



Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE)

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WIRE is a two year Level 1 \$100,000 Environmental Protection Agency cooperative agreement called CARE (Community Action to Renew the Environment).



WIRE

The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to determine local environmental risks and priorities through community engagement.

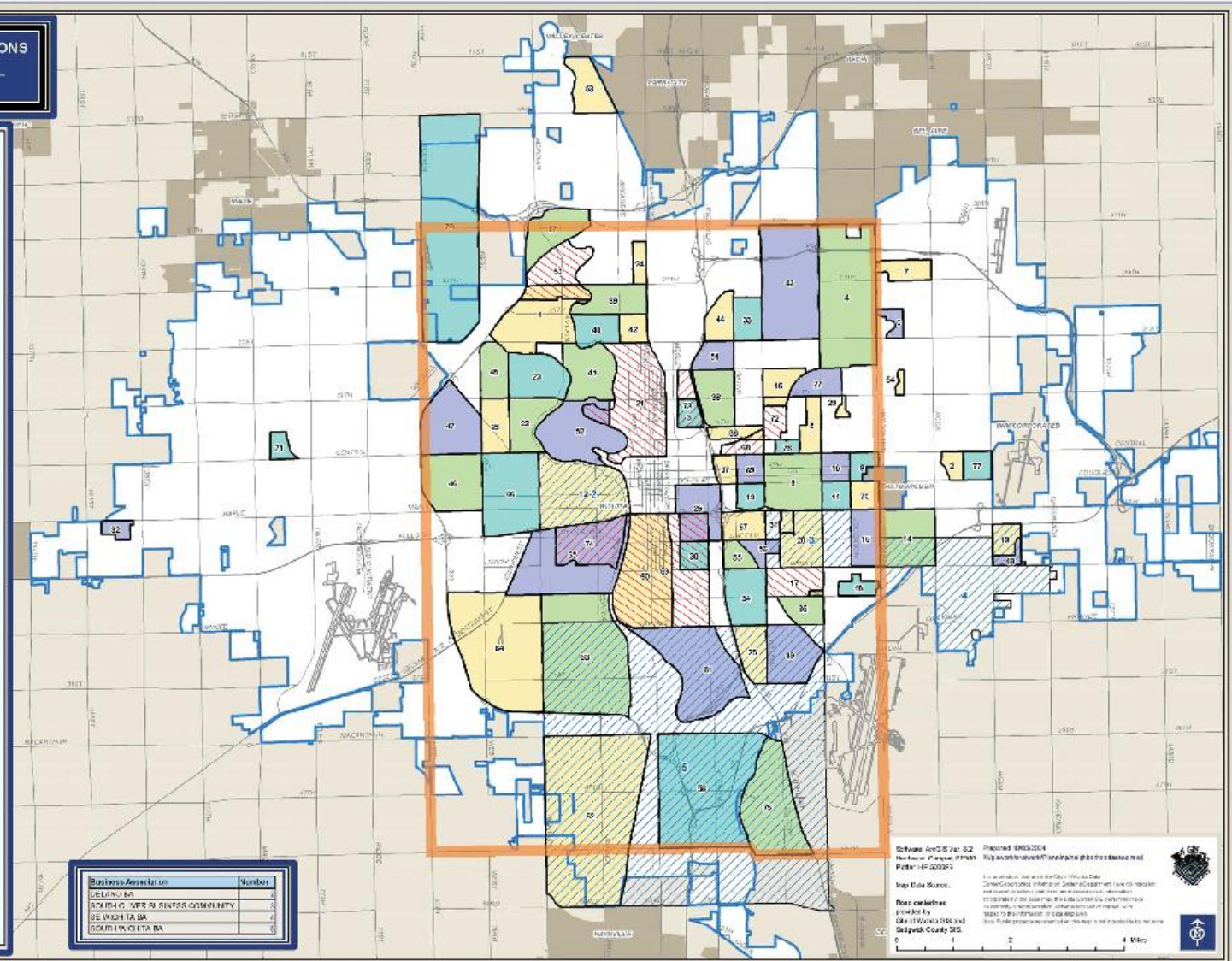
WIRE Project Focus Area

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS & Business Associations

City of Wichita

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION	NUM. BUS. ASSOC.
BENHAM HILLS	1 Y
BIRCH HOLLOW	2
CENTRAL PARK	3 Y
CLARK & WOODS	2 Y
COLLIER HILL	3 Y
COMOTATA WINDGATE VILLAGE	5 Y
COYWOOD VILLAGE	7
COYWOOD OVERLOOK	3 Y
COYWOOD	3
CROWN HEIGHTS	10 Y
CROWN HEIGHTS SOUTH	11 Y
DELANO	12 Y
EAST FRONT	13
EAST EDGE	15 Y
FLORA 2	15 Y
FOUNTAIN	18 Y
GARDENVIEW HEIGHTS	17 Y
BASIN VIEW SOUTH	18 Y
HARBORVIEW	18
HILLTOP IMPROVEMENT ALLIANCE	23 Y
HISTORIC WICHITA BUSINESS ASSOC.	21 Y
HIGHWAY 16	22
HIGHWAY 16 BUSINESS ASSOC.	23 Y
JONES PARK	24
LA FLORIDA	25
LA FLORIDA SCHOOL	28
LA FLORIDA	27 Y
LA FLORIDA PARK	28 Y
LAKESIDE	29 Y
LAWWOOD	33
LONESTAR	31 Y
MARIC HILLS	32
MARSHWOOD	33 Y
MERCY	34
MIDTOWN SOUTH BUSINESS ASSOC.	35 Y
MIDTOWN	35
MIDTOWN SOUTH	37
NORTH CENTRAL	38
NORTH CENTRAL CREEK	38
NORTH EVERETT	40
NORTH HEATHER	41 Y
NORTHMAN	42
NORTHMAN HEIGHTS	43 Y
NORTHMAN MIDDLE	44 Y
NORTHMAN BUSINESS ASSOC.	45 Y
ORCHARD GREENS	46
ORCHARD PARK	47 Y
PARK WINDGATE	49
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT	49
PLEASANT VALLEY	50
POWER	51 Y
REVEREE BUSINESS ASSOC.	52 Y
ROCKAWAY	52
ROCKAWAY	54
SCHWARTZ	55 Y
SCHWARTZ EAST	56 Y
SHREVEWOOD	57 Y
SOUTHMAN	58 Y
SOUTH CENTRAL IMPROVEMENT ALLIANCE	59 Y
SOUTH-SUN VALLEY BUSINESS ASSOC.	63
SOUTH-CITY COMMUNITY ASSOC.	61
SOUTH-RIVERDALE (BUS.)	62
SOUTHWEST	63
SOUTHWEST VILLAGE	64 Y
STANLEY ALEX	65
STANLEY PARK	66 Y
SUNBURY	67 Y
SUNBURY	68 Y
UPDOWN	69 Y
VALLEY	70
WICHITA	71
WICHITA (BUS.)	72
WICHITA	73
WICHITA	74 Y
WICHITA	75
WICHITA	76 Y
WICHITA	77
WICHITA	78 Y
WICHITA	79 Y

