The University of Maryland
as a Baltimore Neighbor:

Work & Play Towards A
Healthier Future

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Introduction

A team of University of Maryland (UM) students prepared this white paper to synthesize students' visions of their University's role as a neighbor in Westside and West Baltimore. UM President Dr. Jay Perman issued a challenge to the UM student body to develop a vision for the surrounding neighborhoods in light of the ongoing integration challenges of the UM community with local communities. The goal of this paper is to provide a report broadly useful to members of the campus community involved in infrastructure planning, business development, academic program design, and student activities.

To this end, the 2011-2012 President's Fellows conducted independent research through a campus-wide web-survey[1] exploring student opinions about this issue, participated in a seminar series focused on academic-neighborhood relationship building, and explored the history of academic institutional involvement in urban renewal. During this process, the "Health of the Neighborhood" theme emerged, becoming a main focus for recommendations.

This paper is intended as a guide for how the University can engage its surrounding neighborhoods. The Health of the Neighborhood forms the base of this vision for the future of the Westside and West MLK areas. When exploring the relationship between neighbors, the Fellows identified five critical issues impacting the success of neighborhood development in the area of public health and wellness. These health-critical issues are (a) safety, (b) green space and recreation, (c) economic and commercial development, (d) residential development, and (e) education. This paper considers solutions addressing these issues in cohesive and synergistic ways.

Background

The University of Maryland, The Founding Campus of the University System of Maryland, is a nationally-recognized public academic health, human services, and law center. UM's 6,000 students constitute Maryland's most important training pipeline for lawyers, doctors, nurses, social workers, dentists, and pharmacists. UM students are also a core driving force behind over $500 million in sponsored research. Currently, the UM student body engages with the West

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[1] Complete results from this survey can be found in the Appendix.

Baltimore community as service providers as part of their academic fieldwork, as volunteers in local schools and community projects, as residents, and as shoppers.

The area adjacent to UM contains notable Baltimore attractions, such as the Light Rail and MARC train for public transport, two major league sports stadiums, cultural and retail opportunities in the Hippodrome and the Inner Harbor, and new residential developments in the downtown area. Despite these bright pockets, poverty and crime are serious deterrents to the area's sustained growth, particularly in Westside and West Baltimore, areas to the west of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (MLK). The scope of this paper includes the area from the Howard Street Light rail corridor to the University's neighbors in Poppleton, Hollins Market, and Pigtown/Washington Village.

Recommendations

The recommendations begin with the general need for coordination of efforts across disciplines, followed by the specific health-critical issue areas identified above: (a) safety, (b) green space and recreation, (c) economic and commercial development, (d) residential development, and (e) education.

University Center

A Need for Greater Intercampus Coordination

Accurate assessment of existing community outreach activities by the UM Schools was an important early goal of the President's Fellows. There are no readily accessible compilations of UM's community involvement to develop a comprehensive list of activities conducted by each school, a critical starting point to any assessment. Extensive searches of the UM website provided limited and out-of-date information, making it difficult to determine the current status of several programs. Campus community individuals involved in outreach were highly focused on specific project areas, but lacking knowledge of other types of UM-community interactions.

This limited collaboration among various community outreach activities is troubling. It reduces a program's potential effectiveness from a student recruitment standpoint. This situation also

increases costs and barriers by allowing redundancy and restricting programmatic synergy. Finally, it encourages a top-down approach, which tends to minimize student input.

Goal 1

Either create or designate an existing campus center to serve as the central hub for community engagement and partnership development.

Rationale: Within the entire UM student community there exists a wealth of enthusiasm and developing expertise. This dynamic resource is often channeled into community outreach and service that is school-specific. One designated center on campus provides both community residents and University members with a common point of contact to facilitate engagement.

Tactics: Under the direction of the President's Office, a center should be named to encourage, facilitate, and support UM's community engagement efforts and partnerships (Buchanan et. al., 2010). Current contributors to positive student-neighbor relations include Club UMD, the Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS), the UM Office of Community Outreach, and the Office of Interprofessional Service-Learning & Student Initiatives, among various other initiatives, centers, and groups. Creating a new center, selecting an existing one, or merging offices are all paths to be explored for raising a center to meet this broad need. The center would facilitate student educational field placements in the community, serve as a resource for collaborative community research opportunities, and provide a face for relationships between all the UM schools and the neighborhoods.

Goal 2

Develop an interdisciplinary, student-run clinic to provide appropriate level public health services in addition to social and legal services.

Rationale: A student-run clinic would provide community members with free or low-cost public health screenings while also serving as a gateway to existing social work and legal services. All involved students would benefit not only from further opportunity to practice their growing skill sets but also from working in a collaborative environment.

Tactics: Under the direction of the President's Office, a council of student stakeholders from each school should be tasked with researching, planning, and implementing the founding of UM's student-run clinic. The Just Advice program of the Law School's Community Justice clinic should be used as an inspiration, with greater coordination and services from all of the schools. An Executive Board should be selected to include faculty and students to help guide the process of securing space and funding. The Executive Board should also retain the majority of its student members.

Safety

Accurate or not, the city of Baltimore has a reputation for crime, specifically homicide. Baltimore Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld, III, acknowledged this reputation, predominantly attributing it to the notorious television drama, *The Wire* (Bealefeld, 2011). However, the state of safety in Baltimore city has actually been improving. Homicide rates are at a thirty-year low and arrests are also dropping (Bealefeld, 2011; Griego, 2011). Within the area surrounding the UM campus, crime rates are dramatically lower than the rest of Baltimore City (Bealefeld, 2011).

Despite these improvements in safety, the perception of safety in the UM community is critical to the question of effective urban renewal. Even if safety statistics dramatically improve, the perceptions of UM students, faculty, staff, and visitors drive their willingness to participate in academic and social activities on and near campus and to live in the surrounding vicinity. In a web-based survey, 14% of UM students indicated they "always feel safe," 71% "feel safe sometimes," and 16% "never feel safe."[2] Ironically, many students who chose to comment stated that the frequency and detail of the UM crime alerts often contribute to their understanding that the campus is unsafe.[3] Students expressed the most hesitation and fears surrounding Lexington Market and the BioPark.

UM Police Chief Antonio Williams stated that, in his opinion, negative perceptions about safety in the UM area arise from stereotypes and biases about the Baltimore community (Williams,

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[2] See Appendix, page 30
[3] See Appendix, for open text responses about safety, see pages 30-37

2011). If the UM community were able to mingle more with the greater Baltimore community and realize that the local residents are good people and do not want to harm them, students' and staff members' perceptions about Baltimore's safety will improve (Williams, 2011).

Existing UM Safety Programs

UM takes proactive steps to ensure that the campus community is a safe place. The UM police and Baltimore City police have a strong collaborative relationship that both forces have cited as strengths. The West Side Initiative increases collaboration between UM and City police to provide more foot patrols. Additionally, social workers present in Lexington Market can target the root causes of local crime, such as substance abuse, mental illness, and poverty. In unison, these efforts reduce both present crime and future crime.

Additionally, given criminal events near and on the UM campus, the UM community critically looked at its incident reporting system. UM continuously works to improve the timeliness and content of its messages, in compliance with the The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1989 (20 USC § 1092(f)).

Safety Goals

In identifying goals for safety, there is a twofold mission. The first is to improve actual safety, documented by lower crime rates and less victimization on the UM campus and surrounding neighborhoods. The second, and perhaps more important one to urban revitalization, is to improve the perceptions of safety near the UM campus in order to encourage more UM community members to live and recreate in the area.

Goal 1

Improve actual safety rates on and surrounding the UM campus, exhibited by tangible declines in both crime incidents and severity.

Rationale: Improving the safety of the UM campus and surrounding communities would positively impact the experiences of the UM community and Baltimore residents and visitors.

Tactics: The increased presence of law enforcement and social work professionals can combine to remedy immediate concerns and create long-term solutions. The West Side Initiative's efforts work to reduce both present crime and future crime. In addition to increased patrolling and presence, UM should take seriously former Commissioner Bealefeld's and Chief Williams's suggestions about relationship building. In his presentation, former Commissioner Bealefeld spoke about the positive benefits of relationship building between the police force and the community (Bealefeld, 2011). An increased effort in relationship building between the police, the UM community, and the greater Baltimore community would improve trust in the system and reduce issues with racial profiling and distrust among local community members.

Additionally, the UM administration and police force made a concerted effort to make crime alerts more transparent and more immediate. These efforts should continue. Chief Williams expressed concern about the low number of UM community members registered to receive the crime alerts (about 2,300 registered out of 6,000 students) (Williams, 2011). Instead of having an opt-in system, the UM administration should consider an opt-out system in which all community members receive campus alerts unless they decline to do so; however, as stated above, the frequency of crime alerts may contribute to students feeling unsafe.

Goal 2
Improve the UM community's perceptions about safety in the Baltimore by building relationships with the surrounding community.

Rationale: As Chief Williams stated, fear often arises out of the unknown. By improving the relationships between UM students, faculty, and staff with the greater Baltimore community, there will be less fear of the unknown.

Tactics: The UM campus should seek to create and maintain long-term positive relationships with the surrounding community. While the UM community is officially and unofficially involved in the surrounding community, these efforts would be better channeled toward several targeted, sustainable programs than isolated charitable events that do not build relationships. The BioPark serves as a testament to this relationship building, as do many of the medical and

legal clinics. Establishing community interaction as core to professional training in terms of practicum based professional degrees ensures sustainability and formal UM support.

Additionally, the UM community's attitudes regarding safety are important, most obviously apparent in language choice in reference to community composition. UM can redefine the campus community to include the greater Baltimore community, which eliminates an "us versus them" framework in speech and attitude. Lastly, UM should avoiding victim-blaming following incidents and should continue to incorporate an attitude of justice and human rights when evaluating the dynamics of crime near UM.

Green Space and Recreation

Environmental stewardship and sustainability have recently been in the forefront of planning at colleges and universities around the nation. The evidence of global warming and increasing destruction of the natural environment prompted institutions like UM to examine their carbon footprints and environmental impact. UM is a role model in Baltimore City's green movement because it upholds a civic commitment to resource conservation, waste reduction, and educational outreach. With the support of President Perman, who is a signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, the UM Go Green initiative addresses UM's responsibility to lead West Baltimore in environmentally sound practices (UM, 2012). A separate initiative, the UM Wellness and Academic-Life Balance Program, integrates the mission of UM Go Green with student health through seminars and green-related opportunities. The combination of these two movements promotes environmental preservation, wellness, and awareness among UM students, faculty, and staff. Though several opportunities exist for green involvement, such as the UM apiary and a community-supported agriculture program, UM falls short on allocating sufficient natural spaces for its immediate community and visitors.

Evidence suggests that a readily accessible natural environment is reflective of healthy places and communities (Largo-Wright, 2011). Urban green spaces therefore act to promote health on the community level and create visually appealing surroundings. They often come in the form of parks, gardens, and landscaped grounds with seating. In the UM fellows' web-survey, 921 out of 992 respondents expressed sentiments that certain types of green space would improve the UM

campus. Approximately 52% of all students surveyed felt that more natural areas would "significantly improve the campus."[4] When provided with several choices for green space options, 70% of students advocated for a picnic area, 64% endorsed a garden, and 53% supported a modified space for the University Plaza Farmers' Market.[5] There is a clear call from the student body for the improvement and reformation of the UM community's current outdoor space.

However, UM cannot be satisfied with merely healthy surroundings. Responsible neighborhood development and green-space cultivation means cultivating both healthy neighbors and relationships. President Perman previously expressed concern about the rise of childhood obesity (de Vise, 2011). In response, UM hosted an on-campus summit addressing the topic and was an instrumental member in the partnership to create the Institute for the Healthiest Maryland. Roughly one out of every five children is obese (CDC, 2012) and it has been estimated that over 30% of adults in Baltimore City are inactive during their leisure time (Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2011). As UM reaches out to improve the health of its neighbors, UM should encourage recreation and other interaction among UM and the surrounding communities under the shared goal of health promotion through outdoor activity. For too many of community members, the campus--composed of hospitals and clinics-- represents a location to receive medical care for preventable ailments. UM's goal should be to provide empowering resources to aid in prevention.

Green Space and Recreation goals
We identified several goals that support UM's dedication to preserving and embracing the environment. The first goal applies to the renovation of UM's current green space, whereas the second and third goals provide green suggestions for the campus' newly acquired properties. UM's community leads West Baltimore in environmental design and sustainability; however, there is a need to further incorporate health and community into UM's plans.

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[4] See Appendix, page 38
[5] See Appendix, for open text responses about green space see pages 38-43

Goal 1

Improve University Plaza Park's infrastructure and landscaping to promote safe, practical use by the entire UM Community.

