

# Public Information Meeting

# **Downtown Riverfront Plan**



# **MEETING ITINERARY:**

#### Presentation on:

- Review Project Progress
- Review Public Survey Results
- Review Draft Master Plan Elements and Programming

Time Available for Feedback and Discussion



# PROJECT SCHEDULE

#### June 2022

Project Kick-Off Site Observations

#### **July 2022**

Public Information Meeting #1 Site Analysis

#### October 2022

Stakeholder Interviews

#### November - December 2022

Public Information Meeting #2 Concept Development

#### January - March 2023

Concept Review + Revision

# TODAY

#### **April 2023**

Strategies + Implementation Meeting
Draft Master Plan + Report
Public Information Meeting #3

#### **Next Steps**

Executive Team Meeting Final Master Plan + Report



#### PROJECT GOALS

**#1 Create and Enhance Public Green Space**Improvements to existing and new public spaces along the river corridor will activate the riverfront

#2 Provide Aesthetic + Structural Improvements
Replacement and rehabilitation of river walls will
provide a safety and aesthetic improvement in
the corridor

#### #3 Consider Flooding + Water Clarity

Providing potential design solutions and recommendations for moving forward with mitigation techniques

#### **#4 Provide Safe Access to the River**

Accessible and safe access to the shoreline through fishing nodes, overlooks and canoe/kayak launches will yield safer access for site users

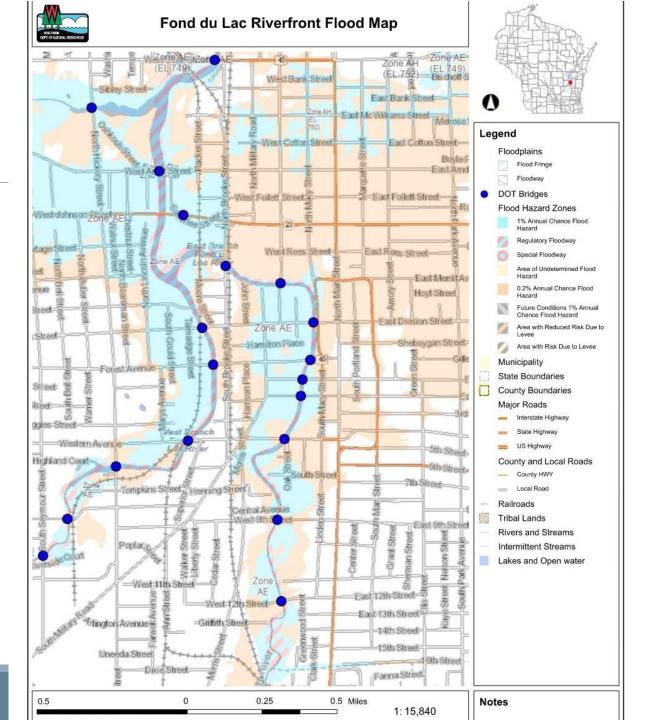


# RIVERFRONT FLOOD MAP

Within the floodway

Flooding is a concern

 Addressing as much as possible within the corridor







# **SHORELINE TREATMENTS MAP**

Many inconsistent existing shoreline conditions

Goal: aesthetic and safety improvements





# STAKEHOLDER AND INITIAL PUBLIC INPUT

#### Throughout the corridor:

- Art (Sculptures, Murals)
- Picnic Areas
- Lighting
- Fishing/Watercraft Access
- Aesthetic Improvements to Shoreline

#### Hamilton Park:

• Bathrooms, Shelter

#### Quic Frez:

- Keep a more naturalized space
- Kayak/Canoe Launch

#### Other

- Some larger event/plaza gathering space
- Repave trail
- Improve Crosswalks/Pedestrian Safety





