

APPENDIX 1

CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS BY NEIGHBORHOOD

*represents the number of times the response was given

1. How long have you lived in the City of Vandalia?

Neighborhood 1:

- 0-4 years: 1*
- 5-9 years: 2
- 10-14 years: 1
- 15-19 years: 1
- 20-24 years: 1
- 30-34 years: 2
- 35-39 years: 1
- 45-49 years: 1

Neighborhood 2:

- 10-14 years: 1
- 15-19 years: 1
- 20-24 years: 2
- 25-29 years: 1
- 35-39 years: 3
- 45-49 years: 1

Neighborhood 3:

- 5-9 years: 3
- 10-14 years: 1
- 20-24 years: 3
- 25-29 years: 1
- 30-34 years: 3
- 45-49 years: 1

Neighborhood 4:

- 0-4 years: 2
- 5-9 years: 3
- 10-14 years: 1
- 20-24 years: 2
- 25-29 years: 1
- 35-39 years: 1

Neighborhood 5:

- 0-4 years: 1
- 5-9 years: 5
- 20-24 years: 1
- 25-29 years: 2
- 30-34 years: 1

Neighborhood 6:

- 0-4 years: 1
- 5-9 years: 1
- 35-39 years: 1

Neighborhood 7:

- 0-4: 1
- 5-9: 1
- 10-14: 1
- 15-19: 2

Neighborhood 8:

- 5-9 years: 1
- 10-14 years: 2
- 15-19 years: 1
- 20-24 years: 2
- 25-29 years: 1
- 30-34 years: 1
- 35-39 years: 1
- 50-54 years: 1

Neighborhood 9:

- 0-4 years: 2
- 5-9 years: 1
- 10-14 years: 2
- 15-19 years: 1
- 25-29 years: 2
- 30-34 years: 1
- 45-49 years: 2

Neighborhood 10:

- 0-4 years: 3
- 5-9 years: 2
- 15-19 years: 2
- 20-24 years: 1
- 25-29 years: 1
- 30-34 years: 2
- 35-39 years: 1
- 40-44 years: 4
- 50-54 years: 1

Neighborhood 11:

- 5-9 years: 2
- 20-24 years: 2
- 35-39 years: 1
- 40-44 years: 1
- 45-49 years: 2
- 50-54 years: 1

2. What do you like most about living in the City of Vandalia?

Neighborhood 1:

- small town feel / homey (4)
- safe / no crime (2)
- good schools (1)
- convenience (1)
- a lot of activities for a small town
- good police and fire depts.
- it's not too big or too little
- not overbuilt or overcrowded
- quiet
- sports programs in town / public involvement in sporting activities

Neighborhood 2:

- small town feel (2)
- close to everything (1)
- good schools (1)
- best police, fire, EMS (1)
- family-oriented community
- friendly people
- lot of churches
- low crime
- no big shopping centers
- quiet
- don't know

Neighborhood 3:

- quiet / peaceful (4)
- convenience to shopping, interstate, etc. (3)
- small town atmosphere (2)
- good city services (1)
- safe (1)
- cheaper taxes than Dayton
- cleanliness
- good police dept.
- good schools
- haven't been bothered
- nice
- nice people
- parks / rec
- perfect
- sidewalks

Neighborhood 4:

- good schools (2)
- good EMS, police / well protected (1)
- small town feel (1)
- city administration
- city services
- clean
- easy to get around
- good parks and rec
- little traffic
- location
- neighborhood
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 5:

- accessibility / convenience / proximity to everything (3)
- city services (2)
- small town feel (1)
- police protection (1)
- don't feel like part of the city
- good roads
- quiet
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 6:

- small (1)
- convenient
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 7:

- quiet / peaceful (1)
- close to job
- good schools
- safe
- small town atmosphere

Neighborhood 8:

- city services (1)
- school system (1)
- small town feel (1)
- clean
- middle income
- nice amenities
- nice city
- no one specific thing
- not congested
- park facilities
- peaceful
- people friendly
- progressive town
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 9:

- convenient / accessibility to interstates (6)
- small town atmosphere (3)
- city services (2)
- clean streets (1)
- good schools (1)
- nice town / community (1)
- people (1)
- police, fire, EMS (1)
- safe (1)
- good housing
- not too busy
- quiet
- self-contained

Neighborhood 10:

- good schools (2)
- access to highways (1)
- always lived here (1)
- city services (1)
- clean (1)
- parks and rec (1)
- police and fire depts (1)
- small / not too big (1)
- action
- airplanes
- golf course
- good neighbors
- homey
- neighborhoods
- no shopping centers
- proximity to friends
- shopping convenience
- small town atmosphere
- snow removal
- streets maintained
- used to be small

Neighborhood 11:

- convenient / close to everything (2)
- good neighborhood (1)
- people / neighbors (1)
- comfortable
- general atmosphere
- good for raising children
- good police and fire depts
- high property values
- it's home
- peaceful
- pleasant place
- used to be small

3. How do you define your neighborhood?

Neighborhood 1:

- nice / very nice (4)
- quiet / peaceful (3)
- good / very good (2)
- close knit
- country feel
- excellent
- friendly
- good care of property
- good trash pick up
- I have moved away but I always come back
- safe
- very good neighbors

Neighborhood 2:

- good neighbors (2)
- nice / pretty good (3)
- fine / not bad (1)
- close
- great
- neighborhood has grown old
- together
- plat of houses
- there's not a bad neighborhood in Vandalia

Neighborhood 3:

- quiet / peaceful (3)
- nice / great (3)
- well kept (2)
- good neighbors (1)
- first class
- good location
- new development
- older neighbors
- safe
- variety of ages
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 4:

- good / nice (5)
- friendly (2)
- enjoy it (1)
- excellent
- family oriented
- minor crimes
- new
- safe
- small

Neighborhood 5:

- annexed / used to be twp
- close to Taylorsville Reserve
- friendly
- great
- new
- older, larger lots / feels like country
- safe
- don't know / no answer (5)

Neighborhood 6:

- excellent
- good neighbors
- quiet
- like it

Neighborhood 7:

- excellent
- friendly
- lots of kids
- nice
- patrolled
- quiet

- under construction

Neighborhood 8:

- nice (5)
- upper middle class (2)
- friendly (1)
- older houses (1)
- new
- pleasant
- quiet
- social, especially during the summer
- well maintained

Neighborhood 9:

- wonderful / excellent / great (2)
- nice place to live (2)
- affluent
- average
- clean
- don't know a lot of neighbors
- friendly
- no problems
- safe
- don't know / no answer (1)

Neighborhood 10:

- nice (5)
- quiet (2)
- safe (2)
- good people / neighbors (1)
- like it (1)
- real good (1)
- small (1)
- apartments
- friendly
- great
- heavily patrolled
- pleasant place to live
- stable
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 11:

- nice (5)
- older neighborhood / older residents (2)
- good neighbors
- not many kids
- peaceful
- stable
- walking distance to many places

4. What do you like most about living in your neighborhood?

Neighborhood 1:

- good / helpful neighbors (3)
- friendly, small town atmosphere (2)
- good spot / nice place to live (1)
- familiar with people
- friends and family
- good trash pick up
- quiet
- safe

Neighborhood 2:

- convenient / proximity to everything / walkable (2)
- good neighbors (2)
- rural feel / smallness (1)
- affordable to buy
- everything
- good community
- like being on a backstreet
- safe
- schools

Neighborhood 3:

- good neighbors (6)
- convenience, location, accessibility (2)
- quiet (2)
- safe (2)
- well kept (1)
- good services
- it's the place to be / wouldn't want to live anywhere else
- some nuisances, but not too bothered

Neighborhood 4:

- good neighbors (5)
- people watch out for each other (1)
- away from town
- clean
- convenient
- friendly
- privacy
- quiet
- safe
- walkable
- well kept

Neighborhood 5:

- private / secluded (3)
- accessibility / proximity to services (2)
- trees / woods (2)
- rural feel (1)
- quiet (1)
- friendly neighbors (1)
- large plot
- near highway
- police patrol a lot