Rationale: The University Plaza Park is a prominent area of communal green space on the UM campus available for recreational use. Further, it is central to both UM and the University of Maryland Medical Center so it serves as an ideal arena for collaborative events and is widely accessible by community members and UM patrons. The UM Fellows' web-survey included free response boxes in which 46 of 132 students expressed concerns about the safety and cleanliness of UM's green spaces; nearly 50% of those concerns were explicitly directed at the University Plaza Park.[6] Therefore, the current state of the park does not promote wellness, health, or security, but rather evokes feelings of uncertainty and stress. The prime location of the park makes it a promising area for enhancing the environmental wellness of all.

Tactics: The reconstruction and removal of the University Plaza Park's layered, hill-like features will improve the current green space's accessibility and utilization. The incorporation of a wide, open green space with trees will provide a more inviting feel to the entire UM community. Updated park accessories such as benches and picnic tables will promote the park's use for lunch breaks and they will encourage patrons to enjoy goods from the Farmer's Market in a natural setting. The entirety of the park will be visible to all, which will improve the perception of safety and will assist in the identification of areas in need of closer monitoring and cleaning.

Goal 2

Allocate a plot on newly acquired property for the establishment of a UM community garden.

Rationale: Research on horticulture therapy suggests that exposure to gardens or participation in gardening activities improves health and reduces stress (Largo-Wright, 2011). Using fresh produce from the garden may also encourage healthy dietary habits among UM gardeners. In addition to the health benefits, a garden can serve as a center for camaraderie among UM's

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[6] See Appendix, for open text responses about green space see pages 38-43

community members and local recreational programs. Finally, a garden will aesthetically improve the UM campus in a way that does not have a negative environmental impact.

Tactics: UM Go Green and the UM Wellness and Academic-Life Balance Program should partner in the creation of a campus garden. The recruitment of student, faculty, staff, and resident volunteers should occur through information sessions, gardening classes, and community outreach. Hence, the therapeutic benefits of the newly established green space will have the potential to reach the entire UM community.

Goal 3

Establish an outdoor space, ideally at least 360 feet long and 160 feet wide, to be developed exclusively for dual use, multi-season recreation for the entire community.

Rationale: The CDC recommends children engage in aerobic exercise for at least 60 minutes a day and adults do the same for at least three hours a week (CDC, 2008). UM's downtown location lacks suitable on- or near-campus recreation space, depriving campus and community members opportunities for recreational activities within the community. This is not only a, access barrier to physical activities, but it also inhibits community building, since community members are less likely to engage in recreation together, an important factor in community creation. A safe, secure, well lit campus space, complete with facilities to enable and enhance recreation, could facilitate this while also being utilized as a point of contact between students, staff, faculty, and the local community.

Tactics: Members of UM's URecFit office, in collaboration with the Executive Staff at UM's BioPark, should identify a suitable space within a short distance of the BioPark. Emphasis should be placed on locations that offer a permanent location for recreation space, not just placeholders for further development. Creative funding strategies, including use fees from local recreation or school teams, should be utilized to develop the limited infrastructure necessary to ensure a safe and healthy space.

Economic and Commercial Development

The UM campus is located in the heart of Baltimore city, with close proximity to the Inner Harbor, business district, two major stadiums, and numerous small businesses. However, the immediate campus area is in evident need of greater economic and commercial development. The campus area includes a number of vacant properties that have been boarded up, some of which belong to UM. Lexington Market, which contains the majority of retail space closest to the UM campus, closes at 6 pm and is not open on Sundays. The majority of remaining businesses often stay open on a business schedule, leaving students and staff who live in the area with few alternatives for shopping, dining, entertainment, and other activities during times outside of business hours. This represents a significant loss of revenue for the community, makes it less attractive to live in, and is a lost opportunity for community creation and integration.

UM should lead the community by making a commitment of university funding and resources to support initial development that will eventually attract private investments. With more retail spaces, pedestrian traffic and street life will improve, increasing the positive intermingling of campus and community. Additionally, UM should research future joint ventures of investing in real estate development to improve the retail climate near campus. As one of the biggest businesses in the area, UM should leverage its business relationships in order to facilitate enhanced purchasing, contracting, and employment opportunities for West Baltimore residents and businesses. Lastly, UM should continue integrating itself in the community, with UM affiliates serving on boards of business associations, community organizations, and public-sector bodies.

Goal 1

Support the transition of UM's nine-to-five campus life to a 24-hour community environment by providing a diverse set of retail offerings on campus.

Rationale: According to Rodin (2007), retail development is a significant factor in urban renewal (p. 108). Thus, in order to successfully revitalize the West Baltimore community, UM must increase its participation in the local economy. Options are numerous when exploring

potential retail opportunities for an urban campus; therefore, UM should consider the results of the UM Fellows' web-survey in its economic transition. Approximately 71% of student respondents supported the addition of new restaurants, and nearly 67% advocated for some type of on-campus grocery store.[7] Overall, the survey revealed an increased demand for commercial opportunities that provide better support for residential living.[8] UM's endorsement of desirable commercial options will then encourage students, faculty, and staff to further integrate within the campus' surrounding communities.

Tactics: UM can promote conditions in which local businesses extend hours of operation to allow for consumer activities on weeknights and weekends. Additional efforts should focus on business incentives and the availability of retail space for a mixed offering of products and services on the UM campus. UM may also facilitate two-way marketing by expanding UM's One-Card to more local businesses and by advertising its ease of use to students, faculty, and staff.

In addition to supporting current businesses, UM should create incentives for UM students and employees to remain within the immediate residential community by providing desirable commercial options such as a basic grocery store and reasonable dining locations. For instance, numerous web-survey respondents identified Chipotle as a much desired restaurant.

Goal 2

Encourage new healthy eating options on the campus and in the surrounding community and support those already present.

Rationale: The health of our campus and community is supported by the health of our faculty, students, staff and neighbors. Currently, our campus and surrounding neighborhoods may lack easy access to healthy eating options as well as affordable groceries within walking distance. Addressing these deficits would increase the health and well being of the campus and Westside

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[7] See Appendix, page 25
[8] See Appendix, for open text responses about retail options see pages 25-29

communities while helping to encourage the continuing economic development of the neighborhood.

Tactics:

UM should encourage and incentivize local businesses offering healthy food options through a recommended list of locations for catering and recognition in UM advertisements. Specifically, UM can designate and advertise specific locations for food trucks to be used only by approved, nutritious vendors. UM should also continue to support the City's "Get Fresh Lexington" initiative to increase the number of healthy eating options available at Lexington Market. Students are area residents and should also be included in this collaboration.

Residential Development

Housing and residential development in West Baltimore has been a concern for families and officials for years. While many families do make the Poppleton and Hollins Market neighborhoods their home, there are a large number of abandoned properties. These are an eyesore, a haven for criminal activity, a danger to public health, and a waste of space (M. DiPaula, N. Jackson, and E. Chandlee, personal communication with Jeffrey Clark, March 12, 2012). These abandoned properties need to be better boarded up in the immediate-term and then either refurbished into appropriate and affordable housing stock or demolished for green space (M. DiPaula, et al., personal communication with Jeffrey Clark, March 12, 2012). Many ideas have been put forth and projects initiated to manage these blighted properties, including Baltimore City's Vacants-to-Value program or a proposal to sell properties for $1 to public servants, such as teachers, police officers, and firefighters (respectively, Parthemos, et al., Nov. 2, 2011; Bealefeld, Nov. 10, 2011).

Beyond these specific housing related concerns however, residential development depends upon the quality of life current and future residents expect in a place they call home. The proximity to and quality of a variety of social and economic supports--finance, grocery, education, recreation, cultural/identity, jobs, dependent day care, among others--are all important components of an inviting and habitable neighborhood. Notably, many of these components are lacking, of poor quality, too expensive, or inconveniently located. One particular concern of residents and

students living and/or working near the UM BioPark is the extent to which the current and projected BioPark buildings block sunlight for the surrounding residential homes (M. DiPaula, et al , personal communication, March, 12, 2012). Another concern highlighted in the web-survey is the lack of a decent grocery store near campus.

Existing Efforts

UM currently has a few small efforts that impact the residential development of the neighborhoods west of MLK. SWCOS has a small program of two students and one faculty advisor who are working with the Poppleton Community Development Corporation, independently organizing residents and connecting them with appropriate and available services (M. DiPaula, et al , personal communication with Jeffrey Clark, March, 12, 2012). The BioPark maintains a relationship with residents and community groups (Shaab, 2011). In expanding their facilities, they purchase abandoned properties, and generally seek to be a good neighbor, bringing services and shops that will be mutually beneficial to residents and the BioPark (Shaab, 2011). Finally, residents are in communication with UM's Community Affairs Office, though it is not specifically engaged in any residential development activities (Sturdivant, 2011).

To invigorate the neighborhoods west of MLK, two broad goals should be pursued. The first is to stimulate neighborhood residency, while the second is to increase connection with the neighborhoods.

Goal 1

Stimulate residency in Poppleton and Hollins Market by increasing mixed-income housing stock, for both ownership and rentals, and facilitating the introduction of complementary institutional components to a prosperous neighborhood.

Rationale: Stimulating neighborhood residency will strengthen the economic conditions of the areas surrounding UM, making it more attractive to future students, staff, and investors.

Tactics: As an anchor institution, UM could partner with public or private organizations, such as the Poppleton Community Development Corporation, to facilitate significant reinvestment. UM can:

- Acquire and restore properties to be sold to purchasers of varying levels of income;
- Sponsor a live-near-your-work program for staff, in which down-payment loan or grant incentives are provided to purchase homes;
- Convert properties into student housing (for groups and families) at discounted rates which require community investment activities, such as participation in neighborhood meetings, volunteering regularly at local institutions, mentoring students, or liaising between UM programs and neighborhood residents;
- Integrate field practice course work requirements with neighborhood engagement;
- Create incentives for the establishment of bank and credit union branches west of MLK in order to provide residents and UM community members with access to affordable and secure financial services. This includes savings accounts, loans, mortgages, and other asset building products. People's ability to maintain a healthy and sound livelihood is significantly affected by the cost of life's goods and service. Check-cashing, payday and refund anticipation loans, and other costly financial services inhibit residents' ability to invest that money into their own homes and community.
- Create incentives for the establishment of a full service grocery store, which, as previously mentioned, makes the area more attractive to prospective residents and improves community health by providing adequate access to healthy and affordable food and other basic goods.

Goal 2

Increase connections with the Poppleton and Hollins Market neighborhoods through engagement with individuals, families, community groups, and institutions.

Rationale: Strengthening the relationships UM has with its neighbors will enhance UM's image in the community, facilitate opportunities for outreach and mutual learning, and partially fulfill UM's fifth and eighth strategic plan themes, to develop local and global initiatives that address

critical issues and to create a vibrant, dynamic university community (University of Maryland, 2011).

Tactics: A multi-pronged approach to residential development will help ensure a healthy and thriving community around UM in a way that piecemeal activities would not. UM should initiate the following projects, some of which have overlap with goals in other sections:

- Install solar panels on the roofs of the BioPark facilities and sell the electricity to neighborhood residents at a significantly discounted price as compensation for the lack of light;
- Enhance the quality of education, which not only equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary for graduation, but provides them career tracks which lead to livable wages;
- Plant green space for recreation and agriculture;
- Hold trainings, medical screenings, and other services within the neighborhood;
- Offer affordable dependent care so family members can work and study.

Education

Educational reform is sweeping through the Baltimore City Public Schools in many forms, including dynamic charter schools, professionally-focused high-schools, and system-wide evidence-based policies emphasizing student achievement. However, work still needs to be done. Particular goals outlined by Michael Sarbanes (2011), the Executive Director of the Baltimore City Schools' Office of Engagement, were a) strengthening the instructional core; b) increasing family and community engagement; and c) improving school facilities.

Forging a connection between UM and the surrounding community through the primary and secondary schools benefits both UM and its neighbors. UM students are natural role models to inspire professional ambitions in neighborhood school children who may not receive such encouragement in their home environment. School stabilization in the UM neighborhood provides economic benefits by cultivating a skilled local labor force for local employers, including UM. Finally, competitive local schools is critical for residential development of the UM neighborhood by attracting new families into the area.

The UM neighborhood of interest is divided into two areas. The first is the Lexington Market/Westside area and the second encompasses the neighborhoods on the western side of MLK. These areas contain different education-related assets. In the Lexington Market/Westside areas, plentiful retail and office space offer opportunities for housing education-directed activities and businesses. In the neighborhoods on the western side of MLK, neighborhood public schools provide a route for UM to inspire positive change in the neighborhood through support of local families. Campus representatives who we met generally agreed that school-based interactions between UM and its neighbors have been generally positive and productive. Therefore, we have focused our recommendations to two goals that are directed at strengthening the link between UM and the local neighborhood schools.

Existing UM Educational Outreach Programs

During the fact-finding stage, the Presidential Fellows explored the current menu of UM educational outreach programs in interviews with Brian Sturdivant (2011), MSW, the UM Community Outreach Director. A presentation by the City Schools' Office of Engagement Executive Director, Michael Sarbanes (2012), illuminated the needs of Baltimore City Schools. Finally, as indicated in the multidisciplinary recommendations, Fellows searched the UM website to identify UM community involvement.

