

# DELHI TOWNSHIP

## Does Place Matter?

### A Community Health Assessment



This handout is for the Delhi Township Community Health Assessment presentation - date TBD.

The following topics were discussed at the presentation.

- Data Notes
- Community Context
- Assets
- Opportunities
- Community Voice
- Discussion
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

#### DATA NOTES

Data in the presentation and report were obtained from the following sources:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (JFS)
- Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH)
- Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
- Ohio Department of Education (ODE)
- Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
- Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS)
- U.S. Census Bureau/American Fact-Finder
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

Data is presented for different time periods and vary by indicator based on the availability of finalized data sets.

Data is presented at a community level when possible. However, there are instances in which data were not available or could not be calculated at a community level. This data includes residents from neighboring communities who share the same ZIP code(s) and/or census tract groups as your community.

#### HOW DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS LIVING IN MY COMMUNITY?

HCPH has access to the address of every injury, death, birth and reported cases of notifiable cancer or disease. These addresses are mapped to determine their exact location within Hamilton County. This allows HCPH to determine if an individual resides within your community.

# DATA IS ONLY PART OF THE STORY

While death and injury data can provide a snapshot of the most severe outcomes, it does not tell the whole story. To fully understand the problem, additional sources should also be considered.



## COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Community context covers basic population demographics (age, gender and race/ethnicity) and concentrated disadvantage.

**29,689**

Delhi Township  
Total Population,  
2018

**14,356**

Male  
Population,  
2018

**15,333**

Female  
Population,  
2018

### 2018 Population by Age

	<18 Years of Age	<b>23%</b>
	18-29 Years of Age	<b>14%</b>
	30-49 Years of Age	<b>23%</b>
	50-64 Years of Age	<b>22%</b>
	65+ Years of Age	<b>18%</b>

### 2018 Population by Race/Ethnicity

non-Hispanic White	<b>93%</b>
non-Hispanic Black	<b>2%</b>
non-Hispanic Multi Racial	<b>1%</b>
non-Hispanic Other Race	<b>2%</b>
Hispanic, Any Race	<b>2%</b>

	Delhi Township	Hamilton County
<b>Concentrated Disadvantage - 2018</b>		
Level of Concentrated Disadvantage	<b>MEDIUM LEVEL</b>	-

Source: U.S. Census Bureau/FactFinder, 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Concentrated Disadvantage Methodology from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.

Concentrated disadvantage is an indicator that shows areas that may be at an economic disadvantage. Concentrated disadvantage is calculated using five indicators:

1. *Percent of individuals living below the poverty line*
2. *Percent of individuals on public assistance*
3. *Percent of female-headed households*
4. *Percent of the population who are unemployed*
5. *Percent of the population who are less than 18 years of age*

Concentrated disadvantage shows how the indicators interact with each other to influence the overall health of individuals living in a particular community.

## ASSETS

Assets are areas or outcomes that positively impact your community. Assets were identified from a review of data and an asset and opportunity audit. Assets identified from the data are the top assets that are statistically significantly better when compared to Hamilton County as a whole. Assets were identified by Hamilton County Public Health and may differ from what you see in your community.

	Delhi Township	Hamilton County
The percentage of families with children in Delhi Township where no parents are working is 3.6 times lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>2%</b>	<b>7%</b>
The percentage of Delhi Township residents who experience a housing cost burden is 1.5 times lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>22%</b>	<b>33%</b>
The percent of individuals and children who are living in poverty in Delhi Township is lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018)	<b>9% (TOTAL) 15% (CHILDREN)</b>	<b>18% (TOTAL) 26% (CHILDREN)</b>
The rate at which children die in Delhi Township is 2.6 times lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>2.8<sup>♦</sup> PER 10,000</b>	<b>7.2 PER 10,000</b>
The infant mortality rate in Delhi Township is over 1.5 times lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>4.9<sup>♦</sup> PER 1,000</b>	<b>8.9 PER 1,000</b>

## ASSETS

	Delhi Township	Hamilton County
The rate at which Delhi Township residents experience a firearm-related injury is 2.7 times lower than Hamilton County (2010-2014).	<b>24.4</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>	<b>64.9</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>
The rate at which Delhi Township residents experience a pedestrian-related injury is 1.6 times lower than Hamilton County (2010-2014).	<b>34.1</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>	<b>56.0</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>
The rate at which Delhi Township residents experience an intentional injury is 1.5 times lower than Hamilton County (2010-2014).	<b>571.3</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>	<b>861.4</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>
The rate at which Syphilis is newly diagnosed in Delhi Township residents is 4.7 times lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>6.8<sup>♦</sup></b> <b>PER 100,000</b>	<b>32.0</b> <b>PER 100,000</b>
There is a prescription drug drop box for residents of Delhi Township to dispose of any unwanted prescription drugs.		
There is a good network of parks with playgrounds, ballfields, and recreation spaces for residents in Delhi Township.		
There is an updated Community Points of Dispensing (POD) plan for Delhi Township.		

## OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities are areas or outcomes that we view as areas for improvement to better the health, safety, and vitality of your community. Opportunities were identified from a review of the data and an asset and opportunity audit. Opportunities identified from the data are the top opportunities that are statistically significantly worse when compared to Hamilton County as a whole. Opportunities were identified by Hamilton County Public Health and may differ from what you see in your community.

