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# **NORTHSIDE/ SOUTHSIDE**

## **FRAMEWORK PLAN**

OUTREACH METHODS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RATES

# **APPENDIX B: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY**

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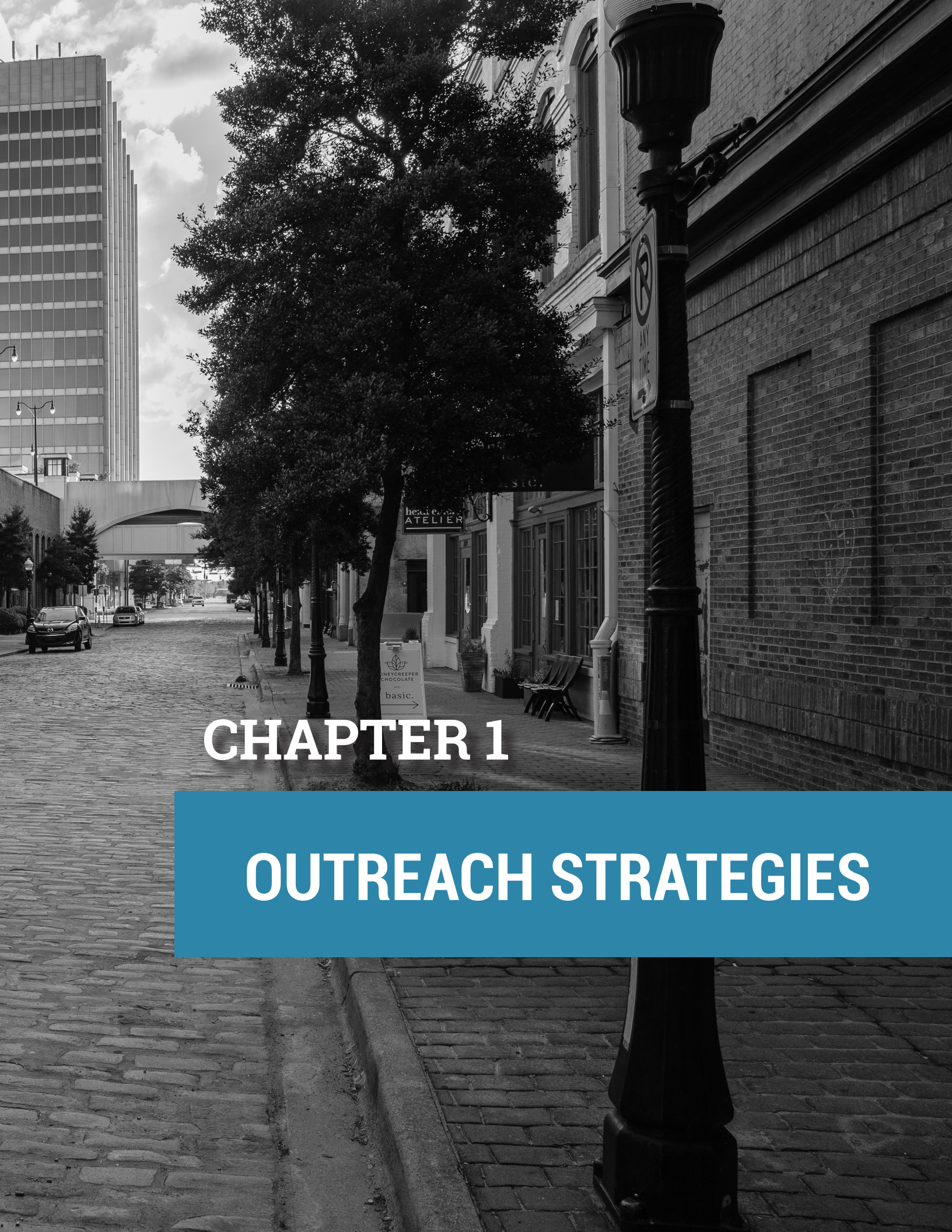
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# CHAPTER 1

# OUTREACH STRATEGIES



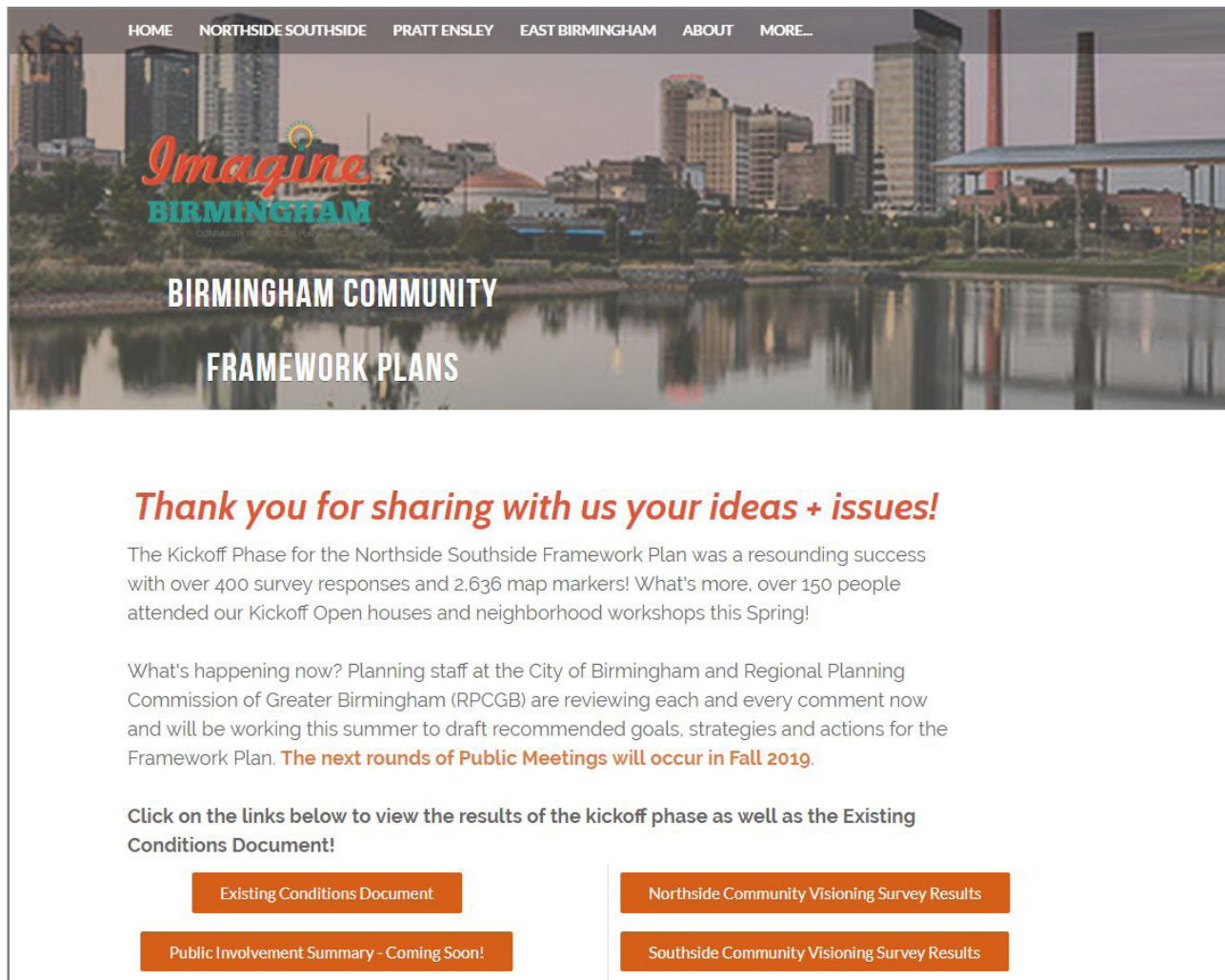
## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | OUTREACH STRATEGIES

No longer does public involvement consist of a single public meeting or a series of meetings held at a single location. Instead, the Northside Southside Framework Plan, set out to engage the community through a robust set of tools to craft a plan that accurately reflects the Northside and Southside communities. All citizens had the ability to review, comment, explore or contribute in person, at a public meeting, at their computer or via a mobile device. The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) therefore used both online and in person public involvement strategies. These strategies are aimed at capturing both the web-savvy and technologically-challenged, as well as the fully engaged and unengaged.

## WEBSITE

Launched in 2016, the Imagine Bham website was built on the Weebly platform and designed to present an interactive web presence specifically for community engagement. The website was the backbone of the public engagement process as it serves as a one stop-shop for individuals to participate in the Framework Plan process. The website provides basic information about Northside Southside Framework Plan, how to get involved, frequently asked questions, key contacts, a calendar of events, draft documents and recaps of previous meetings.

Additionally, the website also served as a “hub” for interactive tools designed for each specific outreach phase of the Framework Plan, including public meetings and surveys.



HOME NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE PRATT ENSLEY EAST BIRMINGHAM ABOUT MORE...

**Imagine**  
BIRMINGHAM  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY  
FRAMEWORK PLANS**

***Thank you for sharing with us your ideas + issues!***

The Kickoff Phase for the Northside Southside Framework Plan was a resounding success with over 400 survey responses and 2,636 map markers! What's more, over 150 people attended our Kickoff Open houses and neighborhood workshops this Spring!

What's happening now? Planning staff at the City of Birmingham and Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) are reviewing each and every comment now and will be working this summer to draft recommended goals, strategies and actions for the Framework Plan. **The next rounds of Public Meetings will occur in Fall 2019.**

Click on the links below to view the results of the kickoff phase as well as the Existing Conditions Document!

Existing Conditions Document

Northside Community Visioning Survey Results

Public Involvement Summary - Coming Soon!

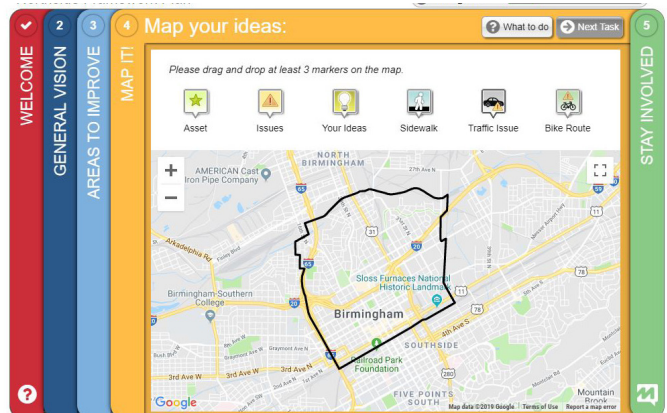
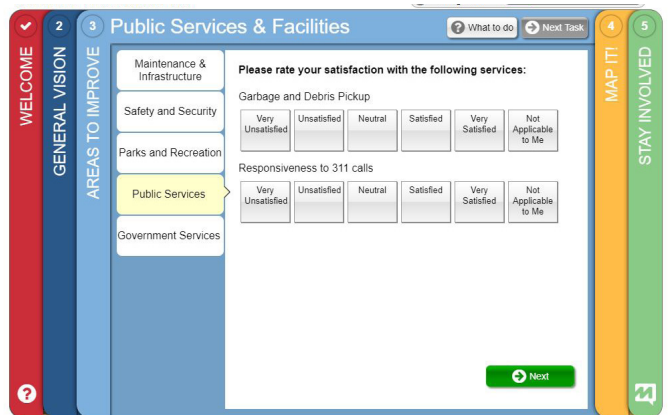
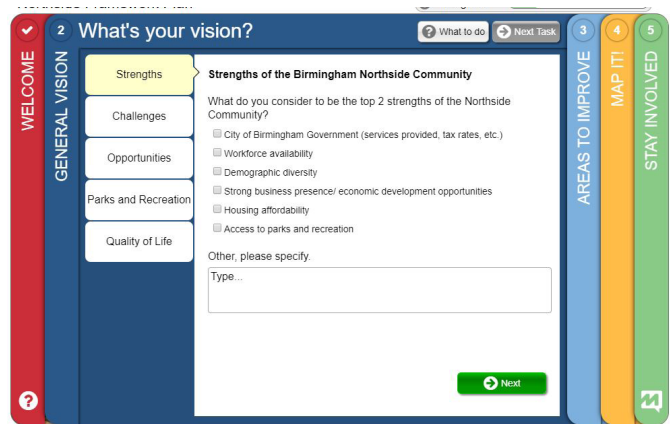
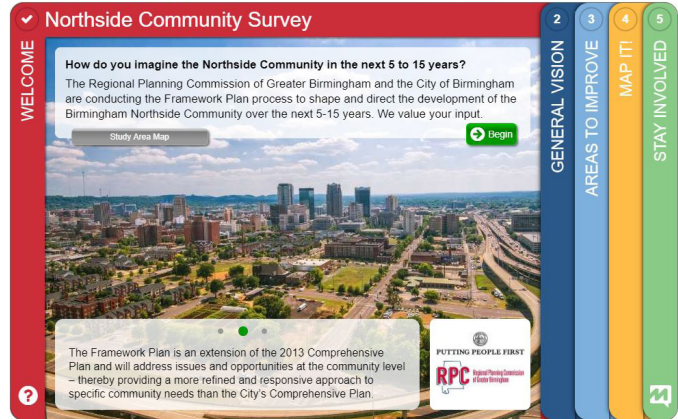
Southside Community Visioning Survey Results



## VISIONING SURVEY + MAP EXERCISE

To collect additional feedback, a visioning survey has created for the Northside and Southside Communities. This multiple-choice and open-ended question survey was created using MetroQuest, an online survey tool, and a direct link was hosted on the project website. The Visioning Survey was open for answers from January 14, 2019 through May 20, 2019 and included a series of survey questions and a map exercise that were intended to illustrate the City's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, as well as garner citizens' input and priorities. The survey was promoted via E-blasts, as well as on the RPCGB and the Imagine Bham Facebook pages. Hard copies of the survey were made available at the Kickoff Open Houses.

\*See pages 19-47 for the results of the Visioning Survey and comments made on the online mapping tool.



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | OUTREACH STRATEGIES

## EMAIL E-BLASTS

Email was the main form of communication used to provide information for the Northside Southside Framework Plan events, calls to action, or plan milestones. Recipients included an initial list of stakeholders and residents created by the RPCGB, City of Birmingham and Birmingham City Councilors. Other recipients included those who opted in on the project website and those who attended face to face events. It was the intention of this plan that the email subscriber list would grow as the Plan progressed.

\*See [page 48](#) in [Chapter 2](#) of this document for an inventory of email e-blasts.

## PRINT MEDIA

Throughout the planning process, flyers were emailed to the Steering Committee members, neighborhood officers, and citizens announcing events such as the open houses / public meetings. Recipients were urged to print and display them. All promotional material included the website URL to drive people to the project website.

\*See [pages 50 to 55](#) in [Chapter 2](#) for a copy of the public meeting flyers.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### FACEBOOK

Three specific Facebook accounts were used to announce events, surveys, plan milestones, and to drive users to information provided on the project website: RPCGB's Facebook Page (983 followers), The City of Birmingham Department of Planning, Engineering and Permits' Facebook Page (458 followers) and Imagine Bham's Facebook Page (108 followers). All Facebook Pages mentioned above also announced public meeting events, posted public meeting photos and posted links to draft documents on the project website.

### TWITTER

The RPCGB's Twitter Page (993 followers) was used to promote project updates, upcoming events, and press releases for Plan Pelham. Participants used the twitter handle @RPCGB to follow the Plans' progress.

### NEXT DOOR

Nextdoor, a community oriented social media site that requires resident verification of residence to join, was used to promote the public meetings for the Northside Southside Framework Plan. The Central City Nextdoor site was used which allowed the RPCGB to share meeting information to over 6,000 residents in the immediate neighborhoods of the Northside Southside Framework Plan.



Facebook Event for the Northside Kickoff Open House

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | OUTREACH STRATEGIES

## FACE TO FACE EVENTS

As part of the planning process, the project team held public meetings and interviews with stakeholders to facilitate community input. A steering committee composed of neighborhood officers, civic activists and residents was formed to provide a working relationship with the public. A combination of steering committee meetings and public meetings provided the project team with feedback and direction for the Framework Plan's development.

All face-to-face events are summarized below. Public involvement summaries are presented on pages **56-143** and illustrate public meeting presentations, activities, and any comments RPCGB received from the public.

### KICK-OFF OPEN HOUSES

The study area consists of the Northside and Southside Communities which each face their own set of unique challenges. With this in mind, the planning team hosted a public meeting for each community within their perspective boundaries. The purpose of the meetings was to gather feedback regarding the present state of each community, as well as citizen's issues and desires regarding economic and leadership development, quality of life, community development, infrastructure and planning and public services. Both community wide meetings offered the same opportunities for public input including a presentation and table activities.

In addition to the community wide meetings, the planning team also attended the following neighborhood meetings to collect additional feedback. The same activities mentioned above were performed by planning staff.

- **March 11:** Norwood Neighborhood, 20 residents attended
- **March 19:** Central City, 8 residents attended
- **March 25:** Druid Hills, 15 residents attended

- **April 03:** Fountain Heights, 14 residents attended
- **April 15:** Southside Community Meeting, 15 residents attended

### SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING: JANUARY 31, 2019 @ HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Southside Community Meeting was held on Thursday, January 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Highlands United Methodist Church in Five Points South. In total, 33 citizens attended the meeting to learn about the Framework Plan process and to provide input to the planning team. After a brief introduction and presentation, attendees were invited to participate in the following table activities: fact sheet, visioning activity and survey, issues and opportunities banners and a mapping exercise.

### NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 2019 @ FOUNTAIN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER

Hosted on January 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Fountain Heights Community Center, 45 Northside stakeholders attended the kickoff meeting. Attendees were invited to provide input for the following table activities: fact sheet, visioning activity and survey, issues and opportunities banners and a mapping exercise.



*Southside Community residents fill out issues and opportunities banners at the Kickoff Open House*



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | OUTREACH STRATEGIES

## 2ND ROUND OF OPEN HOUSES

At the second round of public meetings, the project team presented the proposed goals, strategies, and actions by Framework chapter- Community Renewal, Green Systems, Economic Vitality, Transportation and Infrastructure- and asked attendees to make changes, additions, and general notes. Citizens from all neighborhoods within the Framework Plan were represented. In addition to reviewing the draft goals, strategies, and actions, participants were asked to provide suggestions for what they wanted to see along 12th Avenue North. To see the results of these meetings, please review [pages 114-138](#).

- **Southside Community Meeting:** September 17, 2019 @ St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, 21 attendees
- **Northside Community Meeting:** September 24, 2019 @ Linn Henley Research Library, 18 attendees

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS+  
STEERING COMMITTEE

Throughout the development of the plan, the planning team conducted formal interviews with members of the Steering Committee, Birmingham City Department leaders, civic-activists and nonprofit groups. The Steering Committee met twice during the course of this plan, see below for details.

- **Steering Committee Meeting #1:** January 25, 2019 @ Linn Henley Library, 15 attendees
- **Northside Community Meeting:** October 19, 2019 @ America's First Credit Union, 8 attendees

## 3RD ROUND OF OPEN HOUSES

At the third set of open houses, the project team presented the final draft of the plan including [Appendix C: Strategic Opportunity Areas](#) and changes to the area's future land use map. Following the presentation, attendees were given an opportunity to review pages of the plan and the proposed future land use map. To see the results of these meetings, please review [pages 139-143](#).

- **Northside Southside Community Meeting:** October 27, 2020 @ Boutwell Auditorium , 6 attendees



*Citizens participating at the second round of open houses.*



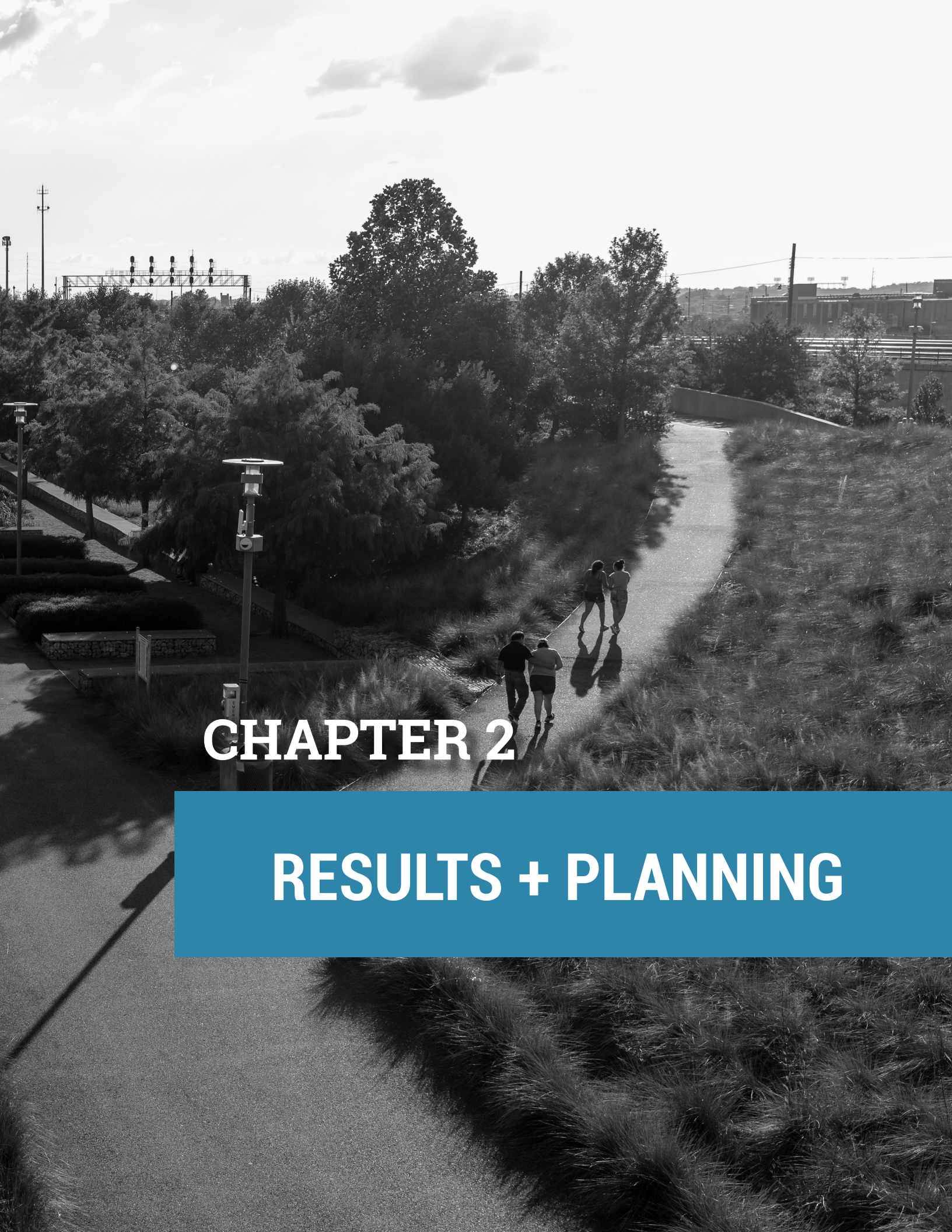
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## CHAPTER 2

# RESULTS + PLANNING

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | RESULTS + PLANNING

## PARTICIPATION RATES

The following pages outline the results from each public outreach strategy.

**TABLE 2.1: Participation Rates**

Public Input	Date	# of Participants
<b>Face to Face Events</b>		
Kickoff Open Houses	1/31/2019 <b>Southside Community Meeting</b>	150
	2/21/2019 <b>Northside Community Meeting</b>	
	3/11/2019 <b>Norwood Neighborhood Meeting</b>	
	3/19/2019 <b>Central City Neighborhood Meeting</b>	
	3/25/2019 <b>Druid Hills Neighborhood Meeting</b>	
	4/03/2019 <b>Fountain Heights Neighborhood Meeting</b>	
	4/15/2019 <b>Southside Community Meeting</b>	
Second Round of Kick-off Open Houses	9/24/2019 <b>Northside Community Meeting</b>	18
	9/17/2019 <b>Southside Community Meeting</b>	21
Steering Committee Meetings	1/25/2019	15
	10/19/2019	8
3rd Open House	10/27, 2020	6
<b>Online Respondents</b>		
Northside Visioning Survey and Online Mapping Exercise	1/14/2019 – 5/20/2019	194
Southside Visioning Survey and Online Mapping Exercise	1/14/2019 – 5/20/2019	206
<b>Web Content</b>		
Imagine Bham Website Unique Visitors	As of 05/31/2019	3,188
City of Birmingham Department of Planning Engineering and Permits Facebook Page Followers	As of 05/31/2019	453
RPCGB Facebook Page Followers	As of 05/31/2019	983
Imagine Bham Facebook Page Followers	As of 05/31/2019	101



## WEB

At the time of this publication, the Imagine Bham website ([www.ImagineBham.com](http://www.ImagineBham.com)) had been visited 3,188 unique visitors.

## VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS

In total, 194 people completed the Northside Visioning Survey and 206 people completed the Southside Visioning Survey. In general, both Visioning Surveys asked participants to respond to a series of questions and map their ideas on an interactive map. The following pages outline the results of both surveys.

### NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY SURVEY

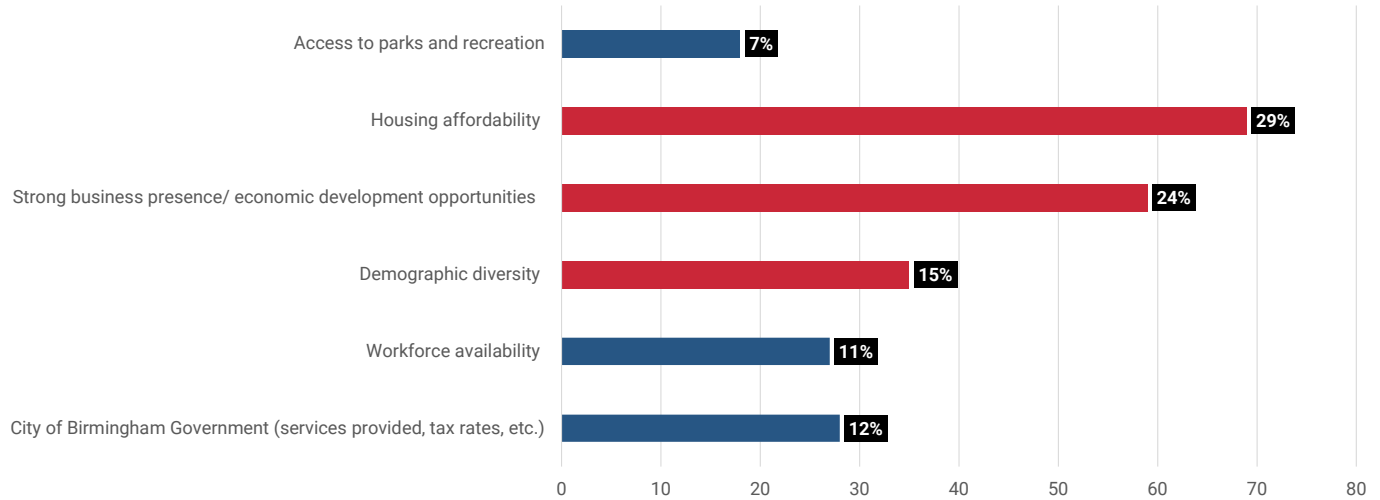
## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS

**194 Responses as of May 20, 2019**

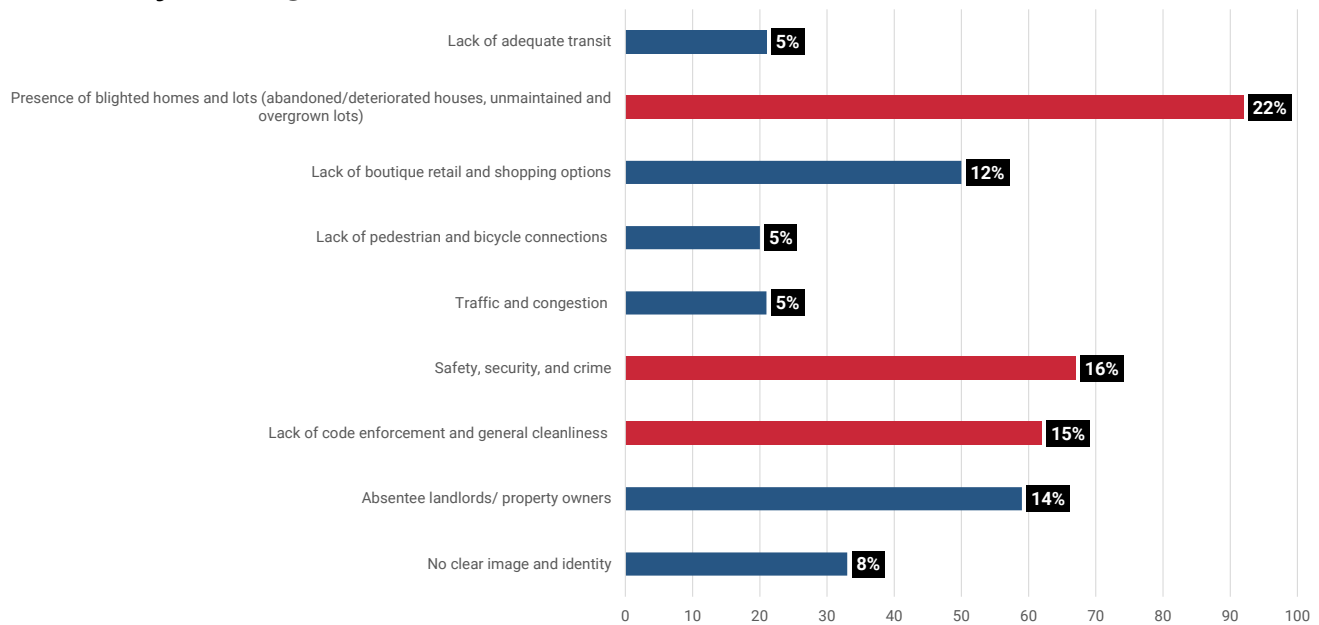
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## SURVEY QUESTIONS

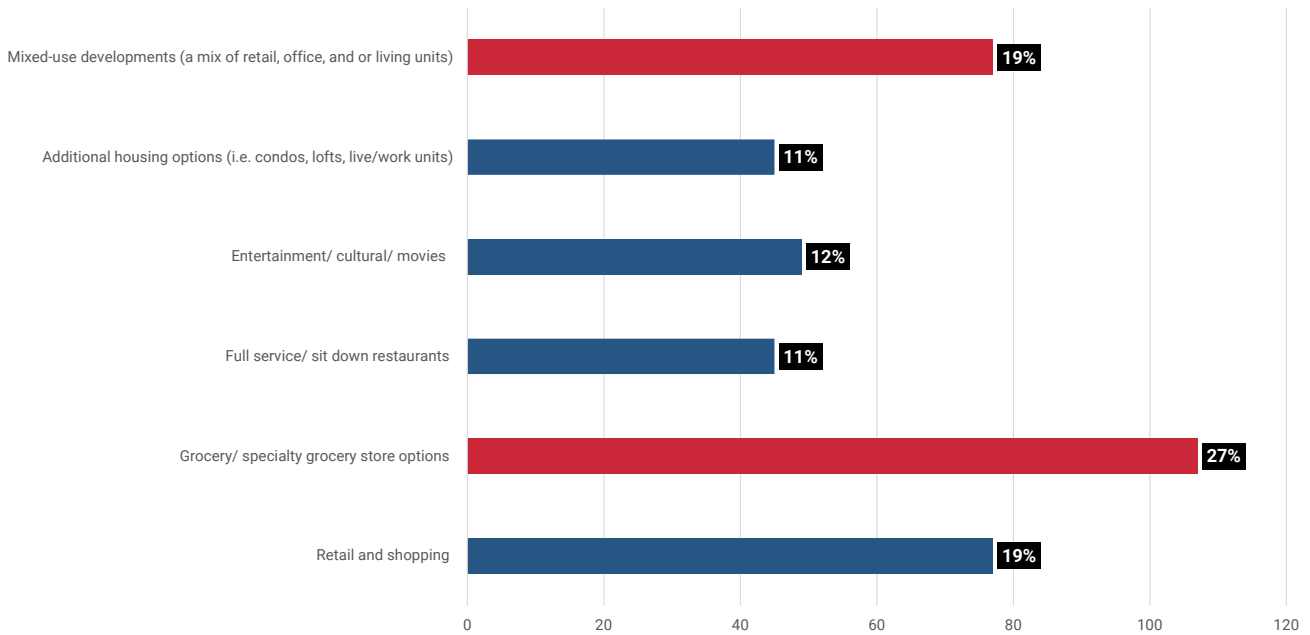
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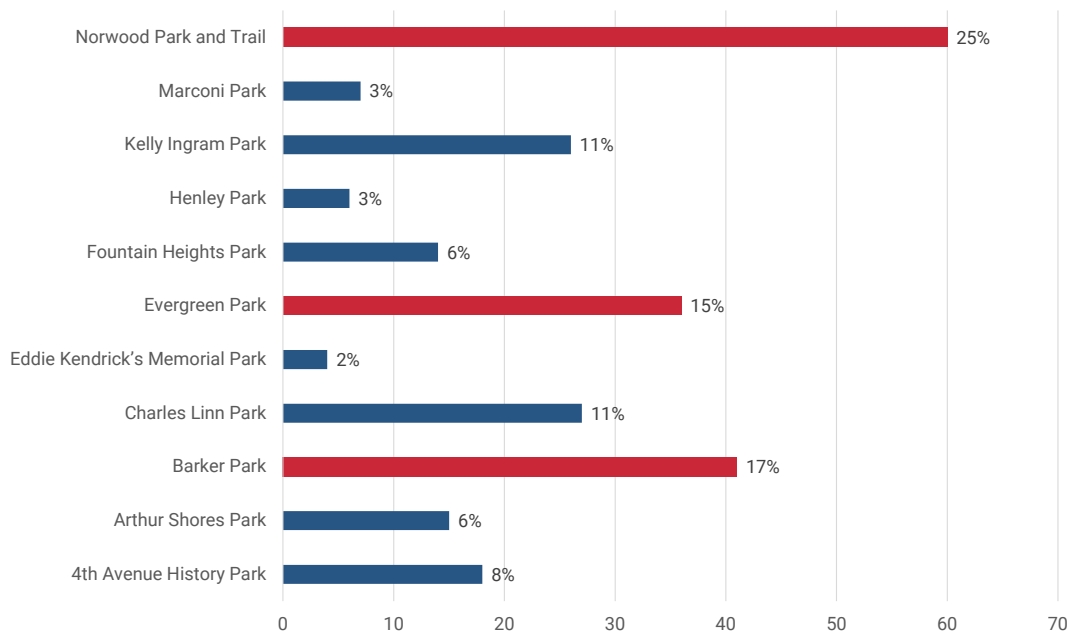
### What are the top three challenges that the Northside Community is currently facing?



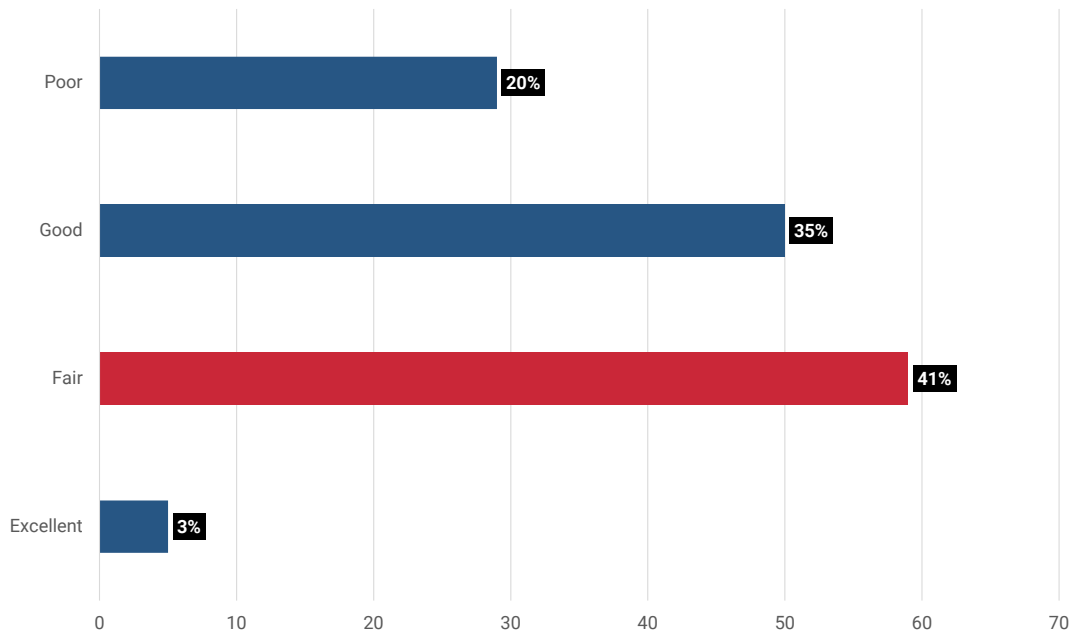
### What types of new development or additional businesses would you like to see more of in the Northside Community?



### Which parks within the Northside Community do you frequent the most? (Choose up to 3)



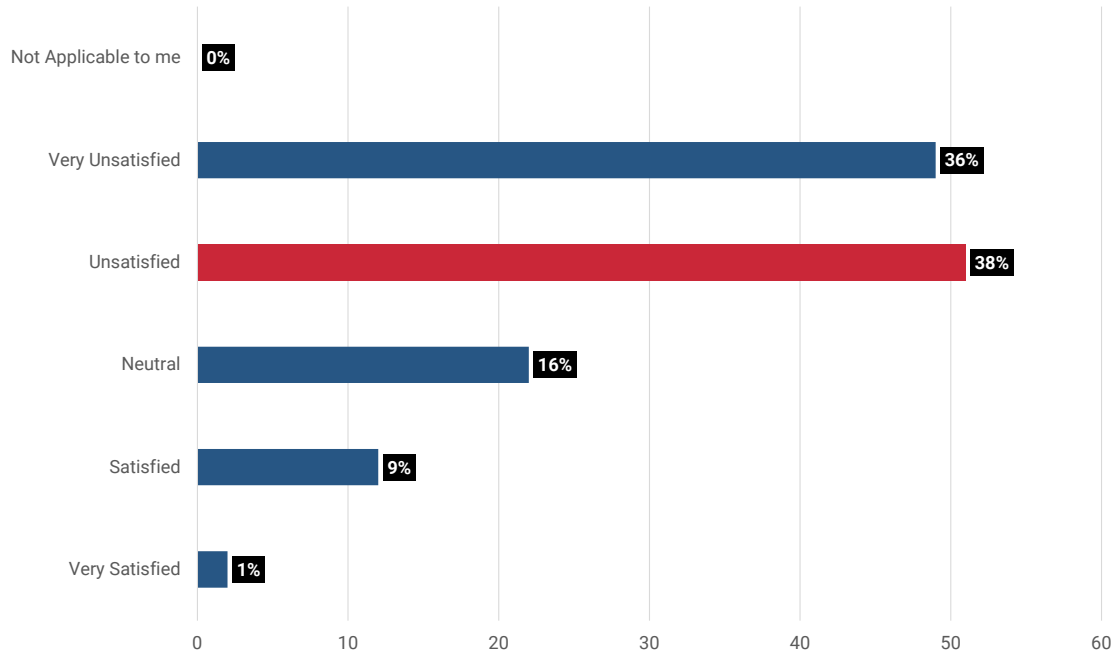
### How would you rate the quality of life in the Northside Community?



