

### Appendix 3: Owl Creek Neighborhood – Resident Concerns

#### TRANSPORTATION

What Residents Said:	What We're Considering:	Implementation Plan:
<p>Reliable Transportation:  Y: 16  N: 2  S: 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no bus line. The kids can't get out to places like the mall or to the movies.</li> <li>• We can't get around the City. When our car is broke down, we have to walk to Arby's to catch the bus (1.5 miles).</li> <li>• There is no bus.</li> <li>• We need a bus stop on Voges Road a few times a day.</li> <li>• We need a more convenient store.</li> <li>• We need a bus, so that kids can go places.</li> <li>• There is no bus line. The kids can't get out.</li> <li>• We need bus service...transportation.</li> <li>• Need bus line so that they can get to the malls</li> <li>• Can't get on the busses that take kids to school. We need a bus.</li> <li>• People over here have cars. They are not the best, but they have cars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus access on Voges Road</li> <li>• Review bus policies to allow parents access to bus to kids' school and as means to get to other routes</li> </ul>	

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#### YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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<p><b><i>Kids</i></b>            0 – 4: yo - 8            Elem (5 – 10 yo) - 25            Middle (11 – 13) – 13            High (14 – 18 yo): 15            &gt;19 – 2</p> <p><b><i>Offsite Schools:</i></b>            Abundant Life (Elem) – 2            West – 2            East – 2            Work &amp; Learn – 1</p> <p><b><i>Afterschool Programming</i></b>            Elem: Safe Haven: 4; BLW:1            Middle: HW Club (6; Dance (2;            Running Club (1) – 5 kids only (one kid in 3 clubs)            High: Job Training :1 Football:1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need a plaza around here.</li> <li>• We need a park that is not in the woods, like everyone else's.</li> <li>• The kids are not bad. They just need something to do. Kids with nothing to do fight and break windows.</li> <li>• The park is for babies. We need a park with a basket ball court.</li> <li>• The park is a piece of crap. It is in the woods. Who wants their child to play in there?</li> <li>• McFarland is so close and has things to do, but our kids can't go there because we live in Madison.</li> <li>• We need to be able to utilize the services of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build relationships and enhance programs for children and youth with existing service providers and school programs</li> <li>• Repurpose Park to accommodate older children</li> <li>• Add basketball court, water, seating and shelter to City park</li> <li>• Investigate infestation of ticks and snakes in City park</li> <li>• Exchange landscaped rock coverings for mulch</li> <li>• Youth Clean Up Crews (Employment and community relations)</li> <li>• Parenting Classes</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents need to be more involved with their children.</li><li>• Not bad kids. They just have nothing to do. . We need a park for the babies and a basketball court.</li><li>• Children should be more respectful of adults.</li><li>• Unsupervised children. Parents must be responsible.</li><li>• Kids need something like a basketball court.</li><li>• There is a lack of stuff for kids to do, so kids fight and get into trouble.</li><li>• We need a better park. One that is not secluded in the bushes. One with benches, so that I can sit and watch my kids play.</li><li>• Will buy my child a basket ball rim as soon as I can.</li><li>• We need a community center where kids can go.</li><li>• Not a bad neighborhood. There is nothing for the kids to do.</li><li>• The park in the woods is a piece of crap. Who wants their child to play there?</li><li>• We don't live in McFarland, but we are so close. Our kids can't use the McFarland services. They don't have a community center. They have nothing to do.</li><li>• Parents must be more involved with their children. Parents are not controlling their kids. We need parenting classes.</li><li>• We need a block club or community center for kids.</li><li>• There is nothing for the kids to do.</li></ul>		
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**YOUTH PRIORGRAMMING continued**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The kids need something to do, a community center or playground to stay out of the street.</li><li>• The park is infested with ticks and snakes.</li><li>• The kids have nothing to do and are stuck without a bus to get anywhere, so they make up “fun” things to do – setting stuff on fire, shooting BB guns and throwing rocks.</li><li>• This is labeled as a bad neighborhood, but it just really a lot of kids with nothing to do...no drugs and stuff being sold.</li><li>• We need a basketball court.</li><li>• Black kids need to be entertained.</li></ul>		
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**HOUSING/HEALTH CARE/EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING/CRIME & Safety**

