

1. What aspects of the West Area do you love most and why?

- Open Spaces/ Green Spaces
 - Trees, vegetation, greenways, nature
- Views
 - Example: driving down Old Sauk
- Convenience – libraries, grocery stores, downtown
- Trees and development can coexist, not have buildings up to sidewalks and feel enclosed
 - Helps with Beltline noise and shading
- Parks, bike trails – like the proximity to the parks
- Walkability, bike-ability, proximity to services
- Neighbors
- Walnut Grove Park - no plans anymore for mountain biking (one example of where this has been installed is by Aldo Leopold school)

2. What parts of the West Area are best situated to add new residents through redevelopment as the city continues to grow over the coming decades? (outside of the areas already experiencing redevelopment like Madison Yards and Westgate)

- West Towne Mall – easier to add new development; also close to BRT
- Concern about more concrete and stormwater runoff
- Concern about new residents and development on traffic
 - Concern for no parking requirements with new development
- Make sure new development includes more usable greenspace
 - Can make greenspace connected
 - Not just bare greenspaces
- Would like to prioritize less light pollution and dark skies
 - Stop using light to deter crime
- How is this interacting with Research Park development? (Those developments are following the Comp Plan and Odana Plan. Research Park wants to more than just a suburban office park and city is working with them on this. Food hall and food court and number of other things going in at the corner of Whitney and Mineral Point.)
- Does downtown height limits apply here? (No, but buildings taller than 8 stories outside of downtown in the densest zoning district require conditional use approval; development in other less dense districts require conditional use approval by the Plan Commission for a buildings taller than 3, 4, or 5 floors, depending on the district).
- Redevelop offices, redo existing apartment sites.

3. Are there any bicycle route, sidewalk, or road connections that that you feel need to be made within the West Area?

- In the Spring Harbor neighborhood streets need reconstruction – they are in horrible condition
- Don't feel comfortable riding a bicycle on streets with heavy traffic; like parking as a buffer between traffic and bicyclists - would like that in the planning area.
- What is the status of bike path by Sauk Creek?
- Going downtown on a bike from Old Sauk is easy, but it's difficult everywhere else.
- Crossing University and Midvale on a bike is a challenge and anywhere west of that as well.
- Indian Hills intersection area is very dangerous for peds and bikes, and will continue to get worse.

- Need better north/south bike path – east/west bike travel is much easier than north/south.
- Want safe crossing with priority areas where kids are crossing
 - Memorial, Jefferson, Gammon
 - Are there tunnel or bridge crossing opportunities?

4. Are there any park amenities that the West Area lacks?

- Like parks within walking distance
- Most people like the tennis courts, but the condition of courts needs to be improved
- Pickleball is really popular
- Favorite park is Walnut Grove – opportunities for family picnics; like the unprogrammed spaces
- Like area in research park- would like to improve
- Like the variety of parks and activities; it's good that the city is opening more parks to dogs – we need more dog parks
- Would like mobility accommodations in parks as people age
- More native plants and prairie restoration (Wexford Association is working on this too)
- Accessible bathrooms needed
- Wintertime - ice rinks enjoyed

5. What portions of the West Area do you feel lack the amenities and services needed to be considered a complete neighborhood?

- Smaller grocery stores like mini Hyvee, something like Brennens on University
- What is being done to attract smaller businesses? Mini scale businesses.
- There has been some experiments on State Street for pop-up shops
- Could have businesses or food carts near BRT stops
- Lots of ground floor empty commercial spaces; revisit the zoning code to address this
- No places like breweries like they have on the east side
- Nothing within a 10 minute walk in some areas

6. Are there other elements that you would change and/or improve about your neighborhood?

- Not many restaurants; just at Hilldale
- Redevelopments will drive prices up and push out older restaurants
- Community services will be needed if we bring in families as part of new development - like Boys and Girls Club, Lussier Center