



# Youth Summit Engagement Summary

August 2025



# Purpose of This Document

- This is an extensive resource that summarizes feedback from the Plan Detroit Youth Summit
- This is intended to help illustrate the feedback received from youth participants, as well as help understand if the Master Plan is achieving the youth's vision for the future



# Youth Summit





# Participant Overview



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**2 Days @ the Pistons  
Performance Center**



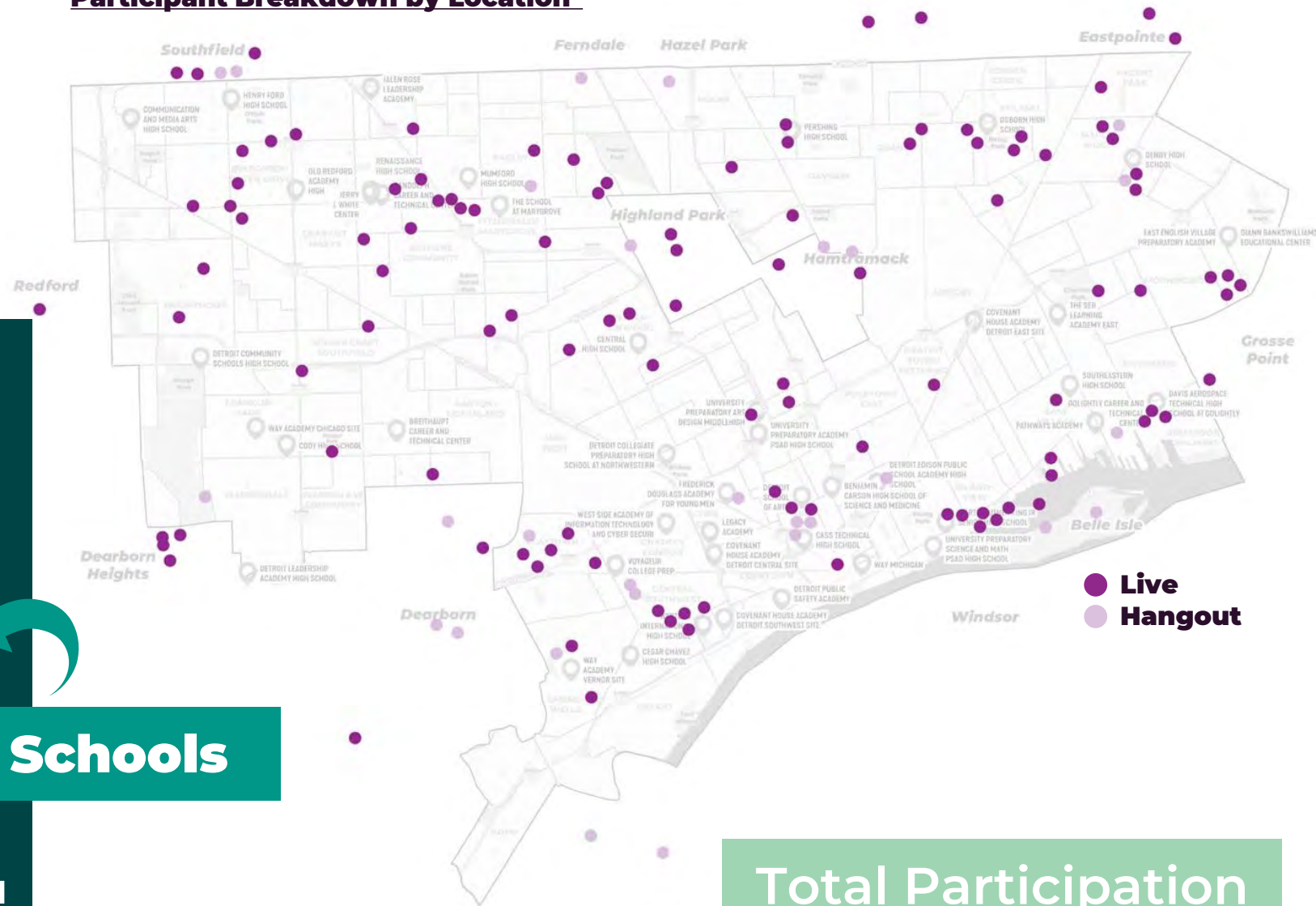


# Youth Summit Participants

**Academy of Americas High School**  
**Cass Tech High School**  
**Davis Aerospace High School**  
**Denby High School**  
**Detroit School of the Arts**  
**Detroit Edison Public School Academy**  
**Detroit International Academy**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. High School**  
**Mumford High School**  
**Northwestern High School**  
**Osborn High School**  
**Pershing High School**  
**Renaissance High School**  
**Southeastern High School**  
**The School @ Marygrove High School**  
**University Prep Art & Design High School**  
**UPREP Academy**  
**Western International High School**

**18 Schools**

## Participant Breakdown by Location\*



**Total Participation**  
**141 young people**









# Data Collection & Analysis Methodology



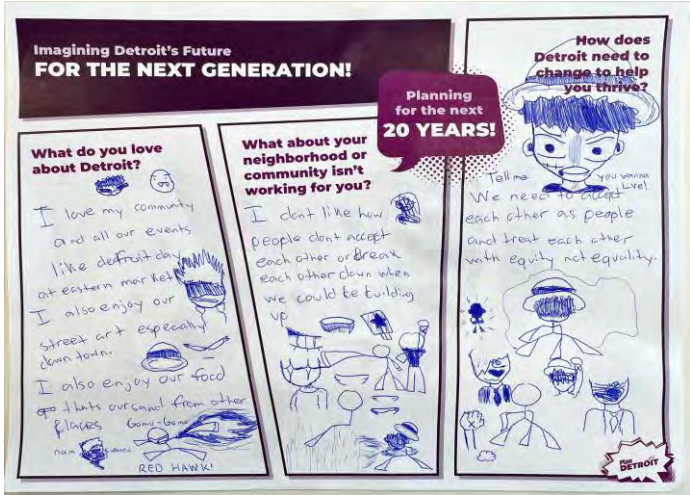


# Data Collection – Types of Information

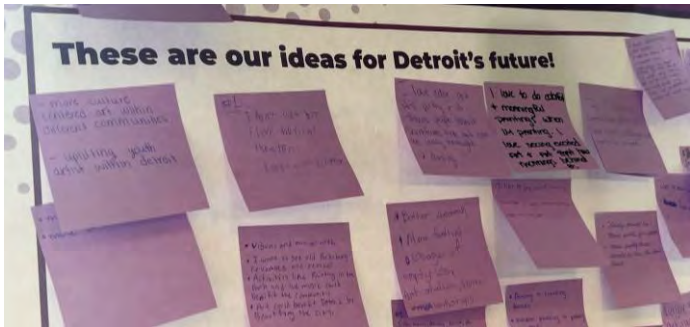
Data Category	Data Type	Example
Demographics		
Location	Spatial (point)	“I live in Marygrove and work Downtown” <i>(indicated with two points on map)</i>
Dream Sheets		
What do you love about Detroit?	Qualitative	“I love that at times the community can come together and have fun and enjoy themselves” <i>(written on their dream sheet)</i>
What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?	Qualitative	“The violence” <i>(written on their dream sheet)</i>
What does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?	Qualitative	“Giving the youth of Detroit more chances to have a voice concerning the changes the city makes” <i>(written on their dream sheet)</i>
Topic-Based Discussion		
Facilitator Notes	Qualitative	“All the ‘good’ rec centers are far away” <i>(written on facilitator notetaking sheets)</i>
Participant Notes	Qualitative	“More organized activities at the parks” <i>(written on post-it notes)</i>

