About this Assessment

You know what is needed to make your neighborhood flourish, we know that. A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) uplifts residents’ voices to identify the causes of health problems in their neighborhoods. Your input informs future actions to address these problems. This summary sheet highlights findings from the Central neighborhood. The full report can be found at bbcdevelopment.org/community-health.

We asked your neighbors...

We surveyed 453 adult residents in your neighborhood for this assessment. The information below shares more about the characteristics of the residents who took this survey.

- **89%** African American
- **83%** 18-64 years
- **17%** 65 years and over
- **49%** of participants lived in subsidized housing
- **48%** were employed
- **46%** Women
- **83%** had lived in Central for more than 3 years
- **65%** of participants had an income of less than $10,000
- **High school diploma/GED was the highest level of education received by**
Your neighbors said...
They like your neighborhood but there are major challenges with greenspaces/recreational centers, healthy food access, healthcare access, and safety.

**There was a high sense of belonging in your neighborhood but overall optimism was low.**

- 69% felt connected
- 57% disagreed that your neighborhood was changing for the better
- Less than 1 in 2 participants wanted to remain in your neighborhood
- 73% disagreed that they could get what they needed in your neighborhood

**Access to healthy foods is limited.**

- 77% wanted to learn more about how to cook healthy food.
- 78% said that they would purchase healthy food if it was available in their neighborhood.
- 79% reported that “more fresh and healthy food options” would improve the health of the neighborhood.
- There was a high desire for a grocery store (81%).
- Over half (63%) of participants were receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

**There are a lot of barriers to healthcare access.**

- 76% had a primary care physician.
- 50% of participants’ households visited the Emergency Room at least once in the last year.
- 40% of participants said that they or someone in their household had hypertension (high blood pressure).

**Neighborhood safety is a concern.**

- 62% reported that increased safety would improve the health of the neighborhood.
- 52% of participants felt that “more lighting” would improve safety.
- Over 50% rated road conditions and sidewalks unsafe as a driver, a walker, and as a biker.
- 59% agreed that they or their family had been affected by gun violence.
- 65% felt unsafe in their neighborhood at night.

What your neighbors want...

After hearing from your neighbors, here are some things that can help your neighborhood flourish

- A grocery store with fresh and healthy food options to address diet and food security needs.
- More lighting and enforcement of traffic calming measures could start to address safety concerns.
- Activated and improved green and recreational spaces to increase use of community spaces.
- Increased access to healthcare and pharmacies.

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