

# Evanston Waste Transfer Station Budget Survey Report

## Overview

From August 22, 2016 through September 5, 2016 the City sought public input on the community's priorities for budgeting the roughly \$1.2 million that was awarded to the City in a settlement with Advanced Disposal, the current operator of the Church Street Waste Transfer Station. The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the results from that survey. City staff will use the survey results and conversations with community members as the basis for budget recommendations to Evanston's City Council to be included in the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. The community budget calendar is posted online at [cityofevanston.org/budget](http://cityofevanston.org/budget).

For more information on the history of the Waste Transfer Station and raw survey data please visit: [cityofevanston.org/transfer-station-station](http://cityofevanston.org/transfer-station-station). Raw survey data is provided in a downloadable Excel format that community members may then use to perform their own analysis of the results.

## Methodology

The development and format of the survey were decided upon with recommendations, suggestions and revisions from the Environment Board's Environmental Justice Subcommittee (EJ Subcommittee). The EJ Subcommittee took feedback from a joint 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ward meeting with residents in June, 2016 and developed a set of survey questions based on the feedback collected at that meeting. The EJ Subcommittee then proposed those questions be the basis for a community budget survey. City staff then revised the proposed questions and requested another round of feedback from the EJ Subcommittee. After the final round of feedback the survey was finalized and released for two weeks in late August.

The EJ Subcommittee felt it was important to focus the survey outreach on those with the closest proximity to the waste transfer station. With this in mind significant outreach was conducted, by the EJ Subcommittee, in the neighborhoods adjacent to the facility. In order to analyze these results, City staff has, where possible, analyzed the survey results based on respondent proximity to the waste transfer station. Survey results are based on a total of 472 submitted surveys, 287 online surveys, 179 print surveys, 466 in English and 6 in Spanish. All survey data were aggregated and analyzed as one complete dataset.

## **Results Summary**

The survey consisted of 10 separate questions (see Exhibit II). Individual question summaries are included for questions 1-9. Question 9 includes a list of comments that were submitted by respondents and is included in table format (see Exhibit I) based on proximity to the transfer station. Question 10 is not included because it is respondents' email addresses.

A few examples of the qualitative responses, included in full in Exhibit I, are provided below as examples of people's lived experience of the Waste Transfer Station.

### Direct Quotes:

- "Get it ou[t] of our community!"
- "this is the largest environmental justice issue we face in Evanston and the people living close to this station should be the priority in terms of addressing health concerns resulting from the impact of this station"
- "Regular monitoring of the site, so any environmentally noxious discharge can be caught and mitigated"
- "I have been complaining for 30+ years about the facility, I hope NOW the city is serious about fixing this health issue for the citizens. Who wants to live breathing noxious, stinky air everyday? Do you?"
- "A place like this has to go somewhere and the people who live near here made the decision to move there. Things are fine as they are and no more money should go towards changing things."
- "They need to close door when making transfer and use sealed hvac to keep odor and noise down. The smells and sounds are so disruptive to the neighbors. A containment system should be established to reduce both. Testing of surrounding soil, water and air quality sound be done monthly to ensure safety of neighbors, as there are many with young children."

### Survey Highlights

Below staff have included a list of different highlights taken out of the results from the survey. These highlights are not necessarily any more important than other findings within the results but they represent apparent trends within the data.

- 96% of those living 2-4 blocks from the station agree with reducing rodents around the station
- 44% of people living more than 7 blocks away said they agree with parking lot improvements
- 20% of all respondents disagreed with community garden, highest level of disagreement
- The vast majority of respondents said they are an Evanston resident (95%)
- 40% say they pass the transfer station on a regular basis

- 60% of respondents said they experienced a bad odor near the station
- 33% said they had seen rodents near or on the waste transfer station property, yet 85% said they agreed with taking action to reduce rodent populations near the station
- Only 16% expressed concern about the facility hours of operation
- 81% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with developing a process to monitor environmental impacts of the station on the surrounding neighborhood periodically
- 52% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with improve parking access at local community centers, the lowest agreement for any survey question.
- Interestingly the second lowest agreement was for the development of a community garden which also had the highest disagreement at 21%.

Broadly speaking questions 6 and 7 received significant agreement and support from community members. Each section of the question received at least 65% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing. Question 8 saw more variability in support although all five options received more than 50% agreement or strong agreement. There was most support for increasing green space and natural areas, expanding and improving walking and pedestrian infrastructure and improving and expanding park and recreational amenities.

Respondents who lived closer to the waste transfer station indicated in every instance a stronger level of agreement with all options in questions 6, 7 and 8 and listed more negative impacts from the station as demonstrated by responses to questions 2 and 3. Additionally, in question 5 those living closer to the transfer station were more interested, on average, in having a larger portion of funds spent on monitoring and evaluation than those living farther away (7 or more blocks).

# Individual Questions and Response Summaries

| <b>Question 1</b>   |       |                        |
|---|-------|------------------------|
| <b>Please check all boxes below that describe you:</b>              |       |                        |
| Options   | Total | Percent of Respondents |
| I am an Evanston resident   | 448   | 95%                    |
| I am an Evanston business owner                                     | 49    | 10%                    |
| I work at an Evanston business where I am not the owner             | 63    | 13%                    |
| I work at Evanston Township High School                             | 9     | 2%                     |
| I regularly walk, bike, drive or ride by the Waste Transfer Station | 189   | 40%                    |
| I am a student at Evanston Township High School                     | 5     | 1%                     |
| None of the above   | 5     | 1%                     |
| Other (please specify): _____                                       | 36    | 8%                     |

Total number of responses: 471

| <b>Question 2</b>  |       |                  |
|--|-------|------------------|
| <b>Please check ALL boxes below that describe your personal experience relating to the Waste Transfer Station located at 1711 Church St. Evanston, IL.</b> |       |                  |
| Options  | Total | Percent of Total |
| I have experienced NO negative impacts from the Waste Transfer Station   | 148   | 33%              |
| I have smelled a bad odor near the Waste Transfer Station  | 279   | 63%              |
| I have seen rodents on the grounds of or around the Waste Transfer Station   | 105   | 24%              |
| I have experienced poor air quality around the Waste Transfer Station (dust, particulate matter or other concerns like diesel emissions)                   | 148   | 33%              |
| I have heard loud noises emanating from the Waste Transfer Station or from the trucks pulling  | 148   | 33%              |
| I have experienced negative impacts from the Waste Transfer Station while bicycling or using the Dodge Ave. bike lanes                                     | 86    | 19%              |
| I have experienced traffic congestion or other traffic problems from the trucks pulling in and out of the Waste Transfer Station                           | 178   | 40%              |

Total number of responses: 471

### Question 3

Please check all boxes below that describe environmental concerns and operating practices you have related to the Water Transfer Station.

| Options  | Total | Percent of Total |
|--|-------|------------------|
| Air Quality (dust, particulate matter, general air quality issues like diesel emissions) | 299   | 67%              |
| Odors  | 352   | 79%              |
| Noise Levels   | 195   | 44%              |
| Exposure to toxic or hazardous chemicals   | 266   | 60%              |
| Soil contamination (heavy metals, asbestos, organic compounds and other contaminants)    | 245   | 55%              |
| Water discharge, runoff and seepage  | 244   | 55%              |
| Facility hours of operation  | 72    | 16%              |
| Traffic congestion   | 192   | 43%              |
| Damage to private property (houses, buildings, vehicles, etc.)                           | 100   | 22%              |
| Damage to public infrastructure (roads, signs, sidewalks, parks, etc.)                   | 161   | 36%              |
| Rodents, flies and/or other disease-spreading animals                                    | 251   | 56%              |

Total number of responses: 446

### Question 4

Please check ONLY ONE option below that best describes the SHORTEST distance from the Waste Transfer Station to where you live, work or go to school. The Waste Transfer Station is located at 1711 Church St. Evanston, IL.