# Data Examples

## Dream Sheets



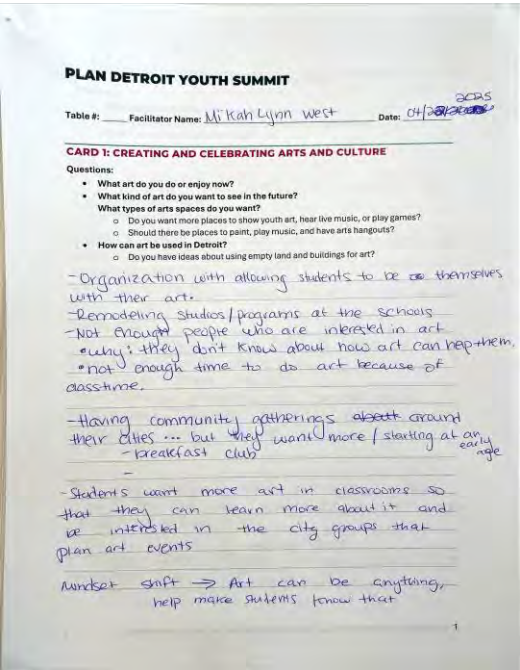
## Participant Post-It Notes



## Neighborhood Map of Where Attendees Live/Hangout



## Facilitator Notes



# What Questions Are We Trying to Answer?

## **Dream Sheets**

What do young people love about Detroit? What about their neighborhood or community isn't working for them? What does Detroit need to change to help them thrive?

Do the vision and values statements for the master plan need to be adapted to better reflect the youth vision?

## **Facilitator Notes**

## **Participant Post-It Notes**

What are the big ideas that the youth have for the future of Detroit? What do they need now that they don't have access to?

## **Neighborhood Map of Where Attendees Live/Hangout**

Where were the young people coming from who participated?



# Methods for Demographic Data

Maps were scanned and digitized to represent where participants live/work and what age range they fall into



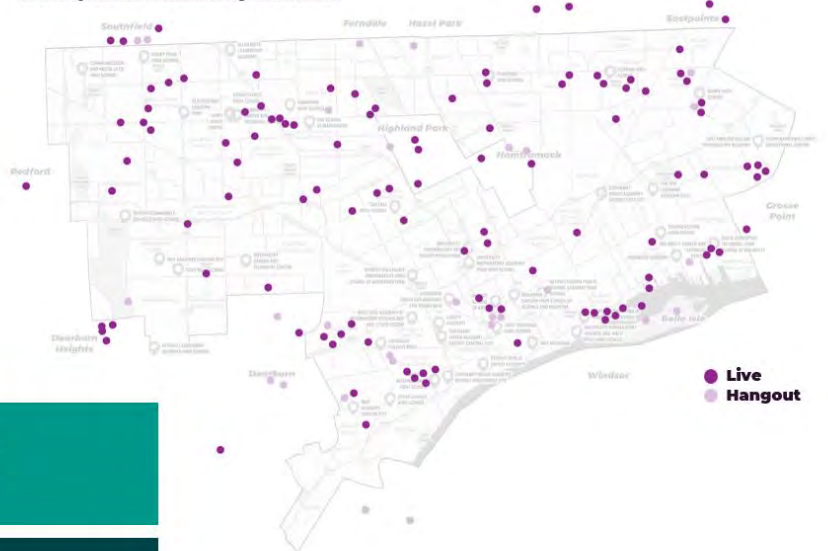
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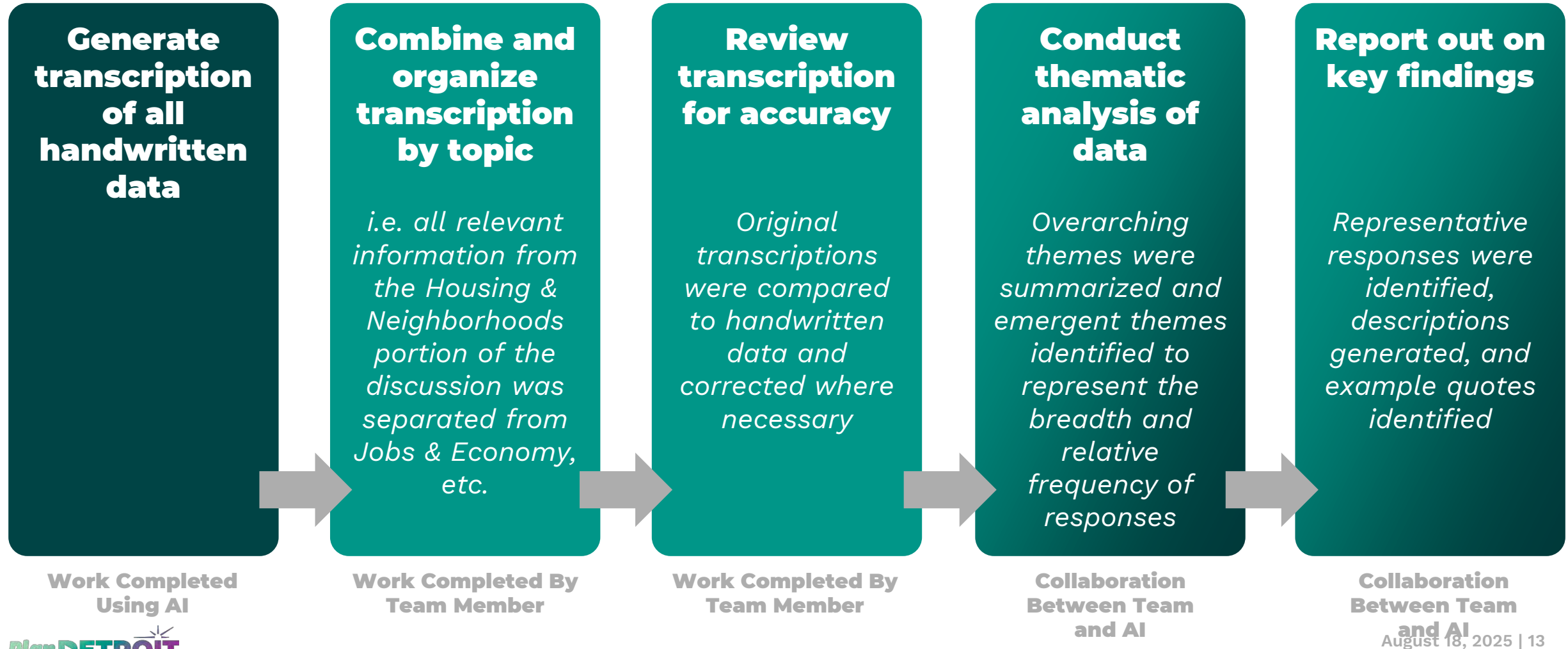
**16+ high schools**

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**Participant Breakdown by Location\***



