights	9.4% (48)
Don't know	2.1% (11)
Valid percent (n)	
Urban	19.9% (96)
Somewhere in-between	49.7% (240)
Rural	27.7% (134)
Don't know	2.7% (13)
Valid percent (n)	
Many alleys	4.8% (23)
Somewhere in-between	26.5% (129)
Few or no alleys	63.5% (310)
Don't know	5.3% (26)
Valid percent (n)	
Access to hiking/biking trails	58.8% (289)
Somewhere in-between	25.7% (127)
No access to hiking/biking trials	11.5% (57)
Don't know	3.9% (19)
Valid percent (n)	
Many sidewalks	58.3% (294)
Somewhere in-between	32.6% (164)
Few or no sidewalks	8.1% (41)
Don't know	0.9% (5)
Valid percent (n)	
Many trees	65.9% (336)
Somewhere in-between	28.0% (143)
Few or no trees	5.2% (27)
Don't know	1.0% (5)
Valid percent (n)	
Gated community	15.1% (75)

Somewhere in-between	24.8% (122)
Un-gated community	53.8% (265)
Don't know	6.3% (31)
Valid percent (n)	
Access to public transportation	45.2% (224)
Somewhere in-between	28.3% (140)
No access to public transportation	21.4% (106)
Don't know	5.2% (26)
Valid percent (n)	
Few public places where children can safely play	16.7% (84)
Somewhere in-between	30.1% (150)
Many public places where children can safely play	49.1% (247)
Don't know	4.2% (21)
Valid percent (n)	
Located near a commercial area that meets all of my needs	29.7% (149)
Somewhere in-between	49.8% (249)
A commute away from a commercial area that meets all of my needs	19.2% (96)
Don't know	1.3% (7)
Valid percent (n)	
Un-planned community	9.5% (47)
Somewhere in-between	32.4% (160)
Planned community	51.4% (253)
Don't know	6.7% (33)
Valid percent (n)	
No access to gardens	4.1% (20)
Somewhere in-between	30.3% (149)
Access to gardens	60.3% (296)
Don't know	5.3% (26)
Valid percent (n)	
Houses with outdoor space (porch, patio, etc.)	85.7% (435)
Somewhere in-between	12.9% (65)
Houses with no outdoor space	0.0% (0)

Don't know	1.5% (7)
Valid percent (n)	
Has a neighborhood association	34.4% (174)
Somewhere in-between	31.3% (158)
Does not have a neighborhood association	26.4% (133)
Don't know	7.9% (40)

Section 7: Demographic information

The following section is for analysis purposes only. None of this information will be used to identify you as a respondent.

Gender:

Valid percent	
Female	54.8%
Male	43.2%

Age categories:

Valid percent	
18-24 years old	8.5%
25-34 years old	14.5%
35-44 years old	15.6%
45-54 years old	21.2%
55-64 years old	18.7%
65 and older	21.6%

Zip code:

Valid percent	
62515	0.9%
62520	0.8%
62530	1.1%
62539	0.7%
62545	0.4%
62558	1.8%
62561	1.6%
62563	2.4%
62615	2.2%
62625	0.4%
62629	5.8%
62661	0.5%

62670	1.2%
62677	1.1%
62684	2.1%
62692	1.1%
62693	0.7%
62701	1.6%
62702	20.0%
62703	22.5%
62704	18.8%
62707	3.2%
62711	5.6%
62712	3.8%

Are you Hispanic or Latino(a)?

	Valid percent
Yes	0.5%
No	99.5%

What is your race?

	Valid percent
White	84.5%
African-American	10.5%
Asian/Pacific-Island	1.9%
Other	3.1%

What is your annual earned income before taxes? *(missing data imputed using gender, education, rent/own home)*

	Valid percent
\$15,000 or less	14.2%
\$15,001-\$30,000	10.2%
\$30,001-\$45,000	13.9%
\$45,001-\$60,000	16.9%
\$60,001-\$75,000	12.4%
\$75,001-\$90,000	16.7%
\$90,001-\$105,000	7.5%
\$105,001-\$120,000	1.2%
\$120,001-\$135,000	2.1%
\$135,001-\$150,000	2.0%
\$150,001-\$165,000	0%

\$165,001-\$180,000	0.4%
\$180,001-\$195,000	0.1%
More than \$195,000	1.2%
Retired	1.0%

Highest level of education you have completed:

	Valid percent
Less than high school	10.4%
High school diploma or equivalent	23.3%
Some college or trade school	31.4%
4 year college degree	22.4%
Advanced degree	12.5%

What is your disability status?

	Valid percent
Have a disability	13.4%
Do not have a disability	86.6%

How many years have you lived in your neighborhood?

	Valid percent (n)
Less than two years	
Two to five years	
Six to 10 years	
11-15 years	
16-20 years	
21-25 years	
26-30 years	
31-40 years	
41-50 years	
More than 50 years	

Which of these options best describes your current residence? Is it a single family home, duplex/townhome, apartment building, or condo?

	Valid percent (n)
Single family home	87.0% (524)
Duplex/Townhome	4.3% (26)
Apartment building	7.4% (45)
Condo	1.2% (7)

Do you rent or own your home?

	Valid percent (n)
Own	80.1% (477)
Rent	19.9% (119)

Have you ever lived in other neighborhoods in Sangamon County?

	Valid percent (n)
Yes	81.7% (484)
No	18.3% (108)

Have you ever lived in other neighborhoods outside of Sangamon County?

	Valid percent (n)
Yes	68.4% (303)
No	31.6% (140)

Including yourself, how many individuals usually live at this address?

	Valid percent (n)
One	23.7%
Two	40.5%
Three	10.1%
Four	8.1%
Five	3.7%
Six	5.2%
Seven	0.4%
Eight	0.4%
Nine	0.2%
More than nine	0.2%

Of those individuals, how many are: Under 15 years old?

	Valid percent (n)
0	4.4% (28)
1	7.6% (47)
2	4.3% (27)
3	2.7% (17)
4	0.4% (3)
5	0.6% (4)

Of those individuals, how many are: 15 to 17 years old?

	Valid percent (n)
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0	4.3% (27)
1	3.7% (23)
2	4.4% (27)
3	0.1% (0)
4	0.2% (1)

Of those individuals, how many are: 18 or older?

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
0	1.9%
1	16.4%
2	43.4%
3	6.0%
4	6.8%
5	0.2%
6	0.2%

Does your neighborhood have a neighborhood association?

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Yes	34.5% (206)
No	46.4% (278)
Don't know	19.0% (114)

If yes, are you a member of the neighborhood association?

	Valid percent (<i>n</i>)
Yes	60.1% (120)
No	39.9% (80)

Open-ended responses

Is there anything else that you would like to share with us about your current neighborhood?

MacArthur Corridor is an eyesore- would love to see that business district cleaned up with new business/services. I hope the addition of Hyvee is a catalyst

This neighborhood, particularly respondents home, lies under the main airport approach

Very poor access to the highway/Jefferson street

Animal control--I would say we have NONE!!!

