

**APPENDIX I**  
**WHAT YOU TOLD US: RESPONSES TO CIDNA'S POSTCARD**  
**SURVEY**

The postcard survey was conducted in Spring, 1993; 76 responses were received. The numbers below show multiple responses.

**Environmental issues**

Park issues - 27 total

- Bike/walk paths (around Cedar) - 4
- Water quality (storm water runoff) - 8
- Cedar Lake Park (coordinate with planning) - 3
- Clean up Cedar shore, beach - 2
- Parks and recreation (general) - 2
- Park shelter near Cedar Lake
- Park Siding improvements
- Runners on bike path

Trees (need more) - 8

Landscaping (Sunset Blvd. island, street/park furniture, public art) - 4

Noise - 2

Airplane noise

Air pollution (traffic fumes, exhaust)

Utility wires (bury them)

Recycling

**Services**

Snow removal (on Burnham, Benton, St. Louis, St. Paul) - 10

Street maintenance (potholes)

Animal control

**Transportation**

Traffic (on Burnham, Sunset, Isles, cars receive priority over people)-18

Bike/walk paths (on railroad, to downtown, other neighborhoods)- 5

Parking (at Jones-Harrison)

Light Rail Transit

Stop sign at Park Lane & Burnham Rd.

Public transportation

**Quality of life issues**

Crime - 15

Development (Bliss property, United Development, impact of fire station, high-rises near Lake Calhoun, etc.) - 7

Property taxes - 6

**CIDNA NRP  
REVISED PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

1. Gateway signs and plantings .....	3,500
2. Park Siding improvements .....	150,000
3. Other park improvements .....	10,000
4. Soccer field improvements .....	50,000
5. Neighborhood Early Learning Center .....	50,000
6. Implementation Coordinator .....	45,000
7. Events and Programs .....	10,000
7a. Community meeting space .....	25,000
8. Commercial Area Enhancements .....	n/a
9. Property Maintenance Assistance .....	n/a
10. Community Planting Plan .....	30,000
11. Street Tree Replacement .....	10,500
12. Educational/Clean-up Programs .....	15,000
13. Wetland Enhancements .....	50,000
14. Traffic Calming	
speed humps, etc. ....	75,000
Phase I study of Sunset Blvd. ....	8,000
15. Parking strategies (Phase I) .....	5,000
16. Intersection studies (Phase I) .....	5,000
17. Bikeway development .....	75,000
18. Bike lanes/bike path improvements .....	20,000
19. Sidewalk installation .....	25,000
Bridge railing .....	38,500
20. Bike patrols/safety education .....	1,600
21. Street lighting plan .....	125,000
(represents 25% of total from NRP)	
22. Transit study .....	2,500
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$829,600</b>

Property maintenance - 6

RR property - 2

abandoned vehicles

Park Siding property

Cedar Lake Ave.

Schools (neighborhood, quality) - 4

Livability (image) - 3

Lighting - 3

Sense of community (more block clubs, decent pub) - 3

Graffiti - 2

"Welcome to CIDNA" sign

**Commercial properties**

Compell merchants to comply with agreements

Commercial node at 28th and Xerxes

Pedestrian access to rear of Calhoun Village

**APPENDIX II**  
**SURVEY OF RESIDENTS, MAY 1994**  
**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES**  
**TOTAL RESPONSES = 82 (8/1/94)**

**1. What do you think makes Cedar-Isles-Dean a good place to live?**

- close to lakes, downtown, Uptown, general convenience - 44
  - close to freeways, suburbs - 6
  - close to shopping - 4
- natural environment: lakes, parks, trees - 24
- quiet, secluded - 15
- well-maintained homes, yards, property values - 12
- attractiveness - 11
- friendly, nice neighbors, close-knit community - 13
- relatively safe neighborhood - 8
- cleanliness - 3
- quality, architectural character of housing - 3
- bike paths, walking paths - 4
- low traffic - 2
- good bus service - 2
- diverse population - 3
- urban yet pastoral
- lots of kids

**2. If you could change one or two things about this neighborhood, what would they be?**

**GENERAL**

- lower property taxes - 8
- no more commercial uses
- limit growth
- action, not complaints
- improve schools, school choice - 2

**TRAFFIC**

- congestion, reduce through traffic, commuter traffic - 7
  - on France Ave.
  - Super America
- reduce commuter traffic on parkways
- slow traffic speeds - 3
  - on Lake Street
  - Drew and Sunset
  - France Ave.
  - in alleys
  - Ewing and Drew
- lower speed limits by 5 mph on all streets
- enforce traffic laws - 2
- reduce traffic noise - 3
- increased traffic signage - green arrow turn signals
- bikeway development of railroads
- restrict bicycles to bike paths
- separate pedestrian and bicycle traffic
- lack of sidewalks (Sunset)

