

Public Input Results

Open House Sneak Preview
Northport-Warner Park Sherman Neighborhood Plan
Preliminary Plan Strategies

*December 13, 2008 10AM-2PM
Northside Town Center*

INTRODUCTION

The Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee has been working with the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development since January 2008 on a 5-10 year update of the 1992 Northport-Warner Park and 1996 Brentwood Village-Packers-Sherman Neighborhood plans. On December 13, 2008, the Steering Committee held an Open House at the Northside TownCenter to generate public input on the group's most important preliminary plan strategies. Over 80 people from 15 Northside neighborhoods attended the event. There were also representatives from the Northside Business Association, Northside Planning Council, local business owners and developers, Lindbergh School, the City of Middleton, the Village of Maple Bluff, and Dane County.

The movie-based theme of the Open House inspired many participants to stay awhile and engage in a movie critics review of seven preview screens including Neighborhood and Personal Safety; Land Use, Redevelopment, Urban Design; Housing; Transportation; Community Facilities and Neighborhood Schools; Natural Resources, Parks and Open Space; and Vibrant Neighborhood Businesses. Movie critics placed a star on a scale from 1 to 5 for each preliminary strategy with 1 being strong disagree and 5 being strongly agree. The results of this activity are shown on the following pages.

The Steering Committee continues to refine the preliminary plan strategies. A DRAFT neighborhood plan, which includes all of the Steering Committee's strategies, will be circulated sometime in Spring 2009 for public review and comment. Public input opportunities will be posted on the neighborhood plan webpage along with other plan information at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/northsideplan/index.cfm>

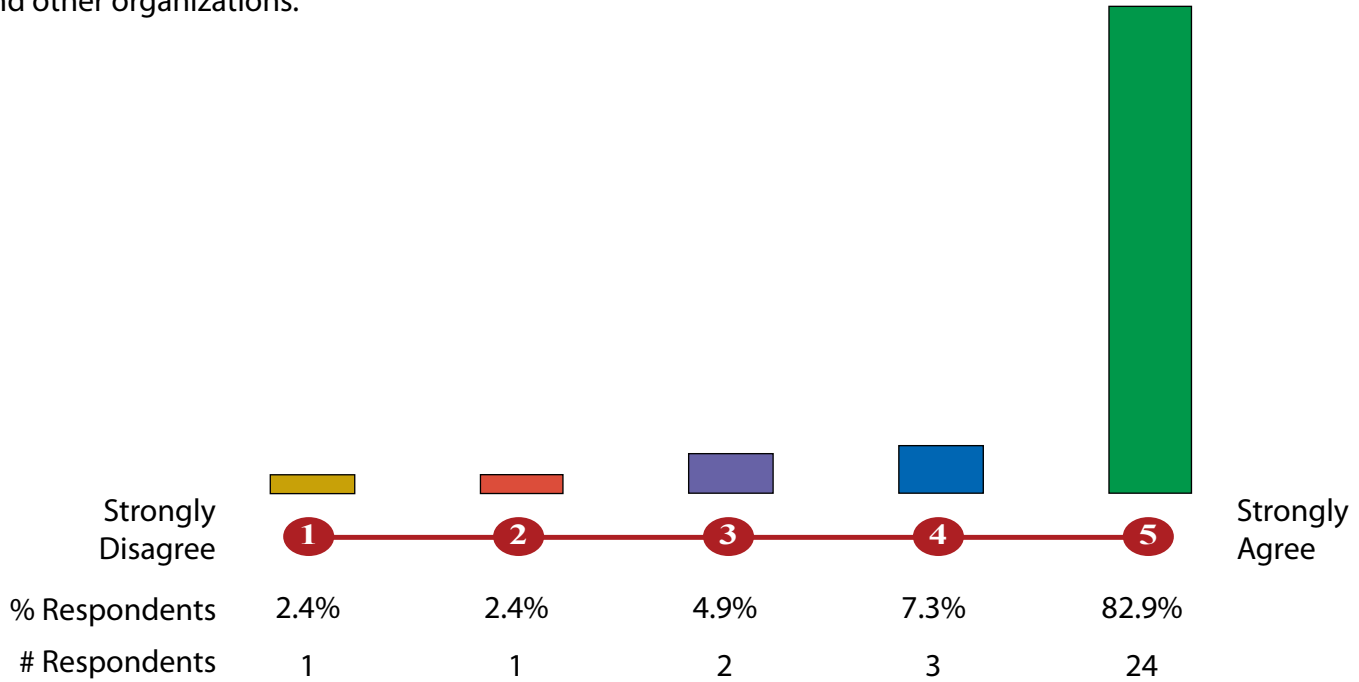
Share your comments with the Steering Committee and City staff by using the Creating the Plan/Sign Me up tabs, emailing Ihorvath@cityofmadison.com, or mailing comments to Linda Horvath, Planning Division, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Rm. LL-100, Madison Wisconsin, 53701-2985.

PREVIEW SCREEN RESULTS: NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING

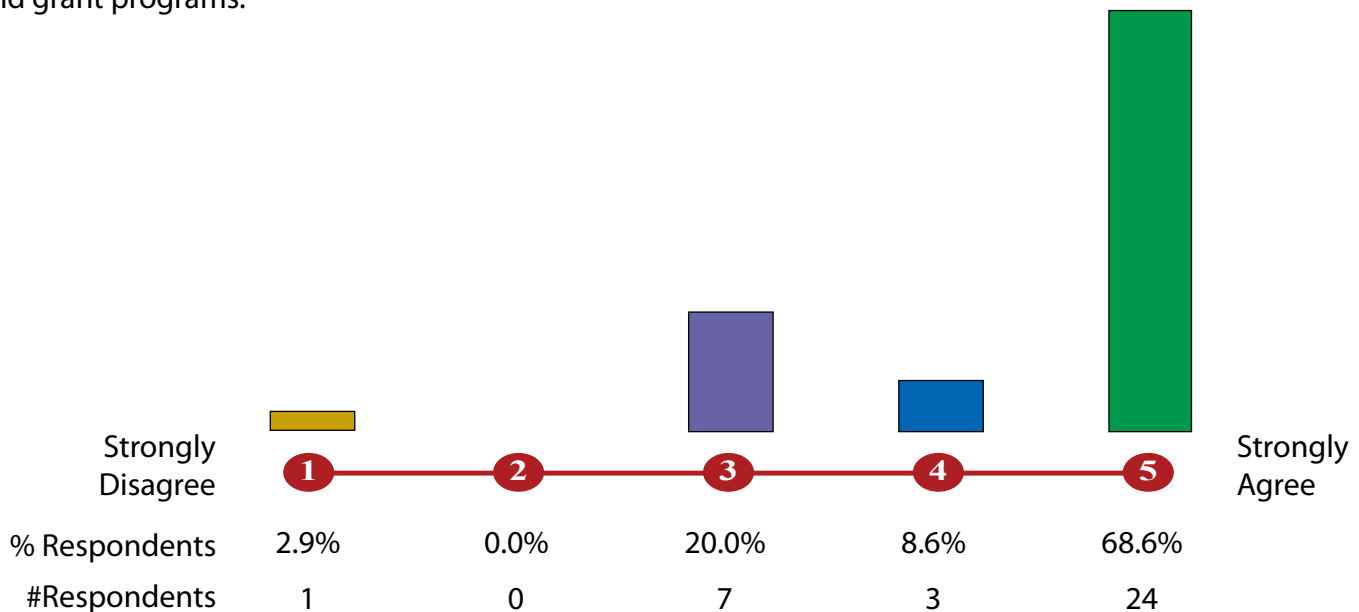
Improving physical appearance and upgrading residential properties, maintaining and promoting owner-occupied housing, promoting quality management of rental properties, and encouraging an array of mixed-income housing options throughout neighborhoods are areas for preview in this screening.

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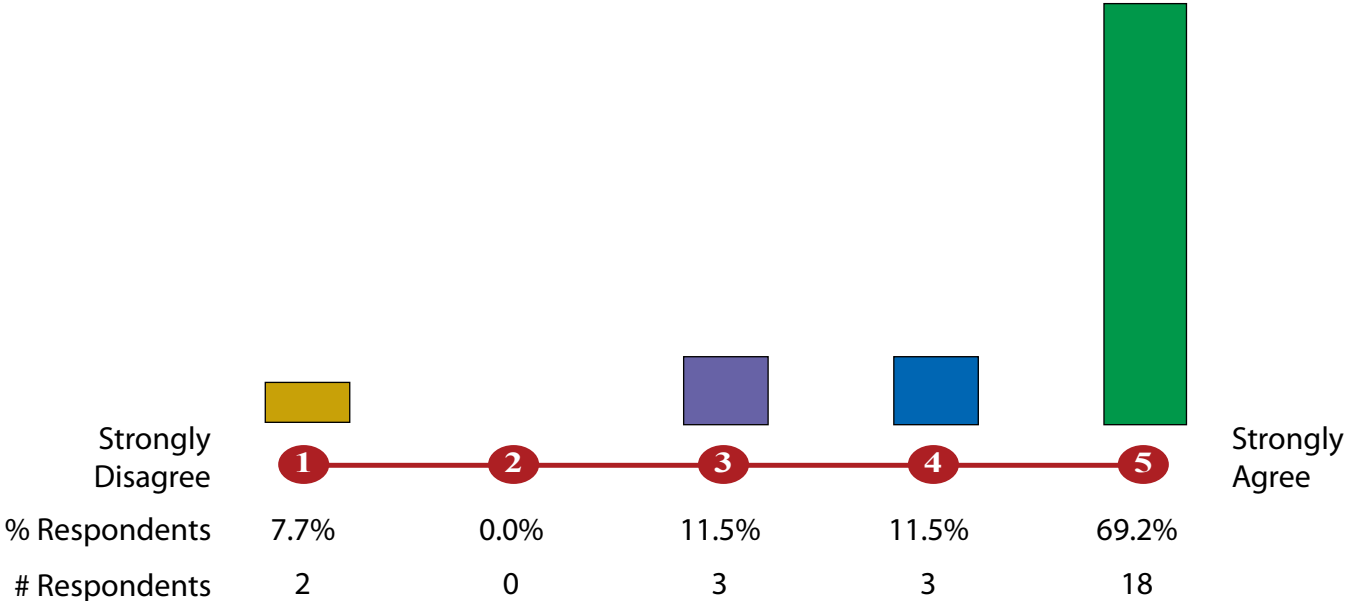
Explore options to encourage quality management and improve screening processes for rental residential units through partnerships and training sessions with the North Police District, landlords, neighborhood associations and other organizations.



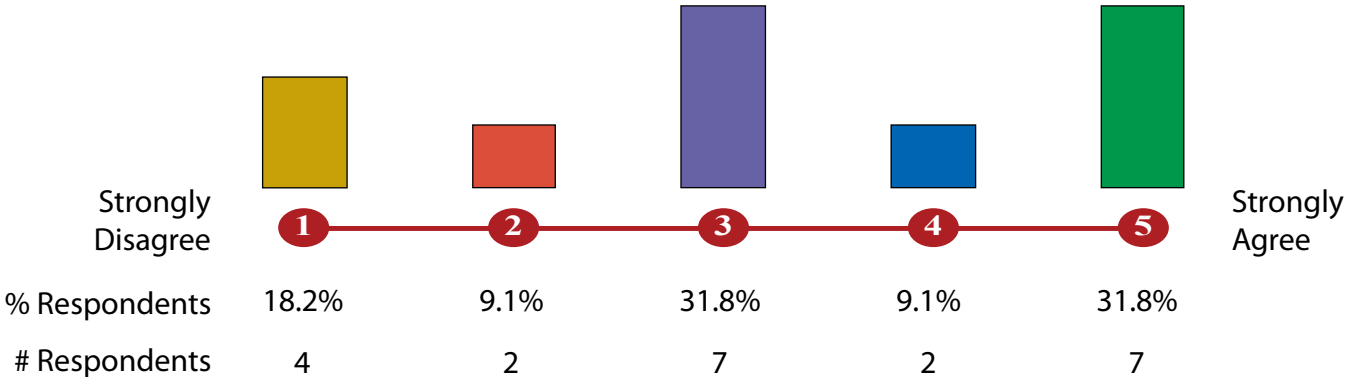
Discourage owner-occupied housing from transitioning to rental through education for homeowners and prospective homebuyers. Provide information about the availability of such tools as homebuyer loans, rehab loans, and grant programs.



Work to sustain a mix of available housing types including single-family, owner-occupied, rental, multi-unit or multi-family, senior housing, and affordable housing.



Explore the option of down-zoning in certain residential areas (for more specifics see Land Use strategies).



