

CITY OF SAGINAW

# PARKS &

# RECREATION



2022-2026 PARK & RECREATION PLAN

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# 01 INTRODUCTION

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# INTRODUCTION

The City of Saginaw (City) has developed the City of Saginaw Parks and Recreation (Plan) to serve as a guide for future decision-making regarding recreation facilities, improvements, and the development of new recreation opportunities. This document is the basis for the implementation of new improvements and initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of the City and its constituents. The City of Saginaw Planning Commission and staff have been critical in providing information about the community and guidance for the direction of the Plan throughout the planning process.

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is important to understand the needs of the residents, the recreation opportunities that are available, the demographic characteristics of an area, and the programs, projects, and facilities that are best suited for the community. The goals, objectives, and action items in the Plan are largely based on the careful consideration of public input and suggestions from city residents, city officials, and other community stakeholders. Community input and all of the voices in the City were a critical component in developing a united plan with the overall goal of enhancing the quality of life for the community members and visitors.

The foundation for the development of the Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community throughout the process of updating the Plan.
- Identify and map existing City-owned/operated recreation facilities.
- Build common ground among the City of Saginaw residents and stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs, increased safety at parks, and priorities of the City.
- Enable the City to be eligible for financial assistance based on the Plan.
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing parks and recreation goals, objectives, and actions in partnership with Saginaw County and other local groups.
- Support the implementation of improvements for barrier-free or universal access to City parks and recreation sites.

Overall, City officials intend to use the Plan to guide their work on all future recreation and parks projects. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals in consideration to parks and recreation acquisition and improvement projects. The Plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for the development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Park and Recreation Plan is necessary for the City to pursue MDNR-administered grant funding. The Plan is written for the City and covers all aspects of recreation within the community over a five-year period from January 2022 - December 2026.

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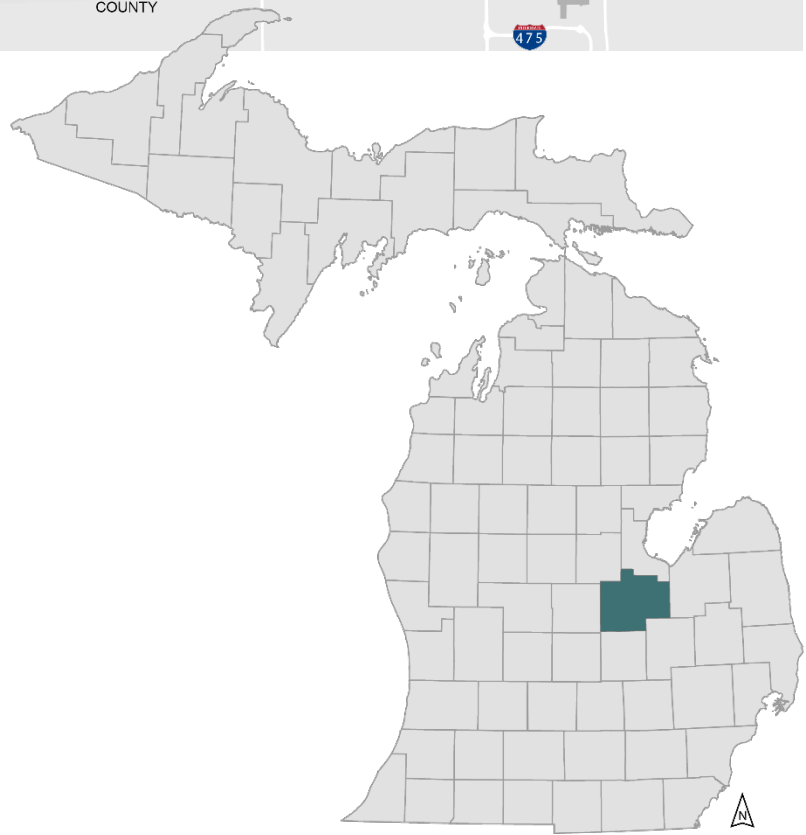
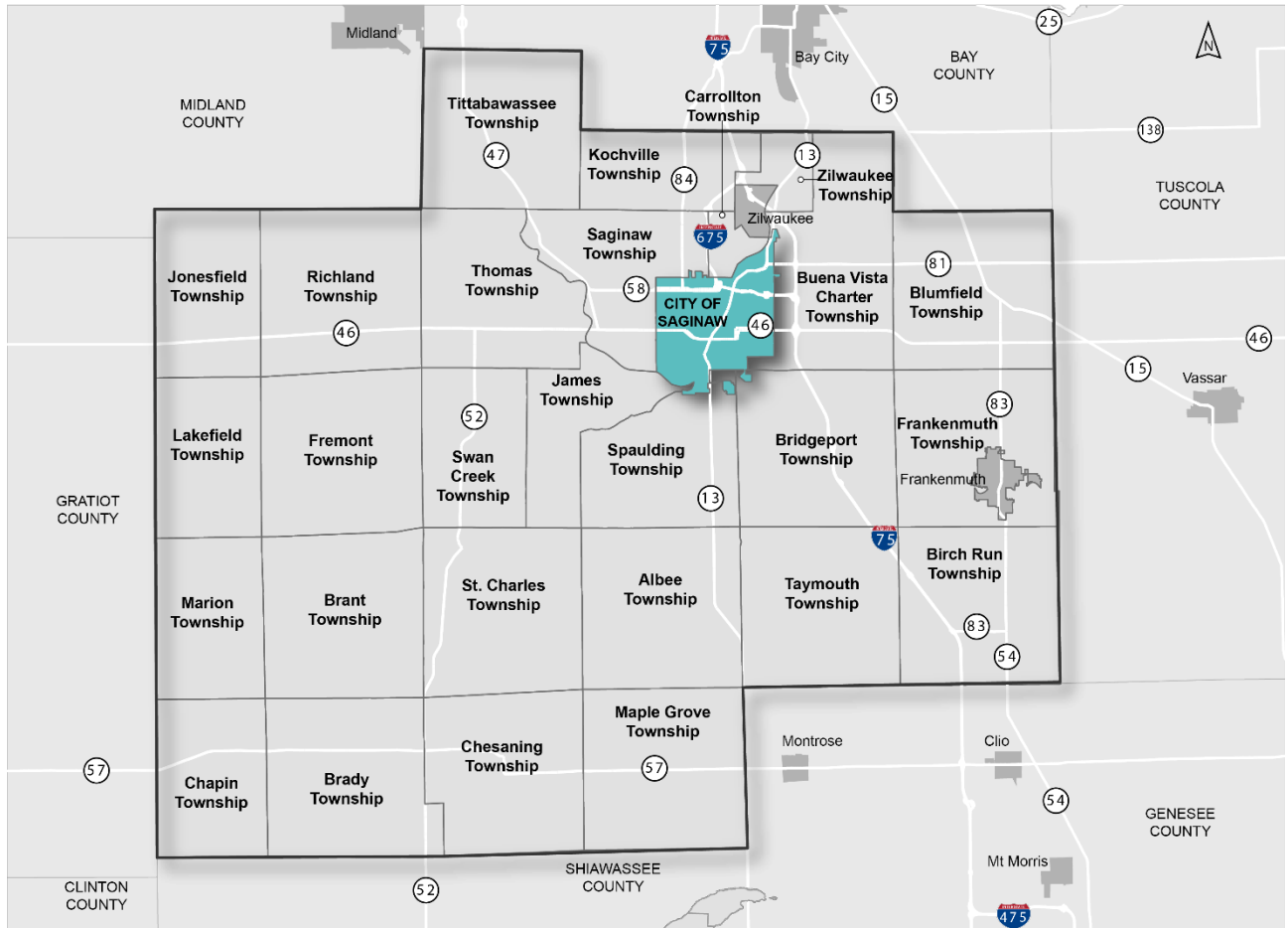
## REGIONAL LOCATION

The City of Saginaw is located in northern Saginaw County (County) in Michigan's lower peninsula. It encompasses approximately 18 square miles. The City is bordered by six townships: Carrollton Township, Saginaw Township, James Township, Spaulding Township, Bridgeport Township, and Buena Vista Township. The City of Saginaw is the County seat. The City's location offers convenient access to two major interstates, I-75 and I-675. The region is served by three airports: MBS International Airport, Flint Bishop International Airport, and Harry Browne Airport. Map 2.1, on the following page, shows Saginaw's regional location.

The City is the most populated jurisdiction in Saginaw County. It is also the most developed, providing a diverse range of recreation opportunities in the County. Though still a dense urban environment, the City has changed substantially during the past 15 years in terms of population, housing, open space, parks, and recreation. One of the strongest assets in the City of Saginaw is the residents who have a strong sense of community loyalty. Though the City has lost population and experienced economic setbacks over the years, there are strong neighborhoods, dedicated residents, and City officials who are committed to the prosperity of the City. In addition to the residents, strong partnerships also exist between the County Parks, Friends of Hoyt Park, Covenant Medical Center, Project Unify, and many others. It is these partnerships that enable the City to continue to make great strides in park improvements.



MAP 2.1 - REGIONAL LOCATION MAP





## DEMOGRAPHICS

The following chapter references three different Census data sources, the 2010 and 2020 Decennial Census, and the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS). The 2010 and 2020 Decennial Census are full population counts, as compared to the ACS, which is a running annual survey of estimated data for each jurisdiction across the Country. At the time of writing this 2022 Plan, the US Census Bureau had not released all the 2020 data. Therefore, only the population count from the 2020 data was included in this Plan. Unless noted in Table 2.1, the remaining data is from the 2019 ACS estimates.

According to the 2020 Census, the current population in the City of Saginaw is 44,202. In 2010, the population was 51,508, this is a decrease of just over 7,000 residents or -14.2%. This is a significant population decline for the City. In addition to the City, the County also had a population loss of just over 10,000 residents or -5.1%. While the County's population declined by a smaller rate, both numbers indicate a larger regional trend of population decline. The City has the lowest median age compared to the other two regions in Table 2.1, and the second largest average household size. Taken together, a low median age and high average household size would indicate a young population that is currently having children and raising families in the City. As their children grow and family dynamics shift, these families will be looking for more appropriate housing for their needs. Hopefully, those families will choose to stay in the City of Saginaw. Even though the population is declining, these factors suggest a transition of residents and needs in the City.

Of the occupied housing units in the City, 43% are renter-occupied. This is almost double the County and State which have 27% and 28%, respectively. Additionally, the median housing value in the City is \$40,100, which is significantly lower than that of the County (\$108,300) and State (\$169,600). Thirdly, the median household income in the City is \$29,582, this is lower than the County at \$48,303 and the State at \$59,584. This is also indicative of the larger percentage of City residents who live under the poverty line according to the Census. All three of these demographic characteristics indicate that the City leadership will need to address housing in the upcoming years to ensure it meets the needs of the new population trends while respecting the constraints of potential homebuyers.

Given the presence of families, the youthful age of residents, low incomes levels, and a high poverty rate, parks are key to providing City residents with a high-quality way of life. Young adults and families will look to the recreation options available to them in the City as they choose where to locate. Families will need parks and public access for fun and safe recreation opportunities. Additionally, the low-income rates in the City indicate a population with a smaller dispensable income. Therefore, access to public parks will be key to ensuring all City residents have a high-quality of life close to home.

TABLE 2.1 - DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>SELECT CENSUS DATA FOR THE CITY OF SAGINAW, SAGINAW COUNTY, AND MICHIGAN</b>			
	City of Saginaw	Saginaw County	Michigan
<b>CENSUS DATA</b>			
Population - 2010	51,508	200,169	9,883,640
Population - 2020	44,202	190,124	10,077,331
<b>2019 ACS DATA</b>			
Percent of population 65 plus	12.9%	19.5%	17.6%
Percent of population under 19	29.3%	24.0%	24.2%
Median age	35	40.9	39.8
Percent with a bachelor's degree or higher	10.9%	21.8%	30.0%
Median household income	\$29,582	\$48,303	\$59,584
Average household size	2.37	2.34	2.56
Median housing value	\$40,100	\$108,300	\$169,600
Renter-occupied housing as % of total occupied units	43.8%	27.9%	28.4%
Percent of individuals below the poverty line	34.8%	19.0%	13.0%





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# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

## INTRODUCTION

The following section describes how parks and recreation facilities in the City are organized and maintained. This section will also include an overview of the City's organizational structure, funding, and key community stakeholder groups.

## CITY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City Council was established under the Enabling Act 455 of the Legislature of 1889 and consists of nine members elected at large for overlapping four-year terms. The Council is responsible for setting all municipal policies not otherwise designed by City Charter or State law.

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and reports to them. As the administrative head of the City, the Manager carries out the policies that are made by the Council and directs and coordinates the work of all City departments. The Manager also prepares the annual budget for the Council's considerations and ensures that the adopted budget's provisions are carried out. Under this system of government, the City Council is ultimately responsible for setting policy and making decisions concerning municipal parks and recreation. The Council's authority over parks and recreation matters includes budgeting, land acquisition, development, ordinances, rules, and other related matters. The Council is also responsible for approving formal agreements with other recreation agencies such as the Saginaw Board of Education or the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

In general, the Saginaw City Council makes decisions on parks and recreation issues under three main sets of circumstances:

- During the preparation of the City's annual budget.
- When the City Manager brings a particular recreation issue before the Council for special consideration.
- When a parks issue is identified by a Council member, a citizen, or an interest group.

City Council meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

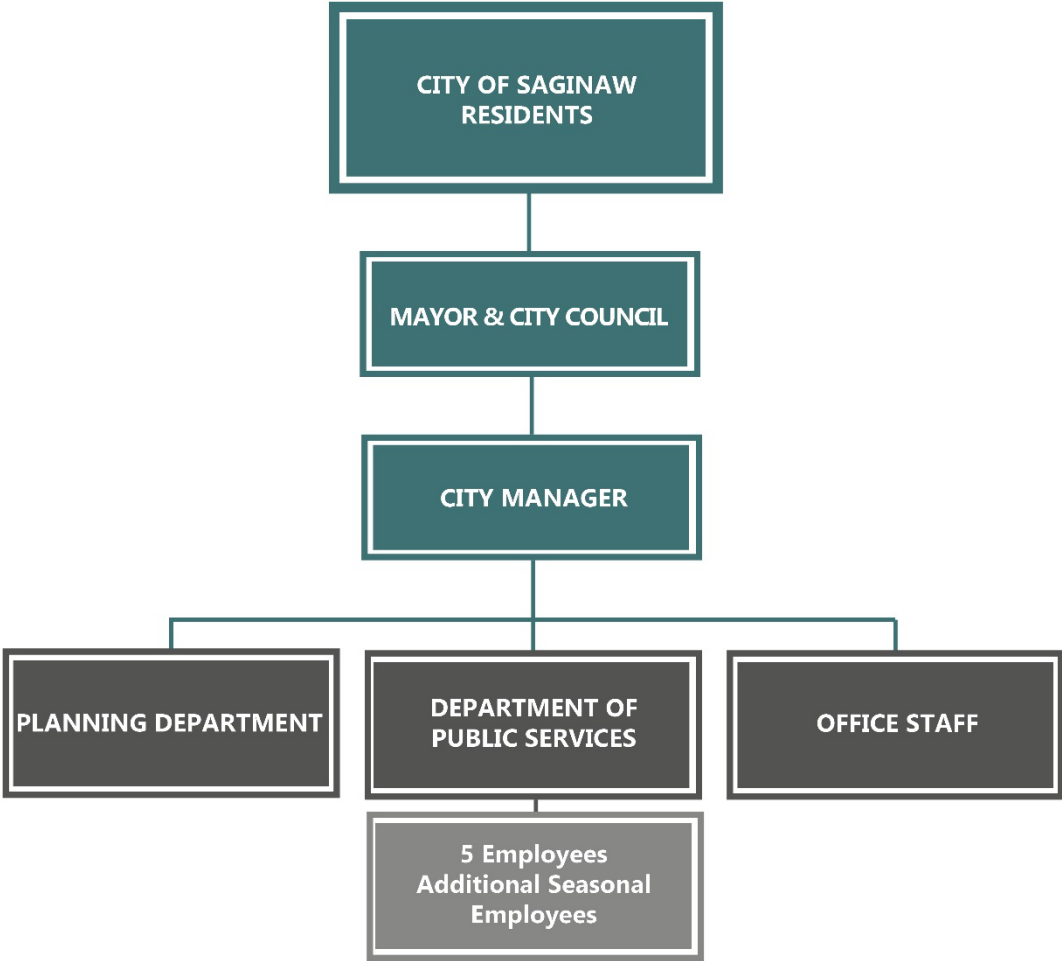
The City's system of government typically requires the City Manager to provide considerable leadership in identifying and resolving major policy issues. Staffing for the parks and recreation-related functions within the City's departments are also a charter responsibility of the City Manager. The City Manager generally delegates the administrative responsibility for recreation operations and maintenance to staff.



## MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Under the present organizational structure, there is no formal Parks and Recreation Commission, or Parks Department. The City administration, operation, and maintenance for recreation facilities and services is managed through the Department of Public Services. The Department of Public Services is operated under the general direction of the City Manager. Within the Department of Public Services, the Parks and Facilities Department provides facility administration, labor and material resources to plan, operate, manage and maintain buildings and other facilities included in the City parks system. The Department includes two ground keeps and three maintenance employees who are responsible for more than 600 acres of developed community parkland, including but not limited to: the Central Parks System, riverfront park areas, district and neighborhood parks, downtown urban parks, park drives, walks, and parking lots. The Department provides building maintenance support for all programs and activities utilizing City parks and recreational facilities.

FIGURE 3.1 - ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



## FUNDING & BUDGET

There is no line item for parks in the general fund, but funds for maintenance are allocated through the operation and maintenance and capital improvements.

Table 3.2 - City of Saginaw Budget

	Current Year 2021-2022	Next Year 2022-2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$500,000	\$500,000
Programming	\$0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$175,000	\$175,000

## PROGRAMMING

The City does not provide recreation programming to its residents, but provides assistance with recreation programming through different organizations and the “adopt-a-park” program. These organizations' main focus is to partner with the City to offer programming. These organizations/groups are an important part of the City's park and recreation services. Each year more groups like these emerge. Those mentioned in this document are not intended to be exhaustive but rather an illustrative list of groups who have been and continue to work to provide programming in the City. These organizations/groups are explained in more detail on the following pages.

Currently, the County provides for additional recreational programming within City parks. The Table below lists County programming and participants. Current participation numbers in Table 3.3 reflect participation through November 2021.

TABLE 3.3 - COUNTY PROGRAMMING

Program	Location(s)	Participants in 2021
Bring Back the Ice	Hoyt Park	1,600
Walk With Ease	YMCA	432
Memorial Day Parade	Community Center	1,000
Sugar Beets Baseball Camp	Community Center	99
Art in the Park	Deindorfer Woods, Otto Roeser Park & Bliss Park	127
Built It	Otto Roeser Park, Bliss Park & Fordney Park	38
Youth Baseball	Hoyt Park	185
Go Gaga for Games	Fordney Park	25
Music on the Move	Fordney Park, Deindorfer Woods & Otto	53

	Roeser Park	
Trail Tales Puppet Show	Bliss Park	60
Trunk or Treat	Arthur Hill High School	500
Walk with Ease- 3x a week for 6 weeks.	YMCA	10-25 daily
Supersized Fun	Otto Roeser Park	53

**ADDITIONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Outside of the adopt-a-park program, there are eight other relationships important to the City.

**Saginaw County:** The Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission’s Five-Year Recreation Plan prioritizes collaboration with other communities to develop a mutual understanding of recreation needs for identified population groups. Continuing to support park land and facilities in the City of Saginaw is also listed as an action item in the plan.

**Saginaw County Community Foundation:** The group was founded in 1984 to improve the quality of life in Saginaw County by linking donors with areas in the community that needed improvements and had promising opportunities. Yearly, the foundation invests millions of dollars back into the community through grants. Recent Saginaw Community Foundation grants:

- Leo C. Eckenwiller Trust Fund: Covenant Healthcare Foundation
- Friends of Hoyt Park
- Healthy Communities Grant: \$100,000 was granted to the City to fund the outdoor fitness court, additional improvements to Ojibway Island, and for a canoe launch to be added to Wickes Park.

**First Ward Community Center:** First Ward provides year-round programming for youth in grades k-12 through after-school programs, summer day programs, and the summer youth employment program. The focus of these programs is to help children read, discover new skills, become a student leader, and express themselves through the performing and visual arts. The employment program is an annual program that works with youth across the City and beyond. First Ward aims to improve outdoor spaces and beautification within the City.

**The Andersen Enrichment Center and the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission:** Located within the City’s central park system. The space is available for indoor and outdoor private rental. The Andersen Memorial Gardens host a number of different events throughout the year.

**Garber Tennis Courts:** The Urban Youth Tennis Foundation maintains the Garber Tennis Courts. In 2021, the Foundation started remodeling the existing six-court site. The new complex will include the following: eight tournament-level tennis courts, eight pickleball courts, an entrance building with a pro shop, office space, training room, restrooms, lighting, and bleachers. The new indoor meeting facility will be used for tennis education, competitions, and other programs.

**The Japanese Cultural Center, a Tea House and Gardens, and the Tea House Board:** Is funded and maintained by the City of Tokushima, Japan. The Board, with assistance from the City, is responsible for its operation, management, and maintenance.

**Saginaw Children's Zoo:** The Zoo opened in 1930 with just nine animal exhibits. Today, the Zoo has over 150 individual animals, ten acres of park land, a large garden, a miniature train, and a hand carved carousel. Community volunteers are a crucial part of the Zoo. Annually volunteers give over 14,000 hours of their time.

**The Neighb:** The Neighb serves the evolving needs of the Saginaw community. Their programs and services are catered to economically disadvantaged youth/families and promote community socioeconomic empowerment. They support children and their families in the areas of education, health, housing, and finances. Neighb provides a variety of educational and recreation activities for all. They believe that if the community has access to educational, recreational, and health services that residents will strive to attain a better quality of life. In addition, the group offers to-go meals a couple of days a week.

The Neighb will offer after-school programs such as mentoring and tutoring. The immediate, short-term goal is to provide after-school programming to 50 individual youth residents per day, two days a week. The immediate short-term goal of their soup kitchen is to provide nutritious meals to neighborhood residents regardless of the part of the City they call home.

Programs that will be offered at The Neighb:

- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Soup Kitchen to-go meals
- Open gymnasium
- Sports and Recreation program for youth and their families
- CNA School



## ADOPT-A-PARK

The City has creatively worked with a number of different groups and agencies in order to maintain and improve park facilities with minimal financial resources. The City has four “adopt a park” program agreements.

**The Friends of Hoyt Park:** Hoyt Park is maintained by the group and host spring and summer baseball and softball programs. In the winter months, the park has sledding and ice skating (including skate rentals). In addition to the spring/summer leagues, the group continues to provide maintenance and programming throughout the year. This partnership is important for the City due to the 400 kids who are involved in these programs.



**Covenant HealthCare:** Assist with the maintenance and improvements at Bliss Park.

**Project Unify:** Was created to reclaim the value of inner-city parks. Project Unify has an agreement with the City stating that the organization will assist with improvements to Veteran’s Memorial Park.

**GOHI (Get Outside for a Healthy Inside):** Is an affiliate of the Saginaw Community Foundation, their focus is on increasing physical activity in the City, specifically within Wickes Park.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Saginaw (Public) School District currently has 16 schools within the City boundary, and Saginaw ISD Early Head Start. The school properties in the City can be an asset to recreation because they can offer additional recreation opportunities beyond the parks. The Schools and the City do not currently work together on programming or share facilities, however, there is an opportunity for a future partnership.

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## PARKS & RECREATION INVENTORY

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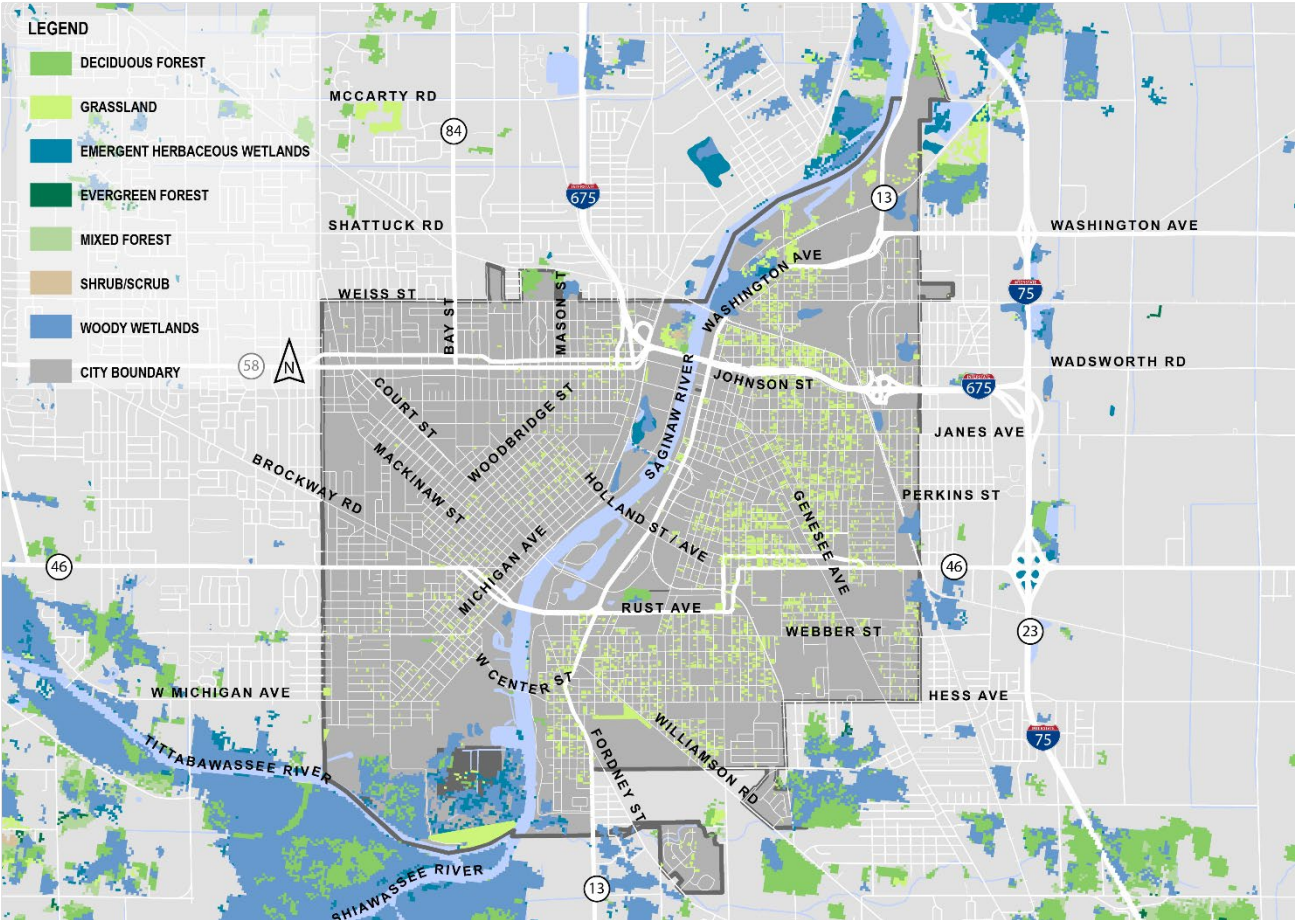
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# NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

The City is fortunate to have many natural resources located within, and in close proximity to City limits. A natural features inventory is a useful tool for recreation planning because it highlights existing natural occurrences of resources and also shows where gaps may be located in the City. Natural features include things such as wetlands, water bodies, and wooded land. A natural features inventory can help determine areas that should be protected from development.

Map 4.2 below, highlights the existing grasslands, wetlands, woodlands, and scrub/shrub in the City. Scattered throughout the City are grasslands, this type of land is more densely located on the eastern side of the Saginaw River. The majority of this land is vacant parcels owned by the County land bank, which were homes or businesses, but now are open grassy areas. In addition to the grassy areas, there are pockets of wetlands located along the outskirts of the City limits and along the riverfront. There are very few forested areas or wooded lots in the City. The largest of these areas are currently parks. The natural features map can be used as a guide for any future park acquisitions, park and trail development, and natural resource protection.

MAP 4.2 - NATURAL FEATURES



# PARKS & RECREATION INVENTORY

The following inventory describes the parks in the City. This inventory was updated by the planning consultants in the fall of 2021 and verified by City staff. The text below includes an in-depth description of parks located within the City, park classifications, and ADA accessibility ratings. Table 4.5, at the end of this section, summarizes park amenities in a tabular form. In this chapter, there is also a brief description of other recreation facilities within the City and region.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least accessible, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines), to five (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design). See Table 4.4 below, for the grading system.

In the fall of 2021, the planning consultants, with assistance from City staff, updated the ADA compliance information from the previous 2016 plan. Within the City, there are a few sites and areas of undeveloped recreation land that are not ADA accessible. However, the City recognizes the importance of equal access for all park users and is dedicated to improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. This includes parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

TABLE 4.4 - DNR ACCESSIBILITY GRADING SYSTEM

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design



## PARK SERVICE AREA AND CLASSIFICATION

A recreation inventory is the foundation for developing an understanding of the City's recreation needs and deficiencies to determine future plans. An inventory provides a snapshot of all facilities available within a community and details the types of activities available in the parks. The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. Each park in the City of Saginaw is classified as either a neighborhood park, a community park, or a regional park.

### ● NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Parks in this classification are the most basic park system unit that serve as the recreation and social focus for a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood residents and geographically centered within safe walking distance or bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The City has 11 parks that are classified as neighborhood parks. The parks have a service location of ¼ to ½ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is about 44 acres. The City provides 21.3 acres of neighborhood park space. This is almost half the amount of the national standard. The neighborhood parks in the City are:

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Germaine Park           | 7. St. Vincent's Park  |
| 2. Dr. Archer Claytor Park | 8. Otto Roeser Park    |
| 3. Jeffer's Park           | 9. Merrill Park Center |
| 4. Biltmore Park           | 10. Schroeder Park     |
| 5. Weadock Park            | 11. Haljean Park       |
| 6. Park Place              |                        |

### ● COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks are intended to serve several neighborhoods and usually provide a broader range of amenities compared to neighborhood parks. According to the NRPA, the typical park size is 30 acres or more. The City has ten parks that are classified as community parks, however, they are all smaller than the nationally recognized standard of 30 acres. They are included in this category because of the broad population base they serve and the facilities/intended use. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 220 acres. The Community Parks within the City total 102.9 acres and include:

- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 12. Deindorfer Woods               | 17. Westside Riverfront Park |
| 13. Unity Park                     | 18. Garber Tennis Courts     |
| 14. Bliss Park                     | 19. Crayola Park             |
| 15. Potthoff Park                  | 20. Fordney Park             |
| 16. Lawrence McKinley / Vet's Park | 21. Linton Park              |

Compared to national standards, the City is deficient in terms of community parks by 110 acres. However, schools often can help provide additional parks facilities in the category of community parks.

● REGIONAL PARKS

Regional parks are typically classified as serving several communities and being large in size, typically 200 acres or more. They are areas of land that are set aside for preservation, natural resources, environmental significance, or historic/cultural interests. While the national standard for acreage is large, the NRPA does not only categorize parks by size. A regional park can be smaller, but still have regional or cultural significance, this is the case for the City. The National Standards suggest five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 220 acres. The City has the following 11 regional parks:

- 22. Morley Plaza
- 23. Riverwalk (includes Potthoff Park)
- 24. Ojibway Island (Rust Park)
- 25. Japanese Cultural Center
- 26. Andersen Enrichment Center
- 27. Frank N. Andersen Celebration Park
- 28. Webber Park
- 29. Saginaw Children’s Zoo
- 30. Hoyt Park
- 31. Wickes Park, Wickes Park Extension
- 32. Lake Linton / Lake Linton Reservoir

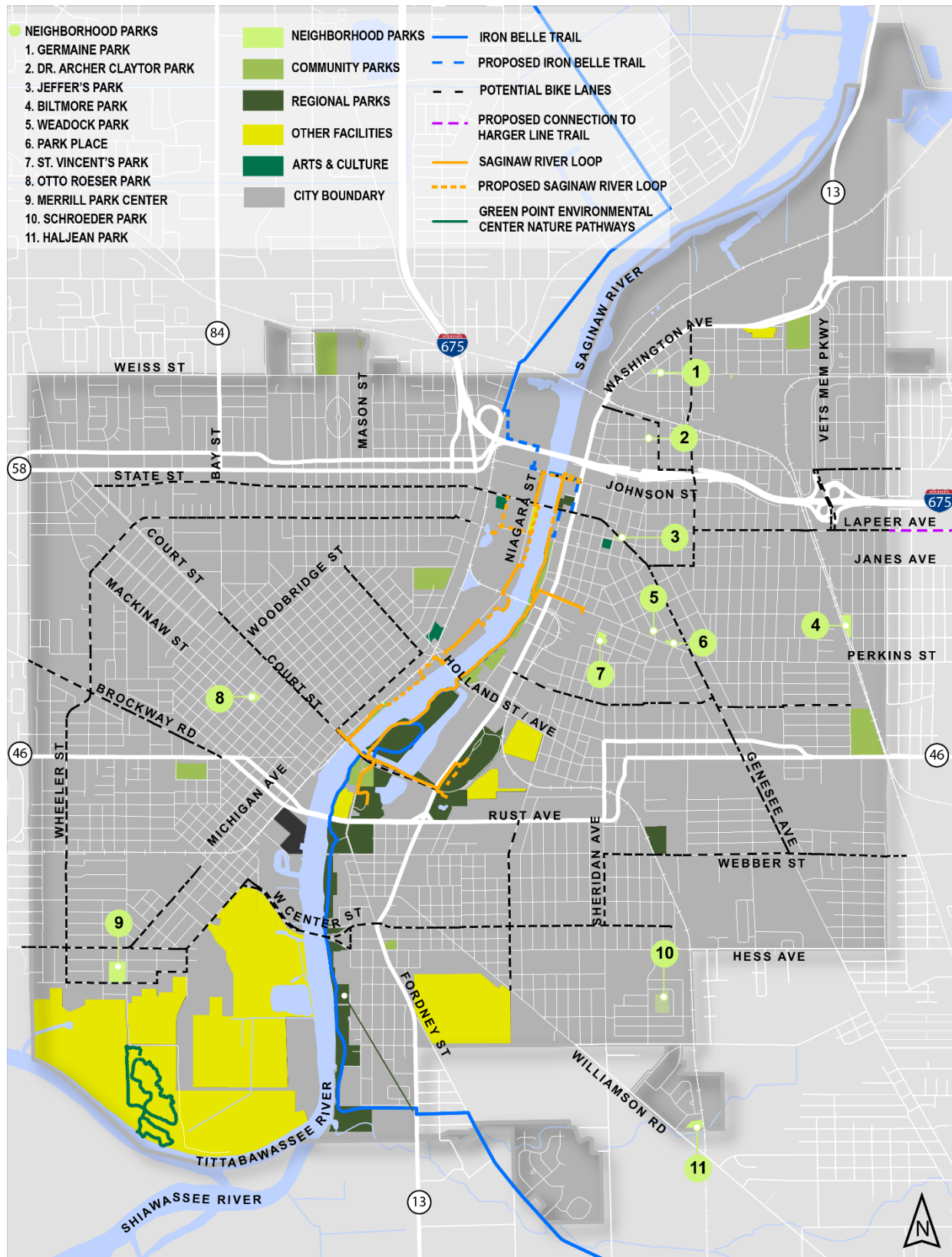
The City has a total of 288 acres of regional park land, with an excess of 68 acres. In addition to the regional parks, the City also has a regional trail systems. This system includes: the Iron Belle Trail 5.8 miles along the Saginaw River, the Saginaw River Loop 6.34 miles, and the Green Point Environmental Natural Pathway which totals over 2.5 miles.



MORLEY PLAZA

# CITY OF SAGINAW PARK FACILITIES

MAP 4.2 - CITY OF SAGINAW NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS





**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

**GERMAINE PARK**

Location: 900-998 Farwell Street

Acres: 0.2

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Basketball Court	Water Fountain
Play Equipment	Picnic Tables/Shelter
	Trash Receptacles



**DR. ARCHER CLAYTOR PARK**

Location: 532 N. Second Avenue

Acres: 0.5

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Play Equipment	

**JEFFER'S PARK**

Location: 602 E. Genesee Avenue  
 Acres: 0.2  
 ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Landscaped Open Area	Monument

**BILTMORE PARK**

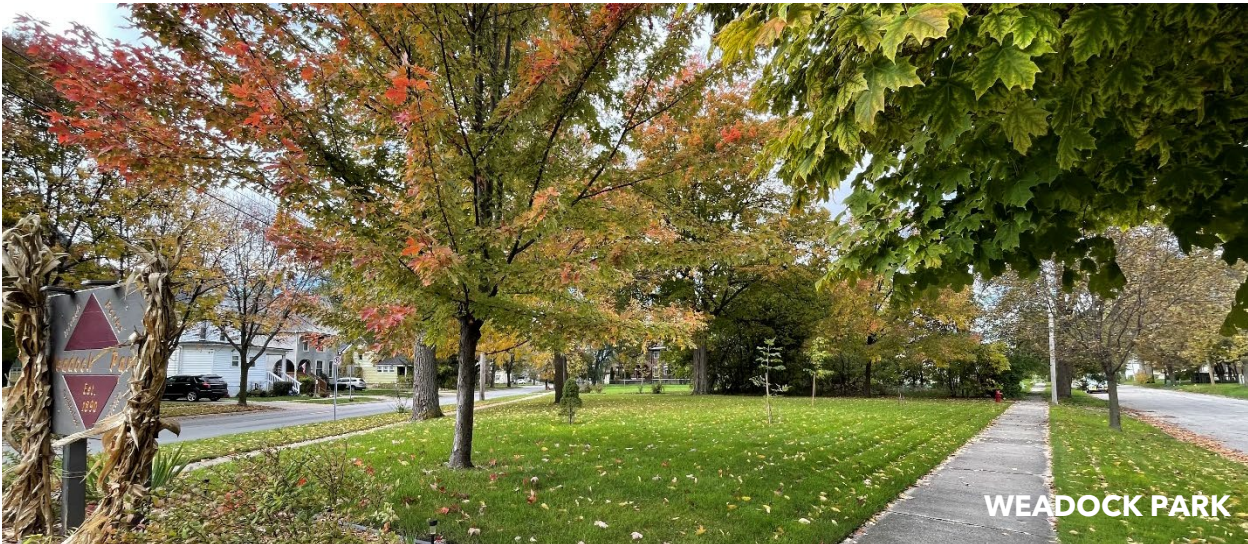
Location: Burt Street & S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Acres: 2.4  
 ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Open Field Natural Area	

**WEADOCK PARK**

Location: 651 S. Weadock Avenue  
 Acres: 0.3  
 ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Maintained Open Space	





**PARK PLACE**

Location: 731 S. Park Avenue

Acres: 0.3

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Maintained Open Space	

**ST. VINCENT’S PARK**

Location: 800 Howard Street

Acres: 1.8

ADA Accessibility: 2

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Basketball Court	Grills
Play Equipment	Benches
	Picnic Tables



**OTTO ROESER PARK**

Location: 1100 Van Buren Street

Acres: 1.4

ADA Accessibility: 4

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Play Equipment	Picnic Shelter
Paved Pathway	Lighted Facility
Bike Rack	Benches
	Trash Receptacle
	Water Fountain
	Parking



**MERRILL PARK CENTER**

Location: 1901 Maple Street

Acres: 6.1

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Softball Fields (2)	Parking
Playground	Picnic Tables
Basketball Court	



**HALJEAN PARK**

Location: 3610 Cora Street

Acres: 2.5

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Overgrown Open Field	

**SCHROEDER PARK**

Location: 3240 Livingston Drive

Acres: 5.2

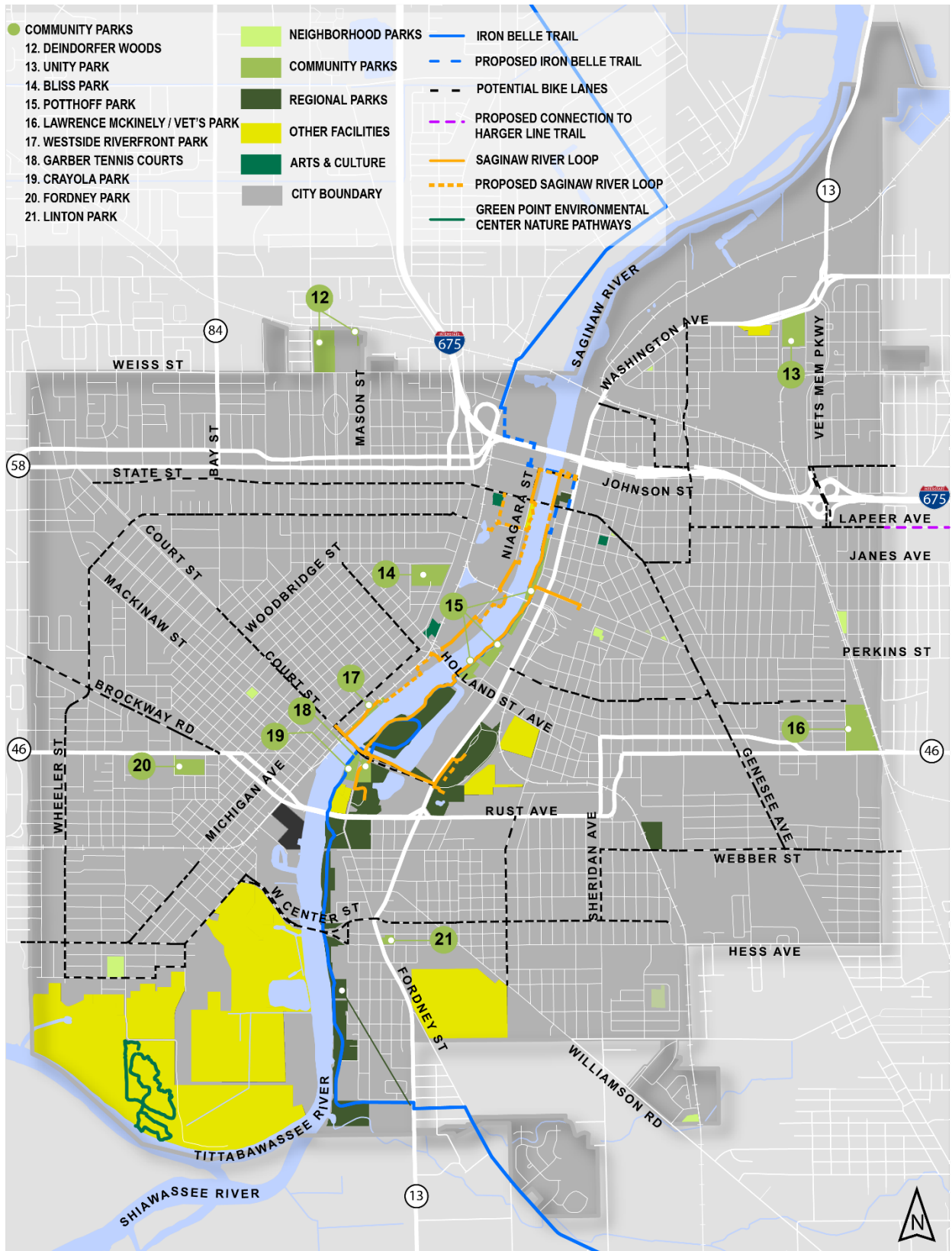
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Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Softball Field	
Playground	
Open Space Owned by the School District	



# COMMUNITY PARKS

MAP 4.3 - CITY OF SAGINAW COMMUNITY PARKS



**DEINDORFER WOODS**

Location: 1800 Weiss Street

Acres: 25.1

ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Play Equipment	Parking
Natural Area	Picnic Tables/Large Pavilion (available for rental)
Nature Trails	Lighted Facilities
	Benches
	Grills
	Restrooms



**UNITY PARK**

Location: 1305 Leon Scott Court

Acres: 12.0

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Basketball Court	Parking
Softball (2)	Picnic Tables/Shelter
Natural Area	



**BLISS PARK**

Location: 1441 N. Michigan Avenue

Acres: 12.8

ADA Accessibility: 2

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Horseshoe Pits (6)	Benches
Play Equipment	Picnic Tables/Large Pavilion
Paved Trails	Grills
	Restrooms



**POTTHOFF PARK**

Location: 1147 S. Water Street

Acres: 9.9

ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Open Field	Parking
Fishing	Grills
Hard Surface Trail	Picnic Tables

**LAWRENCE MCKINELY / VET'S PARK**

Location: 930 S 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Acres: 8.0

ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Basketball Court	Grills
Play Equipment	Picnic Tables / Shelter
Dog Park	Lighted Facility
	Parking
	Benches



**WESTSIDE RIVERFRONT PARK**

Location: 222 N. Niagara Street

Acres: 2.5

ADA Accessibility: 4

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Paved River Trail	Parking
Fishing	Lighted Facility
Swimming	Benches
	Grills



**GARBER TENNIS COURTS**

Location: 1760 Fordney Street

Acres: 4.3

ADA Accessibility: 4

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Tennis Courts (8)	Parking
Pickle Ball Courts (8)	Benches
	Lighted Facility
	Indoor Meeting Space



**CRAYOLA PARK**

Location: 1739 Fordney Street

Acres: 5.2

ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Fishing	Parking
Play Equipment	Benches
Paved Trails	Picnic Tables /Shelter
	Lighted Facility

**FORDNEY PARK**

Location: 1300 Chestnut Street

Acres: 8.5

ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Play Equipment	Lighted Facility
Paved Trails	Picnic Tables / Large Pavilion
	Restrooms
	Grills
	Benches
	Parking



**LINTON PARK**

Location: 2800 S. Washington Avenue

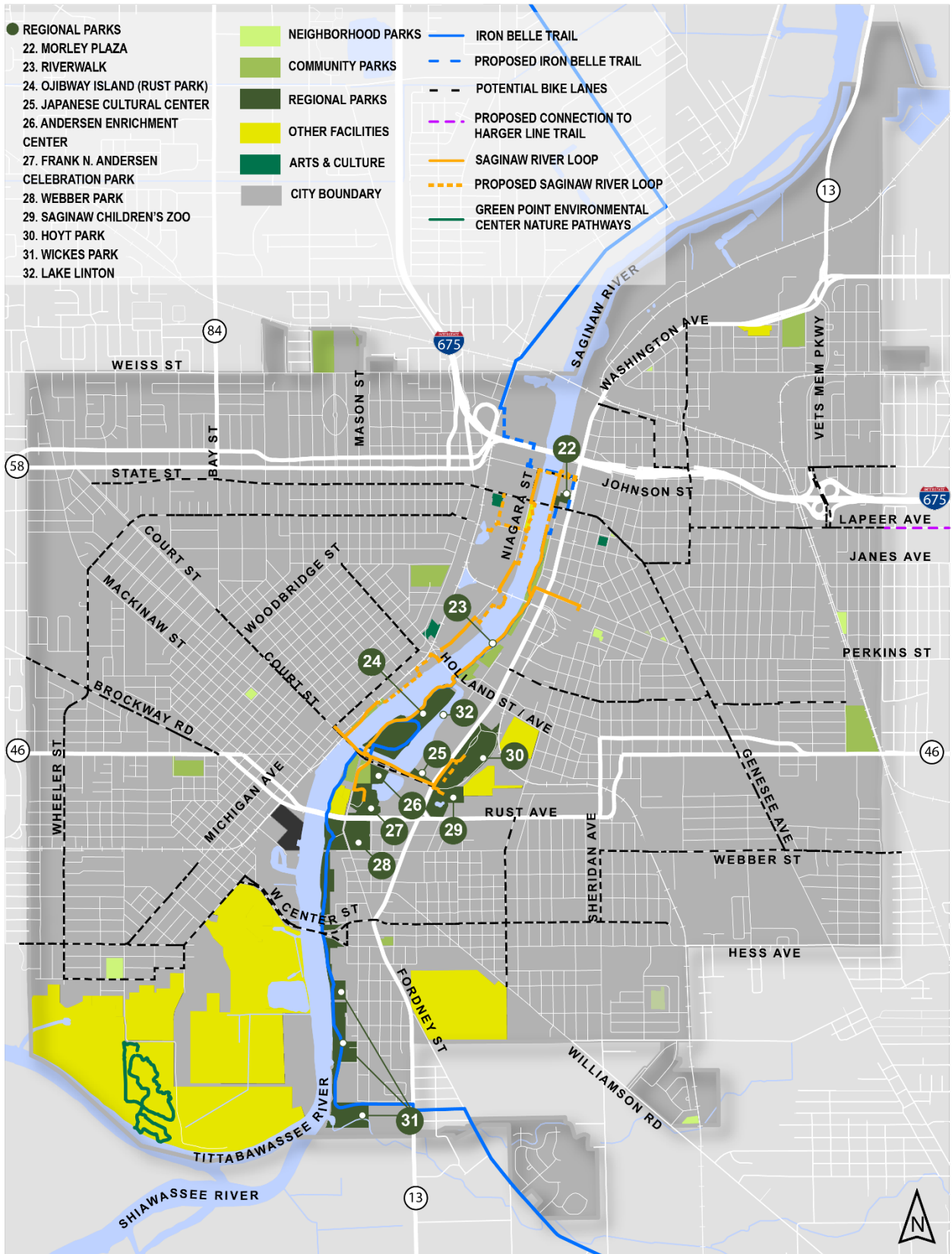
Acres: 17.1

ADA Accessibility: 1

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Natural Area	

# REGIONAL PARKS

MAP 4.4 - REGIONAL PARKS





**MORLEY PLAZA**

Location: 133 N. Washington Avenue

Acres: 2.7

ADA Accessibility: 3



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Paved Trails	Parking
Friday Night Live Location	Picnic Tables
Fishing	Lighted Facilities
Boat Mooring	

**OJIBWAY ISLAND (RUST PARK)**

Location: 121 Ezra Rust Drive

Acres: 43.3

ADA Accessibility: 3



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Cross Country Skiing	Lighted Facilities
Fishing	Parking
Paved Trails & Natural Trails	Picnic Tables/Shelter
Amphitheater	Grills
Natural Area	Restrooms

**JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER**

Location: 525 Ezra Rust Drive

Acres: 4

ADA Accessibility: 4



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Natural Area	Parking
Nature Trails & Paved Trails	Restrooms
Cultural Facilities	Picnic Tables/Shelter
Gardens	Tea Ceremonies

**ANDERSEN ENRICHMENT CENTER**

Location: 120 Ezra Rust Drive

Acres: 4.44

ADA Accessibility: 4



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Cultural Facilities	Meeting Space
Natural Area	Lighted Facilities
Paved Trails	Parking
Rose Garden	Restrooms

**FRANK N. ANDERSEN CELEBRATION PARK**

Location: 1830 Fordney Street

Acres: 4.0

ADA Accessibility: 4



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Play Equipment	Lighted Facilities
Rock Climbing Wall / Feature	Parking
Paved Trails	Picnic Shelter/ Picnic Tables
Skate Park	Benches
Bocce Ball	Restrooms
Splash Pad	

**WEBBER PARK**

Location: 2119 River Street

Acres: 11.6

ADA Accessibility: 3

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Natural Area	



**SAGINAW CHILDREN'S ZOO**

Location: 1730 S. Washington Avenue

Acres: 10.0

ADA Accessibility: 4

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Paved Trails	Concession
Animal Exhibits	Parking
	Benches
	Picnic Tables / Picnic Shelter
	Restrooms
	Lighted Facility

**HOYT PARK**

Location: 1574 S Washington Avenue

Acres: 26.0

ADA Accessibility: 3



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Softball Fields (6)	Lighted Facilities
Cross Country Skiing	Parking
Sled Hill	Restrooms
Nature Trails	Warming House
Ice Skating	Picnic Shelter
Open space	Benches

**WICKES PARK, WICKES PARK EXTENSION**

Location: 412 Wickes Park Drive

Acres: 92.5

ADA Accessibility: 2



Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Basketball Courts	Parking
Fishing	Benches
Natural Area	Grills
Kayak Launch	Picnic Tables

**RIVERWALK (INCLUDES POTTHOFF PARK)**

Location: 1147 S. Water Street

Acres: 7.1

ADA Accessibility: 4

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Fishing	Parking
Paved Trails	



**LAKE LINTON / LAKE LINTON RESERVOIR**

Location: 121 Ezra Rust Drive

Acres: 24.5 (plus 8 acres of Lake Linton Reservoir)

ADA Accessibility: 2

Recreation Opportunities	Park Amenities
Fishing	



**Existing Facilities Inventory**

As of November 2021

Table 5

1 = # of Facilities

Existing Facilities Inventory					Active Recreation															Passive Recreation					Indoor		Notes								
ADA Accessibility Ranking	Planning District	Classification	Acreage		Lighted Facilities	Basketball Courts	Horseshoe Pits	Football	Play Equipment	Shuffleboard	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball	Cross Country Skiing	Sled Hill	Boat/Canoe Launch	Fishing	Swimming	Amphitheater	Concessions	Parking	Picnic Shelter	Benches	Grills	Natural Area	Nature Trails	Paved Trails	Picnic Table	Restrooms	Cultural Facilities	Meeting Space			
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>					21.3																														
1	Germaine Park	1	N	0.6																														Trash Receptacles and Water Fountain	
2	Dr. Archer Claytor Park	1	N	0.5																														First Ward Community Center	
3	Jeffer's Park	3	N	0.2																														Landscaped open space	
4	Biltmore Park	1	N	2.4																															
5	Weadock Park	1	N	0.3																														Maintained Open Space	
6	Park Place	1	N	0.3																														Maintained Open Space	
7	St. Vincent's Park	2	N	1.8																															
8	Otto Roeser Park	4	N	1.4																														Bike Rack, Water Fountain	
9	Merrill Park Center	1	N	6.1								2																						Maintained by Boys and Girls Club	
10	Haljean Park	1	N	2.5																															
11	Schroeder Park	1	N	5.2																														Open space owned by School District	
<b>Community Parks</b>					102.9																														
12	Deindorfer Woods	3	C	25.1																															
13	Unity Park	1	C	12.0								2																							
14	Bliss Park	2	C	12.8			6																												Rental Pavilion
15	Potthoff Park	3	C	7.4																															
16	Lawrence McKinley / Vet's Park	3	C	8.0																															Dog Park
17	Westside River Front Park	4	C	2.5																															
18	Garber Tennis Courts	4	C	4.3									8																					Pickleball (8), Tennis (8), and indoor meeting area	
19	Crayola Park	3	C	5.2																															
20	Fordney Park	3	C	8.5																														Large Pavilion	
21	Linton Park	1	C	17.1																														Natural Area	
<b>Regional Parks (includes Central Parks System)</b>					288.0																														
22	Morley Plaza	3	R	2.7																															Friday Night Live Location. & Event Area. Boat mooring.
23	Riverwalk (includes Potthoff Park)	4	R	7.4																															
24	Ojibway Island (Rust Park)	3	R	43.3																															
24	Ezra Rust Park		R																																
25	Japanese Culture Center	4	R	4.0																															Tea Ceremonies, Gardens, New Education Center & Pavillion.
26	Anderson Enrichment Center	4	R	54																															Rose Gardens
27	Frank N. Andersen Celebration Park	4	R	4.0																														Skate park, Bocce Ball, Splash Park, Climbing Feature	
28	Webber Park	3	R	11.6																														Natural Area	
29	Saginaw Children's Zoo	4	R	10.0																														Animal Exhibits. County Owned	



## COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service area, the number of facilities needed to service the population, and the land needed. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify the City’s recreation needs, or level of service. When considering level of service, it is important to note that the City provides de facto recreation services and facilities to a population greater than its residents. Table 4.6 provides a comparison of the City’s public recreation facilities against the NRPA’s published recreation facility standards.

