#### **HUD Choice Neighborhood Survey Report**

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#### I. Introduction and Executive Summary

As a supplement to the detailed survey of public housing residents, a shorter survey of residents in the surrounding neighborhoods was conducted. The survey was available on-line and in printed form. In all, 16 people completed on-line and 62 completed printed versions. They survey was introduced to people with the following language:

City-Wide Development is working with the University of Dayton to conduct a survey of households in Southwest Dayton, (Edgemont, Lakeview, Madden Hills, Miami Chapel and Pineview), as part of the Choice Neighborhood grant. The survey seeks to:

- 1) Explore the strengths, challenges, and needs of people living in your community.
- 2) Include questions about employment, health, children and youth, and safety.
- 3) Ask what improvements to community and supportive services would be most useful.

All of your responses to the survey questions are strictly confidential.

**Neighborhoods Represented**: Survey completion was not evenly distributed across HUD CHOICE neighborhoods. Almost half of the surveys were completed in Pineview.

Employment and Unemployment Circumstances: Just over a third of respondents, (35%) were employed. Most respondents not employed were retired, (72%), or disabled, (14%). Three, (6%) were taking care of an elderly person.

**Children:** Only 7 respondents had children at home

**Desired Children Activities**: Recreation/ Sports and Academic Tutoring garnered the most votes among the seven respondents with children.

**Food and Food Security:** Kroger dominated usual grocery shopping behavior, (81%), followed by Walmart, (51%), and Meijer's and Aldi's in third and fourth spot, (38% and 36%. Most respondents, 86%, drove their own car to get groceries.

Just 21% of the respondents indicated there were times when there was not enough food in the house. Essentially half of those who indicate there were times when not



enough food indicated *Not enough money for food* was why there was not always enough to eat.

Interest in a Community Garden: Over half of respondents, 55%) had an interest in having a community garden in a vacant lot on their neighborhood. Just over a third would have an interest for one in their backyard, (36%), or at a large community site they travelled to, (37%).

**Safety**: While the great majority of respondents felt safe in their neighborhood during the day, 84%, only two thirds felt safe after dark, (67%), (Table 10).

**Safety Suggestions**: Forty three respondents provided suggestions. More than half, 53%, indicated that an increased police presence and patrols would make them feel safer. Several suggested that drug dealers needed to be dealt with.

**Safety concerns in Neighborhood**: Drug dealing topped the list of concerns, with 80% of respondents listing it in the top 3. Four other safety concerns were in the top three for a significant minority of respondents; Theft, (42%), Traffic (speeding), (41%), Drug use, (40%), Transient/homeless population, (33%).

**Most Successful Crime Prevention Activities**: As in the open ended question on what could be done to improve safety, the close ended response attracting the most respondents was "More visible police patrol", (69%). "Crime watch program" attracted half of the respondents, (50%).

Suggested Dayton Police Department Service Improvements: Respondents continued their steady focus on the importance of an increase in police presence with 64% indicating that was the way the Dayton Police Department could improve services in the neighborhood. Community policing, (42%) and Working with Youth, (35%), also attracted substantial interest.

**Neighborhood Involvement:** Exactly half of respondents, (50%), indicated they participated in some form of civic organization. Almost half of respondents, (47%), indicated there were neighborhood organizations or services important to them.

Most Important Housing Needs: Respondents were concerned about all 4 housing needs. Vacant properties, (58%), funds to repair homes, (50%), and declining values, (50%), all were selected by at least half of the respondents. A significant minority were also concerned that rental properties were not kept up, (38%).

Access to Home Improvement Loans: A little more than half of the homeowners, (57%), indicated they were able to borrow money to fix up their home. Those who were not typically noted either a fixed income, (38%), or that they were retired on a limited income, (27%). Others mentioned credit issues, (27%)



**Neighborhood Strengths**: Public transportation, (44%), Location, (44%) and affordability, (40%) were at the top of respondents' list of neighborhood strengths. Places of worship, (28%), and nearby to family/friends, (28%) were also strengths to some.