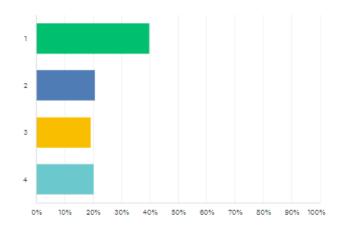
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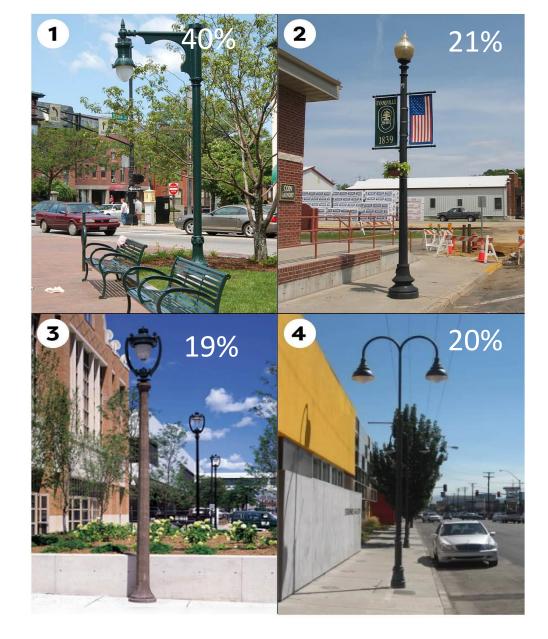
- Ran from February 10<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 967 Responses
- 68.98% of respondents have lived in Fond du Lac for 11+ years



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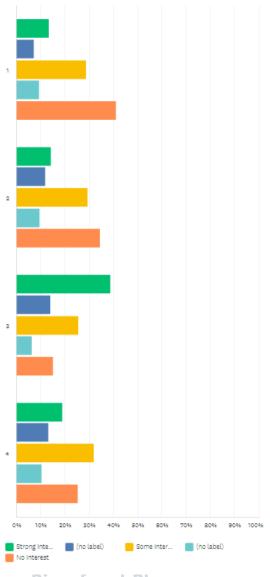






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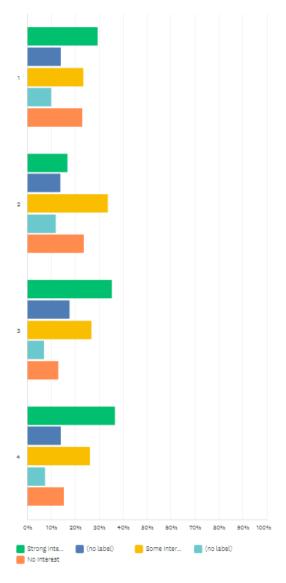


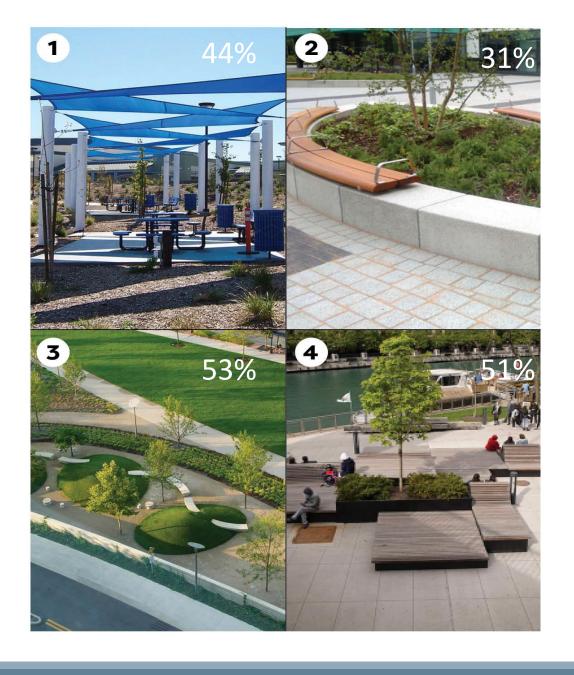




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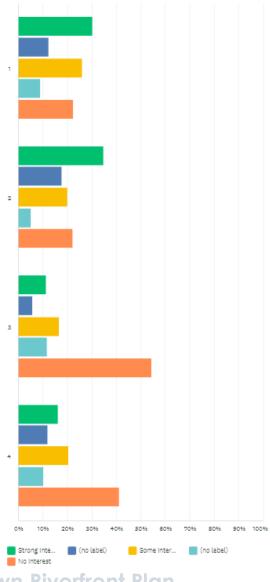