Business Association	Number
DELANO BA	12
SOUTHMAN MFR. & SUPPLY COMMUNITY	18
SE WICHITA BA	4
SOUTH WICHITA BA	5



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WIRE Project Organization

- KU faculty and staff support
- Design Team (9 community members who assisted in developing the project and creating an Environmental Leadership Council)
- Environmental Leadership Council consisting of 25 community members.

DT Meetings



Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment Advisory Teams



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Local Government

Former State Government

Business

Environmental Experts

Environmental Health

Community Leaders



Environmental Leadership Council (ELC)

- Nominated as leaders within neighborhoods and the community
- Diverse and representative of the community
- Allows for program sustainability

Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment Environmental Leadership Council



Angie Allen
Intoxicating Designs



~~Marcel Alvarez~~
Community Member



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~~Terracon~~
Consultants Inc.



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Kansas



~~Dave Hoffminger~~
Community
Member



Hoyt Hillman
Access to Health



Allison Lemons
League of Women
Voters



Roger Lyon
Miller Recycling
Center



Kristin Marlett
Community Member



Brian Meier
Burns &
McDonnell



Brian Miller
Community
Member



Joseph Mitchell
KDHE



~~Ray Jacobs~~
Uptown
Neighborhood
Association



Benjamin Stiff
Community
Member



~~Patty Stupper~~
USD 259



Jeff Waller
~~Hawker Beachcraft~~



WIRE Community Engagement Process

Provide information to and engage:

- Neighborhood associations
- Community organizations
- Local government
- Local business community

52 Discussion Groups



~1500 Participants





Environmental Issues

- 92 pages of community discussion groups were categorized into:
 1. Air
 2. Land
 3. Water
 4. Waste
- ELC condensed 92 pages down to 19 environmental issues.
- Fact sheets (in English and Spanish) and videos were developed for each of the 19 issues.