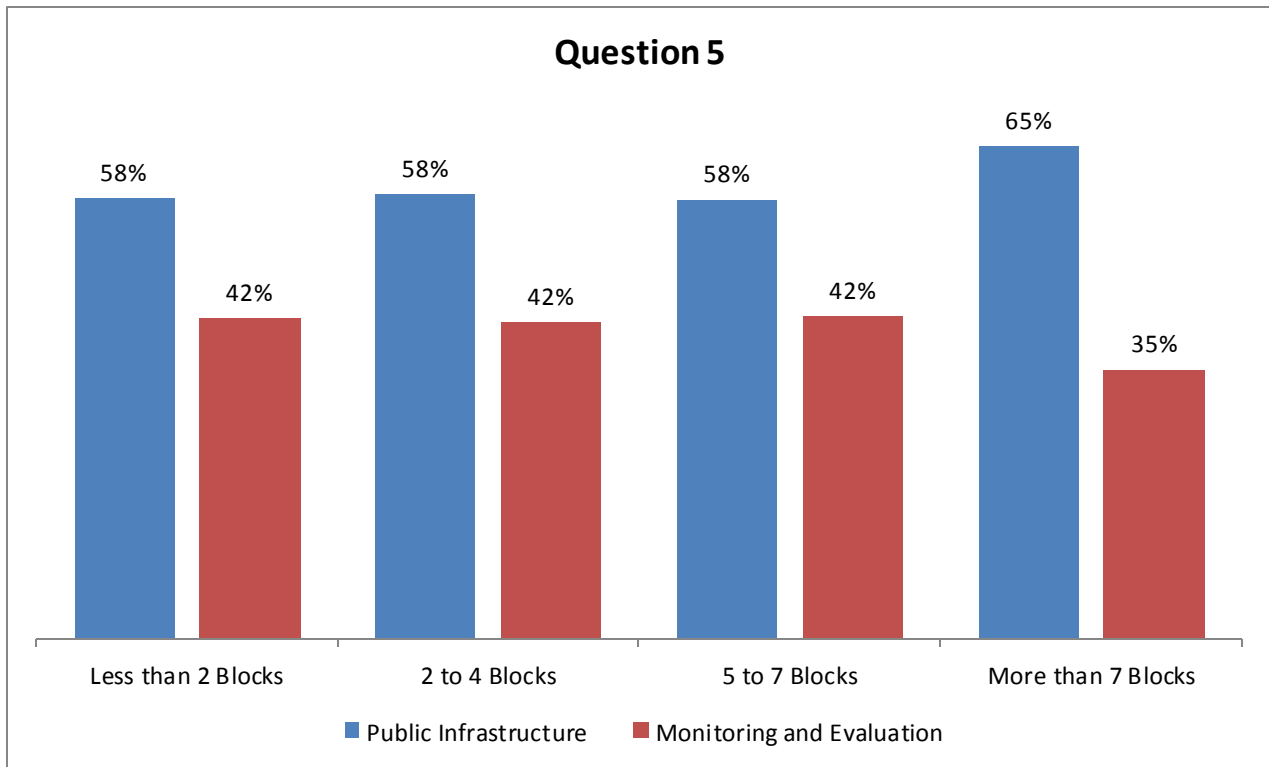
| Options   | Total | Percent of Total |
|---|-------|------------------|
| I live, work or go to school less than 2 blocks from the Waste Transfer Station | 93    | 21%              |
| I live, work or go to school 2 to 4 blocks from the Waste Transfer Station      | 55    | 12%              |
| I live, work or go to school 5 to 7 blocks from the Waste Transfer Station      | 87    | 19%              |
| I live, work or go to school more than 7 blocks from the Waste Transfer Station | 218   | 48%              |

Total number of responses: 453

## Question 5

Please indicate the percentage of funds awarded to the City through the settlement with Advanced Disposal (operator of the Waste Transfer Station) you think should be spent on each of the following types of projects. For example, 50% Public Infrastructure and 50% Monitoring and Evaluation. Answers need to add up to 100%.

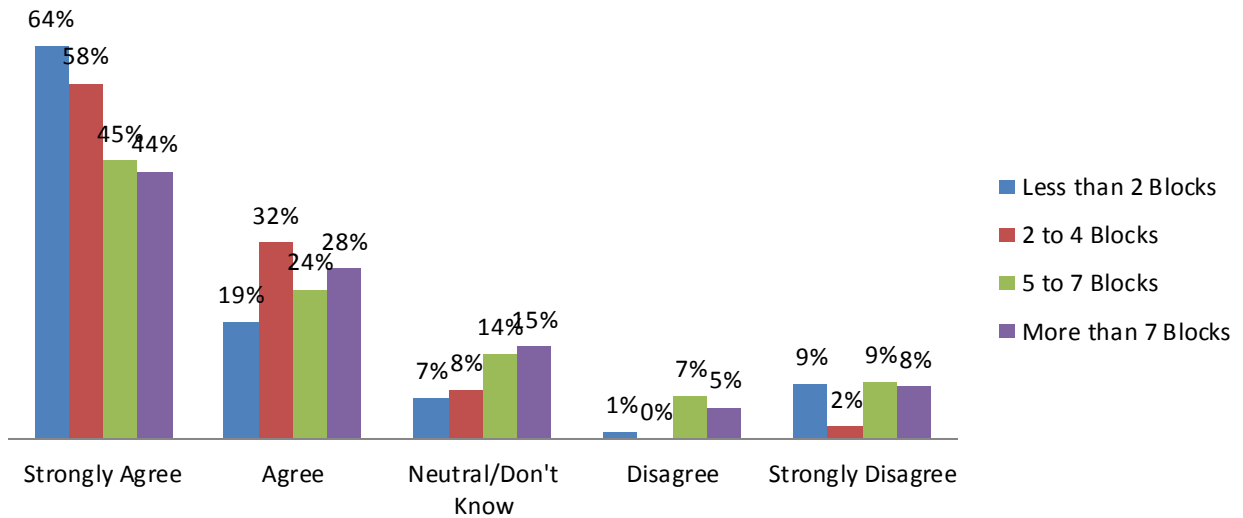
| Proximity          | Public Infrastructure | Monitoring and Evaluation | N          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Less than 2 Blocks | 58%                   | 42%                       | 84         |
| 2 to 4 Blocks      | 58%                   | 42%                       | 49         |
| 5 to 7 Blocks      | 58%                   | 42%                       | 80         |
| More than 7 Blocks | 65%                   | 35%                       | 211        |
| <b>Total</b>       |                       |                           | <b>424</b> |



