

# Downtown Park/Open Space Survey



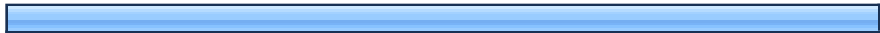


## 1. What is your relationship with downtown Ann Arbor? (select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Downtown business owner		5.6%	89
Downtown employee		18.3%	289
Downtown resident		14.2%	224
<b>City of Ann Arbor resident who visits downtown</b>		<b>70.0%</b>	<b>1,107</b>
Nearby community resident who visits downtown		15.0%	237
I don't come downtown		0.5%	8
	Other (please specify)		70
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,582</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>26</b>

## 2. How often do you do the following downtown? (Select all that apply)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never	Rating Count	
Shop	13.4% (209)	<b>46.5% (722)</b>	29.5% (458)	8.5% (132)	2.1% (33)	1,554	
Work	36.7% (486)	10.4% (138)	6.6% (87)	3.9% (52)	<b>42.4% (561)</b>	1,324	
Business, Professional services	10.4% (139)	26.4% (354)	<b>31.5% (422)</b>	14.9% (199)	16.9% (226)	1,340	
Eat or drink	15.6% (244)	<b>56.8% (890)</b>	23.6% (369)	3.4% (53)	0.6% (10)	1,566	
Attend concerts/festivals/museums	1.6% (25)	23.4% (358)	<b>55.6% (851)</b>	17.8% (272)	1.6% (25)	1,531	
					Other (please specify)	179	
						<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,597</b>
						<b>skipped question</b>	<b>11</b>

### 3. Do you think Ann Arbor would benefit from having more downtown parks/open spaces?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		76.2%	1,214
No		15.3%	244
I don't know		8.5%	136
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,594</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>14</b>

**4. As the city moves forward with exploring the idea of more parks/open spaces downtown, a number of options are being considered. Please rank the following with 1 being MOST preferable and 4 being the LEAST preferable. Please note that the order of the sentences change as you rank the options.**





	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Rating Count
Small park/open space (similar in size to Sculpture Plaza, approximately 4,000 square feet)	15.2% (226)	34.2% (509)	<b>47.5% (707)</b>	3.1% (46)	2.39	1,488
Medium park/open space (similar in size to Liberty Plaza, approximately 11,000 square feet)	29.2% (435)	<b>47.6% (708)</b>	21.4% (319)	1.7% (26)	1.96	1,488
Large park/open space (similar in size to the Farmers Market, approximately 30,000 square feet)	<b>41.7% (621)</b>	14.6% (218)	26.0% (387)	17.7% (263)	2.20	1,489
I don't think we need another park/open space downtown	13.9% (207)	3.6% (54)	5.0% (75)	<b>77.4% (1,153)</b>	3.46	1,489
<b>answered question</b>						<b>1,489</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>119</b>

**5. How important are the following activities/features to you in a downtown park/open space? Please select the 5 activities/features that are MOST important to you and the 5 activities that are LEAST important to you.**





	Most important (select only 5)	Least important (select only 5)	Rating Count
Having a place to meet friends, colleagues, etc.	<b>88.1% (827)</b>	11.9% (112)	939
Family friendly programs	42.3% (326)	<b>57.7% (444)</b>	770
Recreational uses (throwing a Frisbee etc...)	34.4% (308)	<b>65.6% (587)</b>	895
A place to relax/read/people watch	<b>93.6% (1,046)</b>	6.4% (72)	1,118
Programming such as concerts, films, or events	<b>68.8% (578)</b>	31.2% (262)	840
Free wireless Internet	32.4% (316)	<b>67.6% (659)</b>	975
Landscaped/green space	<b>92.2% (993)</b>	7.8% (84)	1,077
Shade features	<b>93.8% (946)</b>	6.2% (63)	1,009
Art installations	28.8% (237)	<b>71.2% (586)</b>	823
Food vendors	27.5% (273)	<b>72.5% (720)</b>	993
Playground equipment	26.9% (246)	<b>73.1% (668)</b>	914
Interactive water feature	26.0% (247)	<b>74.0% (703)</b>	950
Movable tables and chairs	21.9% (182)	<b>78.1% (648)</b>	830
Fixed tables and chairs	46.8% (349)	<b>53.2% (397)</b>	746

Place for community gatherings or social events	75.3% (638)	24.7% (209)	847
<b>answered question</b>			<b>1,483</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>125</b>




**6. Recognizing the park's existing budget, which of the following most closely aligns with your opinion (select only one):**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Ann Arbor should allocate resources on EXISTING downtown parks such as Liberty Plaza, Sculpture Plaza, and the Farmers Market		23.8%	356
Ann Arbor should allocate resources on CREATING new downtown parks/open spaces		19.5%	292
<b>Ann Arbor should focus on BOTH existing downtown parks as well as creating new downtown parks/ open spaces</b>		51.8%	775
I don't know		4.9%	74
<b>answered question</b>			<b>1,497</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>111</b>

**7. Currently, streets, parking lots, and plazas are converted for more than 50 annual downtown street festivals, fairs, and outdoor programmed events. How well do you think these converted spaces meet the community's need for downtown parks/open spaces?**






		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Exceeds existing need		6.3%	94
<b>Meets existing need</b>		<b>42.8%</b>	<b>636</b>
Does not meet existing need		37.6%	559
I don't know		13.3%	198
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,487</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>121</b>

**8. Another option Ann Arbor is exploring is the use of innovative, flexible downtown park/open space concepts that have been successfully implemented in other communities. Would you be supportive of the City trying new and innovative park/open space concepts? Concepts could include: Parklets (parking space parks), short term parks with reconfigurable space, and movable planters and furniture. (Images below)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		57.9%	850
No		24.6%	361
I don't know		17.5%	256
	Ideas(please specify)		211
<b>answered question</b>			<b>1,467</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>141</b>



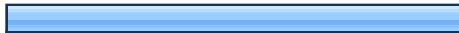

**9. If the City were to add downtown parks/open spaces, how should their construction, maintenance, and programming be funded?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Solely by public (City) funding		9.0%	130
Solely by private (grants, donations, corporate sponsorship) funding		5.8%	84
<b>Funded through a combination of public and private funding</b>		<b>67.8%</b>	<b>980</b>
I don't know		6.0%	87
I don't believe we need more downtown parks		11.3%	164
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,445</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>163</b>






**10. Please rank the following City owned properties from most to least desirable for a new downtown park/open space, with 1 being the MOST desirable and 8 being the LEAST desirable. (Please see map below)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rating Average	Rating Count
Kline parking lot (William Street & Ashley Street)	8.0% (107)	16.4% (220)	<b>23.6%</b> <b>(316)</b>	19.3% (258)	11.4% (152)	8.6% (115)	6.4% (85)	6.4% (85)	3.93	1,338
Palio parking lot (Main Street & William Street)	13.4% (179)	13.0% (174)	17.6% (236)	<b>18.7%</b> <b>(250)</b>	14.1% (188)	9.0% (120)	7.8% (105)	6.4% (86)	3.97	1,338
Fourth & William (Parking structure ground floor)	2.8% (38)	6.3% (84)	11.2% (150)	14.4% (193)	<b>17.9%</b> <b>(240)</b>	16.4% (219)	13.6% (182)	17.4% (233)	5.29	1,339
Old Y parking lot (William Street & Fifth Avenue)	13.1% (175)	<b>25.2%</b> <b>(337)</b>	13.2% (177)	12.8% (172)	13.9% (186)	9.5% (127)	9.0% (120)	3.4% (45)	3.70	1,339
Library parking lot (Fifth Avenue & Library Lane)	<b>41.5%</b> <b>(556)</b>	14.0% (187)	7.5% (100)	8.6% (115)	9.0% (121)	6.6% (89)	4.0% (54)	8.7% (117)	3.09	1,339
First & William (Parking lot)	4.2% (56)	8.8% (118)	10.5% (141)	11.7% (156)	18.7% (251)	<b>28.3%</b> <b>(379)</b>	12.4% (166)	5.4% (72)	4.93	1,339
415 West Washington (Washington Street & Third Street)	6.3% (85)	9.6% (129)	9.7% (130)	8.7% (117)	9.1% (122)	15.3% (205)	<b>32.3%</b> <b>(432)</b>	8.9% (119)	5.24	1,339
721 North Main (Main Street & Summit Street)	10.6% (142)	6.6% (89)	6.6% (89)	5.8% (78)	5.9% (79)	6.3% (85)	14.6% (195)	<b>43.5%</b> <b>(582)</b>	5.84	1,339
									<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,339</b>
									<b>skipped question</b>	<b>269</b>

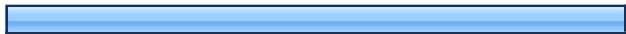



## 11. Are you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		39.4%	565
<b>Female</b>		<b>60.6%</b>	<b>868</b>
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,433</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>175</b>

## 12. Age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18 yrs old		0.2%	3
18-24 yrs old		3.8%	55
25-44 yrs old		34.0%	489
<b>45-64 yrs old</b>		<b>42.9%</b>	<b>618</b>
65+ yrs old		19.0%	274
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,439</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>169</b>

### 13. Residential ZIP code?

		Response Percent	Response Count
48103		54.1%	733
48104		26.6%	361
48105		14.4%	195
48108		4.9%	67
	Other (please specify)		90
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,356</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>252</b>

### 14. Please provide additional ideas or comments.

	Response Count
	618
<b>answered question</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>990</b>

**15. For notification about the results of this survey please provide your email address. Results will also be available on the city website.**

	<b>Response Count</b>
	458
<b>answered question</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>1,150</b>



**Page 2, Q1. What is your relationship with downtown Ann Arbor? (select all that apply)**

1	When I go downtown, I walk.	Aug 6, 2013 10:08 PM
2	I want more downtown RETAIL.	Aug 6, 2013 12:09 AM
3	I live, volunteer and possibly will work downtown.	Aug 5, 2013 8:20 PM
4	Graduate Student	Aug 5, 2013 5:32 PM
5	live on old west side	Aug 5, 2013 4:04 PM
6	Business owner who often works downtown.	Aug 5, 2013 7:32 AM
7	Ann Arbor resident/employee who commutes through downtown daily	Aug 4, 2013 11:51 PM
8	Retired former professional with office downtown	Aug 4, 2013 9:51 PM
9	Ann Arbor Township resident who we anticipate will be annexed	Aug 4, 2013 7:38 PM
10	University employee	Aug 3, 2013 11:19 AM
11	Student at U of M	Aug 3, 2013 8:45 AM
12	and who lives near downtown	Aug 3, 2013 12:22 AM
13	Ann Arbor Township within the city	Aug 2, 2013 1:37 PM
14	I have lived here for nearly 60 years.	Aug 1, 2013 12:57 PM
15	Scio Township	Jul 31, 2013 3:52 PM
16	I live just a few blocks from downtown.	Jul 30, 2013 9:53 PM
17	I live 2 blocks off main street.	Jul 30, 2013 5:22 PM
18	son attends Community High	Jul 30, 2013 3:30 PM
19	we live there part time, approx 1 week/month	Jul 30, 2013 1:32 PM

**Page 2, Q1. What is your relationship with downtown Ann Arbor? (select all that apply)**

20	Live less than half mile from Main and Liberty	Jul 30, 2013 11:36 AM
21	I own (& pay a2 taxes on) downtown property (lot)	Jul 30, 2013 10:36 AM
22	3 blocks from Main St	Jul 30, 2013 9:34 AM
23	University employee who occasionally visits downtown	Jul 30, 2013 9:32 AM
24	I usually avoid downtown due to parking issues.	Jul 30, 2013 7:23 AM
25	I live in the OWS, walk a lot, consider downtown my neighborhood.	Jul 29, 2013 4:30 PM
26	Work from downtown location 1-2 days per week	Jul 29, 2013 9:13 AM
27	I live in close walking distance (4 short blocks) to downtown.	Jul 27, 2013 7:35 PM
28	Frequently walk or bike to or through downtown locations.	Jul 27, 2013 5:56 PM
29	Near downtown resident	Jul 27, 2013 12:23 PM
30	downtown property owner	Jul 26, 2013 1:34 PM
31	Own a condominium in town	Jul 25, 2013 1:10 PM
32	live on Old West Side in walking distance	Jul 24, 2013 4:41 PM
33	Live near downtown, and was also former downtown resident	Jul 24, 2013 2:37 PM
34	Community Advocate	Jul 24, 2013 2:05 PM
35	native Ann Arborite since 1947	Jul 24, 2013 8:05 AM
36	Worked full-time downtown 3 years ago	Jul 24, 2013 12:04 AM
37	Old West Side	Jul 23, 2013 10:45 AM
38	Residents of AA, 1960s to 1980s	Jul 22, 2013 6:20 PM



**Page 2, Q1. What is your relationship with downtown Ann Arbor? (select all that apply)**

39	my commute to work goes through downtown	Jul 21, 2013 10:12 PM
40	How is "downtown" defined?	Jul 21, 2013 10:32 AM
41	Resident of close-in downtown neighborhood.	Jul 18, 2013 4:40 PM
42	I retired last year, used to work in Argus Building	Jul 18, 2013 6:40 AM
43	Old west side, frequently walks to town	Jul 17, 2013 8:26 PM
44	West side resident	Jul 17, 2013 7:22 PM
45	own business that services downtown business owners	Jul 17, 2013 6:38 PM
46	Downtown property owner	Jul 17, 2013 5:06 PM
47	student landlord	Jul 17, 2013 4:12 PM
48	Owner of vacation home in Ann Arbor	Jul 17, 2013 3:27 PM
49	Live in Kerrytown/Near North	Jul 17, 2013 2:50 PM
50	We live a half mile west of the DDA's western border on the OWS	Jul 17, 2013 2:16 PM
51	Lifelong REsident of Ann Arbor, family here since 1840's	Jul 17, 2013 1:55 PM
52	Live in Eberwhite Neighborhood	Jul 17, 2013 1:28 PM
53	ACWG member	Jul 17, 2013 1:12 PM
54	City of Ann Arbor resident who avoids downtown	Jul 17, 2013 1:05 PM
55	Long-time Ann Arborite now living out-of-State who returns 1-3 weeks a year to visit. I always enjoy visiting the downtown area.	Jul 17, 2013 12:56 PM
56	I live in the immediate neighborhood to the west of downtown and frequently walk/bike.	Jul 17, 2013 12:21 PM
57	Former high school attendee in downtown A2	Jul 17, 2013 9:39 AM

**Page 2, Q1. What is your relationship with downtown Ann Arbor? (select all that apply)**

58	UofM Central Campus	Jul 17, 2013 12:26 AM
59	1) Might be a nice idea to define 'downtown'. 2) We shop in the Kerrytown area of the inner city, but avoid Main Street. 3) Are you trying to put Ann Arbor residents in the category of 'visitor'? For any Ann Arbor resident, this is our city and it is supposed to be our downtown, but you would never know this by city policies which turn it into a congested theme park. Fake! We loved it when you could eat out any night of the week and share table space with farmers in flannel shirts and their wife in cotton print dresses, students, low income workers from the county and anti-poverty agencies, etc. Just regular Ann Arbor area folks.	Jul 16, 2013 6:24 PM
60	college student living downtown who grew up in ann arbor	Jul 16, 2013 4:35 PM
61	downtown property owner	Jul 16, 2013 4:11 PM
62	I live in Scio twnship at Scio Farms but hope to move to Ann Arbor in 2 years.	Jul 16, 2013 4:06 PM
63	Taxpayer	Jul 16, 2013 2:52 PM
64	used to work downtown for many years	Jul 16, 2013 1:46 PM
65	Ann Arbor Resident who goes to downtown very often	Jul 16, 2013 10:53 AM
66	very often downtown, walking distance.ny business is on the edge of downtown	Jul 16, 2013 10:32 AM
67	university of michigan employee	Jul 16, 2013 10:31 AM
68	UM employee; Ypsilanti resident	Jul 16, 2013 10:04 AM
69	Born and raised Ann Arborite, converted Ypsilantian, resident of the Huron River Watershed	Jul 15, 2013 8:41 PM
70	my business was downtown, still in Ann Arbor city	Jul 15, 2013 4:08 PM



**Page 2, Q2. How often do you do the following downtown? (Select all that apply)**

1	dancing in the streets	Aug 6, 2013 10:08 PM
2	Every 6-8 months, rather than every month. Time off for leisure is a factor.	Aug 6, 2013 11:05 AM
3	Library/weekly, church/weekly, drive through/daily	Aug 6, 2013 7:57 AM
4	Library weekly, post office, the Y	Aug 6, 2013 12:09 AM
5	Attend church, visit library, walking	Aug 5, 2013 9:52 PM
6	walk and bike on my way to and from work at the university	Aug 5, 2013 9:51 PM
7	classes at the U of M	Aug 5, 2013 8:26 PM
8	did work downtown daily - now retired	Aug 5, 2013 5:48 PM
9	Attend meetings at public buildings, visit library	Aug 5, 2013 5:41 PM
10	UM Employee who walks to/from work daily through downtown area.	Aug 5, 2013 5:37 PM
11	Procure services like haircuts, massages; go to the library	Aug 5, 2013 1:13 PM
12	Walk	Aug 5, 2013 8:35 AM
13	walk dog	Aug 5, 2013 7:00 AM
14	Retired professional with office downtown, now resident	Aug 4, 2013 9:51 PM
15	visit parks	Aug 4, 2013 4:59 PM
16	I bike downtown daily to meet friends, read, study, work.	Aug 4, 2013 8:45 AM
17	Often multiple times per week tho not daily	Aug 3, 2013 10:17 PM
18	Y and other exercise, library, 3-4 times a week	Aug 3, 2013 6:35 PM
19	Walk around downtown 3 evenings per week.	Aug 3, 2013 11:19 AM

**Page 2, Q2. How often do you do the following downtown? (Select all that apply)**

20	meet friends	Aug 3, 2013 12:22 AM
21	just walk around - Main, Kerrytown	Aug 2, 2013 3:59 PM
22	library; mor than weekly, less than daily for all the things I come downtown for.	Aug 2, 2013 2:35 PM
23	Movies	Aug 2, 2013 2:32 PM
24	I visit the library at least once a week.	Aug 2, 2013 1:55 PM
25	library	Aug 2, 2013 1:37 PM
26	Library	Aug 2, 2013 1:34 PM
27	drive through to get to Stadium Blvd	Aug 2, 2013 11:26 AM
28	walk, have coffee	Aug 2, 2013 10:18 AM
29	library!	Aug 2, 2013 9:14 AM
30	Walk around town every day	Aug 2, 2013 9:13 AM
31	Visit downtown library, use central bus station, movies	Aug 1, 2013 5:00 PM
32	entertain friends, stroll, window-shop	Aug 1, 2013 4:45 PM
33	movies weekly	Aug 1, 2013 2:54 PM
34	library, bank, post office	Aug 1, 2013 1:13 AM
35	go to coffee shops, walk around, go to the library, post office etc.	Aug 1, 2013 12:56 AM
36	Friends of Library Book Sale	Jul 31, 2013 10:46 PM
37	I would love to move downtown, if I could afford it	Jul 31, 2013 6:30 PM
38	Walking route	Jul 31, 2013 6:04 PM

Page 2, Q2. How often do you do the following downtown? (Select all that apply)

39	library and post office and university	Jul 31, 2013 3:55 PM
40	YMCA	Jul 31, 2013 3:52 PM
41	bike commute!	Jul 31, 2013 1:58 PM
42	Church, weekly	Jul 31, 2013 11:17 AM
43	mi theater weekly	Jul 31, 2013 10:06 AM
44	Go on walks for exercise	Jul 31, 2013 9:52 AM
45	I would come downtown to shop more often if there were "regular" stores like here used to be. Also come downtown to hear music, see movies, etc	Jul 31, 2013 9:38 AM
46	during school year, daily to Community High	Jul 30, 2013 3:30 PM
47	Walk	Jul 30, 2013 2:46 PM
48	based on one week per month	Jul 30, 2013 1:32 PM
49	I do one of the above almost daily, not all daily	Jul 30, 2013 11:36 AM
50	doctor appointment - weekly	Jul 30, 2013 11:02 AM
51	Ultimate Frisbee	Jul 30, 2013 8:46 AM
52	Farmers Market	Jul 29, 2013 11:23 PM
53	library!	Jul 29, 2013 9:41 PM
54	Library	Jul 29, 2013 9:25 PM
55	walk through regularly	Jul 29, 2013 7:38 PM
56	walk through going to UM - almost daily	Jul 29, 2013 7:11 PM
57	Am retired, volunteer weekly downtown, use library, movies, etc.	Jul 29, 2013 4:30 PM

**Page 2, Q2. How often do you do the following downtown? (Select all that apply)**

58	attend church weekly	Jul 29, 2013 3:24 PM
59	Almost daily Public Library user.	Jul 29, 2013 12:23 PM
60	Walk around.	Jul 28, 2013 10:46 PM
61	go to movies	Jul 28, 2013 7:01 AM
62	It's impossible to attend concerts/festivals/etc any more frequently than they occur (e.g., they don't occur daily). I walk through downtown at least twice a day and I often walk through in the evening but rarely do I stop because I'm not interested in spending money to eat out on my way to work or way back home after work but I do like to linger and see people, chat, socialize. When I do want to eat out, pay for entertainment, shop, etc., I do prefer doing it downtown. In talking to people, I find that downtown and near-to-downtown residents wish we had more variety of the things residents need/want on an on-going basis, e.g., drugstores, hardware stores, grocery stores, produce markets, bakeries, clothing stores, etc., more stores like Footprints (everyone needs shoes), Moosejaw (jackets, coats, etc) and Downtown Home and Garden. Those are the things that I would shop for on a daily basis and would prefer finding downtown rather than necessitating a trip to the outskirts of town or to strip malls. Also a central gathering spot like a town square would make me stop when I'm walking through but also would serve as a destination, with inevitable window shopping and shopping along the way.	Jul 27, 2013 7:35 PM
63	For all reasons together, 3-4x per week	Jul 27, 2013 4:46 PM
64	Michigan and State theaters	Jul 27, 2013 12:23 PM
65	Visit the library weekly	Jul 26, 2013 1:05 PM
66	every couple of months	Jul 26, 2013 8:47 AM
67	Hike, Go to Library, Movies	Jul 25, 2013 10:04 PM
68	Go to the library!!	Jul 25, 2013 9:10 PM
69	Movies weekly	Jul 25, 2013 8:45 PM
70	visit AADL - weekly	Jul 25, 2013 8:33 PM
71	Attend church, use library, bike ride along bb	Jul 24, 2013 5:02 PM

**Page 2, Q2. How often do you do the following downtown? (Select all that apply)**

72	exercise, film	Jul 24, 2013 4:16 PM
73	Work out at exercise facility	Jul 24, 2013 3:39 PM
74	library, bank	Jul 24, 2013 2:37 PM
75	Community meetings	Jul 24, 2013 12:22 PM
76	Political involvement / engagement	Jul 24, 2013 12:04 AM
77	Regularly visit the library	Jul 23, 2013 11:26 PM
78	I don't understand the difference between Work and Bus. categories	Jul 23, 2013 9:22 PM
79	Library	Jul 23, 2013 2:23 PM
80	Library use weekly	Jul 23, 2013 10:49 AM
81	downtown library	Jul 23, 2013 10:10 AM
82	go to the library, just walk around	Jul 23, 2013 9:58 AM
83	Library and Michigan Theater	Jul 23, 2013 8:43 AM
84	Dailey walks downtown	Jul 22, 2013 10:44 PM
85	Travel through via bicycle or walking.	Jul 22, 2013 7:13 PM
86	Visit family and friends	Jul 22, 2013 6:20 PM
87	Daily grocery shopping is done downtown	Jul 22, 2013 1:23 PM
88	spasmodically	Jul 22, 2013 12:41 PM
89	Never re: work: I'm retired.	Jul 22, 2013 12:01 AM
90	use main library	Jul 21, 2013 10:12 PM



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91	go for a walk	Jul 21, 2013 12:55 PM
92	Walk, relax	Jul 21, 2013 9:25 AM
93	Visit Library, weekly	Jul 21, 2013 2:20 AM
94	work out: weekly	Jul 20, 2013 10:45 PM
95	Library, church - weekly	Jul 20, 2013 9:48 PM
96	films	Jul 20, 2013 7:50 PM
97	It's my transit hub and library several times weekly.	Jul 20, 2013 10:15 AM
98	the downtown library space could draw me and my friends to downtown more often	Jul 19, 2013 10:51 PM
99	Coffee Shop 2X a week	Jul 19, 2013 12:12 PM
100	I am a Board Member & volunteer for several downtown not-for-profits that bring me downtown several times a week.	Jul 19, 2013 10:26 AM
101	library 2X per week, church 1X/week, both downtown; take walks from our home to downtown several times a week	Jul 19, 2013 10:16 AM
102	Stroll - daily	Jul 19, 2013 7:04 AM
103	meet colleagues; take walks	Jul 18, 2013 5:44 PM
104	Exercise walk.	Jul 18, 2013 3:42 PM
105	library galleries	Jul 18, 2013 3:42 PM
106	Go to the library	Jul 17, 2013 9:59 PM
107	Attend civic events and meetings weekly	Jul 17, 2013 9:35 PM
108	Also enjoy bi-weekly walking around, breathing the air, relaxing.	Jul 17, 2013 8:58 PM
109	weekly (oe more often) civic meetings	Jul 17, 2013 7:20 PM