Archer Elevator Rd. is in very poor condition, too many overhead powerlines

I see an occasional plastic bag, they are harmful to the environment!! I pick them up and dispose of them when I am able.

Koke Mill Rd from Bluff Rd to Washington Street is unsafe for walking and bi

Koke Mill Rd from Bluff Rd to Washington Street is very unattractive

Laws are passed and not enforced

Light

Living in small community is nice and safe. Springfield is only a short distance away-I can drive where I need

Lots of trash blows @ neighborhood

Need a sidewalk along east lake so you can walk across the street

On one side of my block we have about 25 cats (4 houses) most of them out at night.

Parking in street RV's etc. cause safety issues several houses and yards not being maintained taxes going up but prop value going down. Water rates are excessive property taxes

Part is newer residences and well maintained but few are older and unkempt. Roads are in disrepair.

It is difficult to enter Woodside Rd from North Lake Roa

Poor work ethics= poor neighborhoods (garbage, junk cars, disrepair, etc.)

Rotary Park nearby should have more parking spaces, so cars don't have to park on grass. Park needs more trash cans or more often pick up

Small yards and small trees - very hot in summer because of no shade.

Streets/sidewalks, in places are in need of repair

The city has not kept up a agreement ive been told about since 5th and 6th St went one way.. and that was to maintain

They laugh in your

Unfortunately, the Village DOES NOT enforce the ordinances they have on the books that could improve the "visual ap

Piles of branches +yard waste bags are an eyesore for too long prior to pick up.

The project at Jefferson Crossing needs to be completed. There has been too much red tape and government hoops to jump through. At least the large tin shed was torn down but still a mess.

We have HORRIBLE snow removal, either comes too late and snow has been driven over so many times it can't be removed much, or they never come by. What good are having the main roads perfectly clean if you can't get out of the neighborhood to

10 acre tracts, 10 min. from W.O Mall

A lot of junk in one back yard that is visible from the street and other yards.

A lot of the older folks have died in the past ten years and their houses became rental property and run down or younger people buy them and not take as good care of them. I also don't care for all the foot traffic in my neighborhood--people wa

A perfect country setting

Abandoned property should be torn down

All the neighbors are really good people and get along well

Almost every utility box in the ground, for in-ground electric cable, phone is crooked and/or out-of-plumb. Seems like there is a lack of professional pride among those trades. It detracts from the neighborhood appearance. Also, a few are al

Appomattox Dr. needs to be repaved due to water lines/mine subsidence. Our green space needs picnic tables, basketball court, garden space, shaded area, water feature, benches, larger trees, small playground.

Archer elevator needs to be a 4 lane. Meadowbrook needs to be torn up leveled and repaved. CWLP should bury power lines. There has been a lot of line loss/ AM radio interference along Archer Elevator and West Wabash. It is silly to me to have s

As it stands now, trains noise is completely unacceptable, especially the 4 am train. Holds and blairs whistle long and loud. Also, street improvements with proper drainage are long overdue on watch ave between Albany and Wolfe. Any major impro

Backs to a woods - beautiful on all seasons. Friendly place to live, quiet, 20 years old.

Because of the location, the city of Springfield is sending groups such as Girls On The Run to our neighborhood to hold our events. This blocks all ingress and egress from the neighborhood which can be dangerous. The city needs to use parks for

Bike paths are great, as are parks and YMCA

Bought my house about 10 months ago. Still new to the neighborhood.

Built in the 70's- older houses- most well maintained. Quiet neighborhood- Seems that most residence do not live above their means here/ live comfortably/ middle working class/ some older age-retired.

Cars drive way too fast & don't stop @ stop signs. My block has lots of dogs left out all day & they bark for hours.

Change occurs in life

Children and teens and others walking in the roadway, children literally playing in the road, noise at late hours of the night, vandalism, break-ins, lack of driveways

Circle drive much nice than Laketown in general. questions answered for Cinde Drive

Concern because a lot of people in Illiopolis have gotten cancer. Possibly from Formosa?!

Could talk to you a long time about neighborhood-more than this space allows. Although your cover letter says I won't be contacted for a phone survey if I do this in writing-I would very much like to participate further by phone. I like the con

County needs to improve their maintenance on roads and ditches.

Couple light poles leaning that are really an eye sore - couple areas have more cars parked in driveway and streets than necessary - generally a good neighborhood to live in, both with and without children.

Densely populated with condos and apartments. 50/50 mix as far a residences and businesses. Lot of section 8 apartments which I feel dragged down the neighborhood over the years. Streets has lot of traffic with cars cutting through between Was

Did the person that wrote these questions ever live in a rural community???

Does not receive snow, ice removal in the winter in our sub division.

Drainage system needs work

drainage, like other areas near downtown Springfield, is a large problem. The three largest problems are probably bad roads, drainage, and snow removal. Sure business is space as well, but large infrastructure is over such as these reduce the p

Dramatic shift in ethic population. Many families from Chicago are migrating to Springfield and this

neighborhood because Chicago no longer has Section 8 housing applications.

Entrance to Oak Park off Iles is very bumpy. Many streets and sidewalks are not level, have cracks, etc.

Extremely noisy, high crime, drug trafficking area

Farm homes and farm land around us

Generally the neighborhood is aging and most residents have been here for many years.

Ginger Creek Dr runs from Koke Mill to Meadowbrook Rd with only 1 stop sign. It is nothing for cars to go 40-45 mph down the street. We have been passed, while having blinker on to turn into driveway.

Something needs to be done to slow people d

Good access to Rotary Park bike trail. People friendly. Responsible.

good mix of ages, highly involved school/community groups, positive view of community character, quality of area services is highly regarded, poor ethnic diversity

Great neighborhood for first time homebuyer, but not where I want to live for the rest of my life. I plan on buying a better house in the next 5-10 years

Great neighborhood, large yards, great neighbors.

Great neighbors and neighborhood association no problems

Great place to live and raise kids!

Has character, both larger and smaller houses - nothing "cookie cutter" about them which makes neighborhood interesting.

Have had problems with City Dept. with shoveling alley (driveway) they will not do- don't clean up.

Don't care East side of Springfield

Have lived here nearly fifty years and was the second house built on this street.

Heavy grain truck traffic hauling from Mechanicsburg. Making it dangerous for people on this road. The trucks could use another route and would be about a mile farther for them.

HOA here is horrible. Bullying is rampant if you're not "in"! Very unwelcoming to new people.

Houses all look alike - I have to wait outside for people unfamiliar with where I live the first few times they come over just so they can learn which house is mine.

Houses are too close together (Taxes too high for 40' lots)

Huge potholes in the alley need to be filled again.

I built it and several houses

I do not reside in a neighborhood in the traditional use of the term. I've live in rural Buffalo Hart Township on 6 acre's. Our closest neighbor reside on 5 acre plot east of our location. We have lived at our location for 33 yrs. So with that

I don't have a neighborhood. My closest neighbor is 2 miles away. I would NOT want to live in town.

I have lived between two empty houses for 15 years. One yard is kept up, the other is mud and weeds. I wish something could be done about the yard. The alley is also a mess (weeds and garbage).

I like it.

