

What are some **positive** characteristics or perceptions of multi-family housing?

Priority benefits

1. Opportunity / options – places for people to live (7)
2. Attracts professionals, seniors, people who want maintenance free living – can serve non-transitory populations (4)
3. Mixed-income – option for some % affordable (4)
4. Opportunity for owner-occupied multi-family housing (4)
5. Opportunity for multi-family options beyond apartment-style units [i.e. townhomes] (4)
6. Lifecycle housing opportunities for all ages (3)
7. Promotes community / sense of community (2)
8. Activities/community resources/ amenities (2)
9. Workforce housing (1)
10. Security (1)

Other benefits

- Less sprawl
- Less infrastructure
- Cost effective
- Lower cost to live/family
- Can add aesthetically to the community
- Inclusive – diversity
- Maintenance is more controllable (professional management or homeowners associations with regulations and maintenance reserves)
- City regulations apply to multi-family (i.e. rental inspections, disorderly behavior)
- 3 bedroom units for the “family”



What are some **negative** characteristics or perceptions of multi-family housing?

Priority Concerns

1. Unique Brooklyn Park history with apartments – community perceptions (7)
2. Poverty concentration / concentration of people (7)
3. Crime (5)
4. Perception that it lowers property values (5)
5. Transitory residents - less community ownership creates city problems and school problems (high mobility) (3)
6. Perception of low socio-economic status (3)
7. Apartments and public infrastructure don't match up (2)
8. Some people just do not want apartments near their home (1)
9. Density (1)

Other Concerns

- Concern about unequal use of city services
- Deterioration of properties
- Landlords/lack of management (standards not applied or poor lease enforcement)
- Public costs/investment
- Concentration and quantity of 1 bedroom units
- Rental
- Parking issues
- Aesthetics
- Traffic