# Methods for Dream Sheets & Topic-Based Discussions



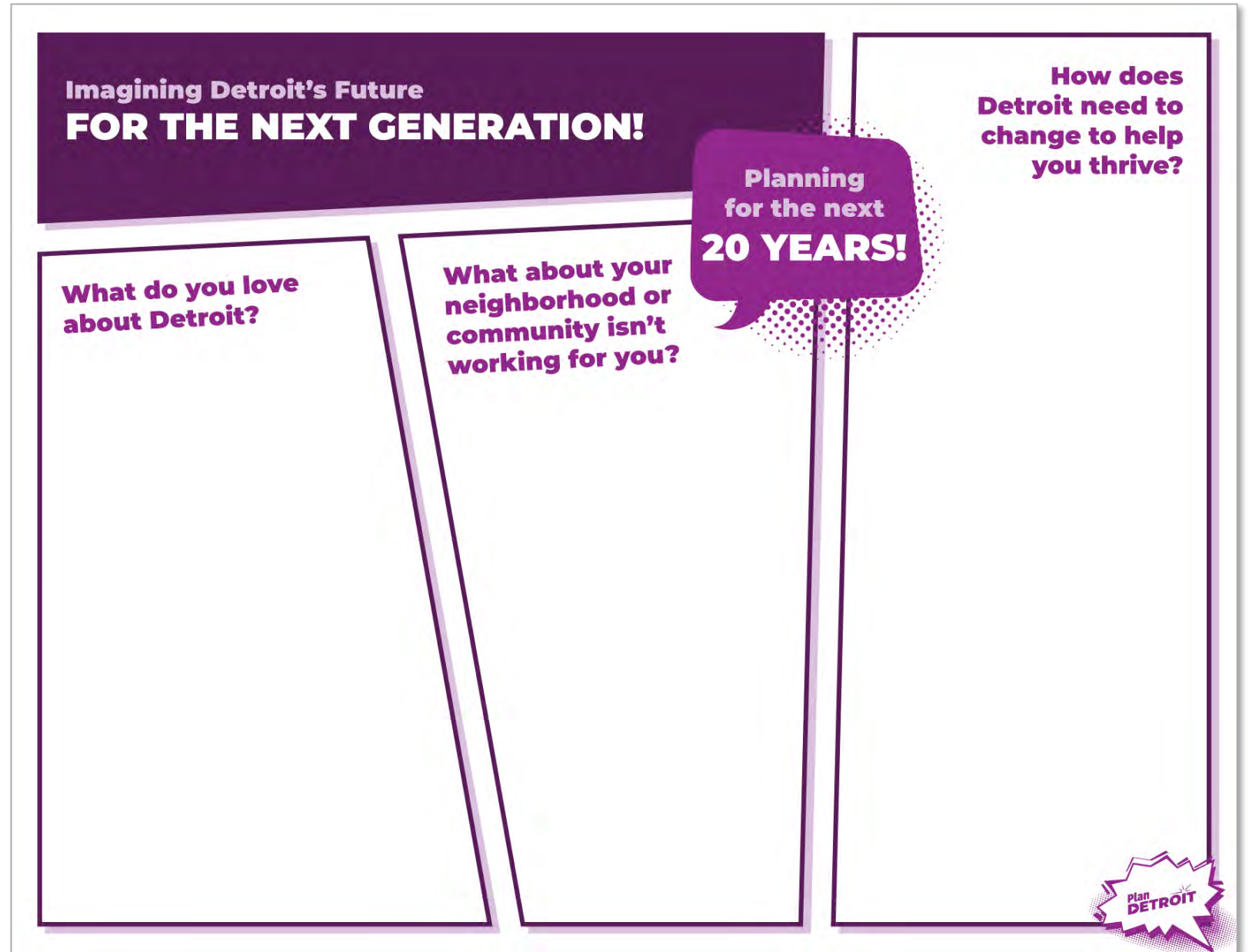


# Dream Sheets





## A group of young people are seated around a dark table in a modern, brightly lit room. They appear to be in a meeting or discussion. One person is wearing a large, colorful wig with red, blue, and white feathers. A sign on the wall in the background reads "Welcome to the First Annual YOUTH SUMMIT!". The room has large windows and a glass partition.



# Emerging Themes

Emerging themes across  
**484 responses** on the Youth Dream  
Sheets were identified

## **Safety & Freedom from Violence**

Reducing gun violence, crime, dangerous driving and slow police response so youth feel secure in streets, parks and buses.

## **Welcoming, Well-Kept Parks & Recreation Spaces**

Clean, well-maintained parks and rec centers — with lighting, updated equipment and programs — as everyday hangout spots.

## **Reliable & Affordable Transit & Mobility**

Smooth roads, walkable sidewalks, and on-time, affordable busses so young people can get around safely and easily.

## **Safe, Stable Housing & Neighborhoods**

Safe, stable homes and blocks – free of vacancy and blight – where families can stay and thrive

## **Youth Jobs & Economic Opportunity**

Access to teen jobs, paid training, and fair wages so young people can build wealth and careers locally.

## **Arts, Culture, Events, & Expression**

Music, murals, sporting events, and festivals that celebrate Detroit's identity and give youth creative outlets.

## **Vacant Land Activation & Green Spaces**

Turning empty lots into gardens, greenways or play spaces that add beauty and community value.

## **Youth Voice in City Decision Making**

Youth having real seats, transparency, and follow-through in city decisions and budgeting for what happens in their communities.

## **Community Pride & Belonging**

A welcoming, diverse social fabric where people support and recognize one another as Detroiters.

## **Education & Schools**

High-quality teaching, safe facilities and programs that prepare students for college and careers.

## **Healthy & Accessible Food**

Easy, affordable access to fresh and culturally relevant food, with fewer liquor stores and junk food outlets.