	Delhi Township	Hamilton County
The percent of children who are uninsured in Delhi Township is 1.6 times higher than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>
The percentage of motor vehicle crashes that occurred within Delhi Township that involved a teen driver was 2.5 times higher than Hamilton County (2015-2019).	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>5%</b>
The percentage of motor vehicle crashes that occurred within Delhi Township that involved a child as either an occupant, pedestrian, or driver was 1.5 times higher than Hamilton County (2015-2019).	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>16.1%</b>
The percentage of motor vehicle crashes that occurred within Delhi Township that were alcohol-related was 1.5 times higher than Hamilton County (2015-2019).	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
The percentage of Delhi Township residents, who are 25 years of age and older, whose highest level of educational attainment is a bachelor's degree or higher is 1.3 times lower than Hamilton County (2014-2018).	<b>28%</b>	<b>36%</b>

## OPPORTUNITIES

In Delhi Township, there are no tobacco-free policies for outdoor spaces owned by the township.

Less than one-third of students in the Oak Hills School District receive free and reduced school lunch; however, not all schools in the District participate.

There are no schools in Delhi Township with approved School Travel Plans through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

One of the top themes in the Community Voice Survey was concerns about cleanliness and the litter in Delhi Township.

Another top theme in the Community Voice Survey was concerns regarding the lack of sidewalks in areas of Delhi Township and pedestrian safety.

Concerns about safety and crime in Delhi Township were also among the top themes in the Community Voice Survey.

There is a low community recycling rate of 6.7 percent in Delhi Township.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Members of your community were asked:

*"In your opinion, what are the most important issues that affect the health, safety, and well-being of your community? Please briefly describe."*

Please see the Community Voice handout for a complete list of what they had to say.



A word cloud of community issues. The words are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with varying orientations and colors. The largest word is 'COMMUNITY' in blue. Other prominent words include 'SAFETY' in pink, 'POLICE' in green, 'BUILDINGS' in pink, 'WALKING' in purple, 'CRIME' in purple, 'PARKS' in green, 'FIRE' in blue, 'LITTER' in yellow, 'COVID' in yellow, 'SCHOOL' in blue, 'SIDEWALKS' in green, and 'ACCESS' in purple.

COMMUNITY  
COVID  
SAFETY  
CRIME  
SIDEWALKS  
ACCESS  
SCHOOLS  
BUILDINGS  
PARKS  
POLICE  
WALKING  
FIRE  
LITTER

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are based on the opportunities identified for your community. The corresponding WeTHRIVE! pathway or pathways are indicated to the right of each recommendation.



= CHRONIC DISEASE PATHWAY



= INJURY PREVENTION PATHWAY



= ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PATHWAY



= SUBSTANCE USE & ABUSE PATHWAY



= EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PATHWAY



= SOCIAL HEALTH PATHWAY

### Recommendation

### WeTHRIVE! Pathway

Recommendation	WeTHRIVE! Pathway
Work with local schools to increase the number of students who pursue further education.	
Identify partnerships to help develop strategies that will increase the number of children who have health insurance.	
Work with local schools and the Delhi Township Police Department to educate teens on safe driving practices.	
Identify partnerships and develop strategies to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes, especially those involving a child, in the Township.	
Continue to implement a child safety seat inspection program in the Township and promote resources available to families.	
Educate residents on the importance of not drinking and driving.	
Partner with Oak Hills School District to develop a School Travel Plan and implement Safe Routes to School.	
Partner with Hamilton County Environmental Services to increase recycling rates within Delhi Township and educate residents on local cleanup efforts.	
Implement tobacco-free policies (including vaping) for all Delhi Township owned properties, including parks and event spaces, with supporting signage.	
Partner with Oak Hills School District to increase participation in the free and reduced school lunch program.	
Continue to host and expand clean up days in the Township.	
Provide education and implement strategies to improve safety and decrease crime.	
Work to implement a sidewalk master plan to help connect points of interest in the community (i.e., parks, businesses, schools) and improve pedestrian safety.	



## NEXT STEPS

This presentation is only the first step in making lasting changes for your community. The following are steps you can take to improve the health, safety and vitality of your community.

- Review selected WeTHRIVE! pathway(s)
  - Engage additional community members
  - Develop an action plan
  - Implement strategies to improve the health of Delhi Township
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# DELHI TOWNSHIP

## Community Voice



Members of your community were asked:

*"In your opinion, what are the most important issues that affect the health, safety, and well-being of your community? Please briefly describe."*

Here's what they had to say.

### NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

*"Cleanliness of the community."*

*"Keep doing the social distancing, more clean up Delhi days, more communication through our community, more positive energy."*

*"People burning garbage in back yard creating thick black smoke on days with air quality alerts. Need more police presence in Fashion heights."*

*"Property owners who do not care for the property they own, or check on the people renting from them, to be sure that the property is up to Delhi standards."*

*"1. Clean Air 2. Clean Water 3. Access to Fresh Vegetables and fruit."*

*"More free community dumpsters (like a rotating schedule), more recycling locations or bins (they get so full even after being packed down), also starting a community garden (we have so many vacant greenhouses) where volunteers can plan and work as garden to further to supply neighbors with fresh veggies during the summer. :)"*

*"We need sidewalks and bike trails. We hear about everything coming to The Pike which is exciting and I appreciate all the Administrator and Economic Development staff are doing (best hires for this township) but how do we get there without driving?"*

*"I believe community mobility is a major concern in my neighborhood. The only viable way to move around the community is via car. Pedestrian access always seems to be an afterthought with many streets missing sidewalks. The major backbone of the community, Delhi Pike, lacks sidewalks outside of the business district. There are no safe bike routes in Delhi, and sharing any major road with cars feels extremely dangerous. Even trying to take a bus is a hassle, as there is no safe way to cross Delhi pike from the park and ride to the Downtown-bound bus stop. Once you get to the bus stop, you feel unwelcome as there is no bus shelter or bench to help indicate you are in the right place. It seems as though Delhi belongs to car owners only,*

*and anyone else who tries to live here is not welcome. Lack of multi-modal mobility will hinder our development and safety today and in the future."*