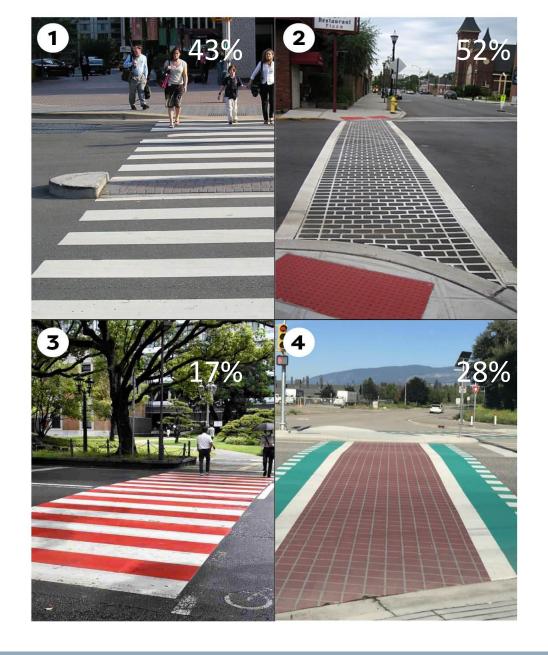




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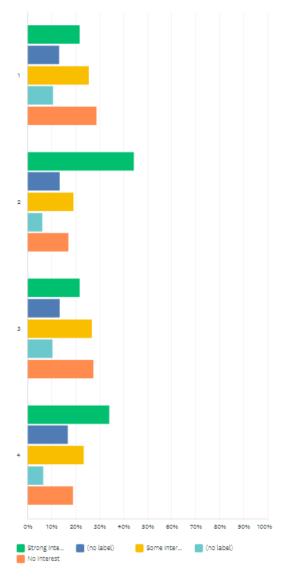






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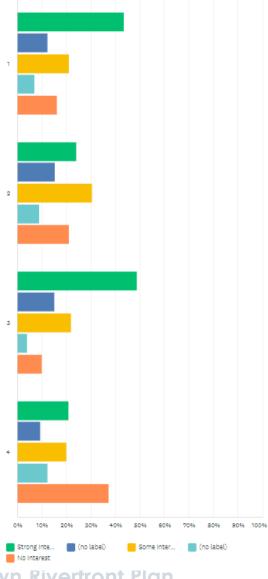




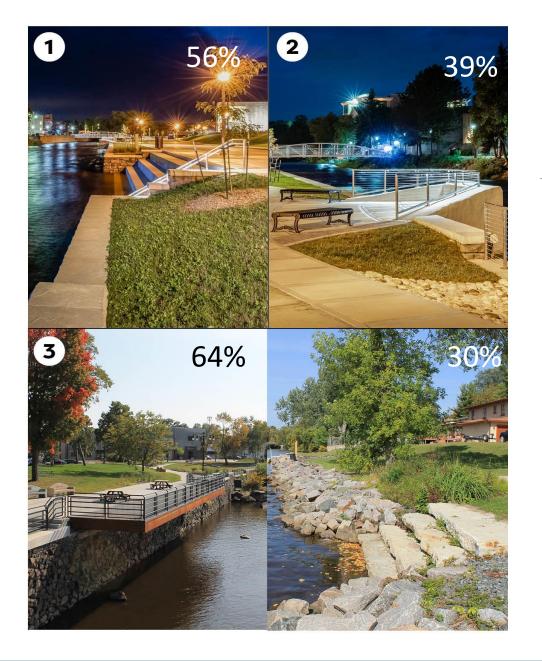


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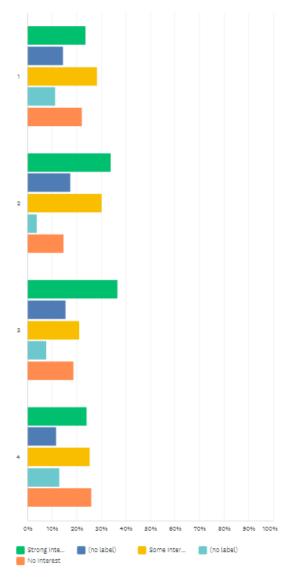