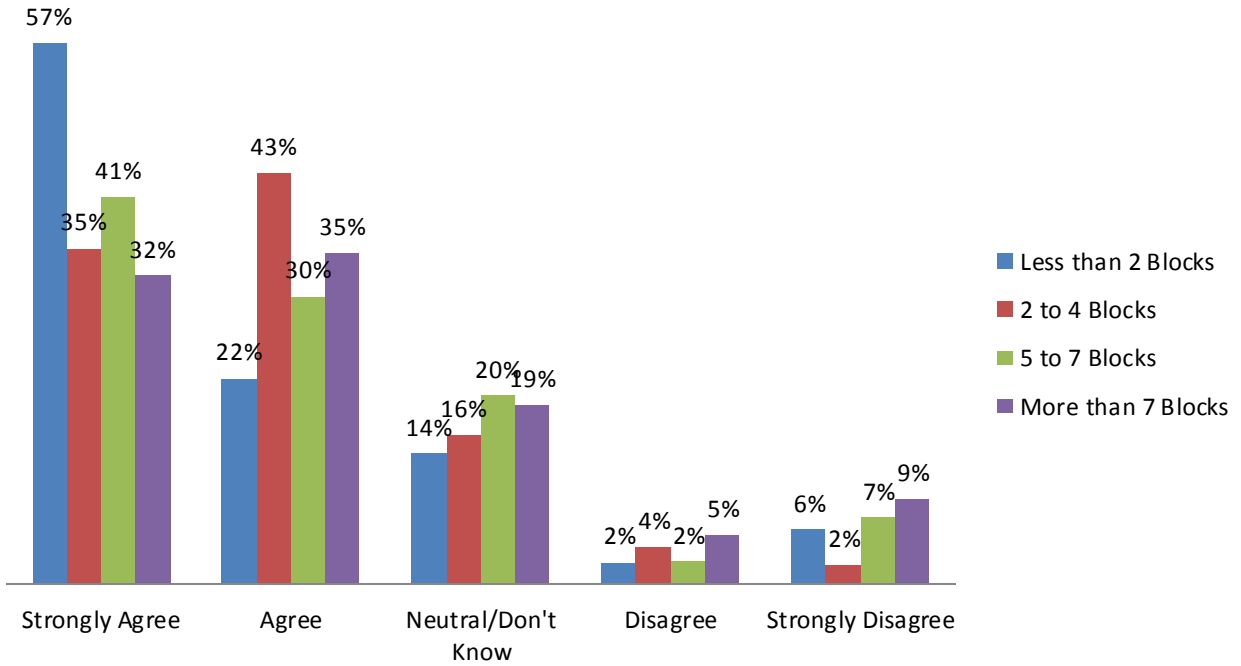
## Question 6

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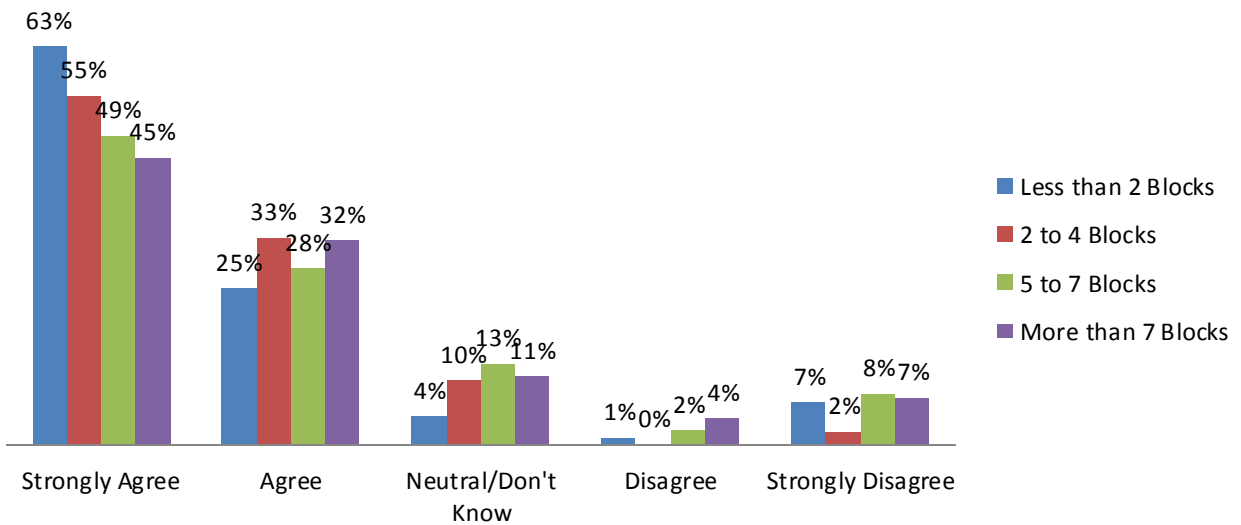
**Commission a study of the environmental impacts of the Waste Transfer Station on the surrounding neighborhood (air quality, soil quality, noise levels...etc), and make this report public**



**Carry out a baseline infrastructure assessment of the public infrastructure in the neighborhood including sidewalks, roads, embankments...etc. and make this report public**



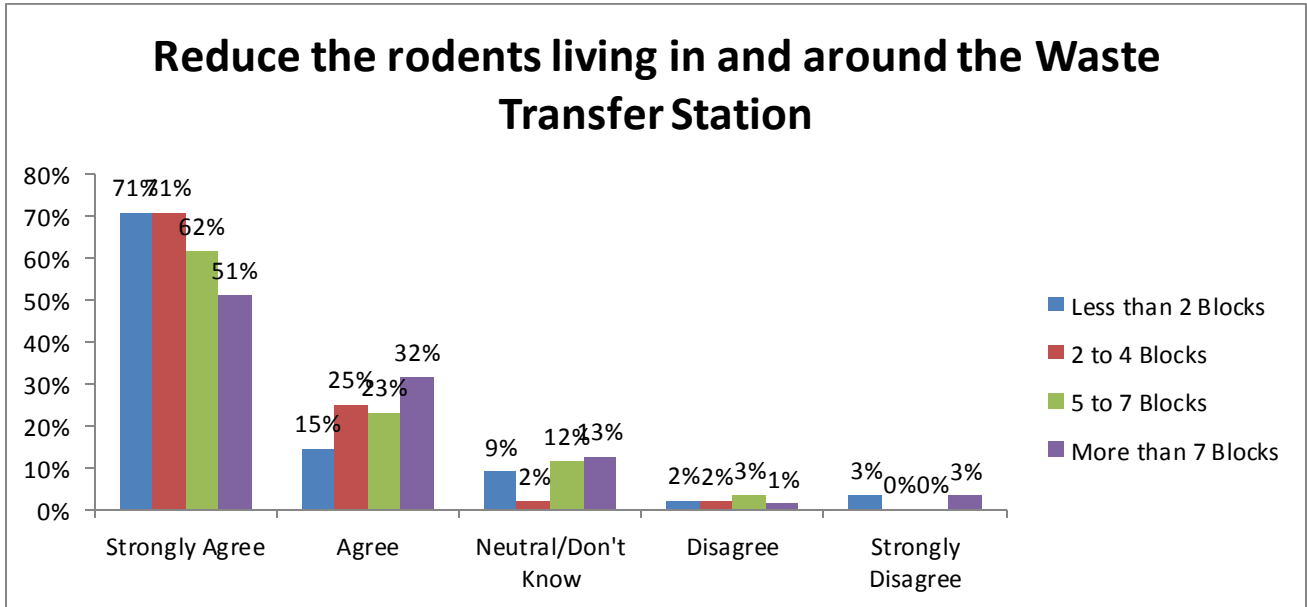
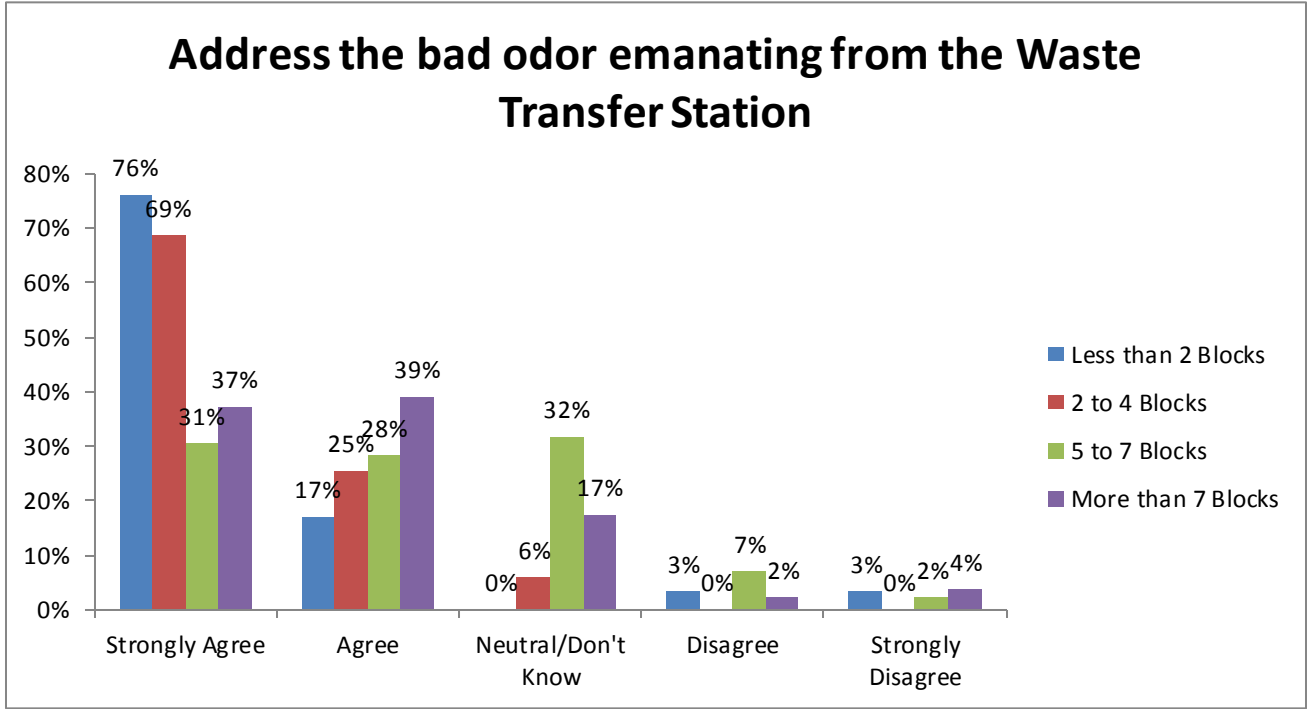
**Develop a process to monitor the environmental impacts the Waste Transfer Station has on the surrounding neighborhood periodically (annually, bi-annually...etc.), and make this report public**



