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*Agencies looking for community feedback
1 in 13 homes received household survey this month*

Woodstock IL – It's not too late to send the survey back. Local agencies are seeking community feedback from a household survey recently mailed to 8,000 randomly selected McHenry County homes with the logo "Working together for a Healthier McHenry County". The survey was designed by the McHenry County Healthy Community Study, a collaborative effort of 19 local organizations representing government, healthcare, education, parks and recreation, environmental and social services. The survey is one of 4 needs assessment tools used by the partners to guide community planning efforts to meet local needs and future growth. Focus group interviews, a community analysis and interviews of business leaders and service providers will also be conducted during the 12-month study.

Residents are encouraged to fill out the survey which takes about 10 minutes and includes a postage-paid return envelope. The survey is an opportunity for residents to voice their opinion on healthcare, transportation, social services, employment and land use and how to improve the quality of life for themselves and their family. Results of the Study will be presented at a public forum at McHenry County College early next year.

If there are questions about the survey or if assistance is needed in filling it out, call Health Systems Research toll-free at 1-800-854-4461. Spanish interpretation is available.

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"Working to prevent disease and promote health and safety for all people of McHenry County since 1966."