



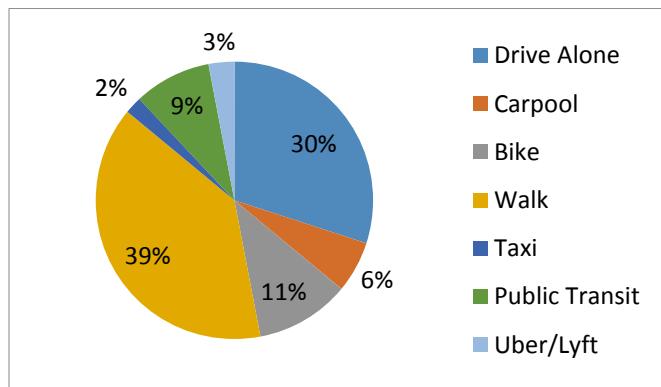
Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote
Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence

Public Input – Robert Poole Building

During 2016, planning staff worked with residents to better understand their neighborhood experiences, concerns, and needs. The following are the results of an online survey administered to the stakeholders in Hampden. There were 66 respondents during the month-long period the survey was open. **Of the people who responded to the survey, only one had a child attending ACCE or Independence.**

The responses below are “as is” – language is directly from the surveys.

How do you get around your neighborhood (for work, school, social activities, worship, errands, etc.)?
Check all that apply.



Does your household own a vehicle?

- Yes: 97%
- No: 3%

Does anything make it difficult for you or your family to walk and/or bike through the neighborhood?

- Yes: 98%
- No: 2%

Yes...

- Drug addicts and their activities make it hard to feel safe while walking.
- When I am with my older mother the lack of ADA ramps and uneven sidewalks.
- Lack of bike lanes.

- Not enough cross walks. Not enough 4-way stops. Drivers who do not obey traffic laws (going the wrong way on one way streets, illegal U-turns on Falls Road, speeding, ignoring red lights).
- The children at Access Academy do not walk on sidewalk. They walk in the street and won't move out of your way... also my grandson can't walk home from school because he runs into the access kids n they tease him. This school needs to be the way it was when I was a child. It needs to be for the neighborhood children.
- Weird intersection at falls/36.
- Inadequate road paint at 36/hickory.
- Large groups of rowdy kids yes drug and vagrant activity.
- Broken sidewalks. Lack of crosswalks. Where there are crosswalks, drivers don't stop.
- The stop signs at the intersections are often ignored. There is increasing traffic and the roads are tight, which is dangerous at the speed people travel.
- Because I walk I avoid areas that are not well lit at night & avoid going anywhere near the treatment center when they are open.
- Traffic on Falls Road, and the steep terrain.
- It's dangerous to walk or bike because there is no enforcement of traffic R & R.
- Construction or ACCE kids taking up the sidewalk.
- Crime. Unsafe to walk
- Lack of sidewalks down Clipper Mill and Old Falls.
- Walking: It is difficult and unsafe to cross large intersections due to traffic, signals, crosswalk design; small intersections have no crosswalks or anything to help pedestrians. Biking: There are not enough protected bike paths or lanes in the neighborhood; drivers are unaware of bikes; nothing on the streets encourages use of bikes.
- Road construction to major thoroughfares (Chestnut, Elm, Keswick, Roland, etc.).
- Too congested in Hampden. Avoid 36th street because of the way the cars are parked and the tables outside of business. Difficult walking through 36th street. 4th generation and I hate walking around Hampden now. Drug addicts everywhere on 36th street.
- During school hours.
- Traffic, dog mess, drug deals, ACCE.
- I don't see well an try not to go out when the kids are going to school they are very unruly I have to move out of their way they throw rocks at cars on parking lot at light rail stop in Woodbury always at basketball court on Buena Vista mess with people's property i call school they say they will do something but never sorry to say having this school in this neighborhood has been a very sad experience
- I travel across 34th and up Hickory regularly. With 3400 Roland and all of the other development in the mill area this intersection has become even more dangerous. The traffic can be heavy. During the discussions for this development it was indicated we would get a four way stop with crosswalks. This appears to be forgotten.
- Crossing Falls Road
- The kids from this school and the junkies on the streets. The children are harassing, destructive and rude.
- The length of Falls Rd. and Clipper Mill Rd. from Chestnut to Ash St. has no walkway, and no safe area to ride a bike on either. This needs to be addressed!
- Steep hills
- I'm the morning before school and after school the kids are so disrespectful and ignorant and jumped an elder man that has a handicap. And busted his head and had to go in ambulance my other friend is a full

time business owner and they jumped him in the alley and he had to go to the emergency room with head trauma and needed stitches police report was made and children got arrested they we're caught at the light rail stop.

