



City of Cincinnati

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Agenda - Final-revised

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

Human Services: Building Resiliency with Targeted Solutions

PRESENTATIONS

Rapid Run Park and Dunham Recreation Area Community Engagement

Katherine Keough-Jurs, Director of Planning and Engagement

Human Services Funding

Virginia Tallent, Director of Human Services

Mike Baker, United Way

Summer Youth Program

Daniel Betts, Cincinnati Recreation Center

Green Jobs for Youth

Tanner Yess, Groundwork Ohio River Valley

AGENDA

- [202200823](#) **REPORT**, dated 3/30/2022, submitted by John P. Curp, Interim City Manager, regarding Rapid Run Park and Dunham Recreation Area Community Engagement.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Report](#)
[Attachment A](#)
[Attachment B](#)
- [202201088](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Virginia Tallent, Director, Office of Human Services titled Human Services Funding.
Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)

3. [202201090](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Mike Baker, United Way of Greater Cincinnati titled City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)

4. [202201084](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Daniel Betts, Director, Cincinnati Recreation Center titled Cincinnati Youth to Work.

Sponsors: Owens

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5. [202201082](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Tanner Yess, Groundwork Ohio River Valley titled Cincinnati's Youth Green Workforce.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

March 30, 2022

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager **202200823**

SUBJECT: Rapid Run Park and Dunham Recreation Area Community Engagement

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202000230

The City Council, at its session on February 20, 2020, adopted the following Motion:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Mann, WE MOVE that the City administration support a planning process in West Price Hill and Westwood in the area surround Rapid Run Park and Dunham Recreation Center, including Rapid Run, Sunset Avenue, Guerley Road and portions of the Lick Run project along Queen City Avenue to determine if there is a way to better utilize and connect these critical city assets, considering streetscaping, traffic calming and bike and pedestrian paths. WE FURTHER MOVE that the planning process should solicit input from the surrounding neighborhoods, including the West Price Hill Community Council, the Westwood Civic Association the Rapid Run Park Advisory Committee, the Dunham Recreation Advisory Committee, the West Price Hill Merchants Association, the Westwood Coalition as well as biking and pedestrian groups. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Background

City Council moved that the Administration support a planning process in West Price Hill and Westwood in the area surrounding Rapid Run Park and Dunham Recreation Center - including Rapid Run, Sunset Avenue, Guerley Road and portions of the Lick Run project along Queen City Avenue - to determine if there is a way to better utilize and connect these critical city assets, considering streetscaping, traffic calming and bike and pedestrian paths. The motion also moved that the planning process solicit input from the surrounding neighborhoods, including the West Price Hill Community Council, the Westwood Civic Association the Rapid Run Park Advisory Committee, the Dunham Recreation Advisory Committee, the West Price Hill Merchants Association, the Westwood Coalition as well as biking and pedestrian groups. This report outlines the process that the Administration undertook to obtain the desired feedback about these underutilized City assets.

Please note that due to the pandemic and staffing changes, this report was previously unreleased. The Administration is seeking to release now to ensure that it is in the legislative record.

Process

- The Department of City Planning and Engagement organized a stakeholder meeting with City department leadership (Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Cincinnati Park Board, and the Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE)) to develop a survey to obtain the desired feedback and to discuss goals and feasibility of what could be done to build on these assets.

- The following project website was created, where links to the survey, survey results, and all meeting materials have been posted: www.cincinnati-oh.gov/rapidrundunhamconnection.
- Reached out to stakeholders in East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Westwood, and other community groups including Price Hill Will, Tri-State Trails, etc. to share the survey to gather feedback and obtain email addresses to contact stakeholders for future engagement opportunities.
 - 98 people took the survey
- Three virtual public engagement meetings were scheduled at the following dates and times:
 - Monday, December 7, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, December 17, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.
 - Friday, December 18, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
- The feedback from these meetings was gathered in a virtual mapping activity where assets, challenges, and opportunities were identified using dots and comment boxes, similar to the mapping activity done at an in-person meeting.
- An additional meeting to share the feedback and answer any questions about the process was held on the following date:
 - Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
- The feedback of the highest community priorities has been shared with leadership from the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Cincinnati Park Board, and DOTE to prioritize what improvements can be made immediately and what needs additional planning/funding.
- A summary of the feedback will be presented to the West Price Hill Community Council and the Westwood Civic Association.

Deliverables


- A summary of the survey results and completed map activities from the three public meetings.
- A recommendation of priorities of improvements to better connect these areas to each other and the surrounding area.

Next Steps

The Department of City Planning and Engagement will continue to assist the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Cincinnati Park Board, and Department of Transportation and Engineering, where able, in the process for implementation. The Administration has provided Council with the referenced deliverables as attachments to this report.

Attachments

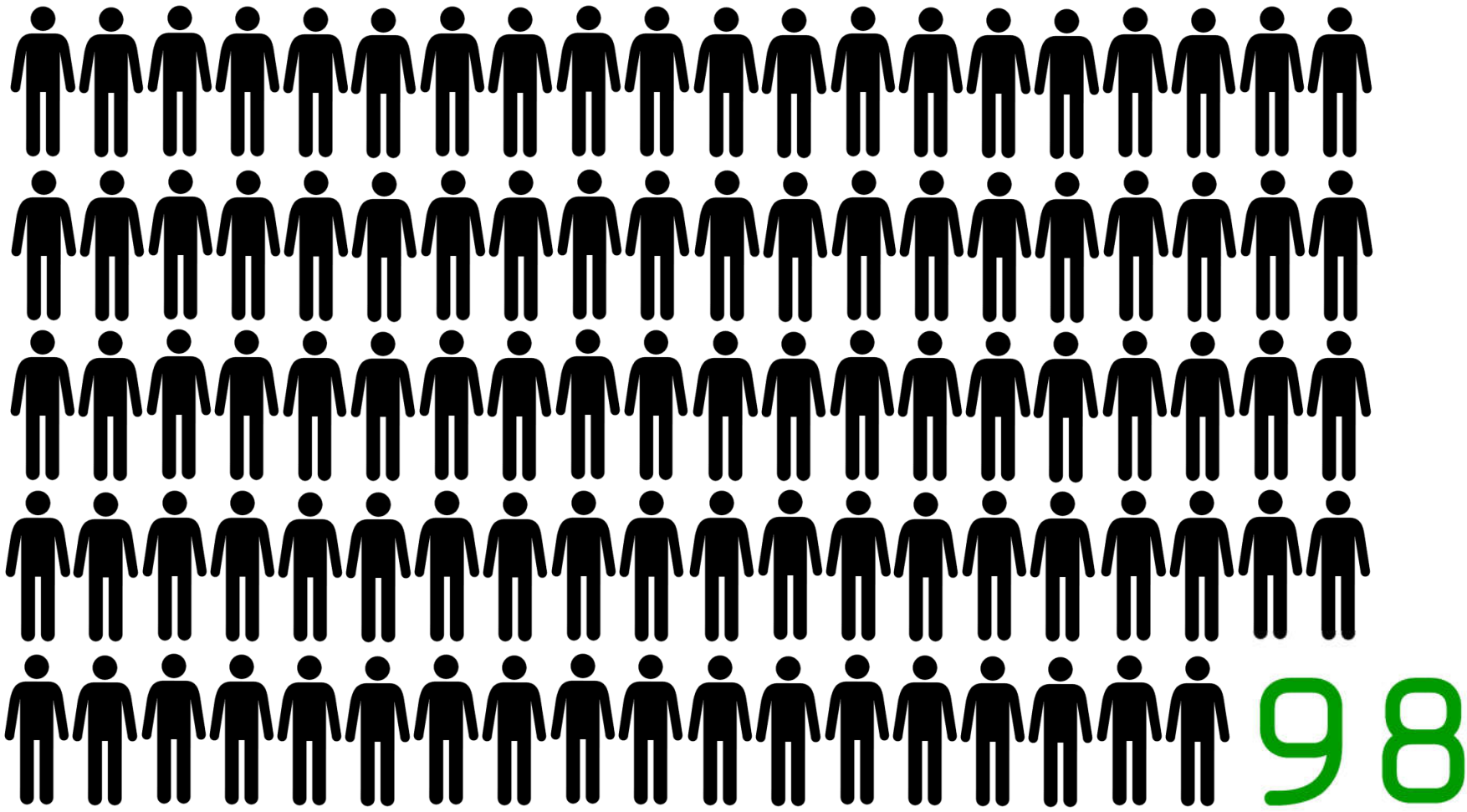
cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement
 Daniel Betts, Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission
 John Neyer, Interim Director, Cincinnati Park Board
 John Brazina, Director, Department of Transportation and Engineering



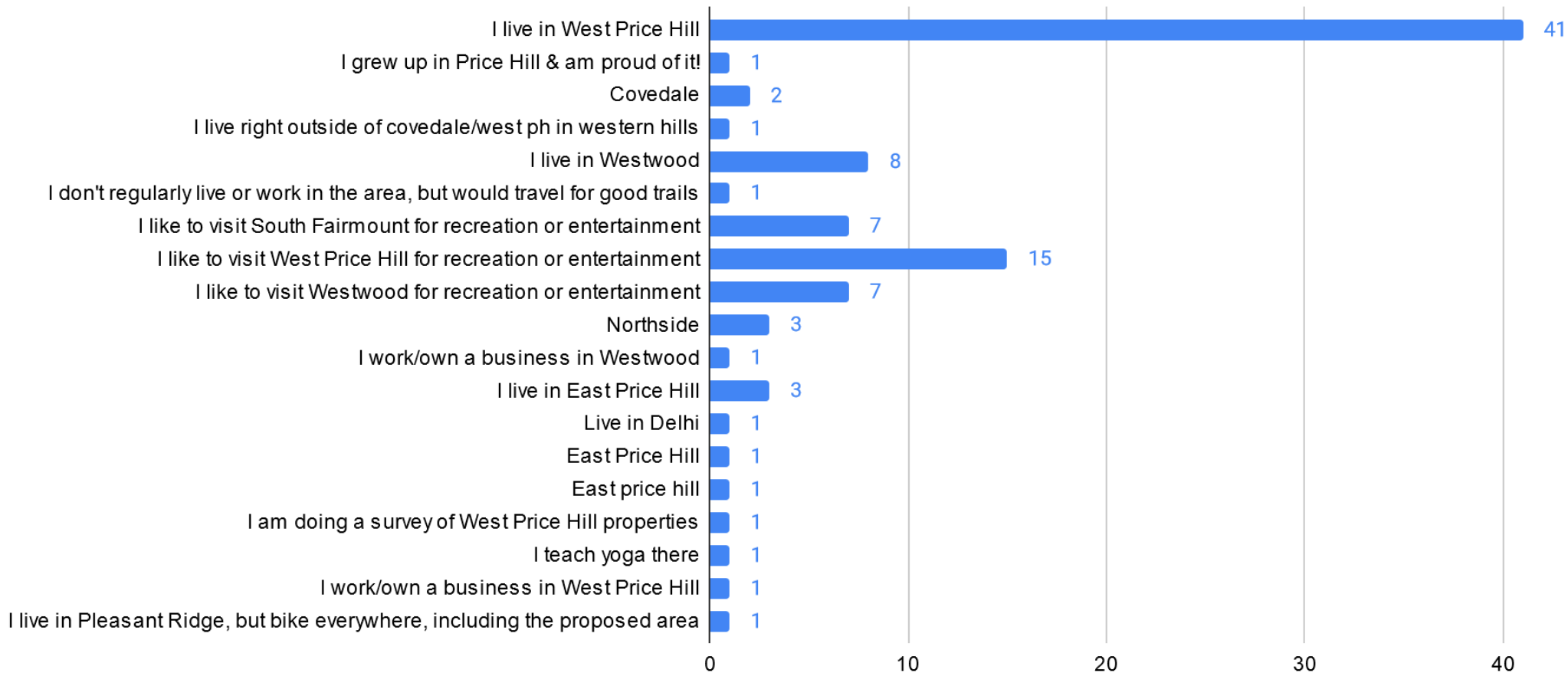
Dunham Recreation Center and Rapid Run Park Connections Summary Meeting

