City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

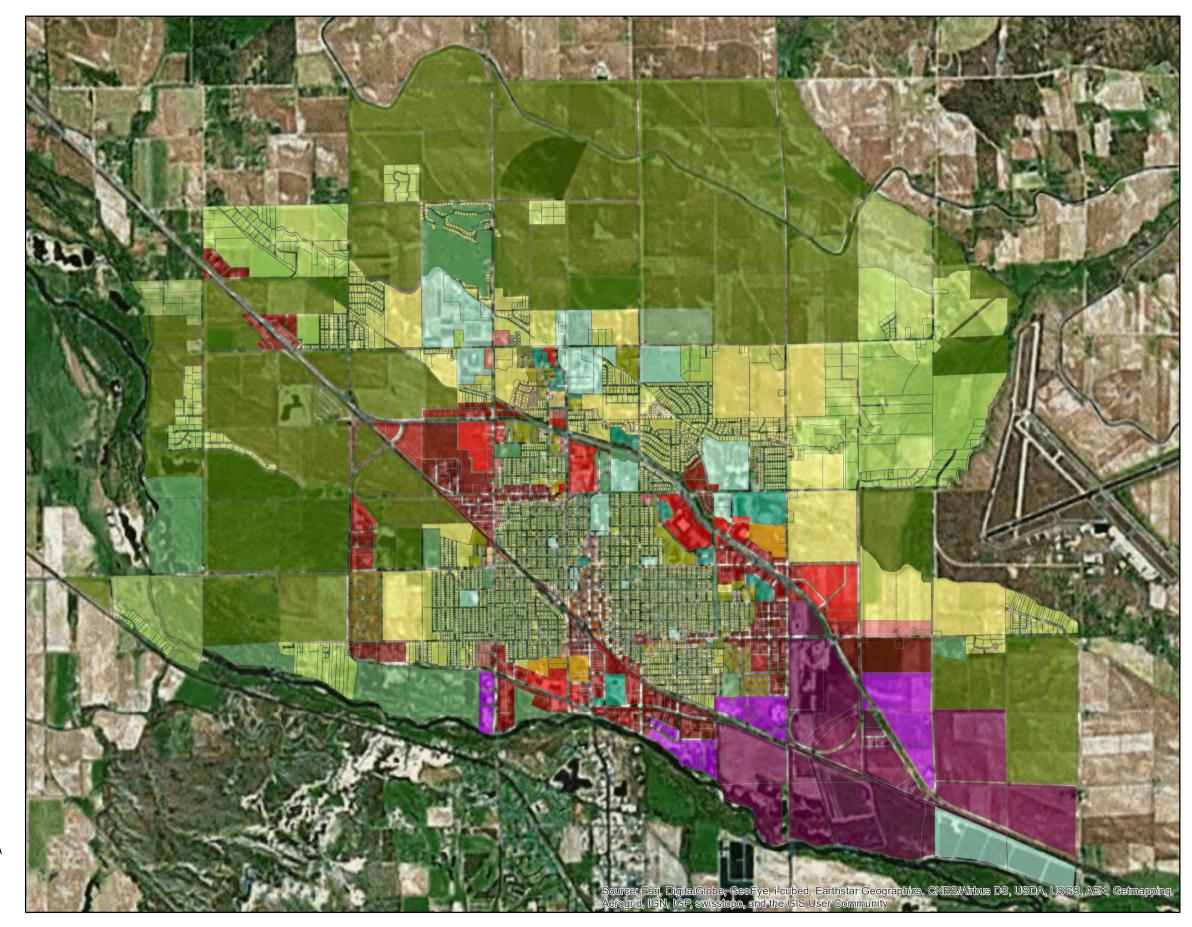
Item NewBiz4

Comprehensive Development Plan

Update: Survey Results/ Land Use Map

Staff Contact: Annie Folck

City of Scottsbluff and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Future Land Use Map 2035





Parks and Open Space

Rural Residential





186 responses

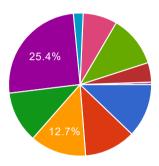
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Summary

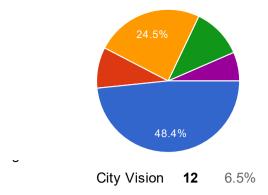
In which area do you live?

Please tag the area in which you live by choosing an answer below.



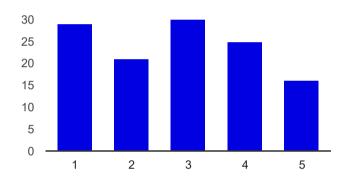
Northwest (North of 20th, West of Broadway) 12.2% 22 Northeast (North of 20th, East of Broadway) 21 11.6% Southwest (South of 20th, West of Broadway) 23 12.7% Southeast (South of 20th, South of Broadway) 11.6% 21 North of Highway 26 46 25.4% Downtown 4 2.2% Surrounding Rural Area 14 7.7% Gering-Terrytown 11.6% Live elsewhere, but work in Scottsbluff 4.4% Former resident 0% 0.6% Other

Click the topic for which you'd like to begin taking the survey



Parks and Recreation

There are enough parks and green space areas within walking distance of my home.



Strongly Disagree: 1 29 24%

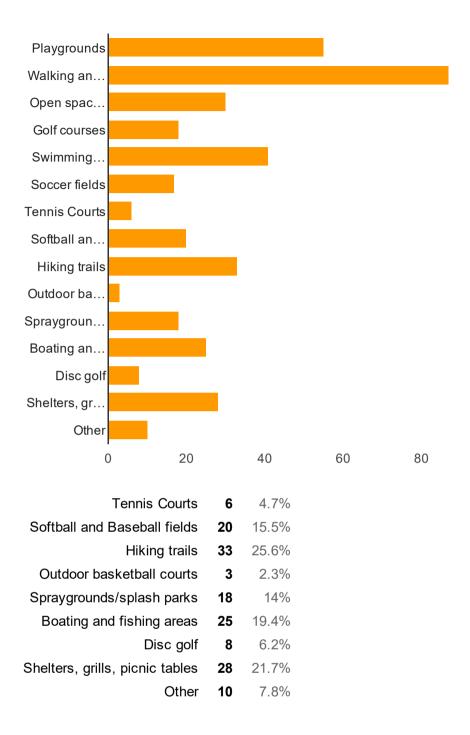
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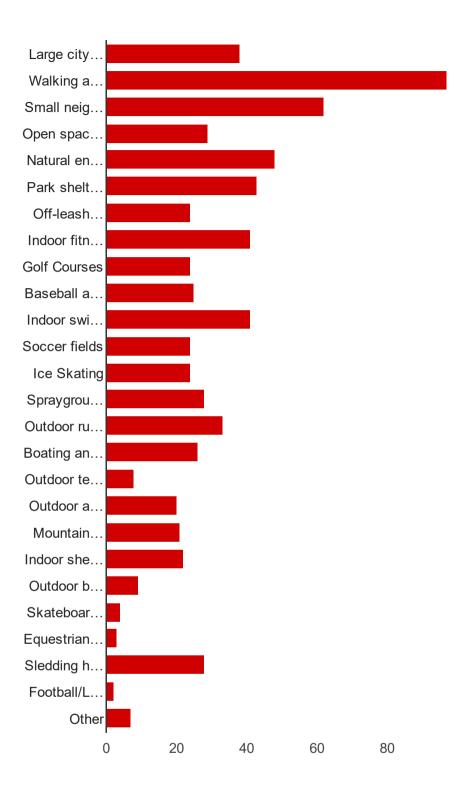
4 **25** 20.7%

Strongly Agree: 5 **16** 13.2%

Which feature(s) of the parks and trails system do you use most?



Which parks and recreation facilities are most important to your household?

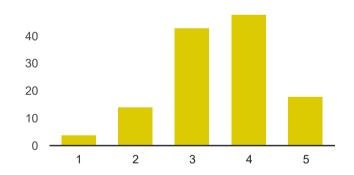


Off-leash dog parks 24 18.3%
Indoor fitness and exercise facilities 41 31.3%
Golf Courses 24 18.3%
Baseball and softball fields 25 19.1%
Indoor swimming pools 41 31.3%

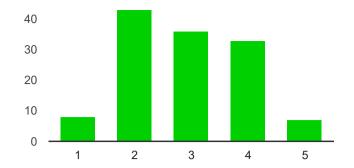
Soccer fields	24	18.3%
Ice Skating	24	18.3%
Spraygrounds/splash parks	28	21.4%
Outdoor running/walking track	33	25.2%
Boating and fishing	26	19.8%
Outdoor tennis courts	8	6.1%
Outdoor amphitheater	20	15.3%
Mountain bike trails	21	16%
Indoor shelters/meeting space	22	16.8%
Outdoor basketball courts	9	6.9%
Skateboard park/bike park	4	3.1%
Equestrian trails	3	2.3%
Sledding hills/ cross country skiing	28	21.4%
Football/La Crosse fields	2	1.5%
Other	7	5.3%

How well do these facilities meet your household's needs?

Large community parks



Walking and biking tails

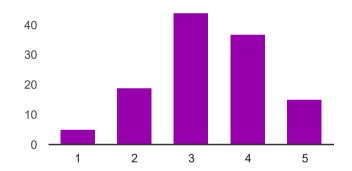


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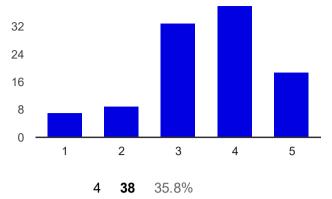
Playground equipment and play areas

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5.5%

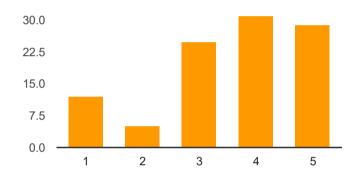


Softball and baseball fields



100% meets needs: 5 **19** 17.9%

Golf courses



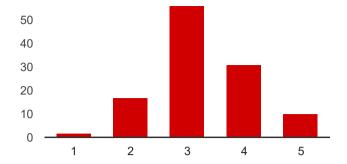
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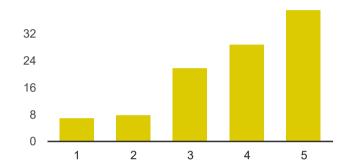
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Picnic Shelters and areas



Soccer tielas



0% meets needs: 1 **7** 6.7%

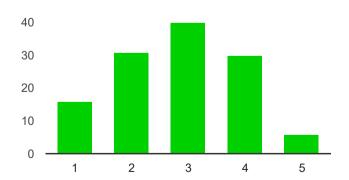
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3 **22** 21%

4 **29** 27.6%

100% meets needs: 5 **39** 37.1%

Nature/hiking trails



0% meets needs: 1 **16** 13%

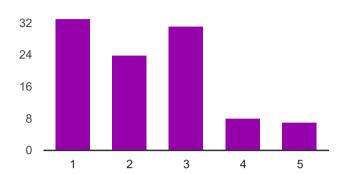
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Mountain bike trails



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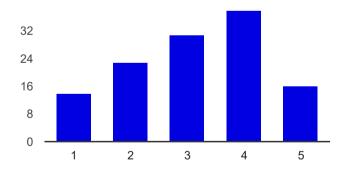
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Neighborhood parks



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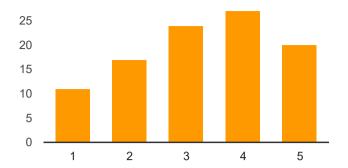
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Outdoor tennis courts



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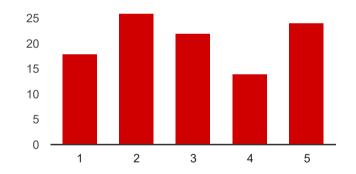
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100% meets needs: 5 **20** 20.2%

Off-leash dog parks



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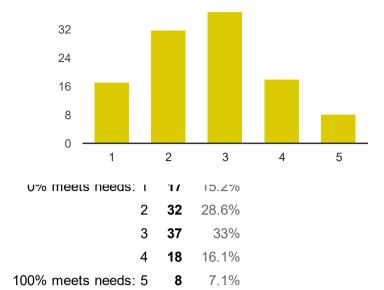
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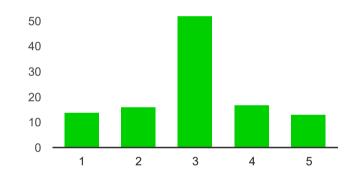
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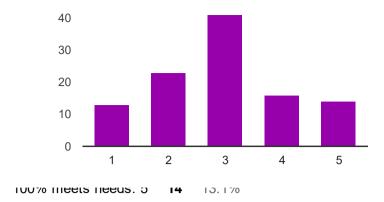
Outdoor pool and aquatic area



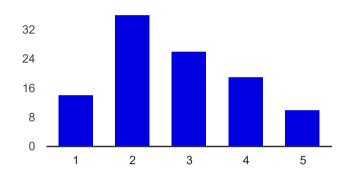
Spraygrounds/ Splash areas



Indoor shelters/meeting space



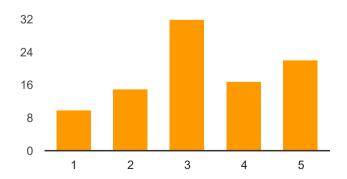
Outdoor running/walking track



0% meets needs: 1 13.3% 14 2 34.3% 36 3 24.8% 26 19 18.1% 9.5%

100% meets needs: 5 10

Skateboard park/bike park



0% meets needs: 1 **10** 10.4%

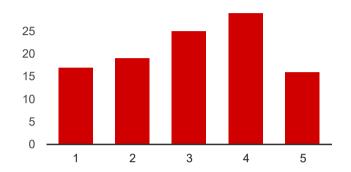
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Boating and fishing



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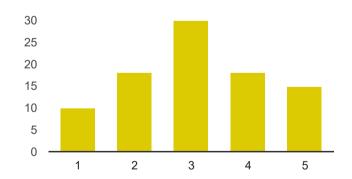
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Outdoor basketball courts



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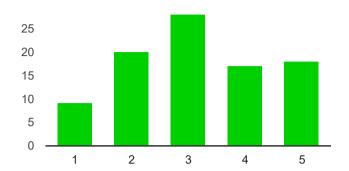
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Outdoor basketball courts



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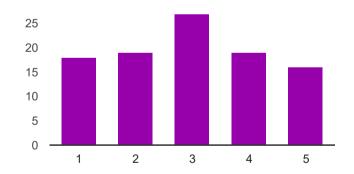
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Indoor basketball/volleyball courts



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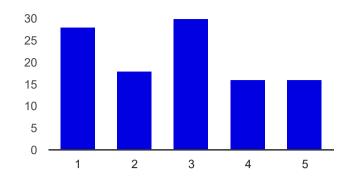
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Outdoor amphitheater/ theater



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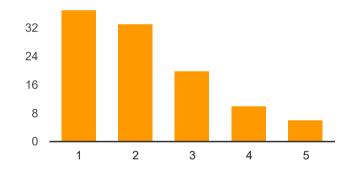
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Sledding hills/ Cross country skiing



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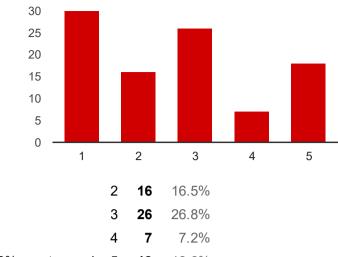
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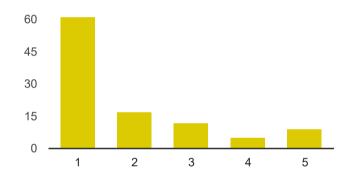
100% meets needs: 5 **6** 5.7%

Equestrian trails



100% meets needs: 5 **18** 18.6%

Ice Skating



0% meets needs: 1 61 58.7%
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4 5 4.8%

100% meets needs: 5 **9** 8.7%

Comments section (optional)

What makes a successful park?

A safe environment for people of all ages: playground equipment for kids; shelters and picnic tables for families; clean restroom facilities

Scottsbluff needs to continue to invest in a "swimming" pool-- indoor and outdoor. The

Westmoor pool seems like a drain on resources and design of it requires too many lifeguards. Kids also can't learn to swim there.

Trees and landscaping are a large part of making a park, along with adequate care and maintenance.

Meeting space and convenient. Pretty to look at and has a place to walk around it or bicycle.

cleanliness, safety, beauty, functionality

Clean & well maintained equipment nice shelters with some "cooking" devices available Well-maintained, well-used & beloved by community.

Safe area, equipment for all ages and abilities, shade,

I think they should pave the soccer and baseball fields roads and parking. They get so much use and the roads are horrible.

Trees, shelters, bigger area

If the facility and grounds are well kept (mowed, clean restrooms, working electricity, etc.) I consider it successful. If there are people using the park it is a good sign it is successful.

Just what are the recreation programs that the city provides beside Westmore pool. off-leash areas for dogs, dookie bags and trash cans

Eating area with electrical outlets Grilling area if possible play area with playground equipment Green space with lots of shade to protect from hot sun Adult play area - horse shoes

If we build it we need to maintain it. There currently does not seem to be any plan to take care of what we have. When something breaks or wears out the city just abandons it or closes it. They need to be taken care of.

Open spaces, shelter houses, room for a lot of different activities, variety of playground equipment.

Safety, shelters, availability, easy access, clean, playground equipment

Clean, mowed, nice grass, usable space for large events.

Location is key.

Balance of equipment and open space Balance of types of equipment for age groups, types of excercise, individual and group play Shade as well as sun Areas to sit Trash cans Bathrooms

A variety of equipment and activities for the whole family such as playground equipment for younger and older children, and shaded sitting areas.

I was VERY disappointed in the closing of the splash pool at the high school this past summer. My children utilized that pool frequently the prior summer, and because of my work hours it was very difficult to go to the Westmoor pool. When we could go to the Westmoor pool, we had to wait in line to get in and it was very over crowded and was

not a relaxing experience.

We need more bike and hiking trails. Community members are walking the roads in the Wildcat Hills because there is such a lack of trails in scenic areas. I've also witnessed people trying to bike the overgrown hiking trails there. They are in disrepair and need to be widened and better maintained. We have the monument pathways, but we also have this beautiful asset to our community that is not being utilized properly. I think we could attract more tourists if this area was better developed.

Lots of different things to do. Picnic areas that are clean and available. Lots of lighting. Safety Shade Containment Interactive

A place for gathering with family and friends for special occasions or daily, being able to enjoy activities like grilling in the park (we were able to do this in the parks of the community I grew up in), being able to enjoy the parks with my pets on a daily basis, being walking distance from my home, having updated play equipment.

Absolutely nothing In this town for toddlers besides MOPS that charges every meeting and is only once a week at a certain time. It normally snows from September through May. We desperately need indoor play areas for toddlers

Safety, Cleanliness, and Age relevant equipment.

I think scenery makes a successful park. Having trees, a nice path, playground equipment, and open space would be an ideal park.

Too many parks have been destroyed by adding too many features like the skate park. One of the biggest assets the city has has been slowly destroyed over the years by adding trees and the skate park. Not listening to the local residents that were against it shows how out of touch the city government is.

Newer, more modern playground equipment

Variety of things at parks. Need a park by the hospital for those children who live north of the highway. It's hard and scary for them to cross the highway.

Sidewalks I would like to see one on the one by Walmart. Maybe a full side walk around the park so that office people or weekend walkers could take advantage of with mile markers.

Clean with shelters or picnic areas and pathways

Bocce ball Open space picnic area Disc golf

A shelter, a playground, and open space are the three key ingredients. Other things are perks but those three are the backbone of a park in my opinion.

Restrooms are very important as my family has small children. Children usually wait to the last minute to ask to use the restroom and if the restroom is closed or dirty, you have to pack up and leave. It is an inconvenience. I also think that the splash pad at Veterans Park should be bigger and have more equipment such as dump buckets. Similar to other areas such as the splash pad at the Riverside Discovery Center. more green space. navigated trails with flora and fauna guides.