Neighborhood 6:

- safe / no crime (1)
- people
- friendly
- know neighbors
- clean / neat
- police and fire are good / visible

Neighborhood 7:

- comfortable
- generally peaceful and safe
- near rec center
- newness
- people

Neighborhood 8:

- convenience (1)
- people (1)
- like my lot / like my house (1)
- feel comfortable
- its home
- location
- lots of kids
- new / modern housing
- no through traffic
- quiet
- wooded area

Neighborhood 9:

- friendly / good neighbors (5)
- quiet (1)
- close to country
- close to sports complex / parks
- nice homes
- no worries about neighbors
- people support each other
- safe
- well kept

Neighborhood 10:

- kind people / neighborly (4)
- quiet / peaceful (3)
- safe / police patrol (1)
- across from park
- big trees
- close to airport
- community
- don't like it / it's changing
- few kids
- friendly
- just like it
- kept up
- wide roads
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 11:

- good / helpful neighbors (3)
- being part of Vandalia
- convenient to town and everything
- country setting with city conveniences
- new
- nothing specific
- small town atmosphere

5. Name 3 positive physical characteristics of your neighborhood?

Neighborhood 1:

- cleanliness (4)
- landscaping / yards (1)
- aesthetics
- friendly
- good schools
- homes kept up
- house quality
- mailman good
- pleasant neighbors
- privacy
- quiet
- small to medium sized
- street care
- trash pick up good
- trees

Neighborhood 2:

- close to park (2)
- good schools (1)
- adequate fire dept.
- bike friendly
- buses run close
- close to highway
- close to school
- good police
- roads maintained
- safe
- sports complex
- woods / wildlife
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 3:

- location / accessibility (2)
- near golf course and pool (1)
- quiet (1)
- good neighbors (1)
- bus service at corner
- city services
- clean
- good roads
- lots of trees
- safe to walk
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 4:

- well-maintained homes and yards (4)
- accessibility (reserve bike pathway, sledding hill) (3)
- good snow removal (2)
- natural features / wildlife (2)
- new neighborhood (1)
- clean
- quiet
- small
- space
- streets maintained

Neighborhood 5:

- good neighbors (3)
- woods / trees / wildlife (3)
- seclusion, but close to services (1)
- clean (1)
- country setting (1)
- dead end street
- friendly
- houses well kept
- location
- new
- ok lighting
- open land / not crowded
- quiet
- roads maintained
- scenic
- water available
- well built

Neighborhood 6:

- homes nice
- small amount of traffic
- close to interstate
- enough restaurants
- town is nice (not Dayton)

Neighborhood 7:

- proximity (1)
- safe / well patrolled (1)
- clean
- good neighbors
- new
- nice neighborhood
- quality of housing
- quiet
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 8:

- clean (2)
- new (2)
- clear streets / good snow removal (1)
- good neighbors / neighborhood organization (1)
- quiet (1)
- wooded area (1)
- attractive housing
- located on hill
- nice yards
- police response time
- pride in home / lot
- school system
- sidewalks
- small park
- well maintained
- well protected
- wide streets

Neighborhood 9:

- proximity to services / amenities (4)
- parks (2)
- quiet (1)
- trees (1)
- well maintained property (1)
- clean
- don't know / no answer

- friendly
- property values stable / increasing
- RTA service to city
- wide streets

Neighborhood 10:

- properties well maintained (4)
- streets maintained (4)
- park (2)
- good homes (1)
- little traffic (1)
- safe / good police patrol (1)
- sidewalks (1)
- snow removal (1)
- well lit (1)
- backyard
- big trees
- close to airport
- creek / woods
- fire hydrant
- good neighbors
- location / accessibility to interstate
- med center
- pretty lawns and flowers
- sports complex
- swimming pool
- wide roads
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 11:

- houses / properties well maintained (3)
- sidewalks (1)
- wooded / trees (1)
- clean
- close neighbors
- located close to everything
- mailbox right down street
- older, established neighborhoods
- parks
- people are nice
- quiet
- streets maintained
- yards improving

