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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the fall of 1999 the University of Delaware's Center for Community Development and Family Policy conducted a needs assessment for the Hedgeville area of Wilmington consisting of a field survey of businesses, organizations and vacant properties, face-to-face interviews of the managers and owners of businesses and organizations, and a mail-in survey of residents. For purposes of this study, the Hedgeville neighborhood is defined as the area within Census Tract 26.

Results of the Business and Organization Survey

The field listing found that there are 83 businesses and organizations located in Hedgeville including small businesses, commercial establishments, churches, nonprofit service agencies, financial institutions, medical facilities, schools, social clubs, child care agencies, and restaurants. Crime was, by far, the most commonly expressed concern of the representatives of the businesses and organizations who agreed to participate in the face-to-face interviews. Thirty-one respondents, or 76 percent, identified some form of crime as an important problem facing the Hedgeville community. When asked about specific types of crime, drug dealing and drug usage were most frequently mentioned. Respondents were also concerned about youth behavior, parking, trash and noise.

The majority of those surveyed believed that police action was the most important way to address the crime issue. Most of the respondents felt that there was a need for more police presence in the Hedgeville area either through the use of foot patrols and community policing or by the creation of a neighborhood substation. A number of respondents also expressed concern that enforcement was lax and felt that stricter enforcement may help to create a better atmosphere in the neighborhood. Many of those surveyed would also like the police to enforce parking regulations more vigorously.

Generally, those surveyed felt there are two ways that the community could respond to the crime problem either through a *Neighborhood Watch* program or by calling the police if something suspicious is seen. Business and organization respondents also would like the residents of the neighborhood to take more pride in their homes, organize to clean vacant lots, do a better job of supervising the youth, take more responsibility for the area, screen tenants, get to know one another, have more community events, and get to know the youth.

Results of the Household Survey

In order to give every resident of the Hedgeville area an opportunity to participate in the survey, a questionnaire was delivered, with the assistance of the Hedgeville Community Association, to the approximately 1300 households located in Census Tract 26. Ultimately 265 questionnaires were returned, representing approximately 20 percent of the households, a return rate which is fairly typical of a mail-in survey. It is not possible to know the extent to which the

respondents represent the views of all the residents of Hedgeville.

Overall, the respondents were fairly negative about conditions in the neighborhood. This finding may be the result of the most disenchanted residents being more likely to return the questionnaire as compared to those who are generally satisfied, neutral or indifferent. Nonetheless, it is important to know what issues are concerning important segments of the neighborhood. It is also apparent from the results that home owners, long term residents, older individuals and Caucasians are more negative about the neighborhood than renters, new residents, younger individuals, African-Americans and Latinos.

The issues that at least one-half of the respondents felt were significant or serious problems included: "outsiders" coming into the neighborhood, parking, lack of respect for adults, loitering, sale and use of illegal drugs, dirty streets, and lack of supervision after school. Over three-quarters of the respondents want greater police presence in Hedgeville and more foot patrols. They would like the city to have increased ties with the neighborhood, to enforce laws against loitering and to provide more activities for youth.

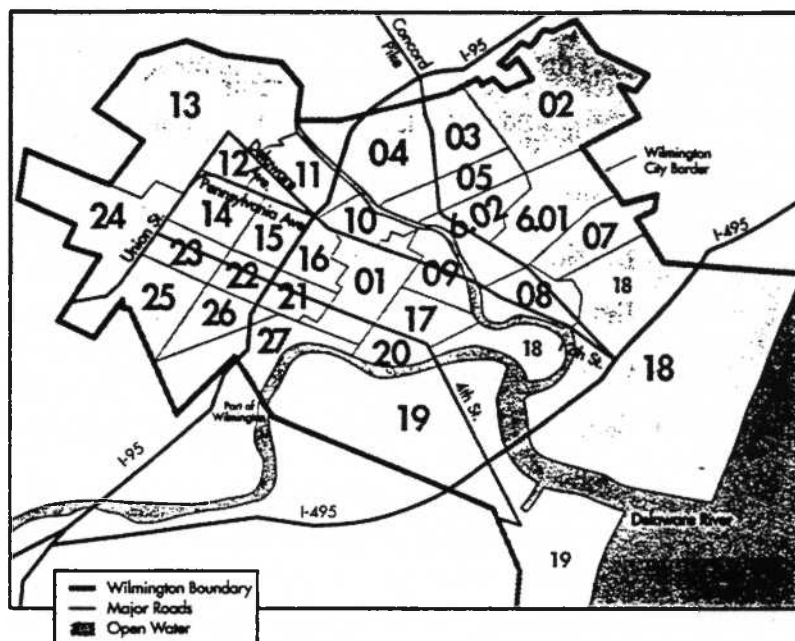
In terms of community action, three-quarters or more of the respondents felt that all of the following efforts were worthwhile: reporting crimes and suspicious activities, taking more pride in the appearance of homes, putting pressure on the city, monitoring actions of renters, becoming more active in community organizations, and providing more community events and community awareness programs.

INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 1999, the Sixth District Neighborhood Planning Council along with the Hedgeville Community Association and City Councilman Kevin S. Kelley, Sr., asked the staff of the University of Delaware's Center for Community Development and Family Policy to conduct a needs assessment for the Hedgeville area of Wilmington. After conversations with representatives of the Planning Council and Community Association, two surveys were developed, one for the residents of the neighborhood and one for businesses and organizations. The purpose of these surveys is to obtain citizen input about areas of concern for residents and for the owners and managers of businesses and organizations in the neighborhood. In addition, field surveys were developed to obtain information about the businesses and organizations located in the neighborhood and about vacant property. This report summarizes the results of these surveys.

