



Hammond H.O.P.E Committee

"Hammond Opens Possibilities for Everyone"

SURVEY for REVILALIZATION

TOWN of HAMMOND RESIDENTS and TOURSISTS

Survey Dates June 1, 2026-August 31, 2026

SUMMARY

One hundred forty (140) people participated in the Hammond Revitalization Survey that was conducted between June 1st and August 31st, 2026. Relative to town development ideas, a restaurant or diner, a gas station, a health care center, and an arts center were most popular. Beautification of current buildings and several good ideas for future shops also received substantial support. For sports enthusiasts, hiking trails received overwhelming support from the survey participants followed by a cluster of ideas including: a children's playground, an indoor recreation center, an outdoor tennis/pickleball court, and an ice-skating rink at the pavilion. The raw percentage of people in favor of each recommendation is provided in the tables at the end of this report.

WRITTEN FEEDBACK

Some of the selections provided space for voluntary written feedback to gauge the degree of popularity and assist future offerings at these venues. The numbers next to ideas indicate how many participants out of 140 took the time to write similar recommendations into the comment fields. Additional community sensing sessions are recommended to ensure all voices are heard on these more specific recommendations.

Arts Center Ideas:

Music/Concerts: 27

Theater/Opera/Dance: 24

Arts/Crafts Exhibits & Classes: 15

Community Gatherings: 11 (Senior/Teen activities, rental venue for family events weddings/birthdays)

Indoor Farmer's Market: 4

Educational Classes: 4

Health & Fitness: 3

Historical/Nature Center: 2



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Shops Ideas:

Small Grocery/Local Fresh Produce/Health food: 13

Arts/Crafts/Gifts: 8

Coffee: 7

Thrift: 7

Ice Cream: 6

Bakery/Sweets: 5

Boutique/Apparel: 5

Stewart's: 4

Deli/Pizza: 3

Microbrewery: 3

5&Dime: 2

Laundromat: 2

Arby's: 1

Hardware: 1

Bait: 1

Clearly a multi-purpose shop like Ned's (local goods and deli) is still popular - food versus arts/crafts/clothing is a good division to make for initial town planning purposes.

Housing Feedback:

Senior/Retirement: 10

Low Income: 5

New Affordable Apartments: 4

New Middle Income Housing Units: 3

Please note that a few participants spoke out against additional lower income housing, whereas there was substantial support for beautification of current town properties.

Other Feedback:

Restaurant that offers local fresh fish, game, and farm fresh veggies

Meals on Wheels (food pantry item)



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Rec. Center w/pool: 3

Animal Shelter

Main St. Park after upcoming building demolition:3 (comment - "kids need to touch grass more")

Used bookstore at Library: 2

Move Library to Knox Hall and make internet cafe

Add parking behind Main St. buildings

Add crosswalks and reinforce speed limits

New businesses needed to add \$\$

Clean water

Understand Tax impacts

RAW DATA ON VOTES CAST

Ranking	Percent in Favor
Restaurant	85.19
Gas Station	69.63
Health Care Center	57.78
Event/Arts Center	45.93
Code Enforcement	34.81
Shops	31.85
EMT	26.67
Sidewalks	22.96
Day Care	17.04
Housing	15.56
Parking	11.11

Ranking	Percent in Favor
Hiking Trails	63.70
Playground	44.44
Indoor Rec Center	43.70
Tennis/Pickleball	36.30
Ice Skating	34.07
ATV Trail	16.30
Snowmobile Trail	12.59
Teen Center	11.11