January 28, 2021

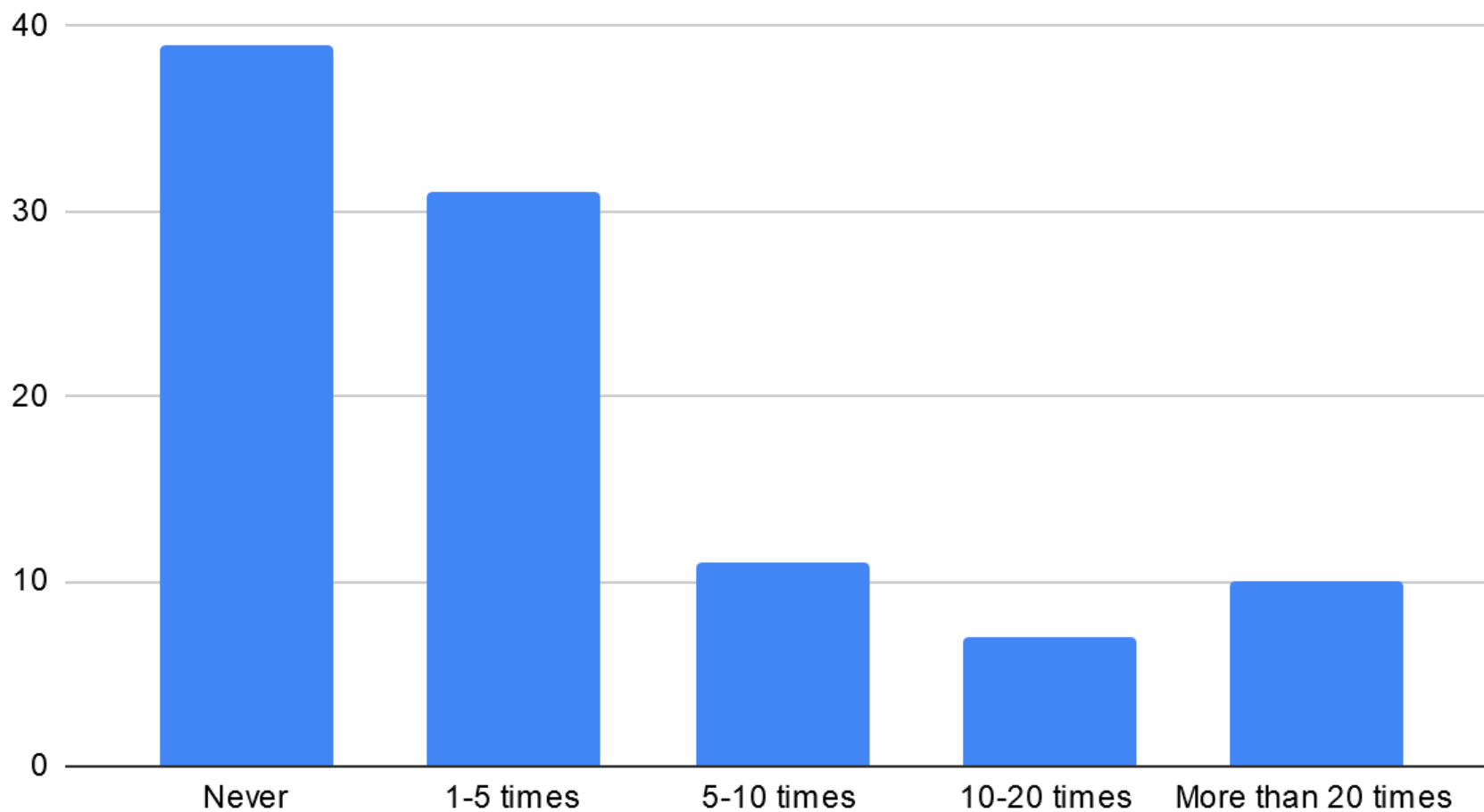
Survey responses – so far...



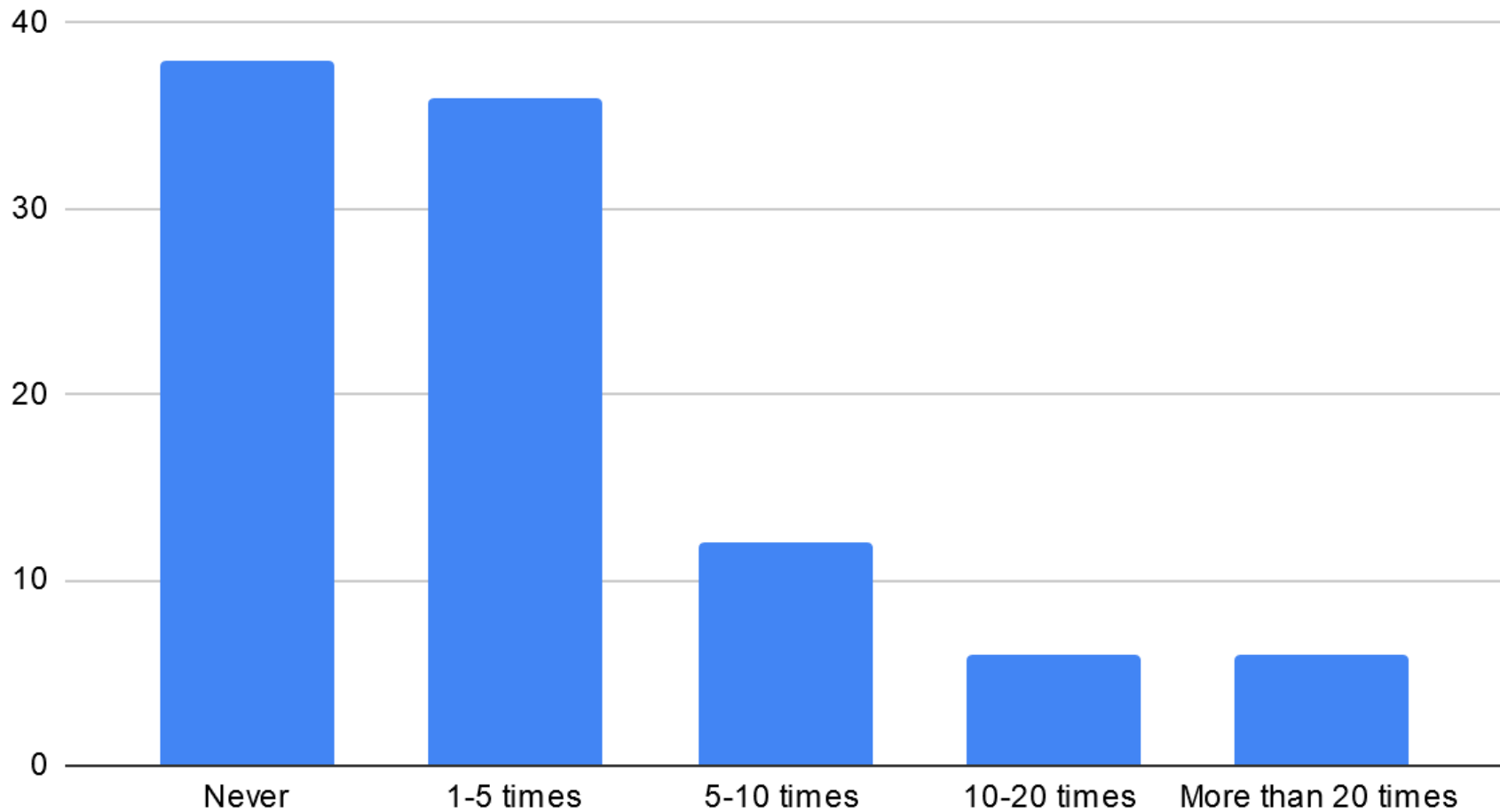
Which best describes you?



How often do you visit Dunham Recreation Center each year?



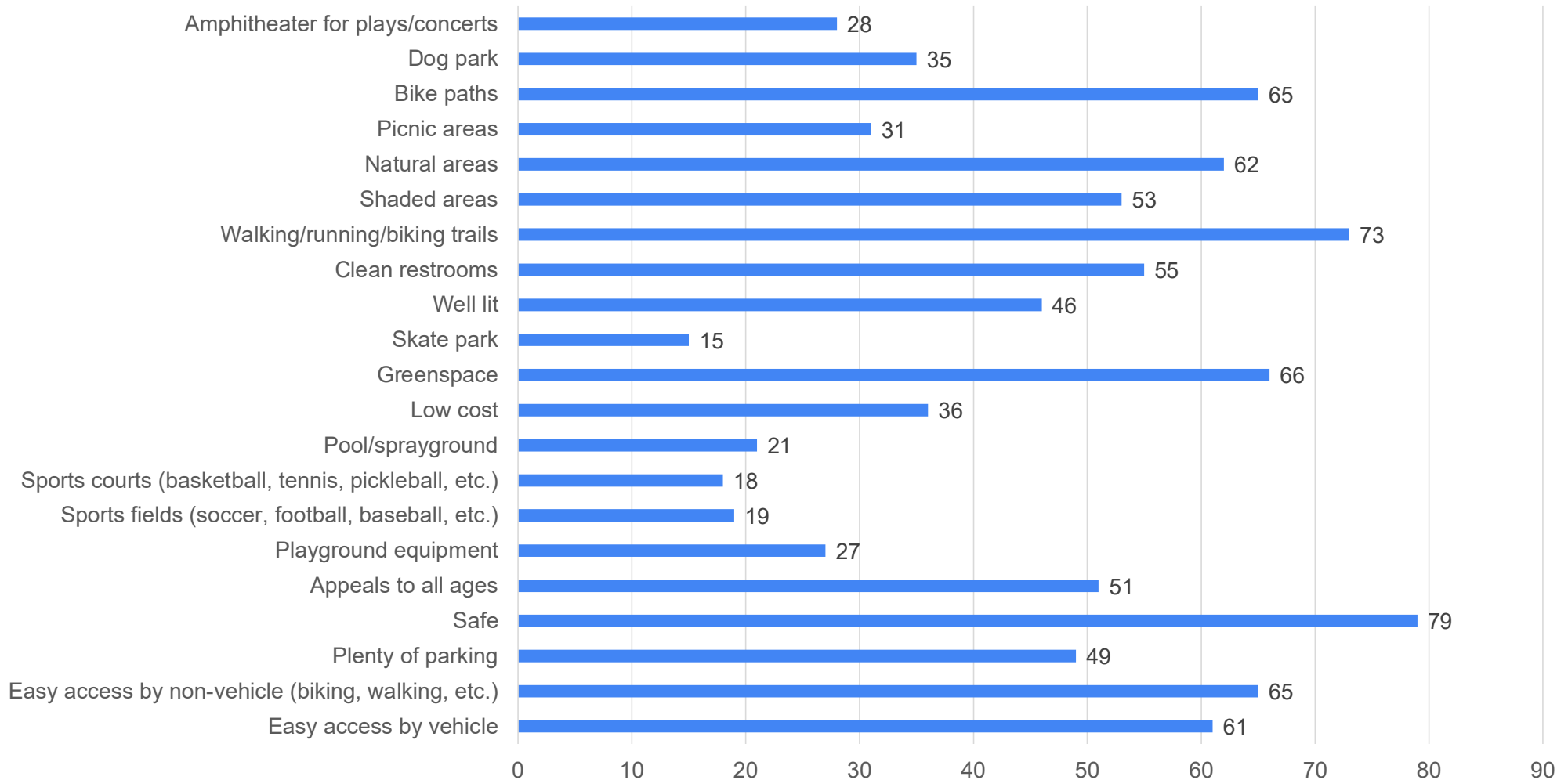
How often do you visit Rapid Run Park each year?



