

School district – Education is important. Home is home, but it's also an investment. A school district's performance impacts housing prices, regardless of whether you have children. Besides, the bulk of your property taxes goes to maintaining schools.
Commute – The average travel time to work in the United States is 25.4 minutes, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. What is your ideal commute? Worse-case commute? Would you consider public transportation? If so, is there a mode of transportation, like rail, nearby?
Shopping and restaurants – Don't limit this to just malls with brand names or national restaurant chains. Are there convenience stores? Walkable downtown areas with night life?
Parks and recreation – Are there places to go running or cycling? Dog parks (your pets need to socialize as well)? Rock-climbing gym? You can't sit in front of your TV or play games on your smartphone all day.
Mature, tree-lined sidewalks or newer developments with or without associations? – Mature neighborhoods probably won't change, except for the rare razing and constructing of a new home on the lot. On the flip side, are there more developments scheduled to be built soon, which might affect roads, nature, schools and traffic?
Crime – Safety is important. Call the local police department.