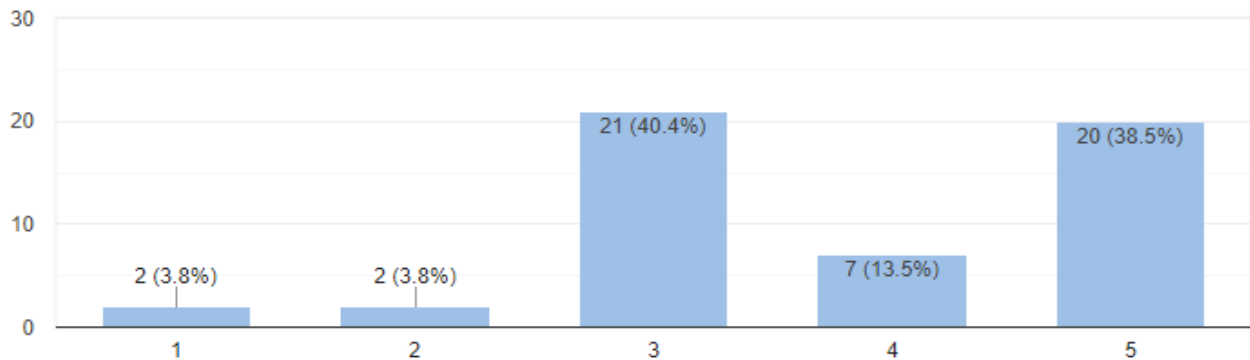


City of Amsterdam Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update Priority Projects Mobile Workshop Feedback Summary

Project Site 1: DPW & Route 5 Intersection

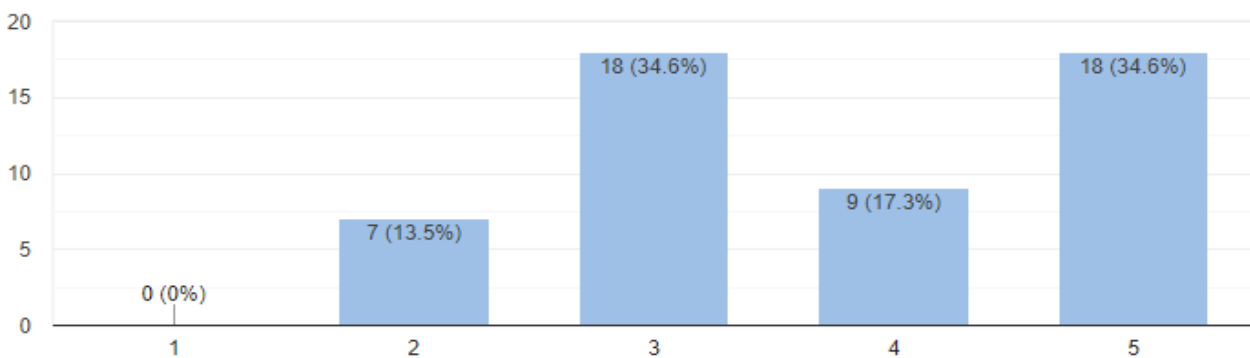
Question 1: What is your general opinion of the proposed site and retrieval uses?
Rate from 1 – 5. 1 = Hate It; 5 = Love it.

52 responses



Question 2: What is your general opinion of the proposed intersection design?
Rate from 1-5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

52 responses



Question 3: What kind of additional uses do you feel are needed in the East End? (26 responses)

1. Grocery, pharmacy
2. Grocery, pharmacy, and bakery
3. Needs street work prior to wasting money on nonsense like this

4. Grocery store Topps Market
5. A concert hall, something that can bring in entertainment all year long to the city with bands, performers, comedians, etc.
6. Make park land in this area and connect to boat launch and wild area north of rt 5.
7. fresh food is good but not a great spot
8. More markets or eateries that represent the diversity of cultures in the East End.
9. An actual small grocery store, diner, better access to the waterfront and clean parks for little kids
10. Seems the grocery store is key, but will anyone want to open one? Wouldn't it have been better to include that more centrally where the new apartment complex is soon to open (old Lou's location)? To me, removal of blight is the first step because who will want to put their business so close to so many abandoned or neglected properties in a crime-ridden neighborhood? Also it looks like your current map above has the RaceWay Express in the wrong location. That should be at Vrooman and E Main.
11. Try to source local foods for the market!
12. Hot dog stands, pharmacies
13. Basic amenities. This area is a food desert and lacks much in the way of medical care and essential retail services.
14. Thrift stores
15. A prettier welcoming
16. A pet store!
17. Additional public transportation.
18. More transportation stops
19. Arcade, things for kids to do
20. N/A
21. No comment
22. Grocery stores
23. I would love to see a real, corporate-type grocery store, an affordable daycare, a clean laundromat, and some decent food places. I think the biggest problem down there right now is that all the businesses are designed and run like they're NYC bodegas, and don't have any appealing reason for people who don't live there to enter them. It's about appearances, unfortunately, in this world, and the success rate of anything that goes there beyond providing "something" depends upon the people who invest and run those businesses in that location. Crime is going to be an issue if it's not handled properly. And like everything else in a low-income area, it'll all go to waste if that happens.
24. Diner, laundromat, coffee shop,
25. A little super market so they don't have to go up to walmart
26. A pharmacy.

Question 4: How could this project better connect to the Mohawk River waterfront?

1. What if rail trail was made from the Five Corners to the East End using the old Kellogg rail line that goes to the industrial park?
2. A side walk could extend to Quist Road where there is a crossing to the riverfront.
3. Remove RT 5 along river. Force everyone to take 30 bridge or go thru the city. Capitalize waterfront space from road removal
4. Parkland. and connect to boat launch and natural lands north of ft 5.
5. make it closer
6. Small boat launch with picnic area and public restroom would be nice. I'd love to drop a kayak here.
7. Gotta somehow connect to the bike paths. They can wind through and connect. Already established, just have to add on/embellish and connect!
8. It doesn't look like there are many opportunities there unless you're also taking out the water dept and the old paper company.
9. Not Sure
10. create a pathway and remove the rail tracks or make a bridge above them
11. There needs to be more focus on infrastructure and basic amenities for residents - and less concern with attracting tourists to the river.
12. Make it easier to move around
13. Prettier site
14. So that there is easier access to the waterfront than going over either of the bridges
15. This will connect to the Mohawk River waterfront as it will get children at Daycare involved with the river culture.
16. More people will go to the waterfront as there will be opportunities on the river.
17. N/A
18. No comment
19. If you plan on cutting off access to route 5, then maybe allow more access to get into the riverfront park and bridge.
20. I think a nice, wide, bricked/paved scenic trail from there down to the riverfront area would be so lovely! Maybe with some rounded out areas with trees and benches, and an occasional playground item like a climbing wall or see-saw or something. And let's normalize the idea of even MORE outdoor art on display!
21. Improved access to the waterfront from Route 5 through a pedestrian connection
22. Have a cultural mural painted on a side of the new buildings welcoming visitors to Amsterdam.

Key Takeaways

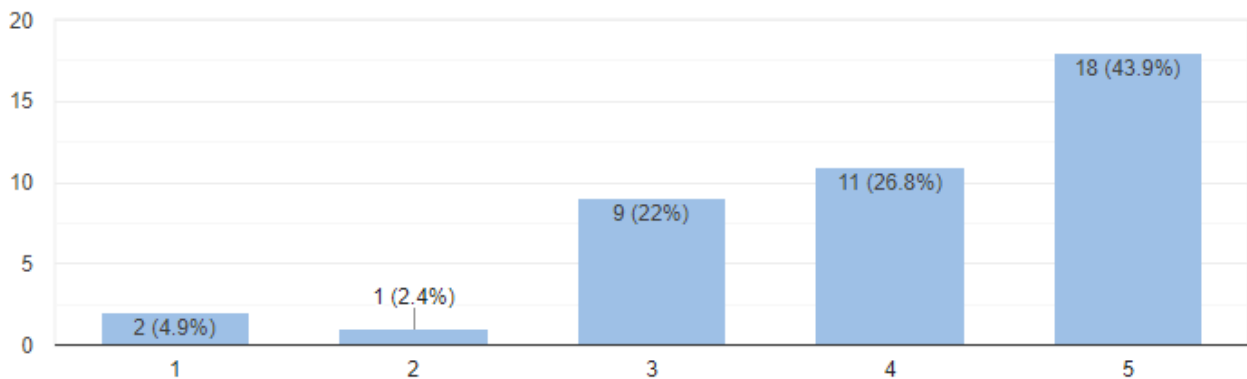
1. In question 1, roughly 39% of respondents love the proposed site and retail uses for the DPW & Route 5 intersection, while 40% were indifferent.
2. In question 2, 35% of respondents either strongly support or feel indifferent about the proposed intersection redesign. 17% of respondents support it, and 14% dislike it.
3. In question 3, the majority of respondents suggested grocery store uses as an additional commercial use. Other common suggestions include: Recreation and entertainment, additional public transportation, eateries and dining, pharmacies and medical care.
4. In question 4, respondents offered various ideas on ways to connect this project to the Mohawk River waterfront. They range from the creation of a rail trail, to a small boat launch with a picnic area and restroom, to more focus on infrastructure and basic amenities for residents.