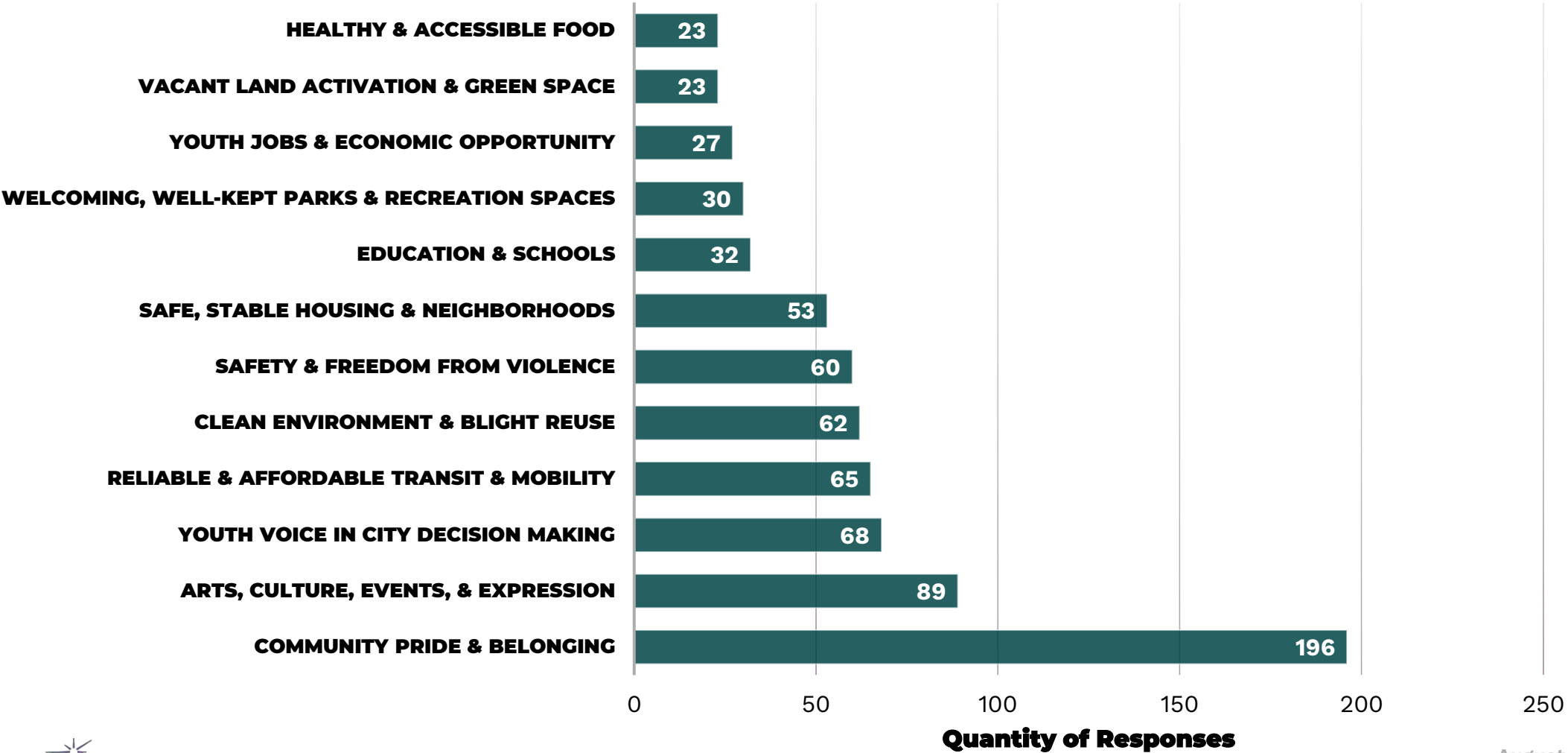
## **Clean Environment & Blight Reuse**

Cleaning trash and abandoned structures and repurposing them into productive community uses.

Emerging Themes: What Were the Youth Saying Overall

Emerging themes across **484 responses** on the Youth Dream Sheets were identified

# Emerging Themes





# Community Pride & Belonging

**A welcoming, diverse social fabric where people support and recognize one another as Detroiters.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Young people admire and celebrate that Detroit is welcoming and diverse, with a strong sense of pride, community, and coming together as one.

*"I love the community. When you find out someone is from Detroit, there's an instant connection. We look out for each other in ways other states, even countries, cannot understand."*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn't working for you?

Although most young people celebrated Detroit's community, others feel that there are not people in their community that are their age and there is a lack of community involvement.

*"There's not people my age in my neighborhood."*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people want to see more teen led spaces, better role models, support for youth education and programming, and greater access to resources and opportunities.

*"I feel as if Detroit is a place where people often lose hope and think everything is impossible. But, I know that there are endless possibilities and I can put my mind to any of them."*

# Arts, Culture, Events, & Expression

**Music, murals, sports fandom, and festivals that celebrate Detroit's identity and give youth creative outlets.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Young people love and celebrate their culture, community, and history of Detroit rooted in spirit, art, and expression. To young people, Detroit has a vibe.

*"I love the people, the music, the culture, and everything about it."*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn't working for you?

A few young people feel like there aren't enough events and activities to do within their community.

*"The lack of fun stuff for teens to do."*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people want to grow the activities in their community with teen-led spaces and more interactive experiences.

*"Increase job opportunities."  
"I feel like the pay rate needs to be raised to make a livable wage."*

# Youth Voice in City Decision Making

**Youth having real seats, transparency, and follow-through in city decisions and budgeting for what happens in their communities.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Some young people believe that Detroit is a place of spirit and opportunity, where the city is involved and youth have opportunities for better their futures.

*"I love the amount of opportunities presented to the youth for bettering futures."*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn't working for you?

Other young people believe that there are not enough opportunities or support for communities.

*"I feel as if the opportunity isn't working for me...I believe that the environment you grow up in, you don't grow out of."*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people desire a future where there is more outreach, more opportunities to engage and empower youth, and better leadership to guide the city forward.

*"Giving the youth of Detroit more chances to have a voice concerning the changes the city makes."*



# Reliable & Affordable Transit & Mobility

**Smooth roads, walkable sidewalks, and on-time, affordable busses so young people can get around safely and easily.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Most youth we spoke to said they do not take transit. Those that do said that they believe it is accessible and easy to navigate.

*“Can take the bus almost anywhere.”*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?

Most young people felt that roads in their communities are filled with potholes, unsafe sidewalks, streets in need of repair, and transportation that isn’t reliable.

*“The infrastructure. The roads are poorly kept. Public transit is nonexistent and construction takes forever to accomplish nothing.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people express a desire to see roads repaired, vacant lots and buildings along major streets filled or repurposed, and better transportation.

*“A better schedule for DDOT and better roads and buildings.”*

# Clean Environment & Blight Reuse

**Cleaning trash and abandoned structures and repurposing them into productive community uses.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

*Young people did not have any responses that indicated “clean environment & blight reuse” as something they love about Detroit*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn't working for you?

Young people see abandoned houses and buildings, dirty and broken streets, vacancy, and trash in their communities.

*“The empty and abandoned houses. They could all be put to use to better the city.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people envision a future with less litter on the streets, less air pollution, and cleaning up properties and abandoned buildings.

*“Less litter on the streets.”*

# Safety & Freedom from Violence

**Reducing gun violence, crime, dangerous driving and slow police response so youth feel secure in streets, parks and buses.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Only one young person spoke of peace that they enjoy in their neighborhood.

*"The peace!"*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn't working for you?

Young people experience crime, trash, and violence within their communities.

*"Something that's not working for me is just the violence. I just feel like no one should walk around scared."*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people demand responsibility from their neighbors and community to clean up after themselves, take pride in their neighborhood appearance, and end violence.

*"People need to be a lot more responsible, cleaning up after themselves, not lashing out after an argument, and taking care of their neighborhood."*

# Safe, Stable Housing & Neighborhoods

**Safe, stable homes and blocks – free of vacancy, blight, and displacement – where families can stay and thrive**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Only two young people spoke of the beautiful homes in their neighborhood.\*

\*More young people discussed their homes and neighborhoods in the specific “Housing & Neighborhoods” discussion. This count is just a reflection of the “Imagining Detroit’s Future Dream Sheets” exercise.

*“What I love about Detroit is the downtown and really nice houses in my neighborhood.”*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?

Many young people pointed out the presence of abandoned homes in their neighborhoods and the lack of affordable housing.

*“The amount of abandoned houses and lots.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people imagine a future with more funding, better and more affordable housing, less abandonment, and support for the unhoused in their communities.

*“Make housing more affordable.”*



# Education & Schools

**High-quality teaching, safe facilities and programs that prepare students for college and careers.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

A few young people enjoy the programs and education they have access to.

*“Education opportunities for college like Detroit promise and such.”*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?

Some young people believe that their school systems are not strong and resources are not evenly split between schools.

*“I feel like resources for schools or programs aren’t divided evenly throughout schools.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people demand better education, higher quality schools, and greater focus on education and programming.

*“Higher quality schools and resources.”*

# Welcoming, Well-Kept Parks & Recreation Spaces

**Clean, well-maintained parks and rec centers—with lighting, updated equipment and programs—as everyday hangout spots.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Many young people enjoy the Detroit Riverwalk, Belle Isle, Campus Martius, and the ability to walk around.

*“Something I love about Detroit is the River Walk and the general ability to always find something new to do.”*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?

Not all young people have parks in their community to hangout at, and for those that do, their parks are not always clean and have crime present.

