

# UPLANDS WALK

Supportive Housing Neighborhood Impact Assessment



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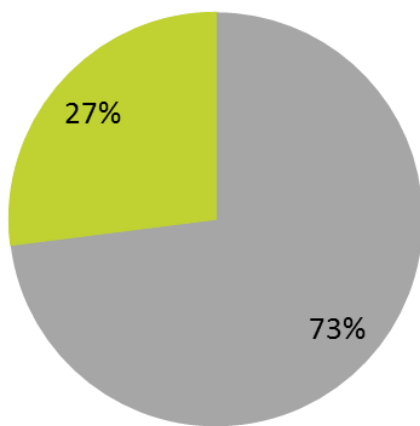
# INTRODUCTION

When the City of Nanaimo began developing ideas for new social housing complexes, the most pushback came from residents concerned about Pacifica’s project at Uplands Drive. Concerns raised included crime rates, declining property values, and proximity to schools. These issues were the subject of research by students at Vancouver Island University. General findings are available below, suggesting that concerns about the project decreased and that challenges identified by residents **did not materialize** after the facility opened.

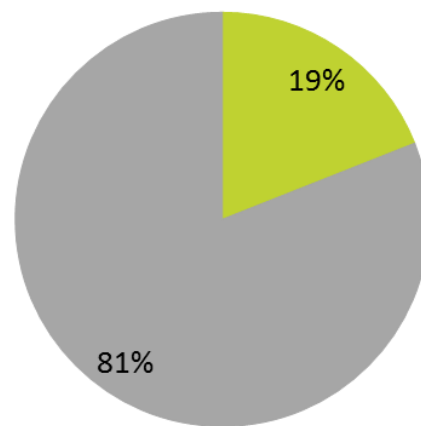
## NEIGHBOURHOOD PERCEPTIONS

- Not concerned
- Concerned

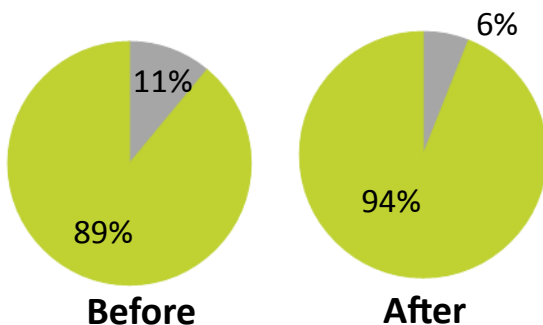
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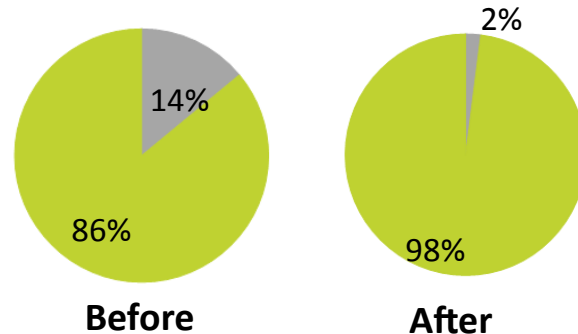
**After**