Project Site 2: Front Street Redevelopment

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the proposed redesign for Front Street?

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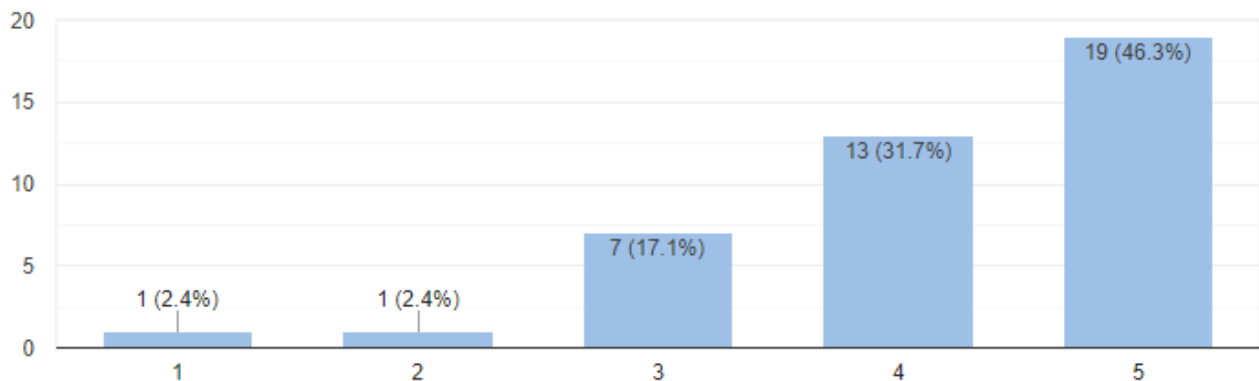
41 responses



Question 2: What is your general opinion of reclaiming Front Street for public use from Downtown to the East End of the City?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

41 responses



Question 3: What additional types of entertainment do you feel could be included in this development area?

1. A train viewing platform would be popular. Lots of Rail Fans flock to Amsterdam to record the trains that pass through.
2. Your ideas sound excellent
3. Outdoor recreation
4. Knock down the mall.
5. I like the idea, but there looks to be limited space between the river/railroad and the existing neighborhood buildings and factories. Is the area susceptible to flooding? How will water access work with the railroad there? It seems like this part of the waterfront might be a high cost low reward situation. Add to that the fact that the neighborhood nearby is very run down and it would

take some significant effort to remove abandoned buildings and improve or demolish a lot of badly neglected ones.

6. Buskers, dancers – also the first and second map photos do not show the same thing
7. This does nothing to improve the lives of those already living in the area and serves only to attract tourists.
8. Movie theater
9. Basketball hoop
10. N/A
11. Coffee shops, Book store and nail salon.
12. Book store
13. Dave and Busters, or a YMCA
14. Let's get some higher end restaurants and/or brewery-style pubs down there. Druther's and Biergarten type places.
15. Bowling alley
16. I feel the skate park should be indoors to accommodate for a year round interest and activity for the youth and general public.
17. **Question 4:** How could this project better connect to the waterfront?
18. A bike path should connect downtown to Front Street
19. Mark sure there is adequate parking
20. Build it
21. Knocking down the mall opens up East and West Main Street again.
22. I don't know what can be done related to the railroad. However, I think a worthy overall goal would be uninterrupted waterfront access with bike/pedestrian paths and other things all the way from Quist Road to the train station, city line to city line.
23. A bridge over the railroad tracks
24. Do something beneficial for the residents!
25. No idea
26. Biker roads
27. people have been asking for a rec center
28. N/A
29. There are no book stores or coffee shops.
30. Again, with the walkways and such – let's please try to keep people as far away from the train tracks themselves, but do something that is nice to experience, well-lit, and safe.

Key Takeaways

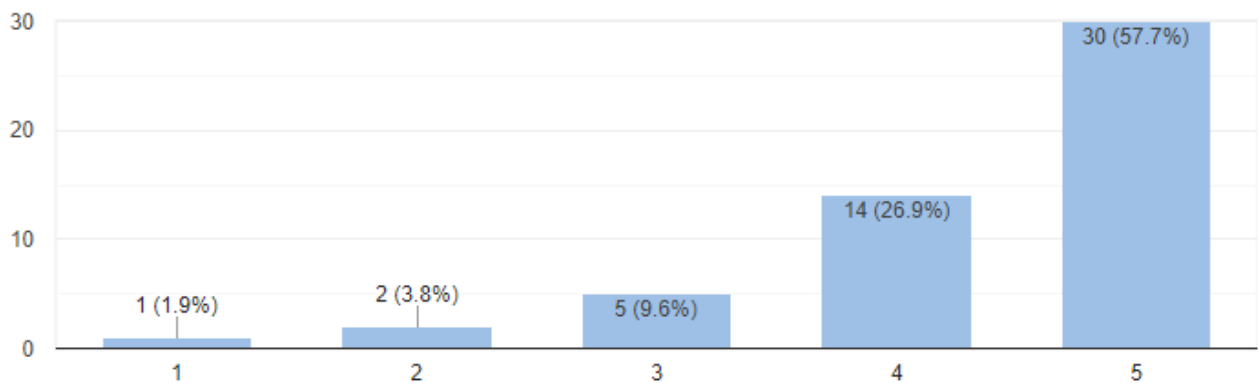
1. In question 1, 44% of respondents love the proposed redesign of Front Street, 27% like it, and 22% are indifferent about it.
2. In question 2, 46% of respondents strongly support reclaiming Front Street for public use from Downtown to the East End, 32% support it and 17% are indifferent about it.
3. In question 3, respondents suggested things like outdoor recreation, bookstores, and a Dave and Busters-type arcade as additional types of entertainment they feel could be included in the development area.
4. In question 4, respondents suggested that the creation of a bike path, bridge over the railroad tracks or a walkway are some ways this project could better connect to the waterfront.

Project Site 3: Five Corners Plaza/Intersection

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the proposed Five Corners Plaza redesign?

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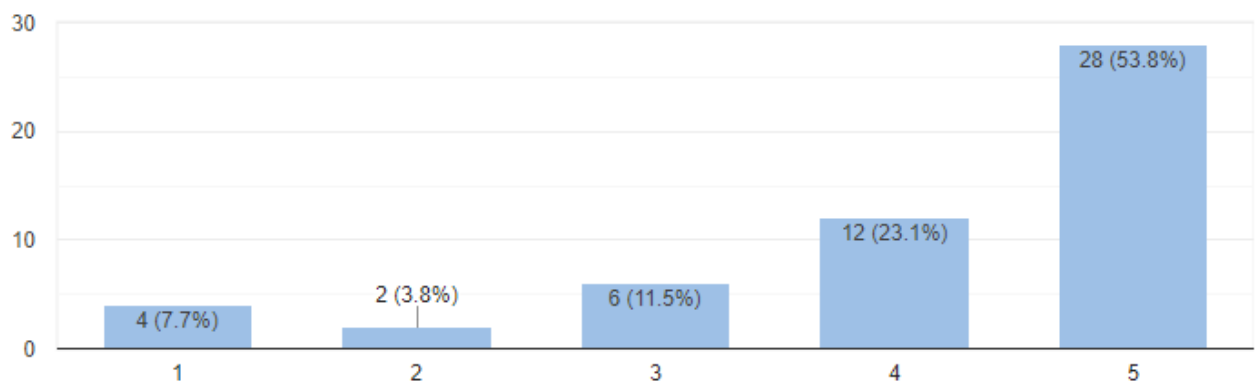
52 responses



Question 2: What is your general opinion of the proposed redesign of the Five Corners Intersection?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Hate It; 5 = Love It

52 responses



Question 3: What types of uses do you feel should be included in this development area?

1. Retail
2. Apartments, grocery, pharmacy, EV fast chargers
3. I'd like to see a local small business that does activities for the public....craft learning, maybe a place for cooking classes, etc.
4. Knock down abandoned part – rest could be a park. City shouldn't pick businesses to subsidize.
5. Entertainment venues, restaurant, local shopping
6. Love your current ideas. Restaurants might also be good. Make sure there is enough parking.
7. Grocery store, pharmacy
8. Definitely mixed use, making this neighborhood walkable with restaurants, shops and living spaces is essential to continued growth
9. Use the old trestle to connect Forest to 4th Ave.

