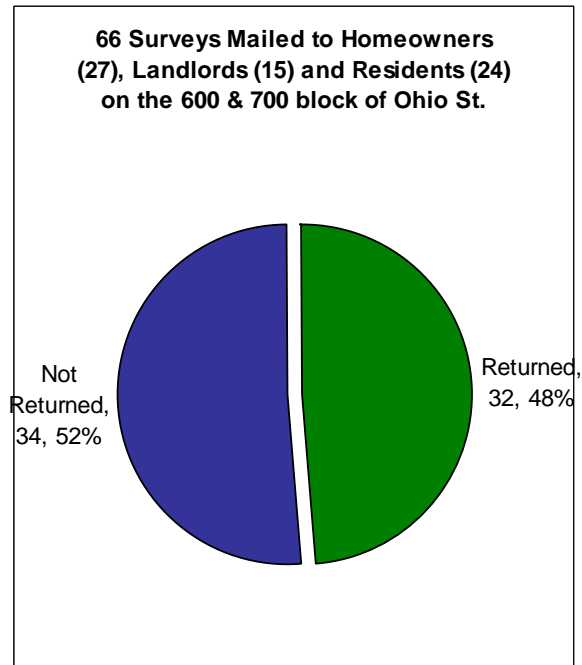


## OHIO BRICK STREET SURVEY RESULTS

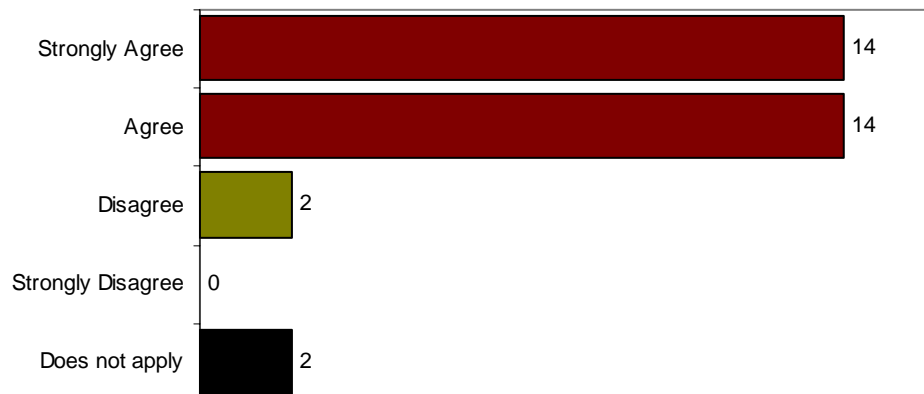
A twelve question survey was conducted following the completion of the Ohio Brick Street project to gauge the neighborhood support of the project and obtain feedback for other potential projects. Sixty-six surveys were mailed to homeowners, landlords and residents on the 600 & 700 block of Ohio Street; Thirty-two surveys were returned.



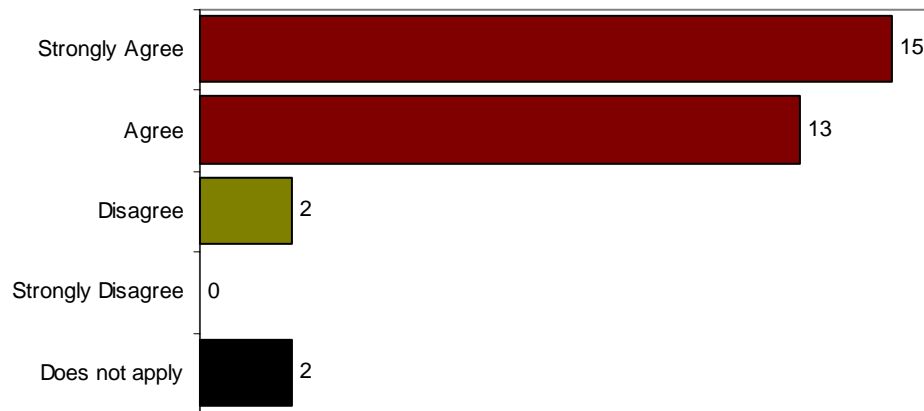
Construction began on April 3, 2008 with a contract completion time of 120 working days. The contractor, GSR Construction, successfully completed the project after 114 working days on November 19, 2008. The funding was an 80/20 (KDOT/City) split with a total project cost of \$681,800.12