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110	walk twice /week	Jul 17, 2013 7:07 PM
111	have cheap lunch if I am down there	Jul 17, 2013 6:38 PM
112	6 or 7 times a year	Jul 17, 2013 6:29 PM
113	Actually shop/use professional services 4-5 per week downtown	Jul 17, 2013 5:49 PM
114	library, classes	Jul 17, 2013 4:27 PM
115	Visit Library weekly	Jul 17, 2013 4:10 PM
116	Use library, City Hall	Jul 17, 2013 4:04 PM
117	Doctor and dentist visits	Jul 17, 2013 3:40 PM
118	Commute through town on foot and walk around downtown for exercise, daily.	Jul 17, 2013 2:18 PM
119	Depends on what playing in town	Jul 17, 2013 1:28 PM
120	I go downtown only when necessary.	Jul 17, 2013 1:05 PM
121	Go to Michigan Theater sometimes 4 or 5 times/month	Jul 17, 2013 10:10 AM
122	I'm downtown 3-4 times a month	Jul 17, 2013 6:53 AM
123	Shop, eat/drink, attend events - each one about twice a year	Jul 17, 2013 6:32 AM
124	walk our dog	Jul 17, 2013 6:19 AM
125	My weekly are more than once a week.	Jul 17, 2013 12:26 AM
126	Walk the streets, window shop, and cool off in the shade of the diag.	Jul 16, 2013 10:41 PM
127	Exercise running down Main St 3-5 times a week	Jul 16, 2013 10:23 PM
128	Participate in clubs/activities	Jul 16, 2013 10:15 PM

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129	visit library & gov't. offices periodically	Jul 16, 2013 10:09 PM
130	attend church	Jul 16, 2013 9:27 PM
131	Hello?--Library!...and church.	Jul 16, 2013 9:18 PM
132	library	Jul 16, 2013 8:18 PM
133	Library and Farmer's Market	Jul 16, 2013 8:08 PM
134	Just take a walk around downtown monthly.	Jul 16, 2013 7:22 PM
135	fitness classes, book club	Jul 16, 2013 7:08 PM
136	Library: almost daily	Jul 16, 2013 6:57 PM
137	Church (FUMC) weekly	Jul 16, 2013 6:41 PM
138	Again, definition of downtown?? And this survey will not be accurate because you can't choose a range (between daily and weekly, etc.) Do I shop daily? No. Do I shop only weekly? No. Concerts - monthly, no; yearly, hardly...	Jul 16, 2013 6:24 PM
139	Exercise	Jul 16, 2013 5:07 PM
140	I go to the library on a regular basis	Jul 16, 2013 4:41 PM
141	Use Ann Arbor District Library--weekly	Jul 16, 2013 4:30 PM
142	Hang out, walk, bike	Jul 16, 2013 4:27 PM
143	Walk (daily)	Jul 16, 2013 4:23 PM
144	not necessarily on the same day, so there are often multiple trips downtown each week	Jul 16, 2013 4:10 PM
145	Y member	Jul 16, 2013 4:04 PM
146	walk around/go for a stroll 2-3x/week	Jul 16, 2013 3:06 PM
147	Volunteer, bicycle commute through (I live just north of Broadway Bridge, work on South State St.)	Jul 16, 2013 3:00 PM

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148	AADL, Farmer's Market, Community HS	Jul 16, 2013 2:52 PM
149	My children go to Community High School	Jul 16, 2013 2:47 PM
150	Walk 3 days/wk to Main Street	Jul 16, 2013 2:31 PM
151	Attend classes	Jul 16, 2013 2:02 PM
152	I patronize the library, use the U-M Credit Union, and go to church downtown.	Jul 16, 2013 2:02 PM
153	Go to movies monthly	Jul 16, 2013 1:46 PM
154	Library	Jul 16, 2013 1:42 PM
155	My commute passes through downtown roughly twice per week	Jul 16, 2013 1:39 PM
156	bike, walk, window-shop, people watch, etc. -- between daily and weekly; go to the library -- weekly; use municipal services -- yearly; exercise -- weekly	Jul 16, 2013 1:39 PM
157	Library	Jul 16, 2013 1:36 PM
158	Walking & visiting library	Jul 16, 2013 1:36 PM
159	Use the library	Jul 16, 2013 1:36 PM
160	My work is volunteer work. I am retired. I plan to live downtown and attend events often.	Jul 16, 2013 1:32 PM
161	Visit recreation facilities (YMCA)	Jul 16, 2013 1:31 PM
162	attend meetings	Jul 16, 2013 11:44 AM
163	Visit library--monthly. (I marked "B, P services" for banking	Jul 16, 2013 10:59 AM
164	Every seasonal event like art fair, summer festival, concerts, etc	Jul 16, 2013 10:53 AM
165	Attend church	Jul 16, 2013 10:36 AM
166	Just walk around and enjoy	Jul 16, 2013 10:00 AM

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167	movies regularly	Jul 16, 2013 9:57 AM
168	This question is immaterial if you are driving people away from downtown with bad policy making	Jul 16, 2013 9:50 AM
169	wandering	Jul 16, 2013 9:47 AM
170	drive downtown to drop kids off at activities, 2-3 x week	Jul 16, 2013 9:12 AM
171	Walk dog, just hang out	Jul 16, 2013 7:12 AM
172	walk for recreation and exercise	Jul 15, 2013 10:43 PM
173	Walk around downtown with my dog.	Jul 15, 2013 8:49 PM
174	really eat or drink bi or trimonthly, all others maybe every other year. more often go to meet family, old friends	Jul 15, 2013 8:41 PM
175	post office, library, movies, meeting friends, people food co-op.	Jul 15, 2013 4:30 PM
176	government offices, UM campus, library, massage	Jul 15, 2013 4:18 PM
177	downtown seems boring if these are the options	Jul 15, 2013 4:01 PM
178	Walk. Also Farmer's Market (I guess this falls under shopping?)	Jul 15, 2013 4:00 PM
179	dog walking, walking for pleasure 4-5 times a week	Jul 15, 2013 3:40 PM



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1	great concept!	Aug 8, 2013 10:22 AM
2	Need lots more areas with bench and plantings like the one at William and Main, for tired people to rest.	Aug 6, 2013 10:22 PM
3	The Re-configurable Space concept looks more trailer park than innovative. The parklet idea is good, except this will take away parking spaces in downtown which will probably upset people. Unfortunately, at the moment I don't have any ideas to offer otherwise.	Aug 6, 2013 11:20 AM
4	Use part of existing surface space in 'library' lot	Aug 6, 2013 12:09 AM
5	Yes but in addition to actual green space...non-cemented	Aug 5, 2013 11:06 PM
6	Not in place of a large park with family-friendly features. And don't attract my child to a parking space to play, please!	Aug 5, 2013 10:58 PM
7	Yes, but in addition to (not instead of) actual parks	Aug 5, 2013 9:54 PM
8	a plaza space with movable furniture and flexibility for concerts, performances, markets, sidewalk cafes, etc. would be very good for A2	Aug 5, 2013 8:20 PM
9	Please no parklets! How about closing main street or liberty street on summer evenings (Fridays?) ala Burlington, VT?	Aug 5, 2013 5:43 PM
10	We need *permanent* parks, not "pop-up" parks.	Aug 5, 2013 5:43 PM
11	dog park is needed in downtown area	Aug 5, 2013 2:44 PM
12	Seasonably flexible space - an outdoor ice rink that can be turned into sand volleyball or 3:3 mini-soccer field in summer, small skate park in fall, small concert venue/band shell at other times.	Aug 5, 2013 12:13 PM
13	Need trees	Aug 5, 2013 10:14 AM
14	I lived in NYC and many former traffic throughways have been made into such public spaces. Great idea!	Aug 5, 2013 8:52 AM
15	We need more street level parking so please don't consider using that for parks.	Aug 5, 2013 7:54 AM
16	These all look kind of silly in a city that has lots of coffee shops and outdoor seating.	Aug 4, 2013 11:24 PM

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17	Stationary bike gadget chargers, slides next to staircases for a fun descent, art stations, exercise stations, tiny pet enclosures so people can run into stores and don't have to tie up dogs or leave them in cars (with dog drinking fountains, too)	Aug 4, 2013 10:56 PM
18	Needs to coindate with library and Liberty Park	Aug 4, 2013 10:00 PM
19	have a large space that all can count on being a park	Aug 4, 2013 9:11 PM
20	Space above new Liberty Street underground lot could be used as common space	Aug 4, 2013 7:02 PM
21	these are not an acceptable substitute for a large permanent park. they would be an interesting experiment IN ADDITION TO a park.	Aug 4, 2013 8:51 AM
22	I wish we had a central location for people to stroll and see others - as many European cities have. Waterfronts can serve that function - a central social people-watching space for community to share.	Aug 3, 2013 11:25 AM
23	Images shown define too-small and ungracious areas	Aug 3, 2013 5:55 AM
24	create a central park with trees and grass	Aug 2, 2013 6:17 PM
25	Pocket PARks like NY	Aug 2, 2013 3:26 PM
26	Go with bigger parks.	Aug 2, 2013 2:49 PM
27	Need more info	Aug 2, 2013 2:38 PM
28	Sounds cool, but not in place of a downtown park.	Aug 2, 2013 2:00 PM
29	ice skating in winter/cafe in summer(see Millenium Park, Chicago) or Dexter Village square(i.e it has ice skating now in winter)	Aug 2, 2013 1:54 PM
30	I like the idea of small public spaces to just hang out interspersed through downtown.	Aug 2, 2013 1:45 PM
31	park on TOP of Library underground parking structure	Aug 2, 2013 11:29 AM
32	real trees, real grass, real flowers	Aug 2, 2013 9:54 AM



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33	I don't think that these are parks	Aug 2, 2013 8:50 AM
34	I think we should make main st. a no car area from friday at 5 p.m. until Sunday at 5 p.m. and divert drivers at these times.	Aug 1, 2013 2:56 PM
35	city park on top of library lot! would be awesome!	Aug 1, 2013 11:46 AM
36	narrow walking park(s) linked across downtown	Aug 1, 2013 10:06 AM
37	Lots of small rather than huge space	Aug 1, 2013 1:16 AM
38	Parklets	Jul 31, 2013 8:31 PM
39	I like the idea of flex space so a place can have a multipurpose use.	Jul 31, 2013 7:32 PM
40	Hard to imagine how this would create green space	Jul 31, 2013 3:24 PM
41	I remember the "Little Park for a Little While" on Main St. I thought it was successful.	Jul 31, 2013 11:51 AM
42	Think more about open and less about parking - you already have the underground parking structure	Jul 31, 2013 10:43 AM
43	Old ideas, although they seem rather small and not particularly inviting from the pictures.	Jul 31, 2013 10:07 AM
44	Main St. should be closed for vehicle traffic Memorial Day to Labor Day. It's closed so often you might as well make it semi-permanent and use the space for restaurants, seating, etc.	Jul 31, 2013 10:06 AM
45	Not sure what you mean but probably not. What we need is a permanent, beautiful, open green space, not a short-term hobbled together spae	Jul 31, 2013 9:43 AM
46	Only if there are severe budget constraints. Not even convinced these would be worth the expense i.e. under-utilized.	Jul 31, 2013 8:41 AM
47	Better than nothing, but not as good as a green space.	Jul 30, 2013 10:01 PM
48	No more dysfunctional, profligate German fountain projects.	Jul 30, 2013 8:45 PM
49	Read sections of A Pattern Language, the pictures do not show inviting areas.	Jul 30, 2013 11:40 AM

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50	I only ride bike/bus --never drive--into a2. Want more pedestrian/bike friendly options	Jul 30, 2013 10:39 AM
51	Yes, but not INSTEAD OF larger parks/green spaces	Jul 30, 2013 9:39 AM
52	I especially oppose movable furniture - get in pedestrians way, most likely will be stolen or otherwise abused.	Jul 30, 2013 9:28 AM
53	very desireable, but doesn't replace green space	Jul 30, 2013 8:59 AM
54	Block off car traffic on Main Street and perhaps Washington on at least one day a week to create a pedestrian park and space for community gatherings/events. We don't need more parkspace when we could better utilize our streets for the same functions.	Jul 29, 2013 10:38 PM
55	Some innovations in street design/use/reconfiguration.	Jul 29, 2013 10:33 PM
56	In addition to more open spaces, not instead of.	Jul 29, 2013 8:04 PM
57	Please, let's be more creative	Jul 29, 2013 4:33 PM
58	But not movable furniture...chairs & tables would only disappear.	Jul 28, 2013 11:25 PM
59	But not at expense of additional permanent spaces.	Jul 28, 2013 10:49 PM
60	Open Allen Creek and have a "Highline" type park alongside	Jul 28, 2013 10:49 PM
61	I prefer green permanent spaces that promote mature plant and tree growth through time.	Jul 28, 2013 1:26 AM
62	stop building buildings. turn all open space into grass and trees	Jul 27, 2013 9:12 PM
63	Those are no substitute for a fixed central gathering place or town square for fostering a sense of on-going community investment in and engagement with the downtown and with the on-going/day-to-day business viability of downtown. These so-called "innovations" do not serve that purpose.	Jul 27, 2013 7:59 PM
64	turn streets into pedestrian and bike plazas, perhaps some temporary and others permanent	Jul 27, 2013 6:27 PM
65	All of these look exciting and could be PART of making Ann Arbor even better.	Jul 27, 2013 4:50 PM

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66	CNC processes make all of these things sweeter cheaper and easier.	Jul 27, 2013 12:47 PM
67	Parklets good, not keen on moveable furniture, reconfigurable space looks nice	Jul 26, 2013 9:27 AM
68	Good idea, but not the only way to go.	Jul 25, 2013 10:12 PM
69	How do you stop the bums and panhandler from ruining these spaces? Just like all the others? Other who watches the movable chairs and tables?	Jul 25, 2013 9:15 PM
70	Parklets are not innovative - just a smokescreen	Jul 25, 2013 4:24 PM
71	The pictures all look pretty barren, and too close to traffic.	Jul 25, 2013 1:28 PM
72	Turn Main St. in between William and Washington a Pedestrial Mall. Similar to Pearl Street in Boulder. Main is closed so much for festivals. It would allow for even more special events to happen there. AND you can make a water feature with park type options along it.	Jul 25, 2013 12:12 PM
73	Bill's Beer Garden is a great example of efficiently used space in downtown A2	Jul 25, 2013 11:30 AM
74	question 7 is not answerable because if answer does not meet needs, could mean person wants more or is annoyed by the street closings	Jul 25, 2013 10:53 AM
75	I think parklets (and similar features) are the ONLY additional park space we need. (I answered in previous quesions that I think we need small spaces, but I think 4000sqft is way too big.) I loved seeing more of them in SF when I lived there, when they were just getting started.	Jul 25, 2013 10:42 AM
76	I also support closing Main St for a few blocks on a regular schedule. It's usually congested and routing traffic around or into parking at Ann, library lot, Washington, etc wouldn't be an inconvenience. So many other cities have permanent or regular ped zones, it would be great if A2 adopted this too!	Jul 24, 2013 7:32 PM
77	A bit more green, e .g, large planter with tree here and there would be very appealing	Jul 24, 2013 7:31 PM
78	Bill's Beer Garden is an excellent example of daypart space planning	Jul 24, 2013 6:14 PM
79	I am not swept with this idea	Jul 24, 2013 4:45 PM

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80	This is in no way a substitute for a new major downtown park.	Jul 24, 2013 2:41 PM
81	city must allocate ongoing operational \$ or this will not be an asset.	Jul 24, 2013 2:16 PM
82	We need a large gathering space like most viable cities provide, especially in Europe	Jul 24, 2013 8:10 AM
83	moveable items might easily get broken, removed to other locations.	Jul 23, 2013 10:18 PM
84	Weekend closure of Main from William to Huron	Jul 23, 2013 5:00 PM
85	we need a permanent space that becomes a familiar destination	Jul 23, 2013 3:32 PM
86	Make pedestrian zones - main street from William to Huron closed permanently OR closed daily from 6pm to midnight	Jul 23, 2013 11:01 AM
87	These could be great, but some grassy areas are needed.	Jul 23, 2013 9:57 AM
88	See if we can fill Main St. on football evenings as a test. Not to convert the space, but just see if a regular street party is possible. Also, more room on State St. for sidewalk dining.	Jul 22, 2013 5:10 PM
89	More open green space downtown please! Less cement plazas	Jul 22, 2013 3:27 PM
90	Only in addition to a larger fixed space	Jul 22, 2013 12:32 PM
91	I love the parklet idea!	Jul 22, 2013 10:53 AM
92	I would like to se Main Street closed to cars from Washington to William and a mall made. The cross streets could remain open with pedestrian cross walks at Main.	Jul 22, 2013 8:47 AM
93	Options shown indicate minimizing space; ok but not adequate, and are just versions of "pocket parks"	Jul 22, 2013 12:07 AM
94	Can't comment - I have no idea what you are talking about	Jul 21, 2013 10:21 PM
95	It seems that space needs are relatively fixed, so the cost of creating something flexible is not worth it.	Jul 21, 2013 1:15 PM
96	don't have specifics but this sounds good in general	Jul 21, 2013 10:39 AM

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97	maybe, if not costly to create and maintain, and funding is not diverted from current parks and services	Jul 21, 2013 2:24 AM
98	Movable/ reconfigurable seems like maintenance problem, consider pocket parks like NYC?	Jul 20, 2013 10:02 PM
99	having movable items to transform different spaces is likeable, however it does not replave the neec for perimate space , where such items could also be used.	Jul 19, 2013 11:49 PM
100	potentially good idea, if it's not window-dressing and/or in place of a more substantial downtown green space	Jul 19, 2013 11:24 AM
101	Rather have dedicated unprogrammed downtown hangout and retreat for all ages and many purposes, from workers eating lunches, grandparents with children ambling & splashing, teens w boarding & frisbee or playing guitar, small writer groups reading in the shade, et cetera	Jul 19, 2013 11:00 AM
102	To serve as a meeting place, it must be a prominent and permanent feature on the downtown Ann Arbor map.	Jul 19, 2013 7:31 AM
103	Would prefer a true town square park with fountain and police presence.	Jul 19, 2013 7:10 AM
104	I like permanent grassy space w/ family friendly trees, furniture, & play equipment.	Jul 18, 2013 8:50 PM
105	I think that concepts like this should be implemented by vendors or restaurant owners, while city should have to only provide the space (kind of like outside restaurant patios)	Jul 18, 2013 7:04 PM
106	shade possibilities for downtown street events--e.g., tarps that can be stretched across the streets attached to buildings. Facilities for creating portable stages/bandshells	Jul 18, 2013 5:52 PM
107	Close Main Street between Huron and William during July and August	Jul 18, 2013 3:55 PM
108	Close Main St each Sat night for several hours for a ped only zone. Only a few parking spaces are lost & there is plenty of room at the Ashley & Ann structure.	Jul 18, 2013 3:48 PM
109	I suspect mid size spaces would eat more use than small spaces and permanent placement, if well thought out, more sensible than movable.	Jul 18, 2013 2:46 PM
110	I have heard of parking lots being made into beautiful spaces, accommodating to both humans and cars, a small way to create beautiful space. Look into the concepts of "City Beautiful" Continue to work towards a walkway along Allen Creek--create more green space along this venue. More green space at the center down by the library and the old Y lot. Make	Jul 18, 2013 10:19 AM

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	sure that all new buildings create green space around their building, make sure that buildings are stepped back from the street so it invites people to walk, more art along these new avenues. Make sure that buidlings are beautiful if we must build up. More bio swales, working with nature---use the flood plain to our advantage---eco building on the site that keeps the integrity of the flood plain---we are going to want it in the future. and are built "	
111	I'm not sure that maintaining any of the things pictured is really a value-add. Looks similar to features provided by local restaurants and businesses.	Jul 18, 2013 9:36 AM
112	seasonal skating rink	Jul 18, 2013 12:07 AM
113	depends on type of use; parklets are simply enhanced streetscapes	Jul 17, 2013 7:38 PM
114	maybe if always available for people to use	Jul 17, 2013 6:47 PM
115	but these are not suitable replacements for permanent green spaces	Jul 17, 2013 6:41 PM
116	Need areas with shade and no concrete	Jul 17, 2013 6:20 PM
117	It takes 5 minutes to walk out of downtown to greenspace this isn't NYC where you have to sit in a car for 2 hours to get to green space.	Jul 17, 2013 6:07 PM
118	Parking is already an issue, moveable things get taken	Jul 17, 2013 5:32 PM
119	I don't think a downtown works if all the non retail spaces are cement covered, it is not relaxing, easy to vandalize with pain spraying and ripped thru with rollerbladers, skaters, etc.	Jul 17, 2013 5:17 PM
120	Would love to see a concept similat to Rockefeller Center at the Library Lot; an ice skating restaurant surrounded by cafes, shops etc. which would meet desireable open space and also provide tax income. Would like to see the parking lot on Ashley--a convenient parking area and a good money maker--remain as is.	Jul 17, 2013 4:51 PM
121	Okay to try new things, but not as substitute for permanent centrally located community space.	Jul 17, 2013 4:40 PM
122	seems less than ideal	Jul 17, 2013 4:13 PM
123	ice rink	Jul 17, 2013 4:04 PM

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124	Shut down a couple blocks of Main Street to vehicular traffic for the summer, make it a pedestrian-only space. Already this is done frequently for various summer events, and traffic there is horrible basically all the time anyway, so just make it a more permanent thing for a couple months per year	Jul 17, 2013 3:27 PM
125	Prefer green space. Or close Main street!	Jul 17, 2013 2:37 PM
126	I have not idea what this would be like	Jul 17, 2013 1:59 PM
127	Then that's all the DDA would ever do, if that!	Jul 17, 2013 1:34 PM
128	I like this idea, Shade element will be important	Jul 17, 2013 12:41 PM
129	In addition to, but not in place of permanent parks/open spaces that are GREEN.	Jul 17, 2013 12:25 PM
130	Close Main Street between Huron and William and turn into green space.	Jul 17, 2013 10:37 AM
131	parklet image seems ideal for just being able to sit and enjoy downtown	Jul 17, 2013 10:36 AM
132	Read this great article in Grist: <a href="http://grist.org/cities/the-littlest-parks-could-make-the-biggest-civic-changes/">http://grist.org/cities/the-littlest-parks-could-make-the-biggest-civic-changes/</a>	Jul 17, 2013 10:14 AM
133	Permanent parks, please. I might be willing to come back downtown (provided I didn't have to park in one of the horrible parking structures).	Jul 17, 2013 9:46 AM
134	temporary parklets are cool.	Jul 17, 2013 9:35 AM
135	Chicago People Spaces work well	Jul 17, 2013 9:26 AM
136	need grassy areas, not more concrete with moveable furniture	Jul 17, 2013 8:19 AM
137	Off leash dog area, could be as small as a tennis court	Jul 17, 2013 8:13 AM
138	They don't look expensive and they'd be great!	Jul 17, 2013 7:58 AM
139	green space to enjoy downtown, not always related to an event	Jul 17, 2013 6:51 AM
140	moveable=stolen	Jul 17, 2013 6:40 AM

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141	SIMPLE CHANGES ARE MORE COST EFFECTIVE	Jul 17, 2013 6:06 AM
142	Parking space parks require quite a bit of area. Moveable furniture would not be a good option because furniture becomes damaged easily, is easily taken/moved to other areas.	Jul 17, 2013 12:36 AM
143	Would love a green space with playground!	Jul 16, 2013 10:48 PM
144	Too many people in this community would help themselves to moveable furniture and planters; don't REMOVE any more parking!!	Jul 16, 2013 10:14 PM
145	but NO parklets - parking space parks	Jul 16, 2013 9:46 PM
146	The last thing we need is to take up parking spaces.	Jul 16, 2013 9:33 PM
147	These 3 don't appeal. Want grass, trees, etc	Jul 16, 2013 6:59 PM
148	Close down at least 2 city blocks permanently to car traffic. Pedestrian throughways would make Ann Arbor downtown more fun to be in, more commercially successfull and less dangerous	Jul 16, 2013 6:21 PM
149	Rooftop park	Jul 16, 2013 6:06 PM
150	close part of Main St to automobiles	Jul 16, 2013 5:52 PM
151	it would be a great way to temporarily test out how a space could work if converted more permanently in the future, but is not a good substitution for permanent park space	Jul 16, 2013 5:44 PM
152	Not everyone is able to walk for blocks to utilize downtown. Many taxpaying citizens need parking close to where they are going.	Jul 16, 2013 4:40 PM
153	Please design to deter homeless overtake	Jul 16, 2013 4:33 PM
154	There is too much open space downtown now.	Jul 16, 2013 4:32 PM
155	Maintenance; protection from weather/people????	Jul 16, 2013 4:08 PM
156	I love the spaces in Europe where puppeteers & musicians can have impromptu performances.	Jul 16, 2013 3:46 PM