10. Anything is better than now
11. Pharmacy, childcare, YMCA
12. I like the trail improvements. I don't think we need another pharmacy.
13. This has to be a top priority in my opinion. This can get rid of the abandoned building and make that intersection safer for motorists and pedestrians. It seems like an ideal location to bring in something like a Stewart's or a small grocery store, along with a pharmacy. I recall the days of P&C grocery store, Cork Hill Liquor, a small restaurant or two, and Carl's drugs. I feel like all of those would have continued to do well if the building and parking lot were not neglected for so long. I remember in the later days of the drug store all of the hills. People would have continued shopping there if the building was modernized and felt safe. I also believe this needs to be done in conjunction with the nearby paper mill project or neither should happen. One without the other doesn't make sense.
14. Pharmacy, taco store, bike shop
15. Roundabouts are not the solution for every traffic problem in Amsterdam! How does this address pedestrian safety at all?
16. I think forest ave should be rerouted, if the circle is implemented, those coming from the circle trying to get to forest will have to wait for church street traffic. This would back up traffic into the circle.
17. Your mom
18. Making a plaza would make a lot of people happy you guys should hop on that asap. But the roundabout needs to be looked over and there needs to be other options
19. Grocery store
20. N/A
21. I feel like we should have restaurants and clothing stores.
22. I feel more space should be added due to how hectic it can get around this already busy area.
23. Definitely a grocery store or even a butcher's market. I'd love to see a year-round farmer's market area, too. Also a recreation area would be really nice. Something not exactly gym/sports focused but an activity center – games, trampolines, something like that. I'm thinking even maybe something like Stuyvesant Plaza has set up – there are restaurants, unique shops, a pottery place (paint your own), even a CVS.
24. Diner
25. Return a bank to corner of church and Reed. Excellent area for roundabout. Very dangerous in this area to cross on foot.
26. Not fast food!
27. Supermarket, a bank, security cameras, parking, area to move snow during the winter
28. Affordable restaurants / diner

Key Takeaways

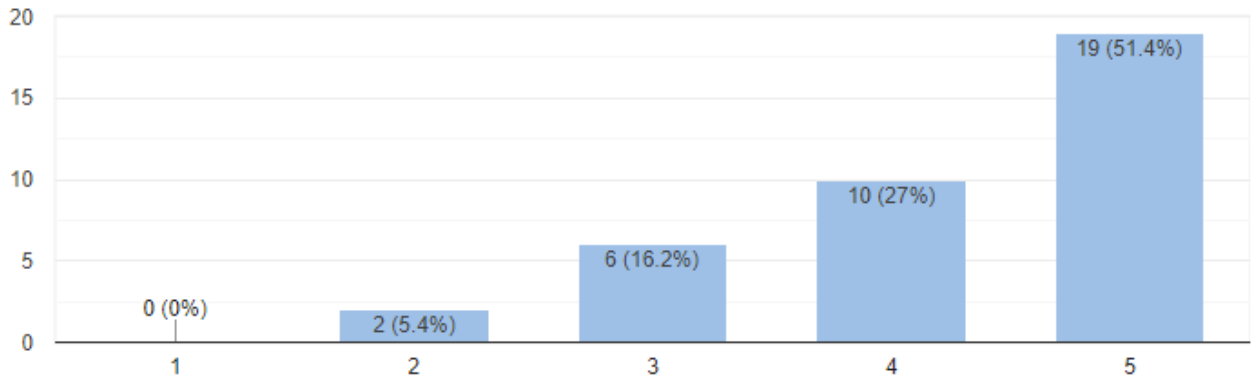
1. In question 1, the majority of respondents (58%) love the proposed redesign of the Five Corners Plaza. 27 % like it, and 10% are indifferent.
2. In question 2, the majority of the respondents (54%) strongly support the proposed redesign of the Five Corners Intersection, 23% support it and 12% feel indifferently about it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestions on the types of uses they feel should be included in this development area. They include; retail and grocery, a bank, a plaza, pharmacy, entertainment venues, restaurants and dining, parking.

Project Site 4: Forest Avenue Paper Mill

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the Forest Avenue Paper Mill Site redevelopment concept?

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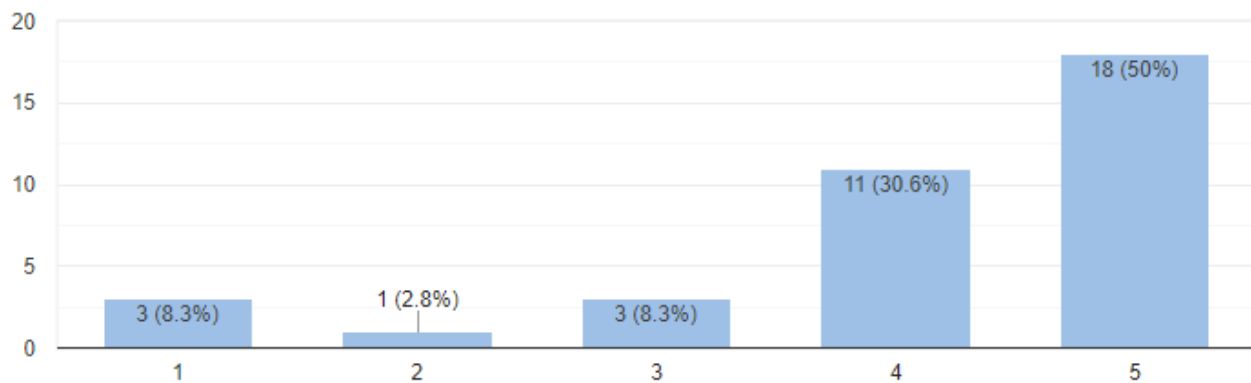
37 responses



Question 2: What is your general opinion of the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

36 responses



Question 3: What types of commercial and/or residential uses do you feel should be included in this redevelopment area?

1. I think more apartments should be added along with commercial space.
2. Restaurants, local shopping and entertainment venues.
3. Hair stylists, brewery/brewpub, laundromat
4. Local gaming store that can hold tournaments, doctor's offices maybe even corporate offices
5. Offices, I, mini mart, laundromat
6. Not sure
7. This one I would rather see as a teardown and replacement with green space. But if it's going to be a commercial space, can it be tied in with the nearby project for one larger development?
8. Restaurant, doctor's office, social service office
9. Stop trying to make Amsterdam into Hudson. Respect the people who already live here!

10. Costco
11. Costco And Ikea Please
12. N/A
13. I feel like we should have a medical center
14. First I'd like to say let's not follow the design cues of the Clifton park example you gave. It's cold, with dark, boxy windows that don't lend an ounce of appeal. Around here we should honor all the nature we have, especially since this one will be near the Chuctanunda Creek trail, we should consider something more like a modern log-cabin style or something that fits in with the trees and creek around it. Aside from that, it would be nice if there were maybe a healthy options food establishment, such as a smoothie/salads/juice shop or something like that.
15. Commercial space only, indoor playground (toddler, kids, and teen sections)
16. If there is emphasis on the creek trail and its access then a niche commercial use should be considered.

Key Takeaways

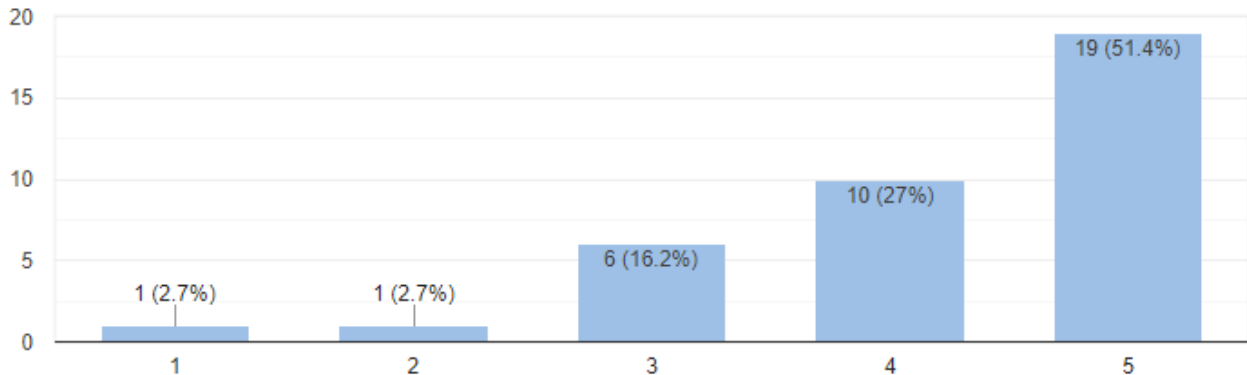
1. In question 1, the majority of respondents (51%) love the redevelopment concept for the Forest Avenue Paper Mill Site. 27% like it, and 16% are indifferent towards it.
2. In question 2, half of the respondents (50%) strongly support the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site, 31% support it and 8% of respondents each hate or feel indifferent about it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestions on commercial and/or residential uses they feel should be included in this development area. They include: Office spaces, restaurants, retail, entertainment venues/local gaming store, indoor playground, Costco, modern log-style cabin near the Chuctanunda Creek Trail, medical center, and apartment housing.