**CRIME & SAFETY**



**SCHOOL PROXIMITY**

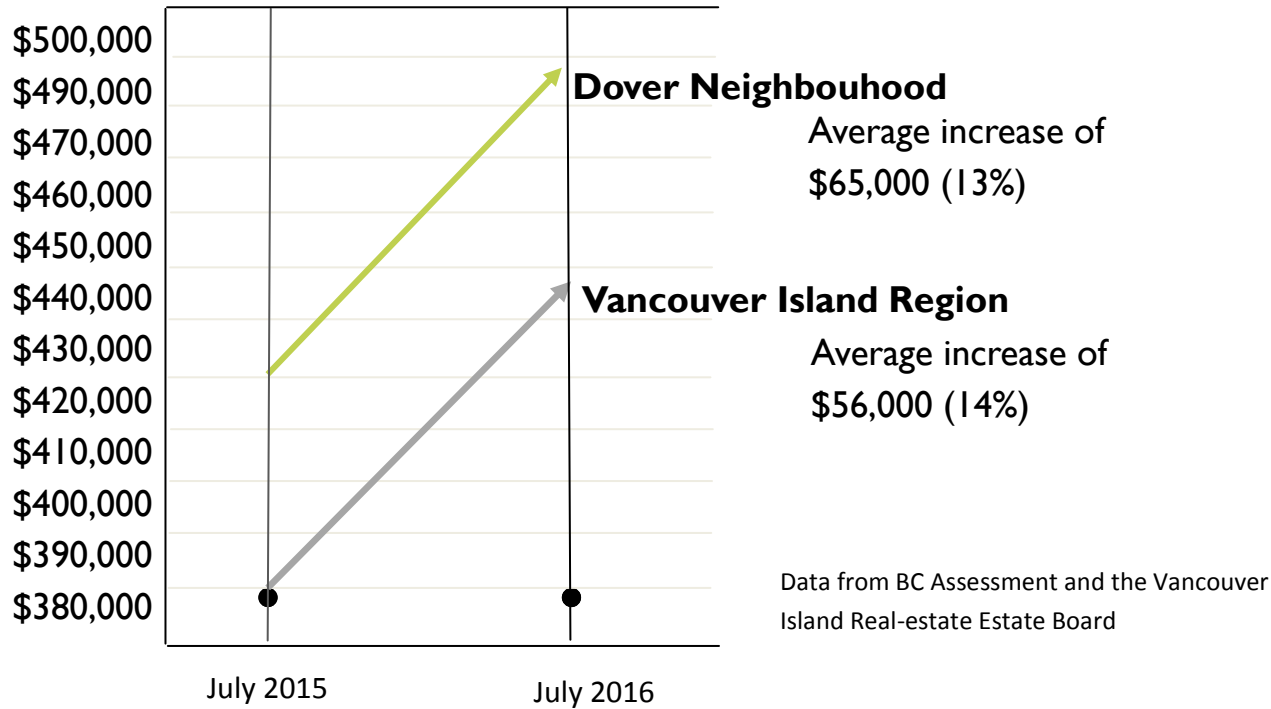


City of Nanaimo. (May 30, 2017). "Not in My backyard: Neighbourhood Perceptions on Supportive Social Housing."