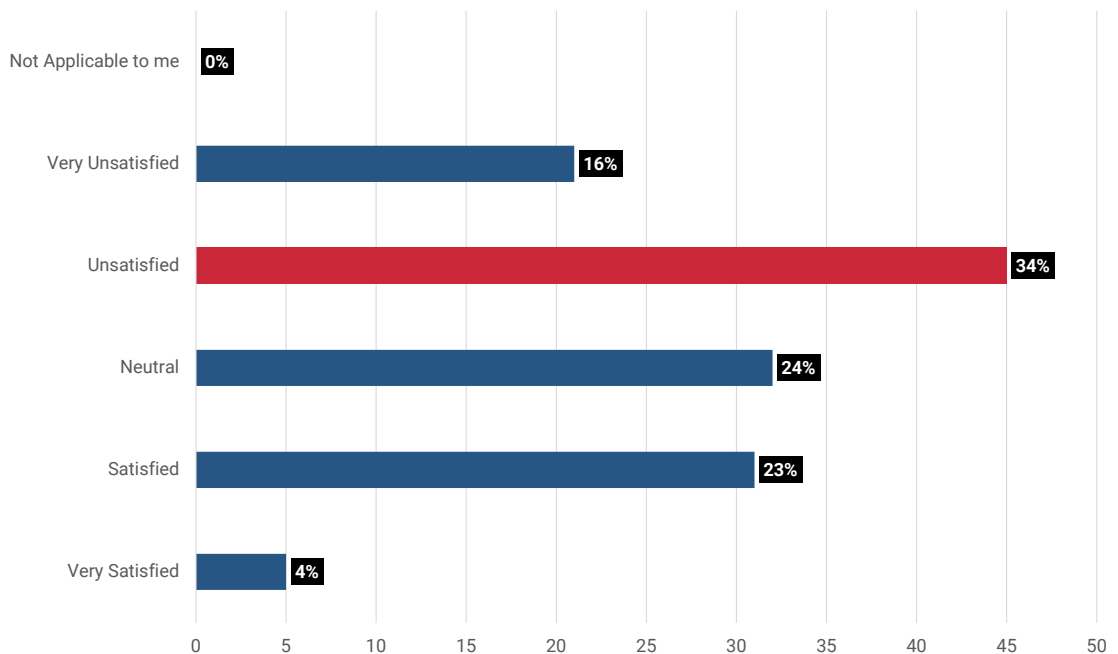
*Please rate your satisfaction with the following services.*



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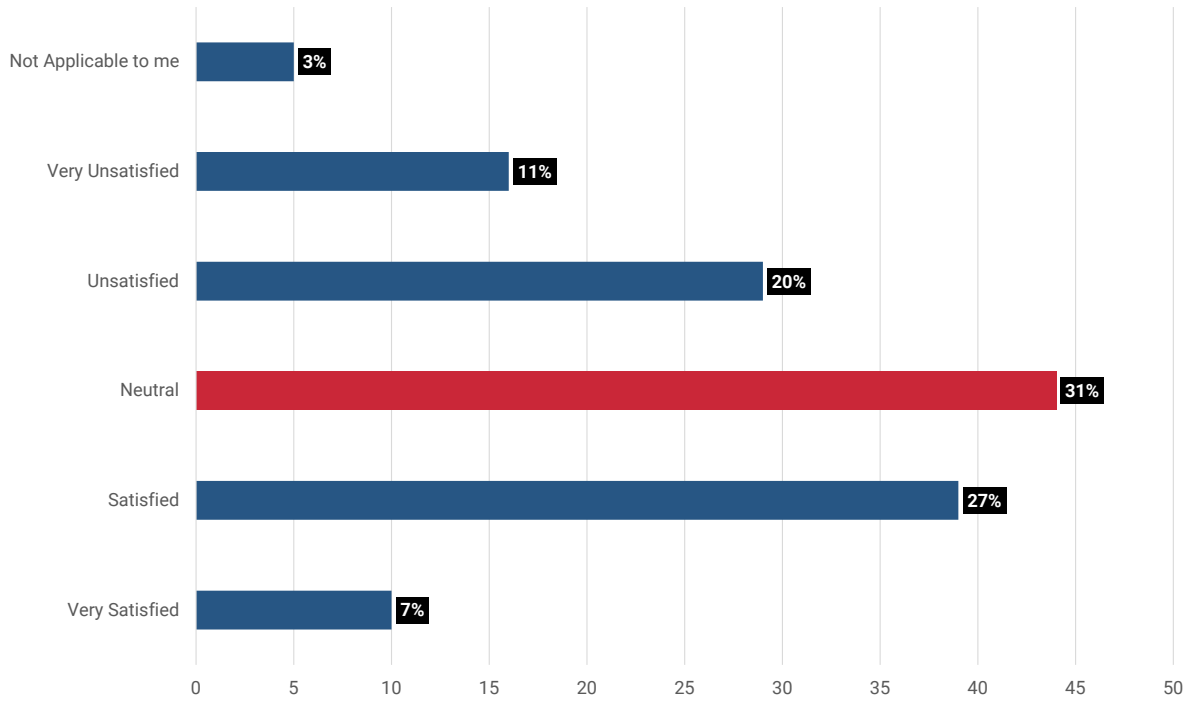


### Maintenance of landscaping (at public parks and facilities, highway medians)

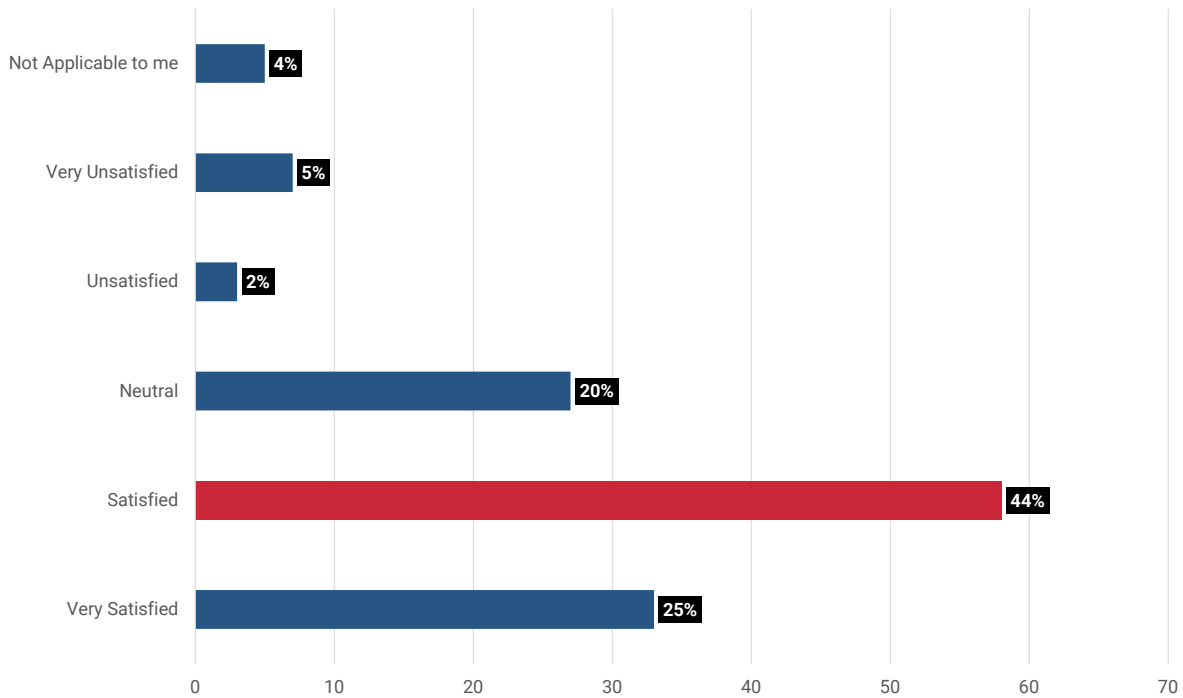


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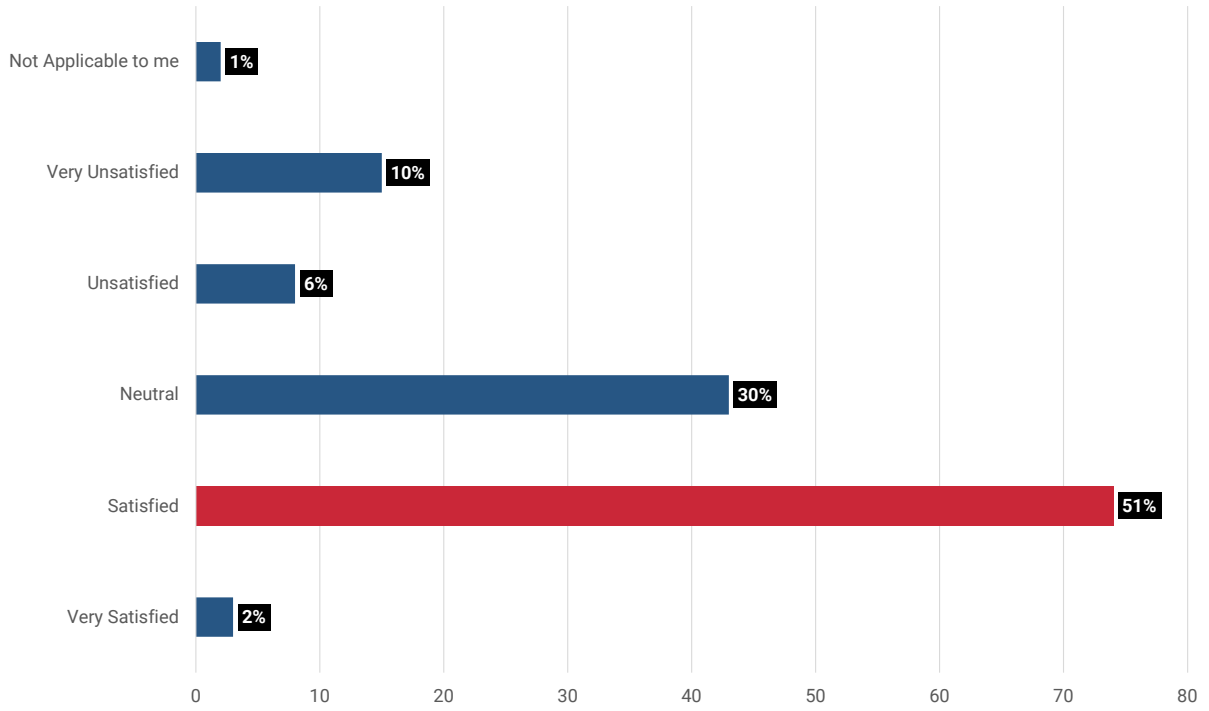
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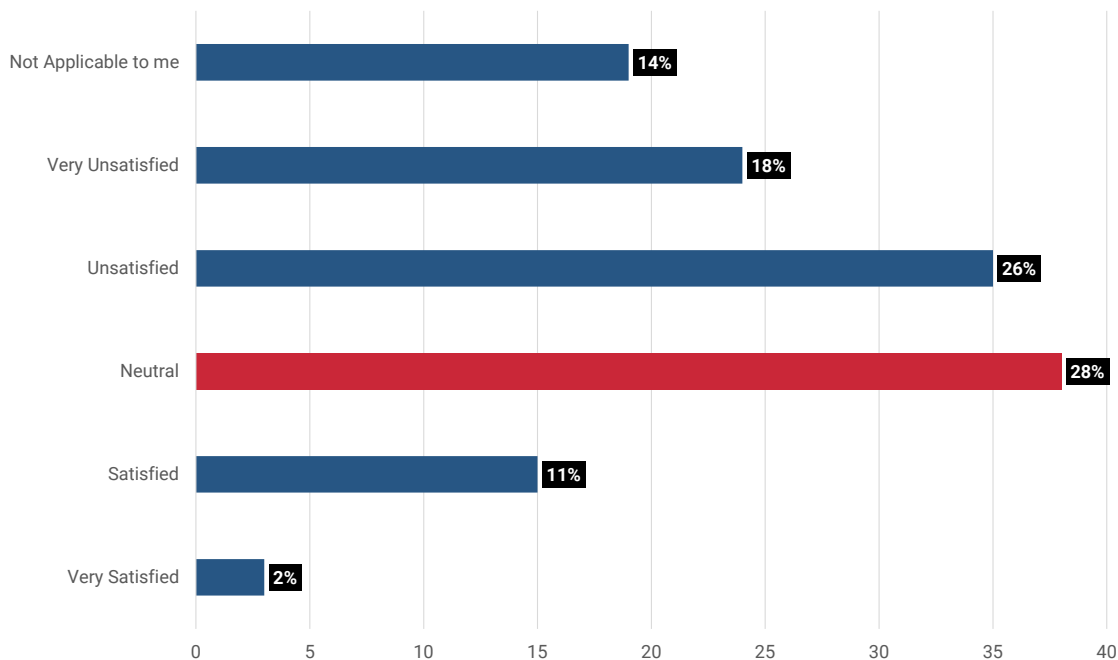
### Fire Protection



### Parks and Recreational Facilities

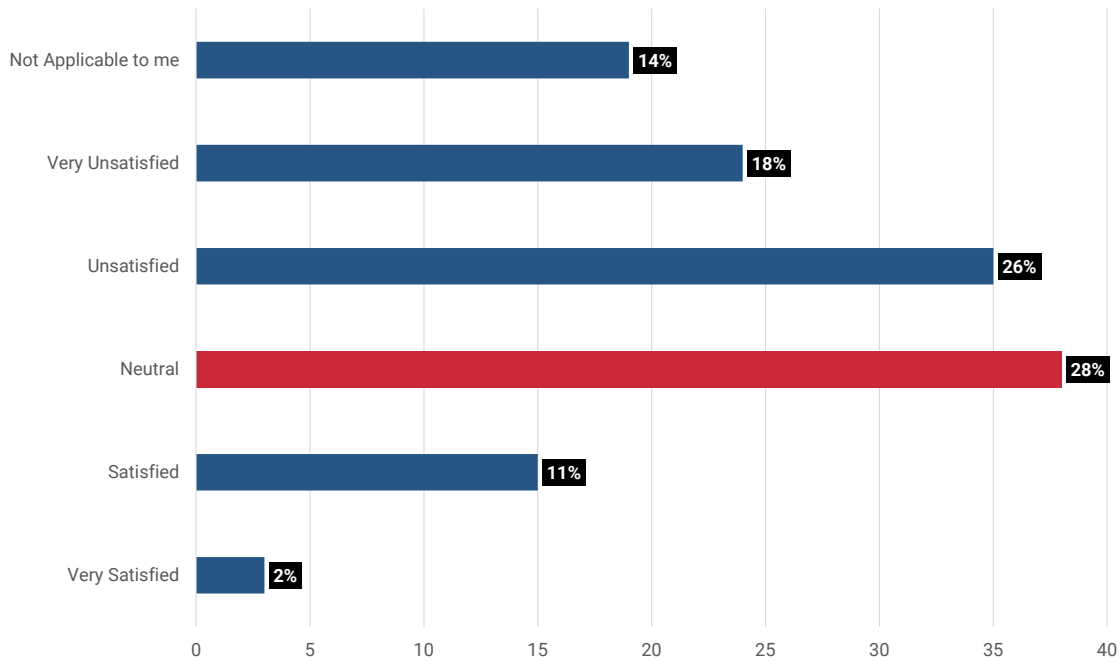


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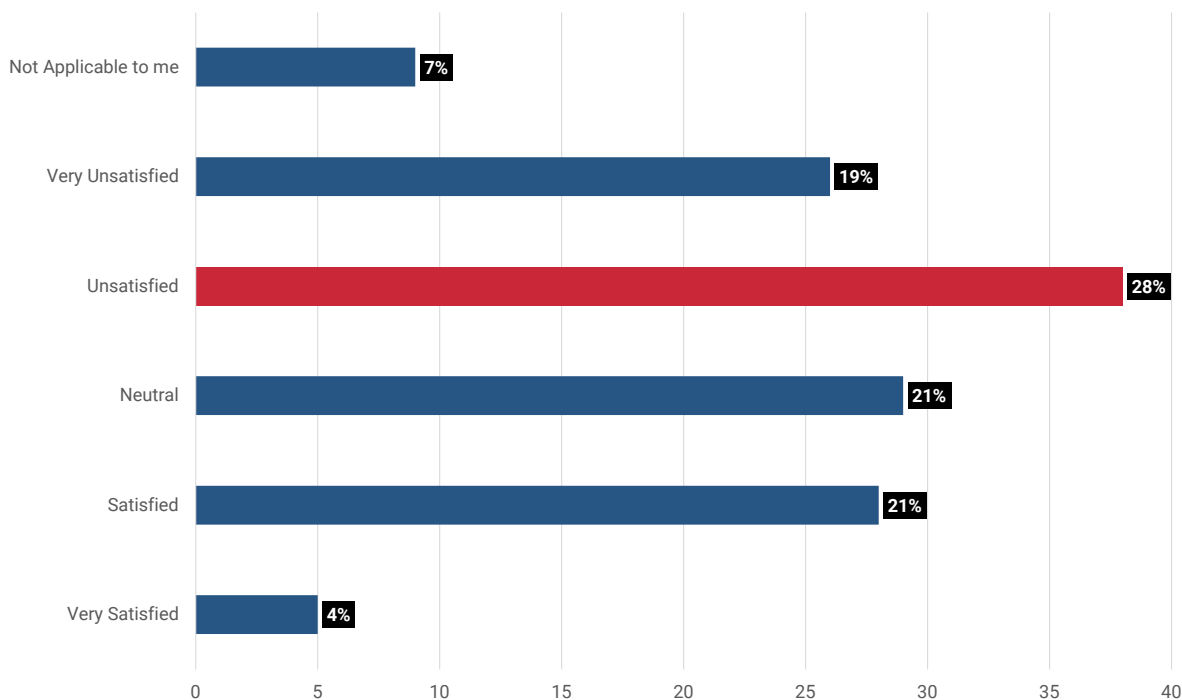




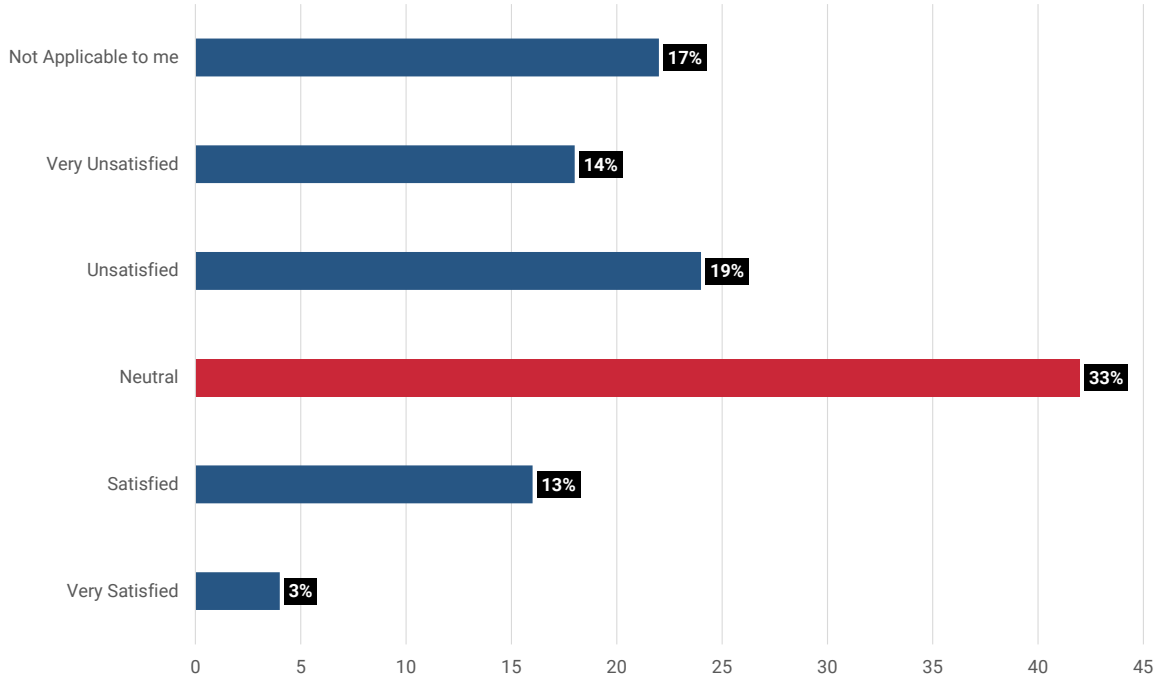
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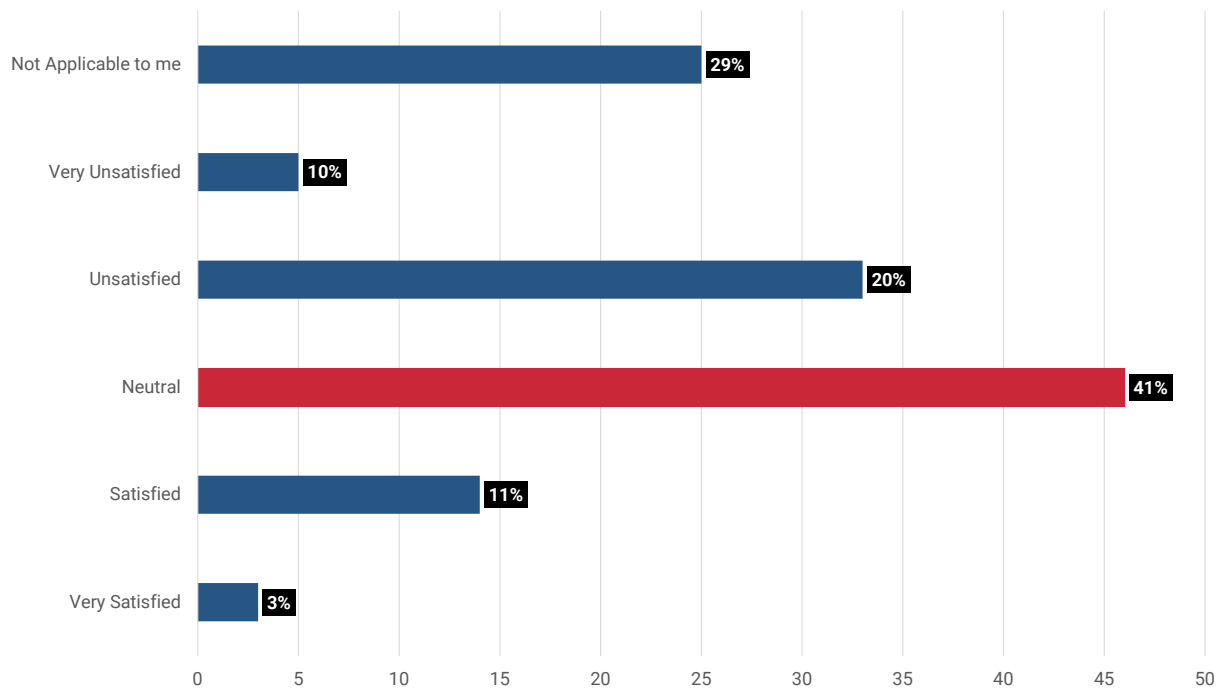
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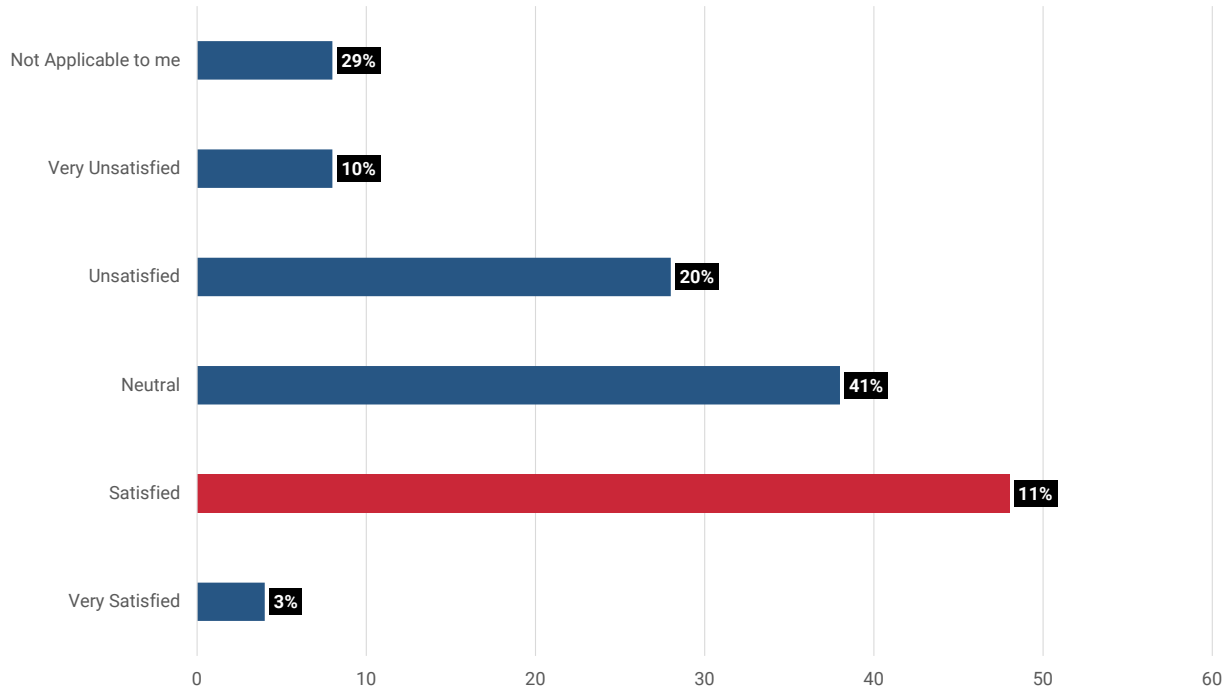
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### Responsiveness by the City to respond to formal complaints



### Public Facilities

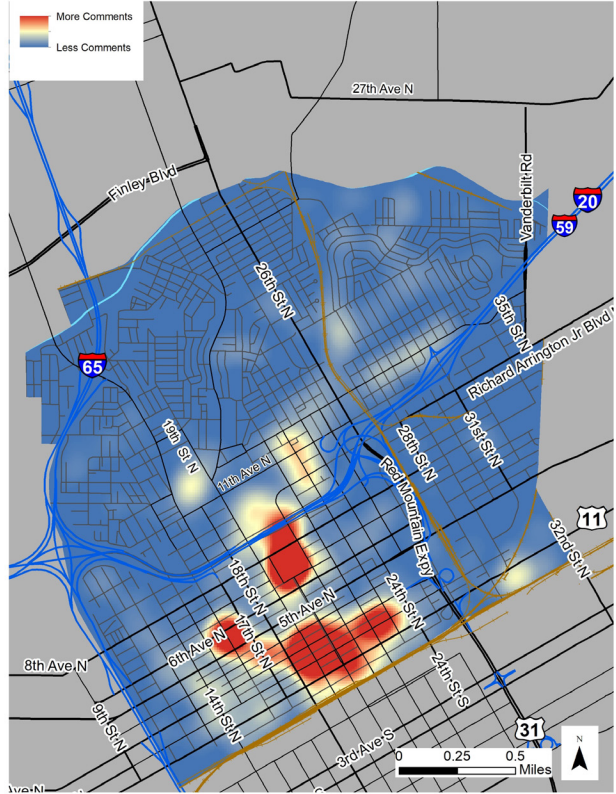


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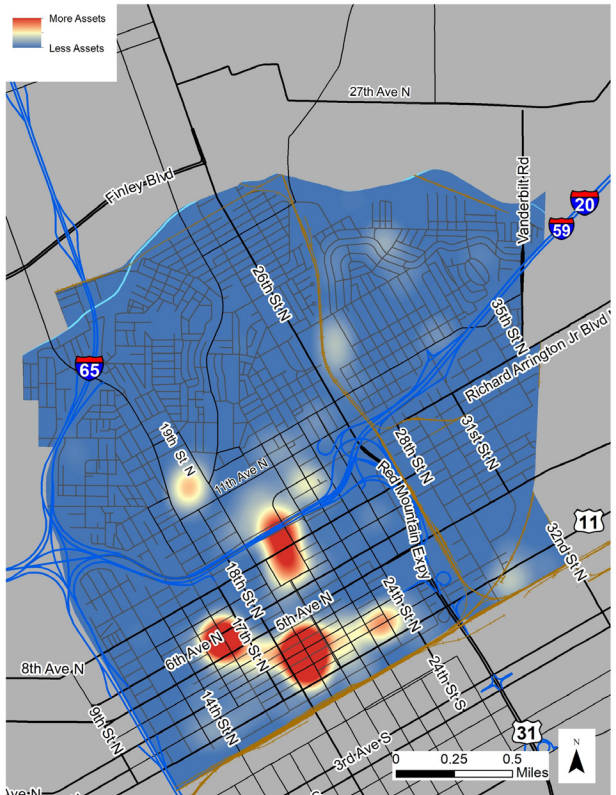
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Issues	211
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Transportation Related Comments	358



# ASSETS

353 COMMENTS

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Cultural or Institutional	122
Parks and Recreation	46
Retail Choices	73
Schools	3
Other	99

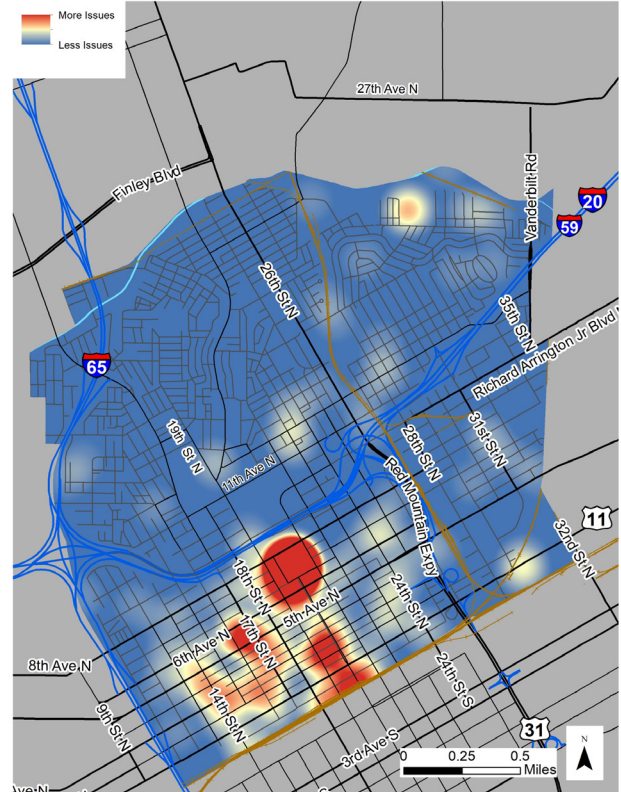




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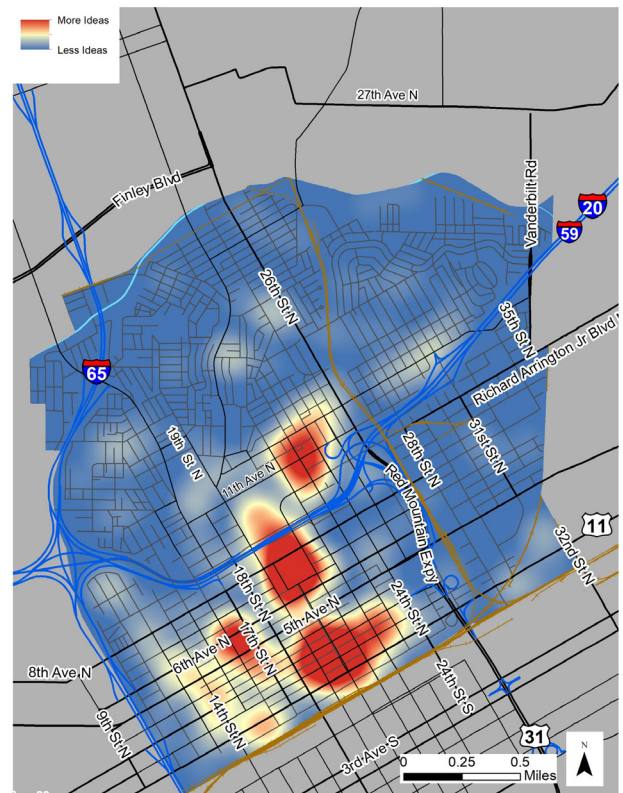
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Crime	63
Development Concerns	5
Flooding and Drainage	7
Governance and Code Enforcement	5
Homelessness	85
Parks and Recreation	8
School Administration	1
Other	22



# YOUR IDEAS

## 358 COMMENTS

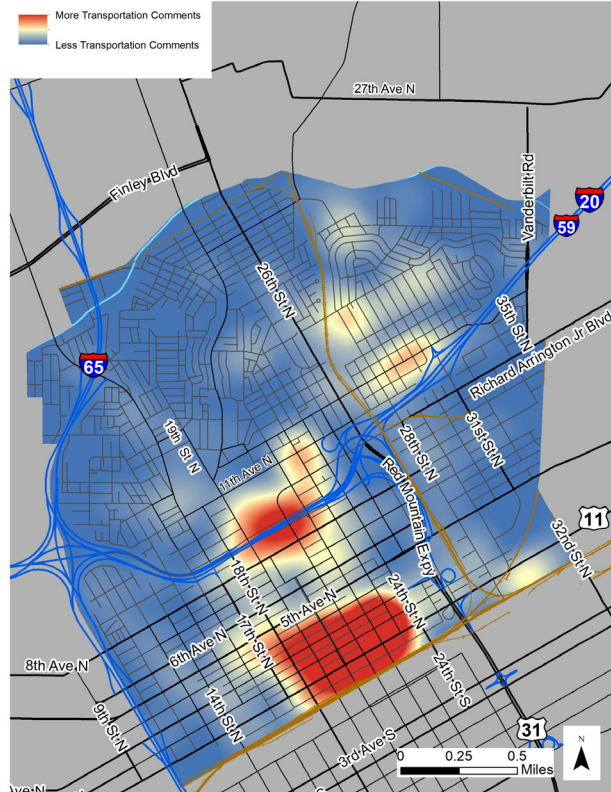
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Housing Options	21
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New Parks, Greenspace or Programming	21
Public Events or Programming	16
Property to be Redeveloped	159
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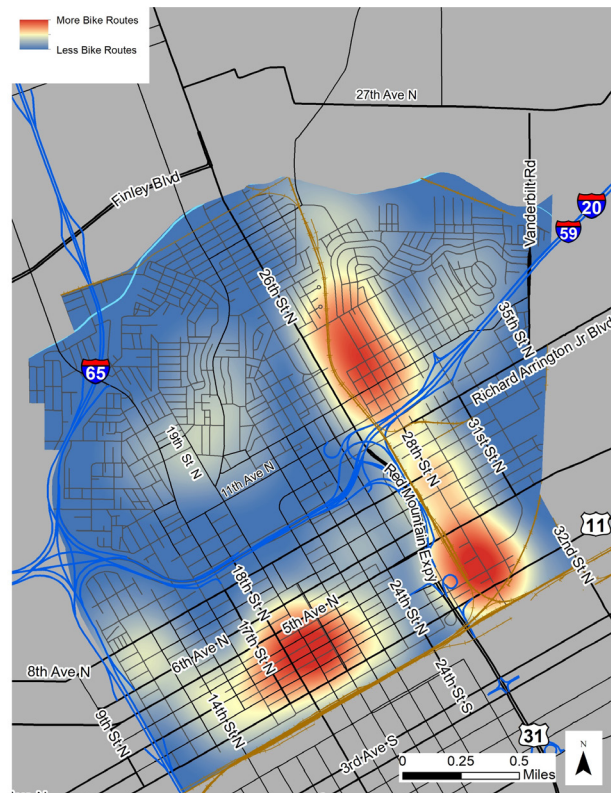
346 COMMENTS

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Congestion/ Traffic	23
Gateways and Wayfinding	16
Intersection Needs Improving	18
New Pedestrian Connections	51
Parking	116
Sidewalk Needs Maintenance	10
Speeding	18
Streets Need Maintenance	29
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# BIKE ROUTES

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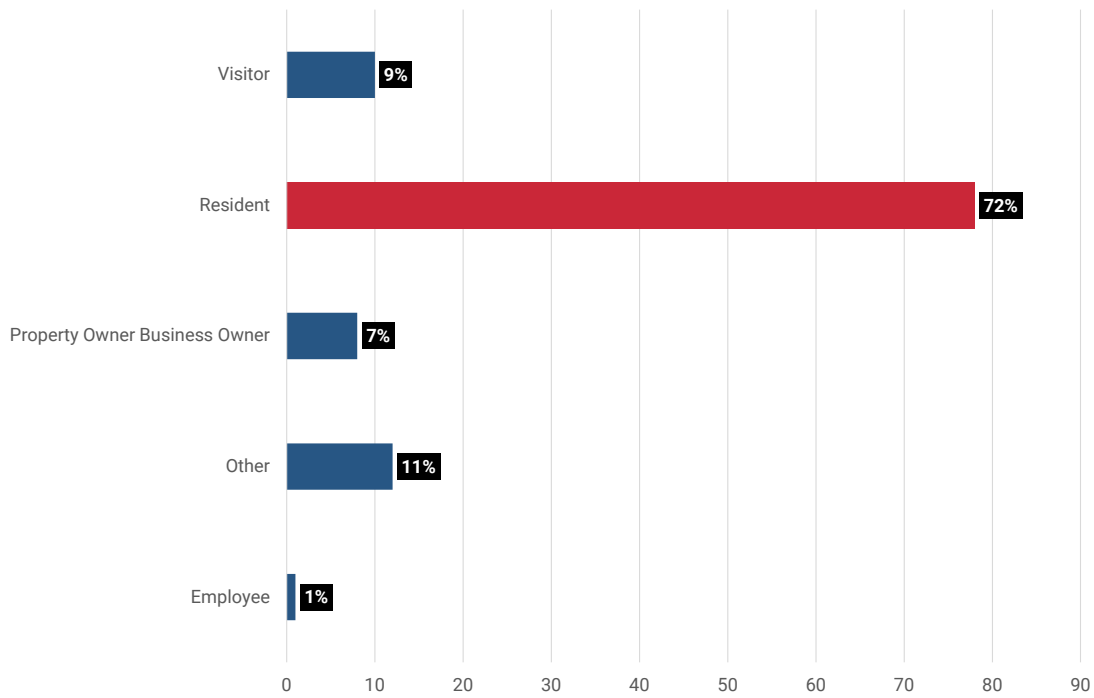
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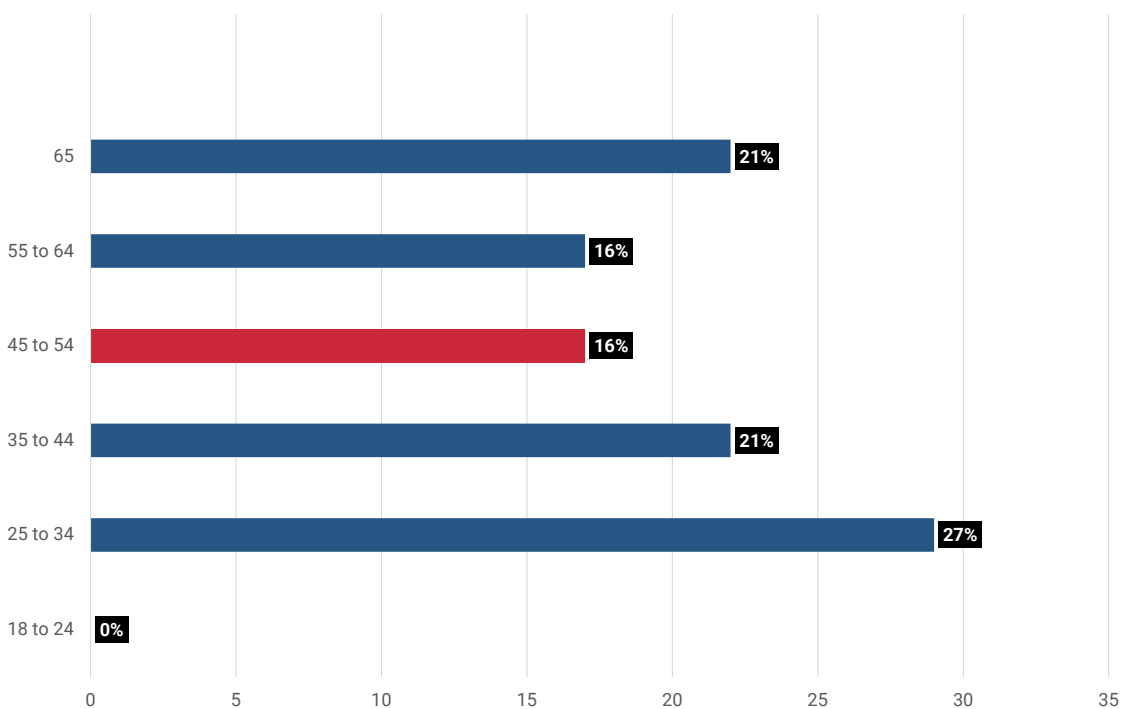


# DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

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### Age Group





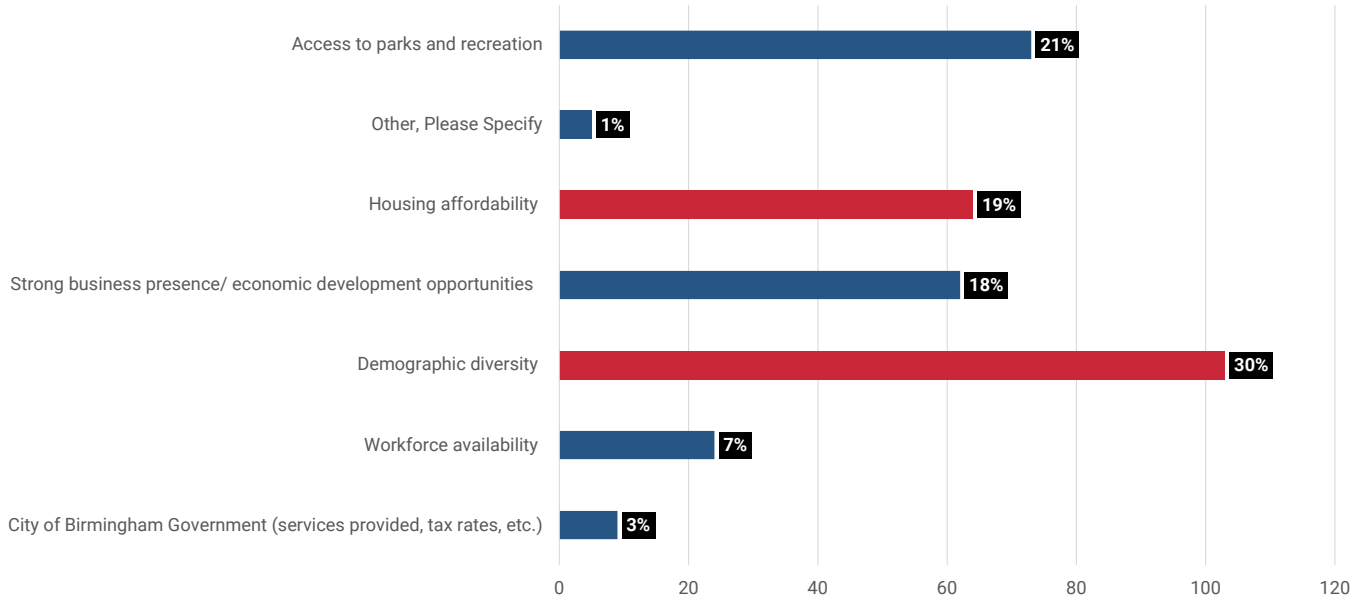
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**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY  
VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS**  
206 Responses as of May 20, 2019