Project Site 5: West End Neighborhood Center

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the West End Neighborhood Center development concept?

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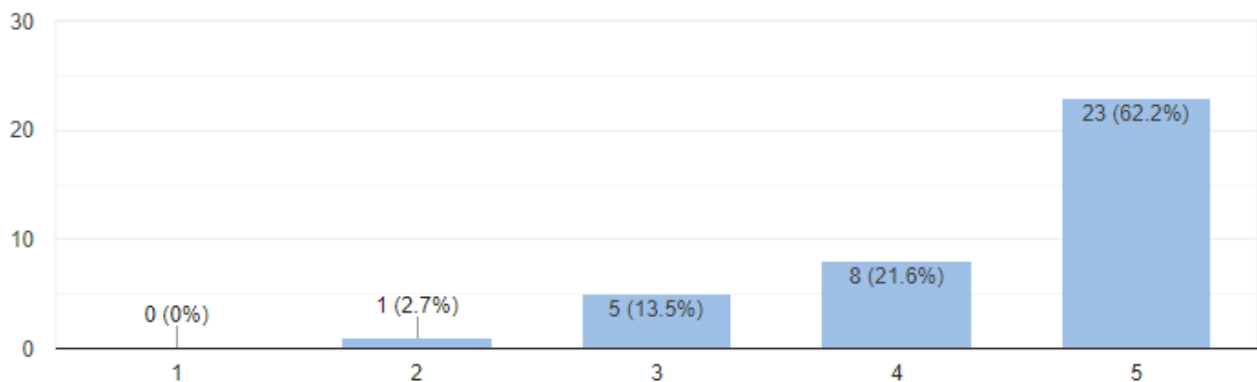
37 responses



Question 2: Are you excited to see the proposed mix of residential, recreational, and commercial uses at this site?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

37 responses



Question 3: Let us know what types of businesses and services you feel should be included in the West End Neighborhood Center.

1. I think grocery would be nice along with a hardware store.
2. Brew pubs, cafes, apartments up top, boutique shops that service men, women and children and a book store.
3. Butcher, florist
4. Fresh fruit and veggies, plus access to river
5. Something for kids to do-especially if it can be indoors during the winter
6. Don't need parking garages for the hospital employees
7. Is this in the flood plain? The beetle tower should come down. It is a strange idea to keep it.
8. Restaurants, bicycle shop

9. My feelings are mixed on this one. I would definitely like to see the area be cleaned up and redeveloped. It's close to a still-decent neighborhood on GPA and parts of Division St. Being close to the hospital helps. But I think this area flooded pretty badly in Irene/Lee, so should it become green space?
10. Not excited for parking garages. How about instead of honoring a smoke stack with a car on it there is more respect for the deeper/further back history earlier than the 1970's. What about the spring that flows here? Doesn't that make this wetlands anyway?
11. Save the Rocking J Flea Market. The Albany redevelopment looks ugly and is gentrification at its worst.
12. Coffee shops
13. Crystal businesses
14. N/A
15. Coffee shops and a Movie Theatre.
16. Definitely a CVS or other similar pharmacy, a small grocery, some restaurant spaces (either chain or one-off), maybe a salon and/or spa?
17. YMCA. We need a pool for adults.
18. Brew pub and or wine bar. Mid-level price range restaurants. Cafe/bakery/sandwich shop
19. Not sure what businesses should be there but housing would be great. The west end has been neglected completely. Traveling into the city from the west is nice on the river side but abandoned buildings on the others. Always thought housing with a view of the river along with the improvements to guy park manor would be great.
20. Small grocery, diner/coffee shop, coworking space, antiques

Key Takeaways

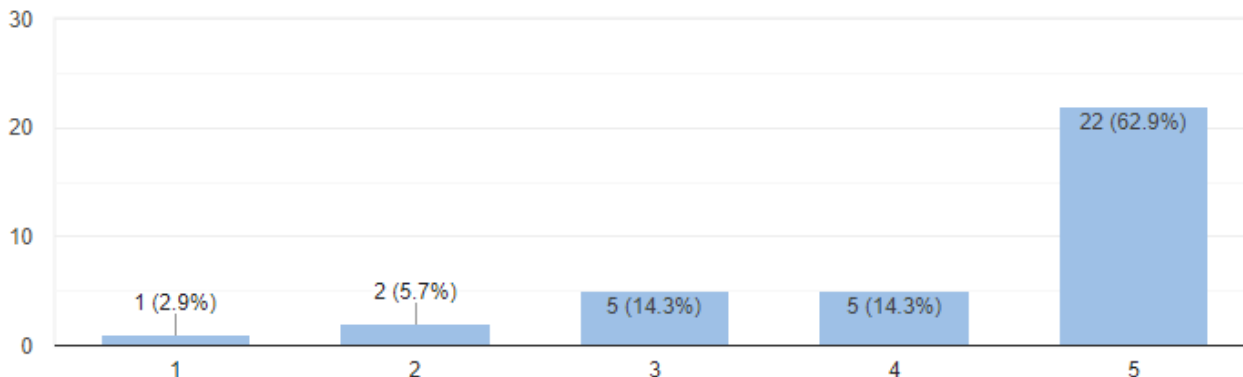
1. In question 1, majority of respondents (51%) love the West End Neighborhood Center development concept, 27% like it, and 16% are indifferent towards it.
2. In question 2, majority of respondents (62%) are absolutely excited to see the proposed mix of residential, recreational, and commercial uses at the site. 22% of respondents are somewhat excited and 14% are indifferent towards it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestions on the types of businesses and services they feel should be included in the West End Neighborhood Center. They are: Coffee Shops, YMCA/adult's swimming pool, brewery and wine bar, CVS or similar pharmacy, taking the beetle down, bicycle shops, butcher, florist, boutique services for men, women and children, hardware store, access to river, indoor recreation for children, movie theatre.

Project Site 6: Former Chalmers Mill Site

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the Former Chalmers Mills redevelopment concept?

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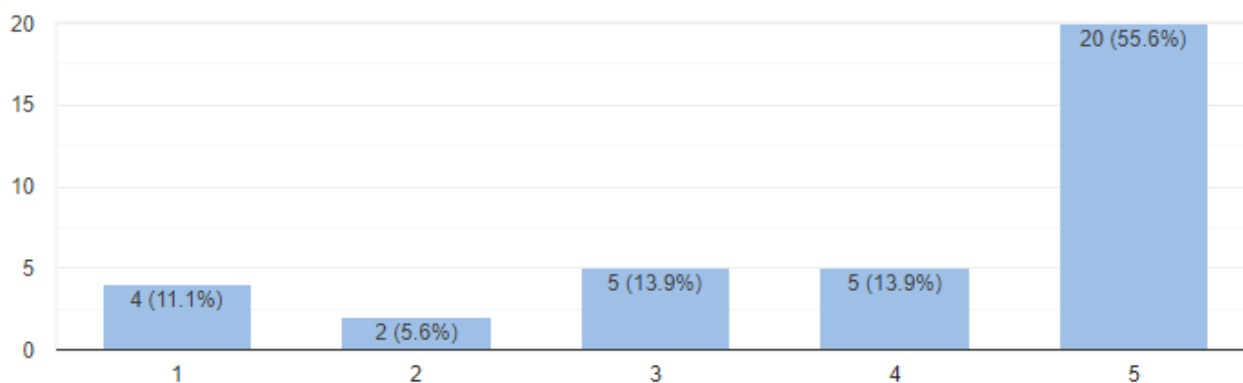
35 responses



Question 2: What is your opinion of the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

36 responses



Question 3: What types of commercial and/or residential uses do you feel should be included in this redevelopment area?

1. Bar, restaurants, higher end condos
2. Recreational only
3. Recreation only
4. Bring back the proposed apartments for working class citizens!
5. Make a park here.
6. Boardwalk only for now
7. Coffee shop, cafe, bookstore
8. Coffee shop, general store/deli
9. Restaurant/bar
10. Brew pub and restaurants.