- Potholes, hills, no bike lanes in an area with the most bikers, do not feel very safe at night. Streets need brighter/more lights, police patrols.
- Safety is a concern after dark.
- Sidewalks are not maintained well.
- Drives not stopping at stop signs.
- We need better designated bike lanes.
- Biking is very unsafe due to traffic. Walking at night is unsafe due to crime.
- Drug addicts high and standing around like zombies, fear of crime, trash, unsavory people loitering on corners, terrible sidewalks, people yelling obscene words and phrases for no apparent reason, seeing young men and women smoking while pushing kids in strollers and yelling obscenities, skateboarders coming out of nowhere, people crossing the street at random places and walking into traffic not using cross walks.
- Tourists driving down The Avenue (36th St) in Hampden seem completely unaware of the many pedestrians.
- No bike lanes, litter, damaged sidewalks, drug activity.
- The roads are very dangerous to bicycle on. They are narrow and do not have designated bike lanes.
- Curbs aren't properly maintained, not ADA compliant.
- Safe lighting to light rail.
- Would like to bike more, but would like more designated bike lanes.
- Crime.
- No adequate biking lanes in our neighborhood, and drivers are very aggressive towards people who commute on bikes. Drivers also speed while driving in our neighborhood which also endangers cyclists and pedestrians.
- Falls Road from 41st Street to 36th Street is not very pedestrian-friendly. This same route is used by many ACCE/Independence students walking from the MTA bus stops (Falls Road & 41st Street) to their schools. There is a need for better paths and connections for walking N-S on the west side of Falls Road (Conduit Ave, Buena Vista Ave, etc.)
- Dangerous intersections and speeding vehicles along Falls Rd. Lack of sidewalks on Buena Vista between Union and 41st

How safe do you feel traveling around your neighborhood?

	Very Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Very Unsafe
Driving	30	24	4	4
Biking	1	22	19	11
Walking	5	33	16	11
Public Transportation	2	24	15	12

If you answered "Unsafe" or "Very Unsafe," where do you feel the most unsafe and why?

- Along roads without bike lanes
- Falls Road.

- I only feel unsafe around the access academy children
- Public transportation has no security and
- The streets were not made for the kind of congestion that is now in the neighborhood. The intersections are so busy and the stop signs are often ignored. Pedestrians have to fight traffic for the right of way. I live on a very small street that is in between two streets that have stop lights, so people use our street as a cut-through at very high speeds (for such a small street). Hampden Elementary/Middle is at the top of my street and there is a LOT of traffic in the morning and afternoon with drop-off and pick-up. So many cars double-park when trying to unload and load cars, but those driving through still go through too quickly and most of the cars in that vicinity get frustrated and that escalates the problems. My street also butts up to Royal Farms, so there are often very large delivery trucks that use the street as a cut-through.
- Security and predictability are poor on MTA.
- Going past the NUMEROUS bars.
- Public transportation stops and walking down to falls after dark
- Public transportation because it's always a fight on the bus and always have to stand
- Walking by ACCE academy because the students usually yell slurs my way or come close to me trying to grab my arms or book bag (I am a poly high-school student).
- Side streets at night
- Too many blacks and illegals leading to too many, drug deals and users and higher crime
- The bike lanes are really torn up on Keswick. So much construction and metal plates.
- Main streets and intersections, such as: 36th St and Falls Rd; 37th St and Falls Rd; 41st St and Falls Rd.
- People changing Hampden into a party town which has driven crime through my neighborhood 200% more than ever before and I am 4th generation Hampden. We should know what the businesses and people who are moving into Hampden are destroying Hampden. I have people who don't even live on my street selling drugs on the corner of my own home owned for 56 years. Sickening.
- After school and late evening
- Lack of respect from Students and them being rowdy.
- Crossing streets, speeding cars
- Hard to ride bus or light rail lot of yelling pushing and shoving I can no longer see to drive so I try to time my trips which sometimes is hard
- The hordes of children walking in packs through the neighborhood are intimidating. They know they out number you and they are not afraid to be rude.
- It is unsafe because of the children that go to this school, they destroy property harass people, (my 84 year old mother is one of them). It was even in the Baltimore Sun that these children beat up a mother and son on the bus at 41st and Falls Road. We need this school to go somewhere else. Like their own neighborhood.
- Near ACCE because my wife had her phone snatched by one of the kids.
- It's not where it is when. Ten years ago I felt safe walking to my car or the local convenience store. I will no longer do this alone or if possible try to avoid going out too late.
- Through the Hampden Area, the entire area.
- There are not enough bike paths available. The stretch of bike lane on Keswick Rd. from 29th St. to 33rd. is a joke. There is too much car traffic, and not enough room to ride without causing cars to cross the yellow center line. There was no logic in picking that road for a bike path. Public transportation is scary, because many of the passengers are disrespectful, and out of control, especially right after 3 o'clock.
- W37th, Berry St, W36th St, Union Ave before and after school

- Biking--any road at night due to pot holes, low lighting, no bike lanes.
- Walking--along W. 36th street at night due to low lighting and individuals clearly on drugs walking around at night.
- Public transit: makes no sense in Hampden. The shuttle bus should be a smaller vehicle (maybe even painted to be a lady bug :)) that goes around the neighborhood in both directions, including stop at new Remington row. More PT options are needed for young professionals wanting to go to fells/canton/CV from Hampden. PT is way too focused on commuter transit. Millennialist want to use it to go to the movies and happy hours. And they will actually pay.
- Biking Falls Rd, Union Ave, clipper Mill. Increased traffic
- Walking, drug house on my block
- On the streets. The bad people.
- Traffic for biking. Crime for public transportation and walking.
- Walking outside. See number 6.
- Riding a bike on Baltimore streets is dangerous: drivers are stupid, speeding, texting, and checking their devices.
- Biking in the city is terrifying
- Roland Avenue, Falls Road, Old Falls Road. Blind corners, lack of lighting, narrow roads, cars speeding.
- Going to light rail
- Kids walking my through the neighborhood to Robert Poole school make me feel unsafe. They throw trash on my property and are often rowdy. Drug use seems to have increased and it is visible at Roosevelt Park. Although I and my husband feel safe in the daylight, I do not feel as safe in the night and I certainly do not want to raise kids in this area.
- Falls road, Keswick Ave., and any roads that cars drive too fast in narrow lanes. As for walking, feel unsafe on Falls road where there are groups of drug users that congregate.
- Around ACCE school.
- Cycling through city streets.
- I feel unsafe at the intersection of Falls Road & 41st Street. All 4 directions need delayed signals so pedestrians can enter the crosswalk before cars begin to move. Drivers, especially drivers making left turns, are not looking for pedestrians.