- sidewalk railings on Lake Street Bridge
- control parking - 3
  - for Jones-Harrison
  - ban parking 2:00 - 6:00 a.m.
  - around Cedar South Beach

- more stop signs
- better late-night transit service

#### NUISANCES

- reduce airplane noise - 4
- control barking dogs - 2
- clean up the few rundown homes
- graffiti
- summer crowding

#### LAKES, PARKS

- clean up lake pollution - 5
- repair lake shoreline erosion on Calhoun and Isles
- better sidewalks to park areas
- restore lake walkways (Calhoun and Isles)
- closer park for kids, more facilities for kids - 2
- more accessible parks
- geese clutter
- prevent mountain bike damage (Cedar Lake Park)

#### COMMUNITY

- increased sense of community, neighborhood activities - 6
- fear of crime (burglaries) - 2
  - woods around Cedar Lake
- neighborhood school - 2
- build relationships with local police
- build relationships with kids in area
- neighborhood watch
- directory of neighborhood by street
- develop a meeting/voting location

#### SERVICES, MAINTENANCE

- better street lights - 3
- improved home and yard maintenance, alley maintenance - 2
- improve snow removal
- improved litter control
- increased maintenance and improvement of boulevard and park landscaping

### 3a. Do you have concerns about any of the following traffic issues in the neighborhood?

- Traffic congestion - 21
- Traffic speed - 41
- Safety - 22
- Parking - 17

### 3b. Problem area locations and ideas for improvements

[NOTE: SOME OF THESE ARE DRAWN FROM QUESTION 2 AND ELSEWHERE]

- Alleys - speed

- France and Sunset - safety - 2
  - no stop sign
- France - speed, congestion - 4
  - restrict left turns from Lake to France
- Cedar Lake Ave.- speed, congestion - 2
  - parking - north side only at Jones Harrison - MTC street - 6
- Jones Harrison vicinity (Drew, etc.) - parking - 2
- Sunset Blvd.- speed, safety - 5
  - "No Right Turn" sign from France onto Sunset Blvd. 7-9 am.
  - access to alleys off Sunset (traffic speed)
- Sunset, Drew and 28th Street - visibility
- Drew Ave. north of Lake St. - parking (restrict to one side), speed
  - problems with eastbound Lake St. traffic turning left on Drew
- Drew and Ewing - Super America traffic - 5
  - failure to stop at sign
  - create cul-de-sac
  - illegal left turns (onto Ewing) from SA
- Chowen Ave. - speed
- Cedar Lake Parkway - speed, traffic volume - 2
- Parkways - speed bumps - 2
- Burnham Rd. - speed - 5
- St. Louis Ave. - traffic from townhouses too fast
- St. Paul Ave. - no left turn allowed onto Lake St.
- Sunset/Depot crossing at Cedar South Beach - safety, congestion - 2
- "No Left Turn" during rush hours on Lake and Calhoun Parkway
- Dean Parkway at Lake Street - unsafe traffic pattern at intersection - 2
- Dean Parkway - p.m. peak - congestion - 3
  - difficult access to driveways at rush hour
- Dean Parkway - illegal parking
- Lake Street - speed, congestion - 5
  - difficult to enter/exit from alleys - 3
  - railroad bridge - noise, speed, railing needed - 2
- all lake parkways - congestion
- Lake of Isles Parkway - congestion, p.m.
- West 28th Street - one-way

**4. What improvements could be made that would improve the safety of bicycle and pedestrian travel in the neighborhood? [ALSO INCLUDES SOME RESPONSES FROM #7]**

- reduce traffic speeds - 3
  - Cedar Lake Ave. - 2
  - France Ave.
- more bike paths - 2
- more bike lanes on streets - 4
  - bike lane on Sunset Blvd. - 4
  - between Dean Parkway and Cedar Lake
- greenway/bikeway development - 3
  - Kenilworth railroad line along Burnham
- publicize one-way restrictions more clearly
- better maintenance (sweeping) of existing bike paths

