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City Continues Neighborhood Surveys *South Wheeling Chosen as Second Area to Participate*

Wheeling, W.Va. – Members of the South Wheeling community are being requested to participate in an online survey during the month of September. This includes people that live, work, worship, play or otherwise have an interest in the area between 29th and 48th Streets. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWheeling.

The City's current comprehensive plan – Envision Wheeling – calls for a neighborhood assessment program. The goal is to develop strategies for incorporating Wheeling's unique neighborhoods into the fabric of the city and its development. The Envision Wheeling Implementation Committee formed the Neighborhood Working Group (NWG) to assess quality of life, safety, infrastructure, and community involvement within various sections of the city.

To begin the assessment, the NWG is partnering with neighborhood organizations to conduct citizen surveys. The process calls for review of one area at a time to determine ways that Wheeling can better serve its neighborhoods, as well as how the communities can become more connected city-wide.

South Wheeling is the second neighborhood to participate in the survey program. Volunteers in the South Wheeling neighborhood are implementing the survey and will analyze the results after the survey closes on September 30. The volunteers will then work with community members to address the issues and ideas presented.

The Warwood community was the first to participate in this program in April 2016. Since then, volunteers have started addressing some of the issues that were raised in that survey, in part, through the formation of the group Grow Warwood Pride.

Beyond assessing the neighborhoods, the NWG hopes to empower the community. Many residents benefit from some type of community organization – a neighborhood association, crime watch, or service group, for example. The goal is to empower each neighborhood to form or strengthen these networks and become active in the growth and revitalization of our city as a whole.

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Ginger Kabala, President of the South Wheeling Preservation Alliance (SWPA), and other members of the South Wheeling community are leading this effort. Volunteers looking to help with the South Wheeling assessment can contact Ms. Kabala at (304) 233-8917.

Hard copies of the survey are available at the SWPA office (3501 Jacob Street).

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