

Old Ferguson West

Weaknesses:

Rental Properties

- Landlords
 - Rent to anyone-inadequate screening
 - Don't maintain properties

Unruliness of kids/teens on the neighborhood

Narrow streets

- Difficulties with parking

Sidewalks

- Many in disrepair
- Some streets have none at all
- Vegetation overgrowing them

Code enforcement

- Length of time it takes to deal with an issue
- Homeowners feel picked on
- Landlords don't get enough attention
- Appears to be complaint driven
 - Sets up a neighbor vs. neighbor atmosphere

Foreclosures

- Vacant homes
- Banks do not maintain the properties

Housing Market

- People sitting on homes aren't fixing them up because they won't sell

Dade Park

- No longer kid-friendly
- Feel threatening
- Too many unsupervised adolescents

Perception of Ferguson outside of Ferguson

- People aren't aware of what is here
- Through of as the "hood"

Western edge of OFW

- Kinloch
 - Can't control the neighboring city
- Mueller-Plaza Area

Graffiti

- On Bike Path
- On old properties

Attitude

- Some don't respect others on the street

Sinkholes and sewer problems

- Difficult to drive or use sidewalks

Unkempt lawns/properties

- Vandalized and abandoned
- Litter

- Grass

Businesses downtown

- Need for business that draws people in
 - Destination businesses

Lack of owner occupancy

Housing stock

- Homes built between 1940-1960 are not being maintained
- Buyers aren't looking for the smaller homes
- Deteriorating low income housing

Division between East and West side

- Feel like the West side is ignored

Lack of enforcement for speeding

Gunfire

Suburban

- Redevelopment has caused some difficulties
- With only 2 stop signs, could have potential for drag racing

Realtors

- Steer potential families away from Ferguson
- Are not aware of what is here

School District

Bus stops

- No seating
- Need trash receptacles

Declining safety

- Can't walk at night anymore

School

- Demographics are not representative of neighborhood or city

Lack of coordination between public works and public utilities

- Leaves resident stuck in the middle

Billboards