Well kept lawn. Large trees. Variety of playground equipment for the kids. Bathrooms! Access to water (drinking fountain). Ease of parking.

Clean and well maintained Updated and maintained equipment More than one in a community our size

I think the northeastern (especially) and/or northwestern parts of the city need some parks. I would like to see one big park and one or two smaller parks. I think they need to be within walking distance of most people or centrally located in the area. I would like to suggest a nature trail/walkway along Spring Creek running parallel to the north belt line between Ave. B and 5th Ave. It is already pretty in its natural state but could be primped and preened to look even nicer. There are already some trees there. It could be a very attractive area to people passing through the city on Hwy 26. we also need to have a walking overpass preferably at 5th Ave. and Hwy 26 intersection. Due to the traffic here, I think it is dangerous to attempt to cross 4 lanes of traffic. This needs to connect the northern part of the city to the city south of Hwy 26. I would like to see more extended bike trails maybe on the fringes of Scb. Right now there is no such thing to where one can get a good work out without having to stop to cross streets or travel along/on roadways. I think this is a safety issue, too. Our current parks need to be better taken care of especially with trash and weeds.

Disc golf. Open areas to play fetch with dogs. Running space. Updated equipment for neighborhood park.

I think this area needs a much bigger and better place for our kids to be able to sled. It is a family event that when done properly can be such great fun. It is hard enough to drag them outside as it is. A bigger better dog park also

Clean, well maintained shelters and restrooms. Quality playground equipment. Shade.

Easy access, located in neighborhoods, well maintained

Walking distance from home. None of this is available north of highway 26

I am very disappointed in the city's handling of the pools. It's a big disservice to the community and youth. A town this size should have a functioning pool and the way the city handled the broken heater at Westmont was terrible.

I've heard a rumor that the City is thinking about an outdoor ice skating rink. I think it's a great idea for a family-oriented winter activity and would be a unique and singular attraction in western Nebraska.

ice skating would be nice

Equipment up to date. Green grass. Sand. Large area. Pic nic area. Restrooms. No stickers.

A successful park had options for both people and their pets. The facilities are well kept up and lawns mowed.

I would love to see more done at Riverside and the dog park. No shade or seating, poor fencing. The walking and biking area is so congested and should be designed wirhe

more of a track or circular path. Riverside needs updated and revamped so much wasted space.

Need indoor courts/facilities

Updated equipment, adequate maintenance of grounds (i.e. free of trash, dog poop, broken glass, etc.), access to clean restrooms, comfortable area to supervise children from (should have adequate sight lines, access to shade in summer & sunshine during winter, something more relaxing/lounge-like than a bench).

Location. How clean it is.

easily accessible and fun for various age groups. Many small neighborhood parks located in many areas of town.

I am a senior citizen who walks daily. There are no parks in my area so I walk in the neighborhood. I thoroughly enjoy the small park areas that have been added to parking lots, the library etc. though I don't actually use them in any way except viewing in most cases.

Clean, well maintained with open space and adequate shelter space that has some protection from weather

What's the most important thing the community can do to improve parks and trails?

Disc golf. The one by the zoo isn't taken care of well and is full of stickers. Would LOVE to have a large disc golf in a better location for easy access and something that is kept up.

Improve the dog park and disc golf options

There is no park at all in the Indian hills area. This is a large neighborhood of kids who have no playground except across a busy highway.

Baseball and softball facilities have been left to wear out. Hundreds of kids and adults participate in baseball and softball and have for decades. They also generate more visitors and revenue from their tournaments then many other events do. The city just leaves them to more or less rot rather than budget funds each year for maintenance and upgrades. At Cleveland field there are no longer benches to even sit on.

More trash cans to keep liter at a minimum

expand the bike trail, and build a park north of hwy 26

Dog park expanded to include area for swimming. Nice if more seating for dog owners. Place for water for dogs to drink.

running/walking paths throughout town, easier access to cross busy streets,

Offer a Variety of themes and options at each. Which they do a decent job of already.

Add more walking/hiking/running trails Continue to maintain parks based on the above criteria We need more pool options-- open in the mornings during the summer, an additional outdoor pool or reopen the Splash, etc.

Adult active space

Provide safe, interesting playground equipment.

Outdoor fitness area would be great. Nore "meaningful " parks. Meaning, less parks of tiny grass areas and more dedicated parks for children and families spread out throughout town.

Connect the trails we have and make them accessible for cyclists and runners/walkers.

More accessible maps regarding where they are and what their planned use was/is. I'm sure there are areas I've never been and am not certain if they really are public.

expand the dog park, fix the fences, which dogs can escape under, plant trees, install lighting

You are already in part, doing this by providing this survey to express our ideas. Thank you very much! Our community leaders need to make building more parks, trails, walking paths etc. a priority. If a community looks good and has these amenities, people will want to move/live here. This and wellness go hand in hand. The other item I would like to mention is how well businesses keep up their properties. I see a lot of businesses with weedy and trash-strewn frontages. I notice quite a few new places have their areas landscaped but then let it go to pot afterwards. There needs to be some incentive to keep businesses looking cared for and attractive. It gives an overall impression of the city to visitors and passing through. Case in point, a niece from eastern Nebr. traveled here for the first time for a wedding. In running around the city during her stay, she asked me "Don't you have any NICE areas of town"? That really made me sad.

Being able to safely walk to particular destinations. Eg, intersection at 27th & Broadway is very awkward for walkers and biking-- no crosswalk.

Interconnectedness. Make it easy for people to get to them. Have events there so people get to know these places.

Have parks in all residential areas

Keep clean and maintained including restrooms. Trails need to be a top priority, there has been lots of talk and no action. Trails could be the most important piece for our community and should be ahead of additional dollars spent on the parks. Pathways would also be a low maintenance item. Bike lanes need to be implemented into roadways and anytime roads are redone a bike lane should be a requirement. Putting no shoulder on the redo of Sugar Factory Road north was a huge mistake and the public believed there would be one. Now with steep shoulder less safe than before.

Add more bicycle paths and lanes on public streets

Provide dog poop bags/trash cans & update equipment.

Expand trails, more accessible functional trails across town. This town is not the safest for pedestrians and bicyclists, there is a need for more trails and paths across town.

Attach existing trails and make them longer and safe for families to go more than a few miles.

get rid of goatshead thorns

Safe walking paths connecting all areas of town.

Continue working on the pathway, including extending the path through other areas. We have a lot of beautiful scenery around Scottsbluff and people enjoy walking and seeing these areas. Keep all the current facilities (restrooms, scoreboards, shelters, etc.) in good working order.

Make sure they are safe, lots of lighting, be in areas that had great visibility all around no dark places.

Have more in different areas so that they don't become so compact.

Improve walking and biking paths throughout the city so bikes and pedestrians can more safely move from place to place

Bike trails

Work on expanding Dog Park

Just keep them groomed so people can use and enjoy them. Children must have access.

improved lights and electrical would be enjoyable. clarification of how to reserve the facility would be helpful

The parks are generally decent. Trails? What trails?

Improve on the existing pathways in the Wildcat Hills by extending and improving the trails by enlisting community members such as Hod Kosman, who seems to be very interested and involved in improving our attractions. Steve Frederick is also another good source. There are probably several community members that would be interested in volunteering with this project.

Build more

be listened to when their input is requested.

unique play equipment botanical garden

The pathway needs to be expanded. Only having a less than 2 mile trail is not adequate to promote outdoor fitness. There is a high demand for this in the area and we need access to a multi mile path system people can use year round that will promote wellness and is safe.

Continue expanding Riverside trail system to hook up with monument trails. Please create more biking trails. Please.

Ice skating rink! Also expand and improve the dog park.

I think the \$25 charged to reserve a shelter is inappropriate and city parks and shelters should be available to city residents at no charge, especially when they are not kept clean by the city. Isn't that what we pay taxes for???

Connect the existing walking path along the river to the Gering walking path.

Major need: City sponsored indoor swimming pool.

Keep them maintained and safe

Lighting. Pavement. No weeds. No bushes.

use them

Paths to them for walkers and bikes with meeting spaces so events can be held there with shelters.

Create a trail that goes north. A rec facility like Spearfish.....

Have a trail come up hwy 26 so people don't walk on roads. This way people have a safe way to get to other trails and sidewalks.

Add/extend biking and walking trails. Utilize the bluffs/green spaces outside of town and create neighborhood trails that connect the community

add parks north of highway 26

Provide more activities for families at the parks and trails. Our community is a family based community. I think in the summer it would be neat to have a family night once a week at the park with a movie outside in the park. it would be nice to have an area for ice skating as well.

Provide walking/running/biking paths.

Create more of them.

Shade for equipment- trees or an awning so kids can still play in the heat of summer and not get burnt by equipment

Add shelters to Bea Lovell and other parks in southeast Scottsbluff. Add more stop signs to control traffic around parks in southeast Scottsbluff. Kids and neighbors seem to be at the park a lot but cars careen by and police do not enforce traffic on our area. Update play equipment. Connect Our parks with walking paths.

Offer more options than the zoo, river walk and monument walk ways.

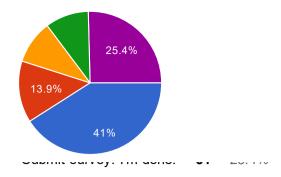
Restrooms.

Reduce litter defacing of equipment.

Maintain the equipment and ground

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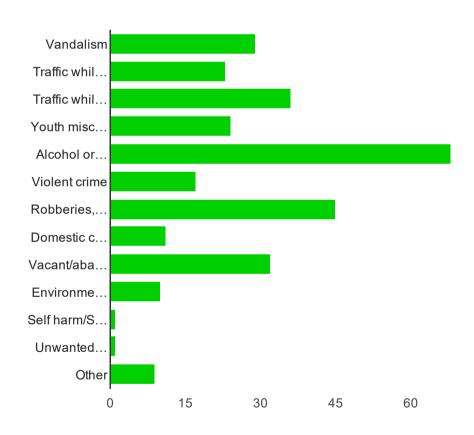
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Safety and Wellness

Safety

What are your top 3 community safety concerns?



Vandalism **29** 26.9%

Traffic while driving 23 21.3%

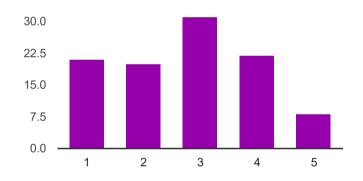
Traffic while walking or on bicycle **36** 33.3%

Youth mischief 24 22.2%

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45 41.		Robberies, burglaries, break-ins	
11 10.		Domestic conflicts	
32 29.		Vacant/abandoned properties	
10 9.		Environmental hazards	
1 0.	Self harm/Suicide		
1 0.	Unwanted contact or comments by strangers in public places 1		
9 8.	Other		

Where do you feel safe?

I would feel comfortable letting my children take short walking trips by themselves.



 Strongly Disagree: 1
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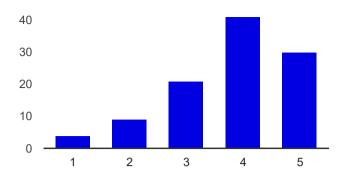
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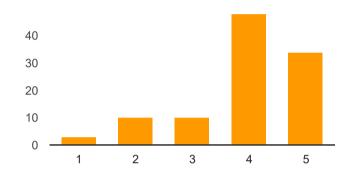
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 Strongly Agree: 5
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I feel safe in downtown Scottsbluff.



I feel safe walking in my neighborhood.



Strongly Disagree: 1 3 2.9%

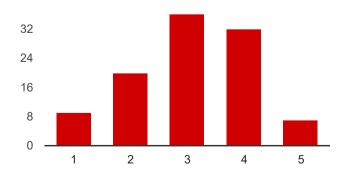
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3 10 9.5%

4 48 45.7%

Strongly Agree: 5 **34** 32.4%

I feel safe being outside after dark.



 Strongly Disagree:
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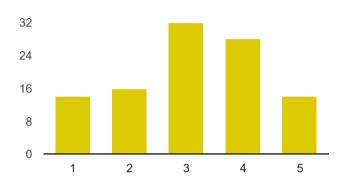
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Strongly Agree: 5

7

I am satisfied with the police presence in my neighborhood and community.



6.7%

Strongly Disagree: 1 14 13.5%

2 16 15.4%

3 **32** 30.8%

4 28 26.9%

Strongly Agree: 5 **14** 13.5%

Places I feel most comfortable are:

Downtown. Own Neighborhood. Mall. Not safe for kids

broadway, 27th street, 20th street, 5th ave

Most of town

My residential area. Downtown.

Broadway, Gering neighborhoods west of 10th

Most of Gering Some of Scottsbluff

Downtown and in most residential neighborhoods.

I feel safe on the Avenues, the north end of downtown, and the running path near Frank Park.

Mall area during the day

Larkspur, primrose, idlewyld,

During the day time, most anywhere. I am comfortable in public places. I walk in my neighborhood (I live by the college) with my dog or a friend. I would probably not walk in

a strange neighbor hood alone or go to like the pathways alone even during the day.

Work ,home , and Applebee's lol

Ave I, West 20th St, downtown, Ave N, West Overland, Westmoor area, Monument Mall There are some really dark streets that need new lighting! Many complaints of peeping tom and break in. And there are many drug activities and have neighbors across the street who brag about their drug use! And they have constant checkups as the boy is on house arrest and the other kids need help as well! The mother is a drug addict and so is her boyfriend and talk about how they go into unlocked sheds and garages to smoke

meth!! Have discussed This with local police and have no patrols around downtown, Centennial Park, Library and Constitution Park

Where there are people around.

in my room

Avenue B

In the high school area

40th st

The excellent police department and frequent patrolling throughout the city are to be commended. It is great to live in a town with such professionals.

inside any store

neighborhood

North of highway 26

I feel fairly safe walking near the college at night and in my own neighborhood up around Larkspur.

Downtown and Lied Library areas

Inside my home with the doors locked.

Westmoor area, north of Hwy 26, downtown

In my house.

North of Hwy 26th. 27th east of Broadway.

Every area of town that isn't restricting my right to carry a firearm.

Down town & major streets

Westmoor

Home and my neighborhood during the day.

Main street downtown

Shopping areas. Busy areas.

Any well-lit area.I walk and bike early in the morning.

I rarely see police in my area in southeast Scottsbluff. Also why are cars allowed to park on the sidewalks in this area? Pedestrians have to walk in the streets instead of on sidewalks.

Home, downtown area

pretty much all areas, downtown, hospital, parks, are all ok.

Places I feel most uncomfortable are:

East overland

Walmart late at night (I avoid). I wouldn't hang around East Overland--especially at night. Generally, I feel safe in Scottsbluff.

Alleys

East Overland

East overland area

East Overland area

Easy overland area

In the evenings, I don't go many places alone. I always try and park under lights when I have to park and walk into someplace. I walk for exercise but do not walk after dark even with someone.

East overland and south 5th avenue!

West Overland East Overland

My own neighborhood

All areas and parks south of E. Overland and east of 5th Ave. South of E. 20th St and east of 5th Ave.

every where else

East overland. 5th ave south or 20th st.

Downtown streets after dark.

Trying to walk across the streets downtown. We need the yellow pedestrian crossing signs at the intersections like they have in Alliance, NE and Boston, MA. Traffic does not slow down or watch for pedestrians! And have you ever tried to cross the street wth a handicap?

Unlite streets. Unpaved streets. Low income housing.

Unfortunately, the East Overland/Roosevelt area seem to make me most uncomfortable. However, comparable to larger cities, I feel comfortable in Scottsbluff most of the time.

East overland after dark.

parks, riverside, neighborhoods. police presence is lacking. police are cocky, arrogant, above the law drive around with their own agenda not public safety. police drive too fast. areas near parks in evenings when parks lack lighting - evening walks

Southeast Scottsbluff

South of east overland to the tracks, but I don't worry of my safety there.

Any neighborhood after dark. Streets are not lit well enough.

Walking down the street because people turn there dogs loose at night so the cops cannot see them unless someone gets hurt.

East overland

Church

intersection of the highway 26 by target

anywhere after dark

E Overland

I would not want to spend the evening on the river at Riverside Park near the Zoo.

Dark, unlit streets south of east overland

east overland

Along 42nd Street, particularly from ESU #13 to the hospital. No one pays any attention to people riding bikes or walking there. In my car, all along 40th Street from the hospital to where the road ends near the corn field. No one ever stops at the stop signs. When driving past the townhouse complex, people rarely stop when pulling out onto 40th street. This is extra dangerous when winter arrives because these roads are literally ice. Walking: Along 27th Street Overland Broadway south of railroad Crossing highway 26 at 27th St I'm comfortable driving in all areas.

I try not to be out in our area after dark/too late. No reason just think it is a good precaution. I don't believe most people would leave their houses/be witnesses If something did happen.

government locations where they have taken away my right to carry concealed firearms. It is completely unconstitutional to infringe on my right to protect myself and family in buildings that my tax money pays to operate. Schools are on this list as well but the city has no control over that.

East o, any park after dark, downtown after dark,

East Overland, 27th street

Walking from WNCC to the Mall/Kmart area and most of Highway 26 is extremely dangerous to pedestrians. This is the only city I have lived in (out of more than 10 small towns and cities) that does not paint most crosswalks.

Downtown and east overland

Southeast area

Terrytown Wal-Mart parking lot

East Overland, 21st Street between Hwy 26 and south Beltline Hwy, Riverside Park (if walking alone)

East Overland, SW Scottsbluff

I feel uncomfortable by the cottonwood apartments.

pathway along river

Ave. I, HiWay 26,

Anywhere on foot when there is traffic to deal with. Very few drivers understand that pedestrians have the right of way. Scary as an adult and completely terrifying as a parent of small children. Especially areas like 27th. Cars think it is a normal street and seem to forget it is a school zone.

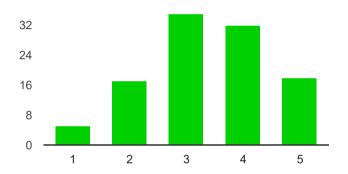
East Overland, the south end of Broadway, and 27th

Depending on the time of day I might feel uncomfortable walking near down sugar factory road (no sidewalks).

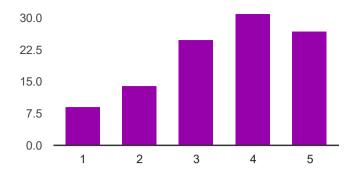
Dark side streets Heavy traffic on 11th Avenue

Wellness

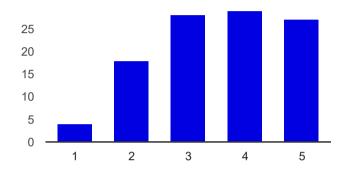
If I want to exercise or be active, I can easily get somewhere to do so.



I have adequate access to the groceries I want.



If I want fresh fruits and vegetables, I can get them easily.



Strongly disagree: 1 4 3.8%

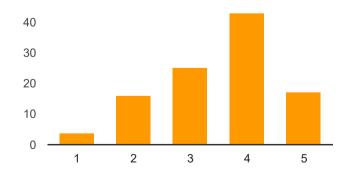
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3 **28** 26.4%

4 29 27.4%

Strongly agree: 5 **27** 25.5%

I have adequate access to the health care facilities I need.



Strongly disagree: 1 4 3.8%

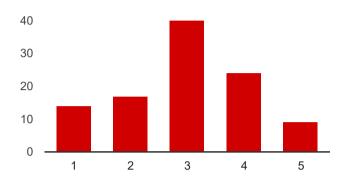
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3 **25** 23.8%

4 43 41%

Strongly agree: 5 **17** 16.2%

Scottsbluff is a fun place to live.



