

HIAWATHA CARE PROJECT COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

The following tables summarize the responses of the Hiawatha CARE project community assessment. The CARE project team talked to over 700 people who live, work, visit, and worship in the East Phillips and western Longfellow area. People talked about the assets as well as issues/concerns in the community.

Question 1: What makes greater Longfellow / Phillips a good place to live, work, and visit? What are the community's assets?

Good Transportation

Light Rail Transit
Public Transit / Bus Service
Walkable
Recreational Trails / Midtown Greenway
Bike Friendly / Bike Amenities

Accessible – Easy to Get Places

Close to Destinations
Convenient
Close to Work
Close to Downtown Minneapolis
Access to Highways
Location

Natural Amenities

Parks and Greenspace
Trees
Mississippi River
Minnehaha Falls
Lakes
Minnehaha Parkway / Parkways

Things to Do and Places to Go

Businesses / Local Businesses
Restaurants and Coffee Shops
Shopping / Shops
Culture / Arts / Entertainment
History / Historic Buildings
Community Centers / YWCA / Recreate
Libraries / Civic Buildings
Community Gardens / Food
Healthy

Livable

Nice Houses and Yards
Safe
Quiet
Clean
Nice Neighborhood

Sense of Community

The People / Neighbors
Diversity
Stable Neighborhood
Faith Communities
Families / Family Friendly
Involved Community Members
Close Community
Neighborhood Organizations / LCC
Friendliness
Urban
Communication

Economy

Affordable Housing
Housing

Education and Services

Schools
Clinics / Health Care

Community Events

Farmers Market

Environment

Question 2: What are the main issues facing greater Longfellow / Phillips?

Personal Safety and Security

Drugs
Graffiti
Police Presence
Violence
Break-ins, Burglaries, Thefts
Gangs
Loitering, Harrassment

Business and Community Vitality

Keeping Local Businesses
More Development
Empty Storefronts
Expansion Needs
Maintaining Buildings

Environmental Sustainability

Water Quality
Pollution
Noise
Trees
Solid Waste and Recycling
Contamination / Toxics
Littering
Illegal Dumping
Energy
Polluting Businesses
Light Pollution

Access to Food and Health Care

Food Access and Quality
Gardens
Health Care
Nutrition
Mental Health
Health Concerns
Alcoholism

Affordable, Maintained, Occupied Housing

Maintaining Housing Stock
Abandoned Properties
Foreclosures
Affordable Housing
Rental Properties

Education and Schools

Schools
Empty School Buildings
School Quality
Crowded Schools

Lack of Sense of Community

Support for Seniors
Unappealing Streets/Properties
Lack of Kids Activities
Acceptance of Diversity
Communication and Engagement
Changing Demographics
Community Capacity/Working Together
Things to Do
Perceptions of Community
Hopelessness
Green Space / Parks
Street Lighting
Crowded
Winter / Fall Maintenance (leaves, snow)

Creating a Bike-Walk-Transit Friendly Community

Bikeability
Public Transportation
Walkability

Impact of Traffic and Vehicles

Maintaining Infrastructure
High Speeds
Traffic
Parking
Traffic Safety
Traffic Light Timing
Rail Yards
Trucks

Economic Instability

Economic Disparity
Poverty
Jobs
Stalled Development
Homelessness

Local Government Funding

Budget Cuts / Funding
Taxes
Infrastructure

What are the most important environmental and health issues that affect you, your family, and your community?

Pollutants in the Air

Air Pollution
Backyard Burning
Garbage Burner

Maintaining a Safe Home

Radon
Smoking
Mold
Lead
Arsenic
Asbestos
Mercury
Chemicals in Products

Poor Water Quality and Stormwater Mgmt

Safe Drinking Water
Water Friendly Yards
Stormwater Runoff
River Pollution
Water Quality

Street Drains
Drinking Water Taste

Chemicals and Toxins

Lawn Chemicals
Clean Soil
Smells, Fumes
Industrial Pollution
Grain Mills
Light Pollution
Toxins

****Lack of Sense of Community**

Schools
Density
Blighted Buildings
Family
Education and Awareness
Community Engagement
Kids Activities
Parks and Recreational Opportunities
Economic Development
Senior Services
Lighting

Creating a Bike-Walk-Transit Community

Transit
Bikeability
Walkability
Accessibility

Impact of Traffic and Vehicles

Vehicle Emissions
Unsafe Street Crossings
Traffic
Speeding Vehicles
Infrastructure Maintenance
Reliance on Cars
Traffic Laws
Truck Traffic

Garbage and Litter

Recycling
Hazardous Waste
Litter, Trash
Composting
Sanitation
Illegal Dumping

Personal Safety and Security

Graffiti
Drugs
Vandalism
Gangs
Lack of Police

Maintaining Healthy Lifestyles

Physical Activity
Obesity, Nutrition, Diabetes
Health Care
Dental Issues
Asthma
Allergies
Immunizations
Alcoholism
Access to Medical Care
Bugs, Pests

Sustainability

Climate Change
Noise
Overpopulation

Maintaining the Natural Environment

Trees
Parks, Green Space
Wildlife
Natural Areas, Native Plants

Access to Safe, Healthy, Local Food

Affordable Food
Organic Food / No Pesticides
Access to Local Food
Access to Healthy Food
Genetically Modified Foods
Food Access
Food Quality

Government Related

Reliance on Fossil Fuels

Powerlines
Renewable Energy
Energy Efficiency

Economic Vitality

Poverty
Hunger
Homelessness
Jobs
Lack of Safety Net
Housing
Tax and Budgets