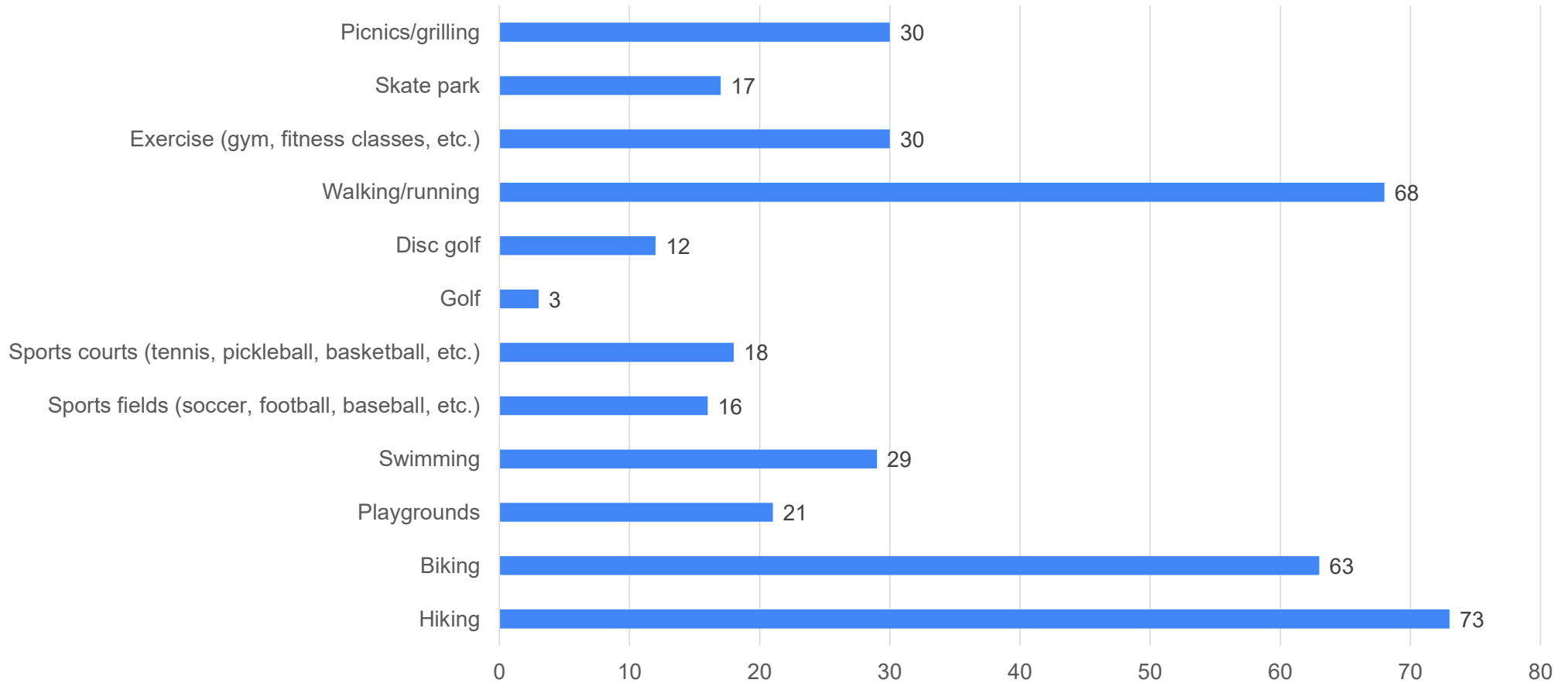
What makes a great recreation area?

sports soccer courts basketball
natural shaded baseball
football ages access safe park
tennis clean easy biking trails plenty
well greenspace areas vehicle plays
pool paths walking bike parking
fields cost running appeals
restrooms picnic pickleball

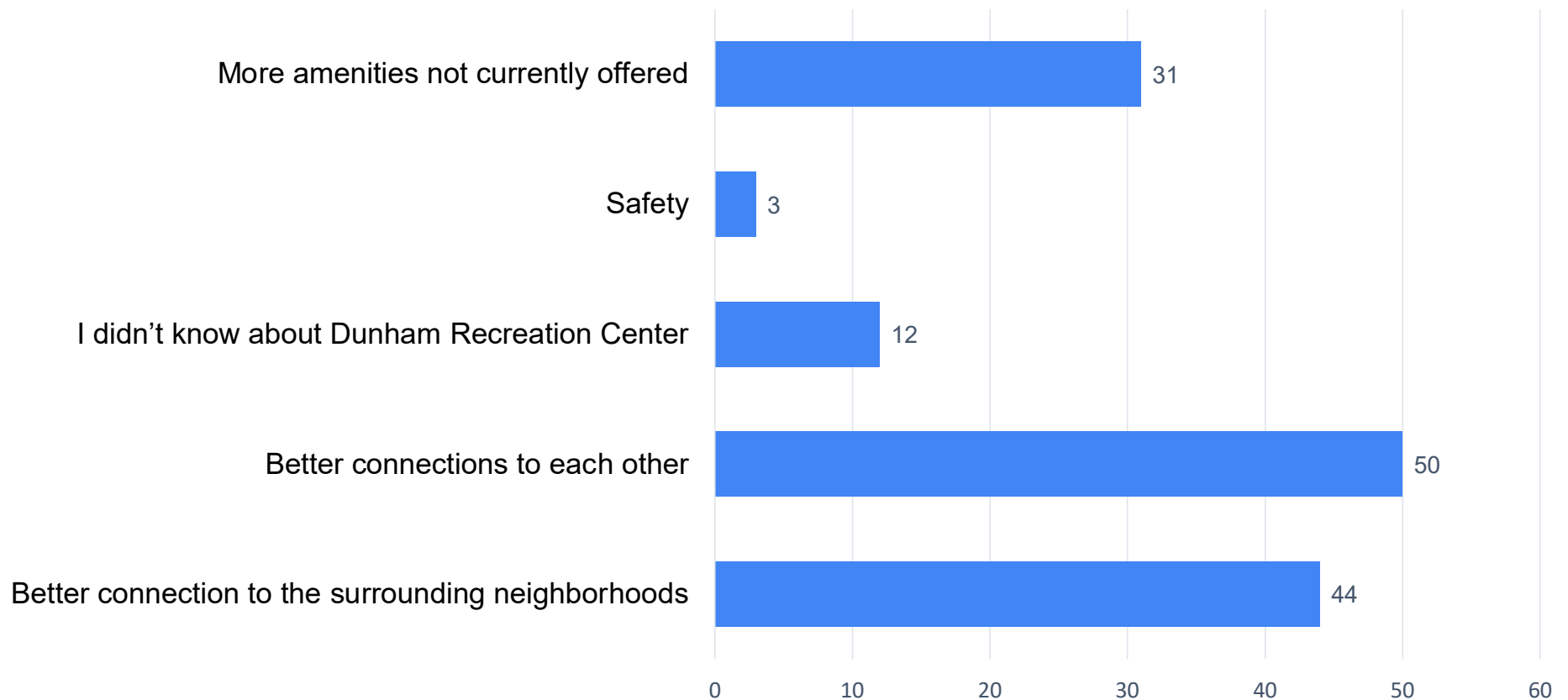
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What are your favorite recreational activities?



What would increase your visits to Dunham Recreation Center and Rapid Run Park?



“Other” desired amenities mentioned in the survey

- “Paved walking and bike trails”
- “Mountain bike trails”
- “Safe passage over Glenway Avenue (Guerley Road?)”
- “Need parking on north side of Rapid Run Park, access off Guerley Road”
- “Stage for outdoor music/theatre performances”
- “Skate park and more arts available at the parks – festivals”
- “I would love a nature play scape for my kids”
- “Regularly scheduled things like food trucks, community theatre, book drop boxes, Safer walking trails, more community events like farmer’s markets and craft shows”

Interactive Mapping Activity Results

The first map was zoomed in to Rapid Run and Dunham. We asked the following questions:

1. What amenities/activities would make you visit these places more?
2. How can we better connect these two spaces to each other?

Interactive Mapping Activity Results

- Across the three meetings, we heard the following:
 - Better signage/wayfinding/marketing. Both locations that are easy to miss if you don't already know about them.
 - Connect to existing neighborhoods that are within walking/biking distance to the park though wayfinding or improved connections.
 - Lots of people have moved here recently due to the quality of housing stock with lower process who would be most likely to utilize these assets.
 - More hiking/walking trails to take advantage of the topography, including connecting Dunham and Rapid Run through trails through Potters Field if the owner of the apartment complex is willing to provide an access easement (see maps).

Interactive Mapping Activity Results

- Slow down traffic on roads around these areas. Someone referred to them as highways.
- Guerley Road entrance to Rapid Run is easy to miss – unmarked, narrow sidewalks, crosswalk but no signals. Some meeting attendees were avid bikers who won't bike on these roads.
- Entrance from Glenway Avenue small, unmarked, with uneven pavement – hard for stroller, wheelchair, etc.
- Partner with external organizations – Western Wildlife Corridor, Tri-State Trails, Go Vibrant, IMAGO, Enright Urban Eco Village, etc.
- Tennis courts, pump track, hosting cross country meets again

Interactive Mapping Activity Results

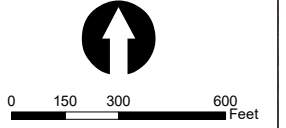
- Improve/enhance existing sidewalks and steps – expand existing sidewalk widths
- Dog park
- West Side farmer's/flea market
- Outdoor concerts/movie nights
- Better maintenance of pond
- Poor sidewalks and no parking for Rapid Run playground – long walk from parking and no safe place to cross Rapid Run Pike.

