WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH?

1 PLANNING TOOL
- Overall “need” metric
- Residential-based primarily

2 HELPS PRIORITIZE RESOURCES
- Shows where to target resources
- Triage for neighborhoods
HEALTH = 5 VITAL SIGNS

- POVERTY
- CRIMES
- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES
- HOME OWNERSHIP
- UNSAFE STRUCTURES

**NOTE:** Influenced by larger market trends
WHAT CHANGED FOR 2017?

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH 2014-2017

117 block groups

18 block groups
Better Health Rating

5 block groups
fell into At Risk

1 block group
fell into Intensive Care
CITY-WIDE HEALTH
TRENDING UP
Census block groups

Intensive Care/At Risk
cut from 33% to 28%

Healthy/OP
improved from
67% to 72%

2014

2017

NIA HEALTH
TRENDING UP
Census block groups

Intensive Care/At Risk
cut from 68% to 64%

Healthy/OP
improved from
32% to 36%

2014

2017
NIA HEALTH TRENDING UP
Number of Census block groups

Healthy/OP improved from 23% to 36%
Intensive Care/At Risk cut from 77% to 64%

WHERE?
2014-2017
NIA block groups

**LARGER TRENDS**

**ECONOMY**
Fewer people in poverty; improved job market

**HOUSING MARKET**
“For-sale” inventory very low; values appreciating; new lot absorption

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**
Less blighted and vacant structures; improves property values and homeownership rates
HOW WILL FINDINGS BE USED?

• Help public understand trends/data
  • Open access to data online
  • Meet with most impacted neighborhoods

• Assess/adjust incentives and services
  • NRP tax rebates
  • SORT
  • Property Maintenance
  • Neighborhood Partnerships (e.g. NET Reach)
  • Pedestrian Master Plan
  • Other

SUMMARY

HEALTHY BUMP FOR MOST
More areas improved than not since 2014; East Topeka out of IC

ECONOMY MATTERS
Post-recession effects stabilized; property values and incomes positively impacted

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MATTERS
Ramped-up anti-blight initiatives will help overall ratings even as more properties are cited

LONG-TERM NIA HEALTH TRENDING UP
IC block groups cut in half and OP blocks groups nearly double since 2000
More Information & Interactive Map

www.topeka.org/planning/neighborhood-health