

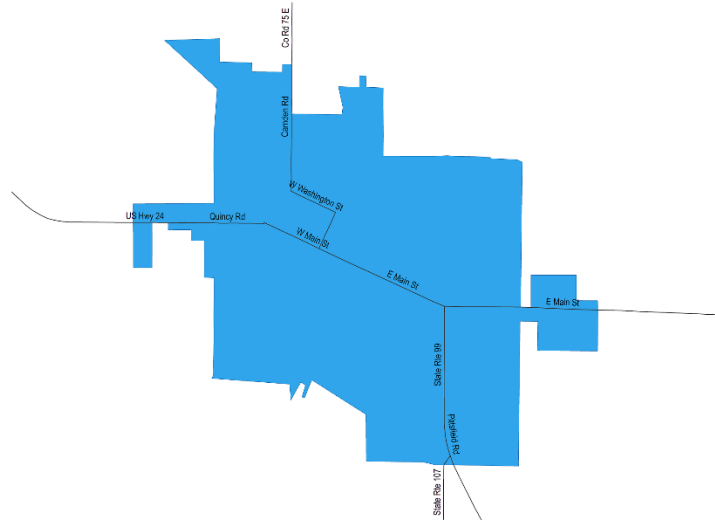
# Mt. Sterling Community Needs Assessment Survey



## ABOUT THE SURVEY

The City of Mt. Sterling, in partnership with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), is undertaking a planning effort within the city (see map). This survey is the first step in that planning process to gather community input as a baseline for future community planning meetings and a final plan document.

We invite you to be part of this Community Revitalization Strategy process by participating in the "Community 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 our agency and the City of Mt. Sterling strategize for future planning and investment, and identify community needs and goals. Please answer the questions based on your own perceptions of Mt. Sterling, even if you do not reside there. The survey first considers several community 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.



## COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

### MOBILITY

Strongly Disagree    Disagree    Neutral    Agree    Strongly Agree    Not Applicable

Mt. Sterling...

Has adequate lighting in public spaces

Allows for clear sight lines that provide safety in public spaces

Has recreational paths and walking trails

Is pedestrian-friendly

I am able to...

Easily travel by bicycle in Mt. Sterling (*bicycle trails, bike lanes*)

Easily travel by car in Mt. Sterling (*paved roads, road maintenance*)

Access Mt. Sterling's downtown/commercial area by my transportation of choice

### COMMUNITY LIFE

Strongly Disagree    Disagree    Neutral    Agree    Strongly Agree    Not Applicable

Housing in Mt. Sterling...

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 downtown is adequate



COMMUNITY

ECONOMY	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
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Mt. Sterling 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 enable employees to live in the community if they choose

Adequate service businesses, such as banks

I am able to...

Run the majority of my daily errands without leaving Mt. Sterling

EDUCATION AND WELLNESS	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
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There are opportunities and services that meet the needs of Mt. Sterling for...

K-12 education

Post-secondary education (*community college*)

Vocational training and education

Job training and education

Health services (*hospitals or clinics*)

Pharmacy care and services

Adequate childcare options

Fresh fruits and vegetables

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INITIATIVES	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
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Mt. Sterling...

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 downtown/square area

When it comes to Mt. Sterling, I am...

Excited by the changes and plans I feel are happening

Aware of opportunities to engage with my community leaders (*public or town hall meetings*)

Interested in the opportunity to provide feedback to my community's leaders regarding local issues



## COMMUNITY INPUT

1. Please describe any new development (i.e. housing, commercial, recreational, etc.) that you believe would most benefit Mt. Sterling:

2. Do you think there is need for more housing opportunities for residents in Mt. Sterling?

Yes

No

Not sure

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

Rental housing

Homeownership

4. Do you think that your housing costs (rent/mortgage, utilities, property taxes) are affordable?

Yes

No

Not sure

5. What is the size of your household?

1 person

2-4 persons

5+ persons

6. What is your household income?

\$0 - \$30,000

\$30,001 - \$60,000

\$60,001 - \$100,000

\$100,001 or higher

7. How do you learn about things happening in Mt. Sterling? *Please select all that apply.*

Television

Radio

Newspaper

City government website

Community newsletter

Word-of-mouth

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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Where do you currently reside?

City/town/village name:

County:

9. If you are employed, what city/village do you currently work in?

City/town/village name:

County:

10. If you do not currently live in Mt. Sterling, why not?

THANK YOU!