Dunham Recreation Area/Rapid Run Public Engagement Connecting To Each Other and the West Side



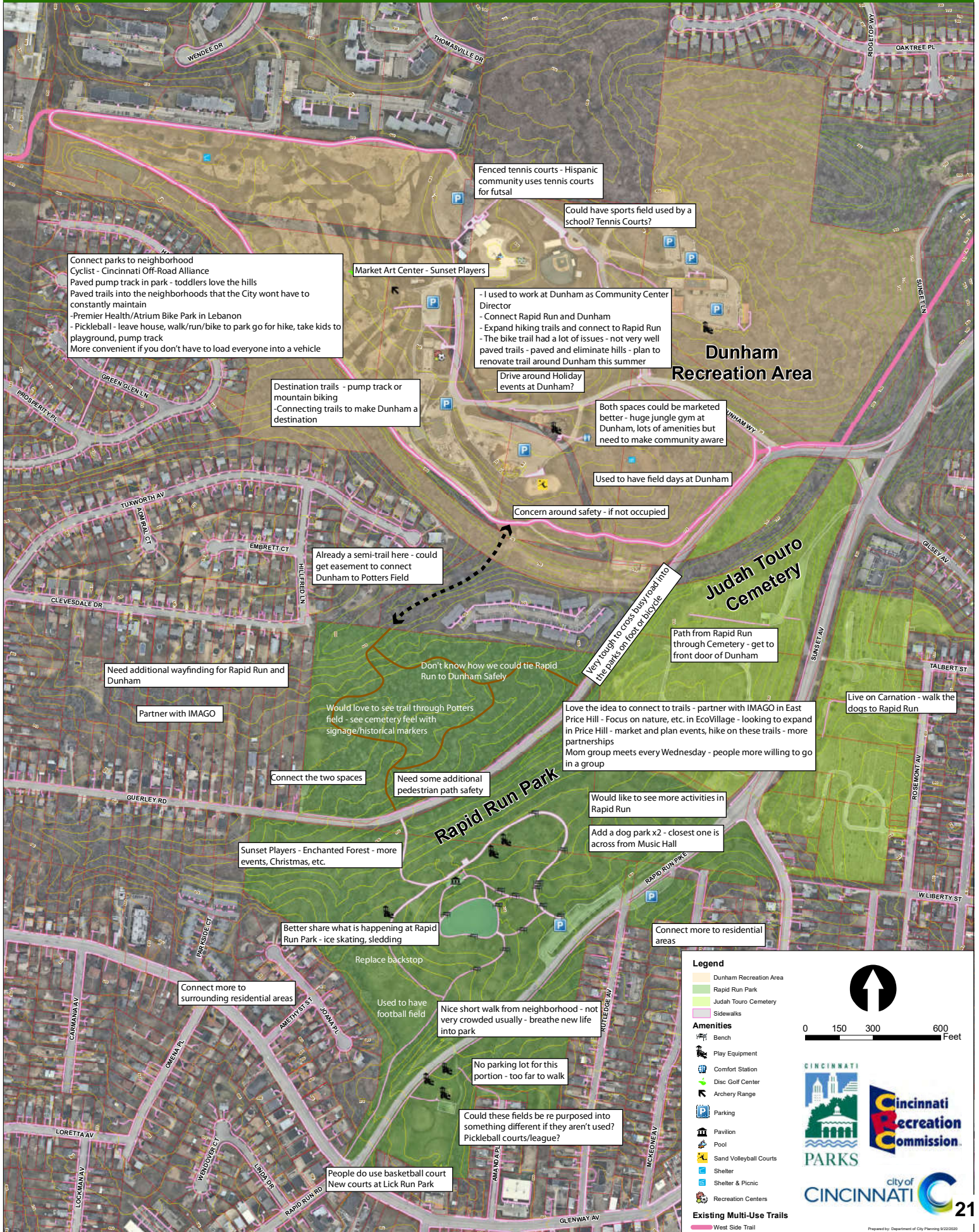
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 - Rapid Run Park
 - Judah Touro Cemetery
 - Sidewalks
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Dunham Recreation Area/Rapid Run Public Engagement

Connecting To Each Other and the West Side



Connect parks to neighborhood
 Cyclist - Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance
 Paved pump track in park - toddlers love the hills
 Paved trails into the neighborhoods that the City wont have to constantly maintain
 -Premier Health/Atrium Bike Park in Lebanon
 -Pickleball - leave house, walk/run/bike to park go for hike, take kids to playground, pump track
 More convenient if you don't have to load everyone into a vehicle

Market Art Center - Sunset Players

Fenced tennis courts - Hispanic community uses tennis courts for futsal

Could have sports field used by a school? Tennis Courts?

- I used to work at Dunham as Community Center Director
 - Connect Rapid Run and Dunham
 - Expand hiking trails and connect to Rapid Run
 - The bike trail had a lot of issues - not very well paved trails - paved and eliminate hills - plan to renovate trail around Dunham this summer

Dunham Recreation Area

Destination trails - pump track or mountain biking
 -Connecting trails to make Dunham a destination

Drive around Holiday events at Dunham?

Both spaces could be marketed better - huge jungle gym at Dunham, lots of amenities but need to make community aware

Used to have field days at Dunham

Concern around safety - if not occupied

Already a semi-trail here - could get easement to connect Dunham to Potters Field

Very tough to cross busy road into the parks on foot or bicycle

Judah Touro Cemetery

Path from Rapid Run through Cemetery - get to front door of Dunham

Live on Carnation - walk the dogs to Rapid Run

Need additional wayfinding for Rapid Run and Dunham

Partner with IMAGO

Would love to see trail through Potters field - see cemetery feel with signage/historical markers

Don't know how we could tie Rapid Run to Dunham Safely

Love the idea to connect to trails - partner with IMAGO in East Price Hill - Focus on nature, etc. in EcoVillage - looking to expand in Price Hill - market and plan events, hike on these trails - more partnerships
 Mom group meets every Wednesday - people more willing to go in a group

Connect the two spaces

Need some additional pedestrian path safety

Rapid Run Park

Would like to see more activities in Rapid Run

Add a dog park x2 - closest one is across from Music Hall

Sunset Players - Enchanted Forest - more events, Christmas, etc.

Better share what is happening at Rapid Run Park - ice skating, sledding

Connect more to residential areas

Connect more to surrounding residential areas

Replace backstop

Used to have football field

Nice short walk from neighborhood - not very crowded usually - breathe new life into park

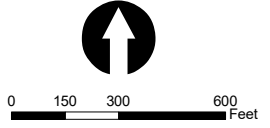
No parking lot for this portion - too far to walk

Could these fields be re purposed into something different if they aren't used? Pickleball courts/league?

People do use basketball court
 New courts at Lick Run Park

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Dunham Recreation Area/Rapid Run Public Engagement Connecting To Each Other and the West Side



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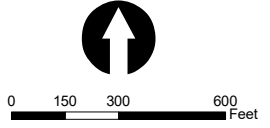
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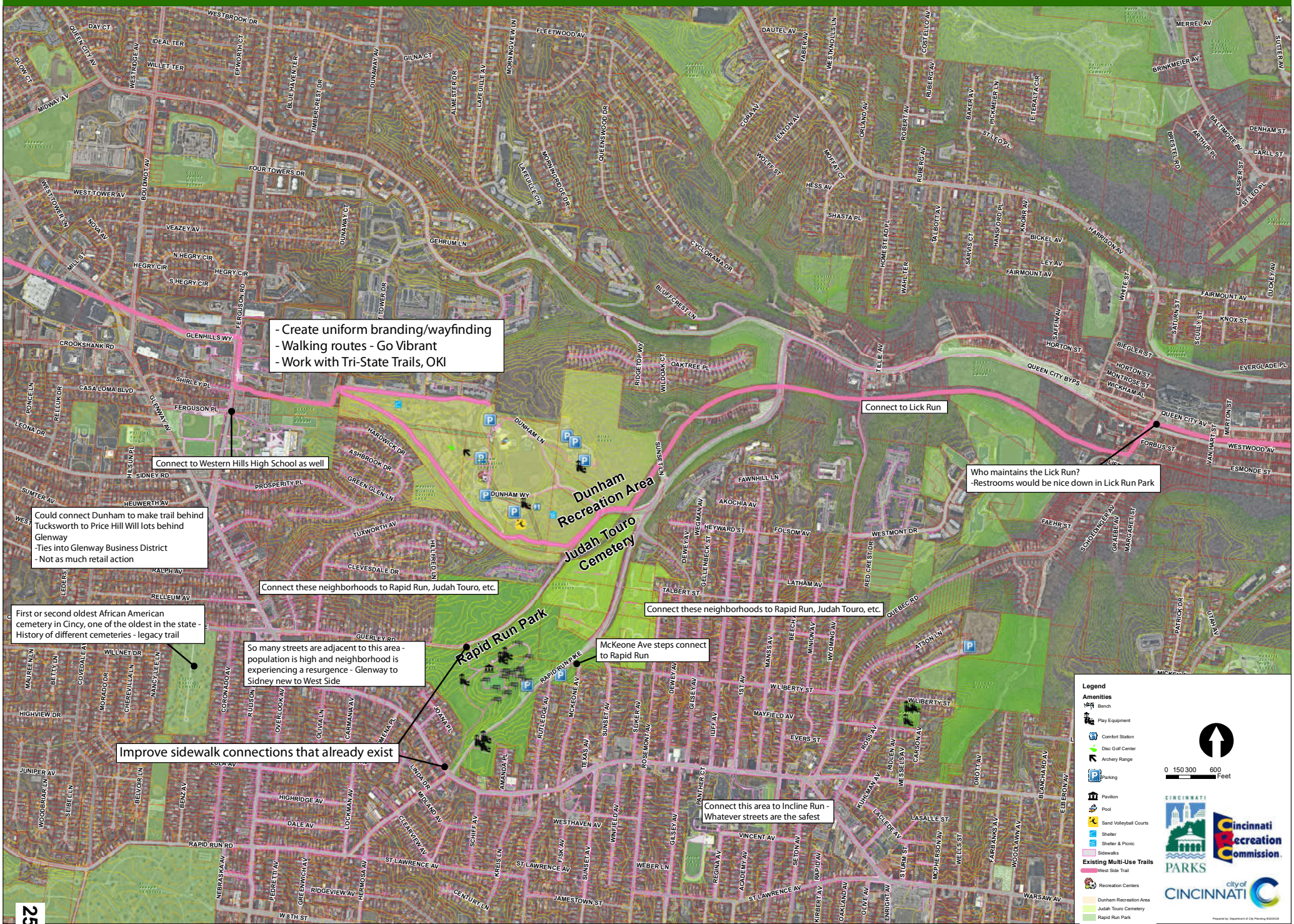
The second map was zoomed out to more of the West Side. We asked the following questions:

1. What connections should be a priority?
2. What other steps can City/neighborhood leaders to do increase awareness of these spaces (many of these ideas are shown in the zoomed in map)?