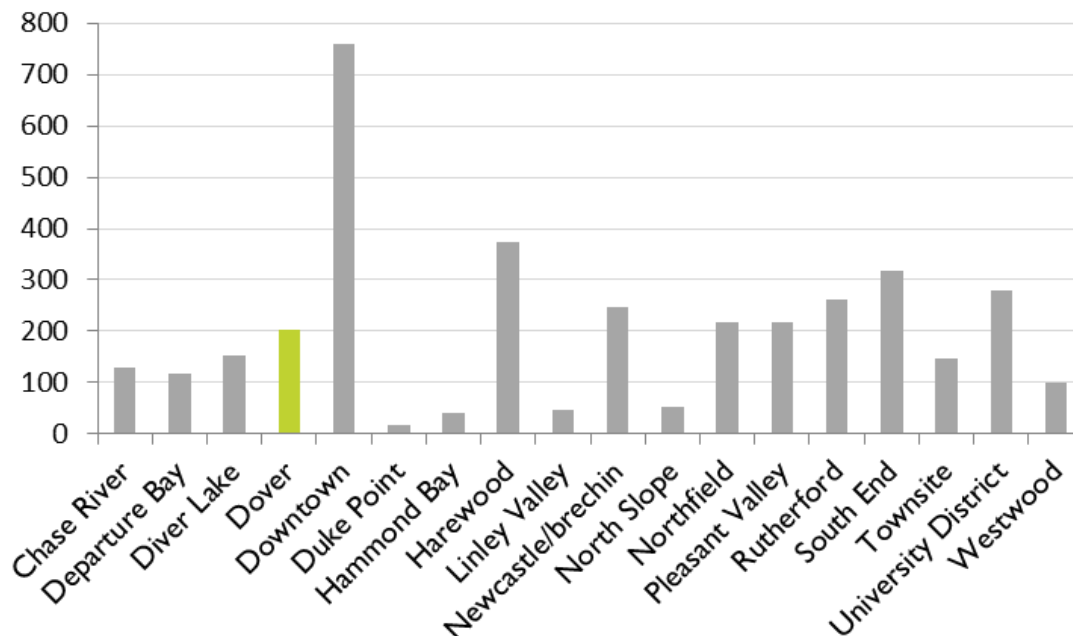


# EMPIRICAL RESULTS

## Property Values from 2015 - 2016



## Reported Crimes in the City of Nanaimo by Neighbourhood (2017)



At 204 reported crimes in 2017, Dover is at the average crime rate within the City of Nanaimo. Pleasant Valley, also near the Uplands Site, has a similar crime rate of 217 crimes in the same period.

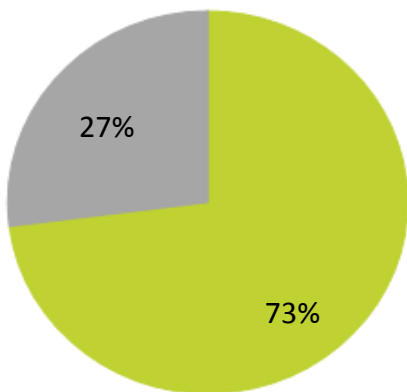
City of Nanaimo Crime Map.  
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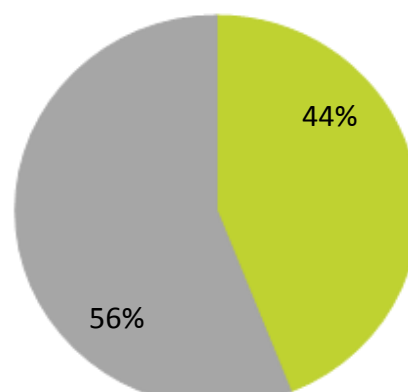
## CLIENT EVALUATION

Uplands Walk is a supportive housing complex in Nanaimo with staff on-site 24/7. With 33 units, this complex houses men and women who were either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Managed by Pacifica Housing, it's mandate is to provide innovative, affordable housing options and extensive support services to help break the cycle of homelessness. The numbers below are from Pacifica's in house evaluations of tenants to assess improvements in health and community engagement.

Increased Community Connections

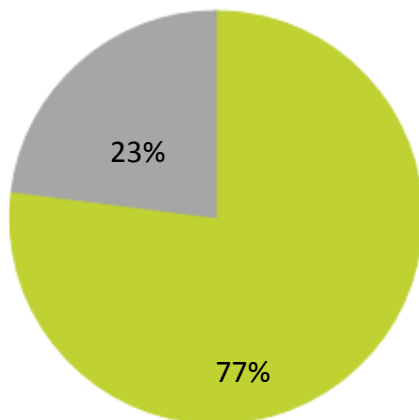


Started New Work of Volunteering

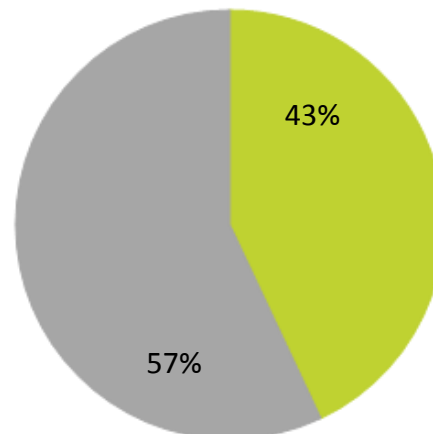


■ Yes  
■ No

Physical Health Improvements



Mental Health Improvements



Overall, 88% of clients report their general situation has improved as a result of being housed at Uplands Walk.