What might make you feel safer in the neighborhood?

- Drug addicts are no longer roaming streets, asking for money, and stealing
- bike lanes
- Traffic improvements to address the issues described in answer 6 (going the wrong way on one way streets, illegal U-turns on Falls Road, speeding, ignoring red lights).
- Put the school back the way it used to be years ago...
- Neighborhood cop on the beat
- More traffic signs/paint, better design of intersections, police presence on street and buses, clean up drug and vagrant activity near royal farms, 7/11, dmitris, union ave
- Better street lighting at night. Some areas are very dark because either there aren't any lights or the lights are burned out.
- More recognition of traffic signs and vehicles being more mindful of pedestrians. More signage and enforcement to be mindful of pedestrians, skaters, and bikes. More signage and enforcement to bring attention to the school zones.

- Better or adjusted lighting on all streets - better response to repair lights that are out
- Better traffic calming and police presence.
- Enforcement of traffic rules & regulations & locking up menacing drunks.
- Better lighting more patrol cops.
- Police on corners when school lets out because these kids walk right through traffic and yelling all the time.
- -More police on foot. -Better lighting on streets and side streets specifically. -Move ACCE academy. -If they get rid of the methionine clinic on the Avenue.
- A time machine
- Police when they're around and take decisive action
- Better signs, roads, cross walks
- Street and intersection design that makes walking and bicycling easier and safer, better traffic signals and sidewalks that slow down the car traffic.
- A crackdown on the drug deals that seem to happen in broad daylight.
- Stop building in Hampden and putting so many renters which don't give a damn about people who have lived in Hampden for years. Stopping allowing business to sell booze. Too many people parking in front of home partying on 36th street and hitting our cars when they leave because they are drunk and wake us up. Never used to happen in Hampden.
- More security for acce students and police on foot patrol
- Less outsiders forced to come onto the area. This area has plenty of outsiders that want to be here, but ones that don't rebel.
- No crime, courteous drivers
- Don't know how to answer this question but I do know these kids do not make me feel safe I feel I need to stay home a lot
- More patrols officers as the kids are coming and going from school. To monitor their behavior in and around the area. Also during the day when the kids are skipping class.
- If ACCE school moved or what shut down.
- Don't let the kids walk around outside of the school unsupervised. They are loitering in the surrounding neighborhoods and causing problems. There should be busses to take them straight home after school.
- More police presence. Also, my neighborhood's demographics have changed. Less experienced and more affluent residents and visitors who are not security conscious. They place electronic toys in plain sight in their vehicles and near the windows of their homes. They walk around with their attention on their phones...this encourages predators who mug, and break in homes and vehicles.
- Making intersections on Falls + 37th and Falls + 36th more pedestrian friendly.
- Get rid of the school first and foremost, more police presence and close that methodology clinic. That clinic breaks all the rules for location.
- More bike paths that can actually accommodate bike traffic, and the same for pedestrian traffic along Clipper Mill Rd.
- Drivers who obey pedestrian rules; security at light rail
- If Robert Poole was gated, there would be less foot traffic from Berry (where I live) through the school to Roosevelt Park. There are specific individuals that take this path for drug deals and other activities.
- More lights. More police. More people out and about.
- Police on foot, particularly in alleys where drugs are prevalent
- Fewer strung-out looking people around; no people appearing to deal drugs

- Get rid of the school and stop busing the trouble to our neighborhood
- More patrols, including bike patrols, more diversity on public transit, better lighting, ACCE students litter in the yards and walk in large groups on the street and to harass at times, not sure what can be done about this?
- More police, better roads street lights
- More people with guns. I do not feel like people are able to defend themselves or their neighbors.
- Stop signs at 34th & Roland
- A speed bump to slow traffic down coming around the sharp turn on Keswick Rd. near Pacific St. would greatly increase the safety for pedestrians trying to cross the road. Also, when Sission becomes Keswick, safety would increase if there were clearer signs marking the turn only lane to get onto Wyman Park Dr.
- More families using front porch. Beat patrol police.
- Police making more arrests and generally being around more often, people acting decently, city picking up trash and policing the playground, getting rid of the methadone clinic and not allowing people to loiter in front of royal farms and 7-11.
- Engaged neighbors, lighting, walking with someone
- Better lighting and traffic controls (not speed bumps).
- Better lighting
- Well-lit areas on union
- More police presence. Better lighting on the streets.
- Designated bike lanes. Relocating the methadone clinic.
- Close the school or make it into senior living.
- More speed bumps and safer cycling lanes.
- Crosswalk and ped signal improvements at Falls Road & 41st Street. Pedestrian crosswalk across 41st Street at Edgehill Avenue. Better lighting in the evening at Falls Road 41st Street. Add left turn signal from NB Falld Road onto 36th Street.
- Improved crosswalks, additional sidewalks, slower vehicles

91% of people who responded felt that the neighborhood offers a variety of housing types to accommodate various lifestyles.

