



Neighborhood Survey Results

SEIBERT-RIVERVIEW-CURTIS VISUALIZATIONS

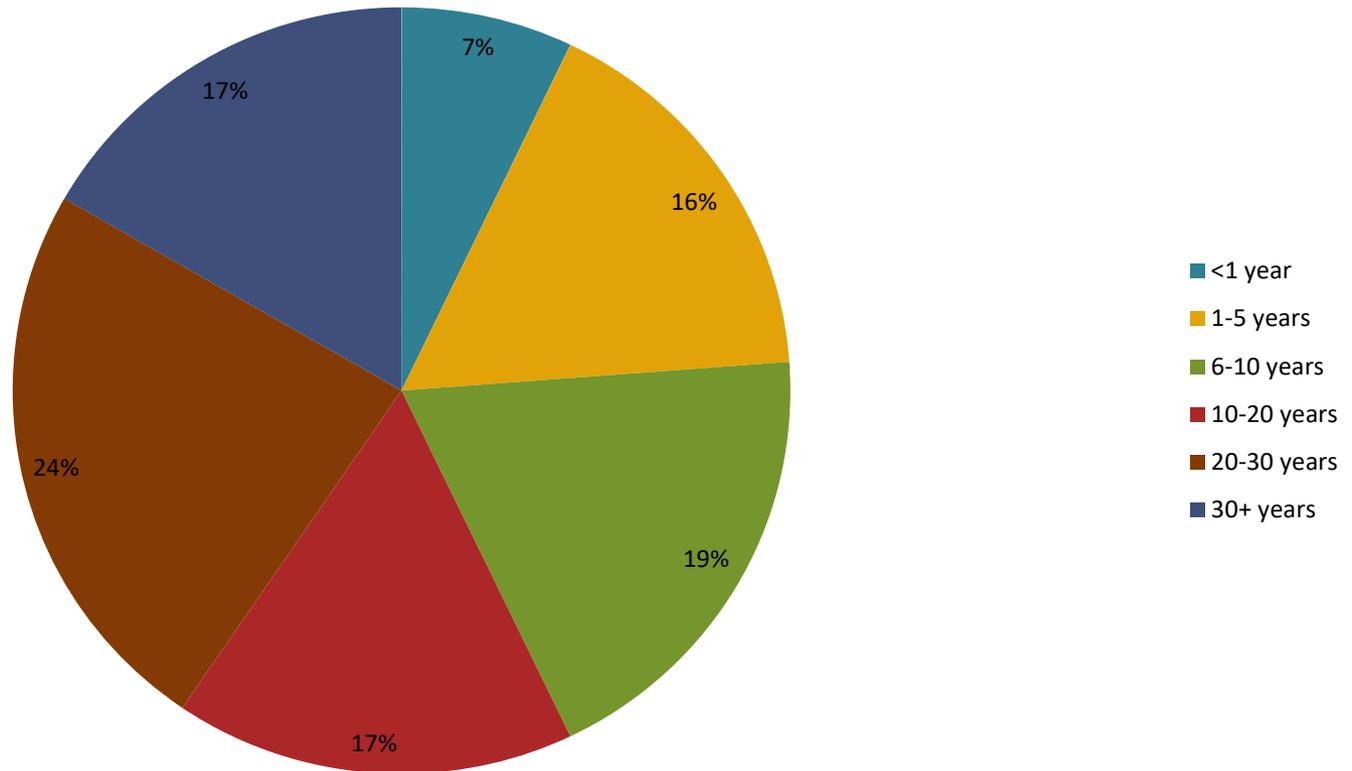
Survey Results, by the Numbers

Timeline:

- **3.5** weeks (Sept 1- 25)
- **16** hard copy responses
- **28** online responses