In general, the City rates significantly lower (64.8 acres) compared to the NRPA’s suggested facility development standards regarding the acreage of park land necessary for its population. Table 4.6 indicates a 132.7 acreage deficiency between both Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks with an excess of 68 acres of parkland in Regional Parks.

In addition to the standards outlined in the table below, more recent park guidelines indicate that officials must also consider the parks and recreation “Level of Service” desired by the residents of a community. If the City’s resident’s needs are met with the existing park land and facilities, then that amount is sufficient, regardless of the standards or acreage suggestions. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. While it appears that the City does not have enough recreation land, the community input results indicated there is enough; however, there are multiple deficiencies in the existing parks. The community would like to see improvements such as additional pathways, new recreational amenities, benches, water fountains, upgraded playground equipment, and overall improvements in security and maintenance.

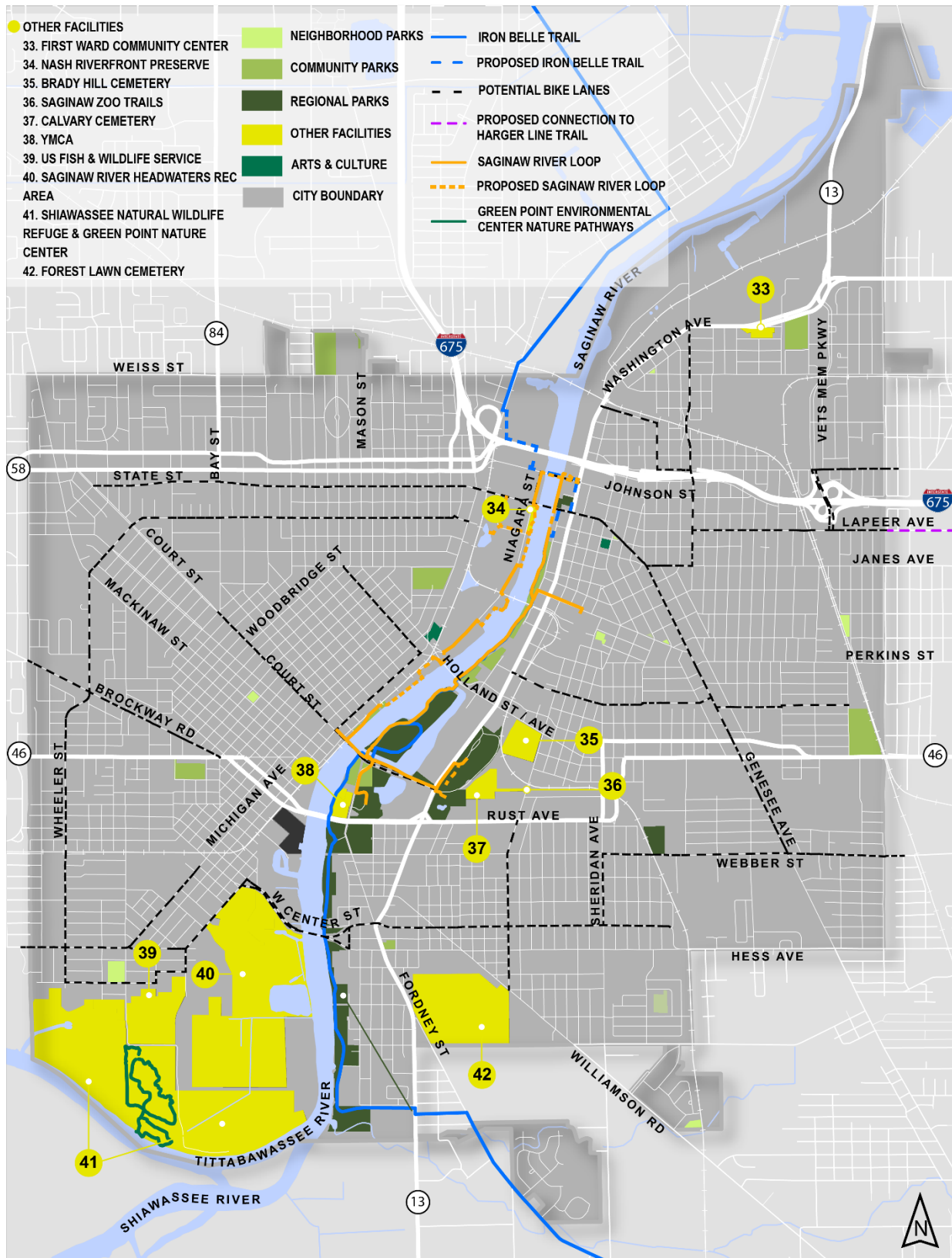
TABLE 4.6 - COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	City Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres/1,000 residents	21.3	44	-22.7
Community Parks	5 acres/1,000 residents	109.9	220	-110
Regional Parks	5 acres/1,000 residents	288	220	68
<b>Total</b>		<b>419.2</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>-64.8</b>
Table is based on the 2020 Census population				



# REGIONAL FACILITIES

MAP 5 - CITY OF SAGINAW OTHER FACILITIES



## OTHER FACILITIES

The City has additional recreational space (other facilities) that are not owned by the City but still within City limits. These areas are typically larger in size and provide residents with more recreation opportunities.

**First Ward Community Center:** Located in the northeast area of the City, this non-profit organization has been in the City for 85 years. The community center is a great asset to the City. First Ward hosts an after-school program, LACER (Literacy Arts Cultural Enrichment Recreation) for grades k-12. The program helps each individual read to their grade level and to be the best student. The community center also hosts a summer youth employment program, training programs, helps residents find jobs, and senior citizen programs.

**Janet H. Nash Riverfront Preserve:** Located along the riverfront on the corner of Genesee and Niagara Street. The three-acre site features a paved trail along the river, a plaza with benches, and abundant amount of flowers and plants. The preserve is maintained by Saginaw County Parks and Recreation, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy (SASA) students, and the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy.

**YMCA:** Located along the Saginaw River, the YMCA offers membership opportunities for all. The YMCA has been a part of the community since 1868, with a central location the Y is a great asset for all residents to gain access to programs and activities. In 2018, the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club of Great Lakes Bay Region joined forces to raise money to create KidsCampUs. This program inspires youth and teens to reach their academic potential.

**Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area:** Owned by Saginaw County Parks in partnership with Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The site is 334 acres along the Saginaw River was formerly an industrial site. The site will be converted back to a nature area, offering an opportunity for residents and visitors to experience the trails, fishing, and wildlife.

**Green Point Nature Center:** The 76-acre property is across the Tittabawassee River from the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, and adjacent to the New Headwaters Rec Area. Originally a city-operated nature center, Green Point closed in 1988 due to budget cuts, but was re-opened five years later with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service managing the facility as an interpretive center for the Refuge. In 2014, the 135-acre Germania Town and Country Club golf course was donated to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Today, the golf course is a part of Green Point. The former cart path allows those with disabilities accessibility to experience nature. Green Point has a wide range of programs throughout the year and a network of short paths that wind 2.5 miles through the floodplain of the Tittabawassee River.

### STATE PARKS / LAND

**Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge:** Established in 1953 the Refuge contains more than 9,800 acres of marsh, bottomland hardwood forest, and grasslands. It was authorized by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act "...for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." Additional purposes designated under the Refuge Recreation Act are "...incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, the protection of natural resources, and the conservation of endangered and threatened species." The Refuge's mission is to preserve and manage an undeveloped expanse of floodplain forest, marshes, rivers, and associated habitat within an agricultural and urban landscape through habitat management, encouraging public stewardship, educational programs, and private land activities. Shiawassee Refuge is designated as a United States Important Bird Area for its global significance to migratory waterfowl.





**Crow Island State Game Area:** The Crow Island State Game Area encompasses 3,465 acres and includes portions of Saginaw and Bay counties along the lower Saginaw River in east-central Lower Michigan. A small part of this Department of Natural Resources Game Area lies within Buena Vista Township. The Crow Island State Game Area is a complex of wetlands, diked croplands, and agricultural uplands that welcomes habitat for a wide variety of migratory birds, as well as associated invertebrate and mammalian wildlife. The area provides public hunting, trapping, fishing opportunities, and additional recreational opportunities.

**Bay City State Park:** Located along the Saginaw Bay, the Bay City State Park is the closest State Park to the City. The State Park has waterfront on Lake Huron, marsh, and beach. The park offers 193-acre campground site, nature center, swimming, fishing, hiking trails, and picnicking facilities.



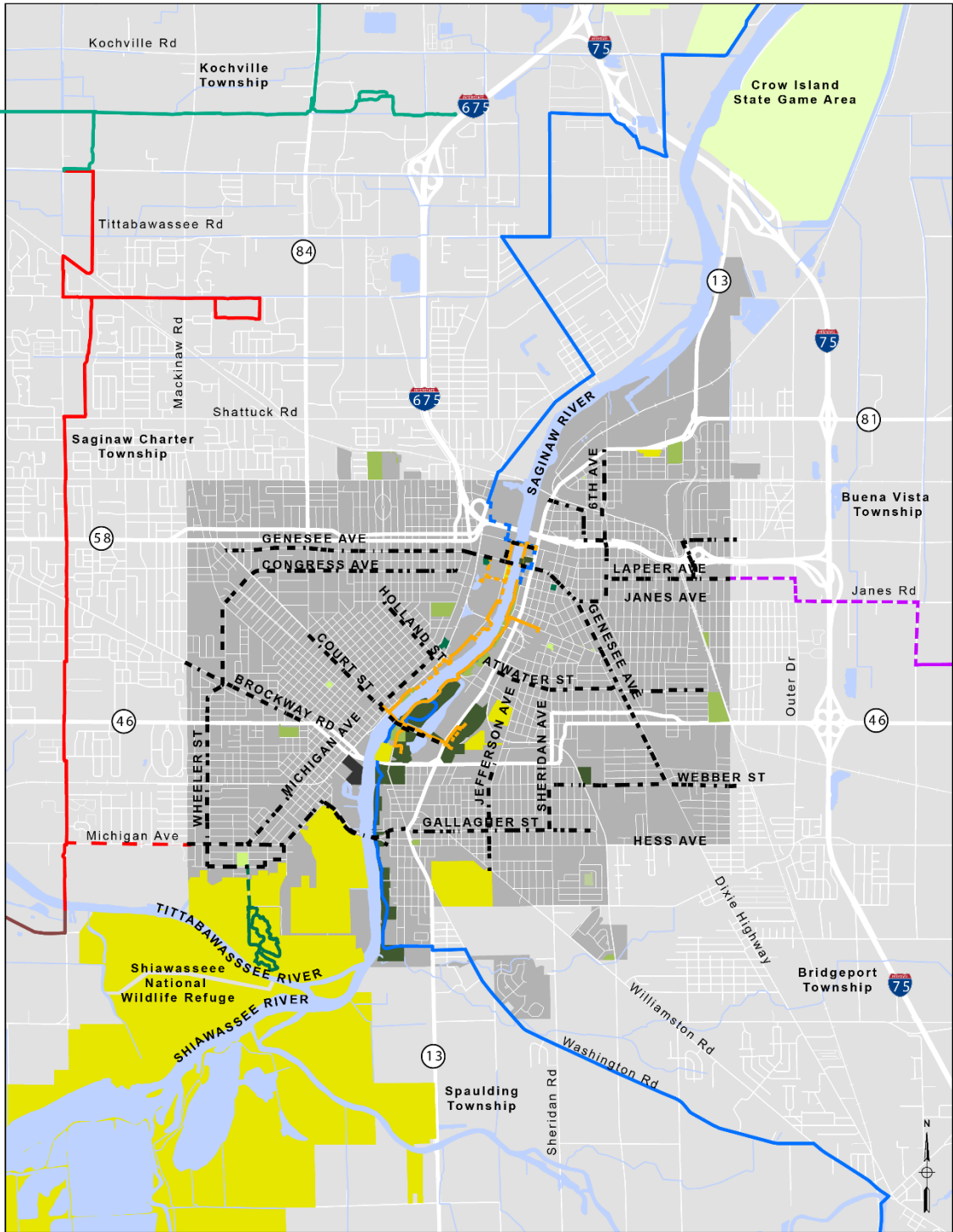
**TOBICO LAGOON- BAY CITY STATE PARK**



# NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL FACILITIES

MAP 4.6 - NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION MAP

- LEGEND**
- REGIONAL PARKS
  - STATE RECREATION
  - COMMUNITY PARKS
  - NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
  - OTHER FACILITIES
  - ARTS & CULTURE
  - IRON BELLE TRAIL
  - PROPOSED IRON BELL TRAIL
  - POTENTIAL BIKE LANES
  - SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL
  - HARGER LINE TRAIL
  - PROPOSED CONNECTION TO HARGER LINE TRAIL
  - SAGINAW RIVER LOOP
  - PROPOSED SAGINAW RIVER LOOP
  - KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP PATHWAY
  - GREEN POINT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER NATURE PATHWAYS
  - GREEN POINT POTENTIAL PATHWAY
  - SAGINAW TOWNSHIP PATHWAY
  - POTENTIAL SAGINAW TOWNSHIP PATHWAY



Communities across the United States are creating a regional trail system in both cities and rural areas to produce a higher quality of life for residents. Trails provide residents the opportunity to be more active, healthy, and safe while walking or biking on the roads. They often add an additional way to experience the community and give all users the option of increased mobility in different modes of travel. Within the City there are three trails: The Saginaw River Loop, Green Point Environmental Center Nature Pathway, and the Iron Belle Trail. The Saginaw River Loop and Iron Belle Trail overlap on the east side of the Saginaw River in downtown.

## WHY TRAILS ARE IMPORTANT

While trails can be a challenge to develop, their positive effects on a community cannot be disputed. Trails create pride of place and sense of ownership in Michigan residents. Trails are also an important driver in the local and regional economy, they increase property values, and provide safe and healthy recreation options. The growing trail trend in Michigan is also reflected in the City where residents emphasized a desire for non-motorized transportation options. Trails and pathways are an asset to every community.

Working with the surrounding Townships and other jurisdictions is an effective way to connect with existing systems and expand the non-motorized pathway infrastructure. These projects create a long-term, valuable investment in the community and the opportunity to connect the City to others in the region, which promotes economic vitality, encourages a healthier lifestyle in residents, and creates a safer travel environment.

**Saginaw River Loop:** The Saginaw River Loop trail runs along both sides of the Saginaw River, crossing at the Court Street and Johnson Street Bridges. The proposed Loop route is approximately 6.34 miles; however, the entire path is not yet complete. This path is part of the Iron Belle Trail and Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT) trail.

**Iron Belle Trail:** The Iron Belle Trail is a set of two trails that traverse the entire State of Michigan from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. The Eastern Trail, 827 miles, is a bike route that utilizes existing bike paths, bike lanes, and designed bike routes. The Western Trail, 1,203 miles, is the hiking route that uses the North County National Scenic Trail. The Eastern Trail traverses through the City. The route starts at the south end of the City by Wickes Park and travels north along the River through Ojibway Island and Potthoff Park until it connects with the River Loop. The planned route north of downtown is to cross the Johnson Street bridge and continue north through the City until it intersects with the trail in Carrollton Township. The entire proposed trail through the City is approximately 5.8 miles.

**Green Point Environmental Nature Pathway:** Access to the main trailhead is located on the south side of the interpretative building. The main trail intersects with four other trails, totaling seven trails within the park. The trail winds through wooded wetlands, open fields, a pond, and good wildlife habitat. Off the Duck Trail and Beaver Trail, there is a beach along the Tittabawassee River where trail users can sit and experience the wildlife.

**Harger Line Trail:** The Harger Line Trail is east of the City in Buena Vista Township. The 10-mile trail traverses from Richville Township in Tuscola County east to Buena Vista Township. The trail is primarily used for walking, running, and road biking. There is potential to extend the trail from Towerline Road into the City and connect to a future bike path on Lapeer Ave.

**Saginaw Township Path:** The Saginaw Township Path starts at the end of the Kochville Township path at Tittabawassee Road and runs south to connect with the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail in James Township. The trail primarily runs north and south and is approximately 9.26 miles long.

**Kochville Township Path:** The Kochville Township Path is 8.2 miles and snakes through the Township eventually connecting into Tittabawassee Township. The trail connects Saginaw Valley State University, Krossroads Park, Elmer Lange Park, and the commercial and residential areas of the Township. The trail is a part of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail System.

**Saginaw Valley Rail Trail:** The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail is an extension of the Saginaw Township Path, the 11-mile path runs from the Village of St. Charles to Saginaw Township. The trail has seven bridges over the rivers and creeks that run through the County, the Shiawassee State Game Area, and wetlands. The trail provides various recreational uses such as hiking, biking, jogging, walking, cross country skiing, and horseback riding.

**Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail:** The Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail is a non-motorized transportation path that connects the tri-city area of Saginaw, Bay, and Midland counties. Once completed, the trail will be almost 100-miles long. Currently, the majority of the section between Saginaw and Bay City is complete. The GLBRT group is working to finalize the remaining portions of the trail from Saginaw to Midland. The section of the trail from Midland to Bay City remains incomplete. The portion of the GLBRT trail that runs through the City of Saginaw follows the same path as the Iron Belle Trail and the River Loop.

## FUTURE CONNECTIONS

As trails become a higher priority for community entities and residents, there will be a greater need to connect the existing City trails to the surrounding jurisdictions. Future trail connections may include the Iron Belle Trail, Green Point Nature Center, Harger Line Trail, and Saginaw Township Pathway, see Map 4.6 for additional proposed non-motorized bike routes within City limits and the future connections.

# PAST GRANT HISTORY

The following list identifies grant projects that were awarded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as reported by DNR Grants Management. This list does not reflect the other grant sources that have been used for recreation projects. See **Appendix A** for the grant history list.

TABLE 4.7 - PAST GRANT HISTORY: CITY OF SAGINAW

Title	Project #	Year	Grant Amount	Description
Riverwalk-Iron Belle Trail through Wickes Park	TF20-0147	2020	\$300,000	Develop the Riverwalk-Iron Belle Trail through Wickes. The park drive will be converted to accommodate the proposed trail extension. Additional Lighting.
Ojibway Island Improvements	TF16-0098	2016	\$350,000	Improve the pathway within Ojibway Island Park and renovate the restroom building making it ADA accessible.
Boulder Climbing Garden and Connector Path	TF12-086	2012	\$67,000	Develop boulder climbing garden and multi-use pathway extension in the Frank N. Andersen Celebration Park.
Celebration Park Repurposing Project	TF08-039	2008	\$480,000	Development of a splash pad, picnic pavilion, and overlook area.
Celebration Park Development	TF07-072	2007	\$51,800	Demolish water park.
Westside Riverfront Park Development	TF00-106	2000	\$256,153	Development of paved Riverwalk from Court Street to E. Holland Avenue.
Hoyt Park Improvements	BF92-223	1992	\$223,500	Redevelop/repair sports fields, lighting, and parking facilities.
Rust Avenue Boat Launch	TF91-222	1991	\$375,000	Develop a support facility for the existing boat launch, including paved drive, restroom, fencing, lighting, and walkways.
Ojibway Island Renovation	TF90-343	1990	\$165,000	Construction of playground renovation, parking, access bridge repair.



Wickes Park Renovation	BF89-364	1989	\$375,000	Rehabilitation of 91-acres riverfront park including roadway resurfacing, parking improvements, restrooms, boat launch renovation and shoreline erosion control.
Saginaw Wave Pool	26-01431	1985	\$640,000	Wave pool, bathhouse, parking lot, site work/landscaping, and signage.
Saginaw Sawmill Historic Park	TF605	1982	\$1,351,000	Acquire 60 acres of floodplain-landfill area.
Green Point Nature Center	TF410	1980	\$19,800	Acquisition of 6.5 acres
Riverfront Acquisition and Development	26-01060 J1	1978	\$142,686.09	Acquire 1.5 acres to develop landscaping, paved pathways, and signage.
Goetz Grove Nature Center	26-00515	1973	\$151,095	Develop 70 acres to include 2.4 miles of park or gravel trails, nature interpretive building, fishing pier, parking lots, septic tank, lights, gates, roads, and ponds.
Riverfront Park Expansion	26-00206	1970	\$152,000	Acquire and develop 5.06 acres of land for a passive recreational facility, walkway and parking.

# 05 COMMUNITY INPUT 05

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# COMMUNITY INPUT

## OVERVIEW

Public input helps community leaders determine the needs of residents and then provides the framework and basis for parks and recreation goals and objectives. To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plan, the City offered several types of public input opportunities. These included open houses, stakeholder meetings, an online input survey, and a 30-day public review period for comments on the draft plan.

A compilation of all the input received is contained in **Appendix B**. A summary of the various methods of input and feedback is described in the following pages.

## PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

### STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

In a joint effort to collect information for the Master Plan and the Recreation Plan, the planning consultants and the City Staff conducted three stakeholder meetings during September 2021 with individuals from city entities to engage in conversations about current conditions, future plans, how they envision the future of the City, and how the Plan could help achieve their goals. The various stakeholder meetings took place at City Hall, the first being on August 27<sup>th</sup>, the second on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the third on September 21.

Below is a list of all participants from the stakeholder meetings on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A summary of findings from those meetings pertaining to parks and recreation is below in "Parks and Trail Summary".

- Central Michigan University
- City of Saginaw Police
- Covenant Hospital
- Delta College
- First Ward Community Center
- Great Lake Bay Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau
- Friends of Hoyt Park
- Saginaw Community Foundation
- Saginaw County Parks
- Saginaw Future
- Saginaw Housing Commission
- Saginaw Public School District
- Saginaw YMCA
- Ascension St. Mary's Hospital
- STARS (Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services).

## PARKS AND TRAILS SUMMARY:

- The parks are in desperate need of maintenance and managed recreational space.
- Families with children look for recreational space when moving to an area, families may notice the lack of maintenance/park opportunities and look elsewhere to live. For instance, a city with managed recreational spaces.
- Continue to focus on trails and trail connections for both land and water. Improve/create more public access to the river.
- Find a way to put recreation dollars back into the budget. Create a plan to do specific and targeted updates to keep parks open.
- Work with the County to assist with funding recreational opportunities throughout the City.
- Improve mobility in the City and encourage trail pathways throughout Saginaw for all ages and abilities.
- Improve walkability access to the YMCA, currently there are not a lot of walkable neighborhoods.

Below is a list of all participants from the stakeholder meetings on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This meeting was publicized by the City of Saginaw. Residents were invited to attend and discuss parks and recreation issues important to them.

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| ▪ City of Saginaw Staff                     | ▪ Planning Commission          |
| ▪ Saginaw Riverfront Development Commission | ▪ City Council                 |
| ▪ Saginaw County Parks                      | ▪ Saginaw Public Schools       |
| ▪ Saginaw Downtown Development Authority    | ▪ Historic District Commission |
|   | ▪ Saginaw Future               |

## SURVEY RESULTS

The City of Saginaw created a combined community-wide survey for the Parks and Recreation Plan and the Master Plan. The survey was available online from August to September 2021, under the web address [www.Saginaw-Master-Plan-Stakeholder-Input.com](http://www.Saginaw-Master-Plan-Stakeholder-Input.com). The community-wide survey was published with a variety of methods:

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| ▪ City Paper                | ▪ City Website |
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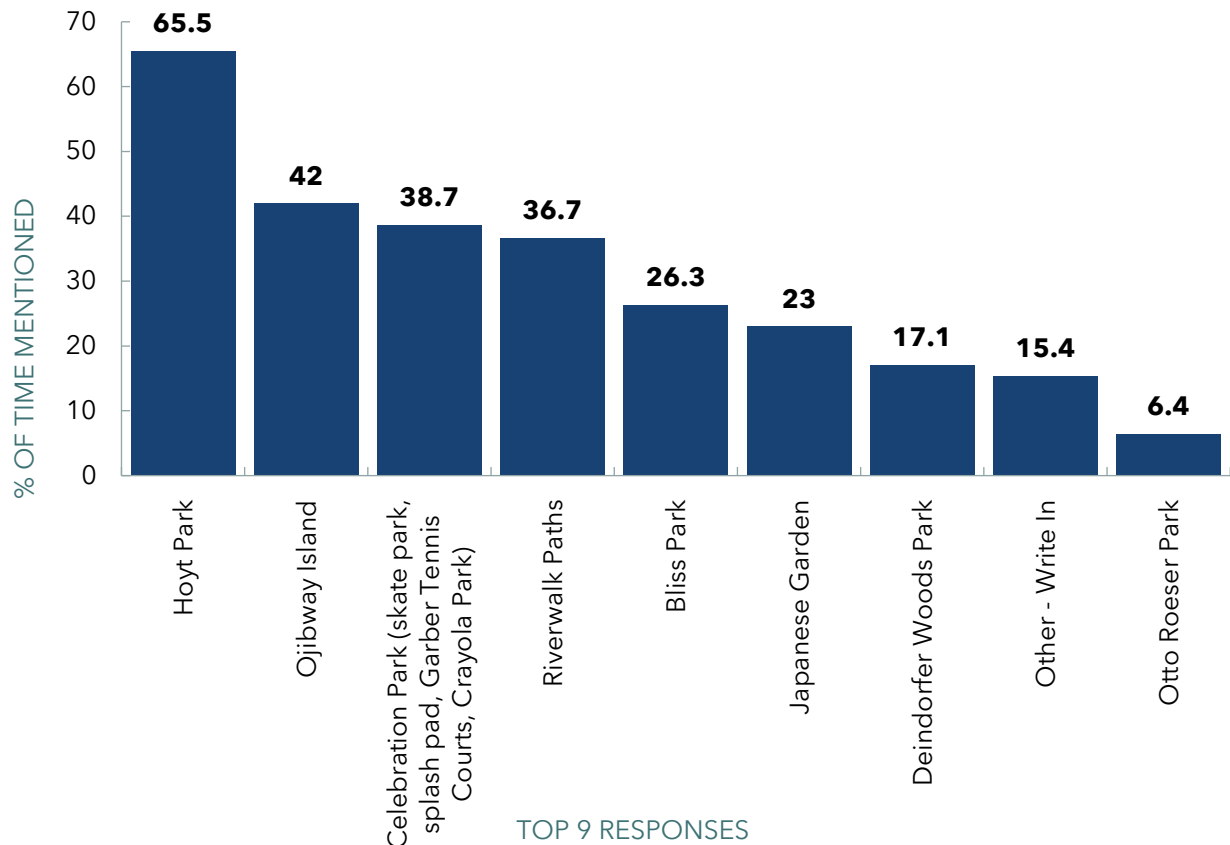
## ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

There were a total of 540 respondents who participated in the survey. Respondents were not required to answer every question. Therefore, not all of the questions have a total of 540 answers. During the survey, respondents were asked if they lived in the City of Saginaw, over 72% of respondents live in the City and 25% do not live in the City of Saginaw.

## PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY QUESTIONS

**Question 9 asked respondents which City parks they have visited in the past year. The most visited parks are Hoyt Park, Ojibway Island, Celebration Park, and the Riverwalk Paths. The other top nine responses are listed below.**

FIGURE 5.2 - PARK VISITATION

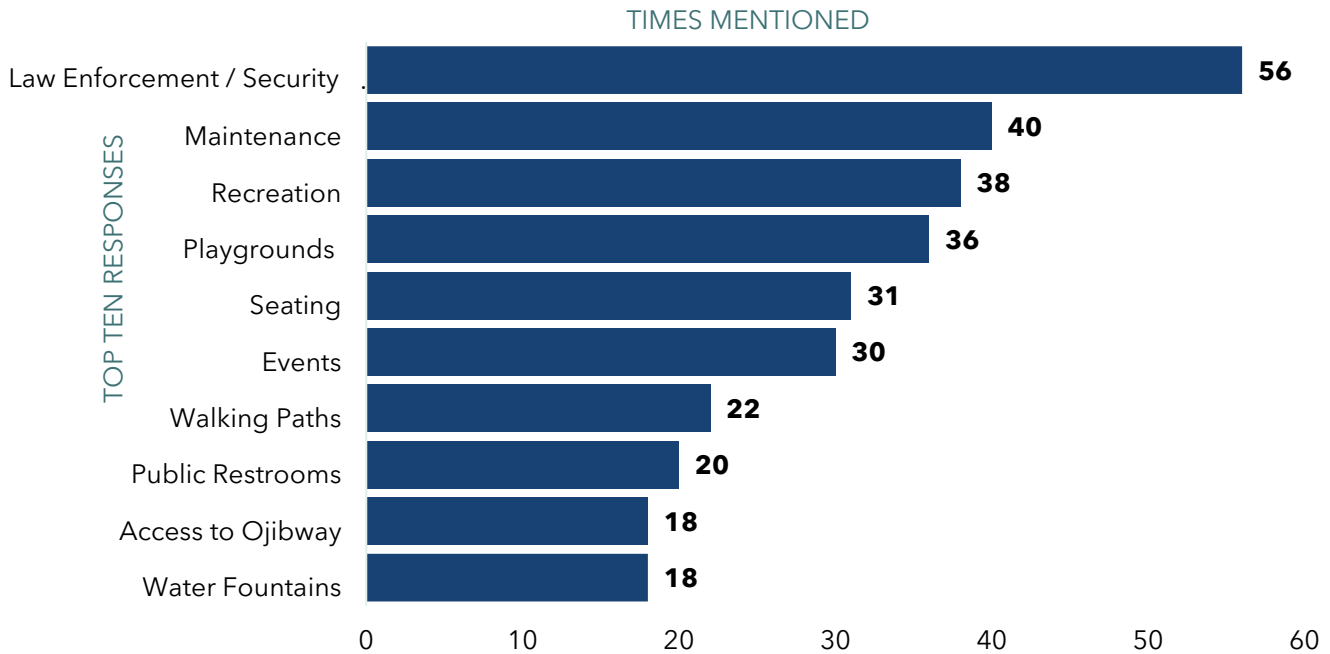


### Other Write-in Responses:

- Wickes Park
- Morley Plaza
- Haithco Park (Saginaw County)
- Heritage Park
- Fordney Park

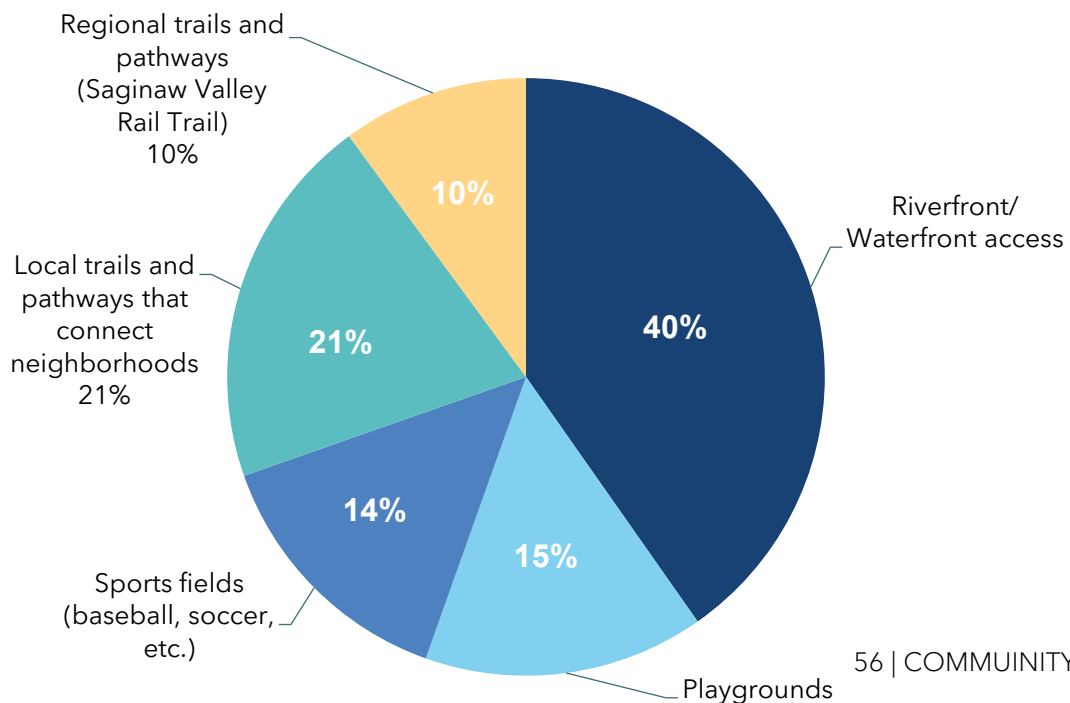
**Question 10 asked respondents what is missing from the parks. The top three responses from the survey were law enforcement/security, maintenance, and recreation. The other seven responses are show below:**

FIGURE 5.3 - MISSING PARK AMENITIES



**To understand what citizens would like to see in their parks, question 11 asked respondents which of the following should be prioritized in terms of future improvements to parks. The most common answer was Riverfront/Water access (40%). Figure 5.4, below, displays the other responses and times mentioned.**

FIGURE 5.4 - PARK IMPROVEMENTS



## GENERAL QUESTIONS

The remaining questions from the combined survey provide more insight on how residents view the City, what they believe are the City's strongest assets, what areas could be improved, and how vacant land should be utilized. The responses may also indicate if residents find parks and recreation a priority.

**Question one asked respondents what they think the City's strongest assets are. The top ten responses and how many times they were mentioned are below.**

- People/Community: 140
- Business: 75
- River/Riverfront: 69
- City History: 31
- Downtown/ Old Town: 30
- Hospitals: 22
- Diversity: 21
- City's Potential: 21
- Parks: 20
- Events/Activities: 1

**To help identify how the City could be improved question three asked respondents what could be done to strengthen the City's neighborhoods/quality of life. The top ten responses, and how many times they were mentioned are below.**

- More Police: 92
- Eliminate Blight: 69
- Budget Friendly Activities & Events: 66
- Community Center: 52
- Code Enforcement: 51
- Beautification: 44
- Lot Maintenance: 42
- Develop Parks & Garden: 40
- Housing Inspection: 34
- Improve Streets & Sidewalks: 32

**Within the City there is an abundant amount of vacant land. To understand what resident's exact thoughts were on vacant land, question four asked respondents to share what they would like to see that land used for. Common answers and how many times they were mentioned are listed below:**

- To Sell: 22%
- Needs Maintenance: 17%
- More Gardens: 16%
- New Housing: 10%
- Small Parks, Rec Areas, Play areas: 13%
- More Development & Businesses: 6%

**Question five asked respondents what the main land use are challenges the City experiences. The top response was vacant property. The top ten responses and times mentioned are listed below:**

- Vacant Property: 63
- Land Maintenance: 47
- Leadership: 30
- Blight: 28
- Not Development Friendly: 27
- Funds: 26
- Crime: 24
- **Not Utilizing River Potential: 23**
- Lack of Business: 21
- Land Bank: 1

**Question eight asked City residents what changes they would like to see in their neighborhood. The top ten responses and times mentioned are listed below.**

- Improved Police/Security/Public Safety: 84
- **Sidewalks & Road Improvements: 68**
- Maintain Vacant Homes/Lots/Buildings: 38
- **General Upkeep & Maintenance of Greenery: 33**
- Beautification of Current Homes: 31
- City Ordinance Enforced: 29
- Less Rentals: 20
- Excessive Speeding Policed: 19
- Community Involvement: 18
- More Lighting: 16
- **Park Improvements: 16**

**At the end of the survey respondents were asked for any additional thoughts or suggestions they would like to share. The top 11 responses from most mentioned to least are listed below.**

- Improve Public Safety
- **More Events and Activities**
- More Community Involvement
- More Business and Restaurants
- Improved Leadership and Local Government
- Beautification
- Focus on the East Side
- Invest in Saginaw Homes
- **Improve Sidewalks**
- There's no appeal to live in Saginaw
- **More Marina and Water Access/Appeal**



# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## OVERVIEW

One of the most important purposes of the Plan is to identify effective and achievable goals and objectives in the planning process. The City wants to provide high-quality recreation opportunities for the community. Goals and objectives are based on demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics of the City, recreation trends, and stakeholder and community input. The goals and objectives will address maintenance and the physical environment, capital improvements, and programming strategies.

The following goals are overarching ideas that the City would like to accomplish. Objectives are a more detailed strategy that help to carry out the goal. Finally, the action plan is more precise and identifies specific projects and programs the City would like to complete over the next five years. Action Plan items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, capital improvements, and operations and maintenance actions. The City formulated the following goals and objectives:

## GOALS

**GOAL 1- WORK TO CREATE A PARKS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND ALLOWS THE CITY TO REDUCE COSTS WHILE MAINTAINING PARK APPEARANCE AND USEABILITY.**

*Objectives:*

- Ensure parks have a maintenance plan that is feasible and sustainable.
- Create a plan to naturalize certain recreation areas to help lower maintenance and cost.
- Continue partnerships with organizations and neighborhoods (including grants, user fees, volunteer contributions, private organizations, etc.).
- Maintain communication and coordinate with “adopt a park” groups to continue the success of park maintenance and the partnership.
- Preserve scenic views, improve safety, and stabilize the riverfront.

**GOAL 2 - PROVIDE SAFE, CLEAN, AND WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS AND FACILITIES THAT ARE AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO VISIT.**

*Objectives:*

- Evaluate the level of use and the users of neighborhood parks to determine what improvements should be made in the parks.
- Promote and provide diverse recreational opportunities to satisfy all age groups and levels of ability.

- Develop plans that address potential shifts in neighborhood parks.
- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design in parks and open spaces.
- Integrate a plan to repair parks on an annual basis.
- Explore adding new amenities to the parks.

### GOAL 3 - WORK TO DEVELOP A FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE CITY PARKS.

#### *Objectives:*

- Seek and consider new partnerships that involve development and maintenance of the parks.
- Create, facilitate, or otherwise provide for the coordination of all parks, open space and recreation stakeholders, organizations, and friend groups.
- Create a funding source for parks and recreation in the City Budget.
- Recreate and encourage existing recreation programming through partnerships or the City Budget.
- Partner with the County, Riverfront Commission, friend groups, and neighborhood organizations to back the funding of projects.  
Explore options for new and expanded partnerships to provide additional recreational opportunities.

### GOAL 4 - CAPITALIZE ON THE IMPORTANCE AND FUNCTION OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PARKS.

#### *Objectives:*

- Carefully plan and budget for improvements to maintain the desirability and functionality of community and regional parks.
- Develop a capital improvement plan for all parks and account for routine replacement and necessary improvement maintenance costs.
- Continue to build on the success and momentum of the Saginaw River.
- Support the Riverfront Commission in pursuit of their goals of improving the waterfront areas.
- Market and capitalize on the resources of the City to bring in additional park users to the City parks.
- Support efforts of other local recreation groups such as GLBRT, DDA, and Saginaw Future for recreation improvements.
- If appropriate, acquire additional park land which supports high-quality natural resource access and fits within the existing park system.

## GOAL 5 - PROVIDE SAFE NON-MOTORIZED TRAVEL OPTIONS IN THE CITY OF SAGINAW.

### *Objectives:*

- Work to strengthen connections to existing parks and the riverfront from neighborhoods through a network of sidewalks and non-motorized pathways. Create a more connected and safe system.
- Continue the linkage of the bikeways and existing Riverwalk.
- Explore future connections to other non-motorized trails within the County.
- Support non-motorized bike lanes and complete street connectivity projects.



# 07 ACTION PLAN

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## ACTION PLAN

The City of Saginaw developed a five-year action plan that will guide the City in accomplishing the goals and objectives outlined in the previous chapter. The action plan is used to highlight specific projects that will maintain and improve the quality and diversity of amenities in the parks.

Potential projects are displayed in Table 7.8. Each of these action items relates to one or more of the goals. Each item has been assigned a priority level of 1, 2, or 3. The potential capital improvements listed provide a framework for decision makers and enables the City to apply for grant funding for those proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element, nor is it exhaustive. It reflects the results of the input received from the City staff, the public hearing, and the online survey. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

## FINANCING POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Funding for park and recreation capital improvements can come from a range of local, state and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully to meet the specific required criteria. See **Appendix C** for potential sources of recreation funding.

TABLE 7.8 - CITY OF SAGINAW PARK AND RECREATION ACTION PLAN

Improvements	Priority	Relates to goal
Stabilize/repair the riverbank shoreline along Wickes Park, Ojibway Island, the Iron Belle Trail, the River Loop, and Crayola Park.	1	1 & 3
Improve lighting in parks.	2	2
Budget for the continuation of trails connections. Internal: Saginaw River Loop, Wickes Park, Ojibway Island, Green Point Pathway, and the Iron Belle External: Harger Line Trail, Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, Iron Belle to Carrolton, GLBRT, Kochville Township Pathway, and Saginaw Township Pathway.	1	4 & 5
Continue to invest and support facilities in the City through partnerships or recreation budget.	2	3
Explore the potential of future trail connections from the City to neighboring trails.	2	5
Add amenities to larger parks i.e water fountains, seating, trash receptacles.	3	2 & 4

Plan a routine meeting with all groups to discuss future plans for parks and to create an event calendar.	1	3
Explore additional waterfront access and viewing opportunities along the river.	2	4
Evaluate playground equipment and address any safety concerns.	2	2
Work with partners to pursue improvements at regional and community parks that improve accessibility and promote more use.	1	4
Investigate recreation programming opportunities in partnership with others.	1	3

# NO PLANNING PROCESS UU

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## PLANNING PROCESS

To provide quality recreation opportunities for its citizens, the City has developed the Plan as a tool to guide the development of recreation facilities over the next five years. The Plan represents an ongoing commitment by the City to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The Plan will also provide the City eligibility for grants from the Department of Natural Resources to assist the City in reaching its recreational goals.

The City contracted with the Spicer Group of Saginaw to assist with the completion of this Plan. Spicer Group consultants met with City Staff during 2021 while working on the Plan.

Data was collected about the City, including demographics and an inventory of the parks and facilities owned and operated by the City. This data was gathered from numerous resources including City staff, stakeholders, the 2016 City of Saginaw Parks and Recreation Master Plan, research of aerial images provided by Google Earth, and through field visits.

During the development of the Plan there were three opportunities for input, participation, and review.

- Online community input survey that was available from August to September 2021
- 30-day review period and public hearing held on **January 10, 2022**.
- Stakeholder Meetings (3)

Based upon the existing information and the public input, the City and consultants worked to develop goals for the parks and recreation in the City. Then, the City also created an action program to accomplish the goals discussed in this Plan.

## REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A draft of the Plan was completed on **December 7, 2021** and was subsequently available for review at City Hall and on the City's website. The review period from **December 7, 2021** through **January 10, 2022** was publicized on the City website, Facebook page, and the local Cable television channel. The final opportunities for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to the adoption of the Plan, at the City Council meeting on **January 10, 2022**. After the DATE public hearing, City Council adopted the Parks and Recreation Plan on **January 24, 2022**.

Copies of the Plan were transmitted to Saginaw County and the Eastern Michigan Council of Governments (region 7). The Plan was uploaded to the DNR for approval in **February** of 2022. Copies of the notification advertisements, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution are included in **Appendix D**.

# 00 APPENDIX 00

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# APPENDIX A

## GRANT HISTORY



## GRANT HISTORY

### Grantee

City of Saginaw - Saginaw County

**Project No.** 26-00206 **Project County:** Saginaw **Project Year:** 1970

**Project title:** Riverfront Park Expansion

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$152,000.00

### Scope Item

**Project Description:** Acquire and develop approximately 5.06 acres of land. Development will provide passive recreational facilities including walkways and 20 car parking.

**Project No.** 26-00515 **Project County:** Saginaw **Project Year:** 1973

**Project title:** Goetz Grove Nature Center

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$151,095.00

### Scope Item

**Project Description:** Develop 70 acres to include 2.4 miles of bark or gravel trails, nature interpretive building, fishing pier, parking lots, and septic tanks, lights, gates, roads, ponds

**Project No.** 26-01060 J1 **Project County:** Saginaw **Project Year:** 1978

**Project title:** Riverfront Acq & Development

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$142,686.09

### Scope Item

**Project Description:** Aquire 1.5 acres to develop landscaping, paved pathway, LWCF sign.

**Project No.** 26-01431 **Project County:** Saginaw **Project Year:** 1985

**Project title:** Saginaw Wave Pool

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$640,000.00

### Scope Item

Bathhouse

Parking Lot

Plaque

Site work/Landscaping

Wave Pool

**Project Description:** Wave pool, bathhouse, parking lot, site work/landscaping, LWCF sign





## GRANT HISTORY

### Grantee

City of Saginaw - Saginaw County

<b>Project No.</b> BF89-364	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 1989
<b>Project title:</b> Wickes Park Renovations		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$375,000.00

#### Scope Item

- Parking lot improvements
- Renovate boat launch
- Renovate restrooms
- Resurface park drive
- Shoreline erosion control

**Project Description:** Rehabilitation of a 91-acre, 24-year old riverfront park including roadway resurfacing, parking improvements, restroom and boat launch renovation and shoreline erosion control.