11. This should be HIGH END development. It has to be one of the prime spots in the city. Let's bring in some great housing options for people who might live and work in Amsterdam as well as those who might be commuting to the Capital District. I don't think there needs to be much commercial - instead leverage the existing and potential businesses and restaurants up Bridge Street from there. Just bring in people. It's shocking and embarrassing that it has taken so long to get this part of Amsterdam's redevelopment plans off the ground.
12. Put affordable housing on the site
13. Indoor and outdoor miniature golf, driving ranges over the river, batting cages, picnic area concert area
14. N/A
15. Dog park and restaurants
16. There are several restaurants already over there, so it would be nice to include some things that the south side doesn't already have, like grocery, pharmacy, salon, etc. I think this would also be a great spot for a coworking setup, where people pay a monthly fee to be able to use the space to work. It would bring more money to those area spots for lunches for sure.
17. Definitely remain parking in old Chalmers lot. I would like to see the boardwalk go along the river to the Guy Park manor to encourage tourism. Shops and eateries to be included and NICE restrooms for people visiting to use with comfort.
18. Maybe another small open air amphitheater for performances during festivals. Cultural restaurants, boutiques, or even a bike shop.
19. Supermarket, bus access, seasonal and off season shops

Key Takeaways

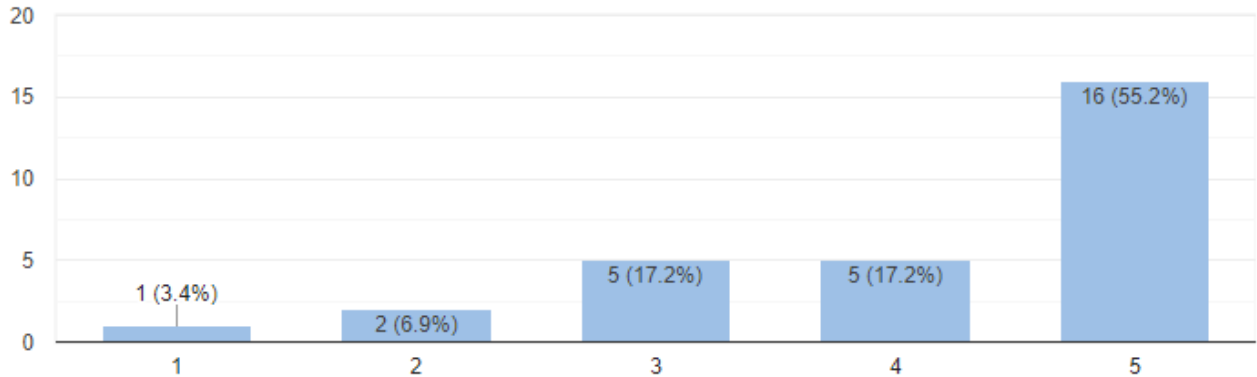
1. In question 1, majority of respondents (63%) love the concept for the Former Chalmers Mills redevelopment. 14% like it and another 14% are indifferent.
2. In question 2, majority of the respondents absolutely support the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site. 14% support, it, another 14% are indifferent towards it, and 11% hate it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestions on the types of commercial and/or residential uses they feel should be included in the development site. They include: Parks and recreation (indoor and outdoor miniature golf, driving ranges over the river, batting cages, picnic and concert area), High End development – great housing options (condos), brewery and pub, restaurant and bar, a boardwalk, coffee shop, general store/deli, affordable housing, open air amphitheater, nice restrooms.

Project Site 7: Erie Terrace Linkage Site

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the 111 Erie Terrace Linkage Site redevelopment concept?

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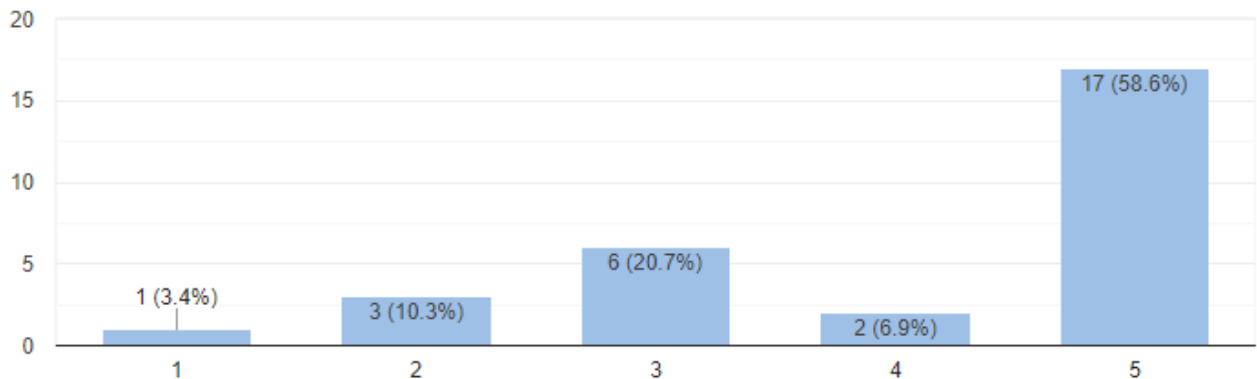
29 responses



Question 2: What is your opinion of the proposed recreational connections and uses at this site?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

29 responses



Question 3: What types of recreational uses do you feel should be included in this redevelopment area?

1. I think the area in between the bike path and the road should be a commercial space for especially for a restaurant or Erie Canal museum?
2. Marina
3. The more amenities we have on trail, the more visitors Amsterdam will see
4. You have it. Hiking, biking, strolling.
5. Consider the parkland areas having fireplaces and access to overnight camping with bathrooms/showers with a permit. Over the trail system locally this is not available, except one location in Waterford at the Harbor Visitor Center (<http://www.town.waterford.ny.us/harbor-visitors-center.html>), which is primarily targeting boaters but the bike trail runs along that section.
6. Best most cost effective use of funds
7. Hiking trails, bicycle access, picnic area

8. Bicycle rental is a nice idea
9. Disc golf course, electric bike rentals, canoe/kayak rentals
10. This should be small scale, focus on the connections to the bike trail giving access to the riverfront in that area.
11. Bike repair, free wifi, lean-tos, flush toilets, vending machines
12. Tennis Courts
13. Volleyball, tennis courts
14. N/A
15. An outdoor space
16. I think more would be needed in order to attract people to using it. Even having something like a seasonal shop – an ice cream place, or a smoothie/juice spot.
17. Open park space for people feel safe

Key Takeaways

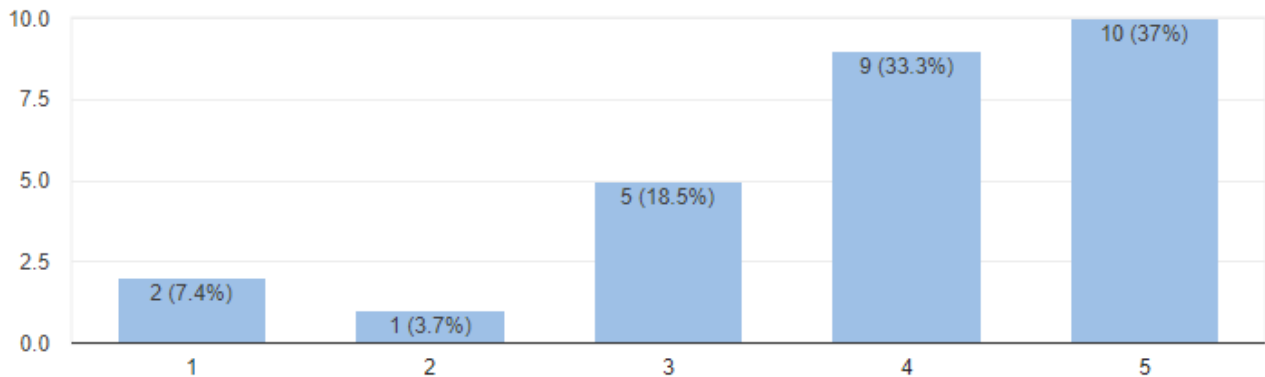
1. In question 1, majority of respondents (55%) love the concept for the redevelopment of the 111 Erie Terrace Linkage Site redevelopment. 17% like it, and another 17% are indifferent towards it.
2. In question 2, majority of respondents (59%) strongly support the proposed recreational connections and uses at this site. 21% are indifferent and 10% of respondents slightly hate it.
3. In question 3 respondents offered suggestions on the uses they feel should be included in this redevelopment area. They are: Hiking and biking trails, picnic area, bicycle rental, canoe/kayak rentals, bike repair, free wifi, lean-tos, flush toilets, vending machines, volley ball and tennis courts, open space/park, parkland areas having fireplaces and access to overnight camping (with permit) with bathrooms/showers, a marina.

Project Site 8: Lower Mill Complex

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the Lower Mill Complex redevelopment concept?

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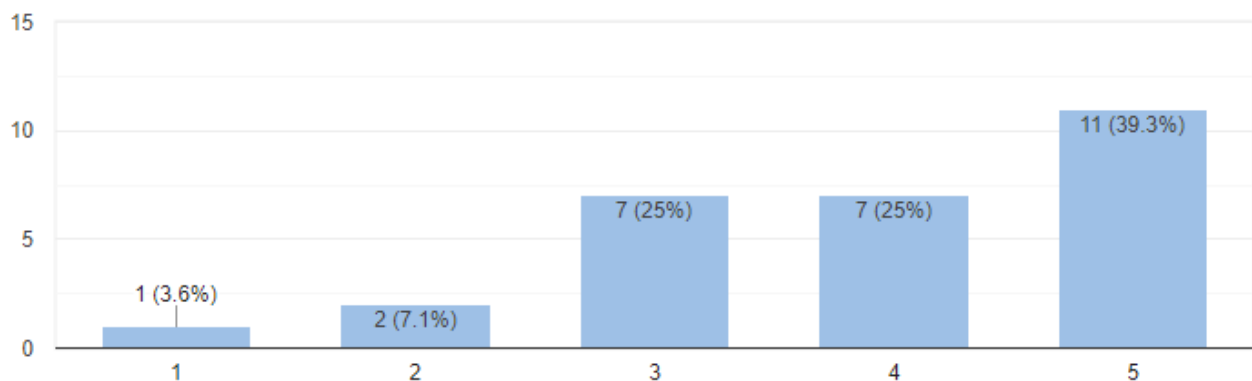
27 responses



Question 2: What is your opinion of the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

28 responses



Question 3: What types of commercial and/or residential uses do you feel should be included in this redevelopment area?