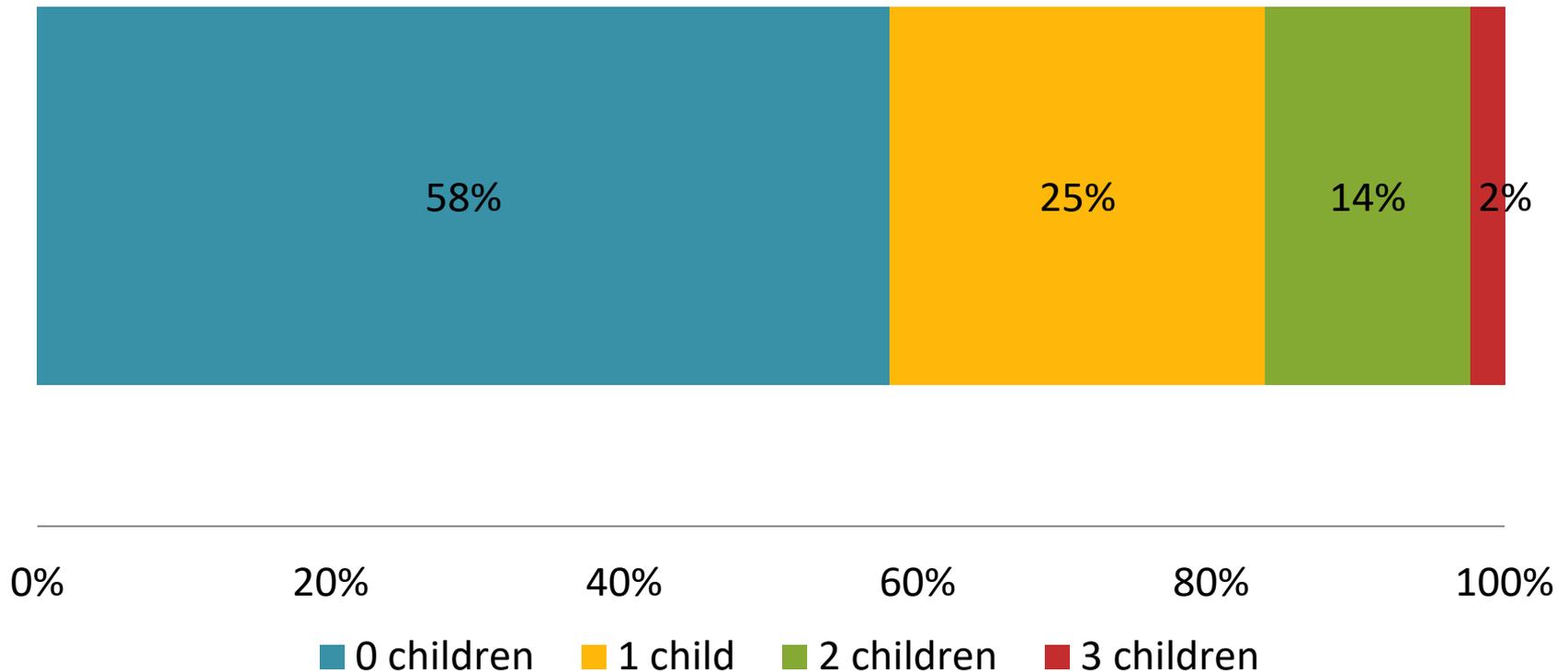


Question 1: How long have you lived in your neighborhood?