<b>Project No.</b> BF92-223	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 1992
<b>Project title:</b> Hoyt Park Improvements		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$223,500.00

#### Scope Item

- Asphalt Resurfacing
- Field/Area Lighting
- Misc.Demolition/Site prep
- New Parking
- New softball Fields

**Project Description:** Redevelop/improve sports fields, lighting, and parking facilities.

<b>Project No.</b> TF00-106	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 2000
<b>Project title:</b> Westside Riverfront Park Development		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$256,153.00

#### Scope Item

- Benches/Picnic Tables/Signage
- Fishing Deck & Mooring (260 L.F.)
- Landscaping
- Off Street Parking
- Pedestrian Path (2360 L.F.)
- Site Preparation

**Project Description:** Development of a paved riverwalk from Court Street to East Holland Avenue.



## GRANT HISTORY

### Grantee

City of Saginaw - Saginaw County

<b>Project No.</b> TF07-072	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 2007
<b>Project title:</b> Celebration Park Development (formerly Andersen Park)		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$51,800.00

### Scope Item

- Demolition of Park Facilities
- Permit Fees
- Roofing Restroom #1
- Roofing Restroom#2
- Roofing Restroom/Storage

**Project Description:** Demolition of obsolete water park facilities at shuttered Celebration (Anderson Water) Park. Includes removal of wave pool, waterslide, fencing and gate, two pavilions and a water slide and reroofing 2 restroom buildings and a restroom/storage building.

<b>Project No.</b> TF08-039	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 2008
<b>Project title:</b> Celebration Park Repurposing Project (formerly Anderson Water Park)		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$480,000.00

### Scope Item

- Interpretive signs
- Park furniture
- Park pavilion
- Permit fees
- Scenic overlook area
- Splash park

**Project Description:** Development of a splash pad, picnic pavilion, and overlook area.

<b>Project No.</b> TF12-086	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 2012
<b>Project title:</b> Boulder Climbing Garden and Connector Path		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$67,000.00

### Scope Item

- Benches
- Boulder playground
- Pathway
- Playground safety surface
- Trees



## GRANT HISTORY

### Grantee

City of Saginaw - Saginaw County

**Project Description:** Development to include a boulder climbing garden and multi-use pathway extension in the Frank N. Andersen Celebration Park.

**Project No. TF410** **Project County: Saginaw** **Project Year: 1980**

**Project title:** Green Point Nature Center

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$19,800.00

### Scope Item

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 6.5 acres.

**Project No. TF605** **Project County: Saginaw** **Project Year: 1982**

**Project title:** Saginaw Sawmill Historic Park

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$1,351,000.00

### Scope Item

**Project Description:** To acquire about 60 acres of floodplain- landfill area on the Saginaw River in the City of Saginaw. City repaid MNRTF for conversion issue.

**Project No. TF90-343** **Project County: Saginaw** **Project Year: 1990**

**Project title:** Ojibway Island Renovation

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$165,000.00

### Scope Item

Erosion control around

Parking

Renovate playground

Repair access bridge

**Project Description:** Construction of playground renovations, parking, access bridge repair including erosion control efforts only at the base of the bridge on the Saginaw River.

**Project No. TF91-222** **Project County: Saginaw** **Project Year: 1991**

**Project title:** Rust Avenue Boat Launch

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:**  
\$375,000.00

### Scope Item



## GRANT HISTORY

### Grantee

City of Saginaw - Saginaw County

- Asphalt Parking and Dr.
- Fencing
- Lighting/Electrical
- Restroom/Fish Cleaning
- Shoreline Erosion Control
- Walkways

**Project Description:** Develop a support facility for an existing boat launch, including paved drive, restroom, fencing and lighting, and walkways.

<b>Project No.</b> TF92-358	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 1992
<b>Project title:</b> Riverfront Property Acquisition		
<b>Project Status:</b> Withdrawn		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$102,400.00

### Scope Item

**Project Description:** Acquire one acre along the east side of the Saginaw River for a pedestrian walkway in downtown area.

<b>Project No.</b> TF16-0098	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 2016
<b>Project title:</b> Ojibway Island Improvements		
<b>Project Status:</b> Grant Closed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$350,000.00

### Scope Item

- Access Pathway 6' wide or more
- Restroom Building Renovation
- Landscaping
- Pedestrian Bridge

**Project Description:** Development to improve the path within Ojibway Island Park, which is part of the City of Saginaw's Riverwalk and the State's Iron Belle Trail route. Ojibway Island is a 43-acre park in the heart of the City of Saginaw that provides a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, biking, running, walking or quiet relaxation. The park is located between the Saginaw River and Lake Linton. The project also includes renovation of the park's existing restroom building, making it ADA accessible.

<b>Project No.</b> TF20-0147	<b>Project County:</b> Saginaw	<b>Project Year:</b> 2020
<b>Project title:</b> Saginaw Riverwalk-Iron Belle Trail through Wickes Park		
<b>Project Status:</b> PA Executed		<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$300,000.00

### Scope Item





## GRANT HISTORY

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### Grantee

**City of Saginaw - Saginaw County**

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Entrance Drive

Landscaping

Lighting

Trail 8' wide or more

**Project Description:** Development of the Saginaw Riverwalk-Iron Belle Trail through Wickes Park. The existing Riverwalk ends at the north end of 92-acre Wickes Park. The park drive in Wickes Park will be converted to accommodate the proposed trail extension. The trail will include lighting along the entire proposed path. The existing parking lots will serve as IBT trailhead parking.

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**Total number of projects:** 17

**Total Amount of Grant Given** \$5,202,434.09

## APPENDIX B

### COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

# **Saginaw Master Plan Survey Results-Raw Data**

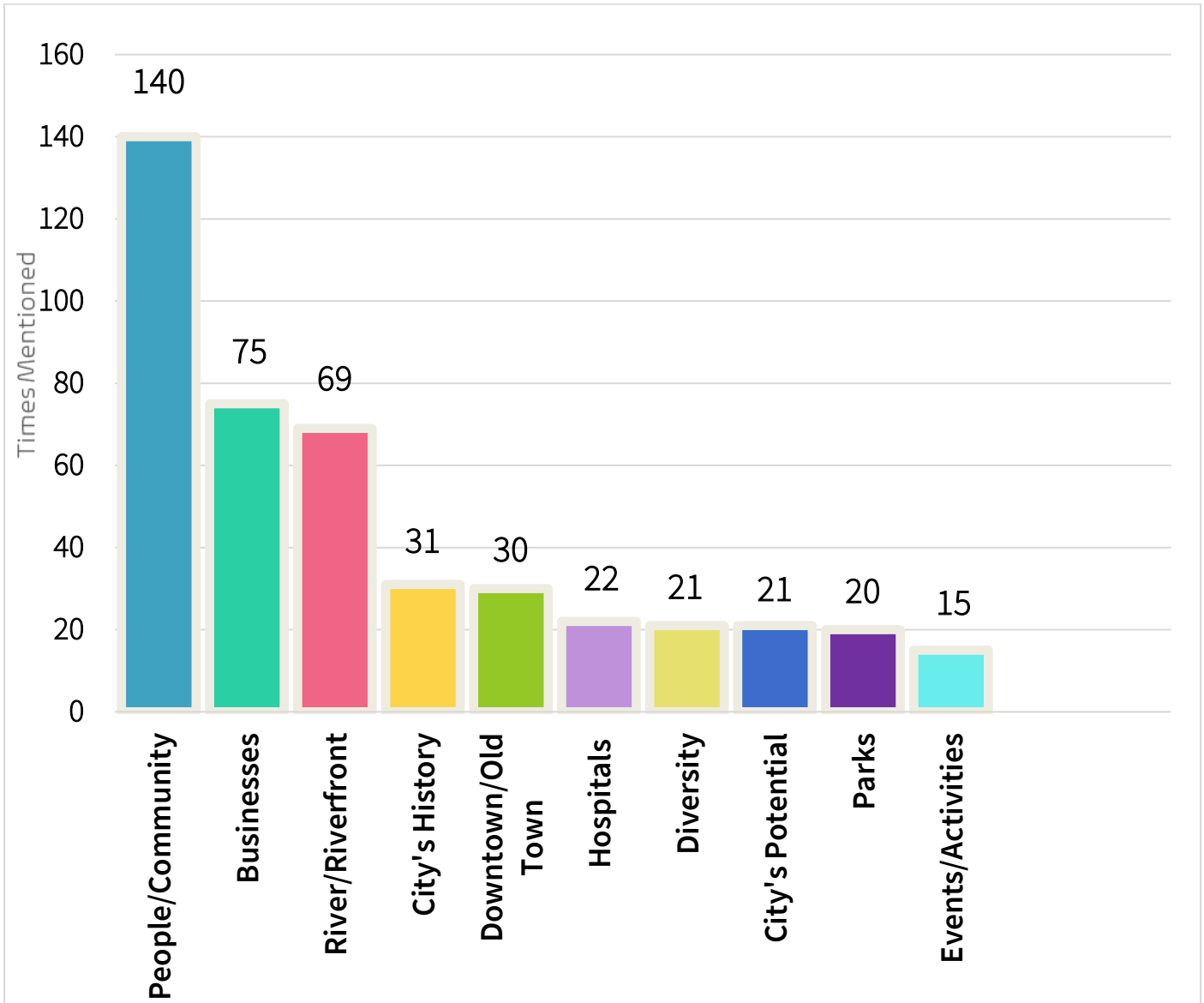
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SPICER GROUP, INC.

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

September 2021

## 1. What do you think are Saginaw's strongest assets?



\*Top Ten Responses Only

Responses
The river, Hoyt Park, Ojibway Island, Dow Event Center
The people and the Saginaw Neighborhood Associations
Old Town business district, Healthcare industry, fire department
Diversity, medical facilities, potential for development.
The River Neighborhood Watch
Racial diversity. Old Town. Churches and hospitals. Schools improving infrastructure. I love that streets are being repaired. Neighborhood associations.
History, river front, central location
Covenant and CMU Medical College. The Saginaw River, Shaheen Development Corp.

Diversity, entertainment areas, library system
Older buildings and waterfront. If we are going to improve, we have to look to those popular areas around us that have redeveloped their waterfront to attract people, and in turn businesses. We need boardwalks and pedestrian accesable pathways. We need to focus efforts on to preserve older buildings and restore them to a point where they do not deteriorat further.
People really care about each other.
Some of the lowest cost housing in America at least at one time, can walk to eat and drink, people are good for the most part, polluted river, gun shots often, mini bikes, booming music, side lot land bank purchase isn't available if you live in certain areas like adjoining M46.
Trying to get community involved in different activities.
The River Ojibway Island Bliss Park
Diversity, health care, riverfront, blank canvas in many areas downtown for development, beautiful park areas that are under-utilized.
The people, especially since they are the stewards of history, something that sadly isn't valued enough here.
Land and water recreation
It has an asset?
- Transportation access, including the river. - A large supply of excellent fresh, clean water. - Medical infrastructure - Education infrastructure, including Delta & SVSU. - Faith communities - Numerous active no profit orgs., museums & arts groups.
It's people, a wealth of diversity and outlooks. It's history.
The kindness, there is a lot of it. :)
Waterways, M-13 corridor
It's safety factor compared to areas of country subject to earthgquakes, fires, hurricaines, tornadoes, etc., the low cost of living here, the many cultural attractions, and, in the ccty, the large number of fixer-upper houses, if we market that as an asset,
Parks, West Side of the city, small businesses
Its people
It's people!
Diversity and Cultural Events
A strong heritage of old architecture and a rich history
It's community pride everyone from here is proud to be from here
Our City Council and County Commissaries



It's diversity, the river, old town
Its people and their organizations.
Plenty of inexpensive homes, enough vacant land to plan a change to the commuter model into one of a manageable people oriented city. Instead of a vast wasteland of parking where people cannot walk from business to business, have parking islands with public transportation and safe bike/walkways to the business centers. Other Assets are the riverfront, the parks, the historic buildings, the Iron Belle trail. The contrast from other Michigan cities are the cultural diversity of businesses and restaurants without the traffic congestion.
The economic development being done Downtown and in Old Town.
I forgot to mention in the survey I already submitted that I am delightfully intrigued by the electric Bird scooters which appears to be flexible enough to adapt to changing use patterns in the city!
Its parks and waterways. Its diversity of people.
A rich vibrant history full of people that want the city to grow
Nothing
Saginaw is a strong and historic culturally diverse community. This should be celebrated through the wealth of experience of its residents, geography, and institutions. The nature landscape of the city provides an amazing canvas to draw on, taking advantage of the natural resources and well articulated infrastructure.
Smal but big.
Great history, great people, great culture.
Arts and culture, modest cost of living
Riverfront, Ojibway, Old-town
Great caring community people, people that want Saginaw as a city to be the best we can be. We can pull together as one when need be. That most times we support each other even during difficult situations. That those that care for the future of our city are great in number.
Affordable housing, youth, water, low cost of living, the over all community
younger city leaders.Great arts, visual and music movement. Fireworks, zoo, delta, CMU SVSU in city.
Diverse, Electric workforce/community/culture. homegrown talent
resilient residents, riverfront,parks, affordability, old town, SVRC (farmers market & shop)
The arts-- visual performing and architecture parks-- love the parks/ wicked history
its diverse community
The community, and their ability to come together
Diverse population, some existing historic buildings still, solid theater and entertainment programs, good schools

It's in a solid, central-ish location in Michigan. If you fancy traveling, you're not far from so many places, such as Midland, the Thumb, Bay City, Mt. Pleasant, Flint, and more. Shoot, Saginaw citizens are closer to Up North and other vacation spots compared to Metro Detroiters, which is a bonus. Saginaw also, while still a victim of Michigan construction season, doesn't seem to have a ton of traffic compared to most major cities, which is awesome.

The people, culture, history, old town, and the river.

Historic architecture, small business conditions, affordability.

An open Ojibway island

The river. Ojibway island. Old buildings.

There are many one of a kind, historic structures in Saginaw that give it a unique character. Many of these buildings require significant remediation, but I believe that the city should redevelop these structures to provide third place spaces, low-rent housing and business incubators for the residents of the city.

People.

Human: Wonderful, hardworking residents who live in the city because they want to. People who volunteer, who love making the city better, and who have no ulterior motives up their sleeves. Nature: An absolutely beautiful river and public riverfront property, that many cities would kill for. Infrastructure: An historic downtown, though little is left of it. A complete city structure, with the best water in the country (people don't realize this, and continue to be misled into buying bottled tap water), a complete functioning sewage system, moderate traffic loads all day every day, a functioning city council, city employees with long careers in our city.

(In no specific order) 1. Active Community 2. Affordable Living 3. Small Businesses 4. Strong Local Government 5. Schools 6. Cool History 7. So Much Opportunity

Community focused organizations Fiscal responsibility

Nothing really. We don't have anything to brag about.

It's small businesses

The Saginaw River. Bliss Park.

The upcoming downtown area

It's people and history

Rich history, the people, small businesses, neighborhoods, riverfront, cultural institutions (Art museum, Temple theater, Saginaw African Cultural festival)

The individual townships where pride of ownership is evident. And its people.

The river, the hospitals, your dedicated employee of the city of Saginaw, the beautiful parks

The water ways

Theater, restaurants, healthcare, nearby SVSU

Not much!

Prime location to Bay City, Midland, Flint, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Up North. Great river with endless possibilities Passionate people

The River

It's history

Access to a large variety of stores, grocery and restaurants, Saginaw river, affordable home prices, many successful and legacy businesses, job opportunities, a university

Medical jobs

Water. Hospitals. Parks.

It's hard working community

Hospital work .

Being close to the water, SVSU and the music

For me, the city of Saginaw's greatest assets are Ojibway Island, Saginaw Public Schools, the hospitals, and the physicians offices partnerships with CMU.

Night clubs, restaurants

The people

The people. No question it is the leaders in our community that are our strongest assets. Business leaders, elected officials, educators, the heads of foundations and non-profit organizations, and the citizens themselves.

Location The river system It's rich history and historical homes and buildings

Our city's youth is the strongest assets that Saginaw holds. Just need to provide the children with secure places to go, more free activities like swim, boxing, more skate parks, anything that involves activities and or bringing them together for fun safe activities. Police presence would be great and would give us parents assurance that our children will be protected.

Diners or places to eat. And Ojibway Island

The river front It's parks

Park system. Ojibway Island is a jewel venue for outdoor concerts as proven by the KCQ Country Music Festival for many years. There are many other parks throughout the City that also have so much quality of life potential.

Nice parks, people concerned about the future.

Diversity

Water front, Svrc market, affordable housing

Parks and nature and small businesses

Schools and colleges

River front civic center
The riverfront and Civic Center area.
River front, entertainment (TheDow etc) easy access from major highway, healthcare,
At the moment, nothing
It used to be it's beautiful homes and neighborhoods but sadly all the good neighborhoods have turned ugly and unkept. Honestly I can't think of anything outstanding about Saginaw city. Sorry
That you are asking citizens for their input, ideas, and suggestions.
Public Architecture, Religious Architecture, and rich history.
A good quality of life at a low price
Saginaw Spirit, historic Downtown area
Landmarks .Historic buildings
The restaurants and historical areas along Washington Avenue area. The SVRC is a great place. Our healthcare options are great as well.
Waterways
Saginaw is an amazing central hub for healthcare. SVRC, Hoyt Library, Castle Museum, the Lee Mansion are gems. So many diverse small business/restaurants.
The Saginaw River, hospitals, parks, zoo, The Art museum , Anderson Center, Castle historical museum, Hoyt library, Hoyt park, colleges. River walk, YMCA, the Rabbit,911 service, ambulance and helicopter service, churches, food pantries,well trained firefighters,police(need community police) Saginaw gifted student education, medical education programs.
People that want to make the city better despite the obstacles. Asking the citizenry for input. The River The people who work to preserve History of the area
Old Town Saginaw and The Dow Event Center.
Medical care, people dedicated to improvement, Delta/SVSU, Saginaw Promise and a river that could draw people rather than divide them
We have quite a few parks that can be repurposed to draw tourists. Example redesign Ojibway Park to host summer concerts similar to Chene Park(now the Aretha Franklin Amphitheater) in Detroit. Maybe move the stage near the waterfront and have more than one entrance.
Downtown and parks
The riverfront, parks and trails.
Its citizens dedication to the city.
Livability, parks throughout including neighborhoods, lively arts scene, strong education system, medical services

The parks and entertainment venues
I think saginaw strongest assests are the schools and the businesses and the parks
Our trees and natural areas
They do not have strong assets.
I think that Saginaw has a very proud community. People who live here often feel strongly about this town and want to see only good things.
Water system. Temple theater. Dow event center. Children's zoo.
Community
Affordable housing, the Riverfront District, the Old Town & Downtown Entertainment District
At this point not really sure
The river. The island.
Waterfront access, community connection (people care)
The people. They are resilient, hardworking, and understand the importance of community. The children's zoo, castle museum, Hoyt Library, children's museum, Ojibwe island, splash pad/playground area, and many small locally-owned restaurants.
The long time residents
Its proximity to areas of natural beauty, its history, its blue-collar grit.
The people and businesses they run, most of the cities other assets have been destroyed by those in public office unfortunately
greenspace / recreational facilities along the riverfront people who care historic buildings regular events (concerts, movies, etc.) SVRC marketplace, farmers market
The people who believe in the city and want to see it thrive
The people
Downtown, Old Town, the river, parks
Diverse population Affordable housing Cultural/Sport activities - Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, Saginaw Art Museum, Castle Museum, Dow Event Center, Huntington Park activities, Friday Night live, Jazz in the Gardens, Pit and Balcony, Saginaw Choral Society, Children's' Zoo, Japanese Cultural Center, Spirit Hockey, Temple Theater, SVRC MarketPlace
Restaurants
Riverfront, medical services, available commercial space, old buildings
Parks, green space, potential to create green space with vacant lots. Long term residents who have kept up their homes and neighborhoods, even as others leave. Small businesses. Older homes and buildings with character that should be refurbished and/or redeveloped through adaptive reuse. A great diaspora of people



who have Saginaw connections who might be tapped to contribute to the city even today. Many, many former businesses and factories in Saginaw that were owned by still existing companies who today have Corporate Social Responsibility efforts that could be tapped to help decrease pollution from former factor sites through clean up or restoration, improving air and water quality. Excellent water, and management of the regional water. This is a City of Saginaw asset important for the whole region.

It's people

The area is the center for all surrounding cities.

The people

The river front, space for businesses, closeness to highway, railroad

Cost of living is relatively lower than other bigger cities. But it's downfall is the lack of motivated, good will driven, model citizens.

Ojibwae and the river

The river front

Small city. Easy to get around Delta and svsu.

Geographic location relative to state. healthcare, hospitals. old town. farmers mkt. other outdoor opportunities.

Geographic location relative to state. healthcare, hospitals. old town. farmers mkt. other outdoor opportunities.

Number of parks.

Sports & history

Its people and church, school and business involvement in the community

Low cost of living, especially low cost of owning a home relative to other communities, a good health care system, and attractions, such as Saginaw Children's Zoo, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Saginaw Art Museum, SVRC Marketplace, The Dow event center etc.

I think Saginaw has potential to be great. I think it can be it's own, but I think we need a more integrated layout.

The beautiful buildings that are downtown. Such as Hoyt Libary the castle museum St Mary's Hospital CMU Medical University Covenant Hospital the Dow Center the Temple Theater.

The hospital's

The Farmer's Market & the SVRC, The Castle Museum, the Children's Museum the Garner Court's renovation, the YMCA.

Saginaw's strongest asset is the people that live in Saginaw. Most are very proud of being from Saginaw and work to make Saginaw a better place to live. Second to that it would be the parks, historical buildings, cultural and historical institutions like the Castle Museum, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Children's Zoo, festivals- like Jazz on Jefferson, holiday activities, the SVRC marketplace and other surrounding

small businesses, the small but fun bar and food scene in Old Town and Downtown, Saginaw fireworks, Ojibway Island, the Dow Event Center and Saginaw Spirit team. The Temple. Your local nonprofits - Anderson Enrichment Center, the YMCA, First Ward, Food Bank, Hidden Harvest, Michigan READS, Rescue Mission, Underground Railroad, CAN, and the social workers that help residents in the city in general. The rich and interesting and sometimes sad history of Saginaw. I'd also say Saginaw has a good amount of children's programs, after-school activities, camps, and sport programs available- through the local nonprofits and school system. The people though, that's what makes Saginaw a place people won't give up on.

The citizens that truly want to make Saginaw great again. The small business owners that are trying to revitalize our city.

1. Medical facilities easily accessible and centralized 2. A park system which should be advertised and enhanced 3. Great sidewalks which should be encouraged to be used. You really don't understand how much sidewalks add to a places liveability until you move somewhere where you have to walk along a road with distracted drivers! 4. Affordable living!!!! 5. This city is absolutely next to anything you want to do! Baseball, hockey, football, soccer, concerts, zoo, movies, shopping, food, theater, arts, crafts, museums, all within a few miles. I've lived in places where you had to drive 30 miles for a dollar store or go 22 miles the other way to a grocery store. Believe me a small city has a lot of advantages.

Unfortunately, I can't think of a single asset to Saginaw...

Downtown, parks.

Riverfront; State and community college; history; family neighborhoods

Having so many community based settings and events for community cohesion.

Diversity amongst people and rich in history.

I believe the Saginaw River itself is. Also, the Dow Event Center.

It's community members and land.

The SVRC and other family owned buisnesses, Delta and SVSU, and the Japanese cultural center.

We're running short on assets at this point.

Its people. Its parks. Its hospitals.

Saginaw has plenty of resource locally as in developer, builder and contracts working together towards the greater good

It's people. The river should also be utilized more. The zoo. The event center,. The libraries. The children's museum.

Ethnic and Cultural Diversity, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Our Rivers

Variety of living options, rural, urban, city, country.

The hospitals

Resurgence of downtown. Temple, Event center, Morley plaza, svrc, Bancroft...the river and the history of Saginaw tied to the River

It's potential for growth.

The people who live and work here.

I consider the passion of Saginaw's business owners and creators to be one of its strong assets. Bay City and Midland in my opinion do not hold a candle to the drive, creativity, and strength of will of the artists, business owners, and volunteers in Saginaw. However it is clear that these features may be scaled to the magnitude of our issues, but even so it is still often the case that we fall short. How can the City amplify the voices of our creators and owners? Is it more resource into incubators like the SVRC? Is it more support to new businesses? Is it tax credits for those who build a business in a depressed area?

The parks are kept beautiful

Police Volunteerism

It,s parks

Crime

The people

They're are none

People...Saginaw has people with grit who get things done. Over the years , there have been an increasing number of events for people to come experience( SVRC events, art statues in old town, Friday Night Live) and it makes Saginaw stronger as a community.

Nature assets - rivers, Shiawassee flats, park land People who care deeply about the city neighborhood associations

The people - I live in an integrated neighborhood and we all watch out for each other The river - just wish that we could make it more a central part of Saginaw, like Bay City or Grand Rapids Beautiful old buildings - lots of history Great arts programs

- Solvency - Affordable housing - Diversity - Medical Hub - University Hub - Low traffic congestion and easy access to northern Michigan - Park system - Some strong civic supporters

Good people that care.

Saginaw's strongest assets are the people that want to see a better Saginaw. They give of their time and their resources to try to help the city move in a positive direction.

Cultural diversity. Insurance.

The strongest asset is the potential.

The river.yrs agoxwr had the raft race o. The river.it brought thousands of people to town.

Diversity, SASA, Japanese Cultural Center, Castle Museum, Children's Zoo

The river and the small businesses throughout the city.

Diversity, health care hub, Saginaw River, cost of living, quality of drinking water

Neighborhood Watch groups

Celebration Square and all that it encompasses. The Temple theater, the riverwalk and the hospitals.
The sense of community
I don't think Saginaw has any strong assets.
Saginaw does not have a strong asset. It is noticeably divided.
Cultural venues like the Japanese Teahouse.
Affordable housing
We have a strong community that is passionate about the area and wants Saginaw to succeed. We have great community leaders and an active partnership between local businesses, charitable organizations, and cultural organizations.
Variety of parks, the historical districts, variety of neighborhoods.
Diversity, unique downtown and old town business district, community investment in the betterment of Saginaw, many community partners working towards the betterment of the community.
The people. Saginaw has nothing to offer young people.
The people are the greatest asset. The history. The existing historical architecture on our residential and commercial properties that cannot be replicated
Right now it's anything medical I think that we need to utilize the River as an asset Support and promote our small businesses
The river and old town
Parks
Creativity, ingenuity, natural born talent
I think Saginaw's strongest assets are the people in the community who remain positive. Always willing to help. Always hosting events to get people out of the house and enjoying life.
The people of Saginaw who have a desire to stay here and help build productive programs and businesses.
Diversity
Cost of living
Our Youth. Invest in our poor neighborhoods
Failing to accomplish anything correctly
The families , the smallness the cost of living
The youth/ young adults are Saginaw's strongest assists.
Small business
I can't think of one but I'm sure Saginaw has at least one good quality.

The citizens love of the city. I'm speaking of the ones who want to see improvement.
Community
Available land, affordable cost of living and the vacant school buildings that's loaded with opportunity!
City Government leadership Parks Arts organizations New tennis courts Churches Hospitals Police dept
Parks downtown
Small community with a lot of potential.
River
The people
River front, historic town areas and historic residential districts
Nothing
Caring People Access to Good health care
Opportunities for small business development
History
Beauty land and property. Restaurants and a place that can thrive
Waterfront areas
The riverfront downtown
The people
Walkable downtown and 'old town'. But this is NOT being used to its full potential. Bay City and Midland are thriving because their downtowns have closed off streets to promote more walkability. Foot traffic would be attractive to those looking to put business in our downtown area.
Farmers Market
Saginaw cant be saved
Its rich history and old buildings.
Parks
The people
The charm and history of our older buildings that still stand. The river is also great. Many have never traveled it up ti Bay City and that is a wonderful trip.
Hoyt Park, Ojibway Island, Garber tennis courts, splash pad, STARS (busing availability), Fireworks, Animal Control services, waterway access (river, bay), Delta College, Hoyt Library & others, Friday Night Pride concerts & other free concerts, Dow Event Center,
Affordable housing, short commutes, quality jobs, affordable activities, and a supportive community.



Historical sites and residences
Their old buildings like temple thearte, potter street station, rosemarys house and whats left of blocks that are still standing.
You are very luckily to have the Professional City Manager that you have. He is the only reason the city is not bankrupt. Flint has an elected major with no experience running a city.
We have a great local community!
The river
Parks, school systems and investments in making some areas nice.
Objiway island but nothing is ever done on it anymore. Bay city built itself around its water front with festivals and attractions.
Centrally located and a unique mix of rural and urban. Layout of city is not as confusing as other cities. Lots of trees and wide, tree-lined streets. Old Town has a great vibe! Good surrounding communities.
Our location, will he serve are unique role as being a Gateway between the industrial Southeast and the Wilderness that is the north and west. Our riverfront, we need to figure a way to utilize it better.
Saginaw's strongest assests should be it's residents but we can't get along to save our lives.
Old updated buildings, beautification efforts
Riverfront areas that could be more developed like Bay City. Hospitals, some shopping left Zoo Rail trail
None
Being so close to I-75
Any locale's strongest assets are its citizens, natural resources, and infrastructure.
Medical and Healthcare Industry, Countless educational opportunities, Farmers Market and the developing riverfront projects. Lots of potential in Old Towne Saginaw.
Its people, the river, its parks
It's People
Old Town Saginaw is one of our strongest assets. It creates a community environment where people can get together and enjoy the waterfront, the bars/restaurants, and the shops.
The colleges (SVSU and Delta) and some of the attractions such as the Dow Event Center, Children's Zoo, and the Japanese Gardens.
Universities, culturally enriched attractions especially the Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House
Nearby colleges, lots of restaurants, Dow Event Center.
The Great and growing health medical or health care industry we have base in Saginaw is a asset. Also the athleticism so many amazing athletes come from Saginaw

Saginaw has some excellent historic buildings just sitting waiting to be used. We need to invest more in what we have. The greenest thing we can do as a city is to invest in what already exists. We spent \$325,000 to tear down a historic Kahan building at the last intact corner of our Downtown, when it was evaluated by the Inspector to be structurally sound with an estimated repair cost around \$150,000.

The history behind our City and the passion of community groups to revitalize the downtown area. Specifically, Hoyt Park, ojibway, Hamilton n Court Street. Washington n Genesee are starting to get better but MUST get businesses in Bancroft!!! I work at State Building n the little restaurants are fabulous. We miss Savoy but Valerie's is packed m-fri

The small businesses/organizations, talented youth and so many vacant buildings and lots that can be used

The river and property along it. Cheap housing.

Japanese Cultural Center, Zoo, Dow event center

Infrastructure, most main roads are in good shape.

Interested, competent, & capable residents, employers, and affiliations looking to rebuild, rejuvenate, and revitalize downtown..

I think one of Saginaw's strongest assets are it's old buildings and their history rooted in them.

Beautiful architecture, strong sense of history, community outreach groups

Crime

Ties to the past lumbering days. Ties to the automotive industry. Saginaw River. Access to recreation.

Diversity, heritage, culture, and the arts.

Temple Theater, old churches, Dow Event Center, Hospitals, privately owned businesses/commerce, Children's Zoo and Museum.

Saginaw River

I think that Saginaw has a ton of businesses and stores (especially Bay Rd. and Titabawassee Rd.) BUT, it isn't super busy with traffic, like Grand Rapids or Detroit. It has everything I need here, but is not TOO busy.

The Saginaw River. Delta College and SVSU that link Saginaw to Bay City and Midland to create the Tri-Cities

Saginaw has a lot to offer. I believe in the potential that the city offers both in its infrastructure and in its citizens. The people of Saginaw seem to be rather resilient. We often hear about gun violence and poverty, but people seem to carry on through the hardships that we all experience here. I have met many citizens and more often than not, people do take pride in their community. There is a lot of positivity that peaks through all the negative and I am always pleasantly surprised at people's willingness to help one another here. It is like the thing that brings us together is that we all get what everyone is going through. The city of Saginaw seems to have a lot of the right tools to continue to grow socio-economically. Between having a good sized river that runs through downtown, being in a good location for travelers and lots of space for urban development, with the right ideas put into practice, the city could definitely see an economic boom.

Riverfront, Old Town, Entertainment district
Saginaw still has the infrastructure from when it was better off economically, which provides convenience. Cost of living is lower than Midland or Bay City, in general.
Old town, zoo, ojibway island, celebration park, museum
Community organizations, like PRIDE, parks, the Dow event center. Our hospitals. All of the events that take place in the city, there was something happening every week this summer.
Parks and restaurants
The waterfront that can be improved upon and the pride the people have of being from Saginaw.
Multiple organizations with the means to develop and execute a strategy for Saginaw.
Many influential leaders. Great churches with God fearing pastors who teach the truth. Also so many people come together and volunteer or step up when there's a need in the community.
-Downtown Saginaw (The Dow Event Center, Temple, & Morley Plaza) -Old town
Svsu, Saginaw Township area/businesses
Riverfront and Riverfront district What few old buildings are left and could be restored and put to good use Old Saginaw City Zoo Museums -- Castle and art Library system -- especially Hoyt
The river The people the history
SVSU Saginaw Zoo Japanese tea house
Medical availability. The expertise of medical professionals who practice in Saginaw
I am sure there are some positive assets in the city, but it's hard to focus on the positive when there's so much negativity on the side of town where I live.
Rich history. Diverse population working together. Cultural activities. Sports activities available. Part of a greater MSA and it's broad quality of life.
It's parks and historic architecture (what little remains).
Friendly people. Interesting spots to visit: Children's Museum, Japanese Tea House and Gardens, Castle Museum, Children's Zoo, the Riverfront... etc. Fabulous old architecture and historic buildings and homes. Rich history. Close to other great places to visit.
Arts and the riverfront
I believe the Japanese Culture Center is the one of the strongest assets.
Our police officers and fire fighters. The old buildings that havent completely fallen down.
Location within the county. Water system. The river and river front properties. History and historic buildings.
Parks, including especially Hoyt and Ojibway Island, hospitals (employment), artists (murals & events), Friday Night Live, libraries, the Castle Museum, historic areas, Farmer's Market, Art Museum, Saginaw

Symphony, Pit & Balcony, Temple Theater, Civic Center. Younger and more creative people like Jamie Forbes to live downtown, or on west side business district. Nice locally owned restaurants and bars. Hamilton Street. Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Removing condemned houses has been helpful in many ways. Condos along the River. Bus service. Delta College downtown. YMCA, Zoo!

Potential to attract manufacturing jobs to the area, based on existing infrastructures.

Low cost of living, job market, two good hospitals, proximity to airports. River is underutilized

Riverfront potential, small business variety

Our young entrepreneurs who are opening back up closed stores and giving downtown a new business outlook.

Small business and local establishments - make for a rich "downtown" environment.

Our city is located on the river. Many other communities have used this resource and benefited from it greatly when considering economic & new business growth.

Strong community desire for improvement.

The river, the diversity, its historical buildings and history.....

Parks / River/ East and West Downtown

Downtown and the people that live here in Saginaw

castle museum

The Children's Zoo

Infrastructure for a strong waterway community.

None ATM

Diverse population. Access to the river. Unique small businesses.

They're honestly aren't that many. I guess you could say the citizens are good at pretending to bullsh!t themselves that they're happy.

The youth

We have grit and are very resilient!

Business

The community

Right now there are not any. I have loved here my whole life and I don't see anything good happening.

Our river

right now we don't have any

To be truthful I do not think there are any.

The people
Manufacturing
Schools and universities, libraries, parks.
Down town
Our city's diversity
The people of the city and the local businesses in the area.
The community and those who strive for improvement and success. This can be seen in neighborhood cleanup, historic restoration projects, supporting small businesses, and even something as small as paying it forward.
Medical Community Shiawassee Reserve
Location
The resilience of the people that live here.
The parks use to be. I don't even feel safe walking through them anymore.
Nothing
Have lived here 35 years. I like the the diversity , schools, stores and people.
We need anderson water park back. Or at least a large public pool. The skatepark is for little kids the splash pad for little kids both are not used the parking lot there is always empty. When we had Anderson water park the area was filled all summer long. there is no way for adults to cool off in the summer except the ymca and that is restricted and not very big. The city should build out city blocks with store fronts and apartments upstairs like old town has. Make the apartments low income housing and the store fronts for low income people to give being a business owner a go. I went to the Saginaw small business seminar and was told if I dont have 50k Liquid I have 0 chance of starting any kind of business that's what your money is getting with them. Use an uber type system in place of the empty buses driving in circles Austin TX has a pilot program using a phone app and Van's and it is cheaper and makes people happier we can use the buses for citywide trips to the fair, cedar point, the cheeseburger festival the cherry festival, camping, canoeing let's help people organize trips and provide affordable transportation. People get violent when they have nothing to look forward to we need a annual things that are really fun not some crappy band and people selling food and sitting or food giveaways there's 2 Saginaws people who get to go on vacations and trips and people who are stuck here 24/7 365 and dont have 20 dollars to go buy greasy food and have their ear drums blasted we could at least have simple easy rides to the store and nice pool to relax at
A diverse melting pot of cultures, we seem to be doing a good job of investing in our youth and giving them things to do and places to go.
The people and businesses
Caring community Diversity
Small business
Uncontested, Quiet, Relaxed atmosphere, River

It's resilient, community oriented citizens. It's waterfront and other natural spaces. It's diversity.
Hoyt Park
it exists?
Could be the river...
Beautiful parks
The River and access to clean Sri king water.
Closeness to I-75; the Saginaw River; Old Town; variety of ethnic restaurants; large hospitals; The Temple Theatre; Farmers Market & indoor shops; Parks (although they ALL deserve better attention & care); Children's Zoo (we've not been there yet, but live in Heritage Square, & plan to take our grandsons from Indiana when they visit); some residents actually care about historic renovation & maintain their homes/property 🏠
The people
Still newer to the area so I am unsure
Saginaw River Iron Belle trail connection Hospitals Parks Arson Watch
Civic groups supporting improvements to our city
?
The history of the city and the people that are dedicated to trying to preserve it and not tear it down. Also all of the events that saginaw has... Friday night live, jazz on jefferson, lawn chair film festival... it brings the community together
The History of this city and the citizens
Housing
It's small hometown feel!
the saginaw river
Neighborhoods connecting, collaborating to keep peace, and neighbors that are willing and mindful to increase the value of their homes. Our greatest assets are to respect and value each other.
Arts, Temple, Zoo, Childrens Museum the river
private entrepreneurs and hospitals.
The north west side of the city
Community events
I have not see any assets to make a determination
The local culture, the beautiful areas (Ojibway, old Town, historic districts, etc), the historic areas, many more



The River & transportation linkages (I-75 / M-46). Employment base - Health Care & Manufacturing

The city workers

Of my 52 years in Saginaw I think Saginaw's strongest assets are: 1) Constantly raising water/sewer rates (mthly bill) 2) Constantly raising trash/yard waste yearly bill. 3) Finding new ways of raising our summer/winter taxes. 4) Losing tax payers when they move out of the city because of #'s 1-3

Saginaw's people are its strongest asset.

Saginaw most strongest assets in my opinion are their homeowners and the strategies and planning for making the place better

I think Saginaw strongest assets are the relatable people in our community, having those folks to talk to that went through the same issues as you growing up.

Location. This area has so much potential for agriculture and manufacturing.

The communities that make up the city of Saginaw.

Kids

Parks

Working with the people, using their input.

Size and space, as well as location. I-75 and I-675 Historical features of downtown buildings ~ why are there no businesses in them? Riverfront Some bridges Some parks

Celebration square

The Hospitals

Building up of the river and downtown, collaboration between Delta College and CMU. Ascension Hospital Cancer treatment centers.

Parks and arts

Covenant Hospital with workforce and bringing people into the area.

People

Government, public agencies, hospitals and business.

Farmers Market, Delta College, Friday Night Live Events, Saheen Properties, Firework celebrations, Dow Event Center, Huntington Park, Parks.

Cost of living is reasonable.

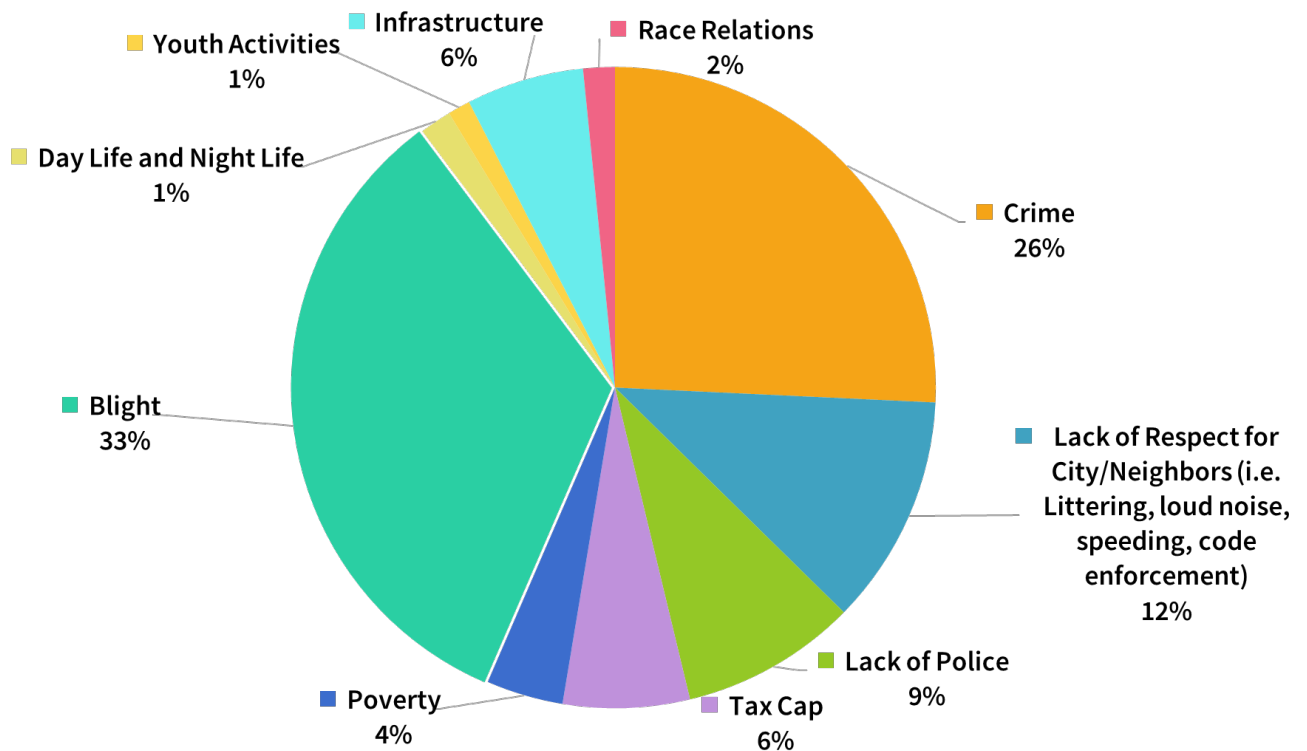
The people is Saginaw strongest asset. There are so many neighborhood association and community foundation that are greatly for this city and the people that live in it.

NO comment. I changed my mind. Saginaw used to be beautiful, now it is an awful depressing sight only on the east side, why? because city leaders do not care. they talk without actions.

to keep this city clean always and to help people get their house fix up

0 awful people are leaving fast you let slum land lords take over city
Consistent electrical power diversity good people history river culture hospitals entertainment venues wildlife spray park splash park ojibway island rail trail
downtown access to water rails and space over 900 vacant lots that should turn over we have vacant lots build self serve water
no comment
people
people that are going to get education and network to others share their information with other patrons
helping small businesses
strong community presence
it's the people then medical
it's people that volunteer and keep the yards clean
diversity- potential
a nice cultural environment
the community -never been to a city with better people
nothing
i cannot think of any
community united
the river community
more after schools programs to go to
our river that we dont use to our advantage we cant do nothing on our river no restaurants or stores or parking for people to vist
land and medical and electronics
people dow entertainment
neighborhood solidarity desire for community safety willingness to invest time and resources to improve aspects of the community
I75 saginaw has to develop economic reasons travelers will stop in saginaw bussiness opportunities-real
I think that they should build houses for the home;ess people so they wont be in the stree
there are poeple in the city that would love to run a business
River front, downtown

## 2. What do you think are Saginaw's biggest issues?



% of Times Mentioned

\*Top Ten Responses Only

Response
Too many vacant and overgrown lots, dormant downtown, not keeping historical homes and buildings. We need an annual activity/event unique to Saginaw that will bring thousands to the area to celebrate/participate
Crime, gunshots, and the fact that people don't respect others. I will get to a solution about drag racing and blowing unmarked corners of streets of equal wt. later
Bad reputation, lack of riverfront usage, lack of jobs in the tech industry,
Crime, violence, lack of revenue for services.
Crime, drugs, lenient punishment for criminals
Crime Roads Tax Cap
Meeting the challenges of a global community--looking at the future. Poverty.
Safety/crime, blight, lack of respect for one's neighbors/neighborhood
Blight, drugs and gangs
Job development, high rate of rentals vs. homeownership, blight

Tearing down what should be saved, limited waterfront development and improved city parks, with events organized to attract people to downtown and eastside.

People speeding through residential areas. Some streets such as Perkins and Wadsworth have not been resurfaced in over 50 years. Perkins has a lot of traffic with fire and police vehicles and ambulance service. This is so important because the neighborhood is essentially elderly people. We really need help on Perkins.

Polluted river, gun shots often, mini bikes, booming music, side lot land bank purchase isn't available if you live in certain areas like adjoining M46.

The roads/pot holes. Some of the stop lights (center and state) Lack of police causing delays of call responses and increase in crime. As well as fixing up areas in Saginaw. Empty lots not being closed/cleaned

Low value homes Undeveloped river front Under achievement

Crime, attitude of people about past issues, no hope by many people that things will improve, many run-down structures in the downtown and old town areas, lack of accountability in building owners to keep their properties in good shape.

Constantly tearing down buildings and destroying it's history. City staff also are many times not polite or always helpful, making living here or opening a business extremely difficult. But, the biggest issue is the social economic issues and unequal opportunities for minorities.

Lack of creative/progressive thinkers / diversity among senior admin positions.

Thugs life, inadequate education, crime, economic despair.....

- Blight - limitations of a blue collar mentality - Crime - lack of prevalent well paying jobs. - Lack of self improvement initiative or abilities by some individuals in habitual poverty.

Poverty, and the issues that come with it. Poverty leads to criminality.

Crime...:(

Lack of full funding for community centers. Land bank hoarding city property in racist manner. City council being afraid to hold city manager accountable. Educational system being 40 years behind & refusing to adapt. Police department being 40% percent of our budget & crippling growth.

Blight (but if marketed properly, that could be an asset), crime, and the limitations imposed by the city's tax caps.

Shootings/crime, lack of police presence during the day monitoring the excessive speed of cars on main roads, high price of water bills and annual garbage tax (very costly in comparison to the average annual income of the population).

Streets

Crime, street surface conditions,

Robberies & breakins, extra stop signs are needed, Saginaw & Tittabawassee River needs cleaning of chemicals and Imerman Park free of dioxins & chemicals, make sure our city water & city is free from PFAS, lack of family parks, aging infrastructure & bridges, road conditions, not enough sidewalks

People don't realize how much really goes on in Saginaw, in many residents here always talk down about it, and there's quite a racial divide.
Nothing for to get united behind and be proud of
Crime and non community members assistance in helping our law enforcement.
Rentals, roads, lack of vision, "at large" city council
Number of incarcerated people for small offenses.
Lack of funding, Tax cap that prevents growth opportunities (businesses that will not consider locating in Saginaw when the citizens won't fund their own community) and neglects funding for Fire and Police as well as parks and trees. I perceive that businesses have
Violence, lack of respect between the citizens and government, and the noticeable difference in treatment between the residents on the west side vs the east side.
Maintaining the growing areas of vacant lots. Maintaining cleanliness of the city. The growing number of auto thefts and petty crimes committed by young adults and teenagers. Individuals, who left unpunished for their deeds will progress to more violent crimes. The abuse of drugs & alcohol is growing at an alarming rate.
Crime a lack of police presence in the neighborhood that aren't high crime areas as well
Discrimination.
Same as all city crime, job, race
Saginaw seems to lack the vision to be a future city. It seems that more effort is placed on recapturing its finer moments than imagining a greater future.
Crime, lack of interaction between law enforcement and community,
Making sure it doesn't look run down and blighted.
Too many rental homes, period, but also lack of oversight or violation enforcement in existing rentals, police not getting out into the neighborhoods to meet people and build trust
Transportation, Undeveloped downtown, limited nightlife/event/quality of life
Acceptance of the differences of different classes of people.
The quick escalation of ordinance fines, the vacant land, food dessert, lack of investment in human services
Loos of auto-related jobs/income. repurposing unused properties from resident loss.
funding & infrastructure. Less is not always be. 30 year resident- watched saginaw parks and. depts. disappear, 20 years ago. city services cus to minimum
streets in need of repair, need for police & fire dept funding, lack of respect for other people's property, trashy neighborhoods, vacant lots/houses
vacant and deteriorating houses and streets

lack of things for young people to do. Homes in need of repair, such as roof, windows, siding

Roads, and construction

Loosing historic buildings, loud car music, race cars speeding around the city, problems with large unruly groups in parking lots and parks, lack of police enforcement for running lights, stop signs, etc. lack of psychologists fit police responses requiring it.

Truthfully, before moving here I didn't really know what to expect with Saginaw. There were only a few tidbits I was told or had experienced prior to moving here: it's got crime issues similar to Detroit and Flint, and its downtown is small. Shoot, it wasn't until my seventh month here when I realized there was a mini-downtown on the west side of the Tittabawassee River. Truthfully, outside of its lumber and automotive history, I don't know what Saginaw is known for. I like that there is a local hockey team and that we aren't far from a local baseball team (Midland), but there doesn't seem to be a whole ton of things to do or activities to lure in new/young blood. Also, there doesn't seem to be a serious push to make the city (as well as the neighboring townships) 'greener.' Then again, maybe it's just my landlord that doesn't push for recycling, but even then we're in downtown, there should be more recycling advocacy.

Crime, race relations, water quality (lead), removing the tax cap.

Crime, poverty, and violence.

Job market, corporate influence, demolition of perfectly viable houses and buildings. Hardly any downtown left.

People who would chose to close Ojibway island

Poverty. Racism. Not enough black cops.

Lack of access to grocery stores or other options for healthy food. The lack of funding for public transit. Too few branch libraries and a lack of library funding. Funding for public schools is excessive and too much of the school funds go to sports.

Ghettofication

The tax cap; we should make all efforts necessary to eliminate it. Residents repeatedly approve special taxes in lieu of the city being able to levy general funds. This is, however, no way to run a city with our assets. The lack of overall planning because revenue is limited and unpredictable. The presence of people with ulterior motives for land control and use, destruction of city history, and diversion of city privileges to outcounty townships.