Interactive Mapping Activity Results

- Across the three meetings, we heard the following:
 - Permanent restrooms in Lick Run park
 - Connect to cemeteries
 - Make the proposed West Side railroad trail a priority
 - Connect to Oskamp Recreation Area
 - Create multi-use path along Rapid Run Pike to connect to Queen City Avenue
 - Create multi-use path along Sunset Avenue (no steps) to connect Glenway Avenue to Rapid Run Pike
 - Use Ferguson Road to connect to Westwood NBD
 - Look at old railroad right-of-way to connect into Green Township trail network

Dunham Recreation Area/Rapid Run Public Engagement Connecting To Each Other and the West Side



- Create uniform branding/wayfinding
 - Walking routes - Go Vibrant
 - Work with Tri-State Trails, OKI

Connect to Western Hills High School as well

Could connect Dunham to make trail behind Tucksworth to Price Hill Will lots behind Glenway
 - Ties into Glenway Business District
 - Not as much retail action

Connect these neighborhoods to Rapid Run, Judah Touro, etc.

First or second oldest African American cemetery in Cincy, one of the oldest in the state - History of different cemeteries - legacy trail

So many streets are adjacent to this area - population is high and neighborhood is experiencing a resurgence - Glenway to Sidney new to West Side

Improve sidewalk connections that already exist

McKeone Ave steps connect to Rapid Run

Connect these neighborhoods to Rapid Run, Judah Touro, etc.

Connect to Lick Run

Who maintains the Lick Run?
 - Restrooms would be nice down in Lick Run Park

Connect this area to Incline Run - Whatever streets are the safest

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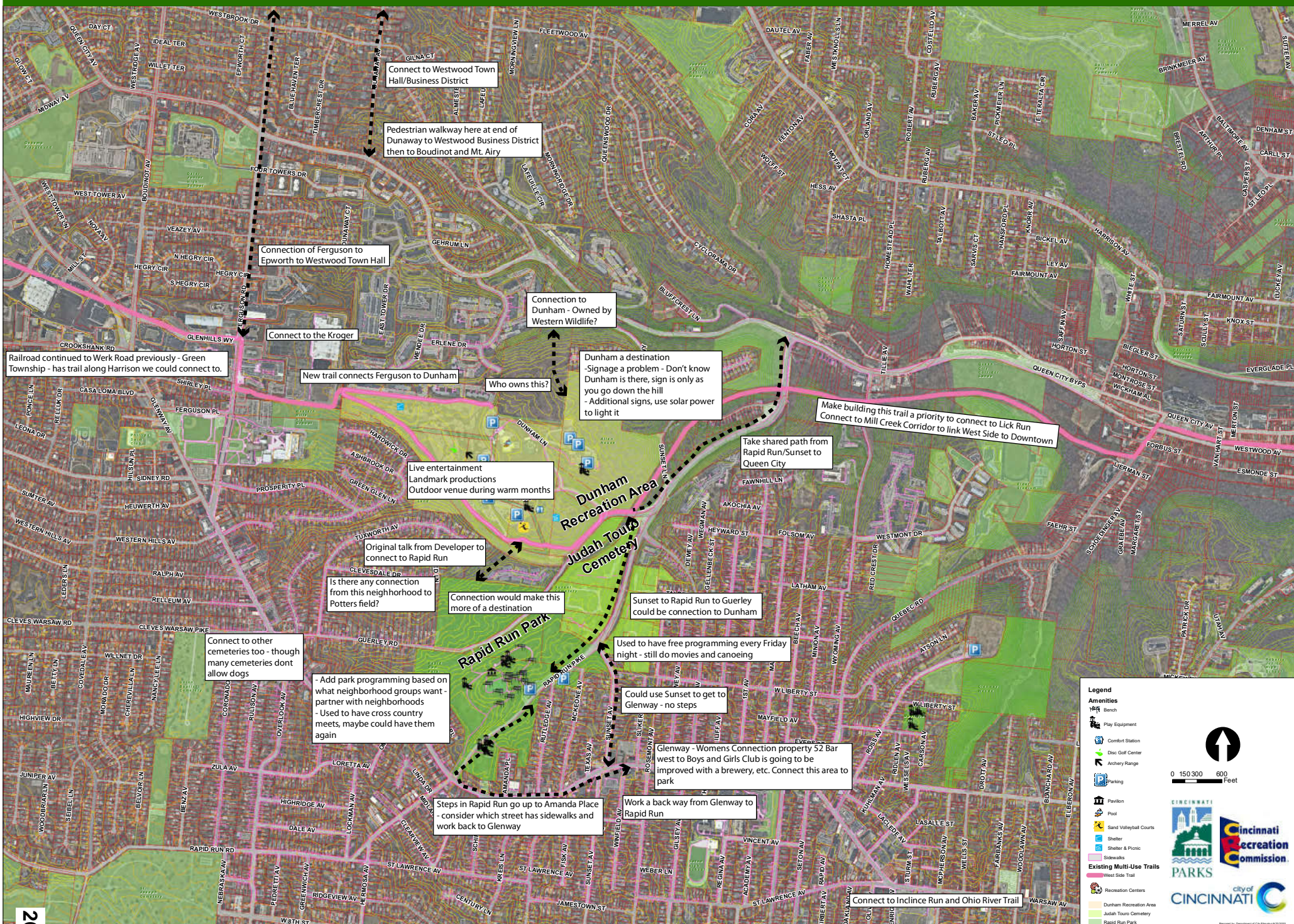
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Dunham Recreation Area/Rapid Run Public Engagement Connecting To Each Other and the West Side



Railroad continued to Werk Road previously - Green Township - has trail along Harrison we could connect to.

Connect to Westwood Town Hall/Business District

Pedestrian walkway here at end of Dunway to Westwood Business District then to Boudinot and Mt. Airy

Connection of Ferguson to Epworth to Westwood Town Hall

Connection to Dunham - Owned by Western Wildlife?

Connect to the Kroger

New trail connects Ferguson to Dunham

Who owns this?

Dunham a destination
- Signage a problem - Don't know Dunham is there, sign is only as you go down the hill
- Additional signs, use solar power to light it

Make building this trail a priority to connect to Lick Run
Connect to Mill Creek Corridor to link West Side to Downtown

Take shared path from Rapid Run/Sunset to Queen City

Live entertainment
Landmark productions
Outdoor venue during warm months

Original talk from Developer to connect to Rapid Run

Is there any connection from this neighborhood to Potters field?

Connection would make this more of a destination

Sunset to Rapid Run to Guerley could be connection to Dunham

Connect to other cemeteries too - though many cemeteries dont allow dogs

- Add park programming based on what neighborhood groups want - partner with neighborhoods
- Used to have cross country meets, maybe could have them again

Used to have free programming every Friday night - still do movies and canoeing

Could use Sunset to get to Glenway - no steps

Glenway - Womens Connection property 52 Bar west to Boys and Girls Club is going to be improved with a brewery, etc. Connect this area to park

Steps in Rapid Run go up to Amanda Place consider which street has sidewalks and work back to Glenway

Work a back way from Glenway to Rapid Run

Connect to Incline Run and Ohio River Trail

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Dunham Recreation Area/Rapid Run Public Engagement Connecting To Each Other and the West Side



Connect to Oskamp

Connect to Queen City Avenue

Connect Sunset to connect Rapid Run with Glenway Avenue/Business District

Western Hills Viaduct/Lick Run will have must wider sidewalks to connect to this area.

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Thank you and next steps

- Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. This information has been shared with the Park Board, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Transportation & Engineering – all who have been involved and attended these meetings.
- If you think of additional input after the meeting, please email James Weaver (james.weaver@cincinnati-oh.gov) or Andy Juengling (andy.juengling@cincinnati-oh.gov)
- Stay up to date on our website:
 - <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/rapidrundunhamconnection>

Category	Goal	Lead Agency	Timeline	Difficulty
Marketing and Wayfinding				
1	Establish signage that links Rapid Run Park and the Dunham Recreation Area as a joint destination at high traffic points, including at Rapid Run Pike and Glenway Avenue, Guerley Road and Glenway Avenue, Queen City Avenue and Sunset Avenue, and Sunset Avenue and Guerley Road.	DOTe, CRC, Park Board	Short	Easy
2	Install directional signage to the Dunham Arts Center, 1000 Hands Playground, Rapid Run Shelter house, water spray ground, disc golf course, ball fields, and other assets.	DOTe, CRC, Park Board	Short	Easy
3	Develop a park-like atmosphere throughout the district with increased signage, planting trees along the thoroughfares, and constructing a tree-median on Rapid Run Pike and Sunset Avenue.	DOTe, Urban Forestry	Mid-Long	Medium
4	Increase programming and events at Rapid Run Park and in the Dunham Recreation Area. Suggestions from the planning process include continuing and expanding the Holiday Glow Up, organized hiking, ice skating and sledding, a 5K and running events, movie nights, and food trucks. Opportunities to close roads for events should be considered.	CRC, Park Board, DOTe, Community Groups	Short	Easy
Connectivity				
1	Connect Rapid Run Park and the Dunham Recreation Center with a multi-use trail (at least 10' in width feet), as well as with side trails, and mixed-use streets (e.g. "sharrow streets").	DOTe	Mid-Long	Medium
2	Link the Dunham trail to Oskamp Fields and the Lick Run trail with the goal of creating a Westwood/Price Hill to downtown biking route via the Eight Street Viaduct and the future Western Hills Viaduct. This is a component of the CROWN trail plan.	DOTe	Mid	Hard
3	Install crosswalks and/or traffic-calming measures at key junctures, including between Rapid Run Park and the Rapid Run CRC playground, and at the rear Guerley Road entry entrance to Rapid Run Park. Crosswalks must have adequate site distance to be safe for pedestrians. Explore reducing the number of vehicular traffic lanes on Sunset Avenue.	DOTe	Short-Mid	Medium
4	Repair existing trails and look for opportunities to develop new multi-use trails (hike/bike/run), including through Potters' Field, through the apartment complex adjacent to Dunham, and along the former railroad right of way.	CRC, Park Board, Real Estate	Short-Mid	Medium
Asset Management				
1	Identify redundant amenities and equipment, including baseball diamonds, backstops, and playground equipment, and remove what is blighted or no longer necessary. Repurpose fallow spaces. Community needs sighted in the planning process include a ¼ mile running track, a pump (bike) track, soccer fields, pickle ball/tennis/futsal courts, and a dog park at Rapid Run Park.	CRC, Park Board	Short-Mid	Easy - Medium
2	Remove the honeysuckle and undergrowth at Potters' Field to make it more appropriate for a memorial site and to make the signage designating Potters' Field as a cemetery and historical site more prominent. Work with community partners to identify the boundaries of the burial area.	Park Board, Community Groups	Short	Medium
3	Clean and repair Rapid Run lake so it is operational year-round.	Park Board, MSD	Short	Easy - Medium
Operations				
1	Combine Rapid Run and Dunham Advisory Boards or form a steering group to encourage ongoing planning and corroboration. It should include residents, stakeholders, advocacy and neighborhood groups, DOTe, Parks, Recreation, MSD, and other city departments.	CRC, Park Board, DOTe, MSD	Short	Easy

Office of Human Services, CMO

Virginia Tallent, Director

Climate, Environment, & Infrastructure Committee
April 26, 2022

Office of Human Services

Created in April 2021

OHS supports the City of Cincinnati's funded human services initiatives; and works to connect City residents to community-based resources and organizations to improve quality of life and personal outcomes.