1. I believe these buildings should be torn down and development such as the new apartment complex on East Main Street be constructed instead.
2. I like the ideas you suggested. Also maybe affordable housing for families would be good.
3. A space that can accommodate a performance hall, along with boutique shops, bars, pubs and apartments will make the city an attractive choice for residents. We need amenities to attract visitors, newer residents and a way to bring cash into the city.
4. Make park land near the river.
5. Unrealistic
6. Light commercial use like cannabis cultivation.
7. I really like the idea of saving some of the historic factory buildings and restoration of them for new uses. It seems like it will be really expensive. Is this the best set of buildings to target this way? It

has proximity to the river but is in a bad spot as far as the neighborhood. Any redevelopment will need to address the abandoned and neglected houses in the area.

8. Apartments, but can this building be affordably saved?
9. Ikea
10. Ikea
11. N/A
12. Love the idea of artist space or innovation hub - am not so in love with the idea of "affordable residential" - one of the biggest issues in our county and city is that there's a TON of low-income housing, and while I have no issue with that need, low-income housing attracts low-income residents which does nothing for our city's growth and prosperity. I'm not saying these need to be \$1800/mo studio apartments by any means, but let's just remember to not draw in what we're trying to manage here. I feel like keeping our lower-income zones more spread out around the city could be the key to growth overall. Let's get away from the ghettos...

Key Takeaways

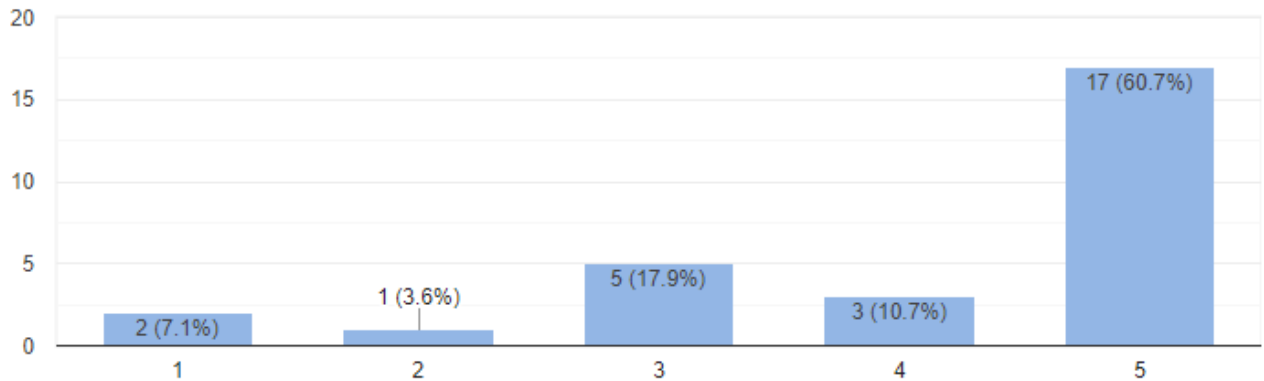
1. In question 1, 37% of the respondents love the concept for the Lower Mill Complex redevelopment, 33% like it, 19% are indifferent towards it, and 7% hate it.
2. In question 2, 39% of the respondents strongly support the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site, 25% support it, another 25% are indifferent towards it, and 7% are slightly against it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestion on the types of commercial and/or residential uses they feel should be included in this redevelopment area. They are: demolish buildings and construct apartment complex, affordable housing, performance hall along with boutique shops, bars and pubs, park land near river, light commercial like cannabis cultivation, affordably save the building (?), Ikea, less low-income housing, in support of artist space/innovation hub.

Project Site 9: Southside Infill Sites

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the Southside Infill Sites redevelopment concept?

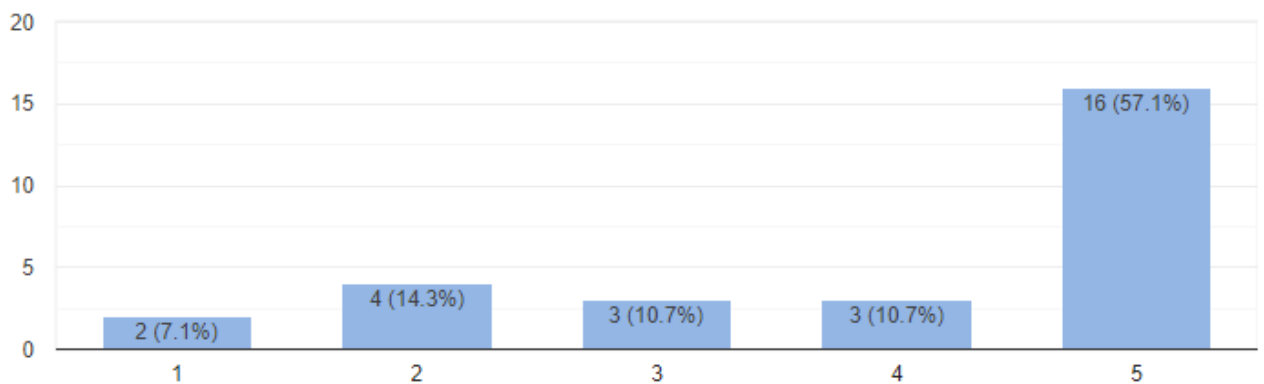
Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Hate It; 5 = Love It.

28 responses



Question 2: What is your general opinion of the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site?
Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

28 responses



Question 3: What types of commercial and/or residential uses do you feel should be included in this redevelopment area?

1. I think this space can be used better than just parking with some green space. It would be cool to see apartments built in these areas with parking down below them.
2. Shoppes & recreation
3. Having a dog park is an attractive amenity for residents and newer residents. The Southside is very walkable and this will only add to it.
4. Once you get more businesses there
5. No low income housing. No big apartment buildings. Maybe a few nice luxury apartments above a commercial building.
6. Brewery

7. Parking! Development here should complement what is already on Bridge Street and whatever will eventually be at the Chalmers site. The Sweet Canal Store seems to be a very underutilized asset as a historic element. It should be a priority in this project.
8. Too much parking in the proposed design, fix the canal store or move it closer to the empire trail
9. Dog park, coffee shops
10. N/A
11. Pathways to walk along
12. The Parking is needed and the dog park is a must
13. Parking is the biggest concern in this area

Key Takeaways

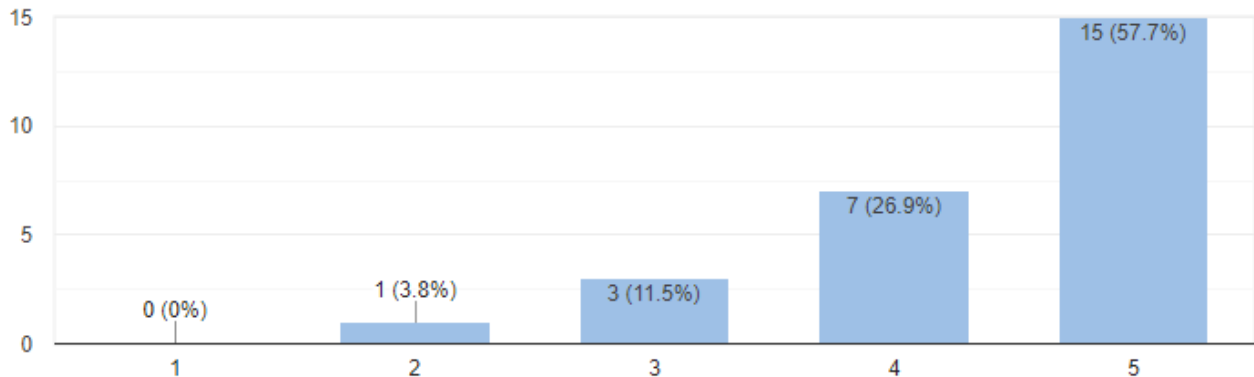
1. In question 1, majority of respondents (61%) love the concept for the redevelopment of the Southside Infill Sites and 18% are indifferent towards it.
2. In question 2, majority of respondents (57%) strongly support the proposed mix of residential and commercial uses at this site, 14% slightly hate it, 11% each support it and feel indifferently towards it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestions on the types of commercial and/or residential uses they feel should be included in this redevelopment area. They include: Mixed-use building (luxury apartments above commercial spaces), shops, recreation, dog park, brewery, walking pathway, fix the canal store or move it closer to the empire trail, parking.