1. Crime/Violence/Shooting 2. Lack of Economic Resources 3. Polluted Environment 4. Abandoned/Neglected Properties 5. Food Desert

Lack of diverse entertainment offerings Infrastructure flaws Lack of diverse employees

Crime. Education. No parenting skills. Leadership. Safe locked parks. Need more police and private security. They don't take their children to church.

We have no industry and a plethora of empty manufacturing buildings from industries that are long gone

Poorly managed rental property. We need more grocery stores not liquor and marijuana stores.

Violence, road integrity



Crime, including gangs and drugs. A lack of programs for the youth. Maybe resources for the disadvantaged.

Declining tax base, non-owner occupied properties that are not properly maintained, poverty - and all of its residual effects.

Blight and crime

Public Safety, you need to invest in Public Safety to attract businesses and people back to the city of Saginaw

The abandoned buildings and uomes every where as well as the crime

Crime!

Guns...schools...small businesses closing

A wonderful river that's that being utilized to the best of its potential Too much blight Fear of crime

Crime , lack of police & fireman , more inspectors for housing and engineering deptments Lack of code enforcement Strong police presents , To many tax breaks to developers and high taxes for residents Lack of Access to Ojibway Island

Government, taxes, debt, crime, upkeep of some areas.

Crime, sense of safety, blight in city, bad reputation

Crime Poor schools No new industry bringing in high paying jobs Job training - tech fields

Crime. Lack of law enforcement. Code enforcement. Speeders. No patrolling. Loud Motorcycles.

Crime

Lack of transportation

Crime, guns, drugs and a weak court system

Gangs and blacks killing blacks.

Waterfront issues. Need something like bay city waterfront. To do more fishing. We are known for the walleye

Blight

Crime & Safety The Job Market (There are many available and not enough people willing to apply or do the work for historically good paying jobs) Low Income Housing (It won't get better if the landlords don't get paid rent yet can't evict) Inflation Significant decrease in local shopping for almost everything.

Small police force/presence -delayed response times Fire department- reduced number of stations and firefighters Blight in general. Abandoned lots, parks, homes, buildings etc.

Lack of cameras around the city. The presence of the cameras would detour the crime in some way, shape or form. This would open up jobs because someone has to monitor them 24 hours a day. Also Idle hands is the devils playground, give the teens, youth more activities. Alot of events that took place here in the

city when I was young stopped along time ago. It's time to bring happiness and togetherness back to the city.

Crime, roads, and entertainment. There isn't enough to do in this city. And we wonder why the crime rates increase

Roads and shootings. And landlords we have 2 or 3 big landlords creating monopolys in the city buying cheaper houses to fix them up is impossible because of them and i believe something needs to he done.

Crime The race track Downtown

Crime. Saginaw has become a "war zone" despite major efforts by PD to deal with it. And crime negatively Impacts Saginaw's image.

Crime, gangs

Crime rates and abandoned houses.

Crime. Lack of renters and landlords being held accountable. Needing new business to make up for the loss of the auto plants

Crime, safety. Lack of establishments for people to spend an evening and feel safe.

Crime

Gun violence

Crime and reputation

Crime especially violent crimes and murders. Too many children are collateral damage of these crimes.

Racial segregation, older infrastructure and housing, ineffective city council and city management, lack of investment for communities and businesses, city income tax.

Crime, no place for young people to gather safely and have it patrolled by police or private security groups. Update the city's playgrounds.

Crime, blight, lousy schools. I grew up in the Adam's blvd area during 60's and 70's. It was safe and beautiful back then

Blight, gun violence, some non-functioning city departments...perhaps due to budget issues. Too many of us tax payers are handling the load for ALL residents, most of which might not be property owners.

Gang violence and serious crime, drugs, very serious blight, multiple abandoned property, neglect, lack of legiiment tourism activites.

High crime. Bad roads that are not being fixed properly, which cost more money in the long run. Labor is not cheap.

Crime, not much to do in downtown

Crime,Joblessness, economic drought

Crime, specifically violent crime and drugs. Lack of cooperation with police in investigations. Apathy among residents to make changes necessary to make this city more inviting to businesses and future

residents. Blight - still too many rundown abandon homes. Lack of focus on education among parents not sending kids to school and pushing for high achievement.

Blight, crime

The violence & blight. Apathy from city leaders.

Gangs and crime! It isn't a safe place to live. Court house being closed. Lack of community police. Need gang task force. Need work programs for youth. Need safe place for kids to hang out. Roads need work. Need lots of social workers and counseling in schools. Child Hunger. Need apprenticeships to learn trade with Saginaw business.

Crime and violence- has multiple causes Not enough home ownership in some areas that contributes to lack of guardianship of an area, adds to instability of an area. Absentee landlords. Housing stock is aging and showing signs of lack of attention. Too many places that sell alcohol and easy access to, alcohol through home deliveries, alcohol and drug fueled violence at parties and public places.

Crime, lots of police patrolling in unnecessary areas none patrolling in the most violent areas

Crime and violence. Roads are a secondary issue. Poor business attraction for the final issue.

Crime, anything that divides people, lack of investment although there has been some improvement recently, negative reputation - some deserved some not.

Crime

Crime and lack of housing, people who take pride in Neighborhood, young people, with gun access if they can't take gun back make it hard to buy emanation or bullets

Lack of good paying jobs for people without higher education. Lack of career opportunities for university graduates.

Crime and lack of activities for the younger adults and teens. Inner city programs that work.

unmowed vacant lots, tax cap, as in all areas - finding employees for vacant positions. diverse field of employees

Trash and glass everywhere in the city. Not enough things for teens to do to keep out of trouble.

Saginaw's biggest issues are the ran down buildings slum land lords violent neighborhoods and not enough recreational activities for young kids or children to get involved in nuisance neighbors that the city officials or scenic dont help good neighborhoods get rid of

Lead water pipes

What to do with the downtown area as well as the west side downtown area.

I think that besides crime being an issue, Saginaw is socioeconomically divided. This can be seen when comparing the City of Saginaw to the Township of Saginaw. There seems to be apparent discrepancies between the two.

Crime, blight, lack of police.

Lack of crack down in known problem areas during common times

Vacant lots, tearing down historic buildings, too much taxation and too few or mis-directed or under utilized public services.
Crime, Crime, Crime, Crime
Gang violence and fatherless homes.
Blight, food deserts.
Crime
The reputation for violence and crime. Need to bring more business downtown.
Crime and the roads are awful.
Crime - especially gun shootings which are verging on complete lawlessness; poverty.
Crime and absolutely horrible roads. You are literally punishing the lowest I come level when roads are not maintained properly. These costs seriously add up to these constituents.
population decline vacant properties tax limitations low income populations perception of unsafe environment in City
No enough law enforcement. Red light runners at every stop, why don't we use camera's to help our law enforcement out and generate revenue, helps free them up to actually help the city who is in desperate need of guidance. Abandoned homes and falling apart buildings in heavily trafficked areas especially around the on and off ramps, downtown area. No one from visiting states should see our garbage, I don't even want to see it. We need home value to rise not decrease.
Crime
Crime, low median income, limited attractions
High rate of poverty Roads in poor condition Landlords who don't manage their properties well or at all Too many rental properties Weak school system
Run down buildings, bad roads, crime. Police need support!!!
Perception outside of Saginaw, crime, infrastructure and taxation
Underemployment, low incomes, limited number of living wage jobs. Despair leading to crime. Perception of crime, perhaps worse than reality. Low / fixed property tax rates making it difficult to raise enough money for city services. Sprawl and expansion throughout the county making the area less dense, causing people to drive further and further. Excessive investment in greenfields (former farms and forests) rather than investment in the city center and communities and infrastructure already existing. Racism, current and former, having led to some of the lack of investment today. Lack of acknowledgement of indigenous peoples and lands.
Lack of investment in the city for those that live in the city
Criminal activities, violence, run down communities
Police staffing and citizens not being informed were funding come from for city project that are provided by organizations. Comes off as being funded by tax payers when it's not.

Crime, lack of enough full time jobs, blight

There's a lot of issues to address. There's so many that I doubt a small percent of them will ever actually get resolved.

Crime and blight

Crime. Blight. No job opportunities. No pride.

Crime

Crime. Nothing to do for youths or adults.

violent crime. violent crime. violent crime. blight.

violent crime. violent crime. violent crime. blight.

No recreation vision, no leadership, and no direction.

Crime, depressed real estate & deteriorating traditional neighborhoods

Rough roads

Shootings, poverty, drugs and excessive drinking, blight and trash and abandoned homes. Lack of youth employment opportunities

Lack of high-paying jobs, poverty, crime, lack of quality/affordable child care, lack of clean, well-maintained parks and playgrounds for families with young children.

It's too car dependent. The roads should be smaller with more shopping districts throughout the city. Also a better bus system. If the walkability of Saginaw could significantly improve, the city would be a much more enjoyable place to live.

CRIME! Law enforcement. Saginaw needs more officers. The blight is out of control. Lots of empty business buildings downtown.

Crime

Crime, number one. Neglected, deserted homes and business buildings. Overgrown grass in a lot of areas of the city, including Rust Park. This makes our city very unappealing to newcomers. Plenty of empty school buildings, closed.

A huge issue is how segregated Saginaw still is. Poverty and crime is another big issue. Second to that, the state of disrepair of Saginaw school buildings. The lack of faculty in Saginaw schools, I've witnessed burned out teachers treating kids terribly. Jesse Rouse in particular is terrible- the building especially. East side government housing is atrocious. The amount of overdose deaths in Saginaw is a large issue, as well as the lack of mental health help for individuals. I would also say infrastructure in general is very poor, huge swaths of empty lots- houses torn down from blight which is a good thing- but now we have these empty spaces in neighborhoods which doesn't exactly attract economic growth or families to move in. Empty factory buildings that contain contaminants and pollutants is also a big issue- what are we planning on doing with these abandoned factories? The polluted Saginaw river. The lack of a lively nightlife in the downtown and Old Town area and our lack of a developed riverside that could attract tourists and residents to wine and dine and invest in Saginaw. Charter schools that do not have the same standards as Saginaw public schools- who is keeping tabs on these schools? How are they regulated?

Low transparency when it comes to city contracts. Lack of diversity when it comes to city school staff and local nonprofit leadership. No money, no jobs.

The crime and lack of pride in our city.

1. Crime or the impression that crime is everywhere. People want to feel safe where they live. 2. The city looks rundown, overgrown, dirty, and unloved by it's residents. They aren't taking care or ownership of where they live. 3. Businesses also appear unkempt, dirty, and unapproachable. I say this as someone who visits several times a year. 4. Financial support is always a perennial civil load to tangle with

A recurring issue that I believe many would agree with are the roads... There are a number of roads that are desperate for attention, but for whatever reason, the attention is being put on roads that don't need as much fixing. Center road for example, I'm no road specialist or what have you, but the road didn't appear to have hardly as many issues as roads such as Davenport and State street (I'm sure other residents and even the bus drivers/EMS would agree). There is a high volume of traffic that flows through Davenport and State. Several people use those roads in order to gain access to and from the highway and/or the hospital. Semis drive down both streets EVERYDAY to make way to/from the highway. Instead of doing poor patch jobs to the streets, why not redo the entire road?? There may have been some underlying reason as to why Center road may be getting fixed right now, but I believe that attention should be given to roads that really need the fixing just the same. Secondly, there should be more done to make Saginaw look attractive, not just in some areas. For instance, when people are driving in from the South of Saginaw, the highways are not kept and it does not look inviting. You can see a major difference coming into Saginaw from areas such as Frankenmuth and/or Birch Run. Those areas are well kept and well maintained. It would be nice to see more maintenance and better up keep in Saginaw. Last but not least, the violence/crime. I understand that every city is going to have crime and violence, but I believe part of the reason why this is an issue is because there isn't much to offer in Saginaw that caters to people of ALL demographics. Due to the lack thereof, many of the youth find themselves getting involved in things they shouldn't be involved in. So I guess this paragraph included a two part issue: crime/violence in addition to the lack of things for the community to do.

Police enforcement, lack of points of interest to draw people to the city. Crime.

City budget; 3am-6am parking ordinance; city income taxes; city school district; abandoned houses; no beat cops (assigned community officer) to build citizen relationships.

The violence and drug/alcohol addiction and the areas in the city that have been "forgotten" about and resemble "ghetto"

Affordable housing, lack of shelters, employment, lack of transportation, violence, and mental health/substance abuse treatment.

Right now, there is so much violence in Saginaw. We need more people to become involved with the youth, create safe environments for them.

Gun violence and community partners working to create a safety net for the citizens of Saginaw.

No smoke shops, funding for schools, and infrastructure.

1 Obviously, all the shooting and violence. 2 looking run down

Poverty. Crime. Population decline. K-12 schools.



Crime! Crime! Abandon houses, not enough officers, lack maintenance to the current programs and buildings that can help the community. YMCA area looks rough, playground near there has needle and drug deals in parking lot. Could still be a great area

Poverty and crime. Mental health services need to be available more freely, adequately and people need to have the means to be able to access them. Such as transportation and people who believe in them and encourage them to seek help if they need help. Those considering joining a gang need to know that there are other opportunities available to them.

Wealth Inequality/ Poverty

A lack of a positive singular purpose for all residents to participate in and be proud of. Example, what if Saginaw became the nations top city for residents growing edible gardens in their yards. So much time and money is spent on lawn care what if we focused on growing vegetables, fruits, nuts, etc with an added focus on healthy eating.

Blight!! The city is not being kept up. The west side used to be really clean and nice but not anymore. I've lived here all my life and have been proud to call Saginaw my home. I'm sorry to say that I am embarrassed by how unclean it is.

Lack of mental health care. Blighted neighborhoods, poor racial relations, Pride in the city and surrounding areas.

Crime, apathy, lack of belief to turn things around.

Crime and drugs. Also unemployment.

I think we need to do some critical thinking about the origin and prolongation of the crime in our city. It is not an issue of East vs West ... in fact it seems that west Saginaw is quickly ascending to first place in that unfortunate race. What is the cause? Is there an underlying organization to the crime? Is it lack of access to resources that pushes people to commit crimes? What resources are lacking there? How can we improve access? More money in transit options could be helpful.

Kids not being watched and they are vandalizing businesses the officers can not do much because they are too busy with all the shootings!!!

All kinds of violence Medical discrimination Political Corruption Blight

Crimes, people disobeying traffic laws

The cops who don't do their jobs....! An officer is supposed to come to EVERY call no matter how stupid it is, the minor things turn into big things. Saginaw township cops have their part of town under control why can't the city? There's a bunch of puss bags hire better law enforcement and actually look for the criminals. A couple years ago that officer was shot in the face and the only description of the person is white guy with red hair in a stolen car and they found him within hours.... Why can't they get the rest of the problems off the street? Because it wasn't one of their own being shot.

Crime. Unrepentant culture.

Gang violence, poverty, lack of involved employers.

Leadership sucks

Crime and retaliation are a couple of Saginaw's biggest issues. From an infrastructure standpoint, water and sewer needs more attention to keep all drainage flowing properly. This has been an ongoing issue for Saginaw City and Saginaw Township.

need to increase tax base poverty - underutilized potential of its people deteriorating housing stock not bikable crime poor school outcomes maternal and child health food deserts and limited food value chain

Guns in the wrong hands Deteriorating neighborhoods due to poverty and too many rentals - Taxes are high: have to pay a city tax and property tax and extra if you want trash pick up - I pay more in taxes than if I lived in one of the townships Young families need a vision with work and a way to dig out of poverty and own their own homes

- Poverty/ food desserts/ poor nutrition - Racial attitudes outside of city - Bad reputation, both perceived and real - Under-utlization of riverfront - Declining tax base - Quality of education - Job opportunities - "Lots of young people with nothing to do during the summer"

Violence

Blight, crime and lack of activities.

Saginaw's biggest issues are poverty and education & opportunity segregation, which both contributes to the crime rate in the city. The average median household income for the City of Saginaw is \$29,582. The education system/curriculum for the white schools are not the same for the schools for black schools, which puts them at a disadvantage in the world and some resort to the life of the streets to make a means. There are lots of jobs, but they have complex descriptions which intimidate applicants or are used to "educationally discriminate" against someone.

Infrastructure. i.e neighborhood streets erosion. Blighted houses. Perception of not being safe.

Crime and shootings, until you get that under control you will not be able to attract positive change.

Blight,and bad streets.miles and miles of pott holes.

Down town area - needs more business

Access to nutritious foods, the amount of people in the ALICE population or below, and the empty homes/buildings sitting and/or falling apart which are inviting for arson, animals and squaters.

Lack of respect for diversity, lack of quality employment, quality of education

Violent crimes

Poverty, crime and recreation for young people.

Crime , citizens not having respect

Crime and racism. It seems like it's everyone against everyone.

Racism and poverty

Funding for mailing venues like the Japanese Teahouse, especially the grounds.

Crime and blight

Having enough funds to meet the demands and making sure there is a good, prioritized plan for what needs to be accomplished.

Keeping parks and facilities well maintained with good signage.

Violent crime. Gun violence. General lawlessness (not following general laws and ordinances). Poor Socioeconomic status. Low employment and pay rates. Poor housing stability. Underfunded schools, parks, outdoor recreation, youth programs, etc. Unchecked litter and blight. Food deserts, poor healthcare and high crime rates contribute to obesity issues. Low community trust. No community pride. Heavy focus on temporary solutions and quick fixes, instead of long term change. No coordination and support for small nonprofits, community improvement groups, nonprofit events, etc. There are many groups doing great work and a coordinated approach would increase their reach and impact.

Violence Trash,abandon houses,and over grown lots.

A poorly ran municipal infrastructure. And the amount of city funds that are paid to non city residents; it's robbery without a gun.

Poverty Lack of jobs Crime

Crime, infrastructure, keeping small businesses in the city.

Gunfire, fast food bags in the streets, noise after the noise curfew (after 10pm), low education high emotions. These problems are correctable as there are noise, littering ordinances on the books. Enforce them. Speeding also a big issue, how about a couple of radar cars to make money for the city of Saginaw.

Crime , not enough activities or community events that are appealing to keep children out of the streets or following behind crime

Saginaw's biggest issues are the lack of education, teachers, schooling, violence. But a lot of those things cannot be fixed if we don't all come together it literally starts with unity.

1. The dissolving of our cities public schools in favor of charter schools owned by private companies. 2. Violence 3. Lack of free indoor recreation for our youth.

Gang violence Poverty Lack of knowledge of available resources and programs

Violence Racism Lack of security to many community outdoor events.

There is not enough money invested in our poor neighborhoods

It starts with local officials.

Lack of activities for youth and children

1. Low paying jobs. 2. No safe activities for the youth. 3. Businesses and city officials that do not care about the community. 4. No investments into the poor neighborhoods.

Crime

Racism

Blight, murders, lack of safe things to do in the community, education system, lack of guidance for youths.

Egos from Leadership No Diversity in Leadership Lack of high wage employment. Crime No Police Protection
Lack of community, lack of support and the economic divide! Too many people that's not from the area work for the City!
Gangs Criminals Families without fathers
Lack of affordable housing well paying jobs productive things for youth violence
Crime, mistrust, misinformation, lack of opportunities to progress in jobs and finances, lack of safe affordable housing.
Crimes. No police. Long response for Ems
Lack of opportunities
Lack of resources and it's nothing here for the youth. How can we want the crime to stop but don't provide any opportunity for the young people grow.
Crime, safety. Taxes, water bills too high. Most residents are not property owners but vote "yes" on all these proposals and the financial burden falls to a smaller percent of property owners. Police don't respond to "minor" or property crimes. Only serious crimes in progress. County land Bank not managing vacant homes properly and marketing them to become family homes. I understand the vast majority are very difficult or impossible to fix up but there are MANY right in my neighborhood that are nice family homes that just need some rehab but can't be sold because the land Bank manager has designated to tear them down to amass vacant lots in the middle of otherwise completely inhabited tree side till neighborhoods for imaginary future "development". Its not realistic and its not a benefit to the communities who live here to have neglected vacant lots in hopes that in 20 years the whole neighborhood will just die and the land can be sold to a developer. Let the residents be the developers.. market the properties like any other real estate. List on a website with pictures. Have an open bidding process and let people who have the means and ability to rehab them, put in the investment and sell them to families to love in and pay taxes on.
Saginaw biggest issue is the lack of policing. It also seems as if the city is very money hungry and do not understand or sympathize with citizens and crisis but would rather be paid
Violence Lack of community centers for youth engagement Poor economic status Food insecurity No convenient grocery stores No green space Businesses open downtown then close Would love to see open restaurants outdoor dining downtown
Not enough police ans crime is out of control. Hire more police.
Violence Lack of recreation Schools/ Youth development
Public Security
Crime and not enough businesses, no where for children to have fun.
Crime (shootings) Lack of things for adults to do Abandoned homes/businesses
Gun violence no investments in the community lack of police no jobs no housing no after school programs no schools money

Lack of investment in infrastructure and in urban areas
Barriers to businesses thriving and creating attractive options for residents to find evening and weekend entertainment in our downtown area. We have limited restaurants and night life.
Parking, crime. Creating a safe shopping area, stuff for kids to do. Lack of grocery stores, blight
nothing this place is a shit hole
Crime, blight, poverty level, and lack of past preservation of historic buildings,
Crime, littering
The leadership. Small minded with no vision. Elected and appointed
As of recently the shootings
Blight (abandoned old buildings and homes, dumping of garbage), unsuccessful downtown revitalization (closing of SVRC market place), restaurants/bars closing, increased crime over more of the region (i.e. West Side), lack of grocery (healthy food) stores, limited STARS schedule/routes, informing residents of services available to them (i.e. Delta college, MI-WORKS) and engaging them in the services, mental health services-more in-patient services for adolescents- and adults, need of more innovative programs (free) to youth; lack of good, safe public housing to impoverished citizens, public educational system needs to improve; lack of senior citizen public housing
Crime, perception of crime, blighted homes and businesses, and other general image issues.
Unemployment Lack of development in the city especially on the east side of the city Lack of plans to bring revenue into the city and jobs Adequate retail stores not overwhelming family dollar and dollar generally Unkept property be the land bank
Crime and not able to bring small bussiness back to their east and west side districts
It's all about quality of life....nothing else. The City not start crime, race issues, etc. the the City can not changed that. The people will correct those problems when they have had enough.
Poverty, violence, limited resources, not enough community involvement/events.
lack of tourist attraction
Lack of jobs for youth. Youth need something to do to keep them away from gangs and build their self esteem. Violence is another major issue.
Violence and its reputation it has. People have lost faith in this city that they can protect us. Now this city is known for nothing. There is no reason why anyone outside would want to come here.
Poverty Racism Corruption Lack of public transportation to rural areas. Lack of substance abuse resources. Lack of positive PR and outreach.
Gun violence murder
Poverty and alcohol / drug use and the lack of social programs to help those who are struggling.
Gun violence murder police brutality the court system cps honestly this whole city needs an over haul

Crime and lack of available resources to the officers

Poverty & crime No more middle class No more GM to keep the city going economically Violence People having children when they are not financially stable, cycling poverty People leaving the city & county for nicer places with more to do and less crime or safer environment

Violence and and the Northside..Southside..Eastside needs to be cleaned up..remodel..too much bleek.

Underused opportunities from being right next to a major interstate highway. When people see a town off of I-75, they should see hotels, restaurants, shopping, tourist attractions, etc. Instead, Buena Vista (deceptive from the name), is a wasteland. Why? The MAJOR renovation of the ramp at exits 148 and 149 should welcome people to a place they would want to spend the night and come back to visit.

The lack of focus on the growth of the East Side of the city beyond Washington St. The lack of resources and activities for the youth. Blight.

Lack of diverse Job Opportunities. Organizations not paying Living wages. Race relations between law enforcement and communities. Discriminatory hiring practices and lack of gainful employment opportunities for Minorities. Retention of young graduates from High School and College.

Lack of CITY investment on the east, north and south ends of town. No forward thinking that involves us black citizens who are the majority in this city. City employees who don't live IN Saginaw proper. We are funding suburbs. That cannot continue.

The Crime

I think one of the biggest issues that Saginaw has is the perception of safety or lack of. Many people are moving out of Saginaw or afraid to move to Saginaw because they do not feel safe. I also think the lack of establishments in City limits are an issue, especially places where the community can grocery shop.

Maybe the violence and unsafeness of some areas. Lack of funding.

Terrible roads, violence and unsafe areas

Terrible roads, unsafe areas, uninhabitable buildings and homes.

Violence, not enough police presence, lack of community policing.

Some of the same people have been in charge for too long and have antiquated views on the City and poor vision for the future (i.e. John Stemple) and have cultivated a culture of neglect. The City caters to wealthy families like the Shaheens and Garbers. Money is dumped into buildings on the taxpayer's dime and sold off to the Shaheens as low as \$1 (see Brewer Arcade building). The Shaheens then sit on buildings and no codes are enforced upon them, because the City staff are afraid to take action against these people and follow through on the ordinances (read: uphold the law). Some examples of this are the Brewer Arcade (owned by Sam Shaheen as SP REALTY DEVELOPMENT LLC), Jacobson's (owned by Sam Shaheen as 400 JEFFERSON LLC), Captain's Cove building (owned by Sam Shaheen as OLD TOWN RENAISSANCE, L.L.C.).

Blight n Crime. We need to tear down more abandoned buildings n more community policing. Our city is improving but we need to keep it going.

Lack of unity



Crime. Lack of property ownership. Behaviors of the citizens in the city. Funds being mis managed by people in charge.

Insufficient jobs, racial inequality, poverty

Crime. Lack of a good, clean riverfront public area like Bay City.

Diversity and the willingness to accept change

The buildings falling apart that can be put to use, also the fact that there are 10000 un affordable apartment.

Poverty, disinvestment, crime

Crime and terrible streets

Reconstructing the infrastructure (roads, water main, separating storm sewer from sanitary sewer)

Safety, parking, and lack/loss of events.

Roads, side walks, basic infrastructure (not social infrastructure), schools, crime.

City looks deserted or abandoned due to unattended buildings and landscaping

I think that other areas of Saginaw, like downtown Saginaw, is probably one of the bigger issues. It has progressed since I was younger, but I think maybe there could be more businesses down here and a little safer, too.

To many RENTERS that don't care about there neighborhoods or their neighbors, that owns there homes. No Respect from the RENTERS. Lots of illegal Drug Dealers, Gangs, Prostitutes, Homeless, Loud Music (mainly loud Bass) and Cars without License Plates. Lots of shootings and killings. Not a enough police officer's to enforce the LAWS in Saginaw, and nobody wants to tell the police who did it.

Crime, gangs, bad roads lead to run down houses/apartments

Saginaw struggles with community engagement and a focused direction. It is hard to say why people would want to visit or live in Saginaw. There isn't a specific thing that garners attention from the outside and the people living in Saginaw often go unacknowledged. Growing up, I often heard Saginaw referred to in derogatory manners. There wasn't anything to do there, there wasn't a thing it was known for, it was just another place you pass by going from point A to point B. In more recent years there have been attempts at summer events, but nothing novel or unique to Saginaw. Just retrofitting old themes in an old town. We have a few different spaces that could attract crowds that often seem underutilized, such as the Dow Event Center and Huntington Event Park. We have lots of river front area, but it is lined with doctor's offices and businesses that don't serve any purpose to have consumers enter. A sizable portion of the river front is used to operate a junk yard; definitely doesn't seem to be the best option. The citizens are often left with little to engage in throughout the city and have voiced there opinions on the matter to little avail. Meeting the residents of Saginaw's basic needs shouldn't be there bare minimum and that isn't always met too. I have noticed a lot of dissonance within the residence on what should be offered to help and what shouldn't, but if the same basic needs are met for everyone, then nobody can claim they are receiving "handouts".

Perception of crime, blight

Obviously the abundance of violent crime, by a wide margin. There is always a lot of talk about further restrictions and reductions, but that is only marketing. Violent crime remains a major problem. Beyond that, the culture is lazy. There is a major litter problem. Trash is constantly blowing into yards along Court St. Too many slumlords neglecting properties and housing disruptive tenants. The constantly increasing amounts paid for trash collection is ridiculous. So is the constantly increasing amounts charged to landlords for owning rental properties. The discrepancy in prices for water in the city vs the township is also ridiculous. As is the increase in housing SEV valuations which just happened to coincide with increased property tax rates. The city will nickel and dime its population every single opportunity it gets.

Crime

Crime, blight and bad roads

Crime and blight

Gang activity and an incredibly slow process of improving roads and sidewalks where they are really needed.

Multiple agencies working in conflict with one another and not meeting the ultimate goal unilaterally. High crime Sub-par educational system Lack of financial means- self sustaining Strong governmental leadership Community cooperation (all - in)

Crime and people with no respect of others. Yards that go unmaintained. Many small businesses not being able to stay afloat because of lack of employees.

We basically have No 'downtown' , like Bay City or Midland. It's sad. Everything is an abandoned building, or gets shut down. I wish we had a walkable downtown area like the other areas nearby that I mentioned.

1. Abandoned and neglected properties that the land bank won't let go but won't fix/maintain 2. Streets -- so many secondary streets are in terrible condition. Coupled with the abandoned/neglected properties, they make a very unattractive picture. 3. An aversion to maintaining/restoring old properties in favor of razing every bit of historical architecture in the hopes that someone will build on an empty lot in an empty city. For the love of all that is holy, pay attention to the consultants who have advised that the city preserve its heritage, make streets welcoming and walkable, make use of the riverfront and make it attractive for small entrepreneurs and residents. 4. Schools that are neglected. I know this matter of funding goes beyond the city, but we have to invest in schools

Blight Bad roads

Not safe

Violence Poverty Unemployment Lack of youth activities and opportunities Mediocre restaurants No downtown

Crime, violence, killing, abandoned housing and empty lots that needs cleaning.

Poor use of the riverfront, both economically, culturally, etc. Public at large perception of high violent crime. Lack of leadership from the largest employers. Need of neighborhood police stations. Lack of commercial, restaurant development encouragement Poor street conditions Poor beautification of main artery entrances to the city

Poverty, lack of jobs, demographics.
Maintenance of streets. Removing blight.
Crime
Some areas are not safe.
Lack of police and fire fighters. Nickel and diming residents with a income tax. An archaic way to collect monies from both residents and non residents. People getting WARRANTS because they aren't residents and did not file a tax return. It really puts saginaw in a bad light for those who do not live here.
Blight Crime Poverty
Perception of crime, abandoned houses, absentee landlords, lack of money, difficulty in code enforcement (grass, trash, junk cars), unemployment (even though there are lots of jobs available). Continue to demolish condemned houses. Not enough police. Limited retail/grocery stores in the city.
Crime and lack of enforcement/deterrence via tough sentencing. (Too many plea deals)
Run down lots, a central area of town, River not utilized.
Crime, housing, insane taxes on property - people are forced out of the City to seek more affordable taxes
Violence in the city and the inability to open up any type of recreational business in the township. I think we have enough dollar stores and car washes now...
Crime - blight - abandoned property - trash scattered - misdirected development
Extensive poverty, division in leadership, direction and attitudes. Many siloed activities.
Not enough police or accountability or string enough sentencing! Crime rate (major and minor) is out of control and getting worse.
nothing for the youth and families to do, crime, blight, communication
Gang bangers/ Infrastructure
Saginaw's biggest issues I'd that the city does not take care of downtown and surrounding neighborhoods on the east side
crime
Crime, lack of things for kids to do and poor animal facilities and help for them.
Crime and blight.
Crime and roads
Not enough funding for the fire department
The biggest issues is that nobody is held accountable for anything. The judges will completely let a drug dealer go and throw away the gun charge as long as they pay the fine. Saginaw's catch and release program is an absolute joke when it comes to criminals. Enough bargaining with criminals start prosecuting them

Not enough programs for the youth
Division of east/west side of bridge.
Crime
I feel like the police department having military equipment is a waste of money
Crime crime crime. Not enough police
Blight and eye sores downtown
no big , long term ideas, poor city council,management's
Crime and youth issues
Poor infrastructure, city taxes, high utility costs. Everything keeps going up except income.
Blight and lack of 21st Century jobs/job training
Economic deprivation of marginalised people, law enforcement violence against BIPOC.
Crime
People not taking responsibility for their physical belonging and physical actions.
Crime! The shootings. Our downtown needs something to bring the businesses and people to it. Our city roads are also in horrible shape.
Crime, lack of police available to address this crime.
Crime Generational Unemployment and social support.
Crime and the lack of controls to curb it.
Gangs and the violence they bring.
Lack of enforcing laws. Loud ear piercing music 24/7 with no law enforcement able to come and shut it down. Cars driving down city streets (Greenwich) at 50-60 mph daily. Neighbors sitting on porch talking very loudly using profanity 24/7. City allowing homes without taxes being paid on them to remain rentals for 5-11 years. Your threat of three years is a joke. Adding unpaid garbage bills to property taxes is a major joke since the property taxes are never paid. Down in the 1400 block of Greenwich a family of thieves (broke into six houses on that block alone) never paid taxes, stole their water (I believe only six or seven times) in the 5 years they lived there they had a 0 balance on their water bill. Water would be shut off, owner would turn it back on. City locked it so they couldn't do that anymore. They broke off the lock. City then poured cement down the water line. Family was never punished or charged for any of these actions. That's okay, just raise the water bill on everyone else to cover the loss.
Little mental health access, terrible schools and curriculum. Lack of police and high crime. Poverty. Blight.
Crime, drugs, lack of police & firemen. I am head of neighborhood watch and the younger generation have no respect in the town. Drugs are sold in broad daylight in cars right next to me. Lack in #'s of police to patrol. Need the sag. river beautified.

Bad bussing system, no public pool, no popular annual things to do for everyone. If your a low income family you get to spend 2 hours riding a bus in circles there and 2 hours back for a short trip to the store, no pool for the family adults are expected to take the kids and just stand there being hot. There should at least be a pool for adults to relax at no kids they have the splash pad, zoo, and skatepark.

Crime

Access to healthcare for the entire community and infrastructure issues.

Crime and the perception of crime. Aging infrastructure and park space that could be beautiful but needs beautification, up keep, and better safety. Lack of businesses and things to do in the city. Bay City and Midland have done excellent jobs creating walk friendly zones for people and Saginaw has not.

Corruption, mismanagement of public funds, forgetting that you work for the people, lack of pride in America, the cost of water for the city much more expensive then the township or shields, lack of options for internet or trash both of which continually go up but service goes down. City encouraged racism through racist programs that divide and the lack of police response based on race

Lack of small businesses that build community (i.e. lack of businesses in downtown/old town that create a more lively, connected environment), blight, walkability/active lifestyle (i.e. sidewalks, bike lanes, deteriorating roads).

Crime

Ragged streets and sidewalks Access to fresh foods Lack of major industries Lack of tourism industries

The municipal government treats its citizens in less than a respectful way. Particularly those of us who are elderly disabled low income or any other way challenged

Recreation for youth

where do i start. First off you have a city income tax this drives out business and makes it harder to live here. why should i start a business here when i can go up the road to saginaw township, bay city, midland or anywhere else other then here and not pay a tax? also there is no enforcement. all night long i hear cars racing around the streets, fireworks, gun shots. does anyone stop it. no they just show up after to say "hey look something happened"

Crime. Not feeling safe in many areas of Saginaw

Crime. Homelessness and stray animals.

The perception or reality that all neighborhoods are not treated equally. The obvious difference in service on east and west side of the river. The difference In the maintenance and scheduling of parks cleanup, road repairs and removal of blighted buildings.

Slumlords! Why do we allow out-of-State people to own property which is to be rented to locals? There's no way they can oversee their tenants, & our once beautiful neighborhoods are looking so dismal. Fireworks blowing at all hours on the wrong days 😡. Lack of adequate police force & firefighters. Residential streets & major arteries are in desperate need of repairs. I think our northern areas of the United States could learn a lot from Germany, which is in a similar latitude & weather patterns. We need to build roads like they do, which last. It seems that our roads are built shoddily, which I've been told, ensures that they won't last long, & provide jobs (to repeat the same process), how can we truly move

forward with that kind of thinking? Finally, community efforts are required to teach citizens the consequences of crime, & hold residents accountable for their actions.

People not caring or loving their neighborhoods especially the east side

Lack of social programs, Crime, and infrastructure

Crime Speeding Arson Vacant lots Railroad Bridges that don't move stopping larger boats up river Lack of Boat Harbors

Crime, blight, negative image

Lack of accessible transportation and job opportunities

Crime and infrastructure (roads especially )

Crime/shootings and the negative connotation that it has on the city are first and foremost. Run down houses that are owned by people yet sit vacant to just rot. Blight. This city could be beautiful and safe again with the right planning.

Crime, Affordable Housing , rubbish bills, water bills no place for our younger people , poverty, the city needs a new structure, people loosing their homes to taxes. Everything growing up with weeds, grass and trees.

Housing

Black on black Crime, our police department's relationship with the community, our flawed criminal justice system, neighborhood blight and gentrification.

blight, crime, rental property, no recreation at parks for kids need a parks director

Crime and Blight

Division economically, socially and property values. No major grocery store on the City's East Side; no major retailers on the East Side.

Crime, downtown development - seems every time a business opens within a short period of time it closes. Streets need repair

Lack of Big businesses and safety in our community.

Crime and lack of business and lack of qualified workers.

Crime, drugs, gangs, shootings and violence.

Crime, neglect in reviving neighborhoods on the eastside of Saginaw.

Crime

Crime. Continued deterioration of neighborhoods and quality of life. Population loss. Lack of professional leadership to problem solve. Lack of professional leadership in critical areas affecting quality of life - ex. Parks & Cemeteries maintenance and management. Disregard for citizen input and participation in decision making.

Keeping the city looking good, and fixing it up on all sides of town.



1) Weak city police not enforcing the law (not showing up when we call 911) 2) City not enforcing: a) 3-6am parking when we call b) neighbors Canadian Thistle which ate our new lawn for breakfast c) neighbors car parked on lawn by garage, unlicensed since May 3) Noise ordinance needs to change back to where it used to be. Boom did it all day and night long. 4) Need curfews for kids. Kids walking around all night long.

Saginaw's biggest issues are gun violence and a lack of recreational activities for our youth.

Gun violence and not enough places for kids & young teens to be able to go to.

Saginaw's biggest issues are unemployment, housing instability, no in-person school, no athletics, and no extracurricular activities all contribute to increases in violent crime.

I think Saginaw's biggest issues are having things to keep the youth occupied and providing outlets in school to a better future.

Crime and not enough help for mid to low income single households and families

Crime, blight, and lack of development especially in the Fairground Neighborhood. The area of the Fairground has been an eyesore for years and now the area where the TRW Plant is partially torn down has added to this.

Crimes

Crime, Low Tax Base, Racially Segregated City, Lack of Investment and Development of its Water Ways.

Need to hire more people.

ROADS: never seen a city with so many roads that should have been replaced years ago. Damage to vehicles and property values are a major issue. HOUSING: I volunteer close to full time with the homeless and marginally homeless. There is no shelter that focuses on single fathers with children. Space for them is extremely limited. Too many rental homes for low income renters are almost uninhabitable themselves. NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT: Horrible!! This situation along with the roads do not induce people to want to buy property or live here. Businesses move on because of it. CRIME: Too many guns and shootings, violence. SMALL BUSINESSES!

Gun violence, blight, potholes, and debris in streets

Crime

city blight, unmowed lots, no new business in the city neighborhoods, no major grocery chains in the city. Residents not feeling safe in their home sitting on their porch. Gun violence in the city. We need sustainable neighborhood programs. City workers and especially police should live in the city give the police an incentive to move into the city.

crime

Moron police chief

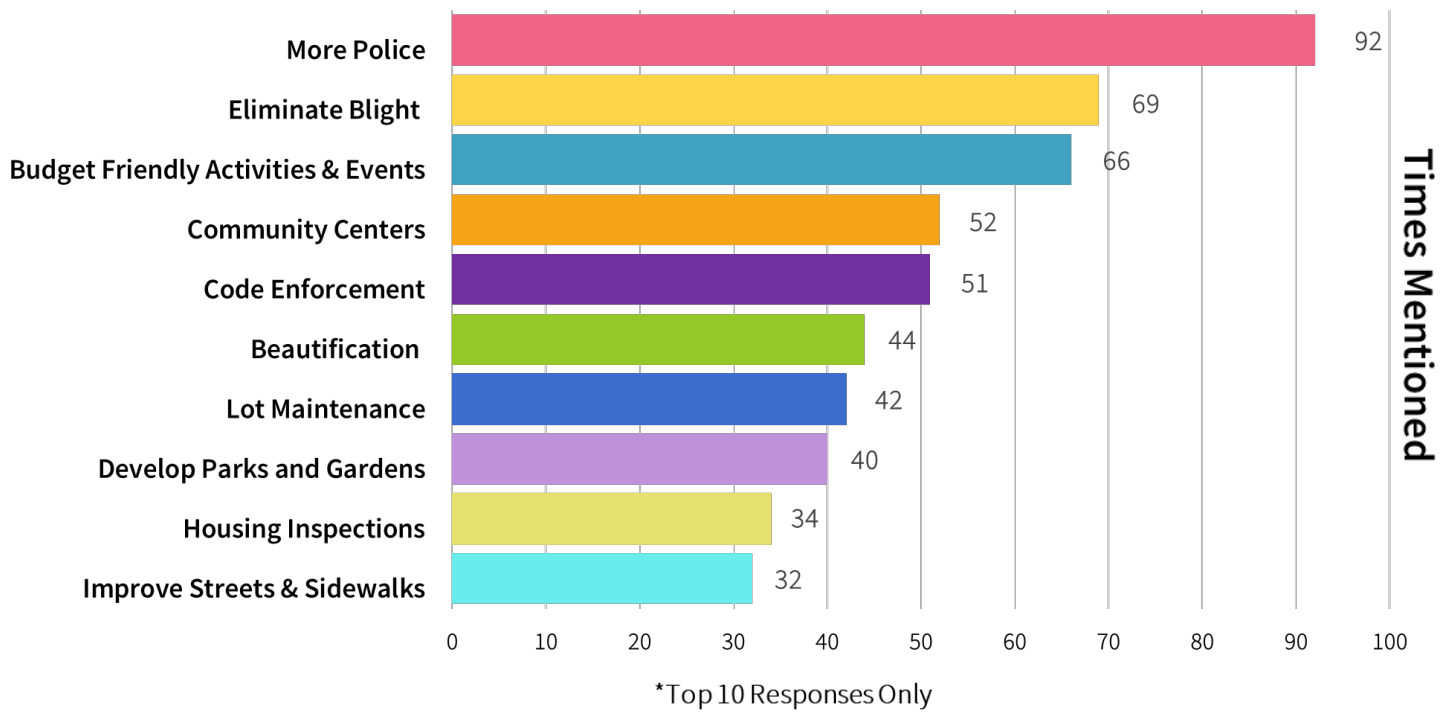
Crime, illegal dumping, registered drug facilities, jobs.

Jobs coming back to the city.

Loss of population, and empty lots being used for illegal dumping.
Crime, Blight, old homes empty and not enough positive things going on.
Crime, blight, limited stores and business in downtown area lower population, need to attract more business to attract more working residents.
Lac of police due to police shortage, education is lacking for all ages, lack of resources to teach people to be more self sufficient and to be apart of the solution instead of part of the issue.
Vacant homes, over grown vacant lots with weeds, pot holes on Hess, Jefferson and other streets on the east side not enough lighting at night time, raised the trash pickup every year \$10 more why? Why was Garber courts renovated?
the biggest issue to here is the people in Saginaw need to pray to god and thank him for helping all to believe in him. and thank you for any kind of help
crime lack of police dog control non no control slum land lords no zoning for amount of rental houses
litter. surface of side streets keeping young people productively engaged allowing cats to procreate randomely keeping dogs chained in backyards
take to long to build new take couple blocks johnson street new homes new condos new vendors need more land base will generate new land base
roads are awful!
shootings
people not understanding what going on in the community therefore make people make the wrong choices
rebuilding homes businesses and parks
streets crime
blight
old buildings that are falling down
tax cap and crime
no sense of pride wher we live the officials should take every opportunity to show their love and encoragement in to if you see garbage on the ground pick it up simeple encouragements to take care of where we live who is that messenger?
racism east side west side
shootings
transportation need bike lanes lack of transperancy between government and citizens
need to includee the citizens
shootings

the drugs and killing o young mens and womens
not enough police funding
roads sidewalks
no youth activities
violance killing people
we dont develop the land we have we dont refurbish some of our most treasured buildings
not offering enough houses low income after schools problems programs to help keep youth of the street no trainig programs for hands on no mandatory programs for addictions nor religious programs safe sec prgrams for teens
drugs gangs closed buildings rundown unsafe feeling in the evening
crime crumbling infrastructure vacant buildings
out of town landowners-landlords-need greaater reinforcement cclear-not clean vacant lots/demo-more structures education-code-enforcement for 13-22 year olds target them and let it be known
to have a program in place to teach woman to be better mothers to their children
strong: violence and down turn saginaw 98% of the building need to be torn down or owners have to repair or upgrade them so they can be used
abandoned houses that need to be torn down schools in the eastside gone not enough grocery stores on the east side streets and lights
gang violence, blight, neglect of historic structures

### 3. What do you think can be done to strengthen the City's neighborhoods/quality of life?



Response
A grocery store, like Aldi's, major ice cream store, cleaners, sports bars, each home equipped with FREE Wi-Fi and reduced pricing to purchase computers. We need to promote this like we promote smoke alarms.
All unmarked street corners need to have at least yield signs or stop signs. Now to stop the drag racing on secondary streets have every other corner a yield or stop sign so they legally can't go more that 2 blocks without having to stop
Incentivize home ownership, creative infill housing, stabilize schools
Increased focus on blight removal and code enforcement/addressing quality of life issues.
city enforcing ordinances.
Clean Up, Fix Up Neighborhoods
Keep neighborhood policing alive. Employ a "One-Block-at-a-Time" plan. Paint houses, fix electrical and plumbing. "Repair and refurbish" one block at a time. Start with a model block and a model plan. have the citizens of the first model block help those in the second block--have a plan for growth. We could use a Saginaw Peace Corp.
Increase police presence, strict code enforcement, limit or ban fireworks use by citizens

The establishment of a beautification team, partnered with the City of Saginaw Maintenance Dept. To target blight and clean up areas and beautify sections instilling others to do the same in the neighborhood by offering awards and events honoring their achievements.

Increase job opportunities, increase homeownership, increase activities for families

Encourage blighted homeowners to seek assistance/ selling property to people who will fix older homes. Deal with poverty issues, and crime in the west side. Campaign for change in perception of downtown Saginaw.

As I said repairing and giving us quality streets and sidewalks would definitely help our quality of life especially on Perkins Street. I would like to also see police monitoring and controlling the speeders who are putting our lives in danger.

Incentivize home ownership and penalize rentals so they want to sell those owned inside city limits. Renters don't have as much 'invested' in the city as homeowners do. Make landlords follow the rules and increasingly make the rules tougher. Ask yourselves this question "what benefits are there for living in the city vs outside of city limits?" Get rid of income tax in exchange for raising the tax cap a good chunk, it doesn't make sense to live in the city after you make a certain amount of money.

Cleaning up empty lots (just mowing, picking up trash). Cleaning the streets and sidewalks in general. This is something that wouldn't cost much and something Saginaw could do. Where as other issues is not always up to the city (lack of police employment). Looking at ways to lower taxes or other fees (trash). Adding the rubbish into the yearly taxes Instead of the extra bill each year. Incentives maybe for homeowners to get them to fix up their homes (rebates or discounts on taxes, etc) if they repaint or fix up cosmetic items that help with curb appeal. Gift money to certain homeowners by having people apply. Must provide income information and other important application questions to help ensure money is going to someone actually in need. It must be used to fix up the homes. Inside or out structurally.

Improve housing. Institute housing inspections. Other cities inspect rental units once every two years. Other cities require housing inspections prior to the home sale closing. All found deficiencies must be repaired prior to closing. Develop Ojibwa and Bliss parks into a quality parks. Create a walkway along both sides of the River from Ezra Rust to Johnson

Get rid of the blight, bring heavy investment into the city like Midland and Bay City have done, more events are needed to bring people into the city to change attitudes.

Give people a reason to have pride in their community. Encourage beautification efforts and instead of fining people for blight, reach out to see if they are struggling and need help finding assistance.

Investment in public infrastructure

Been asking that for the past 50ys. Only been getting worse.

- Improved/increased neighborhood policing - Improved/increased code enforcement (Good people don't want to live in nasty neighborhoods with bad neighbors) - Parks and city property should be kept up and a point of pride and examples to people of what properties should look like.

Better employment opportunities.

More police.

Less policing. More investment in the East, North and South sides of town. Invest in current community centers and the building of a new, centralized community center (City Centre) downtown. Invest, not criminalize.

Restart traffic patrols city wide! It would help reduce traffic accidents, while providing the intangible benefit of a greater police presence in the neighborhoods, and would just show the public that they are working to reduce crime and make our neighborhoods safer.

Safety plans. Scheduled presence of police. Rules apply to all people no matter their culture.

Involvement in neighborhood associations

More police presence.

Curbless sidewalks to encourage bicyclists, skate boarders, roller skaters, exercise and easier for parents to push strollers, this would encourage families neighbors to be outdoors & exercise & good health, urban gardens, free books stands in each neighborhood on certain blocks where people can borrow & leave books for families & children to read

I wish there was a way we could go back to community policing.

I think a community center to strengthen our youth and bring us all closer together and give our kids a safe place to get together and grow and get along together

City & Neighborhood coming together to uplift our city.

Greater code enforcement, create a bike friendly city

Active neighborhood associations. Community policing. Better oversight of rental houses in the city. Getting banks that have taken back housing to keep up the property while listing it at a fair market price. Continue to raise blighted housing.

Employment opportunities in the city and low cost safe transit to those employment locations from the residential locations. Pedestrian/Bicycle/wheelchair accessible paths from residential to businesses and recreational areas year round would be incredible. I used to bicycle from Old town area to my work at the N. Washington GM plant daily until the snow fell and the sidewalks became impassible. Same with the path to SVSU. Start with any area and let it grow to be people friendly. Same with paths to Schools. I used to walk to school. How is that not possible in a city?

Installing ADA ramps on each corner all over the city and adding bike lanes to allow easy travel for pedestrians. I also think handling property complaints in a timely manner will help to secure a better relationship between the citizens and government.

Cut down and trim up the decaying and over grown trees along the city streets. Not only to prevent trees and limbs from falling on properties and people, but also to light up the streets. Many of our streets are so dark at night because they are overgrown with foliage. People are starting to move back into the city. Promote the city as a great place to live in. Encourage investors to create more rental properties through out the city. Create a city wide "Neighborhood Watch" where people can report crimes being committed.