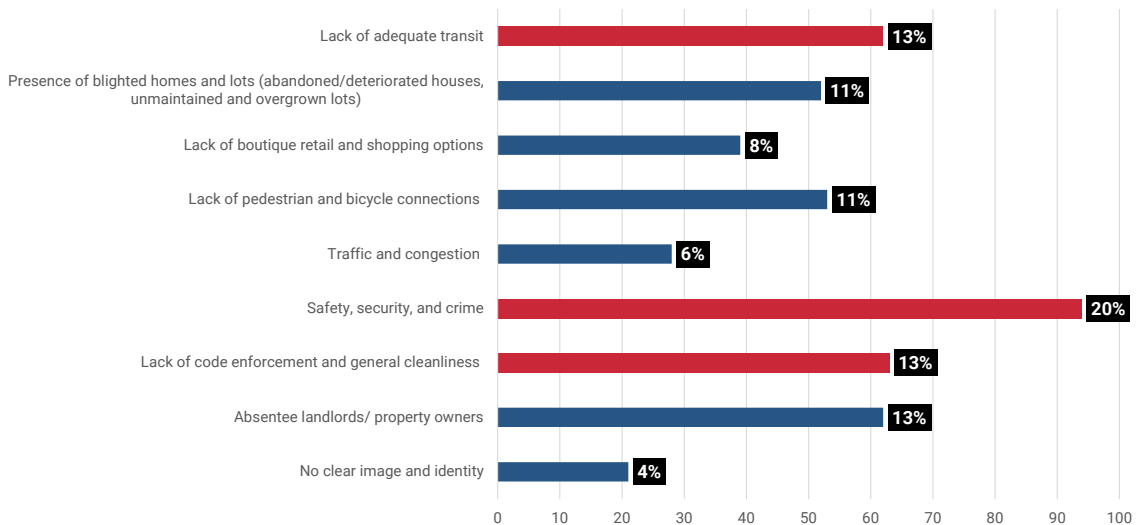
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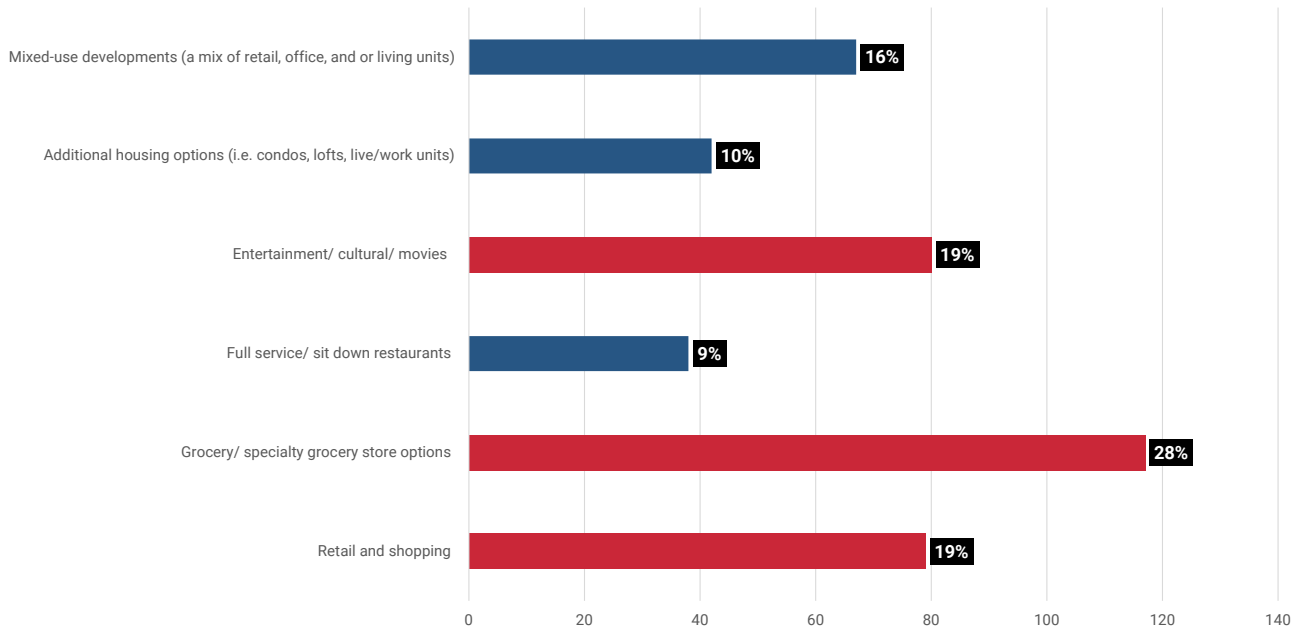


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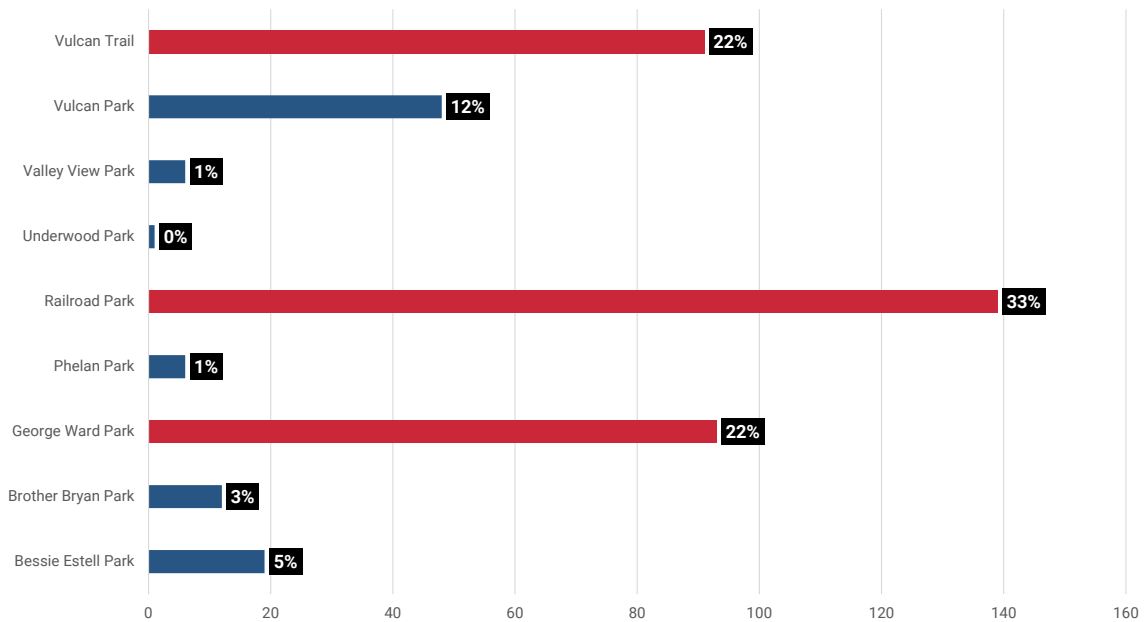


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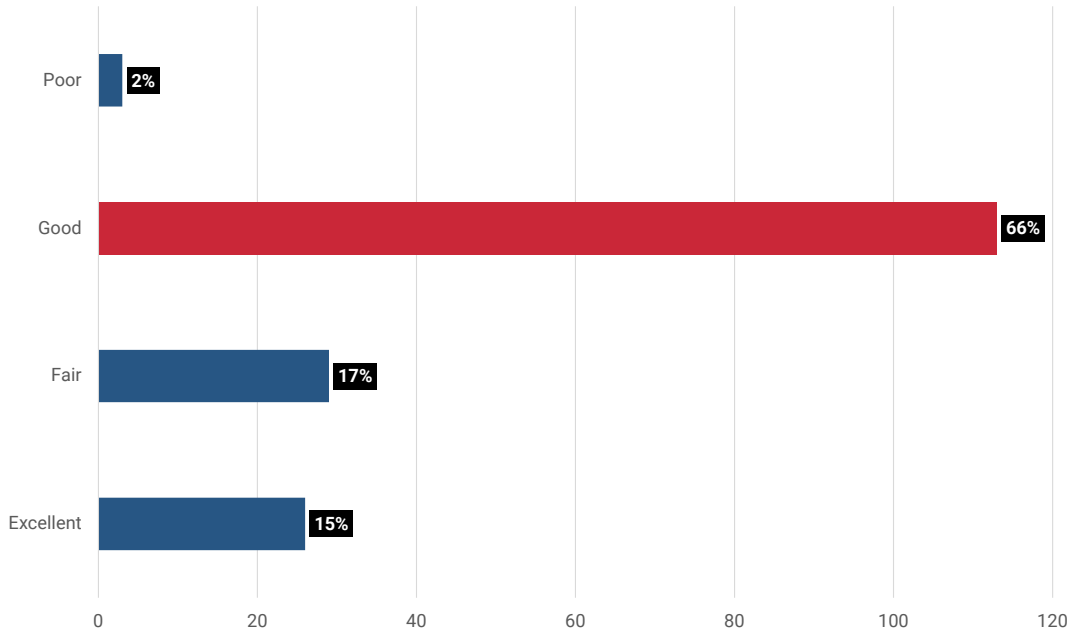
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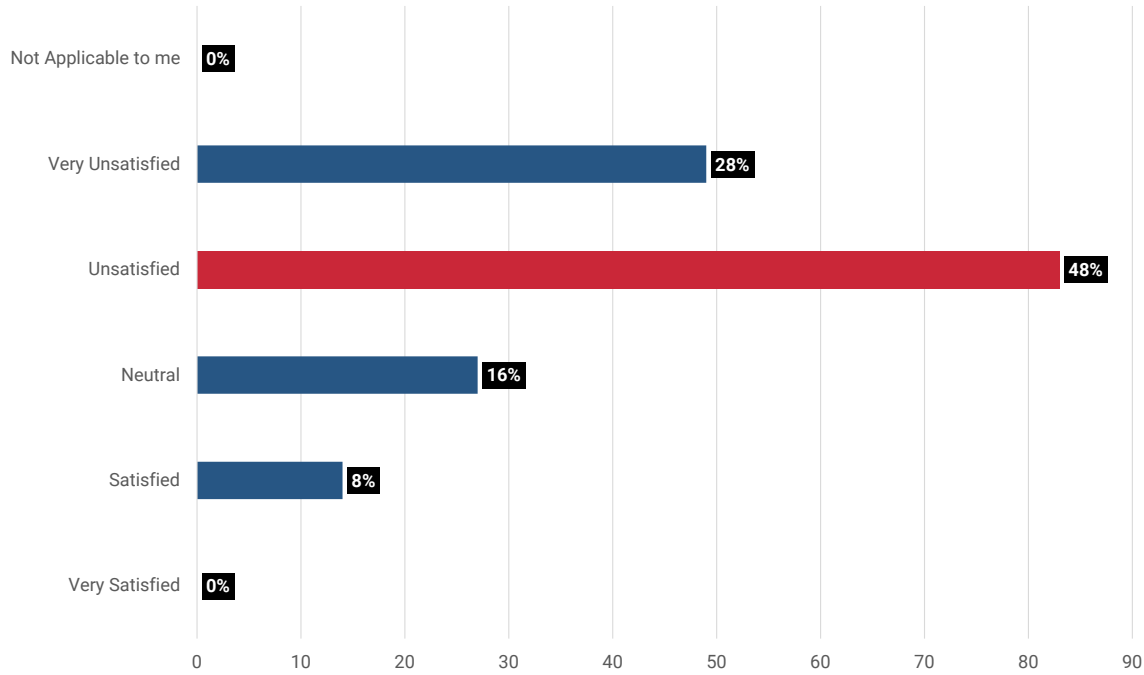
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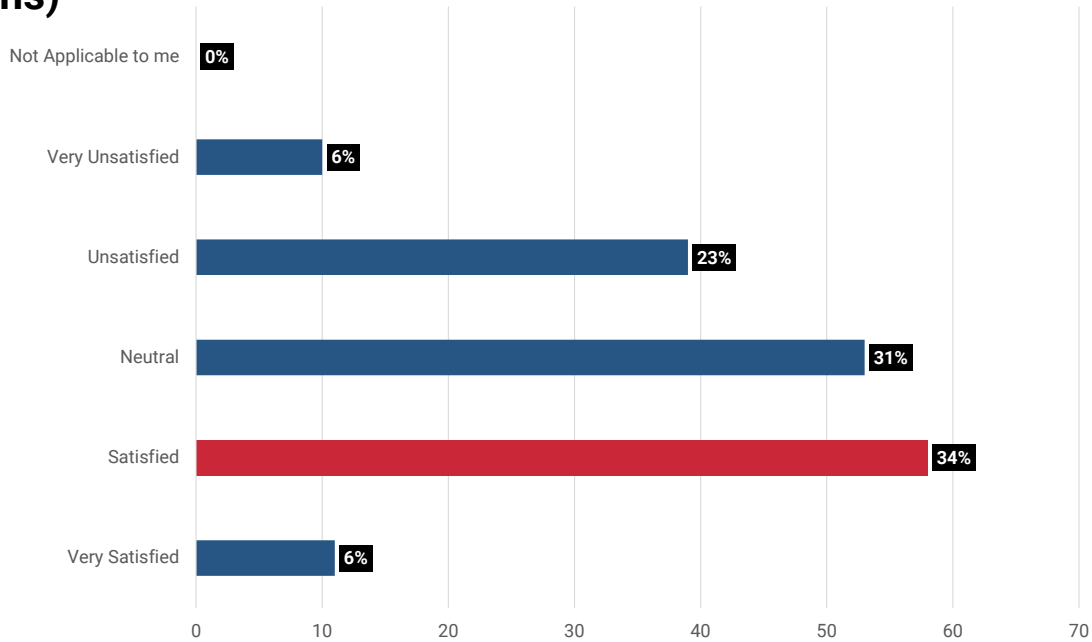
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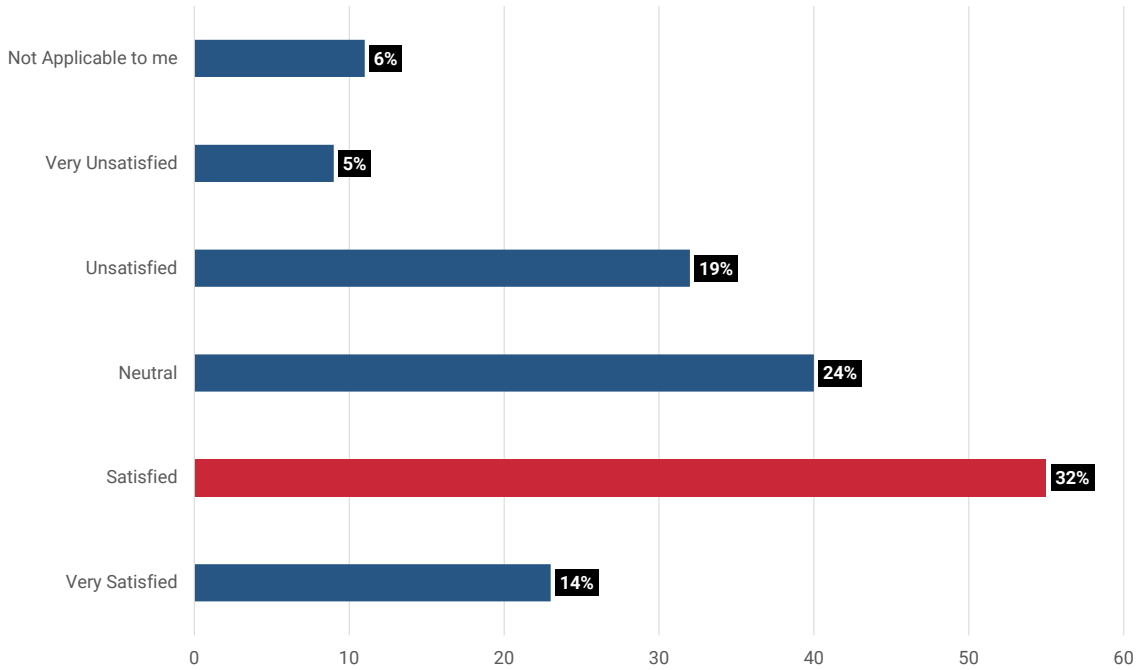
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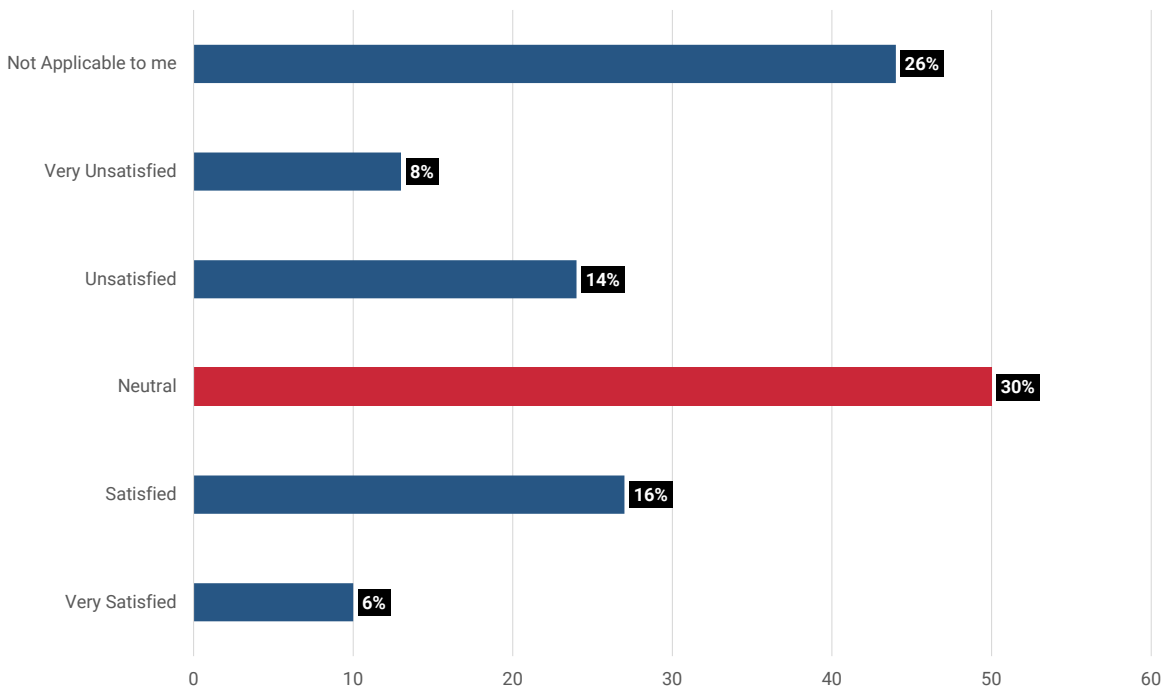
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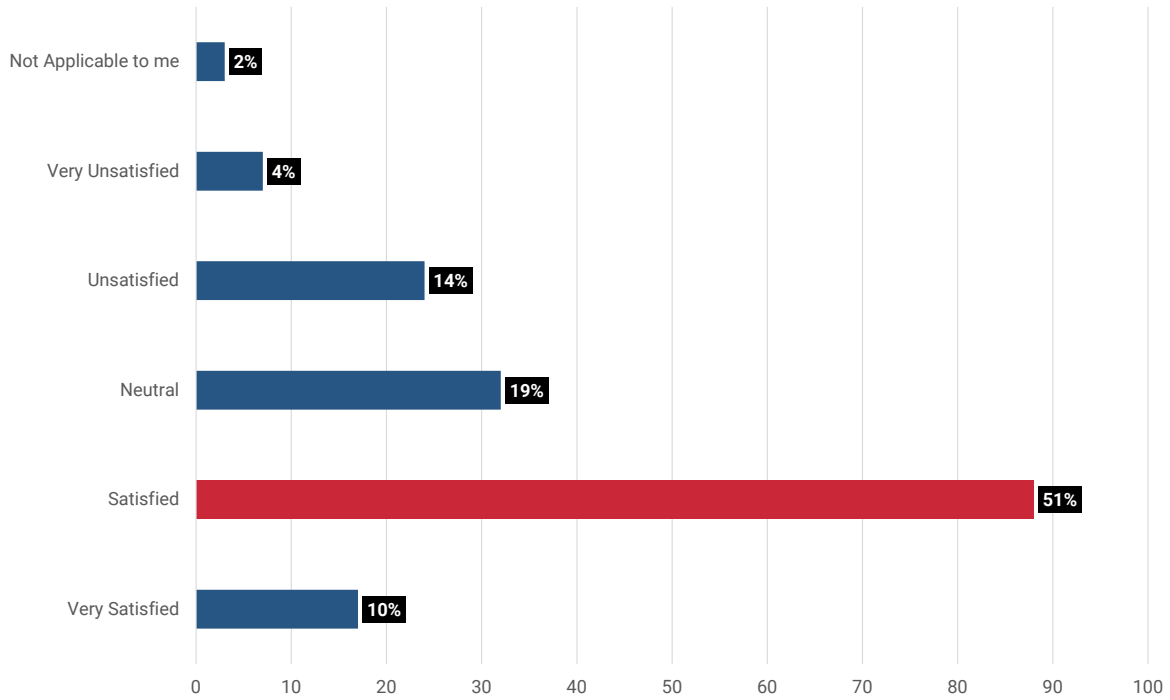
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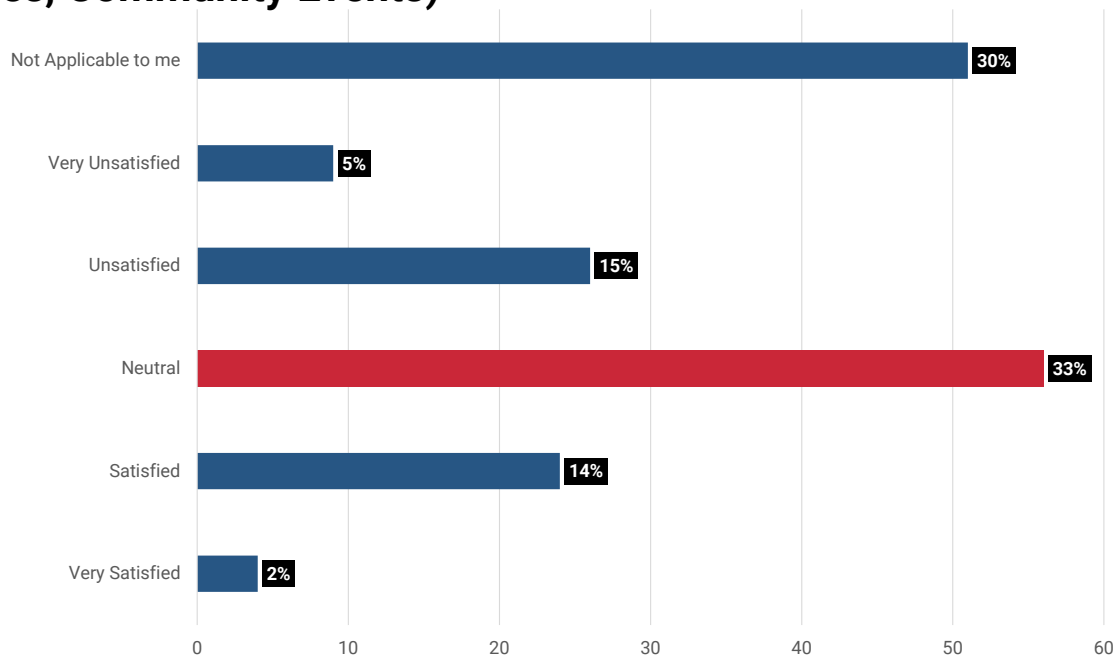
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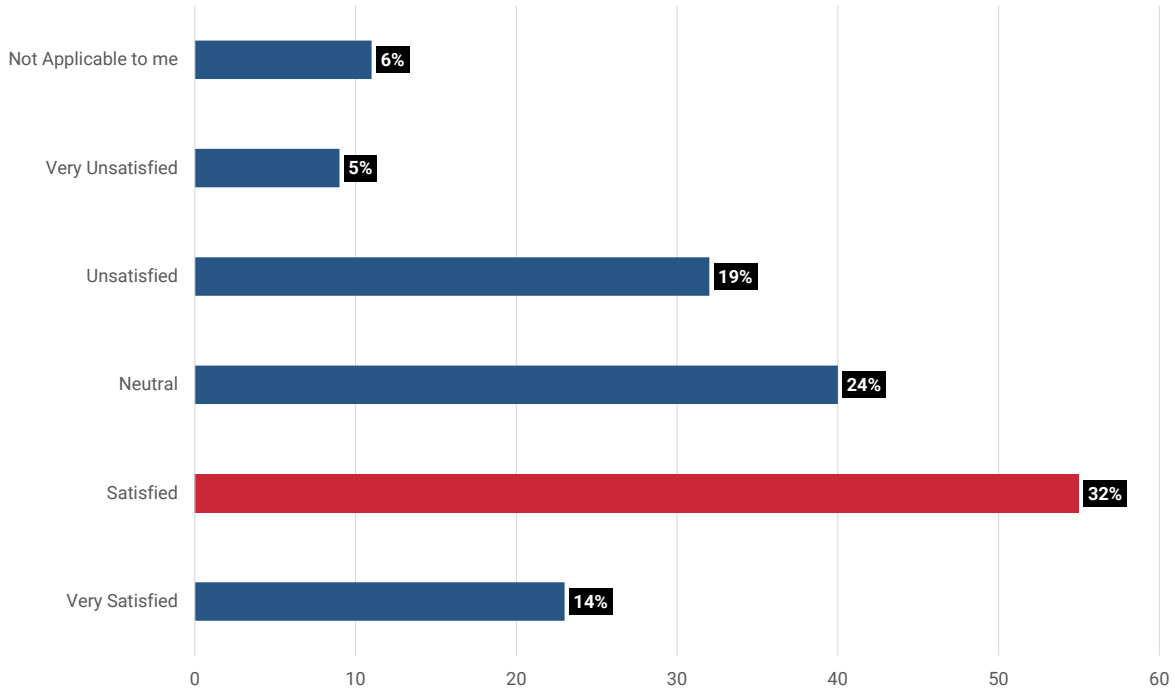
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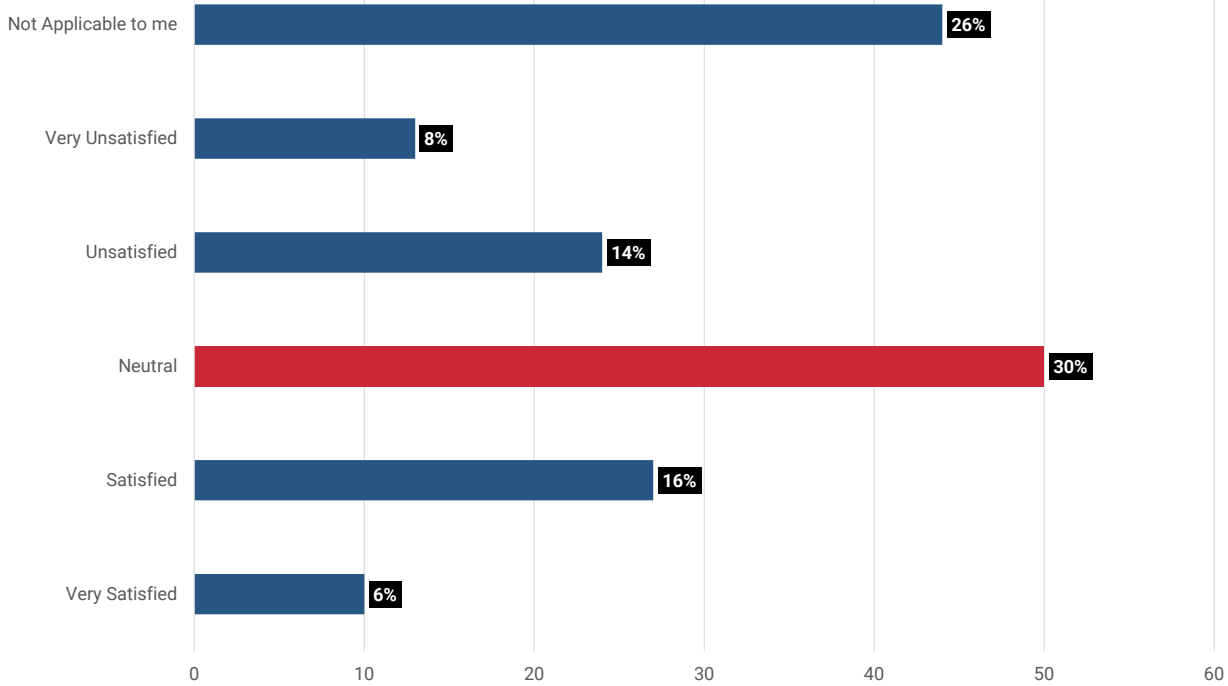
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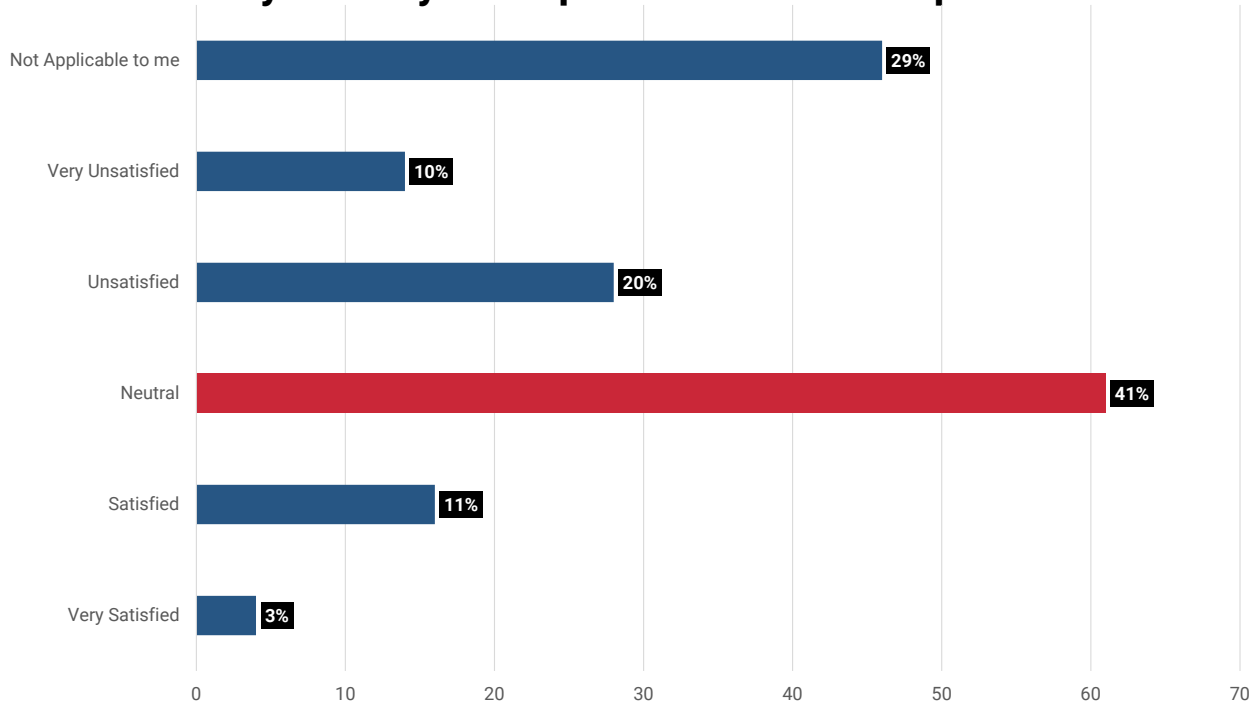


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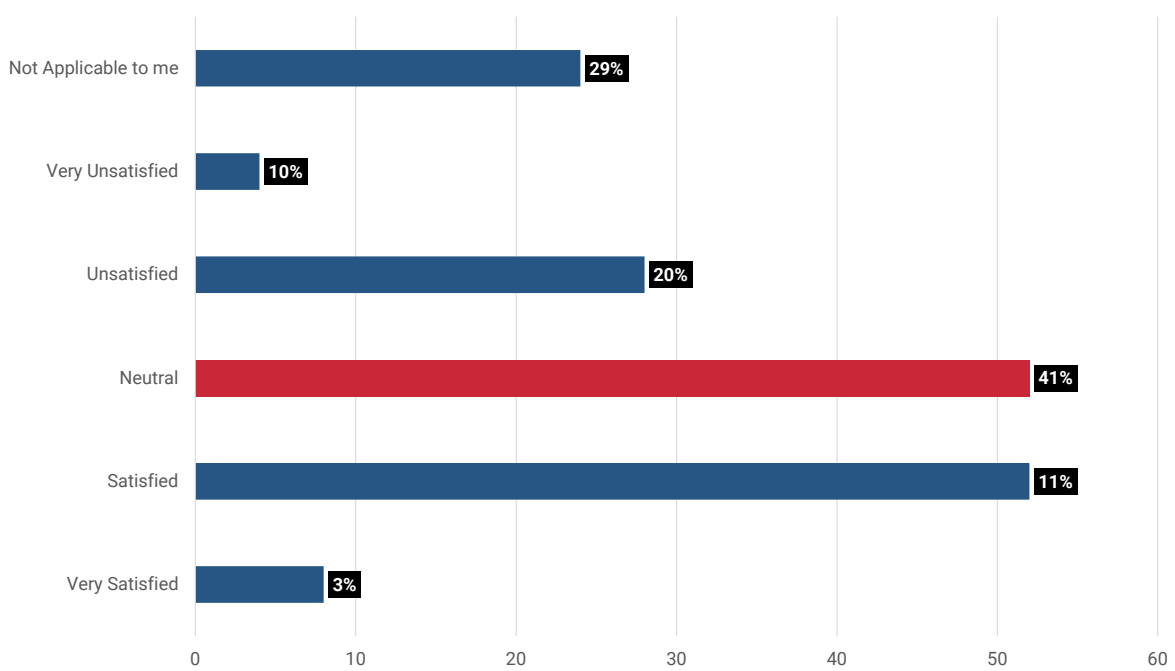




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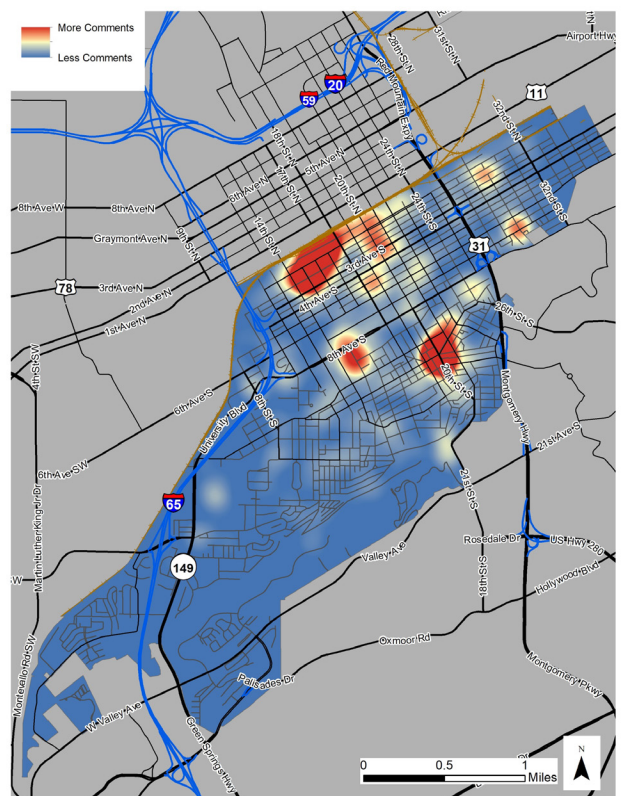


# METROQUEST MAP COMMENTS

## ALL COMMENTS

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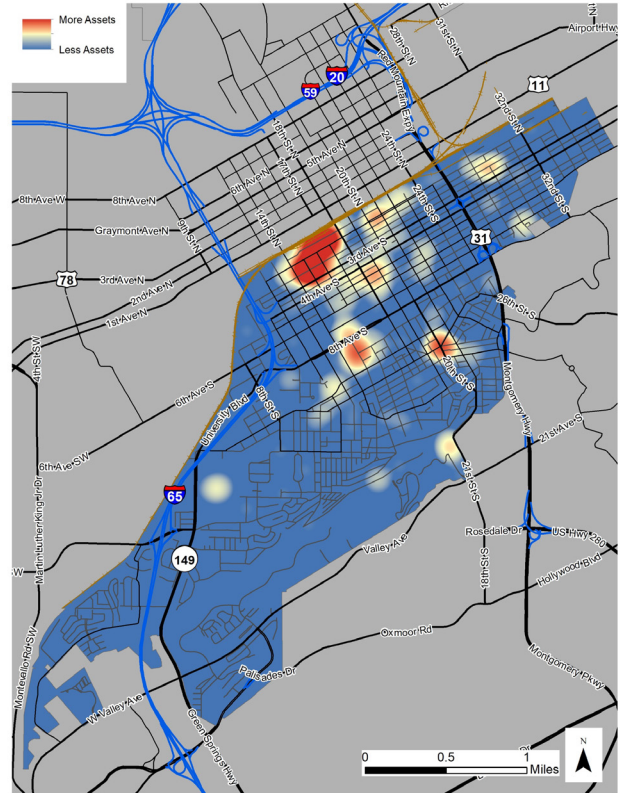
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Issues	181
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Transportation Related Comments	243



# ASSETS

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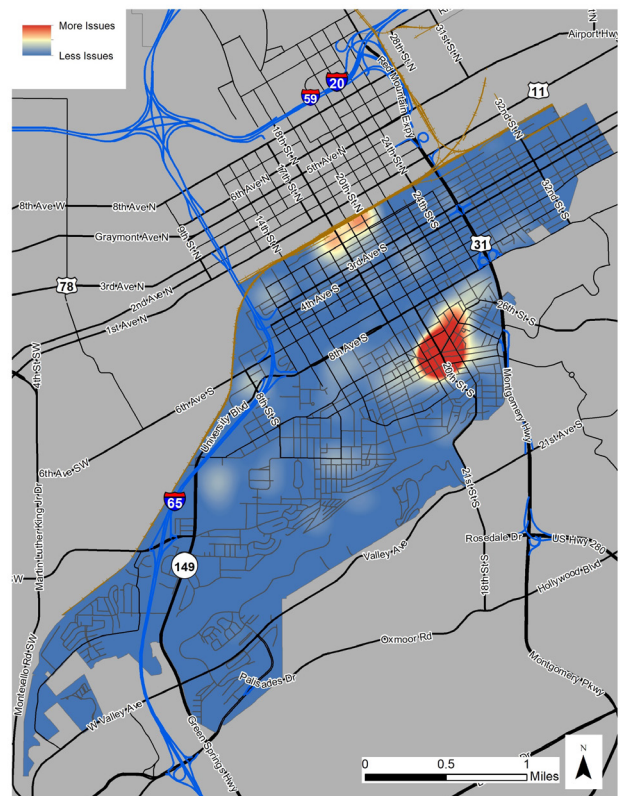
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Cultural or Institutional	81
Parks and Recreation	151
Retail Choices	57
Schools	6
Other	112



# ISSUES

181 COMMENTS

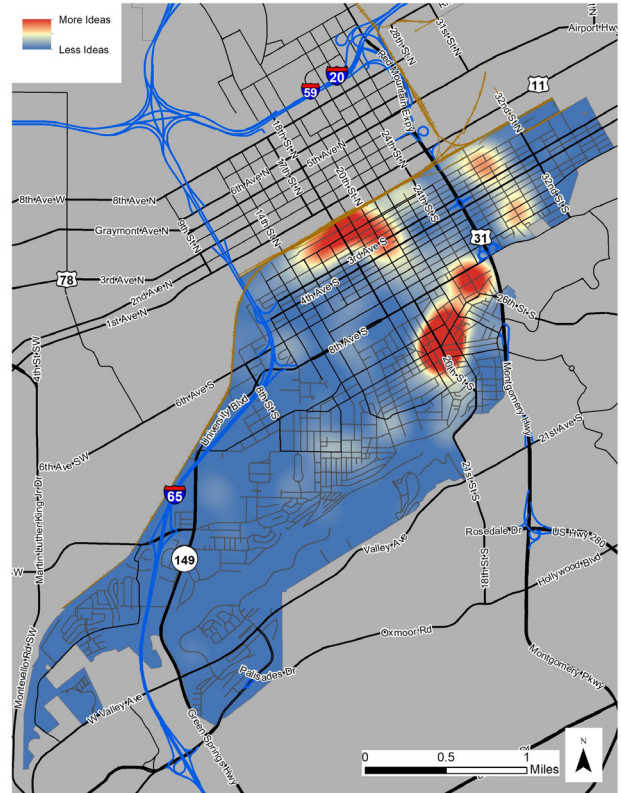
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Cleanliness and Litter	13
Crime	70
Development Concerns	8
Flooding and Drainage	7
Governance and Code Enforcement	7
Homelessness	44
Parks and Recreation	11
School Administration	3
Other	18



