New Urbanism Theory & Community Health in Las Vegas

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pedestrian
friendly
Mixed Housing & Activities
social interactions
New Urbanist Design \rightarrow Neighborhood Community & Quality of Life
Physical Neighborhood Structure <-> Residents’ Attitudes about their Neighborhood
six neighborhoods from LVMASS
Neighborhood Fieldwork
New Urbanist
Design Scale
1) Clear center and edge
2) One-quarter mile distance from the center and edge
3) diversity of housing and activities
4) Interconnected street network
5) Available public spaces
NU Neighborhood: 2.99
non-NU Neighborhood: 1.5
Physical Neighborhood Structure

Residents’ Attitudes about their neighborhood
Neighborliness
I live in a close-knit neighborhood.

I can trust my neighbors.

My neighbors' interests and concerns are important to me.

If there was a serious problem in my neighborhood, the residents would get together to solve it.

NU is more neighborly non-NU
Neighborhood Social Bonds
NU has stronger social bonds than non-NU
Neighborhood Attachment & Quality of Life
Sense of Belonging in your Neighborhood

If you could live where you want, would you....
Stay at your current address
Move to another location in LV
Move to another location in NV
Move outside of NV

Quality of Life in your Neighborhood

non-NU has stronger neighborhood attachment than NU
non-NU has greater quality of life than NU
Neighborhood Problems
Neighborhood Problems in NU Neighborhood

- Vacant Land
- Unsupervised Teenagers
- Feeling Crowded
- Crime
- Trash
- Smells
- Vacant Houses
- Graffiti

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10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

Not a Problem
Little Problem
Big Problem
Neighborhood Problems in non-NU Neighborhood

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