LAND USE, REDEVELOPMENT & URBAN DESIGN, & HOUSING COMMENTS

Overall

- Overall, plan should show net reduction in impervious surface.
- Less new development, more greenspace preservation!
- Discourage is not a good word to use.
- No more low-income housing in neighborhood.
- Where is the swimming pool?
- Redevelopment – don't want more subdivisions.
- Preserve greenspace.
- NWS Neighborhood Plan seems too dense. Needs more open and park space.

Preliminary Concepts: Northside TownCenter

- Focus on Pierce's area first for redevelopment. Area too car-oriented. An ordinance could force Roundy's to make their empty storefront less of an eyesore. It looks simply awful. They could put plywood "windows" with artwork for example.
- Keep farmer's market. Encourage agriculture and local food and crafts, etc.
- Parking at Northside Center. Concrete jungle – reorient.
- I really like the idea of having mixed-use at town center, especially the corner of Northport and Sherman.
- Make retail spaces smaller and work to bring more local businesses.

Preliminary Concepts: Raemisch Farm Property

- No development, preserve, protect, offer to purchase, contradict or challenge transportation.
- I think we could do something better with the Raemisch property than another subdivision.
- Development of "Keller Group" property more family-friendly since location near school.
- For the Raemisch property, how about a unique style. Maybe an urban agriculture/residential complex. Something that will be a national example, like Troy Gardens.
- Raemisch property needs to include park/greenspace/wildlife area.
- Bigger yards, more greenspace, nicer end homes. Hill should have nice houses.
- How would the traffic flow from this property? has the study been done?
- If Raemisch farm property is developed, some high-end housing should be in mix.
- Let's do something more interesting than another suburban neighborhood on Raemisch Farm Property.

Preliminary Concepts: Airport-Gateway

- Roundabout could be a problem, disaster!
- Proposed new police academy building at Packers & International seems to have disappeared off the radar. Academy could have positive affect on neighbors or negative affect on traffic, especially proposed traffic circle.
- Start planning now for what to do when/if the mobile home park on CV comes up for sale. There is a beautiful stand of Oak trees there and no matter what happens to the mobile home park, the oak trees should be preserved as a natural area or park.
- Noise and potential danger of F16 flyovers should be reduced or eliminated. Should also be eliminated at Rhythm & Booms.
- Noise from Stoughton Road airport is incredibly loud and disturbing to our family. It also shakes our house (physically).

LAND USE, REDEVELOPMENT & URBAN DESIGN, & HOUSING

Preliminary Concepts: Northgate/Oscar Mayer

- On Sherman Avenue and Commercial, wetlands will continue to be wet but plant correct prairie restoration. (Land is very low) Make a trail. School science.
- Locally owned businesses, pedestrian and neighborhood-oriented development, green and sustainable building.
- Roundabout/traffic circle may be a big problem, especially for older drivers. Traffic circles make nervous drivers more anxious and distracted.

Housing

Question: What types of housing are lacking or in excess on the Northside?

- Upwardly mobile housing. We have enough lower end. No more rentals.
- How about housing co-ops.

Overall Comments:

- Rental is not the problem – neglect and lack of investment is.
- If adopted as a policy, “screening” should not be used as a tool of discrimination.
- Strategy #2, “Discourage ...” reads like something regulatory and negative. I think what you’re trying to say is “encourage homeownership.” This approach is more actionable and positive.
- Screening is critical to maintaining safe and desirable rental properties. This is a clear case of an ounce of prevention being better than a pound of care. Several apts. in Brentwood are bringing down the whole neighborhood and consuming vast police and city resources, partially due to lack of screening.
- Down-zoning is not fair to responsible property owners in all cases – R2 has (sometimes) higher resale value.
- The City needs to consider active enforcement of illegal rentals in R1 areas and illegal conversions.
- Affordable housing needs to be closely managed and spread throughout the County and City.
- Turn both large apartment buildings on Monterey Drive to low-cost condos! This would eliminate the serious problems we endure due to transient renters and encourage more family-related living. People would take care of their places and crime would decrease; now its only people from Rockford and Chicago moving in.
- What does down-zoning mean?

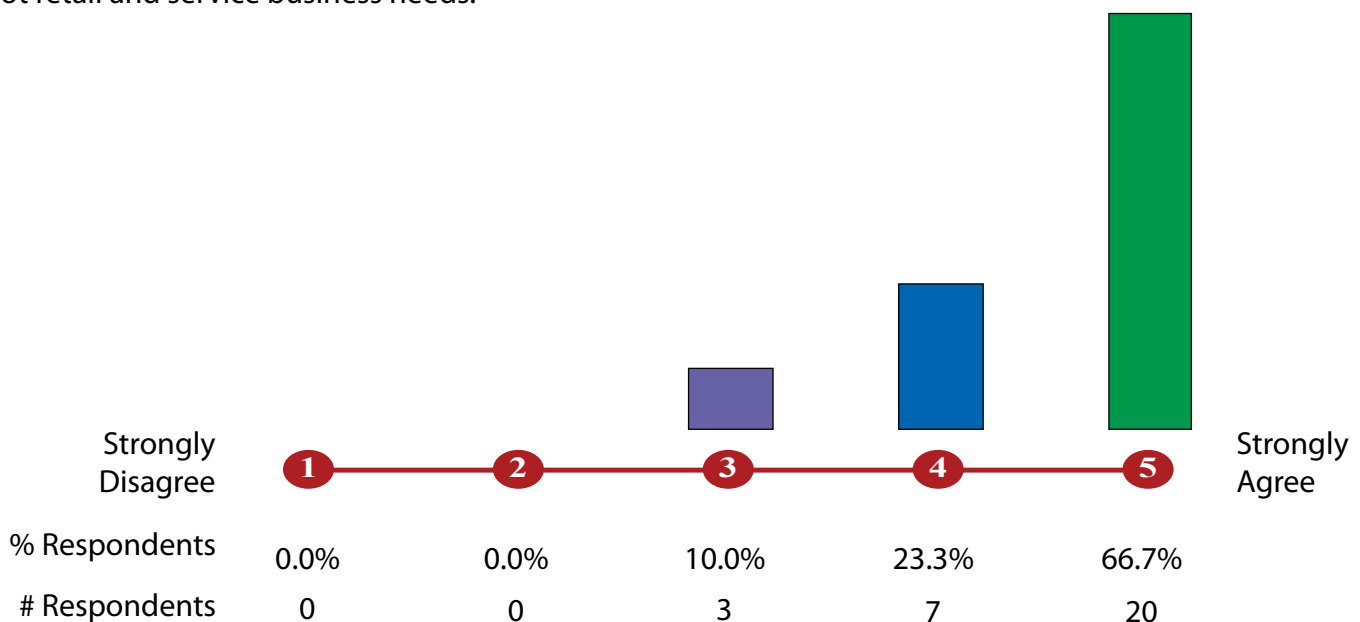
PREVIEW SCREEN RESULTS: VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES

The Northside has an array of businesses, primarily located along the North Sherman, Northport, and Packers corridors and at the two shopping centers. A recent market study has indicated several advantages and challenges for future commercial growth:

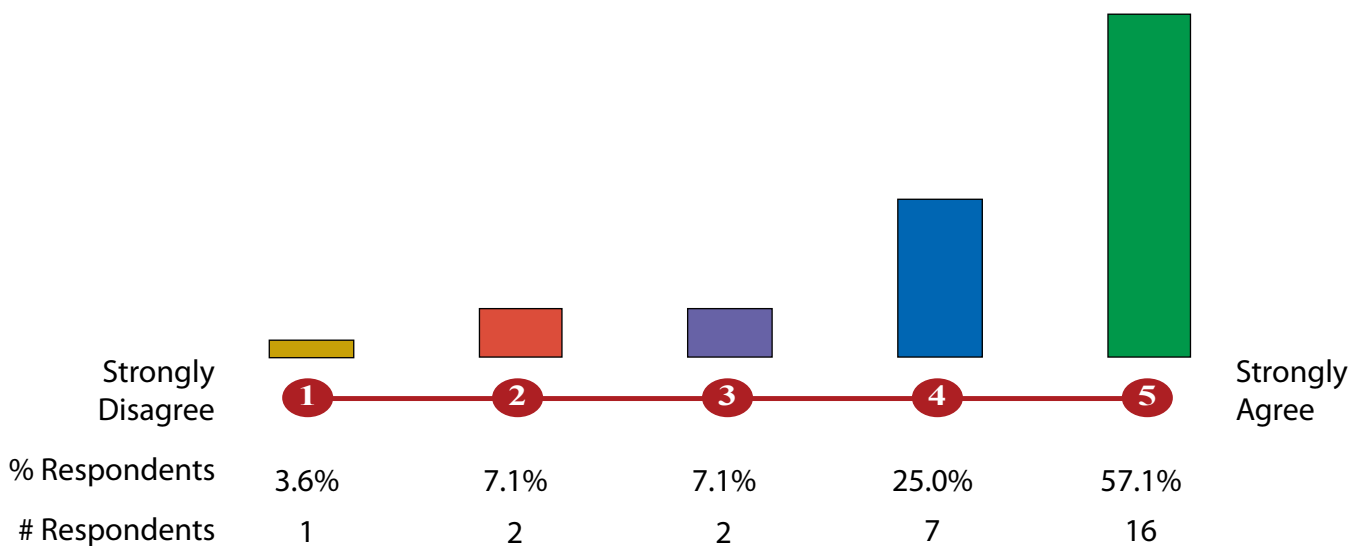
- Affordable housing stock, proximity to a large work force, and rising commuting costs may create an advantage for continued (re) development.
- Tired, aging commercial districts/corridors, strong competition from East Washington and surrounding communities, and the perception that the neighborhood’s business districts are run-down and unsafe influence shopping patterns.

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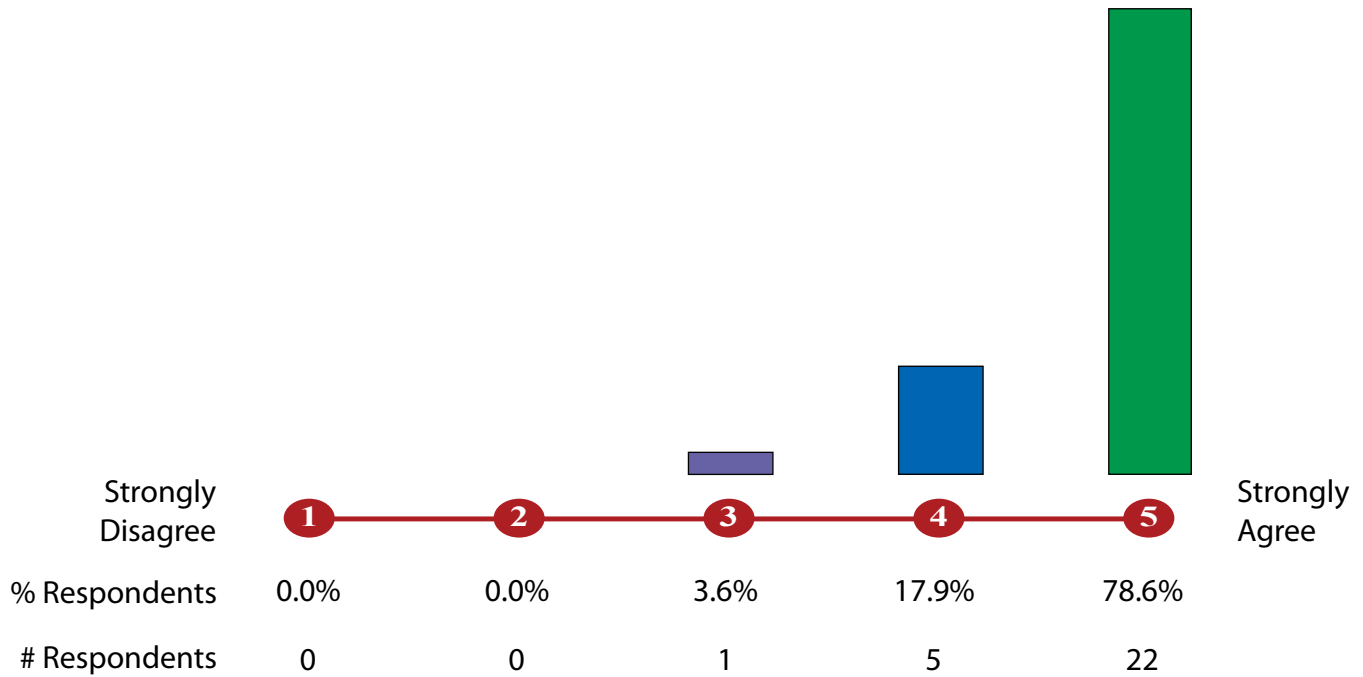
Develop a broad-based branding strategy and marketing plan that brands the Northside as a place to live, shop and open businesses. Configure larger commercial spaces to smaller spaces to accommodate 1,000-5,000 square foot retail and service business needs.