# YOUR IDEAS

243 COMMENTS

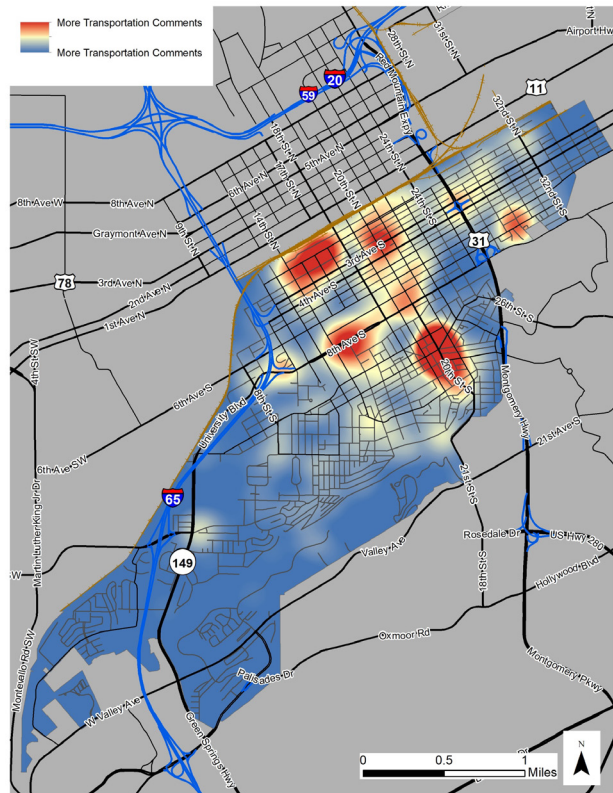
COMMENT TAG	NUMBER
Expand Retail Opportunities	36
Governance or Code Enforcement	11
Housing Options	27
Improve Aesthetics	23
Improvements to Existing Parks	13
New Parks, Greenspace or Programming	27
Public Events or Programming	8
Property to be Redeveloped	93
Other	5



# TRANSPORTATION

537 COMMENTS

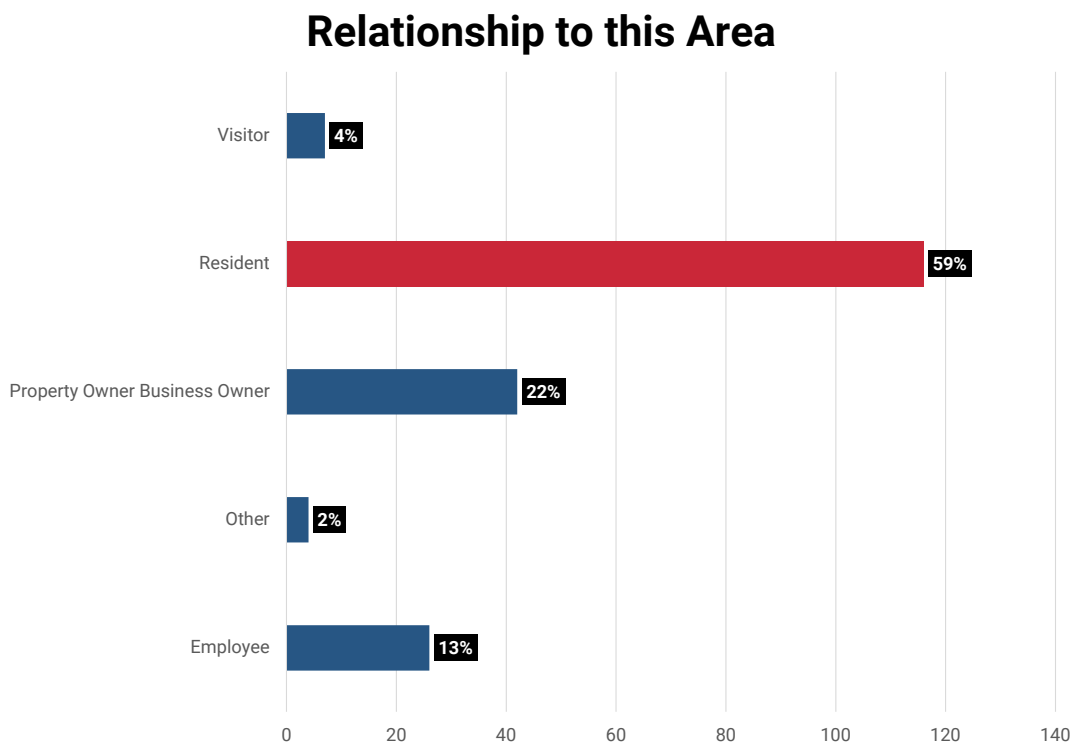
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Bike Route	77
Bridge Needs Maintenance	5
Congestion/ Traffic	34
Gateways and Wayfinding	10
Intersection Needs Improving	36
New Pedestrian Connections	60
Parking	196
Sidewalk Needs Maintenance	21
Speeding	7
Streets Need Maintenance	57
Transit	12
Other	21







# DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | RESULTS + PLANNING

## EMAIL E-BLASTS

During the planning process, E-blasts were used to announce events such as the Kickoff Open Houses, the Visioning Survey results, and draft plan documents. The following E-blasts were sent:

- **January 17, 2019:** Join us for one of our kick-off meetings for the Northside Southside Framework Plan!
  - **January 24, 2019:** Next week! Join us for our kick-off meetings for the Northside Southside Framework Plan!
  - **January 28, 2019:** Next week! Join us for our kick-off meetings for the Northside Southside Framework Plan!
  - **February 1, 2019:** The Northside Community Framework Plan kick-off meeting is postponed due to incoming winter weather.
  - **February 4, 2019:** We need your input! Take our survey and be entered to win a \$25 Publix gift card!
  - **February 13, 2019:** The new date for the Northside kick-off meeting has been set!
  - **February 19, 2019:** Attention residents of the Northside Community! Make sure to attend our kick-off meeting on Thursday February 21st – 5:30 to 7 PM
  - **February 22, 2019:** Northside residents, we hope to see you this Thursday! Make sure to attend our kick-off meeting on February 21st 5:30 to 7PM
  - **March 1, 2019:** The survey is closing on February 25th! Take it now and be entered to win a \$25 Publix gift card.
  - **April 8, 2019:** We are coming to your neighborhood meeting!
  - **June 6, 2019:** NSFP Draft Existing Conditions Document and Visioning Survey Results
  - **August 19, 2019:** NSFP Second Round of Open Houses
  - **September 10, 2019:** Southside Meeting Reminder - Sept 19th Open House
  - **September 16, 2019:** Southside Meeting Reminder - Sept 17th
- Reminder!
  - **September 19, 2020:** Northside Meeting Reminder, 1st notice - Sept 24
  - **September 23, 2020:** Northside Meeting Reminder, Final Notice Sept 24
  - **October 9, 2019:** Provide Comments on the Draft Northside Southside Framework Plan by Nov 1st!
  - **December 9, 2020:** Join us! December 12 to learn about the City Center Master Plan!
  - **January 6, 2020:** Happy Holidays! Framework Plan Update!
  - **July 1, 2020:** Review the Strategic Opportunity Area Appendix!
  - **July 28, 2020:** Review the proposed Future Land Use Map and Draft Documents!
  - **August 12, 2020:** Reminder, review the proposed Future Land Use Map and Draft Documents! by August 31, 2020!
  - **October 13, 2020:** Join us on October 27th to review the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map!
  - **October 22, 2020:** Reminder! Join us on October 27th to review the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map!
  - **October 27, 2020:** Join us TONIGHT to review the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map



**We need your input! Take our survey and be entered to win a \$25 Publix Gift Card.**

In this survey you will have the opportunity to rank your top priorities, answer survey questions regarding strengths, challenges, needs and opportunities, as well as pinpoint your ideas and issues on a map. This input is critical for crafting the framework plan so please give us your thoughts and then share the site with your friends and neighbors who care about the Northside/ Southside Communities!

For residents of:  
Central City, Fountain Heights, Evergreen, Druid Hills, and Norwood

**Northside Community Survey**

For residents of:  
Five Points South, Glen Iris, and Southside

**Southside Community Survey**

To win the \$25 Gift Card enter your email at the end of the survey. Please only take the survey relevant to your community, completing multiple surveys does not increase your chance of winning!

Already taken our survey or signed-in at our public meeting, if you provided your email you will be entered to win.

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**Thank you for sharing with us your ideas and issues!**

The Kickoff Phase for the Northside Southside Framework Plan was a resounding success with over 400 survey responses and 2,636 map markers! What's more, over 150 people attended our Kickoff Open houses and neighborhood workshops this Spring!

What's happening now? Planning staff at the City of Birmingham and Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) are reviewing each and every comment now and will be working this summer to draft recommended goals, strategies and actions for the Framework Plan. The next rounds of Public Meetings will occur this Fall.

Click on the links below to view the results of the kickoff phase as well as the Existing Conditions Document!

**Public Involvement Summary**

**Existing Conditions Document**

**Northside Visioning Survey Results**

**Southside Visioning Survey Results**

To learn more visit the project website at [www.ImagineBham.com](http://www.ImagineBham.com)

## PRINT MEDIA

All public meeting flyers were emailed to Steering Committee members, Northside Southside Framework Plan citizens who provided their email address at face to face events, and RPCGB’s initial stakeholder list. Recipients were urged to print the flyer and display it at key locations across the city. In addition, flyers were also posted on Facebook to promote the events using social media. Copies of the flyers can be found on [page 50](#) and [page 55](#).

**Imagine**  
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COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK PLANS

**Thursday**  
**January 31st**  
**5:30 - 7PM**

**Southside Community**  
**Framework Plan Kick-off Meeting**

**Highlands United Methodist Church**  
**1045 20th Street South - Fellowship Hall**  
Additional parking available in the deck at 2012 Magnolia Ave.

**Come give critical input to your Community Framework Plan!**

**For Residents Of:**  
**5 Points South**  
**Glen Iris**  
**Southside**

**Food & refreshments**  
provided by our  
friends at AARP  
Alabama!

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**Thursday  
February 21st  
5:30 - 7PM**

**Northside Community  
Framework Plan Kick-off Meeting**

**Fountain Heights Community Center  
1101 15th Avenue North**

**Come give critical input to your Community Framework Plan!**

**For Residents Of:**  
**Central City**  
**Evergreen**  
**Druid Hills**  
**Fountain Heights**  
**Norwood**

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**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17  
5:30 PM to 7 PM**

**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING  
for the Northside Southside Framework Plan**

**St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church  
836 8th St S, Birmingham, AL 35205**

**Come learn about the Community Framework Plan process and give critical input on issues you face as a community and recommended actions to address those issues.**

**Provide critical input  
by telling us your ideas  
and ranking your priorities!**

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**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24  
5:30 PM to 7 PM**

**NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING  
for the Northside Southside Framework Plan**

**Linn Henley Library, Richard Arrington Auditorium  
2100 Park Place (4th floor)**

Learn about the Community Framework Plan process, give critical input on the issues you face, and review the draft goals and recommended actions that address your issues.

**Provide critical input  
by telling us your ideas  
and ranking your priorities!**

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**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 27TH  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**COMMUNITY MEETING  
for the Northside Southside Framework Plan**

**Boutwell Auditorium  
1930 Reverend Abraham Woods Jr Boulevard,  
Birmingham, AL 35203**

**Review the Final Framework Plan and to provide feedback on  
the Proposed Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map!**

**We take your health seriously.  
Social distancing and face  
coverings are required for entry.**

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**Can't make the meeting? Visit [www.imaginebham.com/nsfp](http://www.imaginebham.com/nsfp) to review the draft documents and provide comments on the Proposed Future Land Use and Zoning Maps!**

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# SAVE THE DATE!

**NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**SOUTHSIDE ZONING MEETING**  
NORTSIDE ZONING MEETING TBD



Ask Questions & Provide Feedback!

**Vulcan Park and Museum - Electra Room**

1701 Valley View Drive,  
Birmingham, AL 35209

**Monday, November 9, 2020**

Drop in anytime between  
**5:30 to 7pm**



Visit our website to review the Draft Zoning Map!  
[www.ImagineBham.com/nsfp](http://www.ImagineBham.com/nsfp)

# SAVE THE DATE!

**NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**NORTHSIDE ZONING MEETING**  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020



Ask Questions & Provide Feedback!

**Boutwell Auditorium**

1930 Reverend Abraham Woods  
Jr Boulevard, Birmingham, AL  
35203

**Thursday, November 19, 2020**

Drop in anytime between  
**5:00 to 6:30pm**



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## FACE TO FACE EVENTS, PUBLIC MEETING INPUT

### KICK-OFF OPEN HOUSES

The Kickoff Open Houses for the Northside Southside Framework Plan were held on the following dates:

- **January 31, 2019:** Southside Community Meeting, 33 residents attended
- **February 21, 2019:** Northside Community Meeting, 45 residents attended

The purpose of the Kickoff Open Houses was to gather feedback regarding the state of the Northside and Southside Communities, citizens' issues and desires, and to understand how residents would like the Northside Southside Area to look in the future. Participants were encouraged to provide feedback to the planning team through the following interactive activities:

- Visioning Survey + Map Exercise
- Visioning Word Cloud
- Project Fact Sheet
- Presentation
- Issues and Opportunity Banners

In addition to the community-wide kickoff open houses, the planning team also attended the neighborhood meetings listed below.

- **March 11, 2019:** Norwood Neighborhood, 20 residents attended
- **March 19, 2019:** Central City, 8 residents attended
- **March 25, 2019:** Druid Hills, 15 residents attended
- **April 03, 2019:** Fountain Heights, 14 residents attended
- **April 15, 2019:** Southside Community Meeting, 15 residents attended.

The input received from both the community-wide kickoff open houses and the neighborhood meetings have been incorporated in the results below.

### VISIONING SURVEY+ MAPPING EXERCISE

In addition to the project fact sheet and issue banners activity, participants were encouraged to take the Visioning Survey if they had not done so. Participants were able to take the survey either with pen and paper, or by accessing the online version via RPCGB's i-Pads. For participants who took the hard copy survey, RPCGB staff was on-hand to record and map the comments geographically. Comments were recorded under the following topics: "assets," "your ideas," "issues," "sidewalks," "bike routes" and "traffic issues." Results of the Visioning Survey and mapping exercise are included in the Visioning Survey results section on [pages 19-47](#).



Southside Kickoff Open House

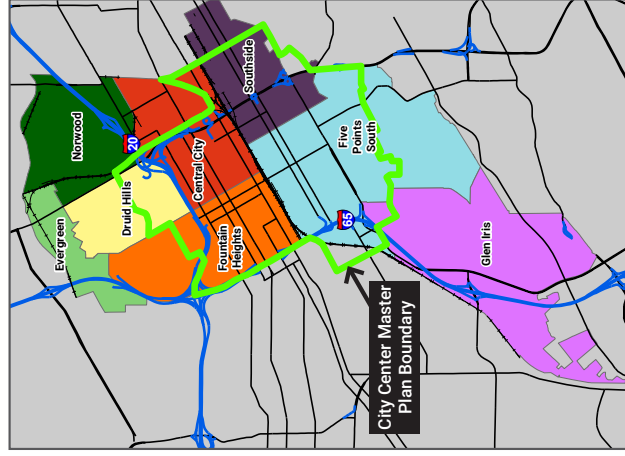


Southside Kickoff Open House



FIGURE 2.2: Northside Southside Project Fact Sheet

# NORTHSIDE/ SOUTHSIDE FRAMEWORK PLAN



**NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY**  
Neighborhoods include: Central City, Druid Hills, Evergreen, Fountain Heights, and Norwood

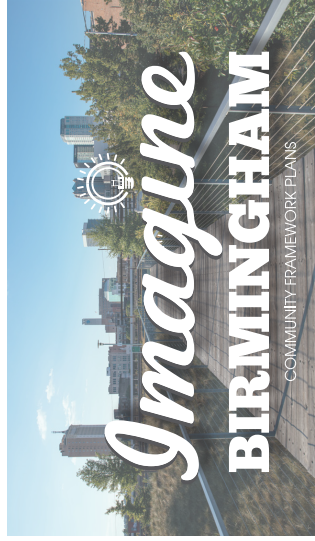
**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY**  
Neighborhoods include: Five Points South, Glen Iris, and Southside

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## WHY THIS PLAN MATTERS:

The Framework Plan will serve as a checkup, to assess with the communities about what is currently working well and what needs to change. The Plan will reflect a balance of ideas that seek to address the needs of tomorrow while simultaneously seeking to understand the necessary steps for growth today. This is an opportunity for neighborhood officials, property owners, business owners, residents, and visitors to refine the vision for success in the Northside and Southside Communities.

The Plan will detail a realistic and community-based vision for future growth and redevelopment in the communities as it pertains to public and private investment, neighborhood renewal, parks and open space, and transportation.



## QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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## ABOUT THE PLAN:

In 2013, the City of Birmingham adopted its first comprehensive plan in more than 50 years. Building on the momentum of the Comprehensive Plan, the City has been collaborating with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) to develop nine framework plans. These plans are extensions of the Comprehensive Plan and address issues and opportunities at a community level – thereby providing a more refined and responsive approach to specific community needs. Six Framework Plans have been adopted thus far including: Titusville, North Birmingham, Western Area, Northeast Area, Southwest Area, and the Pratt Ensley Area. The Eastern Area Plan is nearing completion, and the Northside/Southside Plan is commencing in January 2019.

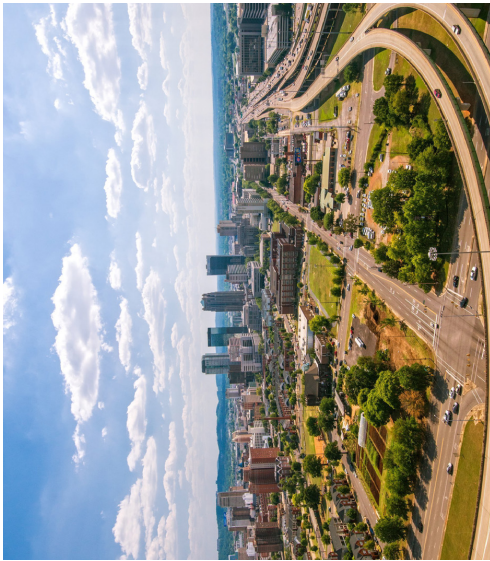
The purpose of the Northside/Southside Framework Plan is to develop specific recommendations that support the ideas and needs of the Northside and Southside communities and to achieve the visions set forth by the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan. The plan will be developed over the course of a year, to ensure ample public outreach and stakeholder coordination. It will be implemented in partnership by area residents, businesses, institutions, the City, and other stakeholders.

In addition to the Northside/ Southside Framework Plan, an update to the 2004 City Center Master Plan is also underway. The City Center is a subarea of the Northside/Southside Framework Plan and will address issues and opportunities specific to downtown including land use, zoning, urban design, parking, connectivity, housing, retail, and office space.

The City Center Master Plan is a cooperative effort between the City of Birmingham, the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) and REV Birmingham, under contract with the Stantec Urban Places Team.

For more information about the City Center Master Plan, visit the project website at [www.DowntownBhamPlan.com](http://www.DowntownBhamPlan.com)





**THE PLAN ANSWERS:**

**What is the state of the Northside/Southside Area?**

- Profile of current demographic, market, land use, and development trends
- Inventory of community facilities, parks, and transportation infrastructure

**What are the issues facing the communities today and what is the citizens' vision for the future?**

- Data is collected through public outreach

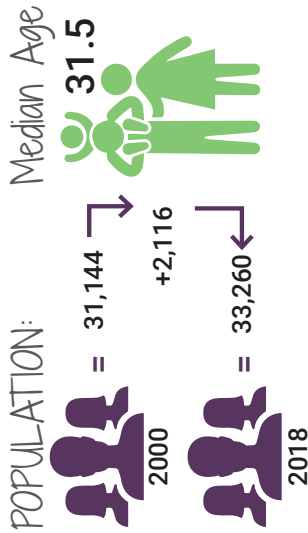
**How will the Framework Plan achieve that vision for the future?**

- Outlines goals and recommended actions for near and long-term implementation
- Sets up a voluntary Implementation Committee composed of residents, non-profits, and business owners

**PLAN CONTENTS:**

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Community Renewal
- Chapter 3: Green Systems
- Chapter 4: Economic Vitality
- Chapter 5: Transportation and Infrastructure
- Chapter 6: Future Land Use and Zoning
- Chapter 7: Implementation
- Appendix A: Existing Conditions
- Appendix B: Public Involvement Summary
- Appendix C: City Center Master Plan

**AREA DEMOGRAPHICS:**



# OF HOUSEHOLDS: 14,357

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

NORTHSIDE/SOUTHSIDE \$27,202

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM \$33,770

JEFFERSON COUNTY \$49,321

HOUSING 2018: [17,870 UNITS]



**PROPERTY CONDITIONS:**

\* For more information see the Northside/Southside Existing Conditions Document.



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**PROJECT TEAM:**

The Northside/Southside Framework Plan is an effort between the City of Birmingham and the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB).

**HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?**

Below is a list of ways that you can participate in the planning process, both on and offline:

- Visit the project website: (<https://www.imaginebham.com/NorthsideSouthside>) to take our online surveys, view meeting notices, and sign-up to receive email-updates
- Attend public meetings: bring your ideas, questions, and concerns to be expressed
- Search and follow Plan related Facebook pages: Imagine Birmingham Community Framework Plans and City of Birmingham Department of Planning, Engineering, and Permits

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | RESULTS + PLANNING

## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Pages 60-81 illustrates the presentation given at the Northside Community Kickoff Open House. Instead of a formal presentation, the project fact sheet was provided at the neighborhood meetings.



## Project Team

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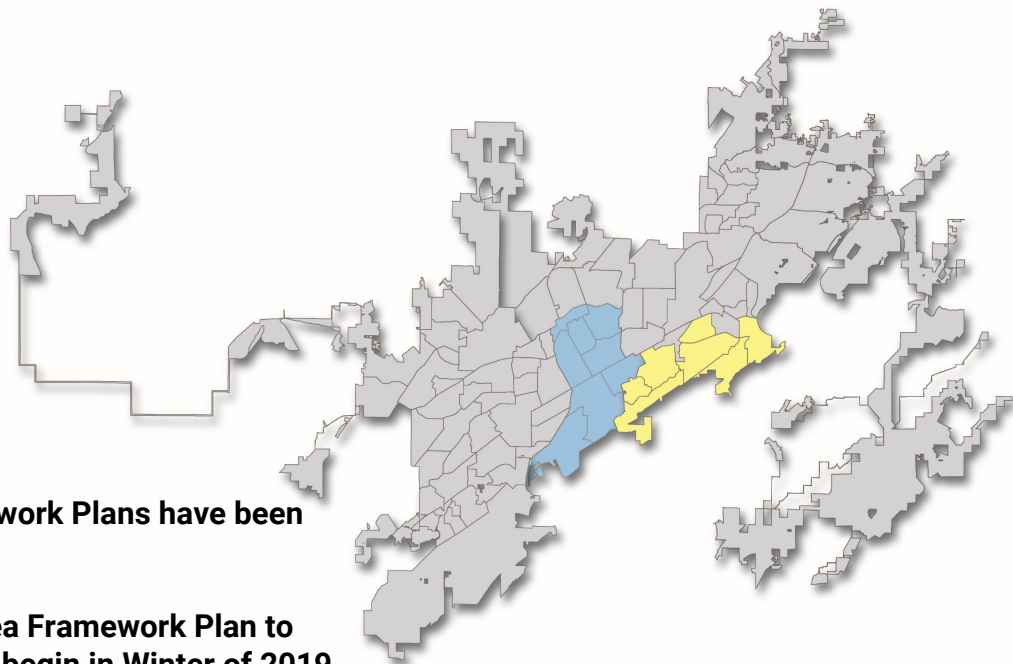
# Purpose

## 2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Set forth broad visions and goals
- Proposed general city-wide action items
- Recommended area framework plans

## FRAMEWORK PLANS

- Local follow-ups to the comprehensive plan
- Apply the comprehensive plan’s goals to local areas
- More targeted, more specific



- **7 of 9 Framework Plans have been completed**
- **Southern Area Framework Plan to estimated to begin in Winter of 2019**

# Study Area

## NORTHSIDE

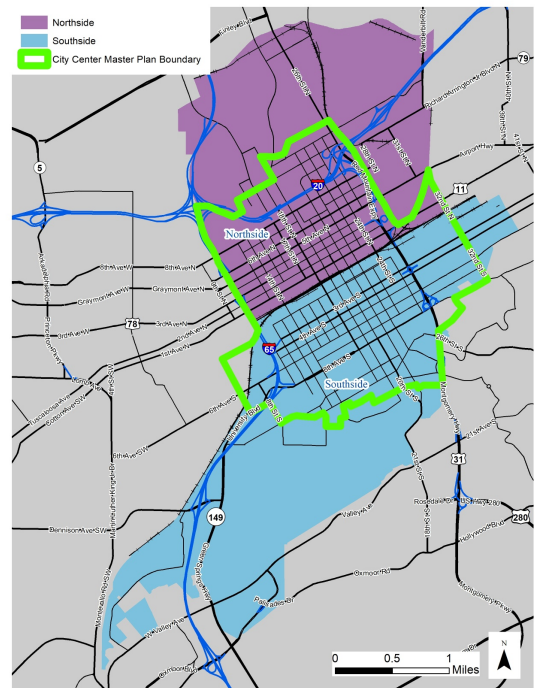
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## SOUTHSIDE

- Glen Iris, Five Points South, Southside

## CITY CENTER MASTER PLAN

9.5 SQUARE MILES



# The Plan Answers

### WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE NORTHSIDE/ SOUTHSIDE AREA?

- Profile of current demographic, market, land use and development trends
- Inventory of community facilities, parks, and transportation infrastructure

### WHAT ARE THE ISSUES FACING THE COMMUNITIES TODAY AND WHAT IS THE CITIZENS' VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

- Data is collected through various public outreach methods including: public meetings, stakeholder interviews, surveys, etc.

### HOW WILL THE FRAMEWORK PLAN ACHIEVE THAT VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

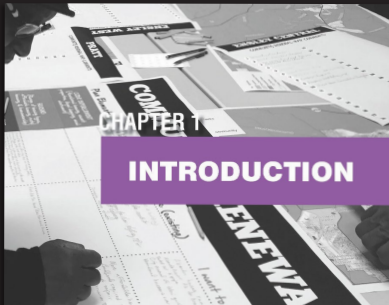
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# The Contents.

## Contents of the Plan

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# Introduction



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**INTRODUCTION**

**OVERVIEW**

**PURPOSE OF THE PLAN**

The Pratt Ensley Framework Plan is a subset of the 2013 City of Birmingham Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this plan is to develop specific recommendations that support the goals and needs of the community and achieve the vision set forth by the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan. The plan is scheduled for adoption during 2018 and will be implemented in partnership by area residents, businesses, institutions, the City and other stakeholders.

**ABOUT PRATT ENSLEY STUDY AREA**

The plan's study area includes three communities: Pratt, Ensley Central, and Ensley West. The Ensley community is broken into two communities spread over several different neighborhoods (see Figure 1-1). The area covered by this Framework Plan spans over 24.3 square miles and includes over 12,200 parcels.

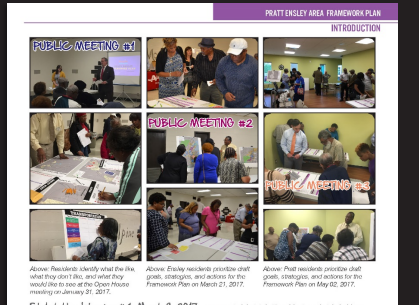
**PROJECT TEAM**

The City of Birmingham contracted with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to develop the plan using the Building Communities Program, which uses a combination of funding from the United States Department of Transportation and a local match from the City.

**WHAT IS A FRAMEWORK PLAN, ANYWAY?**

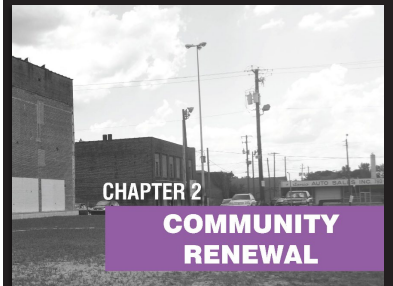
**ENSLEY CENTRAL**

The Ensley Central Community lies along the Norfolk Southern rail corridor on the north and east sides of I-265. Most of the parcels in this portion of Ensley were annexed into the City by 1910. The development patterns and street grid of the Ensley neighborhood reflect its history as an independent city.



- Purpose of the Plan
- Study Area
- Planning Process
- Our Vision
- Plan organization
- How to use this plan

# Community Renewal



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

**2.1 Executive Summary**

The Community Renewal chapter for this plan addresses a multitude of issues that affect the Pratt Ensley Area including housing, blight, and neighborhood population. Although these issues may seem disparate, they share the desired outcome of improved quality of life for all and have overlapping partners, strategies, and actions. For instance, improving the housing stock can reduce blight, while attracting new residents, that then bring additional investment to the area, implementing an action associated with one of the goals of this chapter inevitably eases the implementation of another goal's actions. This chapter attempts to reflect these interrelated goals by prioritizing them from the community's needs, to their wants, and ending with feasibility.

The six goals for the Community Renewal Chapter are:

1. Identify and reduce blight
2. Ensure safety of communities
3. Ensure the physical well-being of residents is improved
4. Provide high-quality housing options for a variety of income and household sizes
5. Increase the number of jobs in the community
6. Improve citizen involvement in their communities and establish new partnerships

**2.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**

This chapter uses the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to localize broad recommendations. The Comprehensive Plan has two chapters that relate to community renewal:

- Chapter 7: Neighborhoods, Historic Preservation and Housing
- Chapter 8: Community Renewal

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

**FAQ CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**WHO CAN I CONTACT?**

Call 311 or 205-224-0333 (3-1-1) or email [311@cityofbirmingham.com](mailto:311@cityofbirmingham.com) to file a complaint. Once a complaint is filed, 311 will provide you with a tracking number to track the status of the request.

**REPORTED ISSUES/ SERVICE REQUESTS:**

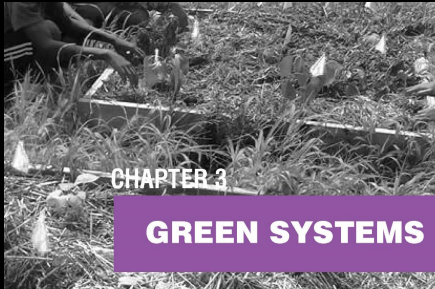
- Animal Complaint
- Clean-Cut Alley
- Clean-Cut Right-of-Way
- General Service Request
- Overgrown Junkyard
- Missed Garbage Pickup
- Missed Trash/Trash Pickup
- Public Repair
- Secure Sewer Cleaning
- Tree Removal

**HOW DO I PREPARE A COMPLAINT?**

- If you don't have the exact address or street, go to the tax assessor's website ([go.to/reviewmanagement](http://go.to/reviewmanagement)), click on "Find It", then "Online Mapping". Scroll on the map to the location of the property, then click to see the details and look up the address and owner.
- Identify what the issue is, is there a zoning or code violation according to City Code?
- Take pictures, and include the date on them.

- Executive Summary
- Blight
- Wellness & Security
- Housing
- Engaged Community

# Green Systems



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
GREEN SYSTEMS

**3.1 Executive Summary**  
The need to improve the quality of life is a goal of the Pratt Ensley Area through access to adequate recreational facilities is paramount. However, this need must be satisfied without compromising the area's historic resources. The City must work with the golf and country organizations to protect the natural resource being shared with other residents. Being such an approach would not only ensure the City's need for the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations, which is a key to sustainability, but also would allow the City to better plan for natural resources and history. Furthermore, if leveraged correctly, Pratt Ensley's natural resources could be used to attract more residents and businesses to the area.

The three goals for Green Systems in this plan are:

1. Recreational opportunities are within a 10-minute walk of every resident.
2. Village Green is restored to original natural habitat, enhance health and water quality, and improve flooding.
3. Adopt an Urban Forest Plan, and to green the Pratt Ensley neighborhood.

**3.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
This chapter uses the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to localize broad recommendations. The Comprehensive Plan has four chapters related to this subject: Land Use, Recreation and Entertainment, Community, and Urban Sustainability and Public Facilities.

**NEEDS**

- RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT
- URBAN FORESTS
- WATER RESOURCES

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
GREEN SYSTEMS

**URBAN FORESTS FACTS\***

Natural forests & trees within forests or "corridors of trees and other vegetation and wooded characteristics that may consist of street and yard trees, vegetation within parks and along public rights of way and water courses. Urban forests provide communities with environmental, economic and social benefits and habitat for local wildlife.

Approximately three percent of the land in the Birmingham area has been identified as urban forest, but cities across the U.S. are increasing their urban forest cover. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that the U.S. has lost 1.5 billion trees since 1990, and the U.S. has lost 1.5 billion trees since 1990, and the U.S. has lost 1.5 billion trees since 1990.

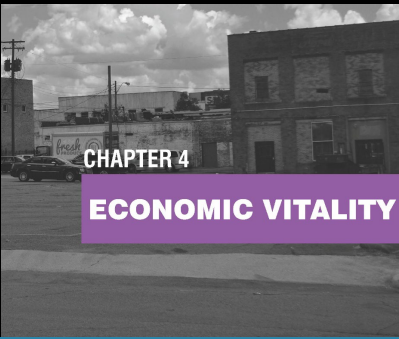
Urban trees in the Birmingham area are worth \$1 billion in benefits, including improved air quality, reduced energy costs, improved aesthetics, higher air quality and reduced carbon dioxide concentrations. Trees also increase property values, provide shade, absorb pollutants, reduce noise, and absorb pollutants like nitrogen, phosphorus and pesticides, which help to improve the quality of the environment. A single large tree can absorb 100 gallons of water in its crown, reducing runoff and flooding in your property.

Green infrastructure has an annual potential of creating more than 100,000 jobs and can provide millions of new jobs. If properly managed, trees can provide a wide range of benefits, including improved air quality, reduced energy costs, improved aesthetics, higher air quality and reduced carbon dioxide concentrations. Trees also increase property values, provide shade, absorb pollutants, reduce noise, and absorb pollutants like nitrogen, phosphorus and pesticides, which help to improve the quality of the environment. A single large tree can absorb 100 gallons of water in its crown, reducing runoff and flooding in your property.

Just three large trees around your home – one on the west side and one on the east – can provide enough shade to reduce your air conditioning costs by 30% in the summer. And when you plant a tree, you are planting a tree for the future. They can reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by up to 100 pounds per year.

- Executive Summary
- Parks and Recreation
- Stormwater Management
- Disaster Resilience

# Economic Vitality



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
ECONOMIC VITALITY

**4.1 Executive Summary**  
Achieving economic vitality in the Pratt Ensley Area would mean adequate job opportunities, training for those jobs, sufficient retail, and business attraction and retention. By following the recommendations in this chapter, the City will assist in the Pratt Ensley Area's economic vitality while also supporting existing businesses in the Pratt Ensley Area.

The five goals of the Economic Vitality chapter are:

1. Educational and workforce development resources are readily available to improve economic attainment.
2. Support an economy with viable commercial, municipal, research, and retail development.
3. Satisfy retail market demand.
4. Utilize data-driven strategies.
5. Prioritize high employment in the Pratt Ensley Community.

**4.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
This chapter uses the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to localize broad recommendations. The Comprehensive Plan has one chapter that relates directly to Economic Vitality: Reinforcing the Building Blocks of the Economy.

**NEEDS**

- SHOPPING AND RESTAURANT OPTIONS
- CENTRALLY LOCATED WORKPLACES
- WORKFORCE AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
ECONOMIC VITALITY

**CASE STUDY: CAMPUS 805**

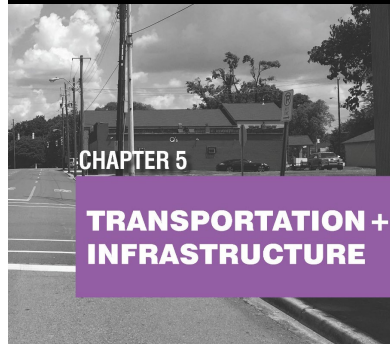
At Campus 805 in the City of Birmingham, local officials, residents and entrepreneurs have brought an exciting new retail and entertainment venue to a once struggling neighborhood, all while protecting its historic character. A perfect example of adaptive reuse development, the former public middle school has been renovated into a dynamic retail and entertainment destination. Campus 805 houses businesses, including four restaurants, two microbreweries, a gym, an event venue, and several other locally-owned stores. The development has sparked the resurgence of the West Hill neighborhood.

Originally known as J.L. Boyce High School, in 1958 the building served as a county school. The building was converted to a school in 1967 and converted to the Bay L. Stone Middle School. As Birmingham rapidly expanded outward in the subsequent decades, located on the edge of the West Hill neighborhood and surrounded by new middle schools, when the facility closed, the development was abandoned in 2009, and was placed on the market for sale.

- Executive Summary
- Education & Workforce Development
- Economic Growth



# Transportation + Infrastructure



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**TRANSPORTATION + INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**5.1 Executive Summary**  
 Transportation is a critical role in the livability of Birmingham, affecting access to education and employment, goods and services, visiting and recreation. Crustal patterns affect the quality of residential development, the ability and walkability. Quality transportation corridors provide a province to growth and economic success. However, a lack of investment in the City's transportation infrastructure and services has resulted in a city that does not support the resident's diverse choices. This chapter provides strategies and plans for addressing transportation system deficiencies, and improving the overall travel conditions in the Pratt Ensley Birmingham area.

The three goals for the Transportation Chapter are:

1. Build a multimodal transportation network that provides a wide range of transportation options.
2. Physically and financially invest in the transportation system.
3. Increase transit services.
4. Enhance the usage of Pratt Birmingham through transit-related investments.

This chapter is intended to serve as a complete transportation plan for the Pratt Ensley area. A Transportation Development Program for the City of Birmingham (TDCP) will occur for development that is intended to assist the City of Birmingham in accomplishing strategic goals, needs and priorities as identified in the City of Birmingham's adopted Comprehensive Plan and framework plans. Program development will include an inventory and assessment of facilities and operational characteristics, alternative transportation mode operation, roadway construction standards, development patterns, recommended transportation investments, and suggested local development regulations. The TDCP will support city transportation plans that are used as input into the capital improvement budget and the regional transportation funding process.

**5.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
 This chapter uses the Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to provide local recommendations. Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan discusses Transportation.

**NEEDS**

- MORE SIDEWALKS, GREENWAYS TRAILS, + BIKE FACILITIES

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**TRANSPORTATION + INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

For a number of reasons, including livability, cost, health and the environment, a growing number of Americans are interested in having a variety of transportation options (multiple modes) available to them, whether it be walking, bicycling, using transit or driving. The region's transforming demographics, portrayed by the emergence of Millennials and retiring Baby Boomers as a combined economic force, has led to a shift in historic development patterns and consumer preferences. Among these shifts is a desire to improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment. In general, the Pratt Ensley Area's bicycle and pedestrian environment is in need of improvement.

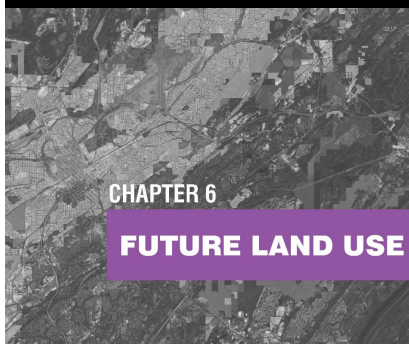
**TI GOAL #1**  
 Build a multimodal transportation network that provides a wide range of transportation choices.

**STRATEGY**  
 BUILD AN INTERCONNECTED PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND TRAIL SYSTEM.

**Action 1**

- Executive Summary
- Multimodal Transportation Network
- Transportation Investments
- Transit

# Future Land Use



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**FUTURE LAND USE**  
**6.1 Executive Summary**  
 The Birmingham Comprehensive Plan established a Future Land Use Plan (FUDP) for the City which provides various regulated land use patterns and development types (Figure 6.1). Adopted in 2003, the plan is more prescriptive in nature and may not reflect the existing land uses, or the land opportunities that exist within the Pratt Ensley Area. The Future Land Use Plan is subject to periodic review to see if conditions have changed to justify an amendment or change. Through this framework, through the regular audits and recommended changes to the Future Land Use Plan, (may) based off of a detailed and/or field survey which identifies existing land uses and building conditions within the Pratt Ensley area, which will be used to inform and guide development. The recommended changes to the Future Land Use Map are shown in Figure 6.2. Once adopted the Future Land Use Map will be the legal basis for zoning. Any rezoning of property in the Pratt Ensley Area, requested by the City or private individuals will be required to follow the Future Land Use map. The following zoning requested by Future Land Use categories that will be applied to the community within the Pratt Ensley Area. For the entire project across each recommendation see Table 6.9 & 6.10.

