Section II
Satisfaction and Quality of Life

- **OVERALL SATISFACTION AND IMPACT ON QUALITY OF LIFE**

Overall, 94% of the respondents indicated that they were satisfied living next to the MKT Trail (70% very satisfied, 24% satisfied; Figure 5). Five percent (5%) of the respondents were indifferent to living near the trail. Only 1% reported that they are unsatisfied. No one selected the choice of very unsatisfied.

Seventy-two percent (72%) of the respondents indicated that they would choose to live near a trail again if they were to move (Figure 6). 5% responded no and 24% responded not sure.

Eighty-nine percent (89%) reported that the trail has improved their quality of life (Figure 7). Eight percent (8%) reported no impact and 1% reported don’t know. One respondent (1%) indicated that it has worsened the quality of life.

![Figure 5: How satisfied are you with having the MKT Trail as a neighbor?](image)

![Figure 6: If you were to move, would you choose to live near a trail again?](image)

![Figure 7: How does the MKT Trail impact your overall quality of life?](image)
IMPACT ON EXISTING RESIDENTS PRIOR TO TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

In order to better understand people’s reaction to a trail being established in their neighborhood, analysis were applied to those existing residents who occupied/bought their homes before the MKT Trail development (37 households). All 37 residents owning their homes prior to the trail development reported that living near the MKT was better (15% much better, 38% better) or same (47%) as they expected, compare to their initial reaction to the idea of living near the trail (Figure 8). No one selected the choice of “worse than I expected” or “much worse than I expected”.

For these 37 existing residents, a large majority (88%) were satisfied (54% very satisfied, 32% satisfied; Figure 9). Eight (8%) percent felt indifferent to the issue. Two respondents (5%) were not satisfied. The same two respondents (5%) also reported that the trail had worsened their quality of life. However, the majority of respondents thought the trail had improved (76%) or had had no impact (14%) on their quality of life (Figure 10). No one selected the choice of very unsatisfied.

Figure 8
Would you say that living near the trail is better or worse than you expected it to be?

- Much better than I expected, 15%
- Better than I expected, 38%
- Same as I expected, 47%
- Worse than I expected, 8%
- Much worse than I expected, 5%

Figure 9
Overall Satisfaction for Existing Residents Prior to Trail Development

- Very satisfied, 54%
- Satisfied, 32%
- Indifferent, 8%
- Unsatisfied, 5%

Figure 10
Impact on Quality of Life for Existing Residents Prior to Trail Development

- Improved quality of life, 76%
- No impact, 14%
- Worsened quality of life, 5%
- Don’t know, 5%