Strongly disagree: 1 14 13.5%

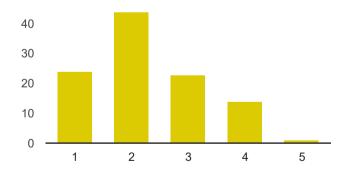
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4 **24** 23.1%

Strongly agree: 5 9 8.7%

Scottsbluff is a stressful place to live.



Strongly disagree: 1 24 22.6%

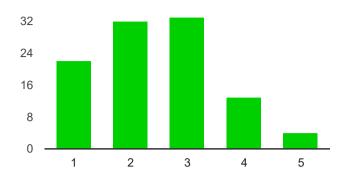
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4 **14** 13.2%

Strongly agree: 5 1 0.9%

There are adequate places in my neighborhood for people to get together.



Strongly disagree: 1 22 21.2%

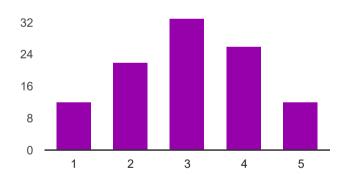
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3 33 31.7%

4 13 12.5%

Strongly agree: 5 4 3.8%

I feel well connected and supported in this community.



Strongly disagree: 1 12 11.4%

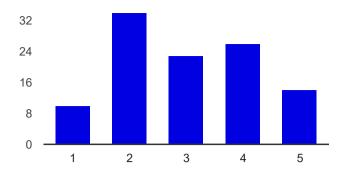
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Strongly agree: 5 **12** 11.4%

There are places in this community I can easily go to relax.



Strongly disagree: 1 10 9.3%

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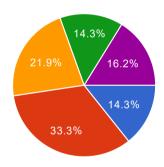
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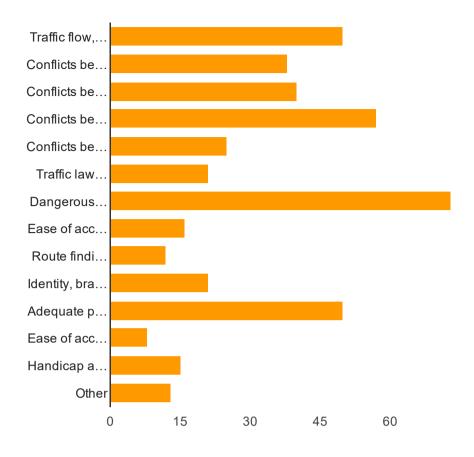
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Submit survey. I'm done. 17 16.2%

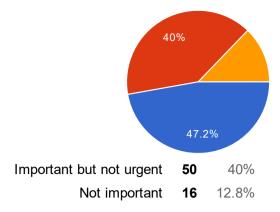
Transportation and Roads

What are your top concerns for transportation in Scottsbluff-Gering?

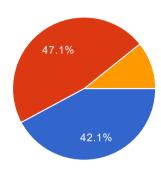


Traffic flow, ease of getting around town	50	40.3%
Conflicts between automobiles and pedestrians	38	30.6%
Conflicts between automobiles and bicyclists	40	32.3%
Conflicts between vehicles and trains	57	46%
Conflicts between large trucks or equipment and other vehicles	25	20.2%
Traffic law enforcement	21	16.9%
Dangerous intersections	73	58.9%
Ease of access to businesses and storefronts	16	12.9%
Route finding, signage, and navigating the community	12	9.7%
Identity, branding, and aesthetics	21	16.9%
Adequate public transit options	50	40.3%
Ease of access to neighboring communities	8	6.5%
Handicap accommodating streets and sidewalks	15	12.1%
Other	13	10.5%

How urgent and important is the need for a railroad overpass/underpass in Scottsbluff?



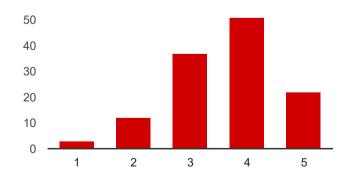
How urgent and important is the need for bicycle designated infrastructure as transportation (bike lanes, route markings, etc.)?



Urgent and Important 51 42.1% Important but not urgent 57 47.1% Not important 13 10.7%

Mobility

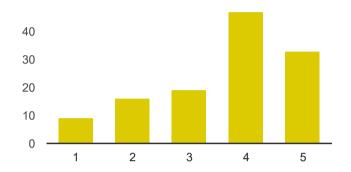
It is easy for me to get where I need to go in town for daily needs.



4 51 40.8%

Strongly Agree: 5 **22** 17.6%

Everyone in my household has access to the transportation they need when they need it.



Strongly Disagree: 1 9 7.3%

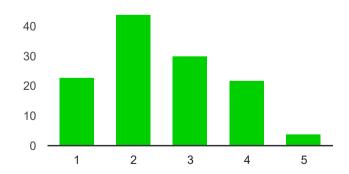
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4 47 37.9%

Strongly Agree: 5 **33** 26.6%

It is safe and easy for children to walk or bike to school.



Strongly Disagree: 1 23 18.7%

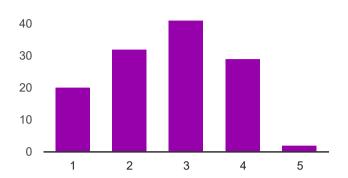
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Strongly Agree: 5 4 3.3%

Neighborhood intersections are safe and easy to use.



Strongly Disagree: 1 20 16.1%

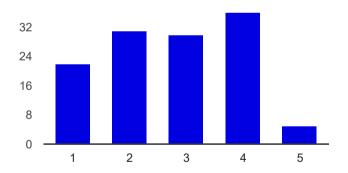
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4 29 23.4%

Strongly Agree: 5 2 1.6%

Neighborhood roads are safe, easy to use, and in good condition.



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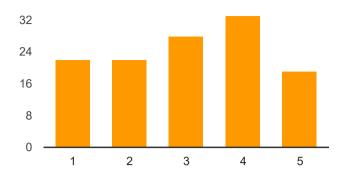
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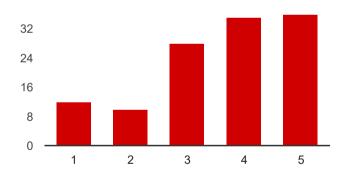
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Strongly Agree: 5 5 4%

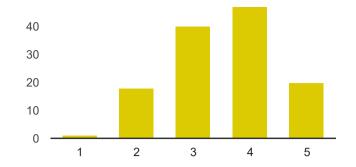
Increased public transit options would help the members of my household to get around easier and more safely.



Improved walking and bicycling facilities would help the members of my household to get around easier and more safely.



Travel by car or truck is easy and efficient in Scottsbluff.



Strongly Disagree: 1 1

0.8%

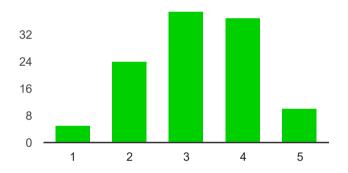
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Strongly Agree: 5 **20** 15.9%

Commercial traffic is well accommodated in the city.



Strongly Disagree: 1 **5** 4.3%

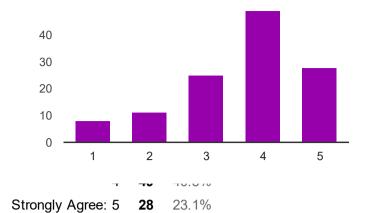
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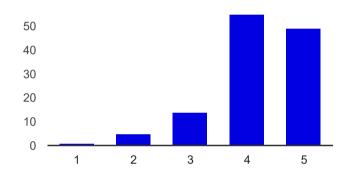
4 37 32.2%

Strongly Agree: 5 **10** 8.7%

It is easy to find the best driving route to my destination.



I can travel to communities outside Scottsbluff-Gering easily when I need to.



Which roads or intersections in the city most concern you for safety?

Avenue B, Avenue I, & 5th Avenue during / after a train. Intersections on those three streets can back up for many blocks, and also into another intersections, causing street traffic to come to a stop for long trains. Then the frustration once the trains pass and the traffic has to adjust with people making turns, etc. Our community actually comes to a stand still when there is a train - with no options available to "go around".

Getting onto Broadway from a side street where there are no traffic lights.

The entrance from Broadway to east overland is very inconvenient.

Intersection @ North Bypass and Staples (TERRIBLE!!!) Intersection @ North Bypass

and Shari's Restaurant (TERRIBLE!!!) Avenue B and North Bypass Avenue I and North Bypass Avenue I and West 20th Street (backs up beyond 20th Street with train traffic) Majority of west Scottsbluff residential streets (where I travel most) are in poor repair.

27th is heavily trafficked and you have lots of pedestrians. Hwy 26 has no good pedestrian crossing and as that develops with hotels etc there will be a larger population trying to get from the North side where the hotels are to the South side where most of the restaurants and stores are.

I wish there were more Stop signs on the Avenues.

Intersection by target and sharis, area by newspaper and bluff sanitary supply, Avenue I and 20th st, 20th st and railroad ave, avenue b and railroad ave

Roads with train crossings need over/underpass access!

pedestrian safety across broadway and ave b

Intersection of hwy 26 and Ave I. Trucks run this light all the time. Someone will be killed.

- 1. Highway intersections, but especially: uncontrolled at 20th street, angled intersection at 27th, traffic trying to cross highway between College Place and 14th Street is scary.
- 2. 20th Street it's difficult to cross, especially when drivers illegally drive around a car waiting to make a left-hand turn, as they often do between Broadway & 5th. 3. Avenue B crossing at the railroad track zero safe ped access. 4. uncontrolled neighborhood intersections can be confusing & dangerous 5. traffic zooming across Broadway at Railway/14th Street

The intersection between Target and Shari's which bisects Hwy 26 needs a stop light. The intersection is generally crowded, especially during the daytime, and has seen multiple accidents in the recent past. It forces drivers to instead of crossing the highway to get to their destinations, to go back up College Park and down 27th street again just so they can have the safety and security of crossing with a stop sign.

Highway 26 - semi trucks go too fast through city limits

Many highway 26 intersections need turning lights. There are angles for the roads that make it difficult and dangerous to see if there is oncoming traffic when turning.

Avenue B and Railway. Should remove the ability to make a left turn when traveling north or south on Avenue B. It' just backs up traffic too much especially after a train The intersection between Target and Shari's

5th Avenue and North Bypass 27th Avenue and East Bypass E. Overland and East Bypass All of the above are on curves. If the turn lane opposite you is occupied, you cannot see if there is oncoming traffic, to make a cross-traffic turn.

5 rocks road should have a walking/bike route (currently it is unsafe for any pedestrian or bicyclist). HWY 26 and E 27th by the new Honda Dealership should have turning lights.

Target intersection needs a traffic light. Not fun sitting over five minutes waiting for a chance to cross. Hwy 26 will continue to see increased traffic the more businesses open up along it.

Highway 26 crossing at Shari's People blowing through stop sign at Primrose and 12th hiway 26/north beltline and 21st street-semi's running red lights hiway 26/north beltline and 27th street-semi's running red lights turning north to go to the College from hiway 26 very hard to see oncoming traffic if someone is turning from 26 to go south people rolling or not stopping at Stop signs

5th and east overland and belt line and Broadway

Ave B & Hwy 26 Unmarked (no stop signs) at various neighborhood intersections like E 35th and 12th Ave. The kids love to go at a high rate of speed over the bump on 12th Ave. Not good as some lose some control with vehicle. Seems to be especially fun in the summer time when young kids are out.

Highway 26 and 5th Ave, Ave B and Highway 71

downtown Broadway crossings and lack of speed control, A and 20th, 1st and 20th, all of the crossings of HiWay 26

highway 26 by target

All intersections with blocked view.

Intersection crossing highway 26 at Shari's and Target Turning left at any intersection on Highway 26 without a turn signal! I do it daily due to my location and really cannot see oncoming traffic and just hope for the best! The intersections are not at right angles so it is impossible to view oncoming traffic!

4 way stops at Sugar Factory Road and Ave I - need to have stop lights

Second avenue from 27th ave to 23rd street is a huge problem. Students and families from SHS, BMS, four bearcat preschool classes of 20 students and their parents and St Agnes families and students is TOO MUCH traffic on that section of road during school hours. Especially on snowy days. At a minimum, there should be parking on only ONE side of second ave on school days. It should also be a snow route, so no street parking on snow days.

Any along Hwy 26

Crossing from Monument Mall/Platte Valley Bank to Target

Ave I and Beltline

People seem to be uneducated about stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks. I see this rule broken quite frequently. Also, traffic on west 33rd street between Ave. B and Walmart can be terrible - speeding is the worst violation. The posted speed limit is 25 but I see vehicles doing 35 to 40 all the time. Speed bumps or speed indicator sign such as on Broadway would possibly help. I'm not opposed to closing the road at the park either.

Most of the areas south of east overland. There are many unmarked intersections and

complex intersections. Narrow roads, combined with high pedestrian traffic increase the risk of accidents

Any where along hwy 26

All streets become backed up with traffic when a train has went through town. An overpass on the outskirts of town has not helped with traffic flow. Trucks traffic around the sugar factory has damaged E. Overland east of 21st Ave. Rehaul sugar beet trucks continue to ignore speed limits and run through intersections where the light is turning red.

Avenue B and avenue I have no place for bikes

Intersections in residential areas not marked and visibility is low in most intersections. More lights on hwy 26

All-generally don't have any bicycle lanes. Sugar Factory Road, no shoulders/sidewalks. 42nd Street. no shoulders/sidewalks.

Housing areas where there is no yield or stop signs and some people don't slow down at intersections to see if someone is coming from a different direction.

Highway 26 & 5th Ave Highway 26 & East Overland Highway 26 & Ave B Highway 26 & Ave I

Target intersection on Hwy 26

Hiway 26 by Target and Holiday Inn

Ave I and 20th combined with the train crossings on both streets

East overland

I very nearly get hit on a daily basis at 7th and 19th Street. The intersections by our neighboring parks could be traffic controlled for the protection of kids. The intersection at Fifth and 20th is a mess during school travel. Again, unsure why cars are allowed to park on sidewalks in our area. Would like to see a walking path in southeast Scottsbluff that connects parks for more walking routes. Public transportation is badly, badly needed for the low income in our community.

4th Ave and 25th st can't see the yield sign covered by big tree growth so soccer moms just roll right through that son of a bitch.

27th Street by Highschool. Street lines painted over reflect in the morning and people are confused and cross lanes because of reflection. Safety issue especially where children are present every morning.

The City required many businesses to put trees next to the road - 27th and Ave I to the north - and it is almost impossible to see oncoming traffic. 24th and Ave I has a hedge that makes oncoming traffic impossible to see coming north from the railroad.

Ave I, too much traffic for two lanes, need to expand to four lanes.

27th and broadway - too many people run the yellow and red lights.

I feel most residential streets are a concern. There is a significant lack of stop signs or yield signs at most intersections. This leads to confusion for drivers at intersections,

creates a hazard for pedestrians trying to cross the street and is dangerous. Intersections need to be controlled with stop or yield signs. This would drastically decrease accidents and creat a much safer environment.

All the uncontrolled intersections between avenues and streets. Having numbered streets and numbered avenues is stupid. Either put stop signs on the streets or the avenues at intersections.

Highway 26 at Target

traffic signal intersections.

Intersection of Broadway and 27th needs to have a arrow signal so cars can turn on to Broadway without fear of turning into oncoming traffic. Many intersections in neighborhood have no stop signs or yield signs. Very dangerous especially in winter.

5th Avenue and the traffic around Longfellow School. This is a mess that is well known to the community, and law enforcement, but little is done. Bike and walking traffic needs a method to get across HWY 26. Ped Bridge is way overdue.

By target and sharia. Always people pulling out in front of others. Need stoplight.

Beltline and sugar factory road. Bad intersection at rr crossing- too much happening at 1 place

The intersection @ 20th Street and 5th Avenue, is very busy especially when Longfellow School is letting out. Also 20th Street on Sunday morning with all the traffic going to all the churches. People need to realize that the Unitarian church on the corner is active and the entrance to their parking lot is right past the major intersection of 5th Avenue and 20th Street. Cause if you are waiting for the light to change and then accelerate and are doing the speed limit, and not paying attention, there is the potential for an accident to occur. In fact one of the people who attend that particular church had that happen to them approximately 18 months ago.

All of the ones that don't have a yield or stop sign because many vehicles just pass thru them

27th and Broadway-- no crosswalk Some intersections have no clear signage such as 26th and Ave A and other intersections in that area.

Broadway -- speed and not yielding to peds. Put signs for Ped. crossing back up. If someone runs over one they own it. Little if any selective enforcement of school crossing. No one stops for students crossing streets at these crossings.

For example 24th and ave I on the Southeast corner. Clearing some shrubs to increase site distance would be a tremendous help. Not sure if it is in the City's easement or R.O.W.

Railway avenue used to be the most efficient way to get across town but it was destroyed with the stupid train crossing project. Broadway is useless since it was changed to single lane traffic with no lights and the speed limit was reduced but is never enforced when I'm walking.

Avenue B and Beltline is a very dangerous intersection. With all the traffic that is going through that intersection, I'm surprised there aren't more accidents. A stoplight would help a lot.

All the intersections down town that don't have lights. I don't go down town for that reason.

Intersections of highway 26 and frontage roads

Non-signed intersections; especially when out-of-town people assume they have the right of way when they do not see a stop sign. I have seen many close encounters. I do not like the downtown area now-- in fact I go a long way out of my way to avoid it unless I am specifically going to a location there.

Bike safety. Drivers have no respect for bicyles here.

Avenue I and West Overland. Hwy 26 at Target

More busily travelled roads need painted crosswalks and signage.

Ave I and Overland

14th Ave and Hwy 26

Many of the neighborhood intersections are not well controlled and are not clear sight lines

Since taking away parking on the west side of Ave I, traffic has increased and it is more difficult to get out of my driveway. It has also put increased traffic and speeding motorists closer to pedestrians and children in the neighborhood. There is also no law enforcement for people that drive past and around busses that have their stop signs out when they have to stop for children even though I have personally asked for patrol cars to be available to catch offenders.

Traffic on avenue I is always backed up for blocks during peak periods. An overpass on avenue I is desperately needed. Additionally, 42nd street from avenue I to Rwmc is nearly impassable due to ruts and breakups (probably caused by recent Rwmc construction)

Avenue B and Highway 26 Avenue I and Highway 26 5th Avenue and Highway 26 All those residential crossing streets between 1st Ave. and 12th Ave. (north & south of 20th st). People fly through them....but I wouldn't want stop signs at every intersection....so it's just one of those things.

The intersection at highway 26 and 27th st

Intersections near Target and also the holiday Inn express are dangerous to use.

10th street and O, P, Q, R, S, T and U.

Ave I

Hwy 26 and Shari's and at Fremont/Holiday Inn. Avenue I residential area.....speed and no street parking on west side.

Broadway and Ave B

Please share any other thoughts for how to improve transportation in Scottsbluff-Gering.

cameras the give tickets for running red lights

It's ridiculous for a "city" (Scottsbluff-Gering), even a small one, to have to put up with main street train intersections. For one thing, it cuts down, to whatever degree, in crosstown commerce. For another, it's hazardous with respect to ambulance service. For still another, it's time consuming and sporadic, which means it's hard to calculate travel time for appointments. And yet another, it's an embarrassment to live in the central and largest city serving the Wyo-NE and feel like our schedule is dictated by trains going through town.

42nd street really needs to be widened with bike paths and sidewalks. There is a lot of use with hospital and multi-living apartments nearby. Mitchell folks use it as cut off route, too. Left turn signals at all major intersections. A lot of folks think that if there is left turn lane, that they can just turn on green because some have signals and some don't. Appropriate signage signally that lane is turning lane only. Some of these have been added recently and public is unaware.