The following are the survey results, comments, and copy of the survey:

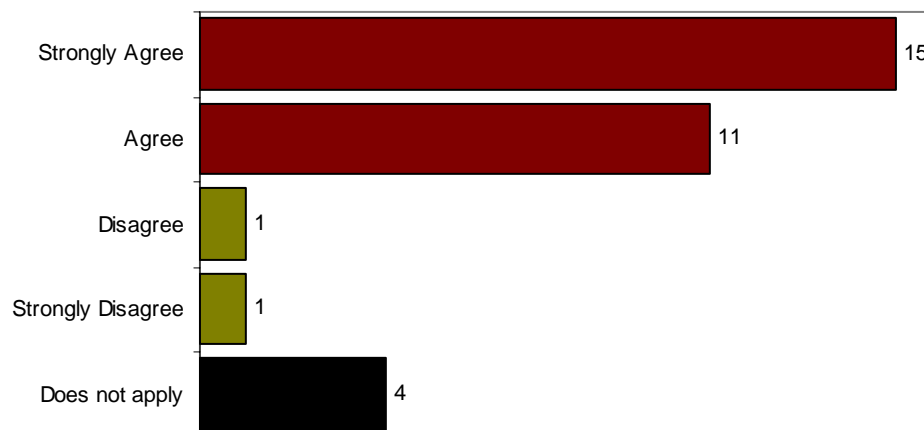
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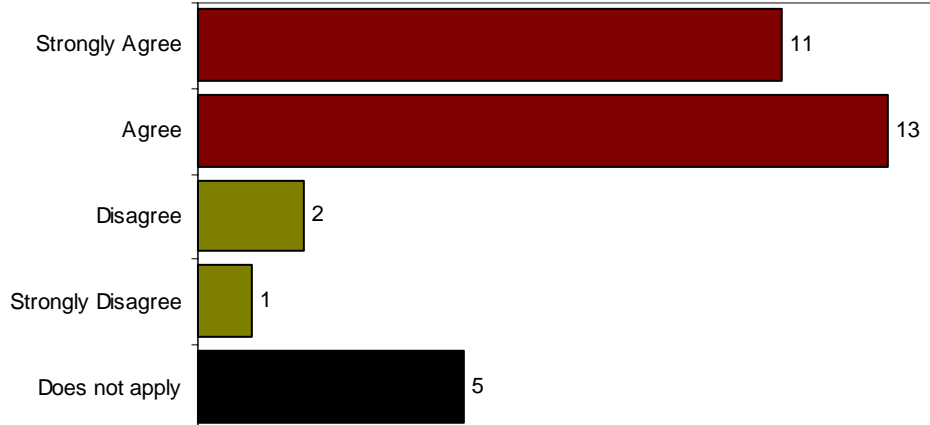
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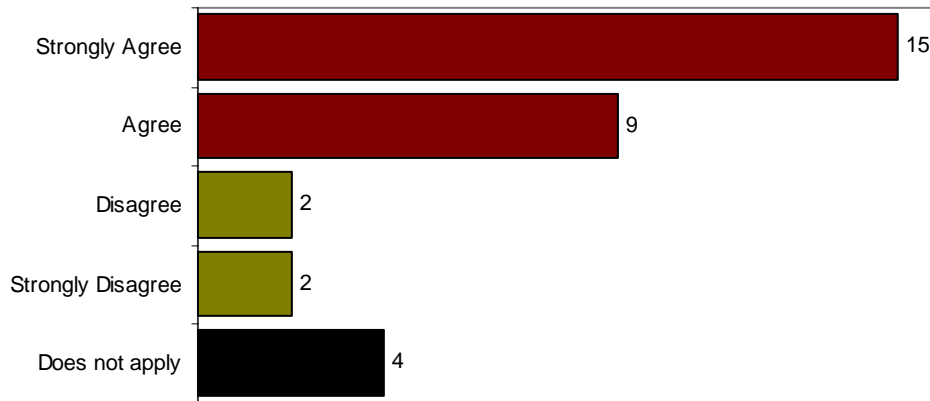
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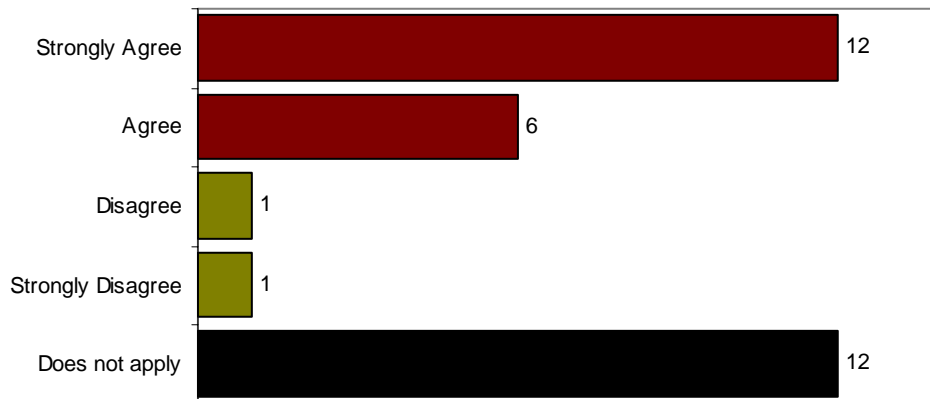