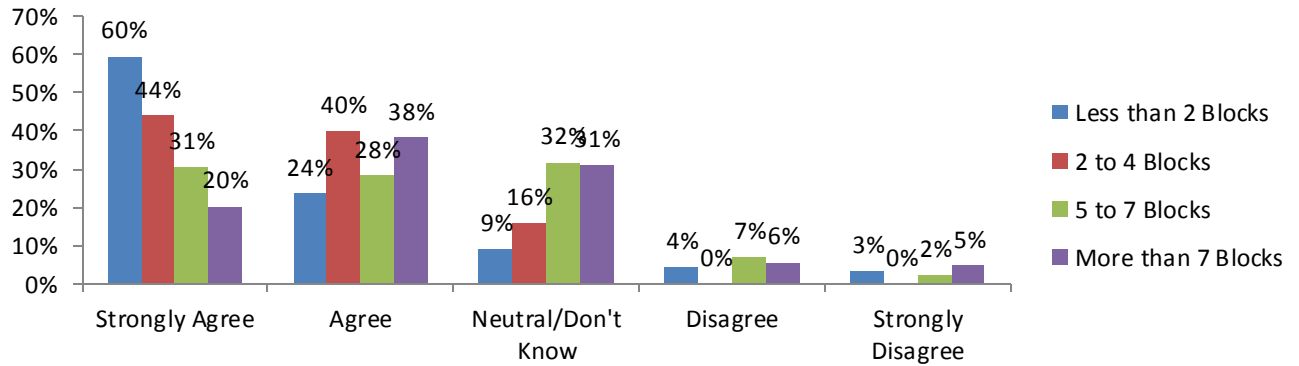


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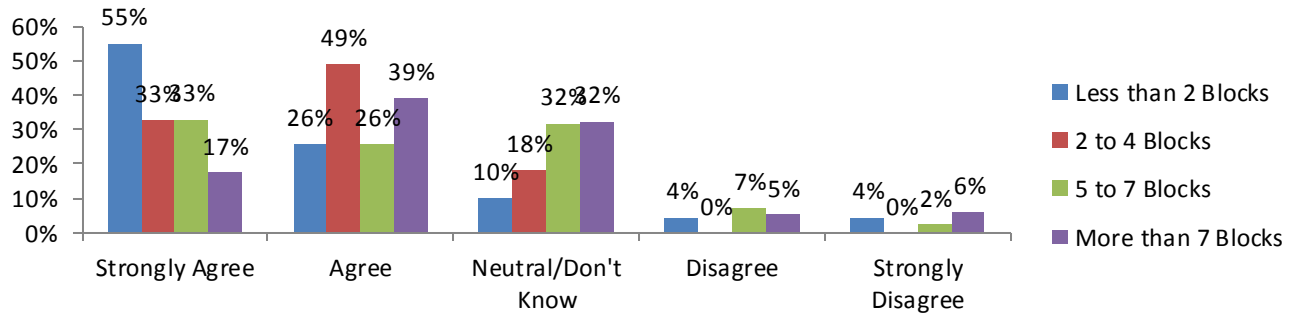
Total number of responses: 432 responses



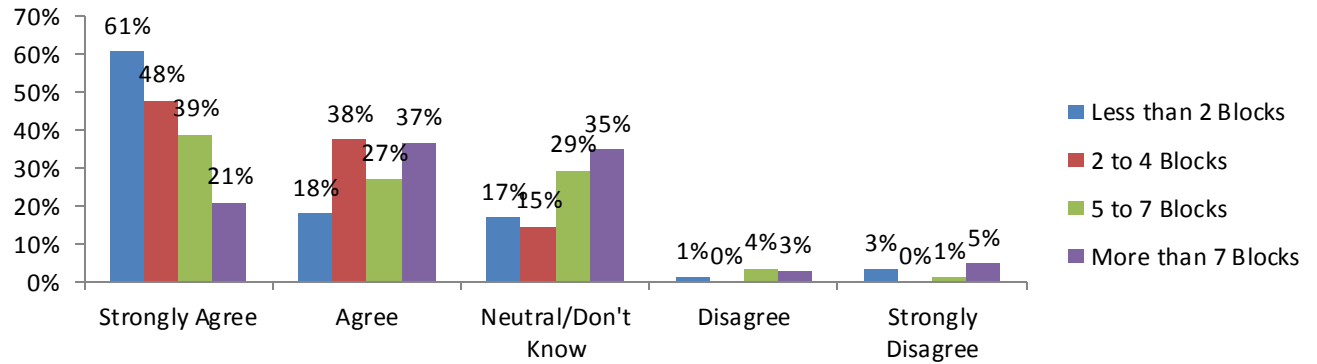
## Minimize the loud noises emanating from the Waste Transfer Station or from the trucks pulling in and out of the Waste Transfer Station



## Take appropriate steps to reduce the traffic congestion and other traffic problems from the trucks pulling in and out of the Waste Transfer Station



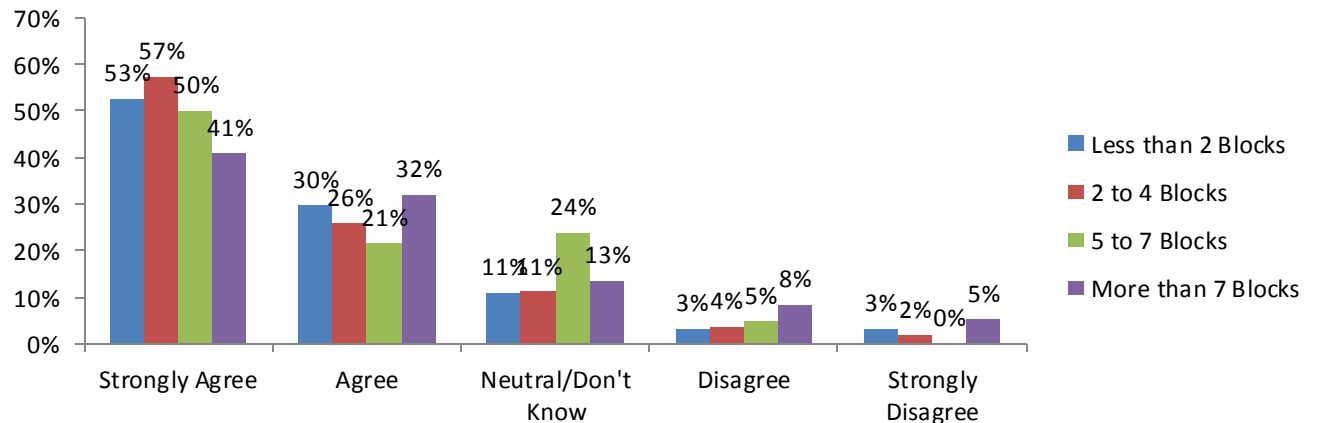
## Deal with other negative impacts from the Waste Transfer Station problem that I described in the last option of Question 3 of the survey