- Director
- 50% Administrative Technician

OHS - Five Key Focus Areas

- Facilitating deployment of the City's Human Services Fund and leveraged support agreements;
- Homelessness prevention initiatives (CoC Clearinghouse Board, liaison with service provider community, outdoor encampments, eviction prevention).
- Collaborative Agreement Sustainability (Manager's Advisory Group and Violence Prevention initiatives).
- Navigator and referral source for residents.
- Children & Families Cabinet.

Overview of City Human Services Fund

Council has determined that 1.5% of the City's General Fund Budget be dedicated to support programs and initiatives that are important to the City's vitality.

HSF is meant to complement (but not duplicate) other City activities and investments.

Human Services Advisory Committee ("HSAC"), volunteers appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, monitor HS programs, review proposals, and recommend funding awards.

United Way supports the Human Services Advisory Committee by administering the processes for proposals and program monitoring.

City Council sets the funding priorities and makes the final funding determination.

Overview of City Human Services Fund

2017: Ordinance 153-2017 is passed, incrementally increasing general fund appropriations to the Human Services Fund over a 5-year period to eventually restore the fund back to 1.5% of the general fund budget.

Human Services Fund – Key Oversight

- City Council: sets policy priorities, approves funding.
- HSAC: administers bi-annual RFP for human services fund (last RFP was for FY2021-2023), recommends funding to council, and monitors funded programs.
- City Manager’s Office of Human Services – administers human services initiatives, supports HSAC, monitors contract relationships.
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati: supports OHS and HSAC by providing program monitoring and technical assistance, requiring bi-annual reports, and conducting site visits and audit reviews from each HSF funded organization.

Overview of City Human Services Fund

2020: Ordinance 197-2020 designates City's current HSF priorities:

- Reduce Homelessness: 29.83%
- Comprehensive Workforce Development Support: 29.83%
- Addiction Prevention: 10.89%
- Violence Prevention: 8.62%
- Senior Services: 2.84%

And

- Project Lift (Emergency Wrap-Around Services): 16.10%
- Overhead/Administrative Costs: 1.89%

City Human Services Fund - Deployment

City Council sets priorities and allots human services fund amount.

Council votes on recommended programs for funding.

Agencies contract to provide HS programs.

Working group with United Way support establishes common outcome measures and develops proposal process.

HSAC makes recommendations to Council.

Agencies provide programs to serve Cincinnati residents.

Orgs submit proposals for aligned services (*includes non-profit status, IRS 990 and audit information*).

HSAC, with facilitation by UWGC and OHS, evaluates proposals based on impact, alignment and accountability.

Overview of City Human Services Fund – FY21-23 Human Services RFP

HSAC conducted a review process that resulted in funding recommendations for a two-year period.

- Received 72 program proposals (both new and past funded)
- Requests totaled more than \$6.7 million

Overview of City Human Services Fund – FY21-23 Human Services RFP

Priority Goal	Number of Agencies	Number of Programs	Amount of Funding Allocated
<i>Increase gainful employment</i>	21	23	\$1,783,851.90
<i>Reduce Homelessness</i>	15	17	\$1,783,851.90
<i>Addiction Prevention</i>	9	9	\$651,228.54
<i>Violence Prevention</i>	7	7	\$515,481.17
<i>Support Senior Services</i>	4	4	\$169,833.70
Total	56	60	\$4,904,247.21

Overview of Leveraged Funding Organizations

FY22: City Council provided focused leveraged funding for other human services and violence prevention focused organizations outside of the Human Services Fund. Total leveraged funding \$4,767,217.00.

Organization (examples)	Funding FY22
Bethany House	\$100,000
Center for Addiction Treatment	\$87,500
Center for Closing the Health Gap	\$750,000
GeneroCity 513 Street Outreach	\$75,000
Immigrant & Refugee Law Center	\$50,000
Shelterhouse (Emergency Winter Shelter)	\$305,000
Eviction Prevention Initiatives	\$250,000

Homelessness Prevention Initiatives

- Clearinghouse Board – Continuum of Care
- Encampment response
- Eviction prevention initiatives – ERA funds

Homelessness Prevention Initiatives

Encampment response

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Cincinnati cleared out a camp of homeless people. Homeless advocates are praising the city for how they did it.

 **Cameron Knight**
Cincinnati Enquirer

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Cincinnati officials earlier this month quietly cleared dozens of homeless people from an encampment under a highway.

Local homeless advocates usually fight such measures. This time most think the city got it right.

Homelessness Prevention Initiatives

Eviction Prevention – Tenant Stability

Community Action Agency

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Legal Aid

Violence Prevention and Collaborative Agreement Sustainability

○ Manager's Advisory Group

- Youth initiatives – pilot programs: Youth at the Center and UMADAOP

○ Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence

- 2022 Strategic planning

Children and Families Cabinet



Office of Human Services – Resident Navigator

- Referrals to Human Services organizations
- Troubleshooting across City departments for issues related to homelessness, tenant's rights, eviction

Questions or Comments?

UNITED IS THE WAY TO HELP.



City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund

April 26, 2022



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Roles

- The Human Services Fund was established in 1981 as 1.5% of the General Fund to be dedicated to support programs and initiatives that are important to the city's vitality.
- **City Council** approves amount of Human Services Fund and sets priorities for the funds.
- **Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)**, volunteers appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, review proposals, recommend funding and monitor programs.
- **United Way** serves as the facilitator for HSAC and administrator of funding.
 - **United Way** supports the Human Services Advisory Committee by administering the processes for proposals, providing program monitoring and technical assistance, requiring bi-annual reports, and conducting site visits and audit reviews from each organization.
 - United Way enters into subcontracts with each recommended organization, contingent on Council's approval of HSAC's recommendations.

Brief History of Priorities

- In 2014, Council unanimously approved a motion to allocate \$3 million for the fund and to set two goals: Reducing Homelessness and Increasing Employment.
- In 2016, City Council approved an additional goal of Violence Prevention based on recommendations from the Violence Prevention Working Group.
- Addiction Prevention priority was added for the FY 2019 process.
- Senior Services was added as a priority in January 2019. A workgroup subsequently developed strategies for the senior priority and their work was completed in May 2019. Senior Services were included in the FY 2020 budget and process.



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HSF Strategies

Human Service Fund Strategies

Goal: Increase Gainful Employment



- **Comprehensive Workforce Development:** Employment training, job readiness and certification programs that lead to job placement, retention and advancement for young adults, adults with multiple barriers, and the long-term unemployed.
- **Workforce Supports:** Remove barriers to employment and directly support job-seekers and new entrants to the workforce with access to childcare, transportation, mental health services, legal issues, work attire, housing, credit, etc.



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HSF Strategies

Goal: Reduce Homelessness



- **Homelessness prevention or shelter diversion** services that integrate case management and direct support to address factors that predict at risk for homelessness, with a preference for families with children.

- **Service-enriched shelter services** incorporating case management and stabilization services to prevent clients' return to homelessness, with a preference for families with children.



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HSF Strategies

Goal: Addiction Prevention



- **Peer recovery support services** with peer workers who have lived experience of mental health conditions and/or who are in recovery from substance use disorders are playing a growing and vital role in helping people find recovery.
- **Increase Resiliency of Children Affected by Addiction.** These programs may also address children affected by addiction by educating and empowering those who work with them to understand their unique needs and how to interrupt the cycle of addiction and associated trauma.



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HSF Strategies

Goal: Violence Prevention



The vision is a community-centric and collaborative approach to **break the cycle of violence** through healing and prevention; creating strong, safe, healthy, vibrant and connected neighborhoods in Cincinnati.

- **Engage and Empower Communities to Make the Change They Want.** Support teams/councils of community stakeholders to leverage their strengths to: collaboratively implement programs, and build capabilities to sustain positive violence prevention practices
- **Comprehensive, Focused, Iterative Approaches.** Synergistic programming, focusing on young people that will benefit the most from it.
- **Trauma Informed Care (TIC)** as a foundational, program-spanning approach. Provide training and resources to ensure practitioners employ TIC methods across all violence prevention programs.



HSF Strategies

Goal: Senior Services



Senior Services

- **Supportive Transportation Services:** For senior adults 55 and older who cannot utilize traditional means of government funded transportation services for health and wellness, financial stability or social connectedness.
- **Health and Wellness:** Programs and services that promote health and wellness for senior adults 55 and older that provide opportunities to increase access to nutritional health, physical fitness, preventative services and education to support health outcomes.
- **Technology, Education and Training:** Programs that provide education and training for senior adults 55 and older designed to close the digital divide by allowing individuals to better navigate modern society and supportive independent living.
- **Other Supportive Senior Service Strategies:** Programs that align to the overall goal but fall outside of the other three strategy areas.



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Current Portfolio

Human Services Fund Investment for FY22: 60 programs funded with \$4.9 million dollars.

Priority Goal	Number of Agencies	Number of Programs	Amount of Funding Allocated
Increase Gainful Employment	21	23	\$1,783,851.90
Reduce Homelessness	15	17	\$1,783,851.90
Addiction Prevention	9	9	\$651,228.54
Violence Prevention	7	7	\$515,481.17
Support Senior Services	4	4	\$169,833.70
Total	56	60	\$4,904,247.21



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Current Timeline

City of Cincinnati Human Services Funding Process Steps that must occur to ensure funding for FY2024 (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)



Priorities set for FY24 & FY25 by December 2022
(Council)



Engagement Process in January and February 2023
(UWGC/HSAC)



RFP proposals due by April 30, 2023
(UWGC)



Review of Agency Proposals May 2023
(UWGC/HSAC)



Recommendations to Council for FY24 by May 31, 2023
(UWGC/HSAC)



Council Approval by June 30, 2023
(Council)



Contract Process with FY24 Partners Complete by August 31, 2023
(City)



September 1, 2023 FY24 Begins
(Agency)



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THANK YOU!



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Cincinnati Recreation Commission



Vision

The Y2WK program provides summer jobs to young people, coupled with a comprehensive training component to build on the skills developed at work sites.

Mission

The mission of the Y2WK is to foster academic, personal, and professional growth through real-world work experience

**IN 2021 468 STUDENTS WERE
EMPLOYED FROM JAN 1ST- AUG 13TH**



PURPOSE OF Y2WK

- Employ Teens from ages 14-24 yrs.
- Develop Teens in Employment Readiness and Soft Skill Development
- Educate on Financial Literacy topics
- Get teens on the job experiences!