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157	closing streets in summer to create pedestrian only areas	Jul 16, 2013 3:24 PM
158	In a time of country-wide crisis, funds should be minimal for this and used for Necessary issues!	Jul 16, 2013 3:00 PM
159	Parklets seem nice	Jul 16, 2013 2:56 PM
160	You just build a new underground parking garage that you can't fill without subsidies.	Jul 16, 2013 2:55 PM
161	Please see Michael Bloomberg. Please close off Main St. on weekends if not permanently (See Pearl St. in Boulder)	Jul 16, 2013 2:40 PM
162	I think moveable furniture will disappear.	Jul 16, 2013 2:29 PM
163	Moveable furniture would be a disaster, parklets will be taken over by drunks, aggressive panhandlers and people overdosing on heroin.	Jul 16, 2013 2:28 PM
164	Would LOVE to see Main Street closed to cars Friday and Saturday evenings in the summer. It would change strolling and sidewalk dining from pretty good to incredibly pleasant.	Jul 16, 2013 2:21 PM
165	Main Street as walk only sometimes	Jul 16, 2013 2:07 PM
166	Need Downtown Green Space particularly as density increases	Jul 16, 2013 1:48 PM
167	I like the idea of intimate, small parklets	Jul 16, 2013 1:47 PM
168	but not at the expense of pursuing a larger green space	Jul 16, 2013 1:46 PM
169	parking lots maybe similar to MI football parking	Jul 16, 2013 1:43 PM
170	I don't think these really meet the need or make much difference. There's no where to have a picnic downtown. I think Ann Arbor needs a park that people use to come and relax in - a central, informal gathering place like Regents Park and St. James Park in London - a place where people meet up, stroll through, enjoy the views, and becomes iconic for the city	Jul 16, 2013 1:41 PM
171	This is not a good use of resources	Jul 16, 2013 1:41 PM
172	The skating rink is a great idea.	Jul 16, 2013 1:40 PM

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173	I'd support the parklet IF other park areas were reduced	Jul 16, 2013 1:38 PM
174	all	Jul 16, 2013 1:35 PM
175	We need grassy areas. These don't meet that need.	Jul 16, 2013 1:35 PM
176	If it moves around, then people won't know it is there	Jul 16, 2013 1:34 PM
177	Turning entire streets into short term pedestrian plazas (longer than a single event) might be nice. On the order of a couple weeks to a month.	Jul 16, 2013 1:16 PM
178	NYC DOT Plaza Program and Streetseats program	Jul 16, 2013 1:14 PM
179	Having more places to sit is great. It doesn't need to be a whole park.	Jul 16, 2013 12:59 PM
180	Permenant spaces are preferable for urban environments	Jul 16, 2013 12:18 PM
181	Including closing Main street in the summer	Jul 16, 2013 12:16 PM
182	Convert several streets / blocks to pedestrian only	Jul 16, 2013 12:06 PM
183	We cannot maintain what we have now.	Jul 16, 2013 11:46 AM
184	More pedestrian oriented on weekends and let traffic through during the week.	Jul 16, 2013 11:40 AM
185	close main street on weekends to allow for dining, etc to spread into the streets.	Jul 16, 2013 11:29 AM
186	close some streets to traffic.....try with entire month of July initially	Jul 16, 2013 11:26 AM
187	vest pocket parks with limted hours of operation, tree clusters on sidewalks with seating	Jul 16, 2013 11:23 AM
188	I like the idea of having more moveable furniture available throughout the city. However I am concerned about how this might also contribute to an already existing vagrancy problem.	Jul 16, 2013 10:50 AM
189	these are ok ideas but we need a central, multi use community space	Jul 16, 2013 10:48 AM

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190	saesonal ice rink in winter, skate park in summer	Jul 16, 2013 10:46 AM
191	Any downtown park/open space will be immediately taken over by homeless/street people and will be avoided by normal people. IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME.	Jul 16, 2013 10:45 AM
192	Close off streets permanently as is done in Europe	Jul 16, 2013 10:34 AM
193	I want green space, not a reconfigurable parking lot. As long as we have something big in the center of town, then having ADDITIONAL parklets sounds cool.	Jul 16, 2013 10:12 AM
194	pop-up food/coffee carts and crafts sales	Jul 16, 2013 10:03 AM
195	Would need to be in addition to a fixed green space	Jul 16, 2013 10:02 AM
196	Idea seems very inadequate	Jul 15, 2013 10:53 PM
197	I don't mind trying anything but sounds unlikely to have a lasting impact.	Jul 15, 2013 9:47 PM
198	park on library lot that could be an ice rink in winter	Jul 15, 2013 9:05 PM
199	install roadside rain gardens, like those in depot town ypsi	Jul 15, 2013 8:48 PM
200	No no no. we need a Central Parks with trees and benches and no asphalt	Jul 15, 2013 8:18 PM
201	In addition to new, permanent parks.	Jul 15, 2013 7:35 PM
202	AA does not need more auto parking space. It needs less and more green, picnic space.	Jul 15, 2013 5:33 PM
203	Concrete ping pong tables	Jul 15, 2013 4:39 PM
204	Convert parts of Main St. (and other downtown streets) into walking only areas on Friday and Saturday nights and direct traffic around the area.	Jul 15, 2013 4:38 PM
205	I think we need a space with some lush grass and trees	Jul 15, 2013 4:14 PM
206	As long as they didn't set empty and were converted during large special events when there were an influx of people	Jul 15, 2013 4:09 PM

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207	The Library Lot is the best location for an open green space downtown. I said GREEN SPACE where people can sit/play on grass. I hope I'm making this clear. This lot is the last opportunity we have for such a space. Please don't mess this up.	Jul 15, 2013 3:56 PM
208	Pedestrian spaces or walkways. I like the parklet idea.	Jul 15, 2013 3:52 PM
209	parklets and moveable furniture seem like a good fit for A2	Jul 15, 2013 3:35 PM
210	Won't let me make selctions. Does not meet existing need for #7 and Yes for #8	Jul 15, 2013 3:18 PM
211	I support trying these ideas, but not instead of creating a downtown park.	Jul 15, 2013 2:48 PM



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1	48197	Aug 6, 2013 11:28 AM
2	48198 (formerly 48104)	Aug 5, 2013 6:38 PM
3	48331	Aug 5, 2013 2:57 PM
4	48118	Aug 5, 2013 2:35 PM
5	49240	Aug 5, 2013 9:58 AM
6	48158	Aug 5, 2013 7:58 AM
7	48197	Aug 4, 2013 11:15 PM
8	48130	Aug 4, 2013 7:33 PM
9	Have lived in Ann Arbor for 35 years; University faculty	Aug 3, 2013 11:35 AM
10	48106	Aug 2, 2013 5:13 PM
11	48198	Aug 2, 2013 10:48 AM
12	49237	Aug 1, 2013 12:02 PM
13	48189	Aug 1, 2013 11:51 AM
14	48198	Aug 1, 2013 7:16 AM
15	48197	Jul 31, 2013 9:51 PM
16	48197	Jul 31, 2013 4:59 PM
17	48197	Jul 31, 2013 4:33 PM
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19	48118	Jul 31, 2013 3:31 PM

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20	48130	Jul 31, 2013 9:10 AM
21	48197	Jul 30, 2013 3:44 PM
22	48197/48103 (property)	Jul 30, 2013 10:43 AM
23	48197	Jul 30, 2013 8:19 AM
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25	48195	Jul 29, 2013 7:20 PM
26	48197	Jul 29, 2013 5:46 PM
27	48130	Jul 29, 2013 3:25 PM
28	48118	Jul 29, 2013 2:47 PM
29	48176	Jul 28, 2013 9:17 PM
30	48130	Jul 28, 2013 9:05 PM
31	48197	Jul 28, 2013 7:10 AM
32	48198	Jul 27, 2013 12:55 PM
33	48176	Jul 26, 2013 8:47 AM
34	Various	Jul 25, 2013 5:36 PM
35	48116	Jul 25, 2013 12:47 PM
36	48130	Jul 25, 2013 11:52 AM
37	48197	Jul 25, 2013 11:40 AM
38	48197	Jul 25, 2013 10:28 AM

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39	48198	Jul 24, 2013 4:14 PM
40	48197	Jul 24, 2013 2:34 PM
41	48197	Jul 24, 2013 10:10 AM
42	48176	Jul 24, 2013 8:25 AM
43	long-time Ann Arborite now living in Pinckney	Jul 24, 2013 8:16 AM
44	48160	Jul 23, 2013 11:07 AM
45	48137 NW Washtenaw Co	Jul 22, 2013 7:09 PM
46	48173	Jul 22, 2013 1:48 PM
47	49236	Jul 22, 2013 10:27 AM
48	48111	Jul 19, 2013 9:29 PM
49	We need more places to sit comfortably downtown.	Jul 18, 2013 4:06 PM
50	48197	Jul 18, 2013 2:52 PM
51	48176	Jul 17, 2013 9:00 PM
52	48170	Jul 17, 2013 7:25 PM
53	48197	Jul 17, 2013 5:07 PM
54	48169	Jul 17, 2013 3:24 PM
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56	H3K 2R2	Jul 17, 2013 1:30 PM
57	48178	Jul 17, 2013 10:41 AM



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58	48158	Jul 17, 2013 9:41 AM
59	48130	Jul 17, 2013 8:55 AM
60	48118	Jul 17, 2013 7:21 AM
61	48197 Pittsfield Twp	Jul 17, 2013 7:02 AM
62	48197	Jul 16, 2013 10:19 PM
63	Poorly constructed survey. You will quote these 'answers' and it will not represent what people really intended to say. For instance, might residents like to see a variety of park sizes in the downtown? Why must it be this OR this?	Jul 16, 2013 7:21 PM
64	48158	Jul 16, 2013 4:45 PM
65	48130	Jul 16, 2013 4:30 PM
66	48189	Jul 16, 2013 4:18 PM
67	48130	Jul 16, 2013 3:09 PM
68	48160	Jul 16, 2013 3:08 PM
69	49240	Jul 16, 2013 2:54 PM
70	48176	Jul 16, 2013 2:39 PM
71	Old Westside	Jul 16, 2013 2:34 PM
72	48198	Jul 16, 2013 2:19 PM
73	48188	Jul 16, 2013 2:06 PM
74	48198	Jul 16, 2013 2:04 PM
75	48198	Jul 16, 2013 1:44 PM
76	48176	Jul 16, 2013 1:38 PM

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77	48197	Jul 16, 2013 1:15 PM
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82	48197	Jul 16, 2013 10:39 AM
83	48118	Jul 16, 2013 10:38 AM
84	48197	Jul 16, 2013 10:36 AM
85	49286	Jul 16, 2013 10:31 AM
86	48118	Jul 16, 2013 10:19 AM
87	48176	Jul 16, 2013 10:03 AM
88	48176	Jul 16, 2013 9:56 AM
89	48197	Jul 15, 2013 8:51 PM
90	48197	Jul 15, 2013 3:42 PM



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1	Downtown definitely needs more green space. Places for families, kids, dogs, relaxation, etc.	Aug 8, 2013 10:27 AM
2	Ann Arbor is fortunate to have many lovely parks and open spaces. I don't however believe that we need to convert everything into a park. A space that is a double budget negative in that it generates no revenue and requires maintenance. Please, no more parks for the explicit purpose of obstructing development projects.	Aug 7, 2013 12:25 PM
3	MORE PARKS PLEASE :)	Aug 7, 2013 10:14 AM
4	It would be nice to have a round, smooth slab of concrete as a dance floor or performance space.	Aug 6, 2013 10:39 PM
5	NO CONVENTION CENTER on library lane. Feed homeless at the homeless shelter. Make Liberty Plaza family friendly by installing playground and removing benches chairs.	Aug 6, 2013 10:35 PM
6	The Library Lot cries out for green space - it's the perfect place to sit, read and relax.	Aug 6, 2013 5:03 PM
7	We need at least one focal point downtown; right now there's no "town square" and it is a lack.	Aug 6, 2013 1:50 PM
8	GREEN SPACES! Not just "open spaces" like the Farmers' Market. "Green" and "open" are not interchangeable. We would like to see a green space on the Downtown Library Parking Lot.	Aug 6, 2013 12:45 PM
9	It would be nice to have more places where we can sit down and have lunch on nice days. With or without pets.	Aug 6, 2013 11:06 AM
10	I would like to see open space on the Library Lot however I am not averse to splitting the space between open space and retail/office space.	Aug 6, 2013 10:44 AM
11	Please make the parks a "no smoking" zone!	Aug 6, 2013 9:27 AM
12	Library lot makes the most sense to me.	Aug 6, 2013 12:11 AM
13	I KNOW many people, especially parents of small children, would spend more time downtown shopping and eating if there was a playground/play structure/green space to run. I know it would draw out of towners and they'd stay longer. We need that kind of respite downtown to recharge. And it would be awesome if it had unique features to draw people like a fountain that was not just sculpture/art but a spray feature for kids/adults to cool off in. There are many great ideas re: the library lot that are exciting for the vibrancy of downtown... an ice rink, food carts.... I'd go every day and meet my parent friends to play and then shop/eat. Also, you should extend this survey's deadline- I know tons of moms who expressed excitement about a park downtown when I've mentioned it but don't know about this survey.	Aug 5, 2013 11:12 PM
14	The lot adjacent to the library should be green space. There is nothing but pavement in all directions. Even the	Aug 5, 2013 10:04 PM

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	wonderful new landscaping in front of the library was paved a few years after planted. How did this happen??	
15	For the choice of sites for the parks, my first choice is definitely the library lot. After that is established I would like more information about the other sites. As for the activities/features, I liked them all. I think they all should be considered.	Aug 5, 2013 10:03 PM
16	love the idea of more parks downtown but don't want property taxes to go up (sorry,I know that's rather predicable). Thanks for survey and good luck!!	Aug 5, 2013 8:36 PM
17	A2 needs a public space for gathering. Moveable furniture and kiosks would support eating and drinking, around which people of all ages and classes could gather. Such a space would also support concerts, performances, community gatherings, busking, a market. Integrated with a renovated library building, the library lot is ideal for this. Currently, the new facilities for entering the underground parking are needlessly numerous and bulky. It would be intriguing to combine an open plaza in the library lot with a 4-season public market in the Y lot. Thriving examples of the latter can be found in DC, Vancouver, Toronto, Boston, etc. These things would benefit downtown merchants by making downtown A2 more attractive to pedestrians, even if not all those who show up are paying top dollar at Main St. establishments.	Aug 5, 2013 8:28 PM
18	Some of the possible park ideas are CRAZY because of location or type of space. Why would there be a park on the first floor of a parking structure? Also, many of them are on the perimeter of downtown. The library lot is the perfect space and the perfect size.	Aug 5, 2013 7:53 PM
19	Ann Arbor is the County seat and a focus for citizen involvement in our democracy. We need a citizen empowerment space where we can hear speakers, organize peaceful protests, share information, and support artists and innovators. The Library Lot surface is a critically important place for people to gather, and should be redesigned so it can function as a community commons.	Aug 5, 2013 6:38 PM
20	I had some trouble answering some questions. I do believe the Library Lot is a good location for a park/open space. However, I wouldn't want the city to lose additional highly-valuable downtown property. I wonder whether a new space could be created at the Library Lot and then the city could sell Liberty Square for future commercial development.	Aug 5, 2013 6:12 PM
21	Love your ideas, and the city's openness to trying new, innovative things. Also love the thoughtfulness of our leaders, in seeking a wide variety of opinions, but also incorporating best practices of other cities who've done this already.	Aug 5, 2013 5:58 PM
22	721 N. Main is not downtown and its use should not be a consideration in this discussion.	Aug 5, 2013 5:48 PM
23	I visited the Library Parking Lot when it was having a concert with my girlfriend by chance. It was a lot of fun and it is in a great location next to the downtown library for fun activities. I like that the city hosts activities in the streets e.g on main street and liberty street, but isn't it time for a more permanent local for little festivals?	Aug 5, 2013 5:37 PM

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24	more interested in increasing ordinary-life retail (non-yuppie groceries, hardware, etc)for downtown and nearby residents	Aug 5, 2013 3:14 PM
25	Ann Arbor NEEDS a park area. I come from a smaller City where there is a couple of parks for kids. I would LOVE to be able to make a day trip out of bringing my children to Ann Arbor to visit a museum, go to the Library & then play in a beautiful playground/park with the skyline being in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor is unique for the shopping & restaurants so it'd be nice to also have it become a place to have a park as well. I think the Library Lot would be the most utilized space because people who go to the Library would have a outdoor place to enjoy what they've checked out and schools could use it for field trips after visiting the Library or other museums in town.	Aug 5, 2013 2:35 PM
26	Ann Arbor doesn't really need more downtown park space. It needs wider sidewalks, slower traffic, and more bike lanes. Though I admit, a downtown playground would be awesome.	Aug 5, 2013 1:18 PM
27	I'm generally supportive of more parks, but many of the parks downtown (specifically Sculpture Park, Liberty Plaza, and to a lesser extent, West Park) are generally overrun with vagrants and obnoxious behavior. This is my primary reasoning for not utilizing these existing parks. I worry that more open space and seating downtown could just create new hangouts for the homeless, that nobody else in the community will actually use.	Aug 5, 2013 12:58 PM
28	The new park should have a lot of green open space, not sometime be a parking lot or street, or market. It should be user and family friendly. The Ann Arbor needs a "Commons" like many cities have a a large downtown square. Library Lot is the very best place. In question #10 one should be able to choose only - didn't like that other couldn't all be given zeros or exclude. The park should have lots of places where people could sit and a fountain and places for children to play. If the city wants to have more people living downtown, there needs to be a real park like in other neighborhoods in the city.	Aug 5, 2013 12:35 PM
29	As noted previously - rather than open space for sitting around, I would like to see a space for activity and "activity-watching" - volleyball, skating, skate-boarding, 3:3 mini-soccer, etc. Space for people to watch is also fine. Further, a greenway or rails and trails along the train tracks to make it easier for families to commute on bikes or with strollers from neighborhoods to downtown and back would be excellent - with whatever other features that could be included along that pathway (benches, butterfly gardens, birding features, native flowers, etc.) - something like the cascades pathway near Argo without the water. Small kids on bikes in bike lanes along Packard, State or Main do not feel safe. A pathway along the tracks with reasonable separation from tracks and with minimal and safe crossing of streets will draw more pedestrian family and bike traffic to the downtown.	Aug 5, 2013 12:25 PM
30	An option not mentioned would be to have several medium sized parks - there are so many high rises now that people need respite, shade, escape from all the cement.	Aug 5, 2013 10:18 AM
31	The City should take a both/and attitude toward a central park at the Library Lot and the Allen Creek Greenway -- not an either/or position. Downtown parks/green space allow for civic and social activities to happen right alongside of	Aug 5, 2013 10:05 AM

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	commercial and business uses. Urban parks / green spaces boost urban vitality and livability.	
32	Please don't govern by survey.	Aug 5, 2013 9:56 AM
33	Please use the library parking lot for a park!	Aug 5, 2013 9:27 AM
34	Disregard rankings on questions 4 and 8. The numbers filled in automatically and would not changed.	Aug 5, 2013 8:14 AM
35	a dog park downtown would be highly desirable	Aug 5, 2013 8:04 AM
36	We need parking more than we need more open space. You should specify that in the opening of this survey. If it means giving up exisitng parking--then hell no. We need more parking. Sad to say but that's the reality. More street level parking. I don't know any women who would willingly park below street level alone. I'm tempted to bag this whole survey because it's misleading.	Aug 5, 2013 7:54 AM
37	I would love to see a pedestrian zone on Main Street or Liberty.	Aug 5, 2013 7:38 AM
38	Your survey is broken. When asked to rank from most to least desireable, the survey automatically fills them in by order, assigning the first question a preference of 1, the second, 2, and so forth.	Aug 5, 2013 7:37 AM
39	We should be able to park at orange bags after 6. Total waste of valuable space to citizens	Aug 5, 2013 7:29 AM
40	Downtown need permanent and functional public restrooms. These should be incorporated into any larger park plans. I also think a downtown skating rink in Winter would be a huge draw and make shopping downtown in Winter a much better community experience. There are many models for the successful implementation of downtown skating rinks.	Aug 5, 2013 7:09 AM
41	Let's just remember how important plant life is. I love Liberty Plaza, but it's not exactly a "green space," what with every square inch being paved over...	Aug 5, 2013 1:16 AM
42	See Boulder, CO for fab Pearl St. Mall with children's play areas, shade, benches, art, shops, food ANd nearby ice skating, which is so fun to watch.	Aug 4, 2013 11:38 PM
43	Parks would make the city more people-friendly, counteracting the highrises.	Aug 4, 2013 11:30 PM
44	I am confused about what you are doing and asking. Sometimes I think there are too many parks because mostly homeless people take up residence there. Despite my not "judging" homeless people, I don't really want to hang out in a park filled with them. But a larger park that has things going on (like Kerrytown Farmer's Market) sounds great. But if you get rid of all our parking lots (all the areas you suggest are parking lots), where will we park for all the restaurants?	Aug 4, 2013 11:27 PM

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45	Green space is vital. Though I prefer a few tall buildings in downtown A2 to the constant sprawl and desecration of woods and fields around Ann Arbor, the city loses its character without beautiful parks and tree/plant growth in the downtown area itself. Please keep planting trees, flowers and vines, allow space for art and creativity in unexpected places, discourage corporations and chain stores from overtaking downtown. Keep architecture interesting, too! The city always needs more art, interactive installations, mirrors, bubbles, unusual forms and unexpected shapes, more fairy doors, rooftop gardens, options for exercise, like a staircase that goes up and then back down like a hill made of stairs- things like that. How about science displays? An edible forest? A first-come, first-served space for personal art installations? Some drinking fountains for dogs? Some crazy, climate-able, squishy animal sculptures, ETC. The town is full of amazingly brilliant and creative people but the outward appearance of Ann Arbor is swiftly becoming more and more homogenized, aimed at bland mass appeal. It could be so much more. Also, it's not bike friendly at all. I know people have been trying on that front, but often cyclists have few options but to put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis. The crosswalks in seemingly random places? DEATH TRAPS!!!! Please get rid of most of them. Dear god! Thanks.	Aug 4, 2013 11:15 PM
46	While I find the recent development projects focusing on taller residential buildings downtown lamentable, they are also perhaps inevitable. Let's be smart like other sophisticated municipalities, and remember what made this place attractive in the first place, which was trees, attractive sightlines, and spacious sidewalks. Parks are all we may have left to capture this vibe.	Aug 4, 2013 10:34 PM
47	The roof of the new underground parking structure should coordinate with the new downtown library as a community center, integrated with a re-designed Liberty Plaza park. Complimentary community center park and entertainment center.. Downtown parking has to be maintained, not sold and developed. Certainly not enough room for a hotel/conference center next to library. That's a pipe dream. Look at history of Downtown Inn, 4th and Huron. Didn't make it. Dig into why it didn't. Same reasoning applies to this property.	Aug 4, 2013 10:24 PM
48	more downtown parks, please!	Aug 4, 2013 9:46 PM
49	I strongly recommend that a community park be created next to the main library at 5th & William that would be appealing to all ages, close to the bus lines and eateries, available for civic meetings as well as relaxation and play. It would be a wonderful legacy to current and future generations to have a place that supports strengthening community bonds.	Aug 4, 2013 9:25 PM
50	I want SAFE and NICE places to hang out - please don't take away great parking lots, but balance out the open space	Aug 4, 2013 8:34 PM
51	I can't really think of any good areas for kids right downtown - other than trekking over to campus and running on the quad. Would absolutely love a small play structure somewhere near the library.	Aug 4, 2013 8:30 PM
52	Need a park for the library	Aug 4, 2013 7:43 PM
53	A year round full use park would be a big plus for the downtown area. A mini Central Park with wonderful grassy areas,	Aug 4, 2013 7:33 PM



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	eating areas, ice skating in the winter.	
54	I strongly believe that the space above the new Library underground lot is an excellent opportunity for a new community space. It is nearby to both public transit and to the library building, which makes this space a focus point for those who enjoy using Ann Arbor's public services.	Aug 4, 2013 7:06 PM
55	A2 has greater needs than parks. Concentrate on those.	Aug 4, 2013 5:23 PM
56	I only want gardens and green open space in the parks. Lots of trees. Not any other clutter.	Aug 4, 2013 5:05 PM
57	I absolutely believe we need a gathering space on the library lot for family friendly programs. The perfect time to do this would be now. With all the density downtown..cafe's outside dining, it is almost impossible to walk down on Main street with all the tables and chairs out there. As long as we are on the subject...Main street SHOULD be closed off on weekend evenings in summer. I believe we ABSOLUTELY do not have enough safe sitting areas in and around A2. Lets put them where people congregate. More business are opening in the Borders space, and more folks will be walking from the parking structures to eat there. Please put parks WHERE the people are!!! Thank you!!!	Aug 4, 2013 12:05 PM
58	I like the idea of a greenway along the train tracks - connecting residents to the Huron River. Also I believe the Huron River is under utilized as a city park/gathering spot. This is the most wonderful feature of our city and many people don't even know it's there. I'd love to see restaurants and shopping along it's banks - like San Antonio's Riverwalk.	Aug 4, 2013 9:35 AM
59	Highrises are ruining the character of tthis town. They are cold, ugly, block the sun, & create awful wind tunnels in winter, making it unpleasant to walk. Cramming more people into towers is great for the developers but a risky gamble that could wreck a great small city. A highrise will be loomingover the city for 50 years. ... need more space for bikes and safer bike paths to encourage people to bike downtown.	Aug 4, 2013 9:07 AM
60	My main concern is that we will be losing downtown parking. I hope there is a plan to deal with the parking issue, as this is a barrier to my frequenting the area.	Aug 3, 2013 9:28 PM
61	N Main and W Washington both provide an opportunity for ecological connectivity, very different from the other sites, which essentially would be "pocket" parks that haven't had a history of working well in A2 without intense programming. Rather than "parks", I feel this effort would be better spent creating/improving streetscapes that can meet human needs for shade, rest and human interaction. An example where this works better - the recent streetscape improvements on the new 5th Ave and Library Lane structure. An example that was both more expensive and worked worse, the "amenities" on Huron at City Hall.	Aug 3, 2013 9:04 PM
62	The library lot is the most central location, would offer the most advantages in terms of connection between State St shops and Main St shops, proximity to library, buildings on Liberty could have secondary orientation to Library park as	Aug 3, 2013 8:03 PM

