



NOW SHOWING: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Description:

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.

Why it's important:

- Northside neighborhood schools provide a great asset to the community by facilitating resident interaction, providing convenience to Northside families, and drawing new residents to the neighborhood.
- Some schools on the Northside have been proposed for closure in recent years and the East Attendance Area Parent Teacher Organization and concerned citizens have actively worked to keep neighborhood schools open.
- Providing engaging activities to occupy youth is a tactic for improving the perception of safety, crime, and preparedness of neighborhood youth for future educational or employment goals.

What do you think?

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

What recreation programs do you use?

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

Preliminary Strategies *(Place a star on the scale from 1-5 indicating preference)*

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.