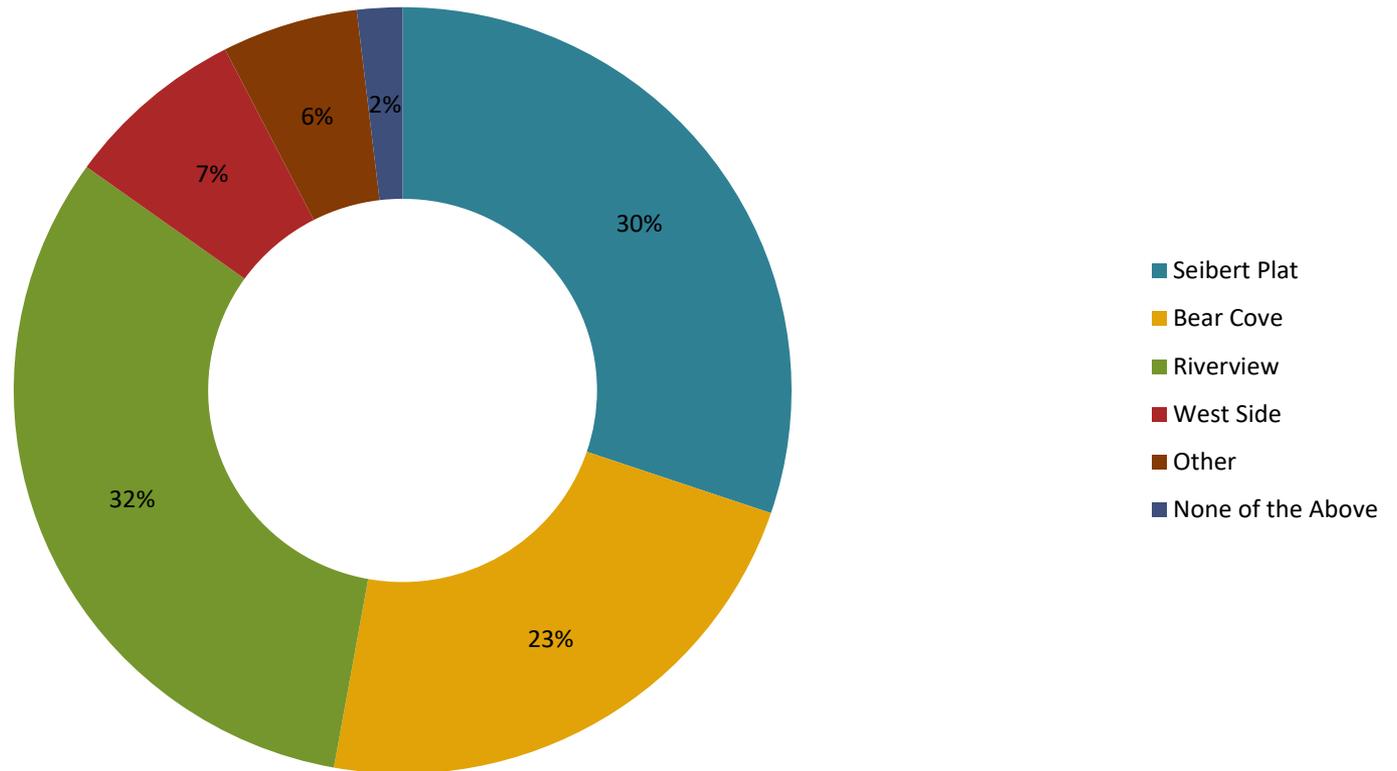
Respondents length of time in the neighborhood ranged from 2 months – 61 years, with the median length of time lived in the neighborhood at 13 years. Nearly a fifth of respondents have lived in the neighborhood over 30 years.

Question 2: How many children under the age of 18 are living in your home?



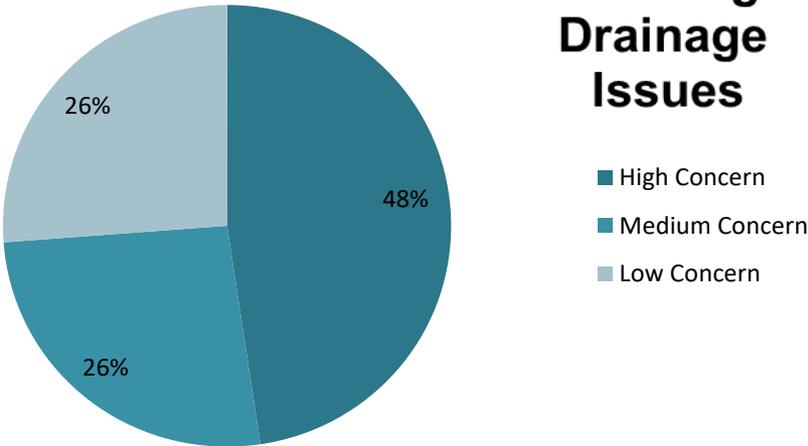
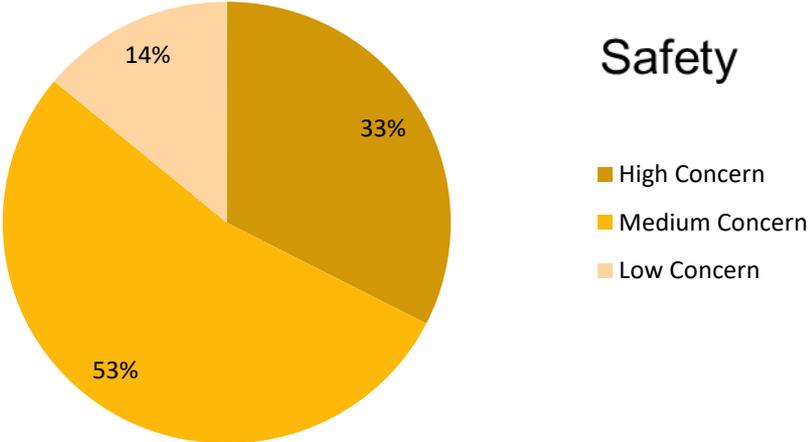
2 in 5 respondents reported having at least one child currently in their home.