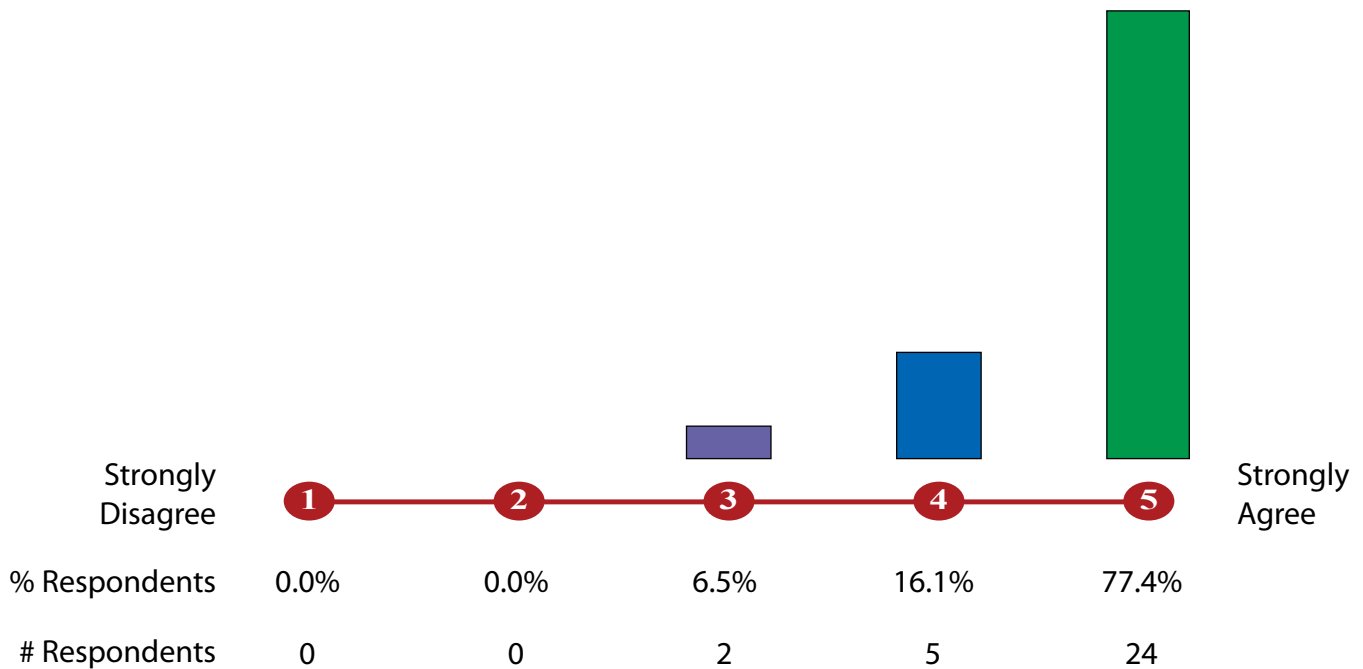
Reinvent a segment of North Sherman Avenue, from Sherman Middle School to Commercial Avenue, as the main street mixed-use district for the Northside.



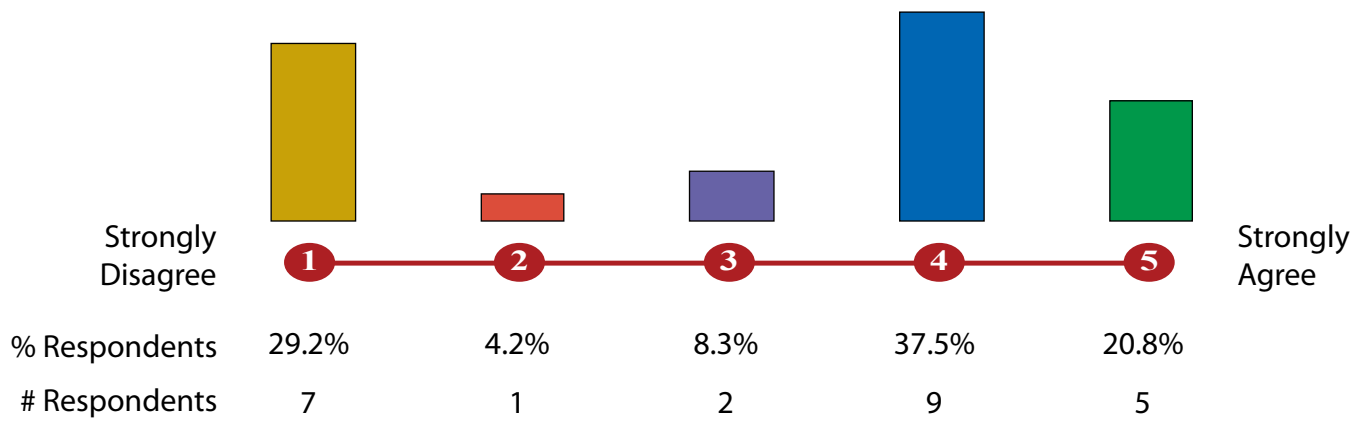
Improve the physical appearance of neighborhood gateways, shopping centers, and commercial buildings: Northport-CV-Packers, Northside Town Center, Warner Park, and Northgate Shopping Center.



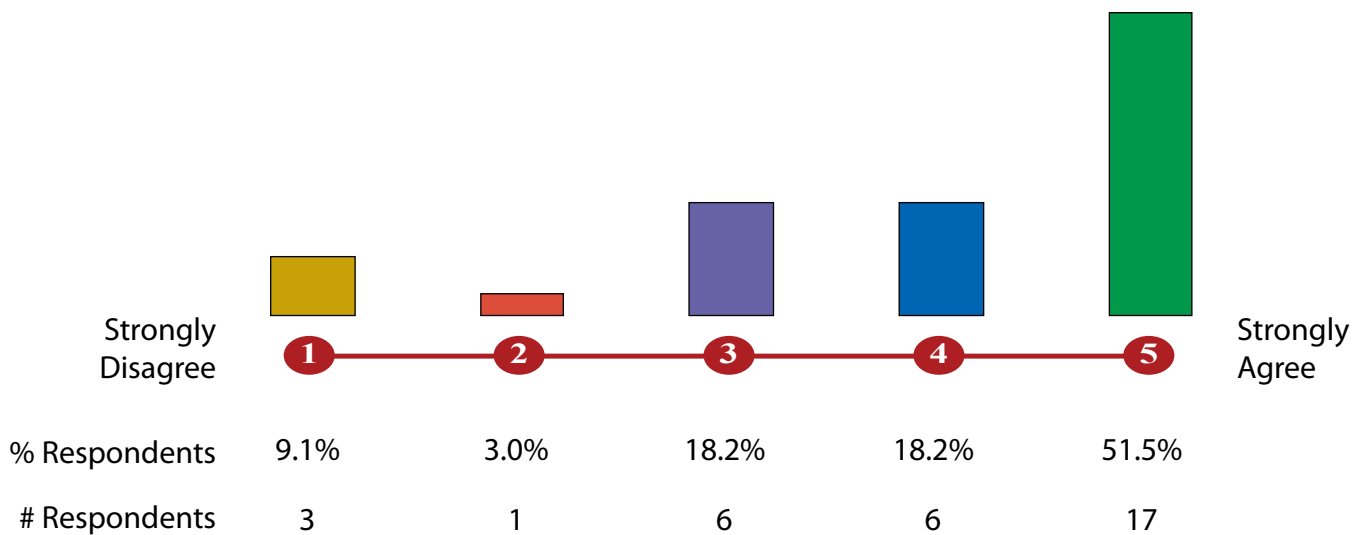
Improve multi-modal connections (auto, bus, bicycle, and foot) to Dane County airport, Airport Business Park, MATC, and to the industrial lands in the Oscar Mayer area.



Add new residential units through redevelopment in the shopping centers, mixed use buildings or vacant lands adjacent to residential neighborhoods.



Identify locations for installing public art in business district to enhance vibrancy and uniqueness of the area.



VIBRANT NORTHSIDE BUSINESS COMMENTS

Question: What theme, idea or expression captures the essence of the Northside and could be used to market the area?

- What about urban agriculture?
- Can we build on the farmer's market?
- "Top of the City!"

Comments:

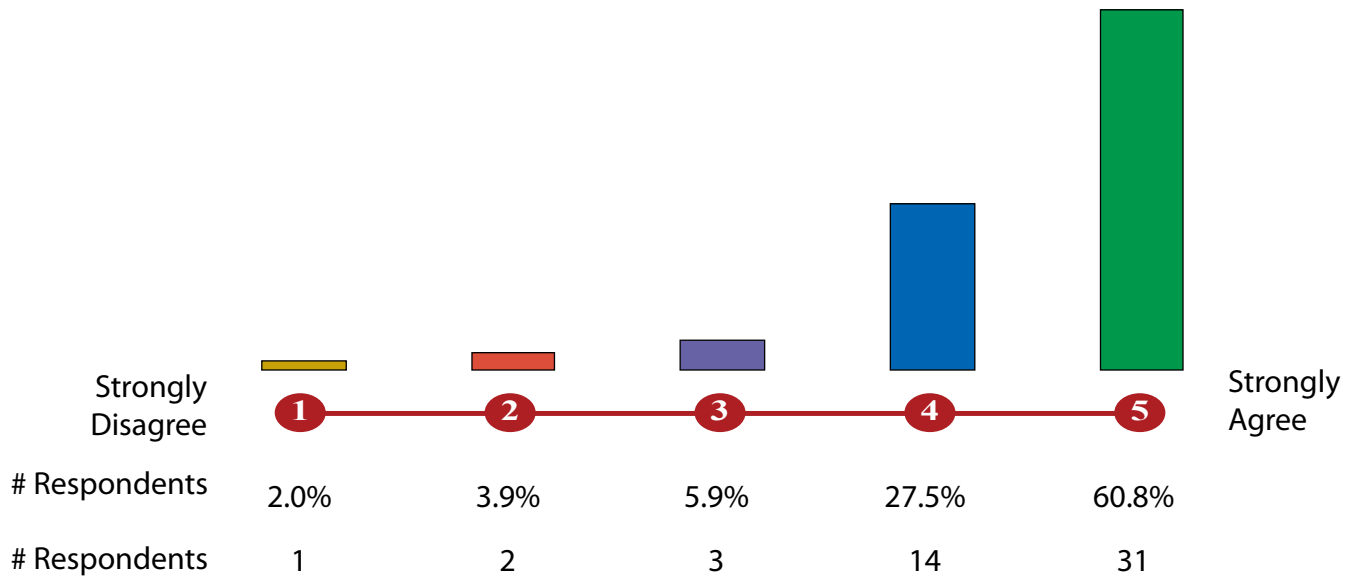
- To save money on the marketing and branding, use input from Northside businesses and residents who have marketing and PR experience. Rather than paying cash, there could be other incentives/prizes for strategies chosen and work done.
- Work with developers so the Northside doesn't start looking like every other side of town. Maintain some of the original (could be called "retro") architecture. I like the Northside "grittier" feel and don't think it looks run down.
- Consider giving start-up businesses, especially those that fill needs identified in NPC study, some financial incentives/breaks – things that would help them survive the first year or so, until they have established clientele and customer base to stay in business.
- The statement beginning with "ADD" is a concern. The part "vacant lands adjacent to" is problematic for those who want lands to remain vacant. However, the opening statement is okay.
- New jobs=green jobs.
- Can we help businesses save money with energy efficiency retrofits?
- Have all of Sherman Avenue be a main street concept.
- Need to build in more jobs.
- What can we learn from the success of Manna and Café la Bellitalia?
- Would love to encourage more variety of restaurants and shops to make Northside more of a destination.
- Change/growth/development are wonderful. I hope cost is a consideration here. Money saving measures will hopefully be taken. My concern is that outsourcing contractors could potentially lead to excessive spending. In summary: at least try to save money!
- Jung's should stay on the Northside and anything that would encourage this ought to be done. People will only garden/landscape if it is not too much hassle. Landscaping preserves property values.