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	well as Liberty St.	
63	Thank you for soliciting opinions from the community. One of the many things I celebrate about Ann Arbor is the wonderful mix of city and nature and this survey speaks to a beautiful possible marriage between the two.	Aug 3, 2013 12:48 PM
64	I love Ann Arbor and walk the city streets often - sidewalks, buildings getting closer to the sidewalks - I think 3 or 4 stories is the limit for a comfortable feel for the downtown pedestrian. But I miss a central location where one would see other people strolling or sitting - like the European parks or waterfronts, or the squares in Mexico where people walk in a circular stroll and can greet and be greeted - I think a pleasant central area like that would add much to a sense of community in Ann Arbor. Downtown is too commercial - you must spend money to be there, or just walk the sidewalks. We should have dedicated civil space.	Aug 3, 2013 11:35 AM
65	I believe that an open space centrally located is the most ideal. Someplace for political rallies, as an ending point for the 4th of July parade or a place to go downtown where you can meet people that is close to parking. All of downtown is currently geared toward people who want to pay money to do things, there is no place to go to just enjoy the atmosphere. It can become the anchor for weekly events like free concerts or art walks and help bring new business and energy into the city.	Aug 3, 2013 10:35 AM
66	thanks for asking, thanks for listening!	Aug 3, 2013 9:48 AM
67	Grand Rapids has a public park in downtown that it used as an ice skate park in winter and a gathering spot for public celebrations in summer. Love that and picture the library parking lot plus the old Y parking lot as a combined downtown park. It would be a nice size and lovely to have, as long as it is not filled with vagrants. I have not used the Liberty park for years and years because of the day campers.	Aug 3, 2013 9:37 AM
68	The Library Lot is an opportunity for a priceless public resource, unique in its central location and adjacency to the public library. In this area of Downtown, the Y lot is more suited to private development. Any vagrancy issues can be dealt with via enforcement. 415 Wash., 1st & Will. & N. Main are priceless public greenbelt assets that should be preserved in the public realm for greenbelt access and continuity between UM, Downtown, and the Huron.	Aug 3, 2013 6:08 AM
69	I'm concerned about the concrete jungle and commercialization near the library. We need more sustainable greening and community park space at the core of downtown, please.	Aug 3, 2013 12:28 AM
70	I do not want my taxes to go up at all they are already considerable. I would rather focus on the parks that we already have. People who want more parks downtown ignore the open spaces provided by the U of M such as the diag. If it were up to me, I would focus on upkeep of our existing parks.	Aug 2, 2013 9:47 PM
71	The only viable way for a parking lot to turn into a park is if people were forced to travel through it as a quick way to get	Aug 2, 2013 7:22 PM

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	<p>somewhere else... Otherwise, it'll be a place for the indigent. No one needs to cut through Liberty Plaza...(drug addicts live there as a result). People need to cut through the Diag (a great park like place with no shady people hanging out all day) . I'm not against parks.. but only if they are places where people have to travel through to get somewhere else... otherwise, most pocket parks become hang outs for drug users and homeless (as a former addict, I know this).</p>	
72	<p>The City needs a downtown central park with vegetation and water features for relaxation and assembly. The Library Lot is the best last chance for a real central park.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 6:30 PM
73	<p>In addition to more parks and open space, the city should work to use land set aside for parking as efficiently as possible e.g. using parking structures instead of open paved lots. I would expect this to free up more space for pedestrian/mass transit friendly developments.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 5:16 PM
74	<p>More parks will only increase more illegal users and loitering . We don't need it!!!</p>	Aug 2, 2013 5:13 PM
75	<p>Increased patrol to maintain integrity of use!</p>	Aug 2, 2013 5:12 PM
76	<p>The Library lot or Y lot are the perfect place for a much needed downtown park and gathering place</p>	Aug 2, 2013 4:16 PM
77	<p>Please consider turning the old orchard at 312 Glendale into city greenspace or a park in lieu of the hideous condo development being planned for that site.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 4:06 PM
78	<p>outdoor rink downtown</p>	Aug 2, 2013 3:46 PM
79	<p>I would like plantings to attract wildlife if the problem of bird droppings could be solved. Such things as butterfly-attracting plantings, for example.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 3:43 PM
80	<p>A sculpture garden or water feature w/gardens would be welcome downtown. We have no central park.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 3:39 PM
81	<p>none</p>	Aug 2, 2013 3:05 PM
82	<p>Time to focus on Ann Arborites interests.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 2:43 PM
83	<p>The city has enough new buildings or soon-to-be new buildings. Let's take a deep breath, slow down a bit, and see what it's like to have an open area for people to share when they come out of those big, boxy offices. If it's not a success, build on it 20 years from now. The land will still be there.</p>	Aug 2, 2013 2:06 PM
84	<p>I would NOT consider Sculpture Park or the Farmer's Market as "parks" at all. The city may include them in the parks budget but for all intents and purposes, I can't imagine most people think of them as park space. On a different note,</p>	Aug 2, 2013 2:03 PM

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programming in the parks is what makes them really work. I recently attended a Sonic Lunch program for young musicians on a Sunday and it was wonderful. I've also heard West Park mentioned as a downtown park. It is not downtown in most people's estimation. That's a residential neighborhood park. Green space that's not the Diag would be welcomed, or concrete that has features such as ice skating, chess boards, a band shell, etc. would be great.

85	I think it is a wonderful idea to turn surface parking lots into parks downtown. The parks don't have to be elaborate, they just need to be space that is for people, not for cars. In spite of popular opinion, I think there is plenty of inexpensive parking downtown; I have always been able to find a spot, even during art fair, by being willing to walk a couple of blocks to my destination. Thank you!	Aug 2, 2013 1:53 PM
86	I would like to make a suggestion. How about making Ann Arbor safer for bicycles. Why not organize green/park corridors throughout the city? How about a pedestrian only downtown during certain times of the day? How about creating one way traffic in the congested streets of AA? It would be easy to replace one lane of streets by bicycle path.	Aug 2, 2013 1:52 PM
87	use city parks all the time...Gallup, Argo, bike trails, Huron Hills so great to have so many options a walk, bus ride or bike ride away!	Aug 2, 2013 1:42 PM
88	Library lot.	Aug 2, 2013 1:42 PM
89	Properly maintain and improve the existing parks before creating new parks.	Aug 2, 2013 1:40 PM
90	Pleaes make library lane a park. It is wonderful.	Aug 2, 2013 1:31 PM
91	The items we have to rank did not come out right- they came out in sequential order instead of in the order of my recommendations.	Aug 2, 2013 1:28 PM
92	IF a new park is to be created, it needs GREEN space. No more cement parks. We need grass, bushes, and trees. Thanks!	Aug 2, 2013 1:12 PM
93	Closing off streets for events is disruptive to businesses, pedestrians, and commuters. Less of that, more park space. Also, any money that's put into planning and building parks should align with the plans for commuter rail both to the north and east. Hence the priority for 721 Main and 415 Washington. Commuter rail is essential to growing downtown, and it will directly improve the quality of life of those who commute in. US23 is a very dangerous road in the morning and afternoon!	Aug 2, 2013 12:08 PM
94	Partner with the Arts Alliance for any Public art projects!	Aug 2, 2013 12:05 PM
95	Please quit wasting valuable funding on "public art." And then prosecuting Tree Town Murals for creating public art.	Aug 2, 2013 11:32 AM

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96	I think additional green and community gathering space would be very beneficial to downtown. However I also want to note that I do think that downtown needs an additional hotel/conference space. From a green stand point, a downtown location for visitors to stay would reduce traffic congestion & keep more people walking downtown. And, perhaps more practically, tourism and conference business is more attracted to locations where they can stay and walk, vs. having to drive to hotels on the outer edges of town. I want to make sure that there is a balance between green space residents and guests, as well as downtown housing for visitors.	Aug 2, 2013 11:31 AM
97	A public park on the library lot would be best.	Aug 2, 2013 10:48 AM
98	STOP now any more high rises. One will soon be engulfed in concrete canyons in downtown. The only antidote is open green space- human friendly.	Aug 2, 2013 10:31 AM
99	your site automatically makes the selection for desirability. i like the main street location for a park, but it puts an 8 in the box, and won't let me change it to 1. so your results won't reflect our choice.	Aug 2, 2013 10:26 AM
100	Please speed up this process. We need a downtown park, not more studies & surveys.	Aug 2, 2013 10:23 AM
101	There is no where to take young children to play downtown. Ideally, there should be a playground close to the library and the bus station that families can duck into for a few minutes or arrange to meet other families at.	Aug 2, 2013 9:19 AM
102	I'm downtown every day. The problem is that the existing (and any new) parks are taken over by loud, obnoxious people often asking for money and cigarettes. I do not support any resources going to more parks for homeless people.	Aug 2, 2013 9:19 AM
103	We should not be spending more money on parks than we already do. There are parks in the city that go totally unused. If the city wants t spend more money downtown, sell the unused park space.	Aug 2, 2013 9:16 AM
104	I applaud this survey.	Aug 2, 2013 7:58 AM
105	Parks/open spaces for community events need BENCHES with BACKS for people who are tired, older, or have disabilities.	Aug 2, 2013 7:52 AM
106	We need more attention to our neighborhoods and less downtown.	Aug 2, 2013 1:22 AM
107	If there is money available, I would like to see the city use the resource it has. I think think Liberty plaza is under utilized as is Wheeler Park. Sugarbush is our closest park and the grass gets incredibly long in the summer making it difficult to use it for frisbee, soccer or just hanging out. I would rather see care and maintenance of existing parks. maybe add portable chairs (like the red cafe table and chairs in the photo) to existing park areas for special events - creating a fresh ambiance in an park could be cool, creative and thematic.	Aug 2, 2013 12:02 AM

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108	Fix the Libertystreet park. Right now it is drug and wino central. No one in there right mind will go there.	Aug 1, 2013 9:16 PM
109	Outlying parks have free parking. Casual visits to downtown parks will not happen with high parking rates.	Aug 1, 2013 9:07 PM
110	We can't afford to lose parking lots - bad idea to use these as parks. We need to maintain and keep what we presently have!	Aug 1, 2013 7:21 PM
111	I like the idea of small and flexible spaces. I think they need to be where there is heavy foot traffic so the park does not turn into a place for the homeless to hang out.	Aug 1, 2013 7:12 PM
112	I'm afraid that the money will be hard to come by for whatever might be done.	Aug 1, 2013 6:26 PM
113	I am impressed with Cobblestone Farms park and how the Parks Dept. has worked with the Cobblestone.Farms organization.	Aug 1, 2013 5:12 PM
114	I put that funding should be public funds only because you can't always count on private funding, but public funding could supplement the private and provide more options, like redoing in a more expensive manner, adding art, flowers, doing more spaces than just 1 or 2	Aug 1, 2013 4:54 PM
115	I am concerned about spreading public safety resources too thin by adding more park space.	Aug 1, 2013 4:25 PM
116	I would love for there to be green space near the downtown library!	Aug 1, 2013 4:03 PM
117	City of A2 does not need anymore Parks! We have enough in current neighborhoods to encourage use.	Aug 1, 2013 2:47 PM
118	1st -- reconfigure Liberty Plaza so that it is no longer sunken. If Liberty Plaza can be reclaimed as a viable park then let's think about other parks.	Aug 1, 2013 2:36 PM
119	I think some of the parks are in great need of repairs and improvements	Aug 1, 2013 2:12 PM
120	how about a dog park???	Aug 1, 2013 12:03 PM
121	please put a public park on the top of the library lot-it would be just what ann arbor needs, a central park right in the thick of things!	Aug 1, 2013 11:51 AM
122	I think that the weird-ness of the Liberty Plaza space (it's always been a strange configuration) and the social issues that relate to it need to be addressed before we consider putting any more resources into downtown parks. While the idea of a downtown park seems interesting in the abstract, I feel like a lot of the proponents of a new downtown park have overly	Aug 1, 2013 11:26 AM

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	idealized versions of downtown and aren't actually the people who spend a ton of time working/living/dong things down here. A solid revamp of Liberty Plaza (or tweaks, like the new cheap/free events permitting, which seems like a long-overdue step) would give me more confidence in next steps in terms of downtown parks.	
123	I think Liberty Square should be made more usable and less attractive to street people by raising it to street level.	Aug 1, 2013 10:31 AM
124	I prefer park space to be open to the sky and would like relaxation/family space in at least one part of downtown, near the library is a good idea or on west side of Main Street	Aug 1, 2013 10:15 AM
125	bike repair stands in all parks - like the city hall one.	Aug 1, 2013 10:00 AM
126	I would rather have no park than a park plastered with commercial sponsorship.	Aug 1, 2013 9:57 AM
127	With the difficulty of parking downtown, who is going to use more downtown parks on a daily basis?	Aug 1, 2013 9:25 AM
128	I wonder how a large park might become another site where drinkers and druggies gather, like Division and Liberty. Better to scatter lots of small, attractive parks, attractive to walkers and to a heterogeneous set of people. I live at Courthouse Square with controlled access, nevertheless it is a constant struggle to keep troublemakers out. We need more police downtown, especially if we are going to increase the number of meeting places for the bad people. The other night I was accosted on Main Street by a prostitute. More policing, please.	Aug 1, 2013 1:22 AM
129	Many of the questions were steered and weighted toward soliciting answers for no new parks/open spaces at all. Very poor survey design	Aug 1, 2013 1:05 AM
130	need dog park!!	Jul 31, 2013 11:46 PM
131	Please do not underestimate the value of grass and unpaved open space.	Jul 31, 2013 10:39 PM
132	The biggest single concern I have about more downtown open space, which this survey totally overlooks, is NO MORE LIBERTY PLAZAS. In other words, no camps or hangouts for vagrants/homeless. Library Lot (next to Liberty Plaza) and Old Y (too close to bus station) would be poor choices because of the attractiveness as a gathering spot for vagrants. I want a place that I feel safe, comfortable, and clean bringing anyone in my family as late as midnight. An ice rink would be a nice winter idea.	Jul 31, 2013 8:34 PM
133	Make the parks we have downtown better. Less concrete, more green	Jul 31, 2013 7:44 PM
134	Would like to see decent sized flex space near existing parking that could be used, near town - thus Palio lot is too small (and distracting for an already congested area of rubber neck drivers).	Jul 31, 2013 7:36 PM

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135	I fully support the idea of a greenway downtown, which has been knocked around for many, many years now. I also think that we should focus on getting more young professionals downtown, which means providing space for them and their young children to be outside.	Jul 31, 2013 6:38 PM
136	If the City of Ann Arbor & the Parks Department own property for which they do not have a current use, it would be fabulous if the City sold that property to private interests in order to expand Ann Arbor's shrinking property tax base.	Jul 31, 2013 6:02 PM
137	Please balance desire for green space with commercial interests- more downtown shopping, grocery or additional food markets (maybe twice a week farmers markets with an additional location) and more opportunities for those people living downtown.	Jul 31, 2013 4:54 PM
138	I want to invest in downtown green space and my husband and I are willing to pay more taxes to achieve this.	Jul 31, 2013 4:48 PM
139	I think open sky and natural green landscape is essential to any downtown park development. I would prefer permanent park use but if parking lots are used as parks only on a temporary basis, some spaces should be devoted to this...trees and other plantings throughout...not just periphery. This would also help handle water runoff if properly planned and graded.	Jul 31, 2013 4:42 PM
140	we need small dog parks too in neighborhoods	Jul 31, 2013 4:24 PM
141	I like the IDEAL of a downtown park, but will a new space really be used in the ideal way? Consider Liberty Plaza and West Park. Both are very nice spaces we already have, but they are not used by families or young professional people because of the vagrant population that makes those areas feel unsafe. Downtown park planners need to think long and hard about how they are going to make a new space fulfill the ideal. Maybe instead of creating new park space, we should focus on making the spaces we already have more attractive to the general population. Or, consider making Main Street a pedestrian mall. This is how Boulder, CO and Burlington, VT are configured (possibly even Madison, WI). With a pedestrian mall, you will still have the vagrants hanging around, but the purpose of the area--dining and shopping--will still bring in the crowds of people. The public space in Ann Arbor doesn't need to be a green space. I love Ann Arbor, but when I've vacationed in places like Boulder, Burlington, and Madison, I think gee, Ann Arbor could be so much better than it currently is.	Jul 31, 2013 4:21 PM
142	GREEN space and a place to SIT would be great. We go downtown all the time and there's nowhere to sit. For pregnant women and women with children, and older people, it's necessary. Liberty Plaza is sort of taken over.	Jul 31, 2013 4:06 PM
143	PLEASE MOW / MAINTAIN THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BEFORE CONSIDERING NEW GRANDIOSE PLANS. BASIC SERVICES FIRST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Jul 31, 2013 4:03 PM
144	Please use native plants for park landscaping.	Jul 31, 2013 4:02 PM



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145	Let's provide space that welcomes children to the downtown area!	Jul 31, 2013 3:57 PM
146	A big green open space is stupid in a downtown the size of Ann Arbor; the most successful public space in AA is Main between William and Washington--learn from that example.	Jul 31, 2013 3:44 PM
147	I would really like more dog parks in the area.	Jul 31, 2013 3:24 PM
148	Parks are great and public space is invaluable. I would prefer to see the Library Lot be developed with a high-density, high-value use-- a park would not be appropriate	Jul 31, 2013 3:19 PM
149	Landscaping! Lawns! Places to grab a bag lunch at sit outside	Jul 31, 2013 3:09 PM
150	What about making main st from William to Washington Closed to traffic. If not all the time what about Friday 5pm thru Sunday 5pm	Jul 31, 2013 3:07 PM
151	there are more than 2 gender options. PLEASE add a third option!	Jul 31, 2013 2:03 PM
152	Try not to take away too much downtown parking, but near downtown larger open areas for concerts, picnics, community gatherings, etc. would make me happy!!	Jul 31, 2013 1:54 PM
153	I am pleased to see that Ann Arbor is looking for community input about changes to these spaces. Further evidence to me that this city works to incorporate the citizen voice in shaping the area.	Jul 31, 2013 11:01 AM
154	See: <a href="http://www.thehighline.org/">http://www.thehighline.org/</a> for an example of how adding greenspace, increased real estate value, art galleries and business in the surrounding area of NYC.	Jul 31, 2013 10:48 AM
155	I'd love to see some community gardening space downtown, both flower gardens and vegetable gardens. Rose arbors or grape arbors could add shade and beauty.	Jul 31, 2013 10:15 AM
156	Police on bikes is good	Jul 31, 2013 10:14 AM
157	What we need most is a beautiful, outdoor green space downtown. However, because this is Michigan, it's use would be optimized if it included winter-friendly features such as a community sunroom/greenhouse possibly in partnership with Project Grow or MBGNA	Jul 31, 2013 9:48 AM
158	I'm really excited to see some of these parks being built (if they do get built)	Jul 31, 2013 9:35 AM
159	Close shopping area of Main Street for strolling park!	Jul 31, 2013 8:45 AM

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160	My dog and I love the parks in Ann Arbor - we are trying to visit all of them!	Jul 31, 2013 8:28 AM
161	I strongly support the Alken Creek Greenway as a way to build community, provide good walking and biking space, and make Ann Arbor more attractive as a place to work and live.	Jul 30, 2013 9:19 PM
162	Please try to make whatever upcoming space more welcoming to all of the community, not just the homeless (liberty plaza).	Jul 30, 2013 9:04 PM
163	Concentrate on linking existing park space and creating biking and walking thoroughfares that allow non-motorized movement through town in a safe and beautiful way.	Jul 30, 2013 8:47 PM
164	Working in a downtown business, I often have customers from out of town asking for play areas for their children. I never know where to direct them.	Jul 30, 2013 7:53 PM
165	UM should finance a park	Jul 30, 2013 7:12 PM
166	I would like to have eateries near the park and I'd like to see a free ice rink created for personal and family skating. No ice hockey.	Jul 30, 2013 5:31 PM
167	Your questions asking to prioritize interest - the system would not allow me to put them in the order I wanted. The Farmers Market IS NOT a park. Ann Arbor needs a green space with grass and some benches in the middle of downtown. The space adjacent to the library should be made into a green space --central square of the city. I think your survey was written in a bias manner.	Jul 30, 2013 2:17 PM
168	The two ranking pull down menus failed to work as desired. They simply installed numbers in order beginning with the first item as number 1.	Jul 30, 2013 12:26 PM
169	No high rise on Library lot. Bad idea, realtor mentality hurts Ann Arbor.	Jul 30, 2013 11:58 AM
170	1. I want a central downtown large open space. 2. Quest. 10 includes three places currently under consideration by many as part of the greenway. I do not even consider those three to be downtown, but on the fringe of downtown. 3. I also want a greenway, not instead of a central park, but in addition to it.	Jul 30, 2013 11:52 AM
171	UM keeps gnawing at Ann Arbor's tax base which makes it hard to have things like parks. Start taxing UM, there are ways. They aren't going up to up and move.	Jul 30, 2013 11:46 AM
172	I was very distressed to hear a2 council was cutting bike budget. I would like more bike/pedestrian malls, less auto traffic. Mixed in with small shaded parks this people-outdoors space would be fabulous.	Jul 30, 2013 10:43 AM

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173	Liberty Plaza is a great central location. Even if this space was renovated, I would still be reluctant to visit because this is a popular place for the homeless people to visit.	Jul 30, 2013 9:51 AM
174	convert Main St to pedestrian only during the entire summer; convert parking spaces along division to a bicycle lane, connect park space with pedestrian friendly path which means a 8 year old can safely traverse it without risk from traffic	Jul 30, 2013 9:39 AM
175	Parks money should be used primarily for maintaining existing parks. If a downtown park is truly necessary, there should be only one and then monies won't be diluted so that there are several poorly maintained parks and the existing park maintenance doesn't get shortchanged. A town full with broken trees and worn parks is to no one's advantage.	Jul 30, 2013 9:37 AM
176	I would very much like to see the Allen Creek Greenway become a reality. It would provide safe non-motorized connectivity, promote downtown business, make Ann Arbor a more attractive place to live and work, and provide responsible environmental stewardship of the flood plain.	Jul 30, 2013 9:07 AM
177	We don't need more parks. We need more PARKING!	Jul 30, 2013 8:04 AM
178	Please use native plants and trees when developing these open areas	Jul 30, 2013 7:57 AM
179	parking, parking, parking. bikes and cars and bus stops or do you want to appeal just to future downtown residents? They will need green space.	Jul 29, 2013 11:50 PM
180	A town square is what I'd like to see. A centrally located large gathering place. The library lot would be perfect. We could have concerts and events on some days or just frisbee and lemonade in the shade when it's less hectic. A great place to have downtown events instead of blocking the streets.	Jul 29, 2013 11:36 PM
181	I think any available funds should be used to improve bicycle infrastructure, but I also love greenspaces, so I feel the city should focus on creating the Allen Creek Greenway, and whatever parks might be attached to it. Other than that, I think the city has enough park space. Available open space should be utilized for mixed use: (affordable) housing and grocery stores and the other necessities for a pedestrian lifestyle. We shouldn't create more parks that don't contribute to the Allen Park Greenway when the bicycle infrastructure in town is so severely lacking.	Jul 29, 2013 10:42 PM
182	I'd like a park with a community oven or some similar kind of shared resource.	Jul 29, 2013 10:37 PM
183	Purchase and develop the south side of the river from Argo dam to Fuller Park	Jul 29, 2013 9:53 PM
184	Talk to the people. Listen to the people. Do what the people want.	Jul 29, 2013 9:22 PM
185	It would also be great to see more rain garden type efforts, with all the impervious surfaces...	Jul 29, 2013 7:44 PM