*"Honesty from our leaders. Availability of food at competitive prices. Outdoor areas that are safe and inviting. Recycling, and an environmental awareness approach."*

*"Physical - having sidewalks, crosswalks, etc to protect. Psychological - knowing that we have a safe place to live and we don't have a bunch of criminals in or neighborhood and police are monitoring and enforcing rules. Well being - we need to continue community building events like concerts, farmers markets, etc. I would also like to see a well run community center like the Blue Ash Rec Center. It can't turn into a mess or that would just be worse than nothing."*

*"We need walkable communities with sidewalks that are safe to use. For instance there is one property directly across from The Farm in Delhi on Anderson Ferry where the sidewalk stops and you have to go into the street because of the property owner. This is true in a number of spots around Delhi. If we want people to be active we need a safe way to do so. I would include connecting Mt. St. Joseph all the way to the Pike in this as well."*

*"Lack of healthy activities in the area. Delhi could benefit from a walking/bike trail. There is nowhere in Delhi that is safe for biking, There is definitely a lack of winter activities as well. There is plenty of room in Delhi Park for an ice skating rink and would be easy and cheap to create."*

*"Litter, litter. litter It's unsightly and blows into roads- have you ever run over a plastic bottle? Harbors germs, bacteria and probably covid too. Just use a trash can people!"*

*"All the empty store fronts are a concern. I've read that the old building by Dollar General is overrun with mice and rodents. These are nice locations."*

*"Trash removal and coyotes."*

*"Empty buildings and unkept properties... too many rentals."*

*"The lack of sidewalks in some areas."*

*"Fresh air."*

*"WE NEED SIDEWALKS TO THE PIKE!!! TIRED OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS SAYING WE WILL GET SOMETHING AND WE DON'T!!!"*

*"Right now, wearing a mask, having a clean environment."*

*"Clean water, air and ground. Good policing. Access to health care and education."*

*"Access to convenient healthy food options (retail & wholesale). Public safety - ability to walk and exercise safely in the parks and on the streets."*

*"Trash in neighborhoods/off roads, dilapidated houses."*

*"Presence of police. Walking trails. Events for family to engage and just adult events."*

*"More downtown fun activities in "downtown Delhi"."*

*"Not any walking paths or bike trails to local stores. It would be great to have something from mount to greenwell to encourage biking and walking and visit the stores."*

*"Covid obviously. Lack of public transportation. Lack of communication in Delhi. If you don't get Delhi Press it's difficult to know what's going on. And it's getting more difficult to have access to the Press. Waning sense of community with little communication and increasingly empty storefronts."*

*"Police presence, ordinances concerning garbage/upkeep of property and evolving development in the Township to avoid vacant lots/properties or areas that become rundown and no longer usable."*

*"Having green spaces to enjoy, exercise and socialize."*

*"To address nuisance properties; my experience has been that issues have not been addressed and enforced."*

*"Personally I have concerns with speeding in our neighborhoods. We need more stop signs and speed bumps in neighborhoods where residents have complained about speeding."*

*"Road maintenance Especially Mt Alverno hill."*

*"At this time people need to be practicing more social distancing. Delhi is not the clean community it once was. There is so much trash along Delhi Ave and the side streets. We need to have community clean up days where residents meet to pick up trash. Perhaps a vendor can provide bags, gloves, water etc as residents work on a Saturday. We could sign up for certain areas of the community. The Delhi trustees can organize this with citizen's help."*

*"Strong police and fire presence in the community, variety of healthy dining options (Keeps people spending money in Delhi and gives us something to be proud of), and access to outdoor recreation like tennis courts, walking trails, etc."*

*"The empty buildings on Delhi Pike. It is both a safety issue and affects the community's sense of home. Do we want to be regarded as a run down, negative community, or do we want to be regarded a prospering, safe, pleasant community for Delhi residents as well as visitors. If these buildings aren't going to be used, at least make a green space. Its ridiculous they have been empty for so long. Put in another family restaurant- a chain - that we can utilize (because it WILL be utilized!)."*

*"The empty buildings on Delhi pike."*

*"Empty buildings."*

*"Too much fast food."*

*"Litter."*

*"Too many vacant buildings."*

*"Empty run down buildings."*

*"Left Turn arrow at Delhi and Greenwell."*

*"Too many trashy stores on the pike."*

*"Filling the empty buildings with something other than banks and auto parts stores."*

*"Access to healthcare and good paying jobs. And a walkable community where people can*

*walk to a local restaurant / bar and not drink and drive."*

*"Taking care of our neighborhoods by keeping them clean and the up keep of our homes. Respect our officers and continue to support them."*

*"That garbage cans are allowed on the side of houses when houses are so close together we can smell their garbage when our windows are open. It's disgusting. That there is no caution walk light at the intersection of Whitmore and Anderson ferry, people are flying up Anderson ferry and don't realize that people could be crossing the street. They need a flashing caution light that only flashes when people are crossing. That neighborhoods are not being held up to the standards they used to. Delhi is looking run down and trashy."*

*"Healthy restaurants, more grocery stores as our one Kroger doesn't have many organic options and is out of groceries often."*

*"Cleanup on Delhi."*

*"Too many empty buildings, never hear Anything from the trustees about what's going on of Delhi."*

*"Empty buildings and people coming into our neighborhood that don't live here."*

*"Too many vacant buildings in Delhi."*

*"Keeping the area clean & well maintained visually & structurally."*

*"Need to clean up the township. Pay more attention to the areas and what is happening."*

*"Global warming, energy conservation, pollution."*

*"When neighbors walked more during the pandemic closure, people talked more to each other which built community. Having a community where it is safe to walk is important. Safety can be about traffic flow, but it can also be about walking in numbers."*

*"The crumbling infrastructure and overall lack of reasonable shopping centers."*