*“Something that’s not working for me is just the violence. I just feel like no one should walk around scared.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people want to see parks cleaned up and upgraded with better equipment and amenities, events at the park for community, and utilizing abandoned spaces for additional green spaces.

*“I would say more events and things for the people in the city to come together, things like more parks.”*

# Youth Jobs & Economic Opportunity

**Access to teen jobs, paid training, and fair wages so young people can build wealth and careers locally.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Innovation and opportunity was only mentioned once by young people.

*"Innovation"*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn't working for you?

Young people stated that there aren't many available jobs close by, there are financial disparities between communities, and that opportunities are limited.

*"There aren't many available jobs near me."*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people want to increase opportunities for jobs, have access to education that would prepare them for future careers, and create livable wages.

*"Increase job opportunities."  
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# Vacant Land Activation & Green Space

Turning empty lots into gardens, greenways or play spaces that add beauty and community value.

## What do you love about Detroit?

Only one young person mentioned loving the garden in their community.

*“Community garden”*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?

Young people talked about the empty lots and empty parking lots in their community, impacting how beautiful they feel their environment looks.

*“I wish the environment was prettier to look at, then maybe people would feel the need to respect it more and keep it clean.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

Young people imagine a future with more trees, green spaces, and places to gather their community together.

*“Using the empty spots to build new spots like gyms, fun places to bond with the community.”*



# Healthy & Accessible Food

**Easy, affordable access to fresh and culturally relevant food, with fewer liquor stores and junk food outlets.**

## What do you love about Detroit?

Young people believe that Detroit has a variety of diverse food options and good food to eat.

*“Detroit has some pretty good food.”*

## What about your neighborhood or community isn’t working for you?

A few young people cited concerns that there are a lack of grocery stores in the City and many restaurants are located outside of Detroit.

*“Lack of grocery stores.”*

## How does Detroit need to change to help you thrive?

A few young people desire to see more healthy food options to choose from.

*“More healthy food options.”*



# Creating & Celebrating Arts & Culture



# Emerging Themes

209 responses

## **Adaptive Reuse of Vacant & Abandoned Spaces**

Young people see vacant buildings and empty lots as opportunities, rather than problems, envisioning them transformed into art studios, galleries, community centers, and performance venues

## **Youth-Centered Creative Infrastructure**

Young people want dedicated spaces and programs to support their artistic interests, including teen-led art spaces, affordable studios, performance spaces, and dance studios in recreation centers

## **Cultural Representation & Community Identity**

Young people want to see Detroit's arts and culture reflect the City's true diversity through better representation and celebration of community identity

## **Accessible Public Art & Placemaking**

Young people would like to see art that is integrated into their daily life and public spaces, including murals, street art and graffiti, and outdoor sculptures in parks and vacant lots

## **Music & Performance**

Music is a huge part of Detroit's heritage and legacy, and young people want to see more music festivals, outdoor concerts, and spaces for music performance to be paired with community activities and events

## **Community Gathering & Social Connection**

Young people see art as an opportunity to build stronger connections with their communities through programming, community festivals, and shared interests

## **Economic & Educational Opportunities Through Arts**

Young people see arts as an opportunity to make programming and education affordable, explore creative industries through job training, and build Detroit's creative economy

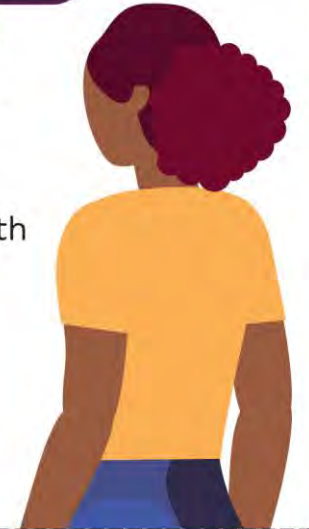
# Discussion Questions

## Creating and Celebrating Arts and Culture



**Let's get the conversation started!**

- What art do you do or enjoy now?
- What kind of art do you want to see in the future? What types of arts spaces do you want?
  - Do you want more places to show youth art, hear live music, or play games?
  - Should there be places to paint, play music, and have arts hangouts?
- How can art be used in Detroit?
  - Do you have ideas about using empty land and buildings for art?



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## What art do you do or enjoy now?

Young people in Detroit have a variety of creative and artistic interests, including dance, poetry, music, drawing, storytelling, doing hair, fashion, mixed media, and so much more.

*"I like music, drawing, dancing, and contemporary art."*

*"I enjoy music because music brings me peace and I feel like I am free."*

## What kind of art do you want to see in the future? What types of art spaces do you want?

With such a wide variety of interests, young people want to see art in murals, outdoor art spaces, dance studios, festivals, art museums, open galleries, on the side of buildings, and in teen-led art experiences and spaces.

*"I feel that there should be communities for music and youth art."*

*"Outside art space."*

## How can art be used in Detroit?

Ideas for how art can be used in Detroit include beautifying abandoned spaces and buildings, creating community through festivals and open galleries, and celebrating culture in more live performances and through art education.

*"Community gatherings for exposure and helping the community."*

*"I think empty buildings can become spots where people can share art."*



# Jobs for Today & in the Future



# Emerging Themes

183 responses

**For Jobs Today & in the Future, emerging themes did not serve as a helpful summary tool. Instead, each question has been summarized individually.**

**Let's get the conversation started!**

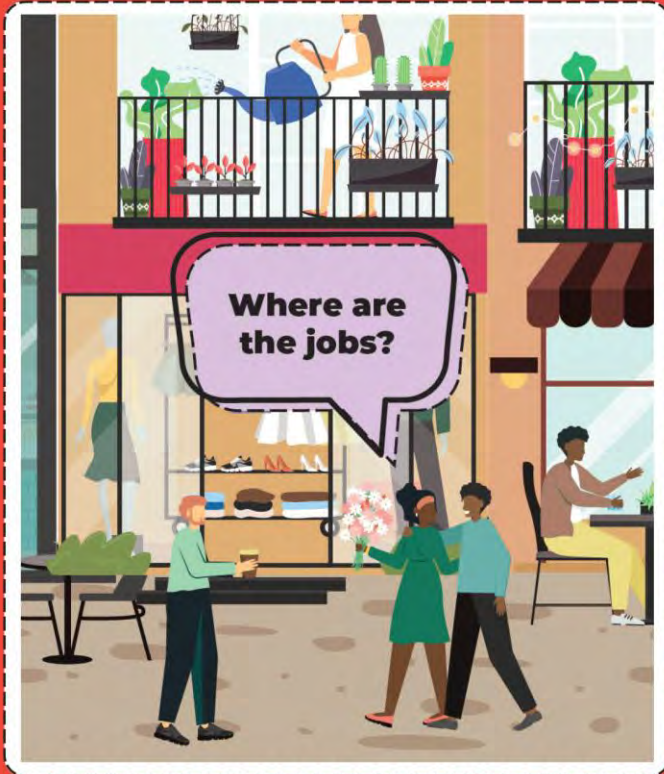
- What job would you like to have in high school today?
- Do you want to own a business? What kind? In your neighborhood?
- What is your dream job in the future?
  - Do you want to work in Detroit?



