

IDEAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS

I. Neighborhoods Are Vibrant, Economically Sustainable Communities

Indicator	Measure	Method
1.1 Residential and commercial properties are fully occupied	vacancy rates	U. S. Census U. S. Postal Service (need '90 & 2000 vacancies for City)
1.2 Quality neighborhood school	test scores equal or surpass state average	PTA participation MEAP scores MI Education Yes! Grade
1.3 Density has increased	mixed density zone districts have 9.9 upa low density zone districts have 4.9 upa increasing population in the neighborhood	U. S. Census U. S. Census (need '90 & 2000 vacancies for City)
1.4 Neighborhood elementary school 8 blocks of school	all neighborhood residences located within	Google maps CRI (draw 8 block radius around schools)
1.5 Neighborhood businesses are Locally owned	# of businesses locally owned	Local First Member list Count them
1.6 Mixed-use buildings are prevalent	# of mixed-use buildings	Count them

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II. Every Neighborhood Is a Mixed-Income Neighborhood

Indicator	Measure	Method
2.1 Rental housing is available	1/3 of housing units are rentals	Census
2.2 Permanently affordable housing units	# of density bonuses awarded	track # of affordable units created through City records
	tax credits toward affordable housing vs toward luxury housing	City records
	# of CDC & gov't subsidized units	Count them
2.3 Economic diversity	economic composition mirrors the County	US census data
	n-hood school children incomes	GRPS free & reduced price lunches
2.4 Housing is accessible	# of Zerostep certificates awarded	DAKC (more research needed)
2.5 Racial composition mirrors the City	racial diversity	racial composition of n-hood school? U. S. census CRI

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III. A Full-range of Transportation Modes Exist

Indicator	Measure	Method
3.1 Public transit is accessible	every household is within a ¼ mile of a transit line	Google Earth
3.2 Redevelopment is occurring around transit corridors	# of new/improved housing units # of new/improved commercial buildings	# of building permits issued by City w/in ¼ mile of major transit corridors and \$\$\$ (need yearly, not monthly count)
3.3 A complete streets policy	every street has a sidewalk on both sides	count them
3.4 Bike lanes are common	# of streets with bike lanes/routes increases	count # of streets & mileage w/ bike lanes and routes
3.5 Residents have become less car dependent	# of cars per household has decreased	U. S. Census City-data
3.6 Residents w/disabilities can easily access the entire neighborhood	ADA standards are implemented	DAKC documents accessibility

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IV. Neighborhoods Are Green and Environmentally Sustainable

Indicator	Measure	Method
4.1 Residents support locally grown food	all households are within ½ mile of local food supplies	count/map how many farmers' market, etc. there are
4.2 Green space is accessible	all households are w/in a ¼ mile of a park or natural area	count/map green spaces and measure distance to all households
4.3 All new or rehabbed structures are "green"	# of structures w/LEED certification	U.S. Green Building Council
4.4 Street canopy reduces greenhouse gases	40% of n-hood has trees	Google - aerial maps Annis Water Resource Institute
4.5 Neighborhoods' carbon footprint is decreasing	# of kilowatts	?

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V. Empowerment, Human Connectedness, and Social Justice are Prominent Features

Indicator	Measure	Method
5.1 Residents are part of decision-making processes in their citizen-based organizations	51% or more of Board members are residents	count them
5.2 Voter participation is high	# of people voting in City and GRPS elections	City Clerk records
5.3 Every block has a block club	# of permits each summer to close street for a block party	Street Department records

Note: Several social justice indicators are incorporated within the other 4 goals.