UM currently engages in a variety of dynamic educational outreach programs. One exciting program is the partnership between Virginia T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy and Baltimore City Community College to prepare high school students for careers in medical technology, a growth area that directly serves the needs of the UMMC. Club UMD is another popular program, bringing UM students into George Washington Elementary School and Southwest Baltimore Charter School to provide mentoring support to local school students during an academic-year-long afterschool program. Other programs, such as Promise Heights of the University of Maryland School of Social Work, strive to build community in West Baltimore and include educational components. These programs are all successful and popular. Club UMD, in particular, is an important pipeline for promoting interaction between UM students and local school students.

There are a multiple barriers that inhibit UM student involvement in such educational programs. These include the perceived issue of personal/property safety, lack of time for students to invest in volunteer activities, and poor coordination between schools restricting student recruitment. In the web-survey, students preferred occasional volunteer opportunities, such as once per semester, by two to one over weekly/monthly volunteer commitments.[9] Student respondents also requested additional opportunities for local field placements or academic credit associated with involvement in the local neighborhoods.[10]

In response to the community's need for strengthened schools and to address barriers to UM student involvement, we developed two goals. These complement UM's mission of health promotion by drawing from existing UM capacities. A long-term commitment to these goals would ideally lead to additional opportunities for developing a synergy between UM and local schools.

Goal 1

Develop opportunities for greater numbers of UM students to become involved with the Club UMD by increasing program participation and normalizing participation by all of the UM Schools.

Rationale: Increasing UM student support of local schools will be more successful if it occurs through an existing, proven framework rather than attempting to overcome institutional inertia to develop a new set of programs. Club UMD is currently popular with UM students and the target schools, and also has University-wide recognition. Club UMD provides a range of types of involvement for both regular and one-time volunteer opportunities, suiting most students' wishes (UMB Office of Student Affairs, 2010). Therefore, strengthening Club UMD provides an ideal mechanism for increasing UM student involvement with neighborhood school students.

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[9] See Appendix, page 44, for open text responses about volunteer opportunities see pages 44-45
[10] See Appendix, page 46, for open text responses about community involvement see pages 46-47

Tactics: UM should increase outreach to students, equalize School participation, and use incentives.

Orientation outreach. All incoming students should be provided with information about Club UMD during orientation in the form of small-group discussions with current Club UMD student members and reinforcing pamphlets with contact information. A calendar of planned activities for the school year should be available at orientation and students should be encouraged to sign up for at least one activity per academic semester. Follow-up should be provided to continuing students during open enrollment for the next semester.

Equalize Club UMD participation by students from each UM School. Using the description of 2009-2010 Club UMD activities, it was estimated that students from the Schools of Medicine and Law had at least twice as many opportunities for Club UMD participation than students from the Schools of Dentistry, Social Work, Nursing and Pharmacy. It should be a common goal of the President's Outreach Council and each of the Schools to equalize participation by each School. For this goal, the Council should work with each School to identify barriers limiting student involvement and develop suitable solutions to these barriers.

Incentives. Faculty at each School should provide the President's Outreach Council with a list of potential incentives appropriate to that School's students. These could include academic credit, credit towards clinical hour requirements with specific courses identified, or entry into raffles for rewards such as gift cards to a local business or insignia-bearing clothing items.

The City should utilize Club UMD as a mechanism for accomplishing the City Schools' goal of improving school facilities. UM students offer a source of labor that could be useful for infrastructure improvements of the local school buildings, such as painting and basic repairs.

Goal 2

Develop a sustainable campus-wide program to provide attendance incentives to students at neighborhood schools.

Rationale: Regular school attendance is a critical step for academic achievement. It is an area where simple and low-cost interventions can have a significant effect on student achievement by stabilizing attendance.

Tactic: Each School should "adopt" one of the schools in the surrounding neighborhood. Working together, the UM School and the neighborhood school administration or parent teacher organization should develop a plan for incentivizing student attendance. Potential incentives could include a special visit to the School, reading times with the UM School students, or in-house field trips by the UM School faculty and students to provide enrichment activities.

Conclusion

The University of Maryland is currently in a unique position regarding urban renewal, with strong potential to strengthen the relationship between its downtown Baltimore campus and the surrounding community. While the UM community already engages in service and partnership to the local community, these relationships could be more fruitful by coordinating efforts of the different schools and increasing transparency about the available programs.

By increasing focus on the targeted areas of (a) safety, (b) green space and recreation, (c) economic and commercial development, (d) residential development, and (e) education, UM can collectively address the concerns of both the UM campus and the greater community. Both the tangible recommendations within each of these subject areas coupled with the overall recommendations to create a center for community engagement with accompanying interdisciplinary student-run clinic provide steps to further urban renewal surrounding the UM campus.

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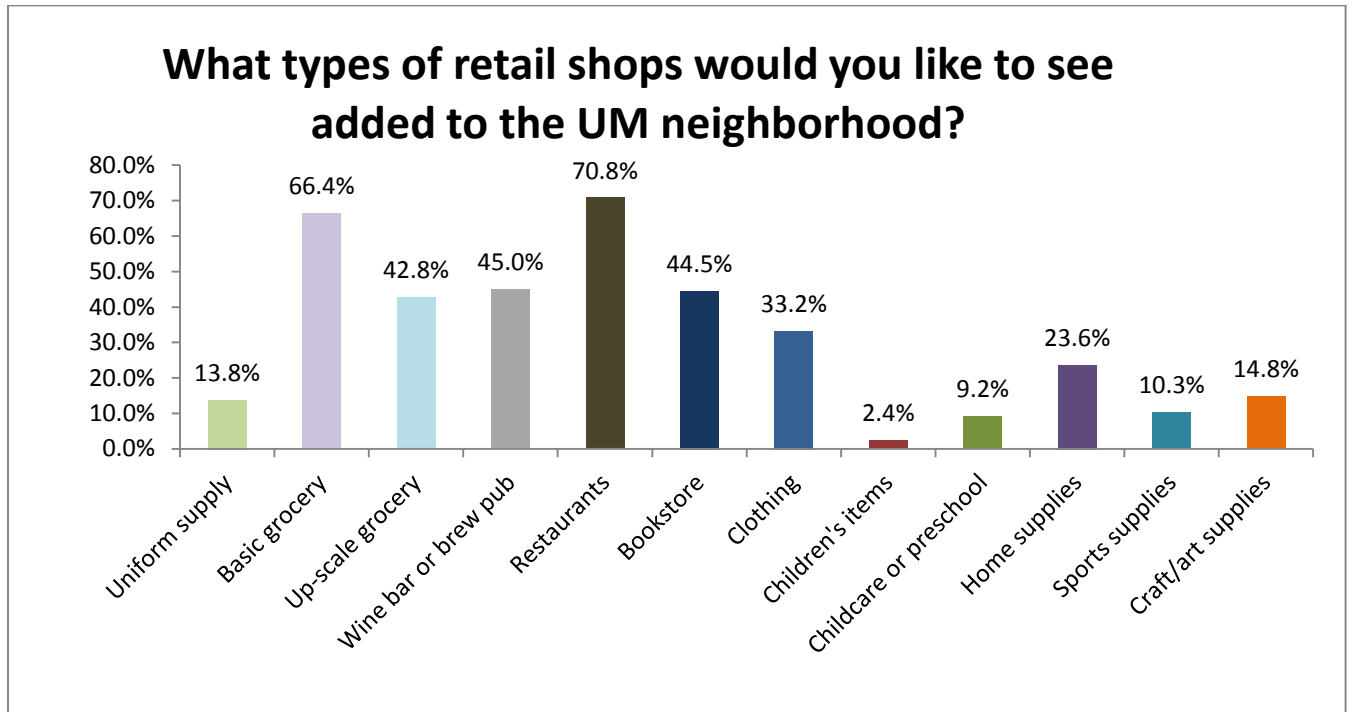
APPENDIX

Student Community Relations Survey

Issued via Surveymokey.com to the entire University of Maryland student body from May 15, 2012 – May 28, 2012. A total of 995 responses were collected.

Question 1: In what ZIP code do you currently live?

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- 21201 — 32%
- 21217 — 1%
- 21223 — 1%
- 21230 — 13%
- Other — 53%
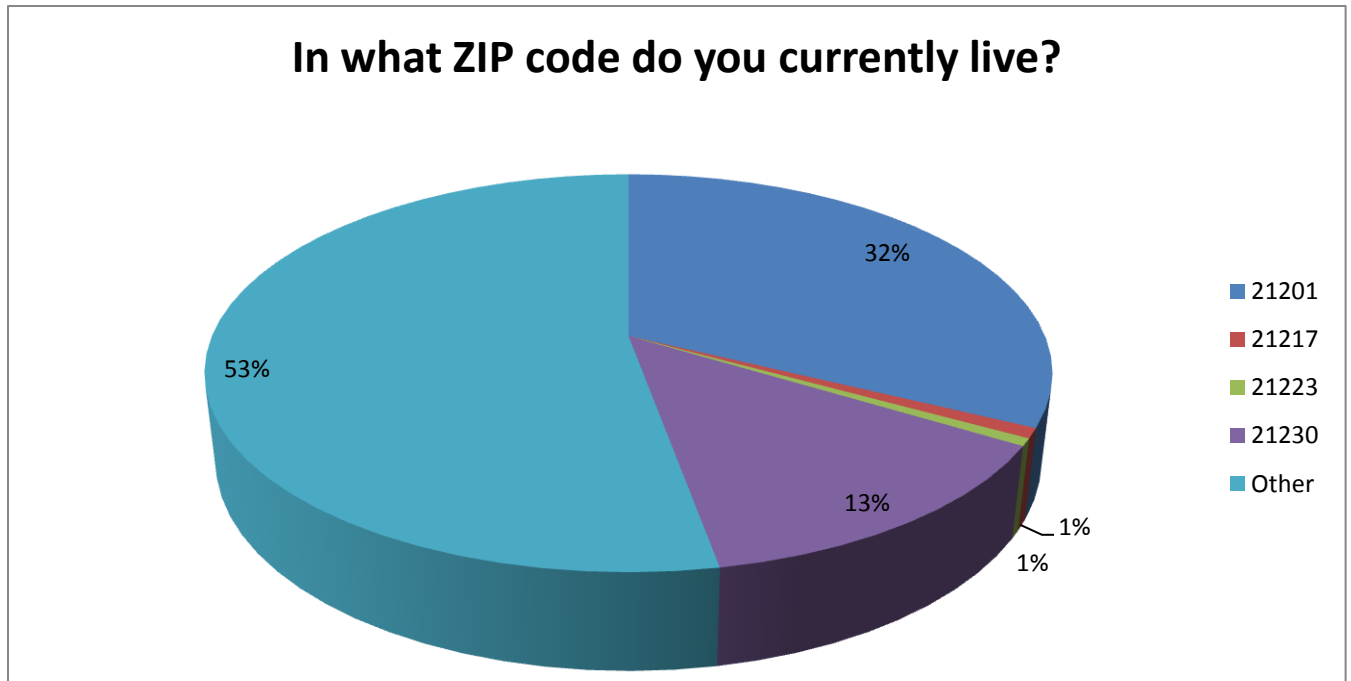
Question 2: What types of retail shops would you like to see added to the UM neighborhood?
Select all that apply

What types of retail shops would you like to see added to the UM neighborhood?

Category	Percentage
Uniform supply	13.8%
Basic grocery	66.4%
Up-scale grocery	42.8%
Wine bar or brew pub	45.0%
Restaurants	70.8%
Bookstore	44.5%
Clothing	33.2%
Children's items	2.4%
Childcare or preschool	9.2%
Home supplies	23.6%
Sports supplies	10.3%
Craft/art supplies	14.8%

Question 2 text responses:

Number	Your suggestions
1	Vegetarian or Middle eastern restaurant
2	I am a distance learning student that visits the campus once a year for a professional seminar.
3	I would like somewhere to get some veggies and fresh food at a reasonable price that I can easily walk to
4	There are restaurants on campus, but not enough vegan-friendly options and interesting ethnic options.
5	bakery, beauty supply
6	It would be nice to have more places like Ale wife that are nice enough that you would want to take out-of-town guests to it.
7	I don't show for anything in Baltimore, so it doesn't matter to me.
8	Entertainment - it would be great to have a movie theater
9	Chipotle!
10	I'd like to see more places and spaces students can meet up or work in between classes. Courtyards, coffee shops, parks, etc.
11	More specialty shops (i.e. bakeries, ethnic cuisine stores)
12	Office supplies. I ran out of ink in my pens at school recently and had no where to go to find replacements.
13	Definitely a suitable grocery store, hair salon
14	A close good restaurant with wine bar and/or brew pub would be great. Also, a shop closer to campus - whether it be a book store, clothing store, or grocery.
15	a drug store! (CVS, etc)

FOOD!!!!!!!!!! Fast food, semi-fast food, coffee shops, etc. There are MINIMAL convenient, affordable and tasty places to go to for lunch for the entire UMB grad school campus (which is why Panera seems to be doing so successfully following its opening...). Bring in a Chipotle or Noodles & Company, the ones in the harbor are too far to grab a quick bite for an hour-long lunch.