I like where I live to the extent that there is a great sense of community and the people are nice and look out for each other. We have block parties, cook outs, halloween costume parades and recently started an association to help improve the

I live in a rural area.

I live in a rural community by choice. I love the gently rolling topography, wooded areas & agricultural fields. I would "love" to have a nearby bike trail completed

I live on a part of family farm, 5 acres with a 1 1/2 acre pond.

I live on Tolliver RD, New Berlin IL from my property I can see the State Capital- We do not have amenities such as: High speed internet; Cable tv; Public water (we all rely on wells); Our road in well traveled, but is only maintained/upgraded

I live out by the lake but not on it.

I lived in this house as a child through marriage and then moved back after the death of my parents. I love my home and neighborhood!

I love living in Williamsville. It is quiet, peaceful, and residents maintain their houses and grounds. I moved from the north end of Springfield and this was a big step up.

I moved here in July for a job at Memorial. This looked like a middle class normal neighborhood. A month later I was robbed. I came from a middle class neighborhood, where people walk and say hello. No one talks here, not friendly. I've made 1

I only moved here so that I could finish my degree as an RN and still keep my baby out of daycare. As soon as I graduate, I am moving. The people who live here are just plain weird!!

I really don't have a neighborhood!- live on a busy street with 2 houses on it and an open park on 1 side plus a woody area on the other side. Across the street in city office and a park.

I try to keep my leaves raked and picked in the fall. I'm still picking up leaves in the spring that have blown from the neighbors who did not pick theirs up in the fall.

I wish there would be an architectural control committee that approve or disapprove external changes in the structure of homes. There is a terrible eyesore on Interlocker Road- a two-story colonial between old Jacksonville Road and Pinehurst Dr

I would like dogs to be on a leash and not allowed to run free. I would like my neighbors to mow their grass before it is 8 inches tall.

I would like gutters and curbs to eliminate standing water during heavy rains. Plus street lights are needed.

I would like to see more people sitting out in their front yards, ready to chat with others. People are too busy today to do so.

I'm in new Berlin. The appearance varies from street to street. One street over there are broken shutters, littered lawns. The street on the other side is the newest phase of the development, manicured and clean.

I'm not impressed by the zoning in Springfield. I didn't like the way of mixing homes, duplexes, and apartment buildings in one neighborhood. It is not appealing for some particular homes. Nor do I like the geographical boundaries for the school

I'm the only house one side a close car lot other side an apartment building across the street a gas station, grocery and antique store plus a mobile home.

In regards to some income changes--I would move even if my income doesn't increase

In the 300 block of North Daniels-the houses aren't bad. Just a normal neighborhood. Not all cookie cutter houses. I don't mind small houses or different looking houses--I just hate lazy people who can't keep their property picked up and let th

Infrastructure need work no place close to go if storm streets need repaired no place for children to play safely litter on streets and in yards need attention (and alley) trees need attention water keeps being shut off causing stress on water

It gets busy in the afternoon and cars speed down because there are no stop signs. They do not look out for the children in the area.

It has been a great place to raise our children and we have enjoyed our neighbors. The new bike trail has been great also.

It has many cul-de-sacs, which cuts down on traffic and makes it a much quieter area than many. It is a nice place to raise children and feel safe.

it is a planned, semi-rural neighborhood of mixed use (residential/ agricultural). Several miles outside of "metropolitan" Springfield- but still within the city limits. Some services (fire, water, electric, schools) are shared with neighboring

It is a neighborhood with 3 police officer 3 firemen-1 FBI agent- 2 Army officers- 1 state police officer and one US Marshall. Many professional people live on this block that has no outlet. SUPER SAFE!
It is a nice neighborhood with few parties and sound pollution. This what is the number one draw here.

It is an old neighborhood Some of the homes were built in the 1910's

It is not a neighborhood. This is a rural area.

It would be good to know what is going on in the village. No communication from the community or school.

It would be nice to have a few waterfalls or scenic views, but we do have nice corn and beanfields

It's a nice looking neighborhood but the streets are currently in deplorable condition.

It's a wonderful, safe, quiet, lovely neighborhood. We all have large 1 acre lots and yards with many trees.

It's nice for the north end of town. But comparing it to west side is very different.

Lack of privacy in a cul-de-sac. Removal of large healthy trees degrades neighborhood.

Like the area. Some new neighbors are not taking care of property- showing no pride in ownership.

would like to see streets swept by city. Some residents keep their street fronts clean others don't even keep yards clean. Obvious no pride in own

Litter along the road side is a big problem.

Live across from Jr-Sr High Schools and traffic gets chaotic before and after school. School is ok. various neat and nice buildings.

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Live in north end. Not at all taken care of but high taxes for neighborhood.

Live on 2 acres- city limits- but rural area corn field in front and rear of our home. No curbs or sidewalks available.

Living here 30 yrs- I cannot understand why the lake roads are so poorly maintained, and there is no bike-path/sidewalk along the lake.

Looks nice expect when newspaper throw ads in pink plastic out in all yards (common areas) and they lay their for days and weeks!

Lot of rentals--landlord does not care for any thing but money. Slum-lords all over. Dogs run loose-- people who rent do not care

Lots of street parking makes driving one lane. This is especially on Cormerant in the evening.

Love the pool and love the trial (sidewalk) that goes through the neighborhood. Love the park and the tennis courts too.

Management nor police wants to do anything about speeders in park. There are lots of small children.

Many broken sidewalks that need repairs- have fallen several times and since we are close to a park we get a lot of foot traffic- also a lot of elderly people that could fall- City doesn't keep the streets clean- Lots of leaves due to many tree

Many responses were influenced by the fact we currently live next to the train tracks and mini-storage. We also currently rent and are looking to buy a home in the next two years

Meth house, domestic disputes

Mine is an older neighborhood. I feel that the City neglects the older neighborhoods, including mine, in favor of newer neighborhoods, for example, in snow removal, and street & sidewalk repair.

Mobile homes in a neighborhood with single family homes. Too many homes where the residents do the bare essentials for upkeep. We've had a dirt team raid on a home in the neighborhood and the city police visit on particular home in the neighb

more of the neighbors are our friends have been many years!

More trees- to much ecco

Most homes are well maintained- some are not

Most homes are well-kept. There are a couple of eyesores. Neighborhood is generally quiet and secluded. We would like to see it kept that way. We will most likely move if our neighborhood becomes a cut through to businesses south. Homeless dead

Most single-family homes are well maintained; apartments are not. A big appearance problem is the lack of adequate storm/sewer drainage. It leads to debris piling up in the street. Overhead wires and utility poles are eyesores in an otherwise h

Mostly neighborly and friendly This is more important to us than appearance

Mostly older small homes in late 40's and 50's. Lots of homes becoming rentals instead of family homes. Rentals seem not to be kept up. Alleys allowed to be dumping grounds.

My backyard borders Old Jacksonville Road. The ditches are too steep for me to mow safely. We are not in city limits so I wish the county would either fill the ditches or maintain them on a more regular basis. Also there is an increasing amo

My block has to use a alley to access parking and garages because we live in between 5th and 6th St around the S 2400 block..