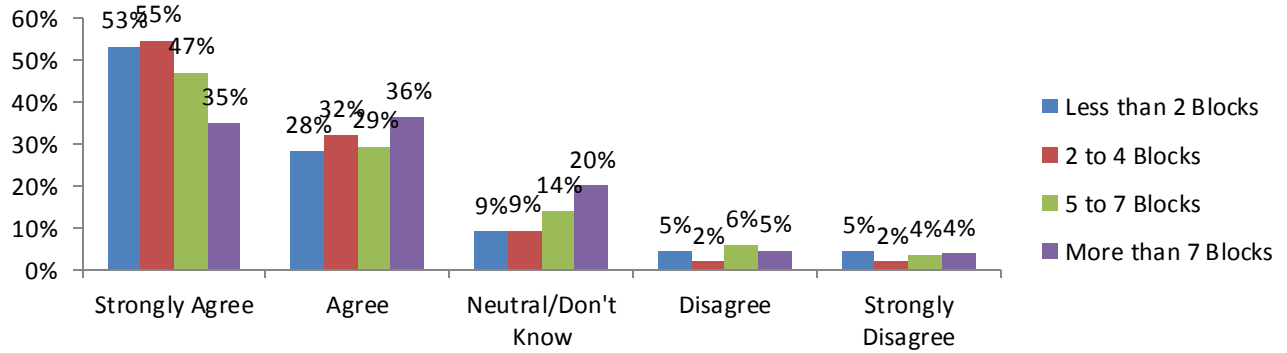
## Question 7

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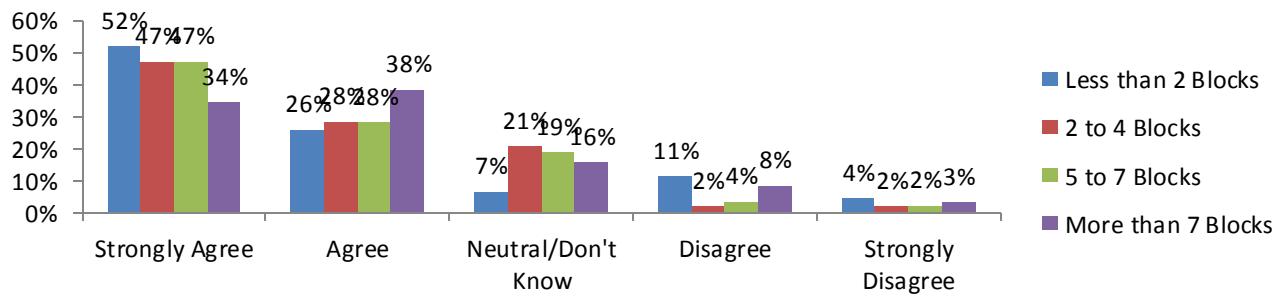
## Increase green space and natural areas



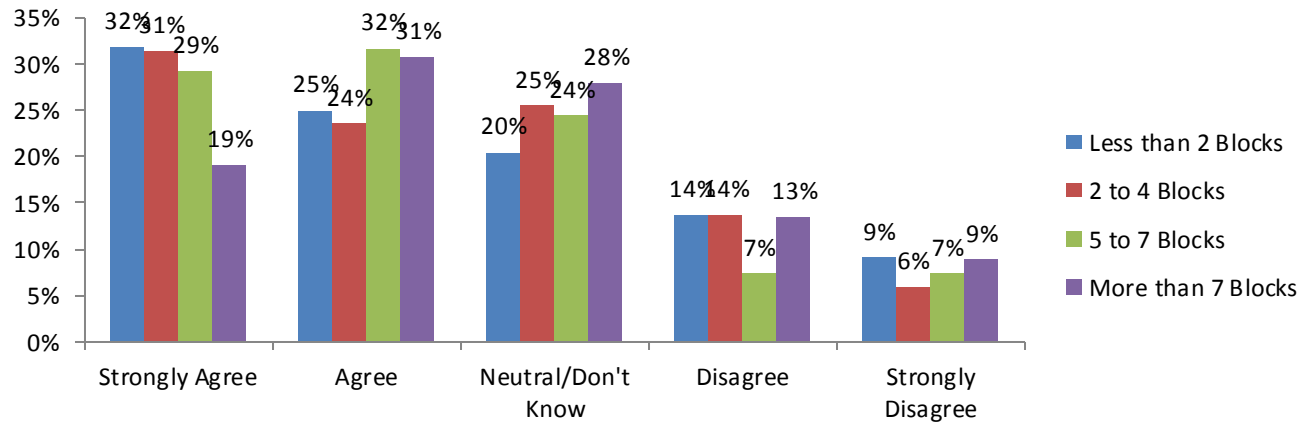
## Expand and improve walking and pedestrian infrastructure in the neighborhood



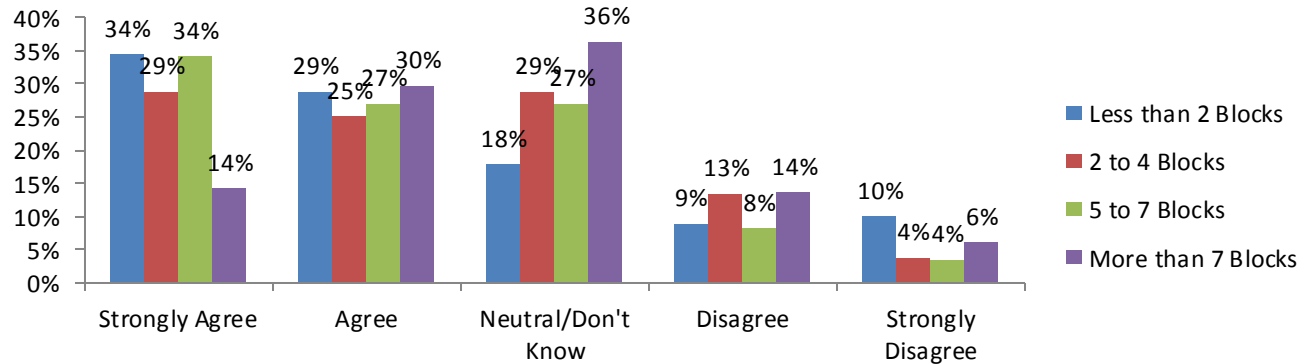
## Improve or expand parks including recreational amenities such as playgrounds, sports fields and/or a dog park



## Develop a community garden



## Improve parking access to local community centers and parks



## Exhibit I

Key concerns raised from question 9 are summarized below. Question 9 reads, “Provide any additional thoughts you have on actions that could be taken to reduce negative impacts of the Waste Transfer Station if funding was available.”

### Question 9

| <b>Provide any additional thoughts you have on actions that could be taken to reduce negative impacts of the Waste Transfer Station if funding was available.</b> |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Category of Written Complaint</b>  | <b>Number of Responses</b> |
| Art   | 3                          |
| Change Operations   | 5                          |
| Close/Relocate the Facility   | 35                         |
| Allow Neighbors to Decide Use of Funds  | 11                         |
| Support/Provide Jobs  | 1                          |
| Monitoring/Evaluation/Testing   | 15                         |
| Infrastructure  | 23                         |
| Make Facility Operator Pay for Negative Impacts   | 4                          |
| No Negative Perception of Facility  | 8                          |
| Odor/Smell Complaints   | 8                          |
| Enhance/Create Recreation and/or Green Space  | 11                         |
| Take Action to Reduce Negative Impacts  | 22                         |
| Safety Around Facility is a Concern   | 3                          |
| Other   | 32                         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>181</b>                 |

| <b>Proximity</b>   | <b>Response</b>   |
|--------------------|---|
| Less than 2 Blocks | West end business improvement   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | 70% should be used to improve the fences on the West End of Evanston Church, Emerson and Simpson Street |
| Less than 2 Blocks | personally I don't see much negative  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Filter out the foul odor.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | It is a Waste Transfer Station, these things are expected and the company does a                        |