16 | ALSO, there are minimal places with free wi-fi, outlets for computers, and comfortable conditions to study for all the grad students. Bring in more coffee shop-types and/or just more friendly, accessible places to study!
17 | Chipotle would CLEAN UP!
18 | Office supplies
19 | A good grocery store is something that this area needs badly!
20 | Like a Whole Foods or a Giant grocery store would be nice!
21 | More healthy food options like fresh fruits and vegetables.
22 | Ice cream shop, bagel shop, 7/11 or CVS, grocery store
23 | Marshall's, Taco Bell, Ace Hardware, Weis
24 | Grocery is most critical

Chipotle

25 | A store to buy scrubs and related accessories from
26 | More independent food shops and cafes
27 | Hair salon. Always have to trek to get my haircut
28 | More restaurants are crucial to the campus because there are very few locations to get lunch or dinner. The same goes for a grocery store.
29 | Coffee shop, affordable yet clean alternative for sandwiches
30 | Dean and Deluca Grocery Store, Pizza Paradiso, DogFish Head Pub
31 | Bookstore that students can study at like BAM, Borders, or Barnes and Noble. It would be nice if there were more cafe's closer to campus.
32 | A store similar to Wal-mart that sells a variety of items.
33 | Wal-Mart
34 | Does not have to be "up-scale" per se, but I would love to be able to do adequate grocery shopping without having to travel miles and miles to get to another grocery store.
35 | The recent addition of Panera is a good start. I realize that we have a bookstore, but it sells little if any books other than textbooks.
36 | Coffee shops and grocery store
37 | Community Centers and coffee shops open late
38 | Boutiques
39 | Chipotle, Trader Joe's; get rid of McDonalds

Produce Market

40 | Freshii (new store in charles village)
41 | Kinkos Copy for after hours, late nights
42 | No preference
43 | It would be wonderful it we had more options for dining on the weekends and in the evening. Thankfully, Panera is now near the Law School but it would be great if we could have other options.
44 | More bars, cafes
45 | Office Supplies
46 | Another cafe would be nice.
47 | Target would be ideal
48 | Trader Joe's and TARGET!

49	movie theater, dave and busters,
50	I don't live in the area, so have no preference.
51	drycleaners
52	health(ier) fast food options
53	Affordable places to grab lunch
54	Fast foods not just sandwishes
55	This neighborhood needs grocery stores. I have to drive over one mile to get my groceries. Not everyone has a car, not everyone has access to fruits and vegetables.
56	Target
57	The Panera was a great addition but it would be nice to have a bar of some sort closer to campus. Once you get farther away everyone disperses and goes to different bars, it would be fun to have a UM hangout.
58	Pharmacy for OTC medications such as aspirin or cold medicine.
59	coffee shop, cafe
60	Safe quick restaurants. Panera and potbellys is great
61	Fast food
62	a Safeway, Giant, or something equivalent would be SO nice to have.
63	Grocery store, eateries, clothing shops.
64	Costco
65	WE NEED GOOD FOOD
66	GYM
67	Super Walmart!
68	whole food grocery store
69	panera bread, barnes and noble, target, giant
70	Mainly restaurants, cafes, fast food. As seen through the business of Panera, any of these types of companies are greatly needed on campus.
71	More restaurants that are open on the weekends and past 3pm!!!! Also, a clothing store in closer proximity would be amazing!
72	Auto Parts, Pet Supplies
73	Chipotle would be great. A Trader Joes or Whole Foods would also be very convenient. Some upscale restaurants/bars would really improve the area as well.
74	Frozen Yogurt
75	sushi restaurant
76	Frozen yogurt!
77	Panera is doing so well and it was about time we got a place like that.
78	Anything that adds more quality to the area and makes it more student friendly
79	For bookstores, I prefer local/independent bookstores to large chains.
80	Trader Joe's
81	A decent grocery store, separate from Lexington Market, would be stellar.
82	Small, affordable places to eat. A grocer would make living near the school substantially more convenient.
83	Busboys & Poets
84	Electronics
85	Definitely a grocery store.
86	A used bookstore.

Don't try to gentrify the neighborhood. University of Cincinnati tried this while I was attending from 2000 to 2008 and many businesses we closed and new businesses started that quickly went out of business and the University, which have made a foundation to invest in neighborhood properties lost millions of dollars ($5 million+). UC also opened a hotel managed by Marriot that lost 1 to 5 million dollars a year while I was there over at least 3 years. Many local small businesses were put out of business and then there were empty buildings in their wake after student's stopped going to places like The Gap that the |

university decided would be good for the neighborhood.

87 | It would be so great to have more food options, both prepared and non-prepared near school, that are safe and offer healthy choices.

88 | A grocery store would be a HUGE improvement.

89 | Restaurants that are open for dinner

90 | Cafe,

91 | Especially the basic grocery.

92 | Trader Joe's

93 | On campus child care would be awesome.

94 | How about a FREE parking lot for students?!!! That could help ensure safety as well

95 | Whole foods?

96 | Walmart, Target, Ikea

97 | Nike

98 | Scrub store, more food options

99 | A wine bar would be awesome. More restaurants would be good to - the Panera that just opened is a nice change of pace. Perhaps a pizza place? A grocery store would be good too (upscale would be nice but a regular one would be just as good!)

100 | Office Supply. Chick-fil-a.

101 | Something better than 7-11, like a Small grocery store would be great. Any grocery store with reasonable prices. A Trader Joe's would be fantastic.

102 | Healthier food choices in closer proximaty to the school. The new Panara is wonderful.

103 | Target. Walmart, Giant,

104 | Basic general stores for living and food necessities but with better quality items.

105 | Most important would be for the University to provide childcare!

106 | We need a 7-11 type convenience store that is closer. Basic grocery and or upscale grocery would be a good option for the neighborhood. We have Lexington Market but it can be somewhat of a chaotic environment to go pick up a few items.

107 | Also, adding a few good restaurants in the area would make campus a better place. Please find a way to close down the McDonald's on Baltimore street and replace it with a decent establishment.

108 | Drug Store

109 | Stores and restaurants that are affordable to people who live in the community

110 | Police Booths

111 | I feel that the area most lacks a CVS type of store that includes office supplies and other basic needs.

112 | Latino food restaurants

113 | Bagel shop

114 | CVS or Rite Aid

115 | Open green area, park

116 | We have a lot of sandwich/cafe-based restaurants, which are great! but I'd love some variety. Maybe a mexican place other than Salsarita's. I would love to have a good/real Chinese place by UM. Or even just some casual grocery store. Lexington Market can be frightening, considering my friend and i have been nearly pickpocketed there. Supply stores nearby are helpful so that those of us who don't have cars (like me) don't have to walk all the way to inner harbor to hope that something will be available at the nearest CVS. A place like Brewer's Art or a wine bar would also be a nice place to unwind.

117	Better restaurants for lunch
118	I think that the options for wine bars and breweries are enough nearby, but the addition of a nearby grocery store that didn't require driving to would be nice.
119	WE NEED A GROCERY STORE
120	A sports bar would do really well.

Also, I hate the food at Panera, but I would have invested every penny in that one location next to the McDonald's. I'm sure it will rake in the dough. |
121	Any grocery store would be awesome
122	coffee shops
123	cafe
124	CHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL ACHICK FIL A CHICK FIL A
125	Basic grocery and home supplies are the most important..and they are completely missing in downtown baltimore.
126	just simply make it like rittenhouse square, philadelphia.
127	Starbucks
128	ANY type of grocery store or market!

Question 3: How safe do you feel on the UM campus and surrounding neighborhood? Consider the UM neighborhood to be between Lexington Market to the north and east, BioPark to the west and Camden Yards to the south. Select one answer.

How safe do you feel on the UM campus and surrounding neighborhood? Consider the UM neighborhood to be between Lexington Market to the north and east, BioPark to the west and Camden Yards to the south.

- I always feel safe.
- I feel safe sometimes.
- I never feel safe.
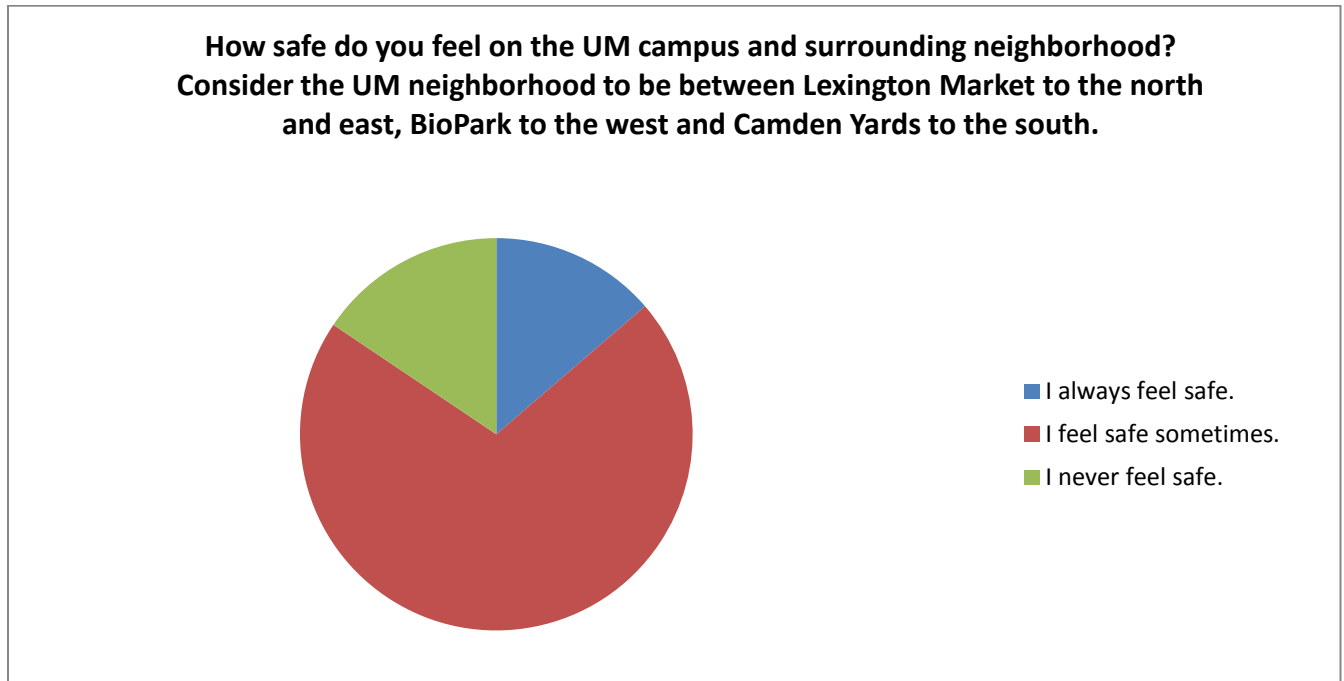
Question 3 text responses:

Number	Comments
1	I feel unsafe around the plaza (in between the law school and social work school) when walking at night.
2	I don't feel safe around BioPark area.
3	I feel safe most of the time but every once in a while there are incidents that remind me to not travel alone or at night in the area
4	the UM alerts help make me aware. the frequency of criminal events seems unsafe.
5	Rarely at night or in the early morning hours when there is no one around do I feel particularly safe.
6	The crime alerts make it clear that there is a fair amount of crime, even physically dangerous crime, in the area of the school. I do appreciate seeing the campus police on the street, although they often seem to be distracted by their electronics or something.
7	I do not live near these areas, however I do get frequent campus crime alerts which have varied from people being robbed to being stabbed. Based on this I would not feel safe being down in this area, especially by myself.
8	I never feel 100% walking the streets. Often, I walk alone and I walk "with a purpose" in order to get to my destination as soon as possible. With all the robberies, assaults and other crimes that occur, I do not usually feel at ease to walk alone. I carry pepper spray, but that can only do so much (and only does so little).
9	There are frequent reports of robberies especially around the Lexington side that can be unsettling.
10	There has been an increase in the number of campus-related incidents (robberies, stabbings, etc) in the past 6 months, both on campus and in the surrounding areas.