PREVIEW SCREEN RESULTS: TRANSPORTATION

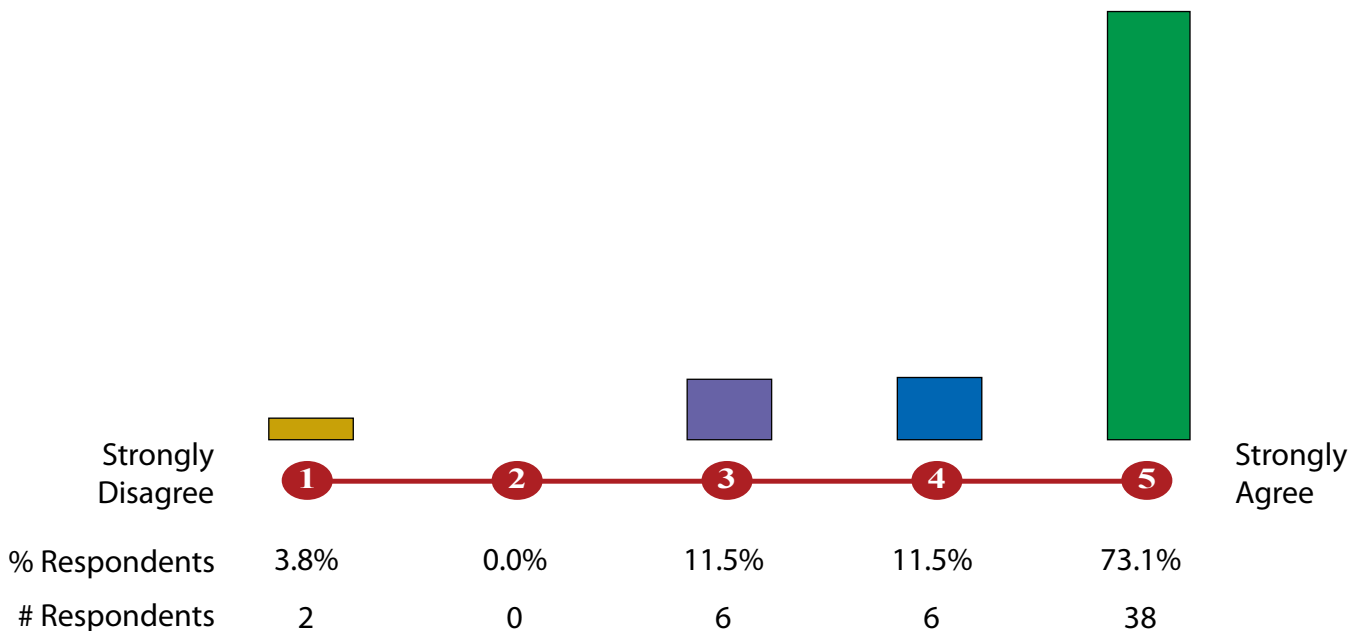
Many people living on the Northside walk, bike and take the bus to their favorite park, store, workplace, friends' house and other destinations. The major road corridors are expansive widths of pavement that carry a higher volume of fast moving vehicles making it difficult to move around on foot or bicycle, and sometimes even in a car. Corridor planning that recreates Northport Drive, Packers Avenue, County Highway CV and North Sherman Avenue as gateways and showcases to the Northside will address aesthetics, land use, redevelopment, pedestrian and bicycle access, safety and movement, and pedestrian and bicycle connections to downtown and other major destinations.

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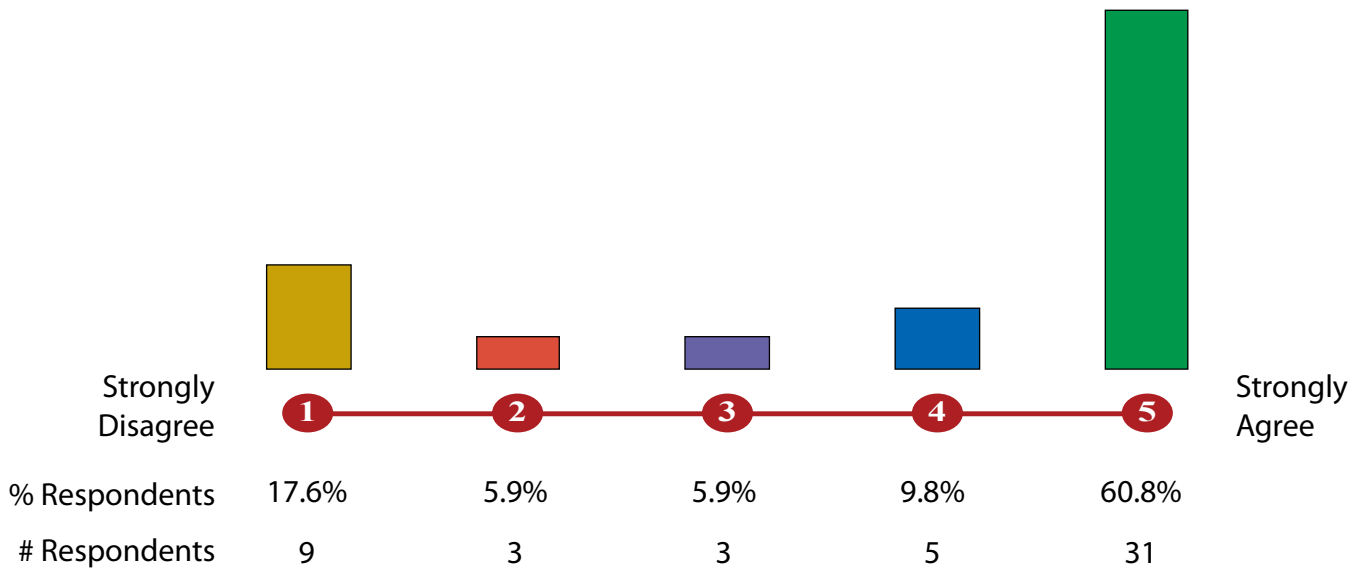
Consider widening North Sherman Avenue using Warner Park property to provide enough space for a beautifully landscaped median that serves as a pedestrian refuge, a wider sidewalk along the Park, and mark high visibility pedestrian crossings.



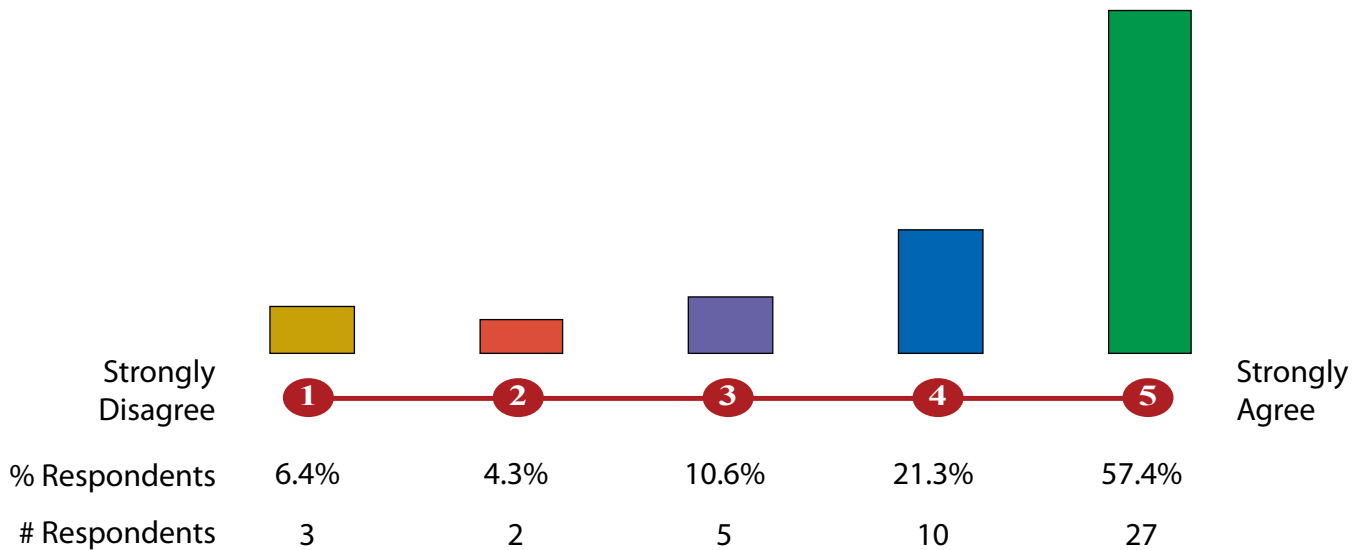
Explore and consider options for reinventing North Sherman Avenue from Commercial Avenue to Sherman Middle School as a "Main Street" improving streetscape design, marking high visibility crossings, and considering bike lanes.



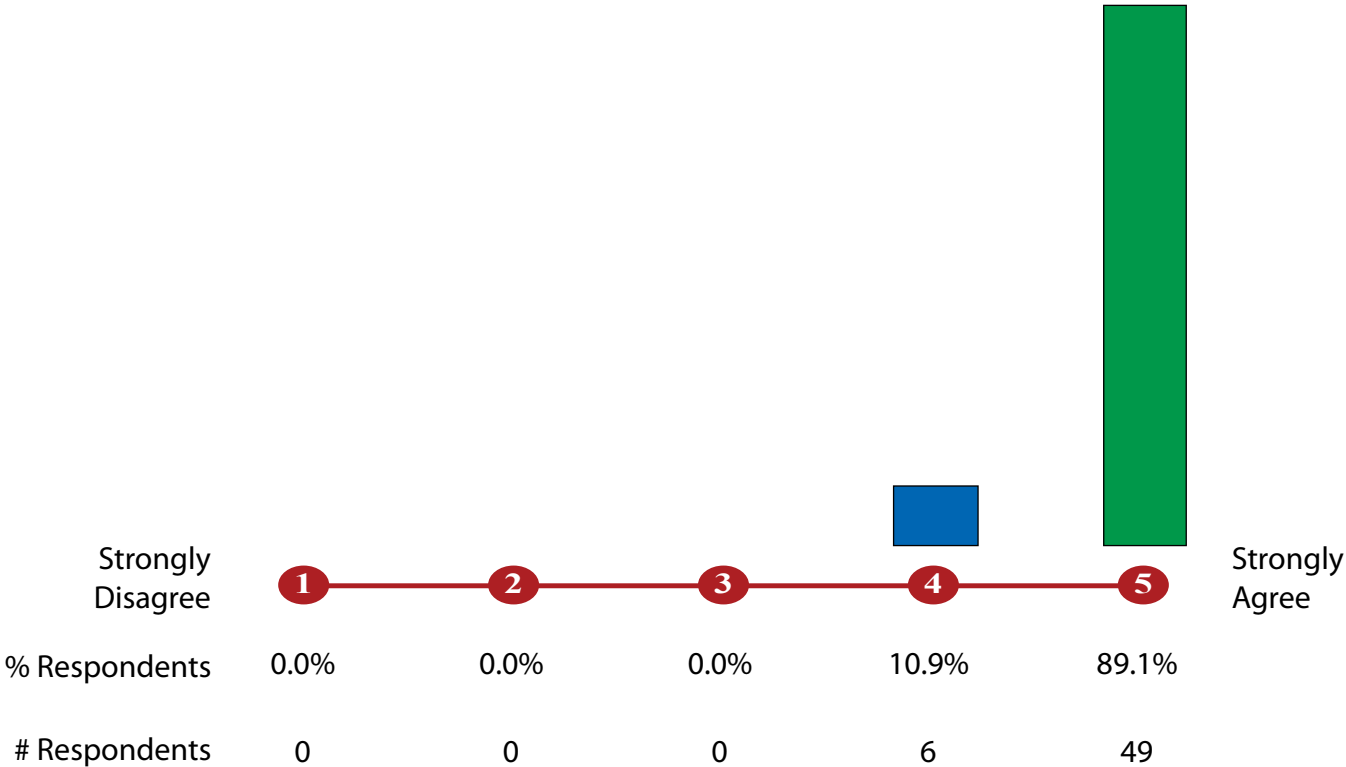
Explore options for redesigning the intersection of Packers Avenue/County Highway CV/Northport Drive as a roundabout or t-intersection with high visibility crossings for bikes and pedestrians.