**6.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
 This chapter uses the Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to provide local recommendations. The Comprehensive Plan has one chapter related to Future Land Use Chapter 14: Future Land Use, Population Urban Design.

**NEEDS**

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**FUTURE LAND USE**  
**MIXED-USE MEDIUM**

**TABLE 6.9: Form and Pattern of Mixed-use Residential Land Uses**

FORM AND PATTERN
<b>RESIDENTIAL LOW-DENSITY</b>
Commercial, retail, condos, apartments, offices, live/work units
<b>RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM-DENSITY</b>
Compatible uses: institutional, townhomes, offices
<b>RESIDENTIAL HIGH-DENSITY</b>
12-24.3 Density Units/acre
MINIMUM LOT AREA FOR MULTIFAMILY: 1,000 SQ FT/3,000 SQ FT
<b>RELATED ZONING DISTRICTS</b>
Mixed-Use Medium-Density
<b>MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT</b>
45-60 feet (5 stories)
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>
Public and civic green spaces
<b>STREET CONNECTIVITY</b>
High
<b>PRIMARY LOCATION</b>
Downtown Ensley

**TABLE 6.10: Form and Pattern of Mixed-use Residential Land Uses**

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<b>RESIDENTIAL HIGH-DENSITY</b>
24-48 Density Units/acre
MINIMUM LOT AREA FOR MULTIFAMILY: 500 SQ FT
<b>RELATED ZONING DISTRICTS</b>
Mixed-Use High-Density
<b>MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT</b>
80 feet
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>
Public and civic green spaces
<b>STREET CONNECTIVITY</b>
High
<b>PRIMARY LOCATION</b>
Downtown Ensley

- Executive Summary
- Future Land Use Map
- Well-Planned Community

# Implementation



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
IMPLEMENTATION

**USER'S GUIDE**  
**HOW DO I USE THIS MATRIX?**  
This matrix is separated into #, ACTIONS, PAGE #, PRIORITY, TIMEFRAME, + POTENTIAL PARTNERS.

**DEFINITIONS**  
# - The action's number in the plan.  
ACTION - The title of a recommendation.  
PAGE # - The page number(s) for the recommendation.  
PRIORITY - The importance of a recommendation set by stakeholders.

**Tip:** Needs to be done now... taskforce in place.  
**High:** Needs to be done as soon as possible... taskforce is organizing.  
**Medium:** Can wait for higher priority items... taskforce members are only identified.  
**Low:** Long-range recommendation... no taskforce yet.

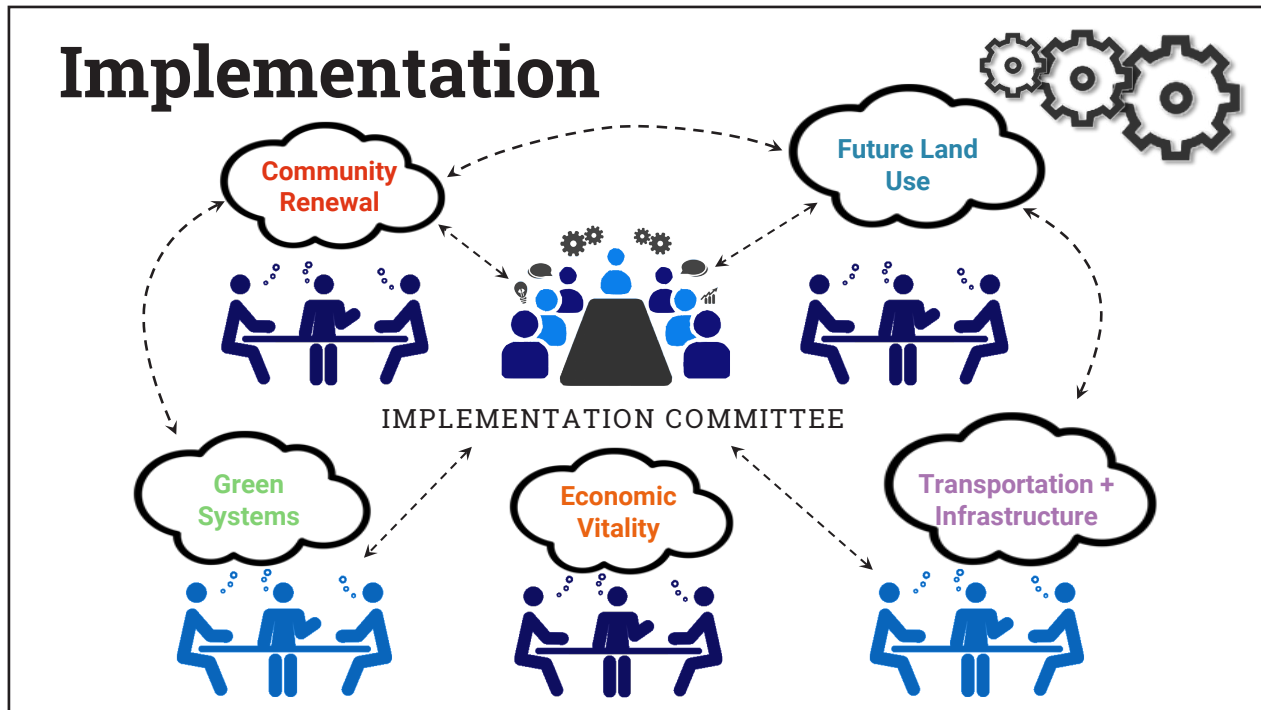
**TIMELINE** - The potential completion date based on feasibility and priority.  
**In progress:** Implementation is ongoing.  
**Short-term:** 0-5 years.  
**Medium-term:** 5-10 years.  
**Long-term:** 10+ years.

**POTENTIAL PARTNERS** - Public agencies, organizations, and stakeholders that have expressed interest in the action item or have relevant authority.

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
IMPLEMENTATION

#	ACTION	PAGE #	PRIORITY	TIMEFRAME	POTENTIAL PARTNERS
4	Erect an adaptive reuse ordinance	30	Low	Medium	Dept. of Planning Engineering and Permits, Urban Land Institute
5	Repurpose publicly-owned abandoned facilities to meet the needs of the community	33	Medium	In Progress	City of Birmingham Board of Education, Dept. of Community Development, Mayor's Office of Economic Development
<b>STRATEGY D: IMPROVE GARBAGE MANAGEMENT</b>					
1	Increase the frequency and reliability of trash pickups by the City	33	Low	Short	Dept. of Public Works
2	Fine property owners for leaving trash out	33	Low	Medium	Birmingham Police Dept., Dept. of Public Works
<b>STRATEGY E: PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITES</b>					
1	Promote use of landfill drop-offs to prevent illegal dumping, and identify dumping hotspots	33	Low	Long	Birmingham City Council, Neighborhood Associations
2	Develop an illegal dumping and litter abatement task force to include public agencies, private businesses, and community groups involved in cleanup	34	High	Short	Birmingham Police Dept., Dept. of Public Works, Keep Birmingham Beautiful
3	Focus on developing activities and programs designed to minimize illegal dumping	34	Top	Short	Birmingham Police Dept., Dept. of Public Works, Birmingham Law Dept.
4	Create promotional materials to educate citizens on the harmful impacts of illegal dumping, i.e. human health, safety, cleanup costs, and water quality	36	High	Short	Dept. of Planning Engineering and Permits, Stormwater Division, Dept. of Public Works
<b>STRATEGY F: IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES</b>					
1	Ensure addresses are clearly labeled on all properties	36	Low	Medium	Dept. of Public Works

- Implementation Matrix
- Implementation Committee



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**Action 1**  
Develop a comprehensive public database for properties.  
A public and regularly updated database of tax-delinquent, condemned, 311-reported, brownfield sites, and inspected properties would benefit residents, community organizations, investors, and stakeholders. Currently, the City has several databases that hold different data and have varying levels of public accessibility. Creating one online comprehensive database with this information would assist the function of 311 and would fulfill a recommendation of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan (7.30, 8.9).

**Action 2**  
Create and distribute a Birmingham Code Enforcement Booklet.  
Creating a booklet for new homeowners and renters that outlines the most frequent and relevant building code violations, urban design issues, and historic preservation regulations would help set expectations for the maintenance and renovation of properties. Neighborhood associations or other organizations could then distribute these booklets to new residents. The booklet should also be made available online.

**Action 3**  
Levy fines for quality-of-life offenses on properties.  
Throughout the Southwest Area, small problems - illegal dumping, overgrown lots, and junk cars - create larger problems when unaddressed. As recommended in the Comprehensive Plan (7.30), fining property owners for these quality-of-life offenses would reduce visual blight in neighborhoods and help maintain property values. Penalizing property owners for these smaller issues would reduce the likelihood that they become larger, more costly issues for the City. Warnings could be a part of the initiative to educate first-time offenders.

**Action 4**  
Support the use of a Public Improvements & Beautification Committee and Neighborhood Association funds for improvements.  
The City should promote and support the use of a Public Improvements and Beautification Committee and neighborhood association funds for community improvements such as road resurfacing and demolition. The use of these funds would allow residents and elected officials to fund specific, individual road segments or condemned properties that need addressing but are not prioritized by the City's resurfacing or demolition prioritization programs.

**Legend:**  
 - Short-term (Clock icon)  
 - Medium-term (Clock icon)  
 - Long-term (Clock icon)  
 - Framework Area (Target icon)  
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 - Medium (Bell icon)  
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# VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE

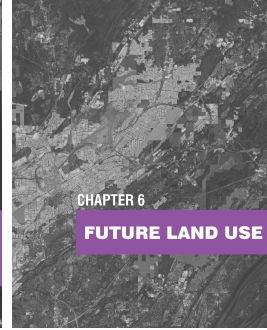
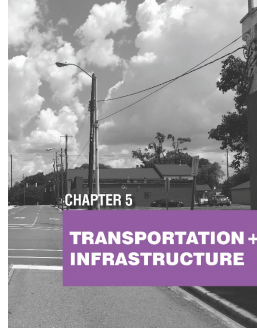
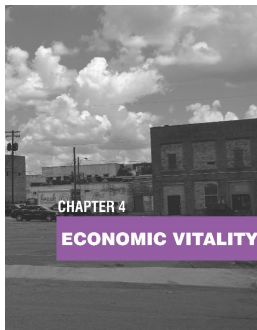
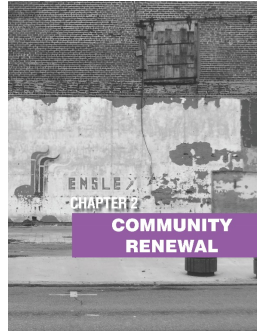
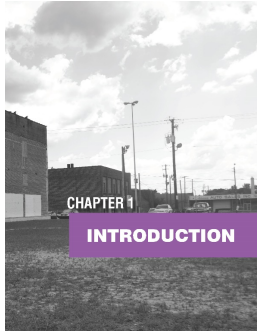
Be a champion of the plan and implement items you care about!

# Timeline

WORK FLOW	JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019	APRIL 2019	MAY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2019	AUGUST 2019	SEPTEMBER 2019	OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019
<b>KICKOFF PHASE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Collection, Mapping, and Analysis of Existing Conditions and Trends</li> <li>Market Analysis</li> <li>Public Kickoff Meetings</li> </ul>											
<b>ONLINE ENGAGEMENT</b>												
<b>MEETINGS &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	Public Mtg #1		Steering Committee Mtg #1			Public Mtg #2			Public Mtg #3			
<b>STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS</b>												
<b>PLAN PRODUCTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Land Use Plan</li> <li>Drafting of Goals and Recommended Actions</li> <li>Drafting Strategic Opportunity Areas and Catalyst Sites</li> <li>Recommendations for Rezoning</li> </ul>											
<b>PLAN DOCUMENTATION + ADOPTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary Draft Documents + Appendices</li> <li>Implementation Matrix</li> <li>Final Review Sessions</li> <li>Adoption Assistance at Planning Commission and City Council</li> </ul>											
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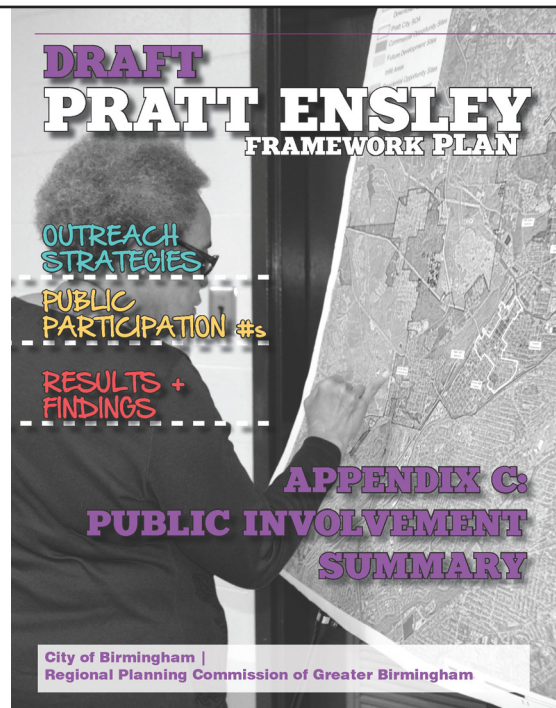
# Appendix A: Existing Conditions Document

- Finalized in March 2019
- Analysis of existing conditions, input from tonight, and the visioning surveys will be used to craft goals, strategies, and actions



# Appendix B: Public Involvement Summary

- Outlines outreach strategies
- Public participations numbers
- Summarizes results and findings

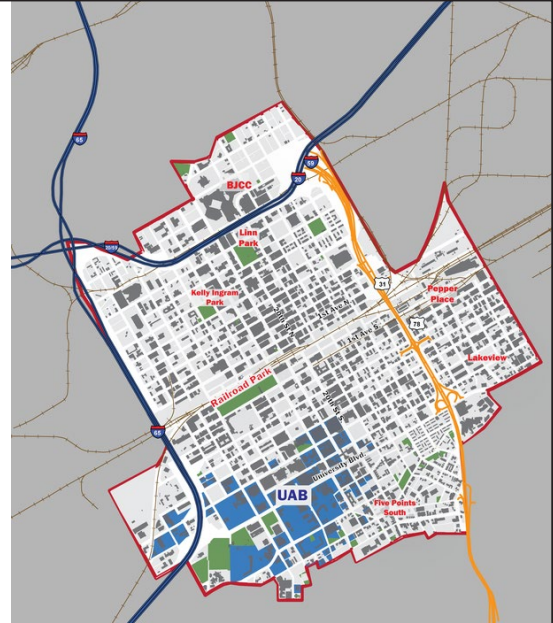




## Appendix C: City Center Master Plan

### SUBAREA PLAN

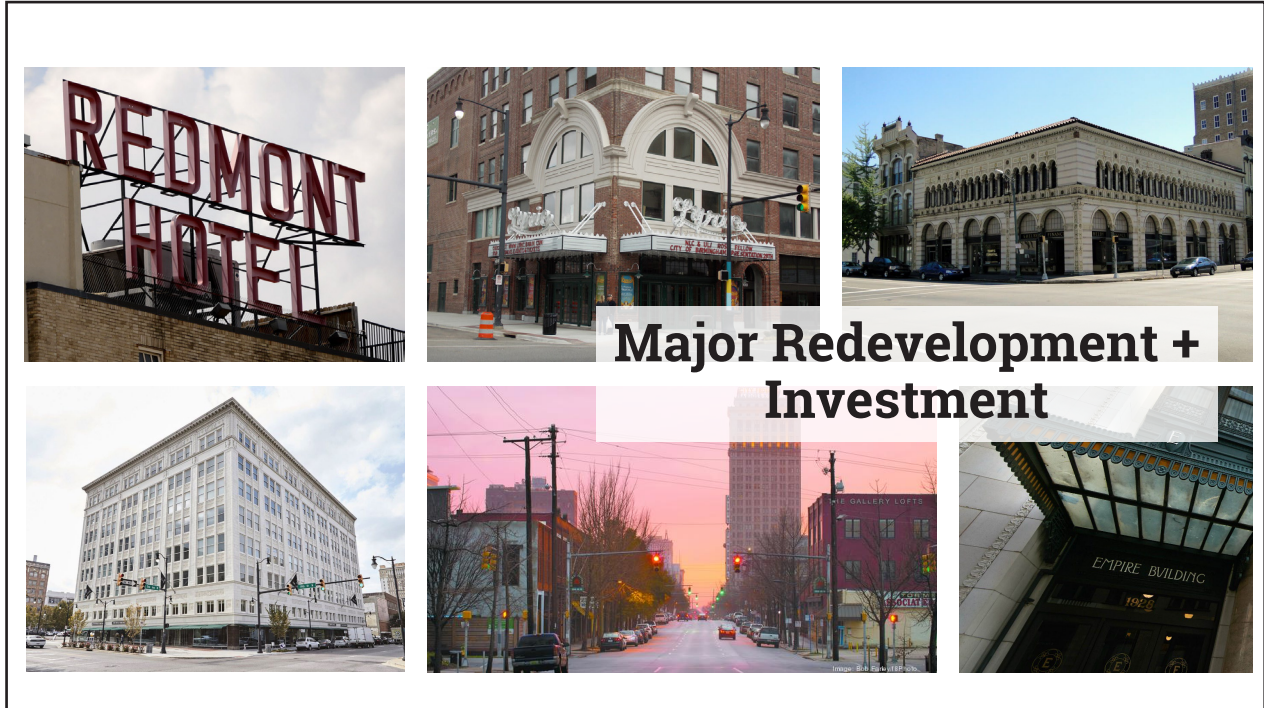
- Last updated in 2004
- Address issues + opportunities specific to downtown:
  - Land Use / zoning
  - Parking
  - Urban design and the public realm
  - Future housing, retail, office
- Identify the next catalytic projects
- Stantec Urban Places is the consultant



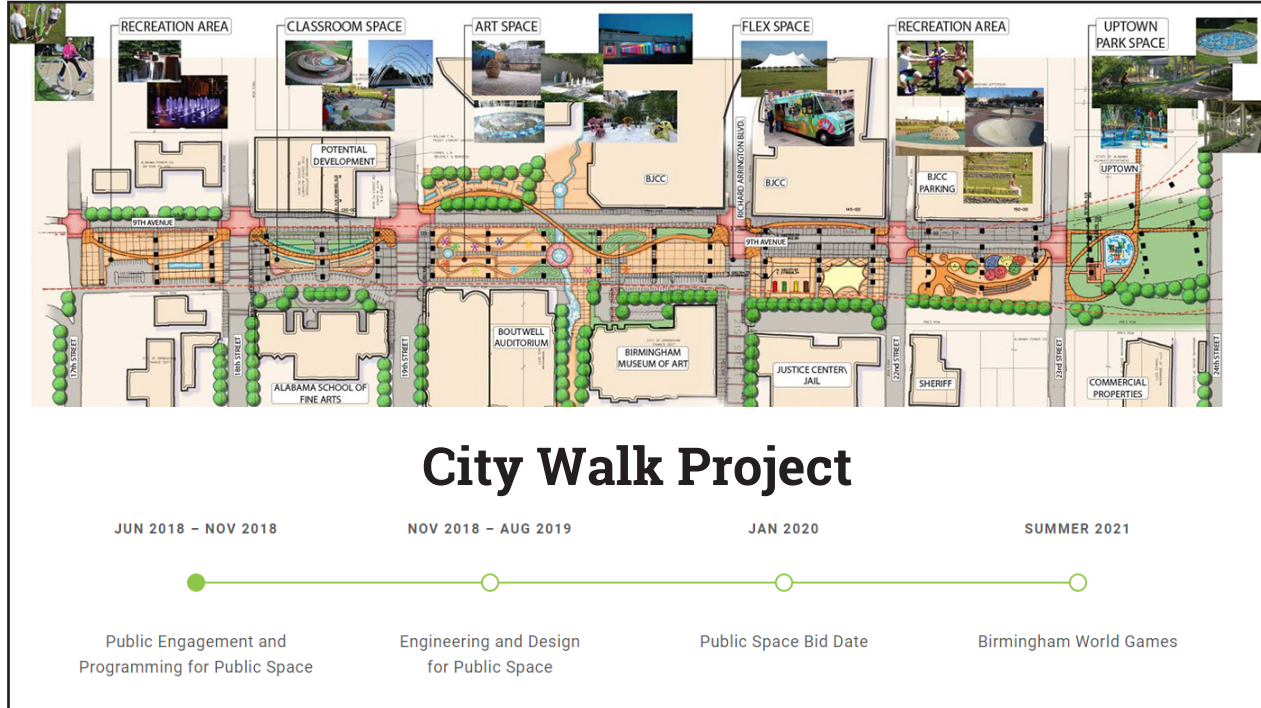
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# Why plan now?





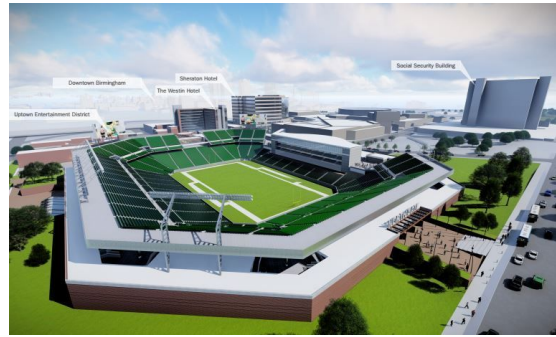
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# BJCC Expansion

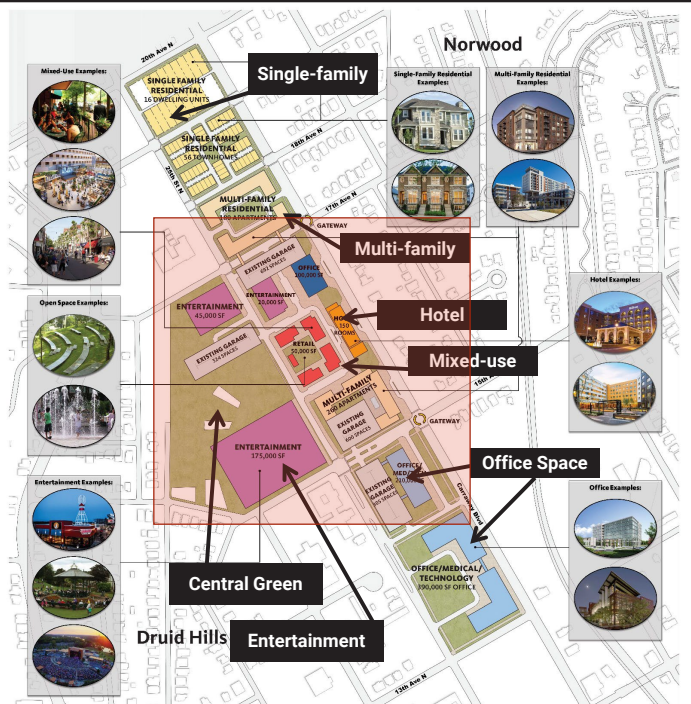
- \$300 million Expansion
  - Legacy Arena Renovation (\$123 million)
  - Stadium (\$177 million)
- Opportunity to create 32 new fulltime positions, and 147 part-time positions
- \$40 million impact to the region



# Proposed redevelopment of Carraway Hospital

**Phase 1** of the proposed development is to be completed by fall 2021

105.2 total acres to be added to the existing urban renewal district.



## Baby boomers are downsizing and Millennials are looking to buy their first home

POPULATION:



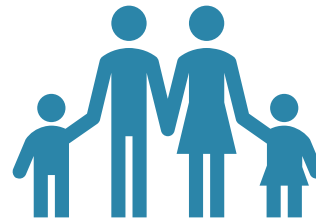
= 13,201

-1,580



= 11,621

Median Age



55.3%

of residents are considered to be Gen Xers or Millennials

# OF HOUSEHOLDS: 4,551



HOUSING 2018: [5,684 UNITS]

RENTER 59.4%

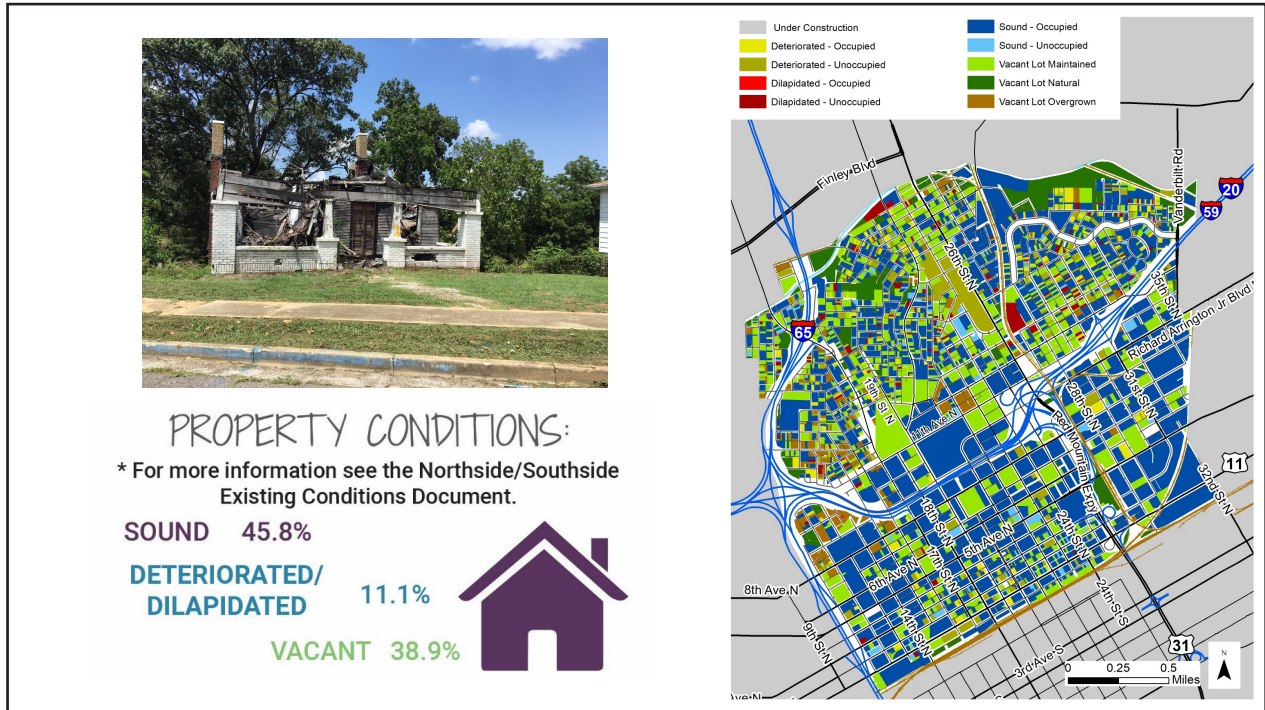
OWNER 20.7%

VACANT 19.9%



there has been a decrease in home ownership SINCE 2000.

## Turn over in residential homes and revitalization of inner ring neighborhoods.



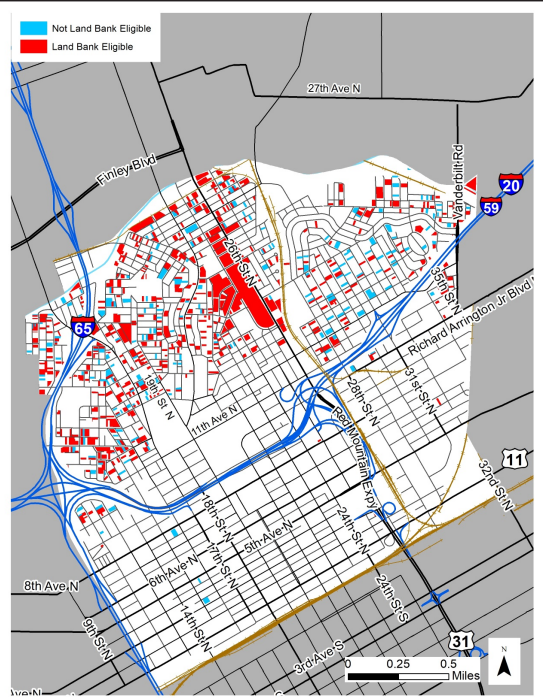




## Tax Delinquent Properties

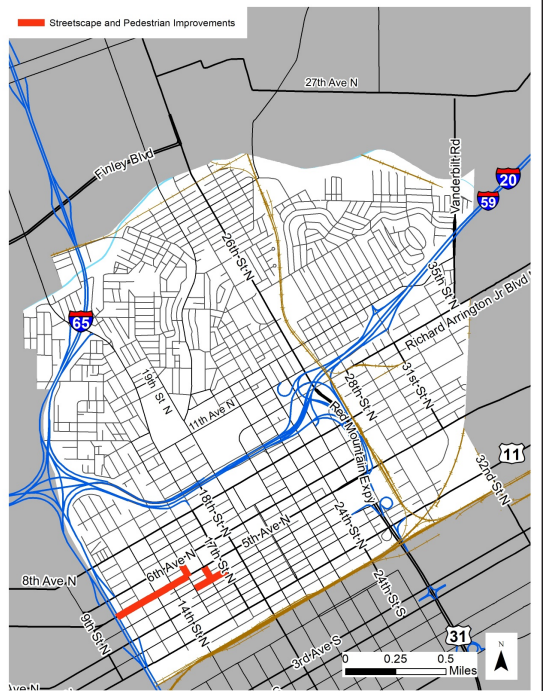
919 properties are tax delinquent in Northside

- 23.4% are 1-4 years tax delinquent
- 76.6% of properties are 5+ years tax delinquent and land bank eligible



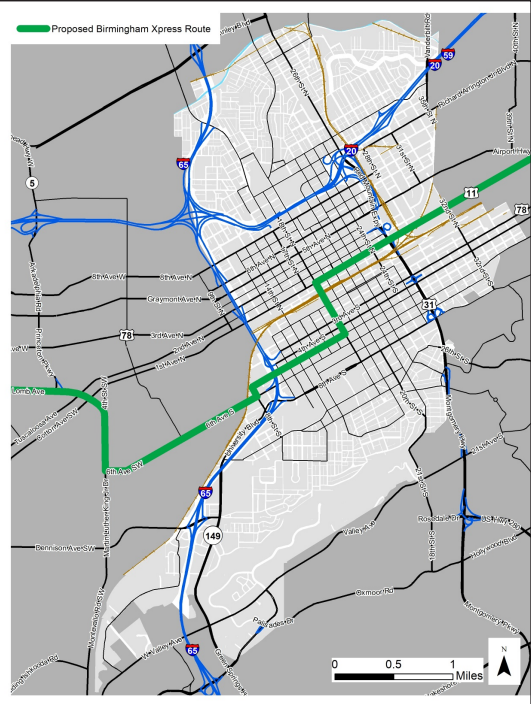
## Streetscape + Pedestrian Improvements

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> St N
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> St N
- 16<sup>th</sup> Street N, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N, from 19<sup>th</sup> St to 20<sup>th</sup> St N



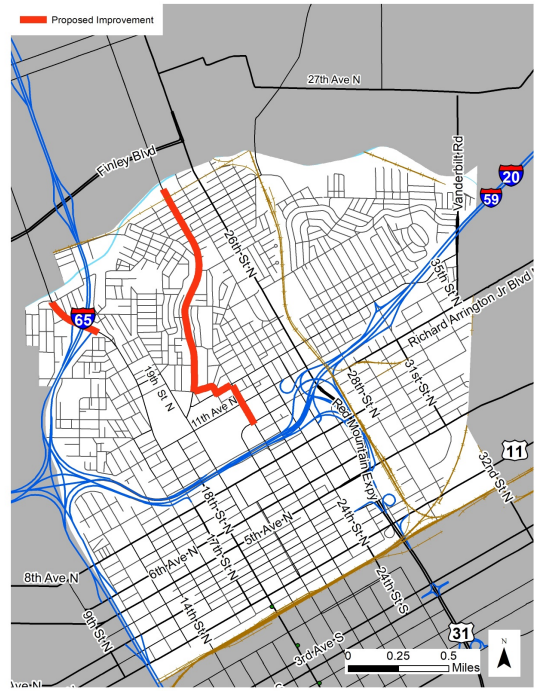
## Birmingham Xpress (Bus Rapid Transit Route)

- 60 Minute Route
- East to west connection
  - Woodlawn
  - Downtown
  - Five Points West
  - Crossplex



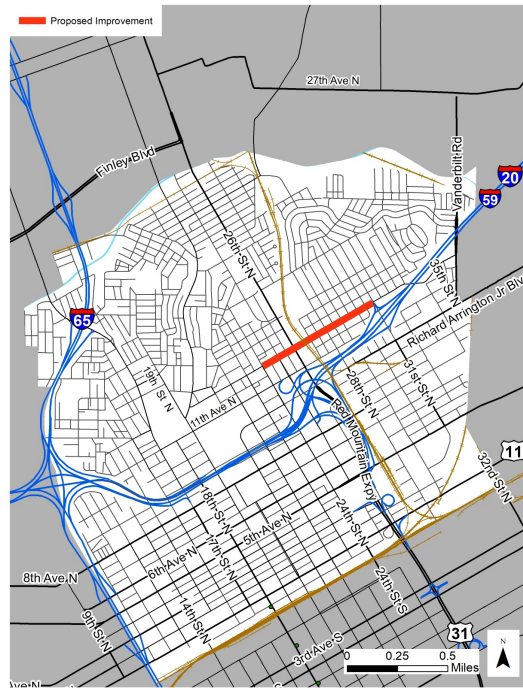
## Installation of sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, landscaping and signage along:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> St N.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N.
- 20<sup>th</sup> St N.
- Shuttlesworth Dr.



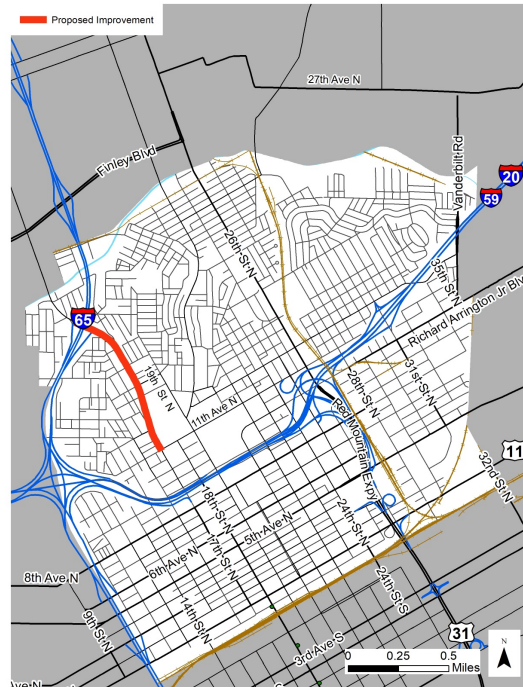
# Norwood Streetscape Project

12<sup>th</sup> Ave N  
from  
24<sup>th</sup> St N  
to  
31<sup>st</sup> St N



# Fountain Heights Streetscape Project

16<sup>th</sup> Street  
From  
11<sup>th</sup> Ave N  
to  
I-65



## Why are you here?

- Help us understand what the major issues are and how they affect your quality of life.
- Share with us your desires and vision for the Northside/Southside Area. How can we make it a better place not only for today's generation but tomorrow's?
- To be the voice of the Northside/ Southside Framework Plan and to help us craft recommendations that you support.





**Northside Community Survey**

**WELCOME**

How do you imagine the Northside Community in the next 5 to 15 years?

The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the City of Birmingham are conducting the Framework Plan process to shape and direct the development of the Birmingham Northside Community over the next 5-15 years. We value your input.

Study Area Map Begin

**TAKE OUR VISIONING SURVEYS!**  
**Visit: [www.ImagineBham.com](http://www.ImagineBham.com)**

This survey focuses on Birmingham's Northside Community and its five neighborhoods: Central City, Fountain Heights, Evergreen, Druid Hills and Norwood. Your responses will be analyzed and woven into the Northside/ Southside Framework Plan.

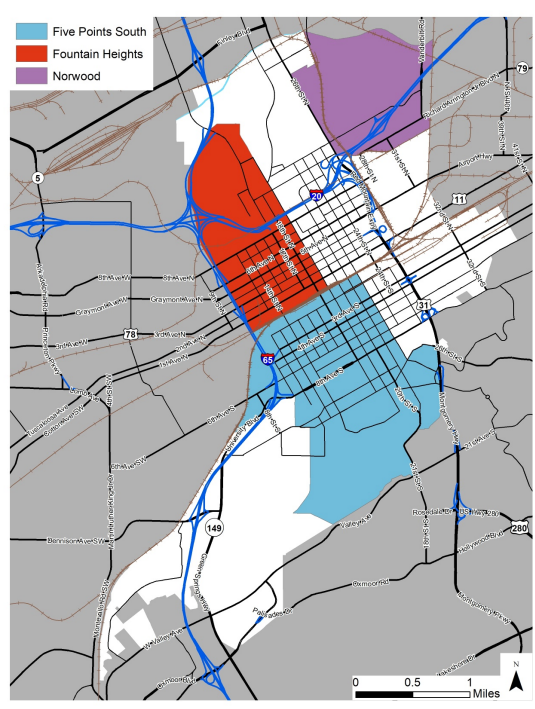
**PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST**  
**RPC**  
 Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

2 GENERAL VISION  
 3 REASONS TO IMPROVE  
 4 MAP IT!  
 5 STAY INVOLVED

# LAKESHORE FOUNDATION SURVEY

For residents of

- Five Points South
- Fountain Heights
- Norwood



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | RESULTS + PLANNING

## SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

**Pages 82-103** outlines the presentation given at the Southside Community Kickoff Open House. Instead of a formal presentation, the project fact sheet was provided at the neighborhood meetings.



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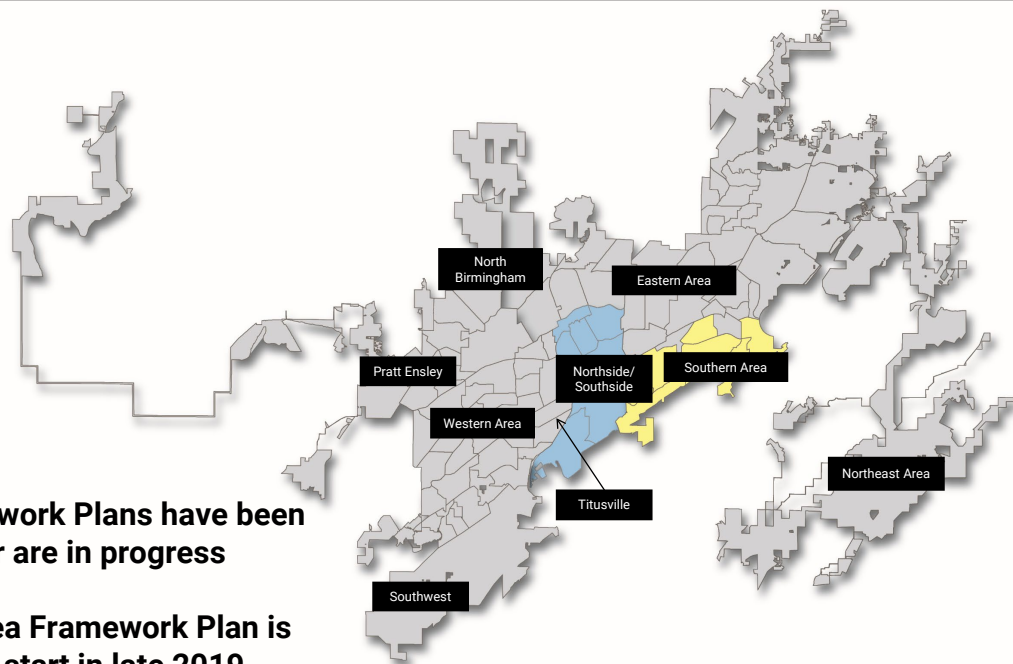
# Purpose

## 2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Set forth broad visions and goals
- Proposed general city-wide action items
- Recommended area framework plans

## FRAMEWORK PLANS

- Local follow-ups to the comprehensive plan
- Apply the comprehensive plan’s goals to local areas
- More targeted, more specific



- **7 of 9 Framework Plans have been completed or are in progress**
- **Southern Area Framework Plan is estimated to start in late 2019**



# Study Area

## NORTHSIDE

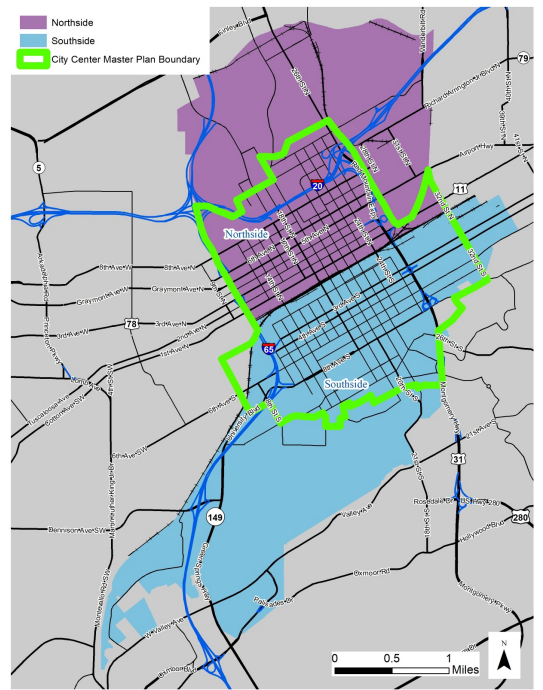
- Central City, Druid Hills, Evergreen, Fountain Heights, and Norwood

## SOUTHSIDE

- Glen Iris, Five Points South, Southside

## CITY CENTER MASTER PLAN

9.5 SQUARE MILES



# The Plan Answers

## WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE NORTHSIDE/ SOUTHSIDE AREA?

- Profile of current demographic, market, land use and development trends
- Inventory of community facilities, parks, and transportation infrastructure

## WHAT ARE THE ISSUES FACING THE COMMUNITIES TODAY AND WHAT IS THE CITIZENS' VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

- Data is collected through various public outreach methods including: public meetings, stakeholder interviews, surveys, etc.

