

Appendix C
Mail Survey & FAQ's
(Main Mail Survey Data Collection)

COVER PLACEHOLDER

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START HERE:

This survey should be filled out by an adult household member living at this address. Please use a blue or black pen if available.

These first questions ask about your household.

1. Is there more than one person age 18 or older living in this household?

Yes
 No **GO TO number 5 on the next page**

2. Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in this household?

3. The adult with the next birthday should complete this questionnaire. This way, across all households, this survey will include responses from adults of all ages.

4. Please write the first name, nickname or initials of the adult with the next birthday. This is the person who should complete the questionnaire.

5. Thinking about the last 12 months or so, when you are here at home, how much does each of the following bother, disturb or annoy you?

	Not at all □	Slightly □	Moderately □	Very □	Extremely □
a. Noise from cars trucks or other road traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Smells or dirt from road traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Smoke, gas or bad smells from anything else	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Litter or poorly kept up housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Noise from aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Your neighbors' noise or other activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Any other noises you hear when you are here at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If this bothers or annoys you, what is the noise?					
<input type="text"/>					
h. Undesirable business, institutional or industrial property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. A lack of parks or green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Inadequate public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The amount of neighborhood crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Poor city or county services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Any other problems that you notice when you are here at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If this bothers or annoys you, what is the problem?					
<input type="text"/>					

6. Now considering how you feel about everything in your neighborhood, how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is worst and 10 is best?

Worst										Best
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□

These last questions are about you and your household.

7 In what year were you born?

Y	Y	Y	Y

8. Are you male or female?

Male
 Female

9. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes
 No

10. What is your race? One or more categories may be selected.

Mark one or more.

White
 Black or African American
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

11. Starting with yourself, please mark the sex, and write in the age and month of birth for each adult 18 years of age or older living at this address.

	Sex	Age	Month Born (01-12)
SELF	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	□□□□	□□
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Adult 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	□□□□	□□
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Adult 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	□□□□	□□
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Adult 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	□□□□	□□
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Adult 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	□□□□	□□
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		

Thank you. Please return this form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail it to:
 Neighborhood Environment Survey
 Westat
 1600 Research Blvd. Room ## ###
 Rockville, MD 20850
 Toll-free number for questions: ###-###-####

Commonly Asked Questions About The Neighborhood Environment Survey

What is this study about?

This is a study about the environmental conditions in American neighborhoods. Some of the questions will ask about your attitudes and how you feel about the conditions in your neighborhood.

Who is the sponsor?

The study is sponsored by the United States Department of Transportation, a branch of the Federal Government. Since 1967, the U.S. Department of Transportation has been responsible for considering neighborhood environmental quality when planning, developing and revising transportation-related policies. You can learn more about the U.S. Department of Transportation by visiting www.dot.gov.

Am I required to complete this survey?

Participation is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer. However, your household was randomly selected for the study and cannot be replaced with another household. Your cooperation is extremely important to help ensure the completeness and accuracy of the study.

Who will use this information?

The U.S. Department of Transportation will use the information to update transportation-related policies that affect the environment in neighborhoods across the U. S.

Who can I call with questions?

Westat, a statistical social science firm, is collecting the data. If you would like further information, you can contact Westat at 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX

How was my household selected?

Households were selected at random from all residential addresses in neighborhoods like yours in the U.S. By selecting households randomly, we will be able to obtain scientific, accurate information about your neighborhood. It's important to participate, so that we have an accurate picture of all communities.