**Desired Neighborhood Businesses/ Services**: Almost three quarters of respondents, (73%), had a grocery at the top of their list. Restaurants, (47%), and a farmer's market, (42%), also attracted substantial interest as businesses residents would like to see.

**Desired Services for Self/ Family**: Physical fitness for adults was indicated as the service that could most benefit their family by half of the respondents, (51%). Computer classes/ lab, (36%), and a community garden, (29%) were a distant second and third followed closely by legal counseling, (23%), recreational sports, (23%), financial counseling, (22%), and healthcare, (21%).

**Neighborhood Dislikes**: Crime/Violence on the streets, (38%) was followed closely by Not enough recreational facilities, (33%), and Distance (from school, job, groceries, services), (33%) as the things most disliked about the neighborhood. Unemployment, (26%), and Lack of a community center, (21%) also were mentioned by more than a fifth of respondents.

**Long Term Neighborhood Attachment**: The great majority of respondents, (87%), planned to live in the neighborhood as long as they can, (Table 25).

**Knowledge of COICE Neighborhood Planning Process**: Only 21 respondents, (27%), had heard of the CHOICE Neighborhood Planning Process.

**Demographics**: 61% of respondents were females. The great majority of respondents were 46 to 65, (49%), or 66 and over, (43%). Most respondents were African–American, (90%) with a small number of Multi-racial, (6%) and one White and one Hispanic.

What Would Make Neighborhood Life Better? Home Improvement/ Rehabilitation, (19%), More neighborhood involvement, (17%), Street/ Sidewalk Improvements, (15%) and Vacant Home Demolition, (13%) were prominent in the suggestions. There was a constellation of comments involving crime and safety where people mentioned either drug dealing, (11%), crime, (9%), or more police presence, (9%).

Interest in Meeting with Community Organizer and Leadership Training: Thirty one respondents, (40%), had an interest in meeting with a community organizer. Twelve respondents indicated an interest in training for leadership development or civic engagement.



#### **II. Detailed Results**

#### A. Neighborhood

What neighborhood do you live in?

Table 1: What neighborhood do you live in?

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	Frequency	Percent			
Edgemont	11	14%			
Miami Chapel	3	4%			
Lakeview	9	12%			
Madden Hills	14	18%			
Pineview	34	44%			
No Response	7	9%			
Total	78	100%			

Survey completion was not evenly distributed across neighborhoods. Almost half of the surveys were completed in Pineview.

# **B.** Employment and Unemployment Circumstances

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Just over a third of respondents, (35%) were employed.

Table 2: Are you currently employed?						
Frequency Percent						
Yes	27	35%				
No	50	65%				
Total	77	100%				

If not employed, what is the primary reason you are not currently working? (Check one)

Most respondents not employed were retired, (72%), or disabled, (14%). Three, (6%) were taking care of an elderly person.

Table 3: If not employed, what is the primary reaso	1
you are not currently working? [Check One]	

	Frequency	Percent
Retired	36	72%
Disability	7	14%
Elderly at home	3	6%
Has a Felony	1	2%
Between jobs	1	2%
Cannot find a suitable job	1	2%
In school	1	2%
Total	50	100%



#### C. Children

Do you have children under 18 living in your household?

Only 7 respondents had children at home

Do any children in your household currently attend an early childhood education program?

Two of the seven indicated their children attended an early childhood education program. One of the two went to MVCDC- Miami View and the other was enrolled in an Early Head Start program.

Do your children participate in any of the following enrichment programs/activities? (Check all that apply) The absolute number, (out of 7 possible), is shown next to the activity.

Boys & Girls Club	1	Potter's House	0
Dayton Metro Library	3	Greater Dayton Recreation Center	1
Dakota Center	0	After school programs	3
Church activities	1	Sports/recreational activities	2
Tutoring	1	Leadership	0
Mentoring	0	None – Children don't participate	2
Other (Please specify)		in any activities	

What activities would you like to see in your neighborhood for children and youth? (Choose top three)

Table 4: What activities would you like to see in your neighborhood for children and youth?