Curbs on ave. B need to be bike, stroller and wheelchair friendly. Most of them are not! We are in dire need of an over/under pass to address the train issues. This is not only a traffic issue for daily commuters but also poses a significant public safety concern. Trains are consistently delaying the response time of emergency responders. They are forced to wait for the train to pass or take a drastically longer route in an attempt to bypass the trains. This needs to be addressed.

It is not a safe place if you want commute to work via bicycling. There are no easy routes.

Need public transportation!!! Like a safe ride or taxis. Would cut down on DUIs and deaths from alcohol.

Over passes for trains, expand 2 to 4 lanes in high congested areas.

More bike paths and greater access to sidewalks would be a great addition to the city. Generally in residential neighborhoods the access to sidewalks is available, but when near the highway or other places in town sidewalks and bike lanes are not present at all.

An Railroad track overpass on Ave B or Ave I. Better traffic enforcement on Hwy 26 during harvest (primarily Aulick rehaul trucks).

There should be some type of public bus that makes rounds over town, so people may get to work or the grocery stores.

Clear intersections as stated in the town's laws. Left and right turn lanes.

Visitors desperately need some time of taxi, shuttle, or "Uber" service to get around. It would also be helpful to minimize DUIs and drunken driving.

Overpass/underpass in town

Fix all railroad crossings.

Trains! Trains! We are held hostage, to some extent, by the trains. We need an over or underpass somewhere. That intersection at 1st Ave. and 20th St. is the worst intersection in town. Avoid at all costs. If you're on 1st Ave, you can get stuck there for a very long time. But, you probably already know this.

Some streets lack sidewalks

Safety with pedestrian/bike transportation

Stop allowing nitwit drivers to create their own turning lanes for right hand turns.

I feel we need a public transportation service that travels a route from Gering to Scottsbluff all the way to the hospital & maybe include Ave I or 5th Ave or even the College. I own a vehicle but would use a service such as this to get to work.

When the snow falls, clearing the main routes thoroughly without blocking people from turning left off the road; clearing residential streets in a timely manner. The side streets are treacherous far too long in a snowy winter.

Need designated bike lanes

Route shuttle from SCB to Gering.

Stoplight by target.

Walking paths as a requirement when a neighborhood is planned and ways it connects to other areas for bikes and walking.

remove snow from all streets. dont plow. REMOVE. Staff adaquetly. FIREKUCKAHN Good to go

Bus service between park and ride locations scattered strategically throughout the community.

Train traffic makes traffic here horrible. Makes going home for lunch hard when I hit the train stop not only once but twice.

There is no good way to get from north Scottsbluff to south Gering, you have to go east or west out of town.

It isn't the roads, it is the drivers who take needless chances and talk on their cell phones while driving.

1. Whenever any roads project is undertaken, consider how it will serve bicycles and pedestrians (including wheelchair users) in addition to cars. 2. 4-way stop at W Overland & I is super inefficient - a traffic circle would work much better! 3. Bring back the middle-of-the-road pedestrian crossing signs on Broadway. Use them in school crossing zones before/after school, too. 4. 2nd Avenue north of 20th is too narrow to allow parking on both sides of street during school hours - traffic is effectively restricted to one way when cars are parked opposite each other. 5. Northbound 5th at 20th - can this be widened to put in an actual right-turn lane? Because of the street alignment and lane width, locals usually create two lanes when stopped for the red light anyway. 6. It's inconvenient & confusing to get to the mall from the highway. 7. Smooth out rail crossings. The one on 5th is terrible. 8. 27th Street cannot be safely crossed by pedestrians at Broadway. Can

a pedestrian crossing button be installed? 9. Wider ped/bike sidewalk across river bridge. 10. Make sure drainage cut across sidewalk is covered. A drain culvert across the sidewalk on west side of 500-block Broadway prevents safe bike/wheelchair passage.

I think the transportation dept. does a great job. I like seeing that the city is using it's own crews to repair curbs and broken up pavement during the summer.

Speeding down side streets is horrid, with all the on street parking and children constantly playing, it's a miracle more accidents involving motorist hitting children hasn't occurred. SLOW DOWN. It's 2015, they make sensors these days to detect traffic approaching stop lights. Yet you drive downtown Gering and can expect to be constantly sitting waiting for a light that is cycling off a timer without regard to the flow of traffic.

More public transportation. More traffic enforcement. over/under passes at railroad crossings!!!!

There is inadequate bike lane markings. Designated bike routes, even though marked by some signage, are not safe. Road marking may improve safety. This is particularly true for Avenue B and Fifth Avenue. Avenue I is entirely unsafe for bikes.

Do something about the railroad crossings & the ridiculous slow wait for the train going through. Burlington-Northern tracks should be north of town & they could use the current tracks as a siding. When traffic is heavy, this is ridiculous waiting for a coal or tank train going through. Where the major problems are, it is not very convenient to build separated grade crossings. This is my only real beef about driving in Scottsbluff. It's not a real problem in Gering where I live. What is BN's excuse for their slow trains?

I am.from a bigger city in Northeast Wisconsin. The city I lived in, had a population right between 50-60 thousand, and they had a public transportation system, which linked up to Valley Transit in Neenah, Wisconsin and the greater Fox Valley area: Menasha, Grand Chute, Appleton, and areas north. I am surprised Scottsuff, being the size it is along with the surrounding area doesn't have some alternative to the County Handi Bus program. The lack of resources for those not blessed to have a car, is downright scary. gain, unsure why cars are allowed to park on sidewalks in our area. Would like to see a walking path in southeast Scottsbluff that connectsour area and allows us to walk.

I have good transportation because I have a car, but I am of the age that I may not be driving in a few years and then my transportation options are limited

An overpass / underpass is urgently needed on Avenue I, even more so than on Broadway, in my opinion. East and west bound 20th Street traffic as well as north and south bound traffic on Avenue I are backed up for 3-4 blocks when a train goes through town. RIDICULOUS!!!

Scottsbluff is a dangerous town for pedestrians. Drivers don't know when to yield for pedestrians and pedestrians don't know when or where they should cross. Better markings and crosswalks at every corner would be a huge help.

enforce the posted speed limit on Broadway downtown enforce the lights on HiWay 26

Need more walking and bike paths. Need railroad over/under pass. Need separate routes for beet trucks. Need better way to get from East Overland to Broadway.

Traffic flow from hwy 26 and Ave I going south. Timing of lights are bad.

Utilize programs such as Uber or Lyft, pending legislation etc.

I feel if an overpass is built it should be in the middle of town, not on the edge. Ave B would be a viable option and would help reduce traffic on ave I.

There is not enough splash buffer distance between pedestrians and passing traffic on Ave I since parking was taken away. More and more pedestrians are getting splashed by traffic when there is wet weather.

We need bike routes so people wont be afraid of riding bikes to work or shopping! Handi-bus service is good just need to educate public about the service such as cost, intended clients, hours, areas of service.

Snow routes need to be enforced and we need to quit destroying efficient routes across the city.

I like the idea of rotary intersections as opposed to four-way stops The population would need tutoring

Thanks for wanting to be more proactive on snow removal in Scottsbluff this year. That will help my morning commute this winter.

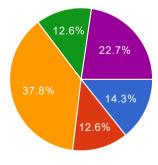
I use the rail crossing on E 7th st. daily. It would be a major inconvenience to "go around"

Plan better for snow removal. Really a hassle

Change traffic parking downtown Scottsbluff, current parking situation, it is hard to pull out into traffic, cannot see oncoming traffic

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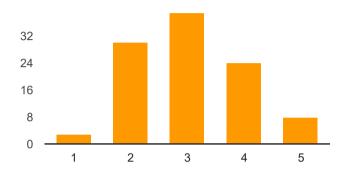
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Go to Design and Built Environment Survey 45	37.8%
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Submit survey. I'm done. 27	22.7%

Design and Built Environment

Scottsbluff has many public places that are positive and memorable.



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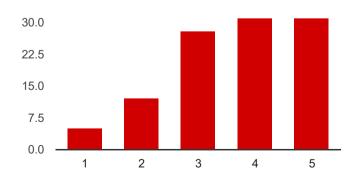
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How important are the following aspects in making a place in which you want to live?

Parking close to my destination



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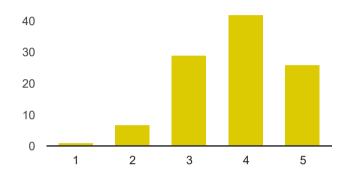
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3 **28** 26.2%

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Very Important: 5 31 29%

Ease of vehicle access



Not important: 1 1 1%

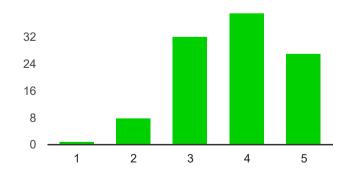
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3 **29** 27.6%

4 42 40%

Very Important: 5 **26** 24.8%

Getting places quickly in my vehicle



Not important: 1 **1** 0.9%

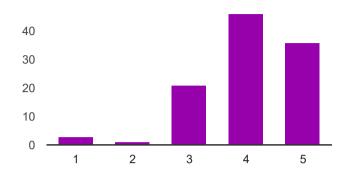
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Very Important: 5 27 25.2%

Memorable/attractive buildings



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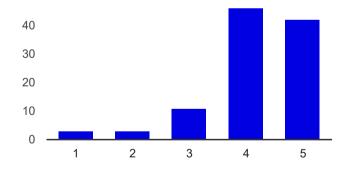
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4 **46** 43%

Very Important: 5 **36** 33.6%

Attractive landscaping around buildings and businesses



Not important: 1 **3** 2.9%

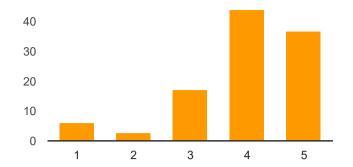
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Very Important: 5 42 40%

Attractive landscaping on busy streets and corridors

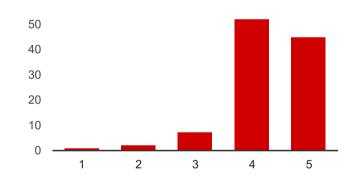


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Trees and landscaping in neighborhoods

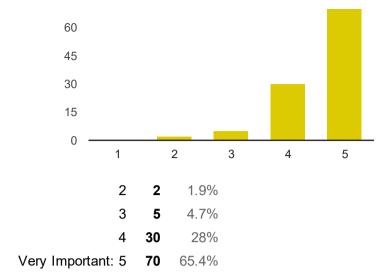
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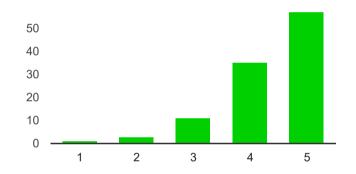


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Feeling comfortable walking places I want to go

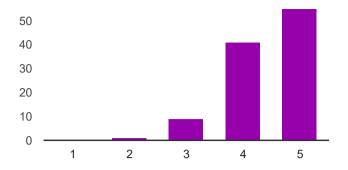


Interesting places to be outside

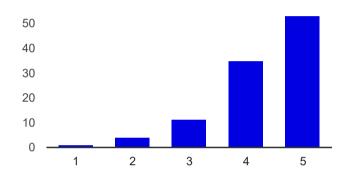


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Very Important: 5 57 53.3%

Well kept properties in neighborhoods

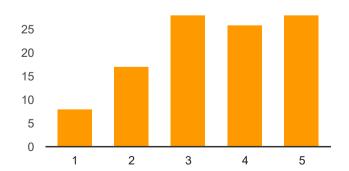


Pleasant places in town to sit or walk outside



Not important: 1 1 1%
2 4 3.8%
3 11 10.6%
4 35 33.7%
Very Important: 5 53 51%

Widely accessible public art



Not important: 1 **8** 7.5%

2 17 15.9%

3 **28** 26.2%

4 26 24.3%

Very Important: 5 28 26.2%

What are three important (non-natural) landmarks in Scottsbluff?

Centennial Park, Broadway,

Midwest theater WNCC

Centennial park Midwest theater schools

none

Historic Downtown

Broadway before it was ruined with the new stop signs The sugarfactory

Mall, parks

Midwest Theatre Library The Slash Arena

Cleveland Field

i feel we need to do something to the islands on the north beltline. There needs to be some landscaping, trees, bricks, rock something to make it look nicer. That is the first thing that people traveling see. it is an eyesore. I really like when you go to a town like Ft Collins where everything is made to look nice and manicured. I think it would be an awsome addition to make our town look more homey and friendly and attract families. we have the nice hotels (some--Scottsbluff Inn looking bad) but those islands bring it down.

1. new chain resterants 2. the high school 3. Simmons Olson Law Firm

Webers Furniture Riverside park Monument mall

Sugar Factory Riverside Zoo Broadway W.N.C.C.

Lincoln Hotel, sugar factory, Centennial Park

There is none. Why don't you put some statues on broadway like Rapid City has going down St Joe. Are there any signs anywhere pointing to down town Scottsbluff? Maybe more benches outside the business and more flowers to attract tourists. Clean up East Overland. Vacant buildings, bad yards. Maybe you could get an organization or businesses to volunteer there services and there time to get it to looking better.

1) St. Agnes Church 2) Midwest Theater 3) The Emporium deck in the summer

Mid-West Theater Riverside Zoo Centennial Park

Midwest theater, centennial park, library

Library, Kosman park on Fifth Avenue, Midwest Theatre

Lincoln house, Broadway, webbers furniture building

Midwest Theater BMS Lincoln Hotel/ Apartments

Midwest, Hospital, College

Midwest theater

Mid-West Theater The former railroad station building Weber Furniture

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Tri State Canal Lake minatare & lighthouse Midwest theatre

Midwest Theater

Lincoln House Roosevelt School East Overland Drive

The zoo/ trails west ymca park. 5 rocks amphitheater. The Midwest.

Midwest theater Public power building Chiakos building

NONE, the city needs to quit wasting my tax money supporting things like the Zoo, the Midwest Theatre and other such organizations. I am ashamed at the waste the city does on such things.

Scottsbluff Monument, the river walk way, Frank Park

Library Midwest theater

Civic Center, WNCC, RWMC

Improved Downtown, Monument Mall,

Downtown High School Mall

WNCC Court House Civic Center

The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library is one of our greatest assets, yet one that our City Council continues to ignore or even enter. They should be there to help register +2000 children to the Summer Reading program, show up after school to see children studying, playing the violin in Little Sprouts, meeting with a Book Club, using computers, taking classes, etc. etc. I am very disappointed that the budget has been cut so staff has been decreased and hours for closing moved up. Our book club has to meet at 5:30 instead of 6:60 as an example! The solution is quite simple - increase the very low Lodging Tax. When we go out off town we expect to pay lodging tax at a motel. People visiting our area will do the same We have many visitors to the area that stay at Motels!!! Let's take advantage of our resources and give the Library back the money they had before the City Council cut the budget!!!

The Midwest, the West Nebraska Art Center, the Riverside Zoo

Midwest Theater Arts Center Mall

Middle School & High School & stadium Down town area Hospital

Midwest Theater, Flynn Building, Sugar Factory

Midwest theater. Old nppd building and not sure on third close tie with a lot of buildings

Western Nebraska Arts Center Midwest Theater Western Nebraska Community College

Zoo WNCC little theater

Midwest Theater West Nebraska Arts Center Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Midwest Theater Sugar Factory

Midwest Theatre

Name three of the best places to gather in the community

Lincoln Hotel Cleveland Field Hospital system Sugar Factory

Riverside park, including the zoo and YMCA Trails West Camp WNCC All of the sports fields

Centennial park I lived in Gering for a period of time and found their parks to be better to gather in than in Scottsbluff. They have shelters, plenty of activities for kids and are easy to walk from one to the other because of sidewalk access. Gering has awesome parks. Scottsbluff had good parks but the accessibility needs improved.

Gering Civic Center Local Churches Lied Library

Riverside Discovery Center Cappuccino and Company Riverside Park

Frank Park, Ampitheater, Civic Center

Farmers Market, Midwest, college events

1) Midwest Theater 2) WNCC college theatre 3) The Emporium

Summer Farmer's market, WNCC, and the Riverside Zoo

Streets of Broadway

Midwest Theater Library WNCC

I honestly can't think of any.

Harms Center Civic Center Legacy of the Plains

Broadway Park, WNCC, Bluff's Middle School

1. Frank Park 2. Pioneer Park 3. FTC parking lot

Broadway park Library Parks on 27th Street

churches---the mall---walmart. There is no special place. Maybe a restaurant. May be you need a dance hall and have dances to get people to come and visit and relive the past and young people to see what its like to congregate with the elderely. Charge an admission and get some local and other bands in like you do at Midwest theatre. Use the admission charges to pay for bands, chips, etc. Not a bar type situation. We used to

gather once a month at a dance hall, and loads of fun. Think about it.

18th Street park, park in Gering,

Cougar Palace The riverside pathway

Midwest Theater Mall WNCC

Parks & the mall are the only public options.

Centennial Park, Summer Farmer's Market

Grace cafe Sam and Louis Bob's bar

Park at zoo. Five Rocks.

Midwest Theater West Nebraska Art Center Theatre West

None

Five Rocks Amphitheater Civic Center - Gering Weborg 21

Coffee shops or restaurants. Farmer's Market.

Homes of friends and family

WNCC Civic Center

Midwest theater Hampton Inn WNCC

Coffee Houses-- Emporium, Capp & Co Parks- Pioneer, Frank, behind the zoo Riverside

Zoo Lied Public Library

Downtown High School Parks

18th Street Park, Civic Center, Oregon Trail Park

river walkway

Runza because a lovely transitional patio, emporium deck, library

Frank Park Lake Minatare Hascall Park (Terrytown) Lacey Park

Midwest Theater The High School Auditorium West Nebraska Community College

The library Cappuccino and Company Gering parks

Midwest Theatre, Emporium, Country Club

Riverside park. legion park in Gering. harms Center or Gering civic center. Make land owners/property owners more responsible for curb appeal. There are too many businesses that do not attend to landscaping! Applebee's location looks horrible with overgrown weeds and poor concrete from sidewalk to curb on 27th to down fifth Ave.

Downtown Riverside Park / pathway The soccer field (good meeting point for running, star/aurora/storm gazing, but wish dog walkers would leash/clean up after their dogs)

Oregon trail park Wehborg Center Scottsbluff Country Club

Country club

Civic Center, Hampton Inn Backaracks, Steel Grill High School sporting events Church functions

Parks, hotels, and churches are the best places and most accessible places to gather in the community.

Downtown, parks and trail systems.

Oregon trail park, Y camp, 5 Rocks

nowhere

Gering Civic Center Five Rocks Amphitheater Frank Park

Frank park, pioneer park and softball diamonds

Bakery, frank park, cappicuino and company

Mitchell Berean Church Landers Soccer Field Midwest Theatre

Riverside Park Centennial Park Cougar Palace

The Riverside Zoo Park, YMCA Pavilion, Lake Minatare

Riverside Park, Lacy Park,

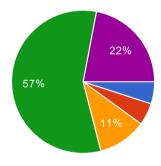
Unfortunately there is little between bars and church to do in Scottsbluff/Gering. We need a shot of culture. Folks bad mouth Fort Collins, however the diversity is what makes it so interesting. The ability to enjoy ourselves and our own people is important. Concerts downtown, ethnic diverse events and celebrations.

Hampton inn Harms center Midwest theatre

Veteran's Park (Southeast Park) The Mall Westmoore Pool (Pools in general)

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Go to Safety and Wellness survey 5 5%
Go to Transportation and Roads survey 11 11%
Go to City Vision Survey 57 57%
Submit survey. I'm done. 22 22%

City Vision

What are Scottsbluff-Gering's most important and urgent concerns and current issues?