Project Site 10: Chuctanunda Creek Trail

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the proposed Chuctanunda Creek Trail extension?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Hate It; 5 = Love It.

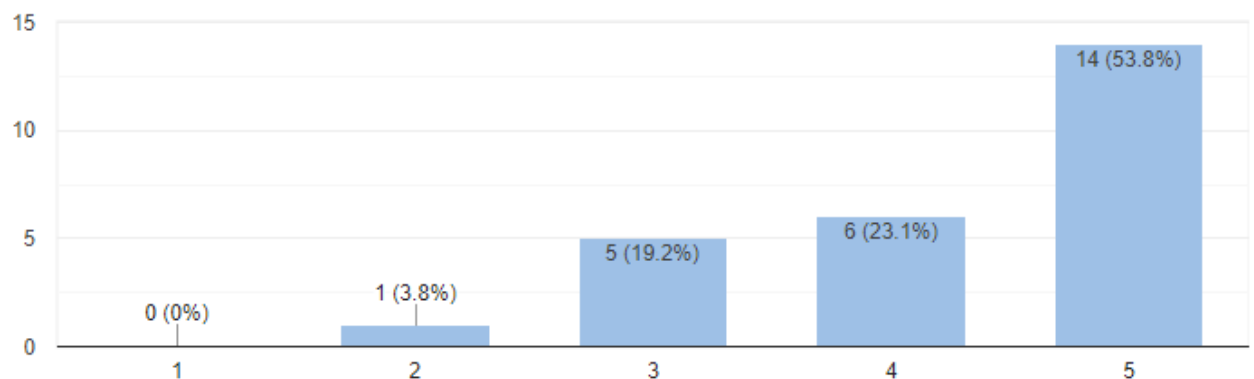
26 responses



Question 2: What is your opinion of the proposed trail extension and incorporation of the Creek into Downtown Amsterdam?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

26 responses



Question 3: What types of commercial and/or residential uses do you feel should be adjacent to the Creek Trail?

1. I think apartments would be great along the trail
2. Much like the Erie Canal trail, simple amenities to assist hikers on the trail like bathrooms and spots for water.
3. great idea
4. Defined parking sites are necessary
5. First and foremost, let's have a walkable trail as much as possible. Remove abandoned and neglected buildings nearby all the way along. Is there a way to connect up the hill behind the old Mohawk Dairy to Veterans Park? Could a nature trail in a nearby wooded area be created?
6. Ice cream stores, lemonade shops, pay phones
7. Just make the trail safer to walk on

8. N/A
9. We could always use healthy food options in this area. Rt 30 in the town has all the fast food and chain style garbage there is - but true, single-owner cafes that celebrate health and activity are much needed around here.
10. Small shops offering food/drinks, bathrooms accessibility, information booth/display of the surroundings
11. Coffee shops, third place for teens

Key Takeaways

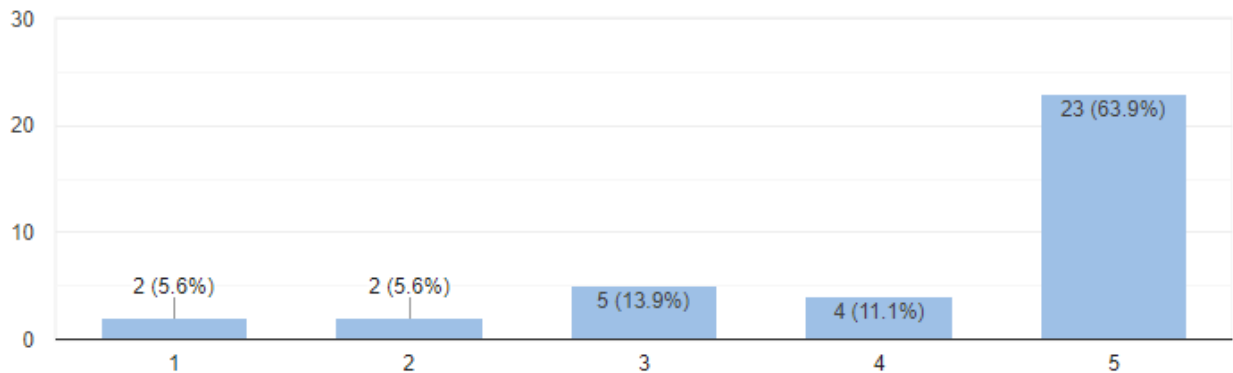
1. In question 1, majority of respondents (58%) love the proposed Chuctanunda Creek Trail Extension, 27% like it, and 12% are indifferent about it.
2. In question 2, majority of respondents (54%) strongly support the proposed trail extension and incorporation of the Creek into Downtown Amsterdam, 23% support it and 19% are indifferent towards it.
3. In question 3, respondents offered suggestions on the types of commercial and/or residential uses they feel should be adjacent to the Creek Trail. They include: simple amenities to assist hikers on the trail like bathrooms and water spots, apartments along the trail, defined parking sites, walkable trail, remove abandoned and neglected buildings nearby and along the way, ice cream and lemonade shops, pay phones, eateries, information booth/display of the surroundings, healthy food options.

Project Site 11: Route 5 East Redevelopment

Question 1: What is your general opinion of the former Route 5 East redevelopment concept?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Hate It; 5 = Love It.

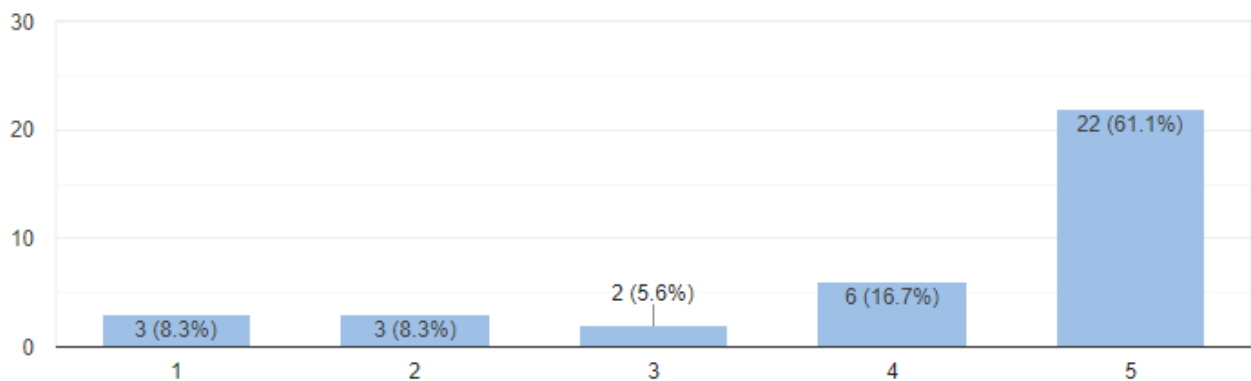
36 responses



Question 2: What is your opinion of the proposed mix of recreational opportunities at this site?

Rate from 1 to 5. 1 = Nope!; 5 = Absolutely!

36 responses



Question 3: What other types of uses do you feel should be included in this redevelopment area?

1. I think this is crucial for Amsterdam. The new Amtrak station needs to be built and I believe a bike path from downtown to Guy Park would be extremely popular. It would be cool to even have solar powered lights along the bike path.
2. I believe this should be the highest priority are for the city. The new Amtrak Station should be constructed along with other trails or apartments in the area.
3. Should be closing the road before that. Force everyone thru the brand new roundabout you've built. Forcing everyone to go thru the mall will only complicate traffic
4. Must be done with south side to have a detestation area
5. I think traffic should be rerouted up to the next intersection north of the mall instead of in front of St. Mary's Church. The Church has grown, recently, and with future weddings, funerals, and current large Mass attendance, the additional flow of traffic could cause a lot of problems and congestion.
6. SPLASH PADS, DOG PARK, JETSKI/KAYAK RENTALS