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| 2 Blocks           | great job dealing with the issues   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | indifferent   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | the smells and odors  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | reduce cost for rental of dumpsters, etc.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | impose time controls on waste desposal, limit the amount of wastes in tons, testing long term residents for damages   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | I work at the corner of Church/Darrow. Many children - often unaccompanied - come down Darrow and cross the middle of the street to the park. Also, I see an incredibly high number of ETHS parents and students on their cellphones while driving and biking in this area! It is a very dangerous spot (just yesterday there was an accident). I am terrified there is a tragedy waiting to happen with the combination of small children, hectic traffic, and big trucks. |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Take heed to residents' concerns as they live in the immediate vicinity of the problematic location. Consider creating a board of concerned citizens to monitor the transfer station.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | I would like the trucks to stop. Using Darrow avenue as a shortcut to the station when traffic is congested on Emerson or church street. Also I strongly am in favor of adding more green space as the trees on and around dodge/darrow have been cut down and not replaced. Trees have the ability to improve the air quality . I would like to see commissioned art murals in the public space (old bridge walls) that are adjacent to this property.                     |
| Less than 2 Blocks | [written in on question 5] 100% should go to monitoring and improving the properties surrounding the waste transfer station   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | [written on the last option of number 7] especially with zika and the WNV increasing. Black Lives Matter in my neighborhood!!!!   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | As a home owner the rodent is a big issue. Its upsetting to drive on the block where you live in broad daylight and see RATS as big as cats. Rush on this matter they are taking over.  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | I have been complaining for 30+ years about the facility, I hope NOW the city is serious about fixing this health issue for the citizens. Who wants to live breathing noxious, stinky air everyday? Do you?   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Please consider your survey and make changes soon. Visit the houses that are near and talk to the home owners.  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Quality of life improvements for residents adjacent to waste station. 1. Better lighting at the gate and along church street 2. A stoplight or stop sign at both N&S openings of waste station 3. Adequate and timely snow removal/salting on Church Street 4. Provide free dumping for community residents (I live at 1717 Darrow directly behind waste station).  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Bring more jobs in our communities  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Move out of this residential area!!!!   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Enclose/encapsulate waste transfer area with negative-pressure air handling systems   |

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| 2 Blocks           | with filtration capabilities. This may also address some of the noise concerns.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | The waste transfer station should NEVER be located in the heart of a community and a block away from a school. This is scandalous.  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | If the negative impacts rise to the level of a nuisance, the owner, not the city, should pay for remedial action.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Some days the smell is much, much worse than others, why is that?   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | This waste transfer station should not be in Evanston. When this \$1.2mm of money due to Evanston was held up due to a lawsuit, Evanston should not have settled. Evanston should not have given the transfer station a "sweetheart deal" with a fixed fee per processed tonnage for FOREVER. I am in the bond business and no fee should be fixed for FOREVER. This should be changed to at least increase with the CPI or in line with City Property Tax revenue that will not be collected due to suppression of local real estate values. I am very upset with how that whole process went down, especially since I was at the public hearing for it and it felt like the entire decision was being hurried and not properly thought out.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | The smell is intermittent, but very strong. I have heard of neighbors having rodents in their garages, and they attracted a coyote, which is a danger to pets and children. We need to replace the transfer station.  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Consider relocating to a less densely populated area  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Work with govt entity that is leasing the land to NOT renew the lease next time<br>Use the money to build a new public pool and locate it IN the 5th ward   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Move it to a less populated, less trafficked area of the city.  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | The waste transfer station should be removed from this now residential area   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | The waste transfer station should be relocated. I continue to be disappointed in Evanston leadership for settling with this company that degrades the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood. The west side of city is just as important as other neighborhoods. That said, if funds are allocated to city improvement projects. They should be focused on how to improve the immediate area in a way that offsets the terrible results of this company, including odors, rodents, air quality, neighborhood appearance and noise. Landscaping and beautification will help. I would also like an air quality analysis completed with annual monitoring so everyone gains an understanding of the true cost of allowing this company to operate within a residential neighborhood with the hopes this company will be relocated in the future. I hope the city is very choiceful in its budget decision. Don't spend money on any projects that do not help the immediate (within a few blocks) vicinity. And choose projects that will show an immediate impact. For example, don't plant a small garden that will take a year to show results. We need mature plantings that will provide an immediate impact. |
| Less than 2 Blocks | This trash site is an abomination. It should be moved immediately. The IL EPA should revoke its license and force closure. I still can't believe that a progressive community like Evanston would allow the station to receive permission to operate in the first place! I know it was grandfathered in years ago but those houses on   |



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|                    | Darrow that border the station were built in the 1920s! They were there way before the station. This whole issue is disgusting and city leaders should take it upon themselves to right the wrong that was committed by their predecessors against poorer members of the Evanston community. I am deeply disappointed in the city government, past and present.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | If the hours of operation were limited, there would be less traffic, less odor, less possible toxic waste, over less damage to our neighborhood. I would like for the station to eliminate Saturday hours. The station used to use a quieter back up sound on their trucks, but are not using the loud beeping. Why are they not still using this?  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | The traffic, noise, and odor are my biggest concerns. Also, I didn't answer #5 because I didn't understand the options well enough.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | I strongly feel the waste station affect the property value in a bad way.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Have them leave the neighborhood. It should not be around a neighborhood. I don't believe this would be allowed to happen in many other areas of Evanston.  |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Move the waste transfer station completely.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Build a higher wall because it's very loud. Do not start any work till 8 am   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | I am mostly concerned with the environmental impact. I want to be assured that the air quality is good & the potentially hazardous waste they are transferring is not impacting soil. Additionally, I am concerned that the noise created by the station is impacting he quality of life of the individuals living near the transfer station.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | I believe that any actions we take related to data collection or monitoring should remain focused on things that have established acceptable ranges, which can be clearly tied to actions of the waste transfer station, and for which clear actions can be taken to halt or repair any problems that are identified. In my opinion, this would include things like monitoring and management of noise, odors, traffic, and air quality in the immediate vicinity of the transfer station. I do NOT support spending money on things like soil testing as it will be difficult to tie any aberrant readings to direct actions of the waste transfer station, and it does not seem likely that sufficient funding would be available to mitigate any potential problems. I think that a portion of current and future available funds would also be well-spent on infrastructure improvements such as improved lighting in the area and road maintenance/resurfacing (perhaps more frequently than the city budget would otherwise allow). |
| Less than 2 Blocks | Only measure that which can be directly attributed to the waste transfer station as a source.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | They need to close door when making transfer and use sealed hvac to keep odor and noise down. The smells and sounds are so disruptive to the neighbors. A containment system should be established to reduce both. Testing of surrounding soil, water and air quality sound be done monthly to ensure safety of neighbors, as there are many with young children.   |
| Less than 2 Blocks | The ultimate goal should be for the transfer station to find a more suitable location. Use the money to fund a lobbyist to make that happen.  |