Crime rates are rising, drug and alcohol abuse is out of control, rent is not affordable, low paying jobs

Economic Development, Solid Employers who stay and provide living wages.

lagoon smells, sugar factory smells, chikory smells, feed lot smells, pig and cow can all be enjoyed when you drive home going east on the south beltline and turning to go north past the sugar factory on various days......we are all used to it but new people may not want to live here!!!!

Not enough places for our youth, no social or night life.

lack of vision and direction leadership growing areas of citizens living below the poverty level no plans for growth

Education and quality of health care. Gering public schools student population keeps dropping while the parents keep transferring their kids to Scottsbluff public schools. Also Gering school district keeps falling to reach academic standards year after year with no change in the leadership hierarchy as a consequence. As far as health care, Scottsbluff county seems to be a revolving door for health care professionals. The come to our communities, but soon after leave the area. This of course affects the quality of care if there are constantly different doctors coming and going. Last, with most serious conditions most patients are simply transferred to Colorado to be cared for. Why would anyone want to live in a place where if they get seriously sick would end up in Colorado anyhow? It's not very easing on the mind simply knowing that we in a place like this. trains on Avenue B, 5th Avenue and Sugar Factory Road. I work in Gering and 8 out of 10 times, I have to wait for a train. I realize I can take the over pass, but it seems out of the way for me to where I need to go in Gering.

1) Higher paying manufacturing or skilled jobs, to retain youth once graduated. 2) Rental Market - not enough suitable residential rentals for new people to live in, if coming to Scottsbluff for employment opportunities, causing the current rental rates to be higher than they should. 3) Housing - Not enough new housing stock, for step up buyers to move into - most potential home buyers are stuck in rentals, clogging up the rental market. Scottsbluff can not continue to grow, if they only re-circulate the existing housing stock. Chamber had a couple professional housing study done mid/late 1990's that stated Scottsbluff needed several hundred new properties built per year to keep up with projected growth. Government housing programs and custom homes can't be the only way we grow the community. Builders have to be able to make money building more than one or two houses at a time, and not have such difficulty selling them for a profit due to appraisal issues with new construction being compared to older homes.

Sidewalks and bike lanes

Industry that will bring higher paying jobs. Businesses willing to raise wages. Property tax relief. Lessen responsibilities of Twin Cities Development. Way too much influence

by two people who have used it for their personal advantage.

Centralized information sharing and shared vision for who we want to be. What do we want to be known for and what do we want to foster for our residents.

Increasing our commerce and better exploitation of our diverse cultures. Bring in more businesses that offer higher wages, diverse opportunities for all ages. We need to embrace and encourage many economic avenues. There should be less building of autobody and industrial type businesses encouraged to be on the river and near the monument and more encouragement to have restaurants and shops going up. Hello, that big rock is pretty dang cool - Let's celebrate it and use it to attract people to visit and stay here! Who decided to put a dump near our National Monument? Dah.

Addressing the changes inevitably coming due to the plant coming to minatare Drugs and crime. Small town feel is leaving because of these issues and with it the desire to live here and raise children.

Inequality - neighborhood & education divisions, racism Living-wage jobs Division between the cities when we are really one big community with neighborhoods How resilient are we in terms of dealing with a changing climate?

Keeping and attracting young adults and having a workforce of people to work in businesses.

Public safety and correct mannerisms

Get some industry in here.

Code enforcement and cleaning the community up. There is little code enforcement. We want to market our community then first clean it up. Council needs to drive the community and count the junk, uncut weeds, unkept lots, cars, trailers, boats stored on streets. Including our own Fire Dept. Storing a house and a bus on 19th St. Really! Slum rental property brings criminal types to the community. Research supports this. The 21st Ave.t trailer court we paid to get cleaned up is beginning to have junk mobile homes in it again

Positive youth activity and learning experiences are needed

Keep downtown rejuventated. Constantly keep events and activities current and trendy for that area. A summer concert series on Friday nights. Make homeowners accountable for their property's landscape. Too many eyesores. Riverside Park needs better upkeep and a more inviting look. Too much brush and overgrown weeds...better landscaping.

We took the survey via computer a week ago. An added comment: we appreciate the "FARMER'S MARKET". It brings people to town from neighboring communities. It is a plus for the entire region.

Need industrial site development Workforce development for trades pedestrian/bike safety,

Snow removal. Activities for teenagers. Nicer and more parks and recreational areas that can accomodate year round activities, rain, snow or shine.

Railroad crossing.

Biggest concern is finding people to fill jobs. I hear a lot of complaints from many business owners that there are not enough qualified people to fill positions.

There is no common development plan for the area. There is no plan for connecting the two towns visually on the Broadway to tenth corridor. The two towns work in isolation to try and grow. They are much stronger together.

reclaiming alleys and irrigation right of ways - junk & noxious weeds Maintaining existing facilities & services - Zoo, swimming pools and parks Maintaining existing infrastructure - water/sewer systems Downtown area feels "like it is dying" Horrible redesign of downtown streets & traffic flow -lack traffic stoppage DISCOURAGE MEAT PACKING PLANT anywhere within the county

To take care of parks and equipment in those parks. To work together in order to save money for city and citizens.

Jobs and attracting new businesses.

Integration of the Anglo and Hispanic/Latino comunities, and the recovery of southeast Scottsbluff from decades of racism, violence and poverty.

Lack of jobs and careers that develop into financial security and prosperity for community members.

Developing and enforcing a building codes that would require land lords to maintain safe, decent affordable housing. If a property owner is going to collect rents they should be required to follow the tenant landlord laws and the city should conduct inspections on their properties to insure they are meet HUD livability standards. Getting a grocery store on the north side of Scottsbluff. Walmart is a joke for grocery shopping. We need more activities for our youth this might cut down on the underage drinking. A community/dinner theater, comedy club etc. for adults to do. Bring some restaurants and new stores down town. It would be great to have a "Haymarket" atmosphere like Lincoln has. Keeping an indoor pool in Scottsbluff. More recreational activities besides school sports.

Indoor recreation

Safe and affordable housing

Declining population Crime Drug use Poverty

Education, education, education! Our youth is our future. There must be an effort to provide a variety of opportunities for teenagers including entertainment. The wealthy can provide for their own but most need assistance. School activities just don't "do it" for many.

The roads are terrible in alot of spots and the politics are not being played fair.

Creating more walking/bicycling paths across town which promote happier and healthy lifestyles and a safer way of recreating and commuting.

Bringing in businesses that add to the community. Things to do, restaurants...

Economic development; improving aesthetics; improving accessibility

Need to address an over/under pass for trains. Need to continue to grow business opportunities and growth within the communities. Need to create family oriented gathering/activity center or venue for year round use. There are a lot of options in the summer but nothing for winter months.

Need indoor activities for children in the winter.

Economic vitality of the area

Run down properties. A lot of the housing is run down, unkept, and down right scary. Drug and alcohol abuse. A lot of the abusers live in the run down properties mentioned above. Child abuse. We seem to be having more and more cases.

Public Safety Violent Crime Workforce -Jobs with livable wages Partnerships between schools and community to encourage youth

downtown parking shopping facilities, not enough major stores to shop get another big chain grocery store,) King Soopers would be good) here, other than Walmart or Safeway Need more major retailers at Mall. like KOHLS, Chick Filet restaurant, more shoe stores in Mall. Get a Sams Club or Costco closer by, (I have to go to Cheyenne or Greeley/Fort Collins to shop these stores). Another fabric store like Joanns, would be nice

Attracting young people to live here-- work opportunities and offering high quality of services and outdoor activities that are easily accessible-- town that is bikable and walkable.

Cost of living.

Growth need to bring young people back.

Drugs, unemployment,

Heatland Expressway Police Dept. solving more cases Continue removing abandon buildings & homes

There are not a lot of places for kids to go during the winter. The community would greatly benefit from an indoor play area. Something that is appealing to all ages.

This response is specific to Scottsbluff... 1. A very high need for afforadable, middle class housing. The city need to work with a developer(s) and contractor(s) to build family homes in the \$175,000 to \$250,000 price range. There are several areas in town which would be an ideal location; however, the city needs to demonstrate a PROGRESSIVE mentality and do their part to make this possible. For example, put in the infrastructure which can then lower the cost of the homes. 2. Maintaining and enforcing HIGH expectations for the maintenance and appearance for properties (residential and commercial). If a property is not suitable or within guidelines, do something about it. 3. Provide additional pathways for walking and riding bikes.

Lack of workforce Lack of skilled workforce Lack of outdoor activities that attract tourists and keep residents here.

Cooperation among the cities! (less us vs them) Encourage (help) Latino businesses to establish a committee to help get improvements going in the community.

Jobs and workforce training; refuge for druggies, criminals and welfare bums.

I want to celebrate the many things that are happening here and the work so many are doing to sustain a progressing edge on economic issues, tourism, business growth, community health and participation... the list goes on and on. Thank you

Developing an effective and efficient snow removal plan. Creating and connecting bike and running trails.

Jobs. We need higher paying jobs. More technical jobs, more white collar jobs. We must encourage companies to come here. Wind Power must be harnessed to provide the green power companies want these days. The city needs to build a tech park that runs on wind energy to attract more companies

To combine the two into one larger city!!!

clean up properties establish more neighborhood parks make parking in downtown easier (backing up is very difficult to see clearly)

transportationm

*Governance: providing voices for all of Scottsbluff's diverse population. *Employment opportunities *Education and *Affordability

Pedestrian safety and improving the business and cultural opportunities.

Leadership with a vision to work together to maximize the area's potential at minimum cost.

Scottsbluff indoor sponsored swimming pool

homelessness addictions poverty

Business development

Quality of life October-may

What are Scottsbluff-Gering's most promising opportunities?

High school renovation, Weborg 21

community minded

regional location capable community that could grow if given the chance and tools good outdoor features if utilized correctly

Small community closeness. We should all be aware of the needy and contribute--not necessarily money.

Downtown and mall seem to be going on a good direction and should attract from the region if we continue to bios.

Mall growth and future downtown gathering spot/park.

Providing greater quality of life for citizens.

The fact that two communities can and should work together properly for the benefit of

its citizens.

Becoming retail hub. We could have a browseable downtown and a non-dead mall. This would pair up with tourism opportunities & rural atmosphere. We are "a city in the country."

I am happy to see the expansion of the trail system.

I believe the most promising opportunities come in the form of entertainment. Creating businesses that target the youth and young adults will be more inviting to those looking to relocate here. The Haunted Museum in Gering this year was a great example of the steps needed to keep residents here and spend money on local attractions. I know many people who normally go to Colorado for Halloween entertainment but decided to stay locally due to this new attraction.

Low paying jobs,

Our youth if we direct them in a positive manner

Low unemployment Expanding businesses at the mall Excellent teachers in the school systems despite relatively poor administrators. Actual development of younger leaders and allowing them to lead.

The natural beauty of the area is rarely maximized or enforced.

Tourism Continue with downtown revitalization efforts Community events are ongoing The Old West - History Outdoor activities (Hiking, Hunting, Scenic Tours, Nature watching) Buffalo, Elk, Long Horn Cattle - need to be seen from Highways Indoor rec area

West Nebraska Arts Center Riverside Discovery Center Midwest Theater

We have a great climate. Some people do not realize that this is one of the most steady and pleasant climates in the US.

Downtown revitalization and Gering has beautiful, plentiful parks, Scottsbluff needs more.

Retail growth beginning to take hold.

We have many areas to build housing and many things to attract people to come to the area.

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Redevelopment of the mall and growth of modern businesses coming to the area is very promising.

This all depends on whether we want to be a progressive community or a regressive community.

If the city would try and stand behind our young business owners and support them the younger generation would be more apt to stay here wich is exactly what this city needs business such as SWBC and Vertex need skilled workers. We should build on those with our internet capability. The new high school is going to be one of the most

progressive in the in the state and will be a marketing tool. We need facilities for the young with young families. Youth sports facilities, swimming pools and such. A small zoo with few exotic animals really does not do this. I have six grandchildren and they have no interest in going to the zoo other than the splash pad. Promote business similar to SWBC and Vertex with our communications capability. Make the community Attractive to young professionals with young kids. The soccer moms. They are into youth sports, swimming and so-on for their children to do. Frankly it is not a zoo with only a couple of exotic animals. I have 6 grand kids and they have no interest in the zoo other then going to the splash pad.

Having new stores coming to the mall. Seeing the schools being improved. Expanding the pathway's but need to make sure they are well lite. The marathon, the bike run and the balloon rally were great additions this summer.

Wind power, open space to build tech park

Our tourism department is excellent! The job they did on the hot air balloon festival is the prime example of having a vision, getting the community involved in the planning, execution of all the details, and boosting up the local economy during the last major summer holiday, especially when they were competing with 3 other regional ballooning events: 1) Labor Day Lift Off in Colorado Springs, 2) the Spirit of Boise in Boise, Idaho, and 3) Fall Holiday Festival and Balloon Rally in Windsor, Colorado. The. Nebraska State Fair was also happening at the same time. We had 19 pilots who were all from out of town, who spent money in our stores, restaurant's, and bar's. Plus the positive land owner relations we were able to pull off an inaugural event without any PZ's (prohibited zones) emerging. That is virtually unheard of.

No traffic jams, safe and appealing neighborhoods, WNCC including educational opportunities, music and theater and athletic events. Easy access to lots of public lands for outdoor activities.

we will certanly have an expensive high school!!!

SWBC, WNCC, RWMC

Attracting business to vacant buildings such as the Apple center, and the former Albertson's location. A vehicle-free zone on 18th street in Downtown Scottsbluff Small town community values.

Strong community commitment to progress Livable community Medical community Education opportunities

Quality of Scottsbluff schools, growth of businesses

Expanding extractor and processing economic base

We have a stable economy. I feel our area is a great place to start a small business.

New pathway, regional economic development planning, expanding business at mall and efforts to revitalize downtown with activities

Downtown Shopping Sporting events

A indoor Sport Complex

New high school programming Growing downtown WNCC RWMC Diverse population Strong agricultural community Strong ranching community

Growth is a large opportunity. We have a large community but 3 separate towns. We have such a great opportunity to merge and improve!

Outdoor recreation and tourism; improving education and higher ed opportunities; ag processing

Open spaces and natural recreational areas (needs more promoting)

Strong school system with increasing enrollments at High Schools and WNCC Strong Medical community .

area development of ag industries area development of natural gas and petroleum industries completion of Heartland Expressway

New business coming in

Proximity to Denver and Rapid City. Completion of Heartland Expressway and raising of the speed limit on that road could increase traffic and tourism immensely.

I think overall this area is still a good place to raise children. We have a good school system and a very good junior college. Our rural farming community provides a lot of support to the area cities.

What 10 words best describe your vision for the city's future?

Safe, family friendly, healthy, clean, welcoming, inclusive, accessible, affordable,

Clean Air & Blue Skies Friendly People Preserve Nature Ease of travel

Flourish Thrive Hometown Beautifull

compact accessible mixed-use fair efficient quirky welcoming diverse growing safe

Promising. Courageous. Conservative Active. Friendly Cosmopolitan Aggressive Farsighted Nice Generous.

Major developers, Major stores,

reduce spending to reduce impact on the citizens and cost of living.

Families shopping and walking downtown

Clean, well educated, community aware, progressive but keeping small town flavor

Esthetics, ambiance, variety, community, active, art, music, progressive, accepting, education

Safe Family oriented Welcoming

Ambience, aesthetics, revenue, inviting, family oriented, pedestrian friendly, multicultural, development, real estate and investment.

I feel there needs to be an emphasis on AG.

A healthy and safe place to live

Landscape Clean parks and up to code playground equipment Downtown Updated streets Trail system Events downtown Better Halloween/Fall events downtown

Opportunity, Diversity, Progress, Friendly, Hometown, Family, Sports, Education, Food (Mexican), Nature

PROGRESSIVE SAFE BEAUTIFUL CLEAN PRIDE NEED FOR HOUSING FAMILY FRIENDLY

Think outside the box. The past 20 years have been wasted oppurtunity. We have sat on our laurels and thus missed out on oppurtunities. Rick Kuckahn must leave before he ruins this town anymore.

Planning growth and opportunities for future development.

Regional center for: Recreation Entertainment Culture Education Commerce Safe, affordable, opportunities, entertainment, current, God, equal, wages, updated Bright, booming

Panhandles hub with outdoor activities, many services and shopping variety.

Modernization Tourism Growth Industry College

Building on a great community to build our future together.

growth opportunity community youth cooperation outdoor leadership healthy vision implementation

Creating a regional destination for recreational facilities and activities

Grow! Beauty! Progressive! Inclusive!

Make the community attractive to young families with good jobs.

growing

Confidence for new business in the downtown - need entrepreneurial spirit to grow. More businesses as entertainment - a bakery with a picture window to watch items being made or shops to watch art being produced. Entertainment built into business models for downtown to grow opportunities to spend time there and expanded evening hours for appropriate businesses

If you believe in climate change, you will believe that a lot of people are going to have to move sooner or later. We could be that place where they go.

to expand and bring more night life for all ages.

Clean, grow, jobs, educate, youth activities, elderly services, church organizations, industry, technical improvement, government involvement.

Hope Clean and safe surroundings

We need to bring our rural community to life. Build a "Haymarket" creative artistic hopeful exciting open broad possible challenging expanding planned Active Old Involvement Dedicated Conservative Rural

Economic strength Independence Growth Development Neighborhoods Jobs Professions Health Education

retail growth Expanded outdoor wellness opportunities Residential development Promising

I believe the City of Scottsbluff is try to look to the future and improve on things that they have.

Growing and improving our city while maintaining our rural values

Scottsbluff, Terrytown, and Gering need to merge services and school systems.

Worried.

Diversify.

Embrace and encourage better economic and ethnic diversity.

A place where you can afford to live & work.

This is no longer a retirement aged community, only needing people to provide services to them. Needs to be more well rounded - for all ages.

quaint, hardworking, safe, outdoorsy,

Safe, fun

Create opportunities that entice young people to return to roots

Keep the nice, quiet, clean place to live and raise our children

Stagnant Opportunistic Volatile if not done right Consistent

Describe what you like best about the character of Scottsbluff.

Small, rural, still a Christian based community. Good school and community involvement.

Small town, but access to bigger city options.

still a great place to live and raise a family, opportunities if taken, many citizens who still care about the future of the area but losing patience and confidence in ability to change and move forward. an area which has been a focal point of the area for years and still can be that from many areas such as retail, healthcare, education and outdoor activities.

Potential. Unique.

Kind People

People are friendly, they have a prairie culture and they have had a lot of space to practice that culture.

Small Easy to get around Good place to raise kids Schools striving to do better Small town and simple, hate the waste downtown and the direction it is going.

Positive attitude.

Growing city w/ a small town feel.

Relatively friendly people... as long as you can avoid Walmart... which is impossible to do on average local wages. I know that seems sparky, but it's true.

Landscape Not much pollution Location

Small town feel but larger area.

It's Western Heritage and code of conduct, neighbors help neighbors

We don't have character yet....and never will if we don't stop making bad decisions. We need more culture and less parochial thinking.

People make the difference

Small town feel while being a regional hub for retail etc.

Diversity

For the most part it is friendly

It is a small town and friendly feeling. It is Ag based and safe to live in.

The kindness and openness you exoerience from all the residents

Small enough to know what is going on and effort to be productive

Variety of stores

Caring community attitude

Regional. Friendly.

I don't think Scottsbluff feels like it has much character at all. It feels disjointed and not productive.

Willingness to help a neighbor.

I wish there would be greater opportunity to attend quality entertainment—not easy to accomplish with small population base. Local institutions provide what they can afford. Denver is reachable but takes an effort.

People of Scottsbluff are friendly and easy going. We are very family oriented and open to new relationships with new people.

I love the open and inclusive community that surprisingly provides something for everybody despite it's smaller size.

Friendly people for the most part. People will to give of the time, talent and money to good causes.