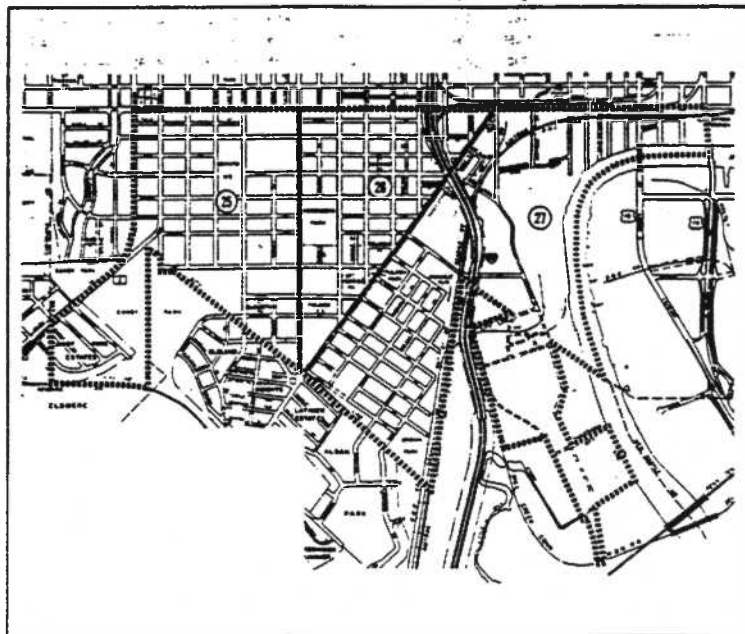
For purposes of this study, the Hedgeville neighborhood is defined as the area within Census Tract 26. Map 1 shows the location of Census Tract 26 within the City of Wilmington. Map 2 provides a view of Census Tract 26 within the area that has been defined by the City Planning Department as the Browntown Analysis Area. Map 3 focuses specifically on Census Tract 26. Finally, Map 4 shows the location of businesses and organizations in Hedgeville. Businesses and organizations located on both sides of the boundary streets of Maryland Avenue, Lancaster Avenue, and Broom Street were included in the study.

Map 1
Wilmington Census Tracts



Source: *Wilmington Kids Count Fact Book 1999*. University of Delaware, Center for Community Development and Family Policy, 1999.

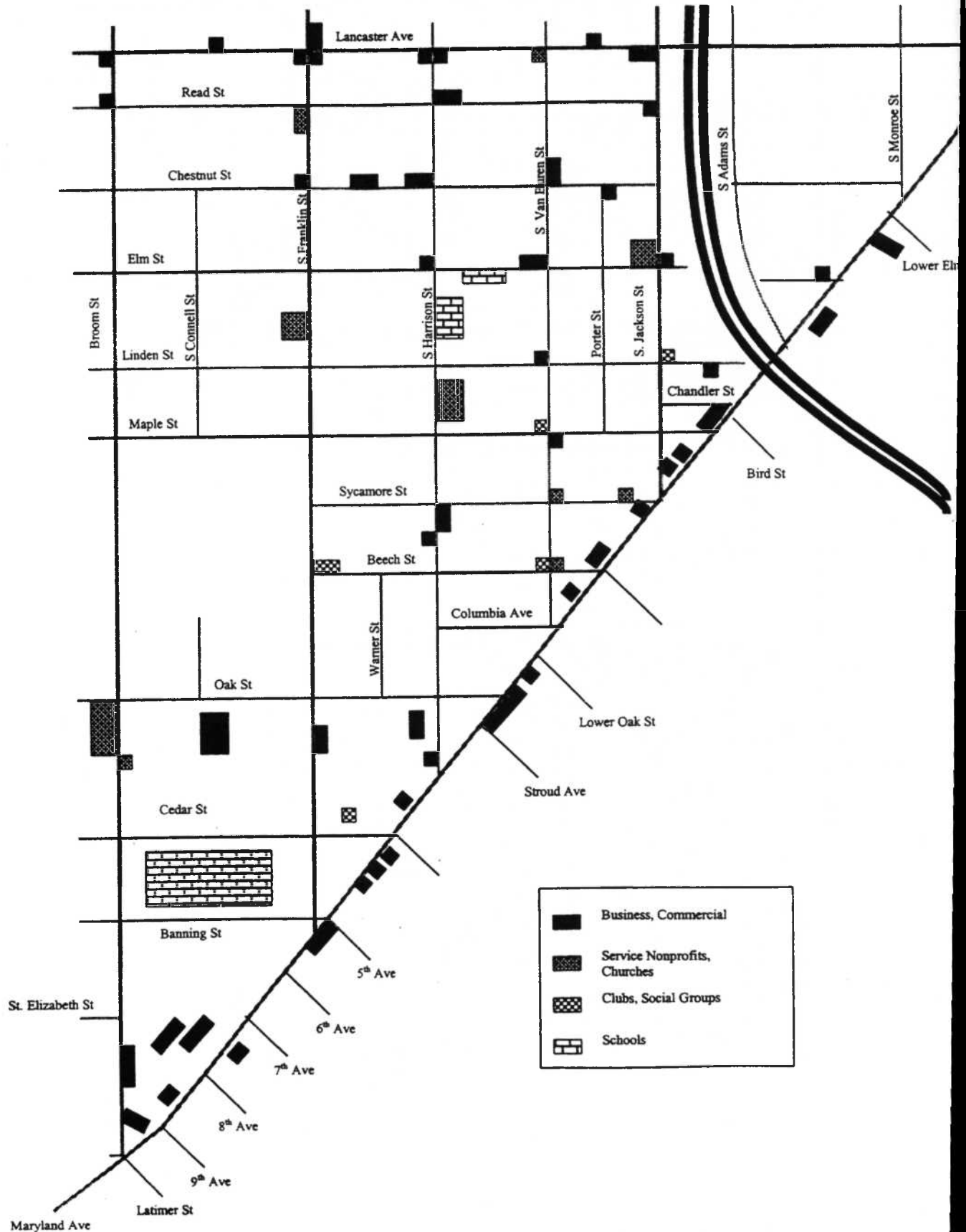
Map 2
Browntown Analysis Area



Source: *City of Wilmington Neighborhood Demographic Profile*. City of Wilmington Department of Planning, no date.



Map 4
Businesses and Organizations Located in Hedgeville



BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION SURVEY

Methodology

While the questions for the resident survey were being developed, a field listing was conducted of all businesses located in Hedgeville. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, 83 small businesses and organizations ranging from churches, nonprofit service agencies, financial institutions, medical facilities, schools, social clubs, child care agencies, and restaurants and bars were identified. In order to obtain information about the concerns of business owners and managers as well as the representatives of other organizations in the neighborhood, a short open-ended questionnaire was developed (included in the Appendices) and administered by Center for Community Development and Family Policy graduate research assistants. A total of 41 surveys were completed. The major findings of the business and organization survey are described in this section.

Survey Results

Crime. By far, crime was the most commonly expressed concern among participants to the business and organization survey. Thirty-one respondents, or 76 percent of those surveyed, identified some form of crime as an important problem facing the Hedgeville community. When asked about specific types of crime, drug dealing and drug usage were most frequently mentioned. Twenty respondents identified drug-related problems as one of the three most important concerns facing the community. Seven people said that crime in general was a problem but did not elaborate about a particular type of crime. Five respondents said that robberies and assaults were concerns. In addition, three respondents specifically mentioned that they were concerned about the increase in violence in the neighborhood and one person was upset about graffiti. Two respondents also expressed concern about prostitution. A number of people suggested that there was a relationship between young people hanging around in the streets and the increase in crime. Many also said that the people about whom they were most concerned did not live in Hedgeville.