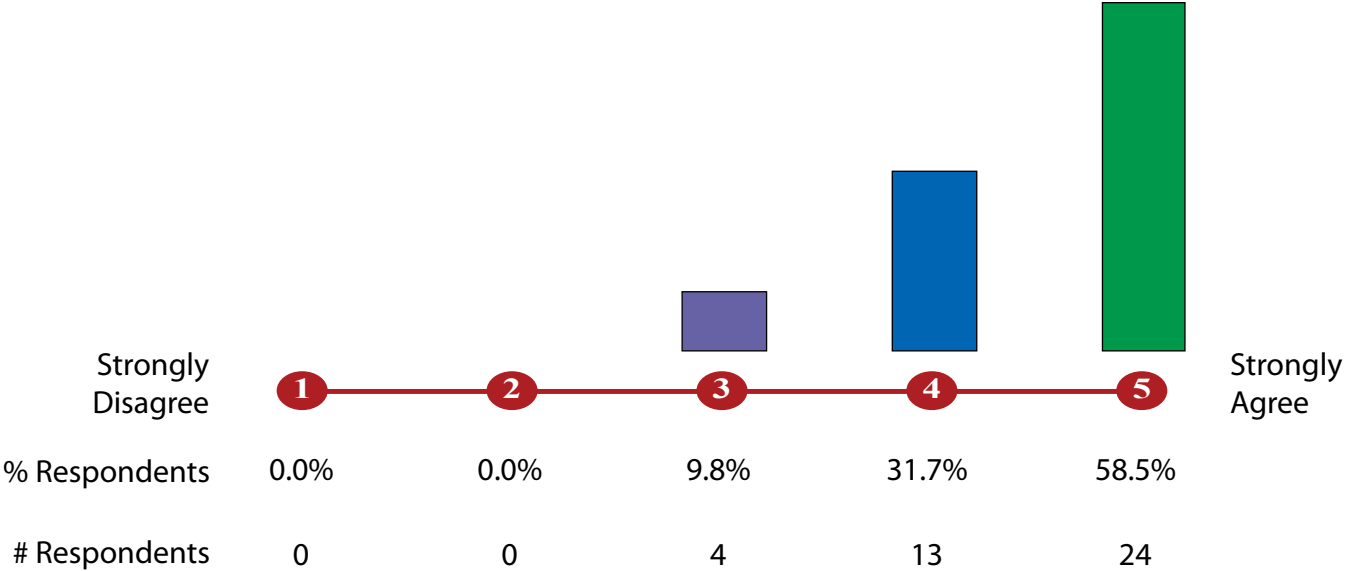
On Northport Drive, consider decreasing three lane segments to two lanes in each direction while maintaining a dedicated right turn lane; mark bike lanes; add bumpouts and parking; mark high visibility crosswalks; widen terrace along sidewalk; and replace existing chain link fence on median with more attractive fencing. (Note: Replace free-flow right turn lane from Northport Drive onto North Sherman Avenue with a dedicated right turn lane coordinated with a traffic/pedestrian light and high visibility pedestrian crossing.)



Consider options for improving bicycle connectivity throughout the area and to other parts of the City through such methods as marking additional bike lanes on major and minor road corridors and adding bike path connections including the Hartmeyer and Sherman Flyer bike paths.



Evaluate bus stop crossings and consider where to retrofit with accessible ramps, high visibility crosswalks, and other amenities.



TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

Overall

- We want community car.
- Don't have anymore dividers on residential streets like Anhalt Drive. During winter hard to see where sides are, during snow covered conditions. Could be a tall marker on each side.
- Speed bumps are not for easy reading on Sheridan Ave. Signs on side of road are not good enough. Bumps are too high.
- Aberg Avenue going under Packers toward North Sherman is dangerous and confusing. Before Packers, it's 2 lanes, past Packers it's 1. A single sign before Packers saying this but it's ineffective. Please do something with striping so drivers know how many lanes there are and where to go!
- Please stop planting (in median strip) coneflowers – you are breeding plant viruses as the dirt gets heated and compacted and the plants get stressed. Decorative grasses are better.
- Slow commuter traffic down and enforce low speed limits. Let them move here where jobs are if they don't like being in their cars that long.
- Is it possible for the City to paint Sheridan Dr. "table tops" with yellow or white stripes? Small terrace signs not as visible as a warning. Even driving neighborhood speed limit causes jolting!
- Need underpass by Oscars under Packers Avenue.
- In my immediate neighborhood (I live on Wheeler Rd. in the Cherokee condos, across from Blackhawk School), there is a continuous problem with speeding on Wheeler Rd. between Sherman Ave. and Comanche Way that I have observed in the past 18 months. The speed limit is 25 mph and people routinely drive 10-15 mph faster, or more. I urge that the City consider speed bumps and/or pedestrian islands on Wheeler in this area.

TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

Preliminary Concepts: Packers/Northport/CTH CV

Question: Do you think a roundabout at the intersection of Packers Avenue/CTH CV/Northport Drive would improve traffic flow and safety?

- How about a traffic light, stop signs, something to regulate traffic by the trailer park on CV. Rush hour is very bad for crossing. This area is an accident waiting to happen.
- Perhaps something regulating the flow North of the trailer park on CV since traffic coming from Middleton and that direction in general has increased with growth out of Madison into outlying areas.
- Priority: Roundabout at Packers & Northport – yes!
- Area could possibly benefit from the consideration of roundabout.
- Roundabout. 3 lanes unworkable. 2 lanes probably won't work at rush hour. Unexpected light changes will be problematic.
- Packers/CV/Northport – let's join the 21st Century and put in a roundabout.
- Two intersections are bad: Packers/CV/Northport. A roundabout would work. Sherman/Northport better walking lights – more consideration given to pedestrians.
- Priorities: Bike lanes, roundabout at Packers and Northport – yes!
- Roundabout is a far better solution than the "intersection" that's there now. Some oppose it because it's new, but they can work very well.
- Research strongly suggests roundabouts improve traffic flow and lead to reduced accidents!
- Roundabouts confusing and frightening for many!
- No roundabout!!
- I think there is too much traffic to have a roundabout at Packers and Northport. Stoplights – 3-way – would be much safer.
- I hate roundabouts – they are dangerous.
- Disagree with roundabout.
- Prefer "T" intersection over roundabout.
- Work to keep pedestrians farther back from either a roundabout or t-intersection at Northport/Packers. Be aware of t-intersections increasing traffic congestion because of number of lights commuter move through.
- Sending traffic from Packers to International is bad idea. Keep as is and add roundabout on Packers.
- Packers merge to International for traffic change is not a good idea. We don't agree with it.
- Rerouting traffic from Packers to International – strongly disagree.

Preliminary Concepts: Northport Drive

- Lights and crossroads of Sherman and Northport work just fine.
- 3 lane to 2 lane. I don't mind. Even in rush hour traffic stays out of the 3rd lane because it ends in a turn-only and drivers won't let you merge out of that lane.
- Decrease 3 lane segments on Northport to two lanes in each direction – yes!
- If reduce speed and lanes on Northport/Packers, Sherman will become MORE of a speedway! Need to plan for both areas.
- Attractive fencing yes, but 2 lanes on Northport???

TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

Preliminary Concepts: North Sherman Avenue

- I strongly believe it is time to reconfigure the street into 3 lanes, with a left-turn center lane, and designated bicycle lanes in both directions. Previously I lived on North Thompson Drive near East Towne. I observed as North Thompson Dr. was converted into this same configuration -- 3 lanes, left-turn center lane, and designated bike lanes along the curb. North Thompson Dr. is one of the busiest roads in that area of Madison, and along with the roundabouts that were added near the Hwy. 30 overpass, the traffic problems, which were getting worse were significantly reduced, and bike lanes were accommodated without inconveniencing automobile drivers. I would seriously consider bicycling downtown more often if there a safe, dedicated bike route from the North Side to downtown Madison. Currently there really is no direct way, and unless there is a way to have an off-street bike path, N. Sherman Ave. probably is key to this solution.
- Brentwood resident for 44 years. Light at Trailsway = VITAL!
- I love the proposal for two travel lanes and median at the entrance to Warner Park on Sherman. What a beautiful gateway to the Northside!
- Reduce speed on Sherman Avenue!!!
- Can we lower the speed limit on Sherman?
- Adopt 3 lane, 2 bike lane configuration from Northport to Johnson on North Sherman.
- Like the main street idea for Sherman.
- Remove/bury power lines along North Sherman Avenue.
- Add recs/strategies for better ped and bike on Sherman Ave. Consider Sherman bike lanes.
- Bike/mixed-use on North Sherman is great, but we can't just funnel the same number of cars into fewer lanes.
- Corner of Sherman and Trailsway very slippery, treacherous in winter, crowned too high, struggling to bus.
- Connect Trailsway with Windom with an S-shaped road connection into corner of Warner Park, see map.
- A possible compromise on the 2 or 4 lanes on North Sherman is to have 2 lanes and a third lane during rush hour.
- A priority: bioswale in median and using part of Warner Park for a median.

TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

Walking and Biking

- Priority: Bike lanes!
- Bike paths!!!
- I like the idea of providing a pedestrian friendly entrance to WPCRC, especially if it runs from the sidewalk by the bus stop back to the center. That high hill that's now there is a barrier, and means someone coming off the bus, unless they're athletically gifted, has to walk way around to access the center! Why didn't someone think of this when the center was built? :) That seems to be happening with so many things in this city lately . . . Like removing great bus shelters on the square and State Street only to put up fewer and less useful ones.
- Consider adding mountain bike trails on Northside. While living in Pittsburgh, had access to high quality mountain bike trails out my back door; enjoy Madison, but resent having to drive to find quality trails like Blue Mounds or Kettle Moraine.
- More bike paths & bike access, especially access to downtown and access across Aberg Avenue and Northport Drive.
- Ped & bike improvements. Yes! It's dangerous to cross or bike on the main roads. If it were safe, people would walk. If it were safe, people would bike.
- Need more dedicated bike lanes and connection to the rest of the bike lanes in the City.
- Consider establishing a bike path to parallel the RR line which runs past Warner Park.
- Build an off-road bike path along the east side of Packers to connect to path at Bridge's Golf Course.
- A street that is safe for everyone (i.e. peds and bikes), not just people in cars. Something aesthetically pleasing.
- Safety issues are most important. Pedestrian crossings, speed of traffic. Bike lanes will/should be secondary matter.
- Connect Northside to MATC via ped/bike path.
- Agree that we need to make the Northside more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
- Sidewalks on the east side of Packers to the shopping center.
- Where is there a comprehensive plan for bike path development that gets cyclists from Tenney Park to Sherman school area?

Buses

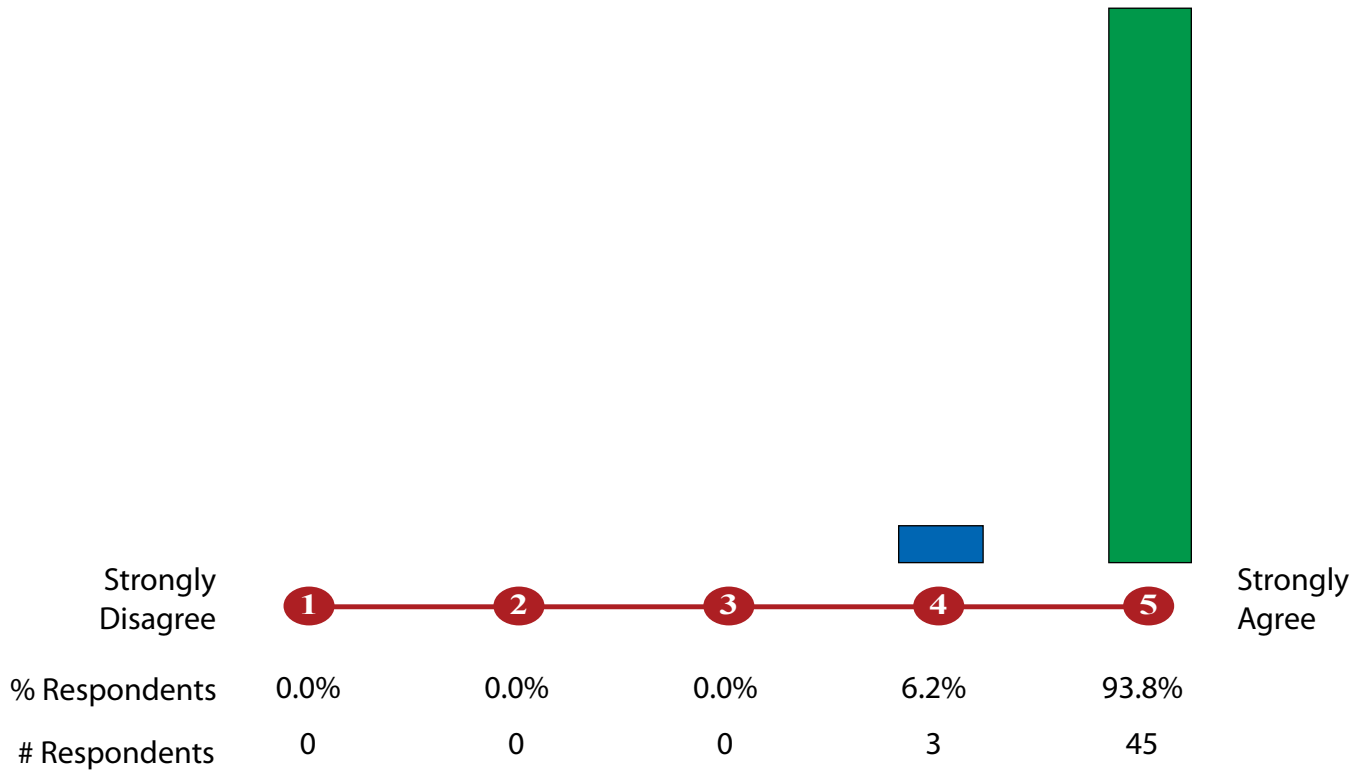
- Need "eyes on the street" around the transfer point.