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| Less than 2 Blocks | I want to know what is in the air, water and soil and if our health is impacted negatively. Ongoing testing and make it public. I also want to know if the shaking and vibrations are ruining my property.   |
| 2-4 blocks         | Considero que la estacion de basura debe reubicarse en Lugar de hacer inversiones para mitigar los efectos que la misma causa. No es sano para los habitantes de las zonas aledanas tener una estacion de este tipo cercana. Los danos ambientales que Esta genera son innumerables y el impacto negativo en la salud de los residentes proximos.  |
| 2-4 blocks         | 50% of funds should be used for facade improvements for business on Church, Emerson and Simpson  |
| 2-4 blocks         | Get it our of our community!   |
| 2-4 blocks         | cosmetic updates to public walls and spaces (like murals, public art, community created art project)   |
| 2-4 blocks         | [written in question 5] No idea. Have no point of reference.   |
| 2-4 blocks         | A dog park at the end of Twiggs Park near Greenbay Rd would be great!  |
| 2-4 blocks         | move it to the big site where they dump.   |
| 2-4 blocks         | Take out bike lanes  |
| 2-4 blocks         | [written in question 8 option 3] outdoor pool, sledding hill, bowling alley, arcade. See: more options for enrichment in our community town so we dont have to look elsewhere and teens/kids have healthy outlets.   |
| 2-4 blocks         | I think it would be good if we could come to a solution that would help both parties.  |
| 2-4 blocks         | Move the site! Why is it located so close to ETHS? Historic Asbury/Church Street Neighborhood (residents) are penalized by this Station. Given the 18-wheeler postal trucks which use Chicago Avenue, pollution (including noise) is rampant in our neighborhood. We suffer enough from these environmental factors. Please be sensitive to our situation.   |
| 2-4 blocks         | Remove and relocalized it in a complete industrial environnement. Far from residential area  |
| 2-4 blocks         | They should leave the neighborhood. This is a residential area and a waste station has no right to pollute, stink up and bring diseases to the area. Nowhere in the city or elsewhere would this facility ever be allowed.   |
| 2-4 blocks         | Cleaning up alley ways in the surrounding area would be beneficial. Both paving gravel alleys and providing clean up trash spread by rodents from the waste station would be a big help to the community.  |
| 2-4 blocks         | Not that I know of.  |
| 2-4 blocks         | Aside from the blight on area residents, ALL of our community's high school students attend school next to this nasty business. It is also on the walking route for many of our high-schoolers. This station needs to be relocated to an industrial area away from the high school (and residential areas).  |
| 2-4 blocks         | Instead of depending on some unknown sprayed chemical for order control, plants with known properties of absorbing or neutralizing toxic chemicals and foul odors should be planted in and around the Waste Transfer Station. ( <a href="https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/presspac/2012/acs-presspac-august-29-2012/green-plants-reduce-pollution-on-city-streets-up-to-eight-times-more-than-previously-believed.html">https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/presspac/2012/acs-presspac-august-29-2012/green-plants-reduce-pollution-on-city-streets-up-to-eight-times-more-than-previously-believed.html</a> ) I am hugely in favor of a community garden in the area, but it must be located in such a way regarding the Waste Transfer Station that there |

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|            | is no cause for concern about the safety of the food grown in that garden and include testing or remediation of any existing contaminants.  |
| 5-7 blocks | Please help with the smell  |
| 5-7 blocks | Use 100% of funds to reduce impacts of WTS not fund project the City should already pay for   |
| 5-7 blocks | I am surprised that no baseline study of the Church Street Waste station has taken place to date. Does the money in question represent a one time settlement agreed to by the City? That would be a mistake. No amount of parks or greenspace will solve the problem of having an unsanitary garbage dump located in close proximity to schools, parks and residences. The waste station has to go. |
| 5-7 blocks | can more greenspace be place on or around it to help remediate? Green roofing etc. Also, soil analysis to make sure the sounding groundwater isn't hazardous.   |
| 5-7 blocks | This problem has been on going too long. this City has moved to slowly on this problem. lets take action and move on this matter soon. the health and wellbeing of tax payers is essential.   |
| 5-7 blocks | Assess the whole waste transfer station for the health and welfare of all citizens  |
| 5-7 blocks | In order to address traffic congestion I recommend the elimination of bike lanes on heavily used streets such as Dodge and Church streets especially.   |
| 5-7 blocks | fix it, it's a big problem  |
| 5-7 blocks | Take out the bike lanes!!!!   |
| 5-7 blocks | I wish the Waste Transfer Station could be relocated outside Evanston.  |
| 5-7 blocks | Move the waste transfer station somewhere farther away from the community   |
| 5-7 blocks | I believe the real focus should be on the drug dealers, guns-shootings, violence, robbers. And more job training for the you on up! Add the honesty of our police dept. [written in question 7 option 3] Honestly the trucks cant help it! [written in question 7 option 4] Never seen any real problem! Not to invest money into   |
| 5-7 blocks | More information needs to be given out to community members ? follow up.  |
| 5-7 blocks | It is optimal for safety that the traffic, cars and like, congestion be reevaluated for safety and better conductivity.   |
| 5-7 blocks | Move it away from residential neighborhoods, schools and parks!   |
| 5-7 blocks | Don't waste the settlement money on studies. This issue has been OVERSTUDIED! Use the funds to purchase the site from Advance and get the transfer station out of town! This is the ONLY solution to this eyesore which has remained largely unscathed for decades. It is a garbage dump in the middle of our town. Really, do we need to spend more money on analyzing its impact?                 |
| 5-7 blocks | Use feral cats to control rodent problem. Feral cats are super effective at this, and are a self-sustaining solution. Get Evanston residents to adopt a better recycling program (get residents to pre-segregate waste as plastics, glass, paper). Get Evanston residents and shops/restaurants/businesses to reduce waste - especially packaging waste.  |
| 5-7 blocks | Public Art  |
| 5-7 blocks | Address evanston's rat problem -- I see them near dumpsters all the time. If we have extra money for infrastructure, top priority should be to widen both lanes on Ridge. Current narrow lanes create traffic congestion and dangerous conditions when a single bus takes up both lanes.  |

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| 5-7 blocks         | Please consult directly with the people in this area, especially those who do not have access to this electronic survey. Lots of elderly people or socio economically disadvantaged people who do not have internet access.  |
| 5-7 blocks         | MOVE IT! there are no words to improve the negative impact that hasn't been spent. Only sincere regrets to the families that live near it. Allocate 23% of the fund as an increase in pay to each of the council members that voted for it   |
| 5-7 blocks         | Any money should be used by the city to improve the area - the waste station should pay to improve the odor, rodents, monitor THEIR damage etc. That shouldn't be the city's responsibility - they need to test and provide data showing they're meeting their commitments.  |
| 5-7 blocks         | I'm not sure why all the neighbors in the new townhomes are annoyed with the Station - it was there when they moved in. But on the reducing impacts - there are also challenges with the bike lines on that section of Church, so that people can't get around the turning trucks due to the bike lane posts.  |
| 5-7 blocks         | Set up periodic tours for neighbors to see how a waste transfer station operates and what happens to our garbage   |
| 5-7 blocks         | this is the largest environmental justice issue we face in Evanston and the people living close to this station should be the priority in terms of addressing health concerns resulting from the impact of this station  |
| 5-7 blocks         | I'd like to see the transfer station moved, and the plan for creating a park on the property and burm put in place. It's continued existence is reflective of systemic racism in Evanston. It would not still exist if it was located on the north or east side.   |
| 5-7 blocks         | Smell of garbage mainly comes from rotting food. Help setup education and infrastructure for composting program so that the food has a place to decompose in an educated, people-pleasing and environmentally friendly way. Divert food waste from other garbage.  |
| 5-7 blocks         | In the future, the city should not rezone areas to residential when they are adjacent to industrial zones which would have this type of impact. Much of this issue was created by rezoning on the property adjacent to the transfer station. The homes that were built on that property were relatively high-end and were sure to be impacted by the smells that every Evanston resident knew about who drove or walked by that station entrance. Avoiding this type of pitfall in the future should be a huge priority. Put residents and potential residents ahead of the developers please. |
| 5-7 blocks         | Use half of the money to pay back general city debts or as a citywide rainy day fund. Allow locally impacted taxpayers decide on the usage of the other half.  |
| 5-7 blocks         | Definitely determine by monitoring & testing any possible health issues affecting the neighborhood first! If no health issue impact such as breathing illnesses are ruled out, then infra structure repairs, etc can be tackled. You can't buy property and build a lot when you don't know what kind of trash or chemicals are being introduced to this neighborhood.   |
| 5-7 blocks         | Ampliar la calle Church a 2 lineas de la avenida Asbury hasta la avenida Dodge   |
| more than 7 blocks | nothing comes to mind  |
| more than 7 blocks | Just eliminate it. Take it out of the community. It can be placed in a more industrial area and then there will be no impact at all. If there are funds to be used in Evanston, I suggest that those funds be granted to Shorefront Legacy Center. It is   |