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<p><b>Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landlord relationship             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good for most</li> <li>○ Grosso – 8 (complain have to fix things that aren't their fault...busted windows, etc.)</li> <li>○ Ho Chunk – 1</li> <li>○ Private – 2</li> <li>○ Nelson – 2 (like family)</li> <li>○ Bank Owned - 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 8: 12</li> <li>• Owner Occupied: 1 (told of 1 other)</li> <li>• Worried About Paying rent             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No -16</li> <li>○ A little behind, but not worried 1: 1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Planning to move:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N:14</li> <li>○ Y: 3 (next year, if better will stay; Thinking about moving because of lack of things for kids to do.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Moved In             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2006 - 3</li> <li>○ 2007- 2</li> <li>○ 2008:1</li> <li>○ 2009:5</li> <li>○ 2010:4</li> <li>○ 2011: 2 (not surveyed, but 2 other Caucasian families moved in during 2011)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This is a nice place (building) to live. We are lucky to have it.</li> <li>• I like my house.</li> <li>• Very nice house. I couldn't find anything else like this that accepted Section 8.</li> <li>• I love my apartment.</li> <li>• If I could find a house like this for the price, I'd move...but I can't.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kiosk of available resources (i.e., foreclosed rental properties)</li> <li>• Distribution of Resource List/Magnet by Welcome Group</li> <li>• Neighborhood Associations</li> </ul>	
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<p><b><i>Health Care</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Health Concerns: 15</li> <li>• Has breast cancer.</li> <li>• Need dental: 1</li> <li>• No health insurance, can't afford medicine (referred to Public Health)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Employment &amp; Training</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay at home mom, not looking for work – 4</li> <li>• Going to School: 3</li> <li>• Employed: 2 years, 8 months, 3 years, 11 mo, 4 months, stable job (2), in home child care (1)</li> <li>• LFW: 2 mo, 1 year (only wants to work for UW)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Crime &amp; Safety</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Window shot by BBs by youth</li> <li>• When kids have nothing to do there are fights, broken windows.</li> <li>• There are no drugs, murder, stabbings or shootings. This is not a bad neighborhood.</li> <li>• Must see us differently. See us as a neighborhood and not as a problem.</li> <li>• Streetlights needed.</li> <li>• Children out of control. Beat my gutter and damaged it.</li> <li>• Neighborhood needs to be cleaned up. There is rock throwing.</li> <li>• Neighborhood is changing. More owner occupied buildings. People will care more.</li> <li>• Fined by landlord \$25 for litter that others did.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kiosk of available resources and events</li> <li>• Distribution of Resource List/Magnet by Welcome Group</li> <li>• Build Relationships with Governing Law Enforcement Agencies (Madison, McFarland)</li> <li>• Clarify different municipal ordinances for children and youth, especially curfew laws             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate and grade dirt piles on empty lots</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Exchange landscaped rock coverings for mulch</li> </ul>	
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### **SUPPORT/STRENGTHS TO OFFER COMMUNITY**



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<p><b><i>Support System</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize cabs, walking and family friend support when car is broken down.</li> <li>• Mother and sister live in the community on Horned Owl.</li> <li>• Family helps. -</li> <li>• No support system in city: 2</li> <li>• Neighbors</li> <li>• Cabs</li> <li>• Family, friends, boyfriend.</li> <li>• Friends</li> <li>• Not worried, have good cars (4)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Strengths I Can Offer the Community</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Flowers:2</li> <li>• Beautify Neigh:1</li> <li>• Clean-Up:6</li> <li>• BBQ/Block Party: 3</li> <li>• Neighborhood Watch:1</li> <li>• Block Club (note: had one before)</li> <li>• Must offer residents “something” to get involved. Change takes time. Residents may not be willing to invest time in the beginning, so they need an incentive.</li> <li>• Drop In child care</li> <li>• Swimming Pool</li> <li>• Tent</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Parties with games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Cleanup             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ April – November (include youth)</li> <li>○ Youth Clean Up Crews (Employment and community relations)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Appoint Block Captains</li> <li>• Neighborhood Association</li> <li>• Annual Block Party</li> <li>• Parenting Classes</li> </ul>	
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