(choose top three)

	# out of 7
Recreation/ Sports	5
Academic Tutoring	5
Computer Classes	4
Social Activities	3
Mentoring	3
Life Skills/ financial literacy	3
Youth Leadership assistance	2
Drug Prevention	2
Job skills training/employment	2
Art/ Dance/ Music/ Singing	1
Internships	0

Recreation/ Sports and Academic Tutoring garnered the most votes among the seven respondents with children.

When would you like youth programs to be offered in your neighborhood? (Check all that apply)

All seven of the respondents with children were interested in after-school, five of them were interested in summer activities and only two indicated an interest in weekend activities.

# D. Food and Food Security

Where do you usually go grocery shopping for your family?

Table 5: Where do you usually go grocery shopping for your family?

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Number Percen					
Kroger	63	81%			
Walmart	40	51%			
Meijer	30	38%			
Aldi's	28	36%			
Drexel Foodtown	14	18%			
Family Dollar	13	17%			
Estridge Grocery	13	17%			
Dorothy Lane Market	9	12%			
Save-A-Lot	5	6%			
Westside Supermarket	4	5%			
Whole Foods	2	3%			
West 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. Grocery	1	1%			
H&L Mkt, Gettysburg	1	1%			
Food City	0	0%			
Danner Market	0	0%			
Other (Please specify)	5	6%			

Kroger dominated usual grocery shopping behavior, (81%), followed by Walmart, (51%), and Meijer's and Aldi's in third and fourth spot, (38% and 36%), (Table 5).

What is your **primary** way to get there?

Most respondents, 86%, drove their own car to get groceries, (Table 6).

Table 6: What is your primary way to get there?					
Number					
67	86%				
7	9%				
2	3%				
2	3%				
2	3%				
1	1%				
78	104%				
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Are the times when there isn't enough food in the house to eat? Yes No

Table 7: Are there times when there isn't enought food in the house to eat?

	Number	Percent
Yes	16	21%
No	61	79%
Total	77	100%

Just 21% of the respondents indicated there were times when there was not enough food in the house.  $\$ 



Why is there not always enough to eat?

Essentially half of those who indicate there were times when not enough food indicated *Not enough money for food* was why there was not always enough to eat, (Table 8).

Table 8: Why is there not always enough to eat?				
	Number	Percent		
Not enough money for food	8	50%		
Not enough time for shopping or cooking	3	19%		
Too hard to get to the store	3	19%		
Other	7	44%		
Do without food	1			
Fixed income retired	1			
I didn't have a job or assistance. I just	1			
started receiving food stamps	1			
Lack of employment	1			
Need better grocery stores	1			
Price high on the first and second week	1			
of each month by shopping	1			
Stores are not fully stocked	1			
Total	16	131%		

# E. Interest in a Community Garden

How interested would you be in a having a community garden:

Over half of respondents, 55%) had an interest in having a community garden in a vacant lot on their neighborhood, (Table 9). Just over a third would have an interest for one in their backyard, (36%), or at a large community site they travelled to, (37%).

Table 9: How interested would you be in a having a community garden:							
							Percent
							Very &
	Very	Somewhat	Not	Don't	No	Sample	Somewhat
	Interested	Interested	Interested	Know	Response	Size	Interested
In your backyard	18	10	18	2	30	78	36%
Vacant lot in my neighborhood	24	19	13	3	19	78	55%
Large Community site I travel to	15	14	16	4	29	78	37%



#### F. Safety

How safe do you feel in your neighborhood: During the Day? After Dark?

While the great majority of respondents felt safe in their neighborhood during the day, 84%, only two thirds felt safe after dark, (67%), (Table 10).

Table 10: How safe do you feel in your neighborhood? Day & After Dark							
	Very Somewhat Somewhat Very Sample Perce						Percent
	Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Unsafe	Total	Size	Safe
During the day	52%	32%	14%	3%	100%	73	84%
After dark	24%	43%	26%	7%	100%	70	67%

What would make you feel safer in your neighborhood?