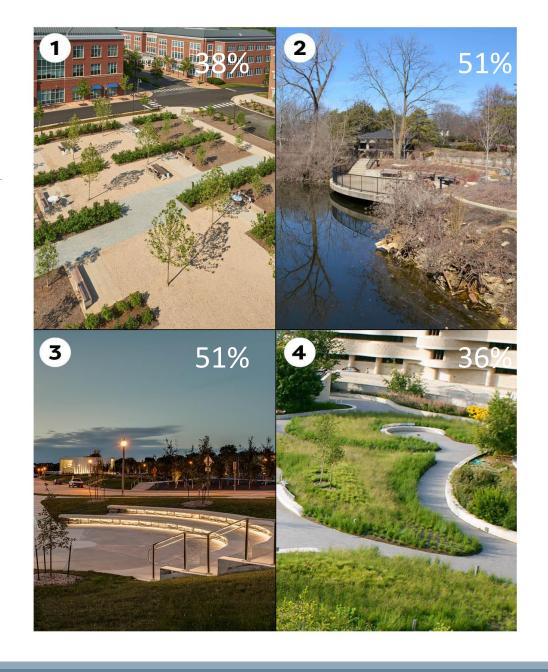




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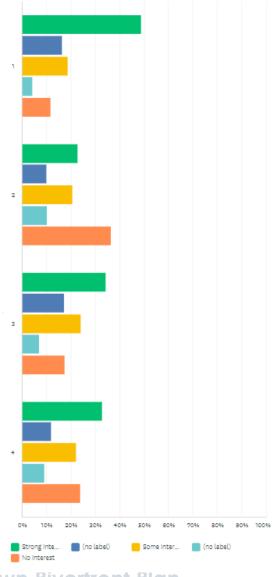






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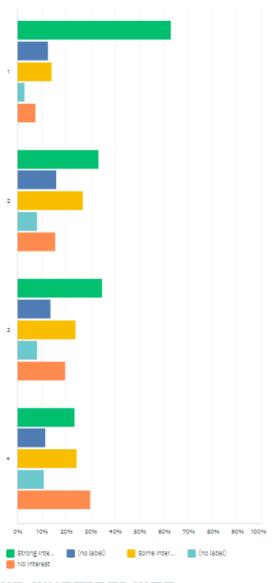
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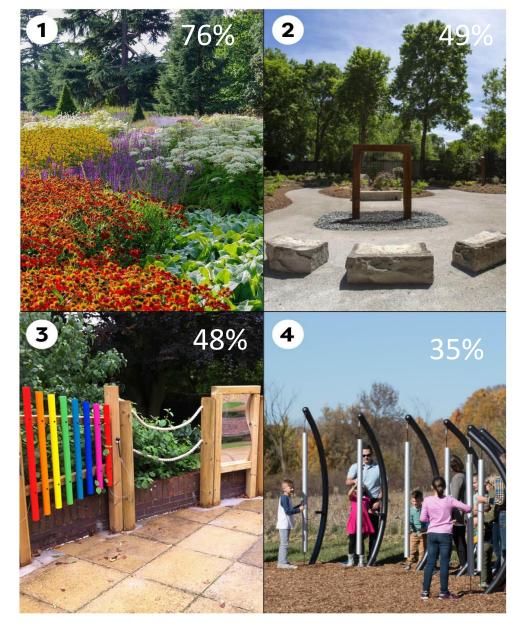