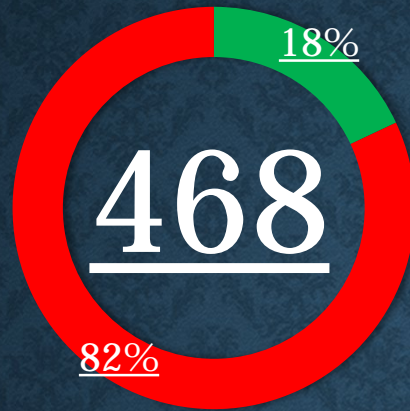


2021 MAYOR'S CAREER EXPO

- 410 Register
- 335 Attended Virtually (82% registered showed)
- 73 Employers in Attendance
- 86 Different Schools Engaged



Hired
Vs.
Not
Hired



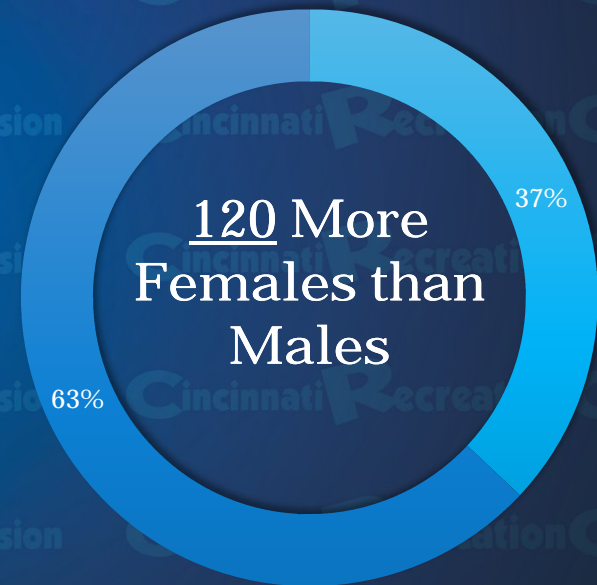
■ Employed ■ Not Hired

Data Fields	Totals for 2021
Applied	2099
Employed	468
NOT Hired	1635
Ages 14-17	370
Ages 18+	94



Male/Female

Female	291
Male	173

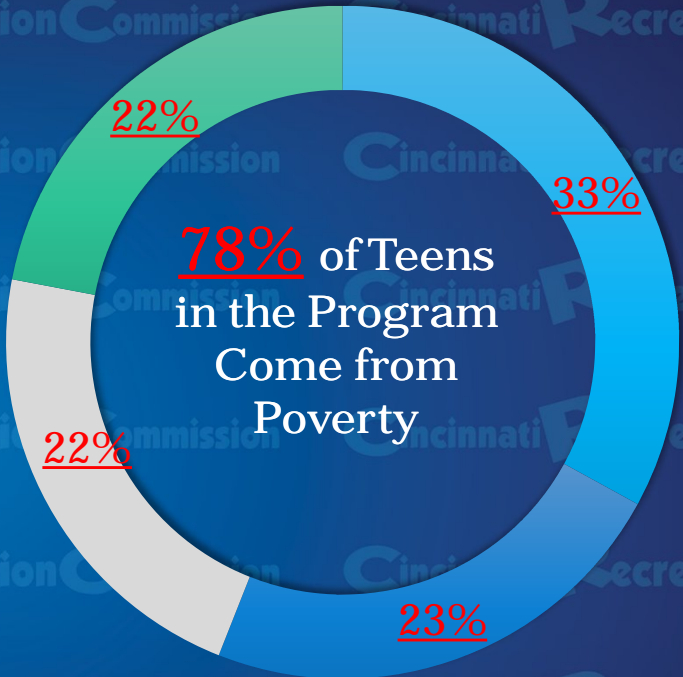


*Four students didn't self Identify

■ Male ■ Female



Income Levels



Extremely Low Income (30%)	151
Very Low Income (50%)	107
Low Income (80%)	102
*Median (Above Poverty)	104

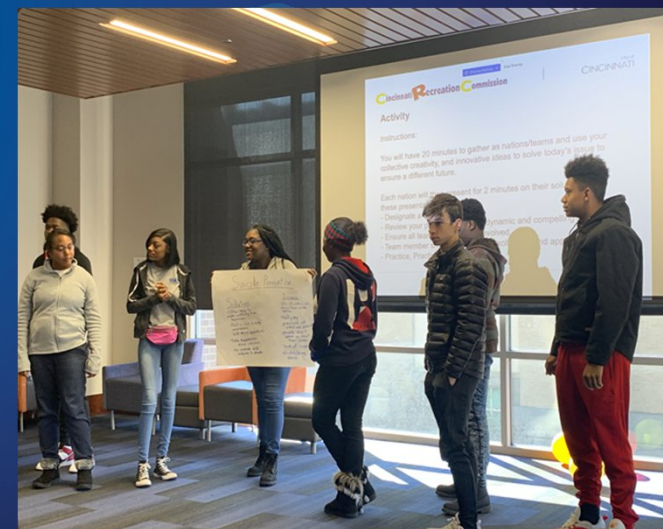
■ Extremely Low Income ■ Very Low Income ■ Low Income ■ Other

OVERALL PROGRAM TOTALS

Data Fields	CRC	FIRE	POLICE	PARKS	ARTWORKS	Totals for 2021
Applied	1198	132	135	143	491	2099
Employed	207	33	64	48	112	468
NOT Hired	991	99	71	95	379	1635
Ages 14-17	161	29	58	45	77	370
Ages 18+	46	4	6	3	35	94
Female	133	14	44	23	77	291
Male	74	19	20	25	35	173
Extremley Low Income	76	11	17	24	23	151
Very Low Income	47	7	21	12	20	107
Low Income	46	4	21	11	20	102
*Median	39	10	5	1	49	104

KEY TAKE A WAYS

- **2099** Applications received There is an increase desire to be in the program.
- **40%** male (Must become more intentional on providing opportunities for male teens)
- **60%** female (Focus on more STEM related employment)
- **82%** 14-17 yrs. old
- **32%** are classified as extremely low incomes
- **60%** of past CRC Y2WK Teens are attending college
- **72%** are in poverty
- The grant requires 51% of participants be in poverty.



ECONOMIC HOUSEHOLDS TEENS



Row Labels	Sum of Avg Pay	# Teens	
45238	\$121,550.40	46	W. Price Hill/Delhi
45211	\$110,980.80	42	Westwood
45237	\$79,272.00	30	Bond Hill/Golf Manor
45229	\$63,417.60	24	Avondale
45207	\$58,132.80	22	Evanston
45205	\$58,132.80	22	E. Price Hill
45231	\$42,278.40	16	Springfield Twp
45239	\$39,636.00	15	Mt. Airy
45206	\$36,993.60	14	Walnut Hills
45224	\$34,351.20	13	College Hills
Grand Total	\$644,745.60		





In 2021, Y2WK Interns showed increase knowledge across all 3 core areas:

Employment Readiness (+3%), **Financial Literacy** (+3%), and **On The Job Expectation** (+1%)

Over **99%** of students said they were “very satisfied” or “Somewhat Satisfied” with the program.

79% of Interns said they would recommend this program to other kids.

Of all Y2WK Employees, **86%** reported they learned “A Great Deal” or “A Lot” from the Y2WK Program.



148 students who completed pre and post tests, showed **greater** chances to stick with a **long-term goal**.

NEW PROGRAM PARTNERS

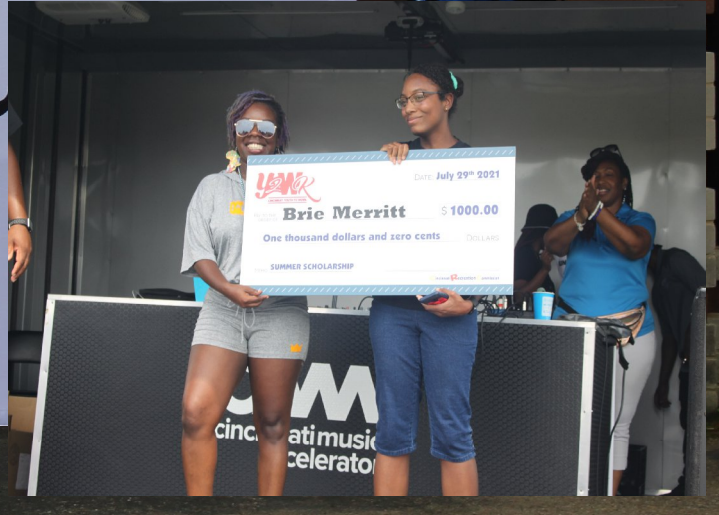
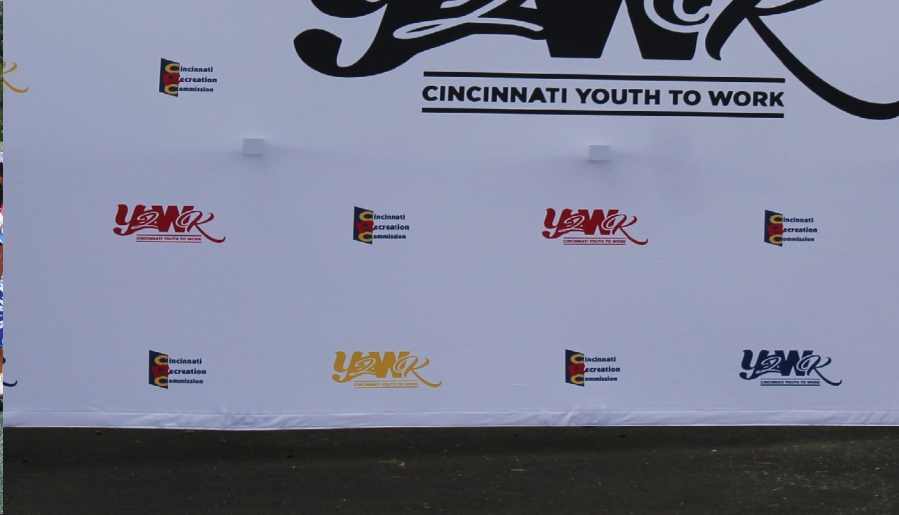
- First Financial Bank
- Groundworks
 - Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative (GCMi)
- Junior Achievement
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Cincinnati Children's Museum
- Lord's Gym
- MSD (Lick Run Project)



Cincinnati
Museum
Center



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



SUMMER 2022 Y2WK

Data Fields	CRC	FIRE	POLICE	Groundworks	ARTWORKS	Totals for 2021
Applied	334	172	100	NA	NA	
Employed	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
NOT Hired						

Organizations	Approved	Projected Youth Hired
	Budget	
CRC	\$ 261,763.54	100
Police	\$ 183,246.00	44
Fire	\$ 178,175.54	35
Groundworks	\$ 196,490.65	NA
Art Works	\$ 150,000.00	NA



In Conclusion

- Youth 2 Work is having a positive impact on its interns and partners
- Build Curriculum towards career development
- Improve data tracking to better meet the needs of the program
- Stronger retention of program Interns, annually and seasonally