Forty three respondents provided suggestions. More than half, 53%, indicated that an increased police presence and patrols would make them feel safer, (Table 11). Several suggested that drug dealers needed to be dealt with. Neighborhood watch, better lighting, tearing down vacant housing and stray animals also received mentions.

Table 12: What are the safety concerns in your neighborhood or surrounding area? (Choose top three)

	Number	Percent
Drug dealing	62	79.5%
Theft	33	42.3%
Traffic (speeding)	32	41.0%
Drug use	31	39.7%
Transient/homeless population	26	33.3%
Juvenile delinquency	8	10.3%
Domestic violence	5	6.4%
Prostitution	3	3.8%
Child abuse/neglect	3	3.8%
Gang Activity	3	3.8%
Don't Know	3	3.8%
Other	11	14.1%
Total	78	282.1%

Table 11: What would make you feel safer in the Neighborhood. Coded Responses

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	Percent of those responding	
Police Presence	53%	
Deal with Drug Dealers	12%	
Neighborhood Watch	9%	
Better Lighting	9%	
Vacant House Teardown	7%	
Animal Issue	7%	
Other	19%	
Sample Size	43%	

What are the safety concerns in your neighborhood or surrounding area? (Choose top three)

Drug dealing topped the list of concerns, with 80% of respondents listing it in the top 3. Four other safety concerns were in the top three for a significant minority of respondents; Theft, (42%), Traffic (speeding), (41%), Drug use, (40%), Transient/homeless population, (33%).



What types of crime prevention activities do you think have been or would be successful in your neighborhood?

As in the open ended question on what could be done to improve safety, the close ended response attracting the most respondents was "More visible police patrol", (69%). "Crime watch program" attracted half of the respondents, (50%).

Table 13: What types of crime prevention a	activities do	you thi	nk
have been or would be successful in yo	ur neighbor	rhood?	
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	Number	Percent
More visible police patrol	54	69%
Crime watch program	39	50%
Better relations with police	27	35%
Better street lighting	19	24%
Better security systems	16	21%
Fencing and gates	9	12%
Other	8	10%
Don't Know	7	9%
Sample Size	78	229%

How could the Dayton Police Department improve services in your neighborhood? (Choose top two)

Respondents continued their steady focus on the importance of an *increase in police presence* with 64% indicating that was the way the Dayton Police Department could improve services in the neighborhood. *Community policing*, (42%) and *Working with Youth*, (35%), also attracted substantial interest.

Table 14: How could the Dayton Police Department improve services in your neighborhood? (choose top two)

	Number	Percent
Increase in police presence	50	64%
Community Policing	33	42%
Working with youth	27	35%
Crime prevention advice	20	26%
Increase enforcement	12	15%
Victim assistance	7	9%
Other	9	12%
Don't Know	3	4%
Total	78	206%



# G. Neighborhood

Does anyone in your household participate in the neighborhood association, resident council, or any civic group? Yes No

Exactly half of respondents, (50%), indicated they participated in some form of civic organization.

Table 15: Verbatim for Not Participating in Civic organizations
Work (3 comments)
Age (3 comments)
We don't have one / No longer have one (4 comments)
Health issues / Disabled (2 comments)
Schedule Availability (2 comments)
No transportation
Never really thought about it
Inactive - focus changed
I do not know, need to
I do a once a week skills and drills with the youth basketball
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Do not know time of meetings

*If no, why not?* 

Work, age and health issues were mentioned prominently by those who did not participate. Four respondents

Are there current neighborhood services or organizations that are important to you?

Table 16: Are there current neighborhood services or organizations that are important to you?

	Number	Percent
Yes	37	47%
No/ No response	41	53%
Total	78	100%

Almost half of respondents, (47%), indicated there were neighborhood organizations or services important to them.