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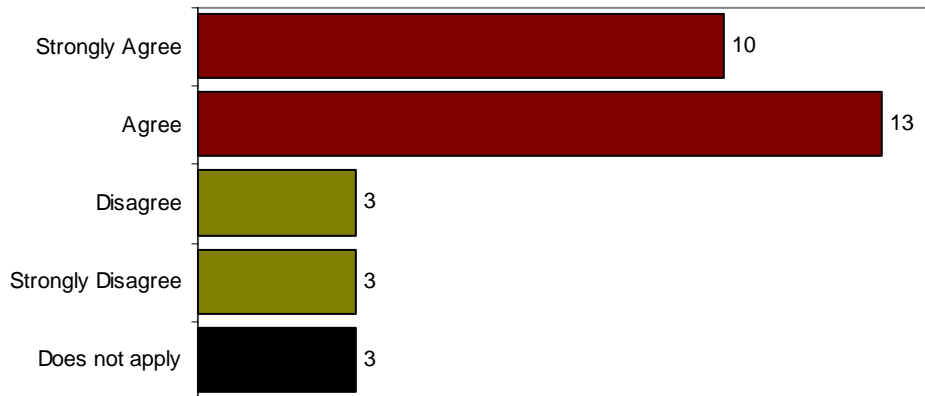
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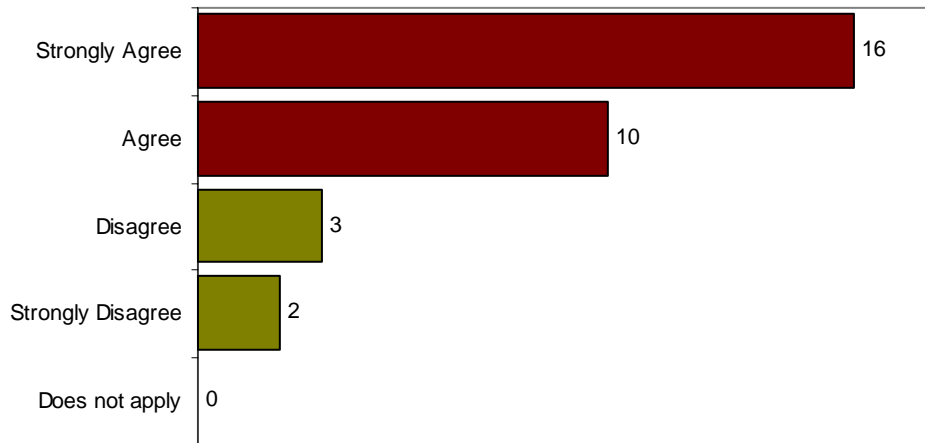
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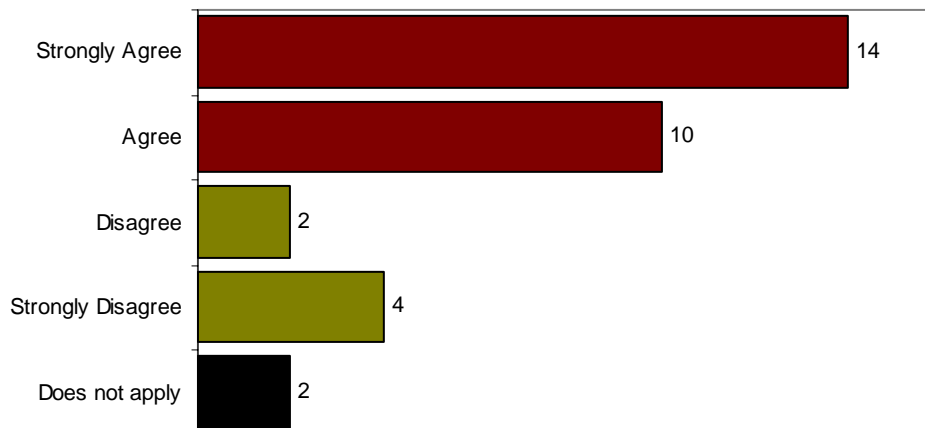
**Question 7: The right-of-way was restored to my satisfaction when the project was completed.**



