

Hamilton County Housing Needs Assessment Resident Survey

Greetings! HAND is in the process of completing a housing needs assessment and a strategic plan. As a part of these processes they are seeking input from residents in Hamilton County. This information will be used to identify the housing needs in the county for planning and funding purposes for HAND. Any information from the surveys will be used in the aggregate only and individual responses will not be identified. Please complete the survey and return it to the address below by March 15, 2013.

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1. Which community do you live in? (circle one)

- A. Arcadia
- B. Atlanta
- C. Carmel
- D. Cicero
- E. Fishers
- F. Noblesville
- G. Sheridan
- H. Westfield
- I. _____ Township
- J. Other: _____

2. Which best describes your household? (circle one)

- A. Single person
- B. Single person over age 65
- C. Single parent with children under 18 at home
- D. Married couple (no children)
- E. Married couple over age 65
- F. Married couple with children under 18 at home
- G. Unmarried couple (no children)
- H. Unmarried couple over age 65
- I. Unmarried couple with children under 18 at home
- J. Intergenerational (3 or more generations living together)

3. What type of home do you live in? (circle one)
- A. Single family house
 - B. Duplex
 - C. 3-4 unit building
 - D. 5+ unit building (apartment)
 - E. Mobile home
 - F. Other _____
4. Do you own or rent your home? (circle one)
- A. Own, with mortgage
 - B. Own, no mortgage
 - C. Rent
 - D. Neither, living with others
 - E. Neither, living in shelter or homeless
5. How long have you lived in your current home? (circle one)
- A. Less than six months
 - B. Six months to 1 year
 - C. 1-3 years
 - D. 4-10 years
 - E. 10+ years
6. How would you describe the area where you live? (circle one)
- A. Rural area
 - B. Small town
 - C. Suburban neighborhood with houses only
 - D. Suburban neighborhood with a mix of houses, shops and businesses
 - E. Urban residential neighborhood with a mix of houses and apartments
 - F. Downtown city with a mix of offices, apartments, shops
 - G. Unsure
7. How much is your monthly rent/mortgage payment? (circle one)
- A. Less than \$300 per month
 - B. \$300-399 per month
 - C. \$400-499 per month
 - D. \$500-599 per month
 - E. \$600-749 per month
 - F. \$750-999 per month
 - G. \$1000-1499 per month
 - H. \$1500 per month or more

8. What is your household income (all sources)? (circle one)
- A. Less than \$10,000 per year
 - B. \$10,000 - \$14,999
 - C. \$15,000 - \$24,999
 - D. \$25,000 - \$34,999
 - E. \$35,000 - \$49,999
 - F. \$50,000 - \$74,999
 - G. \$75,000 - \$99,999
 - H. \$100,000 - \$149,999
 - I. \$150,000 - \$199,999
 - J. \$200,000 or more
9. What does housing mean to you? (circle all that apply)
- A. Access to schools
 - B. Basic Shelter
 - C. Long-term investment
 - D. Neighborhood/connections to neighbors
 - E. Other _____
10. Have you experienced any of the following in the past two years? (circle all that apply)
- A. Difficulty paying rent/mortgage
 - B. Difficulty paying utilities
 - C. Dissatisfaction with local services (trash pick-up, street maintenance)
 - D. Inability to make needed repairs/improvements to your home
 - E. Overcrowding
 - F. Signs of disinvestment
 - G. Unkempt houses in my neighborhood
 - H. Vandalism
 - I. Other _____
11. What changes do you plan to make in the next 3-5 years? (circle all that apply)
- A. Move to a more affordable house(i.e. downsize)
 - B. Purchase a home for the first time
 - C. Relocate to another area
 - D. Upgrade to a larger or nicer home
 - E. No change

12. What are the barriers to homeownership in Hamilton County? (circle all that apply)

- A. Ability to secure financing/credit problems
- B. Cost of housing/Affordability
- C. Coming up with a down payment
- D. Condition of affordable housing
- E. Location of affordable housing
- F. No barriers
- G. Other _____

13. What are the barriers to housing choice in Hamilton County? (circle all that apply)

- A. Accessibility for people with disabilities
- B. Age restricted housing
- C. Condition of housing units
- D. Cost of housing
- E. Distance to employment
- F. Diversity of housing stock
- G. Transportation/access to public transportation
- H. Utility costs
- I. Other: _____

14. What type of housing is needed in Hamilton County? (circle all that apply)

- A. Affordable housing
- B. Apartments
- C. Housing for people with disabilities
- D. Senior housing
- E. Single family homes
- F. Transitional housing for homeless
- G. Other _____

15. How important are the following housing issues in Hamilton County? (check the appropriate box for each issue)

Issue	Importance				
	1 (Not important)		3 (Neither important nor unimportant)		5 (Very important)
Ability to age in place					
Access to jobs					
Access to medical care					
Addressing vacant/abandoned homes					
Affordability					
Foreclosure prevention					
Home repair/maintenance					
Housing for people with disabilities					
Housing for Veterans					
Housing quality					
Housing type					
Safety					
Senior housing					
Transportation options					

16. In your opinion, what are the needs facing special populations (like homeless, Veterans, disabled)? (circle all that apply)

- A. Access to employment
- B. Accessible housing (compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act)
- C. Affordable housing
- D. Down payment assistance
- E. Rent subsidy
- F. Transportation options
- G. Transitional housing
- H. Utility assistance
- I. Other: _____

17. What supportive services are needed in Hamilton County? (circle all that apply)

- A. Financial management training/counseling
- B. Housing counseling
- C. Job training and counseling
- D. Mental health services
- E. Substance abuse counseling
- F. Utility or rental assistance
- G. Other: _____

HAND creates and promotes affordable, quality housing and educates the community about housing needs. HAND is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is tax exempt under federal IRS law. HAND addresses the housing needs of low- and moderate-income individuals, families and senior citizens in Hamilton County. HAND does this by providing affordable housing options through the development of rental properties and assisting residents in obtaining homeownership.

18. How familiar are you with HAND's services? (check the appropriate box for each service)

Program	Rating				
	1 (Not at all)	2	3 (Somewhat)	4	5 (Very)
Senior Rental Housing (Spicewood Garden, Plum Tree Gardens, Pebble Brook Garden)					
Low Income Rental Housing (non-age restricted) (Roper Lofts)					
Neighborhood Stabilization Program					
Homeownership Program					
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program					
Homebuyer Counseling and Education					

19. May we contact you?

- A. No
- B. Yes, please contact me with information about the housing needs assessment
- C. Yes, please add me to your contact list for email
- D. Yes, please add me to your mail contact list

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your participation! Look for more opportunities for input through community meetings this spring.