In relation to the concerns about drug dealing in the Hedgeville community, respondents felt that there was a relationship between youth hanging around on the corners in the neighborhood and the drug problem. Many of those surveyed also believed that drug dealing was being conducted by people from adjoining neighborhoods coming into Hedgeville, particularly from the Hilltop area. Some respondents also felt that drug dealing activities were emanating from residences within the Hedgeville area, generally along or near Lancaster Avenue.

The concern about drugs was expressed by respondents throughout the neighborhood but the areas identified as causing the most concern were along Lancaster

and Maryland Avenues. Along Lancaster Avenue, the problem was said to be related to drug dealers living in the area, either along the Avenue or in the Hilltop area. The area of Hilltop just north of Hedgeville, across Lancaster Avenue, has been recognized as a high crime area by the Wilmington Police Department and has been targeted by "Operation Splash", an effort of the police to shut down the dealers by regulating traffic in and out of the area. None of the respondents surveyed in the area of Lancaster Avenue expressed optimism about this initiative. Most felt that the dealing would resume as soon as the police left and some said that it continued even with the police there. In addition, a number of participants felt that the police presence in the Hilltop was pushing drug dealing activities deeper down into the Hedgeville community.

Drug dealing and drug usage was also a concern among participants along Maryland Avenue. In this area, the problem was related to the large number of vacant and neglected areas along that road. For a number of respondents, the area under the I95 overpass is particularly problematic. This area provides a relatively sheltered area for those engaging in drug dealing and other crimes and is adjacent to fields overgrown with weeds and a railroad bridge, both of which provide cover for illicit activities. The overgrown area between Maryland Avenue and South Harrison Street also provides a haven for drug users and drug dealers. Some business owners along this corridor expressed concern about the effect that drug dealing is having on their businesses, saying that it creates a bad image for their potential customers and makes them afraid to come into their store.

Five respondents specifically mentioned robbery and theft as a concern. A number of those interviewed said that they had been victims of robberies or assaults. These concerns seemed to be most prevalent among the small store owners in the northern part of the neighborhood near Lancaster Avenue. The merchants on Lancaster Avenue, however, did not express concern about robbery and theft. One merchant told the interviewers that thieves don't like to rob stores on such a major street, so they go a block or two south of Lancaster and rob the small markets on neighborhood corners. It should be noted, however, that at least two of the merchants on Lancaster Avenue did business through plexiglass barriers that make robbery quite difficult.

Two respondents said that fear of crime affected their businesses negatively because people were afraid to come to their stores after dark. One merchant said that he had been held up at gunpoint a number of times. He said that he was afraid that he would die during a robbery. Another merchant said that he closed earlier than he used to, specifically because of the threat of crime.

Two respondents expressed concern about prostitution. Both identified Lancaster Avenue as a particular concern. They said that this business is done from a house and is associated with a drug dealer on the street who "pimps" for what appear to be young girls. One respondent also expressed concern about prostitution along Maryland Avenue,

where it is supposedly conducted under and around the I95 overpass.

Youth behavior. Almost half of the respondents had a complaint about youth behavior. There were complaints about truancy, youth hanging out on the streets, rowdy young people moving around the neighborhood in groups, and lack of respect for adults.

Parking. There was some concern about parking in the area. This was especially true along or near Maryland Avenue. Respondents said that cars were being parked illegally, often up on the sidewalks and causing damage to the pavement.

Trash and noise. A number of respondents complained about noise and loud music, dirty streets, graffiti, and trash.

Other problems. Some other issues mentioned by respondents included homeless people wandering around in the neighborhood, traffic and people ignoring stop signs and red lights, too much Section 8 housing and deterioration of rental housing, cracked and broken sidewalks, racial intolerance, and lack of transportation for the handicapped.

Actions that the city can take. The majority of those surveyed believed that police action was most important way to address the crime issue. Of this group, most of the respondents (21) felt that there was a need for more police presence in Hedgeville. Some respondents felt that the police need to increase their connection with the neighborhood through the use of foot patrols and community policing or by the creation of a neighborhood substation. A number of respondents also expressed concern that enforcement was lax and said that stricter enforcement may help to create a better atmosphere in the neighborhood. Many of those surveyed acknowledged that the Police Department was over extended but they were still concerned that Hedgeville seemed to be treated as a low priority .

Some of those surveyed expressed frustration about the lack of police responsiveness to calls about parking violations. They would like the police to enforce parking regulations more vigorously.

Some other suggestions for city action included: get rid of abandoned houses, build parking lots, tow abandoned cars, crack down on loud radios, clean the streets, fix the boarded up houses, enforce housing codes, enforce laws about loitering and illegal parking, pay attention to areas other than the waterfront, provide permit parking near businesses, provide more recreational opportunities for youth, and provide more shelters for homeless people.

Actions that the community can take. Generally, those surveyed felt there are two ways that the community could respond to the crime problem. Some of the respondents suggested that the community needs a *Neighborhood Watch* program to help

cut down on crime. Others believed that the best way to get involved was to call the police if something suspicious is seen. Some respondents suggested that they were afraid to call the police and two said that they stopped calling the police after receiving threats.

Some other suggestions for community action included: participate in the Hedgeville Community Association, take more pride in the homes, organize to clean vacant lots, do a better job of supervising the youth, take more responsibility for the area, screen tenants, get to know one another, have more community events, and get to know the youth.

Businesses and Organizations Located in Hedgeville.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, a field listing found that 83 businesses and organizations are located in Hedgeville.