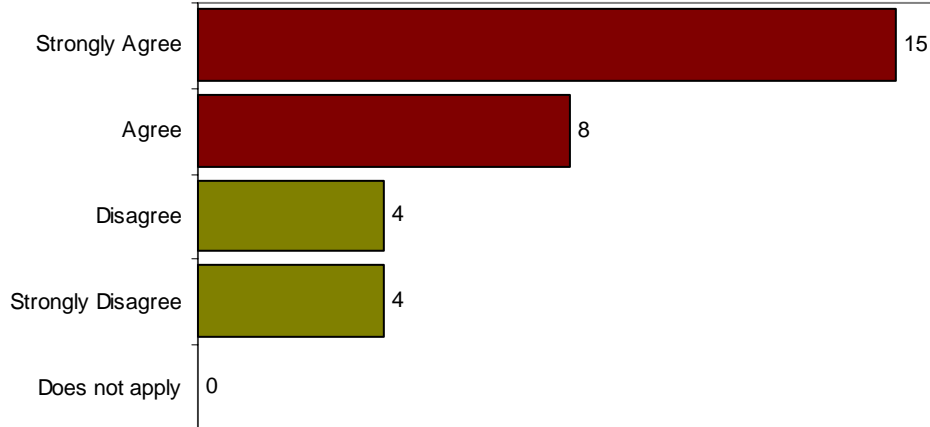
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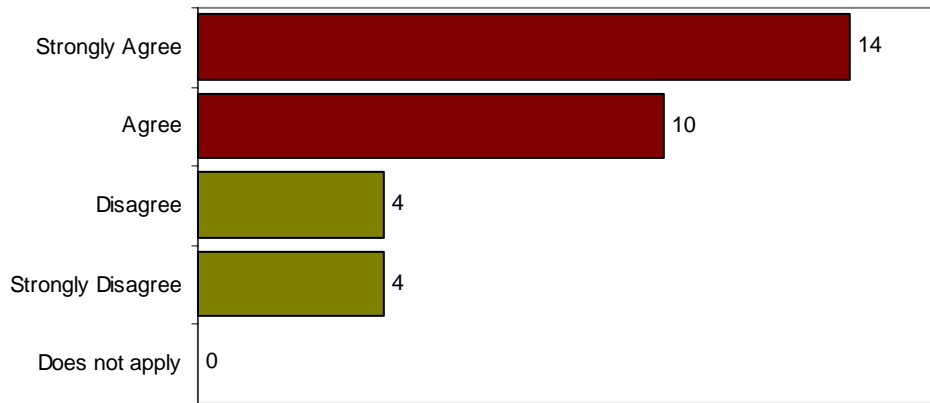
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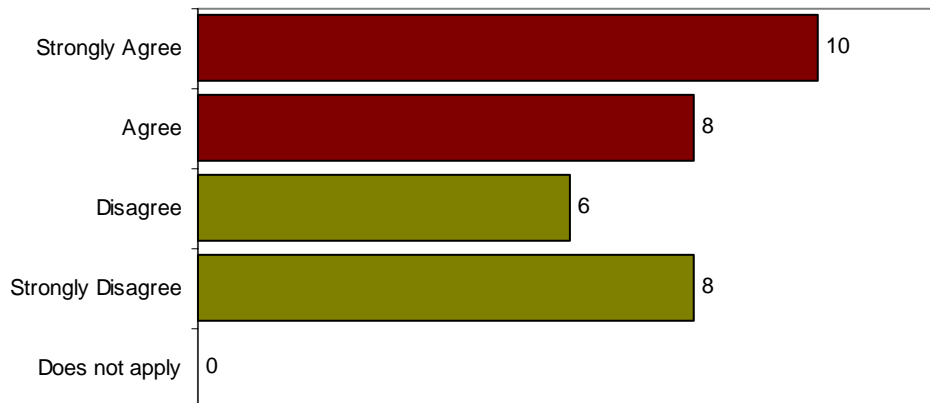
**Question 10: The project was a benefit to the public.**