## HOW WILL THE FRAMEWORK PLAN ACHIEVE THAT VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

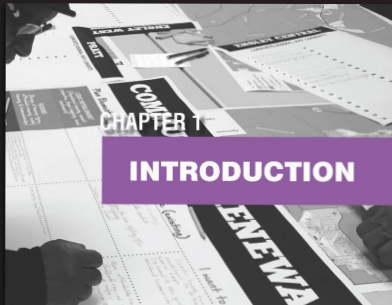
- Outlines goals and recommended actions for near and long-term implementation
- Sets up a voluntary implementation committee composed of residents, non-profits, and business owners.

# The Contents.

## Contents of the Plan

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Community Renewal
- **Chapter 3:** Green Systems
- **Chapter 4:** Economic Vitality
- **Chapter 5:** Transportation & Infrastructure
- **Chapter 6:** Future Land Use
- **Chapter 7:** Implementation
- **Appendix A:** Existing Conditions
- **Appendix B:** Public Involvement Summary
- **Appendix C:** City Center Master Plan

# Introduction



**PRATTENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**INTRODUCTION**

**OVERVIEW**

**PURPOSE OF THE PLAN**

The Prattensley Framework Plan is a subset of the 2013 City of Birmingham Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this plan is to develop specific recommendations that support the goals and needs of the community and achieve the vision set forth by the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan. The plan is scheduled for adoption during 2018 and will be implemented in partnership by area residents, businesses, institutions, the City, and other stakeholders.

**ABOUT PRATT ENSLEY STUDY AREA**

The Prattensley area includes five communities: Pratt, Ensley Central, and Ensley West. The Ensley community is broken into two communities spread over two different neighborhoods (See Figure 1-1). The area covered by this Framework Plan spans over 24.3 square miles and includes over 12,200 parcels.

**PROJECT TEAM**

The City of Birmingham contracted with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to develop the plan using the Building Communities Program, which uses a combination of funding from the United States Department of Transportation and a local match from the City.

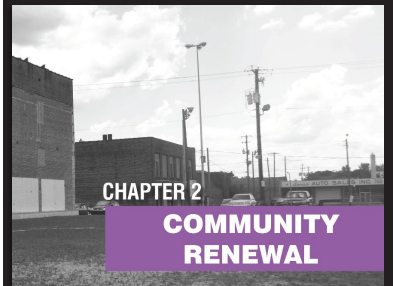
**ENSLEY CENTRAL**

The Ensley Central Community lies along the Norfolk Southern rail corridor on the north and east sides of I-20/59. Most of the parcels in this portion of Ensley were annexed into the City by 1910. The development patterns and street grid of the Ensley neighborhood reflect its history as an independent city.



- Purpose of the Plan
- Study Area
- Planning Process
- Our Vision
- Plan organization
- How to use this plan

# Community Renewal



**PRATTENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

**2.1 Executive Summary**

The Community Renewal chapter for this plan addresses a multitude of issues that affect the Prattensley Area including housing, blight, and neighborhood population. Although these issues may seem disparate, they share the desired outcome of improved quality of life for all and have overlapping partners, strategies, and actions. For instance, improving the housing stock can reduce blight, while attracting new residents, that then bring additional investment to the area, implementing an action associated with one of the goals of this chapter inevitably eases the implementation of another goal's actions. This chapter attempts to reflect these interrelated goals by prioritizing them from the community's needs, to their wants, and ending with feasibility.

The six goals for the Community Renewal Chapter are:

1. Identify and reduce blight
2. Ensure safety of communities
3. Ensure the physical well-being of residents is improved
4. Provide high-quality housing options for a variety of income and household sizes
5. Increase citizen involvement in their communities and establish new partnerships
6. Improve citizen involvement in their communities and establish new partnerships

**2.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**

This chapter uses the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to localize broad recommendations. The Comprehensive Plan has two chapters that relate to community renewal:

- Chapter 7: Neighborhoods, Historic Preservation and Housing
- Chapter 8: Community Renewal

**PRATTENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**

**COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

**FAQ CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**WHO CAN I CONTACT?**

Call 311 or 205-224-0333 (3-1-1) or visit us on our website to file a complaint. Once a complaint is filed, 311 will provide you with a tracking number to track the status of the request.

**REPORTED ISSUES/ SERVICE REQUESTS:**

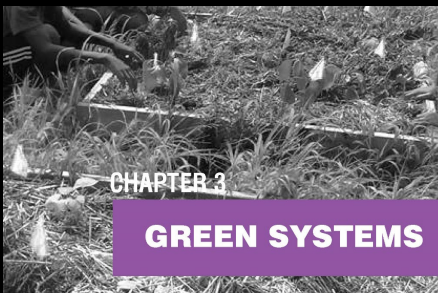
- Animal Complaint
- Clean-Cut Alley
- Clean-Cut Right-of-way
- General Service Request
- Overgrown Junkyard
- Missed Garbage Pickup
- Missed Trash/Trash Pickup
- Public Repair
- Secure Sewer Chasing
- Tree Removal

**HOW DO I PREPARE A COMPLAINT?**

- If you don't have the exact address or street, go to the tax assessor's website (Go to [www.birmingham.gov](http://www.birmingham.gov) to search for map information). Click on "Map" tab, then "Online Mapping." Scroll on the map to the location of the property, then click to see the details and look up the address and owner.
- Identify what the issue is, is there a zoning or code violation according to City Code?
- Take pictures, and include the date on them.

- Executive Summary
- Blight
- Wellness & Security
- Housing
- Engaged Community

# Green Systems



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
GREEN SYSTEMS

**3.1 Executive Summary**  
The need to improve the quality of the natural resource base of Pratt Ensley Area through access to adequate recreational facilities is paramount. However, this need must be addressed without compromising the area's historic resources. Located in the Pratt Ensley Creek, do not adhere to political boundaries. The City must work with the private and nonprofit organizations to protect the natural resource base of Pratt Ensley Area. Taking such an approach would not only enable the City to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations, which is the goal of sustainability, but also would allow the City to better plan for natural disasters and liability. Furthermore, it would connect Pratt Ensley's natural resources to the area to attract more residents and businesses to the area.

The five goals for Green Systems in this plan are:  
 1. Recreational opportunities are within a 10-minute walk of every resident.  
 2. Village Creek is restored to enhance natural habitat, improve health and water quality, and improve flooding.  
 3. Adapt for food justice, and to generate income in ways that...

**3.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
This chapter uses the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to localize broad recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan for its chapters, aimed to create a digital plan for Recreation and Environmental Conservation, Urban Agriculture, Sustainability and Public Parks.

**NEEDS**

- CENTRALLY LOCATED GREEN SPACES
- WORKFORCE AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
GREEN SYSTEMS

**URBAN FORESTS FACTS\***

Arborists estimate that trees which function as "corridors of green" and other vegetation and ground coverages that may consist of street and yard trees, vegetation within parks and along public rights of way and water courses. Urban forests provide communities with environmental, economic and social benefits and habitat for local wildlife.

Approximately three percent of the land in the lower 48 states has been classified as urban, but urban areas support 80% of the U.S. population and 70 percent of the U.S. economy. The urban forest provides a natural barrier to the heat island effect in the lower U.S. to increase 0.5 to 1.0°F, an increase in area greater than the size of Montana. Nationally, urban forests have an estimated economic value of \$4.6 billion from the value of shade trees with a tree canopy cover of 12.2% of urban areas where economic services benefit.

Urban forests in the lower 48 states store 110 million cubic feet of carbon, valued at \$4.6 billion, and remove approximately 100,000 tons of carbon annually, with a value of \$1.5 billion.

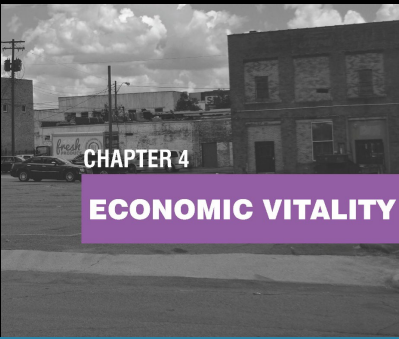
Studies have shown that every \$1 invested in urban trees results in \$2 to \$4 in benefits, including lowered energy costs, reduced stormwater flows, improved aesthetics, higher air quality and reduced carbon dioxide concentrations. There are numerous benefits to urban forests, including providing shade, reducing noise and air pollution, increasing the retention, absorption and precipitation, which has all benefits to urban forests and provides a high level of green infrastructure for urban areas. A single tree can save up to 100 gallons of water in its canopy, making it a natural flood control system.

Green systems have an estimated potential economic benefit of \$4.6 billion and an opportunity of thousands of new jobs. Despite the many financial, social and environmental benefits, urban forests are still being planted at a rate of only 1% more by the public and private.

Just three large trees around your home – one on the west side and one on the east – can save enough shade to reduce air conditioning costs by 10% in the summer. And, when placed properly in landscaping positions, they can reduce energy bills in the winter by up to 15% more.

- Executive Summary
- Parks and Recreation
- Stormwater Management
- Disaster Resilience

# Economic Vitality



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
ECONOMIC VITALITY

**4.1 Executive Summary**  
Achieving economic vitality in the Pratt Ensley Area would mean adequate job opportunities, training for those jobs, sufficient retail and business attraction and retention. By following the recommendations in this chapter, the City, with assistance from its partners and the private sector, could attract new businesses and industries while also supporting existing businesses in the Pratt Ensley Area.

The five goals of the Economic Vitality chapter are:  
 1. Educational and workforce development resources are readily available to improve educational attainment.  
 2. Support an economy with viable commercial, municipal, residential, and retail development.  
 3. Safely retail market demand.  
 4. Utilize data-led sales.  
 5. Prioritize high employment in the Ensley Community.

**4.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
This chapter uses the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to localize broad recommendations. The Birmingham Comprehensive Plan has one chapter that relates directly to Economic Vitality: Reinforcing the Building Blocks of the Economy.

**NEEDS**

- SHOPPING AND RESTAURANT OPTIONS
- CENTRALLY LOCATED GREEN SPACES
- WORKFORCE AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
ECONOMIC VITALITY

**CASE STUDY: CAMPUS 805**

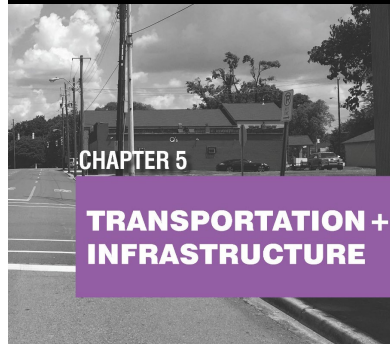
At Campus 805 in the City of Birmingham, local officials, residents and entrepreneurs have brought an exciting new retail and entertainment venue to a once struggling neighborhood, all while protecting its historic character and creating a vibrant, dynamic, and diverse community. The former public middle school has been renovated into a dynamic retail and entertainment destination. Campus 805 has numerous tenants, including four restaurants, two microbreweries, a gym, an event venue, and several other locally-owned stores. The development has sparked the resurgence of the West Hill neighborhood.

Originally known as St. Paul High School, in 1958 the building served as a community center. The building was sold to a private developer in 1970 and converted to the Bay L. Stone Middle School. As Birmingham rapidly expanded outward in the subsequent decades, located on a hillside, the West Hill neighborhood and its residents of about 100,000. When the building closed, the development was abandoned in 2009, it was placed on the market for sale.

- Executive Summary
- Education & Workforce Development
- Economic Growth



# Transportation + Infrastructure



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**TRANSPORTATION + INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**5.1 Executive Summary**  
 Transportation infrastructure plays a critical role in the livability of Birmingham, affecting access to education and recreation, goods and services, working and recreation. Circulation patterns affect the quality of residential development, the ability and walkability. Quality transportation corridors have always been a precursor to growth and economic success. However, a lack of investment in the City's transportation infrastructure and services has resulted in a city that cannot support the traditional business strategies. This chapter provides strategies and plans for addressing transportation system deficiencies, and improving the overall travel conditions in the Pratt Ensley Birmingham area.

The three goals for the Transportation Chapter are:

1. Build a multimodal transportation network that provides a wide range of transportation options.
2. Physically and financially invest in the transportation system.
3. Increase transit service.
4. Enhance the usage of Post Birmingham through transit related investments.

This chapter does not intend to serve as a complete transportation plan for the Pratt Ensley area. A Transportation Development Program for the City of Birmingham (TDCP) will occur for development that is intended to assist the City of Birmingham in accomplishing strategic goals, needs and priorities as identified in the City of Birmingham's adopted Comprehensive Plan and framework plans. Program development will include an inventory and assessment of facilities and operational characteristics, alternative transportation mode operation, roadway construction standards, development permits, recommended transportation investments, and suggested local development regulations. The TDCP will support city transportation plans that are used as input into the capital improvement budget and the regional transportation funding process.

**5.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
 This chapter uses the Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to provide local recommendations. Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan discusses Transportation.

**NEEDS**

- MORE SIDEWALKS, GREENWAYS TRAILS, + BIKE FACILITIES

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**TRANSPORTATION + INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

For a number of reasons, including liability, cost, health and the environment, a growing number of Americans are interested in having a variety of transportation options (multiple modes) available to them, whether it be walking, bicycling, using transit or driving. The region's transforming demographics, portrayed by the emergence of Millennials and retiring Baby Boomers as a combined economic force, has led to a shift in historic development patterns and consumer preferences. Among these shifts is a desire to improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment. In general, the Pratt Ensley Area's bicycle and pedestrian environment is in need of improvement.

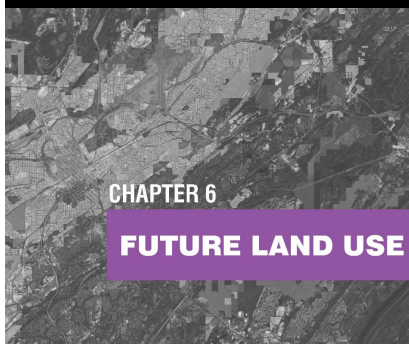
**TI GOAL #1**  
 Build a multimodal transportation network that provides a wide range of transportation choices.

**STRATEGY**  
 BUILD AN INTERCONNECTED PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND TRAIL SYSTEM.

**Action 1**

- Executive Summary
- Multimodal Transportation Network
- Transportation Investments
- Transit

# Future Land Use



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**FUTURE LAND USE**  
**6.1 Executive Summary**  
 The Birmingham Comprehensive Plan established a Future Land Use Plan (FUDP) for the City which provides various regulated land use patterns and development types (Figure 6.1). Adopted in 2003, the plan is more prescriptive in nature and may not reflect the existing land uses, or the land opportunities that exist within the Pratt Ensley Area. The Future Land Use Plan is subject to periodic review to see if conditions have changed to justify an amendment or change. Through this framework, through the regular built-out recommendations changes in the Future Land Use Plan (FUDP) based off of a detailed and/or field survey which identifies existing land uses and building conditions within the Pratt Ensley area, which will be used to justify amendments to the Future Land Use Plan. The recommended changes to the Future Land Use Map are shown in Figure 6.2. Once adopted the Future Land Use Map will be the legal basis for zoning. Any rezoning of property in the Pratt Ensley Area, requested by the City or private individuals will be required to follow the Future Land Use map. The following zoning requested by Future Land Use categories that will be applied to the community within the Pratt Ensley Area. For the rezoning request across each recommendation see Table 6.9 & 6.10.

**6.2 Birmingham Comprehensive Plan Connection**  
 This chapter uses the Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document to provide local recommendations. The Comprehensive Plan has one chapter related to Future Land Use Chapter 14: Future Land Use, Population, Urban Design.

**NEEDS**

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
**FUTURE LAND USE**  
**MIXED-USE MEDIUM**

**TABLE 6.9: Form and Pattern of Mixed-use Residential Land Uses**

FORM AND PATTERN
<b>RESIDENTIAL LOW-DENSITY</b>
Commercial, retail, condos, apartments, offices, live/work units
<b>RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM-DENSITY</b>
Compatible uses: institutional, townhomes, offices
<b>RESIDENTIAL HIGH-DENSITY</b>
12-24 U.S. Density Units/acre
<b>MINIMUM LOT AREA PER UNIT (SQ FT)</b>
1,000 SQ FT/3,000 SQ FT
<b>RELATED ZONING DISTRICTS</b>
Mixed-Use Medium-Density
<b>MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT</b>
45-60 feet (3 stories)
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>
Public and civic green spaces
<b>STREET CONNECTIVITY</b>
High
<b>PRIMARY LOCATION</b> PRATT ENSLEY
Downtown Ensley

**TABLE 6.10: Form and Pattern of Mixed-use Residential Land Uses**

FORM AND PATTERN
<b>RESIDENTIAL LOW-DENSITY</b>
Commercial, retail, condos, apartments, offices, live/work units
<b>RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM-DENSITY</b>
Compatible uses: institutional, townhomes, offices
<b>RESIDENTIAL HIGH-DENSITY</b>
24-48 Density Units/acre
<b>MINIMUM LOT AREA PER UNIT (SQ FT)</b>
500 SQ FT
<b>RELATED ZONING DISTRICTS</b>
Mixed-Use High-Density
<b>MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT</b>
80 feet
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>
Public and civic green spaces
<b>STREET CONNECTIVITY</b>
High
<b>PRIMARY LOCATION</b> PRATT ENSLEY
Downtown Ensley

- Executive Summary
- Future Land Use Map
- Well-Planned Community

# Implementation



**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
IMPLEMENTATION

**USER'S GUIDE**  
**HOW DO I USE THIS MATRIX?**  
This matrix is separated into #, ACTIONS, PAGE #, PRIORITY, TIMEFRAME, + POTENTIAL PARTNERS.

**DEFINITIONS**  
# – The action's number in the plan.  
ACTION – The title of a recommendation.  
PAGE # – The page number(s) for the recommendation.  
PRIORITY – The importance of a recommendation set by stakeholders.

**Tip:** Needs to be done now... taskforce in place.  
**High:** Needs to be done as soon as possible... taskforce is organizing.  
**Medium:** Can wait for higher priority items... taskforce members are only identified.  
**Low:** Long-range recommendation... no taskforce yet.

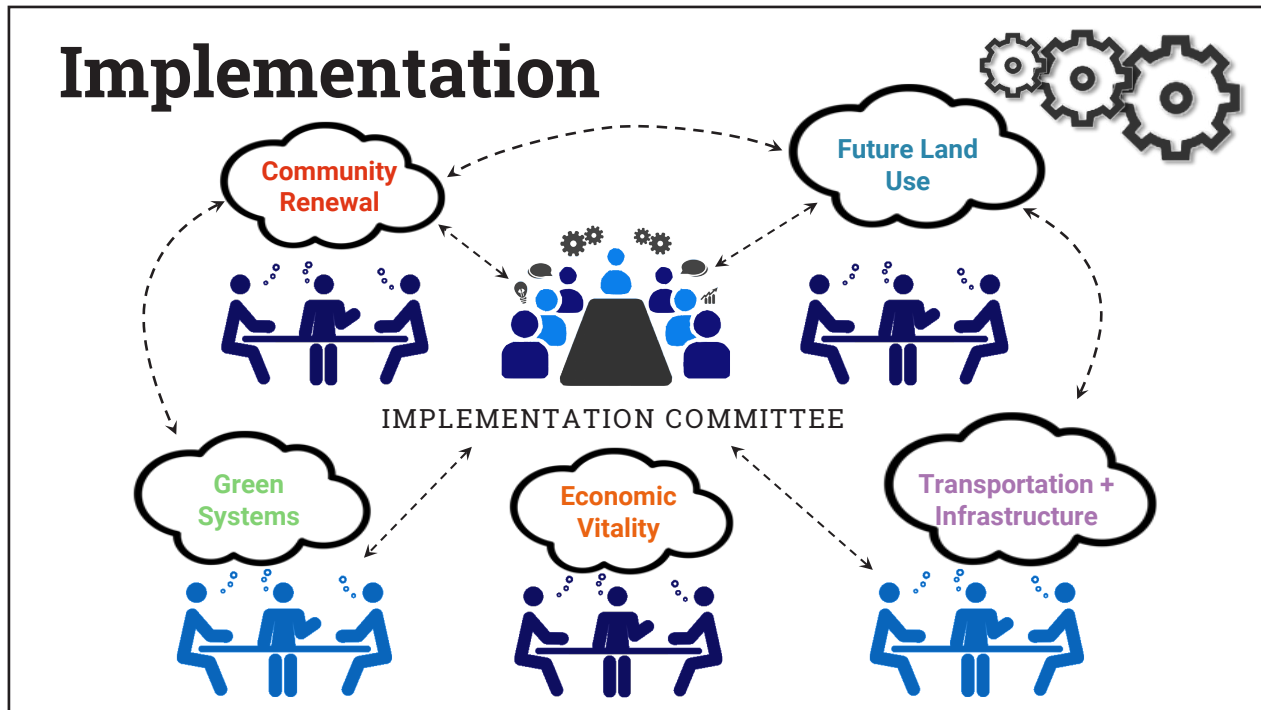
**TIMELINE** – The potential completion date based on feasibility and priority.  
**In progress:** Implementation is ongoing.  
**Short-term:** 0-5 years.  
**Medium-term:** 5-10 years.  
**Long-term:** 10+ years.

**POTENTIAL PARTNERS** – Public agencies, organizations, and stakeholders that have expressed interest in the action item or have relevant authority.

**PRATT ENSLEY AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN**  
IMPLEMENTATION

#	ACTION	PAGE #	PRIORITY	TIMEFRAME	POTENTIAL PARTNERS
4	Erect an adaptive reuse ordinance	30	Low	Medium	Dept. of Planning Engineering and Permits, Urban Land Institute
5	Repurpose publicly-owned abandoned facilities to meet the needs of the community	33	Medium	In Progress	City of Birmingham Board of Education, Dept. of Community Development, Mayor's Office of Economic Development
<b>STRATEGY D: IMPROVE GARBAGE MANAGEMENT</b>					
1	Increase the frequency and reliability of trash pickups by the City	33	Low	Short	Dept. of Public Works
2	Fine property owners for leaving trash out	33	Low	Medium	Birmingham Police Dept., Dept. of Public Works
<b>STRATEGY E: PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITES</b>					
1	Promote use of landfill drop-offs to prevent illegal dumping, and identify dumping hotspots	33	Low	Long	Birmingham City Council, Neighborhood Associations
2	Develop an illegal dumping and litter abatement task force to include public agencies, private businesses, and community groups involved in cleanup	34	High	Short	Birmingham Police Dept., Dept. of Public Works, Keep Birmingham Beautiful
3	Focus on developing activities and programs designed to minimize illegal dumping	34	Top	Short	Birmingham Police Dept., Dept. of Public Works, Birmingham Law Dept.
4	Create promotional materials to educate citizens on the harmful impacts of illegal dumping, i.e. human health, safety, cleanup costs, and water quality	36	High	Short	Dept. of Planning Engineering and Permits, Stormwater Division, Dept. of Public Works
<b>STRATEGY F: IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES</b>					
1	Ensure addresses are clearly labeled on all properties	36	Low	Medium	Dept. of Public Works

- Implementation Matrix
- Implementation Committee



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | RESULTS + PLANNING

**Action 1**

Develop a comprehensive public database for properties.

A public and regularly updated database of tax-delinquent, condemned, 311-reported, brownfield sites, and inspected properties would benefit residents, community organizations, investors, and stakeholders. Currently, the City has several databases that hold different data and have varying levels of public accessibility. Creating one online comprehensive database with this information would assist the function of 311 and would fulfill a recommendation of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan (7.30, 8.9).

🕒 Short-term  
📍 Framework Area  
🔔 High

**Action 2**

Create and distribute a Birmingham Code Enforcement Booklet.

Creating a booklet for new homeowners and renters that outlines the most frequent and relevant building code violations, urban design issues, and historic preservation regulations would help set expectations for the maintenance and renovation of properties. Neighborhood associations or other organizations could then distribute these booklets to new residents. The booklet should also be made available online.

🕒 Medium-term  
📍 Framework Area  
🔔 Medium

**Action 3**

Levy fines for quality-of-life offenses on properties.

Throughout the Southwest Area, small problems - illegal dumping, overgrown lots, and junk cars - create larger problems when unaddressed. As recommended in the Comprehensive Plan (7.30), fining property owners for these quality-of-life offenses would reduce visual blight in neighborhoods and help maintain property values. Penalizing property owners for these smaller issues would reduce the likelihood that they become larger, more costly issues for the City. Warnings could be a part of the initiative to educate first-time offenders.

🕒 Long-term  
📍 Framework Area  
🔔 Low

**Action 4**

Support the use of a Public Improvements & Beautification Committee and Neighborhood Association funds for improvements.

The City should promote and support the use of a Public Improvements and Beautification Committee and neighborhood association funds for community improvements such as road resurfacing and demolition. The use of these funds would allow residents and elected officials to fund specific, individual road segments or condemned properties that need addressing but are not prioritized by the City's resurfacing or demolition prioritization programs.

🕒 Short-term  
📍 Framework Area  
🔔 Medium

## VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE

Be a champion of the plan and implement items you care about!

# Timeline

WORK FLOW	JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019	APRIL 2019	MAY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2019	AUGUST 2019	SEPTEMBER 2019	OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019
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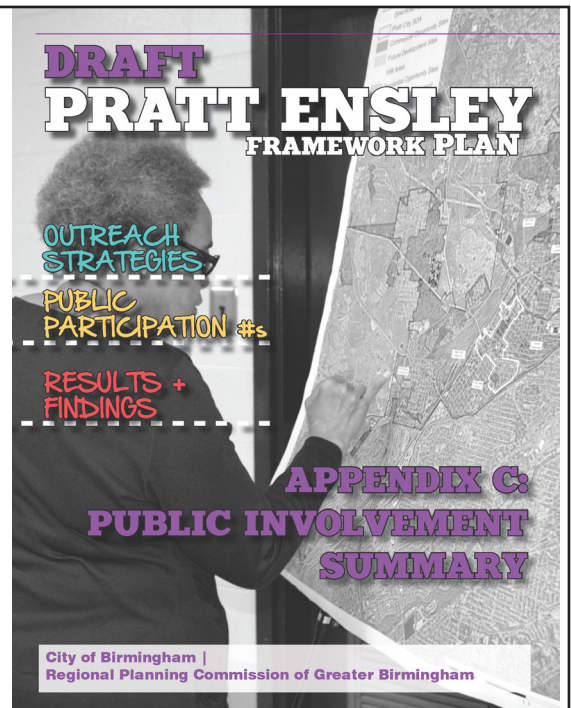
# Appendix A: Existing Conditions Document

- Finalized in March 2019
- Analysis of existing conditions, input from tonight, and the visioning surveys will be used to craft goals, strategies, and actions



# Appendix B: Public Involvement Summary

- Outlines outreach strategies
- Public participations numbers
- Summarizes results and findings

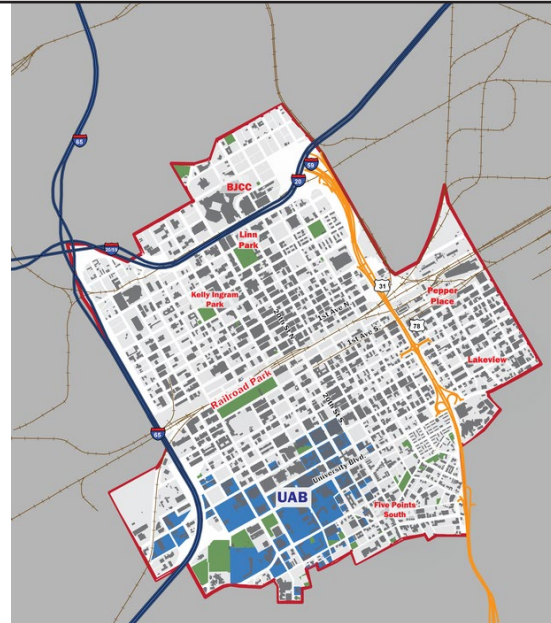




## Appendix C: City Center Master Plan

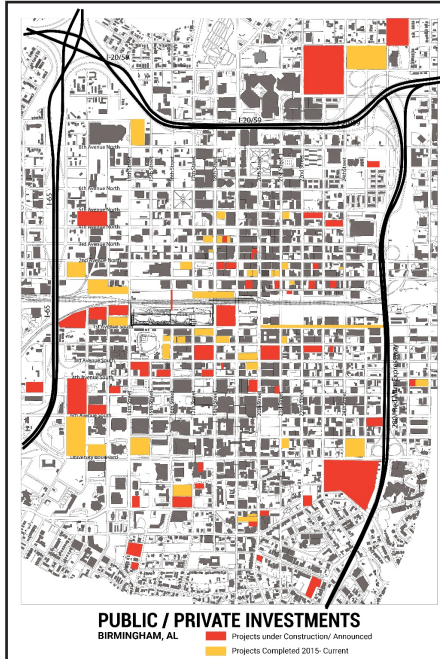
### SUBAREA PLAN

- Last updated in 2004
- Address issues + opportunities specific to downtown:
  - Land Use / zoning
  - Parking
  - Urban design and the public realm
  - Future housing, retail, office
- Identify the next catalytic projects
- Stantec Urban Places is the consultant



Visit [www.DowntownBhamPlan.com](http://www.DowntownBhamPlan.com)  
for more information!

# Why plan now?



Credit: REV Birmingham

## Over \$1.6 Billion invested in 4 Years

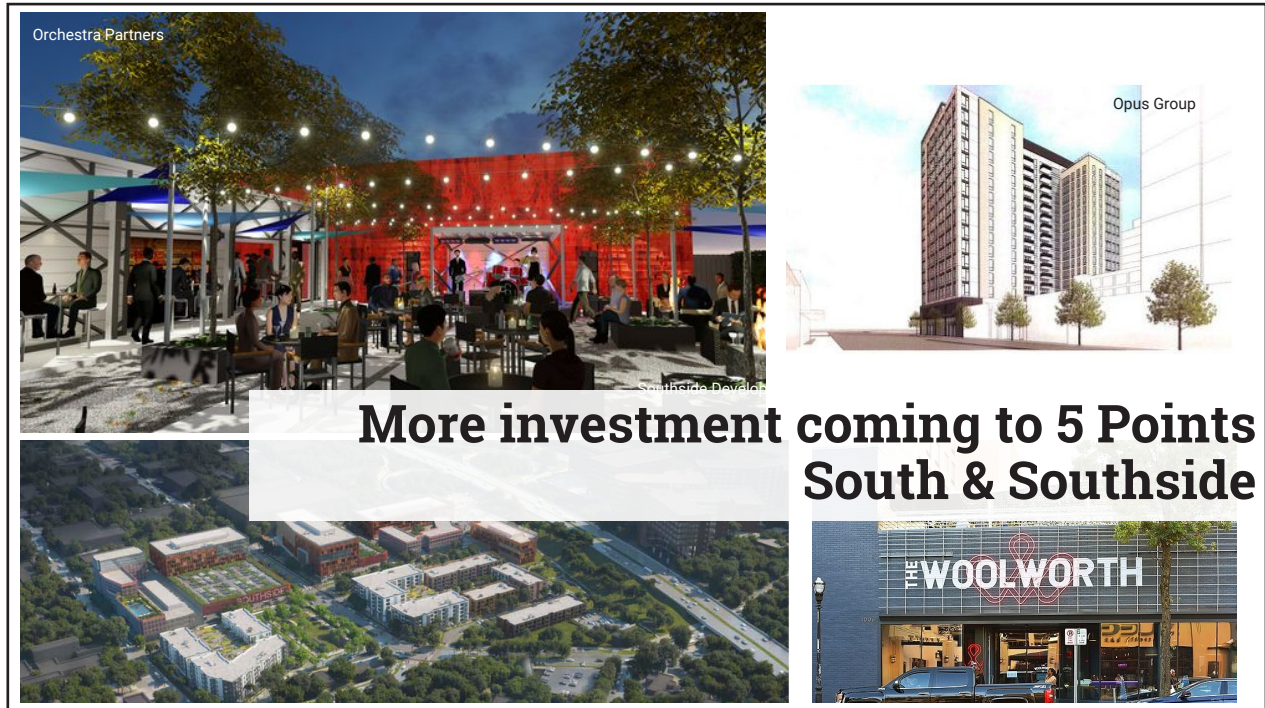
Currently in downtown Birmingham, there are approximately

- 65+ active projects
- 4 million SQFT
- \$900 million in investment
- 7,000 housing units
- 1,000 units in development

Since 2015, downtown Birmingham has seen approximately

- 50 completed projects
- \$715 million in investment





## More investment coming to 5 Points South & Southside

## Population in Southside is increasing..

POPULATION:



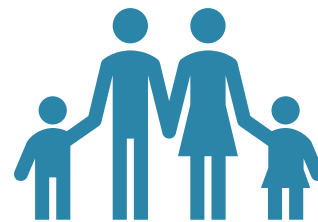
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+3,696



= 21,639

Median Age

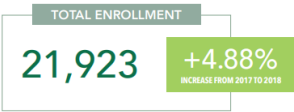
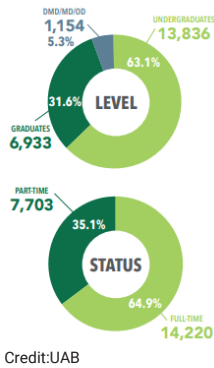


45.7%

of residents are considered to be Gen Xers or Millennials



## UAB Enrollment & Employment info



**From 2013 (18,568) to 2018 (21,923) enrollment at UAB has increased by 3,355 additional students.**



**27,000 + individuals employed throughout the University, Hospital, and School of Medicine**

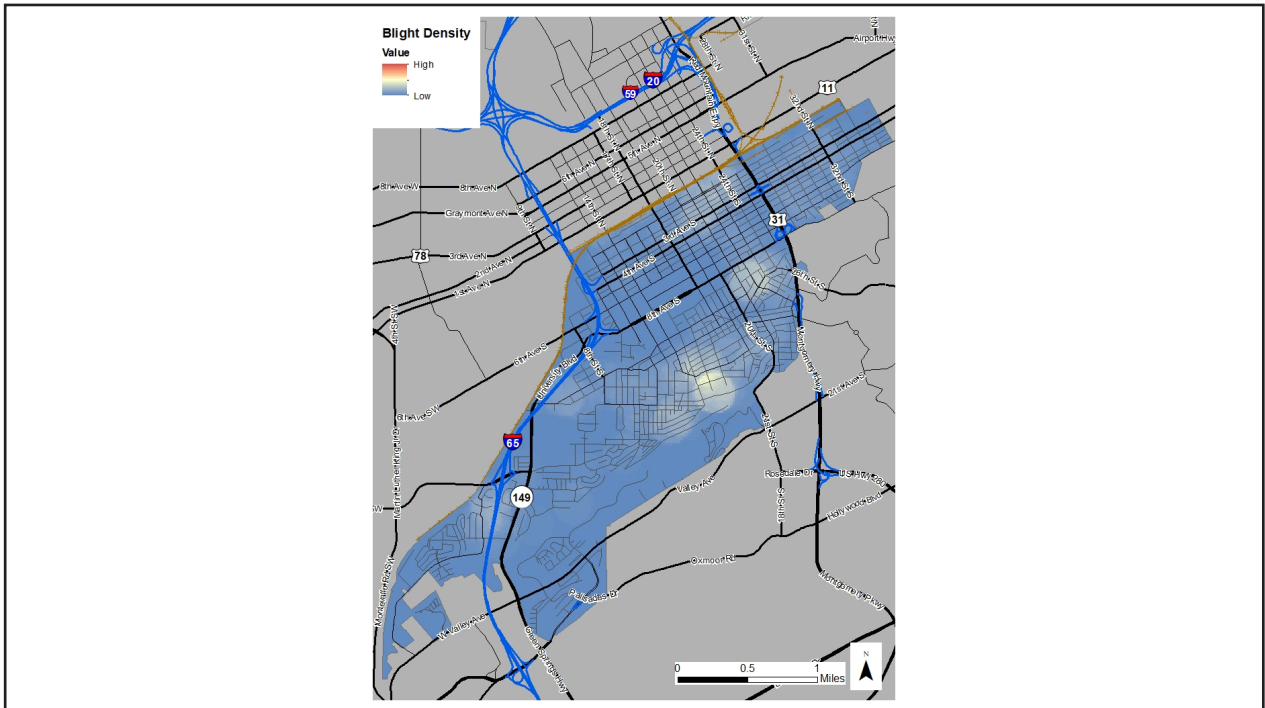
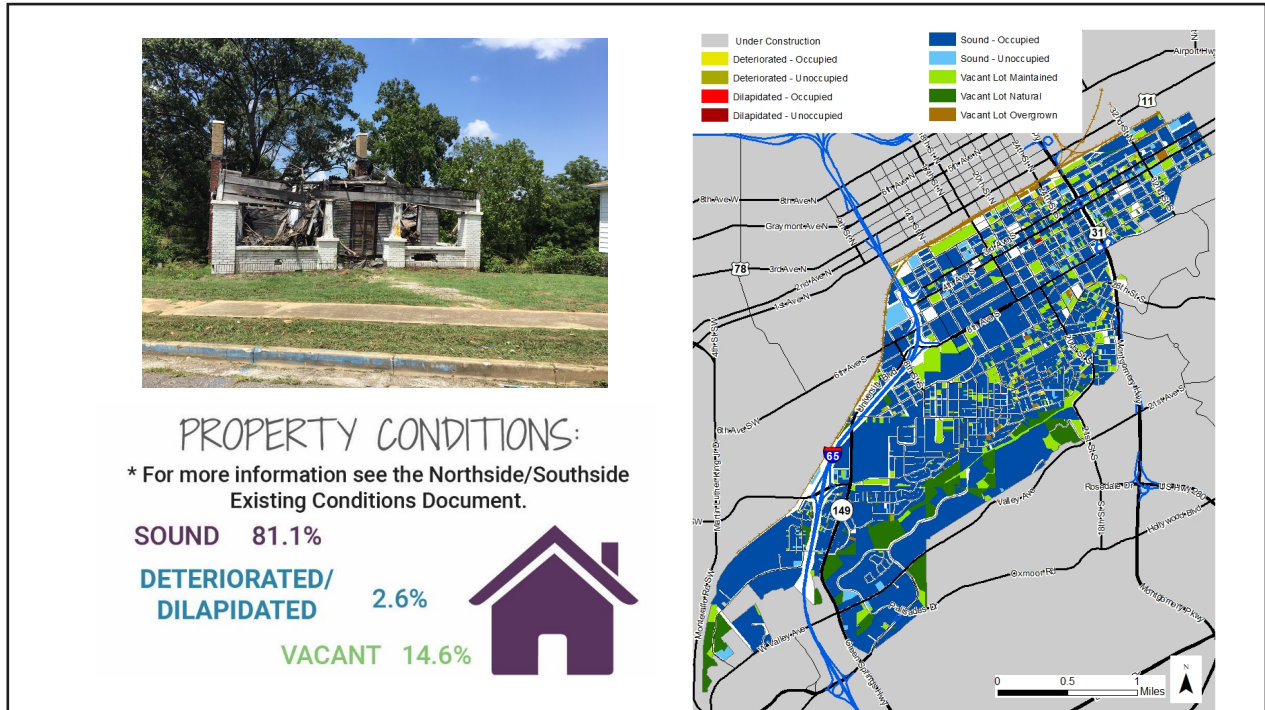
## UAB Housing program

- BLAZER HOME offers assistance to full-time, benefits-eligible faculty and staff who buy or renovate a primary residence in designated areas in the Five Points, Glen Iris, and North and South Titusville neighborhoods.
- The five-year conditional grants, funded by the UAB Educational Foundation, may be used for a down payment and/or closing costs for new purchases or renovations on an existing home in the incentive zone.





PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY | RESULTS + PLANNING

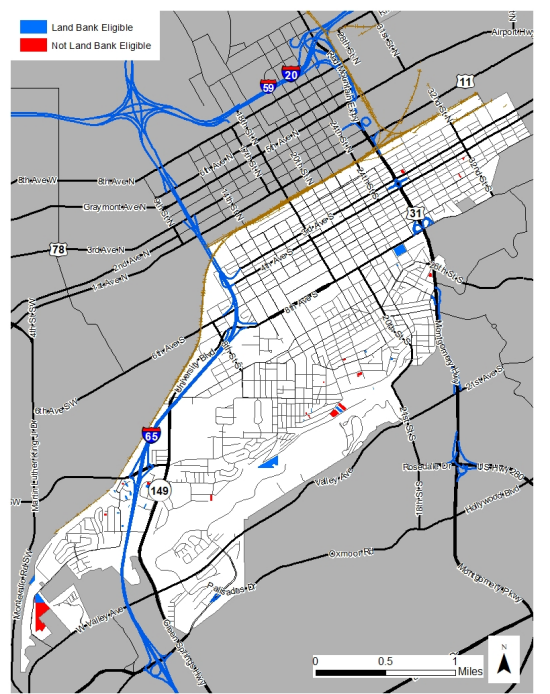




## Tax Delinquent Properties

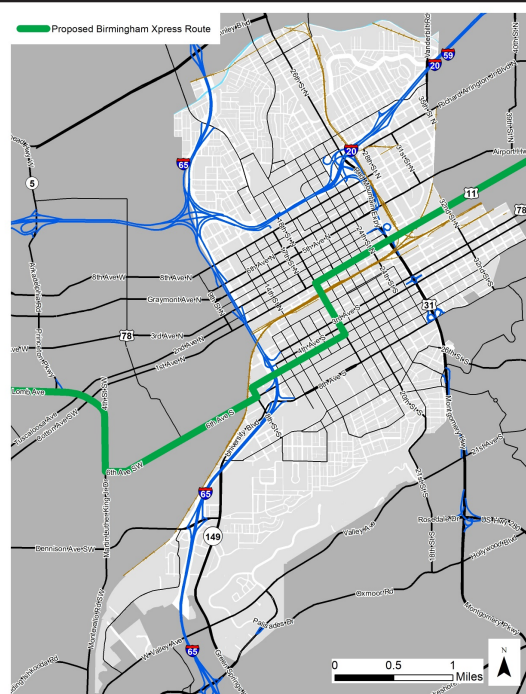
52 properties are tax delinquent in Southside

- 44.2% are 1-4 years tax delinquent
- 55.8% of properties are 5+ years tax delinquent and land bank eligible



## Birmingham Xpress (Bus Rapid Transit Route)

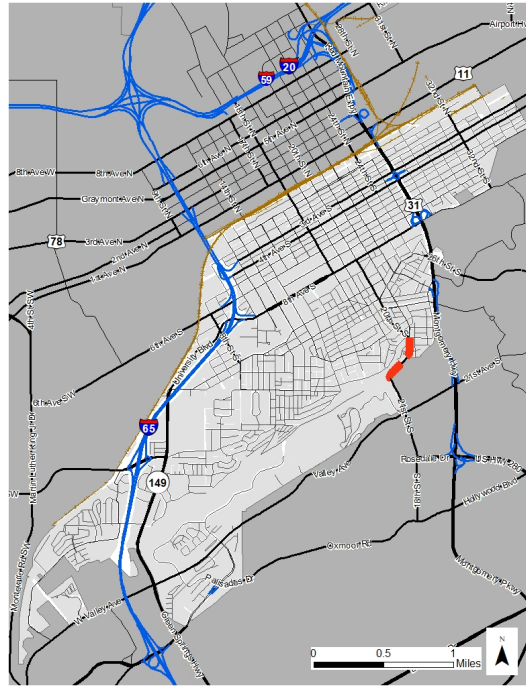
- 60 Minute Route
- East to west connection
  - Woodlawn
  - Downtown
  - Five Points West
  - Crossplex





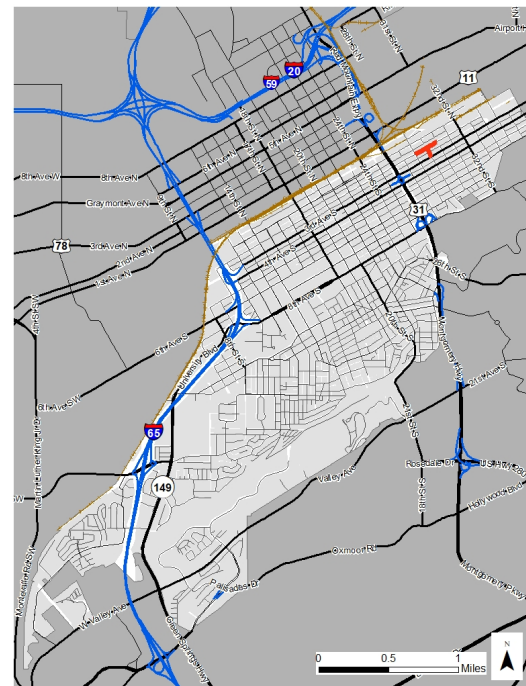
**Greenway + Road Diet:**

**Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd  
from 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S to Valley Ave**



**Bike lanes +  
sidewalks on:**

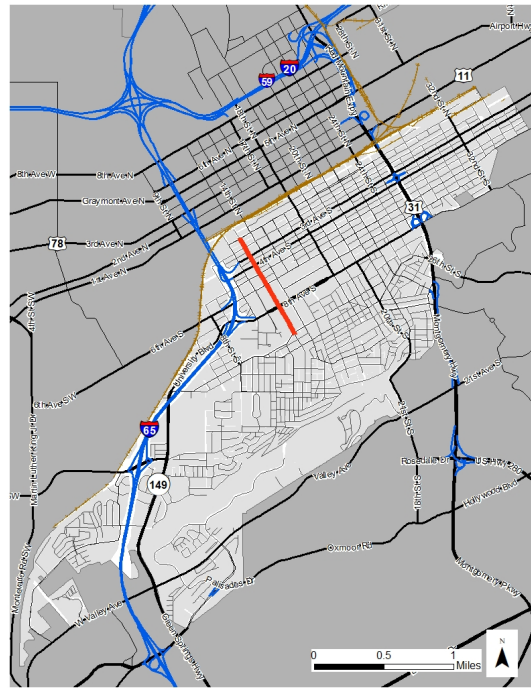
**2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S from 28 St to 30<sup>th</sup> St  
29<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S**



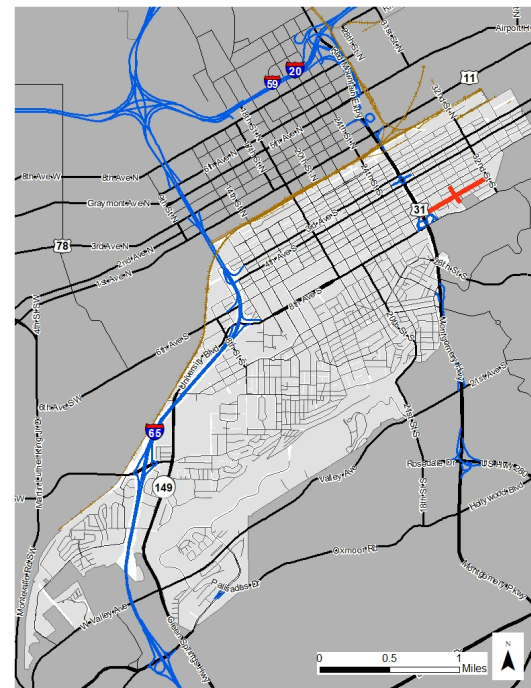




**Bike lanes + streetscape improvements on:  
13<sup>th</sup> St S from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S.**



**Streetscape Improvements on:  
7<sup>th</sup> Ave S**





## Why are you here?

- Help us understand what the major issues are and how they affect your quality of life.
- Share with us your desires and vision for the Northside/Southside Area. How can we make it a better place not only for today's generation but tomorrow's?
- To be the voice of the Northside/ Southside Framework Plan and to help us craft recommendations that you support.

The plan will address citizen's issues and will help to craft a vision for the future.

The activities.

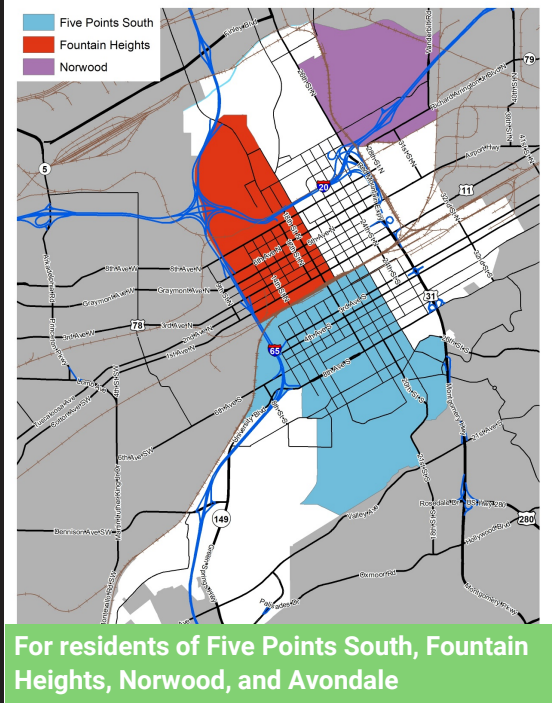




**SURVEY:**  
*Disability access + inclusion in neighborhoods experiencing revitalization*

**The survey will help UAB and the Lakeshore Foundation**

- Understand the physical, economic, and social barriers people with disabilities face in Five Points South, Fountain Heights, Norwood, and Avondale neighborhoods
- Increase access to urban spaces, facilities, and services for persons with disabilities
- Educate city governments, urban designers, and other institutions on how to be more inclusive to persons with disabilities



ISSUE AND OPPORTUNITY BANNERS

Meeting attendees were encouraged to write what is working, what is not working and what is needed in the Northside Southside Area regarding the following topics: quality of life, community renewal, code enforcement, green systems, economic vitality. The results of these banners are shown in **Figures 2.3– Figure 2.12.**

Second Kick-off Open Houses



FIGURE 2.3: Northside Community - Quality of Life Issue and Opportunity Banner

<h1 style="text-align: center;">QUALITY OF LIFE</h1>			
<h2 style="text-align: center;">DIRECTIONS</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Write down your comments in the appropriate box below. Be sure to mention any specific location(s) in your neighborhood where you comment applies.</p>			
PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION</b> K-12 availability, school buses, after-school activities, staff-parent relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decent school buildings</li> <li>Norwood - K-12 availability, school buses, after-school activities, staff-parent relations are good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacant McArthur School</li> <li>Attitude of educators (should want to push students to achieve). Teachers don't care (only a job to them). Teachers needs to understand the needs of the kids. I believe that combining schools is bad and that school zoning divides neighborhoods - in general, schools are no longer a safe haven for students</li> <li>School buses do not always run. Kids with no transportation miss days of school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More families with children living in the neighborhood</li> <li>More advertised activities for kids such as summer programs, after school care, and additional trade programs. I wish students had stronger support systems at home and more stable environments. How can this plan do a better job at providing support for kids?</li> <li>Additional K9-12 facility in the Northside Community. More activities for teenagers</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES</b> Libraries, recreation centers, community centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I like that we have several public facilities accessible to us</li> <li>Fountain Heights Community Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No recreation center in Druid Hills</li> <li>Too many people use the Fountain Heights Community Center and don't live in the neighborhood. The park next to the community center is underutilized due to a lack of maintenance</li> <li>Lack of access to the Norwood Community Center (must be reserved). This community center lacks amenities provided at other community centers in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A recreation center is needed in Druid Hills.</li> <li>The entire park area around the Community Center utilized. Fields and courts need maintenance. Additional equipment and programming could encourage more people to utilize the park. Additional family friendly and children programming is needed.</li> <li>More recreational facilities at the Norwood Community Center. Update the pool and provide additional playground equipment for kids to enjoy.</li> <li>Well maintained and designed dog park for the Northside Community.</li> <li>More facilities &amp; services for the elderly. Homes for senior citizens (possibly at Carraway).</li> </ul>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER</b> Urban design, walkability, access to shopping, dining and entertainment options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location - close to Downtown and the BJCC (children's theater)</li> <li>The community is very viable. The neighborhood is very walkable (were maintained sidewalks exist) and homes have great bones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty storefronts on 20th Street</li> <li>Dilapidated and abandoned homes</li> <li>Unable to walk comfortably with kids because of dogs, borders, strange people &amp; crime in area. Also because of sewage drain openings &amp; traffic (speeding)</li> <li>No good access to shopping, dining &amp; others</li> <li>Downtown (Fountain Heights) looks different than North Fountain Heights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better neighborhood communication</li> <li>I would like to see more local businesses</li> <li>More restoration of existing homes. New homes should be within the same character of existing homes</li> <li>More lighting is needed both to connect districts downtown and in residential neighborhoods</li> <li>I would like to a full-service grocery stores, shopping (besides dollar stores), more restaurants, and additional family friendly entertainment</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More neighborhood beautification - neighbors taking pride in their neighborhood -improved landscaping. City helping residents with teaching some basic house maintenance</li> </ul>

FIGURE 2.4: Northside Community - Community Renewal Issue and Opportunity Banner

# COMMUNITY RENEWAL

## DIRECTIONS

Write down your comments in the appropriate box below. Be sure to mention any specific location(s) in your neighborhood where you comment applies.

PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<b>SAFETY &amp; WELLNESS</b> Crime, access to healthy food, grocery stores, medical care, public & city services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighborhood Market (2 Fish &amp; 5 Loaves)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piggly Wiggly needs to be cleaned up. Sometimes it has bad meat.</li> <li>No full service grocery store in the Northside Community</li> <li>Lack of police presence</li> <li>Sidewalks in poor repair that are not ADA compliant</li> <li>Violent crimes</li> <li>Too many sex offenders</li> <li>Too many high price community stores</li> <li>Non-consistent pick up of trash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More neighborhood communication/More neighbors talking to one another</li> <li>A grocery store in the Northside Community. I would love to see a store with healthy veggies like whole foods.</li> <li>More positive law enforcement presence</li> <li>Improved sidewalks and additional walking trails</li> <li>Better trash pickup</li> </ul>
<b>HOUSING</b> Range of housing types, affordable housing, rental housing, homeownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nice, affordable single family homes</li> <li>New and existing neighbors renovating houses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dilapidated houses, slum lords, vacant lots</li> <li>Too many low income apartments, landlords need to repair buildings.</li> <li>Vacant apartments on 16th Street lots</li> <li>Abandoned churches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More infill housing</li> <li>Additional HUD homes</li> <li>A list of possible grant resources accessible to residents</li> <li>Additional low-interest loans and grant programs that homeowners could utilize to make improvements to their homes</li> <li>More restoration of houses</li> <li>Homes along Village Creek in Norwood</li> <li>Mixed-use development with housing component on 12th Avenue in Norwood</li> <li>New construction that is within the same character of existing homes</li> </ul>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNAGE</b> Gateway markers, directional signs, street names, sign placement, sign condition, legibility		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaving signs out after elections</li> <li>Not enough lighting in community</li> <li>Trucks driving through neighborhood.</li> <li>Need gateway markers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More gateway markers, street signs, neighborhood banners</li> <li>Additional, well-designed signs at each entrance of the neighborhood</li> <li>Temporary signs for neighborhood meetings</li> <li>No truck signs</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northside community pool hasn't worked in 3 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education on how to re-invest or "buy back" in community</li> <li>Easier way to purchase property via land bank - maybe include pay schedules</li> <li>More city residential development engagement</li> <li>Make grants easier to obtain and educate citizens about low percentage loans</li> </ul>

FIGURE 2.5: Northside Community - Code Enforcement Issue and Opportunity Banner

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## DIRECTIONS

Write down your comments in the appropriate box below. Be sure to mention any specific location(s) in your neighborhood where you comment applies.

PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE.....
<b>PRIVATE PROPERTIES</b> (Building conditions, overgrown lots, illegally parked vehicles, dangerous animals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norwood is seeing a renaissance. Many neighbors are renovating and keeping up with their properties.</li> <li>Lots of tickets recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeowners who don't maintain their property. Neighbors who don't keep their lots up to code</li> <li>It is difficult to get homeowners insurance on older properties</li> <li>Vacant apartments on 16th Street in Fountain Heights - vacant for 15 years</li> <li>Illegal dumping in alleys. Cars parking and blocking alleys. Alleys need repaving</li> <li>Stray dogs. Neighborhoods who allow their aggressive animals to run off-leash</li> <li>Overgrown lots, trees need to be pruned and trimmed, lots of burned houses just sitting there</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do we make people keep up their property? More homeowners</li> <li>The leash law enforced. Better animal control - pick up stray dogs and cats</li> <li>Burnt and dilapidated homes torn down, the demolition process to move faster</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY</b> (Lighting, weed abatement, abandoned vehicles, sight/vision obstacles)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Littering, illegal dumping</li> <li>Busted up sidewalks (tree roots)</li> <li>There are huge craters caused by brush scoops in Norwood</li> <li>Norwood BLVD is not cut often enough in the summer</li> <li>Many of the alleys in Norwood can't be traveled through via car because of the poor pavement conditions</li> <li>There are a lot of abandoned cars in Norwood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Want people to have pride in their neighborhood, want overgrown lots cut</li> <li>More lighting/ADA accessible sidewalks</li> <li>Consider filling the holes and providing larger trash receptacles</li> </ul>
<b>NOISE &amp; OTHER NUISANCES</b> (Aggravating noises, noxious odors, interference with your ability to enjoy your own property)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smells from dogs - too many people don't pick up after their animals</li> <li>Excessive dog barking throughout the day</li> <li>Noise and smell from Steel Mill</li> <li>Odor from Coke plant on certain days</li> <li>Noise from airplanes</li> <li>Overgrown lots increase the amount of wildlife in the area - rodents, snakes, etc</li> <li>I-20/59 construction - blasting often causes foundations to shift. Construction is loud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police enforcement of noise ordinance</li> <li>Noise reduction from the construction of 20/59. More regulations on bombing, shaking of foundations</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>			

FIGURE 2.6: Northside Community - Green Systems Issue and Opportunity Banner

# GREEN SYSTEMS

**DIRECTIONS**

Write down your comments in the appropriate box below. Be sure to mention any specific location(s) in your neighborhood where you comment applies.

PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<b>FLOOD &amp; STORMWATER</b> Where are the problem areas? Stormwater design, rain gardens, drainage issues		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poorly maintained stormwater drainage infrastructure. Semi-trucks continuously run over storm drains. For example, drain covers are needed on 31st Street near Rev. Abraham Woods Drive and at Carraway and 15th Avenue North. It is unsafe for kids</li> <li>Missing sewer covers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Properly installed and stable sewage covers</li> <li>Improved drainage issues</li> <li>Street sweepers</li> <li>Increased brush and garbage pick-up</li> </ul>
<b>PARKS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b> Where are the problem areas? What parks need maintenance? What parks face safety issues?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norwood Swimming pool</li> <li>Barter Park</li> <li>Arthur Shores park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground and pool at Norwood park need maintenance</li> <li>Fountain Heights's pool was never replaced or repaired</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Recreation Center for everyone to use</li> <li>Additional staff to maintain the park</li> </ul>
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> What site programming would you like to see? What additional activities should be provided? What kind of new facilities would you like to see?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to see a recreation Center in Druid Hills</li> <li>More activities/after school care/Friday night family night (movies)/sports tournaments/indoor pool with swimming lessons/sports other than football or basketball</li> <li>Dog park</li> <li>Additional swimming classes, computer coding, girls teams</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>			



FIGURE 2.7: Northside Community - Economic Vitality Issue and Opportunity Banner

ECONOMIC VITALITY		PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<b>EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING</b>	Early education, access to childcare, GED, ESL, trade skills, financial literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of universities in the area, especially UAB, that provide varied higher education options</li> <li>Glen Iris elementary School</li> <li>STEM program at Ramsey High School</li> <li>Early childhood is helping tremendously</li> <li>Literacy Council</li> <li>Public library cooperatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public schools</li> <li>Private schools are expensive</li> <li>Residents and business owners are not being contacted except by word of mouth when meetings are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revive community education initiatives in neighborhoods</li> <li>Better public schools</li> <li>Coordination and integration with UAB and other educational institutions</li> <li>More people sending kids to schools in city that are walkable</li> <li>More trade schools</li> <li>Community Center in Southside</li> <li>Mass mailings</li> <li>TV and radio stations promote events and meetings</li> <li>Better primary grades 3 Rs - continue what strong - pre-school</li> <li>More career day with site visits</li> <li>Increased emphasis on trades and skilled labor-not everything is technology</li> <li>When power goes out, it is the electrician that fixes it, not the person that codes</li> <li>More mixed-use development - places to work, live, play and shop</li> <li>More retail merchants like clothing and art/long term vacancies</li> <li>A shopping/retail boutique mall (like antique mall concept) to introduce startup and flexible business space</li> <li>Open concept or rentable (stylish) offices</li> <li>Art galleries</li> <li>Consignment or thrift and furniture shops</li> <li>Encourage re-use of older structures when possible</li> <li>Compare Arlington VA with Georgetown</li> <li>More local businesses, mom and pop stores and less franchises</li> <li>Increased facilitation of small businesses</li> <li>Friendlier City and County processes. Increased financial access from existing lenders</li> </ul>	
<b>BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES</b>	What type of businesses would you like to see? Resources for start-ups, small businesses, entrepreneurs, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five Points South food scene including the Woolworth, local restaurants and bars</li> <li>Medical services</li> <li>Professional services</li> <li>Culinary</li> <li>Filter Coffee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No retail</li> <li>Expensive office space for start ups</li> <li>Abandoned building on 13th Place and 16th Avenue south</li> <li>Entry level jobs are hard to find</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Properties north of Brother Bryan Park to create eyes on the park</li> <li>Southtown redeveloped</li> <li>Brother Bryan Park</li> <li>Greater diversity of city planners, organizers, and financial partners</li> <li>Existing apartment buildings need rehabbing, but need to be able to adapt them and do structural alterations</li> <li>An entertainment district in Five Points South</li> <li>A streetscape master plan for Green Springs Highway</li> </ul>	
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<b>PARTNERSHIPS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	What partnerships & organizations exist? What would like to see? Are they accessible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five Points South Alliance</li> <li>Neighborhood Associations</li> <li>UAB</li> <li>UAB Blazer Home</li> <li>Southside Neighborhood Alliance</li> <li>Neighborhood Revitalization Committee</li> </ul>			

FIGURE 2.8: Southside Community - Quality of Life Issue and Opportunity Banner

<h1 style="margin: 0;">QUALITY OF LIFE</h1>		I WANT TO SEE....
PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION</b> K-12 availability, school buses, after-school activities, staff-parent relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singles and working couples</li> <li>• Large universities - UAB and Birmingham Southern</li> <li>• Multiple neighborhood schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public School System</li> <li>• Retention of families with school age children</li> <li>• No sports facilities at Ramsay</li> <li>• Traffic jams at Glen Iris</li> <li>• Families move away to find better schools for kids</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES</b> Libraries, recreation centers, community centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I love having a library so close and it's great that it shares resources with the rest of the network</li> <li>• Its easy to walk to the Southside library and parks in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southside library needs renovations – underfunded and the AC was off most of last summer</li> <li>• Southside needs a community center</li> <li>• Waste Collection</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Park maintenance</li> <li>• YMCAs are helping on Rec Center, gaps-private enterprise takes care of this but those who need the exercise the most can't afford memberships</li> </ul>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER</b> Urban design, walkability, access to shopping, dining and entertainment options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkability is good – people love to walk in Southside</li> <li>• Diverse mix of people</li> <li>• Youthful athletic groups live in our area</li> <li>• Five Points South is great, but could do better with more food options</li> <li>• New Kiwanis trail is great, glad it is not paved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalks are broken and trash is dumped everywhere. Broken sidewalks make it difficult for people in wheelchairs and those pushing strollers to walk.</li> <li>• Need grocery store</li> <li>• Five Points South feels somewhat unsafe at night but generally ok</li> <li>• Small businesses are moving out (except for food) of Five Points South</li> <li>• Cluttered sidewalks</li> <li>• Poor transit within the Five Points South neighborhood</li> <li>• More affordable housing is needed</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More frequent services because of the high number of apartments (additional trash pickup)</li> <li>• Enforced and improved bulk trash and brush services</li> <li>• Streetscape improvements - more street trees and landscaping</li> <li>• Roundabout return to Five Points South</li> <li>• Additional public art (sculpture and murals)</li> <li>• Additional infrastructure for bikes</li> <li>• Bike racks at all public facilities</li> <li>• Complete streets in Southside!</li> <li>• Active transportation infrastructure on 20th Street South all the way to the Vulcan trail</li> <li>• More connected sidewalks and trails to improve walkability</li> <li>• More incentives for small business incentives</li> <li>• More activities for those under 21 – teens and kids</li> <li>• Limit the creation of just another restaurant – Birmingham thrives on</li> <li>• More people recycling!</li> </ul>

FIGURE 2.9: Southside Community - Community Renewal Issue and Opportunity Banner

COMMUNITY RENEWAL		I WANT TO SEE....	
PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<p><b>SAFETY &amp; WELLNESS</b> Crime, access to healthy food, grocery stores, medical care, public &amp; city services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southside Police Precinct should stay in Five Points South</li> <li>The Southside Police Precinct helps make our community safer!</li> <li>Police are very patient amidst difficult and threatening settings</li> <li>Centrally located grocery (Publix) and medical care</li> <li>Lot of restaurants</li> <li>Community Days and meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street lighting needs to be enhanced and repaired - too dark</li> <li>Losing easy access to grocery</li> <li>Crime is the biggest impediment to quality of life and future development</li> <li>Perception of safety</li> <li>Panhandling enforcement in Five Points South</li> <li>There are not enough police officers to patrol Southside</li> <li>Police driving cars instead of walking and interacting with people</li> <li>Fraternity houses are breaking communal law-police do not enforce ordinances (classify as private club). Additional police presence.</li> <li>Car-break-ins</li> <li>Retail shops</li> <li>Publix is too far</li> <li>Sirens are loud</li> <li>Code enforcement in Five Points South</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More police patrol. More funding for police. Less drug addits. No tolerance for crime, panhandlers, vagrancy, gunfire</li> <li>CAPS program expanded for more visible patrols</li> <li>Need more streetlights and trees in neighborhoods</li> <li>Slow down traffic</li> <li>More retail shops</li> <li>Greater access to walkable sidewalks (disrepair, uneven pavement)</li> <li>A small grocery and food store would be great in Five Points South. It could provide food access for high density area</li> <li>Farm fresh fruit and vegetable stands</li> <li>Venues increased</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOUSING</b> Range of housing types, affordable housing, rental housing, homeownership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diverse Housing Options - historical neighborhood character, rental units are good for UAB and Southside</li> <li>Revitalization is happening! There is a wide range of rental properties at affordable price points</li> <li>Beautiful, historic houses at a good price point for home buyers</li> <li>Big housing developments are increasing the density of the neighborhood</li> <li>Plenty of high cost rentals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absentee landlords who let their properties deteriorate</li> <li>Landlords not keeping properties mowed in the summers</li> <li>Too few small, single family homes (at least doesn't appear that way)</li> <li>Need more services to increase home ownership</li> <li>Zoning is based on perception that everyone wants single family. A lot of the houses are stuck in poor conditions because they are rentals, but not zoned for multifamily</li> <li>Affordable housing for elderly</li> <li>Not enough rent-controlled housing</li> <li>Not enough Ground floor retail and Affordable housing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect traditional neighborhood character</li> <li>More incentives for renovations to fix up historic homes</li> <li>More incentives for business to come into Five Points South</li> <li>Maintenance of historic properties is essential to Birmingham's character</li> <li>More residents take care of their existing landscaping and plant additional landscaping</li> <li>Redevelop Southtown into a mixed income development with a variety of housing styles including some that are owner occupied single-family homes</li> <li>Accessory dwelling units allowed in R3 - potentially also in R2. Duplexes and Triplexes allowed in R3. In general, we need more housing options - missing middle</li> <li>A stricter regulation of the designs allowed in historical areas/identification to auction on courthouse steps</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNAGE</b> Gateway markers, directional signs, street names, sign placement, sign condition, legibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good uniformity, fairly visible and clear</li> <li>Historic neighborhood signs are ok</li> <li>New district street sign toppers</li> <li>New historical markers on street signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need better parking options as well as additional signage for parking</li> <li>Street litter - I don't think the streets are cleaned often enough</li> <li>Five Points South historical marker on top of Rich Arrington Blvd is facing wrong way</li> <li>The historical sign entering Five Points from Vulcan (across from Kathy Skipper Attorney) needs moving toward mountain or change sign location</li> <li>Speed limit signs are poorly placed &amp; actual limits do not make logical sense. Many signs have graffiti on them. Need stop signs at just about every intersection to curb/stop student speeding, law enforcement (tickets)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gateway markers as you enter residential districts</li> <li>Anything that makes Southside appear special</li> <li>Less cluttered street signage</li> <li>Historic markers for landmarks</li> <li>Neighborhood flags</li> <li>Less traffic</li> <li>Roundabout in Five Points South</li> <li>Better delineation of districts and wayfinding. Nicer signage at neighborhood entries like stone piers in Redmont</li> <li>Good gateway markers &amp; street signs. Standards and some uniformity by community, not just neighborhood</li> <li>Work with neighborhoods to create/improve branding</li> </ul>

FIGURE 2.10: Southside Community - Code Enforcement Issue and Opportunity Banner

CODE ENFORCEMENT		I WANT TO SEE....	
PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<b>PRIVATE PROPERTIES</b> Building conditions, overgrown lots, illegally parked vehicles, dangerous animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall good condition of properties</li> <li>• Code enforcement</li> <li>• Neighborhood self-patrol – some neighborhoods are really well taken care of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough off-street parking for high density of rental units - people are wild</li> <li>• Sidewalks</li> <li>• Trash</li> <li>• Dog poop</li> <li>• There is a lack of code enforcement by the City. When the City does come out, enforcement is very slow - more citations should be given to property owners</li> <li>• Some properties are dilapidated and many of them are rentals</li> <li>• Very little parking enforcement- parking on sidewalks, ROW, and front yards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More street trees</li> <li>• Penalties for owners of vacant properties – This will help raise property values and improve building conditions</li> <li>• Greater focus on absentee landlord notifications and enforcements</li> <li>• Increase people hired to enforce code issue finer</li> <li>• Enforce noise ordinance against 3000 bar, blue monkey bar</li> <li>• Support for residents to help with weed and lawn maintenance of city-owned property</li> <li>• Uniform structures for 2,3,4,5 plexes conforming to code which says if you're on the right of way the tops of cans cannot be visible/ build and sell structures for sale to owners</li> <li>• Building frontages, especially corner buildings, should relate to the street to compliment vehicular line of sights</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY</b> Lighting, weed abatement, abandoned vehicles, sight/vision obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash sitting in right-of-way</li> <li>• Not enough recycle bins</li> <li>• Private trash containers or lack thereof</li> <li>• Lack of street lighting - it's dark as hell</li> <li>• Potholes – often Public Works just patches the street</li> <li>• Dirty streets and sidewalks</li> <li>• Overgrown lots</li> <li>• Lighting on Red Mountain Expressway</li> <li>• Traffic pattern on Highland Ave w/entrance to expressway</li> <li>• Property owners don't seem to know that ROW adjacent to their property is their maintenance responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of trees</li> <li>• Increased street lighting across neighborhoods</li> <li>• Street light maintenance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22nd St S between University and 10th Ave S</li> <li>• 14th Street and around Dreamland</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bring back the roundabout in Five Points South</li> <li>• More sidewalks and crosswalks in residential neighborhoods</li> <li>• Improved intersection sight lines</li> <li>• Enforcement of street cleaning</li> <li>• More weed abatement                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17th Ave between 13 and 14 streets - during growth season it covers sidewalk</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NOISE &amp; OTHER NUISANCES</b> Aggravating noises, noxious odors, interference with your ability to enjoy your own property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love hearing music from Vulcan Park</li> <li>• No smoking ban in restaurants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRI in the past has burned pollutants in their reactors by South Town - Sulphur dioxide causing acid rain (not sure if they still do that)</li> <li>• More citations are needed for noise, jaywalking, leash laws, and lack of poop scooping</li> <li>• UAB enforcement of students partying in the neighborhood – too many loud late-night activities in the neighborhood. Enforce the underage drinking laws!                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15th Avenue South</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional code enforcement staff</li> <li>• Attention to existing enforcement of existing nuisance ordinance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More enforcement by UAB police</li> <li>• Residents putting their garbage out the night before. More communication about trash pick up times</li> <li>• The city contacting all residents by mail</li> <li>• Updates to the communal living ordinance – 3 people or less – update and enforce</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littering - piles of trash at the corner of 20th St S and 10th Ave S - eyesore for years/graffiti</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed bumps on 16th Avenue South</li> <li>• Striping for parking spots</li> <li>• More trash receptacles</li> <li>• Additional Public Works staff to clean-up the neighborhood and enforce ordinances</li> </ul>



FIGURE 2.11: Southside Community - Green Systems Issue and Opportunity Banner

GREEN SYSTEMS		PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
<b>FLOOD &amp; STORMWATER</b> Where are the problem areas? Stormwater design, rain gardens, drainage issues	• Nothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• form drains are not cleared by public works when they should be</li> <li>• 15th Ave and 16th Street South</li> <li>• 16th Avenue South and 19th Street</li> <li>• Intersection of 10th Place South and 14th Avenue South</li> <li>• Unopened alley between Glen Iris park and 19th Avenue</li> <li>• 11th Place South</li> <li>• Sewage</li> <li>• Street drains</li> <li>• Multiple streets and intersection flood</li> <li>• Basements flood in Glen Iris</li> <li>• Brother Bryan Park needs more lighting and a Master Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rain gardens</li> <li>• Pulling in historic theme of cobble roads with pervious paver at key points for pedestrian</li> <li>• Cleaner streets</li> <li>• Improvements and consistent maintenance review and addressal. Heavy rains yield constant overflow in residential areas. We need a game plan to fix the problem-currently no plan at all- nothing but excuses</li> <li>• Improved stormwater management on a site</li> <li>• Neighborhood and city scale both green and grey systems</li> <li>• A overhaul of all drains, curbs and water pipes - replace aging infrastructure</li> <li>• 16th Avenue to 11th Avenue South</li> <li>• 26th Street to 14th Street</li> <li>• Stormwater abatement issues on new parking lots - corner 13th St and 16th Ave</li> <li>• Redevelop Brother Bryan Park. Consider a town center concept with dog park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect all parks with a community greenway</li> <li>• Extend the Highland Park greenway system into Five Points South like Boston's Emerald Necklace</li> <li>• A safe place for people to view city lights - other than 16th Ave because litter and drug use in those areas are evident</li> <li>• Gathering of storm water information - fun and functional</li> <li>• Connect Valley View Park to Vulcan park</li> <li>• More playgrounds</li> <li>• More people in the parks</li> <li>• George Ward dog parks repaired, and the fences maintained</li> <li>• Increased lighting at public facilities</li> <li>• More dedicated days to 1 park at a time - get a large team of people to correct all the issues</li> <li>• Five Points South Alliance Parks and Recreation Master implemented</li> <li>• Brother Bryan park activated with lawn and programming</li> <li>• Dragonfly Park - UAB</li> <li>• Movies, concerts, flower gardens and landscaping</li> <li>• More "accessible" park design and inclusion</li> <li>• More community space and family-use space</li> <li>• Improve zoning and incentives for "eye on the parks"</li> <li>• The following programming should be considered - dog parks, skate parks, areas for food trucks to park, public-biergarten</li> <li>• More ways to access the Vulcan Trail</li> <li>• Dog park at Magnolia Park</li> <li>• Carousel horse ride in Magnolia Park</li> <li>• A moratorium on UAB construction of additional buildings - every "greenspace" is destroyed for capital improvement - there should be a reasonable limit by now</li> <li>• Need tree ordinance that prohibits removal of trees greater than _____ caliber - perhaps 12" or larger</li> </ul>	
<b>PARKS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b> Where are the problem areas? What parks need maintenance? What parks face safety issues?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaping and playground in Phelan Park</li> <li>• Railroad Park (security has been an issue)</li> <li>• George Ward and Bessie Estelle overall kept up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valleyview Park needs stabilization and lighting</li> <li>• Valley View Park needs to go away - it's not well maintained, and people are afraid to go so because no one goes, no one else goes</li> <li>• Dog parks at George Ward Park need new fences and water fountains for people and dogs! Fix the small dog area.</li> <li>• Park maintenance needs improving. Small upkeep or maintenance repair issues that get back logged and then back up</li> <li>• Rotten benches at George Ward Park</li> <li>• Rotten benches at Bessie Estelle Park</li> <li>• No park maintenance</li> <li>• No park programming</li> <li>• Because of success of Railroad Park, no consideration or attention has been made toward Brother Bryan Park or other Southside parks</li> <li>• Remove the fountain in Brother Bryant Park</li> <li>• Park board inferior with softball fields at George Ward Park</li> <li>• Poor maintained and no funds have been created or given to help alleviate the hazards in Valley View Park. Valley View Park at south end of 19th St S in horrible shape - steps are dangerous</li> <li>• Improve Phelan Park to be more inviting.</li> <li>• Clear out burns and beggars from Five Points area</li> </ul>			
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> What site programming would you like to see? What additional activities should be provided? What kind of new facilities would you like to see?	• Overall park programming is good				
<b>OTHER</b>					

FIGURE 2.12: Southside Community - Economic Vitality Issue and Opportunity Banner

ECONOMIC VITALITY		PLAN ELEMENTS	WHAT'S WORKING?	WHAT'S NOT WORKING	I WANT TO SEE....
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<b>PARTNERSHIPS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b> What partnerships & organizations exist? What would like to see? Are they accessible?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five Points South Alliance</li> <li>Neighborhood Associations</li> <li>UAB</li> <li>UAB Blazer Home</li> <li>Southside Neighborhood Alliance</li> <li>Neighborhood Revitalization Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More partnerships with homeless shelters</li> <li>More cultural celebrations</li> <li>More properties added to revitalization list and more neighborhoods starting committees like this</li> <li>I'd really like to see greater utilization of business improvement districts as a dedicated funding source to improve safety, cleanliness, and vitality of neighborhoods across city. Offer neighborhoods the capacity to create BIDS</li> </ul>		

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## SECOND OPEN HOUSES

The 2nd Round of Kick-off Open Houses for the Northside Southside Framework Plan were held on the following dates:

- Southside Community Meeting: September 17, 2019 @ St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, 21 attendees
- Northside Community Meeting: September 24, 2019 @ Linn Henley Research Library, 18 attendees

The purpose of the meetings was to gather feedback regarding draft goals and actions. Staff from the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) and the City of Birmingham were on hand to aid participants and to answer questions. The meeting was broken up into the following stations:

- Chapter Overview Banners
- Draft Goals and Recommended Actions Banners

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW BANNERS

Chapter Overview Banners were provided at both Open Houses for attendees to review. A summary of each chapter is found below, and copies of the banners can be found on the project website.

**Community Renewal**

The Community Renewal chapter for this plan involves a variety of issues affecting the Northside Southside Area such as housing, blight, and crime. Although these issues may seem disparate, they collectively affect the quality of life for those within the community. Solutions to these issues will involve many overlapping partners, strategies, and actions. For instance, reducing the perception of crime can attract new residents and businesses which can bring additional investments to the area. Implementing an action of one of the goals of this chapter inevitably eases the implementation of another goal's actions. Some of these goals may require a number of easier, more immediately implementable actions to be met first to pave the way for more far-reaching

outcomes to become possible.

This chapter outlines ways to improve the physical character and definition of the City, along with strategies and programs needed to streamline code enforcement and enhance safety and security of residents.

**Green Systems**

The Northside Southside Area has a variety of green system elements that serve the surrounding residents, as well as attract a regional audience. This chapter highlights the needs, opportunities, and related actions regarding parks, open space, natural resources and systems, as well as stormwater management for the Northside Southside Area.

**Economic Vitality**

Achieving economic vitality in the Northside Southside Area would mean adequate job opportunities, training for those jobs, an attractive and supportive retail market, and business attraction and retention. By following the recommendations in this chapter, the City, with assistance from its partners and the private sector, could attract new businesses and industries while also supporting existing businesses the Northside Southside Area.

**Transportation and Infrastructure**

Transportation plays a critical role in the Northside Southside Area's quality of life, creating access to goods and services, education and opportunities, worship and recreation. Circulation patterns determine the quality of residential streets by affecting their safety and walkability. Efficient transportation connections have always been a precursor to growth and economic success. This chapter provides goals and recommended actions for addressing the Framework Area's transportation system deficiencies, and for improving overall travel conditions throughout the City.

**Future Land Use**

The Birmingham Comprehensive Plan established a Future Land Use Plan (Map) for the City which generally outlines expected land use patterns and development trends citywide. Adopted in 2013, this plan is more

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prescriptive in nature, and may not reflect the existing land uses, or the most appropriate land uses within the Northside Southside Area. The Future Land Use Plan is subject to periodic review to see if conditions have changed to justify an amendment, or change. Through this Framework process, the project team identified recommended changes to the Future Land Use Plan (Map) based off of a detailed windshield survey, open houses, steering committee meetings, and stakeholder interviews. The recommended changes to the Land Use Map are shown below. Once adopted, the Future Land Use Map, will be the legal basis for zoning. Any rezoning for property in the Northside Southside Area requested by the City or private individuals will be required to follow the Future Land Use map.

