

FIFTH AND MADISON
NEIGHBORHOOD OPINION
STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Study

At the request of Youngstown Councilwoman Darlene Rogers (Ward 3), the Center for Urban Studies conducted a study of the neighborhood west of the Youngstown State University. The major objectives of this study were:

- a. To determine if homeowners are willing to move in the face of University expansion.
- b. To determine the relocation choices.
- c. To determine acceptable housing type choices.

The study was conducted during the month of February, 1989.

Method

Of the one hundred and forty-eight (148) households in the study area, eighty-one (81), or 55% were contacted; of this number, forty-four (30% of the residents of the study area) were homeowners. Only the homeowners were interviewed. (See questionnaire on page 9).

Location of the Study

The study was carried out in an eighteen (18) block area located west of Youngstown State University. This area is bounded by Fifth Avenue and Belmont Avenue on the east, Madison Avenue on the north, Covington Street on the west and Lincoln Avenue and Grant Street on the south. See the following map for the location of the study area and Table No. 1 for a listing of the number of households and housing units in the study area.

TABLE 1 FIFTH AVENUE - MADISON LISTING

STREET	HOUSEHOLD	UNIT
MADISON (BELMONT- GRIFFITH)	4	4
GEORGE (ALL)	7	7
SCOTT-W (5TH AVE- COVINGTON)	31	28
ARLINGTON (BELMONT- COVINGTON)	11	11
LINCOLN (BELMONT- NORTH)	4	4
CUSTER (5TH AVE- BELMONT)	18	17
GRANT (5TH AVE- BELMONT)	11	11
COVINGTON (ARLINGTON- GEORGE)	8	8
FOSTER (LINCOLN- MADISON)	20	20
BURNETT (ALL)	5	4
NORTH (LINCOLN- MADISON)	15	14
BELMONT (LINCOLN- CUSTER)	5	5
FORD (GRANT- CUSTER-700 BLOCK)	9	8
FIFTH AVE (GRANT- MADISON)	0	0
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	148	140

Survey Results

Forty-four (44), or 54%, of the respondents are homeowners. The majority, twenty (20), or 46%, of the households consist of one (1) person and thirteen (13) or 30%, a two (2) person household.

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Table 2 Number of persons living in a household

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Number	Frequency	Percentage
1	20	45.5
2	13	29.5
3	8	18.2
4	3	6.8

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Most of the respondents (33 or 75%) are not interested in moving from their present neighborhoods. Thirty-six (36), or 82%, of the respondents have been living at their present address for over twenty-five (25) years. If relocation is necessary, twenty-three (23), or 52%, would consider moving to the north side of Youngstown. The type of housing preferred by thirty-one (31) or 72% of those interviewed is a one floor, single family dwelling. The majority (64%) are over sixty-one (61) years old. See Table No. 3 on the following page.

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Table 3 Age of persons living in household.

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Age	Frequency	Percentage
0 - 5 years	1	1.2
6 - 18	10	12.0
19 - 25	3	3.6
26 - 30	2	2.4
31 - 35	3	3.6
36 - 40	2	2.4
41 - 45	1	1.2
46 - 50	2	2.4
51 - 55	2	2.4
56 - 60	4	4.8
61 - 65	12	14.5
66 - 70	12	14.5
71 - 75	7	8.4
76 - 80	9	10.8
81 - 85	6	7.2
86 - 90	3	3.6
Senior Citizen*	4	4.8
Total	83	

*Some respondents chose not to give their exact age and stated "senior citizen" in response to Question 5.

Thirty-seven (37), or 46%, of the respondents would not object to Youngstown State University constructing a parking lot with landscaping west of Fifth Avenue. Forty (40), or 49.4%, of those interviewed would not object to a residence hall being constructed west of Fifth Avenue.

The median income for the city of Youngstown is \$18,774, according to the 1980 Census statistics. The monthly household income for fifteen (15) or 79% of the respondents is \$1,500 or or less, which is below the median income. See Table No. 5 on page 8. When asked how much can you afford for housing, less utilities, twenty-nine (29), or 66%, responded \$0, and six (6), or 14% responded \$100 to \$200.

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Table 4 Monthly Amount Affordable for Housing
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Amount	Frequency	Percentage
\$0	29	65.9
\$100	2	4.5
\$150	1	2.3
\$200	3	6.8
\$250	1	2.3
\$300	1	2.3
\$350	1	2.3
Undecided	6	13.6

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Table 5 Monthly Household Income

Amount	Frequency	Percentage
< \$100	1	5.3
\$251-\$500	5	26.3
\$501-\$750	6	31.6
\$751-\$1,000	2	10.5
\$1,001-\$1,500	1	5.3
\$1,501-\$2,000	3	15.8
> \$3,000	1	5.3

FIFTH AVENUE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

Hello, my name is _____. I am calling for Youngstown State University and we are conducting a survey of your neighborhood to determine housing preference and housing location.

1. Do you own your own home?
(1) Yes---> **GO TO Q2.**
(2) No---> **POLITELY TERMINATE CONVERSATION.**
2. How many persons live in your household? _____
3. What are the ages of the persons living in your household? _____
4. Are you interested in moving from your present neighborhood?
(1) Yes (2) No
5. If you were to move, which of the following locations would you consider?
(1) Near Northside (4) West
(2) Far Northside (5) East
(3) South (6) Outside Youngstown
(location: _____)
6. What type of house would you prefer to move to?
(1) Single family - one floor (3) Multi-family - without elevator
(2) Single family - two floors (4) Multi-family - with elevator
7. How long have you lived at your present address? _____
8. What is a reasonable monthly amount you can afford for housing (less utilities)?
\$ _____
9. What is your monthly household income?
(1) < \$100 (6) \$1,000-1,500
(2) \$101-250 (7) \$1,501-2,000
(3) \$251-500 (8) \$2,001-2,500
(4) \$501-750 (9) \$2,501-3,000
(5) \$751-1,000 (10) > \$3,000
10. If Youngstown State University were to construct a parking lot, with landscaping provided around the perimeter of the lot, in the vicinity of McDonald's Restaurant, west of Fifth Avenue, would you have any objections?
(1) Yes---> Please state your objections: _____
(2) No _____
11. If Youngstown State University were to build a residence hall in the vicinity of McDonald's Restaurant, west of Fifth Avenue, would you have any objections?
(1) Yes---> Please state your objections: _____
(2) No _____