- improve pedestrian crossing at Sunset/Depot/Cedar South - 9
  - close Depot Street "cut-through" to C.L. Parkway
- poor visibility for peds/bikes at bike path under RR bridge, Dean Parkway - separate the paths
- combined bike/walking path on Dean Parkway between W. Lake of Isles and Cedar Lake - Parkway is hazardous
- better marked pedestrian crosswalks
- new sidewalks:
  - Sunset Blvd. (Chowen to Cedar Lake) - 4
  - across RR tracks on Cedar Lake Parkway - 4
  - North side of Lake Street (Calhoun Beach Club to E. Calhoun Parkway) - 3
  - France Avenue north of 27th Street - 2
  - along Minnekahda Golf Club, Excelsior Blvd. (outside CIDNA)
  - north side of Cedar Lake Avenue - 2
- lighting, north side Lake Street and on Lake Calhoun path (south of Lake Street)
- railing on Lake Street RR bridge/ walkway across RR to avoid bridge
- pathway to lake from Jones Harrison
- need better sidewalk access to Siding Park - 2
- more signage re pedestrian crossings
- better enforcement of traffic laws for cyclists - 4
- keep cyclists off walking paths - 3
- keep cyclists on bike paths, off streets - 2
- separate bike, pedestrian traffic
- use of bike helmets - 2
- warning bells on bikes
- police bike patrols
- better enforcement of traffic laws for motorists - 2
  - station police at Dean Parkway and Lake Street intersection - pedestrian hazard
- improve existing sidewalks - uneven, buckled - 2
- longer traffic light at Drew and Lake

**5. Do you use public transit? Are you satisfied with the existing bus service, and what improvements, if any, would you suggest?**

34 respondents use transit: 21 regularly, 9 occasionally, 4 seldom  
 17 are generally pleased/satisfied with service

**COMMENTS:**

- MTC is slow - 2
- more frequent service
- not enough buses in AM rush hour
- good service during rush hours, so-so at other times
- more late-night service
- University bus service good but inconsistent (not year-round)
- buses should follow posted schedule more closely
- nice bus shelter at Lake and France
- heat/enclose bus shelter at Lake and Lake Calhoun, Lake and Dean - 2
- add shelters at West Calhoun Parkway/Lake and Calhoun Beach Club (westbound Lake St.)
- add bus stop at Chowen and Lake, westbound
- too many buses on street (Cedar Lake Ave.)
- make #17 more of an express bus
- add #1 bus service to France on Saturdays

**6. Which of the following parks do you use?**

- Park Siding - 27
- Dean Parkway - 45
- Cedar Lake parkland - 50
- Lake of the Isles parkland - 56
- Park triangles - 20

**Are there any improvements or new facilities you would like to see in these parks?**

**GENERAL:**

- baseball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts - 3
- soccer fields - 2
- better toilet facilities - 2 (esp. for families w/ young children)
- more benches, grills - 2
- volleyball court
- more tree plantings, landscaping
- continue seasonal plantings of flowers
- improvements will only bring in "outsiders"
- widen bike paths to allow safe passing; keep clean, smooth
- repave bike paths
- keep bikes off sidewalks
- better separation between bicycles and pedestrians
- plant more daffodils
- decorative street lights
- more playgrounds, tot lots, better equipment - 3
- closer park for children (west side)--part of new wetland area?
- reduce fertilizer runoff to reduce aquatic plant growth
- more safety boxes (call boxes)
- a gathering spot--w/ benches, water fountain, ornamental fountain, outdoor art - 2
- litter control

**PARK SIDING**

- better access - 2
- more swings, lower monkey bars, cargo ladder (?)
- more play equipment, jungle gym
- pleased with park

**CEDAR LAKE:**

- more anti-litter/penalty signs at picnic/fishing sites on south and west Cedar Lake
- control mountain bike damage on north and east of Cedar Lake--insitute bike patrol - 2
- improve water quality
- lighting on Cedar Lake trail (Cedar Lake Park?)
- extend bike path around Cedar Lake; join with Lake of Isles path
- new wetland area: include playground, bike/walking paths to park paths - 2
- better plantings, eliminate buckthorn and [ligstrum??], restore wildflowers
- gazebo or shelter
- park building on southwest side (near Jones-Harrison)

**LAKE OF THE ISLES**

- minimize flooding at north end, reduce milfoil, improve water quality - 2
- better foliage maintenance, pruning around water's edge

**PARK TRIANGLES:**

- playground with swings, climbers, picnic tables
- play equipment on Alcott Triangle - 2

- better maintenance, dog waste pickup
- more seating--create gathering place
- better maintenance of Chowen Triangle

**7. Circulation:** Some neighbors have found that travel through the neighborhood is difficult because of missing sidewalks and barriers such as railroads, busy streets, etc. Have you found this to be a problem?