*If Yes, What are they?* \_\_\_

Neighborhood associations were prominently mentioned as important organizations, (see Table 17)



Table 17: Important Neighborhood Services and Organizations (Verbatim)
The Real Change Program
The meetings are, I am just not able to attend
Street lights. Police reports at Pineview meetings.
Safety Police Patroling Recreation Center / Senior Center
Priority Board, monthly neighborhood meeting
Priority Board, DIY, Neighborhood Association
Pineview Neighborhood Association (6 mentions)
Neighborhood Watch
Neighborhood Coalition
Neighborhood Assoc.
More amenities, such as retail and restaurants.
Meals on wheels for my father
Madden Hills Neighborhood Association
Lack of communication
Improvement property
Homeowners association
Health disparities
Food pantry mobile, hold events in McCabe park
Faith based community center
Crime watch and meeting
Church, sorority & high school reunion committee

Area Agency on Aging and Ombudsman but they need to be more effective. They could be

What are the most important housing needs in your neighborhood?

Table 18: What are the most important housing needs in your neighborhood? (Check all that apply)

Number Percent

valuable but are a bit useless most of the time.

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	Number	Percent
Vacant properties	45	58%
Funds to repair homes	39	50%
Declining values	39	50%
Rental properties not kept up	30	38%
Other	7	9%
Total	78	100%

Respondents were concerned about all 4 housing needs. *Vacant properties*, (58%), *funds to repair homes*, (50%), and *declining values*, (50%), all were selected by at least half of the respondents. A significant minority were also concerned that *rental properties were not kept up*, (38%).

The other needs mentioned included concerns about "vacant property

purchased at very low values", the need for assisting "elderly and chronically ill residents with help when visitors tear the area down" and using the Real Change Program, (http://realchangeprogram.weebly.com/about.html).



Are you able to borrow money to fix up your home?

A little more than half of the homeowners, (57%), indicated they were able to borrow money to fix up their home.

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		Percent	Percent of
	Number	of Sample	Homeowners
Yes	35	51%	57%
No	26	38%	43%
Do not own home	7	10%	
Total	68	100%	

Table 19: Are you able to borrow money to fix up your

If you are not able to borrow money to fix up your home, why not?

Most respondents noted either a fixed income, (38%), or that they were retired on a limited income, (27%). Others mentioned credit issues, (27%)

Table 20: Why Unable to Borrow Money. Coded Verbatim			
Coded Verbatim	Number	Percent	
On fixed income, budget restraint	10	38%	
Retired/ Retired& LimitedIncome/ Retirement pay is enough to live nothing extra	7	27%	
Credit Issues/ Still paying for previous loans	7	27%	
It is unwise to invest a lot of money into a house that is declining in value & will			
soon retire	1	4%	
I can, the problem is your property value so low you cannot get a home equity			
loan to do the upgrade repairs	1	4%	
Because people have moved out, houses are torn down	1	4%	
Sample Size	26	104%	



What do you consider to be the strengths of your neighborhood? (Check all that apply)

Public transportation, (44%), Location, (44%) and affordability, (40%) were at the top of respondents' list of neighborhood strengths. Places of worship, (28%), and nearby to family/friends, (28%) were also strengths to some.

Table 21: What do you consider to be the strengths of your neighborhood? (check all that apply)

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	Number	Percent
Public transportation	34	44%
Location	34	44%
Affordability	31	40%
Places of worship	22	28%
Nearby to family/friends	22	28%
Schools	15	19%
Safety	14	18%
Parks	12	15%
Shopping/retail stores	6	8%
Employment opportunities	4	5%
Social events	3	4%
Recreational places	3	4%
Social services	3	4%
Entertainment options	3	4%
Youth programs	2	3%
Childcare	1	1%
Other	6	8%
None	7	9%
Total	78	285%
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What types of businesses or services would you like to see in your neighborhood? (Choose top three)

Almost three quarters of respondents, (73%), had a grocery at the top of their list, (Table 22). Restaurants, (47%), and a farmer's market, (42%), also attracted substantial interest as businesses residents would like to see. No other business/ service attracted more than a quarter of participants.

Table 22: What types of businesses or services would you like to see in your neighborhood?