PREVIEW SCREEN RESULTS: NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS and OPEN SPACE

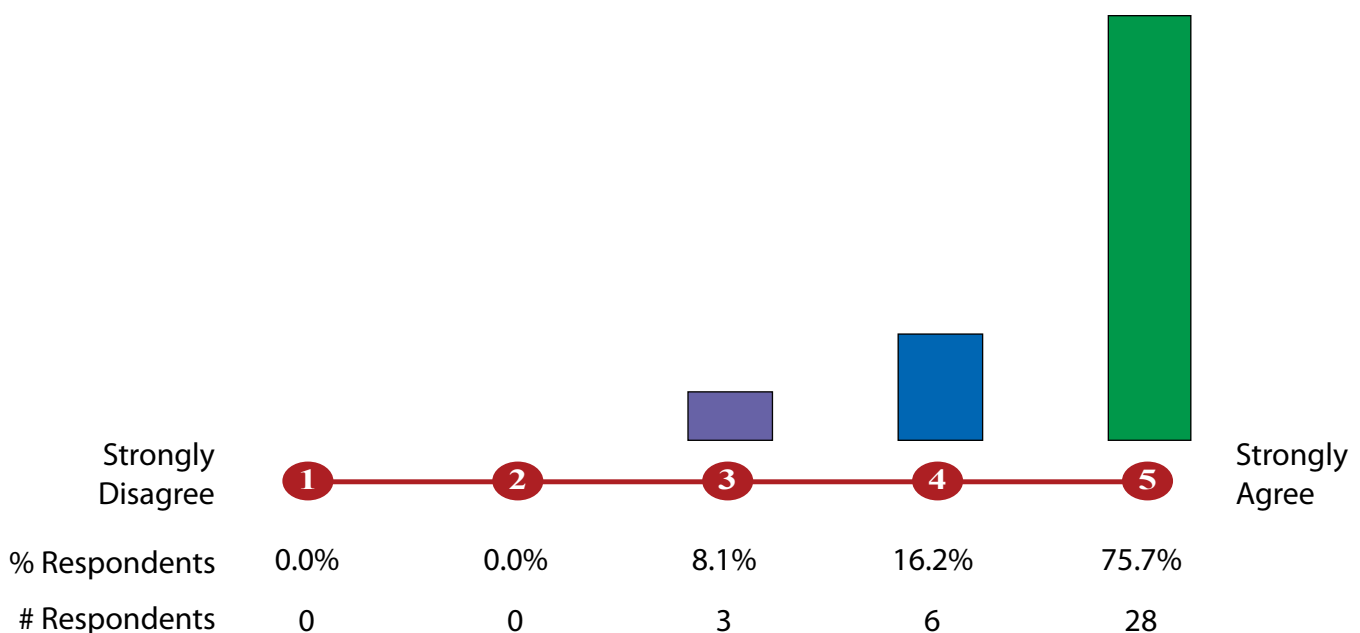
The Northside includes a wealth of parks and open spaces and close proximity to Lake Mendota and Cherokee Marsh. Warner Park is one of the area's biggest assets and making this Park an even more beautiful place that is accessible and interesting to the broad diversity of Northsiders and others in the City was identified as an important neighborhood planning goal.

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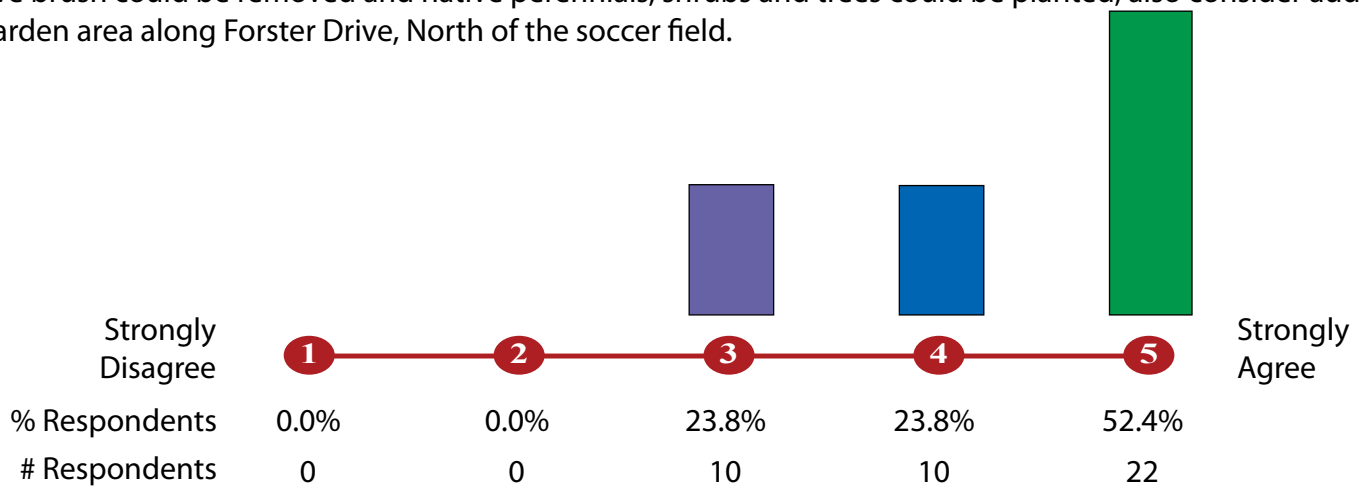
Consider completing a bikepath/walking trail connection around the perimeter of Warner Park and evaluate path lighting needs to improve safety.



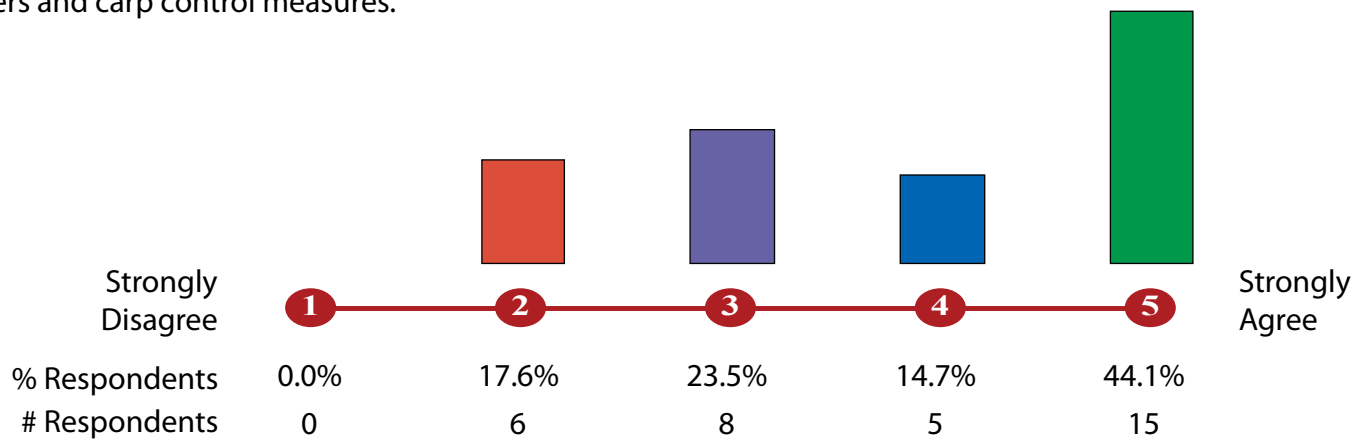
Explore and consider options for making Warner Park more of a winter activities destination with such options as groomed cross country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating and ski rentals, and a concession stand.



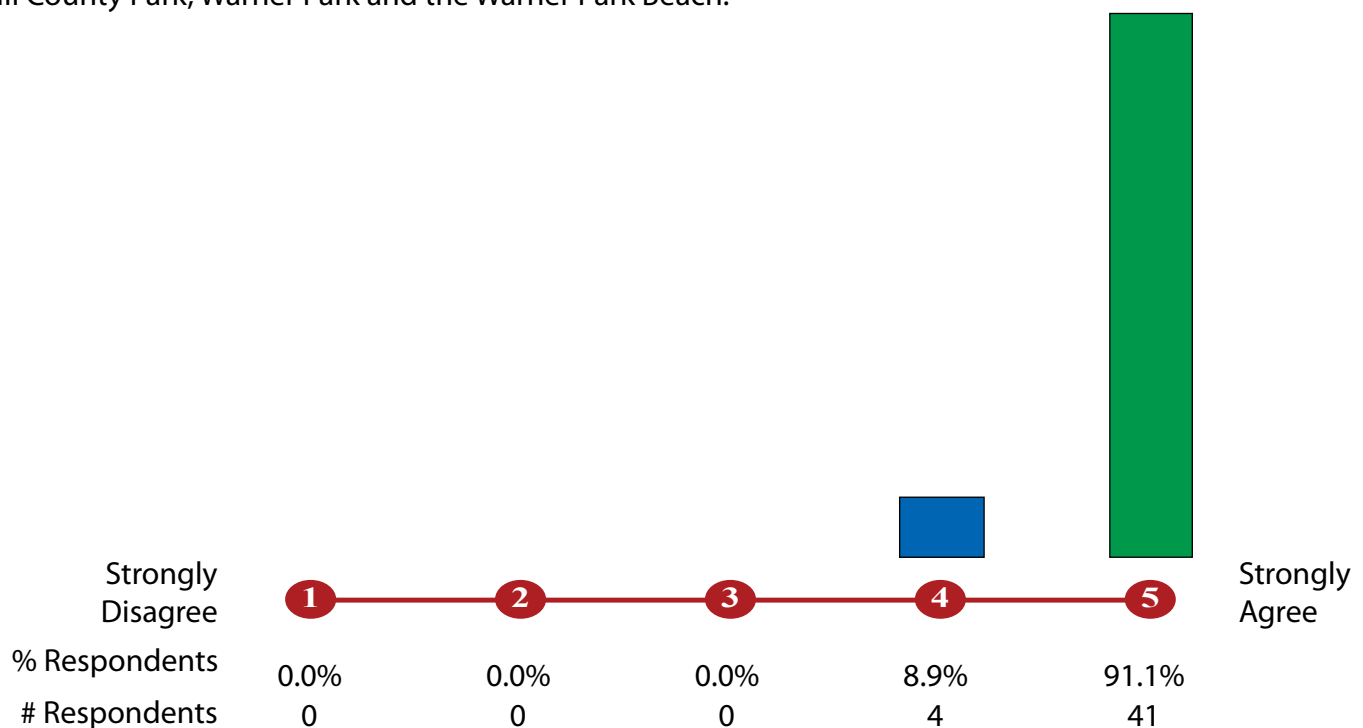
Consider creating more passive enjoyment areas in Warner Park such as along Monterey Avenue where non-native brush could be removed and native perennials, shrubs and trees could be planted; also consider adding floral garden area along Forster Drive, North of the soccer field.



Evaluate feasibility and consider dredging and filling a portion of the Warner Park lagoon between the larger island and the Southwest shore and install a lagoon aerator to improve circulation; consider installing accessible piers and carp control measures.



Explore and consider creating pedestrian, bike and greenway connections between Cherokee Marsh, Lake View Hill County Park, Warner Park and the Warner Park Beach.



NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMENTS

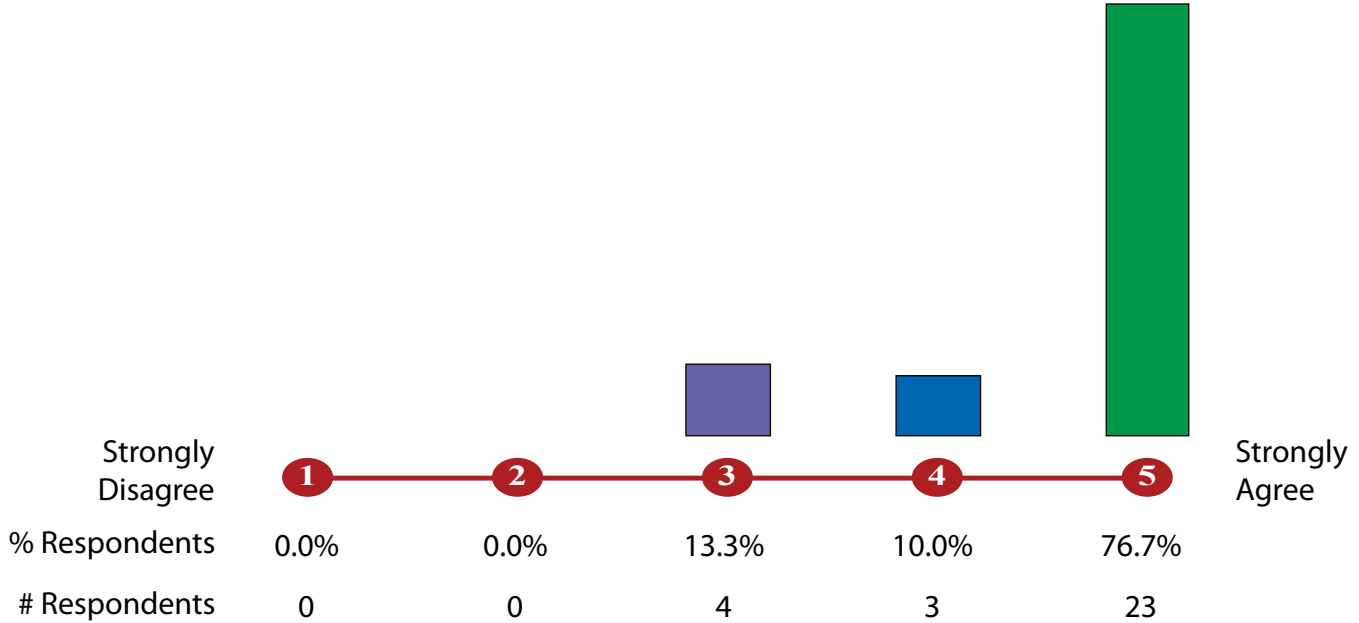
- Concern: That the City wants to build a pool that lies dormant for nine months of the year.
- Put Statue of Liberty in the Warner Park lagoon!
- I choose to disagree with this statement, re: dredging & filling & Warner Park because I do not know/understand what that really means.
- Parking on Trailsway – potential for residents parking when not in park use. More trees in Warner parking lot.
- Make recs about pool!
- Add bike path connections in park.
- Leave 6-8 foot buffer of natural area around water (don't mow so close to water).
- Improve Lake Mendota park frontage. Safety, amenities, water, boat storage, amenities at Mendota.
- Do not fill between shore and central island – keep island wild.
- Warner Park pool.
- I love the idea of canoe and paddleboat rental. Very similar to Lake Harriet in Minneapolis.
- Consider reducing the amount of mowed area in the park and returning some of this area to native prairie – would reduce emissions from mowing equipment & provide bird habitat.
- Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) needs to become a community center where the whole community feels welcome. Programming and policy need to reflect the population of the Northside.
- Do not add lighting unless it can be the type that will not increase light pollution.
- Excellent idea – adding garden and quiet areas – benches please.
- Need more community gardens in the greenspaces – why not in Warner Park? Lake View Hill Park??
- Add bike path of some kind.
- Plant additional trees in and around the Warner Park parking lots – would look better aesthetically and would also provide summertime shade and slow rainfall runoff from the parking lots.
- Can we run a bus route through the parking lot?
- Consider a land bridge across Northport from Lakeview Hill to Warner Park!!
- What happened to the pool plan?
- Land bridge. Warner Park to Lake View Hill or thereabouts across Highway 113.
- More convenient to walk between parks, more bike paths.
- Love the idea of cross-country skiing at Warner. The more activities we have at the park, the more vibrant, attractive and safe it will be!
- Indoor/outdoor pool at Warner Park for year-round recreation!
- Much less cement at Warner Park and many more rain gardens and other state of the art runoff control!!!
- Need to be able to walk to the park.
- More native plants!
- Indoor pool!
- Don't forget a swimming pool at WPCRC.

PREVIEW SCREEN RESULTS: NEIGHBORHOOD AND PERSONAL SAFETY

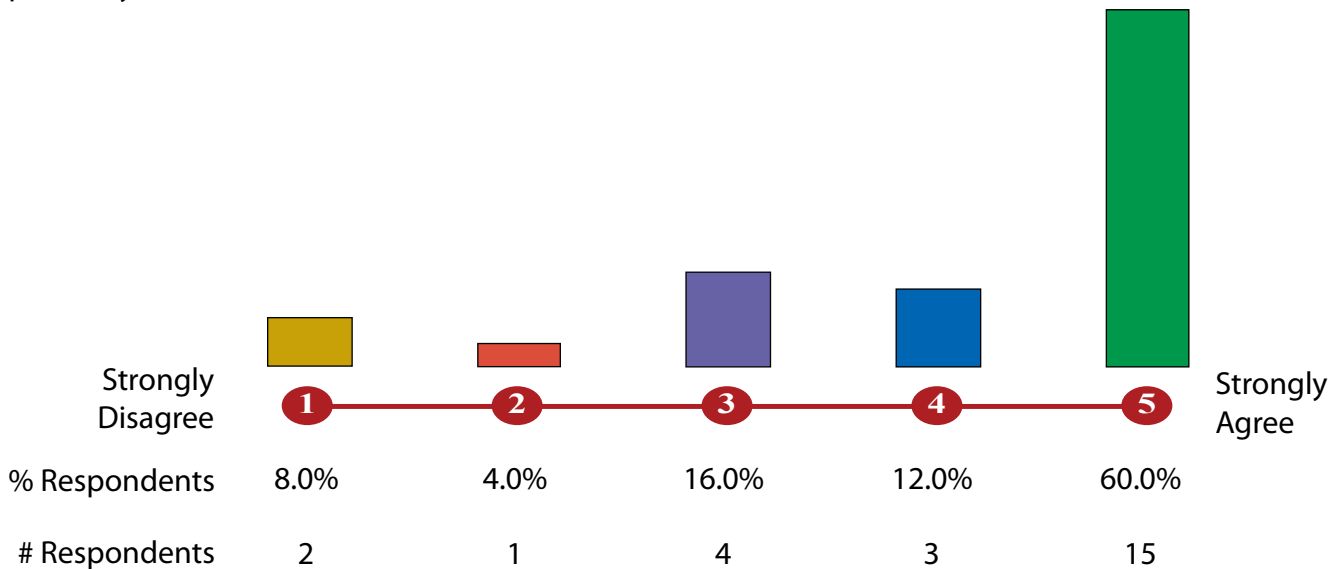
This preview features the improvement of safety and perception of safety in the neighborhood by devising a multi level prevention approach that will include better exchange of information and communication between the police and community, as well as improved physical design of the neighborhood.

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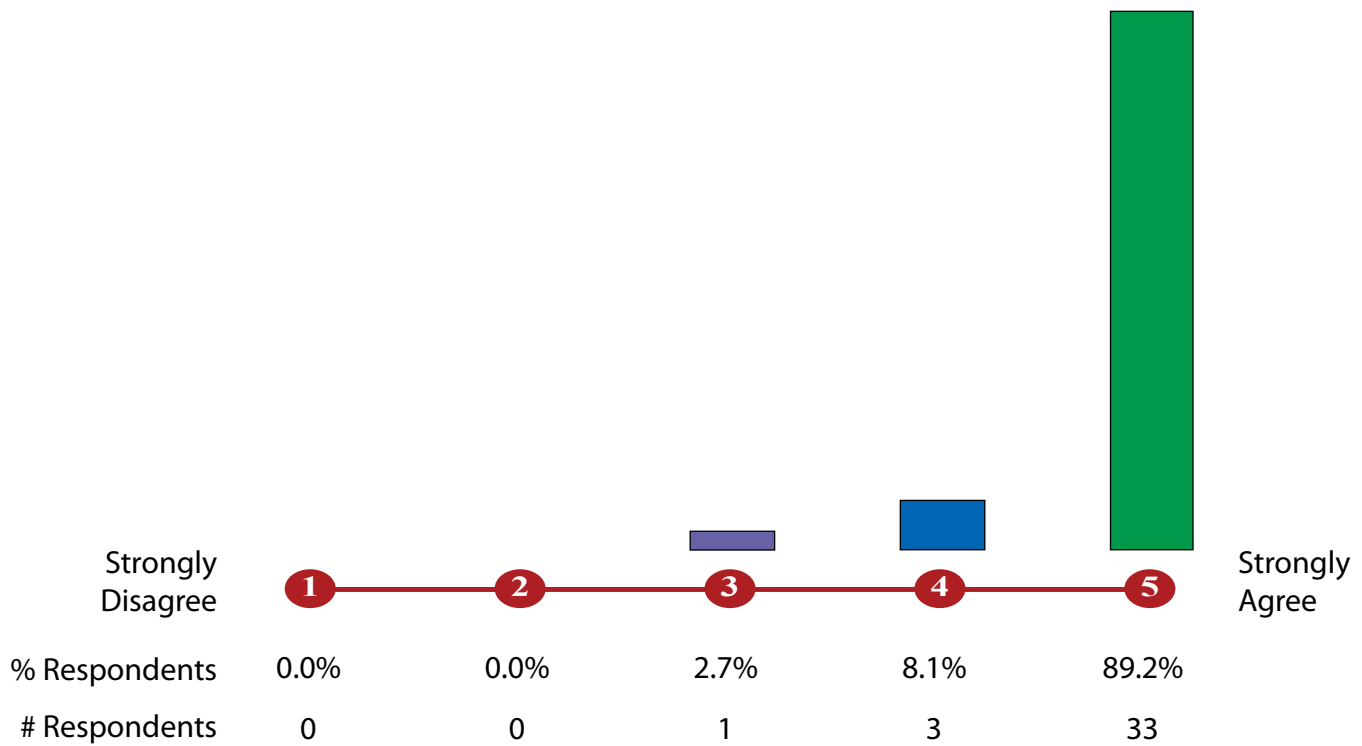
Implement community empowerment activities such as Neighborhood Watch Programs in partnership with the North Police District to deter residential and retail crime.



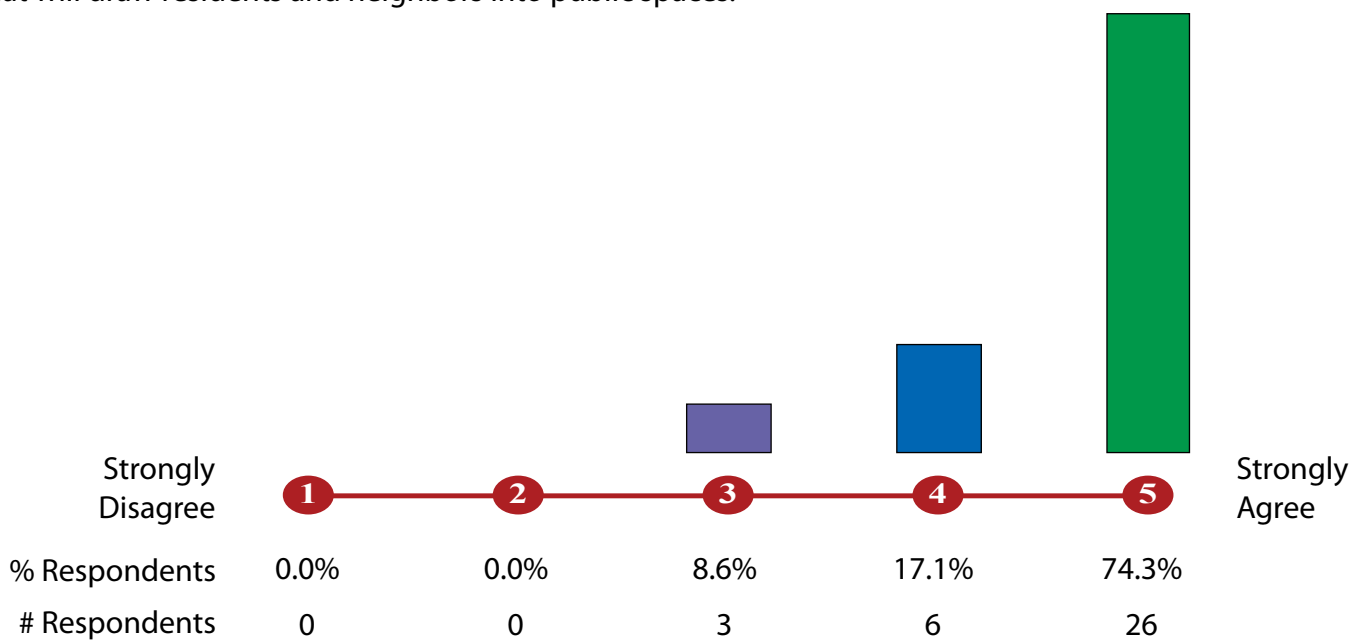
Set up training sessions to educate residents about locking/securing property, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design tactics, and other prevention strategies that will help reduce the incidence of crimes of opportunity.