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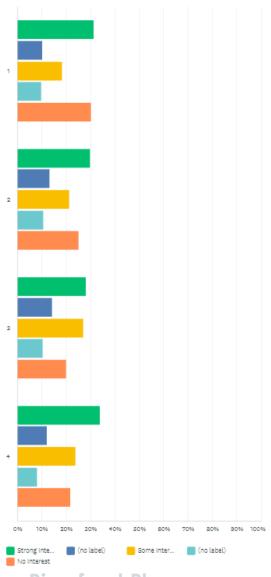






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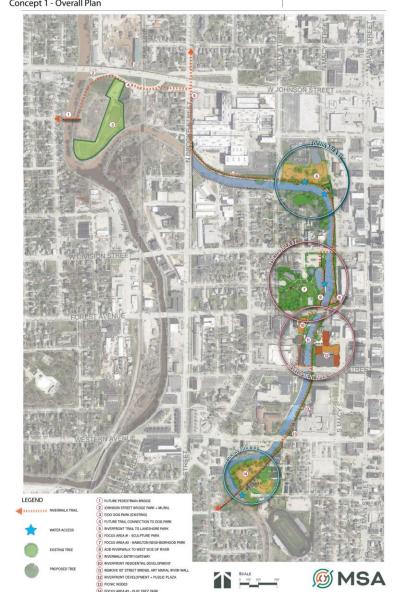
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# general comments:

- happy to see multiple points of access to the river
- mixed opinions on 1st street bridge removal
- comments on water quality and flooding concerns
- people would like to keep natural areas and green space
- concerns for safety address lighting, pedestrian crossings, safe access to water
- good mix of activities for families and others

- good feedback on public plaza and food truck spaces
- some people don't think the City should be investing in this corridor
- good utilization of "dead space"
- like pathway connections and option for bridge by FIDO dog park





# general comments:

- positive feedback on sensory and alternative options for kids to play
- curious on development options - would be nice if it includes shopping and dining
- would like to see as much natural space as possible
- Concern for vandalism and safety along path and in gathering spaces
- people like the community plaza – area for more public gatherings and events

- concern for flooding effect on new facilities
- mixed comments on development of the river corridor
  - "people won't use this"
  - "an attractive investment in the City"
  - "don't spend money on an eyesore" (referring to the river and water quality)
  - "great ideas, long overdue"



# **CONCEPT 1**



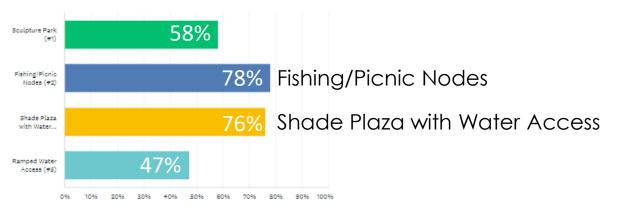
SCULPTURE PARK (1)

SHADE PLAZA WITH WATER ACCESS 3

RAMPED WATER ACCESS (5)

Referring to Concept 1, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

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**CONCEPT 2** 



PICNIC NODE (1)

STAIRS TO WATER (2)

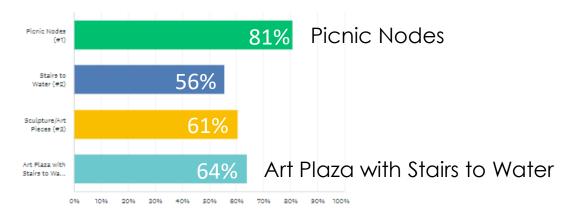
SCULPTURE/ART PIECES (3)

ART PLAZA WITH STAIRS TO WATER 4

STORMWATER AREA (5)

Referring to Concept 2, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

Answered: 659 Skipped: 308







1 EX. PLAYGROUND

2 EX. MEMORIAL

(3) PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER STORMWATER POND

(4) RESTROOMS + SHELTER

5 EX. COMMUNITY GARDENS

(6) PERFORMANCE SHADE

(7) OPEN GREEN (SIZED FOR U-10 SOCCER)