Are there any particular problem properties (buildings and lots) in your neighborhood? If yes, please list the property and explain the issue(s).

- Yes: 35
- No: 7
- N/A or Don't Know: 2

Yes...

- 3721 Roland Ave; tenants drink outside all day and harass neighbors
- ACCE Academy and the method program on Falls Rd and 36th St.
- Yes. But Major Gibson is aware of them all.
- At 715 Berry St there is a HUGE weed that has turned into a tree and is not maintained. This is a rental property and the non-native, highly invasive tree makes it difficult to maintain a garden or plants in connecting yards. It spreads seedlings like wildfire, which root extremely fast and are hard to contain. In that yard alone there are already 3-4 seedlings that are at the height of I know it seems silly, but the debris

from the tree covers the length of the whole block and litters yards with sticks, leaves, buds, and pollen, preventing people from using their outside space.

- Hampden Health Solutions on Falls Rd. and any area where their patients have to walk as there are numerous drug deals that go down.
- 3801 Falls Road, vacant delinquent property. Much of the properties on Falls Road are deteriorating.
- 1324 W 37th St is inhabited by SQUATTERS. The owner died last year. There are many people who appear to be under the influence of one or more drugs coming & going. Don't know how many people live there.
- Falls between 36th and 40th
- The old Robert Poole School and the Methadone clinic on Falls rd. near 36th street
- Along the Jones Falls
- Rental properties. The Rotunda. Hampden had become a party town for Hopkins Students which is creating more trash on my property, noise and disrespect on following basic laws and ordinances that are in place because we do live so close, like dogs on leashes. Hampden used to be historic. Not anymore. They changed what Hampden looks like.
- ACCE School Students have no respect for the area and just do as they please. The admin turn a blind eye even when Video proof is given.
- Too many to mention
- ACCE. The kids are loud, the parents are loud. The kids cause property damage.
- ACCE School
- 3360 Chestnut Ave. Bar with outdoor seating. As the nights progress customers become loud and obnoxious. This bar has an entrance door that swings out into the walkway. Patrons stand outside and block the sidewalk smoking and some drinking their alcohol. During nice weather it is impossible because of the noise for nearby residents to keep their windows open.
- 1324 W. 37th Street is a dilapidated meth house occupied by drug dealers.
- The school and surrounding lot.
- 726 Pacific Street has an overabundance of trash cans behind the house and they are strewn all over the place.
- 3507 Falls Rd. Owner doesn't keep property up
- 1324 W. 37th St - many drug problems and citations against the home for repair, paying bills, etc.
- Abandoned house on falls next to SPCA vet care. Been abandoned for over 10 years. Drugs being sold outside my house in daylight. Hickory Ave.
- 1324 w 37th st. drug activity, dog that constantly lunges towards children, drug transactions. Tons of open complaints, nothing done.
- There is a house on hickory where the family yells and screams racist slurs.
- Alleys
- Don't know the exact numbers, but some properties on West 37th St
- Some vacant homes.
- 1324 west 37th street. Drug house.
- Methadone clinic near falls and 36th; due to the clientele that comes to the building they end up attracting additional drug traffic
- Some drug use in Wyman Park. Creepy looking people at playgrounds.
- Yes. Methadone clinic, royal farms, 7-11, abandoned houses, unkempt houses

- There used to be a lot of derelict residential properties in Hampden, but the neighborhood is on the rise, and houses are being renovated.
- Vacants on my block
- The apartments on Union Avenue and Buena Vista (across from the mill). A homeless man lived in his car on that block for the majority of the last year. A homeless man lives at the very back of Roosevelt Park (in the woods near the pool). The trash can in the back of the school overflows with trash and is completely disgusting.
- Not as many near my block as there were 10 years ago.
- Crime from ACCE students.

Where are the public places, formal or informal, that you like to spend time in the neighborhood?

- Yoga studio, most restaurants in Hampden; atomic books; csr records
- The avenue, the parks, running around hte neighborhood
- Parks, restaurants
- Stony run path, Rocket to Venus, arthouse
- Just walking around
- The Charmery, the Hampden Elementary Playground, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, random sidewalks/porches while chatting with neighbors.
- My son spends every free moment at the skatepark and we spend a lot of time walking the neighborhood and parks. We frequent parks to socialize our dogs
- Restaurants and shops in W. 36th St.
- Artifact coffee, Stoney run, cafes on 36th, Frazier's & Food Market
- Would like to spend more time in our local stores but there has been a lot of crime in our neighborhood lately.
- Informal
- The Recs and parks
- The Avenue, parks
- Mainly on the Avenue; also in parks and green spaces.
- Wyman Park, Roosevelt Park
- None they all suck and I am from Hampden. They cater to bring people into Hampden. We do not matter anymore, just the Hampden Community Council who don't represent locals from Hampden and the Merchant's Association. They matter along with the new resident of Hampden which are business owners or young that want a lot of change to a community that doesn't want their kind of change.
- The Avenue
- The Rec, 36th St., 41st playground, Wyman Park.
- None anymore
- I got different store and like to walk but like I said have to pick certain times to do this I don't think I should have to do that
- Outside in the backyards,
- Restaurants, stores, bars
- I walk to the convenience store or sometimes work. Otherwise I get in my car and go somewhere else. My neighborhood no longer has anything that interest's me. The development is more commercial and touristy. I do not patronize any of the nearby businesses since I prefer to do something other than eat out at overpriced establishments or shop.