My complex is amazing. I have thoroughly enjoyed living here. Any unsatisfactory ratings are in reference to other townhome complexes nearby. These are owned by a different company than the one that owns the complex where I live.

My current neighborhood is a rural area with few homes, mostly farmland.

My current neighborhood is a trailer park that has old trailers in bad condition. A few of them are vacant and some are unlivable.

My nearest neighbor is 1/2 a mile away!

My neighborhood is a senior 55+ so may items do not apply as in section 6.

My neighborhood is more rural, deep lots, space, but somewhat close to neighbors, approx. 160' wide

My parents bought their first house in this neighborhood in 1980. They said the neighborhood has hardly changed at all since then.

N/A

Need an association for discussion of neighborhood issues

Need more sidewalks, better snow removal in this area, curbs need to be re-built

Need more sidewalks, increase ability to walk, better sidewalks along South Grand's MacArthur to improve accessibility to businesses/schools and of course improve Safety. We also need more streetlights.

Need storm sewers for rain drainage. Walks would be nice.

Need to mow there yards pick up there stuff

Negatives - no sidewalks, no curbs, poor street maintenance, no city benefits (library, etc). Positives - quiet, low traffic, affordable, location.

Neighborhood full of drug dealers! Something needs to be done! Decent neighbors unsafe! Need more police presence! Get rid of Druggies!

Neighborhood is in a great location, historic area and good walkability with tree lined streets. However, many homes dilapidated and major problem with fly dumping.

New part on one side other side is the OLD part. Has trees but needs trees cleaned up but not at our

expense!*

Nice and quiet neighborhood with very few problems. Small/narrow driveways, so many of us park in the street.

Nice neighborhood of busy, hard workers. We've found a new neighborhood is easier when you are involved with the children and schools. Churches seem less involved then they used to be. They are a source which should be better used.

Nice neighborhood with rural atmosphere but not too far from shopping, recreation etc.

Nice place, friendly people, equitable homeowners' association.

No

no

no

no

No bus service property taxes too high

No.

Nobody ever comes by unexpectedly, there are no solicitors. There are no sidewalks, so signs, and little traffic. Its's great! Most lots are 5 acres, there is green space and there are lots of trees. There are very few kids.

North Cotton Hill Road needs to be extensively improved due to heavy traffic- No curbs+ very poor road maintenance. Also needs sidewalks!!!

Not at this time

Not good traffic enforcement. There is a stop sign in front on my home. About 8 out of 10 people don't stop with many not even slowing down! In the 9 years I have lived here we have had 3 episodes of extreme flooding each so deep that cars stal

Not looking forward to Lincolnshire Blvd connecting further East or West to other main routes. (Property in my lifetime.)

Off Jacksonville Road onto the 800 block of Meadowbrook Road, we have no sidewalks. Street is narrow. Traffic is heavy people use it as a "shortcut" one cannot walk on the road because it is too narrow for safety.

Older homes. Families stay in area on blocks. State street, one block over, is not as nice. Two blocks down, on Glenwood, not as nice. We live on one of three blocks. School down on next block. Fire station down block. Walgreens on Ash and McArthur.

One concern is that houses are being bought, then become rentals.

One home is surrounded by old cars, junk, resident must use weed eater to mow grass to go around obstacles. Junk yard across the street from him. Elm street is junked up.

One house has been uninhabited and unkempt. Very unattractive and a lot of junk outside and overgrowth of weeds and unkempt. I have complained to county but they do nothing.

Other than Pawnee bringing something like Dollar General or a gym to town, I am completely happy here.

Our children are outside Springfield School District, that is a huge plus. Springfield could use some of Champaign Urbana's ideas on what the park district does with programs for kids and adults. Arts, crafts, sports, camps.

Our end of the road is more attractive then the other end of the road. The questions I answered pertain to our end of the road, rural but approximately 3 blocks long.

Our neighborhood Assoc. owns the largest privately owned lake in Sangamon County. The traffic signs at the corner of Hazlett Road and Hazlett Lane are dangerous- needs to be a 3-way stop before someone is hurt. same for intersection of Hazlett

Our neighborhood has ups and downs. Too much foot traffic. No good grocery stores within walking distance. Not safe for walking especially women.

Our neighborhood is a busy and traffic area due to the mall. People race and speed through.

Our neighborhood is changing. 14 years ago we were mostly empty nesters. In the last couple of years more young professional families are moving in. That's the key to keeping a neighborhood alive and vibrant - a great mix of people. Although, o

Our neighborhood is partly in the City of Springfield and partly in Sangamon County. The houses in the County are generally smaller, older, and less well-kept, plus they don't have a burn ban so there is a lot of burning of leaves and lawn waste

Our neighborhood was much nicer before road work a few years ago removed about half of surrounding trees which were not replanted. Extreme coal dust problems due to proximity to CWLP ash ponds.

Our neighbors are quiet yet friendly. Just moved here in February. We are next to a park which is very nice. Kids friendly. Traffic isn't noisy and our alleys are kept clean. But the driveway on them is very poor! Lots of pot holes.

Our property backs up to Chatham Community Park with an area for rainwater drainage - a main reason we purchased our home. Chatham parks and village insist on mowing this area where a variety of birds nest in the spring rather than allowing th

Our sidewalks/curbs have many sections that have "heaved up"- usually across from the Water Dept. metal caps-- causing people to trip and fall-- resulting in fractured arms, shoulders, torn tendons, etc. Some people now walk in the street to av

Over price for quality

People are starting to move out and it makes me sad. Several houses are now rented and people are moving in with pit bull dogs - that's a bad sign and will discourage people from walking and letting their kids play outside. Right now we have

People live here for generations. Nothing major has changed in 50 years and we live it! Residents can safely use the wide streets to walk, ride bikes, walk dogs anytime day or night. Town Board essentially operates as a neighborhood association

Play equipment in Parks are in bad condition bringing appearance of the neighborhood down

Please tell man who rides his lawnmower at night to stop. Noise from power tools and equipment is deafening. Power outages are reflection of dependence on utility poles and power lines. These should be burned like in Europe, safer, cheaper,

Pretty good environment, but changing due to more families moving in with children and teenagers. Noise and morale values have changed.

Property taxes are too high. The money people would spend on maintaining their property is given in tax to the state; over all making the state poorer in property valuation.

Quiet

quiet settled neighborhood w/extended families nearby in most cases. Friendly elderly neighbors, little crime if any at all

Real estate taxes are too high

Really need closer services, even a gas station would do.

Rental properties are not kept up. Too many nightly driving with music noise. All ditches too deep and dangerous in winter. NOT enough street lights. Too many big trees are cut down or trimmed from power lines. Need "pavement road" not gravel o

rental property not maintained refuse strewn about without regard no garbage pickup of rented properties for extended periods- failure of city of SPRLD to enforce littering arrdinance andgarbage pickup ordinance.

Rental property, land lords, section 8 housing has made our neighborhood unsightly and unsafe. Been here 31 years- gone drastically downhill the last 5 years. WE ARE MOVING!

Roads are terrible. People are great.