Question 3: Which neighborhood do you identify with?



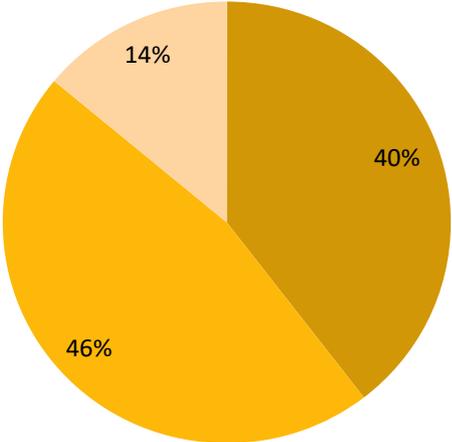
Respondent's locations were well distributed, with about a 1/3rd of respondents located in Seibert and another 1/3rd located in Riverview neighborhood.

Question 5: Rate each of the following items:



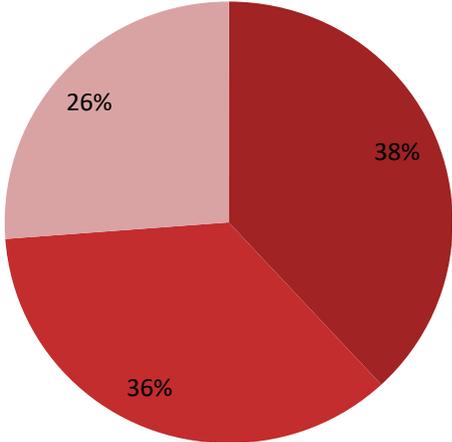
Both safety and flooding issues rated high or medium on respondents' concerns, with a third rating safety as a high concern and nearly half of respondents rating flooding as such.

Question 5: Rate each of the following items:



Property Conditions

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

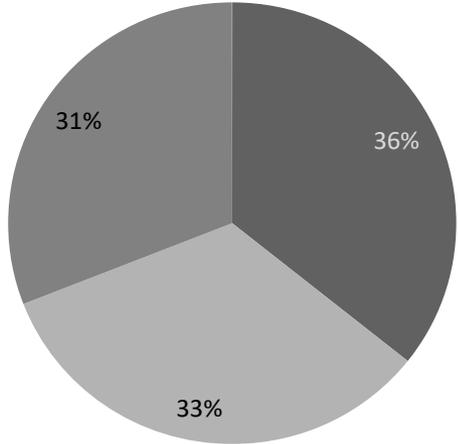


Junk Vehicles

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

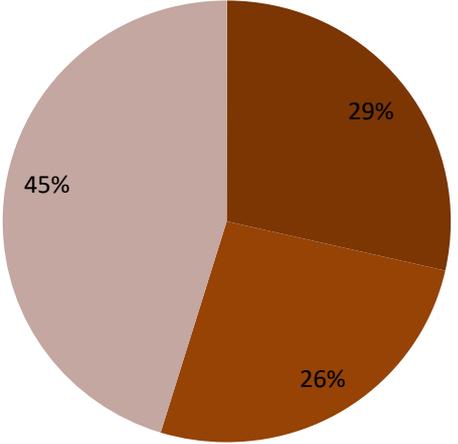
Roughly 2 in 5 respondents believed Property Conditions and Junk Vehicles were a high concern. Overwhelmingly respondents thought property conditions was a high or medium concern, with another half of those polled saying property conditions was a medium concern.

