

# Revitalization of Northeast New London



Survey Results  
Report to the Community  
June 25, 2013

# Northeast New London Project Area



## Participation (1)

- 39 total respondents
- 23 responses from residents of area
- 4 responses from addresses adjacent to the project area, south of I-95 and north of Vauxhaul Street.
- 24 surveys completed
- 18 completed by area residents.

## Participation (2)

- 32 respondents left email address to receive report of the survey results.
- New volunteers for governing responsibilities = 6
- Governance Committee: 2
- Farmers' Market Committee: 1
- Public Relations/Web site: 2
- Beautification: 1

# Schools for Children of Respondents

Age	School
11	Bennie Dover Middle School
16	Science Magnet High School
6	Winthrop School
12	Bennie Dover Middle School
3	Friendship School
17	Science Magnet High School
14	Science Magnet High School
8	Multicultural Magnet School
4	Head Start
3	Conn College Pre-School
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7	Steadfast Christian Academy
18	Three Rivers Community College

## Majority of Grocery Shopping

- Shop Rite, New London – 19
- Stop & Shop, Waterford – 8
- Fiddleheads – 5
- Stop & Shop, Groton – 4
- Walmart, Waterford – 3
- BJ's, Waterford – 1
- Shop Rite, Home Delivery – 1

*Some respondents listed more than one grocery store*

# Like the Most Living in NENL

- 15 – make up of community, sense of community, multi-cultural, etc.
- 14 – access to highways, I-95, S-32
- 13 – local institutions, Conn College, USCGA, Winthrop School, Lyman Allen
- 10 – Riverside Park
- 10 – access to river
- 8 – access to ocean, shoreline, etc.
- 6 – close to the downtown
- 6 – historic community, homes, etc.

Weighted score = mentions X 3,2,0r1 ;  
75 items listed

# Dislike the Most

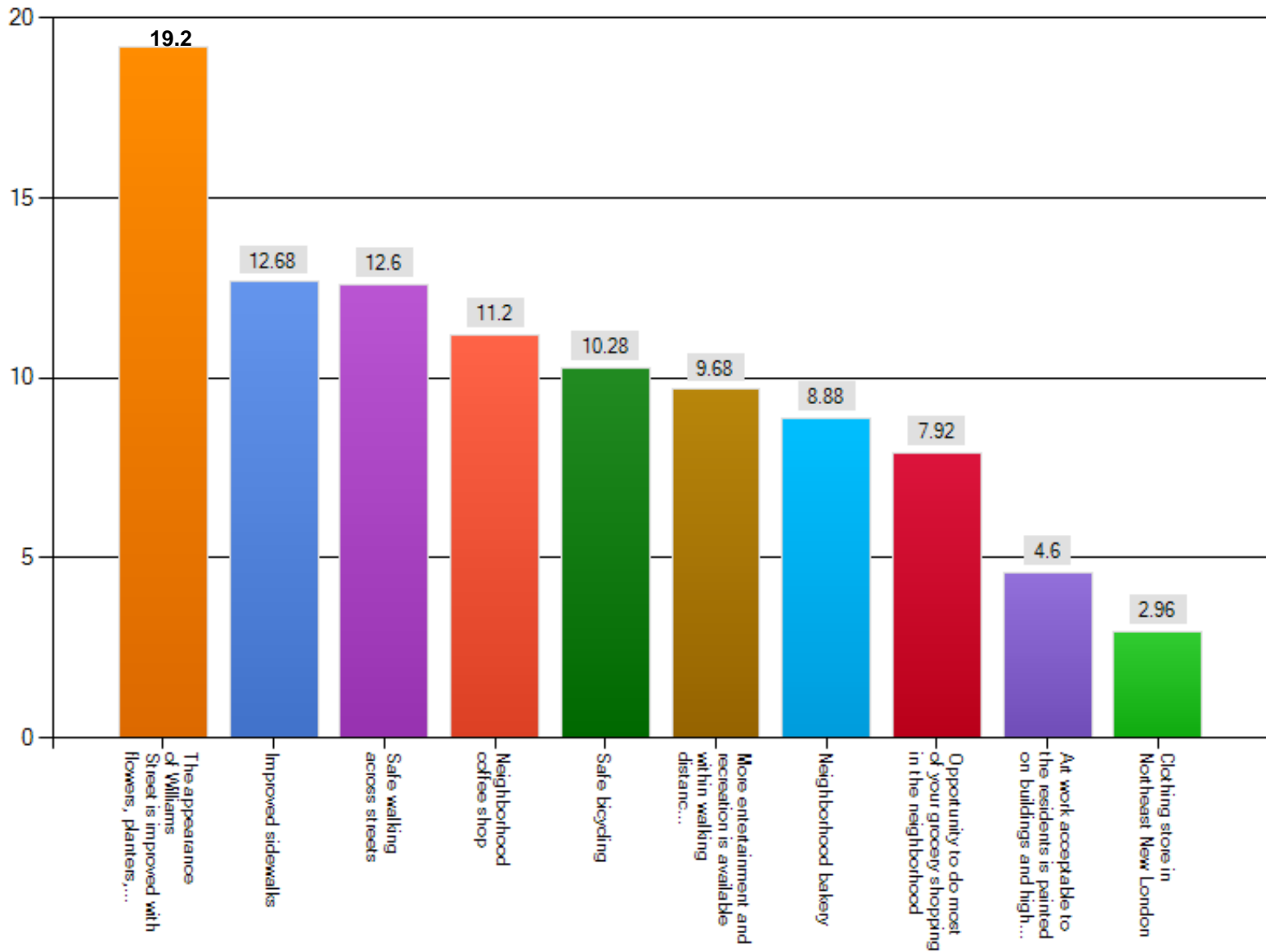
- 22 – visual condition of building in Hodges Square
- 19 – fast moving, dangerous, autos
- 12 – lack of local retail for daily needs
- 11 – CT/New London too expensive, high taxes
- 8 – NENL cut-off from rest of New London
- 7 – trash, broken glass, too many places, too often
- 6 – neighborhood looks run down
- 5 – dangerous sidewalks