*"More restaurants in Delhi."*

*"The amount of streets with no street lights and the breaking in of cars in these areas."*

*"Run down homes, vacant homes. Section 8 housing."*

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*"Clean well kept neighborhoods and businesses to frequent with police patrolling regularly."*

*"I think part of Delhi needs to be cleaned up. Especially the vacant buildings. Looks trashy. If we clean up the area more bigger businesses might be attracted to Delhi."*

*"Need more family eating options and gathering places."*

*"The nasty run down buildings that have been vacant for as long as I can remember, and more restaurants something a little nicer, and have another store around like a meijer or something would be fabulous. And the overall cleanliness of the whole Delhi area and continue repairing roads, anderson ferry is fantastic in the area they completed!"*

*"Lack of adequate walking areas with sidewalks."*

*"Good lighting in residential and commercial areas, turn unused building space into community driven businesses instead of letting them deteriorate over time and invite unsafe activities in. We need good parks, good restaurants and access to AFFORDABLE, QUALITY, health care for ALL."*

*"I think the recycle bins are a big problem. I want to recycle and every time I go there they are always full. Now with the smaller holes I can't get anything in them. I have a lot of recycle that I've been keeping for 4 weeks and I'm not sure what to do. It would be nice for them to be emptied on the weekend and I might have a chance but they are always full when I go."*

*"Good police and fire departments, properly maintained sidewalks for walking/bike riding without tripping, properly maintained streets (I'd LOVE to see speed humps on drive through residential streets. Way too many people speed), well lit streets/areas, and keeping the community/streets/properties well maintained and visually aesthetic."*

*"Important issues are safe roads and Mount Alverno going towards Paul road is ridiculous. Another thing are the parks. Emshoff Park is too dangerous for my kids. Having a park like Fernbank would be nice. Safety is just not here with all the shootings in Sedamsville on Delhi Ave. There are robberies all the time at Speedway and shootings at Eatondale apartments. My family has lived here since the early 80's and Delhi is the worst I've seen. The only thing they want is dollar stores, banks and bars. What is happening?"*

*"Lack of sidewalks on Delhi Pike between Anderson Ferry and Neeb roads. There is more foot traffic there than you would think. Warning sirens not always loud enough to hear quickly and discernably."*

*"No sidewalks for walkers, runners, bikers on Delhi pike from Anderson ferry to Neeb."*

*"The township should consider bimonthly or quarterly litter pick up. We try our best in the neighborhood to keep it clean but when you walk or drive down certain streets it can be an eyesore and certainly not healthy."*

*"I live out near Rapid run middle school and there are no sidewalks connecting the school to any of the neighboring subdivisions. I will never understand how that school went in with no connecting sidewalks. It would be great if sidewalks could be put in on Rapid Run and also Ebenezer to connect us all to the little strip mall there at the corner of Ebenezer and Cleves Warsaw. That way we could walk to Meiners meat market or to Chandlers. As you know people now WANT walkable communities and I have a lot of friends who are moving From Delhi to Covington and OTR and many other places to live in a walkable community. That is my dream for Delhi because we love our house and our location to family. I have discussed this with my neighbors and many of my friends who live in this same area and they all agree!!! Sidewalks should have been required when new developments were done but it's never too late to make changes for the better. This would benefit the health of the community. More kids would walk to Rapid Run middle school from nearby neighborhoods and people would walk to the meat store or to go get their haircut. It is not safe walking along Rapid Run and that is why nobody does it. If more people were walking it would also cut down on air pollution which would help community members who have asthma or COPD. Benefits for all!! Thank you for your attention to this."*

*"Too much traffic, only one groc store, street crossing to many useless businesses."*

*"Lack of walk ability."*

*"Section 8 housing & empty store fronts are a huge concern since they seem to invite nothing but trouble and opportunity for vandalism."*

*"We could use healthier food options in restaurants and options for grocery shopping, empty businesses repurposed, and something for entertainment purposes."*

*"I am concerned about the wildlife in Delhi park such as the turtles and ducks. I feel as if the fishing in the Delhi park lake is causing harm by people catching the turtles and leaving hooks in their mouth and the ducks getting their feet tangled up in the fishing line. If you would like to talk please feel free ... thank you!"*

*"I am new to the area and immediately noticed there is a great deal of trash in the shopping areas of Delhi Pike and Glenway. Trash attracts rodents and insect infestations and has a negative impact on mental health."*

*"Obesity--poor nutrition and lack of exercise. While more folks are out walking since covid, it is still not enough. The hilly terrain is not easy for all citizens to walk. There are not always sidewalks along busy streets to walk safely."*

*"Noise and garbage pollution. Trash is in every corner of this place, if they were to place public use garbage cans on delhi pike and crosswalks by the speedways, schools and quicky marts, it could probably reduce the amount of trash by a mile."*

*"Lack of sidewalks is a concern for me. Respect of fellow citizens is important also. Access to safe travel like bicycle paths is a good goal also."*

## EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

*"Reduction of rental property Waste district Tif beyond 2039 Jedds Local government fund."*

*"Public safety and drug enforcement. Good schools. Good affordable housing stock for home ownership. Responsible absentee landlords of both residential and commercial properties. Responsible reuse of vacated commercial properties. Good recreational areas. Removal of blighted commercial and residential buildings."*

*"A strong/visible Police force and Fire crew; Viable businesses."*

*"There needs to be a strong source of revenue, such as restaurants and retail to attract individuals and families that have gainful income to in turn fund first responders and schools."*

*"Continued growth and development along Delhi Pike."*

*"Variety of shops for people's needs."*

*"I think all the abandoned stores on the Pike are a concern for the economic well being of the community."*

