

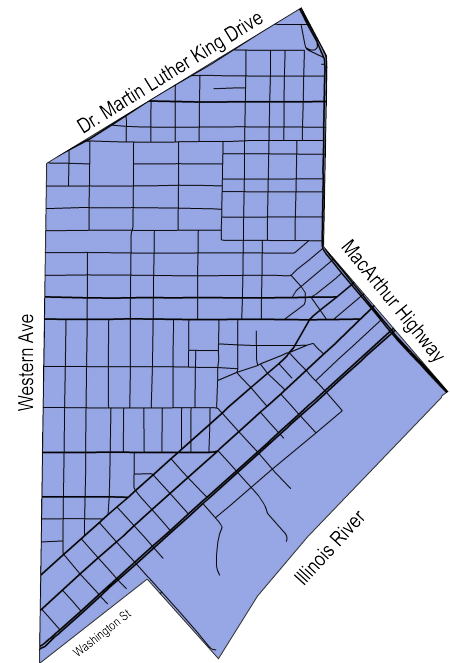
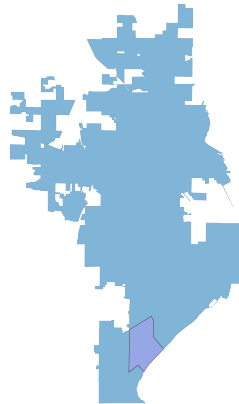
# Near Southside Neighborhood Needs Assessment Survey



## ABOUT THE SURVEY

The **City of Peoria**, in partnership with the **Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)**, is undertaking a planning effort in the Near Southside Neighborhood, which includes the area generally bounded by Western Avenue to the west, Dr. Martin Luther King Drive to the north, MacArthur Highway to the east, and the Illinois River to the south (*see map*). This survey is the first step in that planning process to gather neighborhood input as a baseline for future neighborhood planning meetings and a final plan document.

We invite you to be part of this Community Revitalization Strategy process by participating in the "Near Southside Neighborhood Needs Assessment Survey." The survey is completely anonymous, and does not collect any identifying information. You should be able to complete the survey in under 10 minutes. Your participation will help the City strategize for future planning and investment, and identify neighborhood needs and goals. The survey first considers several neighborhood characteristics such as: Mobility, Community Life, Economy, Education and Wellness, and lastly, Community Engagement and Initiatives. The second portion of the survey further assesses your community input.



## NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

### MOBILITY

Strongly Disagree    Disagree    Neutral    Agree    Strongly Agree    Not Applicable

My neighborhood...

Has adequate lighting in public spaces

Allows for clear sight lines that provide safety in public spaces

Has sidewalks in good condition

Is pedestrian-friendly

I am able to...

Easily travel by bicycle in my neighborhood (*bicycle trails, bike lanes*)

Easily travel by car in my neighborhood (*paved roads, road maintenance*)

### COMMUNITY LIFE

Strongly Disagree    Disagree    Neutral    Agree    Strongly Agree    Not Applicable

Housing in my neighborhood...

Is in good condition

Offers options that suit a variety of lifestyles and needs

Is affordable to households making a variety of incomes

Is available for the elderly

(Other)

There are enough public places for the community (*parks, community rooms, squares*)

The cleanliness of the neighborhood is adequate



ECONOMY	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
My neighborhood has...						
Adequate commercial and retail development						
Various types of retail and dining establishments						
Storefronts that look well-kept and attract shoppers						
A variety of employment opportunities that provide wages that allow employees to live in the neighborhood if they choose						
Adequate service businesses, such as banks						
I am able to...						
Run the majority of my daily errands without leaving my neighborhood						

EDUCATION AND WELLNESS	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
There are opportunities and services that meet the needs of my neighborhood for...						
K-12 education						
Post-secondary education ( <i>community college</i> )						
Vocational training and education						
Job training and education						
Health services ( <i>hospitals or clinics</i> )						
Pharmacy care and services						
Adequate childcare options						
Fresh fruits and vegetables						

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INITIATIVES	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
My neighborhood...						
Makes plans with its residents' best interests in mind						
Works with local business owners to improve public and shared spaces to create a sense of community						
Is working to create a positive future for the neighborhood residents						
When it comes to my community, I am...						
Excited by the changes and plans I feel are happening						
Aware of opportunities to engage with my community leaders ( <i>public or town hall meetings</i> )						
Interested in the opportunity to provide feedback to my community's leaders regarding local issues						

## NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT

1. Please describe any new development (i.e. housing, commercial, recreational, etc.), if any, that you believe would most benefit the Near Southside Neighborhood:

2. Do you think there is need for more housing opportunities for residents in your neighborhood?

YesNoNot sure

3. What type(s) of housing do you think there is need for in your neighborhood? *Please select all that apply.*

Rental housingHomeownership

4. What is the size of your household?

1 person2-4 persons5+ persons

5. What is your household income?

\$0 - \$30,000\$30,001 - \$60,000

\$60,001 - \$100,000\$100,001 or higher

6. How do you learn about things happening in your neighborhood? *Please select all that apply.*

TelevisionRadioNewspaper

City government websiteCommunity newsletterWord-of-mouth

Social media (*Facebook, Twitter, etc.*)Other:

7. Do you currently reside in the Near Southside Neighborhood?

YesNo

8. Do you work in the Near Southside Neighborhood?

YesNo