Question 5: Rate each of the following items:



Roads

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

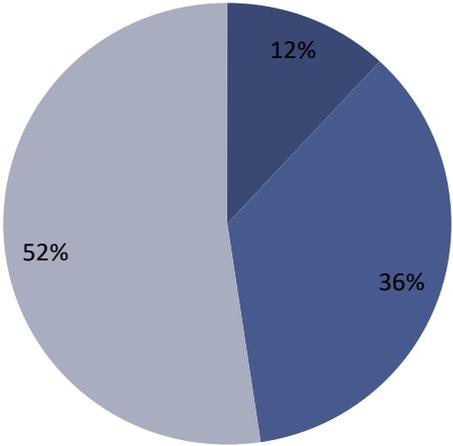


Sidewalks

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

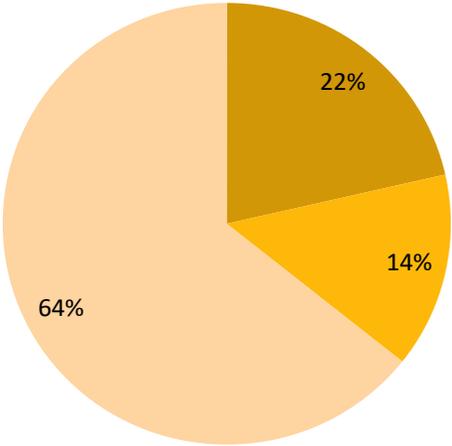
Respondents were more mixed about roads and sidewalk concerns, although 1/3rd of respondents rated roads as a high concern.

Question 5: Rate each of the following items:



Street Lighting

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

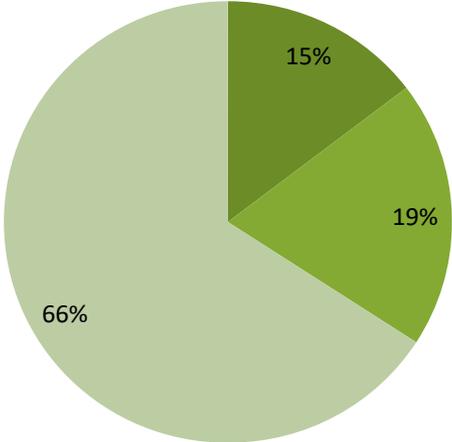


Downtown Connection

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

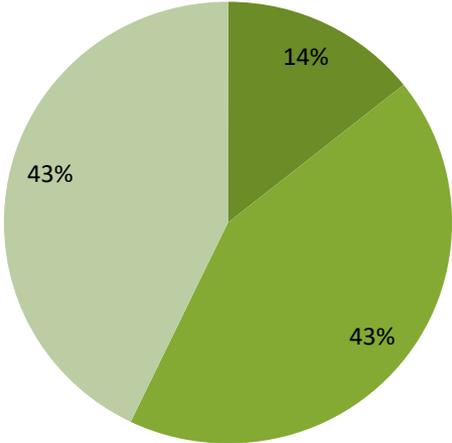
Over half of respondents agreed that both street lighting and downtown connection was only a low concern.

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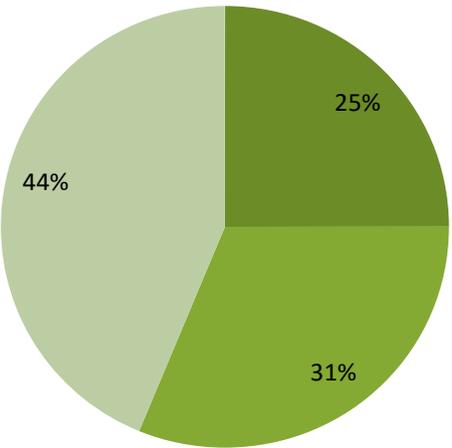
Park Space

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern



Park Conditions

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern



Available Recreation

- High Concern
- Medium Concern
- Low Concern

Overall, park space is a low concern, but responses were mixed about available recreation.