**Question 11: I am satisfied with the project and it was worth the inconvenience of the street closure.**



**Question 12: I believe the restoration of brick streets should be a community priority.**



## Comments

- Some of my neighbors have gripes & some are justifiable to a degree, but our property area was well restored and enhanced. We enjoyed watching this fascinating project and having the crew in the neighborhood.
- This was a 120 day contract that took almost 6 months (by the time the worker's green cards ran out.) I think a lot of the delay was due to city, not the contractor. I just took too long, quality of workers was great!
- I believe the restoration of brick streets in East Lawrence and other degraded areas (such as alleyways in Old West Lawrence) need to become a priority. I rather enjoyed speaking with contracted laborers - they were more helpful (and friendlier) than their English - speaking supervisors (or "foremen"?). I believe that "reseeding" and/or restoration of lawns should be done with native plants - given the impending clean water shortage and native plants hardiness in hot and cold weather conditions
- I had to park my car on Tennessee and it was totaled by a drunk driver. Thanks! "Restoration" of two block two about eight months!
- This took way to long, was unnecessary, expensive, and loud.
- The project took much longer than expected. We not informed of the additional time needed. Also, days went by when no one was working.
- I spoke with the landscape architect on site concerning some of my drainage concerns and was given very little information ????? . I wish I would have pursued some of the engineering information/specs. I'm amazed there is absolutely no re-bar/steel of any sort in the concrete, no subgrade guttering to divert water, and a scant amount of sand between bricks and concrete. At most I saw a couple of inches of sand in some points and absolutely none between bricks and concrete at the 8th Street intersection. I'm sure the bricks will be pulverized from direct contact with the concrete. After all the time and expense spent on this project I'm amazed that it was built with less subgrade material than a backyard patio.  
Additionally, I was surprised the curb stones weren't better catalogued and re-installed accordingly rather than each of them being re-cut. The new curbs are significantly taller and are troublesome for lower vehicles.  
I absolutely love the look and feel of the brick street. The work was very little inconvenience for the reward of such a great street. The 7th street intersection with the herringbone is a nice touch. The laborers who did the work were great and should be well rewarded.  
Again, I think if the city were to invest in more brick streets in the future it would be wise to re-evaluate the engineering. Even with concrete freeze/thaw cycles will be a concern. Better drainage with gravel and underground guttering and a much more significant amount of sand might be a worthwhile investment.

I love the street and think there should be more of them and they should be built to last a lifetime.