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186	How are 415 W Washington and 921 North Main considered downtown? My opinions on what could be done with those spaces are quite different from what could be done with area in "core" downtown (e.g. where businesses are).	Jul 29, 2013 7:17 PM
187	I favor a central park~~and a new library~~they cannot be separated. A playground, fountain, big shade trees, maybe ice skating is possible. Was difficult to rank spaces other than the Library Lot b/c they are not central. Perhaps we can re-re-think Liberty~~very central. Washington might serve as artist's colony, event space. Isn't First and William part of Greenway idea?	Jul 29, 2013 4:46 PM
188	Rather than taking surface parking lots for parks, one might consider closing some of the streets to cars permanently., e.g. Liberty. There is no place for all the people in the high rises to go on our warm nights. The narrow sidewalks are impassable with outdoor seating. Green setbacks are needed with each residential building for ecosystem services and to allow room for the street canopy to mature like in the old days lots of room was allowed for trees to grow and fresh air was considered essential for good health. If the city builds up, then the developers need to provide a certain percent for green space and also parkland. There should be no building of residential buildings right up to a narrow sidewalk. The Baptist and the Methodist churches are totally hemmed in by tall buildings. Building heights should be no taller than the tallest mature trees. That keeps a city charming, eg. Savannah, Georgia with its multiple town squares. 413 E Huron St. is way too tall for the neighborhood, its shadow will shade out mature trees to the north. Ann Arbor has lost a lot of its charm by not including green space as part of its development. The big mistake was made when council approved the first skyscraper on Maynard and William, it set a bad precedent. Please more green space throughout down town.	Jul 29, 2013 3:48 PM
189	A proposal for mixed use on top of library parking lot was shown in newspaper--it showed an L-shaped or C-shaped building toward the east part of the lot, with park space in front. Best design ever.	Jul 29, 2013 1:31 PM
190	So many towns and even large cities worldwide have central squares and neighborhood squares, often beautifully landscaped, that are iconic features that define the community. Ann Arbor could surely benefit from something like this.	Jul 29, 2013 1:20 PM
191	In what world are places like Liberty Plaza, Sculpture Plaza, and the Farmers Market considered PARKS??? What the city needs is more green spaces for people to enjoy. NOT more concrete in the form of ugly parking structures that the city bizarrely redefines as parks!!! If this is nothing more than a disguised attempt to fatten contractors' wallets by erecting structures that will further disfigure the downtown area while contributing nothing of value to the residents' social life, then SHAME ON CITY GOVERNMENT.	Jul 29, 2013 9:53 AM
192	The first summer that my husband and I lived in Ann Arbor after moving here 5 years ago, we were constantly riding our bikes downtown looking for nice places to sit and read and relax on the weekend. We tried Liberty Plaza (hooray for a park in the city center!) and stayed about 10 minutes until we witnessed a drug deal about 5 feet in front of us. Conversely, we spend quite a bit of time in the Kerrytown courtyard, which is much nicer, cleaner and safer feeling. I'm all for creating new parks; especially ones with green spaces and shade (Liberty Plaza just doesn't have a very welcoming atmosphere and could benefit from more flowers, brick or something else to break up all of the cold grayness of the	Jul 29, 2013 9:35 AM

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	concrete), but I think something also needs to be done to help people feel safe in existing parks. It's not relaxing to sit and read surrounded by the smell of urine, frequently being solicited for money or leered at by the inebriated people who congregate there 24-7.	
193	I think the best first step is to program more events in the parks.	Jul 29, 2013 9:34 AM
194	Closing streets for the art fairs or other events, does not constitute "public space" as it is generally conceived. We need actual GREEN space and the best place for that is above the library lot.	Jul 28, 2013 9:59 PM
195	Ann Arbor desperately needs a large central open space to act an informal, central gathering spot. The downtown has no "center" - it is all linear. Please convert the library & Old Y sites into a open, contiguous green site.	Jul 28, 2013 9:15 PM
196	We need a park or town square on the library lot.	Jul 28, 2013 8:56 PM
197	Of all of the available spaces, the Library lot is the obvious choice. It is already a plaza if the city stopped parking cars on the surface. We should experiment there. The cost would be minimal. Last year's mini event on the library lot was wonderful. People can get food at Earthen Jar and J. Garden, Afternoon Delight, etc. and eat it there. Add some shaded tables, a few planters, and Voila. Park. Hold a few events there and see who comes. What's the downside to trying? It would connect with Liberty plaza and create a space similar to the diag. I don't understand why some people are fighting this concept so hard. DDA's quest for new revenue must be balanced with the public good. Sell off the Y lot. Keep as much of the library lot a park as possible.	Jul 28, 2013 4:42 PM
198	This is a very poorly designed, biased, and slanted survey questionnaire obviously intended to confuse people and manipulate the answers. There are not direct questions about putting a downtown park on the library lot and that block. Your questions about 721 N. Main and 421 W. Washington are irrelevant because they are not in the downtown area. Your question about what would you like to see in a park, 5 likes and 5 don't likes is poorly designed. It should be a ranking by priority from most preferred to least important. Also several of your questions are redundant they are for the most part the same question. Your question about how should parks be financed requires people to have a strong understanding of city budgets and financing so it doesn't belong in they survey. You need to have professionals design your survey who don't represent the opinions of members of the PAC, the DDA or the city council. In short this survey is so riddled with poor bias and leading question that make the results mostly worthless. Even your preview button only starts with question number 9, what's that all about?	Jul 28, 2013 1:10 PM
199	your survey is biased. we have enough expenses already	Jul 28, 2013 1:09 PM
200	Would like to see bike, jogging path connecting to downtown area - perhaps along existing railroad right of way.	Jul 28, 2013 12:16 PM
201	We need more bike paths and the greenway for biking and walking throughout town.	Jul 28, 2013 11:32 AM

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202	I would love to see Main Street closed permanently between Huron and William Street, with William, Liberty and Washington remaining open east to west . A beautiful example of this is in Boulder, Colorado. It would allow for a very pleasant space right in the middle of downtown for so many activities. I love to eat outside on Main Street, but traffic comes by right next to outdoor seating. It is noisy and dangerous. Having just those three blocks closed to traffic would open up so many wonderful opportunities to relax and enjoy Main Street. Planters could be put in the middle and outdoor seating at the many restaurants would be so much more comfortable and safe. This works so well in Boulder. Check it out!!	Jul 28, 2013 12:59 AM
203	Thank you for making this survey available to the public. I enjoy using the Liberty Park on occasion and look forward to an additional park (with shade).	Jul 27, 2013 10:05 PM
204	city council needs to stop destroying the charm of A2 by allowing developers to put up more ugly buildings in downtown. They need to understand that the charm and attraction of A2 is due to our trees and our beautiful historic buildings. Council needs to understand that putting up high rise buildings, cutting down trees, and allowing developers to ruin quiet neighborhoods by building condos on beautiful land does nothing to attract new residents to our city. Ann Arbor means tree town. We need to get back to valuing our history and heritage and work to keep A2 the city it was meant to be-tree town.	Jul 27, 2013 9:38 PM
205	As you well know, and were informed of ahead of time, this survey is a highly biased instrument. For ex., forcing respondents into the necessarily narrow list of given categories in Q#4 and Q#5 biases responses. In Q#6, those 3 examples are not parks. Counting as a park a parking lot that's used for commercial purposes (farmers' market) twice a week does not make it a park in any sense whatsoever. Q#9 is totally inappropriate in this survey and at this point since the general public needs more information, discussion, and clarification to have any meaningful understanding of funding options. Another source of bias: automatically assigning ordering to all response categories after the respondent marks a first priority (for ex, in Q#10 and Qs#__?), this is NOT standard practice in survey design/implementation and necessarily forces people into false so-called "choices." The responses to Q#10 are meaningless, although you no doubt will report them as meaningful. Public policy should not be based on knowingly biased data collection. This sort of dirty data does not warrant analysis or reporting as anything but bunk, and certainly has no place in public policy decision-making. Shame on you. That said, what the city needs for on-going downtown viability is a *green *town square *large enough to serve as a *focal point for community gatherings, informal and formal/programmed, for fostering a sense of community investment in the well-rounded, mutually residential and business-focused viability of our downtown. Also, the ecological benefits of having large-enough open green space to mitigate other (detrimental) environmental impacts downtown cannot be overstated and should not be overlooked, as well as the social and emotional benefits to urban spaces of large-enough green spaces as respite from other aspects of downtowns.	Jul 27, 2013 8:55 PM
206	I would like to see serious consideration given to permanent closing of some blocks to motorized vehicles. As in Madison Wisconsin, these can be places for meeting, walking, events, vegetation...	Jul 27, 2013 6:36 PM

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207	Q8. Small, flexible parklets are ok,. but NOT to the exclusion of larger green space which is sorely needed downtown. The fact that there are only 3 spots that can might qualify as "parks" downtown, is sad, and the Farmers Market is NOT a park. Q10. Why in the world is the 4th and William parking structure in a list for parks/open space???? Also, why is 721 N. Main in the list -- it is not in the downtown area. I ranked it low because it is not downtown, but would love it to be a second anchor park for the greenway (along with 415(?) West Washington!!!! Check out Petoskey for beautiful parkland in the heart of downtown!!	Jul 27, 2013 6:18 PM
208	I wonder about the safety of the open stairwell in the library parking lot. (Long drop if some kids fool around...) That would be my only nervous point about a park on top of the library parking, which I would say would be a beautiful idea -- kids go to the library, play in the park outside... Parklets and other ideas seem like good options to explore. Thank you to all of the people who have made the parks and rec here in A2 the best of anywhere I have ever lived, and are working to make it better!	Jul 27, 2013 4:59 PM
209	The notion of going through the trouble of building an underground parking structure and then putting like 20 surface spots on top is so unbelievably dumb that I have to avoid that place for fear of throwing a tantrum. Please, please support local public artists for these projects rather than blowing hundreds of thousands on mediocre 'big name' (no such thing in public art) out-of-towners with visions that extend as far as some sandstone and a checkbook. Looking at you, new justice building.	Jul 27, 2013 12:55 PM
210	This library lot should be a smashingly beautiful public park with an ice rink, and the Kline lot should be left alone. Its quick and easy parking is just what residents rely on for quick shopping trips downtown. Not everyone is heading into a2 as a destination. Those of us who live here and are just out running daily errands use this lot! Please don't make it a chore for us to park downtown just to run in and buy a birthday gift.	Jul 27, 2013 9:50 AM
211	put money to programming or dont create new parks. otherwise you are just creating a nuisance area. I use the sidewalks as my people watching sites and the streets work great for events. use the existing downtown parks - ingalls mall, diag, liberty plaza park - more thoroughly and more often before creating more.	Jul 27, 2013 9:22 AM
212	A combination of a small green space (like N. 4th or Liberty Plaza) with something like Mark's Carts would be great for downtown workers. Comfy seating in the shade is essential. Regular police walk-throughs should be a high priority. #2 I know this is not the right venue, buy why should there be art added at Argo Cascades?? Nature is in itself art.	Jul 26, 2013 4:11 PM
213	Please focus on maintain and improving existing parks/open space with the resources we now have.	Jul 26, 2013 1:44 PM
214	green space and no more ugly above-ground parking lots and parking structures, please.	Jul 26, 2013 1:15 PM
215	i' always have liked the "a little park for a little while" concept of creating a pretty green space while a property is transitioning from one use to another (which sometimes takes a long time). one example is the now-parking lot across	Jul 26, 2013 1:12 PM

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	huron st. from city hall that was a little park for awhile.	
216	It would be nice to have garden space/ edible forest space like the city of Seattle	Jul 26, 2013 10:58 AM
217	would love an outdoor skating rink for the winter to help encourage folks to get outside during the colder months.	Jul 26, 2013 8:53 AM
218	You don't provide an option for someone to decline to enter their gender.	Jul 26, 2013 8:45 AM
219	Develop the old library parking lot into a large community gathering place. Free shows every Thursday in Summer. Smile.	Jul 25, 2013 10:19 PM
220	We love AA sooo much. The parks are great, but downtown parks and areas have been infested with bums, panhandlers, and riffraff. This brings a tear to my eye because I am unable to bring my family to these areas and feel safe! We would love more parks and open spaces, however, if the areas are not family friendly and we are heckled constantly, why bother?	Jul 25, 2013 9:21 PM
221	When taking this survey, I noticed that there really aren't any downtown playgrounds, and something close to the downtown library or the hands on museum would be awesome for parents. I think the Uof M campus provides lots of open space for frisbee-throwing, etc.	Jul 25, 2013 9:16 PM
222	Liberty Plaza and The Diag serve the State St. area. I think the other need is for a downtown park that's not so far from Main St that downtowners won't go there.	Jul 25, 2013 9:00 PM
223	Stop builing condos downtown	Jul 25, 2013 8:57 PM
224	I think green space is a key part of any new park (or could be increased in existing parks where appropriate)	Jul 25, 2013 8:39 PM
225	I despise how much power the DDA has. I don't approve of all of the tall new buildings.	Jul 25, 2013 6:32 PM
226	I don't find Ann Arbor very creative or innovative in their space designs, usability, etc. The question about Parklets, etc. was starting to go in the right direction.	Jul 25, 2013 6:28 PM
227	Provide a green space park on the library lot. No new buildings on the larger lots mentioned above.	Jul 25, 2013 5:36 PM
228	the library parking lot connecting to liberty plaza seems like a wonderful space for a central park in ann arbor, especially with the new down town building developments for residents as well as professionals.	Jul 25, 2013 4:22 PM
229	There must be nature, not a reconverted parking lot. If birds won't come there, neither will I. And trees must not be in	Jul 25, 2013 1:33 PM



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	cages, i.e., planters.	
230	Fund and build the Allen Park Greenway. That would provide much more value for the community and aid non-motorized transit.	Jul 25, 2013 1:33 PM
231	If we want families moving downtown, a "central park" concept on a site such as the Library Lot seems to be fairly important.	Jul 25, 2013 1:16 PM
232	Turn Main St. in between William and Washington into a Pedestrial Mall. Similar to Pearl Street in Boulder, but smaller. Main St. is closed so often for festivals and parades. It would allow for even more special events to happen there. AND you can make a water feature with park type options along it.	Jul 25, 2013 12:14 PM
233	Stop spending money on parks and fix the darn roads in Ann Arbor. Too many parks, poor roads.	Jul 25, 2013 12:13 PM
234	We lived in Portland Oregon for 7 years before moving back here. They had amazing water features for kids to play in. Please check them out. <a href="http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/finder/index.cfm?PropertyID=1140&amp;action=ViewPark">http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/finder/index.cfm?PropertyID=1140&amp;action=ViewPark</a> <a href="http://www.portlandwaterfountains.com/McCoy_fountain.html">http://www.portlandwaterfountains.com/McCoy_fountain.html</a>	Jul 25, 2013 12:05 PM
235	attracting families is key.	Jul 25, 2013 11:49 AM
236	I would love a small city dog park, like you see in larger cities!	Jul 25, 2013 11:33 AM
237	Please make the library lot into a public park!	Jul 25, 2013 11:19 AM
238	none of the drop down menu rankings worked. i could not change the number to what I wanted	Jul 25, 2013 10:54 AM
239	I'd love to see us use downtown space for structures that bring more people in to the area. Parks don't really bring people to a downtown; they give people a reason to stop -- but only if they're sized properly. I'm concerned that we keep adding green space downtown without enough people to use them, or reason to use those areas. I'd MUCH prefer seeing lots of little spaces to stop, people watch, gather, etc. Even the Sculpture park by the Coop can seem too big. There's nothing really there that keeps me there. Just the benches/tables alone right outside the coop would suffice. Every shop downtown should have something like that out front.	Jul 25, 2013 10:47 AM
240	The ranking items did not change # when I tried to change the # on each line item.	Jul 25, 2013 7:22 AM
241	Parks need to be a safer place than Liberty Plaza -- Our parks are not safe -- I would have \$\$\$ added to my property tax to have parks supervised by a happy,take no guff person !	Jul 25, 2013 6:41 AM

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242	get rid of the bums in Liberty Plaza	Jul 25, 2013 4:19 AM
243	The Farmers Market is not a park.	Jul 24, 2013 11:03 PM
244	I suggest Kickstarter to get private and donated funds	Jul 24, 2013 10:50 PM
245	I would suggest using a Kickstarter campaign to secure private funds from citizens who are interested in this project.	Jul 24, 2013 10:39 PM
246	721 Main is not in the downtown. It's amazing how shabby Ann Arbor is compared to peer communities like Boulder. Compare the Boulder Library&Park&Creek to our downtown library: in Boulder you have greenspace and bike paths linked to the library; in Ann Arbor you have parking lots and maybe, oh boy, a huge sterile conference center linked to our library!	Jul 24, 2013 9:56 PM
247	The way this survey is constructed, items I would not support at all, are given forced rankings. Thus, results may be somewhat tainted	Jul 24, 2013 9:13 PM
248	New parks should include parking as well.	Jul 24, 2013 7:46 PM
249	Having a number of small green spaces, with seating, is more important for me than one large park. Liberty Square does not live up to its potential. There need to be more flowers and greenery, fewer benches. Thank you for soliciting the people's opinions	Jul 24, 2013 7:38 PM
250	Thanks for soliciting input. Hope you get a good response.	Jul 24, 2013 7:34 PM
251	I do not advocate for any more parks within 10 miles of the Shelter.	Jul 24, 2013 6:19 PM
252	Perhaps winter ice skating at this new park would warm the winter scene in Ann Arbor	Jul 24, 2013 5:11 PM
253	I would like to see more parking downtown, fewer parks. Reason I rarely go downtown, is because of scarce and expensive parking. If downtown has to have more parks, let DDA pay for it.	Jul 24, 2013 5:06 PM
254	we do not need more parks. we need affordable housing.	Jul 24, 2013 4:14 PM
255	721 Main is a fine location for a park. But it is not downtown and so does not substitute for actual downtown locations that should be considered for the location of a major downtown park.	Jul 24, 2013 2:44 PM
256	I would love to see a pedestrian zone/mall in downtown Ann Arbor.	Jul 24, 2013 2:34 PM

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257	Creating a park makes people happy then the city walks away. Do not create another sq inch of park without a committed, ongoing plan to program and manage it.	Jul 24, 2013 2:19 PM
258	The library lot is the prime space for a downtown Central Park city gathering space and green space. It is a shame to waste it on concrete and parking, when there is ample parking right below.	Jul 24, 2013 12:43 PM
259	Although I support a park/plaza on top of the underground parking structure, I do not support turning the entire area into a park.	Jul 24, 2013 12:35 PM
260	The scientists have spoken, we don't need another park downtown. We need mixed use development. Everyone with actual, credible, researched information and education says so. Don't listen to the crazy minority.	Jul 24, 2013 12:24 PM
261	We don't need any more public funded spaces where I cannot take my grandson or friends because of the drunk and/or high undesirables...	Jul 24, 2013 12:19 PM
262	Aside from the Liberty Plaza (let's admit there is a delinquent problem), there is no place to sit, and read, and enjoy downtown if not at a coffee shop or restaurant.	Jul 24, 2013 12:15 PM
263	The only way I support another park or green space downtown is if it is geared toward kids and families. There are enough places to sit or have events downtown that cater to those needs but nothing outdoors that is fun and interactive for kids.	Jul 24, 2013 12:04 PM
264	I would have liked the option to choose "not applicable" for question 5.	Jul 24, 2013 11:58 AM
265	Make the entire Library lot a green space and provide police patrols for the Library lot, the Library, the AATA, and the DDA with the expense shared among the parties..	Jul 24, 2013 11:37 AM
266	Was recently in San Francisco...went to a food truck place called Off the Grid, which that night was in Fort Mason. Think this would be a cool concept for Ann Arbor, but need a parking lot to hold the trucks.	Jul 24, 2013 9:25 AM
267	I think it would be wonderful if Main St between William and Washington or Liberty could be closed to traffic permanently and turned into a pedestrian mall	Jul 24, 2013 8:27 AM
268	Ann Arbor needs its own identity apart from the UM and needs a gathering space besides the diag. Our democracy is in dire need of reconnection with each other as citizens and as an activist and progressive community we have lost this. The high schools have auditoriums and there is not need to build another in a new library but the library lot is the last possibility for a great public outdoor space and is much needed. I was born here in 1947 and raised here so feel that my opinion is valid.	Jul 24, 2013 8:16 AM

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269	It would be best to build the park next to the Downtown Library, then integrate the park with Liberty Plaza via a bridge or pathway.	Jul 24, 2013 12:15 AM
270	Space for festivals is great now - however, it would be nice if there were more locations. Also great if Main St closed down regularly just because. How about every Fri or Sat night in the summer. Parking loss would be minimal and increase for socializing, eating out, festivity would be terrific.	Jul 23, 2013 11:34 PM
271	green space amongst buildings of ever increasing height is essential. Parks should be scattered so as to be accessible no matter where you are	Jul 23, 2013 10:25 PM
272	Connect to the river; bring the river into the heart of downtown; revitalize the north side at Broadway; utilize the new bridge as the key link for park improvements.	Jul 23, 2013 9:29 PM
273	The begging, drinking, and drugs going on at Liberty Plaza is already out of control. ? I don't think the city should have any additional park space until they learn to control these behaviors.	Jul 23, 2013 9:00 PM
274	I think that Main street should be closed to traffic much of the time, at least in summer. It's pointless to drive on it now and it would make all the sidewalk cafes much nicer as well as making the area better for pedestrians.	Jul 23, 2013 5:04 PM
275	you did not provide the square feet of the properties. Please add that.	Jul 23, 2013 3:41 PM
276	The more green space the better!	Jul 23, 2013 2:29 PM
277	Consider closing main street between william and huron either permanently or in the evenings and at weekends more grass/green and less concrete in all the open spaces	Jul 23, 2013 11:06 AM
278	I would highly recommend conducting research to determine what types of outdoor spaces encourage constructive community use. Too many of Ann Arbor's parks, downtown and otherwise, have attributes that make them attractive for activities that are off-putting to the community and make them unfriendly for children.	Jul 23, 2013 10:54 AM
279	The park needs to be centrally located between Main and State Street, ideally around 5th Ave & Division. If it's located too far on any edge of the downtown area, it won't be utilized by the most people. Combining Liberty Plaza and the Library Lot into green space with food vendors and concert/performing areas would be ideal. The city has stated that one important goal is more downtown residents. Downtown residents need what could be considered "a shared backyard." Somewhere to walk your dog, throw a frisbee, have a picnic...building a sense of a community neighborhood. I believe in the concept of more density, but it has to be more than just student housing (who don't have a long term stake in the area, and therefore do not take care of their living spaces.) and it must be balanced with park/nature areas. I have lived downtown for past seven years. I love the activity and the convenience, but miss a little greenness! Another idea would	Jul 23, 2013 10:23 AM

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	be to have a small, and possibly fenced, area designated for dogs. This would provide a "set" area for pets to relieve themselves (of course pet owners would still be required to pick up after them). Downtown residents have pets too!	
280	Ann Arbor needs a piazza like they have all over Italy!!!	Jul 23, 2013 10:21 AM
281	I think a small park space integrated with downtown shopping would strongly reinforce the quality of the experience in the DDA. I think of central park, small town squares at the heart of the community, the plaza at the heart of a greek village. This public space can add so much, and Ann Arbor lacks this - there are lots of public spaces, but they are out in the neighborhoods, on campus. I would love to see a "town square" or "village green" integrated into the retail district. With a little greenhouse or a skating pond :) :) Are you kidding me, do I want to sit on that cramped patio at J. Garden or go out with my library book and falafel and computer into the library lot. I think that would be an awesome central park for AA. You can always dream, right! By the way, I think this survey is really biased and leading. it seems to me the person(s) who wrote it think the parks/open spaces are more than adequate to meet the need.	Jul 23, 2013 10:10 AM
282	If the parking lot behind Palios was torn down that would be the best place for a park if it was joined to the old Y site.	Jul 22, 2013 10:53 PM
283	the best downtown parks in other cities/countries that I have been in have ready commercial (esp food) options FACING the park--it keeps things active.	Jul 22, 2013 9:31 PM
284	winter ice rink	Jul 22, 2013 9:27 PM
285	Food carts! Why can't we have more FOOD CARTS!	Jul 22, 2013 7:27 PM
286	The Art Fairs could be downsized to more emphasize quality, decrease inconvenience. A shady library lot greenspace/ park, reserved as an oasis only during Fair week, would be Great!	Jul 22, 2013 7:09 PM
287	Don't build a large hotel or retail complex on the Library Lot.	Jul 22, 2013 6:25 PM
288	Please do not allow any plaza/open space unless we are CERTAIN it will function well. There are enough failed/wasted spaces, and designers know exactly why. I want assurance the ingredients for success will be there before wasting more space.	Jul 22, 2013 5:12 PM
289	Need a larger green park in the center of downtown that is multipurpose where people can pass through, sit and stay awhile, or enjoy outdoor activities for exercise/community organized events. This green park should include amenities such as street food or cafe adjacency, trees, art, and water creating a natural environment.	Jul 22, 2013 3:35 PM
290	Incorporate solutions for Liberty Square as a successful urban park and tie with pedestrian link to library lot.	Jul 22, 2013 1:32 PM

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291	Didn't, and don't approve of ranking system item 10!	Jul 22, 2013 12:55 PM
292	Parks are the heart of the city. They will increase the property value of the surrounding area and make the city a more desirable place to live.	Jul 22, 2013 12:38 PM
293	We need a humanitarian aid park use fee exemption ordinance	Jul 22, 2013 9:46 AM
294	I support traffic-free bicycle access to downtown.	Jul 22, 2013 8:56 AM
295	It really diminishes the downtown outside dining experience to have cars continually driving by. It smells and it is noisy. A closed mall would be a great addition.	Jul 22, 2013 8:49 AM
296	We need safe walking/bicycling paths (separate from streets with motorized vehicles) in Ann Arbor. Additional parks and green spaces with paths going through them would allow for some of this need. Thank you!	Jul 22, 2013 8:25 AM
297	Ranking includes 721 N Main which is outside the Downtown area. Looks like the list is an attempt to avoid using actual downtown space, and to instead use Greenway space for the downtown park. I think we can have both. No eyerolling, please.	Jul 22, 2013 12:11 AM
298	Really hard to comment when you don't know the context. For example, best location will depend on intended use. I feel what's most important is some green space where people can relax, picnic, etc and have a few quiet minutes to themselves.	Jul 21, 2013 10:32 PM
299	Focus on the unbuildable areas in the floodway first including connections (not necessarily "park" but rather an easement) ... there is a lot of floodway close to downtown. Then if there is still a need, incorporate small spaces with green on sites with new or renovated buildings.	Jul 21, 2013 9:19 PM
300	Parking remains a problem, and the ideas of getting rid of any of the closest surface parking lots makes the perception of available parking worse. Improvements to the current "park" areas, Farmers Market and Liberty square are the best option.	Jul 21, 2013 1:19 PM
301	Ann Arbor needs a proper town square for community gathering...etc	Jul 21, 2013 1:04 PM
302	Dog park on the top of a parking structure (converted to greenspace)? A street converted to a crowded festival is not a substitute for a quiet greenspace where you can read a book.	Jul 21, 2013 9:28 AM
303	Fix it first! Liberty Plaza is an abomination, and we're even entertaining the idea of NEW downtown parks? We are buying land outside the city for density inside. I've given my feedback in city planning exercises and for the parks plan, and both	Jul 20, 2013 11:16 PM