Question 6: What could be done to improve the neighborhood?

A sampling of comments:

“More neighbor involvement would be great.”

“Clean up junk yards and houses.”

“Patrolling the neighborhood more trying to get rid of these drug houses”

“Fix the park and provide more things for the older kids to do.”

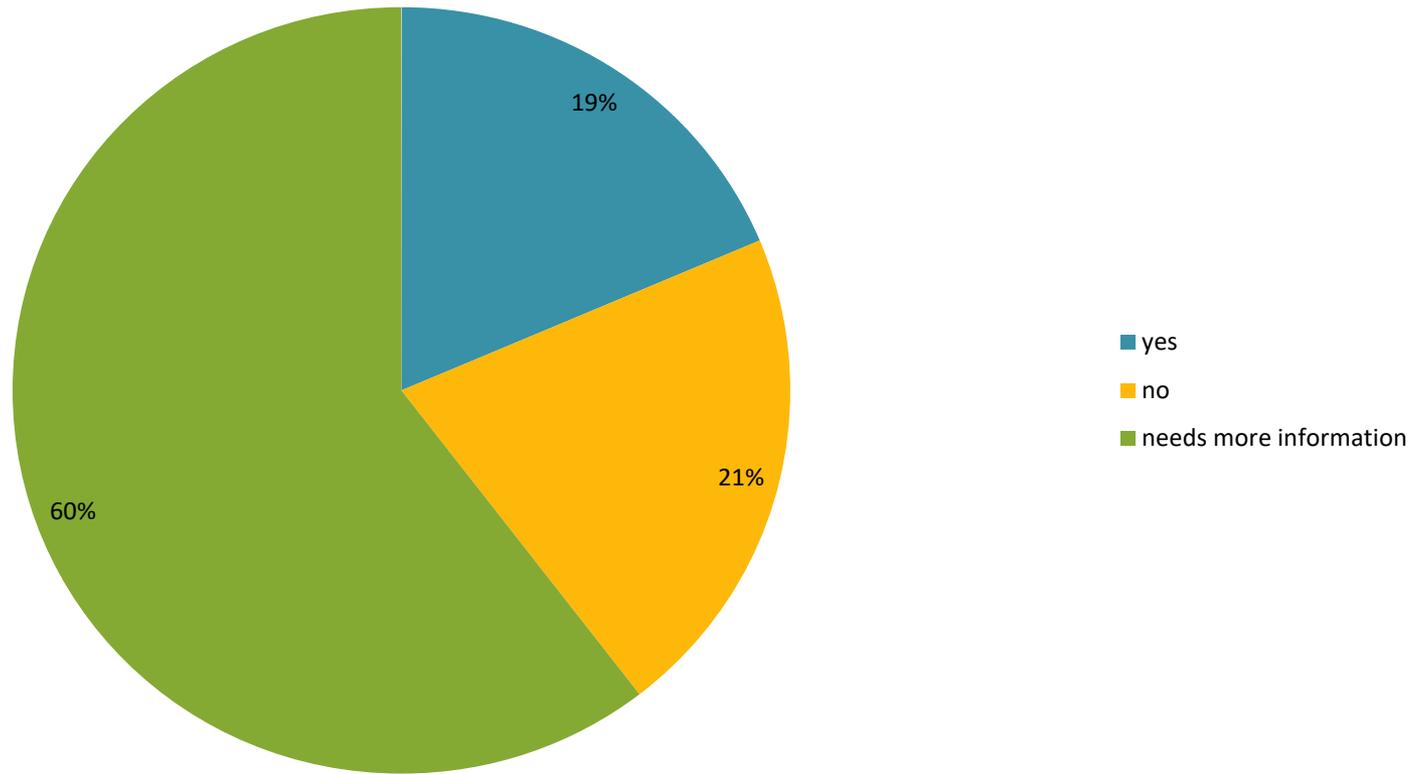
“Consider a sidewalk on the northside of Riverview Avenue (north of Linden, south of 725).”