11	I feel safe when I see street corners manned by police officers. I think that people are less likely to commit crimes in the presence of authority.
12	Generally, I'm on campus in the delight hours, but when I do have to walk during the evening hours, I feel the campus is well-lit and there is a police presence. Regardless, people have to use their judgement and avoid traversing areas that appear "sketchy"
13	I always felt relatively safe, until recently my friend was mugged in broad daylight in front of pickles pub. I was upset the university did not send out a campus alert when they seem to for much smaller things.
14	I feel safer during the day however not during the evening (early or late) especially around lexington and near the intersection of pine and west baltimore
15	Lots of muggings/holdups near the market...
16	I only feel safe in broad daylight
17	I actually feel safe most of the time. I usually only feel unsafe during the warmer months very late at night.
18	I think we need more campus officers in the area of lexington parking as they are not always available.
19	Going west towards the BioPark I don't feel safe.
20	I am aware of the areas that I probably shouldn't go by myself. Most of the time, going North, towards Lexington Market, is the only place I really try to avoid. Mainly because of the high pedestrian traffic and stories I've heard from other students and colleagues.
21	the areas closest to lexington market and the biopark leaving me vary cautious...
22	I always am on my guard about my surroundings when I am alone. I prefer never to walk alone.
23	I feel like I always have to be alert, but I'm not terrified.
24	Try to be aware of surroundings
25	I always feel safe, but my friends don't like that I walk around by myself with no protection. They always carry mace and a rape whistle. The only time I ever feel jumpy is when I'm walking home from the library at 10 or 11 p.m. when it's really dark.
26	I have class 6 9pm on Tues. and Wed. so sometimes I'm a little concerned about my safety; especially after receiving so many UM crime/safety alerts.
27	I rarely walk alone at night. But when I do I am pretty nervous so I tend to take the shuttle or walk with a friend.
28	It's sketchy in lots of neighborhood and I'm constantly watching my back and where I go at night.
29	If you are smart in the way you dress and the places you go you don't have any problems usually. I don't hear of many students getting in serious trouble. Its the same in every city I've ever lived in. Also usually the people in the neighborhood have conflicts among themselves, not involving the students.
30	I do not feel safe at night on the Biopark side of MLK or near Lexington market. I feel safe by the SMC CC and Ridgley's and Camden Yards area.
31	There are reports of crime fairly frequently, so I am sure to be aware of my surroundings and to avoid isolated areas. I generally feel pretty safe.
32	I am always aware of my surroundings though when leaving the CENTRAL core of the campus
33	I usually feel mostly kinda sorta safe, but I never wear headphones, I don't talk on my phone, and I try to always carry some (but not too much) cash to satisfy the demands of a mugger.
34	I feel safe only if i am walking with someone else. I feel less safe at night, but still feels unsafe during the day since things have happened in the early evening also.
35	I don't feel particularly unsafe, but I do feel like one must always be very aware.
36	in the morning
37	part of online community
38	its pretty terrifying walking the streets. I dread it
39	On the day time, it is Ok, at night it is scary.
40	I wish there were more shuttle services during the day. Sometimes I feel unsafe walking

from the SSW to Lexington garage.

41 during daylight hours i feel safe. I exponentially feel less safe as the

42 Being a male, I have never felt unsafe, however i can see why some females might feel unsafe.

43 I have never had any problems but I am always aware of my surroundings.

44 if its night time its a different sorty bc then i get paranoid

45 I feel safe during daylight but not after dusk by myself

46 The police presence is wonderful!

47 As long as there are security guards posted on the corners... similar to JHH.

48 The amount of traffic surrounding the area is very unnerving. Since the campus is open, it's so easy for people to walk through the neighborhood. The amount of alerts I have received leads me to believe that the level of crime here is outstanding. I rarely see any police presence.

49 I feel safe south as you walk down Paca from Baltimore, but wouldn't feel safe otherwise, especially at night.

50 I genuinely do not feel safe on our campus. I worked in Baltimore for years before attending classes at UMB and this is the least safe I have felt. I spend $13 a day to park closer to campus because I feel the student parking lot is in an especially unsafe area with little monitoring

51 I feel safe when there is a strong police presence but I always hear about Campus Alerts that make me feel unsafe.

52 Okay during the day, not so much at night.

53 i always feel safe during the day, but sometimes when i am walking around past 7pm i feel uneasy, but have never had any actual negative experiences

54 I am often worried about my safety

55 I almost always feel save during the day. I feel less safe when I get closer to lexinton market. I dont feel that safe if I am walking alone at night, which I try not to do.

56 In my two years attending UMB I feel less safe now than I did when i started law school

57 Unfortunately with the increase crime rate in the area the safety issue has been put into question. However, the increase of campus police has made me feel safe at times. The visual presence of the security/ police force has helped tremendously.

58 Would perhaps feel less safe if I had to be there after dark

59 I may be walking with rose colored glasses, but I feel very safe here.

60 I initially felt safe, then campus police started notifying students of all the violence and robberies nearby. That was early this year, now I feel less safe walking to my car which I park in garage near the bookstore.

61 I onl;y use the area around the SON and the hospital so feel safe there. During the day I feel safe in the greater area, but not a night

62 I have lived at Fayette Square for nearly three years. When I leave the apartment complex to walk to the pharmacy school or to the library or the gym, I am consistently harassed by the men walking through the campus area and the men standing around the VA hospital or across the street from the VA hospital by the church. I know that other female students have the same problem. First, you need to place signs for "No Loitering" in these areas and have the campus security enforce this.

63 I was told at my orientation that there were hardly any crimes on campus, and that it was extemely safe. My experience in the last two years has not shown that. I have been alerted many times about robberies, stabbings, shootings. Therefore I feel safe one sometimes. I will say after these events I have noticed a huge increase in the amount of campus officers ive seen, which does make me feel a little better.

64 Always depends on time of day and whether or not I am in a group or not. I don't feel like I can really leave my car parked in any of these areas for a long time, the garages are totally necessary.

65 I feel safe during the day, when I see campus security on each block.

66 I feel safe because I schedule my class during the day/eve time that let out prior to dark.

67 I feel threatened a majority of the time

68	After dark, in front of school of nursing is fairly scary. I have not had any incident personally during my 9 months at UMB
69	I don't feel safe especially on weekends becuse there is nobody on streets.
70	This year I'm only on campus for one night class a week, and park in the garage close to class--but have always felt safe.
71	Definately more safe in the daytime than night. I wouldn't walk to the Lex garage alone at night.
72	Feel safe closer to the camden yard area... don't feel so safe around lexington garage area
73	It's still really sketchy at night.
74	I felt safer in the daylight hours; however, when I commuted and had to travel to BioPark I often felt unsafe walking to the garage. In light of recent robberies, I feel more unsafe and am afraid to walk alone even in the daylight. If it is dark I often obtain an escort to get to my car unless I am with other students.
75	The campus is filled with frightening creatures who do not hesitate to take a human life in broad daylight. Lexington Market needs to be razed. Short of that, maybe cleaning up the area and putting in more upscale businesses will clear out the riffraff.
76	The Lexington Market area makes me feel very unsafe
77	Not safe at night
78	With the many robberies on and around campus this year, I am always very cautious of my surroundings.
79	Area around immediate Lexington is least safe
80	There have been WAY too many shootings, stabbings and rapes for a person to feel safe on campus.
81	Only when I'm walking by a police officer.
82	I feel much safer during the day than I do at night.
83	There never seems to be much police presence after 5:00 when SSW is getting out of afternoon classes.
84	I never feel completely safe alone.
85	Just the past few weeks with robberies & other incidences involving students and/or city residents can be unnerving.
86	Depending on the time of day. Also please relocate some of the more crowded bus stops. Some of them are directly beside campus doorways. Also more police boxes/posts would be great.
87	not safe in the evenings and at night
88	When I walk home from school on Monday nights around 8 to 9, and there aren't a lot of people walking towards Fayette, I feel a little unsafe, otherwise, I feel quite safe.
89	I feel safe in the immediate area of the PLC, there are always university patrol cars on the street or in the vicinity, within eye sight of foot traffic from the PH to the PLC. Not to veer of the subject, but the University as a whole could benefit from expanding the accessible student, study areas, during non-traditional hours.
90	More often than not i feel comfortable walking alone during the day
91	I myself have never had any problems walking around campus, but chose "sometimes" because of the crime reports we students receive, and from a few people in my place having been mugged.
92	I would not walk alone at night near Lexington Market (or pretty much anywhere).
93	I feel safe in the immediate vicinity of the Nursing School during daylight hours. I do not feel safe in the UM neighborhood after dark.
94	I do not stay on campus after 5 pm.
95	A lot of times when I am walking to my car in questionable parts of campus, there is no police in sight.
96	I have to park in the Lexington Garage and do not feel safe walking to school, especially after hearing so many reports of crime in that specific area.
97	When I moved in January 2011, I never felt safe, with time I got comfortable with the enviroment. It does not look safe but it is safe.

98	police and university security is inconsistent
99	At night, past 8 or 9pm, I do not feel safe walking to the Paca & Fayette bus stop from the campus center.
100	I feel safe during the day but if I am leaving work late and have to walk the neighborhood I never feel safe.
101	Most of the time I feel safe
102	I walk from the lexington metro to school of nursing. I only feel a little weird when it is past 9.
103	I feel safe most of the time except near the Lexington Market.
104	I really only feel safe during the day, when it's dark, I don't feel safe at all when I walk by myself.
105	The only time I feel the need to really be "on my guard" is when I am walking back to the parking garage (Lexington) at night.
106	I feel unsafe north of the campus area, particularly around the Lexington Garage region.
107	im not used to how the city feels
108	I walk to take the metro home every night at times after 8 pm and have never been bothered.
109	Never at night when when I walk from the library to the Lexington Garage.
110	Depends on the time of day and how many police I can see
111	The police presence has really made me feel safe since I am often on campus at night.
112	I am usually at school between 8:00 - 18:00
113	Through nursing bachelors then nursing masters have always had to park in ghetto Lexington garage near where rapes and other various crimes happen regularly. Would like to have been able to park in Pratt BEFORE 4pm.
114	If being smart, I feel safe for the most part. However, studying late may feel a little scary. Also, it is hard to always travel in groups when you are doing work.
115	walking to and from lexington to the hospital never feels safe, even in the middle of the day. although much worse after hours
116	A lot of the street lights on Lombard Street, especially between Greene and Pratt Street are out. More light and police activity would improve the safety of the area.
117	I'm not running terrified, but given the frequency of daylight muggings, I'm definitely not carefree... Honestly I feel like campus security needs to be greatly improved. They keep sending emails detailing muggings and just end by saying "be careful" or "be vigilant." For instance, sidewalk lighting should be better, there should be more regular patrols later in the evening, and there should be emergency call buttons in more areas.
118	I only feel safe when i am in a building.
119	I never feel safe walking around the campus.
120	Had I seen the surrounding neighborhood before starting, I probably would have attended school elsewhere! I never feel safe walking from the Lexington garage to the law school, even in the middle of the day. None of the routes seem safe- there are lots of blind spots, or places for people to hide. Also, I do not feel safe on the West side of the law school next to the Veteran's building (Greene Street) because a lot of men stand there, smoking cigarettes, and make comments when I walk by. (This has increased since they are no longer allowed to smoke on the VA side of the street.) I think one path should be the "recommended" route (probably Pine) where an officer is always patrolling, and where it would always be well-lit. This would increase traffic on one route instead of people splitting it across 5 (the 5 ways being Pine, Arch, Pearl, Green, and Paca). I have asked campus officers which way they

recommend and they tell me all are "safe" and "it doesn't matter." A few weeks ago all of the lights on the law school side of Green Street were out. I reported, and all (but one- the one right above one of the street parking meters) was fixed the next day. I have called campus security to ask for a walking escort. The second time I called the answering person told me that they don't "do" walking escorts. After a bit of back-and-forth she said she would send an officer to walk with me. I know of another student who asked to have a walking escort from the campus housing across from Lexington garage to the law school and the officer told her "You want someone to walk you just a few blocks?" These comments have been reported to the Dean of the Law School and Dean of Student Affairs who said she will forward them to the head of the campus police. A factor I have taken into account when choosing my classes is whether I will have to park at the Lexington garage, or if I can take the class after 4 and park in the Baltimore Grand garage. I also do not feel safe walking to and from the student commons. I try to walk with other people whenever I can, but I can't always find someone, and I am not comfortable waiting in the garage for someone to walk with me.

121 | Parking at Lexington market, and walking to my car sometimes late, I often feel unsafe.

122 | In the day I feel safe, but not in the dark.

123 | I feel safe very close to school, but I do not venture around Lexington or Biopark after dark. I wish Lexington Market was less sketchy cause I like it.

124 | There are drug deals going on all the time. herion addicts high on the street that bring about an unclean and unfriendly enviroment.

125 | There are so many crimes that I get texts about from UM. And when it's dark out, I'm definitely nervous walking around by myself.

126 | I nearly always feel safe during the day, but at night I am always cautious.

127 | I have seen my friends' cars broken into and phones snatched, in the middle of the day.

128 | I feel safe when I'm very near the campus buildings, but I do not feel as safe near the lexington market area and therefore will only walk there alone during daylight hours.

129 | But many of my friends do not always feel safe.

130 | I feel safe on the parts of campus immediately surrounding the hospital, but not in the area between the VA hospital and the market, or between the Hampton Inn/Pickles area and Camden Yards. I also don't feel safe on MLK or beyond. After dark, I don't like to be anywhere near the market.

131 | The negative news that seems monthly detracts from feeling of security.

132 | I only feel safe during 9 - 5 business hours.

133 | I feel safe about 40% of the time, and not safe 60% of the time, but I park on the Lexington Market Rooftop. More police presence in that area would always be appreciated.

134 | I do not feel comfortable walking alone at night.