Develop relationships and partnerships between landlords/managers of apartment complexes and the Police Department. Provide training, support, and access to information for landlords to deal with tenant issues and maintain safe, well-managed facilities.



Encourage legitimate use of parks and open spaces by continuing to develop and schedule events and activities that will draw residents and neighbors into public spaces.



NEIGHBORHOOD & PERSONAL SAFETY COMMENTS

- More activities at parks makes them more vibrant, safer destinations.
- Two things are critical to make neighborhoods such as Brentwood safe again: Partnering with landlords and tenants to ensure rental properties are safe and desirable places to live – this includes landlord education. Enforcement when landlords are not active partners. Several property owners are actively working to improve things, others just want an easy rent check at the expense of others' quality of life.
- Police should use more undercover officers to catch the muggers. Been in Brentwood for 44 years and won't walk through Warner Park because of the crime rate.
- I like the idea of encouraging activity in public space, but don't want it to mean that "active" uses take over Warner Park.
- Instead of larger organized events and activities, consider small events or "walk-at-night" or "nature-at-night" events.

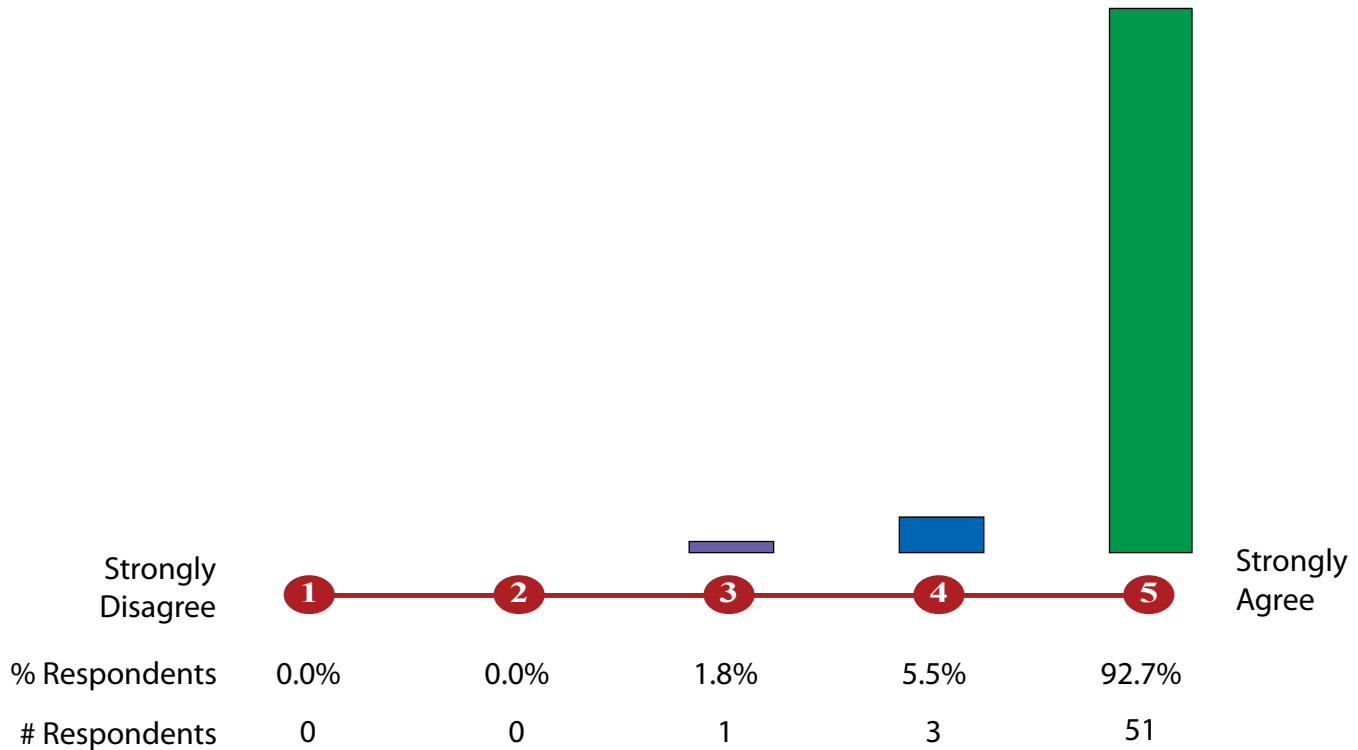
PREVIEW SCREEN RESULTS:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES and NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

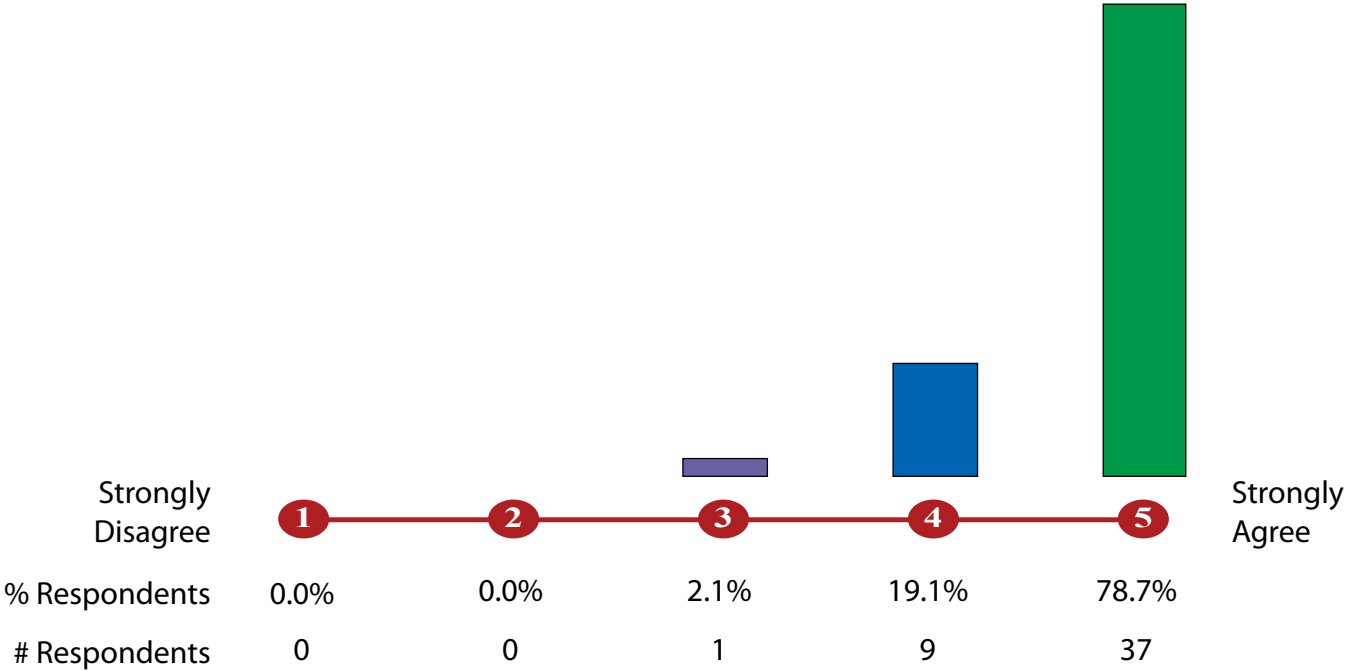
Community and recreation centers, centers of worship, the library, public and private schools, and other service providers strengthen a neighborhood by providing stability to households. The Northside has a growing youth population and an aging senior population. Service demands for low-income families are likely to increase with the current economic climate. The Northside has four elementary schools located within its boundaries. A major concern of Northside residents is the uncertainty of school closure, inadequate before and after school programming for neighborhood youth, and the increasing social service and support needs for community members.

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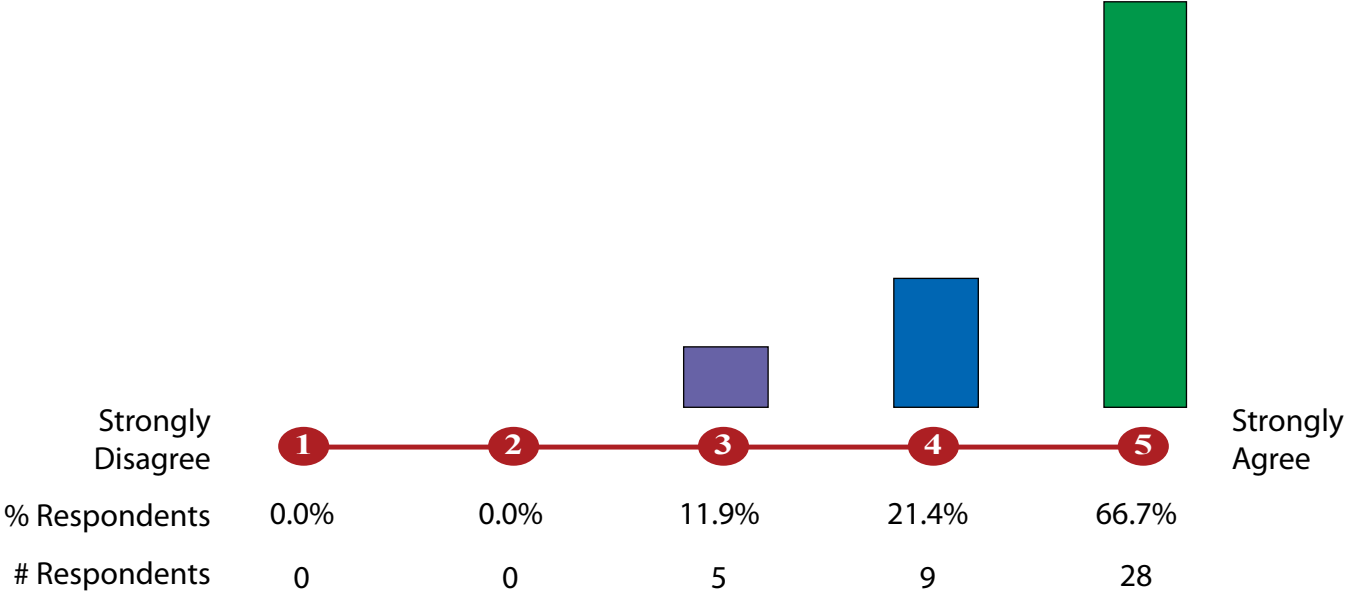
Work with and support the East Area PTO in collaboration with neighborhood associations in their efforts to keep Northside elementary schools open.



Increase programming for youth within the neighborhood. Expand and create after/before school programs for school age children, provide activities and recreation for middle school and high school age youth, and strive to supplement existing youth programs with needs that are not being met.



Explore options to improve social services and community support resources for the Northside including, but not restricted to: English Learning classes, vocational training, job training, senior meals, and parent training and support.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES & NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Question: What types of community facilities, activities, recreation or programs would you like to see added to the Northside?

- Open up the WPCRC kitchen for small local businesses & start-ups.
- I would like WPCRC more open to community use, specifically kitchen facilities.
- Investigate: Qualify and quantify the degree to which Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR), community centers, schools, are providing youth services. What efforts have the leaders/directors made to reach out to youth?
- While I support English language learning efforts, black students have been neglected in the conversation about youth.
- Continue and increase intergenerational activities at Warner and in schools.
- Swimming pool.
- More youth programs; ask them what they want.

Question: What recreation programs do you use?

- I use the MATC pool.

Question: Are Northside neighborhood schools important for the community? Why or why not?

- Why are schools important? You're kidding, right? Foundation of a strong community is the school. Affects long-term wellness of family, which affects economic, safety, & sense of community.
- Our neighborhood schools are untapped sources of community development. Make them centers for bringing all neighbors together – so seniors see the vibrancy, so students see the interest of the whole neighborhood. So yes-keep them open, increase programming, recreation, after school, classes for the community, book clubs, cooking classes, language lessons.
- Yes! We must protect our public schools.
- Yes! Let's make our schools centers of the community.

Overall Comments:

- Parenting referrals from CHIPS petitions need to include mentoring for the parents!
- We need more & stronger neighborhood associations to support after school programs at schools and at Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) – exercise for others should be during school hours.
- Dane Co. Health building (old nurses' quarters) would be perfect for an "Eco-cultural Center" for the community!!
- Youth employment opportunities.
- Given the northside's diverse demographic, we have an excellent library. I think it is good because it is somewhat cut off geographically from the rest of the County system. This can be used to advantage. I would triple the size of the library and make into the social/cultural counter-part of the recreation center. It would become a destination point for northern Dane County.
- No pool! Clean up the lakes so can swim there!
- We need community car!!