- Roosevelt Park, Wyman Park, Druid Hill Park
- On 36th the St at various businesses but it's becoming hard to enjoy.
- My house
- The Avenue, Roosevelt Park
- i love the avenue.
- Beech ave playground, restaurants on 36th st.
- Park
- Roosevelt Park and pool
- Blue pit, artifact, Roosevelt park, jones falls trail (would love for this to be extended
- 36th street, Roland Ave. Wyman Park
- The avenue. The rec center.
- Various parks with our kids
- W 36th Street (The Avenue) is great place to spend time.
- Wyman Park trails. Playground at Keswick and 33rd.
- Playground when it's not overrun by the natives smoking and yelling and leaving trash. Otherwise my street with my neighbors.
- The sidewalk bordering the restaurants & shops on The Avenue (36th St) in Hampden; the wooded Stony Run Trail along the west side of Wyman Park; the paved walking/running loop in Roosevelt Park.
- Enoch Pratt Library on Falls Road
- Medfield elementary, Linkwood park/stone run, the avenue, Hampden elementary
- Front and back yard, parks, on the Avenue, shopping, coffee shops, restaurants.
- Wyman Park!
- Restaurants,
- Roosevelt Park with my dog, 36th street stores and eateries, union brewery, blue pit bbq, artifact, etc. walking path to Druid Hill Park
- We spend a lot of time on the Ave, Hampden EMS playground, Wyman Park. We would spend more time in Roosevelt Park, but there are still drug users that congregate there.
- The library and park.
- Mainly restaurants and shops on the 36th street "The Avenue" in Hampden.
- Buena Vista Park
- Park at 41st and Buena Vista

Which amenities are located in your neighborhood, and which do you/your family use?

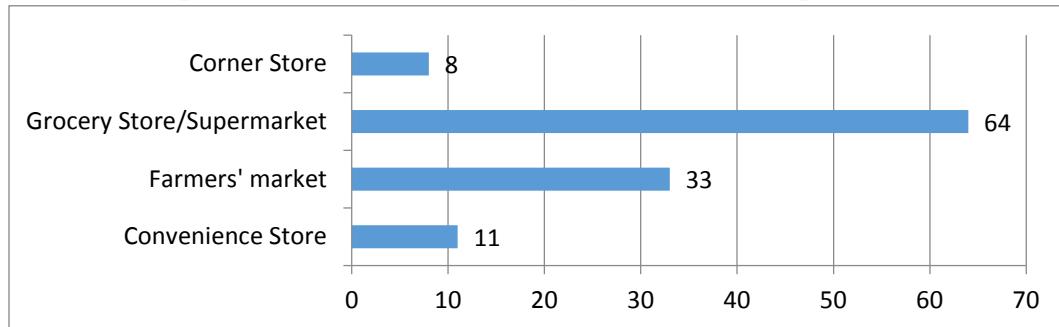
	This is not in my neighborhood	This is in my neighborhood, and we use it	This is in my neighborhood and we do not use it
Swimming Facility	5	12	44
Walking Paths	11	44	6
Gym	19	11	28
Bike Paths/Routes	11	25	22
Recreation Center	8	14	39
Playground	2	20	37

Are these places safe and in good repair?

- Yes
- Yes
- The playground has much graffiti but the equipment is in good shape
- Yes.
- These places are safe but do need some help
- Could use more paths and better sidewalks
- Mostly. The Rec could use a facelift/renovation
- There is a lot of drug activity in Roosevelt Park. People tend to hang at the playground and loiter around the vicinity (those that aren't using the skatepark/playground. Also the skatepark could really use lighting, especially for the colder months when it gets dark so early.
- As far as I know - there are problems that come up - sometimes it takes way too long to get repairs done
- Some are and some are not.
- I don't know. The Rec Center is a dump.
- Generally
- No our recreation center needs alot of improvement as for the fields and walking paths as they are torn up that you can run or walk without cracks and or chunks of concrete missing. The baseball fields need improvement. Inside our rec needs a facelift.
- The Roosevelt rec needs alot more funding to repair building and play areas for kids.
- Not really
- No
- Walking and bike paths are in need of repair/improvement to be safe. Playgrounds/open space are safe but need maintenance.
- Yes, safe. Good repair - mostly, some things could use a facelift but nothing major that I can think of!
- I would not attend one business including MOM's at the Rotunda, Café Hon is a joke and so are so many others business in the neighborhood. They do not cater to people from Hampden. The businesses cater to those that are coming into Hampden. You cannot walk down 36th street without dodging tables and chairs. Shame on the City for letting these business change Hampden so much a 4th generation Hampden cannot stand you.
- Yes for most part.
- Do not think the recreation center/park is safe.
- In good shape won't walk at certain times
- For the most part
- OK
- Unknown.
- Yes.
- Yes, although playground on Keswick and 33rd is not and there are often people who make me feel unsafe at Roosevelt playground.
- Sidewalk to light rail needs repair. Paths in Roosevelt Park are poorly drained
- The portion of the Jones Falls trail in my neighborhood is in basically good repair but feels too remote to be safe there alone.
- Roosevelt Swimming pool is great in theory, but the kids who crowd it are absolutely unsupervised, which makes it feel like if you get in, a group of unruly kids are going to jump right on your head. Could you please have a few adult 1/2 days this summer? Please.