Roads need improving

Roads- Very poor condition- spalling-pot holes- standing water

Rural area

Rural area w/farms

Rural, small, away from city.

Sadly, there are several rental houses which are drug houses and no one does a thing about it. There's also 1 CFD house which never ever passed housing inspection, plus I don't see how they can sell it if it's unsafe!

Several front yards covered with autos, furniture, junk, trailers.

Several older homes just east of the church are being rented to people who do not care at the neighborhood- (ie; cars in their lawns, garbage and unkept yards.

Several questions about sidewalks and alleys are not applicable to those of us in rural areas. You might have wanted to put an NA in your options. My neighborhood is rural and wonderful and hopefully will remain that way and additional develop

Several vacant commercial buildings, not being maintained (especially weed control) Neighborhood homes have large amount of clutter in front and back yards. Ground hog problem- big time! Raccoons and possums and homeless cats

Sidewalks

Sidewalks in need of repair. Lack of consideration with regard to yard maintenance and tree maintenance in neighbor's yards. Littering a problem by drive throughs. Neighborhood should be called "dog patch".

Sidewalks need improvement, access to Washington Park across Lawrence is often challenging.

Since the decline of MacArthur Ave. our neighborhood does not feel as safe. I would like to see about 80% of the "Title Loan" places removed and the Esquire Theater property developed.

Single story dwellings

Some homes are well maintained, yards are nice. More and more homes do not tend to their yards, weeds abound, tree limbs, dead leaves. I wish there a basic appearance standard that homeowners were obliged to adhere to.

Some homes have campers, boats, etc., parked in their front yards. There are no streetlights and should be at intersections.

Some houses are worse than others re: clutter+ unkempt front yards. My block isn't as bad as those to the south. Nicer neighborhoods exist within 2 blocks, but my comments basically reflect a block to the north and block to the south of me.

Some law needs to put in place for up keeping yards, property and kids to respect other people's property. If grass gets to tall they will be fined

Some maintenance is required to sidewalks and drive approaches. Making walking unsafe.

Lincolnshire Blvd needs grass sodded and trees trimmed. Landscaping at entrances needs to be better maintained.

Sometimes we get ghetto people from the East side, that try to bring bad things to this area.

Sporty sidewalks so people walk in streets

Spot area, some houses city, chop with county horses, trailers what ever happens, Peoria road and Catalina business mixed in area- The old Dicks feed Barn is a junk yard right on Peoria Road next to nice building- unkempt makes neighborhood look

Stable, quiet, safe

Streets are not wide enough to park cars more than a few days

Taxes are too high not enough leaf trees

Thank You!

The 10th street railroad corridor is two blocks west of us and bring in senior comp, the noise is deafening sometimes.

The amount of crime and need for police presence was not discussion. if it were for police vigilance in my neighborhood, things would be worse. Luckily my neighbors and I look out for one another. I pray that does not change.

The church bells should be illegal. It's not legal to blare music. Why can the church wake me up and get away with it? Church bells are noise pollution!

The curb and gutters need to be cleaned regularly to keep leaves, sweet gum balls and trash from clogging the inlets.

The ditches need major maintenance because they have not been kept up and there is major water problems. Would like to see curb and gutters and sidewalks put in. This would improve the neighborhood greatly and make it more appealing.

the garbage all down the alley is horrible the homes at the east end of converse are dumps (garbage furniture and drugs)

The girl next door has a horse and only mows the yard about once every two months. She brings home stray cats and they run all over. She never picks up or cleans the yard. This property is just an eyesore. The house across the street has been vacant over the years, due to foreclosure. someone has finally bought it and is working on it, so we are all hopeful. We have another house falling into disrepair plus a rental that needs work. Behind me som

The landlord does not take care of the park and get things repaired or fixed. Old trees cut down and clean up area and improve it. Says it's our responsibility. Also, ATV's motor bikes are a nuisance and disturbing and there should be a "No tre

the living of rental people to take care of lawns and yards. no boats and cars and campers in front yards.

The neighborhood has started going down hill as the year have gone by. Older people pass and slum load takes over. they do little up keep and rarely clean up.

The neighborhood I presently live in, is very friendly and family oriented. And a good place for old and young to live.

The neighborhood is a good mixed of older homes with newer homes and provides easy access to a walking and biking trail. Nice quiet neighborhood.

The neighborhood is quiet but lots of traffic on Park and Plummer. I live on the corner of Money Tree and Park so my yard is also the school bus stop. We have called police several times for drug deals happening in front of our house. Due to th

The neighbors are really nice, and it is an attractive and great place to live. We strive to improve our neighborhood every year.

The neighbors seem to like living in this area (from my observation).

The only concern I have in my neighborhood is the drunk drivers on my lane from the 2 lake clubs on it.

The parking foe residents is a huge detracton. The number of parking tickets living downtown is ridiculous (3 form 8:57am-11:07am). NO recycling services!!

The roads are terrible. They oil and rock them so they are rough and poorly patched. The roads are too narrow and there are no sidewalks, so it is dangerous to walk or ride bikes on these streets. This neighborhood used to be all homeowners - n

The snow removal on our roads is AWFUL. It takes at least 1-2 days for them to plow our road after a snowfall. There were a few times this winter that we could not get out!!! But Main road just one street over was cleared

the streets, especially lles is a wreck sidewalks would be a welcome addition

There are constant traffic and noise issues with a home where poorly supervised kids live and party!!!

There are lots of nice people here. Lately there have been more people moving in and making messes.

I like clean areas and safe areas.

There are many homes for sale in the neighborhood. We have noticed that there are more rental properties now than there were 8 years ago. The northern part of the neighborhood (closer to Stevenson Drive) has attracted riff raff. We have seri

There are not to many old times left in the neighborhood. I wish that some of the neighbors would take care of the property a little better.

There are only a few homes in my neighborhood that are not maintained at the level of other foreclosures, but others just seem to be that the people don't care or don't know how to maintain a home and property.

There are several homes that need repairs such as: roof, gutters, garage doors damaged, just very untidy, some streets are nice and homey and others undesirable. I understand that elderly home owners are not able to do a lot, most of there home

There is a house which has been empty for at least 8 yrs- (squirrels and other animals are seen inside- grass gets cut about once a month- It is an eyesore)

There is a real problem with streets flooding in moderate-to-heavy rains. Between 24th Street and Henley Road there is an abandoned railroad track that has a trench on one side to take the subdivision rain water down to Sangamon Avenue. When

There is construction of new houses going on which had an impact on some of my answers

This is a village so Springfield cannot control this. We need help here, no one will listen, not even Mayor Gray, tried before. Rich Chatham has trashy place by park. Come look, help, garbage on ground, pit bulls running or let loose, dogs ma

This neighborhood will be adversely affected traffic wise regardless of railroad corridor chosen

This survey probably doesn't really apply to me. This is not really a neighborhood. Just a house on a farm.

This used to be a great neighborhood. Everyone took pride in their home and took good care of it.

Now, so many have come and gone and since there are no guidelines as to keeping up your home or yards some are letting their places go down hill.