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# Discussion Questions

## Jobs for Today and in the Future



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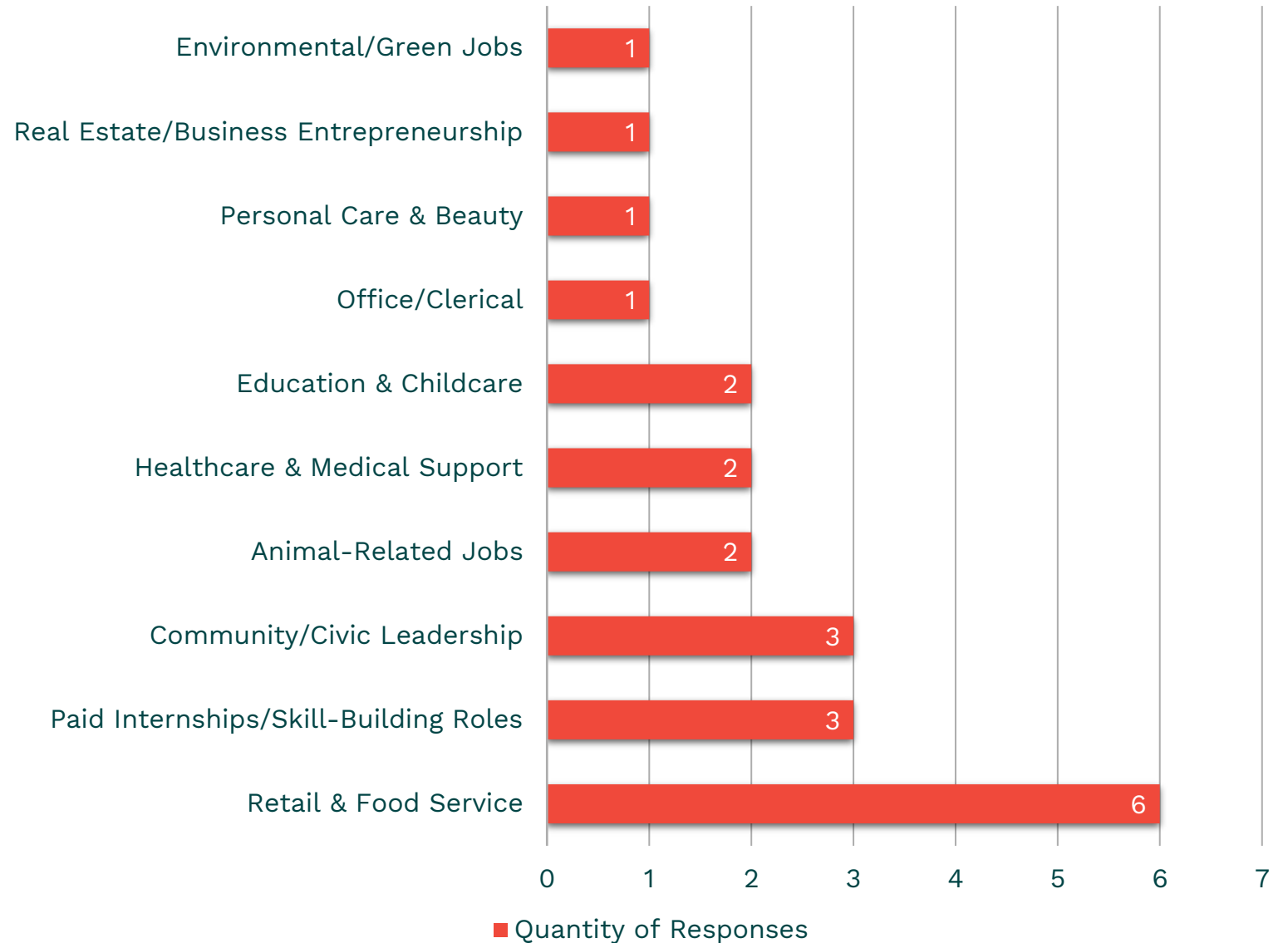


# What job would you like to have in high school today?

Young people seek accessible, low stress, part-time roles or paid internships that build real-world skills. Others also mentioned ideas and job opportunities focused on civic leadership, entrepreneurship, healthcare, beauty, and animal care.

*“Would like to work as a paid intern in my future career field.”*

## High School Jobs Today



## Do you want to work in Detroit?

For those who want to stay in Detroit, they have a strong desire to give back locally, have interests that can be fulfilled in Detroit, and see opportunity within their community.

For those planning on leaving, they feel unsafe in their current neighborhood and believe they will have better opportunities outside the city.

*“I would not stay in Detroit due to lack of opportunity.”*

*“I want to bring more black-owned businesses to Detroit.”*

## Do you want to own a business? What kind? In your neighborhood?

Young people had mixed feelings about whether or not they were interested in owning a business in the future.

For those that were interested in owning a business, many expressed a desire to build a business that would give back to their community.

*“I want to own a business and keep it in my neighborhood.”*

*“I would like to own a business that brings jobs to Detroit and makes it better for surrounding area.”*

# What is your dream job in the future?

Young people in Detroit have a wide variety of aspirations and ideas for their future career paths ranging from skilled trades to doctorate positions.