- It took way too long for a brick street to look like it has been there for hundred years or so
- I was not living here for the start of the project and thus marked n/a on many answers. Otherwise I enjoy my brick street.
- We wish that the street could remain closed...we loved the lack of traffic :) - but we do appreciate the showing effect of the bricks & the look great too. Thanks!
- I think it was a waste of time and money. The project is not complete until we have grass in the yard again. There are a lot of rocks in the dirt put in the right of way that could be hazardous if we ever have grass to mow again. The street is very rough - the old brick streets were laid better. I think the money would be better spent just repairing streets that have potholes. It is aesthetically pleasing and historically correct, but has problems. The curbs are too high. The doors of regular passenger cars slam into them when the doors are opened.
- The end result looks real nice but the amount of time the street was closed and the money spent on the project was excessive in my mind.
- I particularly like the diff. brick pattern in the intersection. The only thing I didn't like about the project was the length of time it took. Can't quite understand why it took so long.
- Contractors should have been held to a higher standard of detail.
- Time estimates were way off. When neighbors questioned lack of progress we were told it was due to the city "lowering the water service lines". There was no evidence that any such thing happened. At the beginning of the project the contractor said he would have a trailer office set up in the intersection of 7th & Ohio, and that we could find him there with our questions. That never happened. I discussed sidewalk work with him and he said he'd get back to me, but he never did. He said we would discuss the piece of stone walk near my curb when it was pulled up, but they took it away without showing it to me, and I never got it back. The big positive thing for me was leveling of the street - I used to have a big dip and a constant puddle in front of my house.
- I did not live here when construction began
- The street looks great. We are worried about adequate drainage on the southeast corner of 7th & Ohio. Some yards were not restored as well as others. I believe that when the homeowners were home they were able to guide the finish work. Those of us who were out of town were unable to point out problems until it was

too late to reasonably make changes - (e.g., poorly placed curb stones, excessive gravel in yards that had no gravel originally, lawns that were never seeded, etc.). I know photographs were taken of our yards before the project began, but it doesn't appear the people from Lawrence Landscape looked at them as they finished right of ways.

- The bricks were handled roughly when salvaged and many were broken. Most that have been reinstalled are chipped. The new street already looks like it is 100 years old. The pounding administered to the bricks after installation no doubt created hairline cracks which will worsen with freeze-thaw cycles. The new street will not last as long as the original brick street did. Should not be a priority over heavily trafficked streets, bridges, or social services. The mud through the winter will be a major problem.
- It took so long! We feel like it is gorgeous - but really worth time & money? Hope so - at least in future value of our house in the neighborhood
- We were disappointed that the side streets were not marked for resident parking only as had been discussed at the meetings for those who had no other options for places to park. As a result on a gameday our daughter received a parking ticket. The attorney did work with her to have the fine lowered but we felt the city was at fault for not making sure residents had first priority to whatever parking was available. There never were any signs of any kind designating parking for residents only. We are the renters not the owners of this property.
- excellent job - it was worth the wait
- thank you



## OHIO STREET BRICK RECONSTRUCTION SURVEY

Dear Lawrence resident,

The City of Lawrence Public Works Department recently completed a brick street reconstruction project on Ohio Street in the Old West Lawrence neighborhood. The construction process involved removing the existing asphalt overlay, removing and salvaging existing brick and stone curb, and construction of a new brick roadway. The new roadway consists of a treated subgrade, concrete base, sand leveling layer, and one course of salvaged brick. Seeding work will be completed in the spring. The City of Lawrence Public Works Department is always interested in feedback from its customers so that we can improve our service level. Please take a moment to fill out the attached brief survey and drop it in the mail box. Postage is paid. Thanks for your input.

Please circle a response for each question.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does not apply
1. The City provided adequate information in advance of the project.	1	2	3	4	n/a
2. I received adequate notification from the City and/or contractor prior to work being done at my location.	1	2	3	4	n/a
3. The contractors were polite and professional.	1	2	3	4	n/a
4. City staff was informative.	1	2	3	4	n/a
5. I was provided a contact name/number to call if I had questions.	1	2	3	4	n/a
6. The concerns I conveyed to the contact person were addressed in a timely fashion.	1	2	3	4	n/a
7. The right-of-way was restored to my satisfaction when the project was completed.	1	2	3	4	n/a
8. The finished project displays quality work.	1	2	3	4	n/a
9. The project was a benefit to me.	1	2	3	4	n/a
10. The project was a benefit to the public.	1	2	3	4	n/a
11. I am satisfied with the project and it was worth the inconvenience of the street closure.	1	2	3	4	n/a
12. I believe the restoration of brick streets should be a community priority.	1	2	3	4	n/a

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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