Table 1: Types of Businesses and Organizations in Hedgeville

Type of Business/Organization	Number
Commercial	25
Retail	18
Restaurants/bars	11
Social	6
Service	6
Child care	5
Medical	4
Church	4
Educational	2
Financial	2
Total	83

Table 2
Businesses and Organizations in Hedgeville

Business/Organization	Type
<i>Broom Street</i>	
C&D Liquors	retail
Kaplinsky Funeral Home	commercial
Benedictine Sisters	church
Hillside Center Nursing/Rehabilitation	medical
Independent Living Inc.	service
Cumberland Farms	retail
Family Practice Associates	medical
Papastavros Associates, Medical Imaging	medical
<i>Cedar Street</i>	
Pulaski Elementary School	educational
<i>Chestnut Street</i>	
Rosa's Day Care	child care
Darlene's Dumplings Day Care	child care
Reagan's Restaurant and Tavern	restaurant/bar
Casey Electric/Smith Insulating	commercial
<i>Connell Street</i>	
Cherished Moments Child Care	child care
<i>Elm Street</i>	
Mother Angela Early Childhood Center	child care
<i>Franklin Street</i>	
Safari Lounge Restaurant	restaurant/bar
Southwest Wilmington Community Center	service
Evangelistic Temple of Truth	church
Polish American Civic Association	social
AFS Rentals	commercial
Scatasti Electric	commercial
West End Rod & Gun Club	social
<i>Harrison Street</i>	
Borinquen Groceries	retail
Just for You Hair/Simply Beautiful	commercial
Conner's Ale House	restaurant/bar
Chestnut Street Café	restaurant
Henry's Market	retail
St. Hedwig's School	educational
St. Hedwig's Church	church

	Sovereign Bank	financial
	Yasik Funeral Home	commercial
	Med Lab Medical Testing	medical
	Le Cateau Gourmet Personalized Catering	commercial
Jackson Street		
	Grodzicki Grocery	retail
	Boy's and Girl's Club	service
	Jackson Street Liquors	retail
	Pulaski Legion	social
Lancaster and Broom		
	Alpha Clothing Store	retail
Lancaster and Jackson		
	El Amiga	commercial
Lancaster Avenue		
	A. Woodrow Plumbing and Heating	commercial
	Ministry of Caring (employment)	service
	Lancaster Liquors	retail
	Jade Palace	restaurant
	Gentleman's Touch	commercial
	Sesame Corner Day Care	childcare
Linden Avenue		
	Dolly's Beauty Shop	commercial
Maryland Avenue		
	Nussbaumer Business Forms	commercial
	A. Fortunato & Sons Inc. General Contractors	commercial
	Caribbean Café	restaurant
	Louvier's Credit Union	financial
	All Doors and Windows	retail
	George's Hardware	retail
	Levan's Liquors	retail
	Mini Laundramat	commercial
	T B McKinney Plumbing and Heating	commercial
	Gregory's Sub Shop	restaurant
	Maryland Avenue Sub Shop	restaurant
	NVF (National Vulcanized Fibers)	commercial
	Lo Presti Produce	retail
	Bernie's Water Ice	restaurant
	Wilmington Firefighter's Association	social
	Pizza House	restaurant

	Ultimate Hair Care	commercial
	Ultimate Carpet	retail
	Mar Car Video	commercial
	Bill Bryan's Auto Outlet	retail
	Sid's Liquors	retail
	Wilmington Billiard	commercial
	Brittingham Construction	commercial
	Johnny's Super Market	retail
	Post Impression Inc.	commercial
	Yorklyn Associates Inc.	commercial
	Real Estate Rentals/Sales	commercial
	Lion Tours (Casino Bus Tickets)	commercial
	R&S Café	restaurant
<i>Sycamore Street</i>		
	St. Hedwig's Parish Hall	church
<i>Van Buren and Linden Streets</i>		
	M&B Market	retail
<i>Van Buren Street</i>		
	John's Discount	retail
	Polish American Library Association	social
	Rostocki Funeral Home	commercial
	American Rescue Workers	service
	Wilmington Club for the Deaf	service
	11th Ward Democratic Legion	social

HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Methodology

As part of the needs assessment, a questionnaire was developed with the assistance of the Sixth District Neighborhood Planning Council and the Hedgeville Community Association. Initially a meeting was held to identify issues to be included on the questionnaire. In addition, a preliminary survey was conducted with a small group of Hedgeville residents to further define the survey questionnaire. Finally, the initial results of the agency survey were used to help shape the resident survey. A copy of the final questionnaire can be found in the Appendices.

In order to give every resident of the Hedgeville area an opportunity to participate in the survey, a questionnaire was delivered, with the assistance of the Association, to the approximately 1300 households located in Census Tract 26. In order to preserve respondent privacy, the survey was mailed to the University without any identifying marks on the survey instrument. The limited amount of resources available for the project required that a mail survey be used rather than a more expensive telephone survey.

Ultimately 265 questionnaires were returned. This represents a 20 percent return rate which is fairly typical of a mail survey. It is not possible to know the extent to which the respondents represent the views of all the residents of Hedgeville. However, since the respondents took time to fill out and mail the questionnaire, it is likely that they represent the views of individuals who have the greatest concern about the needs and issues affecting the Hedgeville neighborhood.

The questionnaire was divided into five sections: questions about the neighborhood, questions about concerns or issues that may be a problem in the neighborhood, questions about what the city can do about these concerns, questions about what the community can do, and, finally, questions about the age, ethnicity, education, marital status, and income of the respondent. The questionnaire was printed on a form that could be scanned into a data base for statistical analysis. The results of the resident survey are organized in this report by the five sections of the questionnaire.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Table 3: Is your neighborhood one where people work together and help each other or mostly go their own way?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Work together and help each other	68	26	49
Mostly go their own way	188	71	48
Don't know/no answer	9	3	3
Total	265	100	100

Table 4: Compared to one year ago, has your neighborhood become a better or worse place to live?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Much worse than before	74	28	6
A little worse than before	88	33	17
About the same as before	66	25	54
A little better than before	6	2	14
Much better than before	4	2	2
Don't know/no answer	27	10	7
Total	265	100	100

Some groups tend to be more negative about trends in the neighborhood. For example, 71 percent of the homeowners feel that the neighborhood has become a worse place to live over the past year as compared to 40 percent of the renters. Similarly, 77 percent of those who have lived in the neighborhood for six years or more say that the neighborhood has become a worse place to live as compared to 42 percent of those who have lived there for five years or less. Whites are more negative (75 percent) than African-Americans or Latinos (46 percent) and those aged 36 and over (73 percent) are more negative than those 35 and under (45 percent).

***Note:** the responses to some questions can be compared to the results of a recent survey of 1,000 residents of Wilmington conducted by the Center for Community Development and Family Policy for the City of Wilmington's Department of Public Safety. See *Crime, Public Safety & Police Service: Changing Perceptions of Wilmington Residents* by Timothy K. Barnekov, Center for Community Development & Family Policy, University of Delaware, April 2000.