*"Abandoned buildings. Lack of retail. Too many dollar stores."*

*"Delhi needs another (preferably Meijer or Walmart) grocery store - Kroger has no competition! It would also be nice to have a family owned sit-down restaurant. We don't need any more "dollar" stores or fast food restaurants."*

*"We need to bring in good restaurants, not more tire discounters, dollar trees etc. The Krogers we have stinks. I can't believe all that money was spent on a Starbucks. I have never had a time that I go to this Krogers where they didn't have something and it doesn't surprise me anymore. It needs to be bulldozed, rebuilt and a super Krogers put in. That would also bring more money and people to Delhi. We have the land for commercial down by Billies pony keg for sale. Shame on you, there r enough spaces already vacant. Heck at this point even a pet shelter (501C3) would be better than the eye sores."*

*"Cleanliness of the community, thriving businesses, well staffed police/fire dept, good schools."*

*"We have too many cash advance and low cost cell phone buildings. Cash advance businesses encourage already struggling households to incur more debt at a higher rate. We need businesses that produce jobs and Thrive in our community that encourage growth."*

*"Lack of local options for mid-lower income families. If you work and make enough to barely survive then there are no options for food banks, Christmas help, rental/ mortgage assistance, childcare, utilities etc. Working all the time doesn't allow time to make community relationships. Having an outreach program for our local community would be excellent."*

*"The well being of our community involves many aspects. Delhi park is great - except we have had many dogs run at us off leash/owners are not keeping dogs on leash. The police were wonderful in an incident that happened a month or so ago. I have had to call the police 4-5 times for dog incidents in Delhi - this is unheard of. I think there are more rentals- more people not in control of dogs. We need a marketing program about dog safety. This alone will make me love from Delhi and the attacks/incidences have been disturbing mentally and physically. The well being of our community also involves the stores and economic support that residents and others in Cincinnati can give to Delhi. We need to support small business and make the right business decisions ( Remke example of opening then closing/ lots of investment and now a tear down.). No one comes to Delhi - it could be a destination! Market the flower/farming history and bring in small businesses to support that mission. My husband has a great idea that the buildings overlooking Delhi park could be made into an entertainment section with bars/ restaurant - decks overlook the park. Have music outside for people then to gather. Relax and listen to. Maybe something besides hard rock. We need a strong business community - it seems we all go elsewhere to shop (except for Kroger). Do something about the houses that are deteriorating from Fairbanks and up into Delhi - this is the entrance to our community. Thanks for having the survey and asking the community this question."*

*"Money."*

*"Vacant buildings along the pike. There is much opportunity for growth in Delhi but no one seems to want to invest in Delhi."*

*"Leaders who actually stand up for the residents of the community. Who don't say one thing to get elected and then do another afterwards. Delhi is a great community and needs A LOT of work. Don't be so snobby about what is brought in. There are NO good stores, NO*

*good restaurants. There's really no need to come to Delhi unless you're visiting or live here. Police presence makes me feel safe. Delhi officers are probably the best out here and are so underrated. I know I can rely on them and won't have to wait forever."*

*"Delhi has a lot of senior citizens. While there are a few places they can live, we have very few locations that would qualify for those on social security with no other income. This is a major problem. We also have a grade school, Delshire, which has a majority of students who depend on getting their meals from the school. Obviously, that indicates a need for more support for many of our families. These are two situations that must be addressed. We have lots of empty greenhouses. Maybe these could be used for growing more food for the hungry."*

*"Delhi Township Admin. attempting to get into the real estate business, i.e. 5055 Delhi Road, 400 Anderson Ferry and 4770 Delhi. Wasted taxpayer dollars that could be used for police, fire and road repair."*

*"Aside from the obvious pandemic..... Delhi Police are great. Give those folks a raise. But the potential for crime would be a concern with seemingly increases in neighboring communities combined with the deteriorating state of Delhi Pike business over time. We don't need discount stores and check cashing places. A thriving community for business has an effect on the safety and well being of people who populate that community."*

## HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES

*"Lack of a community center where people can access health and fitness resources including fitness equipment. This could also include health professionals targeting specific diseases such as diabetes, heart conditions, etc."*

*"Right now Covid 19."*

*"Obesity Tobacco use Alcohol abuse."*

*"Covid-19."*

*"People in Delhi are not wearing masks and practicing social distancing in the stores."*

*"No Covid 19 sites."*

*"People fail to adhere to scientific guidance to stay well. Instead they place more value on their rights as entitled."*

*"Controlling this pandemic while also allowing the community to open up. I know that's what we're trying to do now and how difficult this is."*

*"Getting rid of masks. Not healthy to breathe in co2. Need to be exposed to germs so we have an immune system. Constant masking is only going to make people more vulnerable."*

*"COVID. People need to wear masks and socially distance."*

*"The lack of education and the politicization of healthcare issues in the community."*

*"I know Covid is high in the 45238 zip code but people need to be smart about it."*

*"Access to good food and medical care, support of police and other officials that protect us."*

*"Immediate: bloated, willful ignorance over an actual pandemic and the refusal to follow the advice of scientists and doctors about how to stop the spread of an airborne virus. Long Term: Lack of funding for education, which leads to willful ignorance. Lack of proper and cost accessible healthcare. The idea that opinion equals fact, because it most certainly does not."*

*"People not believing or listening to science, refusing to wear masks or socially distance."*

*"Mask compliance. I see employees and people alike who don't wear masks. Masks should absolutely be mandatory until we get a vaccine."*

*"Right now it's the covid virus and lack of enforcement of social distancing and lack of mask wearing."*

*"During this pandemic we see residents refusing to wear masks to keep others safe. Therefore my spouse and I (who are both high risk) continue to choose confinement at home. This is a hardship that others could lift from us if they were considerate."*