Police

Rebuild. No tax base.

More Police sub Stations like they to have will help< more recreational center so kids will havd a refuge to go like i had growing up Civitan,First Ward center. Saginaw park and recreatioanal is bad.

If you strengthen the people you will strengthen the neighborhoods. Any development decision should be made with the residents quality of life in mind. Too much attention is paid to attracting new residents rather that retaining or improving the quality of life for those who are here.

Parks, police present in high crime neighborhoods

Help residents out by repairing sidewalks for them, trimming trees, keeping landscaping nice, etc.

Encourage events that require little money or staff - art in the park contest, neighborhood walking tours, food truck rallies,

Fostering art and culture throughout city projects and grants, Funding Art and Enrichment Commission, improving travel corridors connecting neighborhoods and destinations

Programs, events, meetings that address a certain neighborhood needs.

We are close to 2 colleges, we need to invest in the talent pool to create public servants and human services professionals. We've received funding through covid and did not use it to its fu potential

I'd like to revisit having a city parks and rec department.

events like "Team up to clean up" bring people together, much is accomplished with many hands. council reaching out on social media helps get the word out.

parents need to parent! Accountability is necessary!

programs for renovation of exteriors of homes fix the streets and sidewalks-- we want walkways trees-replant the trees in the neighborhoods

help low income/fixed income individuals with home repairs, which will also help with neighborhood property values

More community projects

Stop patrolling via cars and get back to a beat cop in each neighborhood who gets to know the kids and neighborhood. This would foster trust

I may be some new, naive Saginawite (Saginawin?), but I think there is some REAL potential for making Saginaw a green city! I'm talking more charging stations for electric vehicles, collaborations with chemical companies to promoting green event spaces and green jobs (I'm looking at you DOW; if you don't step up your game, I'm calling BASF), even creating green energy programs, or at the very least updating what green programs the city has. Like I mentioned in the previous question, places like my apartment don't advocate for things like recycling, even though not only are they the big shots in apartment living downtown, but they're also the historic and center points of the city. Bancroft is a local prominent name, you'd think they'd try to aggressively market to progressive avenues to keep their names in the positive light. Also, since moving here last October, and maybe this is due to COVID, but I've only seen a handful of events dealing with city and neighborhood cleanups. I've driven through the occasional neighborhood to kind of get a lay of the land, and it's going to take more than a handful of 1-2 plot wide cleanups to really make the city shine!



Increase the quality of police hires. Re-establish neighborhood policing. Increase and encourage homeownership and beautification of houses. Reduce the number of rental properties in single family home neighborhoods.

Communication, neighborhood investment, removal of dilapidated, and trash cleanup.

Loans to homeowners, better cycling infrastructure, less rental properties

Reduce police, maintain parks, enforce rules with fines and open Ojibway island

Have neighborhood police officers again

Require dog owners to supervise their dogs at all times! There are way too many vicious dogs left unattended in the city and it makes it dangerous for people to walk in their own neighborhoods. Lower speed limits, encourage more walking and public transit use. Stop destroying Saginaw's history by tearing down its unique buildings. Increase litter prevention and clean up efforts. Increase funding for public transit.

Eliminate council members who only serve to retaliate against people they dislike!

A fully functioning parks department, able to function in coordination with county and township park departments. A fully functioning countywide public transportation system. The development of basic needs cooperatives, particularly for groceries and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Neighborhoods in the City need stronger neighborhood associations. Adams Boulevard area is as nice as it is because it has an active neighborhood association that has connected its residents with each other through monthly meetings, social events, etc. As a collective, neighbors are more inclined to look out for each other and help when needed when they're connected. They take more pride in maintaining what they have. These neighborhood associations need strong ties with our city government so that they can get the help they need when they need it.

Recreation, activities and programs Small business showcase and supports

Stop blocking black businesses in Saginaw. You won't even let us buy a lot, definitely no buildings. All you hear is Shaheen.

Bring in industries that are not here and would not only create jobs but. Pups create an entire industry. Hemp, is slated to take down the timber industry and could not only create jobs, fill our empty buildings and bring a new industry that had longevity to Saginaw. Hero also supports a healthy environment and could support agricultural programs that could strengthen our community

Assign community police officers to neighborhoods not a whole section of the city.

Better regulations on landlords

Rebuild rundown areas, an overall beautification of the city's rundown neighborhoods.

Invest in education and youth, infrastructure, small businesses, and owner occupied residences.

Invest in it, and tear down blighted, abandoned buildings. Even some non-abandoned buildings like industrial buildings on Perry street are an eyesore, like Fullerton.

Invest in public Safety, if people feel safe they will want to invest more into their homes and their communities

Taking down the abandoned homes so they can be set on fire
Work on the crime
Reopen closed schools. Kids should be able to walk to schools.
strong police presents and a prosecutor and judges that are tough on crime, especially noise complaints and lack of enforcement
Remove property tax cap, remove/reduce income tax. Residents pay a lot in property and income taxes and don't see anything for it.
I'm not sure. It's hard to educate people on all of the opportunities that there are to improve the city or improve their perception of the city if they don't want their minds to be changed.
Clean up the gangs
Police patrols. Code enforcement.
Home and neighborhood revitalization loans
More transportation better roads (amtrak)
More sports and after school programs for the youth. More community based programs
Stronger police presence at schools and in the community. Cameras everywhere.
Residents need to keep up there properties. including landlords
More enforcement
Continue to focus on local policing and neighborhood watch activities. Force homeowners to take pride in their homes by continuing to remove blight. Keep kids in school in person.
Increase in police force, firefighters to make people feel safer, involve the community in cleaning up areas and increase community programs to build pride and help those in need
Every neighborhood should include a park, with weekly maintenance and swing sets. Or even gardens, I'm sure some of us home owners wouldn't mind trending it, a neighborhood effort. It wouldn't hurt to give it a try.
We can make affordable entertainment and arcade centers around town. Like the places we see out of town
Community outreach programs, music and art in schools. Community gardens .
Building up downtown. Revitalize the race track. Build up the east side of the city to bring in jobs and homes
Adopt a park initiative. Call on private sector to adopt a park or block and allow employees get physically Involved in keeping Saginaw's appearance more inviting.
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Affordable recreational opportunities for families

Demolish abandoned houses and make room for new buildings and businesses.
More drug houses busted. The rules on the books enforced. Better economic opportunities
The city cannot rebuild until people living outside of the city feel safe to come to it. Gangs need to be dealt with, jobs need to be brought back to the city through community outreach like urban farms and more restaurants.
Get rid of gangs and the people in them so that more people will want to come to Saginaw and not be afraid to enjoy the things it has to offer
Tear down deteriorated buildings Bring back family time and God
Continue to work on blight. More police patrol.
More police.
Eliminate abandoned housing and businesses, continue clean up of River front, continued investment in infrastructure,(roads a disgrace), parks that are clean and safe for families,
Get rid of abonden house and buildings. Make people proud to live in there neighborhood. More brighter lights on these streets!
Try and improve the look of the neighborhoods and crack down on the junk people keep outside all over. Assign a job to someone in each neighborhood to keep it clean and tidy and lawns cut.
Although unrealistic, but people who buy houses should be required to take a class on what it means to be a hone owner. For example, grass should be cut, outdoor toys should not be strewn all over the sidewalk. Additionally, store owners should be responsible for the upkeep of their property. Paper cups and other wrappers should be picked up on a regular basis. Just walk up and down State street for an example.
tear down all abandoned, condemned homes and buildings, and eliminate properties. Enact tougher law enforcement.
I think we already know Saginaw City needs better educators. Higher quality schools. Charter schools in the city don't seem to be doing a good job. The children need to be put first.
I don't know
Build and make affordable housing for all. Not just apartments. Make people responsible for the upkeep of their property
Increase the city's public safety budget, so police can have a presence without it being during a shooting or whatever. Remove blighted buildings.
Remove blight and condemn unlivable homes. Also revitalize the fairgrounds
Continue removing blight houses, offer incentives for neighbors to take over care of these lots. Increase public safety.
Parks need security personnel to keep it safe and stop vandalism. Need safe place for kids to hang out that is safe. Get rid of the gangs and constant shootings. More police, more firefighters.Councilors and social workers for those who need it. Neighborhood gardens all over the city. Swimming pool. Keep Hoyt park going with baseball other sports, and ice skating, sledding in the winter. The zoo is a

wonderful asset to the city. Should have a free day for those who can't afford to pay. Support those who run food pantries and feeding programs in the city. Mental health and drug rehabilitation instead of jail for those addicted.

Come up with short term and long term ways to reduce violence. Violence will drive people away. Looking at all root causes and community conditions that are tied to violence. This will help guide strategies that are tied to what is going on in community and help people see the logic behind the plan. Work on visual improvements that can start to give people hope as they can witness positive changes. Examine how Alcohol and some other drugs are contributing to our local violence. Increase quality affordable housing Work to deal with problem alcohol outlets that can adversely effect neighborhood safety. Use zoning powers to protect stability and safety of neighborhoods. As much as possible Keep residential areas away from late night business, especially bars, alcohol outlets or clubs.

Attract a decent grocery store to Saginaw's East Side. Curtail violence across the city and overflowing into the townships.

I wish Saginaw had an identity other than Sagnasty, excellent K-12 education, affordable car repair service/transportation and child care to help people to get to employment

As far as a safety standpoint have community policing. That way residents are familiar with and would be more trusting of the police.

Make people that don't keep up there neighborhood pay a fine and use that money for neighborhood security guards Monitor the neighborhoods it would help the police do their job

More public parks and public recreational spaces and facilities.

Crime stoppers on steroids immediately. Community police and volunteers. We need a direct line to the community police in each district and these officers must get to know the residents.

I miss regular meeting of neighborhood associations and N.A.A.G as well as other events like Light up the City - -pre-pandemic mode.

Trash receptacles put on corners throughout the city.

To strengthen the citys neighbor the city should have a police assigned to patrol each neighborhood to monitor drug selling and shootings make families feel more safe stop letting sex offenders be placed in neighborhoods where they can be can be repeat offenders stop letting slum lords get away with just putting anybody in their rental properties just to get rent money all landlords should register and sign a arrangement with the city making a promise to keep their property up and keep their tenants from being nuisance and if any complaints the city should have the right to evict because its not fair that a good neighborhood should have to deal with that behavior

Replace my lead water pipes

Tear down dilapidated homes and build new ones in their place.

Specifically, I think that many of the roads need to be completely repaved. Just on my road, the city has come and done patchwork over five times in the three years I have lived there. The entire road is uneven and filled with potholes.

More police presence, knocking down empty buildings.

Open more public activities, have residents vote in new developments that are community based unlike new tennis courts.

Re-instate leaf pick-up in the Fall, open up Ojibway Park, utilize the park for concerts and events, clean up public spaces, enforce nuisance and Historic District Commission ordinances - especially pertaining to new buildings constructed on sites where historic buildings are torn down, more community policing.

More police and less crime

A campaign on the recreation of the nuclear family. Advertisement to encourage responsibility and positive choices. Next is fix the inner city roads

Create neighborhood watch and more community policing.

There have been huge improvements over the last several years. I would suggest more of whatever you have been doing to achieve these results.

Fix the roads and sidewalks. Clean up vacant lots and tear down dilapidated houses

Eradicate the blight, improve roads, find a way to solve the shooting issues and crime. That's a massive task but it has to be done, and it will take the whole of Saginaw to come together. The City has to take the lead and then the people will follow. One way or another the cycle of violence has to be broken. There has to be a determined effort to ensure success. The City needs to know "there's a new Sheriff in town" and the clean-up of crime has started with no turning back. Meanwhile the City and the whole community need to provide hope and opportunity for everyone to live an engaged and meaningful life.

Fix the roads!!!! City workers in upper management need to take pay cuts if necessary in order to make this happen. It's called public "service" for a reason 🙏

continue the progress that has been made over the past 10-15 years or removing vacant housing, bringing businesses to the downtown area (Washington Ave), improving the greenspaces near the riverfront, continuing events, marketing Saginaw as a safe community, involve neighborhoods in projects (get them to have a sense of ownership and pride)

Money, funds to clean the city up in a timely manner. The city has been going downhill for a long time and I feel it is at the point of no return. Need city on the streets looking and not in a office looking at a google map that is 10 yrs old. If the people we elect don't care enough to help the people out then the people don't care to help the city out.

Tear down more of these vacant homes down some of these lot would improve some of these neighborhoods dramatically

More police, more citizen involvement

The neighborhood associations are a good place to start. Encourage people to become active in the Associations. Lack of activities in the parks for citizens of all ages

Support the police!!!! Improve schools Make people more responsible for themselves---too much hand holding going on.

Maintenance of parks, police presence/make people feel safer

Celebrate and acknowledge long time residents. Ensure absentee landlords maintain their properties. Consider how the whole region functions together - if there is a more or less stable number of people in the whole county or region, yet new homes are built in some locations, more homes in other places will be abandoned. How can there be more attention paid to updating and improving current structures while protecting green spaces.

Employing more people

Organizations committed to the clean up of the area, police task force, more opportunities for kids to participate in events

More police on later shifts. Hold home owner and landlord responsible for there property. Blight is on a rise

More education, more programs for youth to steer them away from crime

Weed out the people that don't take care of the property's they own. I also believe that people that rent homes around Saginaw should be responsible for upholding a standard for they're properties. I also believe that every abandoned house should be torn down if they are vacant longer than 1 year I have houses by my property that haven't been torn down in over 5 years.

More law enforcement, strong punishment for crimes committed.

public riding stables

Cleaning up abandoned properties

Keep vacant lots mowed, not just a portion of lot. Crime, more camara and community police presence. Tare down rest of abandoned houses. Places for young people to go and do sports, tutors, etc.

reduce violent crime. reduce blight.

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More opportunities for kids and families.

It has to start with the people ... and regaining respect for their own city.

Coordinated programming, resident communications, community policing, places that are safe for teens and children to gather with supervision for recreation and enrichment

Attract employers that offer living wages and invest in quality child care for their employees. Create more clean, safe places for children to play. Midland's Plymouth Park has an awesome playground made possible by corporate sponsors (see corporate sponsor signs throughout the playground).

As mentioned before, a layout change. Once it happens it allows for better use of tax money to go toward other things if not as much is put to roads. Smaller roads, more shopping districts throughout different neighborhoods, as well as a more intricate and widespread bus system when possible, and possible bike lanes. Studies have proven that cities that are less car dependent are much more efficient places to live.

Build up the Saginaw Police dept. They need more officers. Bring more businesses into downtown. Perhaps help low income people to improve their properties. Get rid of run down buildings

Get more neighborhoods involved in watch groups with organizing monthly meetings for these groups.

I would say invest in social services and keep strict tabs on your grants, NPO and private contractors so we can track actual growth and progress in a meaningful way. Develop a strategic plan and vision that has attainable, achievable goals that reflect the wants and needs of Saginaw residents. Invest in infrastructure, construction and growth downtown. Improve the Michigan Works! system. Be more transparent with future plans for the city- show that you care about the issues of the city using creative methods. Invest in the youth of Saginaw, provide more opportunities for them to get involved. Help children as much as possible. Create more methods for city residents to get involved in civics besides surveys and meetings. (Maybe some focus groups? Church gatherings? NPO meetings?) Point out a lack of diverse voices when you see it- the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce is like 90% white people but the majority of the city of Saginaw is black- where are all the black business owners?? Why do they feel excluded from this space? Confront uncomfortable truths so we can find solutions.

More activities need to be held in neighborhoods so that neighbors can really get to know each other. Also more events for the family. Like a city BBQ or something along those lines

1. Home ownership, but not by handing over houses willy nilly. People don't value what isn't earned with their own labor because oh well they'll just get another one if they don't take care of this one. People actually like to be given a choice to work for what they want. That's why Habitat for Humanity works so well. 2. Keep rental housing separate from neighborhoods. Just like all the apartment complexes everywhere. And the landlords must keep the units clean and operational. But home owners might be more inclined to maintain their property and fewer law breaking activities would happen because neighbors would be more likely to know home owning neighbors.

Provide more upkeep and maintenance to All parts of Saginaw. I think this would definitely strengthen the quality of life in addition to offering more attractions/events for people to do.

Better roads, less crime, less trash on the street. Better options for activities to draw people into the city.

Beat cops Community CPOs We were heading in the right direction 5 yrs ago and then funding was pulled for some reason. Repeal the antiquated overnight parking ordinance. Citizens will stop parking in their yards. When times are tough families tend to move in together to survive, children leave the nest later too. Strong families will move away from cities that logistically aren't feasible. Tax breaks/credits for community involvement. Citizen clean up days, mowing lawns, painting, getting rid of trash, talking with neighbors. Surveys like this that our government reads, discusses, takes action on and communicates the next steps. So we know that it didn't fall on deaf ears.

Offer people with drug problems consistent help! Quit trying to arrest them and start providing them with services! Enforce city codes that do not allow for "ghetto" look/activities to be happening, even on the EAST SIDE!

After school programs for the kids, mentorship programs, grocery stores, community police engaging the neighborhood residents,

Have leaders and clergy reach out to residents. Talk to them one on one. Build bonds with them to establish a good report.

More neighborhood watches so that we hold our neighbors accountable for their actions and the burden doesn't just fall on our police force. More community gardens on vacant lots, parent involvement activities to support our teachers, and an end to Covid. I also think an increase in the minimum wage may encourage more folks to return to work.

More funding for schools, more funding for community/infrastructure, and revise the education system.



More police! Less drama and violence

A youth recreation millage. Urban economic development. Continued support for grassroots activism.

Develop a program that brings ownership to the people living in the communities where there's high crime.

TAKE DOWN ALL CONDEMNED AND FALLING APART HOUSES AND BUSINESSES. Broken window theory is more than just a theory. That is a start. People also need to be able to work themselves. Hand outs are good and all, but if a man is not allowed the dignity to build and work, he will value very little. This is when helping leads to hurting. What this actually looks like, I don't know. Maybe putting a cap on welfare, or requiring some kind of work, whether it be community service or an actual job. There may not be any federal or state requirements of this, but I bet your butt the city could legally require this. And if we don't know, then let's try it out until someone says otherwise or the laws get changed. Obviously, those deemed capable and physically fit to work. Everyone can do something. Whether it be sweeping the sidewalks with a broom or picking up trash or making phone calls or just being a mentor. Either way, I think you get what I am saying.

Jobs programs (Get people working to take care of our natural resources, and the most vulnerable people in our community)

Anything that will improve the appearance of the city. We as taxpayers are paying unbelievable taxes on our homes for millions of dollars for schools when people can't even afford to keep up their homes.

But if people see you have a house on this side you've got a house on this side and you got a lot in the middle just go take care of it it'll look better for it. Better crime reporting and identify with out fear of repressions.

The sense that a new Sheriff is in town. An awareness that Saginaw is not done; that we are a city and a community to be reckoned with. First, we do need a police presence a) to make the criminals think twice and b) to reassure the good citizens that something is being done to protect them.

Install the technology to detect gunshots in housing areas. Also install cameras that turn on in housing areas when shots are detected.

Brighter, more comprehensive lighting, city property surveillance, faster police arrival upon reports; more regular police patrols; why do I see dozens of cars a day throughout the city that are allowed on the roads without plates? We have various citizen facebook groups as well - hire and assign people associated with the police to also monitor those groups and address in short order when people post about shootings/thefts/etc.

People coming together and doing more for their community

Control crime Lower taxes and fees

Hire more police

Better officers, more officers , more consequences for crime. Get rid of the city and county and let someone else take over if they cant do their jobs. Saginaw is a sad place. Saginaw township or state can train officers. Bring in the national guard if you have to but this crap needs to end.

Encourage folks to attend church with foundational and biblical doctrine with elders who are above reproach. That will change the city's culture.

Opportunity for better paying jobs

Really

Crime is always on the decline when there is a strong police presence. We could use more police officers. As difficult as that may be, we need the police to be more visible at the very least. Driving through neighborhoods and showing Saginaw is protected will almost guarantee a reduction in the crime rate.

Social mobility strategy to reduce poverty and take advantage of the strengths of the people City master plan for built environment which includes social spaces/ parks and housing having in place and enforcing housing policy increase civic engagement of the people improve education and jobs Strengthen and fully utilize the amazing park lands improve bikelanes strengthen families/ reduce disconnected youth

Find ways to strengthen families and reduce poverty - give the young people productive work and activities - make community service a high school graduation requirement - have neighborhood cleanups where people are paid to clean parks, parking lots and vacant land (rather than everyone expecting volunteers from other communities coming in to clean up the mess) - Penalize slum landlords; make them responsible to keep their rentals in good repair and clean inside and out. Have block competitions with rewards for cleaning up and restoring property. Lots of community activities that bring people together I want to feel safe walking alone on the river walks or at Price nature center

- Encourage neighborhood associations (Adams Blvd has a good one) - Do something to reduce the concentration of mentally ill and drug addicts in the downtown and entertainment sections of the city. Try to get the county to share the burden of taking care of these people. - Get the landlords to do a better job of caring for their properties. I keep hearing about housing shortages, but there isn't one here. People just don't want to live near eyesores. - Support the Democratic party. Lasse faire capitalism hasn't worked for Saginaw in decades. The Republican party today is racist and is not interested in helping the city of Saginaw.

More public events. Grocery stores on the Eastside of Saginaw

Enforcement of codes. Neighborhoods are going down with homes not in good repair. Yards with cars parked all over. Trash out to curb all week. Make people aware of codes and enforce them.

In order to strengthen the City's neighborhoods and quality of life, resources need to be made available without so much red tape to get funds to help clean up neighborhoods, improve homes and start businesses in the community. A lot of people don't take advantage of opportunities because they feel like you have to give your whole life story and still potentially be told "No."

Street repair demolition of blighted houses. Flip old houses promoting neighborhoods growth.

Police walking and biking more through high crime areas.

Clean up the blight.hire more police officers,to patrol the areas.

Invest in parks and recreation including Tokushima-Saginaw Friendship Gardens.

Continue to tear down the empty homes/buildings, allow for urban agriculture, incentivize people to restore old vacant buildings, go back to the requirement for city jobs you must live in city to build up the population.

Eliminate the tax cap, community recreation programs, reward city workers who live in the city, cap the number of rental properties in a given area

Have police go door to door and speak to us when there isn't a crime! Find out what we need, and let us know what they need.

Add recreational opportunities

More police that actually do care

More police presence. Put old street lights up. The new LED lights don't seem to illuminate like the old lights.

Reinvest into East side.

Keeping gardens/ parks clean and well maintained. This way, not only can they be enjoyed by everyone but also beautify Saginaw's city look and environmental appeal.

More police presence in areas where crime is occurring.

We have a lot of organizations (cultural, charitable, non-profits) as well as physical structures and assets that contribute to a nice quality of life. We need to watch out for blight and keep neighborhoods looking nice.

Street lights, murals. Cultural festivals with live music.

A long term evidence based strategy to improve socioeconomic conditions. Which could include the following: A long term evidence based strategy to incentivise business and job creation. This must include authentic community engagement. A long term evidence based strategy to improve schools, education, early learning, youth development, youth engagement and college attendance. Including empowerment programs, community engagement and programing for underrepresented youth (including but not limited to LGBTQ , disabled, foster children, homeless youth, etc.). This should include apprenticeship and trade/vocational schools. Possible integrated programing for elderly care facilities and early learning, youth programs which include elderly community members as mentors, enrichment for all ages in an inclusive environment. A long term community based strategy to increase green space, create an environmentally friendly city, beautify neighbrhoods and create more walkable/bikeable neighborhoods. Community bike rides are increasing in Saginaw! Investments in public transportation and accessibility. Integrated with healthier options, more fresh food access and support for more community garden/farms/orchards. Reinvent alleys, paths, parking lots, etc. to create community spaces. Exchange roadside parking for street eating, park areas, tables, etc. Ordinances regarding litter, compost, waste, recycling, food waste, etc. This green thinking also brings in young families and young professionals who care deeply about their environment. Investment in community facilities which integrate these ideals. Address blight, unoccupied housing, unsafe rental properties, land bank properties which are blighted, etc. In many communities land banks are being taken back by the community. Long term plans are created to get unhoused people into housing and build programing to support them in becoming a new home owner and to connect them with public services. These are extremely successful nationwide and could help solve many of the aforementioned housing issues. A public health vitality assessment to identify what works and build on that, invest in it and disseminate it. Build upon the successful projects and programs already happening in the city.

Clean up the city

Creating walkable landscapes and Rezoning neighborhoods so that there is actually something worth walking to.

Jobs Education More community involvement....
Police patrols, stop and search program. Police walking a beat.
Enforcement of quality of life issues, littering and noise and speeding.
Parenting classes for new parents or giving the community more input on what events and activities they want to be brought here. A new skating rink, community center and gaming center or arcade in the inner city. Trading street guns for money. Officers that care about the outcomes of the accused. Lesser prison/jail sentencing. Alternative ways to discipline the communities/people of color.
Honestly, this a tricky question for me there have been various things that have been done to try to change it. Getting through to peoples hearts speaking the gospel to them. But not only that digging deeper in the root to help others understand we understand, we get it. Everybody goes through things it's what you take from the situation that makes you a better person.
1. The city needs a new state of the art recreation center which can also house government funded youth prevention programs.
Bring neighborhood/community initiatives to them. All the clean-up programs focus on one or two things here and there but it has potential to have a larger impact
More security, clean up projects, keeping the vacant areas clean. Sell more houses for cheap as fixer uppers to people who don't already own multiple houses.
Invest in our poor neighborhoods and youth
Actually engage with the community. Not just for photo opportunities. Lower taxes by eliminating bogus charges. Fix the problems correctly the first time. Re invest and revitalize! Get business to come and invest in the community.
More organized recreational activities for youth more job and career training
Consistent investments into the low income communities. 1. Jobs 2. Update Paris 3. Recreation centers
Neighborhood citizen and police relationship
More activities and social events for adults and children.
Police training, infrastructure repair, listening to people who are invested in the community.
Increase wages Clean up the city East West North & South sides.. Create Volunteers Development of Community Policing in high crime area Youth Centers for recreational Encourage drug prevention and educatiob
Keep people informed! Focus on health and wellness for all! Updated parks including all sports! Feeder schools! Grocery stores! Better transit system! Apartment buildings! Restaurants! Workspace! Trade school campus! The list goes on and on...
Help children All day Programs for children in poverty which provide food and safe environment.
Maintain the vacant lots...fair contracts with local small businesses for maintenance

Police live in the neighborhood they are policing, Building community trust, more family oriented business, parks, and events.

More police. Better parks. More salary jobs

Invest monetary into the dry places of the city

We need to put resources in these neighborhoods and also put some programs in place.

More police. Community police. Better management of vacant homes. Work with land Bank to encourage selling vacant homes to individuals to fix up and either sell to new homeowners or live in. We MUST develop our water front. Docks. Marinas, bars and dining. Festivals. Concerts. Pavillions. More developed park areas on the water. We are ignoring our greatest asset. We MUST PRESERVE AND restore historic down town buildings and districts. Its not even a debate. All evidence points to historic preservation in downtowns as a massive boon to the success and continued further investment in the areas. Young people are BEGGING leaders across the country to be forward looking and thinking and PRESERVE the things the world cares about before it is too late and they are gone. Place is important. Identity is important.

Better policing and sensitivity training

Involve community people for input Identify emerging leaders seek input develop task force Until we get younger people in positions of leadership our efforts are in vain

We need more police.

Mentorship Bridge the gap between officers and community members

To improve public security

Making sure landlords are providing quality housing and city making sure people are keep property up keep.

Programs to push the youth in a different direction.

Money no one is investing into the community tear down Abandon houses and build new ones neighborhood watch like in the old days

Employment, regular activities held in the parks for children, grocery stores in the city, replacing lead pipelines, open conversation about the increase lead levels in Saginaw, open conversation about how the government can reinvest in the city.

More walkability and bikeability. Shut down some of the roads in Old Town like Bay City and Midland. Walking makes areas feel SAFER and more communal.

Accountability for landlords not taking care of their properties.

nothing to much crime

Continued use of neighborhood associations; continued efforts of faith based communities, and strengthen involvement of youth in volunteer efforts. Engaging youth early leads to their continued involvement as adults.

More community activities for children and families

Attain standards that need be enforced beaded on safety and atheistic. Fine owners for not following and immediately correct blight.

More police men and them showing their presence.

Develop more neighborhood groups with common goals; have representatives from those groups involved in city council meetings etc. to work together to improve the quality of life. Develop more free programs for the youth in the neighborhood (i.e. music/band; dance; gardening; sport; game clubs; reading etc.); open another public pool

Targeted crime prevention, increased funding to the city school districts, better public transportation, and more funding towards beautification.

Community centers would give neighborhoods a direct line to issues in there area. These centers could allocate services for each neighborhood. This would help build the neighborhoods which I turn builds the community

Sharing of resorces. And police involved more in neighborhood activities

Go back to the basics. Code enforcement, traffic and noise enforcement. Example...we moved from West Genesee Ave. a 25 mph school zone. Township residents travel on Genesee from Court to W. Genesee at 50 mph to avoid State & Davenport all day. There is not traffic enforcement.

Be more involved, have more resources, more art/activity/gardens/beautification, have proper law enforcement on hand who know how to properly handle all sorts of situations including mental health (their own and handling others).

money

Jobs for the youth. More lighting. Make the neighborhoods look like Old Town. Neighborhoods need to be more brighter.

Open back up recreational centers. Invest in the city parks. Less party stores businesses in the community and a focus on a healthier activities that brings the people together.

More parks, use existing resources such as Ojibway and the concert venue downtown. Create new opportunities for entertainment like a drive in movie theater. Improved free public transportation A visible and accountable police force. Fix the Roads. Community gardens. My little Library stations. Improve usage of riverfront for entertainment/industry.

Hire police that actually live in saginaw and NOT outside of it allow the police to get to know the residents and kids who have to live in those neighborhoods.

A visible and accountable police force that only interferes with our lives when there is a real and tangible threat not a police force that is going to be pulling over more people and then fishing for bigger crimes. More Community Gardens and my little Library participants

Police officers should live in SAGINAW COUNTY where they work. Police should also be given training on how to disarm a mentally disabled person and not shoot them to death. Police should also get to know the residents in the neighborhoods they patrol.

Maybe more cameras in high crime areas, that shot identify thing that we were suppose to get years ago, maybe some more nicely designed garbage cans though out town so people will stop littering

More police in Saginaw! Have called in the past with no one available. This is a safety issue. Hold homeowners responsible to keep houses clean and yard kept up.

Clean up the neighborhood

Absorb Buena Vista and utilize the visibility and traffic of the highway.

Resources need to be allocated. Some of the abandoned schools can be rec centers or headquarters for block associations. City officials need to be present not just at voting times. Police need to engage with the community and be familiar with the areas in which they work.

Hire City Residents! Most people with well paying jobs live outside the City. Create a department to reach children early and expose them to City Government. Create a positive relationship with community helpers like EMS & 1st Responders by Creating job opportunities where children experience these careers. A partnership with Saginaw Career Complex may help.

Invest in them. Them being the east, north and south ends. Use the current ARPA money to fund community centers in each ward. Fund city leagues for our children. Build a public pool. End the land bank & bring those properties back under the city's purview to be sold to CITY RESIDENTS. Rezoning areas so that each neighborhood has commercial space for small local grocery stores. Each neighborhood should be walkable for commerce.

Hire Police that are familiar with the community and are there to serve the community

I'm not sure how to address the safety issue, but I think that's an important place to start. The City can also work to open quality grocery stores and shops/restaurants within City limits to bring people to the area.

Lower the crime rates and improve the attractions!

Better Funding

More city employees to maintain lawns, repaved roads or filled in potholes, more funding for interesting attractions, like the cultural centers or the children's zoo.

More home ownership, home revitalization programs, more community clean ups, hire youth to clean up parks, community beautification efforts of downtown and other places

We need to encourage grocers to move into areas that are currently considered food deserts.

U have to control the renters. I know the city needs income but I live in the city....great neighborhood but not 1 renter. Rental units need to be more controlled with more consequences to landlords for blight n what their units look like. STOP selling houses for back taxes only. People live in filth n creates more problems. I'm not sure how but I know other communities do it.

We need something that brings community businesses and organizations together. There are a lot of resources in Saginaw but little partnership and sharing of information between people who serve the same population

Neighbors holding each other accountable with crime. Higher property ownership.

Need to attract major employers to area



Continue to clean up and demolish abandoned homes, continue to support development in the business districts.

I think more days involving the community. Like community clean up days.

Increase walkability, renovate or tear down abandoned buildings, maintain vacant lots, create neighborhood associations

More police

Create more non motorized links for pedestrians and biking.

Removal of vacant/condemnable homes, providing readily available access to quality education and resources for youth. Youth outreach programs for mentorships, STEM related opportunities, trade related opportunities, etc. I'm envisioning apprenticeship opportunities and/or science clubs or programs.

The city needs to invest in mainly infrastructure to rebuild roads, sidewalks, water mains, etc. Rebuild downtown to promote new small businesses to move in. Also do something similar to what Bay City is doing along the river, building those assets, make it more appealing for people to come here to business or pleasure.

Better roads and lively or better looking buildings

I think that there could be more communication possibly.

Get rid of the Renters next to homeowners. Hire more Police Officers to patrol the neighborhoods. Encourage Renters to become homeowners themselves.

Fix the roads, better neighborhood lighting and the crime goes away

The city's basic needs need to be met: food, water, and shelter. With how many empty houses and buildings, you think finding shelter for everyone would not be a challenge. It is understood that there are costs in this, but getting people into stable living conditions would obviously improve the quality of life for those individuals. Access to clean water is huge and having as good quality water as we have, there should be pride in making it more accessible. The costs of water are starting to climb higher than what people can manage. When income is barely growing for the lower and middle class, it is crazy to expect them to stretch their dollar farther than it already is. Finding a solution isn't going to be easy, but there are solutions out there. We have access to a river, why are we not building a hydroelectric plant to help curb energy usage costs? If we can provide clean, cheap energy to the citizens, then they can focus more money towards their water bills. Food

Stabilize housing and eliminate blight. Encourage home ownership

Increase policing patrols. Painting murals and such is just a distraction from the fact that violent crime continues to rage out of control. Everybody is very well aware of Saginaw's reputation.

Strong leadership, community working together

Lift the tax cap. Start selling homes in the land bank like what was done in the past, sell them for \$1 with the stipulation that they be rehabilitated in 5 years. Start by having the city deal with loud, large parties that are happening all over the city. The police do nothing, the noise goes on all night. Someone was murdered a block from me.

More police funding. tear down abandoned buildings

Have a strong beautification team and have funds available for individuals who cannot afford to fix the outside of their house.

Create HOPE Keep Campaign promises Hold leadership and people accountable Create a buzz that will keep Saginaw youngest and brightest interested in staying here Improve the economic structure

More money into paying people to keep up the yards or provide volunteers with tools. Gatherings that create unity, like at Ojibway island or churches willing to host a family event. Encourage people to respect cops, officers upholding the law, and city officials. If you put money into non profits or businesses look into the history and future for next generations. Will that organization be here in 10 years? Spread more awareness of events on social media especially fb

-More police enforcement (although the city has less people, crime is still up) there is no reason to minimize police efforts. - encourage programs so people feel more connected with their neighbors and take pride in their investment (their house). Maybe see if a local company can give residence a discount. Or have the road commission or city public works to do residential work at cost? And focus on one neighborhood at a time (maybe one that is easiest to help to retain the standard, then the hardest neighborhood to help improve)

Marijuana shops would honestly bring in some much needed revenue. I do not use or smoke Marijuana, but I have seen what it has done for other cities. We need to fix up our city...and that takes money to do so.

I miss community police who rode bikes through the neighborhood. People in some neighborhoods flout laws and have no respect for others, negatively impacting the quality of life. Fix the roads. Clean up abandoned lots -- or let residents purchase them so they're taken care of. Create community gardens. Reduce the number of rental properties -- stronger crack-downs on absentee landlords who neither maintain the properties nor ensure the decency of the people renting from them.

Offer purchaseable parking permits so residents and/or their visitors can park on their streets in front of their homes overnight without getting a parking ticket.

Restore old buildings, fix the roads

Need job

Strengthen the East Side, keep it up on an equal plane as the Township Community policing

Clean off some of these empty lots and abandoned housing. Create playground for children. Beautify the East side with flower gardens on lots. Quality of life is when our community is healthy and beautiful. When we can feel comfortable and safe in our neighborhoods and just enjoy life without being afraid.

Address the issues in #2.

Obtain manufacturing jobs for the unemployed. Abolish any city participation in any welfare programs whatsoever.

I live in the city and am a Realtor who sells a lot in the city. Though I sell the city by making the point that one gets more "bang for your buck" there people are concerned with the higher cost of living. Water bills, sewer assessments, higher property taxes and personal income tax all add to a higher everyday cost to the residents. I pay a good amount for my property taxes and have one of the worst streets. Children

have had accidents on bicycles and skate boards (including my own daughter) from getting caught in the cracks of the broken pavement. Instead of spending money on changing names of the streets and the street signs it would be nice to spend money on fixing broken things. We even maintain the city circle on which we live.

Neighborhood meetings

Improve the safety of whole city.

More manpower. Mowing lawns. Regular inspections of problematic homes. I know a home at N Oakley and Monroe that was a duplex now looks like a total junkyard and making complaints doesn't seem to do much.

Teach people from low income and under educated households how to properly maintain a home.

Community police officers for every neighborhood. Our group fell apart when no officers came any more. Rental property checked more often to prevent code violations. Make it harder to put more than 2 apartments in an existing one-family home. Trees planted. Is there such a thing as Jr Police? High School/College kids who could visit elementary schools periodically to talk about crime, drugs, safety.

Public LEO and information campaign addressing criminal activities and a renewed focus on reducing crime.

Clean up unused lots, use the River. Saginaw needs its "kitsch." Do we brand ourselves as a lumberjack town, have an annual lumberjack festival? Are we the hockey town with Saginaw Spirit? Grow the Old Town area? Tours of the Temple Theatre? What's one thing out of towners would remember or visit in Saginaw?

Public awareness of good things, small groups working on neighborhoods, mentoring from young age

Bring in more recreation to both the city and township. Do better at enforcing ordinance rules. I feel like a bad neighbor for having to constantly have to call on the house behind me for not upkeeping their home or mowing their lawn. Too many residents just living in their homes and not maintaining them.

Investing more in small business vs corporate. Kick backs to the community to strengthen the local economy and stimulate more small business growth on both the west side and east side.

Education, more affordable housing so that the blight and disrepair can be addressed in our neighborhoods, increased policing (and community support of that work), accessibility to essential items, groceries and shopping. Giving FREE is not the answer. Educating, leveling expectations of the people. Increasing opportunities for business - not large industry, but small business like those in Bay City - where there is a sense of community, ownership, pride and community support. Opening the riverway - so that we can also have boaters, and events along the river.

More police presence, holding people accountable for their actions (parents for their children), tougher sentencing, more community action projects (event night like park clean-ups, etc) & more all-age family entertainment venues are needed.

I really think that the schools need to teach the kids what it takes to care for your community and the responsibilities that come with adulthood such as taxes, city ordinances, community issues, caring for your property and what is affected by not fulfilling your civic responsibilities.

Create incentives for home ownership in the City. Create incentives for large business/industry rejuvenation... jobs jobs jobs

Start making huge improvement by taking care of all empty lots so that when we drive home we don't see over grown lots in our neighborhood add enclosed parks etc.

more law enforcement

Increase crime prevention - have cops on the "beat" and interacting with the community and the kids on a "friendly" basis.

Citywide neighborhood watch with undercover late night civilian patrol.

More police

Better fire department less police.

Stop letting the church leaders attempt to run everything. Actually realize that there are problems and that they're not going to get solved by typing thoughts and prayers. Hold the government officials accountable, start prosecuting the criminals for the crimes that they have done. The mayor still said the n-word on live TV.

Provide equitable programming for the youth & young adults. Programs that teach life skills and programs that allow them to continue passions & hobbies

An improved relationship with police department and community. Things for all teens/kids to do on both east/west side / all sides.

Have more Police

Fix roads and lead pipes to increase home values

More police

Fix roads and sidewalks, create bike lanes and demolish old homes

job's

Bring back programs for our youth

More cultural activities. We don't need another dollar store, gas station, or car wash. We need things to do!

Get rid of blight.

Ensure that LEOs are not present in schools and are not allowed to interfere with people unless a violent crime is suspected. Build income-based housing. Transfer funds from LE to schools.

More things for kids, more grocery stores on the east side

Educate them on simple things they can do to make a difference. To take action. Go for a walk and when you see something that needs attention, give it. Help pick up that recycling bin in the street, that pop bottle on the sidewalk, sweep up them cigarette buds.

Cracking down on crime and the gangs. Stop the shooting!

Support, safety and security for us. Removal of problem houses that are run down and are just places for negativity to accumulate.

Improve the quality of its/their residents.

Removal of blighted properties.

Not sure

Start making those that destroy the quality of life for those that live in the area STOP!

Mental health access, policing, remove blight, improve education

Get the kids involved at school level to do things out of class rooms. Also the same at churches and nursing homes so they get a feeling of respect for class room assignment.

A public pool facility, an uber like city transportation system. More infrastructure like old town, city trips with the buses to take people to Michigan adventure, camping, the fair, canoeing and the city provide the transportation

More job with good paying wages

Creating events to get people from different backgrounds together to build relationships and have conversations on building a better community

Enforce zoning regulations and increase beautification projects and volunteers. Draw more business and create safe and beautiful places for people to visit ie. River walk needs vast improvements.

Help bring people together through development of parks on city vacant land in neighborhoods and equally enforcing laws.

Increase connection by bringing small businesses into downtown/old town that care about the community. Increase accessibility of downtown/old town and neighborhoods by improving sidewalks, creating bike lanes, improving roads.

Make landlords clean up rentals

Housing ownership, repair, and maintenance assistance.

More youth in recreation teaches then team play & keeps them off the street

get more businesses in that will actually stay, also lets stop with the train crap. i get stopped by a random train that then blocks traffic for 30 minutes or more, what gives them the right. what if i was in an ambulance do i just die? and for what so they don't have to build a train yard outside the city?

Having things to do. That are free too.

More good cops on patrol, less blight maybe more job rehabilitation programs

A commitment to building community and developing relationships within those communities. Adequate resources to maintain health, education and a employment within the community.

As mentioned in #2, the rise of landlords not maintaining disciplined renters needs to be addressed. Those of us who take pride in our properties are sick & tired of others trashing everything. During winter, we could use a few of those mini snowplows that clear the sidewalks (a number of our neighbors

must walk & carry groceries, etc., very unsafe when conditions are icy). We need beautification — when trees are removed, they must be replaced. In Heritage Square, we attempt to plant about 10 trees each year, & I'm proud of those I helped plant. We also water & trim them, as needed. Trees provide fresh air & keep homes cooler in summer, among other positive aspects. And so many homes need basic repairs & PAINT, Saginaw would benefit with a giant, wonderful sprucing up! 🌳🏠🌳🏠🌿🏠

Show people how beautiful this city of saginaw's Eastside can be if we just gave it some love

More community events, improvement to infrastructure, better public transport

Improve CPO program Get Shot Spotter up and running Increase Police and Fire personnel. Speed bumps  
More Speed Bumps More Stop Signs Repair sidewalks

Increase police presence, more positive image

More affordable housing and home ownership opportunities as well as a better connected public transportation service

Start keeping the criminals on lock down and less worrying about politics and the defending agenda

Getting rid of crime... having a gang talk force. A big brother or sister program to help out these kids. Give them something to do other than turn to gangs. Community clean up day or a beautification day. Focus on a street a month where volunteers can go out and help clean up the lots or plant flowers at people's homes.

A Change needs to happen to turn this city around and it needs to start happening right away.

Help some families buy their homes

Having police officers that like the residents and neighborhoods that they serve. The police always treat city residents like they don't belong. Quicker Respond times to crimes/offenses committed in certain neighborhoods!

Code enforcement look at the cities ordinances and other cities to help update codes limit the number of rental units in the city should be a percentage based on the city population that means all rental units inspections of rental units once a year technology to track inspections and violations

Neighborhood police to cut down on crime. Fines and fees for residents blight.

Meet with concerned citizens and find out what their concerns are!

Community policing along with neighborhood groups

Resident must take care of their properties/landlords. Better community relationship by SPD with all racial groups. A more diversified police force in Saginaw, Latinos and blacks men and women's.

Jobs and lock up the criminals!

Clean up gang activity, tear down vacant homes, mow vacant lots.

Revitalization programs for homes. When a place looks like a dangerous place, it becomes a bad place to the one seeing it. Once people have a perfection about a city or an area, there's nothing you can do to change it.

INVEST to stabilize and preserve good neighborhoods. That must be a priority. Support organized neighborhood groups, provide street and r.ow. maintenance as needed, strengthen code enforcement.

Keep the city clean, fix the roads, fix street light.

Everything mentioned in question # 2

A state of the art Community Recreation facility on the Northeast side of our city.

Bring more things that will interest kids & teens . Allow different summer activities to happen in the community.

To strengthen the City's neighborhood/quality of life I think Saginaw can make more opportunities for fun with places to go and ways to start up a career.

Things that can be done to strength Saginaw quality of life is by making the people feel like they matter and good things that come out of doing the right thing

Raise the quality of life for ALL residents not just select groups. There are shut in that go neglected. Stop making it near impossible to succeed. Create better ways to accurately address the concerns for people. As someone relatively new to Michigan and Saginaw, it's the morale for me. If more folks were kinder and more considerate of each other life would be awesome. Instead, folks are stressed and worried while at the same time, complacent in accepting no improvement as improvement. Houses sit vacant all over the county while people are STILL homeless. Make that make sense. For that matter, make the Racism make sense. We need more examples of how to BE in our community and less examples of what not to do. The education in this county is concerning. There would be less cases of Incest if there was more access to FREE sexual education and healthcare. But folks voted to close Planned Parenthood. So that's not an option.

Sustainable businesses that work with the neighborhoods to make the area where they do business safe and clean.

Come together

Launch a full scale attack on blight and bilding decay (Residentail and Commercial) Create job opportunities.

Stop crime. Stop speeding on neighborhoods streets.

Someone taking an honest and true interest in them. You can't attract people to invest in a city when minimal attempts to strengthen them is visible. The desire may be there but the follow through action doesn't seem to be there. There should be more neighborhood parks with upkeep, lights and safe play equipment are available. (The park by New Life Church is a great example.) Parks should include courts, etc. for older kids and adults. Neighborhood small businesses like grocery stores, etc. are needed. Clean and kept empty lots would draw people in. Blighted lots are unacceptable. Neighborhood community involvement is important: block parties, clean up events, - building pride in their neighborhoods, etc There should be more streetscapes in all neighborhoods to add beauty and draw people in.

Less abandon houses, these places could be sold to low income families. At affordable prices

Focus neighborhood stabilization efforts around the two hospitals.



More community policing, staff neighborhoods preciencts 24/7 days a week. A major chain grocery store less liquors and dollar stores. City workers should live in the city.

community policing

Put community police officers in individual neighborhoods and enforce quality of life ordinances. Do more code enforcement on blight.

Innovative Technology, increase investment in training, and education.

Volunteers for neighborhood associations.

Work on building up the downtown area.

More police funding to protect the neighborhoods.

Again, clean up blight, hold residents ( tenants and landlords ) accountable for blight, un cut grass around homes. Clean up the Saginaw River.

More police presence, more community building and action, access to helpful resources, education to help with creating and understanding and promote new ideas and actions.

Hold owners accountable by having the city staff cut the lawns or put down weed killer then bill whoever owns the land and add property taxes.

by keeping the streets and grass clean and plus we always will need love from all

more street light control of speed traffic more parking enforcement on streets speed bumps on school zone

set a good example be friendly and kind share my point of view take care of my property get out there and enjoy saginaw

quality of life access to fresh floors throw out redlining upgrade housing value roof cost more than value-abuse tear down old schools new playgrounds help city neighborhood association exist and maintain

more police patrol more neighborhood watches more activities for young kids

better neighborhoods

education

better houses

utilize funds to improve environment

neighborhood assoc. better city communication

promote a more positive image of our beloved city

feeling of safety a raised awareneedd of we are the stewards

community center school and family

more police out watching

bike lanes

i think there should be helicopter strolling the streets at night in the areas where there are most killing all over the city

community interactions with police and officials rec centers

have award system

build A new downtown with stores and restaurants

for the older generation to train teach the younger generation in areas of life discipline actions

make it safe draw more people into downtown area

more volunteer opportunities that give people purpose and pride in Saginaw and its citizens change the city's reputation

same as above more restrictions on non-resident land lords develop a safe senior citizen city plan (law enforcement/code enforcemnet)

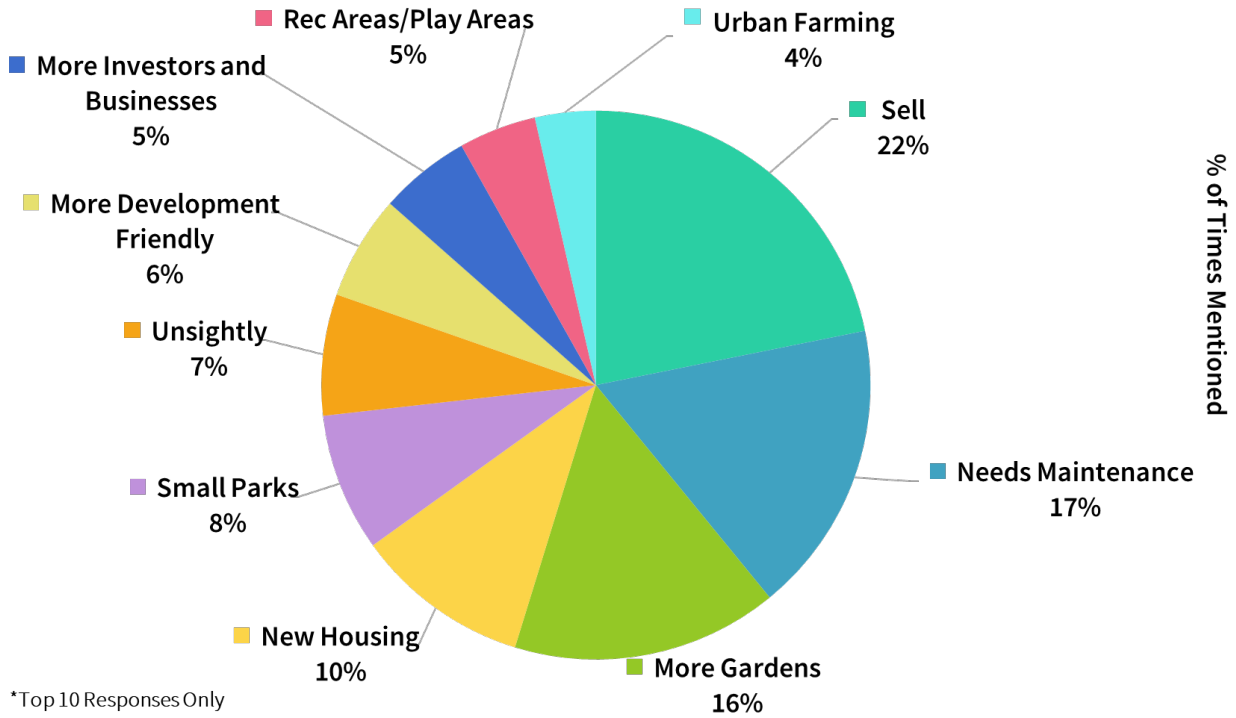
for man to be a rolemodel for the son

tear down vacant houses old stores cut grass on vacant land owners should repair the house and surrounding

tear down abandoned homes offer a reasonable cost to the owner

stronger police presence (more visual presence). housing grants to upgrade older homes both interior and exterior.

