

Village of Weston Soul of the Community Survey

The Village of Weston in partnership with the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh invite you to participate in the Village of Weston Soul of the Community Survey. Derived from a survey originally conducted by the Knight Foundation, the Village of Weston Soul of the Community Survey is designed to gauge each participants social attachment to Weston. Each participant in the survey is encouraged to review each question with an open mind and answer each question in full. The intent of this survey is to review not only the function of Weston to each community member but to also understand how each participant feels about the area. Your participation is greatly appreciated in this anonymous survey. Thank you.

1. Do you live in the Village of Weston, Wisconsin?

Yes

No

2. What is your age?

18-25 years

26-35 years

36-45 years

46-55 years

56-65 years

66+ years

3. The Village of Weston is a community of both urban (denser residential areas) and rural (countryside) areas. How would you describe the area where you live?

Village proper

Sparse suburban neighborhood

Rural countryside

Something else

4. Quality of life is an important tool to better understand a community's overall "feel". Using a scale from one (1) to ten (10) with one being the worst possible life and ten being the highest quality of life, please describe your current position.

- 10 Best possible quality of life
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5 Average quality of life
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Worst possible quality of life

5. What about (5) years from now? Where do you think you would stand then?

- 10 Best possible quality of life
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5 Average quality of life
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Worst possible quality of life

6. Taking everything into account, how satisfied are you with the Village or Weston as a place to live?

- 5 Extremely satisfied
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Not at all satisfied

7. How likely are you to recommend the Village or Weston to a friend or associate as a place to live?

- 5 Extremely likely
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Not at all likely

8. With five (5) being strongly agree and one (1) being strongly disagree, please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following items:

	5 Strongly Agree	4	3	2	1 Strongly Disagree
I am proud to say I live in the Village of Weston	<input type="radio"/>				
Weston is the perfect place for people like me	<input type="radio"/>				
Weston has a great reputation to outsiders or visitors who do not live here	<input type="radio"/>				

9. What do you think is the most important problem facing the Village or Weston today?

10. If you had the choice of where to live, would you rather?

- Stay in your neighborhood
- Move to another neighborhood within the Village of Weston
- Move outside of Weston but stay in the metro area
- Move away altogether

11. How would you compare how the Village of Weston is as a place to live today, compared to five (5) years ago?

- 5 Much better
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Much worse
- Have not lived in the area for five years

12. Thinking about five (5) years from now, how do you think Weston will be as a place to live compared to today?

- 5 Will be much better
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Will be much worse

13. On a five-point rating scale, where five (5) means very good and one (1) means very bad, how would you rate the following in the Village of Weston?

	5 Very Good	4	3	2	1 Very Bad
The availability of outdoor parks, playgrounds, and trails	<input type="radio"/>				
The beauty or physical setting	<input type="radio"/>				
The highway or freeway system	<input type="radio"/>				
The availability of affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>				
The availability of job opportunities	<input type="radio"/>				
The overall quality of public schools in your community	<input type="radio"/>				
The overall quality of the colleges/universities in the region	<input type="radio"/>				

	5 Very Good	4	3	2	1 Very Bad
Having a vibrant nightlife with restaurants, clubs, bars, etc	<input type="radio"/>				
Being a good place to meet people and make friends	<input type="radio"/>				
The availability and accessibility of quality healthcare in the area	<input type="radio"/>				
The leadership of the elected officials in Weston	<input type="radio"/>				
How much people in Weston care about each other	<input type="radio"/>				
The effectiveness of the local police	<input type="radio"/>				
The availability of arts and cultural opportunities, such as theater, museums, and music	<input type="radio"/>				
The availability of social community events, such as festivals, picnics, parades, and street fairs	<input type="radio"/>				

14. On a five-point rating scale, where five (5) means very good and one (1) means very bad, how would you rate the Village of Weston as a place to live for different groups of people?

	5 Very Good	4	3	2	1 Very Bad
Young, talented college graduates looking to enter the job market	<input type="radio"/>				
Immigrants from other countries	<input type="radio"/>				
Racial and ethnic minorities	<input type="radio"/>				
Families with young children	<input type="radio"/>				
Gay and lesbian people	<input type="radio"/>				
Senior citizens	<input type="radio"/>				
Young adults without children	<input type="radio"/>				

15. On a five-point rating scale, where five (5) means very good and one (1) means very bad, how would you rate economic conditions in the Village of Weston today?

- 5 Very good
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Very bad

16. Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the Village of Weston as a whole are getting better or worse?

- Getting better
- Getting worse
- Staying the same

17. How much of the time do you think you can trust the local government to do what is right?

- Just about always
- Most of the time
- Only some of the time
- Hardly ever

18. On a five-point scale, where five (5) means strongly agree and one (1) means strongly disagree, how much do you agree or disagree that the leaders in my community represent your interests?