*"I work in healthcare, and due to people not following social distancing and do not wear face masks, I fear of bringing COVID back to my residents. I am not afraid of getting the virus, but if I carry it to my residents it will possibly be their cause of death. I have already lost 3 of them to this virus."*

*"More masks need to be worn. People need to take the gloves off. Those just cause more problems. Cross contamination..."*

*"Wearing masks and social distancing."*

*"1. An aging population. 2. Covid and a lack of the citizens in this community taking it seriously (ie. not wearing masks, washing hands leaving public restrooms, social distancing) 3. The drug and alcohol usage problem (not as bad as in other communities but on the rise)."*

*"Masks are worthless! We should not have to wear them! They serve no purpose. people just need to practice good hygiene habits! Covid is blown way out of proportion!"*

*"Stupidity."*

*"Mental Health affected by unemployment and social isolation."*

*"Wearing a mask when necessary to go out. Thoroughly washing hands."*

*"Forcing people to wear masks and bullying them. It is up to an individual to decide on how they'd like to keep themselves and families healthy...not government and not people who wear them."*

*"People listening to what the governor has to say and doing it. He's only doing his job trying to keep people safe."*

*"People ignoring mandates regarding covid 19."*

*"Wearing masks in public."*

*"Access to healthy food. I once went to a convention where Dr. Esselstein spoke along with Chef AJ. They also had free healthy choice food samples. Also a community center/ health center where healthy meals are prepared and can be purchased by the public. The community center would also be a place for yoga or other exercise groups. Center could also be used for community gatherings and the such."*

*"Access to affordable healthcare for those who are in need."*

*"More safe exercise options in this covid period. Maybe social distanced exercise and yoga classes out side. Group walking social distance. Maybe nutrition promotion at farmers market, outreach to seniors who lost connections with senior center closure. None of planned Delhi activities seem to address COVID. As a board member of western wildlife corridor we have been getting exceptional traffic at bender mountain for hiking. People come as far as kings island. Plus brand new locals and our trails top most hiking searches in the area. Lots of obesity here. Maybe attract healthier option food outlets. Smoothies and salads to go for example. What is your fitness baseline so u know how to measure progress. Maybe partner with local faith community."*

*"Having all the citizens in the community pull together as a team to fight the spread of this virus and work to protect each other from any physical or verbal abuse."*

*"People not wearing masks."*

*"Use of masks in stores, restaurants and other facilities."*

*"Being close to an area that offers affordable eating options and exercise options."*

*"Obesity, hypertension, covid-19."*

*"If you are talking Covid- no one wearing mask. Not Covid - all the abandon buildings, drug abuse."*

*"The board of health is the number one thing that is killing our town, our cities, and our state."*

*"As of right now, COVID is the biggest health concern in my opinion. Everywhere you go in Delhi and surrounding areas (Western Hills, Bridgetown, Cheviot etc.) there are so many people who are still not wearing face masks. Stores have signs posted on their doors saying that you have to be wearing a mask to enter, but yet, they are not enforcing it."*

*"Right now it would be Covid-19 and somehow convincing everyone to think about their "neighbor" instead of only themself when it comes to wearing masks and social distancing. Maintaining a strong and effective Delhi police force while ensuring that the ENTIRE community is represented and served with respect and care."*

*"Right now, I wish Delhi residents would take Covid 19 seriously and wear masks. The guy who works the door at Delhi Kroger, who is supposed to be checking for or providing masks, usually laughs it off with the good old boys coming in without masks. My other concern is that students can return to schools safely during the pandemic. Kudos to Oak Hills School District for a well thought out and well expressed plan. Let's hope it works."*

*"Let's do covid testing in the center of our business district bringing hundreds who could be positive to get tested then go out to lunch - morons. Why would this be a good idea?"*

*"The continued lockdown of citizens and the diminishing of their immune systems is a grave concern. The fact that people are bullying each other for not wearing masks is very concerning. I appreciate the fact that Delhi has reopened the parks and restrooms. Please return the portapotty to the park and consider adding one to each of the three parks for use year round."*

*"Well equipped fire and police departments. Notice of COVID out breaks in the township."*

## **SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CONTEXT**

*"Preventing increasing neighborhood crime, small stuff like breaking into cars, stealing purses. Also stop speeding in our neighborhoods."*

*"Crime prevention, more social programs for kids, free public health screenings and vaccine administration."*

*"Safety of the Community in these times of Lawless in other areas: OTR and other communities."*

*"Our police and fire departments are and should always be well funded and maintain current standards. Our beautiful Delhi Park is and should remain well maintained. Our senior center could be more widely used if more programs were offered."*

*"A good & reliable fire & police department are important. Also, clean public restrooms, clean streets & parks. Not real sure if the recycle bins at the Senior Center are used properly; they always seem overflowing & unsightly."*

*"Information.. knowing what is going on around the community."*

*"A brewery."*

*"I think the safety and well being is most affected by the fact that we have a police Department with 40 plus members and yet only 2 or 3 on patrol at a time. This could be significantly improved if other assignments and other tasks seem to take precedent over patrolling the streets. It seems that the development of Delhi Pike is of paramount importance over Safety services and that has to change."*

*"Crime - Having the Police Presence on the Streets and in our neighborhood and to let the thugs know we are not putting up with crime and give them the message to get out of Delhi if they cannot be a working individual, taxpayer and/or law abiding citizen of Delhi and in AMERICA. I have seen a huge change in Delhi in the last 3 years and especially last 6 months. I never felt unsafe at Krogers like I do now. I try not to go out in Delhi after dark. And even in the day time it is not safe."*

*"In the positive, I feel like the Delhi Police do a phenomenal job keeping us safe. In the negative, there have been a large influx of rental homes and trouble makers which bring crime and negative behavior into the community."*