- yes in general...slow traffic down - 6
- Sunset Blvd. near Cedar Lake (railroad tracks) - 9
- more sidewalks
- missing, damaged sidewalks - 5
  - damaged on Cedar Lake Ave.
  - east end of St. Paul Ave.
- rough, uneven bike and walking paths along Cedar
- Sunset Blvd. (missing sidewalk) - 6
- Lake Street sidewalk, Dean Pkway east - 2
- Lake Street RR bridge
- Dean Pkway sidewalk
- lack of bike path, Dean Parkway to Cedar Lake
- "No Left Turn" sign, Burnham Rd.
- Dean Pkway - light too short
- poor access to field on France (wetland site)
- poor access to Calhoun Village
- poor access to Park Siding
- road construction work a problem
- trains park on tracks, hinder access

**8. Do you have any suggestions for increasing the sense of community in the neighborhood?**

- neighborhood events, block parties - 15
  - "two-block" parties
  - clean-up day/ block party
  - alley clean-ups/get-togethers
  - progressive dinners
- neighborhood-wide, community events--picnics, etc. - 9
- annual neighborhood clean-up
- neighborhood watch group - 3
- garden club, community planting efforts - 3
- small or medium-sized gatherings
- meeting place, park shelter, gazebo etc. for get-togethers - 2
- organize block clubs
- distribute lists of neighbors on each block
- neighborhood directory
- better neighborhood organization
- focus on one or two common problems that many people can help resolve
- newsletter is informative
- concert at Lake Calhoun
- assist neighbors in need of minor repairs, errands, etc.
- difficult, lack of time, etc. - 4
- already is a community
- neighborhood schools - 2
- decorative street lights

- take time to be human, friendly
- go to synagogue (church, etc.) together

**9. Some neighbors are trying to develop an organized planting plan for boulevards and public areas in CIDNA, with plants provided at reduced costs. Would you be interested in becoming involved?**

- yes - 20 (names listed elsewhere)
- maybe - 5

**10. Can you identify any areas in the neighborhood that you think need attention in terms of plantings of trees, flowers or other plants?**

- inject elm trees - 4
- Sunset Blvd. median, boulevards - 4
- park triangles
  - Chowen Place (at Lake)
  - Alcott
- Park Siding
- along railroad tracks - 2
  - on Xerxes
- Burnham Road
- Dean Parkway
- Lake Street - buffer - 2
  - around RR bridge
- Cedar Lake parkland
  - field
  - open areas
- Sunset and Chowen
- alleys

**11. Do you have any concerns about water quality in Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles?**

64 (78 percent) expressed some concern

COMMENTS: - Lake Calhoun as well

- concerned about milfoil and its odors - has worsened in last 5 years - 2
- newsletter articles increased awareness
- would like to swim in Cedar Lake again
- continue to swim but are concerned

**12. Do you own or rent your home?**

73 (89%) own, 4 (5%) rent (remainder did not respond)

**[FOR RENTERS] Do you have any particular concerns as a renter that we should incorporate into our planning?**

- rents too high

**13. Do you have any other concerns or suggestions about the NRP? Are you interested in**

- attending meetings - 12
- attending a focus group - 10
- reviewing the draft of the Neighborhood Action Plan - 22
- participating in neighborhood events? - 26

## CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN ACTION PLAN

ACTIVITY	1994-95		1996		1997		1998		1999		94-99	
	HOUSING	OTHER	HOUSING	OTHER	HOUSING	OTHER	HOUSING	OTHER	HOUSING	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL
Gateway signs and plantings	0	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	3,500
Park Siding Improvements	0	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000
Other Park Improvements	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Soccer Field Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neighborhood Early Learning Center	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Implementation Coordinator	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	10,000	45,000
Events and Programs	0	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	10,000	10,000
Community Meeting Space	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
Commercial Area Enhancements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Maintenance Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,000	30,000
Community Planting Plan	0	15,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,500	10,500
Street Tree Replacement	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
Educational/Clean-Up Programs	0	10,500	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	50,000	50,000
Wetland Enhancements	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000
Traffic - speed humps	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	8,000
Traffic - Phase I of Sunset Blvd.	0	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Parking Strategies	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Intersection Studies	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000
Bikeway Development	0	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
Bike Lanes/Bike Path Improvements	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
Sidewalk Installation	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38,500	38,500
Bridge Railing	0	38,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,600	1,600
Bike Patrols/Safety Education	0	1,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
Street Lighting Plan	0	50,000	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	125,000
Transit Study	0	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
TOTAL	0	494,600	0	285,000	30,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	829,600
APPROVED EARLY ACCESS PERCENT FOR HOUSING	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	

NOTE: 1. Allocations to activities within each year are subject to change depending upon timing and other project-related issues, but totals for each activity and for each year will not exceed approved levels.

2. Two shifts in funds have been made: fully funding the tree planting program in 1994/95 (shift of \$5,000) and fully funding Park Siding Improvements in 1994/95 (shift of \$75,000). Funding has correspondingly been put off until 1996 for Bikeway Development (\$75,000) and Community Planting (\$5,000).

These changes were made pursuant to a request by the neighborhood and approval of the NRP Director.

3. On March 2, 1995, a shift was made between the Sidewalk Installation from 1996 to 1995 and a corresponding shift in Wetland Enhancements from 1995 to 1996 of \$25,000.