	Number	Percent
Grocery	57	73%
Restaurants	37	47%
Farmers Market	33	42%
Coffee	19	24%
Bookstore	17	22%
Clothing	16	21%
Large Retail (Walmart, etc.)	16	21%
Movie theatre	15	19%
Bank	13	17%
Hardware store	13	17%
Laundromat	12	15%
Pharmacy/drug store	11	14%
Social Services	10	13%
Library	9	12%
Clinic/hospital	7	9%
Childcare	6	8%
Beauty salon/Barber shop	5	6%
Church	2	3%
Other	4	5%
Total	78	387%

# H. Services that Would Most Benefit You or your Family

What services would most benefit you or your family? (Check all that apply)

Table 23: What services would most benefit you or your family? (check all that apply)

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	Number	Percent	
Physical fitness for adults	40	51%	
Computer classes/lab	28	36%	
Community garden	23	29%	
Legal counseling	18	23%	
Recreational/ organized sports	18	23%	
Financial Counseling	17	22%	
Healthcare/medical services	16	21%	
Youth programs	14	18%	
Job skills training/employment assistance	13	17%	
Social events	12	15%	
Arts/Dance/Music	11	14%	
Credit repair	11	14%	
Counseling services	11	14%	
Nutrition/cooking classes	10	13%	
Social services	9	12%	
Mental health services	6	8%	
Theatres	6	8%	
Transportation	5	6%	
GED/Adult education	5	6%	
Childcare	2	3%	
Parenting skills classes	1	1%	
English as second language classes	1	1%	
None	1	1%	
Other	2	3%	
Total	78	359%	

Physical fitness for adults was indicated as the service that could most benefit their family by half of the respondents, (51%).

Computer classes/ lab, (36%), and a community garden, (29%) were a distant second and third followed closely by legal counseling, (23%), recreational sports, (23%), financial counseling, (22%), and healthcare, (21%).



# I. Neighborhood Dislikes

What are the things you don't like about this neighborhood? (Choose top two)

Total

Crime/ Violence on the streets, (38%) was followed closely by Not enough recreational facilities, (33%), and Distance (from school, job, groceries, services), (33%) as the things most disliked about the neighborhood. Unemployment, (26%), and Lack of a community center, (21%) also were mentioned by more than a fifth of respondents.

Four of the *Other* specified mentioned drug dealing, ("Drugs lack of police", "Drug Transactions in front of house", "Drug Traffic" and "Drug dealers think that they can meet people to sell drugs."

(choose top two)			
	Number	Percent	
Crime/Violence on the streets	30	38%	
Not enough recreational facilities	26	33%	
Distance (from school, job, groceries, services)	26	33%	
Unemployment	20	26%	
Lack of community center	16	21%	
Poor street lighting/street layout	15	19%	
Poor quality schools	15	19%	
Not enough green areas/parks	12	15%	
Crime/Violence in the homes	11	14%	
Presence of certain services	10	13%	
Lack of social services	8	10%	
People are not friendly	2	3%	
Not enough childcare options	2	3%	
Presence of certain businesses	0	0%	
Other	9	12%	
None	1	1%	

Table 24: What are the things you don't like about this neighborhood?

# J. Long Term Neighborhood Attachment

How long do you plan to live in your neighborhood?

Table 25: How much longer do you plan to live in the	
neighborhood?	

	Number	Percent
Plan to move within 6 months	2	3%
Plan to live here about a year more	2	3%
Plan to live here two or three more years	5	7%
Plan to live here as long as I can	59	87%
Total	68	100%

The great majority of respondents, (87%), planned to live in the neighborhood as long as they can, (Table 25).



260%

# K. Knowledge of COICE Neighborhood Planning Process

Have you heard about the Choice Neighborhood planning process?

Only 21 respondents, (27%), had heard of the CHOICE Neighborhood Planning Process.

# L. Demographics

What is your gender? 61% of respondents were females.

What is your age?

Table 26: What is your age?			
	Number	Percent	
18 to 30	1	1%	
31 to 45	4	6%	
46 to 65	34	49%	
66 and over	30	43%	
Total	69	100%	

The great majority of respondents were 46 to 65, (49%), or 66 and over, (43%)

What is your racial identity?