Education and Prioritization

- The education campaign for the 19 environmental issues was provided to 43 groups and on the website.

<http://wichita.kumc.edu/care/>

- 774 citizens participated in the education process ~1 hour.



Education and Prioritization

Then we asked the 774 participants to prioritize the 19 issues by:

1. Risk to the environment
2. Risk to health
3. Risk to the economy
4. Urgency for action
5. The community's interest in addressing the issue

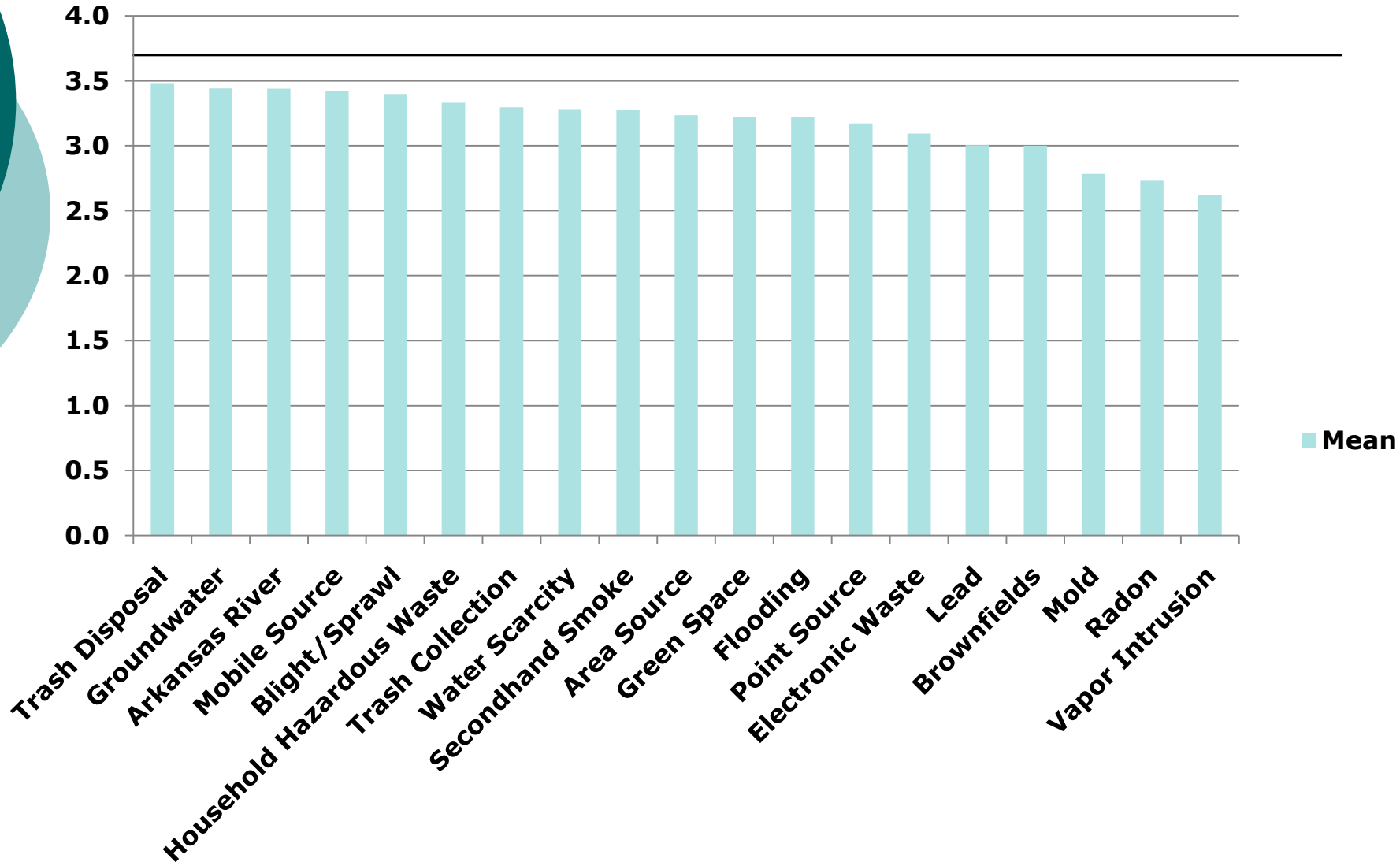
0 = no risk/interest

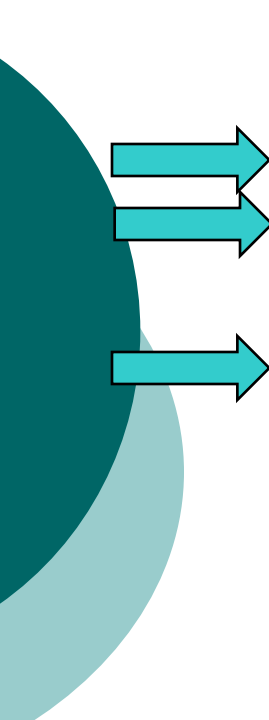
5 = greatest risk/interest



Summary of Findings

Total Risk/Interest





Total Risk/Interest	
Issue	Mean
Trash Disposal	3.48
Arkansas River	3.44
Groundwater	3.44
Mobile Source	3.42
Blight/Sprawl	3.40
Household Hazardous Waste	3.33
Trash Collection	3.30
Water Scarcity	3.28
Secondhand Smoke	3.27
Area Source	3.24
Green Space	3.22
Flooding	3.22
Point Source	3.17
Electronic Waste	3.09
Lead	3.00
Brownfields	3.00
Mold	2.78
Radon	2.73
Vapor Intrusion	2.62



Recycling

- Lack of a mandatory recycling program was one of the major comments heard in the discussion groups.
- The lack of a more comprehensive waste management system for the city.
- This discussion often included franchising of trash collection.



Next Steps

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Wichita Eagle

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BP could yet make money on leaking well

BY BOB BISHOP
The Wichita Eagle

WASHINGTON — The recovery of oil from the Gulf of Mexico is well under way, but it may take a year or more to reach the goal of 1 million barrels a day, according to a report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The report says that the U.S. will need to produce 10 million barrels a day to meet demand, and that the U.S. will need to produce 10 million barrels a day to meet demand, and that the U.S. will need to produce 10 million barrels a day to meet demand.