Table 5: Who do you feel are primarily responsible for the quality of life in your neighborhood?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
The residents	104	39	25
The police	1	1	4
The residents and police together	117	44	69
The city	22	8	---
Don't know/no answer	21	8	2
Total	265	100	100

Table 6: Is your neighborhood patrolled satisfactorily?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Yes	34	13	59
No	132	50	38
Don't know/no answer	99	37	3
Total	265	100	100

Table 7: Do you know the names of any of the police officers who patrol your neighborhood?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Yes	48	18	11
No	210	79	88
Don't know/no answer	7	3	1
Total	265	100	100

Table 8: In general, how would you describe the service being provided by the police officers in your neighborhood?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Excellent	6	2	7
Good	38	14	44
Fair	78	29	31
Poor	42	16	12
Very poor	25	9	3
Don't know/no answer	76	30	3
Total	265	100	100

Table 9: Have you ever been a victim of a crime?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Yes	134	51	31
No	109	41	69
Don't know/no answer	22	8	0
Total	265	100	100

Table 10: Has any member of your household ever been a victim of a crime?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Citywide Percent*
Yes	115	43	18
No	122	46	82
Don't know/no answer	28	11	0
Total	265	100	100

Table 11: How long have you lived in Hedgeville?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Less than 1 year	11	4
1 to 5 years	46	17
6 to 10 years	42	16
11 years or more	148	56
Don't know/no answer	28	7
Total	265	100

Table 12: Do you currently own or rent your home?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Own	217	82
Rent	33	13
Other	6	2
Don't know/no answer	9	3
Total	265	100

Table 13: How often do you attend the Hedgeville Community Association Meetings?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Regularly	18	7
Rarely	83	31
Never	150	57
Don't know/no answer	14	5
Total	265	100

Table 14: Why do you never or rarely attend the Hedgeville Community Association meetings? Please mark all that apply. [Answered only by those who said they rarely or never attended Association meetings]

Response	Frequency	Percent
I don't have time	75	28
I'm not interested	9	3
I didn't know about them	37	14
I don't feel that my attendance can help the Association	32	12
I don't feel that the Association can help me	44	17
Don't know/no answer	54	20
Total	265	100

Table 15: Would you be interested in finding out more about the Hedgeville Community Association?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	115	43
No	122	46
Don't know/no answer	28	11
Total	265	100

Table 16: Are you currently involved in any community volunteer efforts?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	43	16
No	208	79
Don't know/no answer	14	5
Total	265	100

Table 17: Have you ever been involved in any community volunteer efforts?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	79	30
No	168	63
Don't know/no answer	18	7
Total	265	100

Table 18: Do you or any member of your household use the Boys and Girls Club on Jackson Street?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Regularly	8	3
Often	7	3
Rarely	20	8
Never	213	80
Don't know/no answer	17	6
Total	265	100

Table 19: Do you or any member of your family use the Southwest Wilmington Community Center?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Regularly	4	2
Often	11	4
Rarely	26	10
Never	205	77
Don't know/no answer	19	7
Total	265	100

CONCERNS**Table 20: Use of illegal drugs**

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	32	12
Minor problem	52	20
Significant problem	58	22
Very significant problem	102	38
Don't know/no answer	21	8
Total	265	100

Table 21: Sale of illegal drugs

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	40	15
Minor problem	46	17
Significant problem	49	18
Very significant problem	110	42
Don't know/no answer	20	8
Total	265	100

Table 22: Not feeling safe when you go out

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	50	19
Minor problem	70	26
Significant problem	53	20
Very significant problem	75	28
Don't know/no answer	17	7
Total	265	100

Table 23: Afraid to leave your house unoccupied

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	52	20
Minor problem	81	30
Significant problem	51	19
Very significant problem	66	25
Don't know/no answer	15	6
Total	265	100

Table 24: Burglary/theft

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	49	19
Minor problem	87	33
Significant problem	54	20
Very significant problem	61	23
Don't know/no answer	14	5
Total	265	100

Table 25: Graffiti/vandalism

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	64	24
Minor problem	66	25
Significant problem	54	21
Very significant problem	59	22
Don't know/no answer	22	8
Total	265	100

Table 26: Violent criminal behavior

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	86	32
Minor problem	82	31
Significant problem	48	18
Very significant problem	26	10
Don't know/no answer	23	9
Total	265	100

Table 27: Loitering

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	40	15
Minor problem	51	19
Significant problem	55	21
Very significant problem	106	40
Don't know/no answer	13	5
Total	265	100

Table 28: "Outsiders" coming into the neighborhood

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	33	12
Minor problem	42	16
Significant problem	42	16
Very significant problem	133	50
Don't know/no answer	15	6
Total	265	100

Table 29: Gang activity

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	95	36
Minor problem	83	31
Significant problem	25	9
Very significant problem	44	17
Don't know/no answer	18	7
Total	265	100

Table 30: Prostitution

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	158	60
Minor problem	46	17
Significant problem	15	6
Very significant problem	14	5
Don't know/no answer	32	12
Total	265	100

Table 31: Children perform badly in school

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	96	36
Minor problem	36	14
Significant problem	40	15
Very significant problem	28	11
Don't know/no answer	65	25
Total	265	100

Table 32: Truancy (children absent from school without permission)

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	73	28
Minor problem	61	23
Significant problem	38	14
Very99 significant problem	35	13
Don't know/no answer	58	22
Total	265	100

Table 33: Suspension or expulsion from school

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	98	37
Minor problem	56	21
Significant problem	26	10
Very significant problem	24	9
Don't know/no answer	61	23
Total	265	100

Table 34: Dropping out of school

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	90	34
Minor problem	36	14
Significant problem	20	7
Very significant problem	34	13
Don't know/no answer	85	32
Total	265	100

Table 35: Unemployment among teenagers

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	63	24
Minor problem	57	22
Significant problem	32	12
Very significant problem	62	23
Don't know/no answer	51	19
Total	265	100

Table 36: Too few youth activities

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	43	16
Minor problem	36	14
Significant problem	42	16
Very significant problem	79	30
Don't know/no answer	65	24
Total	265	100

Table 37: Lack of supervision after school

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	44	16
Minor problem	36	14
Significant problem	36	14
Very significant problem	104	39
Don't know/no answer	45	17
Total	265	100

Table 38: Dirty streets

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	33	13
Minor problem	46	17
Significant problem	59	22
Very significant problem	99	37
Don't know/no answer	28	11
Total	265	100

Table 39: Respect of youth for adults

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	35	13
Minor problem	41	15
Significant problem	37	14
Very significant problem	134	51
Don't know/no answer	18	7
Total	265	100

Table 40: General atmosphere of neighborhood

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	41	16
Minor problem	62	23
Significant problem	62	23
Very significant problem	63	24
Don't know/no answer	37	14
Total	265	100