8 EX. BASKETBALL COURT

9 RAMPED WATER ACCESS

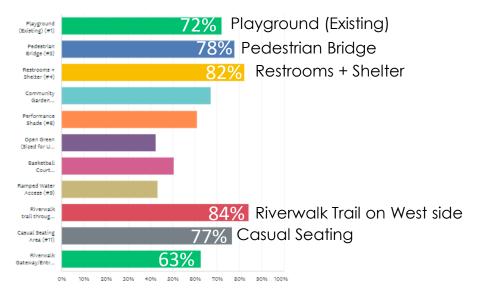
(10) ADDITION RIVERWALK TRAIL THROUGH PARK

(11) CASUAL SEATING AREA

(12) RIVERWALK GATEWAY/ENTRANCE

Referring to Concept 1, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

Answered: 607 Skipped: 360







1 EX. PLAYGROUND

(2) PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER STORMWATER POND

3 RESTROOMS + SHELTER

4) PERFORMANCE SHADE, INCORPORATE EX. MEMORIAL

5 EX. COMMUNITY GARDEN

6 OPEN SPACE ((SIZED FOR U-10 SOCCER)

7 ROTATE BASKETBALL COURT

8 ADD RIVERWALK, WEST SIDE OF RIVER

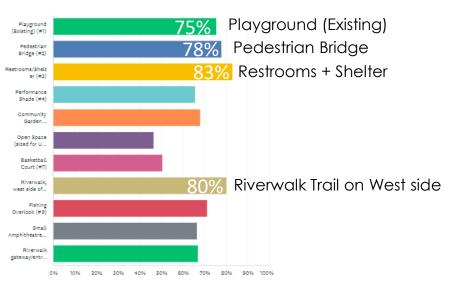
9 FISHING OVERLOOK

(10) SMALL AMPHITHEATER

11) RIVERWALK GATEWAY/ENTRANCE

#### Referring to Concept 2, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

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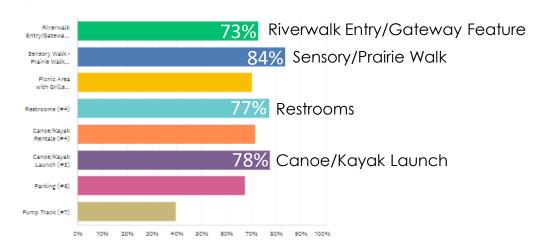
1 RIVERWALK ENTRY/GATEWAY FEATURE

2 SENSORY WALK - PRAIRIE WALKING PATH

- 3 PICNIC AREA WITH GRILLS
- 4 RESTROOMS + WATERCRAFT RENTALS
- 5 KAYAK LAUNCH
- (6) PARKING
- 7 PUMP TRACK

Referring to Concept 1, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

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1 FISHING OVERLOOK

7 KAYAK RENTALS

2 PRAIRIE WALKING PATH 8 KAYAK LAUNCH

3 NATURAL PLAYGROUND 9 PARKING

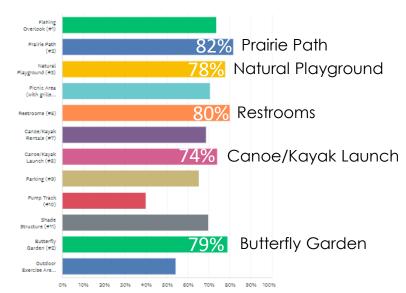
4) PICNIC AREA WITH GRILLS (10) PUMP TRACK

(5) RESTROOMS 11) SHADE STRUCTURE

6 OUTDOOR EXERCISE AREA (12) BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Referring to Concept 2, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

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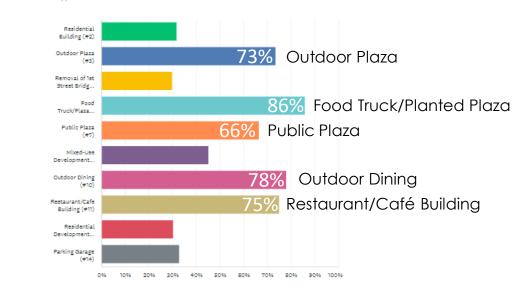