6. Name the negative physical characteristics of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood 1:

- none
- don't know / no answer (5)
- air traffic / traffic from airport (1)
- Delphi right behind house

Neighborhood 2:

- none (2)
- don't know / no answer (1)
- snow piles on drive
- too many people
- occasional parking problems but always taken care of

Neighborhood 3:

- none (7)
- need repairs on entire street, not just patches
- noise from interstates
- owners of cats don't know there is a leash law

Neighborhood 4:

- still building / under construction (1)
- curb cuts on Industrial Drive allows too much traffic
- inadequate enforcement w/ regard to development (i.e., traffic, mud on streets)
- industrial area next door

- traffic building up in industrial area
- unattractive downtown
- don't know / no answer (3)

Neighborhood 5:

- none (5)
- can't connect to sewer
- homes all look the same
- no sidewalks
- noise
- row of houses would be taken for state interchange
- turn around street

Neighborhood 6:

- bad traffic
- street is not nice
- pays taxes, has Dayton mailing address

Neighborhood 7:

- dislike developer of area (1)
- city doesn't plow streets
- city must clean up after (developer?)
- construction across the street
- none
- street too busy for kids
- taxes too high

Neighborhood 8:

- none (4)
- don't like children cutting through yard / they're rude
- liked it better before street went through / used to be dead end
- street is cut through (Dixie to Helke)
- streets never plowed
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 9:

- none (6)
- traffic on Stoney Springs / Stonequarry (1)
- airport with north - south runway
- some homes not well maintained

Neighborhood 10:

- airport noise / smell / traffic (1)
- increased traffic (1)
- speeding (1)
- cars block sidewalk
- dog owners don't keep animals contained
- noise / traffic from school
- poorly kept restroom at ballfield
- snow plow leaves pile in drive
- streets poor
- don't know / no answer (6)

Neighborhood 11:

- none (4)
- sidewalks are right up against road / need grass section
- don't know / no answer (2)

7. Are there specific negative features about your neighborhood or the City other than physical features?

Neighborhood 1:

- don't develop so many houses / leave some land for people to enjoy
- everything has its ups and downs
- expansion of airport would affect property values and small town atmosphere
- no
- rezoning of Poole would ruin quiet
- school board
- should not enlarge airport
- don't know / no answer (4)

Neighborhood 2:

- no (4)
- don't like bars / liquor store in middle of town
- don't know / no answer
- nothing to do for teenagers - need some kind of rec center
- too many rules / difficult process if you want to build on to your house

Neighborhood 3:

- no (5)
- need more law enforcement for traffic violations
- school board issue
- there's no real downtown / have to leave city for shopping
- don't know / no answer (1)

Neighborhood 4:

- too much patrol of Brown School (1)
- Catholics run the place
- Kroger's is disgusting / need good grocery
- minor crimes
- more retail and shopping
- no
- too many variances (Industrial Drive)
- don't know / no answer (3)

Neighborhood 5:

- no (5)
- need more upscale / interesting retail and restaurants
- nicer downtown
- no more fast food
- noise from the airport
- taxes slightly high

Neighborhood 6:

- no
- no shopping / need clothing stores
- robbed 2 or 3 times

Neighborhood 7:

- no (1)
- Ashbury Farms falling behind Woodland Meadows because of inexpensive homes being built by developer
- needs downtown
- needs more modern amenities and store fronts
- school board stinks

Neighborhood 8:

- no (3)
- fighting in school board (2)
- airport expansion is bad idea (1)
- I don't want to go there
- people need to "get a life" and stop attacking the school board
- we are sheltered / not told all the issues

Neighborhood 9:

- no (4)
- school board - dividing community
- decorate for the seasons
- fumes from fuel
- high taxes
- noise
- too many fast food franchises
- traffic if airport extends
- update / renovate downtown
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 10:

- no (5)
- businesses within residential areas / should separate uses
- busing / must walk 2 miles to school
- cable stinks / no reception
- kids driving fast playing loud music / no one goes speed limit
- lower trash and water rates
- neighborhood has gone from older residents to rental properties
- no airport expansion
- residents letting property go
- streets not filled / paved smoothly
- trash collection is sloppy
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 11:

- no (1)
- city does good job with everything
- city officials make it difficult to come in and build a building
- not enough shopping / retail
- property taxes are in line with small town / no problems
- wish parks and rec would offer more classes
- don't know / no answer (1)

8. What type of improvements would you like to see added to your neighborhood in the next 5 years?

Neighborhood 1:

- better street lights / neighborhood is dark (1)
- full time fire
- less fast food places in town
- maintain roads
- more houses
- satisfied now
- don't know / no answer (3)

Neighborhood 2:

- none needed (3)
- street repairs (1)
- Demett School is congested / needs bigger facility / more parking
- more lights on National Road toward Tipp City
- something for teenagers to do
- speed bumps

Neighborhood 3:

- none needed (3)
 - satisfied / happy with it as it is (1)
 - flashing light at Brown School and Route 40
 - improvements are already taking place
 - make sure garbage collectors pick up after themselves if they drop
- garbage
 - park closer by
 - property owners need to keep homes up
 - sidewalks down to development
 - street repairs
 - don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 4:

- none needed (2)
 - better bikeway access
 - Brown School and Route 40 needs turn signal
 - control weeds on Waldsmith lot
- finish construction
 - gas service
 - improve downtown
 - don't know / no answer (1)

Neighborhood 5:

- future uncertain due to improvement of 70 / 75 (1)
 - road paved / repairs (1)
 - none needed (1)
 - bikepath from Taylorsville to Vandalia
 - different housing styles
- light at Brown School / Little York
 - more trees
 - street light on Brown School Road
 - water / sewer
 - wider streets and sidewalks
 - won't be here in 5 years

Neighborhood 6:

- better access to street
 - Miller Lane business create too much traffic
 - no airport extension
- reduce traffic / widen Dixie
 - shopping area

Neighborhood 7:

- fighting VFW addition
 - no commercial building
- none needed
 - rec center good

Neighborhood 8:

- better parks for the kids
 - bookstore in town
 - building rec center
 - children should be taught good manners
 - none needed
 - plow streets in winter
 - second pool
- service to take away large items garbage men won't collect
 - speed bumps on street to slow people down
 - trees should be planted between streets and sidewalk
 - don't know / no answer (1)

Neighborhood 9:

- none needed (2)
- keep streets up (1)

- don't let airport get bigger
- get rid of speed bumps
- more patrolmen
- more shopping in city
- natural gas in neighborhood
- need centerline painted on Helke / Alkaline Springs
- something for teenagers to do
- widen Stonequarry (Dixie to Dog Leg)

Neighborhood 10:

- more shopping / clothing stores (2)
- repair streets (2)
- none (1)
- concentrate on sewer
- enforce noise ordinance esp in park
- like new rec center
- loading zone often blocked / improve signage
- more trees
- put Victory Park back in
- reduce traffic
- speed bumps
- tornado siren
- won't be around in 5 years
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 11:

- ensure clean sidewalks or provide busing for kids during cold / snowy weather
- expand size of parks
- more retail
- none needed
- not much room to do anything
- seal of top of street (Dixie)
- slow speeders
- don't know / no answer (3)

9. Where do people in your neighborhood congregate?

Neighborhood 1:

- they don't (3)
- park (1)
- in people's houses
- rec center
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 2:

- Frickers (1)
- they don't (1)
- bars
- bowling alley
- park
- schools
- senior center
- shopping centers
- sports complex
- their house / neighbor's house
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 3:

- city pool (4)
- sports complex (1)
- they don't (1)
- block parties
- neighbor's house
- on the streets / sidewalks
- senior center
- don't know / no answer (1)

Neighborhood 4:

- they don't (2)
- wants park for this purpose (1)
- block party
- their house / neighbor's house
- walking in streets
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 5:

- in the street / sidewalks / walking (3)
- they don't (3)
- their house / neighbor's house (1)
- Am Vets

Neighborhood 6:

- they don't (2)

Neighborhood 7:

- they don't (2)
- block parties in summer
- park

Neighborhood 8:

- they don't / don't neighbor much / people are private (3)
- churches (1)
- neighbor's house / yard (1)
- ball field
- Helke park
- neighborhood groups
- schools
- work

Neighborhood 9:

- front yard / in streets (2)
- sports complex (2)
- they don't (2)
- block parties in streets (1)
- sometimes in summer, not often in winter (1)
- their house / neighbor's house (1)
- Jasmine's
- not much b/c older population
- shopping center across from trap shoot

Neighborhood 10:

- they don't (7)
- park (1)
- don't get out much
- kids near junior high
- pee wee football games
- school kids cut through court
- sports complex
- swimming pool
- don't know / no answer (2)

Neighborhood 11:

- neighborhood doesn't congregate / socialize much (2)
- their house / neighbor's house (2)
- parks (1)
- high school yard
- not one specific location
- outside
- senior citizens center
- don't know / no answer

10. Is there anything else that you would like to tell me about your neighborhood?

Neighborhood 1:

- enjoy living there
- good city snow removal
- real satisfied
- don't know / no answer (6)

Neighborhood 2:

- bus runs through middle of plat / have to listen to it pass every 15 minutes
- enjoy living there
- not as nice as Kentucky
- don't know / no answer (5)

Neighborhood 3:

- no (5)
- enjoy living there
- finding information is difficult, not sure what office to call
- good people
- it's one of the better neighborhoods
- and I hope it stays that way
- planning seems up-to-date
- police are always driving around, even at night
- proximity to everything

Neighborhood 4:

- if you call City Manager's office nothing happens / have to call Council or Mayor
- satisfied with level of city services
- don't know / no answer (7)

Neighborhood 5:

- love it
- want more bike trails
- water line in front of property took
- taxes, but will now lose house
- don't know / no answer (5)

Neighborhood 6:

- need closer grocery store
- don't know / no answer (1)

Neighborhood 7:

- like it (1)
- concerts are a waste
- likes park and rec
- more attention to zoning (Rt. 40 - too much fast food, signs/frontage)
- awful)
- property taxes too high
- safe / can walk at night
- don't know / no answer

Neighborhood 8:

- good neighborhood
- good neighbors
- great place to raise a family
- like it
- local listing of names and numbers
- would be helpful
- nice and peaceful
- don't know / no answer (5)

Neighborhood 9:

- good job (1)
- satisfied / happy (1)

- apartments in neighborhood haven't harmed the residential character
- build up school system
- vandalism in neighborhood
- like idea of more curbside pickups for trash
- don't know who to call for street lights / takes 2-3 weeks to get repaired
- don't know / no answer (5)

Neighborhood 10:

- don't get too big for britches
- good job
- hope new sports complex doesn't cause taxes to go up
- love the city
- need a city center / clean downtown
- without fast food
- need another grocery store
- traffic flow good
- very pleased
- don't know / no answer (10)

Neighborhood 11:

- nice / fine place to live (3)
- board of education needs to get act together
- need way to get rid of things garbage collectors won't take
- don't know / no answer (2)

Demographic Data

Sex:

- male: 34
- female: 72

Age:

- 18-25: 0
- 25-44: 32
- 45-65: 37
- 65+: 37

Occupation:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| • admin.assistant: 5 | • of non-profit | • professional |
| • administrator | • factory worker: 2 | • programmer |
| • banker | • government | • project manager |
| • bookkeeper | • gunsmith | • respiratory therapist |
| • builder, self-employed | • homemaker: 14 | • retired: 33 |
| • business owner | • Iams worker | • sales: 3 |
| • church employee | • loan officer | • secretary |
| • clinical technician | • manager: 2 | • senior credit analyst |
| • construction | • mental health specialist | • store manager |
| • contractor | • nurse: 2 | • teacher: 3 |
| • driver | • office assistant | • technician |
| • Emory: 2 | • office manager: 3 | • tool maker: 2 |
| • engineer | • pastor | • unemployed: 2 |
| • environmental lab technician | • plant manager | • welder |
| • executive director | • printer | • xerox repair |
| | • production | |

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