



Mercer County: Better Together

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NORTH HENDERSON

The village of North Henderson is home to 201 people, located 15 miles northwest of Galesburg in the southeast corner of Mercer County. Nearly one-third of North Henderson residents are between the ages of 30 and 50. Each June United High School students get the opportunity to test their skills in the North Henderson National Livestock Show, held at the village's ball diamond. A variety of worship opportunities are located within 6 miles of North Henderson, many of which feature strong community involvement. Proximity to the Galesburg, Monmouth, Burlington, Iowa and Quad Cities metro areas offer opportunities for employment and commerce.

North Henderson Community Heart & Soul Statements

"We value our churches, which offer opportunities for local worship and community gathering."

"We take pride in our community amenities, including our post office, park, ball diamond and floral hall, which provide community engagement and draw visitors to our area."

"We treasure our volunteer base, including our fire department, which helps keep our community safe and assists in our community events and family-friendly activities."

"We envision investment in our transportation infrastructure, which will improve accessibility and create opportunities for economic growth."

"We envision a clean community where residents take pride in their property and feel connected to their neighbors."

North Henderson Area Community Representatives categorized each line of survey data on the following questions; then summarized survey responses into most common themes –

1) Why do you live here?

- Proximity to work
- Married spouse from here
- Family here for decades

2) Why did you move or stay here?

- Affordable
- Family roots

3) What do you especially love about your community?

- People
- Peace & quiet
- Parks
- Churches
- Security

5) What do you think matters most to your neighbors?

- Relationship with neighbors
- Property & home upkeep
- Safety/security
- Roads
- Community amenities

6) Why is your community “home” to you?

- Our family has always lived here
- We love/like it here
- Small town life

8) What are the most important places in your community? Why?

- Fire station; protection & ambulance service
- Parks; places for children to play
- Floral Hall; meeting place for community activities
- Churches; allows local residents to worship here
- Post office; convenience

10) What should stay the same in your community?

- Emergency services
- Churches
- Parks

11) What should change in your community?

- Better roads
- Better upkeep of homes & properties
- Better communication among people
- Increase number of & engagement in community activities