Historical context

Good environment to raise children, but outside of school and school activities really needs to be expanded. Need Children/Youth Activities and businesses - Have a 2 year granddaughter & found it frustrating to find somewhere to hold her birthday party, other than a bowling alley. No restaurants or businesses that cater to children / families, such as Chucky Cheese / Family Fun Center / Arcade / etc. Unless in school or organized sports, all ages of youth/teens are limited in what they can do with their time. Top reason for high alcohol and pregnancy rates in the area.

Steady Friendly

Nice smaller city, with mostly friendly residents.

A healthy and safe place to live with friendly and accepting people.

The downtown project has been a positive.

Small town atmosphere.

Friendly, open people.

It is a small town with a larger towns amenities while maintaining the farming community conservative values.

It is charming and family based

It use to be the best place to raise children which is why we moved back. However drug crime seems worse than than larger cities and small crime like theft and vandalism are growing out of control with no real response by the city/police.

The whole northeast to the south/southeast is very attractive as far as scenery goes. It with be nice to see more development in that area.

I love it here. We have been here for 5 years and plan on staying many more! For being as small as it is, the support of the arts in this community is absolutely outstanding. We have a wonderful and vibrant Arts Center. The semi-professional Reperatory theater company Theater West was a total and complete shock. Granted they do 3 shows a season, but the fact that they are the definition of a Rep theater company is outstanding, for this area. The Midwest Theater tries to expose the general public to either the arts by booking major nationally known acts or hosting NET television show Independent Lens Community Cinema program. I have sat there watching the film and so into it that there is a sense of I know I am in Scottsbluff, but this feels like I am in a big city art house film environment.

The melting pot (multi-ethnic) character

People are very friendly and welcoming.

North of 26 nice homes safe neighborhood. unsafe trash by east o.

everything is within distance

nice people

Great people. Newcomers feel welcomed.

Memorable and historical

Old school values

Please share any other comments here.

This is a great place that does a lot of things well, but has some room for improvement mainly in improving safety and accesibility for pedestrians and bicyclists, offering scheduled public transportation (especially to the college and shopping), and attracting businesses.

I don't feel we need to spend any more money studying what we need. We already know what the needs are...lets start putting that money towards accomplishing tangible goals.

The recent downtown landscaping has been great! We need to continue adding

landscaping to areas outside of downtown.

Why are there prairie dogs in the lot across from Coop? Isn't that a health hazard?

Don't try to make Scottsbluff something that it is not. We are part of the Old West,

Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, last veins of the Rocky Mountains, close to the Black Hills,

North Platte River, etc.

Enforce codes, Clean up the weeds and trailers and vehicles stored on the streets.

Speed some money at the 23 Club and Cleveland Field. Do not abandon outdoor pools.

Do something about the traffic tie-ups due to BN railroad.

Need something for winter months.

Encourage positive comments to southeast Scottsbluff to new comers. There are a lot rougher cities in our country and East Overland deserves a better reputation than being labeled as the rough part of town to avoid.

We have an amazing river running through this town. Why not use that as an attraction? open up certain areas that are least likely to flood and put restaurants or fun little parks to enjoy it. I know we have diversions and other safety concerns for the river, but find a way around that and open up the river to recreational activities(rafting, tubing and so forth). Last would be a long pathway to walk and ride a bike across town. Connect what we have now all together and create a really nice pathway. Look at what Cheyenne has created.

The overall vibe of this area is that we have lots to offer, but the recruitment of families is a huge sticking point. Especially of you didn't grow up here. There is this mentality that your contribution while appreciated, is not as appreciated as the good old boy who went to the local high school, then to college, came back and have so much to contribute. Whereas the outsider is viewed as being transient and using Scottsbluff as a jumping off spot. Come here from wherever, get involved, and go on to somewhere else. Whereas the good old boy has no reason to take off as their family is here. What about the people who aren't native who want to venture out to making this town better, even though the amount of skin in the game isnt as much as the person who grew up here. The intent is the same; bettering their community, only difference is: one person has a history here, and the other person does not. Same goal different life experiences, however the one who grew up here is intrinsically trusted more than that outsider is. Just an observation I have made in the 6 yrs I have lived here.

Could I answer one segment of this survey & come back later? There's a lot to think about! I didn't want to exit and have data not save or miss answering some questions. Also, I don't think I got to all the sections before "submit" was an option.

This is a horribly written survey...it does not address the real issues. It assumes too much which is what is exactly wrong with this town and its administration. Here is the survery in a nutshell "Scottsbluff if great!!! Dont you think??? Tell us why you think Scottsbluff is Great!!!" Thi attitude will only continue to ruin this community. Scottsbluff Sucks. Scottsbluff has more potential than any city in our state and our region. It is a

shame the same old cronies have stayed to long and kept this town down.

Ideal downtown is Sheridan Wyoming. Bustling activities and beautiful. Holiday

festivities.

Time to pull no punches to consolidate Schools, police & fire/rescue with Gering and become "one community" to improve services and reduce cost of replication Forget about trying to replicate what somebody saw on their last trip out of town (covered farmers market, downtown Ice-skating)

I would like to see properties expected to be maintained to a better level without the scare of increased taxes. You go to Wyoming and colorado, they have beautiful buildings, overpasses, landscaping... We keep it simple in the western Nebraska because there isn't incentives to do anything more, more like penalties.

Until we tackle the problems with illegal drugs in our community there should be no focus on improvements elsewhere. This problem is growing by the day and as a parent of a toddler I am concerned about where we will be when she reaches the age of semi-independence and the pressures and availability of illegal drugs and alcohol. This is impacting our future more than anything!

You need to start getting feedback from common people instead of just the rich trying to push their vision.

Wish there was a grocery store in the old Albertson's building. You have to go on the edge of town to get groceries

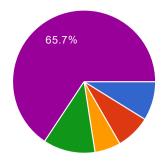
Every community is identical with their malls, fast food, etc. The thing that sets a community apart from elsewhere, is their historic areas, such as Downtown. A comprehensive plan also needs the direction for downtown - exterior fascia covenants so historic materials are not removed or covered with modern materials. Pedestrian friendly environment with more consistent flow of retail shops on Broadway to stimulate store to store shopping. Service type businesses on supplements side/parallel streets to support the main arterial.

Need to clean up unused vehicles around area. Older vehicles that sit and look trashy. Do what needs to be done to provide a housing development with houses in the \$175K to \$250K range. Gering did it, Sidney is doing it, why can't we?

There are not central meeting spaces to see people while doing what you enjoy. The venues are very spread out. Bringing some of those together would help. Like a bike path that takes you by the ballpark or park surrounded by a path so picnicking and playground is nearby for walkers. All generations could find something in one area on a nice day.

Choose another topic or submit form

Choose what you'd like to do next:



Go to Parks and Recreation survey

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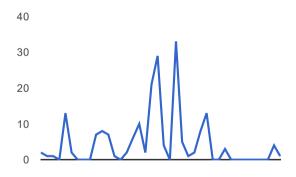
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Submit form

Hitting the submit button below will turn in your survey. Leave any additional comments below.

Thank you for taking the time to make this wonderful town even better!

Number of daily responses



Scottsbluff Plan Survey Results

Broken down by Neighborhood 186 total responses

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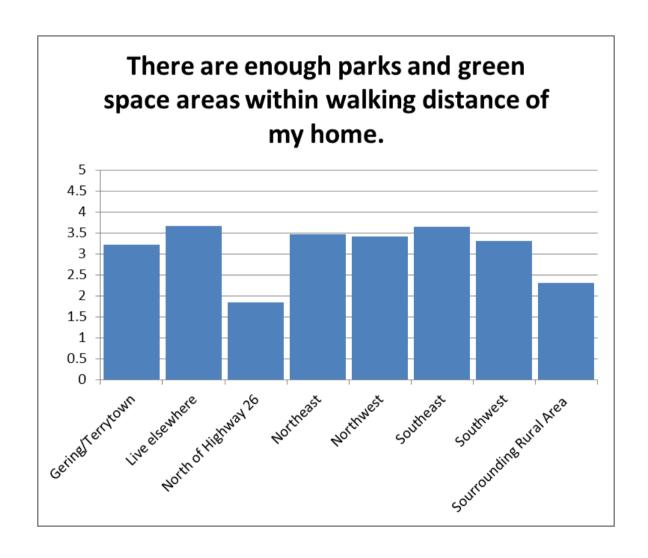
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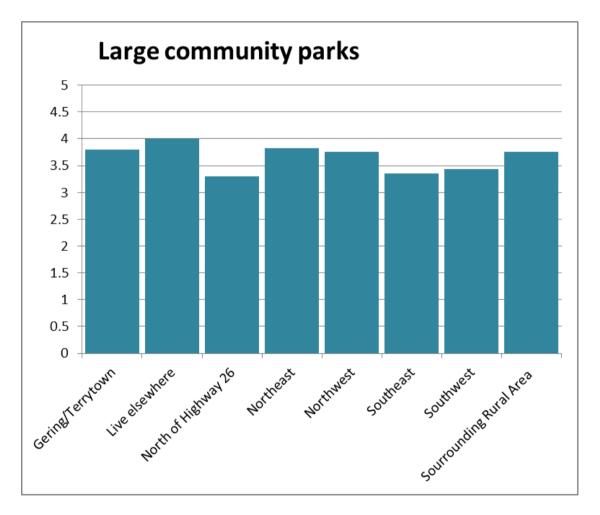
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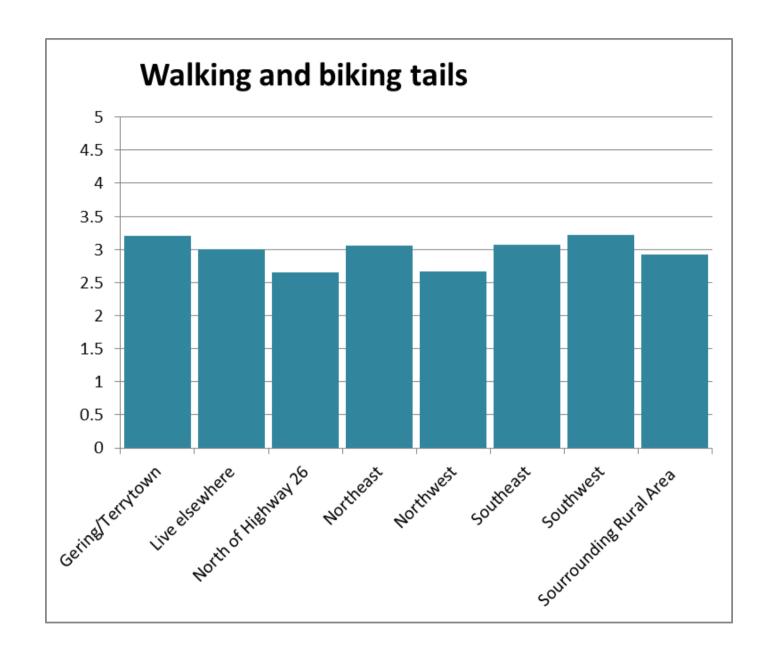


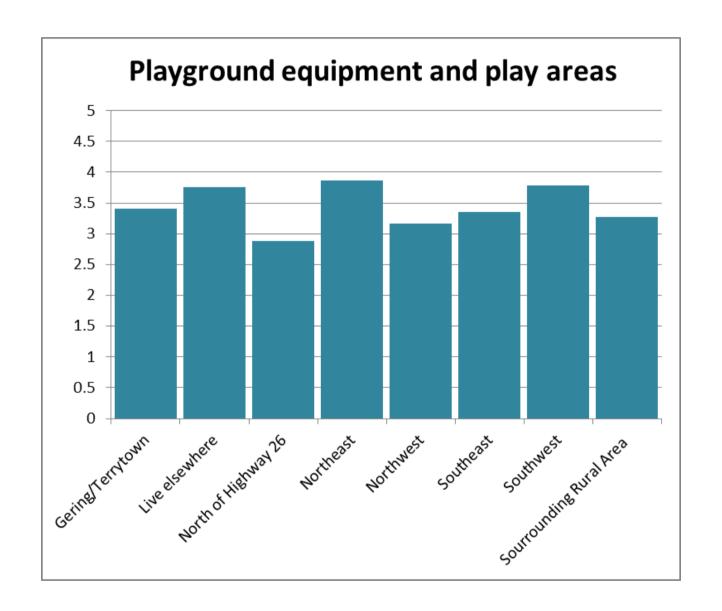
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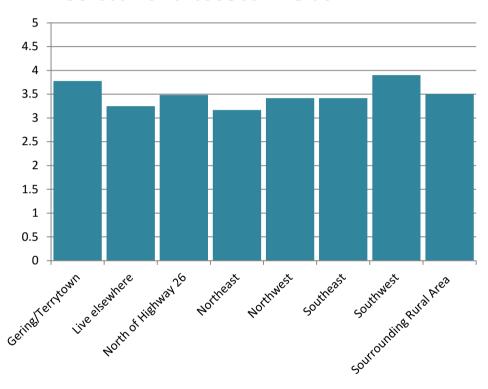
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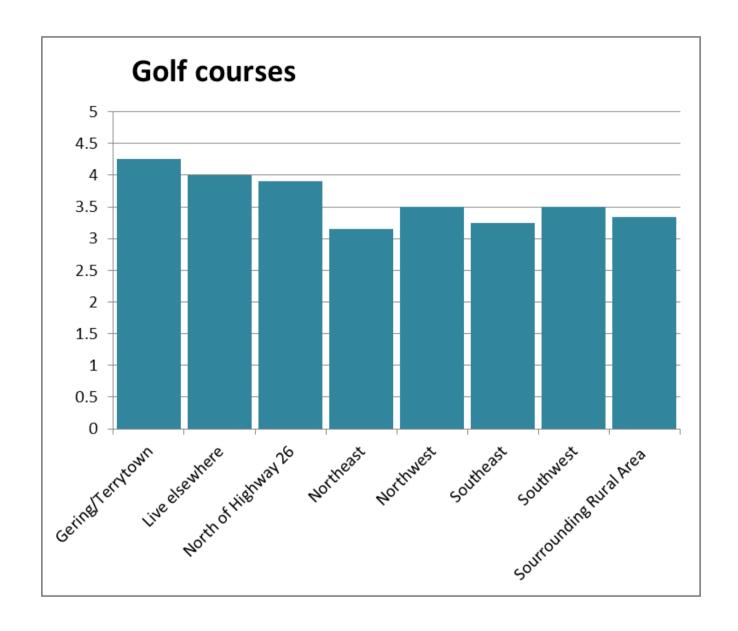


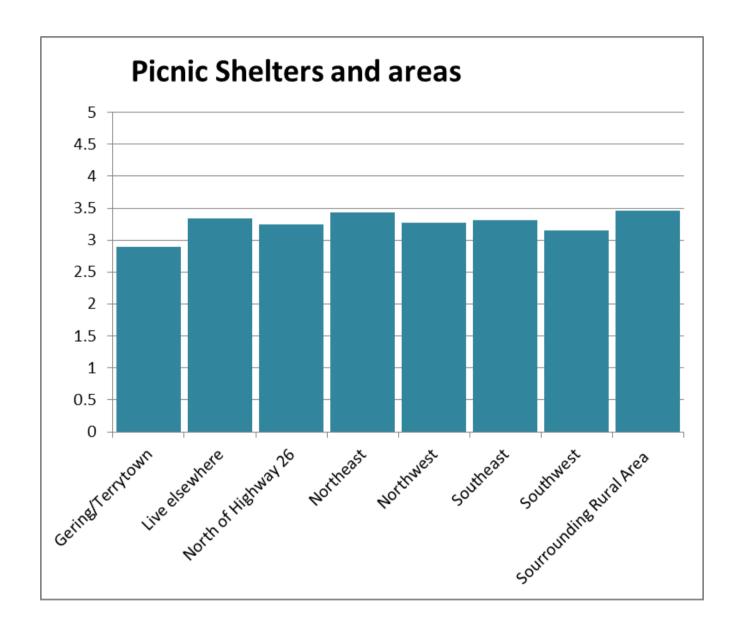


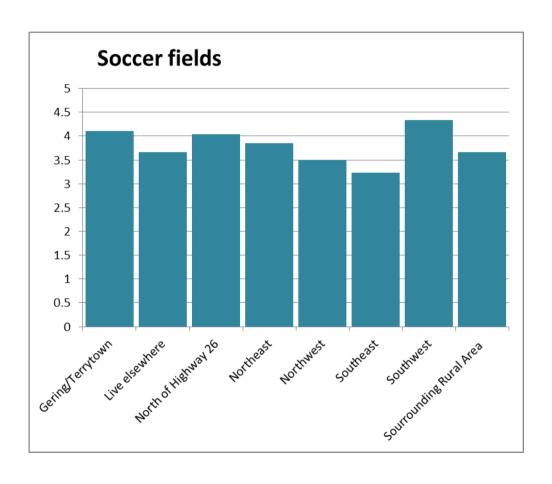


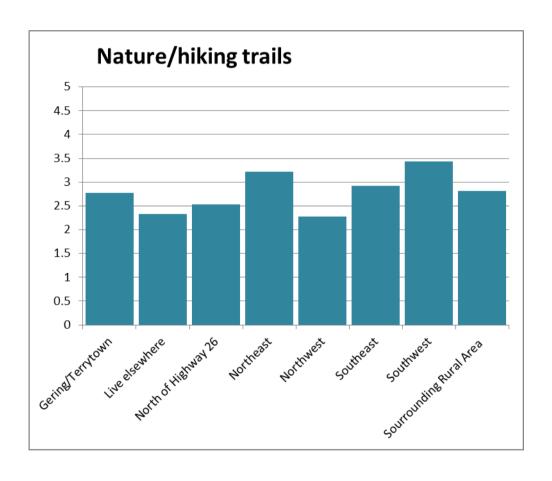
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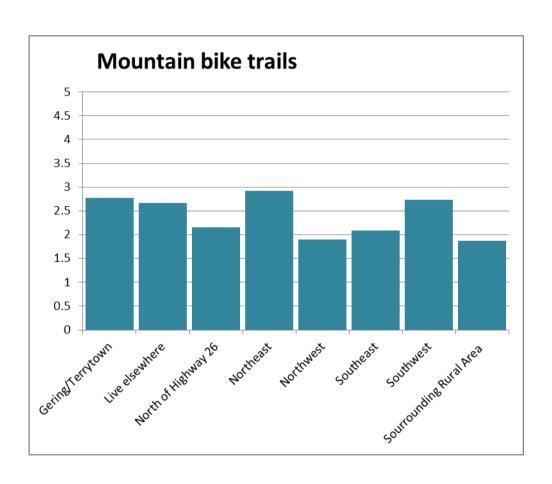