- 1 RESIDENTIAL PARKING
- (2) RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
- (3) OUTDOOR PLAZA (4) CULDASAC, REMOVE 1ST STREET BRIDGE
- (5) BAKERY PARKING
- 6 FOOD TRUCK/PLANTED PLAZA
- 7 PUBLIC PLAZA

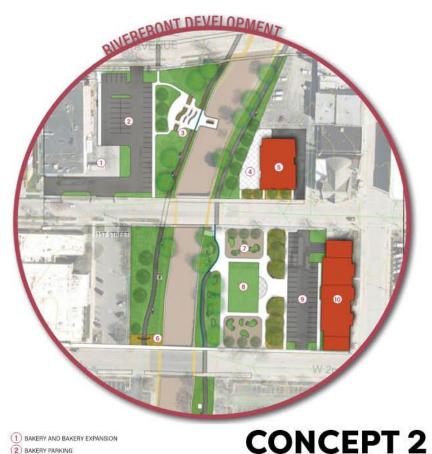
- (8) MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT 9 PEDESTRIAN BREEZEWAY
- **CONCEPT 1**
- 11) RESTAURANT/CAFE BUILDING
- (12) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
- (13) SERVICE DRIVE WITH VEHICLE BREEZEWAY
- 14 PARKING GARAGE

F Referring to Concept 1, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

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1 BAKERY AND BAKERY EXPANSION

2 BAKERY PARKING

3 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM/PLAZA SPACE

5 MIXED-USE BUILDING WITH RESTAURANT/CAFE

6 RIVERWALK ENTRY/GATEWAY

7) GRAVEL MOUNDED SEATING

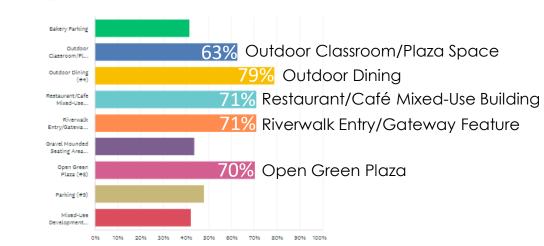
(8) OPEN GREEN PLAZA

(9) PARKING

(10) MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Referring to Concept 2, which of the following elements do you support? Check all that apply.

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# Other comments on overall concept plans:

- address water quality before investing in any improvements
- want to see cafes, restaurants, brewery along corridor
- wayfinding, lighting, security cameras
- more/smaller fishing nodes
- splash pad
- native plantings for pollinators
- outdoor entertainment programming

- accessible access for people of all ages and abilities
- historical elements/signage
- chess tables
- disc golf
- mixed-use housing and businesses





# **Discuss Draft Plan Programming and Amenities**





#### **LEGEND**



RIVERWALK TRAIL







Stairs

Kayak Launch Overlook WATER ACCESS



**EXISTING TREE** 



PROPOSED TREE

- 1) FUTURE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTION
- (2) JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE PARK + MURAL
- (3) FIDO DOG PARK (EXISTING)
- 4) FUTURE TRAIL CONNECTION TO DOG PARK
- 5 RIVERFRONT TRAIL TO LAKESHORE PARK
- (6) FOCUS AREA #1 SCULPTURE PARK
- 7 FOCUS AREA #2 HAMILTON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- 8 ADD RIVERWALK TO WEST SIDE OF RIVER
- 9 RIVERWALK GATEWAY
- 10 RIVERFRONT PLAZA
- 11) ART MURAL RIVER WALL
- (12) RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
- 13 PICNIC NODES
- (14) FOCUS AREA #3 QUIC FREZ PARK



# focus area #1









# focus area #2







# focus area #3









- (8) FOOD TRUCK/PLANTED PLAZA
- 9 OUTDOOR DINING
- 10) RESTAURANT/CAFE BUILDING
- (11) PARKING GARAGE
- (12) RESIDENTIAL / MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT
- (13) PICNIC GROVE
- 14) RIVERWALK GATEWAY + WAYFINDING

# development area





# **Discussion - Comments - Questions**

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# Please fill out the preference sheet provided!

THANK YOU!