Tires, bikes, shingles, stacked up next to house unpainted rusty storage shed unused tree house with legs still standing

Too much parking allowed on busy Richard Road. Allowing Montisorrl school to establish in previous area. Parking signs are ignored and not enforced. A traffic accident is possible.

Too much truck traffic through a neighborhood street.

Top soil business needs to clean up

Tree in front of a home says its a decorative tree, it is an eye sore and harbors snakes. It's unkempt and looks ugly. At the end of the block close to Highland street is a horrible run down house, building behind it and a lot. Across from t

Trees are old

Trucks drive too fast- on the gravel road- Metcalf hauling smelly, silage down road the air smells

Two neighbors have vehicles parked in yards that are not running or used. One over (4) four years, other six (6) months. Same has multiple sheds, dogs that are not cared for correctly, road commissioner is for the most part useless.

Unattended pools (causing bugs)! Down trees. Old boats, cars
 Underground power lines would be nice. Better vehicle parking area. Streets aren't built for parked cars on both sides and to allow for traffic
 Very nice friendly neighbors.
 Very nice people live in this neighborhood.
 Very pleasant small town quiet well kept good neighbors
 Very pleased with my neighborhood. Only problem with infrastructure design is rain runoff is directed (flows) thru street sewers to a creek behind my home. I was the first to build on my street and at that time the amount of water was not a pro
 We are both in our eighties and have first moved here from Deming, NM in July. For us the location is perfect We are 5 minutes from a son and 5 minutes from our daughter and close to the bank and shopping
 We are experiencing more traffic that travels from Veterans Pkwy to Koke Mill as well as westward movement along Iles
 We are in a quiet bay on east side of lake Springfield. It's a cul-de-sac, small neighborhood, quiet, older generation. A lot of these questions don't apply; i.e., no bus service, no sidewalks, little traffic. Great for older generation.
 We are in a rural, farming area near the Sangamon River.
 We are in Springfield, but on the edge of Leland Grove. Consequently, most city police are confused and believe it is Leland Grove- as do most all of Springfield City services such as snow removal.
 We are in the county and somewhat rural, it's not like living within city limits.
 We are out in the country.
 We are talking only about 4th St. Court
 We enjoy the lack of businesses, traffic, signs, lights and noise. Curb appeal is not important to us. Quiet, peaceful surroundings are important. Less people building and ruining landscape is desirable.
 We had our home built and although it is by no means a Mansion, it is our ideal home as well as neighborhood!
 We have 2nd generation children butting into it- long time homeowners taking care of things.
 We have a neighbor that will not move a trailer or keep his shed closed. Won't rake leaves or trim trees.
 We have an association with legal requirements & by-laws that we all monitor & enforce as a group when necessary. Therefore many of these questions are not applicable to our neighborhood due to the legal restrictions of our covenant- i.e. secti
 We have been robbed 2x's by having our house broken into by Springfield high students our garage has been broken into 6 times. There are drug houses and the youth of the neighborhood are scary.
 We have many good families who know how to take care of property and pets. However, it is disheartening to see the decline in the caliber of some new folks who come in with poor manners and little regard for others. .
 We live in a rural area - well water
 We live in a rural area 7 hours around a 4 acre lake lots of trees all lots are a acre or more. Well kept neighborhood we are belong to a lake ass and help keep the area up + in shape. Nearest town is Mechanicsburg with gas station store and re
 We live in a rural area. It's a fabulous opportunity for an alternative to Suburbia. We must take a 20-30 min drive for everything except schools-parks. We do it gladly. We and our neighbors share a love for calm, uninterrupted living enjoying
 We live in the country so much of this doesn't apply!

We live in the country, don't get any better than this

We live on 5 acres of woodland with tall old oak trees. We are surrounded by farm fields and our country road (oil and chip) is narrow. Roads were trimmed last year because trees and shrubs would not allow huge farm equipment to get down road.

We need sidewalks!

Westchester is a beautiful, clean, and safe community. The only outstanding problem (and it's a big one) are the roads - cracks, pot holes; poor repair.

We've lived here for under a year, but bought because it was affordable, somewhat near Washington Park, and our particular street seemed to be "up and coming" with a good number of houses renovating. Currently, our answers seem somewhat negative.

What detracts the most are those stupid advertisers (in the pink wrapper) that the State Journal Registers litters in everyone's yard without their permission and no one wants. The noise from the interstate has gotten increasingly louder over

When sewers were introduced to Pleasant Plains, the roads were torn up. The roads were never adequately repaired. The roads are a big detractor.

When we moved here it was just a home on a oil mat road surrounded by corn fields. Now all of those fields are now subdivisions.

While currently a majority of the homes in our immediate neighborhood are owner occupied, many homes around us and to the north of us are turning to rental units. This impacts the value and appearance of our neighborhood. Crime has increasingly

Wish it were connected to city sewer

With William as Sheriff there was never an arrest for any of the many crimes that are committed at the Cantrall Bar.

Wonderful neighbors. Feels very safe here. It's a small town where people try to help others. It's really a nice small village.

Work ethic neighbors keeps the neighborhood in good condition (clean, no trash, landscaped, etc.)

Would move because house to big. Lived here 37 years and love it.

Would really like bus service on our area. Even 1 bus stop at the "shell" station @ corner of Hackmore and J David Jones would be fantastic. We choose our neighborhood first, then choose our home.

Yes, at 1625 E. Carpenter, Springfield, IL 62702. They throw trash out their windows, throw it over my fenced in yard. Boulders, boards, sticks, metal fence posts. Carrying bb guns, pointing gun at my dogs and me. Police have been called se

Yes. In section 4, you asked about walkability, among other things. One of my biggest peeves about walkability in this neighborhood is that the traffic signals along Sangamon Avenue do NOT automatically signal for walking when they signal for t

What is the biggest difference between your current neighborhood and your ideal neighborhood? (If your current neighborhood is your ideal neighborhood, leave blank).

"Fewer cookie-cutter/repetitive house designs"

A gym and Dollar General.

A neighborhood park

A vibrant local economy with a network of independent, but well thought out and organized businesses (Obed & Isaac's group is a good example

Access to "city" or "rural" water district Improved roads

Access to other neighborhoods or a bike path. The neighborhood is isolated. It is probably what has kept it nice for so long.

AGE

age of the neighborhood vs what newer plan designs offer.

Aging infrastructure needs addressed. Northend is neglected and treated as second class citizen compared to west side. Lack of landscaped parks-similar to Erin's Pavilion, lack of landscaped business entry ways. Underground utilities.

All the time at the curb are either garbage cans, recycle bins or lawn bags that is supposed to be in a alley out of sight.

Allow to park a trailer in my own driveway.

already explained on previous page

Also think a neighborhood pool would be ideal.

An acre or two of land- not a neighborhood

Apartments were built in our neighborhood

Appearance and appeal!

Appearance, size of houses, closeness of houses

Backyard receiving sufficient unlight for a garden

bad roads

better appeal overall, visually and esthically; better streets, sidewalks, lighting.

Better diversity, access to large grocery store

Better landscaping

Better landscaping; small neighborhood park for kids to play safely; less traffic

Better people living in houses around us.