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|                    | making a positive impact on the community and has a presence in district 65 schools and the surrounding community. Its presence in the community would be further enhanced by a structure that is supported by City of Evanston as well as the activities and programs that could be utilized by residents. A structure on the corridor street of Church Street would be a welcoming edifice as residents and visitors travel along Church toward the great looking and vibrant downtown.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Preferred response to question #5 Infrastructure: Funding must be made available for direct community benefit, and used to create projects that grow tax revenues within the West Evanston TIF. The following represent public projects with direct community benefit. Purchase a facility/building in West Evanston adequate for Shorefront Legacy. - 33% Finance cost for the hire of a professional consultancy to lead Implementation of the May 14, 2007 Master Plan for West Evanston Areas 1, 2 and 3. - 17% The balance of the Fund should be placed in a Trust and made available as matching funds to leverage additional resources in line with West Evanston physical redevelopment. - 25% Monitoring Question Response: Finance the cost of an Administrator (independent of the City) to manage and monitor activities associated with TIF District #6 - Church and Dodge neighborhood. - 25% Zero dollars should be used to pay for environmental studies, impact reviews, facility monitoring, noise, smell, pest control, etc. These items must be realized by Advanced Disposal, as the cost of doing business. Further, Advanced Disposal should be challenged to make a substantial financial contribution annually to Shorefront Legacy and other local community agencies that help improve life quality of West Evanston residents. Lastly, park, greenspace, bike lanes are paid for with our tax dollars. |
| more than 7 blocks | I'd defer to the immediate area residents as far as prioritizing use of the funds  |
| more than 7 blocks | Relocate it out of the city.   |
| more than 7 blocks | I think community members where station located can speak best together with city officials to best response. I have had station neighbors express concern, worry and distress to me about the station   |
| more than 7 blocks | testing, remediation   |
| more than 7 blocks | Regular monitoring of the site, so any environmentally noxious discharge can be caught and mitigated   |
| more than 7 blocks | [written in question 8 option 3] Swimming Pool!  |
| more than 7 blocks | assess drinking water quality  |
| more than 7 blocks | I believe we should fully fund monitoring and follow up on the site to ensure we minimize the long-term issues with the site. Everything else should then go to improvements.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Use only for local garbage. We must stop subjecting the 5th ward to impossible situations such as this that reduce the quality of life for residents and adversely affect property values and health issues.   |
| more than 7 blocks | Hello, I would like to suggest that NU work with the City to host a household  |

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| 7 blocks           | hazardous waste day at Ryan Field. My office can provide the technical support and services and funding would help defray the disposal costs. This is a needed service in the City. Thank you!  |
| more than 7 blocks | We just need to better for or future and or children. Thank you!  |
| more than 7 blocks | Make more facilities to benefit neighborhood residents re their recreation, health, and safety  |
| more than 7 blocks | A place like this has to go somewhere and the people who live near here made the decision to move there. Things are fine as they are and no more money should go towards changing things.   |
| more than 7 blocks | A place for teens to hang-out. I would love to see a bowling alley in Evanston. Updates to the community centers.   |
| more than 7 blocks | Evanston needs improved sport facilities, especially to replace Robert Crown, can this be used as seed money for the project?   |
| more than 7 blocks | This has gone on for too many years. This is NO place for a transfer station. Enough. Use their money to tell them to relocate to an area outside of residential and school areas.  |
| more than 7 blocks | primary focus: raising quality of life for residents in that neighborhood!!!!   |
| more than 7 blocks | Funds should be used to reduce police and fire pension obligations.   |
| more than 7 blocks | your survey doesn't work right  |
| more than 7 blocks | How about creating an endowment fund with the entire windfall amount and then use investment returns to fund an annual project or 2. That way, the \$ won't disappear into the government ether in a year   |
| more than 7 blocks | Best to listen to the people living closest to the Station.   |
| more than 7 blocks | The transfer station is a long term local employer and provides a valuable service to all Evanston and the surrounding community. Please treat them with the same care and respect that you would for any other Evanston business. The debris disposal costs to all local homeowners will increase if you continue to shakedown this business.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Talk to the neighbors, they will have ideas.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Not living in that neighborhood I am not all THAT impacted, though I know residents of Church Street Village that are NOT thrilled with this industrial neighbor (though it's worth noting purchasers in Church Street Village were aware of the transfer station having been there for YEARS before that condo development was built), and this IS somewhat of an industrial neighborhood. |
| more than 7 blocks | Regarding the allocation of funds to monitoring and/ or infrastructure, I think the city needs to do a comprehensive analysis and determine where the money is most needed. I do not have a full understanding of the damage done to infrastructure or the need for monitoring.   |
| more than 7 blocks | I think they should move to another location. Their present location adds to the negative impact of the neighborhood and surrounding area. Their current location is  |

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|                    | a detriment to those who might otherwise move into the area and have a positive impact on the neighborhood.   |
| more than 7 blocks | Provide more recycling and more careful disposal of waste products and procedures.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Consider the environmental impact of driving waste loads further. The transfer station, which came before most neighbors, fills an important need.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Use the money and additional public funds to buy them out, so they would relocate to a more rural area. This type of business does not belong in Evanston. I don't think the city should agree to any settlement that would preclude continued litigation to the point that doing business here becomes unprofitable.   |
| more than 7 blocks | If it smells bad there, why would you spend the settlement money to build a park close by?  |
| more than 7 blocks | I support the wishes of neighborhood leaders in this matter. I trust most residents who benefit from trash removal, & the operation of a transfer station, but aren't adversely affected by it, would support the residents. I believe the city should use its own funds to monitor, and enforce laws around this station as they do in other matters. The legal or enforcement expenses around the station are an ongoing cost of prior business decisions around waste. It's not appropriate to divert the one time settlement to monitoring and enforcement. The deals made around waste (presumably) benefitted the whole city, but the costs were visibly incurred in one neighborhood. So, again, settlement money belongs in the neighborhood that took a hit. I imagine most others who, like me, aren't directly affected by the station's existence would like to see the city defer to the recommendations of affected residents. Thank you. |
| more than 7 blocks | City should buy them out, make them an offer that they can't refuse.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Make sure no additional housing units are built near this pre-existing station. Encourage the company to give annual tours of the station to the public (if they don't already). Evanston should educate the public on the necessity of having waste stations such as these as well as educating the public about reducing waste & recycling more.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Why did you locate this by the high school  |
| more than 7 blocks | I don't recall if there are bright lights at the transfer station at night (when I pass by it's usually daytime). If so, then light pollution would be another issue to address. Without a sense of how much "monitoring and evaluation projects" might cost, it is difficult to provide an informed answer to #5 (allocating the percentage of funds). I'm so glad something is being done, even if we couldn't succeed in having the transfer station moved.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Use the money to buy out the transfer station and close it down. It is ridiculous to have other town's wastes stored here.  |
| more than 7 blocks | a majority of the funds should be allocated to fund police & fire pension funds which are woefully underfunded  |
| more than 7 blocks | These monies should be used exclusively in the neighborhood impacted. They earned it by enduring difficult times and should reap the benefit.   |
| more than          | leave it alone  |

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| more than 7 blocks | cancel the host agreement and get rid of the station  |
| more than 7 blocks | First off, monies for monitoring and baseline studies should have been part of any settlement outside of funds for to be used for infrastructure in the neighborhood around the facility.   |
| more than 7 blocks | Reduce waste stream thru more and better recycling and composting. Educate the community about longterm costs of our waste stream to health and our environment.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Respect the thoughts and inputs of the residents within a 6-8 block area around the station. Their input is by far the most important.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Improve parks to include water features. Improve biking safety feature in city (more protected bike lanes)  |
| more than 7 blocks | Monitoring is great, but don't waste the money on studies. Use it to make concrete improvements to, well, anything. Whether reducing rodents or infrastructure improvements.  |
| more than 7 blocks | What we really need are to resurface a number of streets. We also need to do major sidewalk replacements in the area bounded by Dodge, Main, Asbury and Oakton. My husband and I walk there all the time and are surprised by the MANY damaged sidewalks. We have lived in Evanston since 1067, in 4 different places, and have never seen so many sidewalks in poor repair.  |
| more than 7 blocks | Please make sure to hear from people who will be impacted most but who are not digitally savvy enough to access an online survey. Go ask the neighbours in person. Their voices matter most.  |
| more than 7 blocks | I would hate to see funding be given to a Consultant for another study. I agreed with a process to monitor, because I assume that would fit in with something the City already does. As far as answering this question: I think that this is also a matter of developing policy and procedures, and enforcing it, for the individuals and companies which use the transfer station - not letting them get away with sloppy actions; and making them pay extra for larger or more difficult loads. |