



## Neighborhood Information Question

**1. Think back to when you were looking to move into your current home. What aspects of your neighborhood led you to move into the home where you live now?**

**Has the experience been what you expected (why or why not)?**

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- River view – strong neighborhood ownership – centrally located – historical nature of homes 1940's & 50's) – lower traffic
- Close to the school and park. Close to grocery store. In the valley. Close to work. People who lived there.
- Character of the home. Lincoln school very near. Central location to schools, jobs. First and only home ever owned. Affordable. Close to Oak Park. Close to other family members.
- School, parks (Moose and Lincoln school park/playground, baseball field, soccer, basketball, it was pre-flood, crimes up, lots of rental now where they had owners prior to flood.
  - Schools (baseball, soccer, basketball playground)
  - Parks
  - Family oriented
  - Low crime
  - Trees
  - Friendly
- It cost me ½ million dollars, I opened the doors and windows for the flood, all the doors fell off, the windows did fine – made by Pella. We built this house in 1965, cost \$21,500. It's a real simple project to fix. The Canadians never asked anyone when they built the road on the north side of Devils Lake without culverts closing off Westhope. The natural drainage so we can go to Sherwood and clean out the ditch of highway 256 to Westhope send the water back to Canada. 62 years ago I was in the service at Leonard Wood Missouri. I went to Engineer school fast and trained to be a heavy equipment operator. 90 day engineer school because they said we would need that knowledge. It will never flood again in Minot if we rechanneled it in the ditches at Sherwood to Westhope. Lots space for water. I have volunteered to run a pay loader for days to clean ditches.
- We are raising trees in the river at the water treatment plant.
- I had the State Water Department test the water at Sherwood after the flood, it contains weed poison – arsenic about 40 different chemicals along with raw sewage there is no lagoons in Canada. The dump mining waste a lot from mines in the Rocky Mountains. We have a person die after the flood, body taken to Bismarck, but there isn't any autopsy report, I checked with Ward County, manager. They brought a million yards of dirt to town which caused the flood the water stayed for 2 weeks unable to flow. Why spend millions dollars to run a polluted river thru town.
- The cost of the house was very appealing to me. Then after I moved in, I found out what great neighbors that I had. The experience has been great! Near downtown, close access to library, etc.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW where I live is also a very busy street, prior to Lincoln elementary being torn down there were 3 schools on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. So I suppose that creates a lot of traffic.
- School close.
- Quiet dead end street. Developed yard with mature trees. Friendly neighbor.
  - Up until the flood, yes. Now our neighbors have moved and the trees I planted are dead.
- Quiet street, low traffic. Parks within walking distance. Large, mature trees. Unique/character homes.
- Trees – very shaded, out of the wind. Old house with character. Sense of family in the neighborhood. Lincoln school.
- Quiet, even with 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue being busy.



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**2. As you look towards returning to your home or staying in your home, what elements about your neighborhood would you like to see preserved?**

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- Home ownership rates vs. rental properties.
- Neighborhood ties.
- Better river view – currently it's in tough shape. Weeds and debris.
- Restore the trees. Many were lost.
- Central Avenue loop for holidays like it used to be (Halloween).
- Bringing back the people who lived there.
- Quiet neighborhood.
- A playground.
- Tree lined streets.
- Refurbished homes.
- No mobile homes brought in to replace demo homes.
- Quiet neighborhood feel.
- Family atmosphere.
- Home owners vs. renters.
- Rentals, they were not as many pre-flood (owners). Trees, lots more traffic reduce traffic load.
- Owners vs. renters.
- Trees
- Reduced traffic volume and speed
- Clean up front yards.
- Park.
- The quiet neighborhood where kids can play and not be in danger.
- Homes with character and a community feel.
- Parks/outdoor recreation.
- All of it!



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### 3. Think about the future- what should be changed in your neighborhood in order to make your quality of life better?

- What specific things should be improved or changed about your neighborhood?
- What is missing in your neighborhood that you would like added or improved?
- What specific threats concern you?
- What specific opportunities do you foresee?

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- Traffic has become really bad, not sure a solution is available.
- Better lighting. Maybe more attractive lighting also.
- Re-do 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Bridge. It appears unsafe and many use to fish from it. Also looks rough.
- Garbage seems to be an issue. Many seem to not have pride in the homes they live in.
- There has been a dramatic uptick in crime. Maybe due to poor lighting, but needs to be addressed.
- Stray animals. We have trapped many raccoons as they have moved into vacant homes and continue to cause issues.
- Concerns
  - Possibility of more flooding
  - Increased crime
- Missing
  - school – play ground
- Opportunities
  - Rebuilding homes
  - Clean up neighborhood
- Changes
  - Better streets
  - Move street lights.
  - Better infrastructure
- Lincoln school is missing!
- Personal safety is a concern. Strange people wandering about.
- I am not confident in our ability to avert another flood.
- More street lighting.
- Traffic, slow down and reduce.
- Crime.

- Owners vs. rentals.
- Parks/schools (soccer, Frisbee golf, shelters).
- Policing of ordinance for cars in ROW.
- No. 1 – my neighborhood right now is pretty much like a ghetto. Two houses to the north of me are still gutted out. Don't know if homes are going to be fixed up (buy out??) or what. For now, except for the apartment building, I'm the only one on the block. Two houses to the south of me have been returned, but don't think they are owned possibly rented?
- Lots of homes on 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW are still gutted and seems like no work has been done on them.
- Hope Village gave me a lot of help. They wryer just great, of all the volunteers, all of them had a great attitude, so thanks to them.
- 16 street – 4 down from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, north to 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW.
- I would like to see Nubbin Park fixed up for picnic and a fishing pier.
- The old Ramstad school lot should be made into a park.
- We worry about being flooded again. If it does, we will lose most all of our neighbors because none of us will be up to rebuilding again.
- We have a strong economy and we will be able to get our investment back.
- Better storm drainage. Yards flood frequently.
- More small businesses.
- Added walking trails/bike trails, walking trails are for walking only no biking/rollerblading/etc.
- Abandoned homes need to be razed.
- Lots of trees fell or were removed; need to see a replanting effort in boulevards / yards.
- Vacant houses need to be removed this summer.
- Name the neighbor Lincoln Valley.
- Fix up the parks to be what they were; improve them to be a more attractive family spot.