Better places to walk/bike

Better police watch- middle school activities for youth to keep off the street

Better roads

Better roads and schools.

better street lights, curbs and gutters

Better street management, our neighborhood does not see much in the way of maintenance.

Better streets

better streets and walks and sewer drainage

Better up keep and less vehicle, park and street that are not visitor.

Bigger lawns, more trees.

bigger lots
 bike lane
 Bus service is not available.
 Busy street, unkempt sidewalks, litter.
 clean
 Clean yards and more sidewalks.
 Closeness to shopping
 Closer to Springfield.
 Closer to town, have sidewalks and a bike path.
 Community center, access to hiking/biking trails
 Community garden.
 congestion--"cookie cutter" homes
 Consistent upkeep of houses. Our current neighborhood has some rundown houses.
 Could use a vacant lot for grandkids.
 cul de sac, not much traffic
 Curb streets-sidewalks-sewer system
 Current lacks of biking facilities.
 Current neighborhood is not in the right school district
 Current neighborhood is somewhat run down.
 current neighborhood=proximity to apartment complexes and train tracks
 Currently 60 to 90 rental/transient
 Cut down trees and cleanup area close to the creek. Also a shelter for server storms.
 Design and character of housing
 developments
 Diversity
 Dogs barking.
 Don't know
 Don't want to live next door to an apartment building
 Everyone is too private and suspicious. Not much neighbor interaction.
 Far from everything, library, grocery, gas, etc.
 Flat and spacious
 Good sidewalk wider streets, better alleys
 Good streets
 Got 14 1/2 acres- big lake in yard
 Have no ideal neighborhood
 Have to pay for lawn services.
 High street traffic. Lots of apartment buildings nearby.
 Home maintenance and landscaping.
 Homeowners not caring about yard appearance, lack of maintenance on rental property.
 Homes are close together
 Homes/streets

Houses are mixed, some are cared for, some are less so, some yards are neat, some are trashy. I'd like to see some more on the positive and less on the negative.

Houses are too close together & because of that--for privacy--are dark inside with minimum windows

houses built with more personality

Houses not so close together, houses not mixed with duplexes.

I count at least 3 drug houses within this 1/2 block radius!

I don't live at the lake and yards are smaller

I feel our current neighborhood is relatively safe

I have lived here for 35 years. This neighborhood has gone down hill greatly.

I like manicured lawns and well maintained home. #1 attractive mail boxes.

I live in the ideal neighborhood but don't like the way the railroad has increased its freight services since moving here.

I love my neighborhood

I used to live in an apartment building on Monroe street. It had black asphalt all around it.

I would like better sidewalks with trees- Ideal for walking. Goes from good to bad. Not consistent.

I would like larger new home. My neighborhood has small and older homes.

I would like to not have a house in my backyard that I can see.

I would love to have older trees and more of them.

I would love to live near a walking trail.

Ideal except for neighbors cars/pickup parked along our curb and through traffic twice a day taking kids to and from Christ the King School because the Village of Leland Grove as cut off east-west access.

Ideal neighborhood would be large lots on timber filled acreage

Ideal neighborhood would not have buildings sitting empty and property not kept up like, overgrowth of weeds and everything kept mowed.

Ideal would be closer to town

If he got rid of his junk trailer it would look much better. Also paint house. It is an ugly yellow.

In my current neighborhood the houses are too close together. I would like more space.

In my previous town, we had city curb side leaf pick up. You'd rake to the curb and a large truck with a hose came by and sucked up the leaves.

inadequate sidewalks and biking lanes

Inconsistent house sizes, types and no sidewalks

indoor arena :)

International airport, whole foods, Fry's Electronics, Trader Joe's, Korean restaurant, Einstein Bagels is there such a thing. people come and go as lives change. Tornados took most of our trees

It doesn't have a community center with amenities like a gathering space, pool, other recreational facilities.

It is difficult to get from our subdivision to nearby county roads to bicycle.

Junk being hauled away

Kids play in the street here. I am afraid I will hit a kid with my car.

Lack of privacy due to unregulated uses of backyards.

lack of services
 Lack of services
 Lack of services to fulfill daily needs.
 Lack of sidewalks.
 Lack of utilities (sewer, cable, internet)
 larger yards, slower vehicular traffic, better drainage
 Less clutter in the yards.
 Less noise and cleaned houses up?
 Less traffic
 less traffic less poor development
 Live 15 miles form work
 lot size
 Lot size
 lots of the neighbors are lazy about yard work
 Lower property taxes!
 maintenance
 maintenance of green space and properties
 Maintenance. Some of my neighbors poorly maintain their homes. The City does not maintain the streets & sidewalks well.
 Matching fences
 Maybe more alleys where we could access our back yards. Our alleys are all grass and we don't feel we can drive on them.
 Mixed use development, less empty buildings, parking consideration/recycling, a green area!
 Money
 Moral character and respect for others property and rights.
 More common areas/parks
 More consistent home/landscaping upkeep and better maintained yards.
 More consistent up keep of properly throughout entire neighborhood.
 More convenience for the handicapped.
 More kids, younger neihbors, neighbors that keep their property/houses in good shape, less rental properties
 More natural spaces.
 More neighborly involvement. People really don't get together in our area.
 more park space
 More people taking care of visual appearance of home.
 More public "green space"
 More quiet times
 more room between houses--less rentals
 More space between houses, restrictions on dog barking
 More space less houses
 Most homes here are 50-65 years old. I would like a neighborhood with newer homes.
 My house is not on a lake or pond.

My ideal neighborhood would have people actually care about how their property looks!
 My ideal neighborhood would have properties that are well-maintained with no clutter in the backyards, nice flowers and properly/attractively-built improvements to homes (fences, railings, decks, porches, etc)
 My ideal neighborhood would not have an apartment complex
 My neighborhood is still relatively new and the trees have not matured yet
 Natural gas, city water
 Need a grounds keeper
 Need better roads, underground utilities, more business locations
 Need lower speed limits in subdivision, better access to parks, limited mixture of houses and apartments.
 Need walking/hiking trail
 Needs a park for kids.
 Needs mostly owners living in homes- not rentals
 Needs to mow yard
 neighborhood gatherings
 neighborhood has a junky front yard appearance
 Neighborhood is 5 miles west of Veteran with homes along 55 mph busy road. Most homes are on an acre to 5 acres.
 Neighbors
 neighbors not friendly
 Newer homes
 Newer houses, bigger driveways
 No biking trails except on road
 No condos
 No dogs or cats should be allowed to roam. Cats can harm plantings by using the loose soil around them for toileting.
 No drug felons! More police patrols! Decent residents too afraid!
 No grocery store near, close to houses that are unkempt.
 No messy hazardous gumball trees to cause fall and sewer back-up
 No park
 No place to sit outside in summer in shade. Only public transport available is Taxi from Springfield
 No public transportation
 No rental property.
 no rentals and few people
 No safe place for bike riding until you get to trail. Must share road with college commuters.
 No side walks
 no sidewalks
 No sidewalks
 No sidewalks-kids on streets
 No trails- only small parks
 No zoning RE: structure, lot size and usage at present--needed it