## 4. What are your thoughts on vacant land within the City?



### Responses

Vacant land adjacent to homeowners should be sold at bargain prices and residents encouraged to create gardens, play areas for children, extra space to build decks, etc. It is insane to keep holding onto the land for decades when there are obvious parcels that will never be developed by the city.

we have 3 actually 4 landbank lots across the street and I have tried to buy them and because I'm not adjacent to them or directly across from them they refuse to sell them to me have mowed them for 4 yrs. but decided to let the weeds grow and the wild life live at the city's and county's wishes. I would plant some fruit trees and other types of crops that need little attention. keeping it mowed if you doubt this look at my garden the corner of Throop and N. Oakley

There are no easy answers here. Private investment is critical

It needs to be sold to adjacent property owners or sold/leased to people willing to maintain them.

Plant trees

Sell it for the \$1.00 to the next door homeowner so, it can be applied to property taxes. Or, sell it to anyone who wants to buy them.

Turn it into orchards, fruit bushes, perennial flowers, community gardens, play areas. Give the land to community groups and assist them with use and planning. Plant flowering trees. Urban forests (see Detroit).

Unsure - maybe use as green space, plant trees, clover, etc.

The Beautification Team could solicit funding, hold fund raisers and encourage other groups to take on Beautification projects.

It should be maintained either through selling to a neighboring home, cut by volunteers or the city (not just the edges), or turned into mini parks.

Needs to be maintained properly and illegal dumping tackled. Biggest issue is dumping and cameras and patrols should be increased to combat that. All city buildings need to replace fencing with quality looking alternatives to chain link and barbed wire.

I came in the city on the vacant houses that have been torn down and the fact that neighbors are given the opportunity to purchase the land and keep the land up.

Side lot land bank management isn't handled fairly in my case, 1203 Brockway can't purchase lots adjoining on Gratiot. So it doesn't get mowed but a couple of times per year and renters next to it use it sometimes.

They are never cleaned up. Overgrown and an eye sore. We need to keep them clean, think of items that we can use these empty lots for, even if not a permanent thing. Have a large auction day each year and auction off the land. Create small parks (bench for sitting, trash can) Create a homeless plot to allow homeless to tent there.

Become more development friendly.

Find investors willing to fill in the vacant lands. No more parking lots! We need mixed use retail and living spaces downtown. We need stores and restaurants downtown that will invite people to stay after work hours. Strides have been made but we've stepped back again.

It's almost always blight. Though this isn't the city's doing, the city should do everything in its power to encourage Tom Miller being removed from the land bank. Until he's gone things will remain in disrepair and buildings will continue to be torn down.

Elevate competent, capable nonprofits like SBLC. Leverage land bank funding.

Plant a tree.

- Get it back on the tax rolls and in the possession of individuals with the capacity to a) keep the property up, b) possibly improve the value through investment that is comparable with the neighborhood, c) Make sure zoning codes are updated so that the best decisions can be made regarding future uses.

It should be maintained.

It seems something could/should be done with them. But I don't know what.

Should be an open bidding process. Post them for sale & allow city residents to buy them without racist restrictions from the land bank. Land bank should be shut down. No need for it. And remove Saginaw Future from any part of land development. Too much nepotism & conflict of interest.

We're not using it well at all. Nor is the Land Bank, which too often just sits on vacant land instead of actively marketing it state and/or nation wide. More egregious, instead of investing some dollars to preserve, or even improve the marketability of many buildings, it instead ignores them for years, lets them continue to deteriorate, and eventually just goes ahead with demolition, creating another vacant lot.

Leave the land vacant but make sure it looks decent, mowing, clearing snow if there are sidewalks.

Let neighbors that their property does not connect to it buy it if the person nextdoor doesn't want it

Turn them into neighborhood parks with seating.

Some vacant land can be given to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to have and use for a Cultural Center & museum & monument. Some can be used as a Skate Board Park which youth would love & some as gardens & fruit trees for the community. Some can have parks and outdoor roller rinks & ice rinks and outdoor exercise equipment

I think the current plan of taking down old houses and taking out the driveways and making it natural seems to be working, I've driven through downtown recently and now the houses that are left are really stand out as beauties

Could be used for multiple things like previously mentioned a community center

Looks disgusting and we need to build homes back into our community for low income families.

City needs to maintain grass cutting, offer adjoining lots to residents.

Plant ground cover or wildflowers and as a last alternative to keep the lots cut. Encourage builders to build speculative houses and sell at a fair market price.

Work with the auto companies (Tesla, GM, Ford, VW, etc) to see how Saginaw can integrate with the future of electric and self driving vehicles. Maybe have a couple Food Truck staging area for all the Food trucks that service Saginaw.

I believe that the lots should be maintained by a separate entity to ensure they are cut and cleaned properly.

Offer the land to adjacent neighbors at a very reasonable price (or free), if they agree to maintain the property or it will be returned to the city. Contact local churches, gardening organizations, nurseries, ect to have them adopt the lots as local gardens. An "adopt a lot" program.

As long as they're kept clean I don't have a problem with them

They need to let people buy them if they want. We have no tax base.

Need to be replace with new housing affordable that low income can buy not rent.

This is an outgrowth of the lack of consideration for internal improvements. It seems that very little consultation was done with long term residents. We are now in a place where any new development should include those residents.

Need to be sold or kept clean by the city, old houses should be torn down

That it should be kept in good shape, but probably left alone while we attend to the blight and making sure existing buildings are repaired/kept up.

Let home owners buy nearby lots for cheap, encourage community gardens
Needs to be managed and concentrated to right size the city's infrastructure to its current population
Should be offered for sale to the nearest neighbor (speaking just of neighborhood s) others should be kept up by city. Not really sure
We need incentives to build, use, and maintain this land. to reduce the severity of vacant property fines. To partner more with our land bank to make the sites more user friendly and the knowledge of the property tax timeline more accessible.
I'd like to see encouragement incentives for adjacent landowners to acquire and maintain empty lots.
in terms of upkeep, neighborhood collaboration with city resources (or volunteers?) "adopt a vacant lot" program?
it needs to be mowed, & some turned into community gardens/orchards-- leadership desperately needed
at my understanding that they were to be cleaned and sown with clover that would maintain a certain length, attacked bees, maybe with flowers, or add white pines have a wish list-make it public: price out renovations and see what happens
community gardens!! Playgrounds, dog parks
I think unless petitioned otherwise, it could be put to good use
Sell it for house building
While it's nice not feeling congested, like one might get in other big cities, it's kind of concerning. It's like seeing a bunch of wasted potential with so many vacant lots and disheveled fields. Even the empty buildings downtown should really be repurposed (or at least not create an eyesore). Yes, it is nice that I can drive around a 'downtown' and not feel overwhelmed with traffic. However, being surrounded by empty buildings in kinda spooky, in a way.
Attempt to attract businesses to vacant commercial land (Eaton comes to mind). Continue to demolish structurally unsafe houses in the same area so they stay attractive to commercial developers. Continue to offer adjacent homeowners first crack at purchasing the demolished homes.
A great use is a community garden or gathering space. Also regular grass mowing would be nice.
It's a problem we created by tearing down too much, and more needs to be done to maintain the vacant lots.
Sell it, fine owners, encourage investment and open Ojibway island
Vacant land in the city should be sold to the citizens (NOT OUTSIDE DEVELOPERS) and not hoarded by the land bank. The land bank should face fines when their properties are not maintained and their lots are overgrown or become illegal dumping grounds.
The land bank is not properly managing it. The same rules should apply to them as do residents... if you don't maintain it you shouldn't own it!!!!
An organized, upbeat, enthusiastic program to promote and encourage their use would provide a sense of "coming back" for the city. Educating people that vacant lots in the city provide basic infrastructure for

new home building - water, power, gas, and sewer ready to go. Encourage the sale or long term lease of lots to interested city residents. I will describe my own experience trying to get the use of a vacant lot in the city for my own garden: Any number of contacts with land bank personnel yielded only repeated no's - "no, there are none available in your area", "no, you aren't in the right residential area", "no, we don't have any information". The land bank as presently configured and staffed is a huge impediment to city improvement - they do lots to hinder and little to help.

I think it provides great opportunity but it needs to be marketed better. There are restrictions on who can buy and what they can put up which turns buyers off. The land is rarely maintained/cut which not only makes it harder to get someone to buy, but creates a dangerous area where visibility is reduced.

Should be available to purchase not just to adjacent land owners Strengthen landbank relationship

I tried to get 3 lots, you told me I couldn't buy it. I can leaseback though free as long as I don't put permanent buildings. What kind of mess is that? I stay at a dead-end street on the north side.

The vacant land could be utilized for community gardens, this would not only create food for areas where there are food deserts, this could create programs to teach kids/adults/neighborhoods how to grow food and work together. Lots that are located closer to old towns/downtown areas could be used for parking which is **DESPERATELY NEEDED**. I am a small business owner and I can tell you that our biggest complain from Customers is that parking is often hard to find or so far away that they choose to go to a corporately owned business in the township instead.

Start neighborhood community gardens. Donate to anyone willing to invest in gardens and maintain the property.

Turn them to community gardens

Build!!!

More opportunities need to be created to purchase vacant land that isn't limited to the Shaheens and other large scale developers.

Turn them into parks or get them ready for new centers that benefit the less well off. Maybe YMCA like places with free wifi so kids can do homework and get tutoring.

Leave it vacant, and attempt to draw more people and businesses to the city, maybe another park or two in the outlying areas of the city

Made into lil community gardens

It will stay vacant until Saginaw develop new middle class jobs.

Plant wildflowers and benches

The city needs to maintain them instead of being the largest contributor of blight in the city as it is now

Look into what Saginaw Township did years ago in Sandhill. Combine/adjust small lots and auction off. Need to get them back on the tax roll and see about new houses getting built.

There are many vacant lots and abandoned homes. I think the best thing that can be done is improve the sense of security overall so people feel safe to live there again.

Use it for community farming



Plant native trees.
They need to be sold to anyone willing to take care of them.
It needs to be transferred to park
Demolish it. Then get a strong program to help out like Habitat for Humanity. Turn the vacant lands into multi use apartments for homeless vets
GIVE it to people who want it & will pay the taxes on it. A person would have to prove they own nearby lots/homes and that taxes are paid up to current.
Sell it or give it to the adjoining property. So they can maintain it
Sell it
Vacant land is better than a blighted old house or former business but in the end the city and the citizens want and need the vacant land to be developed. Pollination Gardens are fine for a temporary situation but we need to re-develop the vacant land in the city. Brush hog the weeds and make the land look appealing to potential buyers.
Clean up land, sell it or build new homes that are energy efficient and affordable. In commercial areas build "green" energy efficient buildings using recycled materials. Look at Grand Rapids- hotels have recycling bins in every room and buildings are energy efficient.
I believe any vacant land that stands next to dwelled homes, the owners should be encouraged to buy it. If not and it stands empty the city should maintain the property, not allowing it to grow out of hand. That just summons up horrible rodents and insects.
I believe houses on those lands should be restored. If not make something useful out of it to give back
Sell them to residents for community gardens and give residents low rate loans to build housing.
They need to be available for sale through social media so people can purchase and possibly build houses on them. As far as for businesses, make them available to develop and bring in jobs.
Pay neighborhood associations or volunteers to keep vacant land mowed and clean of trash / rubbish. Give vacant lots away for free to anyone willing to build new housing or commercial structures on them.
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Give home owners the chance to buy them at a cost of the paperwork. Property owned tends to be taken care of.
Urban farms
The more vacant land the more crimes
Leave it mow it
Have to be kept up.
Donate to Habitat for Humanity for them to build affordable housing for those who cannot otherwise own a home.

Sell at reasonable discount price with written contract to upgrade and maintain property.
Playground or gardens, walking paths
Sell it cheap to someone that wants to build a new home on it. Maybe it will inspire the neighbors to improve their property.
Repurpose as gardens, playgrounds .
eliminate lots beautify the downtown, the Grove, Riverfront by eliminating all desrepaired homes and blighted properties in those areas.
Put it for sale and see what happens, it's a seller's market they say.
Build something that fits in the area
Build something on it and keep the grass cut.
Use it for community gardens.
Not sure
There is too much vacant land. It becomes a trash heap. Offer something to entice residents to take over care of near by lots. Like "adopt a highway". Maybe get churches or youth programs with supporters who will provide them with supplies/finds to create community gardens.
Keep it mowed. Use it for community gardens.
Develop criteria that will guide various uses of the land that will not conflict with family friendly, healthy economic growth. Not to use alcohol or marijuana industry to do this.
Should be turned into community gardens
They need to be beautified. Make into mini parks, neighborhood gardens and orchards.
Plan for parks, urban grocery stores, incentivize appropriate businesses
It is an eyesore when it is not maintained just like alot of buildings/houses that sit vacant. They should either build on the land or maintain it, who ever is responsible for doing so.
They are doing a great job for selling them for a low price to people that will keep them up the ones that are not sold Clean them up Serve meals hot meals and get to meet the people in the neighborhood
It should be utilized in some constructive way that will have a positive impact on neighborhoods. Vacant land is better than blight, but it could be an untapped resource with lots of possibilities.
Community gardens with fresh fruits and veggies. Parents and grandparents oversee the different gardens and the kids tend to them. In all areas. Also some great community parks that are functional year round would be nice.
We need more affordable house since blight removal has been so effective. Maybe concentrate more on rehab??? than demo???? Let's look for more grocery and 'mom and pop' stores in each neighborhood.
Community gardens and tiny parks

I think all the vacant lands should be turned into play ground for neighborhood children or city gardens or a spot where children can play basketball or skate because all the vacant land bring mice and raccoons cause ppl throw food and trash on the lands

Gardening

The vacant land is fine, until it becomes overgrown with plants/grass, and people throw litter and garbage on it.

If the city can't keep it looking nice, it should be sold to somebody who will maintain it.

Give the opportunity to neighbors to buy to expand their lands.

Vacant land needs to be utilized in innovative ways by providing either affordable housing or recreational opportunities that engage the region. Incentives need to be established to draw developers into the city.

All vacant land needs to be cleaned up and kept mowed.

Sell it if possible. Tear down abandon structures.

Pop-up parks. Rebuilding affordable housing.

The city needs to aggressively draw businesses to the area with incentives and invest in the community all areas to buy up areas rebuild and reestablish new housing. More business means more jobs and growing population.

Plan for areas where you can use that land for business development and also plan for green space and neighborhood enrichment. Give vacant lots (or sell at a low price) to neighboring homeowners to enlarge their lots. Plant trees - think big, reforest parts of the city.

It's turned into trash heaps and it's sad. These properties should be sold as cheap as possible for someone to be able to reinvest in the community

Offer it to nearest neighbors at low cost but they need to maintain it. Otherwise, plant trees and let it become natural woodland, unless neighbors want to create community gardens for growing vegetables. If large enough, create parks and sports fields.

These plots should be sold to those who want to reinvest in the city even if it is for \$1. Having someone willing to invest and build affordable single family homes is what this city needs. Multifamily housing is literally going to DESTROY our beautiful city

there is more and more of it. sell large tracks of land to a housing developer and start providing improved housing within the City (not low income housing)---land is already platted; market these homes to people who work in the downtown area and perhaps work with employers to provide incentives to live in the City.

Give a homeowner next to it an opportunity to purchase it at a low cost so they can maintain it and pay taxes on it. Gives the homeowner more acres and will increase there property value slightly. Maybe a nonprofit organization could build on it and have a thriving business there that can help that part of the community out. An already established business could use it to grow on or more parking space.

They're horrible how did nothing but rodents it makes the neighborhood look real bad with Todd grass

Needs to be regularly maintained, sold

The Land Bank needs to be required to take better care of their properties or be encouraged to sell them.

Mow it!!! Develop, sell, but maintain it. The city does not!

Pollinator gardens or commercial orchards

This land should be seen as a whole and something that can benefit current neighbors still living nearby. Saginaw residents, especially in the north end, and other neighborhoods suffered many years from the pollution from factories. I675 ripped up neighborhoods and cut off the north end from downtown. Now it has the most vacant land. People who have lived there many years and kept up their homes, should be acknowledged and rewarded with good practices and stewardship of the land.

If it is in neighborhoods offer to sell it to those around it.

Clean it up, tear down abandoned buildings. Make parks, gardens, activities areas

Lower restrictions on who can buy it and what they can use it for. As long as they follow requirements to do what they want with it. Its would generate some tax income. And less men hours to cut grass. Hold them responsible for lots if owned.

Promote for housing, mfg.

They should be given to people or offered up to property owners a lot of people would rather own the land and have no neighbors. If you don't have neighbors then you won't have trouble. That's what seems to come to the neighborhoods are people that don't care and don't take care of they're responsibilities.

They would make great pastures and gard ens

Sell them

Need to be cut entire lot. If citizens by lot maybe offer veggie and flower, like a starter kit.

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It needs to be completed clear, including trees, etc.

It would be nice to somehow incentivize development/improvement of these parcels

Work to get it developed with business that can only be found down State. Why did Costco, for example, have to open up in midland? I heard they were trying for Saginaw location years ago. Lets get new entertainment venues and restaurants.

It would be nice to see some new construction spring up like some of the single family homes built anew on Woodbridge and Mason Btwn Houghton and Court St. Maybe partner with habitat for humanity or similar.

Create more parks, community gardens, green spaces, public art installations etc. to beautify our neighborhoods and encourage people to spend time outdoors.

I think it's sad and is a good representation of what Saginaw could be. I think what would be better for the economy is allowing more living complexes to be placed as well as local businesses.

Again bring some businesses into the city. Give businesses an incentive to come into the city. If crime was lower people might want to build in the city.

Use it! Plan on having neighborhood gardens for vegetables and flowers.

I know that the vacant land is better than the decaying houses that were there before it, but it still is very sad and gives a feeling that no one really cares about the area. I was just down Franklin and Potter St. by the old Railroad station the other day, and it gives this feeling that Saginaw has abandoned the East side. It's nice that there are wildflowers planted in these vacant lots, and a local NP is cleaning up these areas, but I still see lots of illegal dumping as well. Might need a creative solutions to these lots.

This land should be offered to the citizens that wasn't to take care of it or build on it at a low price. Vacant buildings are should too corporations for \$1. Why can't this be done with the vacant land?

If possible neighbors should be given an option to buy for a reduced price to maintain the land. If no buyer I think the city should find civic partners to turn the lots into natural pollinator gardens that can become self renewing flower beds. Beautify the spot, the city, the world. Couldn't hurt. School groups, scouts, 4H, churches, businesses, hell I'll do one!

Driving around Saginaw you see several vacant lots with overgrown shrubs and it looks very unappealing. I believe at the very least the city should take on those properties and cut down all of the overgrown shrubs and maintain the lawns. With that being done, someone might be able to see the real potential in those lots and possibly consider purchasing. Otherwise, it wont look as bad just until the city or whomever decides to tear it down.

Offer tax breaks for new house builds in order to offer incentive to move into the city.

It is sad to see the homes go...but an empty lot looks better and is safer than an abandoned house. I think we could develop them into small parks, community gardens, and workout stops on a designated fitness path. If the adjoining property owner maintains the area then they get a decent tax credit. The word would get out and citizens would start taking ownership of their neighborhoods with pride.

Start putting up tiny homes to give more housing opportunities to the people of Saginaw, specifically those who struggle with homelessness and addiction!

Utilize for public farming and neighborhood hoop domes, Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy and public wildflower gardens.

I love the idea of community gardens and memorials.

Community gardens paired with parks for children. Maybe a homes nearby can be provided with incentives (home improvement) to care for the parks created.

Looks ugly and a waste of space and opportunity.

Turn it into urban gardens. Give people something to do and to be proud of

Millage for cutting the lots? Some of the 52 million federal COVID related funds for new housing construction/conversion of empty school buildings in to housing and commercial mixed use?

I would rather see vacant land than abandoned buildings

-Make it a park if it makes sense. -Let the homeowners buy it at a reduced rate, if it is next to their house. People don't like to live so cramped next to each other, anyways. -Create community gardens. -If it makes commercial sense, sell it for a business to buy.

We should be working to reforest vacant land which can help with promote Biodiversity and mitigate the effects of Climate change.

This can be associated to my answer to the second question. As soon as a lot becomes vacant, tear down the and remove rubble (as a wood worker recycle the lumber), once the lot is clear turn it into a community garden.

Better than run down homes that aren't being taken care of.

Reinstitute something in the area of the homestead act where as people can take over it and if it is better after a period of say five years they get to keep the property.

Offer it for sale. If nobody is interested give it back to nature. Nature knows how to take care of itself and it will.

Make the land easier to attain and easier to know what lots are vacant and are owned by the city. Also, get control on the blight and vacant drug houses. Repair the roads I the east side of saginaw.

Questions more than thoughts - where is the vacant land in the city? Is its sparseness the reason why it is so difficult to manage? The city's population is WAY too low for the amount of land the city currently manages in its footprints. Can the city completely remove certain neighborhoods and reduce its footprint if it has to?

Take the homes down that are all boarded up maybe make some little play areas in neighborhoods to help give children things to do

Mow it, then leave it alone

City should cut the grass

Tare down houses and sell tge lots to neighbors cheap and affordable. Or have city employees maintain them. Again saginaw township maintains property and even plows township side walks. They want their community nice not looking like a shit hole like the city but the city is full of excuses why they cant do things... We are raped with our taxes , water bills and everything else but yet no improvements are made here.

Enlarge owned lots without raising taxes so that those owners can take care of it. In cases where a vacant house is in similar condition to an owned one on a condensed block but provides for better city planning, offer owners an opportunity to swap houses and tear down house in between others, then enlarge lots as mentioned before. In lots that no one wants, encourage community gardens. Depending on where the vacant blocks are, perhaps the new school should rather be built there or offer that to Mosquito Control.

Sell it to any interested adjacent landowners.

Pave over them and make another parking lot

Vacant land in neighborhoods could be turned into small parks with benches and shrubs. Larger areas like the plot on West Genessee near the bridge (formerly Rightway Automotive) could become a basketball court or an indoor activity center. I believe if there were more opportunities to mentor and nurture children, Saginaw would be even stronger.

need a robust master plan for placemaking in the city Take advantage of the incredible federal and state resources available now to invest in high impact actions that will have longlasting impact follow best practices in descign - utilize effective and strong technical assistance in building the plan along with community engagement

Depends on the size of the lot. Habitat for Humanity homes; community gardens with flowers as well as vegetables; creating new mini neighborhoods - such as small homes built to encourage community cooperation; lets get some new businesses going. Mix homes and businesses so that families can walk to things like ice cream stores together. Restore the area around the Potter street station with homes, small entrepreneur businesses and small gardens. Open up more access to the river there has to be a reason for people to want to go downtown.

Global warming is going to disrupt, if not reverse, the migration of people and business to the Sun Belt. If we can find leadership to address our big issues, there are a lot of reasons for people to locate or relocate here. Water, for one. We need to think about how to market Saginaw with this in mind.

Grass needs to be cut regularly. Create small stationary work stations throughout the city on vacant lots.

Let neighborhoods take them over for gardens or play areas.

The increasing numbers of Vacant land within the City is alarming. These properties become dumping spots because they are not maintained and they make neighborhoods look run down and lifeless. These lots should be maintained by the city until someone purchase them.

It's to much of it's but better than blighted buildings.

Sell to adjacent home owners to care for.

Give the land to construction companies,with the agreement to build new homes.

Low cost Housing

Urban agriculture!

Make it accessible to urban farmers, community groups, neighborhood associations, churches for gardens, playgrounds, public art.

Fine anyone who doesn't maintain their property. I realize that could be expensive, but there must be some way to accomplish this

It should be mowed and given to people who want it. Lottery style if need be.

It needs to be maintained

Sell it cheap or give it to community garden projects. If you can sell it cheap, the only stipulations is keeping up on the vacant land. Of not. Take it away.

Many Black Residents have been turned down on buying vacant land like myself. There is obvious classism in Saginaw.

beautify it as public places

After houses are demolished, land is not maintained and not only looks terrible, but causes varmin in nearby homes.

A vacant lot that is mowed and looking clean is not an issue. A vacant lot that is overgrown or looking like a dump is a problem.

Vacant land can be eye sores if overgrown and not cared for. Possible use could be community gardens.

I addressed this previously but I will restate some of the issues I touched on. The city should invest in green space, community gardens, neighborhood farms, neighborhood orchards, parks, walking/biking trails, etc. Schools should be given local vacant pproperties to use as feilds, walking trails, gardens, etc. Community groups and initiatives should also be given property for similar greening initiatives. These pieces of land should be managed by a city green space and environmental group and given resources to create sustainable change. Each neighborhood may want something different from their spaces and that is something the neighborhood should agree upon and support. Vacant properties that can be given to conservation efforts should be added to our cities natural resources.

Sell it cheap to Saginaw residents or the city should take care of it

We have seen that there are plenty of residents willing to purchase and care for lots adjacent to their homes. Allow them to do that and give them a tax incentive to do so. We have way too much vacant and blighted land owned by non city residents and that's problematic.

Sale to the community Community gardens Small parks

Too much, not kept up. Need to establish a grant proposal to get money to clean it up.

Develop or auction them to people who will.

Track and field, basketball court. Outdoor skating rink, new affordable housing

I think it's horrible. People complain about how there's nothing in Saginaw, how there's never anything to do but people don't want to INVEST they don't want to put anything into the community/city to help keep people off the streets. To help people make something of themselves. The vacant land can be turned into more local stores, beauty salons, daycares, libraries, youth program centers! Anything! There's money in Saginaw it just takes the right people!!!! -Maiya Conway

New housing needs to be built on vacant lots or they need to become community gardens.

Blight should be torn down and turned into grassy lots or garden plots. Even repurposing it to food truck lots would be more ideal than nothing

Needs to be kept cut and be purchased by neighbors. Make kid parks.

Create parks for our youth

There is plenty of it. Sell vacant land to any of the neighboring properties not just the directed property. More community gardens. Large lots can be rezoned for commercial to bring smaller businesses back.

Let residents of the City lease the the land with a 4 year goal to build or upkeep

Should be turned into something useful to the community.



Need to be maintained
The land with homes already existing should be salvaged (if possible) for low income housing instead of bulldozing and leaving a vacant lot.
It should be turned into gardens for people to have fresh produce. More business, especially grocery stores should be brought to the east side.
Build houses, maintain the empty lots through volunteer program..trustees at the jail could clean our city as taxes payers we pay for their stay at the 4 million dollars jail. Gardening community.
The land bank discriminates against black people! Secondly, it's a hassle to purchase vacant lots through the land bank!! People should be informed about the available land! TONS and TONS of opportunities but the land is NOT being maintained! The IMPROVED land is NOT being maintained!
Provide supplies to create food gardens
Complete eye sores...
Donate it for community gardens and parks. It's not being used and it's a good spot for crime to happen.
City residents should be first in line to buy vacant land. If someone's property is connected to vacant property they should be first in line to buy it
It can be assets to the city if the residents are given a fair opportunity to purchase
We need to develop these vacant lot and build rebuild Saginaw
Vacant lots are difficult because there is not a demand for them. But vacant homes, there is a huge demand for affordable housing that aren't rentals. Affordable homes that people can own. And the land Bank has so many that are saleable. There is a huge demand from individual investors, handyman and would be home owners who are willing able able to fix up very dilapidated homes and create livable family homes with drastically increased values. The land Bank needs to market these and work with city planners to develop and sell these homes.
It should be able to be used to expand the city by the citizens
Tear down old houses and downtown empty buildings make green space parks Horrible to see vacant houses in Neighborhoods where people make efforts Hold homeowners and landlords accountable Sadly landlords purchase homes and then turn into section 8 residences and bring in crime, people who blast music and take no pride or respect of neighbors More community police centers for resident engagement
Keep them cut.
Provide training program for youth/inmate to maintain the properties in exchange for documented experience and mentorship in entrepreneurship
No good for public security
Tear the building down or sell it. This just make the city look bad.
Sell at a lower cost Better interest rates for new be or beginning businesses Take more time to clean our city

Build build build houses keep the cut

Should be used to benefit those who live in the area. The decade of disinvestment, by the city, in these areas is deplorable. Not only did the city not invest in their renovations, but they made it difficult for others to reinvest. The city should accept ownership for embracing a plan the disproportionately disadvantaged Black people in the city. Then they should introduce a plan for reinvestment in these same areas.

Depends on what you mean. Empty lots don't bother me much, but if they are overgrown or not used for the greater good then it's annoying. They could also be used to create small parks or planted with local wildlife to bring "natural" beauty back.

You should be selling them to the neighbors who have been taking care of the property for cheap.

burn it

Be creative in its use. Some examples might be creating new housing; developing green space; planting community gardens; developing playgrounds.

Should be turned into places for families to get together

Give it to the people, with the understanding of ordinance and possibly create grants to help owners correct blighted situations.

It should be offered up for sale to nearest residents for a low price.

Vacant land is better than blight. Keep the vacant land cleaned up (mowed etc.); start/fund more neighborhood (urban) gardens with it; use it for parks/programs for the kids in neighborhood; build rec. & educational centers; build senior citizen public housing; sell some of it to businesses that will bring in the needed services/goods. Build a bigger transit station (forget refurbishing the Potter St. Train depot)

I would love to see them turn into green spaces and/or gardens. However then the responsibility of maintenance would fall on the City. Vacant land seems to provide opportunities for crime though so the goal is to obviously reduce them.

Iva can't land has not been kept up and has caused a hazard in many areas. Residents should be a priority who are willing to purchase these lots without any stipulations.

How can the city get the properties to people who will do something with it... Have information ready to make pollen or community gardens ect

Leave it vacant. Some day it will be prime property when crime moves into the townships. 40 years ago Bridgeport was the prime area today it is trash.

It needs to be cleaned up of debris and garbage. Community gardens could be nice.

Sell them to for \$1.00 to anyone willing to take care of them.

Help the residents who live next to vacant lots spruce them up. Encourage residents to purchase vacant land. Or perhaps build housing on the land.

Build on double lots not single. Offer contracts to local landscapers to help maintain these properties tear down abandon buildings and properties it just makes the city look unattractive to a outside investor

Love the idea of the vacant land being sold to the neighboring property via the land bank or even homesteading. I also feel that they should be used as community gardens, playgrounds, flower fields, graffiti parks, basketball courts, dog parks if they are not being used. Temporary structures that can be relocated if property ever sells.

Sell it and let people rebuild at a price WE CAN AFFORD put in community gardens.

I think we should turn some Lots in to things like Community Gardens and basketball courts and other Lots should be sold to a neighbor a Holmes that died program where they have to live on that property for 10 years or so.

Sell it to people and let people put it to good use or build tiny houses for the homeless.

There's a lot of it but still a lot of houses that need to come down. We've purchased 3 lots and not sure people are aware that they can if they meet the criteria. Then the city would have more vacant lots taken care of because the city doesn't do it. Maybe less dumping would happen then as well

Vacant land with a vacant house or just the land? Vacant land needs to be taken care of, no tall weeds or grass. Vacant houses demolished.

Not doing their job cleaning up this city.

It's on the right track. Sell vacant buildings for \$1 or offer tax breaks for businesses that want to come in

I believe that it shouldn't take a private citizen (Jimmie Truss) to come in and upkeep vacant lots.

Adjacent land owners should always be allowed to purchase land and have priority.

The county land bank owns most of it, and doesn't keep them up. The land bank should be disbanded. They don't sell properties to black people. Inherently racist people running it. City should recapture these properties so that city residents can buy & build new homes. That will help increase tax revenue.

I think it should be sold to people that would like to buy the land from the community

I don't think vacant land has been kept up very well. People are turned off by Saginaw when they see vacant lots that are overgrown and filled with trash.

I don't have any thoughts on it

Maintaining it to make it attractive to potential buyers

There's too much vacant land. There are many deteriorating or half burned down building. It would be nice to see old homes torn down and new ones built.

It's better than all the eye sore (destroyed) homes that were bringing down the property value. I don't think they are a huge issues causing major problem in the city if anything keep them cut in the summers or plant flowers on the land so it looks nice. Start a home building program for small homes people can build new affordable homes one cheap land especially on the west side

We are demolishing too many sound structures that just need simple re-investment. Our Downtown and Oldtown should grow UP first, then OUT. The whole idea of a city is density. When you have population density, like in what Downtown was, you encourage more businesses to anchor there. Density also encourages money velocity, which creates a stable economy. In Oldtown, we have Niagara St wide open

for riverfront use, but there is no commercial activity there. Stop building Brownstones where valuable businesses could go.

Keep it mowed n clean....that's all we can do.

It would be great to allow people to buy it and then give grants to support the project ideas

Sell the lots to neighboring homes, for almost nothing.

Turn jnto parks, rec areas, urban farming

Maybe do what Detroit is starting to do, which is built urban farms to create pride among the local residents all while producing local produce. Building parks where most of these vacant land parcels are may not make sense due to their location.

Vacant houses need to be torn down and grass lots need to be maintained

Make them into parks, cool pathways. Gardens.

We should do things to beautify them such as putting in artwork, sculptures, food trucks, etc. There is a book called DIY Detroit by Kimberly Kinder that explains how this was done for some neighborhoods in Detroit

Sell to neighboring lots and tear down vacant homes

Vacant land should be clean and not contain abandoned buildings, junk, or very tall grass.

-Urban farming or gardens. -Micro parks.

Again, all starts with infrastructure. Rebuild roads and sidewalks, make it appealing for companies and fixer-uppers to rebuild the houses you can and demo the ones that cant be saved, then sell to redevelop.

Can be made into a park

It can possibly be filled with business.

Make mini neighborhoods gardens or build new houses that can't be rented out, must be a homeowner. Offer the vacant land to the adjacent house at a fair price.

It needs to be sold and redeveloped.

Vacant land within the city would be a great opportunity to start urban farms in. The city of Detroit has one of the first ones that have offered a lot of help to their immediate community. They are run by mostly volunteers and offer a way to bring fresh food into the community and to give people something to have pride in. It would be a good opportunity for high school aged children to find volunteer work and even give people something to work together on.

Should be sold to neighbors, if possible.

Vacant land is fine, as long as grass isn't completely unmaintained. Obviously it's preferable if vacant land is developed, increasing property values.

Would like to see it put to use as park land or community gardens

Encourage neighborhood gardens. Help organize volunteers to cut the grass. Give the lots to people who maintain them and don't tax them for 10 years.

They're should be maintained. Maybe have "Adopt a Lot" like adopting a Highway.

There should be more public gardens and sitting areas since we have a high poverty rate.

Cut the grass Offer incentives for LOCAL ownership

A lot of it is abandoned and should be sold to neighboring houses at a discounted price. There's enough of the big corporations buying it up. Support the small business owners and offer incentives to them if they're interested in purchasing it or neighbors nearby.

Stop letting Covenant get first dibs and deciding which properties they want or not. I attempted to buy three parcels within five blocks from me. All were denied because Covenant wasn't meeting with the land bank, so the land bank couldn't go forward until they got their two cents. I could have been maintaining these properties and improving my community. Instead they just sit vacant and overgrown still

I pray that it can be replaced by new businesses. I hate to see things leave. I am especially concerned that we will lose our Mall. That will be a big hit to the Ciry and honestly may be the last straw for me to keep my family here if that goes

Too much unmaintained vacant land. Too much land scooped up by the land bank and held for nebulous future plans that may never come to fruition before the city looks like a bombed-out shell. Rather than demolish buildings and homes, make it feasible for people to purchase them and restore them. When someone wants to develop vacant land, make sure the buildings they put up are sympathetic to the area so we can create a visually pleasing city.

Made into parks and low income housing

Renovation

Use it it for parks Preserve forests Bike trails that aren't way out Pop up shop space, food truck parks

I was born and raised in the city of Saginaw. It breaks my heart to see our city in disarray. Vacant land would look a lot better if lots where cut and cleaned off.

Depending on the size of a parcel, create neighborhood parks. Encourage entrpreunerial "place-making"

If you do item 3, above. The land will not be long vacant.

I love having a few open spaces left in the city and have even considered buying some to leave to nature. I would love to have a tax break on that land so it did not cost too much to carry. I have fantasized planting trees and making it a green space.

Community gardens would be great, otherwise it's a headache

If you have vacant lands, turn them into community gardens.

I think major blocks with little to no homes, or vacant homes need to be cleared out. Eventually making way for a nice lake (think haithco) for residents to enjoy with a nice large park and pavillion. Not old run down parks that aren't maintained. Less poorly parks, and 1 or 2 well kept, nicely maintained parks with things to do centrally located.

Large areas of vacant land should be returned to its natural state. Vacant lots within neighborhoods need to be taken care of better.

Sell to neighbors if possible. Combine into bigger lots for possible orchards or farms.

Offer city-owned lots to residents, free and clear, with an agreement to maintain.

Plant trees

Needs to be kept up. Blight is contagious... people assimilate to their surroundings. Nasty lot next door does not inspire to keep their own property well kempt

The land either needs to be kept up by the CITY (NOT KIND PEOPLE WHO DO IT FOR YOU because you can't seem to get crews out to cut so our residents have to do it for you) or start helping people build and open businesses here. The city owns this vacant land.... why don't yall take care of it?

Far to much of it just sitting abandoned. If its next to an occupied building it should be gifted if sat for longer than 9 months. Someone needs to be responsible for cleaning it up better.

Offering incentives to developers from our own community to invest in tiny homes, or affordable housing, brownstones (like UpTown)

I have a vacant lot across the street (at an angle - on lot down) that I wanted to buy. I wanted to put a parking pad on it for our boat & camper, grow a small garden & use it for family gatherings (cookouts, playing ball, etc). We were not allowed. The guidelines should be adjusted some for ownership.

There are too many trees and bushes and you can't even see what is going on. I think it should be changed to farmland again.

We need residents back in the City...They should be available for building new homes

They need to be maintained and used for food gardens, flower parks, art parks.

arm it make welfare recipients work it

Keep the land mowed and cleaned unless a building will be built

Should be subsidized for local only development.

Sell to people in the city that will invest in areas.

Turn them into community gardens/parks

The city is too far gone we all know it and so do you. Anything positive that you try to bring there will be immediately destroyed and bastardized by the surrounding areas. But then that comes back too holding the criminals accountable. But that also means get judges in there that are worth a damn.

Take care of it, don't rush to find a use. contract out a lawn care service to keep it nice.

Hire more grounds /maintenance people and cut down vacant lots, give people the chance to own a piece of land . Be more transparent with procedures that help lead to land ownership.

Keep it mowed.

It should be utilized to help build homes for lower income individuals

It doesn't bother me
Remove structures and offer land to neighboring homeowners for nominal fee
tear down abandoned houses
It needs to be taken care of
Beautify it into a memorial
Gift it to responsible adjacent property owners.
It should be put to use housing the poor and creating community/drop-in centres.
Keep grass cut
I don't mind vacant land as long as it's semi kept up. Vacant houses are an issue.
Sell it for an extremely cheap price to the folks that are neighbors.
I would prefer a vacant lot instead of an abandoned house that is allowing rodents, other critters to live inside, along with people who treat the property as if it's trash.
Should be maintained by whom ever owns it.
Offering them for sale to adjacent property owners first. If no adjacent owner wants them. Then allow any individual to purchase regardless of circumstances. The county and city should not be the land barons. Taking properties that do not have future use by city or county removes the liability from city or county. It gives the city or county revenue and puts the properties back on tax roll. It also allows others to maintain them. Most of the blighted properties are owned by the county. The goal of the county should be not owning any properties that do not have a future use. This will allow them to not to be responsible or liable. This would hopefully get properties to an acceptable appearance. The city and county do not have resources to maintain these properties to the city's own standards. The city should hold itself and the county to the same standards as it holds it's citizens. It does not.
They are not kept up very well.
It should be sold to members in the neighborhood and funds should be available to assist the purchaser with building homes or community gardens for the vacant lands.
Really don't bother me.
Turn into parks
Get rid of them all take pride in community. Also get rid of junk on river banks and make banks pretty like Bay City.
Build old town style buildings with apartments up top and store fronts at street level
We need to build more housing for low income to be home owner
My hope is that it could be made useful or turned into community gardens
Keep clear and mowed, etc for future use

Sell it cheap to people living next to it to take care of or build parks for community by community.

Vacant land provides an opportunity for affordable housing, community spaces, community gardens.

Rebuild homes

Form a cooperative in conjunction with the various non-profits, citizenry, and city to rebuild, rehab and/or wherever possible let buyers use sweat equity to offset costs on both ends. Aid low income families in acquiring loans/grants

Prioritize decisions that enhance the lives of those who live around those areas. Don't sell off our riverside spaces to corporate and other private interests.

Keep cutting as u do now

community gardens, \$20 gets you a growing plot for the year. promotes a healthy environment and community (eat fresh) and gives people a place of pride outside their own property.

I like when they are made into wild flower lots. I think we should build a senior city community. Where they have housing and stores they can access all in a safe place.

Wish it could be turned into something to help others.

Two properties in my neighborhood over one hundred twenty acres together are devastating and devaluing the community. Saginaw County Old Fairground and General Motors Old Delphi Chassis Plant. The city is allowing wealthy millionaire and HUD to erode my community.

Keep it mowed!!! Personally, I'd like to see some mini neighborhood orchards planted, & some urban farming. Not an easy project, but it has been successful in other communities (even Detroit) When land is vacant, it lowers the value of neighborhood properties, & it calls vermin, including "urban skunks" & raccoons, which get into trash & cause havoc.

I think it's a shame and we should clean it up and use it for something

It should be maintained so it doesn't affect property values as much

Neighborhood Gardens Volleyball courts Basketball courts

Allow neighboring homes/businesses to buy properties to maintain them.

There should be more effort to sell it to young people to give them vested interest in staying within the city

Allow the houses next to them to buy them and do what they want with them, such as building a bigger garage or pole barn on them. That's way better than an empty lot with grass growing taller than the house.

I'm fine with vacant land if it is maintained. I hate to see it sold (commercial properties) to be turned into another car wash or dollar tree. If city owns the land and is going to sell it, there should be a committee that can approve the business that is going to be built or veto if necessary. Residential wise, I would much rather see residents that live on that particular street purchase the property to maintain themselves vs low income housing going in.

I think it's terrible, some thing constructive needs to be done with it.



Make them livable in

Too much vacant land! There are plenty of things and projects that can be underway... But It's all about the dollar with Saginaw..... The individuals with money are the ones that scoop up the prime real estate and don't develop OR they build something that's really not a necessity to our city...

stop building small houses on small lots build a bigger house on a double lot these lot are old 50 to 70 feet wide double the lots so they are 100 to 140 feet wide make room between homes

More affordable housing.

I would love to build a home in the city, there's plenty of space, but where are the incentives for businesses and land owners to build. Why not develop a plan with local banks for those who qualify to build new homes or open up a business with the right business plan.

Need to find a way to get water to vacant land. could then be used for gardens. Make the vacant land available for developers to build affordable housing units or for commercial use.

More info from the Saginaw County Land Bank, what properties are available in the city, so residents can purchase said properties. Lack of communication by the Saginaw County.

Sad, but it is a sign of the life it is in big parts of Saginaw.

Sell it to whoever wants it.

Purchases are based on individual intended use, and not on neighbor's decision to buy or not.

Sell or give it to the neighbor to care (require the land is kept mowed). It does the city no good to own and it costs to upkeep.

It's a burden on City infrastructure, contributes to neighborhood deterioration and crime, contributes to a poor image of the City, and diminishes quality of life for residents.

Sale them to those who keep up on it.

Good. At least there isnt a decrepit building on the lot.

Vacant land should be used as community gardens .

I feel as if , if its vacant , it shouldn't look abandoned and trashed , there should be a cleaning crew that keeps them cleaned & that there should be less vacant land .

I feel like it makes you feel uncomfortable and not welcome to places your going.

I believe that the vacant land in Saginaw should be kept up and if could put to work for something useful.

Why are we using them to grow food for the community?

Those areas need to be development. Build new houses or businesses in those vacant lots.

Housing for the homeless people

Create opportunity to purchase land with strong contractual language to maintain the up-keep of the property. If they fail to do so, it will forfeit back to the city. This would apply to residential and commercial property.

It says it's not a good place to live and raise a family.

Clean them up and keep them clean!!! Find good uses that would enhance the neighborhoods and implement them. Sell at affordable prices for neighborhood businesses, housing, rentals, parks and recreation development.

Keep them mowed or sell them to neighboring home owners

Lack of demand for property in the City of Saginaw is caused by a declining population. We need to look at best practices across the county on how to reuse vacant land with very little to no value.

The city needs to sell or build affordable housing on these lots

It needs to be cared for.

If no one lives around it- let it turn into woods/ wildlife area. In areas where people still live, cut and maintain the lots to not bring down property value.

City should make a concerted effort to revitalize the areas with the most vacant land via beautification projects.

Just keep up maintenance. Service with more staff for out reach in keeping yards maintained.

Very concerned, illegal dumping is so prevalent.

Keep vacant land down and give incentive for residents to purchase for gardens and maintain the property.

Build low to middle housing, clean up blight. Install cameras to control unlawful dumping.

There are alot of vacant lots that are overgrown and have become a dump site. Many lots can be cleaned up and beautified for their neighborhood.

N/C

to fix things back up to par

we need small businesse not larg estores to come in to allows easy access to stores banks and restairants

as the population declines... the city is somewhat going back to the country that is okay as long as properties are well kept

vacant land around citu can be new ground up new condos apartments unique build develop encourage single family homes

build homes for low income presidents or build business and give great rates to buyers

need to build homes

i feel this is not good a eyesore

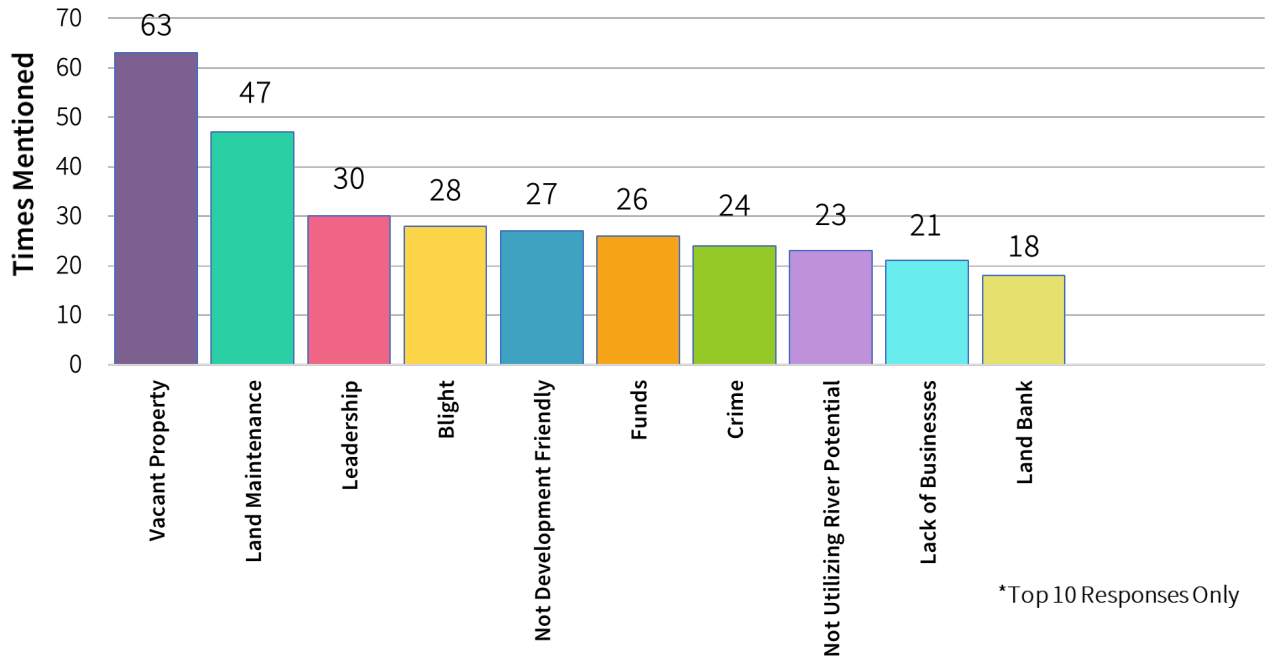
needs to be toe down and rebuild

sell to someone to take care of

keep up with what you are doing

encourage people to buy lots neext to them
build new homes
want to make ait at a basic level clean tidy for family homes or business
grow neighborhood families to add to their property without extra taxes after the lot is cleared
take down or make it for homeless people
they shouldnt exist we should have never torn down what was on the land
cut the grass
every vacant home and land should be taken down or destroyed for vetter parks and recreation areas
make parks community centers
they need to cleanup or have whoever own it clean up or charge
N/A
none
hire more city workers to cut the lots more often until the citty decides what to put on the property
should build to occupy offer gardening and training and cultivating survival programs
makes me sad city looks dead river front needs to be used to restaurants music light
penalize property owner especially banks and investment groups that do not maintain properties
make it strong
everybody should be on one together
sell the land at a reasonable price allow people to have small businesses when possible build neighborhoods
build businesses buy people out
Vacant land should be kept neat, clean, and mowed. I realize this takes a large financial effort, but a possible city/community joint effort may help.