*"The prolonged "quarantine " is having a huge negative effect, especially children. They need to be back in school in person in the fall and everyone needs to get back to normal."*

*"Drugs, namely heroin and meth. We moved from a neighborhood that had a lot of drug users and I'm terrified we will start seeing it more and more in Delhi."*

*"Too many people on illegal drugs."*

*"I work at Kroger and I have noticed an up tik in drug use, with some of our customers. Usually it's the younger crowd and it's clear that they are high on something. Plus I am smelling the pot on them!! And this isn't good for our youth and small children. Also in the recent past I know that there has been some drug use and abuse in the Kroger parking lot. Please this needs to stop! Nip in the bud before it gets out of hand."*

*"Car break-ins Car theft House break ins Littered parks."*

*"We all have to come together and mask up. We all have to stand up against the attitudes and hate against all of our citizens. The west side has a rap for being racist and close minded. I want to change that. We have to educate our neighbors and teach kindness."*

*"Other people."*

*"Opioid addiction along with the reckless behavior of many not adhering to guidelines during this pandemic."*

*"People over reacting and bullying everyone who doesn't fall in line with their opinions!"*

*"Folks being respectful of each other."*

*"The unsafe driving that happens in neighborhoods. Specifically behind delshire elementary, cars that just fly through there."*

*"Drugs, not pot but the harder stuff like meth and heroin. Got a neighbor who uses meth."*

*"Social Unrest, Coronavirus, Obesity, Drug addiction."*

*"Many people in our community seem to take a selfish approach to public well-being. They are only concerned with their personal comfort and happiness and not the health and safety of others."*

*"Drug use, crime, so many businesses build and then a year later they are already out of business."*

*"Rioting, looting and vulgar graffiti."*

*"Misinformation the news no longer just gives the news they put their spin on it so depending on what station you are getting information from it is usually not fully accurate."*

*"Public gatherings."*

*"We need good police and fire departments which Delhi has, thankfully."*

*"Good, well-trained police force."*

*"Crime and people wanting to defund the police. Defend the Police!!"*

*"Obeying rules and regulations!"*

*"Safety is the #1 issue for me and I thank the Delhi PD do a remarkable job of keeping us safe."*

*I thank them everyday. Regarding health, I think it's up to us. You can't rely on anybody else."*

*"I like to feel safe in my neighborhood especially when out walking alone."*

*"Drug use. Heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamines."*

*"Speeding on Greenwell Ave. between Mt. Alverno and Delhi Pike."*

*"Extreme loud music and speeding (beyond 35 mph) of vehicles on Cleves Warsaw are real problems between Devil's Backbone and Ebenezer in Delhi night and day. Never see anyone pulled over for it."*

*"Great safety services (e.g. Police and Fire Depts.) Clean waterways. Community activities in nice public areas. Public information."*

*"Strong ems, law enforcement and communication with the residents."*

*"Health- wearing masks. Mandate it! We are all in this together. Safety- continuing with our community watch. Can we please get rid of the empty store fronts so that people don't trash them even more, and loiter? Well being- we are all in this together. Have compassion. Show empathy."*

*"Diligent police, observant neighbors, clean streets, limited empty buildings, diverse businesses, school safety."*

*"Properly funded and trained police and fire departments. Adequate resources to properly maintain community facilities."*

*"Kids roaming with no supervision getting into things."*

*"The drug problem and violence found in neighboring communities that might be spreading here."*

*"Police. Would like to see more neighborhood patrol and less sitting in the lots of businesses and schools. Fire. More ability to handle township without help. Too top heavy administratively. Restaurant cleanliness. Seems to be diminishing. More ability to contact departments. Too much voicemail."*

*"Feeling safe in my community; having opportunities to serve my community outside of religious settings; support for working families with transportation and/or childcare needs; access TO mental health resources; good public schools; communication between community members; having businesses that reflect community needs ie... We don't need CSL plasma bringing drug users and it is actually very unhealthy for people to sell their plasma so often, Dollar stores attract undesirables, and why do We need 5 different banks on one strip?"*

*"Public safety like police and fire depts."*

*"Crime prevention and traffic enforcement. These two issues are areas where the township has a primary role to play."*

*"We need a strong police presence because of the surrounding neighborhoods."*

*"Enough police to keep our neighborhoods safe."*

*"Public safety, a family friendly environment and nice places to eat and socialize."*

*"Overall I think Delhi is still a good, safe place to live."*

*"Crime, theft in houses and cars. Drugs, people using drugs in public places like park and leaving needles around for kids to touch."*

*"Low crime rate and a safe shopping environment. Additional grocery option would be nice."*

*"Delhi cops."*

*"The crack in my neighbors house lol."*

*"Price Hillians invading Delhi."*

*"Great police. Good business leaders. Not seeing a lot of that from corporations. Dollar store lot is filthy!"*

*"How easily businesses are broken into on Delhi Pike."*

*"Speeding down Delhi Pike without police regulation. Cleanliness of stores during this time of coronavirus."*

*"The drug dealers! I see VERY obvious houses that deal, and I'm concerned with the fact that if something went wrong and someone decided to shoot- we are so close. I don't even let my daughter play in her own yard because of it."*

*"Drug abuse; Low income; Lack of education; Trump supporters."*

*"Low crime, things to do as a family."*

*"Covid, crime, reviving unused spaces."*

*"Police and Fire Depts, also public services like roads and etc."*

*"All the sales people walking around pretending to be duke representatives."*

*"Trustworthy police and fire department personnel. We need a clean environment. Advertisements should not be thrown on the ground next to a mail box. Residents should keep their yards (especially the front yard and in the case of corner houses the side yards) clean and clear of junk. This is especially true of the last three houses on Faysel Dr. just before Serben Drive. A driver should be able to safely make a turn onto another side street and not have to get half way into the intersection before knowing that it is safe because cars/van/trucks are parked so close to the corner it is impossible to see up the street."*