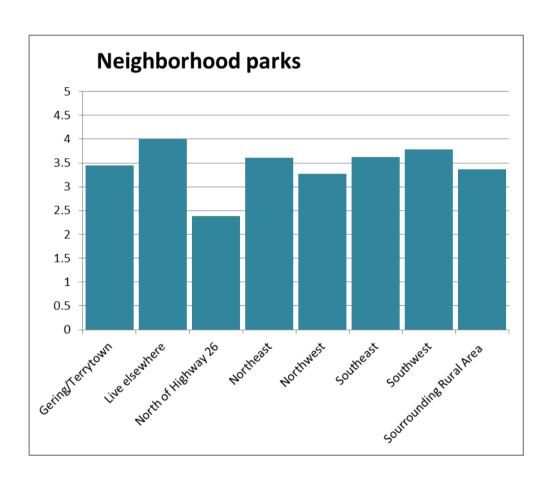


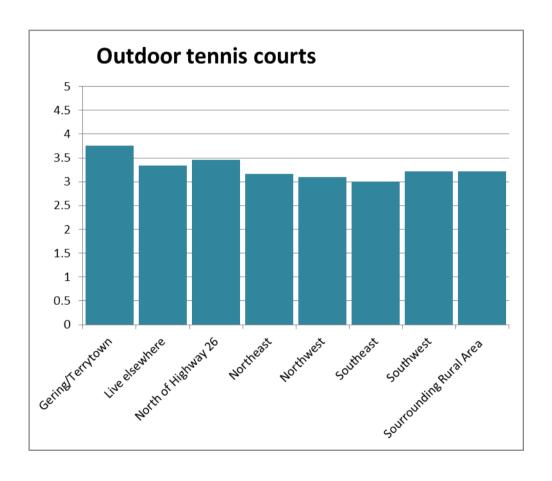


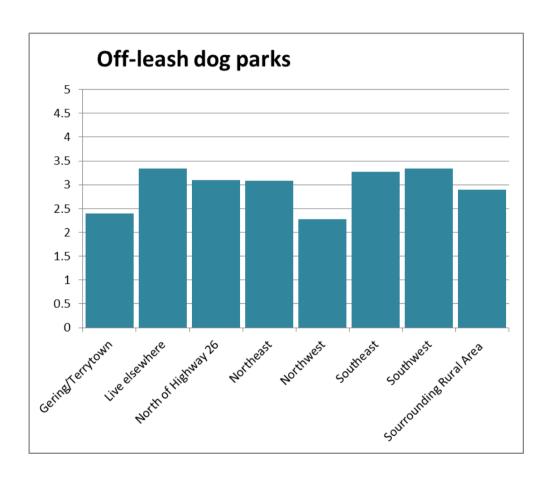


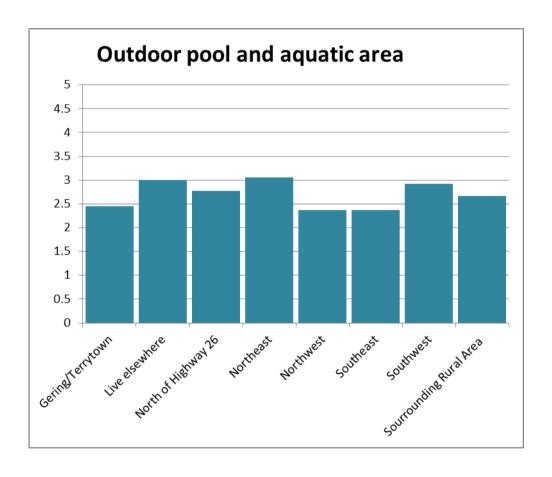


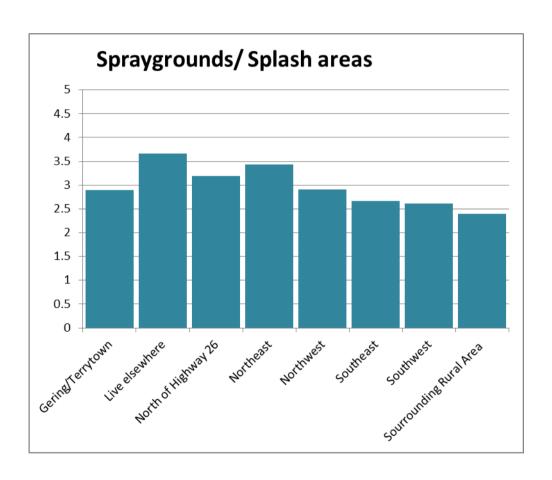


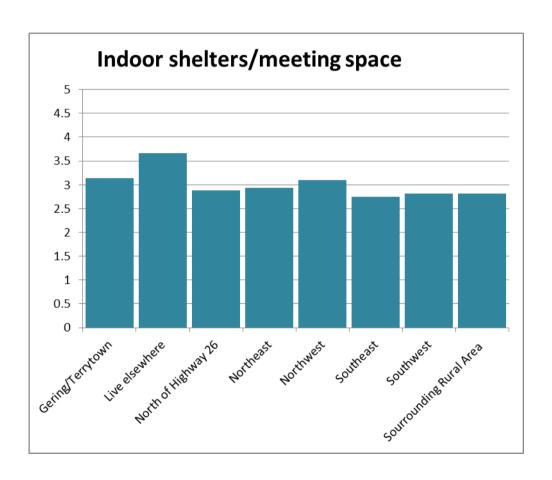


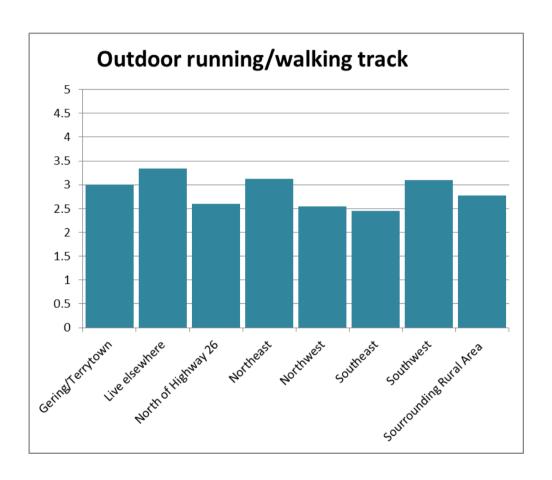


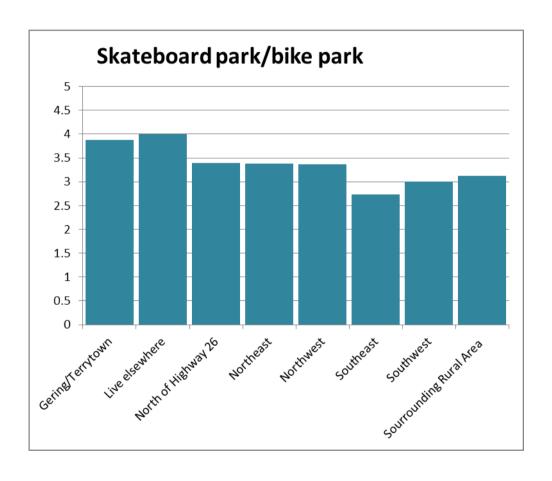


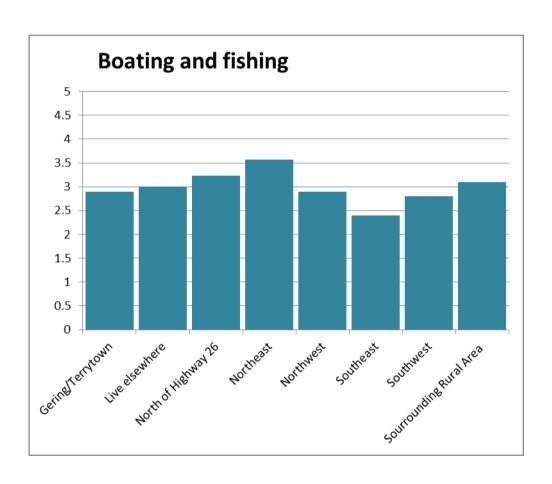


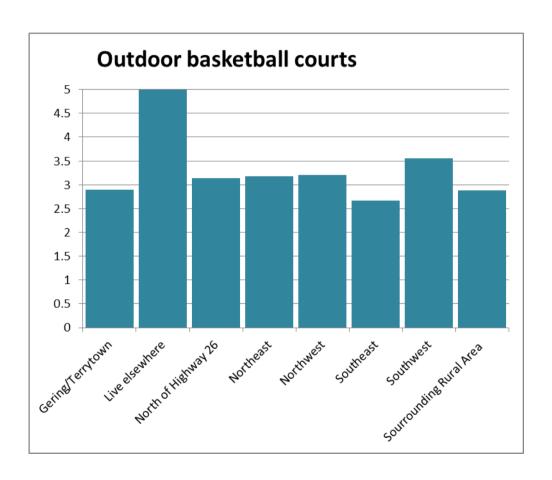


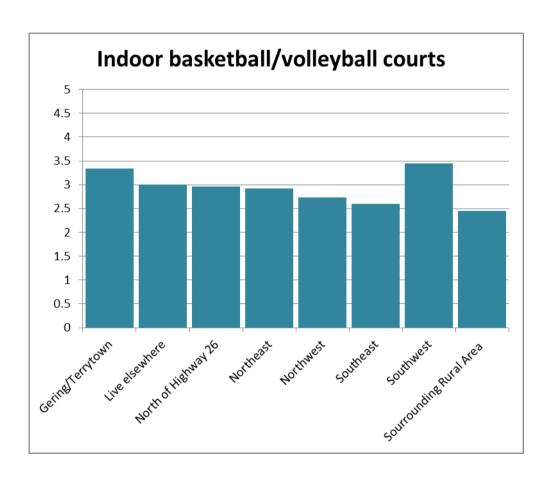


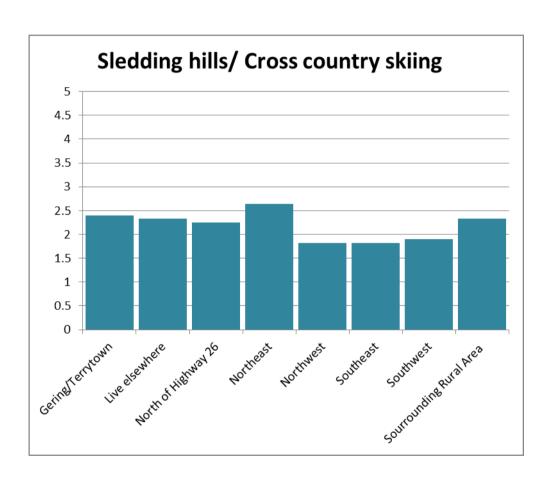


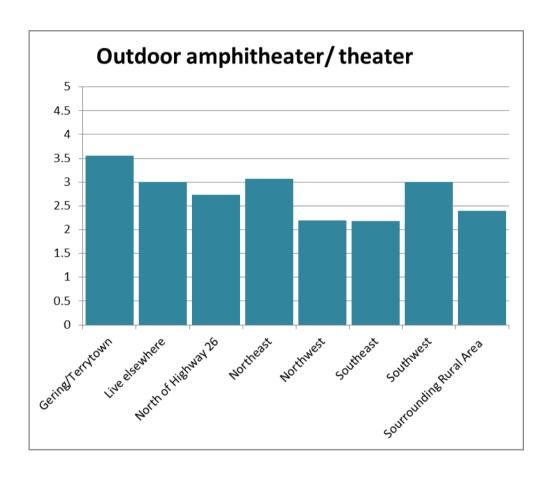


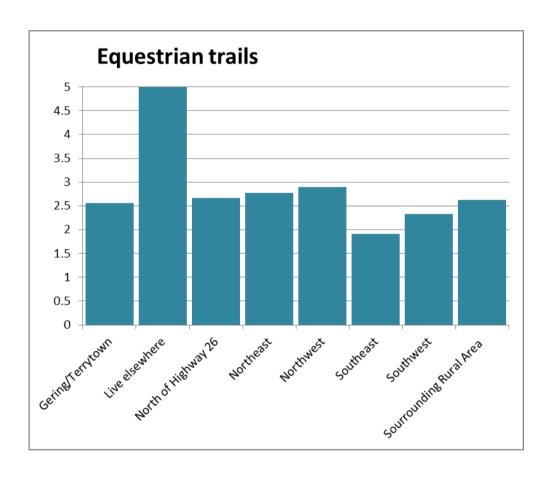


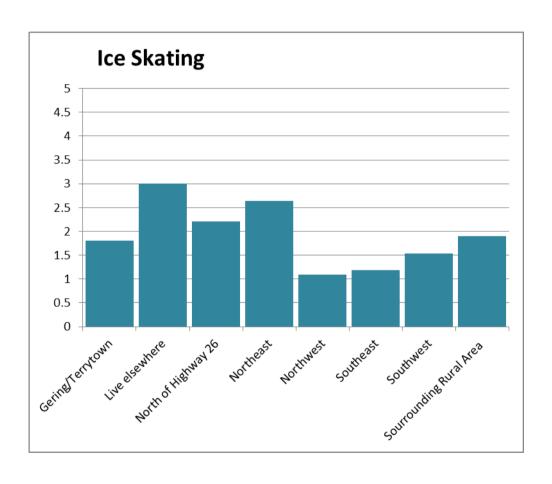












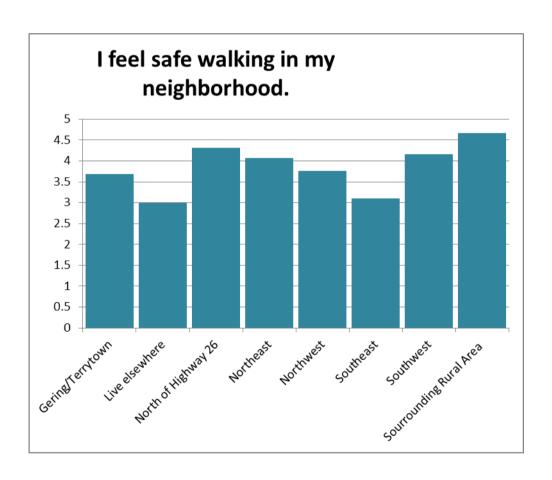
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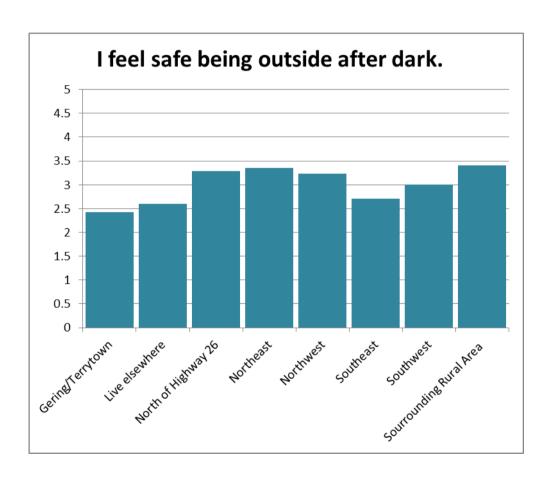
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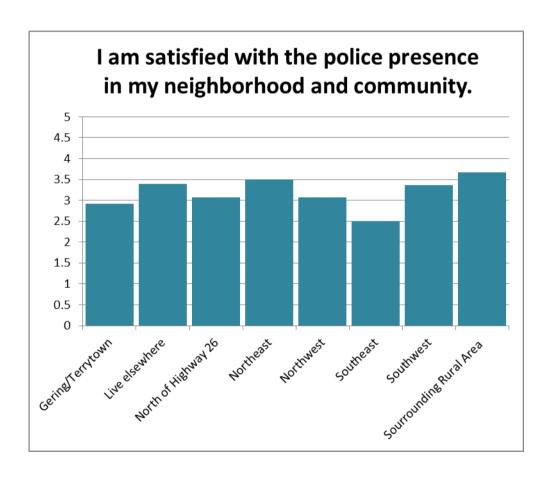
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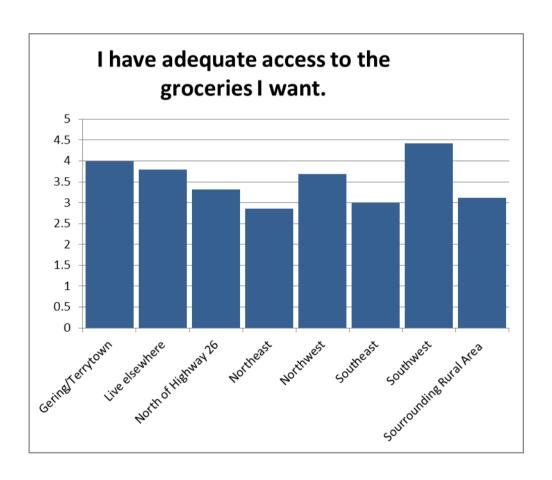


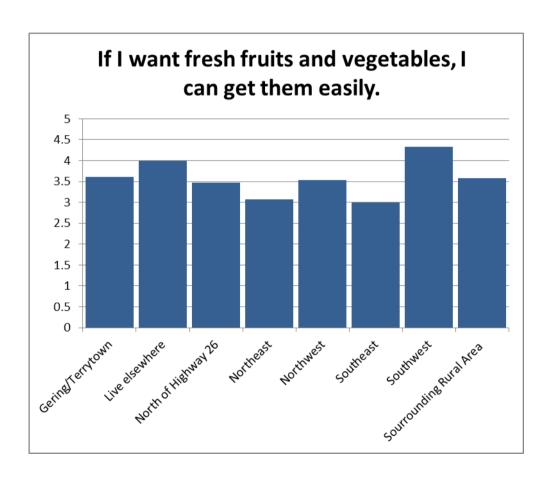


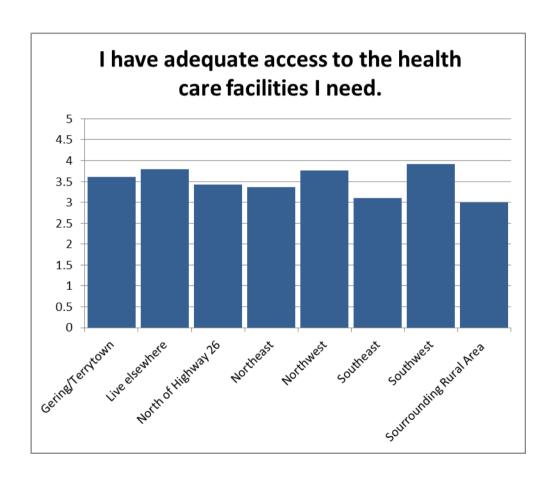


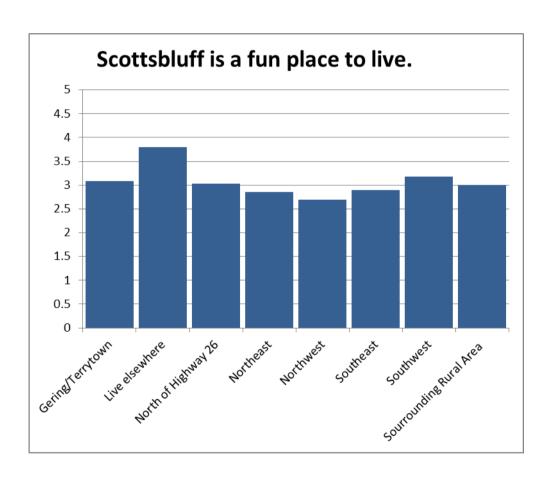


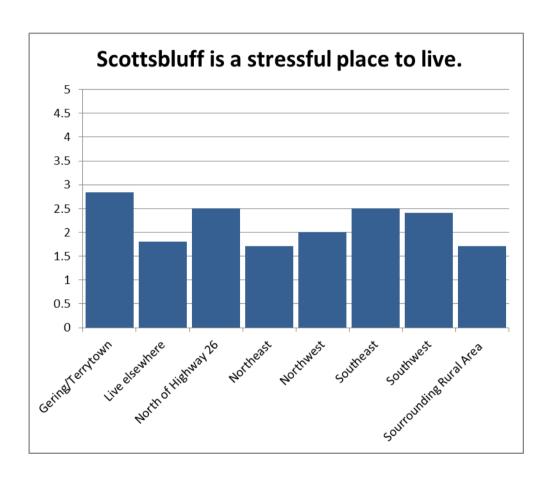


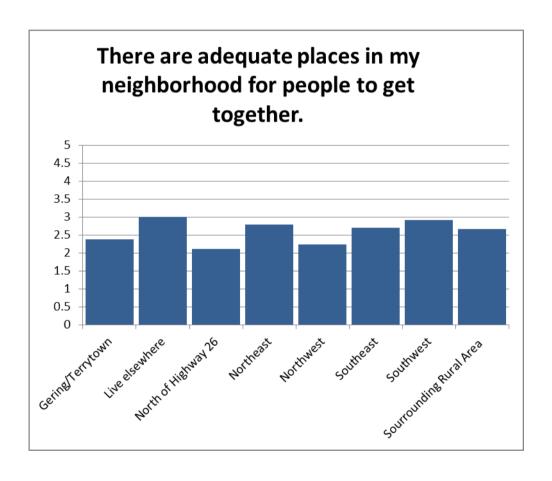


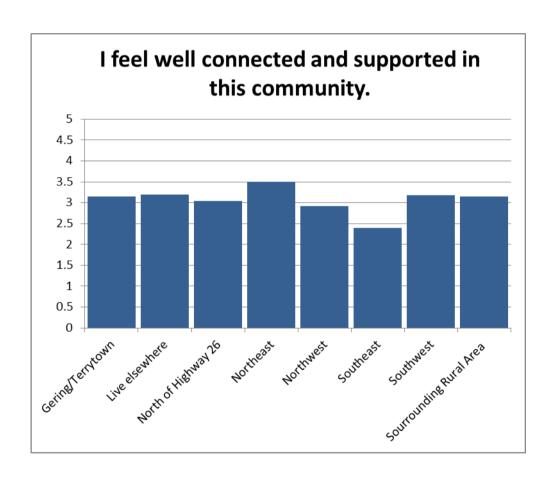


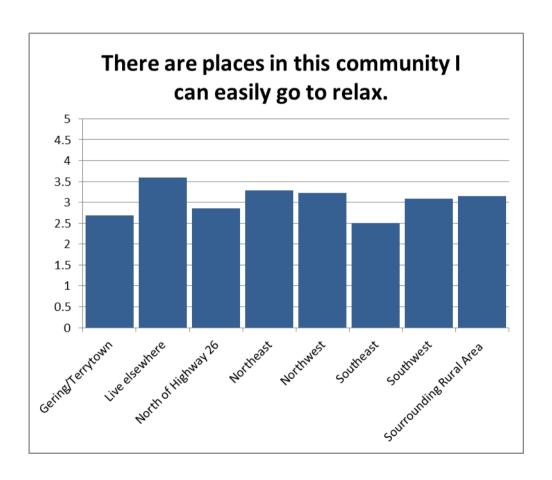












Places I feel most comfortable

(Whole Community)