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	plans say that we should have people downtown, not more empty space for crime. Was this not clear?	
304	Would like dog park area at 721 N Main. At 415 W Washington too, if possible.	Jul 20, 2013 11:05 PM
305	Park maintenance and use by residents are the most important issues. If there is not sufficient interest from those living downtown for everyday use, then we do not need another park. If there is not sufficient funding to maintain, we should not put in another park. The right park would be an asset, the wrong a liability. Thank you for doing your research!	Jul 20, 2013 10:09 PM
306	Ann Arbor is sorely missing a splash park for kids. Why do we not have one? Sprayscape in Plymouth is an excellent model - a great playground and splash pad, with lots of shade.	Jul 20, 2013 9:55 PM
307	Really want some nice shady park-like areas where downtown professionals can eat their lunch outside.	Jul 20, 2013 1:33 PM
308	I think green spaces downtown that provide opportunities to be around nature are the most desirable. I also like the idea of an outdoor skating rink. I think those who think there is enough space already downtown for possible events should look to see why events such as the Elvis Festival happen in Ypsilanti's Riverside Park rather than in downtown Ann Arbor.	Jul 20, 2013 1:15 PM
309	Great idea...would need to "better" manage our homeless population. Liberty square can be uncomfortable at times for families. CSTS (CMH) could help with this.	Jul 20, 2013 10:43 AM
310	Every year it seems Ann Arbor strives to prove that more is less. Towns need "something at the center" (Christopher Alexander). I sense we continue to lose it year by year. I'm sorry not to be positively helpful, but the rush to development only seems to restrict our options more and more.	Jul 20, 2013 10:34 AM
311	The post office is never going away. AATA is never going away. I don't see how people think that a park across from those places will be anything but deserted. If you build it, they won't come.	Jul 20, 2013 8:22 AM
312	The more green, open, comfortable, friendly space the better for any urban setting, in terms of enriching and maintaining community.	Jul 20, 2013 7:39 AM
313	For the 415 W Washington site: FIRST: decide who is going to pay for the demolition and soil remediation of this site. SECOND: Force the DDA to fund some of this reconditioning. They have been charging first \$2, then \$3, now \$4 to park here. Furthermore, they have not installed parking lot required standardized lighting, nor have they improved the gravel parking spaces (muddy, icy, snowed-in, dusty, etc through the year). This has been justified by City Hall because this site, in its present condition, is only "temporary" and doesn't deserve being a code compliant lot. They are quite happy to rake in parking fees though. For the small Liberty lot: Don't do anything more than keep up the nice landscaping which has been put in recently. It is a pleasure to walk past these new plants (on the Liberty side).	Jul 19, 2013 11:44 PM

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314	Liberty Park is full of drugs and fights and is totally unusable. Unless there is a way to have police presence, additional parks is a very bad idea.	Jul 19, 2013 10:48 PM
315	Parks should be lighted at night and patrolled more SAFE shaded places to relax downtown A2 would be nice!!	Jul 19, 2013 8:50 PM
316	The 10th question did not work on an iPad. Couldn't answer.	Jul 19, 2013 5:17 PM
317	With trend to so much vertical development, will same developers allow valuable real estate to be used so frivolously as parks?	Jul 19, 2013 5:15 PM
318	the sections asking to number greatest to least did not change based on my selection	Jul 19, 2013 4:04 PM
319	Ann Arbor really needs a park with a splash pad! Currently we drive to Canton to use theirs, thus Canton gets our business (eating/drinking and shopping since we are already out and about there). Also, it would be great to see something like they have in Manhattan with the free books out for people to read while they relax at the park, and chess games set out for anyone to play, etc. These features near downtown would greatly increase the amount of business seen in the area.	Jul 19, 2013 4:03 PM
320	North Main corridor needs attention first before these other areas	Jul 19, 2013 2:30 PM
321	The only logical space for a decent size park/open space is on the Library Lot. And do not try to tell us that the Diag is a city park. It is in the State St area, the Library Lot is near Main St where many, many people work, shop and dine. There are so many good options possible for the Library Lot.	Jul 19, 2013 2:14 PM
322	Consideration should be made of the species of trees planted, based on the new diseases: emerald ash borer for instance	Jul 19, 2013 1:57 PM
323	In cities these parks seem to work best when surrounded by vibrant restaurants and businesses.	Jul 19, 2013 1:01 PM
324	This should be a park by the people and for the people. Keep corporations out. Create a supplemental fund (in addition to millage) to which AnnArborites could contribute. Get more participation by outwardly including public installation Art; make part of greenbelt & trail; allow longboards (a bike alternative to transportation); wireless (get adjoining coffee& food shops to set up tip jars & %donations programs); high donors get name on a landscape feature. Dedicate water feature to super high LOCAL donor. The more central the park the greater appeal to donors This park is broadly wanted, and asking for \$ builds enthusiasm.	Jul 19, 2013 11:19 AM
325	A sort of town square could be useful and interesting. It would attract people to the area.	Jul 19, 2013 10:47 AM



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326	Citizens and visitors need a common, accessible place harking back to the courthouse lawn or the central square to compete against taller buildings	Jul 19, 2013 8:44 AM
327	Far too much attention has been paid to the wishes of developers and too little to the wishes of the residents. This survey is welcomed, and we hope the DDA and City government follow the results.	Jul 19, 2013 7:43 AM
328	Please update Liberty Plaza and include police presence as exists during Art Fair. A town square with fountain, shade, food carts, wifi and seating (and police presence) would be terrific! Form citizen volunteer teams to assist with maintenance. This could help with keeping Main and other major streets clean. (Offer a small tax break to A2 residents to encourage participation, perhaps) These should be free of trash and weeds always.	Jul 19, 2013 7:21 AM
329	Spend fewer tax dollars to buy land outside A2, and more dollars inside the city. The Greenbelt money is being used almost exclusively for properties outside the city. I believe the original promise was for a more even split. If land were bought inside the city, a continuous park could result.	Jul 18, 2013 11:28 PM
330	Everything the city does downtown makes it less desirable for me to go there. I am a senior citizen and will not walk miles for free parking and your parking lots have priced me out of having any desire to go downtown. When you started giving parking tickets on Sundays for parking in commercial parking places, I knew I was done!	Jul 18, 2013 10:53 PM
331	We have lots of parks. How about some better shops?	Jul 18, 2013 10:06 PM
332	Thanks for surveying!	Jul 18, 2013 9:27 PM
333	We have enough small & concrete parks. What is lacking is combined green space w/ trees & furniture/play equipment that is centrally located - like Plymouth or the former Shain Park in Birmingham - that create a sense of community. The art fairs & other events are ok but are on concrete & are focused. I prefer grass, small concerts, play & sitting/reading space - a real park.	Jul 18, 2013 8:58 PM
334	I think that the city just should create one bigger traditional park in the center of downtown that could become a focal point for meetings, dates, and could cater to small events. While we have plenty of neighborhood parks in Ann Arbor, I think we should add a very urban-feel park that would add a more sophisticated aura to the city. A centerpiece with a statue or a fountain could provide a good landmark for local residents as well as visitors or tourists. Such park would increase local foot traffic, creating a more attractive part of town for restaurants. This park, however, should be located in a place with the greatest focal point potential which would probably mean where there is currently the greatest foot traffic. Take example from European cities, or from American cities with good urban planning design. Another issue that should be handled is making the park less attractive as an overnight accommodation for homeless.	Jul 18, 2013 7:16 PM
335	I would vote for tge Library lot to be # 1, but I underxstand it would be difficult for planting trees there.	Jul 18, 2013 5:58 PM

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336	Park spaces should be flexible enough to allow for multiple uses but not overly programmed.	Jul 18, 2013 4:52 PM
337	As an older woman who enjoys walking safety is important. For example, the "Y" replacing a derelict building makes the area safer as would the removal of the old A2 facilities building. I like plazas because they are often surrounded by pedestrians. I would opt for stationary seating and shade. Not sure what to do about homeless folks. Don't mean to be mean but being confronted by them does not feel safe.	Jul 18, 2013 4:19 PM
338	We need more public places to sit comfortably downtown.	Jul 18, 2013 4:06 PM
339	A downtown off leash dog park is needed for the community and should be included in the planning	Jul 18, 2013 4:04 PM
340	Close Main St from Washington to William on Sat nights to cars. Ped only zone 1 night each week.	Jul 18, 2013 3:52 PM
341	Question 10 should ask whether A PORTION of the City owned property should be open space. I think a portion of 415 and 721 could be used for open space as long as the rest was developed to ensure that eyes on the open space	Jul 18, 2013 3:49 PM
342	We need a downtown park that is larger than a postage stamp. Some of the lots you suggest are not large enough.	Jul 18, 2013 3:08 PM
343	Comfortable open spaces, many creative examples of which from other cities are viewable on the net, seem to attract non-townies as much or more than locals.	Jul 18, 2013 2:52 PM
344	Do not turn library lot into a park. A major waste of investment. Mixed use should go on that space. Please don't give in on this. It would be a terrible waste of our tax dollars which were committed to a building!	Jul 18, 2013 1:10 PM
345	Please do NOT remove parking or parking lots to create more parks/open space downtown. There's already an amazing shortage of parking (especially affordable parking) downtown. Even with the library parking structure now open, there's barely enough to meet typical needs. When special events occur, things get horrible, both driving and parking.	Jul 18, 2013 11:50 AM
346	We need a humanitarian aid park use fee exemption ordinance."	Jul 18, 2013 11:19 AM
347	We need to make the existing parks more inviting. For instance, I will not even walk through Liberty Plaza for fear of being accosted by a panhandler. The park has been taken over by the homeless and drifters. Any more park space created will simply add to this problem. Until this is addressed I cannot support additional park space.	Jul 18, 2013 10:49 AM
348	Why do we keep listening to the parks-everywhere crowd? I want an active small-urban downtown. We have green enough nearby. Ever heard of the Diag? West Park?	Jul 18, 2013 10:35 AM
349	You are incapable of maintaining your existing portfolio of park and open spaces. I have kids and know that all over Ann	Jul 18, 2013 10:32 AM

Arbor are parks playgrounds and all manner of open spaces for people to use. Unfortunately no effort or action is actually taken to maintain the parks. It is fully supported by the residents paying out of our own pocket to repair, paint, clean and provide general maintenance of your facilities that we already pay taxes for. I live, work, shop and exist with my family downtown and the idea that you want to waste more money is idiotic. All of the smaller parks become unusable because of the homeless people and drug addicts using the benches. Only during Sonic Lunch does liberty plaza actually get used by people other than bums. The issues the parks and open spaces face within the city of Ann Arbor in no way are resolved or even addressed by adding more open space. And please for the love of god stop with public funds for art. Please start using a private funding mechanism to pay for art installations. I am appalled that routinely public art that is added to these spaces is paid with public funds and is given to an artist not from Michigan but from who knows where. So my ideas: Fix your budget to address maintaining and improving your existing properties. Work with the police and local groups to keep the parks clean and free of drug addicts and drunk bums. Understand the behavior of people who actually use the spaces not just everyone in the City who "likes the idea of more open space" when they never even use it. I think you would be amazed how much more people would enjoy the parks and open spaces if they were clean and safe. A fresh coat of paint, mowed grass, and trash cans that are emptied on a regular basis would drastically improve the overall experience of your existing parks. Since you are incapable of even doing this the fact the you have the audacity to potentially ask for more money is appalling.

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| 350 | <p>I guess I put them in an earlier box. Set backs from the street on new building. Concept of the "City Beautiful" more green space in the center of town. Look to beautify parking lots. Get on creating more green space along the allen creek greenway---for the future of our kids. Water and shade in the down town. Inviting landscapes that are environmentally sound. Less impervious street scapes---or find a way to not pave everything over. I don't think I did a very good job of ranking the green spaces with the map---I just wasn't sure what to start on first. More trees for tree town. An easy way for people to get new trees planted on their extensions---it's not very clear on how to do this or to whom we speak with. Encourage beauty/environmentally sound areas and have contests. For example, I think that what Be Hair Now has done on the corner of Miller and Ashley---is fantastic. She deserves an award or notification. Have the local "news paper" run a monthly list of beatification projects around town---without opinion---or perhaps the city can somehow broad cast this---on our own UM station? Keep the streets clean---there is a lot of junk/paper around. I pick up, but it's a big job. Maybe work with the schools on keeping the city beautiful through clean ups---awards etc. Look into the successes with the city around pulling weeds in the various sites around town with a local school. It was fun and exciting. Maybe you could do that with beautification projects. Try not to have a motto for ann arbor like the one painted on the side of a building "we do life different"---sorry bad grammar and not easy to like. More water on the beautiful sculpture at the new beautiful city buildings on Huron. I look at it daily---and I think---it needs more water gushing down.</p> | Jul 18, 2013 10:30 AM |
| 351 | <p>To ensure that parks can be freely used for random acts of kindness, please pass the Humanitarian Aid Ordinance. This will exempt an organization from the permitting fee (but not the need to apply for a permit) when it is engaged in carrying out a good deed. This exemption should apply only to those organizations that do not offer their service in quid pro quo manner. Of course a non-discrimination clause should also be included. These two safeguards will protect this new</p>   | Jul 18, 2013 10:26 AM |

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ordinance from abuse. The existing park use guidelines will in no way be changed, so no new unapproved activities would be made possible by this new ordinance.

352	As someone who worked for the Parks Dept in Ann Arbor for 3 years, I think we need to be VERY careful about adding additional parks when the budget/staff can hardly maintain the parks we currently have. Parks are wonderful and downtown could surely use more green space, BUT I would focus first on "greening up" Liberty Plaza and Sculpture Plaza before adding more spaces to maintain...it was hard enough to have volunteers work on those two City downtown parks.	Jul 18, 2013 8:45 AM
353	The city needs to pass an ordinance that waives park use fees for organizations that provide humanitarian aid.	Jul 18, 2013 8:44 AM
354	I think a small square on S. Main Street would be excellent across the street from Real Seafood where currently there are a one and two story building that used to have a now closed chocolate shop and a Chinese restaurant. Doug Kelbaugh mentioned this idea in a report he recently authored for the DDA. The small square would be a great walking destination, focal point for street performers and to see and be seen. Retail stores could be installed lining the park or restaurants with outdoor cafes. As a downtown resident I think it would be a great amenity!	Jul 18, 2013 1:19 AM
355	We need a humanitarian aid park use fee exemption ordinance.	Jul 18, 2013 1:07 AM
356	o.k. to build high rises in A2 as long there is green space surrounding the high buildings	Jul 17, 2013 11:40 PM
357	A central civic gathering place is needed in the downtown area and the library lot it seems to me is ideal for such a space.	Jul 17, 2013 11:34 PM
358	Love that you sent this out during art fair! The scientist in me does wonder how this affected results.....	Jul 17, 2013 10:55 PM
359	We need a park in the downtown. The greenway is a great idea but it isn't really downtown.	Jul 17, 2013 10:13 PM
360	Thanks. I like the idea of repurposing an existing lot. Just would prefer more options closer to the center of town, say around and just north of library.	Jul 17, 2013 9:16 PM
361	Space for families with young children downtown around a core of library, bus, and food are most important. Places for children to play within easy walking distance of parking/bus. Also, more grocery, hardware and drug stores if you want people living downtown with no cars.	Jul 17, 2013 8:55 PM
362	I want to lead off by saying that I feel Ann Arbor is a world class city in many regards. There are many great parks throughout Ann Arbor that I have enjoyed for decades. They include years of softball games and various strolls/picnics at Vets, Almendinger, West, Northside, Island and Leslie to name a few. Last summer we took in a wonderful Shakespeare play at West park with friends from Kalamazoo. However, if there is anything that Ann Arbor is missing, it is a downtown	Jul 17, 2013 8:46 PM

central park. A green place that is in the heart of the city that allows people to stroll through gardens, picnic, play catch, read a book, ice skate, take in a play, watch a concert, buy lunch from a cart, observe birds singing in the morning, etc. I am asking you and your committee to consider making the current Library Lot surface into a downtown central park that has the ability to allow citizens to do the things I outlined above. The following points outline why I feel this would be a good thing for the city of Ann Arbor: Currently the city does not own a large, mostly green park in the downtown core of the city. The Library Lot surface would be a great site for this. I do not consider the Diag to be in the core or owned by the citizens. The Library Lot becoming a central green park offers many pedestrian attractions due to its location that will benefit not only citizens but the nearby businesses. It is adjacent to the Library, near Liberty Plaza, near the bus station, near the post office, near numerous restaurants, near retail stores. A downtown green park in this location would provide economic pluses for the city and citizens. I understand that urban parks can increase real estate values, improve worker productivity, raise employment levels, increase tourism and even have more people come downtown to purchase items from retail stores near the urban park. Lastly, I believe if making the Library Lot a green park were put to a vote versus any other choice for that location that it would win handily. Most of the people I speak to and know in Ann Arbor would support the Library Lot being converted to a central green park versus any other choice that has been offered. So I ask you to convert the Library Lot surface to a central green park because it is what most citizens want it to become. I appreciate your time in looking into this very important topic of determining whether and what additional parks are wanted/needed in Ann Arbor. My hope is that someday Ann Arbor citizens have a beautiful green park located in the heart of downtown that will continue to make Ann Arbor world class well into the future.

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| 363 | The plazas in Europe are so integrated into the cities that there's almost no boundary between a retail area, dining/entertainment area and public space. Regrettably, I don't see the ideas mentioned as being likely to achieve that. The key is the European areas I enjoy so much are 1. Car-free zones, integrated with local businesses facing the plaza, public art/fountains. AA offers few pleasant places to enjoy downtown on the days when I don't want to be a patron of a local restaurant/bar. Sit on the planters of Main and read a book? Also, I've suggested to my CM to propose a 'trade' of Liberty Plaza for a better public place downtown. The corner lot could house a building that would be a gateway to the Library Lot just as old West Quad is to the dial, for example. Power & Light area of KC is a nice private example but I'd prefer more public space. Munich's main ped zone is fronted by businesses that has display cases advertising local business (win/win) with larger plazas at various points along the route. DDA has on several occasions presented a ped way for State to Main but it seems pie in the sky. Also, I feel that the community is vibrant enough that a space would be well used and groups may emerge to use/propose concerts or events. | Jul 17, 2013 8:42 PM |
| 364 | #10 is a bad ranking question. Three properties are projected elements of the Greenway. Except for the Library Lot, street frontages need only streetscapes. Palio lot could be a gateway park. Swap Liberty Plaza for the property south of the Kempf House. Create a through block park with the Library lot.  | Jul 17, 2013 7:43 PM |
| 365 | Part of the problem is what has happened at Liberty Plaza, where many people won't go there except when there is safety in numbers and there is a large event. Need police there at all times so most people will feel safe. How to prevent  | Jul 17, 2013 7:16 PM |

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	people who hassle others, or are smelly and unpleasant from taking over. Fix up Liberty Plaza first to see if it is possible to be successful with a downtown park.	
366	There is no park space close to Main St. A place to sit, meet, eat or have a coffee that one is not going to get asphyxiated by a semi idling next to a cafe table.	Jul 17, 2013 6:53 PM
367	need more parks, less tall buildings - ask people what they want for for neighbors - does the funeral home want 14 stories across the street or park where families could gather? We need to stop filling every square foot of downtown space with D!D@ buildings enough already. Also - no repurposing of parkland - if it is a park keep it as such	Jul 17, 2013 6:45 PM
368	I would prefer to keep some surface lots. As a woman often parking alone, I feel much safer walking to my car in surface lots than parking structures. Parks sound nice - but if it was between that and keeping surface lots, I might prefer the surface lots.	Jul 17, 2013 6:21 PM
369	I think the vocal minority that want parks do this as a full-time job. They are just homeless gathering places anyway.	Jul 17, 2013 6:11 PM
370	I am concerned about two items - one being funding. Ann Arbor doesn't have the resources to maintain the parks we have (the one gets mowed by us so infrequently, it's ridiculous). Unless this is privately funded, I would NOT support it. Two, DO NOT take away parking lots for this. I don't go downtown very much because the parking there can be horrendous and deters me from doing business there.	Jul 17, 2013 5:46 PM
371	Shady spots to sit, eat and read, that are not at a crowded cafe would be really nice.	Jul 17, 2013 5:42 PM
372	Spaces filled in by the homeless are generally not used by families and others. Smell of urine, catcalls of the indigent really not conducive to enjoying oneself. Unless they are policed, they'll be underused. That's true of the existing spaces already. I'd like a convention center and hotel on the library lot: something to provide a civic space, and alternative source of income/event-space than merely always relying on the university, which does not have the city's interests in mind. We need to diversify away from the university.	Jul 17, 2013 5:40 PM
373	I'd like to see other options on this survey as well. I really would like to see some options for downtown department stores that provide necessities (Target, for instance) are being fostered in other communities where getting people to live downtown or near downtown is a priority. I think a survey that focuses on open space without engaging discussion about other options is too one-sided.	Jul 17, 2013 5:20 PM
374	Art installations should ONLY come from PRIVATE funding	Jul 17, 2013 5:14 PM
375	Except for the library parking lot surface, I don't think we need any more downtown parks. That would be the only one I would support, and only if no city \$\$ were used to fund it, and NO expensive art installations, PLEASE! Big waste of	Jul 17, 2013 5:09 PM

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376	In ranking the choices in order we designated only the most desirable and least desirable. The other 6 we have no comment on, so the choices indicated are arbitrary.	Jul 17, 2013 4:56 PM
377	please create an open space that attracts a mix of people throughout the day -- some locations are a magnet for people who openly use drugs and alcohol and intimidate others from sharing the space (Liberty Plaza, Argo near the bridge, Wheeler Park)	Jul 17, 2013 4:55 PM
378	What we most lack is a central gathering place for community events, performances, and spontaneous celebrations. In between such events it should attract a steady flow of people enjoying shade, a water feature, places to sit down and read or eat or watch people or meet a friend or watch children playing. Places to sit are very important--see William Whyte. Watching other people is a great attraction. The more activity, the better the park. But it does not have to be programmed. People will come for their own reasons: Maybe for shade and a cool drink in summer, or to watch skating in winter.	Jul 17, 2013 4:44 PM
379	Stop spending public funds on art...spend it on the people and services (fire, police, parks, etc..)	Jul 17, 2013 4:32 PM
380	The library area would be ideal for a park since the library already has so many attractions for kids.	Jul 17, 2013 4:16 PM
381	DDA has been far too business-friendly. I am sad to see so many high-rise developments usurping the available downtown space and transforming the city, inch-by-inch, into a generic soulless business dead zone like downtown Columbus or Lansing. A large, centrally-located park next to the library would recapture some of the vibrancy and social interaction that I consider a historical hallmark of this community. What we do NOT need is ANOTHER condo/apt. building/conference center. Stick that crap down by the freeways where it belongs.	Jul 17, 2013 4:11 PM
382	I had typed in I would wish there could be an ice rink that was not an option reiterate I would think that the very top on well used item in the city of Ann Arbor	Jul 17, 2013 4:09 PM
383	Existing open space (including both city parks and university open space) seem sufficient, though it could sometimes be better used. I don't believe any of the city-owned parcels should be devoted entirely to parks--there should be better uses--though including smaller open spaces might make sense in some cases.	Jul 17, 2013 3:56 PM
384	The Library Lot is not a suitable place for a green space and would be both financially and socially irresponsible. It would waste the many millions of dollars invested in preparing for a building on top of it and without significant investments in programming and upkeep (probably \$1 million annually) it would become a magnet for the same homeless population that camps out on the 2nd floor of the library.	Jul 17, 2013 3:41 PM