QUESTIONS



Cincinnati's Youth Green Workforce

- one of the nation's largest -



GROUNDWORK

Ohio River Valley



**A city-wide green workforce that
elevates youth and public land.**



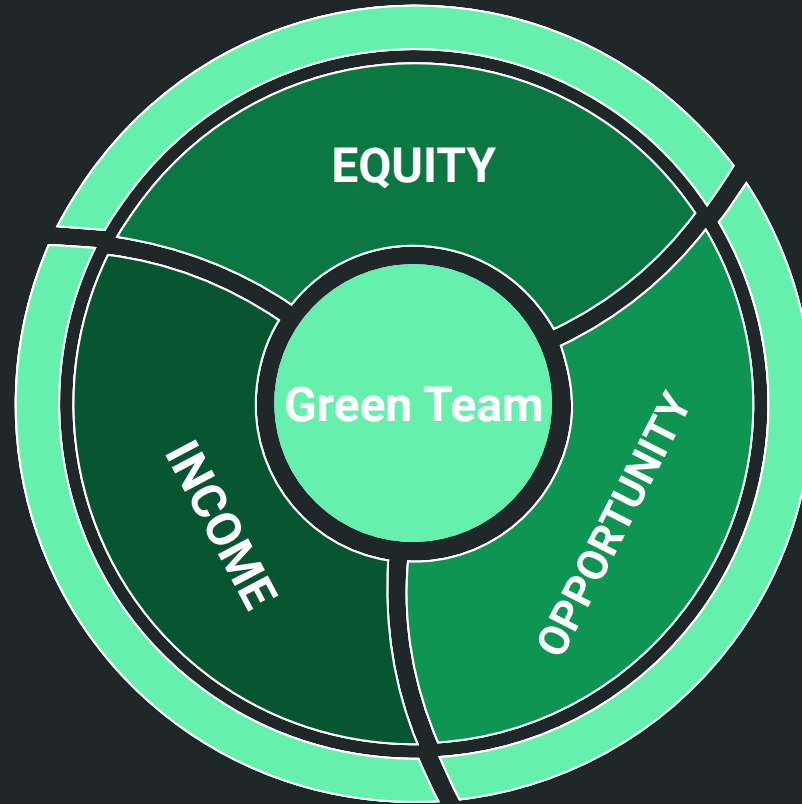
Green Team Goals

- Offer in-depth, high quality, hands-on community and environmental development experiences for youth in their neighborhoods and on public lands;
- Emphasize leadership development, group interaction, peer cohesion, and mutual accountability
- Teach youth about conservation while demonstrating the relevance of their work to their own lives and to their communities
- Cultivate an understanding that the environment is an accessible built and natural resource that youth can transform and protect within their own communities;
- Provide skills training and advanced work opportunities; and
- Foster career path awareness and career mentorship.
- Production!!!

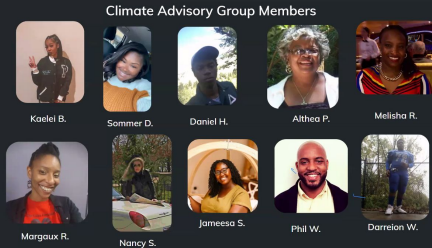
Why the Green Team, Why Now?

- 80% of our population live in cities
 - Increasingly diverse
- The modern environmental movement has left diversity behind
- Climate Change is disproportionately impacting low-income and/or minority communities
- Degraded urban environments and the lack of access to healthy natural places impacts youth/community feelings toward nature

Youth Green Workforce is Justice Work



Climate Advisory Groups



Bond Hill Community Observations Map

- Reported Flood Occurrences
- Pedestrian Hazard: Dangerous Intersection
- Ability to breathe worsens in this area
- Observed Landslide Risk
- Pedestrian Hazard: Poor Walkability
- Area is noticeably hotter than the rest of the neighborhood
- High Noise Pollution
- Blighted Area











Adaptation Strategies



Lower Price Hill Climate Resilience Plan



-  Community Cooling Center
-  Community Greenspace
-  Community Garden or Farm
-  Green Parking Lot
-  Green Roof
-  Asphalt Sealand Crosswalk
-  Misting Bus Stop
-  Proposed Street Trees

Neighborhood Street Trees



Urban Forestry can't plant in right of ways with impervious surfaces

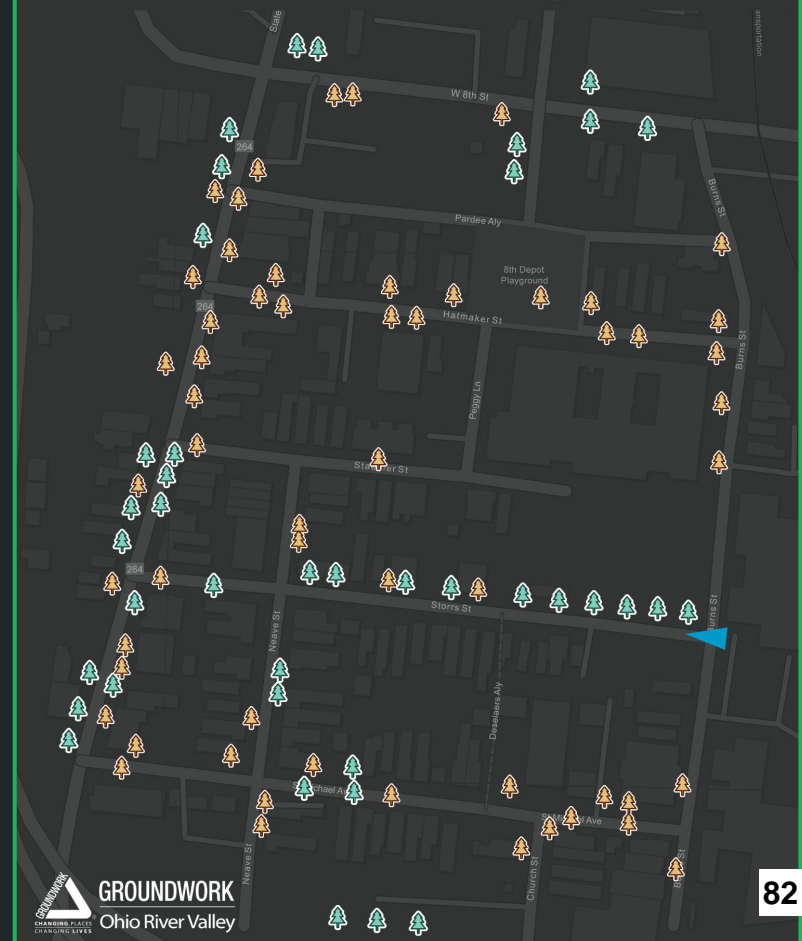
Groundwork worked with the LPH Community Council to map ideal locations for trees, create a budget for sidewalk removal, and submit a community budget request.

39 trees scheduled to be planted in fall 2022. Groundwork is securing permits from property owners for sidewalk removal.



Lower Price Hill Existing & Proposed Street Trees

-  Requested Trees
-  Existing Trees



Last Year's Green Workforce Stats

- 10,000lbs of invasive species removed from public greenspace
- 7,850lbs of waste removed from restoration sites
- 4,100 Trees planted (whips, large trees, and edible orchards)
- 76 acres of open space or parkland improvement
- 50 amenities installed (rain gardens, swales, orchards, and pocket parks)
- 50 partners engaged in planning and installation of community green infrastructure
- 7 miles of trails maintained or improved
- 3 site clean ups
- 1 brownfield remediated
- 1 linear mile of riparian habitat enhanced

Groundwork Ohio River Valley Fieldwork Dashboard

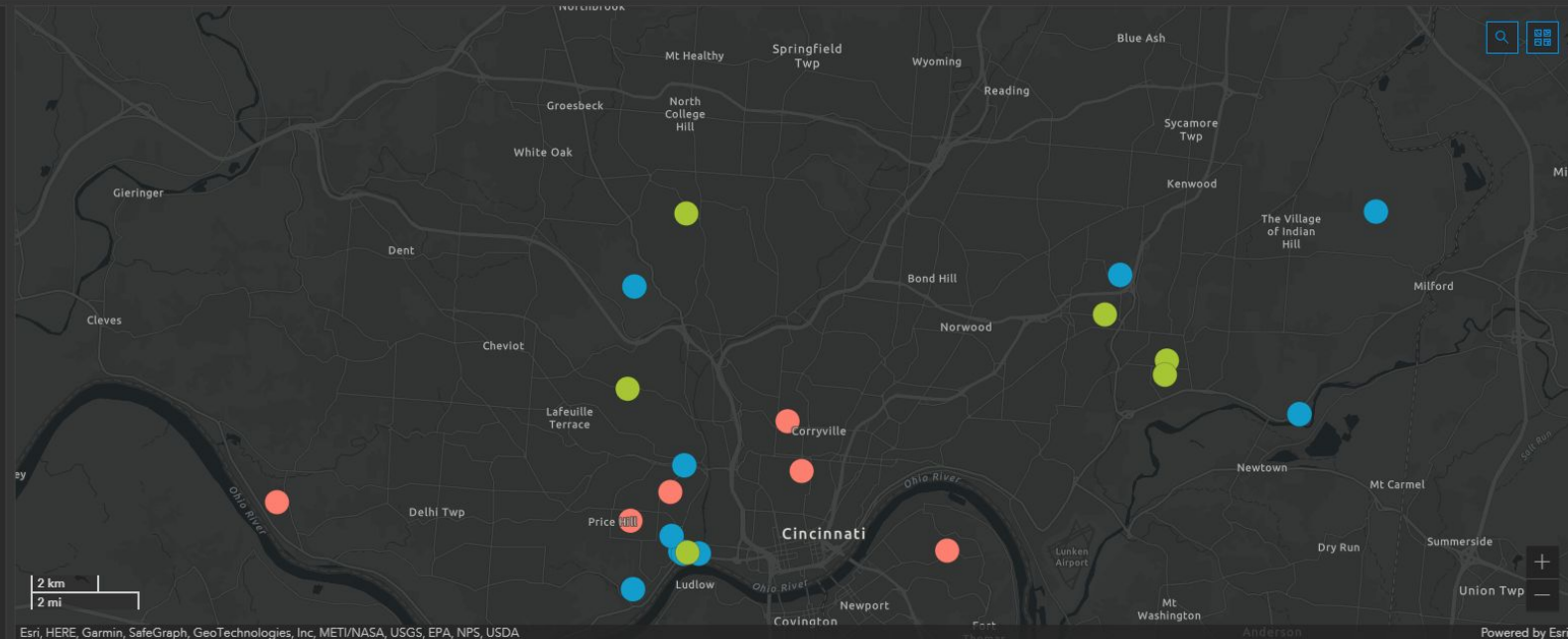
Explore the impact that Groundwork Ohio River Valley has had on the region's natural landscape

Map Legend

Groundwork Sites Zoom Out

Groundwork Program

- Green Corps
- Green Team
- Both



Groundwork Ohio River Valley Fieldwork

Green Team Fieldwork

Green Corps Fieldwork

331
trees
planted

1.8
miles of
trails built

106.4
acres of invasive
species cleared

32
green infrastructure
amenities installed

This Summer's Partnerships and Plans

- Cincinnati Parks - 60 youth
 - Invasive Species
 - Green Infrastructure
 - Community and Park Projects
- Metropolitan Sewer District - 10 youth
 - Green Infrastructure Certification
- Cincinnati Zoo - 10 youth
 - Avondale urban garden
- Youth Environmental Justice Council