- The ones we have are good
- The playground has seen better days.
- Playground at Keswick and 33rd is in disrepair. Lots of graffiti too.
- No. I sometimes take a trash bag and pick up myself but otherwise it's usually overrun with trash.
- Yes, playgrounds we frequent are in good condition
- Rec center always seems to have problems. Make it hard to have good use of it. Many sidewalks are in disrepair
- Yes. I do not have children so I do not partake. I go to the gym elsewhere due to cost. The places are safe mainly in the daylight
- Playgrounds need upgrading. Police need to monitor drug activity in parks. Bike paths/designated lanes need to be created.
- The playground on Keswick rd has seen better days and is in worse condition than many of the other playgrounds Hampden.
- No. Playground needs better routine maintenance, larger trash cans & more frequent trash pickup.
- Mostly. Rec Center lacks air conditioning

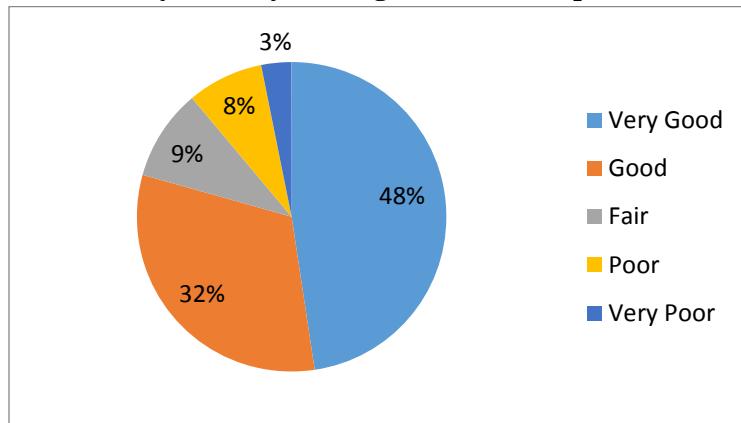
From what type of establishment in your neighborhood do you purchase healthy and affordable food?



Are you involved in non-school programs at the school, or do you use the school resources in any way?

- Yes: 83%
- No: 17%

How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to raise children?



Please list the biggest challenges that you face in raising your children in your neighborhood.

- School curriculum
- Drugs n bad kids from access academy
- Bad schools. We have to pay for private school. Drugs.
- Quality of education/school, lack of parental involvement, lack of resources for families in the donut hole of services (especially for special needs children)
- I didn't feel comfortable sending my son to the area schools, so I sent him to private school. We didn't want to move from the city, so it's was our only option. The city public high school system was extremely hard to navigate though.
- My child is an adult
- Exposure to other youths/young adults involved in criminal activity, high teen pregnancy rate, robberies and burglaries.
- You can't let your childRen out of sight these days because you are talking the risk of them getting kidnapped or hurt by someone.
- The drug problem and bullying by various schools in the neighborhood
- Keeping them safe
- Blacks, illegals, drugs, crime
- Space and affordability
- I would not want to send my children to the public schools in our neighborhood as they exist today. Since I don't yet have children, this is not a deciding factor on where to live, but in the future it may force us to move out.
- I would move since it is not the Hampden I grew up in and would not raise a child if my life depended on it. Sad isn't it.
- Outside influences, crime and drugs
- Police response to non-major crimes such as petty theft and vandalism.
- No place safe, thrives steal their things
- Not having children
- A good safe school free of racism, drugs and bigotry
- Worried about quality of education at hampden elementary.
- No children
- Highway noise/pollution, drug use in alleys, pests (rats, flies, mosquitoes), lack of diversity
- Volience and ignorant people
- School quality, safety, litter everywhere
- No green space
- Contact with the bad people.
- School ratings are not high.
- Although we love this neighborhood, once we begin our family, we are considering moving to a better school district.
- Hampden elementary was not very welcoming and seemed old fashioned (butts in seats, eyes forward). Went with private. Too many families leave the neighborhood at school age so not enough kids. Oh, and crime.
- Crime, trash, drug addicts

- Poor schools with some neighborhood children who are not smart. Heavy drug trafficking almost in every part of Hampden/Medfield.
- Drug dealing and other crimes
- Bad Influence from the people that live here (I see people nodding out near the school, people have stolen packages off my porch and litter on my property, druggies, abundant teen pregnancy, cursing around kids, etc-). Subpar schools.
- Need great public schools. (Trying out Hampden EMS for Kindergarten for my son this year. If it doesn't work out, we will leave.) Need safe environment.
- The schools are lacking in Hampden.
- My children are 4 and 6. Looking to the years ahead, these are the challenges I see. Safe places they can walk by themselves. Need improved crosswalks, signage, signal timing. Need good recreational opportunities for middle & high schoolers

What do you like most about your neighborhood?