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385	Trying to drive open space development to existing city-owned real estate is bone headed. Parks need to be place where they do the most good for the greatest number of stakeholders...not where it is (perceived) easiest for the city. The public needs to understand that taking property "off line" for park space reduces the potential for additional tax revenue to the city and INCREASES the expenses for which the city will be responsible. The trend lines - both of them - go in the absolutely opposite direction of community need.	Jul 17, 2013 2:44 PM
386	Close Main Street between Liberty and William. It's unpleasant to eat on the sidewalk next to vehicles. Make that a seating area from Memorial Day through Labor Day. If you must, open it up when the students are back in town. Or open it up when it's winter and no one eats outside anyway.	Jul 17, 2013 2:41 PM
387	We should make sure existing parks are well/better maintained before adding new parks.	Jul 17, 2013 2:06 PM
388	I understand the need for the homeless in our area to be taken care of however I do not see why the city officials do not enforce panhandling laws and the abuse of the parks by pot smoking, beer drinking thugs. I understand the need for the homeless in our area to be taken care of however I do not see why the city officials do not enforce panhandling laws and the abuse of the parks by pot smoking, beer drinking thugs. When these problems are addressed I will gladly contribute, time, money and use.	Jul 17, 2013 1:41 PM
389	I was very involved with City planning efforts when living in Ann Arbor and still have a big part of my heart in the City. Particularly with all of the City Parks already in existence, and the area near the railroad tracks that will most likely have parts of left as a park/ open space at some point, I am open but also am cautious with converting any sizable spot of prime downtown into a park. I think there is potential to add a small space or two if done so it ties-into that area of the City however.	Jul 17, 2013 1:30 PM
390	Library lot is by far the best site for a city park.	Jul 17, 2013 1:25 PM
391	Stormwater and heat island improvements issues need to be considered in green space, great potential here. More green space downtown will make it more human scale and greatly enhance the economic vitality of the downtown. Many examples of this exist even in Southern Michigan like Kalamazoo Arcadia Creek Greenway, Flint Gilkey Creek Greenway and Grand Rapids River Greenway	Jul 17, 2013 1:20 PM
392	The existing parks are filthy and generally neglected. Focus on a plan for maintaining existing parks and making them as appealing as the ideas for new parks in this survey.	Jul 17, 2013 1:18 PM
393	Need more off leash dog parks or make currently available parks off leash or limited off leash hours.	Jul 17, 2013 1:09 PM
394	I do not consider 721 N. Main, 415 W. Washington, or First and William to be DOWNTOWN, and am disappointed that the survey would include them as options. We need a park DOWNTOWN where workers can take a break or have lunch.	Jul 17, 2013 12:48 PM



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	These satellite locations are nice for those neighborhoods but would not function as DOWNTOWN parks or as a public square.	
395	The city should consider police foot patrols downtown not more parks. I like having the parking that is there now.	Jul 17, 2013 12:37 PM
396	Open space should be green space in a well traveled path, not off the main arteries that aren't easily walkable.	Jul 17, 2013 12:28 PM
397	I just want to see my property tax dollars spent on maintenance of existing services and infrastructure, e.g., snow removal and road repairs!	Jul 17, 2013 12:15 PM
398	HOME › NEWS AND OPINION › BLOGS › WHAT MAKES A GOOD PARK? PART 1. › What makes a good park? Part 1. Blog post by Kevin Klinkenberg on 09 Aug 2012 landscape design Kevin Klinkenberg, Better! Cities & Towns	Jul 17, 2013 11:24 AM
399	Improvements of the landscaping on the heavy frequented streets (Main, Liberty, State, S Univ.) could alleviate some need for a new park. Things like adding benches, rescaping the planters, etc.	Jul 17, 2013 11:10 AM
400	I could not make the drop-down number rankings work. It auto-filled in order, and would not let me change the numbers.....	Jul 17, 2013 11:03 AM
401	Family friendly ways to enjoy downtown seem needed to me. We love downtown (especially Main St) and are there often, but there is no place to sit and take a break to just enjoy being there without going to a restaurant. Shady spots with some interesting seat features that can offer a new view for children and adults would be lovely.	Jul 17, 2013 10:42 AM
402	Main Street should be a pedestrian only plaza. It could be developed into a very special place that would benefit the retail businesses and the people coming downtown. It is time to find a way to re-route traffic and make this happen.	Jul 17, 2013 10:41 AM
403	I advocate for more native plantings, but a maintenance plan must be in place with funding.	Jul 17, 2013 10:20 AM
404	The more parks esp. creating new parklets the better! Trees are absolutely essential to the health and well being of people and other critters. So more trees, shade, small (kept clean) areas are what Ann Arbor needs.	Jul 17, 2013 10:18 AM
405	Please do something to make Liberty Plaza more appealing. It has a prime location, but being dark, hard and sunken makes it unwelcoming; it needs flowers, color and light.	Jul 17, 2013 10:17 AM
406	All parks should have drinking fountains.	Jul 17, 2013 10:07 AM
407	I think surface parking should be preserved in downtown A2. Otherwise, my preference is for parks over building in those spaces. I also think A2 needs a really big park downtown.	Jul 17, 2013 9:51 AM

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408	Who are these nuts with the plastic ice rink? The more we read about it the more it seems like they're from some other planet. There is no way that would be successful on that location. Plastic ice is not something the experienced skaters of a wintery town would be interested in. Plus it's clear they're delusional about what goes in to operating a recreational facility. Did I read that they would not offer skate rental, but would have skate sharpening "on the food cart"?!? And their staffing plan is simply "volunteers"? These guys are in la-la land. I think they've taken enough of PAC's time and I don't know anybody who thinks their idea is a good one. Thanks for offering this survey.	Jul 17, 2013 9:39 AM
409	The library lot, the library itself, and the old Y lot could probably be turned into something pretty damned cool (maybe need a pedestrian bridge over Fifth) together. The library needs a new building, put the three spaces together for a park/new library and people would use the ever living shit out of it.	Jul 17, 2013 9:29 AM
410	The ranking questions did not work for me - ranked them all in numerical order no matter what I selected. I am using a Mac, I don't know if that is part of the issue. Disregard the ranking questions on this survey since they do not reflect my opinions.	Jul 17, 2013 9:27 AM
411	MAINTAIN THE PARKS WE HAVE!!!!	Jul 17, 2013 9:23 AM
412	I'm concerned that we are going to add more park space, but can't adequately take care of the parks we already have.	Jul 17, 2013 9:08 AM
413	I LOVE parks. We don't need anymore downtown. There are 25 crazy people who want these downtown parks. Tell them to move to Novi if they want to live in the suburbs.	Jul 17, 2013 9:08 AM
414	We need a real, city-supported public park/open space. For all of Ann Arbor's reputation for parks and green space, there is no significant park downtown (the diag doesn't count). I fully support a large public green space for the community - DOWNTOWN - like most decent cities have.	Jul 17, 2013 8:58 AM
415	There needs to be more grass available and dog-friendly park for pet owners. Downtown Ann Arbor is not very pet friendly.	Jul 17, 2013 8:41 AM
416	I'm strongly in favor of the greenway!	Jul 17, 2013 8:39 AM
417	We have plenty of parks. Take care of them.	Jul 17, 2013 8:32 AM
418	Don't take out valuable parking areas (like the one next to Palio or the first/William lot). That's just stupid. But the useless areas -- like the 415 W. Washington lot or the Summit/Main lot would be perfect for big green spaces. More small-scale concrete "open areas" are NOT needed. We need grassy fields, TREES, playgrounds, dogparks, frisbee spaces. Not concrete with furniture where people can eat their lunch at. They can sit on GRASS! Make decent use of the 415 Washington spot and tear down that graffiti-ridden abandoned building. It's screaming for a real park.	Jul 17, 2013 8:23 AM

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419	I really believe that we should not waste more space downtown for parks. Ann Arbor already has so many wonderful parks outside of downtown for people to visit that aren't being properly maintained. Please use the money allocated for the parks on existing parks, and work on urban development downtown that will bring money downtown.	Jul 17, 2013 8:17 AM
420	Need a central city dog park	Jul 17, 2013 8:15 AM
421	Why don't you ask about the "elephant in the room"? The problem in Ann Arbor is that BUMS takeover any park space. Who wants to go to a park where homeless people have set up their campsite for the day? And panhandling is out of control, too!!! These problems MUST be addressed.	Jul 17, 2013 8:03 AM
422	Only interested in a shady green park, no more cement parks in downtown.	Jul 17, 2013 7:49 AM
423	A spray park would be nice for kids. Liberty park with the homeless needs to go. That would be the perfect place to create a family park.	Jul 17, 2013 7:47 AM
424	We have over 80 city parks, some very rarely used. Could we possibly entertain the idea of even discussing the topic of selling the least used parks to fund the care and upkeep of the most used? It could also generate city taxes for the future if (gasp) the sold park could be built upon.	Jul 17, 2013 7:31 AM
425	I love the ideas proposed by the Ann Arbor Greenway Conservancy. There are so many things about their vision that could downtown vibrant for our young professionals.	Jul 17, 2013 7:10 AM
426	When I visit friends downtown it would be nice to have comfortable green space to hang out rather than having to drive to outdoor space. When I visit to eat, shop, appts, it would be nice to stay downtown longer if there was a place to hang out outside rather than taking up a table in a restaurant.	Jul 17, 2013 7:02 AM
427	Thanks for requesting input!	Jul 17, 2013 6:58 AM
428	We don't need more parks downtown - fill those spaces with taxable buildings!	Jul 17, 2013 6:44 AM
429	Our downtown parks are filled with homeless and people drinking and doing drugs. I think more parks would create more of the same, sadly. I don't feel safe in these parks and avoid them.	Jul 17, 2013 6:27 AM
430	A good, well maintained downtown park would make AA friendlier!	Jul 17, 2013 4:53 AM
431	I think the City should consider opening a dog park in the downtown area. Space is available and it is only fair to allow people to have a place where to take their dogs, instead of driving 10 miles!	Jul 17, 2013 2:26 AM

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432	I don't really like the idea of losing existing parking. I fear we'll end up with more and more parking structures. I hate the new one near the library, by the way. If the only land available is existing parking lots, I'd prefer the status quo.	Jul 17, 2013 12:48 AM
433	We're Tree Town and have a Green Belt - I think we're good and should instead focus on our roads and getting U of M to pay taxes to help repair the infrastructure their employees and students help to wear down. The city has got to stop spending money on art and stuff that looks stupid next to our crumbling roads and bridges - like, where are our priorities and who's approving these expenditure? Start spending our money wisely and with respect for the fact that many homes go without luxuries due to the recession but yet, our city, seeks to expand on parts of the city that are fine as they are.	Jul 17, 2013 12:44 AM
434	Make park areas inviting, with trees and plantings, as little concrete as possible.	Jul 17, 2013 12:27 AM
435	I don't go downtown much because of the lack of street parking. I hate parking structures and find them dangerous to women. This results in my only going downtown for special occasions. It seems to me that our downtown is for the students and for visitors.	Jul 16, 2013 11:56 PM
436	It would be nice to have a park that has bathrooms, drinking fountains, dog friendly, plenty of big trees for shade, and welcome food vendors from time to time, along with rotating/changing art installations.	Jul 16, 2013 10:52 PM
437	721 N. Main is not the best place to focus efforts or spend money.	Jul 16, 2013 10:52 PM
438	Create a downtown green space where families can hang out. And kids can play!	Jul 16, 2013 10:50 PM
439	I'd love a downtown dog park.	Jul 16, 2013 10:45 PM
440	fuck the police	Jul 16, 2013 10:36 PM
441	Question 4 and 10 don't work. I can't change the rankings!	Jul 16, 2013 10:31 PM
442	Have to do something about loitering and drug and alcohol use in existing downtown parks. Don't want more tax money used on squatters.	Jul 16, 2013 10:22 PM
443	The numbered answers don't respond to my choices. It numbers 1-8 no matter what I choose.	Jul 16, 2013 10:19 PM
444	I don't know why you describe the Farmers' Market as a park. It is not a park.	Jul 16, 2013 10:11 PM
445	No new parks downtown. The diag and ingalls mall are ann arbor's central parks and always will be. Plus the university will actually shoo off homeless people. A park on the library lot would be a fiasco. Thanks for your work on this.	Jul 16, 2013 10:10 PM

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446	I think sheltered, shaded spaces are most inviting, such as the courtyard in Kerrytown. I've noticed that so often benches are placed in open spaces, without shade or privacy.	Jul 16, 2013 10:06 PM
447	brick or cobblestone streets all streets one way	Jul 16, 2013 9:57 PM
448	Please spend the city money on improving our existing parks and maintaining a safe city, which includes policing the rampant graffiti and increased presence of vagrants.	Jul 16, 2013 9:37 PM
449	Love the idea of more parks downtown, but the focus of park use, in my opinion, should be residents rather than commuters. If there are going to be enough people living nearby to give them life, great. If not, lets not waste money on open spaces that are only used at lunchtime (M-F).	Jul 16, 2013 9:29 PM
450	Upgrading the current spaces should be priority #1. The Farmer's Market could use some creating landscaping.	Jul 16, 2013 9:23 PM
451	Public art should be interactive. The spinning cube is one of my favorites.	Jul 16, 2013 8:26 PM
452	Programming of events and continued maintenance are the two most important aspects making a successful park. Forming park conservancies is an excellent way to maintain funding for the proper maintenance, programming and patrol. Main St closing a are fine but we need spaces like Campus Martius in Detroit: places with activity, places to eat lunch without being accosted by homeless people. Who would have thought Ann Arbor would be looking to Detroit for park inspiration. And please...no park on the Library lot. While it might be close to the geographic center, it is NOT central to the daily movement of people in and around the city. It is in no-man's-land.	Jul 16, 2013 8:24 PM
453	I would support the greenway as a bike and walkway conduit to get to downtown and the river	Jul 16, 2013 8:06 PM
454	Using Liberty Plaza as a lesson, rather than enhancing the quality of life in Ann Arbor, I sadly believe providing more park space will only exacerbate the problem of vagrancy.	Jul 16, 2013 8:03 PM
455	We build and DDA maintains with or without private partners. Downtown businesses benefit so should share in the operation and maintenance.	Jul 16, 2013 7:38 PM
456	I worry that all of the options for creating parks downtown means eliminating parking downtown. Its already pretty difficult to find parking downtown, especially when the current parks are hosting events!	Jul 16, 2013 7:35 PM
457	Downtown definitely lacks attractive parks and open space. Fortunately the University nearby has loads.. but it would make downtown much nicer to have more.	Jul 16, 2013 7:29 PM
458	A centrally-located medium-sized park like Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia or Bryant Park in New York Clty (but	Jul 16, 2013 7:26 PM

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	scaled down slightly for Ann Arbor) would be ideal and is the biggest thing missing from downtown.	
459	THE SYSTEM DID NOT/WOULD NOT TAKE MY RANKINGS!! IGNORE THE RANKINGS.	Jul 16, 2013 7:25 PM
460	Leave Liberty Plaza ALONE!! I am tired of the attacks on this most beautifully designed of all our inner city 'parks'. I loved the shrubbery and the crabapple trees; the private step down from the street and the multi-levels is beautifully done. Charles Cares is also responsible for much of the beautifully conceived, old, established shrubbery and treescape on the University of Michigan campus Any 'faults' with this area rest with the management of the building on its western boundary. This was an especially inviting place to sit, read, people watch when the bookstore and overlooking restaurant were occupants of the building, not the deadly sterility of empty Spark offices or whatever now might be replacing them... One other thing: I find what is really the distaste for the presence of the poor in this park arrogant and unacceptable. People don't feel comfortable in their presence? I don't feel comfortable in the presence of the rich, but the thrust of development in this town is toward this social-economic class - who among a lot of us, who are neither rich nor poor, could afford these rents? Drugs, drink, voiding? People do choose to do these activities in the privacy of their homes, but what if you don't have a home? At least some towns (Grand Haven, etc.) have facilities for comfort breaks for residents or visitors to their main street areas.	Jul 16, 2013 7:21 PM
461	Thanks for asking.	Jul 16, 2013 7:02 PM
462	There are many underutilized parks a distance from where people live. Sell some of those in favor of creating spaces where there is a high concentration of potential users.	Jul 16, 2013 7:00 PM
463	Question 4 doesn't work. I was unable to change any of the numbers.	Jul 16, 2013 6:31 PM
464	Fix Liberty Plaza before spending money on any new park.	Jul 16, 2013 6:31 PM
465	completely closing 2 city blocks (preferably main st) to car traffic would be the best possible way to increase civic space in the city.	Jul 16, 2013 6:26 PM
466	A2 has great green spaces except for downtown. Any new park would benefit from greenery.	Jul 16, 2013 6:13 PM
467	I may have done something wrong, but the 2 questions asking to rank them did not allow me to do so. The automatically ranked them in chronological order.	Jul 16, 2013 6:05 PM
468	We need to keep current parks supported & updated	Jul 16, 2013 5:52 PM
469	I think the park should be located as close as possible to main street or other busy streets, to provide eyes on the street for safety and to facilitate 24/7 use. I also think that the park should have lots of seating and be close to restaurants so	Jul 16, 2013 5:50 PM

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that people can utilize it for lunch.

470	I really don't think we need more parks. We have so many already that we can't provide enough service to. Many of the parks aren't used very much. I think we should work on programming and maintaining the parks we have and perhaps see if it is possible to work with the University on programming the Diag and maybe adding some City police patrols and park benches so people feel like it is more available and welcoming to all.	Jul 16, 2013 5:19 PM
471	Unless a new park is constantly used with scheduled activities, I fear that any downtown park will be another homeless gathering place (like Liberty Plaza) which no one else will want to use. There's plenty of open space on U-M campus, Wheeler Park, West Park, etc. on the edges of the areas proposed.	Jul 16, 2013 5:01 PM
472	I am only in favor of the development of additional parks if the city finds a way to keep it relatively clear of becoming a homeless attraction. Since the improvements of the homeless facilities and services in the last decade, it seems that AA has a marked visible increase in homeless population. Between plans for inexpensive buslines, rails, parks, and many services, as a taxpayer I do not support making the city more attractive for the homeless. I'm not completely insensitive to the plight of the homeless. But I quit trying to go to some of the downtown areas (ie Liberty) due to the uncomfortable atmosphere. Same is true for campus area. Parks as a whole make a world of difference in the livability and attractiveness of a community as long as they are properly maintained, funded, and policed. It's a challenge but a viable plan must be thought through past planning and design and all the way through the lifetime of the proposed park including funding for all of the above.. My 2 cents.	Jul 16, 2013 4:46 PM
473	The taxes are so high in Ann Arbor - they are driving a lot of residents out of the city. The city keeps removing parking, so we tend to go to places outside of downtown so we can park close to where we are going.	Jul 16, 2013 4:43 PM
474	Every time I drive on north Main near the on ramp to M-14, I wish that the river was a more visually accessible. I know that there are through which one can access to river, but the view is blocked by a lot of ugly industrial buildings. I wish that there were more "urban" park spaces along the river, and more recreational park spaces downtown.	Jul 16, 2013 4:37 PM
475	Too many of these questions ASSUME a need or desire for more park space downtown, so this survey will not be valid and should not be used to make decisions. The city needs FIRST to sell and develop the open spaces per the recommendations of the DDA, which were supposed to be adopted as part of the master plan but were not. Also, the survey does not ask about the desire to have safety in open spaces. The survey doesn't ask about use of the library. People don't use Liberty Plaza because of the homeless there. Enforce ordinances! Finally, a survey that is answered only by those who care to respond is per se inaccurate. Survey should be sent to randomly selected residents/taxpayers. This survey will be hijacked by park supporters.	Jul 16, 2013 4:36 PM
476	I think that parks and open space are great, but I would rather see funds spent on improving existing spaces before building new ones. I don't think it will do much good to have new spaces without taking care of what we already have. I	Jul 16, 2013 4:29 PM

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	know that there's not unlimited money for this sort of thing, so I would like to see "the most bang for the buck," which seems more doable with existing spaces.	
477	Greenspace does not belong in the downtown core - Ann Arbor should concentrate on the many wonderful parks that surround the city.	Jul 16, 2013 4:23 PM
478	The ranking feature on questions 4 and 10 didn't work. They were just ranked from top to bottom, regardless of what number I clicked on. I hope you fix the problem and give me another chance to weigh in.	Jul 16, 2013 4:19 PM
479	Nice green area as long as in not taken over by the homeless people that are all over downtown	Jul 16, 2013 4:18 PM
480	I like Farmers's market as an event but i think there are more rooms to elaborate that space when the event is not being held. I don't think people gather there when nothing is going on but it could be actually be better public space.	Jul 16, 2013 4:16 PM
481	For me what Ann Arbor lacks is a trail through town that connects residents to the water spaces - a greenway. (thus my ranking of 1-3 as the spots most likely to create a greenway). Next I would love a park that offered food and beverage next to playground space like they have in many european cities. a place to bring the kids but a place for grown ups to relax too. (right now playgrounds are only 'kid space' where adults stand around and talk - move the talking adults a bit together but still be near enough to monitor children).	Jul 16, 2013 4:13 PM
482	Please put in water fountains with filters to take out the Chlorine as Chlorine is a known carcinogen. This would encourage people to fill their own water bottles and buy less bottled water.	Jul 16, 2013 4:13 PM
483	Townies need a space, not the Diag, not something that blocks off a street.	Jul 16, 2013 4:05 PM
484	The city has plenty of parks already. If the handful of people who live downtown want to visit a park, they should go to one of the existing parks.	Jul 16, 2013 4:00 PM
485	I feel like ann arbor is missing green park space in downtown. There are wonderful festivals and outdoor events, but everything happens on a street or pavement. The exceptions seems to be TOP and I think the grass and trees are part of what make TOP's current location such a wonderful place to spend an afternoon. I would like there to be more benches on Main St too. Although, I'm sure they were removed to reduce vagrancy etc. Either because of what I'm wearing or general cleanliness I don't always want to sit on the planters' edges.	Jul 16, 2013 3:56 PM
486	ONLY add more green space IF & ONLY IF we HAVE the funds to build it AND pay for police PRESENCE. Liberty Plaza has NOT been a place I like to be around.	Jul 16, 2013 3:47 PM
487	We need less: drinking/dealing places for homeless, more gathering places for the rest of us. Less restrictions on sale of	Jul 16, 2013 3:44 PM



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beer/wine (stupid beer corrals are moronic). other cities get this right. Ann Arbor can't do parks right to save their lives. blame it on incompetent planners who can't bear to hear anyone complain. You can't run a cities just trying to avoid complainers. They are unavoidable and most can be ignored for the public good.