## 5. What do you think are the main land use challenges to the City?



Responses
See above
letting people purchase land if they have a plan to make it produce as originally this was forest and then farm land before houses were built.
The riverfront was allowed to decay and fill with industrial complexes. It will take decades to get the riverfront at a point where it mirrors Bay City. Ideally the city would work with the state to incentivize large employers to come in and fill the vacant land once held by GM and other auto manufacturers. Easier said than done, unfortunately
The County Land Bank
No big businesses or projects buying property within the City, everything is happening outside the City.
No centralized control management and insufficient funds.
Unsure
The unmistakable crimes and gun violence that haunt our neighbors. Our Police need funding and we need foot patrols, bike patrols and more street patrols to aid to cut down these issues.
Too many unused properties that have become overgrown or have become dumping sites
Maintaining properties, developing outdoor space to attract visitors!
There are so many vacant houses so the load is heavy.
Getting more home owners into zero energy homes in vacant lots. Could it turn the city around?

N/a

City is not development friendly. Mow vacant lots vs just the corners. Overgrown lots are a form of blight.

We need to clean up the sites that were used for industrial purposes. There is a lot of land there that could be utilized better. Vacant or old homes and buildings just dot the downtown area where development could better utilize those spaces. Looking at the Covenant district, there is a lot of space to rebuild neighborhoods that have been vacated and purchased for stabilization by Covenant. If there is a planned use for those neighborhoods, it should be made known to the people who live there.

We don't utilize our river other than to divide people by race and their economic standing.

City managed streets

Garbage .

- Determining the best present and future uses for all land along the riverfront - Strategizing for use of downtown properties - Use of dead school and church property

I do not know

IDK

The people who actually live here don't own anything. That must change. Take special interests out of the equation. A small city should be owned and operated by who actually lives here, and not who sets up residence. Huge difference.

See 4 above regarding the Land Bank's lack of marketing, and lack of investment (for that matter, lack of interest) in preservation of potentially saleable buildings. The limited availability of riverfront land for housing development, whether Hi-end, condos, or even apartments, due to historic uses that we have been stuck with, or find difficult to get rid of. The failure to congregate lots into land areas big enough to interest investors in doing housing developments. Having 2 railroad lines traversing multiple neighborhoods, and their low, immoveable bridges that prevent use of the river to little more than small fishing or speed boat, effectively preventing the type of residential and business riverfront development Bay City has seen. Also, the false perception, due to having to collect non-city taxes, that the city's taxes are exorbitant.

Do not understand what this question is asking exactly.

Not enough employees to take care of parks, ect.

Management such as landscaping/Lawncare.

I don't know

I think one of the struggles is sometimes that when somebody hears that the city or the state is looking to take a property over to do a good project, they all of a sudden think their property's worth a million dollars when it was worth \$10,000 the day before. So I hate to say it, keeping things secret and buying land if necessary through a third party.

Crime

Dumping

Unoccupied homes and vacant buildings,

Getting business and home owners to move back into the city.

Mandating parking for business that make islands of destinations amidst the sea of parking lots. People like to be social, more open street side dining and drinking without noisy vehicles driving by. A different plan for drive thru fast food restaurants (or any business) is to remove ordering from the pickup line and place all of them at central locations of multi order stations that can pop up the desired restaurant (like the restaurants webpage), take orders and all money transactions. At payment, the customers are given a receipt and pickup time for their individual drive thru. This allows for more security at the place of money transaction rather than scattered.

The land along the river at one time was a bustling area. There were many docks and places for people to enjoy the river area. Much of the river waterway has been taken over by businesses with no regard to the beauty of the waterway. There are no longer places where boats can dock. NONE. A walk way - bike lane all along the river on both sides would be a wonderful thing, but very difficult, if not impossible to do. Do to the ageing of many many of the homes in the city and the value of those homes in decline, most of the property owners can't afford to update and maintain the homes. The blight is growing substantially. Possibly giving tax credit for improvements on homes of a certain age, like the tax credits that are being offered to new condos being built, might help in the decline.

I really don't know much about this question to have a knowledgeable answer

People don't have jobs. Shaheen blocks everything that people are interested in.

We now have the unusual issue of land use priorities for economic growth, but not for community development. We have reduced the number of schools, parks, and community living spaces this impact the quality of life. We need to focus on that.

I don't see the vacant land being used, there should not be green property in the city

That we make sure that homes/buildings that are blighted are torn down.

Railroad prevents meaningful riverfront access on west side, property speculation in economic development districts, balancing preservation with development opportunity

Not enough businesses to buy the vacant land and so many businesses and people/families have left our city

All of the driveways are taken out. This discourages folks from wanting the land

lack of upkeep of lots (mowing, trash, etc)

nothing to offer on this item

infrastructure issue, vandalism, drug houses, lack of mowing

your main challenge is the tax base keeps shrinking but curb appeal, support for youth environment in one of our own mal. litter, weekday public garden

A lack of bike lanes

Sprawl and apartments are a problem

I'm not entirely sure, but if I had to guess, logistics would be a big factor. Plus, trying to get past this dang pandemic would be helpful (I'm calling you out, Thumb residents!). I'd also think a few more restaurants downtown would be nice. As much as I like the extra parking for a downtown, having some life in the city can boost morale.

Attracting quality businesses. Making sure business pay their fair share of taxes.

Vacant houses and empty trash filled overgrown lots. We need to encourage re-investment.

No density, no purpose. We treat the city like it's the suburbs.

Poor management of resources

Commercial brownfields. Brownfield under 675.

The city needs to stop giving away its assets. Access is also a huge issue, (i.e. cutting public transit, or closing ojibwe island) we pay for these parks and can't even get to them or use them.

The city thinking it is 100 years ago and not embarrassing the fact that industry is NOT coming back!

The land bank.

No one wants to build a new house in the City because it won't be worth what it cost to build. But if you can't build a house, what can you build on it? I've heard of people who would like to buy empty lots in order to build an extra garage, pole barn, shed, etc. and the rules won't allow it. No one wants to buy a plot of land if it's just going to be an extra yard to mow. Let them use their creativity and do what they want with it.

Ownership Landbank

We have no stores. Let us use it. You should be ashamed of yourself asking these kind of stupid questions

Under use of manufacturing buildings that could be used to bring in a new industries that have longevity and ecological benefits, which we could do if the city made it more enticing with grants or tax breaks. Making communication between the land bank and historical society better or more cohesive so that buildings could either be torn down or saved at a more rapid pace. Buildings sitting and crumbling unnecessarily is not only unsafe it is wasteful and a blight on this community which is already struggling. The land bank and the historical society should be working together instead of butting heads because the resistance that has been happening on both ends is not useful or appealing to anyone in this community.

Keeping slumlords from buying property . Poor management of rental property in the city has lead to higher crime and a decline in safe housing.

Too many abandoned houses

No opinion

Limited use of the riverfront. Commercial corridors like Bay/State/Davenport need to be redeveloped based the amount of pedestrian traffic.

It looks like decades of poor management just let things go. Abandoned hotels look like crack houses.

The fact that there is no incentive for property owners to invest in their own land

Theres so many and no really cares and they get trashed and over grown
Bringing back jobs!
I think the land surrounding the river is poorly misused and our community is missing out tremendously. Look at other communities, their rivers feature some of the town's favorite places. San Antonio & even Bay City.
Difficulty getting variances on zoning and unrealistic requirement to reuse existing property To many existing properties have been rezone preventing long time property owners from leasing their properties thus letting them fall into disrepair
Getting property cleaned up and maintained.
Several vacant buildings can be repurposed for other uses.
We need a better river front.
Pollution
Ownership
All the crime in certain neighborhoods
I dont know.
Beautification
Poor. Maintaining
The City of Saginaw income tax is a burden to development. Most of the city will struggle from a retail perspective in the future. Manufacturing and health care will be the main jobs created.
Blight and crime. No one wants to build a new home/building that will be covered with graffiti or burglarized.
Low police staff, liquor stores staying open to late
Not being able to afford it.
Abandoned buildings.
Not sure.
What can be done with the Riverfront? Look at what Bay City has done over the years. Look at what Midland has done with Dow Diamond and surrounding downtown area. What can be Saginaw's building block?
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Helping people feel safe when they are out.
Lack of funding and education to really make change.
Getting people to buy it



One business comes in and it takes out another
Just maintaining what the city owns.
Not sure
The city is not attracting investors that will build sustainable business. One reason could be the city income tax. Crime and perception are another.
To wait for the courts to get these slum lords to take better care of there rentals
No idea. In my opinion vacant lots should be sold ASAP to get them back on the tax rolls
How to keep areas safe once a specific purpose has been found for that area. Good to have a community garden. , but not when vandals destroy the area at night.
Riverfront areas
High taxes.
Soft land possibly, abandoned buildings
No shops like Grocery , Food ie, restaurants, Use The Civitan Recreation Center to foster growth with our youth. Community use.
Too many empty homes.
Not sure
Man power and funding appear to be some of the biggest challenges. Residents need to get back to having pride on their neighbors.....hard to do when there are shooting all the time.
Tearing down vacated houses is a good idea. Buying vacant houses. There a lot of homes owned by elderly people who can't afford to keep them up when they move out due to health. Tear them down or get high schools to fix them up so they can be used by people who need homes. I also think you should buy up land along the Saginaw River and use as parks etc. like Bay City did.
dealing with the various types of ownership, and the process that it has to go through before plans can be made, non contiguous properties, There seems so much that needs attention...how to prioritize work
Lack of planning and organization.
Land not being utilized. There is alot of land located in the city that can be used to build new businesses.
Cities has low maintenance on property owned by the city get a neighborhood participation let them know this is needed in their neighborhood
Finding funds to tear down blighted properties. Finding funds to landscape vacant lots.
Too much land and property. You can give many the chance to be home owners or expand their property. That way this land gets tended to by owners and takes a little financial burden off the city.
The perception of 'safety' - - Let's make sure all neighborhoods have their share of affordable housing and a good public transportation system so residents can get to jobs.

I think the challenges are not enough attractions going on with the land saginaw need to be builded up more downtown attractions more recreations more activities for tourist and children and adults
I am not sure at the moment.
Unknown
Upkeep
Tearing down rather than encouraging renovation of existing historic structures. Discouraging developers or businesses because of taxation policies or in the case of cannabis businesses, poorly and inequitably conceived zoning policies, and keeping vacant lots mowed and free of debris.
Not sure
Creative use. Slow developement.
There are a lot of vacant and underutilized spaces. I suspect many are probably brownfield sites that have limited use options.
Finding investors. Need to market the opportunities of Saginaw to a nationwide audience.
Actually maintaining and improving the parks we do have. City leaders have time and time again WASTED time on these issues and the problems at Ojibway are a key example of where they city has literally had YEARS to improve the situation there but chose to do NOTHING
i don't know
Not enough inspiration and motivation in people to think of something to do with the land. For every abandoned home tore down, one should go up. Same with a business. Vacant land does the city and the people no good. I already know you know this.
Building on them
Too many vacant buildings. Vacant land that is not kept up
Development ---need incentives for builders to develop
Lack of demand for housing, lack of utilization of vacant land
The current property tax system and overall tax system undermines refurbishment of older buildings and land. And, given the amount of development throughout the county but outside city limits, the per capita amount of housing and retail in the region is excessive relative to the number of residents. It is difficult to fight sprawl. The city now has the opportunity to take advantage of the vacant lots to improve air and water quality through native tree and plants, and other efforts. It is important for this to not be new suburbia in the city. The city streets, grid, and remaining buildings are the key to a sense of place. Refurbishment and adaptive reuse are important. Walkability is important. Transit is important. The disintegration of walkable neighborhoods and transit over the years is lamentable. Only in the city, is there a good opportunity to reinforce, reestablish this type of in-demand type of neighborhoods.
People not knowing what land is available and how to obtain it.
Money to clean to area, keep it clean, and watched

Abandoned building that are owned and not nothing being done with them. Downtown saginaw and old Town.

We have enough liquor stores more and more seem to pop up when buildings or land is purchased. We don't make anything in the city our infrastructure is made up of fast food places and liquor stores.

Land locked, crowding

Not sure, just know they are not being used. Like the old far ground and be a place when people sell there crafts for a small fee. Let musician perform.picnis area for people who just want a safe place to chill.

old industrial brownfield issues. sporadic vacant lots.

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Demand

A cohesive plan that everyone understands!! Purpose for youth programming with supervision  
Affordable updated housing options

Everything is much too spread out. It affects teachers and parents and students, especially with school choice. It makes it the "parent's fault" if the child fails. The city needs to be brought together physically.

CRIME! Drugs, gangs.

Leaving it vacant

I haven't looked at the 2020 census numbers but I'm guessing Saginaw is shrinking in population- much like Detroit and we don't have the capacity to fill out these neighborhoods and these houses are so old and the crime is high in certain neighborhoods- that nobody wants to move in. Also a HUGE land use challenge in the city is the number of landlords that are not taking adequate care of their rental houses and lots. We need the Attn. Prosecutor to go after slum lords that are letting these houses rot and decay and illegally dump trash into empty lots. Actually start creating repercussions for landlords that refuse to upkeep their properties. The more help we can give to independent homeowners- the better. Another big land use challenge is the cost of tearing down and cleaning up polluted sites. We want economic growth downtown, but there are a lot of costs involved in tearing down those old factories. Also we just have not developed the riverside into an attractive place to hang out and shop and live- like Bay City has. Part of the problem is that we're not on the mouth of the river, but also it doesn't help that we have so many abandoned warehouses and factories clogging up the riverside.

Getting the citizens to help take care of what we have in our city. We need city wide clean up days and we need stricter rules on maintaining your property. To many people just don't care and trash their yards. We need to have enforced fines or jail time for these offenses.

1. Old buildings 2. Owners unavailable 3. Industrial sites needing clean up 4. Not enough money

Getting people to build new houses

Keeping the commercial out of the residential. Especially when the land is dispersed throughout the city. We are losing neighborhoods.

I'm honestly not sure

environmental quality (lead, asbestos, chemicals)

No one tending to them. Overgrown grass and shrubs which harbors rodents. Also, trash and debris scattered everywhere.
Empty homes which could be used for our homeless populations or people struggling to find a place to live.
The abandoned building and screwed up roads.
I don't know
Maintaining all of those vacant lots. More commercial activity in the downtown and old town.
Not sure
I don't really know, so I'll skip.
Saginaw has a moderately large population, which requires lots of parking space. With better public transit we could cut down on car traffic, and therefor parking lot footprints. Smaller parking lots mean more businesses could fit in the same space, or as I would prefer we could reclaim some of the space for nature.
No comment
Absent landlords. More open and flexible zoning rules.
Finding entrepreneurs. But if we do everything else right we'll find them!
People that does not appreciate any of it.
As I understand it, various plots of land have ownership negotiated with the land conservancy and this land is agreed to be maintained by the conservancy for perpetuity. However it seems like this custodianship is lacking in many areas due to lack of conservancy manpower or resources?? Can the city bolster this? Can the city start its own program to reclaim and maintain land? A fleet of brushclearing equipment beyond what we currently have? Are there programs outside of the land conservancy that we can pay to be centralized in Saginaw City for care? Can Saginaw create a program for on-demand, subsidized brush cutting / tree maintenance / yard care? It would go far to improving the city's image to be able to keep overgrowth in check. How about the acres of concrete wilderness as you take M46 outside of town? Who owns that and why do we need vast fields of unused concrete painting the reminder of Saginaw's loss of industry from way back when?
Keeping up all the vacant areas if neighbors would pitch in it would really help their community
Too many landlords not enough home owners
Indirectly crime and a culture they takes no pride in the community.
Contaminated riverfront property
Cleaning up blite
Unused shopping center space is an issue in this city. Pierre Marquette shopping center needs an overhaul and has empty stores. Buena Vista has acres of land that was once a K-mart attached to a shopping center with other stores, restaurants, and a movie theater. That area would be fantastic for a farmer's market or a

park where we can have festivals and more. That area being right off the freeway needs an attraction to bring more people to town.

have a plan that is cohesive and including food, housing, entertainment, food and civic engagement population decline, limited tax base and need for Sustainable plan

Lack of money; people use empty spaces as trash sites; little pride; little personal investment in the community. People lose interest and incentive when everything around them looks trashy. Centralized areas of poverty destroy the spirit of the city.

Need to give away to organizations that will utilize the land to promote positive events or uses throughout the city. I.e parks, community gardens

Too many rental homes with people who do not care about up keep. We need to find a way to get pride back in our community.

The main land challenges to the City of Saginaw are eyesore houses and old buildings that are not being maintained, and therefore become a danger for the people living in the community where they are located.

It comes across sometimes as useless when everything around it is blighted

Bringing in business and providing community supporting those businesses

No one wants to invest in vacant land, pass a law that if someone builds a new home on vacant land they will not have to pay prop. Taxes for the first five years they live there.

Cost of maintenance

Possibly the soil

No budget

Dumping, and prosecuting the offenders

Costs

Maintenance

Challenges are trying to tear down the abandoned homes.

Main land is not being use effectively. Saginaw should take notes fro. Bat City.

keeping them maintained

Cost for upkeep of landscaping.

Maintaining old buildings, taking care of vacant homes, and tending to vacant lots. Not that this is all the responsibility of the city, but it has an impact on the quality of life in the city, which impacts our overall success.

I would think costs and budget.

The land bank manages most of the blighted properties in the city but has not come up with innovative ways to fix the problems faced. People in the city have little trust in the land bank and therefore do not

want to "lease" their land. Typically land is held until the house is so dilapidated and unsafe that it needs to be removed, but the movement of this process is at a snails speed. Many houses that could be saved for historical purpose or housing are often left to rot. The land that is vacant is left unmowed unless a friendly neighbor is helping out, but often these people are told this act of generosity is trespassing. Land that is vacant therefore is left unused and covered in litter and trash dumps. Furthermore the city has no parks and rec department and no funding to keep up the parks. They have for the most part become a nuisance in their neighborhood because of trash dumping, late night parties, broken structures, ivergrown lots, etc. If there were an agency running these areas and putting effort into their upkeep they would be used more often. They could be neighborhood hubs for information, activity, sports, and health but instead they are shuttered when crime gets too high and they become blighted.

The city does not take care the city!!

Poorly designed. An example would be the intersections of State/Bay & Davenport/Bay where we have high traffic counts, but very few businesses that could benefit from a location like that. No disrespect to the automotive shops, but those entities add no value to a residential neighborhood. Also, again, too much land owned by non city residents.

Agriculture, commercial...residential

Not enough money coming in to support what needs to be done. Need to raise taxes, take the freeze off.

Absentee landlords, blight

Empty land seems to become a car wash or another bank which are both unnecessary

Unnecessary liquor stores

Time and funding. There are too many vacant lots to consistently maintain them with the current staff.

Nobody has money, time, or passion to keep up buildings, especially landlords. Holding people accountable in some way for that or again, having neighborhood initiatives might help with that

The upkeep

People that dont respect the land is the biggest issue. Illegal dumping needs to be enforced on a more strict basis. Open the trash bag and grab the bill with the name on it and write citations

No acquisition plan

Finding something that will benefit the communities in which they are in.

Not being kept up properly

I don't understand the question

Lack of caring

Not maintained

Difficult to purchase! It's NOT being MAINTAINED or SOLD!

Need safe park along river

<p>Holding on to property instead of providing small little local businesses the opportunity to grow and make a difference.</p>
<p>Trash and over grown lots the City and county don't take care of</p>
<p>Lack of innovation and vision</p>
<p>Mismanagement by the land Bank. Extremely dated use models that focus on tearing down and not rehabbing for residential use. No investment or development of green space and vacant land along the water front.</p>
<p>I have no idea why Saginaw is making no progress However what I do see are the same older crowd of people jumping from one position in government to another people voting due to favoritism vs getting work done Example City school board members Similarly other entities</p>
<p>Not enough business. They are scared to invest because of crime and not enough police.</p>
<p>Facility maintenance and cost</p>
<p>Broken streets. No sense of community.</p>
<p>N/A</p>
<p>Dumping</p>
<p>Disinvestment. The city should acknowledge the role they played in the creation of these areas and develop a plan to improve them.</p>
<p>Too much car dependence. Add more walkable and bikeable space. This includes making everything more accessible to wheelchairs.</p>
<p>City needs to praise residents and business owners who take pride in their community. Attract decent businesses, help current downtown with parking.</p>
<p>empty buildings need to be demolished</p>
<p>The negative attitude of some citizens; engaging corporations to provide funding; speeding up approval processes for developers.</p>
<p>Lots of vacant lots and empty buildings. Leaving nothing for the younger generation to do and or participate in. Then leading to crime.</p>
<p>Wasteful</p>
<p>We are not taking care of what we have. We are letting it cave in on us. We then loose the appeal of our history. Once it is gone we are left with empty overgrown lots. We do not maintain them any longer. We now have people doing this on their own when we should be taking care of this with our taxes.</p>
<p>Crime, lack of services, lack of business investment, poor property value, people moving out of the city</p>
<p>They are not being developed for future us that Benicia the community for longevity.</p>
<p>Not a lot you can do.</p>
<p>Same as before.</p>

Nothing to put on the land. I have many in my neighborhood and thank God the residents take care of the land to make it look nice.

Maintaining grass and roads.

Blight- need to clean it up. Not using existing resources such as riverfront, island, and concert venue. No big entertainment appeal to attract or keep people busy and out of trouble.

The city officials not doing enough to keep our city clean and revitalize it.

We have too much of our Riverfront dedicated to a decaying industrial era. We have entertainment venues that only get used a couple of times a year and when they are half of those times the concert is laughable. We have invested money into Ojibwa Island but then we do not have police patrolling it or preventing things from getting bad there. Perhaps we should have a riverboat casino.

The vacant lots are used as dumping grounds for bodies and other various things clean it up

I don't know

I have no idea.

Also on the right track. Letting some of the abandoned homes get razed and Letting the land go to industry or just open land

People who have no interest in living, working, or growing in the city own land and are not willing to sell but are also not maintaining their properties. And again, East Saginaw is not cultivated or poured into.

Not sure

Far too focused on bringing businesses here. The focus should be people. Citizens. People want to move into the city, but the land bank is hoarding land. Especially from black citizens who want to own homes. Disband the land bank. City gets property. Sells it cheap to potential homeowners. Instant revenue stream for the city & you increase the tax base.

The land is under developed we have to look to the future not the past

I'm not quite sure.

I'm not sure.

Lack of maintenance

Too much land is occupied by uninhabited homes and buildings.

Dilapidated homes, encourage more real estate investor in the city to fix some of these home that regular everyday buys would shy away from to get the homes that are left fixed

It appears that the City thinks everything should be a parking space. We need to enforce codes and if we choose to revitalize Downtown and Oldtown, we should adopt an aesthetic that unifies the old construction with the new.

Money to develop the land, maintain it.

I am not sure



Until the city operates like a normal functioning city they need to leave stuff like that alone. Much larger problems are present.

Not sure

Not many want to build new houses or businesses in certain areas where the lack of traffic and high crime exist.

How well the soil is. Location, and lack of funds.

It is a relatively large city for its population size. Walkability is not great, there are pockets of commerce that are separated

Replacing businesses that have closed.

-Safety in some residential areas. -Infrastructure limitations for traffic to and from -Available resources to maintain the available land.

Crime and infrastructure, need to invest more in policing and rebuilding.

Proper utilization of vacant and unused space

I Have no ideal on this.

Well, the fact that there is a lot of abandoned or condemned buildings. That is something that could be renovated into any multitude of working or living space. I think having more consumer friendly shops by the river makes more sense than what is currently lining it.

Vacant parcels and empty commercial buildings

People will always be hesitant to invest in an area plagued by violence.

Money?

Getting people to build here. Not having large enough lots.

Abandoned buildings

Lack of care to the land. Literally could just shove flowers on the ground and call it a day.

Respect People don't respect the city or the community. Until it gains respect, people will continue to abuse for their own personal gains. For example, slum lords, check the price and condition of some of the rental properties.

I'm not sure but construction every summer is more of a hassle. It's everywhere all at once. I'm sure it has to be done, it's just irritating. What's not working right now? Maybe team up with business owners, schools, churches for a broader input.

No comment

The issue is ...who wants to put a business there? If they see the track record new businesses have of failing in this city. If the whole area were nice all at once, people would be walking g/ shopping that area. People won't travel just to hit 1 spot if that's all there is to visit

Redevelopment (the city must stop thinking that an empty block means someone will build). Mixed use redevelopment (the city should encourage development that combines commercial and residential).  
Fragmentation (empty blocks or utterly neglected blocks separating small pockets of activity).

Vacant delapidated buildings

Sports facilities

The main challenge is land is not usable unless it's cleaned off. Create a playground for our children.  
Plant a community garden.

Greater tax base uses are needed.

Attracting business, revitalizing the riverfront.

Need strong community leaders to educate people and accomplish plans.

Homes being tied up by land bank, and then bought by people who don't even live here. They then rent them out til they fall down. Those "1000 down, 350 a month" large yellow signs on obviously condemned houses are an issue. Start giving civil citations

Brownfield properties. The change from old manufacturing facilities to new types of facilities.

I don't know enough to know what would be good. However: What to do with the land along the river on the west side between Genesee and Holland. Start with a walking/biking path and connect it to the one on the east side.

Too many underused parks that consume city resources.

No thoughts

Would love to use the land on Ojibway but you all have that closed off for no reason. All other land is always trashed. Fishing along Wickes park Dr and there's always trash dumped in random spots, especially under bridges and vacant fields and parks. Catch these people illegally dumping and clean it up!

None.

Contaminated soil, lack of investors, limited riverway use, fear of investing when the crime and blight is so high.

To purchase a vacant lot and "build" a home is too costly for the low-income barriers in our community. If we want "homes" on these lots, we need to consider allowing manufactured (double-wide) home placements to make it more affordable for the community.

Again.....overgrown trees and bushes, it just looks so messy. The river is not used to its full potential.

Getting business and residence to invest in the City..

Liability

what?

to many abandoned home falling apart and unkept property both vacant and with folks living on them.

Park spaces need to be permit able for public events.
Contaminants from gm and other manufacturers that cut and ran from this area
Lack of funds
The city over taxes it's citizens, and does absolute minimal to care for the surrounding areas.
N/A
Need to get rid of blight.
Income taxes drove people and businesses from the city to places without income taxes
Not sure what those issues are
Not sure but blight is very evident
do something that no one else within 75 miles has . A year round young baseball program , double the size of the zoo , use that old G.M. land by center street Bridge to build a tall and large hill for tobogganing and sledding, get snow makers to expand the season. find some kind of use for it in the summer . do something so people want to come here .
They are not taken care of
High rents, poor upkeep, over taxed
Old and abandoned buildings increase the sense of shabbiness. Get rid of them. Turn them into parks or gift them to responsible homeowners or businesses to improve upon.
Centering of the concept of blight and its removal, rather than on public services that could be offered.
Na
People illegally dumping on them
Social obsolescence.
The city will not allow development that doesnt meet zoning or master plan standards. I believe the city needs to be more open and flexible to business development. Development has been hindered because of the boards holding to these rules. Yet they'd rather let several buildings deteriorate because they do not meet the current zoning or master plan vision.
The lots are too small to build on
Problems getting dilapidated structures removed/torn down and not being able to add structures for 5 years.
Don't have any thoughts about this either.
Blight
Get rid of blight. Help to maintain good homes and parks. Create river organization to help.
If you build it they will come, the city should be the bones and build out a block or 2 in each area with old town style brick buildings with store fronts and apartments above

The up keep
Abandon homes and buildings
Mismanagement of money and a disconnect from the citizens
Urban blight.
Finding business to develop
Vacancies left unattended for long periods now overgrown and falling apart
Preserving the use of riverside spaces for use by the residents of the city, and not sacrificing the common good to gentrification projects. Increasing home ownership. Encouraging and supporting small locally owned businesses.
Not having enough recreation to entice families to work & live in city, because they have to travel outside city for recreation.
years of letting people pollute, and not enforcing codes.
Not sure.
Not sure
Trying to determine ownership and holding them accountable.
Once the derelict house/buildings are razed, nothing happens! We were told a few years ago that clover would be planted for the interim, as it doesn't grow tall. What happened with that? I see weeds 2' tall & higher!
People not seeing the value of it
Unsure
Upkeep Neighborhood groups that want to adopt parks can not due to insurance issues. Yet the city has a very small parks unit. Let the neighborhoods HELP Crime
Too many rental properties that ruin neighborhoods.
Too many restrictions and just because people are leaving doesn't mean you keep raising taxes. That is the prime reason besides crime that people are leaving.
The city needs to stop tearing down the old properties and get them into the hands of people that want to fix them up. Then there wouldn't be so much empty property. Enticing businesses to Saginaw is something that needs to be looked at with incentive programs. Companies that can rehab these buildings to use (like Ford did with the Detroit train station) need to be brought in. With covid and so many people working from home, getting a larger company to move from a more expensive operating state like California or Texas to Saginaw that wouldn't require their employees to necessarily all move might be a good thing. I remember when Detroit had incentives for the film industry to come in. Creative thinking and thinking outside of the box need to happen.
That a hell of a question the city has challenged anything in years otherwise this city would not look this terrible.

Vacant property

As stated in #4 The individuals with money are the ones that scoop up the prime real estate and don't develop OR they build something that's really not a necessity to our city...

small lots, blight, rental property, no one wants to build a new house on a small lot, with blight, and rental units all over in the area.

Littering

Codes and ordinances that determine where you can build.

riverfront development similar to Bay City.

The vacant land that are the river front, both eastside and westside of the river, former Jackrabbit bean company, cement companies, junk yards, and wild life refuge.

Keeping it looking good.

A challenge is something you see but you feel incapable of doing anything about. I don't see challenges i see opportunities. What land use challenge?

HOUSING!!!! A continued loss of owner occupied housing (not rental) results in population loss as well as revenue loss for the City. It's a zero sum game. The recent census results should be a wake up call. On the current trajectory the City will probably be dissolved and absorbed into the adjacent Townships within the next 20 years.

Having the community come out as 1.

Out of state ownership of our cities property is counter productive and is rarely maintained.

There isnt enough people to fulfill the main land issues that we have

The main land use challenges are making them into future homes, businesses, or fun places.

I think the main land use challenges to the city is less trashing and keeping the lots at a fair condition

The roads! While I'm sure every mechanic and tire store is thrilled, I'm definitely less thrilled about driving anywhere. My car still has a faint cat scent. 13 hours in a car with my cats the day I moved here went well until I hit the Michigan/Ohio state lines then it was all over. Poor things. My cats haven't recovered yet from their traumatizing travels.

Overgrown grass that leads to illegal dumping.

Tourists

This is a question for the city to answer. General lay citizen does not know what your facing from a municipalty standpoint.

Make use of existing property by renovating.

Center of the city is okay but you need to include neighborhoods at the same time, not as an afterthought. Lighting, bike trails, parks, streetscapes or landscaping to entice people to build/expand, sidewalks, small water parks within parks during the summer. Within parks, create spaces for the whole family to enjoy: grills, courts, etc.: different areas for different types of recreation. A perfect place for a beautiful park in

at Genessee and, I think Fifth(?) street. A beautiful big lot for a fenced, lighted multi-use park. The esthetics of an area go a long way to enticing new businesses and homeowners to invest in the area. If it looks well kept, it will encourage use. Saginaw has a lot of nice empty lots, including on the east side. Make them desirable.

Over grown

Population loss and lack of demand for vacant property.

Getting new business to invest in the city

vacancy

For every vacant house that is demolished, one or two more pop up.

Concentric social GPS, and government agencies.

Lack of money!

Get people to move back to the City.

Cleaning up and utilizing old potter street areas.

Vacant houses and lots, no resources to fix up the issues.

N/C

schools, houses, streets

decent people not weird companys coming in to the city to promote drigs no more liquor stores no liquor sold on sundays

i drive down dixie highway to work the old fairgrounds are an eyesore the commercial buildings that are crumbling are an eyesore

tear down old building not great bridges finding people with vision for the city

NA

funds

rebuild Saginaw homes

owned by land bank with out funds o take care of them

keep up

the need for low income housing in a

shootings homeless

sale it

there are too many vacant homes and tall grass killing as well

Blight

people get together community together more

environmental program changnging challeneges from industry to medical and electronic

blighted abandoned houses businesses

master plan- mix use between business and community develop busness zone - neighborhood school zones clear land sow grass " let youth program mower lots for summer jobs demo buildings: to allow business a head start

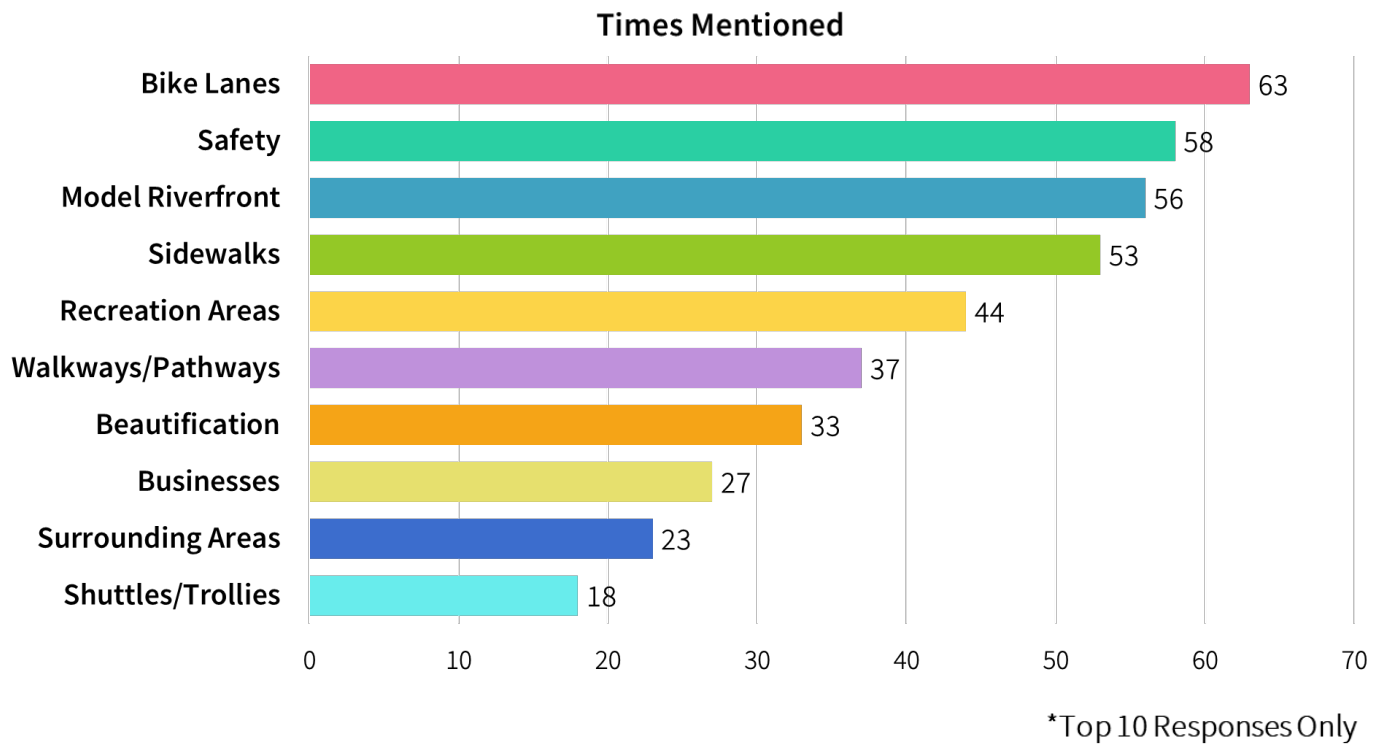
too many homeless people

schools that no longer use but the building is still there why not think about turning those places into somethings for the community

i think we should utilize the land for food markets

industrial uses along the river, contaminated sites.

**6. Conceptually, the current Master Plan focuses on strengthening the City’s assets in the center of the City along the riverfront and general vicinity. What do you think can be done to continue this effort while fostering linkages outward to the neighborhoods and other nodes of activity? (Bike lanes, sidewalks, streetscape, other ideas?)**



Responses

City officials, church leaders, neighborhood association leaders MUST work to have each block with livable, eye catching homes and yards. The masterplan should show residents that it may not be your year, but the plan includes you at some point. Bring HGTV home improvement type people to Saginaw. Habitat blitzes were the best thing to happen to Saginaw. The concept needs to return. We have to do something that brings pride to Saginaw and I believe it starts with homes, then, improved education and health will follow.

Mark all corners and alternate the streets to stop drag racing. when I come on a 4way unmarked corner I stop but the people opposite me think they have the right of way as all unmarked corners of equal wt. it automatically a 4 way stop. apparently they are selfish or are unable to read - illiterate. The life of the person that could and would be saved from an accident or the idiots that drag race. will greatly appreciate your evaluation of this issue. The life saved could even be a close love one of yours.

There has to be a safe, vibrant riverfront. Once completed, the neighborhoods need to be cleaned up by holding landlords accountable for subpar living conditions and dilapidated housing.

Expand the DDA and development focus area to include further East down E Genesee.

Big area of land turn it into some kind of Putt Golf or something which can generate monies for the City.



Bay City has a model riverfront--we need the same.

Unsure - Outward neighborhoods/nodes of activity would have to feel safe & clean in order to be utilized by most citizens/visitors

An area shaded where chess could be played, cornhole games secured to the ground, stationary grills and picnic areas. Lights at night that illuminate and provide safety for all that use it.

Have something to link the parks

Much of what I have said, but a social media campaign that pushes a new attitude, and less fear of the city, would go along way to attract people downtown.

In our neighborhood on the east side the sidewalks are terrible. This presents a problem for the elderly who would like to get out and walk a little bit. Dog should be prohibited from parts where they're pooping on the sidewalks and the owners are not cleaning up after their animals.

Open the parks, like Ojibway, that we pay for regardless of Covid FEARS. People are mostly adults and know the risks. We are inner city and community activity must be allowed regardless if 'a few people don't feel safe' around that environment. If people don't feel safe then maybe they should move on to safer areas or get a CPL maybe.

I think the money should be put somewhere else. However there are sidewalks (by Arthur hill) that the ends do not go down. So walking a stroller or small kids, they have to be put down and up in the curve

Follow the example set by Bay City. Create a pedestrian bridge across the bridge.

All of the above! There is absolutely a need for a link between Old Town and Downtown. I would go as far as some sort of pedestrian bridge linking downtown to the west side.

Why do we still not have boat access for boaters to frequent business' located near the riverfront. Look at bay city and take notes.

Road diets. Road closures. Protected pedestrian spaces. Limited road parking

Bike lanes, sidewalks, anything needs good lighting and call boxes. Although the thugs will still get you.

- Common values for Safety, cleanliness, family friendly atmosphere are absolute imperatives to build solid neighborhoods. Good people don't want to invest or live in places where this isn't a given.

Some of the old homes that get torn down should be converted into things like small parks or community gardens.

A dog park would be wonderful somewhere within the city.

That effort shouldn't be primary, but secondary. Address the Eastside Southside Northside as primary. That's where the actual population is. That's where the disparity is. If you don't address disparity, central city will never thrive. Ever.

Definitely bikelanes, but greatly enhanced streetscapes would help. By that I mean separation of sidewalks from roadways by ;large streetscaping additions for pedestrian use, beautification (think flower beds), areas for street performers or activities, etyc., as has been done in other cities in Michigan and elsewhere--e.g., Holland and Monroe, Michigan, and Lincoln, Nebraska. If done aggressively, bikelanes

and enhanced streetscapes that extend towards neighborhoods surrounding the city's 2 downtown areas will foster such linkages to the neighborhoods.,

Without people feeling safe to use those areas, it is a waste of tax payers money to pour more money in those areas.

Have areas where things like food trucks can park and then add things in those areas to attract people, walking destinations

There's not much that should be done until the crime/violence situation is under control.

Whimsical outdoor buildings to be used for outdoor coffee & tea houses all lit up, hanging lanterns, locations and cool buildings for street vendors including at night to draw the people out with outdoor seating, outdoor barbeque areas, water stations & smoothie bars, fairy lights, spots for musicians and outdoor artists, all of these along the paths leading from the center of the city and spaced apart

I think it'll be cool to try to keep redeveloping around the new high school that is going in, and make that area and both sides of the river around it a place where people want to go and spend time. Adding that part that's across the street from the old Montgomery wards, was a good first step.

Once again community center to give our youth a place to get together for sports and multiple events

Bike lanes are good, sidewalks that are bicycle friendly

Encourage restaurants, book stores, bike shops, hardware stores, art galleries to set up in the downtown areas with community police on bikes, bicycles, on foot to be in the area.

Does every street need to be a street? For example, Does Hamilton need to be a street rather than a pedestrian, bicycle, outside dining area? Have public golf cart like transport running back and forth with parking at one or the other end. Something similar to how Denver Colorado transformed 16th street into a pedestrian way.

I believe that many lots could be repurposed into gardens or mini parks/playgrounds. This would help decrease loitering activity amongst kids and potentially improve the health of many citizens by providing oxygen and/or fresh produce.

All of the above are wonderful ideas. Thomas Twsp recently created a program where they cleaned up along the river and now rent canoes and kayaks to explore the river waterway. Wouldn't it be fun to have a bridge, like the "tridge" in Midland where the Saginaw river waterways come together and also could connect the parks on both sides of the river. Too bad we don't have a major corporation that could fund something like that. I recently kayaked a portion of the Saginaw and Tittabawasee River. There was really no good place to dock. Sad. Maybe a couple of "city docks" in old town and downtown where boats could dock and check out the offerings of the areas. The graffiti is a wonderful form of art that is attracting more and more people. Promote it. Use the big sign on 675, or billboards on 75. People are traveling into the city from all over the state, just to check out the city offerings. We get them into our shop almost daily. Trolleys that would run from Bay City, Midland, Saginaw, Frankenmuth and Bridgeport would also be fun for day trippers. A paddle boat too . . . so much to see and explore upstream . . . and what beautiful sunsets.

I think if once they are put in place they have upkeep, and police. They will be a safe haven for people to feel comfortable walking and enjoying

That's for Shaheen, not the poor in Saginaw

We are so focus on the River Front need to put in our community and bring them back.

This priority misses the idea that what we have as great building material is our people. The riverfront plans focus on bringing people to Saginaw, the present circumstances demand that we build our community from within.

There should be activities and events that represent people in low income neighborhoods

Many of the neighborhoods, especially in the ABANA and Heritage Square neighborhoods could use new sidewalks. It would greatly improve home prices and be a huge asset to the residents.

Emphasize walking routes through historic neighborhoods, promote local parks

Bike lanes and/or consistent curb cuts on major travel corridors (esp. Court and Genesee), beautification of neighborhood level collector roads to elevate them and promote travel from neighborhoods into larger collectors and economic districts

All of these ideas are proven to not truly make a city stronger, maybe more pleasing to the eye. Perhaps bikelanes will be Beneficial to connect both sides of town for employment purposes. We need food on our east side, we need human services, resource navigators, maintenance of the vacant properties so they do not cause blight and folks would actually want to buy them then.

bike lanes especially along both sides of the river

sell legal marijuana products in nice clean shops-several examples in bay & Genesee county.

befor enice things can be enjoyed by the residents, respect for property snd consequences of crime are critical!

we live near the old town and love it. we can use Ojibwa Island, Tea House, skate park and river walk by watering. park needs updates and it needs to be redone.

street beautification, also bike rental stations, running trolley's for public transportations

**WE NEED BIKE LANES**

The railroad bridge needs to be in the up position unless a train comes through. Countless people that have boats up in bay city have stated that they cannot come to Saginaw for fireworks or dinner in old town or downtown because they cannot get under the bridge with their boats. It should not be closed all the time. All streets need bike lanes. All neighborhoods need trees to line the streets to shade the concrete and reduce the heat island effect in Saginaw.

I briefly hiked the trail along the east side of the river, going from the Bancroft building down to Ojibway Island and back. But a few chance encounters with locals made me feel extremely uncomfortable to tackle the hike again. Also, the intersection of Washington and Genesee is a damn nightmare with crazy drivers and obnoxious vehicles. Maybe having an extra patrol go around the downtown areas could be something to consider. I'd love to be more active outdoors, but knowing the insanity of the drivers in the area (not just Saginaw, but the Great Bay region as a whole), plus with how busy this intersection is, it's kind of a turn off to go out and about.

Bike lanes, improved sidewalks, welcome neighborhood street spaces as all great ideas. There should also be better welcome to Saginaw signs on all the major corridors

Bike lanes and lighting.

The area you mentioned will strengthen themselves. Support areas surrounding downtown. Encourage fresh food, grocery stores and businesses to enter the city limits. Reduce package liquor stores and enforce appearance ordinances on these establishments. Force businesses to maintain cleanliness on property and charge them for clean up when there mess enters other's property.

This question is insulting to anyone who doesn't live in the city center The city needs to consider the neighborhoods that surround the downtown/oldtown/riverfront as assets for the city, and the focus on downtown only is a serious problem. Way too much attention and money had been spent downtown while the rest of the city collapses. If the City doesn't value the neighborhoods surrounding the downtown enough to invest in them then the city should divest itself of them completely and give them to the surrounding townships.

STOP CLOSING STREETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A planned, pedestrian / bicycle / moped street system would encourage healthy activities. Leave the main roads for auto traffic; develop lane marking and signals for nonvehicular traffic in the neighborhoods. Coordinate with public transit to make a complete transportation system.

Yes, create bike lanes and rights and pathways where people can safely ride bikes and scooters around the city from their neighborhoods to the riverfront safely without having to be worried about crazy drivers or endangering those on the sidewalks. Downtown needs more general parking so people have somewhere to put their car while they shop around downtown without fear of the parking lady. Take more pride in the landscape and natural area of the riverfront. Keep it clean and visually appealing so that it feels inviting.

Streetscapes that are maintained by many people or orgs interested in ownership

I understand your focus on the city, it's time. But, my focus is on the poor children in 48601 that don't have a focus of anything. I am getting my non-profit approved right now. My focus is rebuilding Saginaw, been here all my life. 78 now. Well known family, I love Saginaw, that's also the name of my non-profit. I would love to discuss solutions with you. Feel free to find me on Facebook. I have a page only for Saginaw for 8yrs. I have a lot of new entrepreneurs.

Instead of offering just any type of business a grant or loan, we should focus on activity based businesses, there are plenty of places to eat and drink but there is not a lot to do. People are looking for an EXPERIENCE (ex: drive in movie, axe throwing etc.) when it comes to some where to visit, live, work, etc. we need to give people a reason to visit. There are not enough places for people to gather in an outdoor space in the downtown area that isn't a parking lot or park, we have plenty of side streets neat businesses that could be blocked off and permanent seating could be installed. There isn't a space on the river front with seating or umbrellas that is inviting or welcoming enough for people to want to gather.

Clean the water, foot and bike trails and bridges

All those existing ideas are good.

Facade improvement grants for owner occupied residences, especially on main thoroughfares like State Street, Court Street, Holland, Bay Road, etc.

Bike lanes, sidewalks, streetscape, dog parks, maybe fun places that encourage a safe night life, too

Invest in Public Safety

Make them more inviting to want to come down to the rivers
As long as people feel safe, they won't come
Neighborhood schools
Tram from outer areas into city. Larger cities that these types of transportation. This would be used for social events, sporting events and concerts. Minneapolis has a system like this
We don't need to waste money on pet projects
Need to move some of the focus out that main area. Work on side roads and not just patch. For me I would like move our subdivision area to Saginaw Township. A lot gets better by not having a City of Saginaw zip code.
The work on Fordney st is amazing, there are such a variety of things to do in that area. I love that the focus of that street is for the kids. Many have mentioned wanting basketball courts in that area, but I think that would bring the focus of the area to adults instead of ensuring the crowd is a safe hangout for children. I know the community wants more basketball courts, not sure where is the right spot for them.
Building the riverfront is good but what will sustain the area? Restaurants/entertainment/shops/sports. There's nothing to do in Saginaw.
Urban camping
A train station
Bike lanes and fields for youth sports. Also, build some restaurants, that are easy access for boaters
Repair the roads! Put many cameras on the island so it can be open to traffic. Put traffic cameras at the red lights. It will generate revunue!
All of the above
Keep up open land.. maintenance
The city continues to underutilize the river. It is better in a few areas but there is really nothing along the Saginaw River to draw anyone to Saginaw other than the 4th of July fireworks. No restaurants. Few parks that get used other than Ojibway Island. There are already bike paths and sidewalks in most of those areas but there is not much to see and nothing to do and some people are worried about security in those areas.
Make areas pedestrian friendly, include art work, have planned events monthly. Offer trolley or carriage rides to and from parking areas. Downtown Cleveland has a fantastic water front area that is pedestrian friendly.
Install cameras
Should definitely revamp all the old historic places like the old train station yall was thinking about. Also should clean up old town and downtown and make it come alive again but better
Low interest rate loans to new small business. Tax bigger business more.

The river should become a focal point again. It would be cool to bring businesses along the river front. Restaurants and possibly bringing recreation to downtown.

What will bring people downtown despite its challenges? Casino boat/s on the river.

? Considering public perception of safety, or, or lack thereof, not how any of the above would be an advantage, but I do not have any ideas for something better

I think building up the zoo and making it more of a tourist attraction would help.

I think these things are all nice but until the crime is down and people are not shooting each other people won't want to come no matter how nice. I live in the township and would like to try several things in the city but have not due to fear of safety.

Safety concerns Definitely promote river activity and beautification

Those are a good starting place.

Bike lanes and an enclosed dog park to allow dogs to wander and play without running off.

Demolishing abandoned buildings. Ridding the city of slum lords, fixing the roads. Focus on attracting young diverse families. Make businesses on both sides of the River clean up their buildings.

Mini stages so our local talent can be showcased.

Quit focusing everything on the riverfront. I hardly see anyone on the riverfront other than some going to the farmers market. Unless you can get some restaurants and shops there no ones going down there. Not to mention you have to drive thru some crappy part of town to get there. And I to not forget about the shootings in broad daylight. Let's get that cleaned up. Get rid of the liquor stores in all the neighborhoods. Maybe court street should be a boulevard all the way to Hamilton. It would slow traffic, beautify the area and maybe a safe route in to Saginaw.

Any of the above are good ideas, but with the gun violence, robberies, and assaults, all the good work is for naught.

must eliminate crime in those areas, attract tourist by beautification and encouraging investors and outside businesses to invest in Saginaw and preserving all worthwhile historic structures and areas of the downtown, Hoyt Park zoo area, the Grove, and riverfront, and cathedral districts.

Bring down the crime rate.

More street lights

Don't say it do it

Many neighborhoods are too unmaintained and dangerous for a lot of recreation. Crime needs to be addressed before we should be worrying bike lanes and so forth. The riverfront also needs to be patrolled regularly, so people like myself are not harassed by drunkards (which has happened).