Most respondents were African–American, (90%) with a small number of Multi-racial, (6%) and one White and one Hispanic.

Table 27: What is your ethnic identity?			
	Number	Percent	
African American	60	90%	
Hispanic	1	1%	
Multi-racial	4	6%	
White	1	1%	
Other	1	1%	
Total	67	100%	

#### M. What Would Make Neighborhood Life Better?

What would make life in your neighborhood better?

Table 28: What would make life in the neighborhood better?, (Coded Verbatim)

(Coded Verbatim)			
	Number	Percent	
Home Improvement/ Rehabilitation	10	19%	
More Neighborhood Involvement	9	17%	
Street/ Sidewalk Improvements	8	15%	
Vacant House Demolition	7	13%	
Stop Drug Dealing	6	11%	
Trash	6	11%	
Crime	5	9%	
More Police Presence	5	9%	
Grocery/ More retail	5	9%	
Jobs	4	8%	
Community Center	4	8%	
Homeless Issue	2	4%	
Property Valuation Issue	1	2%	
Lake pollution Issue	1	2%	
Other	8	15%	
Responses	53	138%	

Table 28 provides coded verbatim responses to what would make life better in the neighborhood. Home Improvement/Rehabilitation, (19%), More neighborhood involvement, (17%), Street/ Sidewalk Improvements, (15%) and Vacant Home Demolition, (13%) were prominent. There was a constellation of topics involving crime and safety where people mentioned either drug dealing, (11%), crime, (9%), or more police presence, (9%).



#### N. Other Feedback

Do you have any other comments, ideas or feedback for us?

There were a variety of additional comments. One concern that had not been expressed before involved odor from the dump.

Table 29: Do you have any other comments, ideas or feedback for us? (Verbatim)

Yes; Ready to work on major housing

West Dayton is a forgotten area. Everything, Store, shopping centers, Rec area goes to the other side of town. West Dayton gets all that is negative prison, land fill. Half way house etc.

We have Drug dealers buying into the neighborhood selling Drugs out of the homes.

Visit neighborhood association, meeting to take about civic engagement, events, HUD choice etc.

Vacant lots own by the city need better care

Tired of living around people who are rude, loud, and disrespectful. The neighbors that are moving into this neighborhood are becoming too intolerable

The Real Change Program members

The oder from the dump and disposal plant its disgusting

The neighborhood is not that bad, but could always use improvements

Thanks for the interest; I will support where I can.

Talk with rental people about keeping their property up

sidewalks litter laws illegal dumping oh-and SMELL. Please do something about the smell!

Relocation of racoons. They're terrorizing the neighborhood, trash cans, residents. Much more street lightings.

Perhaps utilize incarcerated citizens to help with lot maintenance and cutting down the overgrown lots

Our team does a great job, could use more help

Need speed bumps. Cars speeding through neighborhood

Make Lakeside Lake and McCabe park a part of 5 Rivers Metro Park. Place empty retired police cruisers with cameras (or not) on our community streets to lessen drug activity. Have programs at our local parks. Bring back the Soap Box Derby to Germantown or Gettysburg.

I think Choice Neighborhoods Programing should include behavior modification.

I have ideas for the entire area from Germantown to the highway

I feel that if people would stay in the neighborhood and not move to the suburbs, our neighborhood would be as good, if not better, than any suburban area. The money they are investing in the suburb could do a lot of good for this neighborhood.

How did you selected your survey questions?

Have sitting areas for senior walkers if they go walking

Grants for seniors to enhance their homes

Yes Do not pass the law about smoking pot!!

No (10 Comments)

# O. Interest in Meeting with Community Organizer and Leadership Training

Would you like to meet with a community organizer to talk further about the neighborhood? Thirty one respondents, (40%), had an interest in meeting with a community organizer.

Would you be interested in training for leadership development or civic engagement?

Twelve respondents indicated an interest in training for leadership development or civic engagement.