Table 41: Abandoned houses or buildings

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	82	31
Minor problem	75	28
Significant problem	33	13
Very significant problem	54	20
Don't know/no answer	21	8
Total	265	100

Table 42: Home/yard upkeep and maintenance

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	50	19
Minor problem	78	29
Significant problem	45	17
Very significant problem	71	27
Don't know/no answer	21	8
Total	265	100

Table 43: Poor street lighting

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	105	40
Minor problem	70	26
Significant problem	33	13
Very significant problem	33	12
Don't know/no answer	24	9
Total	265	100

Table 44: Neighborhood cooperation, people helping one another

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	69	26
Minor problem	64	24
Significant problem	44	17
Very significant problem	65	24
Don't know/no answer	23	9
Total	265	100

Table 45: Neighborhood pride

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	58	22
Minor problem	60	23
Significant problem	52	20
Very significant problem	67	25
Don't know/no answer	28	10
Total	265	100

Table 46: Lack of opportunity for community involvement

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	59	22
Minor problem	72	27
Significant problem	47	18
Very significant problem	37	14
Don't know/no answer	50	19
Total	265	100

Table 47: Parking

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	20	8
Minor problem	45	17
Significant problem	51	19
Very significant problem	126	47
Don't know/no answer	23	9
Total	265	100

Table 48: Traffic enforcement

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	45	17
Minor problem	54	21
Significant problem	46	17
Very significant problem	80	30
Don't know/no answer	40	15
Total	265	100

Table 49: Zoning issues

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	95	36
Minor problem	56	21
Significant problem	31	12
Very significant problem	25	9
Don't know/no answer	58	22
Total	265	100

Table 50 Too much Section 8 housing

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	71	27
Minor problem	49	19
Significant problem	30	11
Very significant problem	76	29
Don't know/no answer	39	14
Total	265	100

Table 51: Lack of affordable child care

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	87	33
Minor problem	39	15
Significant problem	38	14
Very significant problem	32	12
Don't know/no answer	69	26
Total	265	100

Table 52: Lack of services for seniors/handicapped

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	76	29
Minor problem	50	19
Significant problem	43	16
Very significant problem	41	15
Don't know/no answer	55	21
Total	265	100

Table 53: Abandoned vehicles

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not a problem	91	34
Minor problem	74	28
Significant problem	29	11
Very significant problem	36	14
Don't know/no answer	35	13
Total	265	100

Table 54: Summary of Concerns

Concern	Significant to Severe Problem
"Outsiders" coming into the neighborhood	66 percent
Parking	66 percent
Respect of youth for adults	65 percent
Loitering	61 percent
Sale of illegal drugs	60 percent
Use of illegal drugs	60 percent
Dirty streets	59 percent
Lack of supervision after school	53 percent
Not feeling safe when you go out	48 percent
Traffic enforcement	47 percent
General atmosphere of neighborhood	47 percent
Too few youth activities	46 percent
Neighborhood pride	45 percent
Home/yard upkeep and maintenance	44 percent
Afraid to leave house unoccupied	44 percent
Burglary/theft	43 percent
Graffiti/vandalism	43 percent
Neighborhood cooperation	41 percent
Too much Section 8 housing	40 percent
Unemployment among teenagers	35 percent
Abandoned houses or buildings	33 percent
Lack of opportunity for community involvement	32 percent
Lack of services for seniors/handicapped	31 percent
Violent criminal behavior	28 percent
Truancy	27 percent
Gang activity	26 percent
Lack of affordable child care	26 percent
Children perform badly in school	26 percent
Abandoned vehicles	25 percent
Poor street lighting	25 percent
Zoning	21 percent
Suspension or expulsion from school	19 percent
Prostitution	11 percent

WHAT CAN THE CITY DO?

Table 55: Increase ties with the Hedgeville community

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	135	51
Important	82	31
Not very important	15	5
Not important at all	2	1
Don't know/no answer	31	12
Total	265	100

Table 56: Maintain a greater police presence in the neighborhood

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	165	62
Important	68	26
Not very important	7	3
Not important at all	3	1
Don't know/no answer	22	8
Total	265	100

Table 57: Have more foot patrols in Hedgeville

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	162	61
Important	62	23
Not very important	17	6
Not important at all	4	2
Don't know/no answer	20	8
Total	265	100

Table 58: Increase enforcement of laws against loitering

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	144	54
Important	69	26
Not very important	20	8
Not important at all	7	3
Don't know/no answer	25	9
Total	265	100

Table 59: Increase enforcement of housing codes

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	112	42
Important	78	29
Not very important	34	13
Not important at all	10	4
Don't know/no answer	31	12
Total	265	100

Table 60: Get abandoned cars off the street

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	90	34
Important	75	28
Not very important	46	18
Not important at all	22	8
Don't know/no answer	32	12
Total	265	100

Table 61: Decrease Section 8 housing in Hedgeville

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	99	37
Important	55	21
Not very important	53	20
Not important at all	23	9
Don't know/no answer	35	13
Total	265	100

Table 62: Provide more activities for youth

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	122	46
Important	79	30
Not very important	26	10
Not important at all	8	3
Don't know/no answer	30	11
Total	265	100

Table 63: Provide more vocational training

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	102	39
Important	81	31
Not very important	34	13
Not important at all	12	4
Don't know/no answer	36	13
Total	265	100

Table 64: Summary of Actions City Can Take

Action	Very Important/Important
Maintain a greater police presence in the neighborhood	88 percent
Have more foot patrols in Hedgeville	84 percent
Increase ties with Hedgeville community	82 percent
Increase enforcement of laws against loitering	80 percent
Provide more activities for youth	76 percent
Increase enforcement of housing codes	71 percent
Provide more vocational training	70 percent
Get abandoned cars off the street	62 percent
Decrease Section 8 housing in Hedgeville	58 percent

WHAT CAN THE COMMUNITY DO?**Table 65: Put pressure on the city**

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	141	53
Important	85	32
Not very important	16	6
Not important at all	4	2
Don't know/no answer	19	7
Total	265	100

Table 66: Call police/report crimes and suspicious activities

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	194	73
Important	46	18
Not very important	6	2
Not important at all	3	1
Don't know/no answer	16	6
Total	265	100

Table 67: Become more active in community organizations

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	94	35
Important	123	46
Not very important	23	9
Not important at all	5	2
Don't know/no answer	20	8
Total	265	100

Table 68: Take more pride in the appearance of homes

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	169	64
Important	66	25
Not very important	10	4
Not important at all	5	2
Don't know/no answer	15	5
Total	265	100

Table 69: Monitor actions of renters

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	154	58
Important	65	24
Not very important	18	7
Not important at all	7	3
Don't know/no answer	21	8
Total	265	100

Table 70: Provide more community events/community awareness programs

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very important	107	40
Important	94	36
Not very important	31	12
Not important at all	8	3
Don't know/no answer	25	9
Total	265	100

Table 71: Summary of Actions Community Can Take

Action	Very Important/Important
Call police/report crimes and suspicious activities	91 percent
Take more pride in appearance of homes	89 percent
Put pressure on city	85 percent
Monitor actions of renters	82 percent
Become more active in community organizations	81 percent
Provide more community events/awareness programs	76 percent

GENERAL INFORMATION

Table 72: What is your age group?