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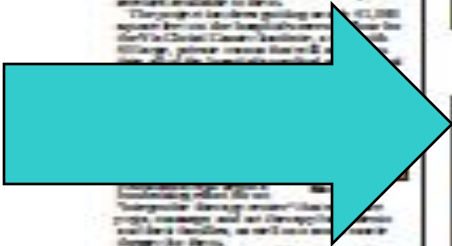
Via Christi institute dedicated to cancer

The Via Christi Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment is dedicated to cancer research and treatment. The institute is located in Wichita, Kansas, and is a part of the Via Christi Health System. The institute is dedicated to cancer research and treatment, and is a part of the Via Christi Health System.

OUR TOP ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GROUP SEEKS FIXES

<h3>TRASH DISPOSAL</h3> 	<h3>STUDY ASKED RESIDENTS TO RANK CONCERNS</h3> <p>The study asked residents to rank their concerns about environmental issues. The results showed that trash disposal and urban blight were the top concerns.</p>	<h3>URBAN BLIGHT</h3> 
<h3>ARKANSAS RIVER</h3> 	<h3>SECONDHAND SMOKE</h3> 	<h3>HOUSEHOLD WASTE</h3> 

<h3>CAR, TRUCK EMISSIONS</h3> 	<h3>TOP ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS</h3> <p>The top environmental concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trash disposal and the need for a better waste management program Urban blight Secondhand smoke Household waste Car, truck emissions Arkansas River Urban blight Secondhand smoke Household waste Car, truck emissions Arkansas River 	<h3>HOUSEHOLD WASTE</h3> 
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CARE Level 2

Priorities moving forward for WIRE are community projects involving:

- 1. Trash disposal and recycling**
- 2. Arkansas River** environmental projects to reduce impact of stormwater run-off.
- 3. Vehicular Air Emissions** through idle reduction projects.

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