- 5 Strongly agree
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Strongly disagree

19. What is your current employment status?

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Retired
- Stay at home/homemaker
- Student
- Unemployed but looking for work
- Temporarily laid off
- Unemployment and not looking for work
- Disabled/unable to work due to a medical condition
- Other (please specify)

20. On a five-point scale, where five (5) means extremely satisfied and one (1) means extremely dissatisfied, how satisfied are you with your job, that is, the work you do?

- 5 Extremely satisfied
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Extremely dissatisfied

21. On a five-point scale, where five (5) means strongly agree and one (1) means strongly disagree, how likely are you to agree that your job provides you with the income needed to support you and/or your family?

- 5 Strongly agree
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Strongly disagree

22. On a five-point scale, where five (5) means strongly agree and one (1) means strongly disagree, how much do you agree or disagree that now is a good time to find a job in my area?

- 5 Strongly agree
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Strongly disagree

23. Thinking more generally about the company/business you work for, including all of its employees, would you say that, in general, your company or employer is?

- Hiring new people and expanding the size of its workforce
- Not changing the size of its workforce
- Reducing the size of its workforce
- Not applicable

24. On a five-point rating scale, where five (5) means completely safe and one (1) means not at all safe, how would you rate how safe you feel walking alone at night within a mile of your home?

- 5 Completely safe
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Not at all safe

25. Would you say that the crime level in the area where you live has _____ over the past year?

- Increased
- Stayed the same
- Decreased

26. Are you registered to vote?

- Yes
- No

27. Have you done any of the following in the last twelve (12) months?

	Yes	No
Performed local volunteer work for an organization, non-profit, or charitable group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attended a local public meeting in which local issues were discussed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voted in a local election	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worked with other residents to make change in the local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attended or participated in an activity at your church or other religious institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Donated money to help a local organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gave money or food to an individual in need in your community, who is not related to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provided free shelter to an individual in need in your community who is not related to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. Overall, how much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?

- No impact at all
- A small impact
- A moderate impact
- A big impact

29. On a monthly basis, how many formal or informal groups or clubs do you or your family belong to? Examples include social clubs, support groups, religious or civic groups, sport clubs, child activities, etc.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4+

30. How many of your close friends live in your community?

- None
- A few
- Some
- About half
- Most
- All or nearly all

31. How many of your close friends in this area are also friends with each other?

- None
- A few
- Some
- About half
- Most
- All or nearly all

32. How much of your family live in the area?

- None
- A few
- Some
- About half
- Most
- All of nearly all

33. How often do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors? These are the ten (10) or twenty (20) households that live closest to you.

- Never
- Once a year or less
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Several times a month
- Several times a week
- About every day

34. How many years have you lived in the village of Weston?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 21-25 years
- 26+ years

35. Are you a permanent year-round resident of the Village of Weston or do you live here for only part of the year with your primary residence somewhere else?

- Year-round resident
- Seasonal resident

36. Including yourself, how many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

37. Do you have dependent children under the age of 18 currently living in your household?

- Yes
- No

38. How many children do you have in each of the following age groups?

	0	1	2	3	4+
Under the age of six (6)	<input type="radio"/>				
Six (6) to twelve (12)	<input type="radio"/>				
Thirteen (13) to seventeen (17)	<input type="radio"/>				

39. Which of the following categories BEST describes your marital status?

- Married
- Living in a partnered relationship
- Never been married
- Widowed
- Separated
- Divorced

40. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- Grade school or less
- Some high school
- High school graduate
- Some college or technical school
- College or technical school graduate
- Post-graduate work or degree

41. Do you own or rent your primary residence?

- Own
- Rent
- Homeless
- Other (such as temporary living, renting a room)

42. What is your current total annual household income before taxes?

- Less than \$14,999
- \$15,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \$125,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or greater

43. Which of these best describes your racial background? please check all that apply.

- White
- Black or African Americann
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian of Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Some other race not listed

44. Do you consider yourself to be White-Hispanic, or Black Hispanic?

- White-Hispanic
- Black-Hispanic
- Prefer not to answer

46. The Village of Weston is seen as a cultural, social, and entertainment hub. Using a scale from five (5) being keep promoting or bring back to one (1) being stop promoting or don't bring back, please rank the following:

	5 Keep Promoting or Bring Back	4	3	2	1 Stop Promoting of Don't Bring Back	N/A
Farmer's Market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forrest's Run (Weston)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hmong New Year (Weston)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Irish Fest (Weston)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weston Fest (was cancelled in 2013 due to budget cuts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

47. Do you have a membership to a local athletic facility or recreational business (such as YMCA, golf courses, gyms, etc)?

- Yes
- No

You Finished!

Thank you for your input!