Response	Frequency	Percent
18 to 25	7	3
26 to 35	50	19
36 to 45	57	21
46 to 55	55	21
56 to 65	20	7
Over 65	58	22
Don't know/no answer	18	7
Total	265	100

Table 73: Please select the group that comes closest to describing your ethnicity

Response	Frequency	Percent
Anglo/Caucasian	151	57
African-American	29	11
Asian	0	0
Native American	20	7
Hispanic	19	7
Other	20	8
Don't know/no answer	26	10
Total	265	100

Table 74: Please select a category that best describes the amount of education that you have completed.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Grade school	12	5
Some high school	17	6
Completed high school	58	22
General Education Diploma (GED)	8	3
Some college/trade school	61	23
Completed college/trade school	55	21
Post college	18	7
Don't know/no answer	36	13
Total	265	100

Table 75: What is your marital status?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Married	86	32
Widowed	39	15
Divorced	43	16
Separated	7	3
Never married	62	23
Don't know/no answer	28	11
Total	265	100

Table 76: About how much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the year 2000?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Under \$15,000	35	13
\$15,000 to \$24,999	34	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	82	31
\$50,000 to \$64,999	27	10
\$65,000 or more	35	13
Don't know/no answer	52	20
Total	265	100

VACANT HOUSES AND BUILDINGS

Graduate students from the Center for Community Development and Family Policy conducted a field survey of the entire Hedgeville neighborhood (Census Tract 26) in order to determine how extensive the problem of vacant housing or buildings was in the area (see Appendices for Vacant and Dilapidated Property Survey instrument). The information was cross checked with a listing of vacant buildings for the Browntown/Hedgeville district which was obtained from the City of Wilmington's Department of Licenses and Inspection.. Table 76 shows the results of the survey.

Table 77: Vacant and Dilapidated Property in Hedgeville (continued)

Vacant or Dilapidated Property: Hedgeville														
Location	C-commercial, I-lot, O-other	1a-1 attached, detached, 2, 3+	O-open, b-boarded, r-occupied	y/n	Condition of Structure*							1-minimum to none 3-significant	2-moderate	Trash
Street	Address/Location	Type	Units	Security	For Sale	Foundation	Win/Frame	Siding	Roof/Chim	Por/Step	Landscape	General		
						S-suitable, u-unsuitable, d-don't know								
Columbia Avenue	1113	r	1a	o	n	s	s	s	d	u	d	d	2	
Sycamore Street	1003	r	1a	o	n	s	s	s	s	s	d	s	1	
Jackson Street	325	c	1a	b?	n	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	1	
Franklin Street	221, ?	c/r	3+	o,b	n	s	s	s	s	s	u	s	2	
Read Street	1018	r	1a	o	n	s	d	s	d	s	d	s	1	
Read Street	1101	r	1a	o	n	s	d	s	s	s	d	s	3	
Read Street	1105	r	1a	s	n	s	s	s	s	s	d	s	2	
Read Street	1107	r	1a	o	n	s	s	s	s	d	u	s	2	
Read Street	1109	r	1a	s	n	s	s	s	s	s	d	s	2	
Read Street	1111	r	1a	s	n	s	s	s	s	u	d	s	1	
Read Street	1104	r	1a	o,b	n	s	u	s	d	s	d	u	1	
Maryland Avenue	729-731, between	c	1a	b	n	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	1	
Maryland Avenue	812	c	1a	s	n	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	1	
Maryland Avenue	820	c	1a	s	y	s	s	s	s	s	u	s	1	
Maryland Avenue	930	c	1a	b	n	s	u	s	s	s	s	s	1	
Lancaster and Franklin		c	?	b	n	d	s	s	d	s	s	d	2	
Lancaster Avenue	1224	c	1a	b	n	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	1	
Lancaster Avenue	1201	c	3+	b	n	s	s	s	d	s	s	s	1	

APPENDICES

Organization Survey
Survey of Hedgeville Businesses/Agencies
Preliminary Survey of Hedgeville Residents
Hedgeville Survey
Vacant or Dilapidated Property Survey

ORGANIZATION SURVEY

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1. Address _____

2. Name _____

3. Type of organization

Business	_____	social/service organization	_____
Church	_____		
Government agency	_____		
Nonprofit organization	_____		

4. Appearance of property

good	_____
fair	_____
poor	_____

5. Comments (mission of organization if not obvious by the name, etc.) _____

1. Address _____

2. Name _____

3. Type of organization

Business	_____	social/service organization	_____
Church	_____		
Government agency	_____		
Nonprofit organization	_____		

4. Appearance of property

good	_____
fair	_____
poor	_____

5. Comments (mission of organization if not obvious by the name, etc.) _____

Survey of Hedgeville Businesses/Agencies

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Please list the three most serious local problems facing the Hedgeville community.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are the three most important actions that could be taken by the City of Wilmington to resolve these problems?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are the three most important actions that residents of Hedgeville could take to resolve these problems?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the Hedgeville neighborhood?

Thank you for your assistance.

Type of Organization: 1 Private 2 Public 3 Nonprofit

Interviewer _____

Preliminary Survey of Hedgeville Residents

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Please list the three most serious local problems facing the Hedgeville community.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are the three most important actions that could be taken by the City of Wilmington to resolve these problems?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What are the three most important actions that residents of Hedgeville could take to resolve these problems?

1. _____

2. _____

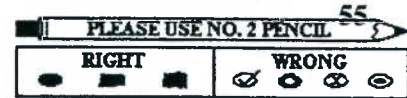
3. _____

Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the Hedgeville neighborhood?

Thank you for your assistance. Please return this form in the enclosed envelope to the University of Delaware's Center for Community Development and Family Policy no later than ???????