488	Downtown Open spaces are better utilized to generate income to booster the economy of the city, increase business establishments & to provide adequate parking rather than create them into future economic burdens. Cost of downtown parks maintenance if assumed by the city will be hard on resident taxpayers and will add constraints to the budgets on safety and well being of the community. Conversion of these open spaces into parks will be more of liability than asset. City of Ann Arbor have more than enough neighborhood and citywide parks to enjoy, let downtown be strictly business and let UM campuses and grounds be recreational for the transients downtown goers!	Jul 16, 2013 3:39 PM
489	I think green space is important. I don't have a family, but plan to. I think Ann Arbor is becoming less family friendly. I enjoy art spaces and food carts, but think a balance needs to be maintained. I can see it becoming hard to raise a family here. I also think that Ann Arbor needs to preserve more open space downtown to account for the higher density of people who will want to take advantages of the parks.	Jul 16, 2013 3:37 PM
490	more bike paths	Jul 16, 2013 3:29 PM
491	We need to spruce up existing downtown parks, not add to the challenges. Liberty Square is not welcoming.	Jul 16, 2013 3:17 PM
492	Thank you for conducting this survey. Nice to be able to have some input.	Jul 16, 2013 3:11 PM
493	PLease do everything possible to develop a greenway along the railroad routing.	Jul 16, 2013 3:11 PM
494	Liberty Plaza is an eyesore, and I would never step foot in it aside from events like Sonic Lunch. Its ugly and overrun by creeps.	Jul 16, 2013 3:09 PM
495	Libery Park is over taken by the homeless and rather dirty. Great location for the park, but undesirable to use. Parklets seem nice as they are more private for use with their limited space needs.	Jul 16, 2013 3:08 PM
496	Love the idea of a greenway! Happy to pay taxes for it.	Jul 16, 2013 3:07 PM
497	Available monies would be better spent on existing parks away from downtown.	Jul 16, 2013 3:07 PM
498	The Innovative parks sound like just what we need!	Jul 16, 2013 3:07 PM
499	Save Our Money!! This is NOT the time in AA History for this! Fix our streets, pick up our garbage, pick up our leaves, help oldsters with leaves. Stop the spending until we see what's ahead with Obamacare!!	Jul 16, 2013 3:04 PM

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500	I'm coming from a "quality of life" perspective, i.e. how can we use parks to enhance the quality of the downtown experience for residents and visitors such that downtown become a increasingly desirable place to live and patronize.	Jul 16, 2013 3:02 PM
501	Really need to develop the greenbelt and access to North Main through to Bandemer park.	Jul 16, 2013 2:58 PM
502	To find additional money for park creation and upkeep, focus on reducing fleet and IT costs charged to the park GF budget, as well as the millage.	Jul 16, 2013 2:58 PM
503	Open space, green, shady, bandshell/gazebo, fountain -- a sit on the grass friendly place.	Jul 16, 2013 2:45 PM
504	We need far more resources put toward all forms of mobility - not just cars. Parks and greenspace are a must for the sustainability of any city. Greenspace should be available within a short walk of any part of the City. Ann Arbor is falling way behind.	Jul 16, 2013 2:45 PM
505	In giving preferences, the numbers automatically came up and I could not change them.	Jul 16, 2013 2:39 PM
506	The thought of having another parking lot is horrific. The huge underground lot is huge and it's a silly lot to try and park. We do NOT need more parking!	Jul 16, 2013 2:38 PM
507	none	Jul 16, 2013 2:36 PM
508	Please, for the love of God, stand up to the vocal minority advocating for new parks Downtown. There are prostitutes having sex with clients in the alleyway off of Liberty Plaza, and people overdosing on alcohol (and occasionally heroin) every day in the Downtown library. Ask the library to release its security reports to give the average citizen a more informed sense of what the transient community makes life like every day in the area you've identified for potential parks. Downtown needs more density and development to bring more people in, people who live and work and shop there, in order to drown out the transient population we've attracted by building a 5 star homeless shelter. Parks have the opposite affect unless they're surrounded by incredibly dense mixed use space, and we are not a big enough city to support that, this isn't Manhattan, its not Denver, nor is it Portland.	Jul 16, 2013 2:36 PM
509	I actually think an area like the Diag, with lots of big trees and maybe benches to sit on would be great close to Main St. It'd be nice to plop in the shade during the warmer weather. And grass would be best...I think that's partly what makes Liberty Plaza unappealing....mostly concrete.	Jul 16, 2013 2:35 PM
510	PLEASE -- No more high rise developments downtown!	Jul 16, 2013 2:34 PM
511	I believe there is enough downtown park space now. The city cannot afford to take care of their current parks why add more. Also, I think the police should be allowed to do their jobs and this would make the current downtown parks more	Jul 16, 2013 2:20 PM

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	comfortable to use.	
512	Make "green" a priority	Jul 16, 2013 2:20 PM
513	the numbers automatically fill in in chrome and cannot be easily changed or cleared, pretty useless for ranking.	Jul 16, 2013 2:19 PM
514	It would be great to have more urban trails and connections between future and existing parks and open spaces.	Jul 16, 2013 2:18 PM
515	I would love to have the main part of Main Street be a pedestrian mall for part of the day/evening on weekends.	Jul 16, 2013 2:10 PM
516	Close down the DDA. Thanks for the work you did DDA, now it's time to return to representational government.	Jul 16, 2013 2:07 PM
517	Close Main street to traffic and reroute city traffic around main from Huron - Packard.	Jul 16, 2013 2:03 PM
518	I like green space with good visibility.	Jul 16, 2013 2:00 PM
519	Ann Arbor should have a better location for a farmers market. Traffic and size constraints are a real issue. I would love to see something more like Cleveland. I would also like to see a centralized public activity area in Ann Arbor supporting Ice Skating or other activities.	Jul 16, 2013 1:55 PM
520	Because our downtown is small, it needs more buildings, less cars, and small but well positioned green spaces. If we were bigger, a large plaza with some greenspace component would be nice, but I think at this time it would detract from downtown.	Jul 16, 2013 1:55 PM
521	We need large green space on library lot.	Jul 16, 2013 1:52 PM
522	green space is needed in a central downtown location. Many community members don't want to go to diag. Now downtown parts are all hardscaped. GREEN IS NEEDED!!	Jul 16, 2013 1:52 PM
523	A big green space would be great!!	Jul 16, 2013 1:50 PM
524	I have never been tempted to go sit with my young children at the Liberty lot. It is not inviting. I would love to see a shaded place to hang out next to the library. Chess tables, grass, trees, maybe a splash pad, but just a water fountain would be good too. A nice place to bring a lunch, hang out, read our books and watch people go by. That location would be ideal. My children will have grown out of the splash pad/jungle gym age by the time this is completed but I've often wished there was something like that downtown. Thank you.	Jul 16, 2013 1:49 PM
525	Consider how we are going to access these sites via bicycle	Jul 16, 2013 1:49 PM

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526	I don't drive.	Jul 16, 2013 1:48 PM
527	# 10 made you choose them all at least to some extent. What if you answered "no new parks?"	Jul 16, 2013 1:47 PM
528	Downtown must be made safer for families with young children (yes, the panhandlers will accost you even with young children in tow). It does NO good for the community to create a great park space, and then have no one be able to use it. If this cannot be done, I am NOT in favor of any downtown park investment. The seasonal downtown skating rink is a great idea.	Jul 16, 2013 1:47 PM
529	The Greenway is the best possible way to combine the open space needs with alternative transportation. The realization of the Greenway should be the focus of PAC with respect to downtown green/open space. Question 10 is poorly structured. Some of the choices should not be considered for open space.	Jul 16, 2013 1:46 PM
530	Make better use of Veterern's Park - it's not necessarily downtown, but it often goes unused and there is plenty of room for development of that side of Ann Arbor's West side.	Jul 16, 2013 1:44 PM
531	I think I would spend more time downtown if there were somewhere nice to grab some food an picnic for dinner or lunch on the weekend - a large, nicely landscaped, quiet place. I don;t think we need another space for programming - I think we have plenty of that.	Jul 16, 2013 1:44 PM
532	It would help to show the increase in residents vs existing parks over time and explain why more parks are needed for someone not familiar with the situation.	Jul 16, 2013 1:44 PM
533	With reduced maintenance and service to existing parks, I am astounded that the City is considering additional parks. Take care of what you have first!	Jul 16, 2013 1:41 PM
534	If the question is "would more parks downtown by nice", the answer is yes. If it is "should we come up with or reallocate funds for more parks downtown", the answer would heavily depend on specific budget factors that I am not knowledgeable about. Also, parks at some of the locations suggested would quickly become primarily homeless hangouts.	Jul 16, 2013 1:41 PM
535	I believe Liberty Plaza should all be at street level. Fill it in and landscape it nicely. With the various levels it attracts illegal activities. Any new parks need to be street level too.	Jul 16, 2013 1:41 PM
536	PLEASE tear down the eyesore at 415 W. Washington and put in a BIG GRASSY park -- think soccer fields, playgrounds, dogpark, (HELLO -- since you rejected the Chapin St. location this would be perfect!) etc.. It's the perfect spot for all of these once that hideous building is gone. Work with the Y. Maybe they can help fund it and use the soccer fields for their programs.	Jul 16, 2013 1:40 PM

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537	a fountain downtown would be great	Jul 16, 2013 1:39 PM
538	Given my local park (not downtown) is rarely maintained despite requests by residents for maintenance (e.g., for broken branches to be cleaned up, for safety signage, mulch, etc.), I think the city should focus on maintaining what we have rather than putting energy and funding into new projects.	Jul 16, 2013 1:37 PM
539	I want a town square feel like Plymouth with grass and an ice rink/fountain in the middle of it.	Jul 16, 2013 1:37 PM
540	The rankings didn't work for either question! They automatically set you for 1-4/1-8 and don't let you switch preferences.	Jul 16, 2013 1:34 PM
541	My one fear with added parks is the loss of retail space. I think too much of Ann Arbor is devoted to parking, so I'd be fine with the conversion of the majority of surface-lots to parks. However, in terms of retail space, Ann Arbor doesn't offer as much as it could, and some of the space that is being considered for conversion into a park could serve well as retail space. A large, central park is needed, however. The Library Lot would be a good place for this. Maybe even turning both the library lot and the Old Y parking lot into a park with a pedestrian underpass connecting them (pedestrian overpasses don't have as nice of a feel).	Jul 16, 2013 1:24 PM
542	I REALLY like parks. We visit one of the A2 parks at least 4-5 times a week (and every day if you consider walking through the Kerrytown market). However, I strongly feel that effort should be made at improving existing parks downtown, and increasing shaded seating (perhaps with parklets) rather than creating new parks. There are plenty of large parks within a few blocks of the proposed sites (North 4th, West Park, Wheeler), and if experience of the existing downtown parks is any indication, the smaller pocket parks just become hosts to unsavory characters. I'd like to see increased shaded seating (similar to Main Street's tree boxes) on William, Liberty, 4th, 5th--or perhaps the parklet concept--and redevelopment of the proposed properties with ground-level retail/cafes and (affordable!) apartments or office space above. This will do more than additional parks to keep downtown vibrant.	Jul 16, 2013 1:13 PM
543	Any park or open space MUST be properly patrolled 24/7 to keep them from being gathering places (and bathrooms) for vagrants.	Jul 16, 2013 1:01 PM
544	In these open spaces we could harness technology integration to expose community information such as art structures that indicate the air quality. The University's School of Information would be a great place for a design jam around the ideas.	Jul 16, 2013 12:57 PM
545	Downtown properties near parks develop increased value, and therefore increased tax revenue. Over time this value continues to increase while community members increase their park use.	Jul 16, 2013 12:51 PM
546	We need a downtown Central Park square on top of the library lot. Complete with grass, shrubs and trees. For the people. A commons.	Jul 16, 2013 12:51 PM

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547	Am very supportive of the Ann Arbor Greenway. We need more non-motorized transportation options.	Jul 16, 2013 12:28 PM
548	We need more parking and office space. Ann Arbor needs a robust economy which includes people actually working downtown.	Jul 16, 2013 12:17 PM
549	Cost / funding is the major issue; second is to make as much of downtown as friendly as possible - as opposed to maximizing the use of space.	Jul 16, 2013 12:09 PM
550	Downtown parks, like Liberty Plaza, wind up as gathering places for the homeless and transient. They are not family-friendly or appealing.	Jul 16, 2013 12:06 PM
551	downtown parking lots are complete waste of space. downtown needs more trees	Jul 16, 2013 11:59 AM
552	The DDA should "contribute" a bunch of money to this.	Jul 16, 2013 11:55 AM
553	We have enough parks throughout the city. The Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy is working to provide added green space to the downtown - let them do their job. It would be a disaster to have a park on top of the underground garage - it would elicit bad behavior as now occurs at Liberty Plaza. When the planter in front of the downtown library was removed, it was found to be full of drug paraphernalia. And a plastic skating rink would be a waste of money. We need development that will attract customers and provide revenue for the city.	Jul 16, 2013 11:51 AM
554	Ann Arbor is RIFE with undermaintained parks. This fuss about a downtown park is just a small group of post-hippie slumlords trying to protect their crappy rentals and stave off development in the urban core. The diag simply is a downtown public green space that most towns would covet, claims of "we're not welcome there" are specious at best. Saying we need new parks downtown is just a way to manipulate support for an antidevelopment agenda that would find few supporters on its merits. The only sites that would make any sense for new green space downtown if you feel you need to appease this small group would be those already in the floodplain. I'd actually love to see some of the ideas go through for 721 N. Main and that be the new "downtown park" because it fulfills the demands without blocking best use of urban core properties. Thanks for your efforts and remember you're not doing your job right if everybody is happy.	Jul 16, 2013 11:46 AM
555	We would need funds to keep it clean. Limit dogs. Limit pan handling, please. This takes supervision which is costly.	Jul 16, 2013 11:45 AM
556	the city needs to clean itself up, very dirty compared to other towns.	Jul 16, 2013 11:35 AM
557	I mainly filled out this survey because I would RATHER see parks/open spaces along the William street corridor than the monstrous buildings that were depicted in the vision/drawings in previous annarbor.com articles. I actually really value the surface parking lots along William because they're easier to get in and out of than the structures. I could see turning one of these into a park, but I would hate to see them turned in to more giant buildings.	Jul 16, 2013 11:32 AM

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558	the city should be looking to maintain parks they already have downtown lots if converted to parks should be done in conjunction with a development and funded by that development- example of babo any downtown park/open space should be small and manageable to serve a business/visitor group- not be playground oriented open space could also be thought of in linear terms- spanning streets - rather than specific lots open space might be worked into existing parking lots to allow both to coexist	Jul 16, 2013 11:30 AM
559	More green space. That's the problem with the sculpture park and liberty plaza - it's all hardscape. I want a shady place with benches to read, meet people, and eat lunch.	Jul 16, 2013 11:25 AM
560	Including the N. Main and W. Washington sites confuses the question of downtown open/park space, at least to the extent that those options don't fit that category. The survey questions don't get at the synergy of size and location. Maybe you can focus on that a bit during the forums. I'd prefer to see the Liberty Plaza site sold and the proceeds used to develop a park in a better location (i.e., not on a corner lot, which I suspect is also more desirable for businesses), preferably one that is a little larger. However, of the choices list that are actually downtown (not 721 N. Main or 415 W. Washington) the Palio lot makes the most sense in terms of foot traffic for park use. I was surprised that the bottom level of the 4th & William parking structure was included in the choices. It seems that the DDA's CWS process unduly influenced your committee's considerations, as did the city's efforts around the two non-downtown sites mentioned above. You might get more useful input if you eliminated those from the consideration and performed another survey. Thanks for asking.	Jul 16, 2013 11:10 AM
561	Focus on West Park as this park is under utilized by the general public. Key improvements for West Park would include expanding and updating the play area and conversion of the baseball field into a soccer field and/or allow for mixed sports usage. Also, increase patrols of West Park, Liberty Plaza, Sculpture Plaza, and Depot Park, as many people avoid these parks due to vagrancy issues e.g. open alcohol and drug use and sales; vagrancy/camping;	Jul 16, 2013 10:57 AM
562	Clean up the city we already have! It's dirty, full of weeds and bums. Don't raise my taxes for more crap like shitty art. People should go to the beautiful UM art museum for well-curated art.	Jul 16, 2013 10:52 AM
563	regardless of outcome, parks must then be regularly maintained and park activities monitored, along with area adjacent to parks.	Jul 16, 2013 10:49 AM
564	Ann Arbor needs a central community space, mixed and multi use with all the items in question 5. The Library Lot is the best place, with connection to Liberty Plaza.	Jul 16, 2013 10:48 AM
565	Do NOT build and more downtown parks. THE HOMELESS WILL TAKE THEM OVER IMMEDIATELY. WASTE OF MONEY.	Jul 16, 2013 10:47 AM
566	Multi use space like farmers mkt with DDA funding plus Parks funding. Close Main St on Fri and Sat evenings for dining	Jul 16, 2013 10:47 AM

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	like Bourbon St in New Orleans don't block sidewalks	
567	I hope that you do consider a park with more than benches. Even though I don't have children I think it would be nice for families with children to have a place to go to break up a shopping trip, or relax after dinner.	Jul 16, 2013 10:47 AM
568	The survey does not seem to allow the rankings requested	Jul 16, 2013 10:39 AM
569	There is no kid friendly space in downtown. By adding an area for children to play it would help foster community among the children. Placing a play structure near the library would create a dual purpose afternoon activity.	Jul 16, 2013 10:39 AM
570	I come to downtown just about everyday for the restaurants, stores and bars (read: BUSINESSES), not for the open space. Downtown is great for its urban feel, there is open space all over town and campus already.	Jul 16, 2013 10:36 AM
571	I strongly feel that Liberty Plaza should be completely overhauled and brought up to the grade of the street and sidewalk. William Whyte would roll over in his grave if he saw the present configuration.	Jul 16, 2013 10:36 AM
572	Thinking of a "Central Park" type of place is what would be an attraction. But that is not possible	Jul 16, 2013 10:31 AM
573	Checkers, bocci ball, shuffleboard, tetherball,hopscotch,jump rope, and other spectator sports.	Jul 16, 2013 10:25 AM
574	There is a park in State College, PA that is a really good mixture of elements I feel Ann Arbor would benefit from. It is Sidney Friedman Parklet on Fraser street. It has sculptural installations that are also good play structures for children/adults. There is a grassy area for beauty/physical activity/concerts/shows, there is an integrated bike path with lanes. There are beautiful shade trees. It would be an ideal area to center events throughout the year. The best location for a park like this would be the library lot or the parking lot on ashley/william because of their proximity to downtown and campus locations and the ability to connect events downtown into the park.	Jul 16, 2013 10:21 AM
575	I love downtown Ann Arbor and frequent it often. My biggest complaint with the open spaces and parks off university property is the panhandling that takes place. I view Ann Arbor's downtown parks as dangerous and avoid them. Liberty Plaza is horrible. 1/2 the time I pass I am approached by a homeless person that is often intoxicated or encroaching on my personal space. A new park will only serve as a homeless haven and panhandling location. I love Ann Arbor but this is my biggest complaint.	Jul 16, 2013 10:19 AM
576	In the question about funding of park acquisition and maintenance costs, I believe that the City and the DDA should share those expenses.	Jul 16, 2013 10:18 AM
577	I was unable to rank correctly in Question 4 (and so did not even bother with Question 10). It forced me to say 1234. My order was 3214.	Jul 16, 2013 10:13 AM



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578	Ann Arbor really needs a "central park"	Jul 16, 2013 10:06 AM
579	As a European, I am dismayed as to the dominance of cars in AA, I would like to see more pedestrian, cycle streets in AA,	Jul 16, 2013 10:05 AM
580	In addition to park spaces downtown, i highly endorse developing the riverfront area along north main street. The views of the Huron are beautiful. Bringing in a mixture of retail and park space would really enhance the waterfront appeal of Ann Arbor.	Jul 16, 2013 10:05 AM
581	More, more, more green, especially connected green areas will bring more people downtown. More construction, paved areas are off-putting & offensive. Ideally, close areas for pedestrians, as so many European cities do with marvelous success.	Jul 16, 2013 10:01 AM
582	I like a more dense, thriving urban core. I think we should be very careful about devoting too much of downtown to "dead space." We have a lot of parks and green space already.	Jul 16, 2013 9:57 AM
583	To many high rise buildings in a2. The parks would have no sun. They have ruined a2 with all the buildings and NO where to park and the a2 police are ticket crazy!!!!!!	Jul 16, 2013 9:56 AM
584	Build a multi-level parking structure on 1st and william in the flood plain - the topography will absorb it. Keep parking structures for now; very hesitant to remove Kline lot yet until it is replaced. I'd rather build a multi-level parking structure there as well.	Jul 16, 2013 9:54 AM
585	For question 10, I ranked only my #1 choice (the library lot). The survey filled in the other priorities and would not allow me to leave them blank. I admit, I have not put a lot of thought into a series of parks or into pocket park ideas. I think Ann Arbor has a once-in-a-century opportunity to create a sizable central greenspace at the library lot. The other questions about other sites may be important, but the library site is an issue all its own. The library lot can be the civic greenspace that will define the sense of community for generations of townies yet to come. Please work to make it a reality.	Jul 16, 2013 8:58 AM
586	We need a Park ( A green space over the Library Parking Garage ) The people of Ann Arbor overwhelmingly support it.	Jul 16, 2013 7:53 AM
587	The immediate downtown area needs a proper town square such like Dexter/Plymouth. We have way too much hardscape and need MORE "green" (grassy) areas like the Diag (picnics, skating, families, friends, splash park like Hart Plaza etc)...this is severely lacking and would "complete" our downtown. Currently the only places to hang out require you to be a paying customer or sit on terrible concrete planters. Dog parks for downtown/near downtown residents are also needed.	Jul 16, 2013 7:37 AM

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588	Need taxable property downtown to continue our levels of service. Don't need more street-people magnets to have to police.	Jul 16, 2013 7:34 AM
589	Don't listen to the skating rink guys please. They have absolutely no idea what they're doing other than obviously trying to get some public use that would preclude future development. Any new downtown park would quickly be overrun with bums. I don't dispute they have a right to be there... and that's exactly why we don't need more public space downtown. Please don't let the crab apple crowd set the agenda on this one.	Jul 16, 2013 12:24 AM
590	Beltway for walking and biking	Jul 15, 2013 11:41 PM
591	I believe Ann Arbor needs a commons, something it has lacked since the demolition of the old court house. The U-M diag is not a substitute for a town commons.	Jul 15, 2013 11:11 PM
592	West park is a huge green underused park right on the edge if downtown. I prefer smaller, flex use parks for downtown.	Jul 15, 2013 10:33 PM
593	The best idea would be to permanently close off Main St between Huron and William. If it were to be the Library Lot, it should be coupled with a shops-pavilion for subsidized vendors who have been priced out of downtown. Food and otherwise. Shoe repair, tailor, food, etc. then there must be something open late. Any successful park must be surrounded by an active, permeable membrane bringing people through at ALL hours- eyes on the street, as Jane Jacobs called them. That is what's wrong with Liberty Plaza. It has a couple 9-5 businesses around it and nothing else. No reason for pedestrians to go through or TO it. I'd like to see a combination of Nichols Arcade and the Farmers Market surrounding a nice plaza. Think a small Old Town Square in Prague.	Jul 15, 2013 9:58 PM
594	I stronglg advocate putting video cameras in every public space, possibly displaying the view on larger public screens on nearby buildings. More "eyes on the street" will enhance public safety and NOT violate personal privacy which doesn't really exist in public places anyway.	Jul 15, 2013 9:46 PM
595	Some of the options given for a new park are in the greenway, which I believe are already designated for green space. The library lot is the best option because it is centrally located and near the library and restaurants and shops. A good place to rest after shopping and eat something purchased at nearby restaurants.	Jul 15, 2013 9:15 PM
596	Downtown Ann Arbor would benefit from having more green open space	Jul 15, 2013 9:09 PM
597	Ann Arbor needs to balance all the high rise with green spaces. Some much new cement!!! Make our city more beautiful please.	Jul 15, 2013 9:02 PM
598	More public engagement - design charrettes and collaboration with existing community organizations please!	Jul 15, 2013 8:51 PM

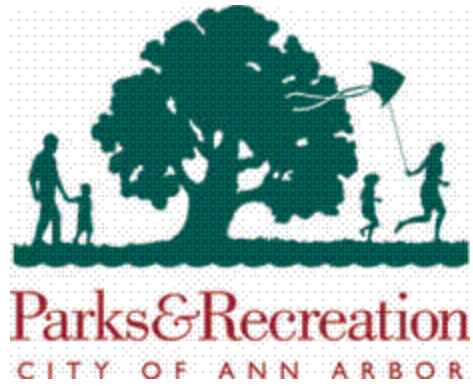
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599	There is no direct question here for having a central urban green park at least as large as the Kline,s lot.. We need a central beautiful creative space for living and visiting downtown ann arbor and most important, give us an identity to be proud of	Jul 15, 2013 8:35 PM
600	We need a real downtown park, not just a temporary place for festivals.	Jul 15, 2013 7:38 PM
601	Save the Library Lot, add local food vendors.	Jul 15, 2013 7:05 PM
602	Want AA railroad ROW used as greenway with adjoining parks	Jul 15, 2013 5:30 PM
603	It would be nice to see a play ground next to Library and some benches, water fountains and nice plants... have more space for cultural or community events.	Jul 15, 2013 4:46 PM
604	I would be OK using some of the Old Y lot or the Library Lot or the Kline's Lot for a small park - but not the entire space.	Jul 15, 2013 4:37 PM
605	Please do not turn the Kline's Parking lot into a park. It is a great surface lot. I feel safer using it than a regular parking structure. (As a 41 year old woman who grew up in Ann Arbor I still feel safe in my hometown, but I am very cautious of parking structures. The old Y site or next to the library would be a great spot for an Ann Arbor park! Thanks!	Jul 15, 2013 4:28 PM
606	In the central part of the city, a grassy area should be created. You could redo Liberty Plaza, but that space has a bad reputation as a homeless and bum hangout. The roads are too busy to make it a kids park. As more people move downtown, you will need a place for moms/dads and kids to hang out.	Jul 15, 2013 4:27 PM
607	I strongly feel that our existing spaces need attention first, and this includes investing in sidewalk space to accommodate community need. If there is a push to add additional park space, I think private donations and entities should be asked to fund the space. We live within walking distance of downtown and regularly use our neighborhood park and we would not bypass our very convenient neighborhood park to go to a park downtown. If a new downtown park is created, it needs to be created to fit the needs and activities of downtown (lunch spot, concerts, etc). If a component of the focus is on families, it needs to be programmed activities, not what we can get in our neighborhood parks. I am concerned that we will give up the opportunity to activate a space with a building (and the people that come with it) for an empty park space.	Jul 15, 2013 4:20 PM
608	First priority is preserving the Library Lot for multi-use by citizens.	Jul 15, 2013 4:15 PM
609	Since when is 721 N. Main downtown? Please stop representing it as such. It would not work for me when I wake up Sunday mornings and want to read my paper outside. Thanks	Jul 15, 2013 3:59 PM
610	Parks would make downtown more pedestrian-friendly. Traffic speed abatement would also be great (on Ashley and First, and on Division and Fifth Ave.)	Jul 15, 2013 3:55 PM

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611	Please do not put a new place to loiter on the library lot. We don't need another failed public space on that block. Our community is unwilling to address the underlying challenges of that group of folks, and they're already gathering on library lane even without amenities. library + bus station + park = failed public space. Please don't do this to our library or our downtown. Show some leadership and don't let a small group with time but no money and no public support set the parks agenda. thanks.	Jul 15, 2013 3:46 PM
612	People also come downtown just to be downtown. They may not have to spend money to enjoy it.	Jul 15, 2013 3:45 PM
613	We are downtown frequently to visit the AADL and for events. I hope to move into the City proper in the coming year or two.	Jul 15, 2013 3:42 PM
614	It was hard to pick just 5 things a park should have. Most were good to have.	Jul 15, 2013 3:42 PM
615	More park downtown, not less. The focus of the DDA on public land is buildings and more tax revenue and it should be on maximizing green space.	Jul 15, 2013 3:38 PM
616	I have two little kids and think more downtown parks is very desirable. It would be great to have a place to have them run, explore and play outside when waiting for a movie...an event...or before/after eating out. I hope this can move forward!	Jul 15, 2013 3:38 PM
617	Connections between existing spaces are way more important than trying to "create" new spaces. For example, a top priority should be acquiring the parcel owned by First Martin that separates Liberty Plaza park from the Library Lot. Whatever goes on top of the Library Lot will be better with an unimpeded connection to Liberty Plaza. Or for another example, the alleyway between Liberty and Washington by Tally Hall, needs to be "reclaimed" for the public use for which it was intended.	Jul 15, 2013 3:29 PM
618	We need a town square in the center of the downtown. Some of the sites on the list in question 10 are not really located downtown. Others are totally unsuitable for a park (first floor of a parking structure?). The Old Y lot is being sold by the City.	Jul 15, 2013 2:54 PM





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