135 | I still rarely take my wallet with me when I go out.

136 | As a male I feel pretty safe, however there are times when I don't. I know most of the women don't.

137 | I feel pretty safe during the day, although I avoid Lexington Market. I do not walk around campus at night because I do not feel safe.

138 | I walk to the metro station at Lexington Market on my commute. I'm sure since UMB is expanding its administration offices up that way (620 W. Lexington) they are now finding out Lexington Market is full of drug-dealers, psychologically disturbed people and violent criminals. Unfortunately this is not a problem UMB can actually fix. What will happen if UMB gets too involved is that people from the neighborhood will be unhappy with UMB.

139 | How I feel definitely depends on the time of day. I almost never feel save inside or near Lexington Market.

140 | Feel safe during daylight. More wary during twilight and nighttime hours.

141 | I feel safe 9/10 instances.

142 | I feel least safe near Lexington Market

143 | I got yelled at my a homeless lady just yesterday.

144 | I feel safe when i'm in the buildings but outside i always feel like i'm going to get mugged.

145 | I always feel that I need to look over my shoulder when I am there, regardless of the hour

of the day or night.

146   I tend not to venture close to Lexington market. Otherwise, I feel safe.

147   I feel safe prior to 6p. After 7p I am usually uncomfrotable walking by myself.

148   Are you serious? There have been several incidents this year! Makes in increasingly hard to feel safe

149   Less safe in the areas outside of downtown, West of MLK, North of Lexington Street.

150   I usually ride my bike, so I go through neighborhoods quickly. When walking with other people I feel fine.

151   There are constant emails about students being robbed or people being shot or stabbed. I feel like I'm on the Wire.

152   Worse when the sun goes down

153   Area is becoming "rougher" it seems... My first two years in the neighborhood I felt perfectly safe, this year I feel substantially less safe.

154   I only feel safe in groups and during the day.

155   I seldom feel safe after/before normal business hours

156   The number of robberies and assaults on UM students who were practicing safe behaviors are absolutely alarming.

157   During the day

158   Always feel safe during the day until about 9pm. Then it's just standard city-safety precautions after dark.

159   It depends on how far I go and what time of day it is.

160   I always feel a person needs to stay actively aware in this area, though more so after dark. I park at Lexington Market, and I don't always feel safe walking there after dark.

161   Only during the day

162   Really depends on the time, but overall, if careful, I feel pretty safe.

163   Not sure why the security guard is never on duty anymore near the Lexington garage, especially due to the increased crime rates recently.

164   Sometimes things can get a bit shady around Lexington Market/Lexington Street with all the dealers and addicts. However, I have been on campus going on two years and have never had a safety concern (knock on wood).

165   North of Baltimore St I don't feel as safe

166   Depending on where you are there are varying degree's of safety. On campus is pretty good. Off campus can be a crap-shoot, particularly towards Lexington. Other than having a guard posted, as they do at Hopkins campus in watchtowers. I do not see how you can fix it. There are other points west and southwest that are less than desireable as well but generally safe most of the time.

167   I do not feel safe at night, particularly if walking to the Lexington Garage or near Lexington Market.

168   I feel safe generally during the day, I do not stay on campus after dark due to the fact that I don't feel safe at night.

169   It often doesn't feel like the police are actively patrolling. I've seen them just leave their cars there as a visual deterrent but there are no police *in* the car.

170   During the day, I always feel safe. When walking home later in the evening, I am more uncomfortable.

171   during the day i feel safe

172   Really I feel safe most of the time but not always

173   I have never felt safe at night, but lately crimes have been happening in the evening as well. I pretty much only feel safe from about 8-4.

174   We need to have 2 caravans. The caravan drivers need to call the people they are picking up if they do not see them or if they will be very late.
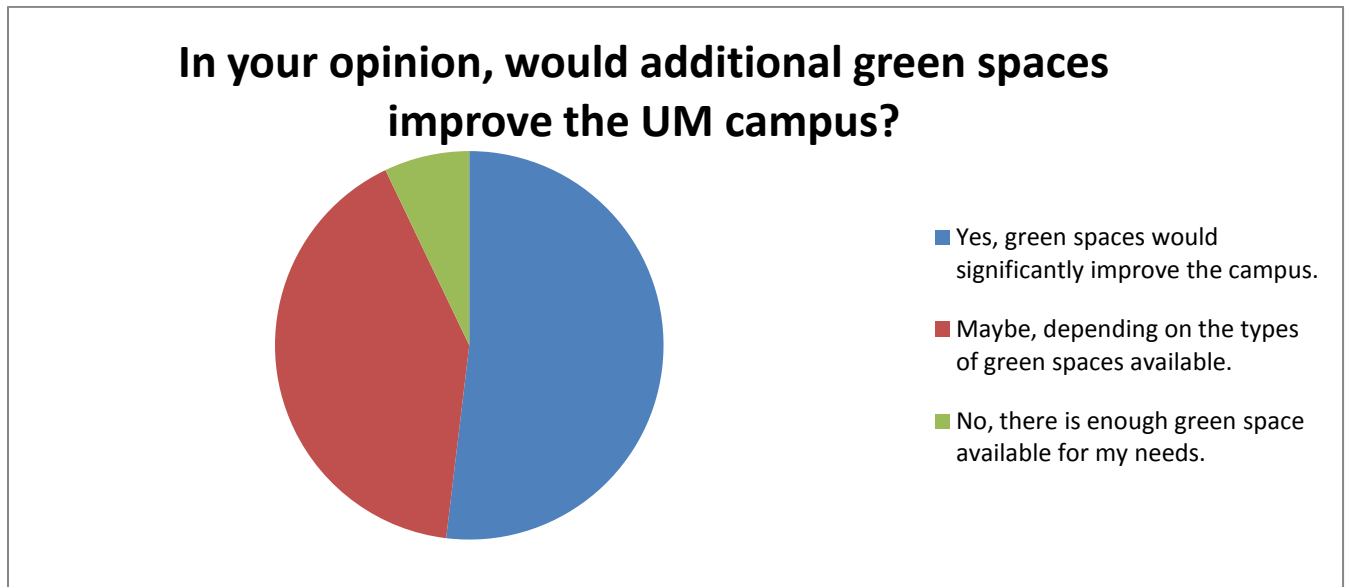
175   Studying late an leaving the library after dark can be scary

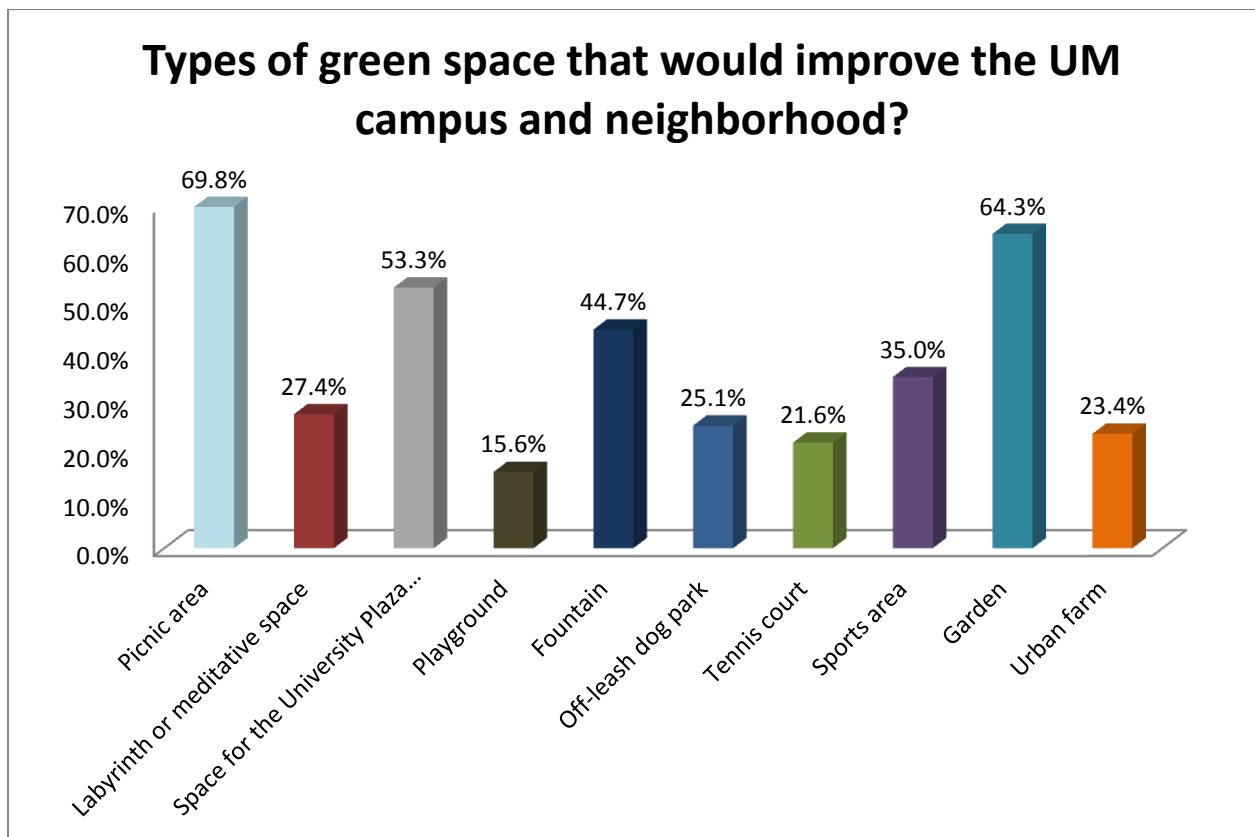176   Usually I feel safe, only a handful times that I have felt unsafe

177   I was robbed a few months ago. Haven't felt too safe since.

178   If I see police I'm fine. But I usually don't.

179	during the day, I feel safe
180	only in day times
181	However, added security and better lighting will definitely help
182	Lexington Market and the bus stop at the intersection of W Baltimore and Paca St are the most concerning areas to me. Those are the areas where people loiter, spit, and ask for money the most. Other than that, it's mostly pretty safe.
183	I generally feel safe, but I dont' usually go there after sunset.
184	Even though I feel safe there has been a lot of crime recently that I read about.
185	There is a section of my daily commute home that has a few areas in the Ridgely's Delight neighborhood that are not well lit on my way home.
186	During the daytine
187	Feel safe most of the time.
188	with the recent robberies and cuttings, sometimes it can feel like we are not being properly protected
189	I lived a black away for 6 years and had to leave the neighrhood due the crimes including theft and burglary that I was a victim of.
190	Lexington Market is creepy as all get-out whether its day or night.
191	I always feel safe, but I'm a big guy who knows how to march, knuckles forward, between the Law School and the light rail. I don't allow my wife to come down to meet me unless she's in the car, and I can't believe my smaller or female classmates walk around the neighborhood, day or night. It's a hole, and the constrant crime updates don't help.
192	The area around Lexington Market is where I feel most unsafe.
193	There have been a lot of assaults, robberies and gun shot events for the last 8 months. I am new to the campus and feel very unsafe when I walk outside the campus. There should be minipolice stations (similar to hopkins) or police officers in the critical points: Lexington market area, West Lombard avenue (especially block 4 and 5 are very dark and bad looking people around) after 6pm.
194	I feel completely safe during the day time and most nights. If it's too late into the night, I will feel a little uneasy
195	I feel safe during the day walking alone, but never would at night. It depends where around campus I would feel safe if it was around twilight time-ish.
196	I am a big guy who walks with a dog and I dont always feel safe.
197	I generally don't feel safe after dark, and never feel safe in the Lexington Market area.
198	usually during the daylight
199	there needs to be constant police on patrol in the area on every steer corner
200	I always feel safe, but I do avoid the Lexington Market area.
201	Don't feel safe at night or near Lexington Market
202	I normally feel safe during the day but only feel safe at night when I am with at least 2 other people (or with at least one male)
203	I live in the neighborhood, near the Hippo. I usually feel safe, though I hear about robberies etc nearby and it makes me nervous.
204	It's scary that there are robberies in broad daylight.
205	I feel much less safe when the streets are empty. More police patrols would help.
206	At night by myself, I do not feel totally safe.

Question 4: In your opinion, would additional green spaces improve the UM campus? Select one answer.

In your opinion, would additional green spaces improve the UM campus?

- ■ Yes, green spaces would significantly improve the campus.
- ■ Maybe, depending on the types of green spaces available.
- ■ No, there is enough green space available for my needs.

Question 5: If you answered "yes" or "maybe" to question 4, what types of green space would improve the UM campus and neighborhood? Select all that apply.

Types of green space that would improve the UM campus and neighborhood?