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Real Estate Agent

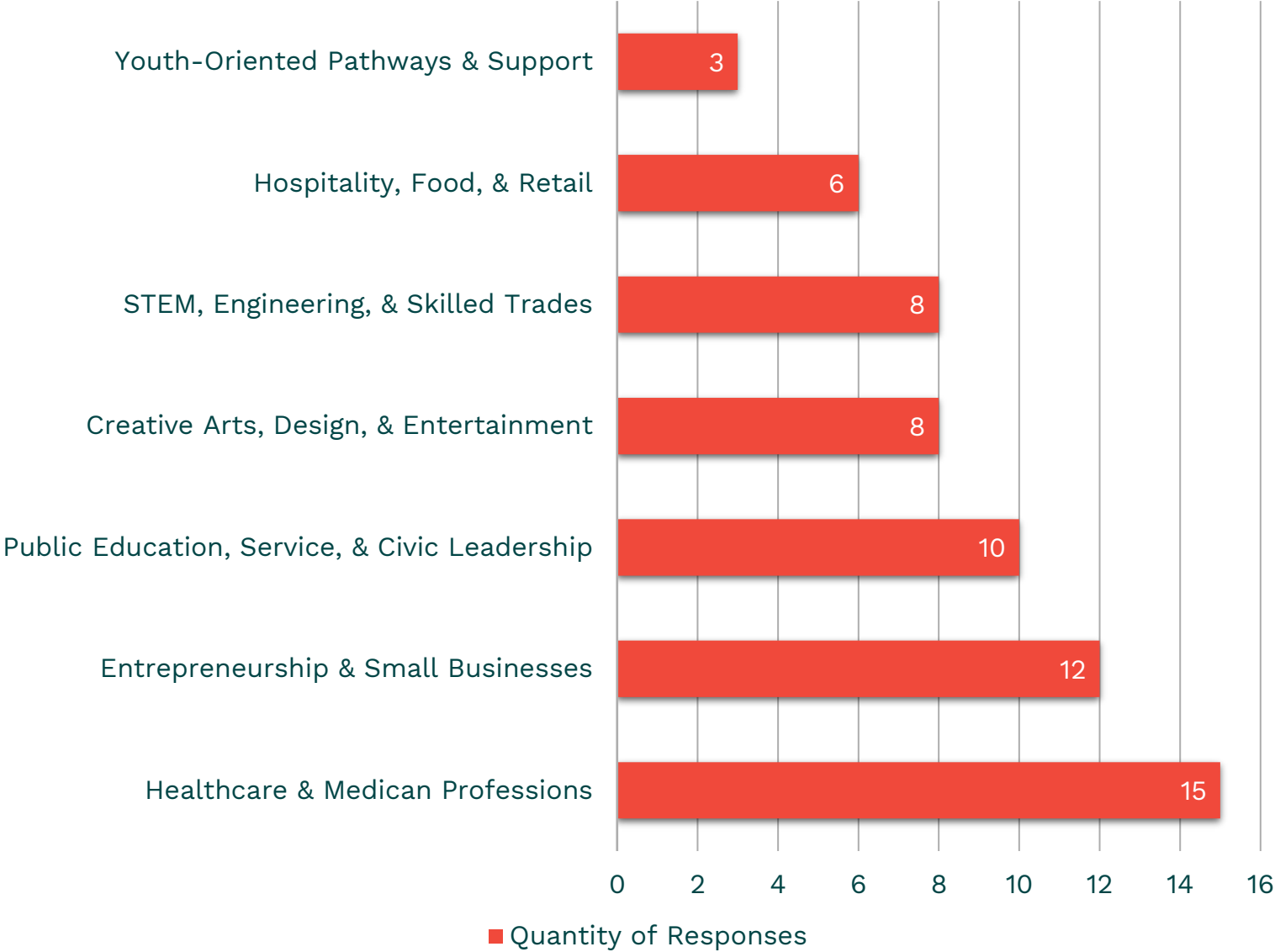
Mechanical Engineer

OBG/YN

Architect

Therapist

## Dream Jobs in the Future





# Getting Around Detroit



# Emerging Themes

243 responses

## **Safety & Security**

Many young people experience unwanted behavior, creepy people, and unsafe abandoned buildings near bus stops. Because of this, they only feel safe when traveling with friends and want to make transit visibly safer.

## **Bus Stop Quality & Amenities**

Young people feel that bus stops today lack benches, shade, charging stations, and maps, while also experiencing long wait times. Young people believe that improvements to bus stop conditions would make transit more enjoyable.

## **Route Access & Clarity**

Most young people have a bus stop within a close walk to their home, but transfers are confusing, and schedules are hard to find and understand. More direct routes to schools and jobs, with easy-to-understand route mapping and timing would increase young people using transit.

## **Multi-Modal & Active Options**

While some young people use the bus today, many wish for protected bike/scooter lanes, e-bikes, light rail, and youth focused transit options.

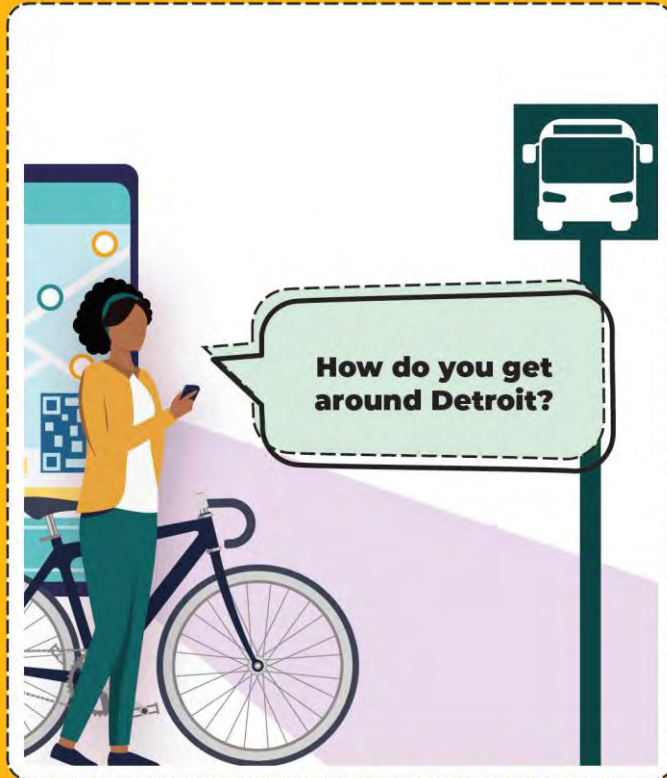
## **Maintenance & Cleanliness**

Dirty bus shelters, litter, and vandalism currently make using the bus feel unsafe and undesirable to young people. They believe a well-maintained environment will reinforce safety, pride, and a willingness to ride the bus.



# Discussion Questions

## Getting Around Detroit



**Let's get the conversation started!**

- **How do you get to school and other places today?**
  - Is it easy to walk in your neighborhood? Do you have good lighting and safe sidewalks?
  - Do you ride a bike to get around? Do you use bike lanes?
- **Do you have close bus stops and bus routes to home and school?**
- **In the future, how do you want to get around the city?**



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## How do you get to school and other places today?

Young people are using a combination of cars (whether they are driving or being driven to school), busses, rideshares (Uber and Lyft), and walking to school

*“My mom takes me or I get a Lyft”*

*“I drive myself to school with my car.”*

## Do you have close bus stops and bus routes to home and school?

Although some young people feel they have access to bus stops and bus routes in their neighborhood, others either don't take the bus, have limited routes close by, or don't believe they have access to the bus at all in their community.

*“I am actually not sure if the bus stops are close.”*

*“Yes, I have close bus stops but could never use them.”*

## In the future, how do you want to get around the city?

Young people responded with aspirations for safer and cleaner public transportation, driving cars of their own, having youth focused public transportation, and using scooters, taxis, trains, bikes, and electric transportation in the future.

*“I would like to take public transportation more often but it is somewhat challenging to understand.”*



# Parks, Recreation, & Empty Spaces



# Emerging Themes

127 responses

## **Safety & Security**

Many young people prefer indoor recreation centers over parks because parks don't feel safe due to the presence of violence, predators, bullying, and unsafe proximity to streets.

## **Cleanliness & Maintenance**

Young people describe parks as currently having dirty shelters, litter, and broken slides that make them not fun to be at. They hope for routine cleaning crews, quick repairs, and freedom from trash, vandalism, and dog waste.

## **Diverse Active-Recreation Amenities**

Currently, young people are playing basketball, soccer, walking, and swinging at parks, but would like to see courts, sports fields, skate/BMX zones, workout stations, and play equipment for older kids.

## **Community Gathering & Programming**

Currently, young people have picnics and cookouts and attend festivals and reunions at parks, and feel safest when parks are filled with people. They would like to see more organized events, food trucks, and shaded pavilions.

## **Greenery, Shade, & Comfort Amenities**

Today, young people relax, catch a vibe, and enjoy nature at parks, but would also like to see more trees, gardens, fruit trees, benches, shade structures, clean restrooms, and water fountains.

# Discussion Questions

## Parks, Recreation, and Empty Spaces



Let's get the  
conversation started!

- What do you do at parks?
- What things should be at parks?
- Do you prefer parks or indoor recreation centers?
- What are some things you don't want to see at parks?



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## What do you do at parks?

Young people do everything from walking and biking to sports and physical activities while they are hanging out at parks. Many also love to have social gatherings, picnics with friends and family, and hangout on the playground.

*“I just walk around and have family barbeques.”*

## Do you prefer parks or indoor recreation centers?

Young people shared interests in both parks and recreation centers, because of the difference in amenities. Some liked parks because of the natural surroundings and being outdoors, while others like rec centers for their accessibility, reliability, and perceived safety.

*“I would prefer both parks and recreational centers”*

## What are some things you don't want to see at parks?

Young people have strong concerns for safety and security (violence, bullying, predators), cleanliness (trash, littering, broken equipment), unsuitable playground materials (metal slides, wood chips), and undesirable public behavior (smoking, drinking).