“fix up old inlet for kayak and fishing and parking.”

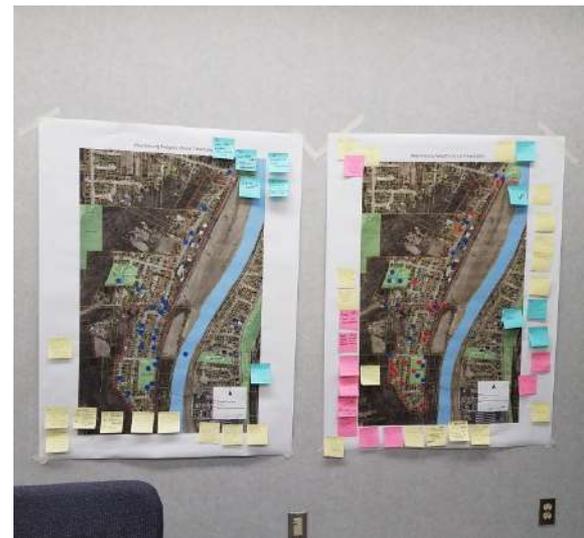
“...put speed bumps and at the entrances to Bear Cove neighborhood.”

“Make residents keep their yards mowed and free of trash.”

Question 7: Are you interested in being a part of the new CARES program for your neighborhood?



Nearly 4 in 5 respondents are interested or would like more information about CARES.