Category	Percentage
Picnic area	69.8%
Labyrinth or meditative space	27.4%
Space for the University Plaza...	53.3%
Playground	15.6%
Fountain	44.7%
Off-leash dog park	25.1%
Tennis court	21.6%
Sports area	35.0%
Garden	64.3%
Urban farm	23.4%

Question 4 text responses:

Number	Comments
1	It's noisy there, so outdoor green spaces are not relaxing. Given that the homeless sometimes hang out in the park over the parking garage that is across from the SSW, I am not sure it's an attractive idea. I don't spend any time outside.
2	So long as those green spaces are inviting and well planned to be aesthetically pleasing.
3	What we need is cheaper parking next to the ssw building.
4	I think additional green spaces would be a great benefit to the campus and surrounding area. I hate being stuck inside the classroom and lounge areas to do work. If I had the opportunity to go outside and get fresh air to do work or to relax between classes, I would take advantage of that. (I would be concerned about the safety of myself and others in these situations though.)
5	There are very few places for students, faculty, and others to enjoy the nice weather when it arrives. Having more green spaces would allow for people to venture outside their offices and labs to enjoy their lunches and/or take a break when needed. A little hacky sack never hurt anyone ... intentionally.
6	Any space that allows for a lot of people to be there will make the area safer. If it was just a park with very little traffic that would make it more unsafe
7	Green space is always nice, but it has to be monitored. We wouldn't want people sleeping in a park at night or polluting the ambient air with cigarette smoke.
8	Most definitely.
9	I think any type of green space is good. However green spaces that attract vagrants and drug addicts (such as the one adjacent to the hospital) don't add much to the campus.
10	Anything to increase the greenery in the city is a good idea.
11	Definitely welcome green space wd b calming
12	I would LOVE more green spaces!! That current lack of such places is very depressing.
13	I think it would be nice and pretty to have green spaces on the campus, but I also love the city feel of the campus.
14	I typically always like green space. But I would prefer if it were made accessible for and encourages relaxing breaks . The greens in front of the nursing school currently serve as a small version of this.
15	They would probably just end up being inhabited by homeless folks and drug abusers and littered with needles. So I'm on the fence with "green spaces"
16	if i imagine green space like the small park next to hospital..it seems not helping at all.
17	no nice place to really sit except by student center. Thats across from hospital and all of the sirens.
18	Rooftop gardens, places easily accessible to students and faculty but not necessarily the general public.
19	I really wish there's more grass area where students can sit out
20	Having a campus in the city, it doesn't really feel as much like a "community" as other campus' where they have an enclosed space with parks to study and read
21	As long as homeless crackheads are kept away then green space would be great
22	It is hard to find "green" in the city, so having more on campus would be great.
23	A quadrangle would be great if park in front of med ctr were redesigned
24	In the inner city there aren't many green space. It would be great for the community.
25	The park in between the SSW and Law building needs more open space. It is almost too hilly and secluded to use as a open space.
26	Get rid of the park across the street from the hospital because men of the city stay around here and harass the female students walking by.
27	I think it is also important to keep the green space clean and safe. If there is no one to take care of it, then it will become worse than not having one to begin with.
28	Green roofs would be great!
29	YES. YES. YES.

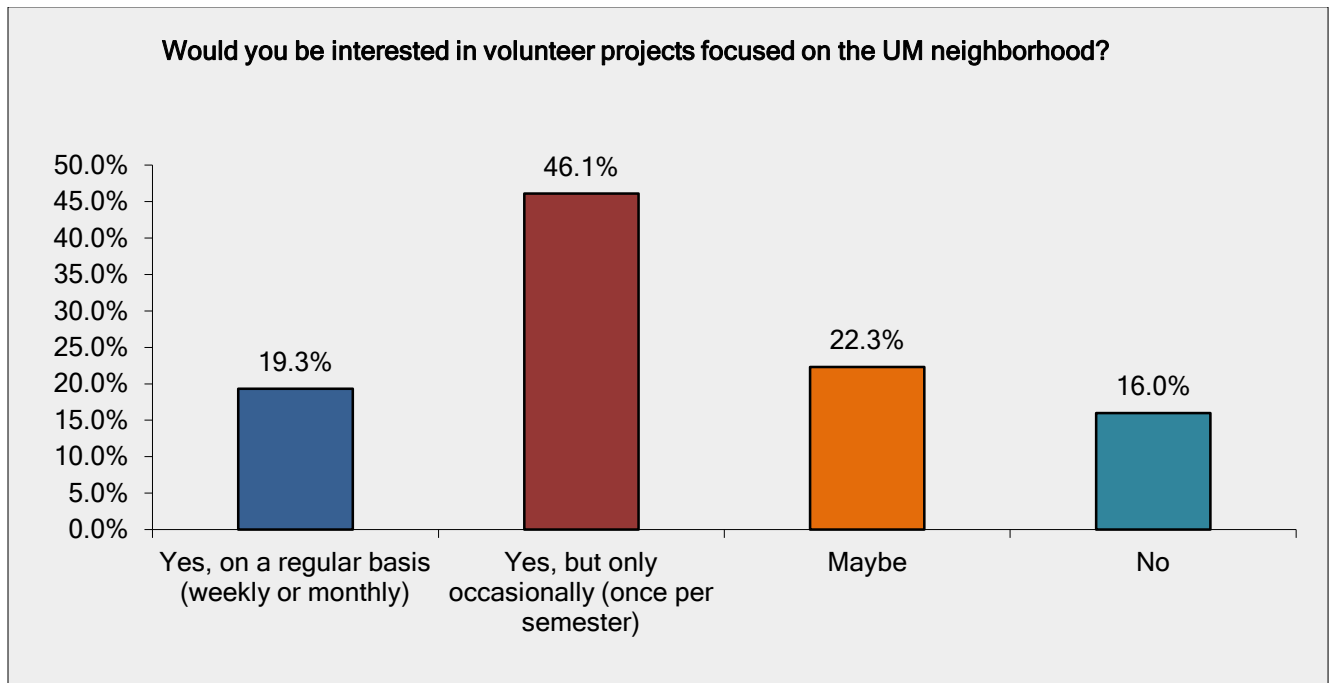|	
30	There might be a difficulty with vagrants camping out.
31	Depending if you feel safe.
32	Just maintain and upgrade current spaces. Add tables to area across from social work school
33	Green space is nice. But I have never been able to sit outside for very long without someone asking me for change. I get asked for change at least 4 times a week. I no longer eat in the park or go to the farmers market or order from the food trucks for this reason.
34	Though I don't know where they could be placed? ...but HAMMOCKS would be so awesome!!!
35	While it may not be the best use of space, I think it would add to the aesthetics of the campus and encourage students/staff/faculty to spend more time outdoors.
36	A central green area with benches would be nice.
37	the area is just covered with concrete
38	I feel like that would encourage loitering of non-UMB students
39	The law school's courtyard is very nice; however, the big square outside of the law school and the UM hospital is not nice.
40	More green space would greatly improve the look and feel of the UM campus.
41	YES - if they're maintained and not a sleeping area for homeless people.
42	I actually do not live around the campus for this reason.
43	YES. need recycling and parks.
44	If "green" means private spaces open to students and faculty only, then definitely yes. If it's a public space that will just gather more attention and make students more prone to verbal assaults, muggings, etc, then obviously no.
45	If the green areas were safe and well-used enough by UM students, then they would be nice.
46	Green space always makes an area feel safer and more accessible, in my opinion
47	Something like the mall at UMCP, where I could lie in grass and read, would be so awesome
48	Spaces for studying and community activities.
49	Plus the addicts will occupy them. Get rid of the fiends.
50	Yes! It would make it look so much nicer!
51	green spaces make everything look much nicer and therefore might attract more buisnesses here
52	I would love a park
53	Green spaces can be great and peaceful, but depending on who is occupying them they could also be just another place to avoid
54	Students love the courtyard in the law school.
55	In theory. Practical implementation would be rather difficult.
56	WE NEED MORE GREEN SPACE!
	Our tuition has increased to a ridiculous rate. If the green space were to somehow decrease our tuition and the tuition for future students it would be excellent.
57	Also the current small area above the parking garage always has homeless people in it and other unsavory types that basically ruin it and make it not feel safe or green.
58	Green space is a waste of parking.
59	I would be concerned about potential crime/vagrancy in additional green spaces.
60	There are too many areas with nobody around, but this is more a factor of design flaws--a campus built for people to walk from parking garages to buildings, and not for pedestrians. The campus will never feel safe to me if there isn't anyone walking around!
61	Low traffic areas seem to be the best. The area by the Pharmacy school rather than the square near the School of Social Work.
62	When I first visited the campus I was disappointed in the fact that there was not much green

space but I also understand that the school in located downtown which can make green space difficult.

63 Yes if they could be kept for the school only but i feel like the bums would take them over.

64 Gated actual campus space

65 I would love somewhere to go sit on a nice day or go study....or even go run around.

66 If this question is about parks and such then more green spaces would be great. There aren't enough areas to sit outside and just relax, especially when the weather becomes nice.

67 Green spaces are starkly lacking on the UMB campus, a well maintained greenspace would be great.

68 I LOVE the trees lining the path to the Nursing school and the green roof on the School of Social Work building. Adding trees and greenery makes a huge difference in appearance.

69 No, we're located in downtown and green spaces isn't easily achievable. The campus is near a methadone clinic and the Lexington Market. If we wanted secure outdoor space, a gated school may help.

70 Also more benches/tables. Perhaps outside of HSF2. Make them Smoke free of course.

71 Would rather have more to do (see question 1), but of course it would be nice to have more green space as well!

72 Always help. Also, the park across the street from the hospital could be improved

73 Green space with seating for enjoyment of warm weather, eating lunch, studying.

74 Depends on if they are secured

75 should be kept clean and well gardened

76 But cleanliness (ie litter prevention) must be enforced. Also prevent squatters and beggars...

77 Similar to the patio area in front of HSL/SMCC area, an area like that in the middle of UM campus could add a lot, as long as it wasn't as large as one of the main parks elsewhere in Baltimore, because it leaves room for dangerous activity and hiding.

78 Stricter enforcement of no smoking policies in and around green spaces.

79 The green spaces do not apply to me but I think it's great that we have them

80 If we had more, I don't think people would use the green space any more than they do now, which is infrequently. Although, it does make the campus look prettier for potential students

81 An area like in front of the nursing school would be great. However, the area in front of the main hospital entrance is not safe, especially at night. Also, a lot of smokers tend to gather in these areas.

82 Without a doubt YES

83 Absolutely! This is one huge thing missing. The small courtyard outside the nursing school is great, but a more of a park, with picnic tables, etc. would be great.

Question 5 text responses:

Number	Your suggestions
1	A tennis court would be really great but would only be useful when it's warm outside.
2	Any green space would be nice closer to campus. I also think a park would be great for runners/walkers.
3	The area needs to be safe and kept clean. Often the green areas around the hospital do not feel safe.
4	A field to play sports would be great!!!
5	Some outdoor space to throw around a football/baseball - ie across from Biopark, but bigger - would be amazing.
6	Moving the bus stop at Paca and Baltimore would be VERY helpful to those in the current park area.
7	I think any greenery in the city is welcoming. It adds color and a sense of peace.
8	I'd like an outdoors trail to run in.
9	There already is space for the Plaza Farmers' Market, right?
10	A place that would act as a common outdoor study area/ lawn is much needed. I think it is a key area on most campuses and we are missing one.
11	Would make outdoor intramurals easier
12	I think the Farmers' Market has plenty of space
13	Or a renovated center plaza across from the hospital
14	Open green space with shade trees
15	I think a nice simple playground and pinic area would be nice for the people in the local community. My only concern would be since the area has a high homeless rate would that be another area for them to gather. Additionally, there is a lack of presence for fresh foods so the Farmers' market needs a place as well as better hours of operation.
16	Farmers market would def thrive in green space
17	N/A
18	This is not about green space, per se, but it is related. All bike racks should be like the ones the medical center just put up AND they should be under covers. Everyone puts their bikes on the handicap railing at the student center bc that bike rack is a joke and you can only lock your front tire to it. But the lack of covering when it rains is a real drawback.
19	Given the crime rate of the area that is unlikely to decrease very soon, I don't think a Labyrinth is a good idea--too many places to hide! Open spaces may be a safer option.
20	Farmers Market would Brit amazing
21	Try not to attract too much homeless people and rats. Maybe you could make a greenhouse type of cafe. If you want to start somewhere start why don't start with cleaning up the neighborhood around the biochemistry building.
22	All of these sound great! I noticed the other day that the lawn in front of the nursing building gets really crowded with the nice weather, because it's one of our only green spaces.
23	A park.
24	organic victory garden
25	Make it useful
26	Really anything would be an improvement. The only open space is outside the nursing school.
27	Any green spaces in the open (as compared to the enclosed Law School court yard) would also require increased monitoring.
28	Off leash dog park!!! Not enough of these in bmore.
29	Use new benches, not the gross ones that they currently use
30	Consider the new trend of 'urban vertical farms'. http://www.verticalfarm.com/
31	Off-leash dog park would probably be immensely popular because so many students who live

nearby have dogs (because they live close enough to take care of them). It would be a great way for students from different schools to connect.

32 Perhaps keep it closed off to non-university students and staff.

33 But since it's obvious you're going to do it anyway, maybe you should make a little park where people can sell drugs and smoke.