Weighted score = mentions X 3,2,0r1

75 items listed.



## Ranking 10 Options Being Considered to Revitalize NENL



# Creating an Urban Village

“An urban village is a way to describe a community which has the best mix of elements of both a city and a village. The city or urban life provides a place of activity, opportunity, diversity, business, and a variety of living accommodations. On the other hand, the notion of being a village fosters a place of repose, tranquility, intimacy, and familiarity. The area we are describing as an urban village is a unique blend of the attributes of a village which is integrally part of a small city.

"The residents of this urban village, which is now designated as Northeast New London, are proud they are a diverse blend of ages, ethnicities, incomes, and cultural heritages which provide the energizing social, physical, education, recreational, and natural attributes of the area."

Do you like the notion of Northeast New London being considered and called an "urban village?"

**Yes – 21**

**Do not care – 2**

**No - 0**

# Should Winthrop be a “Community School”

Recently the Connecticut State Legislature passed legislation that authorizes school boards to establish "community schools" at new or existing schools. According to the legislation, a "community school" is a public school that participates in a coordinated, community-based effort with community partners to provide comprehensive educational, developmental, family, health, and wrap-around services to students, families, and community members during hours when school is not in session. Community partners, according to the legislation, would be providers of at least one of the following services: 1). primary medical or dental care; 2). mental health treatment and services; 3). academic enrichment activities; 4). programs designed to improve student attendance at school; 5). youth development programs; 6). early childhood education; 7). parental involvement programs; 8). child care services; 9). programs that provide assistance to students who are truant or who have been suspended or expelled; 10). youth and adult job training and career counseling services; 11). nutrition education; 12). adult education; 13). remedial education and enrichment activities; 14). legal services; and 15). any other appropriate services or programs. Do you support exploring if Winthrop should be “community school.?”

**Yes – 19**

**Not sure – 5**

**No -0**

**Do not care – 0**

## How Survey Was Conducted

- All household and business addresses in the project area were mailed a post card the week of June 3 with invitation to participate in the survey. Also, an email invitation was sent to friends of the NENL pace-making grant process and Thames Valley Sustainable Connections during the same week.
- Responses were recorded between June 6 and June 18.
- Survey conducted by Thames Valley Sustainable Connections in support of the **Governance Forming Committee**, which will assume responsibility, to keep the results of the NENL revitalization recommendations alive into the future.
- Next survey will incorporate information from this survey. Will open first week of July.