7. Major focus on connecting the pedestrian bridge to main street near Main Street Pizza
8. Safe and dedicated access from Main Street to the pedestrian bridge.
9. Train station relocation no longer on the table? The railroad is a major impediment there. There will need to be several ways to get across. Especially to connect to the orphaned piece of E Main St that forms Amsterdam's little downtown.
10. Close the entire eastbound section of 5 where it's currently a 4 lane divided highway. Then make that a greenway
11. Skate park seems dangerous and catering to a very small niche community. Daylighting seems expensive and unnecessary to just show a small portion of creek when there are trails already along so much of it
12. The skate park needs to be redone, you need to ask local skaters and scooterers and see what they'd like in a park because that doesn't look good and I don't even skate. The dome is really cool but why do we need to get rid of route 5, arguably the most used way to get to east main fast.
13. Tennis Courts
14. Keeping route 5 open or at least a faster road than the others in the city to be open, route 5 is the quickest way to get through the city, to get to east main and to get to the other side of the city as quick as possible. I think closing it down could cause a lot more traffic and backup where you're directing it and I think it's just not a good idea at all. I like the dome but there is already a skate park that's hardly ever used, do not close route 5 because it makes absolutely no sense. Again putting all that traffic into the new roundabout would cause the worst traffic and jam it all up compared to just leaving route 5 open.
15. N/A
16. Please make this happen
17. I think easy access to the inner parts of downtown should be important to include too. If I park at the library, I want to be able to get to this area easily and safely. If I park at the riverfront somewhere, and get hungry or thirsty, I need a safe way to walk somewhere to get something.
18. Open park space and walking path and seating space with tree and plant landscape
19. Put skate park in better location away from noisy railroad.
20. Maybe the best place to have a YMCA for people to come to swim. Can be a business with admission charged. Adults have no swimming pools. I love idea of bike path. Although we have a path, can't see the river which is beautiful to see as you go.
21. Will there be a dog park?, chess and checker tables, area, music area for local or visiting artist
22. Bicycle pump track

Key Takeaways

1. In question 1, majority of respondents (64%) love the concept of the former Route 5 East redevelopment, 14% are indifferent towards it and 11% like it.
2. In question 2, majority of the respondents (61%) strongly support the proposed mix of recreational opportunities at this site, 17% support it, and 8% each hate it and slightly hate it.

3. In question 3, respondents provided suggestions on the types of uses they feel should be included in this redevelopment area. They include: build new Amtrak station and bike path from downtown to Guy Park (with solar powered lights along bike path), apartments, reroute traffic up to the next intersection north of the mall instead of in front of St. Mary's Church, safe and dedicated access from Main Street to the pedestrian bridge, close the entire eastbound section of Route 5 where it's currently a 4 lane divided highway and make it a greenway, Splash pads, dog park, jet ski/kayak rentals, tennis courts, easy access to inner parts of downtown, open park space and walking path and seating space with tree and plant landscape, YMCA, chess and checkers table, music area for local or visiting artists, bicycle pump track.

City of Amsterdam Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update Priority Projects Mobile Workshop Public Comments

Comments

1. Redesign and uses of waterfront is good – should be a great attraction for the City.
2. Would love to see a place for the teenagers, young adults to have an entertainment spot – (sports, movies, games) – Arcade.
3. Like Riverfront Park could have another Park/lookout area created for the Residence.
4. A. Frank – Sent my comments on 3 projects via phone.
5. Wilfrezo Basora – I want new houses for the homeless.
6. More events before winter starts, and possibly a basketball gym.
7. Add more things (fun things) for kids to do – water parks (for babies), movie theater, skate parks, arcades.
8. Nini – My thoughts about this; i.) Keep more kids off streets because there will be more places to go. ii.) I really think I will also enjoy this because I am not allowed to go far from home.
9. Xavior Toplax – I would like to see a dog park and a better playground and a better place for kids to play like an arcade and a place for kids to hang out to not get in trouble.
10. Jan – Homeless shelter to have house for homeless to live in.
11. We should add more things for kids. Arcades or a book store. Bring the movie theater back, more skate parks. I think there's a lot of old, abandoned building in town! They should be taken down and the land be used for use. Mall should be used more too. Indoor track & field building.
12. Trampoline Park on southside mixed-use; Movie theater on Chalmers; housing @ 5-corners; fix bike path; banquet facility on multi-modal roof; fix riverfront center; re-establish mall/restaurants Chinese; YMCA w/ pool; fix up antique place in the west end; laser tag; handicap accessible; 5-corners roundabout; water park.
13. Geraliz Pabon – I want to see the houses with trash/ houses that are broken down and then left there for years to be removed.
14. Junei Quinones – To make a more fun place to have fun, like a Skyzone.
15. The plot of land on the southside where the bonfire used to be. Make it similar to how NYC is during winter; giant tree, ice skating, etc. Also, holiday attractions.
16. Antonio Wilson – I really want to see the dog park at the southside infill because it will be great for my dog to meet other ones.
17. J. Serrozo – Put a gaming center in the clubhouse.
18. I want to see a new Target.
19. George Kennedy – They should take down the abandoned factory near Vets, its unsafe. They should put a mall there.

20. I want to see more houses to help out our neighborhood.
21. Josh – I like how there's more transportation and more things to do in Amsterdam.
22. Christian Garcia – It's ok to live but we need to think how we all can help in a way.
23. Zoey – I want to see more bigger stores with different name brands and a new bigger mall.
24. Nathaniel Anderson – I believe you should get involved in the cannabis industry, it adds tax money and jobs to the City, and you could make a cultivation education center for THC, CBD, HHC etc. Also, most people in Amsterdam NY intake cannabis anyways. It's new, so adapting to the market trends is smart, plus, it will be popular and make that area denser.
25. Tim Caraballo – I would like to see the new construction that is about to happen, and how they would look like.
26. Julie Spratt – Make the mall bigger and put an arcade in it.
27. Cinema with quality seats and view.
28. Ruby Dearie – New bathrooms at the pool.
29. A indoor basketball gym.
30. Angel – I want to see an indoor basketball court for everyone.
31. L. Williams – Fix the mall up.
32. Debrianna Rose – I want to see the roads change!
33. J. Harris – They should put more stores.
34. Joell Melo-Vega – A movie theater.
35. More food places. McDonalds is the only walking in the town. The bonfire place should still be there – that was the big homecoming thing for our town. Add swings there. More us of the mall: shopping/activities. More things in the park, not just a set of slides & swings, maybe monkey bars & other park things.
36. Don't get rid of the highway, thousands of people drive on Route 5, don't get rid of it. Indoor track & field building for the indoor season of track.
37. Amore – More bus transit, more chill spots for teens.
38. Alize Guerrero – See change in Amsterdam.
39. Messiah Grant – I want to see houses get rebuilt.
40. J. Serone – A big playground/ skate park.
41. Cassius – more snake at vets.
42. I want my phone fix
43. Lucy Dearie – Fix the mall.
44. Access to Riverlink from closed Route 5; Better housing to keep people here (nightlife/restaurants); Arcade; Things for little kids; Trade school i.e wood working, plumbing, presence of PMCC/BOCES in city; skate park under bridge; grocery stores; bonfire space; shopping mall – Crossgates, shopping + activities; dog park; Rockefeller center – ice skating/Christmas tree; Northstar Café (coffee shop/café)
45. Miguel Quinones – I like the construction going on in Amsterdam. I want to see more construction.
46. Indian food; arcade; skate park lighting; ice skating rink; day care; variety of clothing; public art; craft store; walk-in and create art; soap making.
47. Honesty Nios – I think we need a bookstore. I would love a coffee shop bookstore in downtown or even maybe a Barnes & Noble. I love to read and I think it'd be a cool place to relax, do homework, or even get breakfast with my boyfriend/ go on a mini date. It's boring in Amsterdam and we need things to do or pass the time.

48. i.) I'd prefer a space to walk & breathe with my friends that's a bit shaded & woods, if possible. ii.) Maybe an ice cream shop for the summer to relax in, too. iii.) An art supply store or vinyl store would be appreciated as well. iv.) I'd like a place to eat casually that isn't burgers and such, like an ihop or Denny's. v.) I'd like a store to just buy knick-knacks and toys that is close by and affordable unlike Walmart.
49. Jordan A – A bounded place turned into a place where kids and animals can hang out. Add things like arcades, malls, basketball, badminton, tennis. Places maybe after-school to do homework.
50. Movie theater; bonfire space; indoor places to have fun – crossgates arcades; book store; shoe store; night club; rec center revenue; hotel; corner stores, shops, meeting space; Zipline/ ropes course (Erie Terrace good location for zipline?); indoor/outdoor skatepark; hotel; more trails; dog park/ Edward St.; 5-corners mobile entry problematic – not enough crosswalks/lights; add sidewalks to Clizbe Avenue – not maintained.
51. Jayleen – I would like to see a YMCA – more parks; another pool.
52. Gio – I want an Applebee's.
53. A mall. A Best Buy maybe in the old goodwill.
54. Adriana E – I want to see the houses with trash/houses that are broken down and left there for years to be removed.
55. Zaeki Walker - What I want in Amsterdam is more clothing stores.
56. Ryleigh Papura (12th grade) – Traditional Korean food restaurant; water park.
57. Trampoline park; more restaurants; shopping; shoe store; movies – walkable; things to attract teenagers; fix up VW Beetle to preserve it; Safe Pedestrian crossing at 5-Corners; outlet stores; adaptive playground; benches, picnic tables, lighting; Deli – more; thrift store; access to summit suds, good laundromat – hard access; Christmas lights show; 5-Corners roundabout a good idea; traffic pattern problems by prospect.