34 Any chance of an allotment garden, where students or staff could get a plot and cultivate it?

35 More outside eating places would be great.

36 A field would be perfect!

37 Wouldn't a labyrinth be dangerous? I would prefer a nice open area that's not secluded.

38 I really like what we have outside of the nursing school...so maybe more areas like that!

39 Actual grass or other surface needs to be provided. Adding a tennis court is NOT the way to improve green space.

40 As global warming continues, a fountain would serve as a great place to cool off.

41 I would have included other things, but I am concerned how it would be used by the community

42 I think more green space would advocate healthier lifestyles and just give a general better aesthetic appeal to the campus.
1. Urban Garden

43 2. Expand the Farmer's market

44 Everything else here does not really belong or would work on campus.

45 I particularly like the idea of a fountain. Water is very soothing and healing and could promote calm as well as making the area visually attractive.

46 It would be nice to have more places to study outside on warm sunny days

47 Something where anyone is invited to come to and to provide a park for children or something that will enhance the community. The residents of the community need to be involved.

48 PLEASE have a tennis court!!

49 A place to study outdoors when the weather is nice!

Question 6: Would you be interested in volunteer projects focused on the UM neighborhood?
Select one answer.

Would you be interested in volunteer projects focused on the UM neighborhood?

Answer	Percentage
Yes, on a regular basis (weekly or monthly)	19.3%
Yes, but only occasionally (once per semester)	46.1%
Maybe	22.3%
No	16.0%

Question 6 text responses:

Number	Comments
1	I am a distance student that only visits the campus once a summer for a professional seminar.
2	may be willing to donate cash.
3	I'm busy and running hard already, but I'd be supportive if others want to do this.
4	Depending on what they are and how intensive.
5	I come for class and then leave immediately.
6	Depending on school work, my job and classes.
7	If time allows.
8	Limited time since working on dissertation.
9	Sorry, I will be graduating in two months.
10	Let's do this!
11	Monthly
12	If I heard the school wanted to build a garden or some other green area I would volunteer.
13	occasionally, depending on how busy I am
14	My schedule is pretty limited, but I would be involved occasionally and I think there would be enough students throughout the schools who would be involved enough to make planning worthwhile.
15	Depends on the projects
16	not right now
17	locally, give back to the community.
18	depending on time and location
19	I am heavily into community service however, it may not always be feasable for a grad student to do, but the opportunity should be there and accessible to the students to give back to that

community.

20	I do not live in Baltimore.
21	health related
22	ideally, yes. it is difficult to gauge interest vs participation amongst busy grad students
23	Monthly would be manageable.
24	More monthly than weekly to accommodate my schedule
25	Ideally weekly, but realistically monthly. It is better to offer more project availabilities.
26	Monthly
27	If I had more time, I would love to participate in efforts like urban gardening.
28	Too busy
29	Barely have time to do things that keep me sane due to school work.
30	perhaps regular as in once every 2 months for now until i finish sitting for the bar
31	I'm graduating
32	I'm here to get a degree and I have to take care of my family.
33	I would be more interested in regular projects if I lived near the UM neighborhood. :(
34	I don't live in the area, I commute, so for me volunteering at UM would be difficult. But I think it's a fantastic idea! If I lived here I definitely would
35	More than once a semester, but less than monthly.
36	Don't live very close and I am an online student
37	I would say I would volunteer on a monthly basis.
38	I will be graduating, if I wasn't maybe.
39	Depends upon the project
40	Through school of Pharmacy we already do a lot of volunteer projects focused on health outreach. I would like to help out the neighborhood but do not have additional time to volunteer.
41	I volunteered regularly as a 1st and 2nd year med student, but time becomes a real issue during the clinical years.
42	I don't have any available free time.
43	too busy in school
44	I would definitely be interested, but time constraints make it difficult.

Question 7: Would field placement opportunities or academic incentives increase your interest in volunteering in the UM neighborhood?
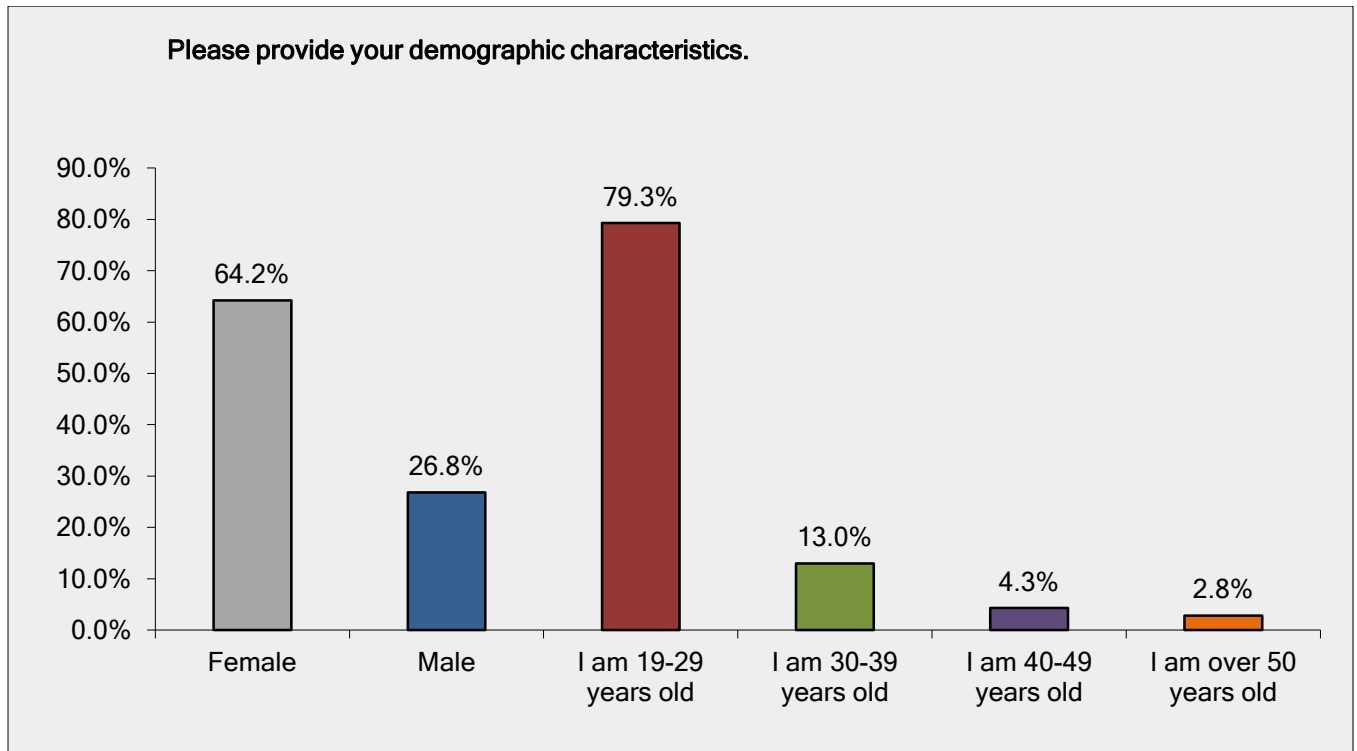
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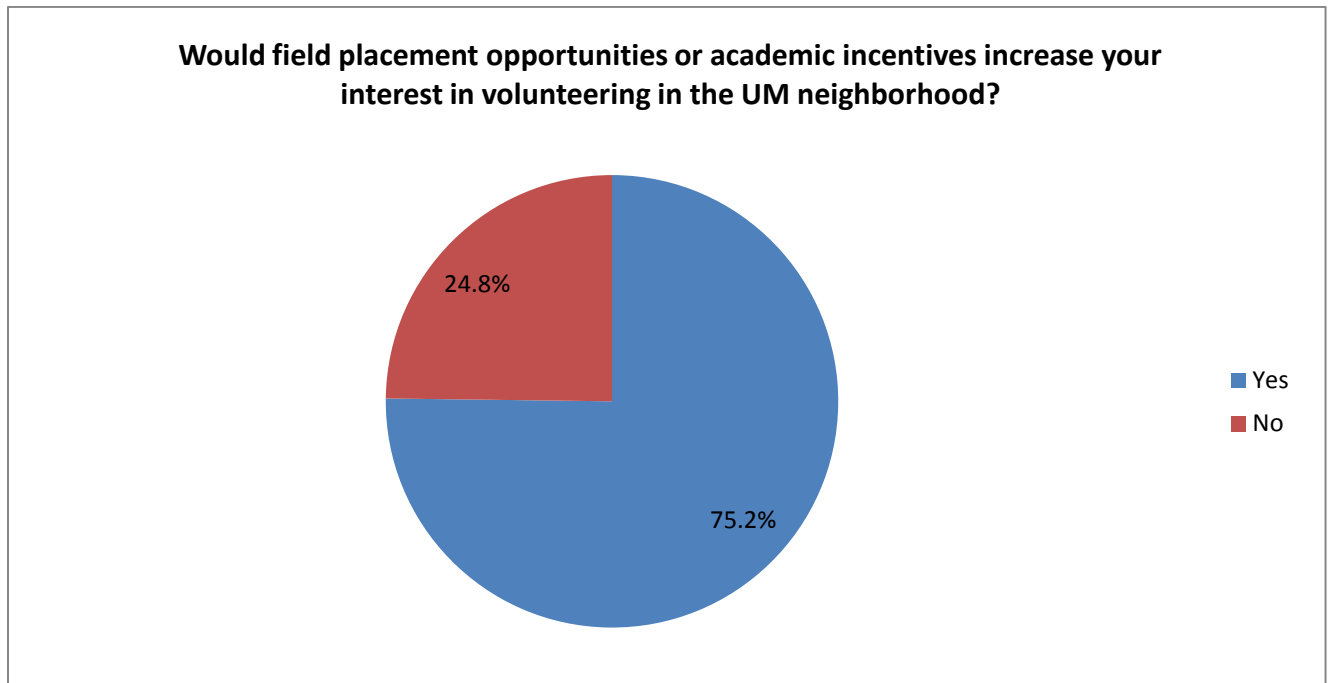
Question 7 text responses:

Number	Comments
1	Not me personally but think it's a great idea
2	I'm focused on my specific training goals.
3	I can't afford to commute over an hour to volunteer.
4	100%. A volunteer opportunity could be used as a MACO project for a class project.
5	Graduating
6	There could be a university wide volunteer day in Biopark or Camden Yards area. Volunteer in the morning, have lunch and then go home.
7	many time constraints-work/school and family
8	I'm already interested.. ha! :)
9	It would, but just knowing they were going to improve the neighborhood would be enough
10	Incorporate BSSC or SOBO Sports for more participation
11	I do a lot of volunteer work without incentive beyond helping those in need, but if you would like to get a number of students involved in community work, I think incentives would/will help.
12	academic incentive like extra credit definitely increases students liklihood to volunteer
13	I am not sure what field placement is ... I am sorry!
14	definitely
15	Leadership is always nice
16	academic incentives would not be fair to those with families who live far away
17	Yes to academic incentives; I don't know what field placement opps are
18	Time is the limiting factor these days.
19	No doubt
20	i already have enough personal incentive
21	They would have

22	None. In the real world no one gives a damn about these things unless you (academia) make them a minimal requirement to weed out the poor and underpriviledged from your ivory tower... with green space.
23	I don't live in the area, I commute, so for me volunteering at UM would be difficult. But I think it's a fantastic idea!
24	Not for me specifically, but I do believe it would help others.
25	Since I live near Towson, it's an inconvenience to come into town, pay to park, etc., so these incentives could help.
26	don't live close
27	A job is not worth a bullet
28	FIeld placement
29	Are you talking about increasing someones grades or GPA for doing work around campus? That ceases to be volunteer work, and lowers the overal competitiveness academically by allowing lower GPA students to mitigate their grades by doing grunt work. This is not kindergarten, where everyone deserves an A.
30	perhaps for students
31	I suppose...although I don't know how this would work?? I am a pharmacy student and this isn't really pharmacy related.
32	I dont know what this means
33	I'm not very familiar with field placement or what academic incentives means, but it sounds good.
34	However I dont think this is a fair or proper way to get people to help volunteer. Too many other factors contribute to whether or not someone has time to volunteer outside of general interest and therefore I feel this would create and unfair disadvantage to many who would otherwise be willing to volunteer.
35	Not applicable. Should be an option

Question 8: Please provide your demographic characteristics. Select all that apply.

Please provide your demographic characteristics.

Category	Percentage
Female	64.2%
Male	26.8%
I am 19-29 years old	79.3%
I am 30-39 years old	13.0%
I am 40-49 years old	4.3%
I am over 50 years old	2.8%

Question 8 text responses:

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Please offer "Transgender" as a gender demographic option
2	Married, infant due
3	I am married and a parent. A group of graduate student-parents are looking at ways to connect to address some of the lacking features that would help us be more successful, like a quality childcare program and a nearby playground or family-friendly study areas. Thank you for this survey.
4	Hispanic
5	The drugs are killing this city.
6	Caucasian
7	no car
8	I am 17

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