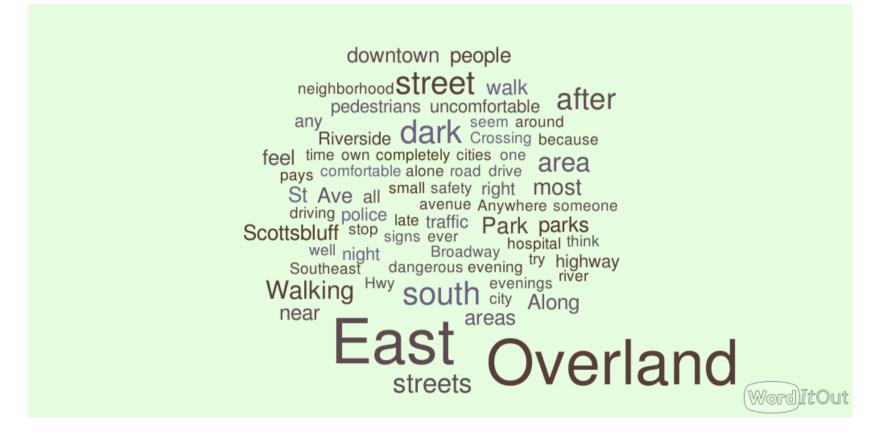
downtown

kids neighborhoods sidewalks
about alone around areas
Park Most Inside own Many
home live Library police house all go
near feel college residential Larkspur
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Some West Ave Walk day
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Places I feel most uncomfortable

(Whole Community)

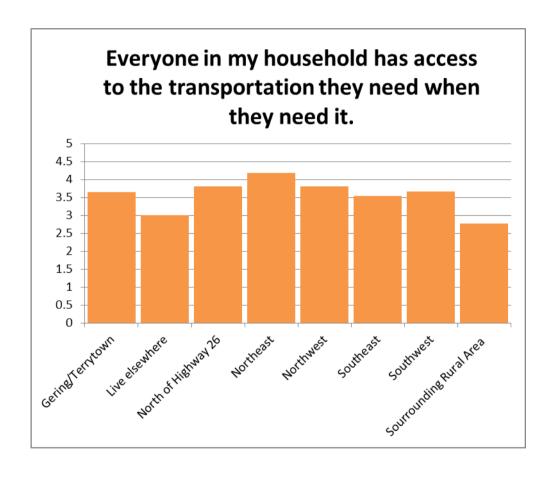


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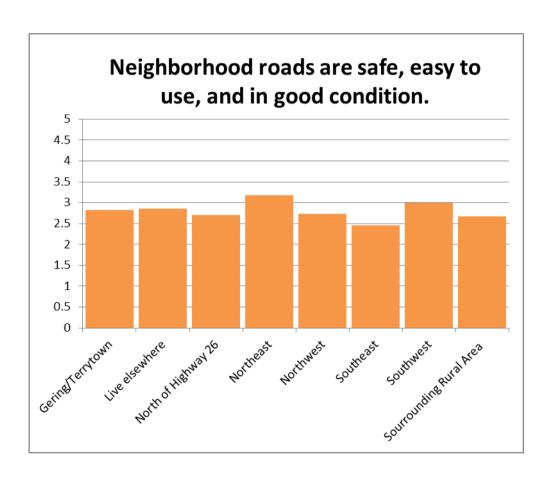
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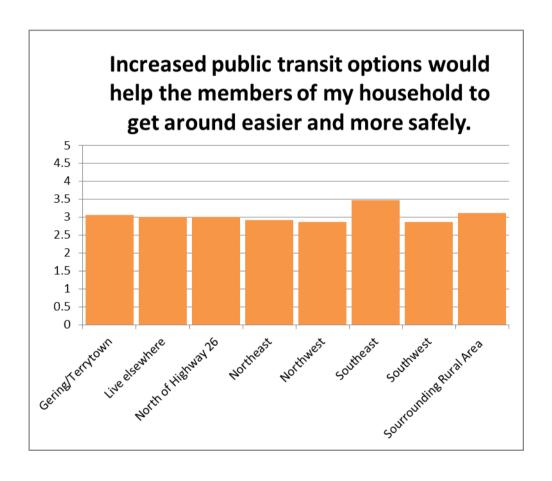




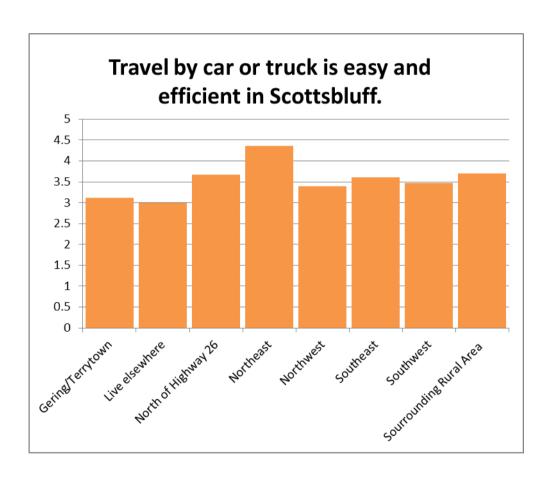




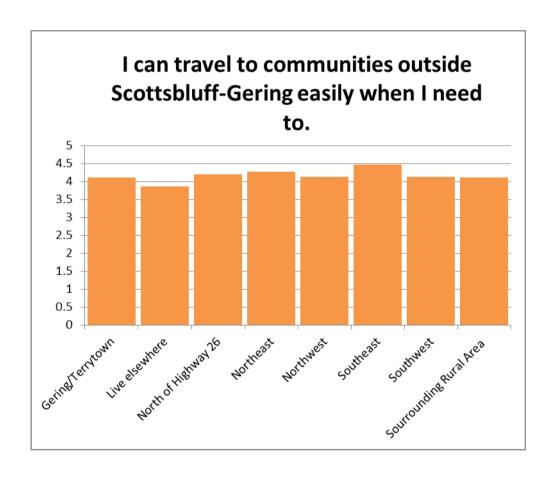








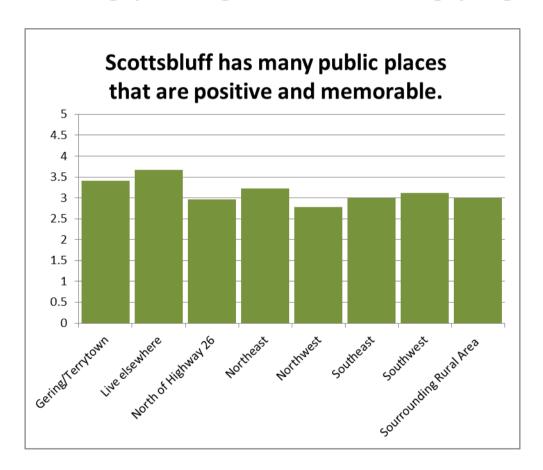




Community Design and Built Environment

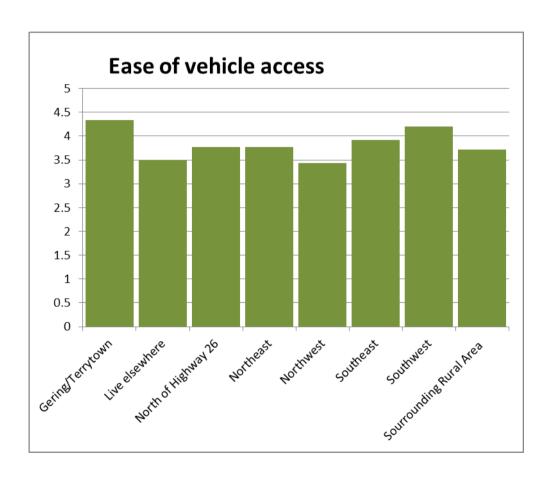
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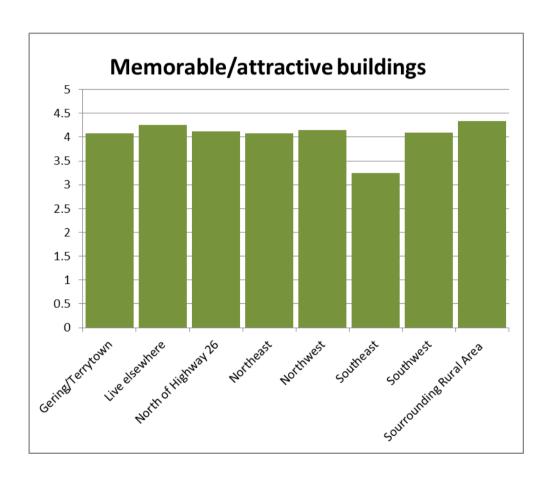
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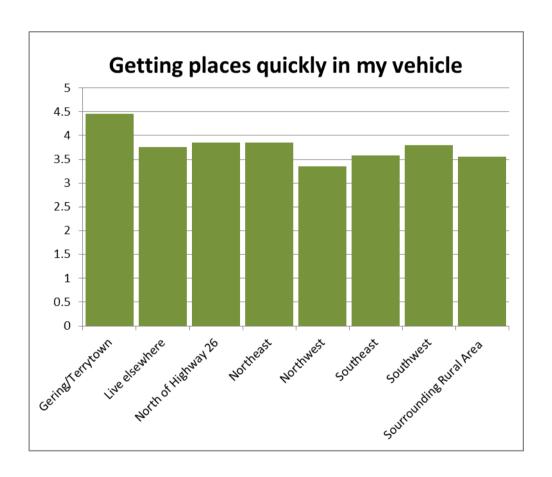


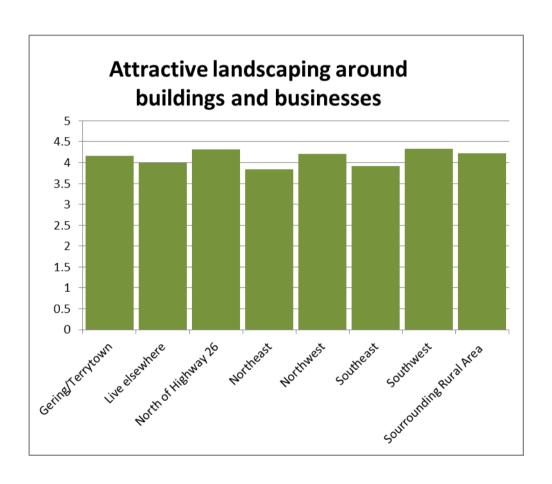
How important are the following in creating a place in which you would want to live?

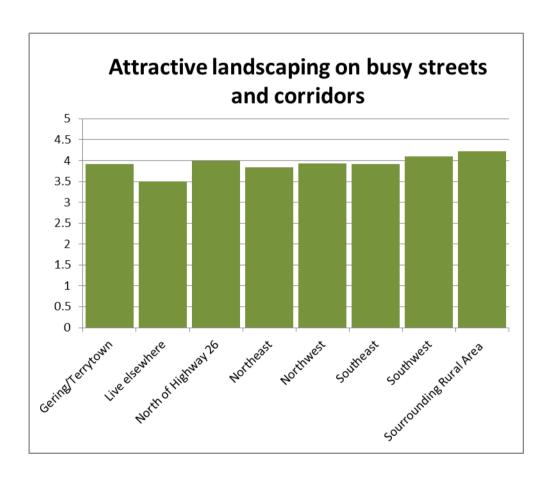


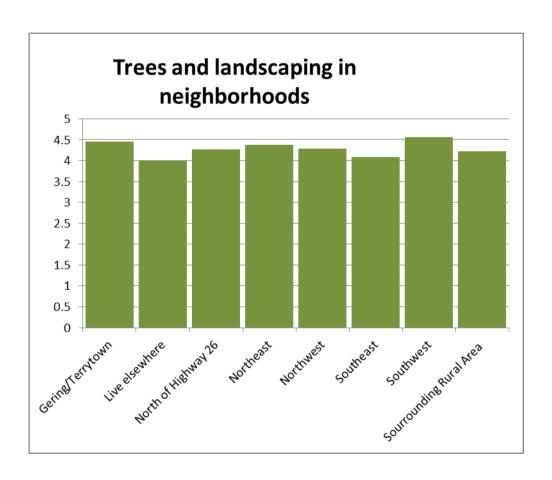




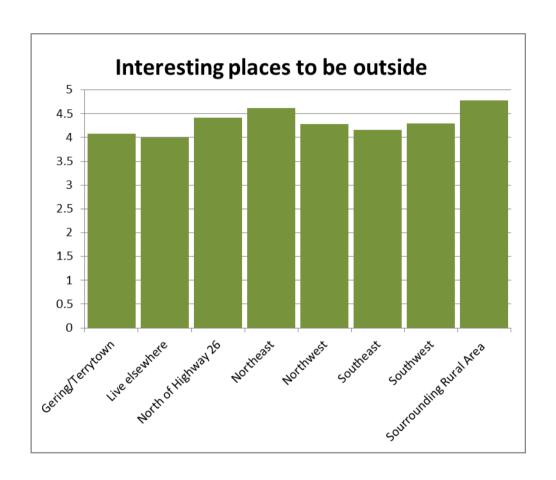


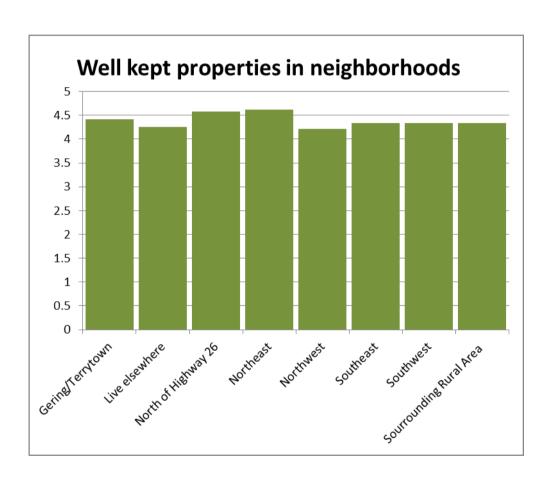


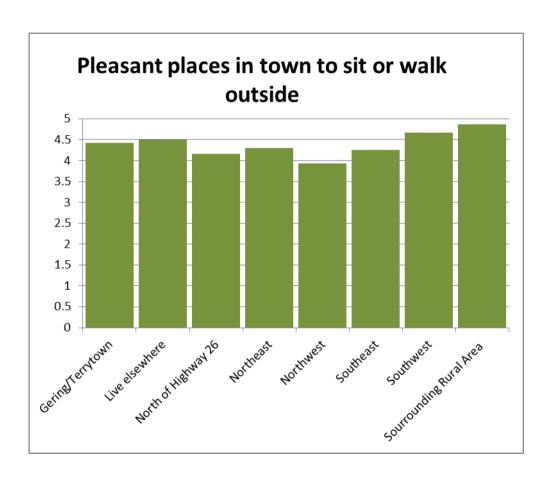


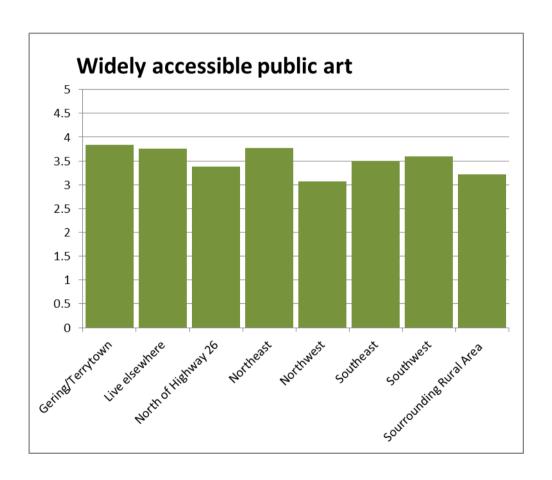






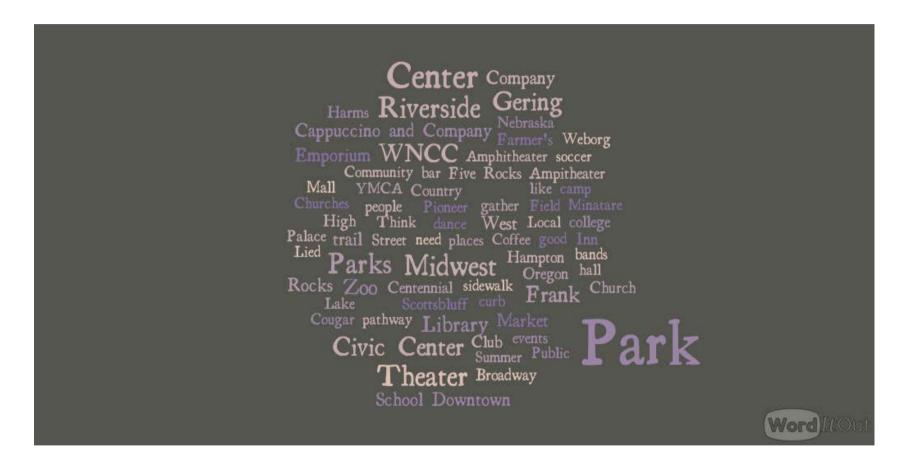






Best places to gather

(Whole Community)



Most important Landmarks (Non-

Natural) (Whole Community)

Downtown

Midwest Broadway building Historic

Furniture needs ZOO Riverside WNCC
attract School House nice make some Public like Civic looking high parks YMCA College Arts Maybe islands West area rocks town Centennial signs Western Lied Hotel St Midwest none Center Mall East Nebraska buildings

Library things Scottsbluff bad Theatre something Overland all Factory Cleveland Sugar Hospital Park Lincoln

Amphitheater

Theater

Word It Out