- Community
- Walk ability; convenience
- The people, green space and vibrant business community
- The small community feel
- Born n raised here. Some community where everyone sticks together and helps one another. Great people here.
- My neighbors
- Shops, restaurants, events, walkability
- The sense of community/small town vibe.
- I love that there is so much that is close in our neighborhood and most things can be reached by walking. My son loves the skatepark and spends a lot of time there. I love having access to shopping and restaurants, to support small business.
- The convenience
- The charm/character, and the array of unique restaurants. Also like its walkability.
- Location
- Walk ability, sense of community, friendly neighbors, it's slightly out of the center of things, great restaurants and character!
- We know each other from block to block
- The history
- Still some blue collar residents left
- It's history, the good old days
- The community, eclectic and passionate
- I like being close to amenities such as shops and restaurants and other activities. I like not having to drive to get to things in my neighborhood.
- Walkability! There's always something happening on the Avenue. Plus, we have great neighbors.
- I don't. I wish I could go back in time and prevent many who got their hooks into the Hampden Community Council. Since then, Hampden has gone to shit. Ask any person from Hampden. Not people who moved into Hampden but are from Hampden and still lives in Hampden. They know what Hampden use to be and what it is today. Sad and I mean really sad.

- Home feeling and location. People
- Not much anymore
- My friends I grew up with
- Location. I can walk to work in 30 minutes if I need to. It is central with quick access to downtown or north to the beltway. Its age and the old buildings. Proximity to higher education institutions.
- Historic fabric, great Main Street
- It has potential and the ability to have good friends.
- Convenience to shops and I83
- That it's being gentrified!
- Easy to walk to restuarnts and shops. Don't have to go to county.
- The people, and the community feeling.
- The restaurants and playground.
- Safe; pleasant neighbors
- Walkability, access to green space
- My neighbors and the architecture
- Older people
- Walkability, friendliness, community feel, all of the bars, restaurants, community center, light rail, jones falls trail
- Friendly neighbors.
- Eclectic; as a young adult, it is a fun place to live
- We are in the city, but we have trees and even a path to walk through the woods. It's lovely having both nature/parks and the city so accessible.
- Walkable, beautiful, community, committed.
- The wine source, my neighbors, walking to places such as rite aid and places to eat.
- Hampden is an up and coming neighborhood - so I feel my real estate investment was a good one - and the business district is lively and enjoyable, (without devolving into late night parties), which helps keep the neighborhood thriving and safe. It is a very walkable neighborhood, and I walk a lot.
- Walkability, convenience, centrally located.
- Neighbors in our block
- Walkability to doctors (dentist, GP), cafes (Cafe cito, common ground), shops (bizarre, double dutch), lunch/dinner (food market, golden west), galleries, post office, banks, etc.
- Green space
- Good and interesting people. Lots to do
- Close proximity to the park (we have a dog). The homey feel of our corner store (Chucks). The fact that we can walk to the lightrail and bars/restaurants with easy. Convenient location. Relatively quiet street.
- A lot of the people. Art and culture. Proximity to things to do.
- Great neighbors.
- Being able to walk to work and to 36th street and feeling like you are in a suburban neighborhood that is only 10 minutes away from downtown Baltimore.
- Proximity to neighbors and good sense of neighborhood/community. Walkability to stores, restaurants and parks.
- Great diversity of amenities

If you could add or takeaway one thing in your neighborhood to help improve it, what would it be?

- Drug Addicts loitering about (2)
- Beautify falls road corridor/streetscape and facade improvements to business, add better connections on union ave to light rail to encourage walking to light rail
- I would add parking
- Access academy
- Neighborhood involvement
- Add good schools, take away crime
- Add: green space on the north side, take away theft/drugs/vandalism
- I would like more access to the rest of the city. It would be nice to have more direct routes to downtown, especially.
- Hampden Health Solutions Treatment Center does not belong in a school or shopping area where it is located. Places like this need to be in non-residential areas where small business, homes & children are not located.
- Rehabilitation of deteriorating properties to spur further investment.
- Squatters & drug dealers
- Methadone clinics: out! More cops! More street lighting, neighborhood cleanup
- Take away the methadone clinic that is on falls rd. So close to schools.
- Take away meth clinic
- Add more police on foot patrol
- Get rid of drugs and crime
- Luxury apartments
- I would add a recreational/multi-purpose trail along the Jones Falls. If I could take something away, it would probably be I-83 (even though I use it).
- The public schools. Their reputation & rank are not where I'd like them to be.
- Get rid of the Hampden Community Council and replace it with a residential community council which would benefit Hampden home owners. Also make the Neighborhood of Hampden, Roland Avenue, 38th street, Elm Avenue permit parking since the patrons of 36th and elsewhere feel we as home owners do not matter and should park blocks away from our homes because people who don't live there park at our homes for hours and even days. I had to have one towed it was there for 3 months and the guy lived on 37th street.
- Respectful students and new pavement
- ACCE School and Methadone clinic
- Less new structures
- I would take away the school sorry it has been a bad experience since it opened for a lot of people my friend lived by were they walked every day to go to light rail she moved to pa
- ACCE School
- Keep the ACCE kids from walking around our neighborhood unsupervised. Have some accountability for any theft or vandalism they cause.
- Add more things to encourage families to move or stay here. There is too much over development. It is no longer the small town jewel hidden in the city. The people living and coming here are too transient. Businesses used to cater to the local community and there were a lot of families. You used to know your

neighbors. This is no longer true. The merchants have dictated the direction the neighborhood is heading not the residents.