*"There needs to be more officers who work for everyone and not just their friends! I have a neighbor who can do anything they want because of their "friends" but if someone else did it they would be in trouble! Something also needs to be done about the bootleg cab drivers. We also need another grocery store that caters to everyone. Delhi Kroger's has gone downhill and all they do is blame the pandemic. I have to drive to Dent just to go to the grocery store!"*

*"Feeling safe, and having clean places to be at."*

*"Our experience with Delhi police and paramedics has always been positive."*

*"Illegal drug use; Property following in to disrepair; Empty storefronts."*

*"Income, availability of services, crime, visible police presence, how community looks visual*

*(closed shops, vacant homes, property owners not taking care of property), too many rental properties and lack of things to do in the community, (restaurants, entertainment, etc)."*

*"Having a good & responsive police/fire & emergency personnel for the citizens of Delhi township."*

*"Our police department needs to be more visible and not sitting side by side in Victory's parking lot, Dunkin Donuts parking lot, Delhi middle school parking lot etc. It happens a lot."*

*"Low income housing is bringing a different level of caring to the community. More problems for school age children in school. Less care for property, They are not the owners. Societal problems in larger numbers."*

*"Compliance to local rules and regulations."*

*"Good communication with residents and a highly engaged community. Fun, safe events and amenities (including restaurants and FAMILY FRIENDLY venues, businesses and events) are important to maintaining vibrancy and attracting and maintaining families to our community. Continuing to invest in police, fire and parks/green space is also very important."*

*"A good, efficient Police Department & Fire Department. These police & fire personnel should be well funded, so they do not have to give out traffic tickets to help fund their operations."*

*"We need more shopping other than dollar stores. I am very pleased and feel very safe with our police & fire department."*

*"Frankly.....something this survey won't fix and that is the negative attitudes in the community that don't want to see progress. Resident ... is constantly on social media bashing everything the township tries to do to improve the livelihood for its residents. Not sure why ... does it, but ... does. There are many more that do it, but ... is the worse. Some of the elected officials need to also get a grip on their community and understand the need of their residents. The only elected that gets the citizens of the community is ... The rest are either snobby or holy rollers/Elvis impersonators. These are individuals that lead and most of them are only into it for their popularity and not for the citizens nor what is best for the citizens. I have lived here my whole life and it is an embarrassment anymore. I know the township did a study years ago for a multi-use trail and goodness, that fell by the waste-side. Where is it? I see ... bragging about this study and WE THRIVE during Board meetings, but ... won't fund a project that the residents want!!!! So my response....I want to see elected officials lead and make Delhi not the hillbilly reputation it has but make it have the reputation of a Hyde Park, Pleasant Ridge, Oakley, Montgomery (the west side needs this badly). We also need infrastructure and education that leads to healthier lives. You go to the east side of Cincy and you see fit people... come to Delhi and its nothing but overweight people....pretty sad."*

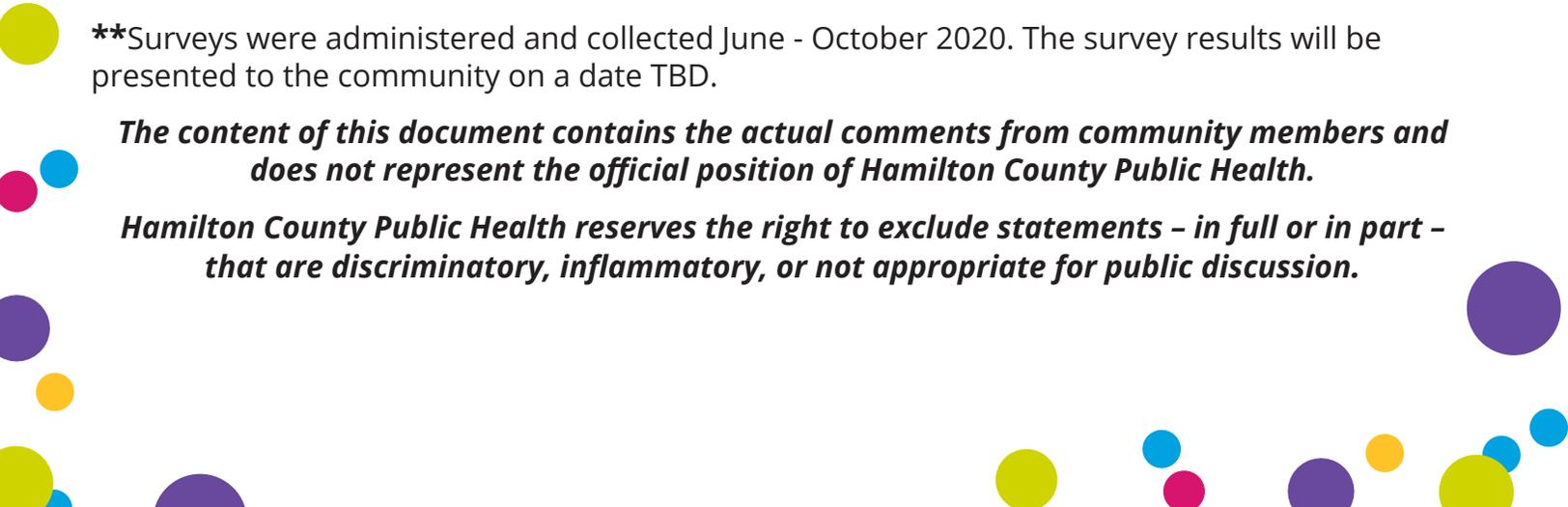
*"Adequate police and fire protection."*



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