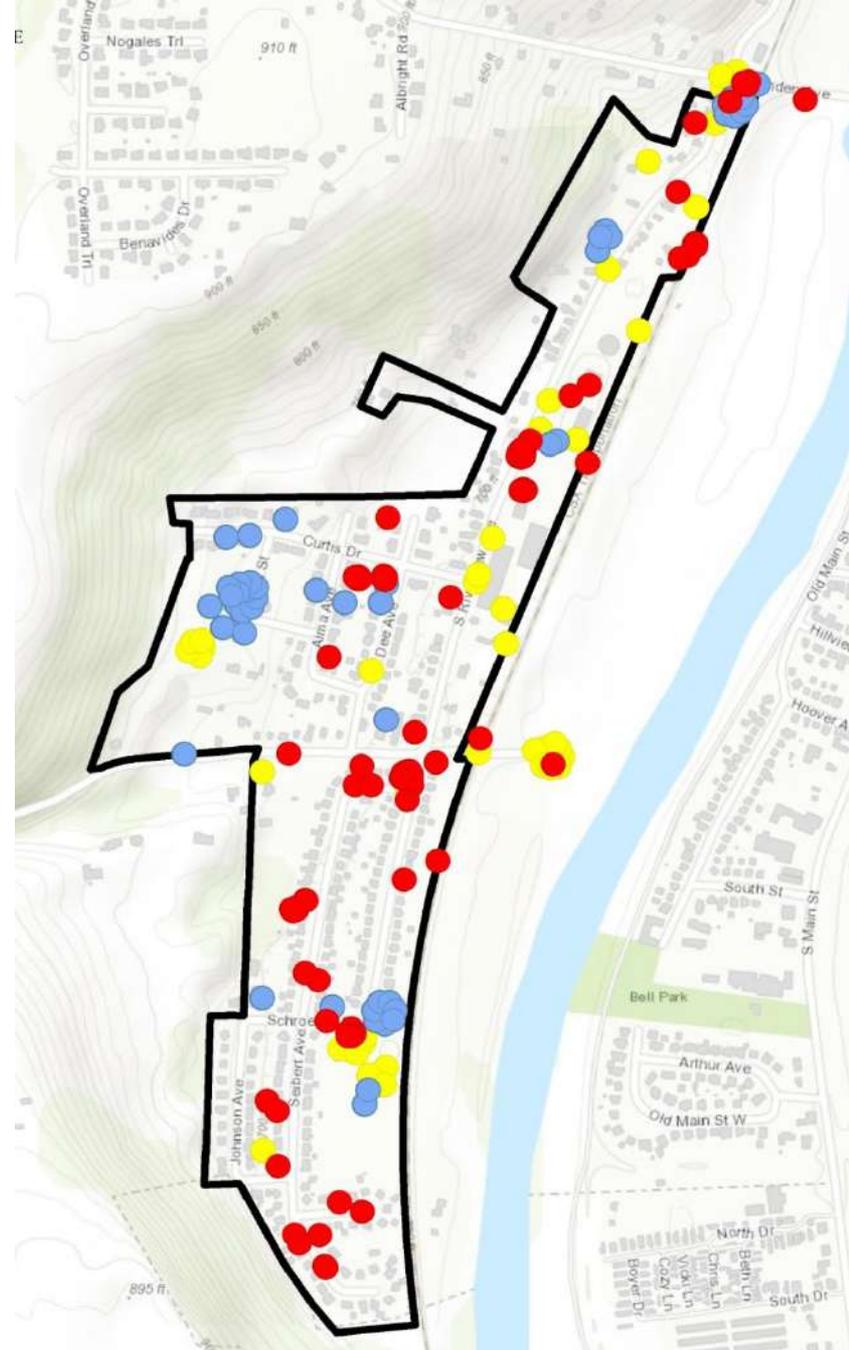


MAPPING EXERCISE RESULTS

In November 2019, staff gave input on areas in the Seibert-Curtis-Riverview neighborhood that they felt were strong places or weak places. They also provided feedback on opportunity places, where areas could be improved. The next step was using same style exercises with the neighborhood.

Mapping Exercises Process

- Hard copy or online versions
- Dots placed in general locations, not specific parcels
- Hard copies were sent sticky dots to place on map and write their comments and mailed back
- Online version allowed people to place a dot on a map on a website and submit comments that could be viewed publicly.
- Online also let people 'vote' or agree with other people's dots. This would have the same effect as people in a workshop placing their dots on the same point.



All strong, weak, and opportunity places submitted

Exercises Summary

Strong Places:

Largely, respondents indicated that Bear Elementary, Railroad Express and the Westover Pump Station were all strong places.

Weak Places:

Respondents indicated areas prone to flooding, several drug hotspots, lack of sidewalks, or areas not well-kept.

Opportunity Places:

Here, ideas included enhancing Westover Park, adding amenities along the river and improving entrance point.

Strong Places Comments

Below is a sample of comments received about strong places in the neighborhood.

Local Churches—more people would probably visit if the surrounding areas were cleaned up and looked more inviting

Neighbors watch out for each other and keep an eye on each other's houses and stuff

Improved the water in the entire area, saving our appliances and hot water tanks from damage

School is a great place. People in the area are supportive of the school.

House above the school are generally well kept

Railroad Express-- Supplies us with a quick place to stop and get things we need without going into town

Greatly improved passage and more safe to travel on road now. Great job!

Westover Park is used by the kids. We watch for one another/if something happens, neighbors helping neighbors.

Weak Places Comments

Below is a sample of comments received about weak places in the neighborhood.

Drive thru is an eyesore

Property not maintained well.

Drugs. Unsafe.

Many empty houses in the plat. Same area, many in disrepair.

Drainage culvert. Overgrown and with other debris which limits drainage

Westover Park-- Frequently littered with beer cans/bottles and used needles. Nothing for older kids to do. It feels like this is a "lost park" because it will be the last park to get mulch ever spring and the play areas are pretty much grown over and not maintained.

Grass and weeds always need mowed

FLOODING. Worst problem over here.

Opportunity Places Comments

Below is a sample of comments received about opportunity places in the neighborhood.

Great place to have concerts in the park once a month. Put in bike course BMX style

Have more school functions for neighbors

Expanding the riverfront, to include this side of the river as well, would not only raise our property values, it would attract more people to visit our beautiful city!

Entrance to neighborhood. A nice sign welcoming folks to the neighborhood. Flowers, etc.

Cross Creek needs cleaned up/ trash removed. Help our environment.

Add sidewalk to all of Riverview, and clean up existing ones!

Do something about the flooding! This would help bring our property values back up instead of the massive drop we experienced this year (ours alone was \$16,000)!

Westover Park needs to be cared for constantly because some people think it is a giant trash can.