- Extending pedestrian friendly commercial activity along Falls Road, transforming it from a thoroughfare to a walkable part of the neighborhood.
- Remove the school, it does not serve any purpose in the neighborhood. It creates havoc and an unpleasant environment.
- Remove: HONFEST and tourists who take all the residents' parking spaces
- Getting drugs off the streets
- Drugs
- Drug activity.
- Take away the drug addicts on the streets.
- Gym
- I-83, more diverse demographics
- Get rid of illegal drugs
- Get rid of the school on W36 ST
- Add bike lanes, brighter street lights, trash cans, bi-directional shuttle bus, and adult days at pool, and adult community Rec leagues at rec center Takeaway: kids who walk in the street/harass, potholes, trash on street
- More green space
- Close the public schools and replace them with private schools.
- Safety; more street lights; better sidewalks on smaller streets
- I would add more frequent trash pickups for the public trashcans that are often overflowing with bags of dog feces and trash that often overflow on to the ground and into the street.
- Fewer fancy restaurants. Need places for working families to go. A really bowling alley would be great.
- Take away- The natives who are on welfare, the methadone clinic, royal farms, and bus stops. Add - new water mains, street cleaners, trash cans, police presence,
- Take away the trash. More enforcement of trash violations. Too many neighbors still trash the alleys. Better cleanup of surrounding streets after festivals (sponsored by those who profit from them) - HonFest and Hampden Fest and Miracle on 34th Street are a lot to tolerate. Traffic, parking, crowds and noise are challenges to deal with, but trash is trash. It can be cleaned up.
- Crime
- ++++++DIVERSITY!
- Better walking connectivity to other neighborhoods
- Methadone clinic
- I would want things to be cleaner. Trash is often spew about. Trash cans behind the school overflow with rubbish. The school and park could be a lot better maintained. The people walking around and at the park could be a lot more respectful.
- Add designated bike lanes. Relocate methadone clinic. Have local high school serve local children. I get that is a broader Baltimore City issue, but it doesn't make sense to me that children should have to travel across the city to attend school. The kids are not invested in the neighborhood where they attend school because it's not their community, and the neighborhood isn't invested the children because the majority of the children are not from their neighborhood. I understand that it's because of schools failing in other

communities, and people want a choice. However, I don't think the current structure is sustainable, and doesn't promote healthy neighborhoods.

- Stop subjecting these peaceful neighbors around ACCE to teenage crime by not having a high school in their face.
- The lack of trashcans for people to dispose of their doggie bags.
- More affordable housing

Please tell us anything else about living in your neighborhood that you would like to share.

- Great community with great people.
- I have been here 58 years & have seen it go up & down & back up again. Developers have taken away all small areas of green space & added to our congestion of a row house neighborhood. But I like living here & owning a business here. Not going anywhere.
- I think things would be better if more people participated in the community association.
- The Methadone clinic should be relocated. It's near schools, a playground and the Avenue. When the old Robert Poole school lets out there should be a police presence. The students are out of control.
- Always remember that Robert Poole donated the land so his name should ALWAYS be on the school.
- Change my neighborhood back and get rid of the drug dealers on the corners that never used to be there and it might start getting better. Stop letting the business take priority over home owners. No more rental properties.
- Not taking advantage of the Jones falls
- Stop building new homes and taking away green space and parking spaces. There are no affordable or decent activities for the children or young adults in the community, etc
- People think we just pick on the kids but if they would just go to school and not do the things they do to people's cars property and treat people with respect things would be different
- Planning on moving away because of the changes. The only thing keeping me here is I don't want to spend all of my time commuting to and from work.
- Tourists and merchants take all our parking spaces; we have rats
- In general it is a great neighborhood but there are some families or people who are unpleasant.
- Best neighborhood in Baltimore
- The city really needs to capture the young professionals moving into Hampden--make the shuttle but something we all use, improve school, help with litter on streets, bike lanes, emphasis on safety, bus route to Fells/Canton and one to Lauraville/Hamilton
- Growing at a very fast pace. Infrastructure having a hard time keeping up.
- The amount of trash thrown on the ground by students is mind boggling.
- Any more condos and it will be too overcrowded.
- The council and congressional districts split the neighborhood which cuts our influence.
- It's okay now, but I can't see myself staying here forever. I'd like a safer neighborhood for my family
- I love Hampden, but we need more diversity.
- I want more permanent public art!
- It's a great place to live. It's getting over run with development. I wish that could be limited.
- I've lived here 8 yrs with my husband on Buena Vista- homeowners
- Hampden still feels like a community. People talk to each other and get to know their neighbors. With a few changes, we can set the example for sustainable living for the rest of Baltimore.
- I've lived across from ACCE/Robert Poole School for 40 years and have never been so scared to leave my home.
- We need more speed bumps!