

## Survey Summary

The survey was made available online in June 2015, distributed at public events during summer 2015, and mailed to Negaunee households in October 2015. A total of 419 responses were received, although every respondents did not always answer all the questions.

### Part I: About the respondents

#### 1. Which of the following describes you?

- A. I live in Negaunee **74%**
- B. I work in Negaunee **2%**
- C. I live in a nearby community **1%**
- D. I work in a nearby community **0%**
- E. Other **1%**
- A. & B. **13%**
- A. & D. **9%**

#### 1a. Which of the following describes you?

- A. Homeowner **70%**
- B. Renter **8%**
- C. Business Owner **3%**
- D. Property Owner **18%**
- E. Year Round Resident **98%**
- F. Seasonal Resident **2%**

#### 2. What is your age?

- A. Under 18 **<1%**
- B. 19-30 **8%**
- C. 31-54 **27%**
- D. 55+ **65%**

#### 3. What is your gender?

- A. Male **52.3%**
- B. Female **47.7%**

#### 4. What part of the City do you live in?

- A. Downtown area **21%**
- B. Residential area east of Baldwin/Brown Sts. and south of US-41 **24%**
- C. North of US-41 **21%**
- D. South of CR 480 **32%**
- E. None of these **<1%**

#### 5. How long have you lived in Negaunee?

- A. <2 years **7%**
- B. 2-5 years **12%**
- C. 6-10 years **6%**
- D. 11-20 years **12%**
- E. 20+ **60%**
- F. N/A **3%**

## Part II: About the Community

### 7. Please rank from 1 (most important) to 8 (least important) why you live in the City.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	No Response
<b>Quality Schools</b>	120	71	43	27	27	24	18	15	73
<b>Nice Neighborhoods</b>	77	88	75	53	32	22	6	5	60
<b>Low Housing Costs</b>	76	45	39	46	32	43	43	21	73
<b>Close to Family</b>	102	42	39	29	31	35	40	23	77
<b>Close to Work</b>	34	37	35	43	47	40	34	26	122
<b>Quality of Life</b>	84	66	70	64	41	21	6	2	64
<b>Access to Recreation</b>	27	15	29	38	51	54	82	28	94

**Other Responses:** close to school, shopping, progressive community, relaxed environment, cost of living, born & raised, close to Marquette, schools, Teal Lake, lower taxes, hometown, four seasons.

### 8. How would you describe the quality of life in Negaunee?

A. Excellent **13%**   B. Good **52%**   C. Average **19%**   D. Needs Improvement **10%**  
E. Poor **<1%**   F. N/A **6%**

### 9. What three assets of the community do you value most? (# of responses)

Schools **119**, safety/police **103**, small community/hometown **70**, nature/Teal lake/views **69**, friendly/good people **62**, parks/recreation/sports **54**, trails/walkability **48**, public works/services/staff **47**, quality of life **40**, location **32**, local stores/businesses **32**, neighbors/neighborhoods **18**, events **17**, affordability/low taxes **14**, senior center **14**, history **9**, downtown **9**, churches **8**, library **7**, old towne **5**, low traffic **4**, ymca **3**, good roads **3**, near medical facilities **3**, community organizations **3**, community pride **2**, theater **2**, farmer's market **2**, progressive **1**, credit union **1**, transit **1**, cable choice **1**, planning **1**, band **1**, volunteers **1**, none **1**, improving constantly **1**, less low-income housing **1**.

### 10. What are Negaunee's most needed improvements?

Better roads **172**, fix sidewalks/curbs **67**, address blight **62**, lower utility costs **61**, downtown **61**, lower taxes **23**, infrastructure **19**, more businesses/jobs **19**, community clean-up, better snow plowing **18**, police **11**, parks **10**, more restaurants **10**, make better use of Teal Lake **10**, plant and maintain trees **9**, more retail **8**, water works building **7**, improve the quality of the water system **7**, motorboats on

Teal Lake 6, better dog control/dog park 5, speeding control 5, activities for youth 4, more activities 4, improve entrances to the community 3, improve downtown park 3, downtown parking 3, better library 3, more recreation 3, more grocery stores 3, motorized trail access 2, electric service 2, more communication 2, help businesses stay in town 2, business development 2, apartments 2, lower home deposits 2, more affordable 1, bullying in schools 1, move heritage trail 1, city pool, fill empty lots, mid-priced condos 1, new city hall 1, housing 1, slumlords 1, too many basketball courts 1, more grants 1, more inviting highway 1, rental deposits, indoor walking 1, recreation classes 1, better government 1, city council 1, treat residents better 1, transit - coordinate with Ishpeming 1, left turn lights 1, garbage company 1.

**11. The City should enforce anti-blight ordinances more strictly.**

A. Yes 62% B. No 9% C. I don't know 29%

**12. Would you like to see motor boats on Teal Lake?**

A. Yes 24% B. No 69% C. I don't know 7%

**13. Please rank from 1 (most) to 8 (least) how important should the following be to city leaders?**

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Encourage commercial development	132	65	45	40	27	17	21	3
Encourage new housing development	42	56	65	47	48	43	27	15
Encourage the redevelopment of vacant or under utilized properties	100	78	81	35	25	13	15	7
Install pedestrian and bicycle paths	28	34	28	50	47	54	54	39
Preserve natural features	66	33	53	61	42	47	38	11
Provide more housing for seniors	44	25	30	50	55	59	53	17
Improve public services	53	47	29	35	40	44	55	25

**'Other'**

Infrastructure, downtown, productive city council, motorized ATV access, clean up, drugs, treatment of employees, lower utilities, schools, preserve history, beautification, more supermarkets, affordable senior housing, more use of Teal Lake, better snow plowing, Iron Street, pursue grants, add online pay for utilities

**14. What type of residential development could the city use more of?**

- A. Apartments **120**   B. Attached townhouses/condos **91**   C. Senior housing **87**  
 D. Manufactured homes **11**   E. Detached single family homes on smaller lots **41**  
 F. Detached single family homes on large lots **65**

**15. Please rate the following on a scale of 1 (support) to 4 (oppose)**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Additional pedestrian connectivity</b>	133	83	54	57
<b>Additional senior resources and/or programming</b>	273	51	20	16
<b>Attraction &amp; retention of retail businesses</b>	141	111	45	43
<b>Attraction &amp; retention of professional offices/services</b>	161	106	35	43
<b>Community beautification</b>	193	98	34	34
<b>Historic preservation</b>	185	73	56	36