The Northside Southside Area contains some of the densest development within the City of Birmingham, due to its status as the economic core of the region. Neighborhoods surrounding the central core are primarily residential with adjoining commercial districts while the Central Business District, which is being addressed by the concurrent Center City Master Plan, is primarily commercial and institutional with increasing pockets of residential development. The main goals of establishing an updated and accurate Future Land Use Plan for the Northside Southside Area are to:

- Preserve existing single-family districts from unnecessary encroachment by multifamily or other non-residential uses.
- Introduce the concepts of mixed-use districts as desirable transition areas between residential and commercial districts.
- Regulate the form and location of catalytic sites through the inclusion of form-based zoning.
- Allow for flexibility in permissible housing types as a means to increase the supply of affordable housing options.

### DRAFT GOALS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS BANNERS

At the meeting, staff from the RPCGB and City of Birmingham facilitated discussions with community members and stakeholders, using large format banners to receive input on potential “goals” and recommended “actions” for the Comprehensive Plan. Some of these goals and actions may go into the plan as is, and others will be refined or expanded upon based on feedback received at the meeting. Attendees were asked to prioritize actions they supported by placing a dot. The banners were broken into the plan chapters listed below.

- Community Renewal
- Green Systems
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Future Land Use

### WHAT WAS WELL RECEIVED?

#### Community Renewal

- Levy fines on quality-of-life offenses on properties.
- Consider hiring additional code enforcement staff and additional building inspectors to improve code enforcement efforts and increase permits and inspection times.
- Establish a maintenance registration program for the elderly and disabled.
- Re-purpose publicly owned abandoned facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- Create a city-wide residential standard for garbage cans and recycling cans. Consider fining landlords for residents who leave trashcans in the right-of-way for an extended period.
- Facilitate the retention and development of grocery stores, neighborhood-based markets, and farmer’s markets offering fresh produce in neighborhood centers.



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**Green Systems**

- Establish a new charter with governing polices for the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Dedicate adequate funding for park maintenance and capital improvements.
- Consider the feasibility of building a recreation center to service Druid Hills.
- Create connections via sidewalks and trails to existing and future park space.
- Modify the subdivision regulations to reduce excessive cut and fill grading and the destruction of significant trees, vegetation, and wildlife habitats during the construction of new development.

**Economic Vitality**

- Strengthen public school and higher education partnerships.
- Partner with the Alabama Small Business Development Center Network to establish a minority business accelerator.
- Improve transit service along commuting corridors in the area as well as establish new stops in and around key locations, i.e Strategic Opportunity Areas and catalyst sites.

**Transportation and Infrastructure**

- Implement the Birmingham Sidewalk Master Plan.
- Recycle excess roadway capacity.
- Develop a residential parking permit program for neighborhoods with limited supply.
- Protect pedestrians on neighborhood streets with appropriate traffic calming measures.
- Repair damaged and antiquated storm drainage infrastructure.
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**Future Land Use**

- Encourage any future large-scale multifamily developments to be built as a component within mixed-use districts (MXD).
- Encourage the development of medium-density infill housing to achieve a mix of housing types and a range of price points, such as cottage sized single-family homes, townhomes, duplexes, condos and lofts.
- Adopt and implement the City of Birmingham’s Character-Based Code and Design Guidelines

The results of this activity are summarized in **Table 2.2:**

**TABLE 2.2: Goals Strategies and Action Banner Results**

Help us PRIORITIZE the goals and actions of the comprehensive plan	Place a Dot:	Comments
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>		
<b>GOAL #1: IDENTIFY AND REDUCE BLIGHT</b>		
Strategy A: IMPROVE PROPERTY CONDITION COLLECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.		
Develop a comprehensive publicly accessible database for properties.	2	
Create a citizen's guide for code enforcement that enables citizens to report blighted properties.	6	and violations provided there is enforcement to follow it up

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Recognize that "blight" is a politically loaded term often deployed against low-income folks and work to ensure that both language and policy reflect needs of existing residential in low-moderate in-come areas	0	
Levy fines on quality-of-life offenses on properties.	7	Yes! #1!
Prioritize demolition in the Northside Southside Area.	3	
Continue to implement the City's Demolition Sweep program.	1	
Support the use of Public Improvements & Beautification Committee and Neighborhood Association funds for improvements.	3	
Create a vacant property registration ordinance.	5	
Create a rental property licensing and inspection system and a Good Landlord Program.	6	Hold landlords and absentee owners to higher standards. Make it mandatory law.  Yes!
Consider hiring additional code enforcement staff and additional building inspectors to improve code enforcement efforts and increase permits and inspection times.	7	#1 problem! No enforcement
Support the use of technology to improve code enforcement.	3	
Educate property owners that the right-of-way (sidewalks, drainage ditches, etc.) adjacent to their property is their maintenance responsibility.	7	Education is key but so is enforcement. Ignorance is no excuse for breaking laws, especially when permanent residents suffer for it.
Enforce the noise ordinance.	8	
Update and enforce the communal living ordinance.	4	
<b>STRATEGY B: RENOVATE AND CLEAN UP BLIGHTED PROPERTIES.</b>		
Support renovation efforts through grants, competitive loans, and home improvement programs.	7	Create a regenerative home improvement CDFI for weatherization, zero energy retrofits, solar panel instillation, and other water and energy efficiency improvements.

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Establish a "Tool Lending Library" for residents.	4	
Establish a community beautification coalition to support the City's code enforcement.	4	Birmingham Beautification Board?  Beautification is not related to enforcement. Coalitions do nothing but waste taxpayer \$
<b>STRATEGY B: RENOVATE AND CLEAN UP BLIGHTED PROPERTIES.</b>		
Encourage public art and murals on blank walls throughout the community.	6	Good if there are local committees to improve the murals
Establish a maintenance registration program for the elderly and disabled.	9	
Support the creation of neighborhood and community nonprofits.	6	Creation of small dollar start-up funds to support neighborhood and CLTs and CDCs.
<b>STRATEGY C: ACQUIRE AND DISPOSE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES.</b>		
Prioritize strategic land bank acquisitions in the Northside Southside Area.	10	Staffing, website does not work. Land bank not serious about citizens acquiring property to improve the neighborhood.  Prioritize individuals in neighborhoods rather than large developers in land bank projects
Continue and promote the Side Lot and Adopt-A-Lot Programs.	3	
Convert vacant lots into community assets with informed partners.	9	
Enact an adaptive reuse ordinance.	4	What is an adaptive reuse ordinance?
Repurpose publicly owned abandoned facilities to meet the needs of the community.	10	Ensure that public assets remain in the public sphere
<b>STRATEGY D: IMPROVE GARBAGE MANAGEMENT</b>		
Investigate ways to improve bulk trash service throughout the City.	5	
Fine property owners for leaving trash out.	9	Important for apartment owners and dwellers from putting debris on street when moving out

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Create a city-wide residential standard for garbage cans and recycling cans. Consider fining landlords for residents who leave trashcans in the right-of-way for an extended period of time.	12	
Make information and dates more easily available regarding the street sweeping schedule in the Northside Southside Area.	6	
<b>STRATEGY E: PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITES</b>		
Promote use of landfill drop-offs to prevent illegal dumping and identify dumping hot-spots.	4	
Develop an illegal dumping and litter abatement task force to include public agencies, private businesses, and community groups involved in cleanup.	4	
Create promotional materials to educate citizens on the harmful impacts of illegal dumping, i.e. human health, safety, cleanup costs, and water quality.	4	And fines for violations!
<b>STRATEGY F: IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES</b>		
Ensure addresses are clearly labeled on all properties.	6	
Aggressively enforce policies and ordinances that prohibit illegal dumping.	10	
<b>GOAL #2: ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITIES</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP AND PROGRAMS.</b>		
Create and promote neighborhood watch and new neighbor programs.	0	
<b>STRATEGY B: CREATE A SAFER BUILT ENVIRONMENT.</b>		
Develop neighborhood lighting programs.	8	Yes!
Perform a lighting audit in areas reported as being poorly lit or high in crime and install additional lighting where needed.	8	
Follow Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Guidelines.	3	



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Dedicate additional police patrol to areas in and/or near crime hotspots.	8	
Establish a neighborhood watch group to provide police with additional "eyes and ears" and to promote cooperation among residents and police.	5	We are already eyes and ears. They don't listen or take action. BPD sucks!
<b>STRATEGY B: CREATE A SAFER BUILT ENVIRONMENT.</b>		
Enforce the City's leash law.	3	
Increase and improve the quality of Animal Control.	1	
<b>STRATEGY B: CREATE A SAFER BUILT ENVIRONMENT.</b>		
Implement the Downtown Birmingham Gateway Master Plan.	4	What is the Downtown Gateway Master Plan?
Implement the Norwood Master Plan, written by Auburn University.	8	What is the Norwood Master Plan?
Establish landscaping and maintenance standards for Norwood Boulevard.	9	
<b>GOAL #3: ENSURE THE PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS IS IMPROVED</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: SUPPORT COMMUNITY WELLNESS THROUGH POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES</b>		
Increase awareness of the City's existing support services and programs.	3	
Support Mayor Woodfin's Neighborhood Revitalization Fund.	6	Support asset-based community development
<b>STRATEGY B: ENCOURAGE AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE FOR RESIDENTS THROUGH POLICIES AND AMENITIES</b>		
Implement the Future Land Use Plan to allow mixed-use development and encourage more services and retail within walking distance for residents.	9	Mixed-use only on major thoroughfares, not neighborhood streets
In conjunction with a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, convert vacant properties into parks and playgrounds to increase accessibility to recreational activities in the Framework Area.	6	Not recreation but bid them for development
Encourage native habitat/ecosystem development within parks	0	
And farms/gardens	0	
Integrate Complete Streets to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.	7	Yes!
Support the Village Creek Greenway.	5	Yes!

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Yes!	0	
Provide additional adult and senior recreational programming at local recreation centers.	4	
<b>STRATEGY C: MAKE FRESH PRODUCE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENTS</b>		
Promote existing community gardens in the Northside Southside Area.	7	Add more community gardens with garden managers
Fountain Heights farm	0	
Support agribusiness co-ops including aquaponics and hydroponics	0	
Support Mayor Woodfin's Healthy Food Ordinance and Healthy Food Fund.	6	
Introduce tax incentives to encourage grocers to locate to the area.	5	
Facilitate the retention and development of grocery stores, neighborhood-based markets, and farmer's markets offering fresh produce in neighborhood centers.	11	Build new grocery stores where old ones were demolished.
Support community owned and co-op owned grocery stores	0	
<b>GOAL #4: PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS FOR A VARIETY OF INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZES.</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EXISTING HOUSING IN THE NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE AREA</b>		
Enforce the City's current building codes to reduce blight	10	
Provide rehabilitation and maintenance assistance to residents.	6	
Develop an incentive and information program for historic residential restorations in priority areas	10	
<b>STRATEGY B: SUPPORT NEW AND QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS AND HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND PARTNERSHIPS.</b>		
Utilize a place-based approach to public and private investment in the Northside Southside Area.	2	
Reduce blight by implementing the City's Highest and Best Reuse Program.	1	

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<b>STRATEGY B: SUPPORT NEW AND QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS AND HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND PARTNERSHIPS.</b>		
Implement the Future Land Use Map/ Plan to allow for a variety of housing types and densities.	4	<p>We need more density!</p> <p>Only increase density if you provide adequate parking. Birmingham’s Southside already has a problem due to the fact that most homes built in early 1960s had no parking and no cars.</p> <p>No more density. Reduce it!</p>
Provide incentives to promote affordable housing options.	6	Crucial for downtown
Partner with nonprofits for rent-to-own housing programs.	8	Including CDCs and CLTs which should build capacity
Develop a revolving affordable housing trust fund and other funding streams.	6	Yes! This would implement action of Neighborhood Housing Study
Promote the use of permitted Accessory Dwelling allowances in the City’s Zoning Ordinance to increase the affordable housing rental stock.	4	<p>Rentals are important downtown</p> <p>No! No more rentals, period. They are the scourge of our neighborhoods.</p>
Collaborate with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) to increase access to capital for homebuyers and developers.	6	And home energy retrofits/solar
Work with local employers to create an employer-assisted housing program in the Northside Southside Area.	4	UAB already has Blazer Home program
Work with HABD, private developers, nonprofits, and other organizations to infill single and multifamily housing on underutilized properties.	5	And CLTs
Redevelop Southtown Court into a mixed-income development with a variety of housing styles including some that are owner occupied single-family homes.	6	<p>Support a CBA with the development to support a companion affordable housing development</p> <p>Ensure that all residents of Southtown are provided with centrally-located affordable housing, protecting existing community ties within current housing there</p>

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<b>GOAL #5: IMPROVE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND ESTABLISH NEW PARTNERSHIPS</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: IMPROVE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND ESTABLISH NEW PARTNERSHIPS.</b>		
Create partnerships with City departments, local organizations, and nonprofits to realign resources for investments.	4	Just do something!
<b>GREEN SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>GOAL #1: RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK OF EVERY RESIDENT.</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</b>		
Develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	3	Already been done with the city
Support the Five Points Alliance Parks and Design Committee.	4	
Establish a new charter with governing polices for the Parks and Recreation Board.	7	
Dedicate adequate funding for park maintenance and capital improvements.	7	Repair what is existing. Crucial!
Consider creating a citywide Parks and Recreation Foundation to invest in local parks.	5	So needed!!
Create "friends of parks" groups to support funding and maintenance of City owned parks and other recreational amenities.	6	
Update and enhance the Birmingham Parks and Recreation website to include an interactive map, events, and real time scheduling.	2	
Adopt CPTED principles for the design of parks, greenway and recreational facilities.	1	
Update and maintain Bessie Estell Park.	2	
Update and maintain Brother Bryan Park.	5	Make it a dog park. Have annual taste of Birmingham Event there.
Update and maintain Valley View Park.	0	
Update and maintain George Ward Park.	5	
Update and maintain Vulcan Park.	1	



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<b>STRATEGY A: MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</b>		
Continue to maintain the Vulcan Trail.	3	
Update and maintain Norwood Park – Norwood Community Center, Park, Pool and Norwood Boulevard.	4	Pool just updated
The boulevard needs to be more level		
Update the Norwood Community Center.	4	
<b>STRATEGY B: SUPPORT NEW AND QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS AND HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND PARTNERSHIPS.</b>		
Update and maintain the Fountain Heights Community Center and Park.	4	
Support the renovation of Linn Park.	4	It looks ok. Just needs removal of homeless feeding and loitering which scares the community.
Update and maintain Marconi Park.	0	
Update and maintain Arthur Shores Park.	2	
<b>STRATEGY B: EXPAND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS</b>		
Acquire blighted and flood-prone properties to expand recreational opportunities for residents.	2	
Establish additional dog parks in the Northside Southside Area.	4	
Support UAB’s Dragonfly Park.	1	
Create more inclusive playgrounds.	4	Do this in Norwood
Consider the feasibility of building a recreation center to service Druid Hills.	10	More community space is needed, and less recreation exercise gym
Offer group education, social or physical activities that promote social interactions, regular attendance and community involvement among seniors at local recreation centers and in the community.	4	There are no community centers on the southside, particularly in district 3.
Promote and partner with the Tivity Health SilverSneakers program to expand recreational programming for seniors in the Northside Southside Area.	4	

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<b>STRATEGY C: PROVIDE SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE ROUTES TO NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, AND CIVIC AMENITIES</b>		
Implement priority portions of the Red Rock Ridge and Valley Trail System.	3	
Implement the Birmingham Sidewalk Master Plan.	4	
Connectivity between parks via micro-transit and enhanced pedestrian access.	1	
Continue working with the Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society, Inc. to increase access to recreational facilities for residents.	0	
Create connections via sidewalks and trails to existing and future park space.	7	
Create wayfinding signage throughout the City to direct residents to parks and greenspace.	2	So important, this will help both residents and tourist.
Address homelessness and panhandling in the parks.	7	Critical to do this
No free outdoor feeding limit to brick and mortar spaces		
Adopt a tree ordinance.	4	yes
Prioritize planting new shade trees in existing parks to create a more welcoming and cooler environment.	5	Make sure shade trees can tolerate drought and urban life.
<b>GOAL 2: IMPROVE THE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE AREAS NATURAL SYSTEMS THROUGH ENHANCED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION TECHNIQUES</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: INCORPORATE GREEN SYSTEMS INTO CITY POLICY TO SUPPORT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATE</b>		
Provide incentives and education to developers and homeowners who utilize Low Impact Development (LID) or green infrastructure techniques in new developments.	5	Yes

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<b>STRATEGY A: INCORPORATE GREEN SYSTEMS INTO CITY POLICY TO SUPPORT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATE</b>		
Work with the State Legislature to amend Alabama Act No. 2014439 (SB 355) [amending Act No. 95775] to enable the City of Birmingham to adjust the current stormwater fee to provide more dedicated funding to manage the City’s stormwater.	3	Yes, essential
Enforce the City’s Stormwater Protection Ordinance which requires the use of Best Management Practices (BMP’s) including Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure techniques for commercial, industrial and high-risk properties to mitigate the impact of stormwater runoff citywide.	5	Yes
Modify the subdivision regulations to reduce excessive cut and fill grading and the destruction of significant trees, vegetation, and wildlife habitats during the construction of new development.	6	Establish density transfers regulations to protect sensitive environmental areas. Yes, do this it is just common sense
Develop a system of green streets.	2	Yes. Need to use permeable paving in more locations (parking lots especially)
<b>STRATEGY B: CONTINUE TO PROTECT AND MITIGATE VILLAGE CREEK BY SUPPORTING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT ENSURE IT’S PRESERVATION AND IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY.</b>		
Maintain vegetation along the Village Creek Corridor.	2	
Continue to support volunteers’ efforts to clean up Village Creek.	3	And any other creek volunteers are willing to work on
Implement the Village Creek Trail and Greenway segment in Norwood.	4	

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<b>ECONOMIC VITALITY</b>		
<b>GOAL #1: CREATE AND MAINTAIN AN AWARD-WINNING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BOTH IN THE PRE-K AND K-12 SYSTEMS AND IN HIGHER EDUCATION.</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: EXPAND RESOURCES TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT.</b>		
Support and expand the United Way's Success by 6 initiative.	2	
Expand the First Class voluntary Pre-K Program.	5	Regardless of income
Support local nonprofit efforts to increase education through adult basic education and career training services.	8	
Strengthen public school and higher education partnerships.	8	
Develop precollege education programs for students.	4	College downtown?
Develop a program to train parents on enhancing the education of their children.	5	College downtown?
Develop professional development programs for teachers to help meet the changing demands of the workplace.	4	
Continue to support the "Career Academies" at Birmingham City schools.	3	
<b>STRATEGY A: EXPAND RESOURCES TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT.</b>		
Conduct a career fair.	0	
<b>GOAL #2: EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES ARE READILY AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.</b>		
Support existing workforce councils.	2	
Expand coop and alternate training opportunities.	3	
Provide additional job readiness and placement programs.	4	And on the job training
Encourage students and adults to seek employment in the advanced manufacturing sector by connecting them to local initiatives.	7	
Support increases in life science research and biotech by connecting citizens to local initiatives.	3	



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<b>STRATEGY A: PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.</b>		
Encourage students and adults to seek employment in the IT sector by connecting them to local initiatives.	6	
<b>GOAL #3: SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURS, START-UPS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: STRENGTHEN THE NETWORK OF ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.</b>		
Partner with the Alabama Small Business Development Center Network to establish a minority business accelerator.	7	
Develop initiatives that focus on retention of local college graduates to remain in the City.	5	
Work with the Birmingham Business Alliance to expand their Talent Recruitment Project.	1	
Promote the Birmingham Business Alliances' OnBoard Birmingham Program.	1	
Expand employer-based training in the Northside Southside Area.	6	
<b>STRATEGY B: UTILIZE A VARIETY OF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT TOOLS TO ENCOURAGE REINVESTMENT IN THE NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE AREA.</b>		
Work with REV Birmingham, Innovation Depot, and other partners to implement the Innovation District's branding plans and strategies.	2	
Provide start-up help, training, technical and financial assistance to encourage entrepreneurship and business development.	4	
Assist local businesses, developers, and other entrepreneurs with gap financing.	4	
Establish a micro-business program to provide small-scale financing and assistance.	6	Support co-op business center, they have special small business needs
Especially for opening real food stores as opposed to just junk food in oppressed areas.		
Advocate for local businesses and employers to utilize State of Alabama business tax incentives/ credits.	2	

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<b>STRATEGY B: UTILIZE A VARIETY OF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT TOOLS TO ENCOURAGE REINVESTMENT IN THE NORTHSIDE SOUTHSIDE AREA.</b>		
Consider the use of Industrial Revenue Bonds to expand the City's industrial sector.	0	
<b>GOAL #4: PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS FOR A VARIETY OF INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZES.</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: STREAMLINE, SIMPLIFY, AND MAKE MORE TRANSPARENT BUSINESS REGULATORY, DEVELOPMENT PERMITTING AND PROCUREMENT.</b>		
Establish procedures to make city interaction with businesses, including licensing, permitting and procurement, more user-friendly.	6	
Improve the City's website to make business-related information more accessible and user-friendly.	2	
Increase City interactions with the business community to identify and resolve issues in a timely manner.	4	Please!
Outline the business incentive process by creating clear guidelines and procedures for developers.	2	
<b>GOAL #5: SUPPORT AN ECONOMY WITH VIABLE COMMERCIAL, MIXED-USE, RESEARCH, AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: TARGET PRIORITY SITES FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Develop an inventory of vacant and underutilized industrial buildings and sites, including brownfield sites.	4	
Catalogue available sites for expanding and new businesses.	1	
Encourage new investment within Opportunity Zones.	3	Opportunity zones must not become only spaces for wealthy developers to procure access to cheap land for their own profit without commensurate investment in benefit to the existing communities
Leverage historic tax credits.	3	Absolutely yes
Continue to improve Downtown's marketability through aesthetic improvements, wayfinding, and branding.	2	Wayfinding would make a huge difference, especially in increasing tourism.

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<b>STRATEGY A: TARGET PRIORITY SITES FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Improve transit service along commuting corridors in the area as well as establish new stops in and around key locations, i.e., Strategic Opportunity Areas & catalyst sites.	5	Transportation necessity over all
Manage an effective parking system.	4	
Improve code enforcement.	4	
Condemn and demolish blighted properties.	7	
Continue to implement the City's Demolition Sweep program.	2	
Continue working with REV Birmingham to create pop-up events and make temporary streetscape improvements in commercial areas.	2	Yes!
Preserve historic buildings for "cool space."	5	Agree
Consider creating a facade improvement program for commercial structures to encourage property owners to renovate and improve existing facades.	4	
Encourage facade improvements for commercial buildings with a tax abatement program.	5	Smart
<b>STRATEGY B: ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND PANHANDLING IN COMMERCIAL AREAS</b>		
Reduce the presence of panhandlers in commercial areas.	9	<p data-bbox="1045 1304 1507 1438">Five Points Church to stop feeding, overnights, and disposal of goods and services to homeless. Until this happens, there will be a problem.</p> <p data-bbox="1203 1478 1344 1507" style="text-align: center;">Yes, agree!</p> <p data-bbox="1247 1547 1300 1577" style="text-align: center;">Yes!</p>

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<b>STRATEGY B: ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND PANHANDLING IN COMMERCIAL AREAS</b>		
<p>Create a working task force to prevent and eliminate chronic homelessness through monitoring and creation of new programs.</p>	6	<p>Don't invest in them. Get rid of them. They are nothing but opportunists and thieves.</p> <p>Need plans to ensure housing first policies and that all people have access to adequate affordable housing</p> <p>There are a number of organizations working everyday on this, but would love more formal in-kind support from the City. Namely, One Roof and the local Continuum of Care. One Roof is always looking for more partners especially when it comes to increasing the affordable housing supply. Salt Lake City is a good model for ending chronic homelessness.</p>
<b>STRATEGY C: ENCOURAGE, MARKET AND RETAIL BUSINESSES THAT COMPLEMENT EXISTING BUSINESSES.</b>		
<p>Update the City's Future Land Use Map and Zoning Ordinance to allow for mixed-use development in compatible locations.</p>	4	
<p>Explore the feasibility of converting vacant office space to a higher and better use.</p>	1	
<p>Recruit additional entertainment, grocery and retail and shopping options.</p>	6	<p>In Highland Park area, especially in spot where Western Supermarket was.</p>
<p>Encourage mixed-use development to house new retail, restaurants, entertainment venues and owner-occupied housing.</p>	7	<p>No. Enough entertainment. This is life.</p>
<p>Encourage additional grocery store chains to locate within the city.</p>	6	<p>Support community owned and coop groceries</p>
<p>Facilitate the retention and development of grocery stores, neighborhood-based markets, and farmer's markets offering fresh produce in neighborhood centers.</p>	9	<p>Require developers to include food outlet where Western Supermarket was on Highland Avenue.</p>
<p>Establish an entertainment district in Five Points South.</p>	4	

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<b>GOAL #6: UTILIZE CATALYST SITES</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: DISPOSE OF OR REUSE PUBLICLY OWNED SITES</b>		
F.D. McArthur School (2416 17th Avenue North).	5	Neighbors would love to see affordable housing on site
Powell Elementary School (2329 6th Avenue North).	6	Should be owner-occupied homes and coffee shop and day care  This structure must be saved due to its historic significance as the city's first school. Please don't let it suffer from "demolition by neglect."
Kirby Middle School (1328 28th Street North).	3	
Boutwell Auditorium (1930 Reverend Abraham Woods Jr Boulevard).	4	Should be another McWane Children's type museum  Must be preserved
Carraway Hospital (2401 15th Avenue North).	6	Major problem. Obsolete as hospital. Suggest assisted living and senior living in both rentals and condos.  Agreed!  Neighbors fully support the proposed plan
Building Trade Towers (2021 10th Avenue South).	7	Make market condos. Rent parking spaces next door on monthly basis. Introduce balconies. Piazza on ugly parking lot.  Agree  Need to ensure that this is redeveloped to replace housing lost with the fire low income for elderly and people with disabilities
12th Avenue North Corridor	1	



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<b>STRATEGY B: PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CATALYST SITES.</b>		
Patriot Center / Former Social Security Building (2001 12th Avenue North).	0	
Southtown Court (2501 University Blvd).	4	<p>Remove and redevelop as retail and movies. Support CBA</p> <p>Great works HABD</p> <p>Hope 6 projects have repeatedly displaced low-income residents and reduced the overall stock of affordable housing especially centrally/conveniently located housing. Any development plan of Southtown needs to adhere to Community Benefits Agreements and ensure that all residents are cared for prioritizing people’s wellbeing over corporate profits.</p>
Powell Steam Plant (1800 Powell Avenue South).	3	Best site going better. Keep going.
Blocks surrounding Brother Bryan Park (Magnolia Avenue South).	6	<p>Mixed use. Better park. Keep private sector. Re-parcel.</p> <p>Agree</p>
Strip Centers and Surface Parking Lots near Five Points South Intersection (11th Avenue South and 19th Street South)	3	<p>It and adjoining doctor office should redevelop. Three-floor condos with retail on the first floor with quality retail/office. No more bondsman places.</p> <p>Don’t need more spaces or lots. There’s a deck. Make it safe and cheap and ticket on-street parking violations, especially 11th Avenue lots. Constant parking violations. Not enforcement. Sick of it!</p>

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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
<b>GOAL 1: PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF TRANSPORTATION CHOICES.</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: UTILIZE THE COMPLETE STREET ORDINANCE TO INCREMENTALLY EXPAND THE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.</b>		
Implement the Complete Streets Ordinance throughout the Framework Plan Area by formalizing the establishment of a Complete Streets Task Force.	8	
<b>STRATEGY B: BUILD AN INTERCONNECTED PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND TRAIL SYSTEM.</b>		
Implement the Birmingham Sidewalk Master Plan.	10	
Build out segments of off-road trails identified in the Red Rock Ridge and Valley Trail System.	4	
Identifying high priority sidewalks and greenway segments.	6	
Support the development of parks and greenways along Village Creek.	2	
Construct and provide wayfinding signage for greenways and off-road trails (see action in Green Systems).	0	
Construct active transportation routes identified in the B-Active Plan.	6	
Construct active transportation routes on other key roads to provide connections throughout the city.	3	
Work with the Freshwater Land Trust and nearby property owners to construct a greenway connection parallel to 1st Avenue South from 32nd Street South to 41st Street South.	5	
Enhance pedestrian and alternative mode connectivity and wayfinding within and between the Lakeview and Pepper Place districts.	1	
Provide bike racks at all public facilities.	5	
<b>STRATEGY C: MAKE TARGETED INVESTMENTS TO MOVE VEHICLES MORE EFFICIENTLY.</b>		
Alleviate congestion at key bottlenecks.	3	roundabouts to replace traffic lights
Develop a Citywide Truck Management Plan.	3	

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<b>STRATEGY D: REDUCE CONGESTION BY MANAGING TRAVEL DEMAND</b>		
Develop, implement, and support a comprehensive transportation demand management program.	2	
Reform parking requirements to encourage the use of alternative modes.	1	Do not reduce parking regulations for developers unless people quit using cars.
<b>STRATEGY E: SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATIONS</b>		
Link transit and land use.	5	Relax parking requirements
Support BRT and local bus service with first and last-mile connections.	4	Neighborhood circulars
Provide targeted incentives for transit-conducive development.	3	We need a transit-oriented development plan
Enhance bus stops amenities and technology.	1	
<b>GOAL 2: RE-THINK THE RIGHT-OF-WAY</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: MANAGE THE CURB</b>		
Develop a curbside management plan for the City Center.	1	What does this mean?? Yes please do this!
Recycle excess roadway capacity.	6	Where is there any excess roadway capacity, Not on the southside!? Put bike lanes on 5th ave S
Utilize the curb to activate the street.	4	What does this mean?? Yes please do this!
Develop a valet services policy and permitting system.	2	Yes. Residential permits and enforcement. No Valets
<b>STRATEGY B: MANAGE PARKING</b>		
Develop a parking management program for the Framework Area.	3	Parkside. 5 pts South commercial/ retail district
Efficiently allocate parking supply with demand-based parking pricing.	2	
Unbundle parking requirements from zoning & development regulations.	3	
Develop a residential parking permit program for neighborhoods with limited supply.	7	Bad Idea. Please do this downtown!
<b>STRATEGY B: MANAGE PARKING</b>		
Strategy C: Prepare system for emerging technologies		
Integrate shared mobility organizations into the transportation planning framework.	3	

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<b>STRATEGY B: MANAGE PARKING</b>		
Prevent dockless mobility “clutter” by deploying mobility corrals.	4	Very important, especially around railroad park.  There needs to be tight regulation of the numbers of scooters in that case ideally 0 scooters at all
<b>GOAL 3: PROVIDE A SAFE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN A STATE OF GOOD REPAIR</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: IMPROVE TRAVEL SAFETY FOR ALL USERS</b>		
Protect pedestrians on neighborhood streets with appropriate traffic calming measures.	7	Yes Please!  Police officers go too fast for pedestrian safety in neighborhoods
Evaluate potential crash mitigation techniques at high-crash locations	4	
Provide accessible, safe crosswalks at targeted intersections.	6	Yes especially downtown @ high traffic areas.
<b>STRATEGY B: CREATE GREAT STREETS AND STREETSCAPES</b>		
Develop a City Streetscape Master Plan to ensure safe, attractive, vibrant and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.	7	
Establish attractive, green and welcoming gateways at major entry points to the city through a combination of plantings, landscaping, and built elements.	3	
Improve streetscaping along Greensprings Highway and 12th Avenue North.	5	The Bham portion Greensprings HWY is hideously ugly the commercial portions need to be rezoned and code enforcement needs to visit. : Greensprings just maintain it & enforce litter laws.
Improve traffic flow, safety and aesthetics with careful access management along commercial corridors.	2	

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<b>STRATEGY C: MAINTAIN CITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN A STATE OF GOOD REPAIR</b>		
Utilize the SMART Resurfacing pavement management system to guide road resurfacing projects.	4	Equitable road paving funds should be allocated across the district
Repair damaged and antiquated storm drainage infrastructure.	10	Southside's storm sewers need a major overhaul. Half of them are stopped up or collapsed underground. Covers break too easily.
<b>FUTURE LAND USE</b>		
<b>GOAL #1: NEW GROWTH IS SUPPORTED BY INSISTING ON QUALITY DEVELOPMENTS AND BY PROMOTING DESIRED LAND USE PATTERNS THAT ALLOW FOR A VARIETY OF COMPATIBLE USES</b>		
<b>STRATEGY A: ENCOURAGE A MIX OF USES</b>		
Promote mixed-use development in and around identified Strategic Opportunity Areas.	5	No interest in mixed use in Glen Iris unless its along the highway. We have all the apartments we can stand!  Agree!  True!
Enable Smart Growth policies as the City Center continues to evolve.	2	Good idea for walkable, cyclable neighborhoods. Cars are overrated!  Yes!(2)
Promote form-based and urban design regulations in and around mixed-use areas.	5	Form based design is good need to maintain uniformity in neighborhoods



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<b>STRATEGY A: ENCOURAGE A MIX OF USES</b>		
Encourage any future large-scale multifamily developments to be built as a component within mixed-use districts (MXD).	8	Not interested in more large-scale multifamily except in MXD. Need infill single family and duplex, conversion of 50s and 60s apartments to quality housing  Correct!
Encourage the development of medium-density infill housing to achieve a mix of housing types and a range of price points, such as cottage sized single-family homes, townhomes, duplexes, condos and lofts.	6	We already have a variety of housing types/range of prices. Eliminating the cheap 1960s apartment buildings that are turned sideways on former single-family lots is a priority!  Agree!  Correct  Need to ensure a range of centrally-located affordable housing options, so that low-moderate income folks can live and work in this area
Promote the conversion of much of the Downtown Core from Mix-Use Downtown to Mix-Use High	5	Don't need high rises I like high rises
Support the addition of Mix-Use Medium and Mix-use High in various locations in the Northside/Southside Area	4	No
<b>Strategy A: ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES REFLECT AND IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</b>		
Adopt and implement the City of Birmingham's Character-Based Code and Design Guidelines	6	Expand site plan review authority and design review board at selected areas. They are doing good at Avondale, etc.

### 3RD OPEN HOUSE

The 3rd Open House for the Northside Southside Framework Plan was held on the following date:

- **Northside Southside Community Meeting:** October 27, 2020 @ Boutwell Auditorium , 6 attendees

The purpose of the meetings was to present the final draft of the Framework Plan, including **Appendix C: Strategic Opportunity Areas**, as well as changes to the Proposed Future Land Use Map and Proposed Zoning Map. Staff from the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) and the City of Birmingham were on hand to aid participants and to answer questions. The meeting was broken up into the following stations:

- Chapter Overview Banners (see the project website, no comments recieved)
- Strategic Opportunity Area Boards (see the project website, no comments recieved)
- Proposed Future Land Use Map
- Proposed Zoning Map

Comments recieved for the Proposed Future Land Use Map and Proposed Zoning Map are listed on pages **140-143**.



Citizens participate at the third Northside Southside Open House on October 27, 2020

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**Chapter Overview Banners**

Chapter Overview Banners were provided at the Open House for attendees to review. Copies of the banners can be found on the project website.

**Strategic Opportunity Area Summary Boards (see the project website, no comments recieved)**

Two Strategic Opportunity Areas were drafted for the Northside Southside Framework Plan, including the 12th Avenue North Corridor (Northside Community) and the Sloss industrial Arts Strategic Opportunity Area (Southside Community). At the meeting, summary boards for each area were provided and participants were asked to provide comments. No comments were received. Copies of the summary boards, as well as [Appendix C: Strategic Opportunity Areas](#) can be found on the project website.

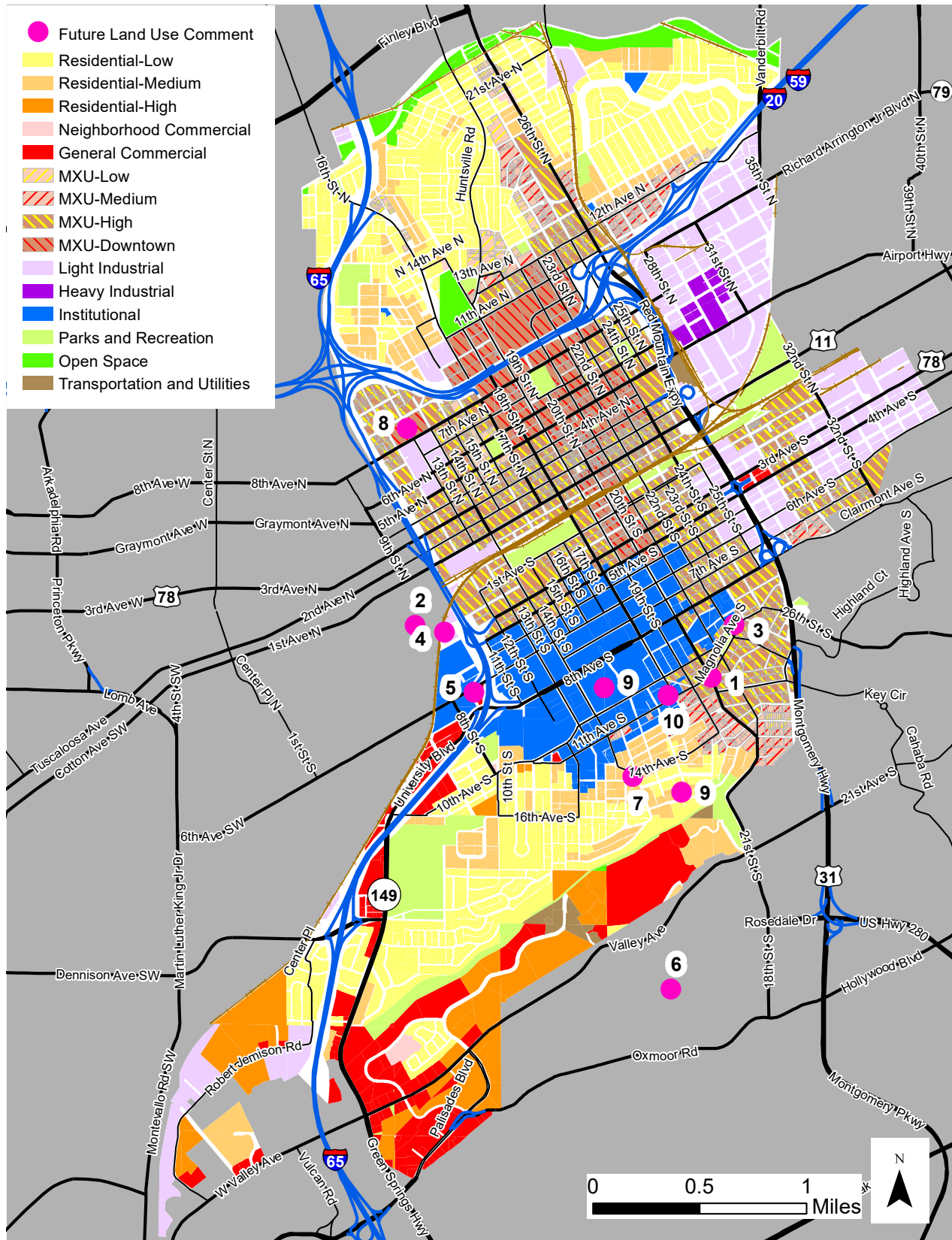
**Proposed Future Land Use Map**

Meeting attendees were asked to provide feedback on the Proposed Future Land Use Map (see [Figure 2.13](#)) by placing a numbered dot on a large-scale map and providing a written comment. The following comments were received.

1. Five-Points South Historic District: Change MXU-High to MXU-Medium due to the Historic District. Consider adding the historic district boundaries to the Future Land Use Map.
2. Consider creating an additional institutional category to differentiate the University of Alabama at Birmingham's properties from other institutions, like churches.
3. Northeast corner of Magnolia Avenue and 22nd Street South – wrong designation, review and change from institutional.
4. Check property ownership data – I believe this light industrial parcel is owned by UAB and should be changed to institutional.
5. This church located at the southeast corner of 6th Avenue South looks like it belongs to UAB (see comment #2 above).
6. Consider adding public institutions to the Future Land Use Map.
7. Update the color of the Neighborhood Commercial Category... Right now it looks too similar to Light Industrial.
8. Can this be changed to MXU-High instead of MXU-Downtown?
9. Consider showing pedestrian corridors from UAB northward and southward into the neighborhood from the campus green.
10. One block of 19th between 10th Avenue South and 11th Avenue South (next to Mid-town) model after Lombard Street in San Francisco.



FIGURE 2.13: Proposed Future Land Use Map for the Northside Southside Area



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**Proposed Zoning Map**

Meeting attendees were asked to provide feedback on the Proposed Zoning Map (see [Figure 2.14](#)) by placing a numbered dot on a large-scale map and providing a written comment. No comments were received.



FIGURE 2.14: Proposed Zoning Map for the Northside Southside Area

