

**Issues Defined as Important by the  
West Urbana Neighborhood Association**  
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**Overall goals:**

- Improve *all* residents' quality of life: students, university employees, community members.
- Maintain the campus gateway on *both* sides of Lincoln.
- Preserve the residential neighborhood.
- Promote pride in property ownership and neighborhood residency.

**Across the nation, campus-neighborhood communities are solving similar issues:**

**Promoting the Well-Being of All Residents**

- Ensure that residents are not bothered by excessive noise and disturbances by effectively enforcing the noise ordinance.
- Discourage irresponsible drinking (DUI, alcohol poisoning, property damage, aggression).
- Prevent illegal bars, often operated from former single-family homes.
- Collect and remove trash at bus stops and densely parked-on streets (e.g., Lincoln and Green Streets).
- Provide information to landlords, tenants and property owners about City of Urbana ordinances regarding noise, trash pick-up, destruction of property, and bonfires.

**Preserving Residential Character**

- Provide a positive image for the University of Illinois gateway and alumni center, and the City of Urbana.
- Provide incentives for improving properties; avoid creating a high-priced rental slum beside the campus gateway and alumni center.
- Provide affordable, attractive housing for University employees to enhance recruitment and retention.
- Avoid creating another high-crime neighborhood like the "northwest quadrant," notably from illegal bars.

**Promoting Responsible Property Ownership**

- Preserve the density for which the neighborhood was designed. Inappropriate high density comes from over-occupancy rentals; it increases trash, noise, and cars; eventually it leads to properties which are in such poor condition that they are unattractive to responsible tenants. Several properties on Illinois Street, situated amongst single family homes and student rentals, became headquarters for drug dealers who sold drugs to University students and Champaign-Urbana drug users.
- Inform renters about the City of Urbana ordinance regarding no more than four unrelated tenants in homes zoned single family residential.
- Provide safe, affordable housing for all residents.

**Preserving Green Space**

- Decongested (safe, attractive) streets: find parking for residents of higher density housing (former single family homes, rooming houses, apartment buildings, certified University housing, Greek houses).
- Create safe and secure campus parking for students and University employees.
- Promote mass transit (tram, bus, bicycle, walking) over ever-increasing cars.
- Protect back, side and front yards from further conversion to parking areas.
- Fairly distribute parking permits for the spaces in the 800, 700, and 600 blocks of the core state streets – keeping enough spaces for guest permit parking on each block.