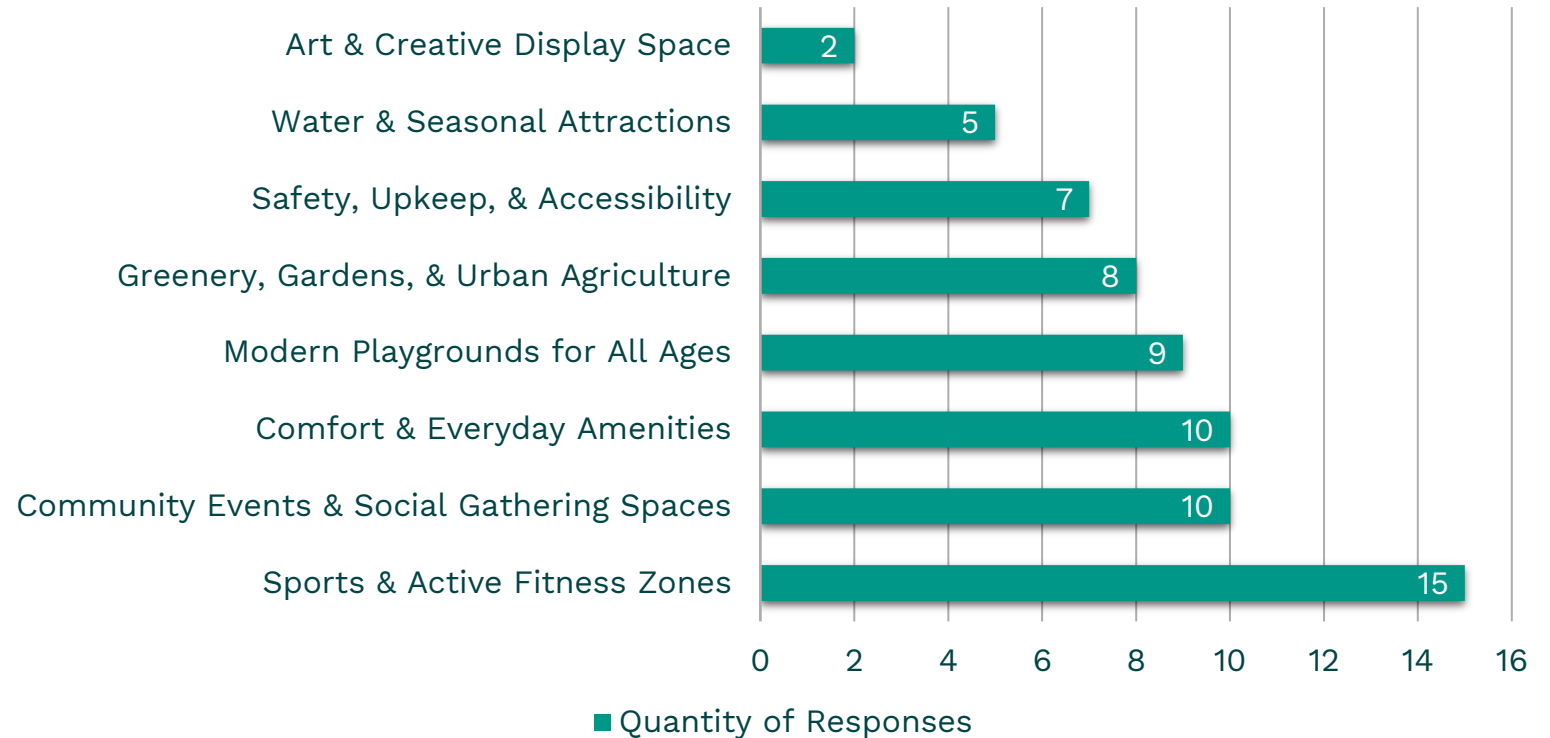
*“Trash and broken equipment and vandalism.”; “Do not want to see trash everywhere.”*

# What things should be at parks?

Young people envision lively, multi-use parks that combine sports and play amenities with gardens, clean facilities, and frequently community events, while ensuring safety, accessibility, and year-round appeal.

*“I want my park to have slides and swing sets and basketball courts and volleyball courts.”*

## Park Amenities



*“Playgrounds and trails with benches, skate parks and basketball court and gym equipment.”*

*“Multi-functional parks for playgrounds and bike trails and grills and benches.”*



# Your Neighborhood & Housing



# Emerging Themes

307 responses

## Safety First

Young people said that gun violence, speeding cars, dark streets, and abandoned houses make communities feel unsafe; they want lights, patrols, speed bumps, and neighbors looking out for each other

## Strong Community Vibe

Young people value friendly neighbors and block events, and ask for more inclusive gatherings, youth-led clean-ups, and block-club support to strengthen belonging

## Fix the Homes & Blight

Young people said that neighborhoods across the city experience vacancy and crumbling houses; they want rehabs, affordable housing, and help for families to stay on their block as they grow older

## Activate Empty Land

Young people see empty lots as opportunities for gardens, pocket parks, sports courts, art works, or housing

## Quality Parks & Youth Amenities

Young people believe that clean, well-lit parks, recreation centers, sports courts, art spaces, and longer hours of operation, all near their homes, are essential to keeping them active in their community

## Local Jobs & Small Business Opportunities

Young people want part time jobs, grants for youth businesses, and storefronts/space for youth businesses

## Reliable, Safe Mobility

Young people want safe sidewalks, bus shelters, and bike lanes to reach school, work, parks, and other places they want to go without fear or long wait times

# Discussion Questions

## Your Neighborhood and Housing



## Let's get the conversation started!

- What's the best thing about your neighborhood?
- What is your dream home?
  - Do you want an older home, newer home, or an apartment?
- What would you change on your block?
- Is there empty land or buildings in your neighborhood? What are your ideas for those?
- What would make you want to stay in your neighborhood when you get older?
- Would you raise a family in your neighborhood? Why or why not?



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## What's the best thing about your neighborhood?

Young people celebrate tight-knit neighbors, quiet and peaceful streets, local businesses, existing parks, and distinctive Detroit housing character.

*"Being able to walk around, having many food options."*

*"Everyone knows everyone."*

## What is your dream home?

Young people described a variety of size homes, in a variety of places and with a mix of modern, old, safe, clean, single family, apartment, etc.

*"My dream house would be an old time house from the 1900's style"*

## What would you change on your block?

Top fixes desired by young people included blight removal, house repairs, street resurfacing, fixing potholes, and reducing violence. They also ask for fresh food, youth programs, and more trees.

*"More healthier food options."*

*"Better roads, more stores, & walking areas, better community interaction."*

## **Is there empty land or buildings in your neighborhood? What are your ideas for those?**

Young people indicated the present of empty land and buildings in their neighborhood, but desired repurposing them for parks, art studios, community gardens, housing for the homeless, etc.

*“Turn these abandoned buildings into spaces for the homeless.”*

## **What would make you want to stay in your neighborhood when you get older?**

Young people root themselves where relationships feel safe and supportive, homes are affordable and well-designed, and there are places to gather, eat, shop, and play.

*“Family, safety, and affordability.”*

## **Would you raise a family in your neighborhood? Why or why not?**

Young people were split down the middle on whether they would raise a family in their neighborhood, with someone admiring their sense of community, and others stressing concerns of safety and opportunity.

*“No, too much violence.”; “Yes, because it’s a safe place and family welcoming.”*

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