Noise from grain trucks hauling to Decatur
 Noise from the interstate, would prefer to live in a rural area.
 Not a gated community
 Not enough shopping centers for seniors
 Not enough space, houses are too close
 Not enough trees or natural areas, no grocery store or parks
 Not friendly and unsafe
 Not much
 Not much difference
 Not the area - If we move it would be for a newer house.
 On a lake.
 One vacant house on street- not well kept
 Ones who let lawns go unmowed, don't maintain homes
 Open space scenic views
 Our current neighborhood is in the city. We are going to the rural country where I am from. NO MORE!
 Our homes are older, built in the 60's. Newer nearby subdivisions dwarf our homes and the landscaping of those homes is very nice.
 Our ideal neighborhood would be comprised of less rentals and more homeowners that are concerned with the appearance of their properties.
 Our neighborhood association has become inactive.
 Our roads are not wide enough, we have "some" that drive too fast. Wider roads may cause more people to drive too fast!
 parks, areas to walk
 Paved roads and sidewalks
 Paved streets not rock and chip
 People are typically unable to afford housing improvements
 People up to no good
 People who care about and take care of where they live.
 People would be more friendly and neighborly.
 Perhaps somewhat bigger lawns
 Planned unit development
 Police actually make an arrest. Current police are too afraid to get out of their cars
 Poor condition of: Roads/yards/ houses/ sidewalks Parking of RV's/cars/trucks in road makes roads dangerous ideally no overnight parking in road.
 Probably very little.
 Properties in older neighborhoods would be better maintained there would be business and services within walking distance and more green spaces/ landscaped areas.
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 Proximity to businesses
 Put electrical underground. Add sidewalks

Quiet Streets and equitable home values.
 Repair of all sidewalks and down reflective street lamps- preserve over night sky
 Repair or tear down unoccupied houses.
 Residents to care about their property
 Roads that are better maintained
 Roads, age of houses, traffic
 Rundown houses, poorly kept yards, poor streets, street lights, trees is poor
 Rural location versus in town.
 Safe and logical right of ways leading into neighborhood streets
 Safe drinking water.
 Safe place to walk/ride bike
 Safety and good sidewalk/ area to run/ walk
 See above
 See above.
 See answer above! Tree Fool!!
 Shopping opportunities. Business district has moved to the southwest side of town. There are no movie theaters, office supply stores, clothing stores, etc. Most new car dealerships have moved to the southwest side of town also.
 Sidewalks and easier to navigate streets
 Sidewalks and mailboxes in front of our house
 Sidewalks on the closest main roads, Isles & Archer Elevator, not safe for kids on the roads, park 2 blocks away & need to drive there--can't walk or ride bikes.
 sidewalks or wider shoulders on the roads
 Sidewalks, nicer lawns and nicer/cleaner landscaping paved access to the bike trails vs dirt paths in weeds.
 sidewalks, streetlights, less trash
 Sidewalks, trees, grass
 Sidewalks, wider street, bike lane
 Size of the lot and privacy.
 Size- houses are smaller (perfect for a single person or a couple starting out)
 Slightly less busy street and a closer park.
 Small lots
 small lots in current vs. large lots in ideal
 small park area
 Small yard lots, people don't care about how yard looks, many don't supervise children. And lots of speeding.
 Some homes are too close together and property lines are irregular and in some cases overlap.
 Some homes/yards are not well maintained and streets and sidewalks are in need of repair
 some homes/yards cluttered. too many vehicles, trucks in driveways and yards, some not running vehicles
 Some people take pride in yards plus their home's appearance Need people to take their neighbor's into consideration when doing things. Like mowing on a Saturday at 7:30 am

Somewhere just like Lake Springfield that doesn't go below zero for weeks at a time, or, have a heat index >100 for a month straight! <Like cover D'Alene Idaho>

Space between homes

Space between houses, spacious yards

Speed limit signs, rural bus service.

Streets are NOT maintained.

Surrounding townhomes in my area are outdated and rent to questionable citizens

The 10th street railroad corridor is 2 blocks west of us and bring in a senior comp, the noise is deafening sometimes!

The amount of traffic, to me, very few cars is a plus.

The city keeping in touch with residents on its conditions.

The homes one street over are not in the best condition

The park

The people who live there.

The roads!

There is litter everywhere in Springfield.

there is no park in walking distance to enjoy

There is no public park in my neighborhood, but that will not change.

This is my first time living in the city limits!! NOT HAPPY

This is the ideal neighborhood. 2 blocks from the fire station and great neighbors.

This is the worst hood I have ever been in my life.

this neighborhood should have a better common area/park for kids

This neighborhood was not designed to be walker friendly, Instead, it was obviously designed by its many streets that they resume elsewhere, to stop traffic from cutting them.

To many cars and people.

Too far from good stores, banks, shopping

Too few businesses such as restaurants, qualify grocery and hardware, gas stations, pharmacy, etc.

Too many folks in my neighborhood who could care less what their property looks like.

Too many houses and not enough farm ground.

Too many lawns are unkempt.

Too many low income homes, too much noisy traffic ALL hours at night. Too many neighbors going into peoples yards

Too many people

Too much dust in area leads to a lot of problems. Cannot open windows, coal dust covers house, yard furniture, etc.

Too noisy with power equipment at night in summer.

transportation

Trees are old Trailers are shabby or empty and to close

Underground utilities.

Unknown

Walk to shopping services

Walking paths

Warmer climate

We cannot walk out of the neighborhood due to lack of sidewalks to the business district.

We do have large yards. It's just most newer neighborhoods do not.

We don't have concrete road with curb, gutters, and sidewalks

We have crime

We have loud unkempt neighbors

We have no direct access to bike paths, or parks, but parks are close.

We have no sidewalks, no curbs or gutters. Street is oiled and chipped. Ditches don't drain well, ideal neighborhoods will have all of that.

We have trees but would like more

We live in the ideal neighborhood--beautiful!!!!

We must keep an eye on each other. My neighbors and I want to live in peace

we need a grocery store. The new dollar general is nice.

We would have a lake

Well kept lawns and neat looking houses

Where all residents showed more pride in owning property and keep yards clean.

Wider street and houses a little further apart

Windbreak - lack of.

Wish the roads were better.

would have access to city water instead of a well

Would like a friendlier neighborhood. We've found it easier to fit in where the people are more mobile and have small children. Children meet the neighbors.

Would like a grocery store, gas station within 1 mile away.

Would like more residential and less commercial type structures

Would like to have a newer home- maybe less commercial areas.

Would like to have neighbors that respect each others personal property and privacy.

Would like to walk to more stores, restaurants, etc...

Would love a wooded area behind our house instead of a corn field. Not so close to the highway either more gardens with flowers.

Would need more businesses within walking distance

Yard space, well maintained yards, rock and oil roads

Yards are kept up, clean and neat. Weeds growing/ shrubs not trimmed and people that are too lazy to pick up trash from their yard

Yards have too much junk!

Young druggy next door.

Younger, hipper feel. Access to better businesses by bike

Zoning allows large metal building