Hedgeville Survey

I: Your Neighborhood



1) Is your neighborhood one where people:

- ☐ work together and help each other?
- ☐ mostly go their own way?

2) Compared to one year ago, has your neighborhood become a better or a worse place to live?

- ☐ much worse than before
- ☐ a little better than before
- ☐ a little worse than before
- ☐ much better than before
- ☐ about the same as before

3) Who do you feel are primarily responsible for the quality of life in your neighborhood?

- ☐ the residents
- ☐ the police
- ☐ the residents and police together
- ☐ the city

4) Is your neighborhood patrolled satisfactorily?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no
- ☐ don't know

5) Do you know the names of any of the police officers that patrol your neighborhood?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

6) In general, how would you describe the service being provided by the police officers in your neighborhood?

- ☐ excellent
- ☐ poor
- ☐ good
- ☐ very poor
- ☐ fair
- ☐ don't know

7) Have you ever been a victim of a crime?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no
- ☐ not sure

8) Has any member of your household ever been a victim of a crime?

- ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not sure

9) How long have you lived in Hedgeville?

- ☐ less than 1 year ☐ 6 to 10 years
☐ 1 to 5 years ☐ 11 years or more

10) Do you currently own or rent your home?

- ☐ own ☐ rent ☐ other

11) How often do you attend Hedgeville Community Association meetings?

- ☐ regularly (skip to #13)
☐ rarely
☐ never

12) Why do you never or rarely attend the Hedgeville Community Association meetings?

- ☐ I don't have time ☐ I don't feel my attendance can help the Association
☐ I'm not interested ☐ I don't feel the Association can help me
☐ I didn't know about them ☐ don't know/other

13) Would you be interested in finding out more about the Hedgeville Community Association?

- ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ don't know

14) Are you currently involved in any community volunteer efforts?

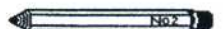
- ☐ yes (skip to #16) ☐ no

15) Have you ever been involved in any community volunteer efforts?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

16) Do you or any member of your household use the Boys' and Girls' Club on Jackson Street?

- ☐ regularly ☐ often ☐ rarely ☐ never



17) Do you or any member of your household use the Southwest Wilmington Community Center?

☐ regularly ☐ often ☐ rarely ☐ never

II. Concerns

Listed below are issues that may or may not be a problem in your neighborhood. All neighborhoods have some areas where improvement might be needed. Please provide a letter grade by selecting A, B, C, D, or F for each of the following issues, with A indicating that there is not a problem and F indicating that there is a severe problem.

	Not a problem at all	Minor problem	Significant problem	Very significant problem	Severe problem
Use of illegal drugs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sale of illegal drugs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not feeling safe when you go out	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Afraid to leave your house unoccupied	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burglary/Theft	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graffiti/Vandalism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violent criminal behavior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loitering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Outsiders" coming into neighborhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gang activity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prostitution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children perform badly in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Truancy (children absent from school without permission)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Suspension or expulsion from school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dropping out of school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unemployment among teenagers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Too few youth activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of supervision after school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dirty streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect of youth for adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General atmosphere of neighborhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abandoned houses or buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Not a problem at all	Minor problem	Significant problem	Very significant problem	Severe problem
Home/yard upkeep and maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
Poor street lighting	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborhood cooperation: people helping one another	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborhood pride	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of opportunity for community involvement	1	2	3	4	5
Parking	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Zoning issues	1	2	3	4	5
Too much Section 8 housing	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of affordable child care	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of resources for neighborhood improvement	1	2	3	4	5
Abandoned vehicles	1	2	3	4	5

III. What Can the City Do?

What changes would you most like to see in the service provided by the City of Wilmington?
Please rank the following suggestions from 1 (very important) to 4 (not important at all).

	Very important	Important	Not so important	Not important at all
Increase ties with the Hedgeville community	1	2	3	4
Maintain a greater police presence in the neighborhood	1	2	3	4
Have more foot patrols in Hedgeville	1	2	3	4
Increase enforcement of laws against loitering	1	2	3	4
Increase enforcement of housing codes	1	2	3	4
Get abandoned cars off the street	1	2	3	4
Decrease Section 8 housing in Hedgeville	1	2	3	4
Provide more activities for youth	1	2	3	4
Provide more vocational training	1	2	3	4

IV. What Can Your Community Do?

What do you feel are the most important actions that can be taken by the residents of the Hedgeville community and community groups in the neighborhood to make Hedgeville a better place to live? Please rank the following suggestions from 1 (very important) to 4 (not important at all).

	Very important	Important	Not so important	Not important at all
Put pressure on the city	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Call police/report crimes and suspicious activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Become more active in community organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take more pride in the appearance of homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monitor actions of renters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide more community events/community awareness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

V. General Information

1) What is your age group? (please select the appropriate group)

- ☐ 18 to 25 ☐ 46 to 55
☐ 26 to 35 ☐ 56 to 65
☐ 36 to 45 ☐ over 65

2) Please select the group that comes closest to describing your ethnicity.

- ☐ Anglo/Caucasian ☐ Native American
☐ Afro-American ☐ Hispanic
☐ Asian ☐ other

3) Please select the category that best describes the amount of education that you have completed.

- ☐ grade school ☐ some college/trade school
☐ some high school ☐ completed college
☐ completed high school ☐ completed trade school
☐ General Education Diploma (GED) ☐ post college

4) What is your marital status?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> married | <input type="radio"/> separated |
| <input type="radio"/> widowed | <input type="radio"/> never married |
| <input type="radio"/> divorced | |

5) About how much do you anticipate your household's TOTAL INCOME BEFORE TAXES will be for the year 2000?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> under \$15,000 | <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 to \$64,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$15,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$65,000 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> \$25,000 to \$49,999 | |



VACANT OR DILAPIDATED PROPERTY SURVEY

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1. Address _____

2. Commercial Building _____ Other _____
 Residence _____
 Lot _____ (skip to Q. 5)

3. Security of Structure For Rent/For Sale Sign

open (windows and/or doors broken out) _____ Yes ____ No ____

boarded up _____ Units in Structure

secured (doors and windows intact and apparently locked) _____ 1, att _____

occupied _____ 1, det _____

2 _____

3+ _____

4. Condition of Structure

Suitable

Unsuitable

Don't Know

Foundation

Window and Door Frames and Sills

Siding

Roofs and Chimney

Porches and Steps

Landscaping

General Impression

5. Condition of property

minimal or no trash _____

moderate amount of trash _____

significant amount of trash _____

6. Comments _____



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