A bike trail from Thomas township into the city would be great

You have to improve public safety. Working at St Mary's, I would love to go down and walk at my evening break but just recently we have had shootings near by putting the hospital on lockdown TWICE

in 2 weeks! Police couldn't come break up a party that was getting loud and violent because they didn't have the manpower... Resulting in a room at the hospital with damage from a stray bullet.

Bike lanes would be great. I have been in cities that have them. Really cool.

Creating easy and safe access to these areas. It is important to protect the water source as people gain more access so the river doesn't become an easy place to throw trash. It might be nice to have a educational center somewhere in the area to educate people about ecology and how to protect natural resources in and around the river.

Attract businesses that help Downtown.

This is a great idea and one I am definitely for in addition to this the Saginaw River would need some work as well, not just the area around it.

Restaurants, mini police station ,Fishing nice area where people can camp and Fish.bait shop,Children friendly

Extend the riverwalk trail on both sides of the river. Clean sidewalks and street sides of broken glass to promote bicycling.

Until the city addresses the needs of those in the low income inner city communities?, they will be problems cuz no matter how you develop downtown and its surrounding areas, they gonna come there because its nothing else in Saginaw for our young people. Im just saying.

Streetscape that emphasizes safety for walkers, bikers, and drivers. Watch the speed limits on streets like Washington, State/Davenport, Gratiot, Brockway - - - This will be more important as the SPSD construction of Handley off of Passolt and the new high school off of Niagara are added to the landscape. Street lighting and sidewalks will be necessary to promote safety.

Clean up the trash and glass on the riverfront. It's nearly impossible to bike anywhere in the city.

Downtown should represent saginaw as a beautiful safe town by providing statues to represent black history or landscape downtown with flowers put a recreational center downtown where children can enjoy themselves and feel safe we need to have more shelters to get people off the street

I think that expansion needs to flow from the riverfront into the city and the neighborhoods themselves. The riverfront is beautiful, there just does not seem to be the same amount of work being done to neighborhoods as is the riverfront and downtown.

People need to feel safe if they are ever going to return to Saginaw.

Side walks, light up river walk, add streetscape from local artist.

Keep these assets maintained, open, and engaging by offering regularly scheduled as opposed to random and infrequent events. Bike lanes on major arteries would be a benefit. Keep sidewalks free of weeds.

Handle the crime issues and lack of police and everything else will fall in place

development. Pathways.open up some for fishing.

Sidewalks/walking trails (can be used for bikes trails as well).

Deal with the crime.

Saginaw needs more trees. They literally breathe life into a space. Ojibwe Island is underutilized. Multi-use pathways for biking (not lanes on the street) would be great. Honestly, the city has been doing a great job of this in recent years, you just need to keep the momentum going.

The ideas you suggest are good. Once we get into those neighborhoods we do not want to see blight, so maybe create small parks where people can sit or walk their dog, and children can play. Can also create outdoor gyms as some cities have done where teenagers etc. can work out.

Start with fixing what we do have because the city has proven that this is a consistent issue here. My neighbor two houses down actually had to pay to have her own sidewalk fixed because she got tired of waiting for the city. This is absolutely embarrassing for the city and should never have to happen again.

- improve and expand the riverwalk connecting it to outlying communities (eastward to Bridgeport, northward to Carrollton & Bay City, southward to St. Charles, westward to Saginaw Twp and Thomas Twp) - provide bike lanes, perhaps incorporating road diets to accommodate - fairgrounds - follow through on some master plan ideas and improve the area, or remove some of the structures and let the space grow as a woodland; restore and improve the historic gatehouse at the corner

Fix boat ramps and docks, make our waterways a beautiful place to be around. Beautify the area and more people will begin to walk around. We have no real reason to just go walk downtown and hang around. No exciting brand names to shop, no excitement. People don't know what's there and if it's safe to walk around.

More development along the river and more events would attract more people to the city

More sidewalks, footbridge over the river like the Tridge in Midland

That's a \$64,000 question!

If you add bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.....you need to watch vandalism & crime too. Get griffitti off park cements Maintain these items when installed.

Streetscape, maintenance of streetscapes, parks and sidewalks

Taking a look at other good practices, the Detroit Greenway efforts - including bike lanes from neighborhoods to the water front is an interesting example.

Stopping taking down biuldings that could be fixed for less. We not only loose a potential occupant but a piece of our history.

Making the areas safer, no-one is coming I to the outward areas if they are unsafe, dirty, run down.

Fix those roads court,michigan,Washington Remington, Holland, and Hamilton side streets

Bike paths are a great idea. Walkways with benches and picnic areas.

River front is decent. But it still has that dirty Saginaw feel. Old town is made up of bars. They completely wasted grant money for murals on the street where people do burn outs and doughnuts. They could of taken that time and art and displayed it onto a building that will last. Not fade away a month after. There is a lot of wasted space in old town the liquor stores encourage homeless and drunks to camp out side of the stores. There's so much that needs to be done with this city it's pathetic.



If you made city public riding stables, interaction with horses has been proven to promote mental, physical, occupational, and emotional growth. It helps people to gain confidence, build trust, and form healthier boundaries. It can help people to learn to accept responsibility, taking care of oneself, patience, humility, sense of pride, appreciate the simple joys in life. Also you could reinstitute the low Income job program and have the kids work at the stables taking care of the horses to earn money instead of earning it by doing things like roaming the streets at night rummaging in people's cars and stealing things and running the risk of getting themselves shot by someone protecting their property.

Frisbee golf course

Someplace to go to while biking and walking.

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More family friendly sites

TIF, PILOT, etc incentives? I think I recall a renaissance zone producing some positive results, years ago, in the downtown area. Attracting businesses, particularly retail and restaurants, might lead to more "local visitors" there. The old Saginaw News building (SVRC?) is an example

There are too many abandoned lots that are eye sores. We need entire sections that are well lit, safe, and interesting to explore. Start with the township.

Replace the roads that are falling apart!!! Don't wait until they cave in completely to fix them. Eliminate trash and blight — fix sidewalks that are heaving and crumbling, add bike lanes instead of turn lanes, provide places to sit at bus stops

I'm in favor of any plans that will make the city more walkable, encourage people to spend more time outdoors and make better use of the riverfront. When planning, think about how the space is experienced by a pedestrian rather than a motorist. There should be sidewalks, bike lanes, public restrooms, public art, benches, trash and recycling cans etc.

There's essentially no point to improve a city center without access to it. So yes, bike lanes, sidewalks where there none and ones that are broken need to be fixed. Also, as mentioned before, smaller roads with a truly dedicated bus system. One that runs earlier and later and has more routes throughout the different areas of the city and ones that run on a much more frequent basis throughout the day

Crime is a major problem in the City of Saginaw. I think Saginaw could gain a lot by concentrating on crime. I know that no city anywhere is ever going to completely get rid of crime. That will never happen but I think if crime was much lower Saginaw could be a great city.

Have things for people to do an exercise park or basketball courts or something for people to get involved.

If you could do something about the old empty crumbling parking lot that Garber still owns along Genesee- I can see that being a good spot for further riverfront development. There just needs to be more construction in general. People are scared of downtown because Saginaw has a poor reputation. Need to

fill out the vacant spots. Basically undue what you guys did in the 70's. State St. makes it very easy to zoom right out of Saginaw city - without even seeing any of it. The corner of Genesee and Davenport could use some shiny new buildings and signage to encourage people to turn toward downtown. Keep boosting businesses and NP's on social media. Better signage in general- the warehouse looking building on Genesee houses an art co-op. Or used to anyways- I had no idea! Grant money for signage? Get the SVSU students to explore the city - they're so disconnected from where they live City transportation that doesn't scare people- so like an old-fashion trolley maybe (I know it's dumb but people going out shopping and drinking love that stuff and it doesn't carry the stigma of the city bus) Tear down the Crayola park and lease it out to Covenant to build a medical building - harsh but that park is rarely used and it's prime real estate It'd be so cool to have a pedestrian only bridge over the river- like the Tridge!! But you know, a bridge. Turn the old fairgrounds into a mini-Henry Ford's village with a train and possibly connect that to the Potter train station - move Saginaw's oldest homes there- fix them up- have cool shops- run educational programming. - This is my dad's idea ha. Assist with more "Jazz on Jefferson-esque" events. Maybe close down the streets more often? People seem to like that!

Well that sounds good but ain't nobody I know living down there where you're prettying it all up!! I know people living on S14th St. and that place ain't pretty and they don't walk down their sidewalk cuz it's not SAFE!!! Now you could put in a great streetscape and a swell sidewalk down to Genesee but they will not use it because it still won't be safe!! There will still be gunshots at 10:00 in the morning so she won't let her son out to walk on your sidewalks!!

Bike lanes would be a great idea because there are several residents who do in fact go biking in numbers. Furthermore, it would be nice to have an area similar to Detroit's Campus Martius, where residents are able to attend more live events. It would be awesome to have an outdoor roller rink for the youth. It would also be nice to have another outdoor theater bigger than old towns for EVERYONE to enjoy. Also, it would be nice to see a Christmas tree somewhere in the riverfront area for candle light or even ice sculpture events. A ferry to travel along the river might be a suggestion as well. Bring back the trollies. Bring sculptures that would attract people from all areas. Have more cultural events for ALL demographics. Trials for residents to walk along! Care for, maintain and patrol the parks. Make sure they are properly lit. Bring some events to those areas often so it does not attract unwelcomed activity. The crayola park could be updated for the kids as well. Many of the equipment over there is out dated.

Fitness path with workout stops. Tidbits of Saginaw history at each stop. Then host a run/walk marathon to engage the people. Tax credits for the citizens that contribute time and effort to beautify the city. Right now just citizens in Renaissance Zone get the credits. Do they all put a continued effort every year?

Art!! Ask for street artists to come out and do some work on the buildings/bridges/etc!! Make it visually appealing!!

Bike lanes and sidewalks would make it safer for those that utilize that for transportation.

Offer more events along the river for youth, sports programs or any extracurricular activity. Also, a lit rail trail with updated greenery.

Bike lanes would be amazing as our 2 bike groups are growing (counter cruise, bike life Saginaw) which have increased the number of people riding. Upkeep and replanting of trees would also be amazing.

Tear down some of the buildings that line the Riverfront as some are abandoned and decrepit and reuse that land for either cultural, historical, and beneficial sites (i.e museums and buisnesses)

All the last ideas plus parks and gardens

More street lights, more dog parks, beer garden for non profits

Safety. Whether it be real cameras or dummy cameras. Something to deter crime. The city still has a stigma, so until people feel safe, I'm not sure it will matter what you do down there. There is a great bike trail, but do people use it? So they know it's safe? Maybe a marketing campaign. Making it look actually nice and welcoming. What's happening down there is definitely a great start. But I think more advertisement of it being an actual safe place would help. And I know you all are trying and I appreciate that.

Bike Lanes, sidewalks, and streetscapes all sound great. More parks too, especially the river and in the center of the City.

You are forgetting about the west side where people have live for years. If the rest of city is being ignored I'm not coming down to other parts.

Create a riverfront That they can really bring in like boat docks and stuff to people for people since I'm in kind of like to get boaters come up to come Friday Night Live or if they want to pull your boat up to go to a concert at the dollar store the temple or over at the Huntington Event Park go to Farmers Market. Design and build a workable easy access to all other parts of the city public transportation system where people can just hop on and off and it's not big buses but something that is maybe even electric Saginaw used to have trolleys.

Clean up the crime, then everything else will follow. Saginaw is prime real estate waiting to happen. Meanwhile, in those neighborhoods, landlords need to be held responsible for fixing up their houses through bi-annual inspections of their properties in order to renew their licenses, and tenants need to be able to inform the city of substandard housing conditions without fear of retribution.

Fix and resurface all the roads that are horrible no matter what neighborhoods they are in. We are all important no matter our social status or opinion of others.

I think this decision ultimately boils down to a philosophy of growth. Is the 'Montessori' type philosophy of continuing to build upon existing strengths and ignoring weaknesses truly better than careful attention paid to all? Improving the riverfront is certainly a good poster story for outsider business and traffic but what does that do for those living e.g. on the mason/woodbridge one-ways area or on Hess?

I think the city is doing an amazing job if neighbors helped more in the community with cleaning up you could focus more on fixing side walks and parking lots

Just clean up the whole city

Develop the riverfront for housing, not a new school. Bike lines etc. sound great but won't really reap the full reward until folks feel it is safe to use.

create effective mixed income housing in the city, maximize the assets in the city like the river and historic downtown, add more food options, increase businesses in the city tiered plan to improve bike lanes and walkability in the city. Improve the image of it being a "safe" place

Good public transportation. It would be great to one day have so many things to see and do in the city center and a tram that you could jump on and off as you move from one to the other. When more people are out walking, quality of life is improving. Using a car to escape to the township speaks loudly to what is missing - decent shopping, restaurants and activities for the youth.

I've lived in the city for 30 years and have witnessed an exodus and decline in school enrollment for most of those years. Hopefully this has stabilized. If so, the only thing that I can think of is trying to get young people to revitalize this place. There can be advantages to living in a diverse, progressive city.

Bike lanes are a great idea, I think down town Saginaw is coming along well but there needs to be more invested in the areas further away from downtown. A grocery store is a major asset that the Eastside of Saginaw is missing a place to get quality groceries without having to venture to the township.

I am not as worried about that area. If we don't take care of the rest of the city who is going to use that area.

The center of the City along the riverfront and general vicinity does not benefit the residents of the City of Saginaw. None of this matters if a person's home is considered unlivable or the neighborhood is infested with crime and ill behaved people who make it scary to enjoy your own yard. The focus should be more on where real people live, and not recreating a new look for new people to come in for.

That is a great master plan. I think what would help is creating middle to upscale housing, condos or townhouses in the heart of the city for young professionals who will create demand for goods and services which will create vibrancy growth. Also renovate and sale more blighted houses. That seemed to have worked. The houses that the city flip were purchased by people who have kept them up for the most part. I lived in Grand Rapids 35 years ago they draw people back to the city by bringing people back to downtown to live.

More water events and cleaning up the water. Dredging the river and possibly more water activities and events

Indoor attraction/recreational facilities especially during long winter.

I believe the city needs to create a plan in phases to have Complete Streets. - All the curbs need to be changed over to ADA compliance and should have been first step before adding the scooters into place. - Bikes lanes, and crosswalks with a light added to any crosswalk (Like on court crossing to the court house) that a walker can push to activate to stop cars. - Benches added to many of the side walks. - All bikes lanes and routes should be connected to current bike trails in the county but also giving access from each neighborhood to schools, grocery stores etc. - Bus stops should all have benches and weather coverings and a trash can. - Parking structure should be added to downtown and increased parking is also needed for courthouse, Hamilton street area

Community gardens, linear parks, art zones, pocket parks

Use the parking lot across from City Hall to hold a meet and greet. Introduce Community Police officers. Games, Face Paint etc for children. They need to understand every Officer is not the enemy

Bike lanes are a must!

Safer streets

Sidewalks could be wider. No bike lanes. No one pays attention around here and I think there would be even more pedestrian vs. car accidents. We already have a ton of hit and runs in the city of Saginaw.

Take a note from Bay City.

Keeping gardens/ parks clean and well maintained. This way, not only can they be enjoyed by everyone but also beautify Saginaw's city look and environmental appeal.

Sidewalks are in poor condition. Need for more streetlights to deter crime. Issue citations for those collecting junk in front yards.

Anything that encourages people to spend time in the center of the city as well as feel safe and welcome there.

Bike lanes, sidewalks, streetscape, and events in various central city open to families that are promoted and advertised.

Walking and biking paths across the city, seamlessly connecting neighborhoods, street art, libraries, food and cultural areas. Walkable and bikable infrastructure. Permanent "walk your city" signs. More street art, beautified spaces and parks between walking areas, integrating unique trails with unique designs. Trash and litter abatement programs. Safety infrastructure (lights, emergency buttons, crossing walks, etc.). Pollinator plots, flower bulbs, flowering trees, fruit trees, community gardens, etc. Bus route that runs from park to park or activity area to activity area. So you could theoretically get on the bus at the farmers market, get off at the art park, and walk to the community garden. Incentivising businesses to move in to the area and ensuring businesses abate litter and keep their areas clean and friendly for residents (i.e. picking up their trash from parking lots, cleaning broken bottles up, having cigarette dispenser and cleaning up cigarette butts, etc.).

Repave and widen sidewalks. Increase the number of cross walks that forces vehicles to slow down. Begin to design neighborhood hubs with mixed use developments that allow people to walk to the things they need right in their own neighborhoods.

Promote the small businesses that are here Tie in some type of educational aspect

Bike lanes is a great idea.

Yes do all of the above. Bike lanes, walking areas,

Bike lanes, electric scooters,

Parks even just places to meet up. But when you think of those sorts of things you have to think about the people who hoop and holler about getting things added to Saginaw then turn around and tear it up fighting over petty things etc.

Continue to build around the site that is to become the new combined high school. Build a new recreation center in close proximity.

Community gardens around the city, art on the vacant plots, a band shell for live performances on a small scale, a place for local kids to meet up outdoors, etc.

Monitor stray animals

Sidewalks are needing a facelift.

City rec area , beach development

Improving the neighborhoods that will sustain the "assets" in the center of the City first should be the first goal of this Master Plan.

Walking and bike trails

I still wondering who came up with that master plan! Had to be a bunch of rich idiots... Statues, a new jail, condos event center with the same tired events! The circus and monster trucks!?

Safety is a big concern. Bike routes are a great idea, but who will use them if they don't feel safe?

Bike routes, community swimming, health centers or fitness areas

BIKE LANES, BIKE TRAILS, INDOOR/OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES WITH TRACK AND FIELD. BASKETBALL COURTS, SOCCER COMPLEX, WATER FOUNTAINS, RECYCLE BINS, JUICE BARS, SMOOTHIES SHOPS, TROLLIES & PIER

Buy up nasty housing along Hamilton Street between Court and Holland and offer free land to developers.

Please leave Ojibway island the way it is if it needs to be closed on Sunday's it need to be but I miss riding through the park on a Wednesday sitting by the water having a ice cream...

Sidewalks, streetscapes, bike lanes.

Clean River. Boating friendly. Bars and restaurants off River

The riverfront is not the the inner depths of the city. This question alone shows the lack of attention that the Master Plan had on the inner depths of city. You're essentially saying you only care about the riverfront and its quality.

I think Bay City is a good and accessible model for water front development. When I was a kid 25, 30 years ago my dad had a boat in Bay City at a marina just south of where the current uptown area sits. It was a dump. Old industrial lots and buildings with row after row of broken windows. No river walk. No restaurants in that area. Now its a great dining and shopping district. Its clean. Inviting. They have a lot of events and festivals. Saginaw needs to do that. We need developed park areas on the water front. We need an identity and a theme. Bay City has the boats. Traverse city has wine. Detroit has sports. What does saginaw have? The family City. The friendly City. The History City. The river city. We need to pick a direction that includes embracing the water front and embracing our amazing history. We need to dedicate to it 100% and focus our money and efforts into developing that model and theme so that in 30 years people will look back and see how much Saginaw has advanced for the better in that time. The alternative is to continue to spin in circles, have no clear direction and no cohesive goals and get nowhere in 30 years. And that's not really an option at all.

Do not I corporate bike lanes focus on bettering the inner city

More community engagement More funding Show outcomes of goals Tear down these business that are eyesores Difficult to recruit health care providers here and their families What are the incentives to attract people to live in city of Saginaw

Anything to help people get involved and stay safe. Which is why we need more police.

A well lit and maintained walking/ biking trail. Area for yoga in the park/open play for youth teams

Facilities for family and/or kids

Sidewalks, gardens, tearing down old buildings, create a nicer park area for kids to play and is safe.

N/A

Involved in the community being honest and straightforward take our suggestions and opinions as a consideration and stand on your word give the community what they're asking for

I like the idea of developing downtown, but not at the expense of those who live in the surrounding neighborhoods. Before you create bike lanes, you need to think about how to create livable neighborhoods in those areas you abandoned during the last Master Plan

Less reliance on CARS. Everything is already closely situated near the expressway, once you're in town you should be able to park and walk freely. Close off some of the streets to car access. Add curb cuts to the sidewalks. Those who live in the city should be able to walk and bike into the downtown area safely. Beautify empty spaces with plants/trees/flowers and add benches or seating.

Fishing access. The handful of condo owners should not dictate the rest of the residents and tax payers enjoyment or areas

nothing this city is shity dump hole

It is good to see high residency rates for the Bancroft and Eddy buildings We should continue to ensure a high quality of life within the downtown area by expanding retail sites and cultural venues. Expand similar efforts in Old Town, Marketing, marketing, marketing. We need to sell these areas as great places for young professionals to live and work. By making them attractive, we also draw in paying customers from surrounding communities.

Bringing the community together, and offering different activities to do outside! New parks, riverfront walk and bike lanes etc

Invite commerce in these areas to require some level of maintenance and oversight to these areas.

The bike lanes and walking paths are nice but must be maintained along with security added. Docks and restaurants add appeal. Even an ice cream place could be nice. Boat tours could be added. Canoe race or even rental?

Increase safety/policing; increase daytime businesses and services; build parks with pavilions for citizen use such as family/neighborhood gatherings

If efforts and funding could also go towards improving the roads, sidewalks and general walk ability of neighborhoods, that would be so beneficial towards image, quality of life and hopefully lead to reduced crime.

I think this is part of the problem the city is only been focusing on the riverfront and allowed the remaining of the city to go down. They have allowed the Old Saginaw fairground to be an eyesore to this neighborhood that has a high school and elementary nearby , what does this say to our future kids about taking pride. The old GM land had sat for years across from Linus elementary looking horrible what are we instill in the kids about how the city cares about their neighborhoods

Maybe more docks for fishermen to fish and keeping the river banks vacant so that everyone could use them.

Bike lanes would be great, but we really need to be more pedestrian friendly overall. More artistic features all throughout the entire city, gardens, etc.

Build a riverboat casino. It will produce money for years to come.

Making the neighborhoods safe to take walks or ride your bike.

Expand the sidewalks north of court street. Add cameras throughout the area and more lighting for safty measures. Remove the party store from old town and focus on local shops and dining. Allow businesses to build seating decks like in baycity infront of their establishments. Close off traffic on hamilton from McDonald's to ames street. Make it a walk only zone. Reach out to local musicians and have them play outside to bring some attractions to the riverfront. Or possibly just play soft music along the street and riverfront

Boat access to riverfront Yes to sidewalks and streetscapes. Improved transportation, perhaps a return of the Trolley or some other transportation. Or expand existing bus station to surrounding areas to expand integration. Bring back Art Fairs Riverboat Casino??

Honestly fix up our neighborhoods and make people want to live in them again.

Public transit. Nobody lives downtown.

Clean up the river

The murals are beautiful. Repaint more buildings. Level sidewalks. In Vassar they have flowers planted between the road and sidewalk. So beautiful

Safe places to walk and bike. Prohibit rental houses around these areas because the majority in the city look horrible. Boat docks and restaurant access along the river.

Saginaw needs to be revamped

The riverfront is underutilized, especially during the freeland walleye festival, which Saginaw could hitch on to

Open up Ojibway as the park it is and let citizens enjoy it. Provide upkeep for existing parks in neighborhoods.

No idea

That effort shouldn't continue without including the black citizens who live here. Who are the majority. That's why every other effort that excludes us, fails. We've been left out. That must end. We aren't a linkage or an addendum. We ARE Saginaw. The focus should be on how you can get your black citizens downtown, and that's by inviting us to open our businesses down there. Not try to attract niche crowds. They don't live here. We do.

Bike lanes more small business that go with the community's needs and wants

Sidewalks should slope down to the road instead of dropping off. This encourages bike riding and walking. Things like the sidewalk murals really got citizens out and enjoying our area, so I think things like that can really strengthen our community.

I'm not sure

Bike lanes Taking down abandoned houses

More sidewalks along roads, better funding for attractions to encourage people to visit them.



More successful business along the River front like Bancroft and Bourbon were before it closed needs to be re opened for more foot traffic along the River front. We need more activities that compliments each season like they have for summer for example a Ice festival or ice skating or something

Oldtown and Downtown are both fragmented. Create a continuous entity and you should see gains from doing so.

LOVE the murals around Saginaw! Sidewalks r great but we need to keep them clean n not overgrown.

No ideas at the moment

They will not be successful until you get the crime under control. This is a waste of money

Bike lanes, streetscapes, etc are excellent ideas. Get professional planners, like in Midland.

Streetscaping (trees, vegetation, artwork, etc.) would make these areas more enticing. Bike trails would be a reasonably inexpensive feature to spur further development and community pride. Maybe better, more current street lighting to make the area feel safer at night.

Gardens! ( a main reason I think Midland is so nice is because of the effort they put in regarding plants and landscaping)

Increase police presence or neighborhood watch presence, upkeep homes especially on the main roads (which is still done for the most part such as on Court, Brockway, State, etc.)

Nothing till you take care of the crime and blight

Focus on non motorized connectivity.

Sidewalks and paths to the river area might be a suggestion.

Again, more small businesses and rebuild basic infrastructure. making riverfront more accessible and enjoyable/appealing. One thing I notice from here to bay city, not many boats coming down this way. This is because Bay City has focused on building up river front.

Bike lanea

Place for Food Trucks

I think investing heavily in mass transit would be a huge benefit to the city and surrounding areas. There are lots of reasons to invest in public transit: less traffic, curbs pollution, gives opportunity to people without reliable transportation.

Bike lanes and walkability should be improved. Reduce traffic speeds on major streets

I realize there is hilariously high priced housing along the river now, but roads around the city are in terrible condition. Overly investigating in the center of the city only goes so far if your vehicle takes a beating getting there. Bike lanes are fine. Maybe some curbside flowers like Midland has along Eastman. Continue cultural events like art fairs, food truck rallies, and park maintenance including cleaning up Ojibway Island.

Bike lanes and streetscapes are a great idea

Tear down abandoned buildings. Create parks and river walks

Well there should be more sitting areas, more gardens, perhaps some local art/statues. Bay city has done a phenomenal job with theirs.

Dredge the Saginaw River and clean the land once occupied by manufactories, making it viable property again.

I just joined a biking group and there are a ton of potholes along the street by the river. Backroads, places that don't see alot of traffic are dangerous for bikers, or drivers. There's some massive potholes along these roads. Also make it more friendly for bikers with lanes available as we have more cyclers and kids joining. The city has definitely improved. I love seeing the large flower pots and decor that is downtown

We need more business in the focused areas. Assets need to create revenue for the city for more people to interact with. Business create the environment

Honestly a lot of new places need to open all at once. They need each others support to stay open , as a unit. 1 little pop up here and there will fail. There needs to be an over haul of pleasant things to look at. Planting nice plants (alot of them), beautify the area. Take Bay City and Midland as an example- their walkable downtown areas are beautiful

Bike lanes would be a welcome addition. Fix the sidewalks throughout the city. In too many neighborhoods, the sidewalks are hazardous. Streetside parking needs to be a tad wider to accommodate today's unfortunately monstrous vehicles. (The parking cuts along Washington and Genessee are challenging.) There have been some great improvements along the river in the past 10 years. I wonder, though, if people don't feel safe. Community policing might help that. Maybe some organized activities to expose people to the beauty of the riverfront would generate more interest and use.

All those sound good

No idea

I think to continue this effort outward to the neighborhoods is what I've been saying over and over again. After cleaning the East side, we can visualize or see more clearly what awesome things that can be done in our neighborhoods.

Bike lanes. Streetscaping will help beautify areas and create happy places.

Highlight the Japanese Tea House and Cultural Center as it abuts both water and highway.

That would be awesome to have a strong "walking community". I think people would enjoy that, but are concerned with safety factors.

Definitely bike lanes and sidewalks

Bike lanes and sidewalks are great. Also, some of the smaller streets need to be re done. There are too many pot holes.

More police. Y'know, enough so that some can patrol on foot like they used to in the early 90s. Nobody feels safe walking for cardio in the city. They will walk to a track at AHHS or something along those lines. Bike lanes will be a waste of money until there are police to cite those still riding in the middle of the road or the sidewalks.

I believe that we need to employ a firm that focus's on image. In social media they are referred to as influencers. People need to see desirable people doing desirable things in the City, even if they are paid to do so.

Bike paths/lanes throughout the city would be great.

Address and reduce crime prior to any projects.

Sidewalks, events and things to do on the River. Look how Waco developed the old silos in their town, can we do that the silos on our river?

Bike lanes would be good, community events along the river, development of public spaces along the river with visible protection

Clean out all the homeless people and maybe provide some shelter for these people so they're not living and defecating in the alleys behind the Stable or under Court st bridge. Create more friendly walking areas where I'm not scared of getting followed by a stranger.

More facade Grant's for some of the decrepit buildings. Focus on restoring them, not tearing them down. Bike path - not so much. More trash clean up efforts / community watch funding programs would better serve the area and keep it clean and tidy.

Parking is an issue in the city. Continuing to redevelop the downtown area. You can invest in bike lanes, sidewalks, streetscapes but if there isn't anything there to bring the people/keep their interest you are investing in those things for the existing population not new interest. I am not familiar with what the City goal in regarding that; those improvements enhance existing members quality of life but will not draw new folks to it, without other significant improvements. There are a few businesses of interest; the SVRC Marketplace but speaking frankly, not enough business to bring folks into the city. Also, there is so much blight in the remaining downtown buildings that is is very discouraging to travel there and see it; the experience is not altogether positive.

I think that there needs to be more restaurants and coffee shops and specialty stores in the downtown area. There are a lot of people that would like to start businesses but there are no buildings to rent! I know a restaurant owner that is on the east side and has issues fighting off rats. Can't some of these investors help to make little strip buildings that hold maybe three shops in each of them along the river? SVRC is nice but then you have to park and walk through it to get a bite to eat and its not quick and convenient. What about having bike or scooter delivery people that would service those places and deliver to the surrounding businesses and healthcare facilities along the river?

Maintained flower or food Gardens, a dumpster lot that can help hot spot dumping, privacy fencing to hide huge empty lots.

lighting

playgrounds for kids, try and find a way to have a clean "dog beach" for the dogs. Maybe a carousel and outdoor eating.

More boater access. Upstate boat travelers need resources and easy access to our commercial areas.

No one wants to live in an area where u let crime run wild. Put more cops on road and forget bike lanes and street scapes

Not sure

Stop trying to put a bow tie on a turd. Tear down the buildings and actually start building. If somebody comes in with an offer actually take it. Give people the opportunity to open a business and not text them to death before the doors open. Stop letting that useless city employees destroy small businesses in their infancy

Community centers along the rivierfront

Bike lanes, clean up river side closest to Hamilton under bridge.

Business on river with boat slips.

Help to revitalize the art scene downtown

Bike lanes would be nice for the different bike groups

These areas would be an excellent start

cancel that plan , people in general feel its not safe day or night in the center of the city so no matter what you do , its won't work

Programs for our youth to get them off the streets and crime issues

Find other big cities on water and follow their models. Places for people to kick back and relax. Leisure activities along the water (jet ski rentals, boat rides, areas designed as public swimming areas). Ships, restaurants, bars

Follow the path that Bay City has taken and turn downtown into a center for tourism and entertainment. PLEASE include bike trails. There is a large biking community here in Saginaw.

No further gentrification of the area should be undertaken. Low income-based housing and community centres are desperately needed, as is a source of affordable healthy food. Make the area easier to use for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with mobility limitations.

Na

Bike lanes would be a wonderful added feature, it would be safer for all the biker we have around here. Better sidewalks would be nice as well.

Good lighting would make pedestrians feel safe. Before working on bike lanes etc, maybe the actual roads should be looked at. It's great to see Mackinaw resurfaced, and other areas along Brockway. It would be great to see more areas looked at.

River side boardwalk along both sides of the river. The city should have a riverfront right of way. The city should try aquiring all property along river front through grants from the DNR or others.

The center of the city? What's wrong with focusing on the homes in the neighborhoods?

Sidewalks, pocket parks, neighborhood pools, street lights

I'd like to see that started. Get with small business to help. Build it. They will come. As business owner for 33 years here i have many ideas.

A monorail like Detroit with 3 big loops reaching into the neighborhoods and coming to the center.

Bike lanes would be an excellent option, I live in the st. Mary's neighborhood and the more we can connect from one area to the city without using cars the better!

Improved wide sidewalks with bike lanes and beautification/streetscapes

Your wasting money on a part of the city that most citizens feel is unsafe to go to which is why businesses don't relocate there and people don't go to the things that are built

Small businesses in downtown/old town that care about the community and help to create a better sense of community, provide opportunities for connect, get involved in community events, and provides residents places to go to dine and have experiences. Continuing efforts to better connect the community by adding bike lanes, improving parks, improving roads, demolishing abandoned homes, and overall beautification of Saginaw

Come on no one will use these unless we have safer streets

attract small businesses of recreational and tourism industries ( i.e.) riverside cafes paddle boats etc

We are a working class community. Don't push out the current residents, be they aged, disabled, and/or lower income as happened with the Bancroft Building. Be better than that.

Don't understand large emphasis on riverfront where no one lives & then u gate Ojibway. Do things in the neighborhoods where people live. Put a recreation program back.

there was a scrap yard on the river, why!?!? why is the riverfront industrial. develop parks with shops and restaurants on the riverfront make it a focal point. we are not making new waterfront that makes it a Premium. how nice would it be to walk along a boardwalk liked with shops and restaurants on one side and the river on the other. maybe small docks boats, cargo ships are no longer coming this far up the river make it recreational.

We need gathering places that we feel safe in.

More streetcars, bike lanes would be awesome and more surveillance

I think that every time resources are available the city used them to develop the center of the City and the riverfront. May be one time the City could look at its outlying neighborhoods and work back toward the City.

What are "nodes" of activity? 😞 It would be great to have a "Riverwalk" like San Antonio, but that's not likely. Is a parking garage being built at the site next door to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where a former unused school was recently razed? That will be helpful. Anything that gets citizens outside doing healthy activities is a plus.

The Riverwalk needs nicer sidewalks lighting and also parks for younger kids

Sidewalks and bike lanes are super helpful for the community and bringing more foot traffics to where you are focusing investing money into

Lack of rail trails. If you follow the Iron Belle trail it really does not exist. Harbors Railroad bridges that don't move like in Bay City Use the free assets that nature has given us. The river

All of those things are great but people need to feel safe to use them.

Better bus connectivity for all areas of the city to connect them to the riverfront

Need to focus more on the outward neighborhoods, the city looks fine.

Creating an artscape/artwalk or something like detroits dequinder cut that allows local artists to come in and showcase their work. Provide a map that can take you to different areas that showcase the pieces-like what was done for the American gothic statues... but go along the waterfront and into some of the neighborhoods. This can be changed on a yearly basis to make it fresh.

Why do we need to keep doing something to Riverfronts. Infrastructure is the key here

Home ownership

need to pick one or two of the ideas that will help the city the most and focus on them

Bike lanes, sidewalks, rail trails

Make sure their safe and accessible. Developing places along the river for fishing/with a bait shop/with boat rentals available.

resurface the streets in neighborhoods. Two examples: Alice and Durand north of Davenport.

If we use both side of the river for recreational activities, better boat docks, and more Riverview apartments.

Stop thinking you can put lipstick on a pig !! Don't go wasting money in areas that are not going to put it to good use.

Place more store fronts...build a major grocery store on the east side so seniors and others won't need to travel so far.

Require homeowners to improve the look in their home. I'm not talking about building a castle but there is a lot people can do to improve. Start with removing the junk and the broken down cars. We must be the only city in the world that allows a homeowner to live in delapidated homes with junk all around them. The city can use this money to help improve but there has to be a basic standard. If we build bike lanes, streetscapes, we beautify our city, people will come, the current issue is that people don't come and if they do, there isn't enough food or places to do. The land bank and the city are sitting on all these buildings that are further decaying when local projects could be developing and bringing revenue to the city

Preserve, develop and improve the entire river corridor throughout the City! Maintain as public space as much as possible. Promote as a recreational resource and as a unique setting for development (housing, office uses) along adjacent properties. In particular, begin planning for the extension and redevelopment of riverfront properties on the west side of the river between the Holland and Marsh Bridges. Pedestrian connections could then be developed from west side neighborhoods. Develop continuous linkages along public riverfront properties on both sides of the river along the entire river corridor. That would provide a significant linkage to neighborhoods, businesses and recreational amenities. Stabilize the Ojibway Island shoreline to prevent further erosion.

I think the side walks should be a little wider for those on Bicycle or walking.

Crime needs to be addressed 1st before you fix up Saginaw.

A community center in that area that serves our youth and our elderly. A center that partners with other agencies to run both government grant and non granted programs.

I think both areas could make things a lot easier if they work together and stop looking at each other like enemies or competition

Convert all those manufacturing buildings into housing or a community center.

I would like to see the a ballpark or soccer field at the old TRW Plant on East Genesee or the the Fairgrounds.

Fix the streets and sidewalk

Good idea. Make natural resources work for the city.

See #5!

Ojibway island children zoo the whole celebration square would be great building block

Increase funding for public safety. Bike lanes with lighting to make people feel safe.

Light up the neighborhoods, put in bike lanes in the city

All of the above

Focus needs to be put on neighborhoods where rates of people who own their homes is higher than people who rent. Rentals get destroyed after a few years and become vacant and slowly spread into homeowner owned areas.

Health Care for all citizens in the city.

Just what you are doing now with this input request,

Nothing can be done for the City without more police present and protection. Parks, bike lanes, nothing can be done without control of the city by police.

Repair sidewalks, and streets

More signage to places not on file riverfront, promote more and encourage business to open around the areas, ensure cleanliness and order.

N/C

All i can say on that is work thing and get then back decently and in order

mass transportation like train or subways to got to big cities so people can work in cities and come home population is aging and people cant afford cars

the Saginaw river is beautiful could it be made to be more like an oasis that residents and visitors could enjoy more like central park in NYC? could it be well lit? so people feel safe? well kept? encouraging people to socialize, exercise ad enjoy nature and relax? there is a rusty elevator that is an eyesore. could there be a selection of restuarants not the exclusive kind that have riverside seating ourdoor/indoor

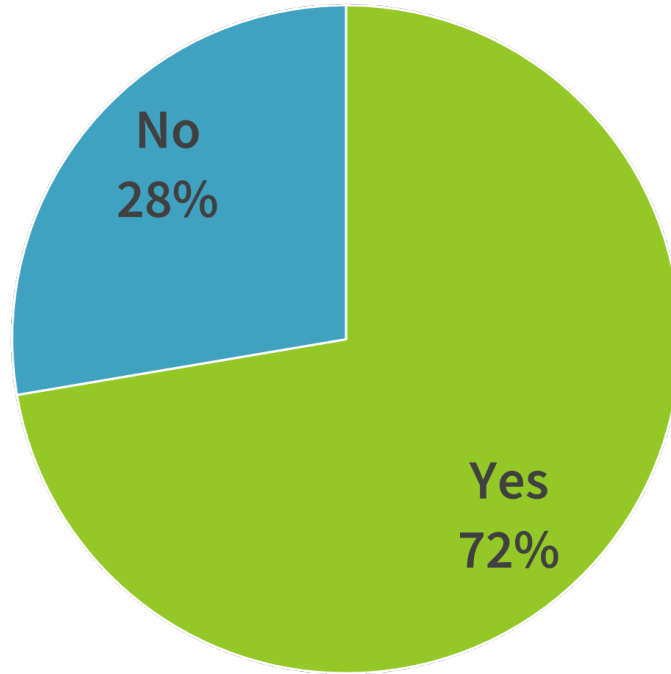
assets in center bike lane sidewalks some kind of attractions downtown more coffee shops more small businesses tear old buildings down what happened to fair grounds?

NA

more activity on riverwalk
i think what is listed are excellent ideas people like to belong
improve streets and sidewalks put street lights back up there is a real lack of them these days
more market housing in the area
reach out to school age children for their input hear their concerns and then implement their good ideas.
yes safety at the parks until the are self sustaining on their own ways
restaurants downtown
not sure
bike lanes!
building are not the center building community
fix side walk light fix
more sidewalks are needed more recreation areas
bike lanes are good the city is moving in a good direction in this area
make people more aware
Parks
restaurants parks music beautify the area
working paths with all weather exercise equipment port Austin has a great one
challenge city code: employee- must live in city-develop new quality home building sone for new city residents employed by city local business/industries
we need to all come together and
open up a mini mall with quality goods opening a super market with quality food
why not build a walmart in buena vista where the old kmart was? WHy not build mini shop malls
City sidewalks are in very poor condition in most areas, replacing sidewalks would benefit pedestrian traffic. interconnectivity with Bay City via the river (river taxi) that would operate from the new park at the old foundry site, into old town, then downtown and ending in bay city.

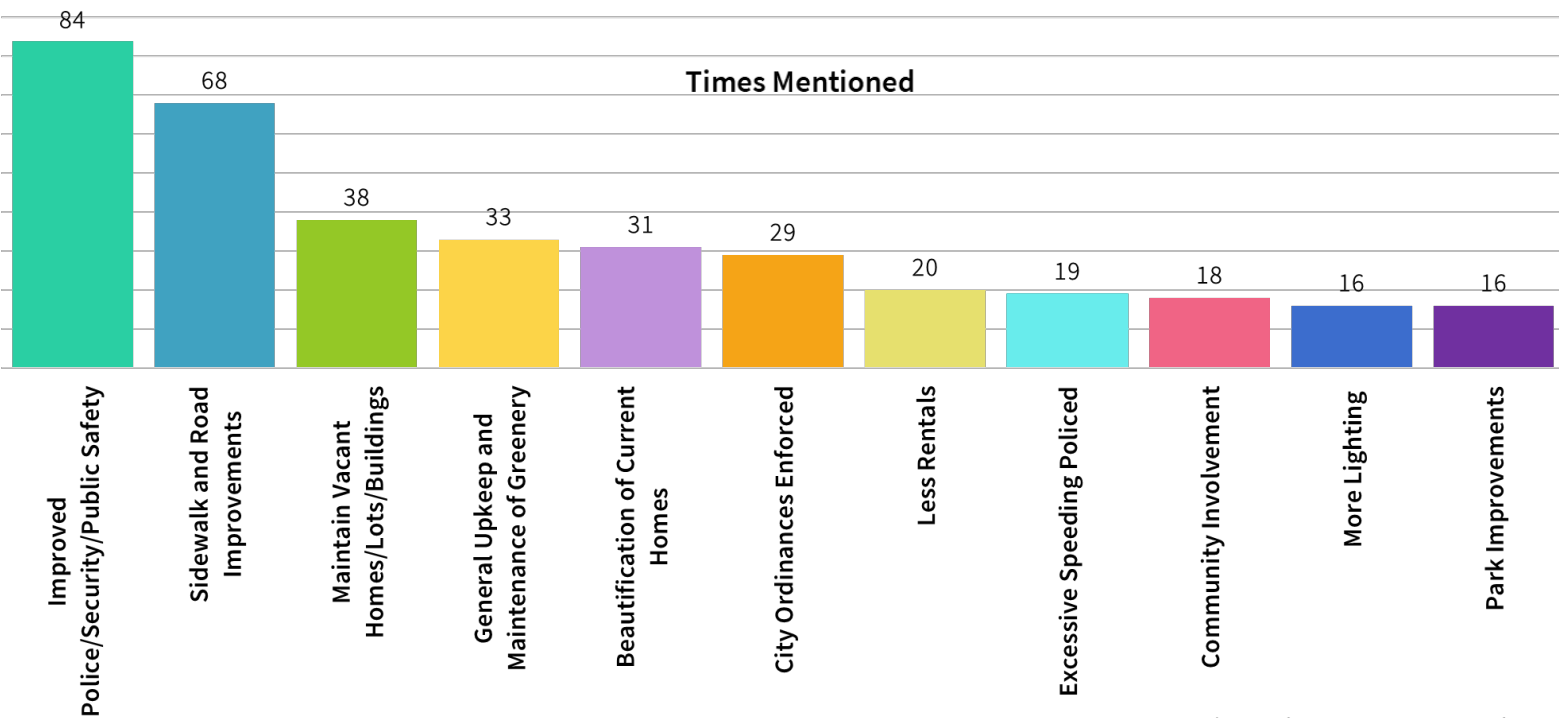


**7. Do you live in the City of Saginaw?**



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	72.00%	332
No	28.0%	127
	Totals	459

**8. If you live in the City, are there any changes you would like to see in your neighborhood?**



\*Top Eleven Responses Only

Response
See above
STREET SIGNS ALL CORNERS
Work with organizations to find grants for homeowners looking to paint/improve the exterior of their home. Help keep property values up
city ordinances enforced.
Sidewalks replaced, dead trees removed, trees trimmed and tickets given for non-compliance for Ordinances not followed
Otto Rosier Park is deteriorating. The Gazebo has dangerous nails sticking out, benches are old and broken, the play area needs yearly wood chips, corners need new flowers, etc.
As previously mentioned - More strict code enforcement to help maintain beauty/cleanliness of neighborhood & property values. More police presence/improved safety. Ban on citizens' use of fireworks or at least better enforcement of current fireworks rules.
I would like to see a blight commission, a department that oversees the upkeep of property owners. If there is blight, propose a solution and execute it with the property owner. Develop stages of fines, based on time limitations, if not cleaned up by said time, charge a fine that keeps going up if not acted upon. Use the law to back it up, with charges like no license renewal if fines are not paid
Better upkeep of Fordney Park and entire lawns cut for vacant properties
More waterfront development.

We need our street rebuilt we need sidewalks. We also need police monitoring the speeders who race down Perkins Street.

Parking enforced on Brockway as cars stop all the time illegally and it forces cars into the turn lane to go around them. But that is policing which is difficult in Saginaw.

The end of the sidewalks do not go down to the road. They are just curbs. However, again I believe there are more pressing issues then this.

Require businesses to maintain properties to same level as homeowners. Require businesses maintain properties at the same level as Washington Corridor. Remove blighted homes or offer them to developers at low cost. Cut vacant lots. Due to Consumers Energy working in neighborhood I wasn't able to cut overgrown lawns.

Already spoke about this in a previous question. Infill the vacant land with new housing.

Addressing the insane speeds people and police (with no sirens or lights on) drive at. The speed limit is 25mph and people drive over 70mph at times down Hoyt Ave.

Less police intimidation

No after 50 years I ran away screaming.

More traffic control signs (stop or yield) and at least one former home lot converted into a small park for area children.

Not sure

Fully fund First Ward Community Center. Fix roads. Set up a 24 hour dumping site that's well lit, with at least 5 dumpsters. That will immediately address illegal dumping because people don't have anywhere to dump trash. Fix up Unity Park.

Repaired Streets and sidewalks. Reduced speeds on Gratiot Avenue within City Limits Police ticketing of truck drivers who barrel into the City on Gratiot then have use airbrakes to suddenly slow down at lights.

Police presence on streets and giving tickets to people who are violating laws. Safety is the biggest concern for most people.

Not really

Less rentals would help. More people using sidewalks instead of walking in the street.

Curbless sidewalks to make it easier for pushing strollers, skateboarding, riding bikes. Picturesque white lanterns on the islands in middle of boulevard, stop signs on each side of streets crossing the boulevard for safety, urban garden some of the islands, Book Stands on a Post that hold books to be borrowed with whimsical areas for sitting for children & adults, better lighting for safety

My neighborhood is pretty strong, we're just trying to maintain the trees. The only thing I could use help with, is if a tree dies to maybe more quickly replace it to keep the neighborhood going.

Community center

Lights on street corners

Bicycle friendly sidewalks

Resurface Adams Boulevard from Reynick to Congress. We appreciate all the support we get from the City.

A better collaboration on Otto Roeser Park. The Adopt a Park strategy is very imposing, demanding, and prohibitive in allowing neighborhood involvement on any small scale.

We used to live and work in the Township. We LOVE the Blvd and the friendliness of people walking up and down the street daily. I fear though that one of these days there will be a bad accident on Adams and Graham. Please, either paint some wide white stripes or "S T O P" on Adams St on the road at the intersection. Our house is right there and we sit out in our front yard. Daily, many times a day, we see vehicles drive through that intersection without so much as slowing down. I'm sure may didn't even see the stop sign as that's the only one on the Blvd. Cut down more diseased and overgrown trees. Yes shade trees are a wonderful thing, but not when they are over grown and to the point that the streets are very dark at night, not even allowing for the moon to shine in. I believe there is still a curfew for young teens, if not there should be. Enforce it, post signs. They enforce curfew in the township, why not the city?

More police presence. I have kids riding electric motor scooters all over my grass, throwing rocks in my pool vandalizing the fence at Willie Thompson. I don't feel safe in my neighborhood anymore with the drug dealer down the street. I don't want to move because I grew up in the City and have live there my entire life and have a beautiful home that I've established for my children

We must go back to the beginning. I would love to see this beautiful city reborn. We need a tax base. They won't let us move forward.

Have good neighborhood

Neighborhood planning input.

old houses should be torn down, grass should be cut on vacant lots

I would like to see new sidewalks throughout the neighborhood and the streets resurfaced.

more police patrols, continue to demolish condemned homes

No

More neighborhood involvement

I feel blessed in my areas, but others would benefit from lighting, and human help.

the number of active residents has declined steadily since we joined in 86. We are trying to foster a new artlike social network.

several 100 year old trees need to be removed from yards between street and sidewalks.

potholes fixed permanently-not asphalt blobs! Adult activities at Otto Rer Park. No illegal fireworks

streets and sidewalks need to be improved and grout needs to be replaced. help with home repairs- painting exterior problems.

help people that cannot afford updates on the outward appearance of their homes

BIKE LANES

Bike lanes, trees shading the streets, housing infill

See #6 especially. I'm also not entirely familiar with where I can find community activity. Although the Bancroft is historically known with Saginaw, the landlords haven't been very communicative about the going-ons of the city (or even when construction affects our living situation/daily routines).

We have a great neighborhood, but would love a better paved road.

Less rental properties and more affordable housing options

Less package liquor stores. I'd like to see appearance ordinances on all businesses.

Noise ordinance enforcement. Ticketing microbikes on sidewalks

I live in Butman-Fish neighborhood. The library is the beating heart of our neighborhood and anything that can to benefit it will help, anything done to harm it would be a disaster. My neighborhood needs an actual affordable grocery store, that sells real produce, rather than just liquor/convinces stores that sell only unhealthy food. My neighborhood needs a licensed marijuana retailer.

Yes - eliminate slum lords!!! Cap the percentage of houses that can be rentals!!! Enough is enough!!!!!!!!!!

Nothing of great significance - I live on a wonderful street with great neighbors. I am told that it is difficult if not impossible to get city permission to close a street for a neighborhood party - true? We certainly can close streets for repairs and the like 😊. If my info is incorrect, I am sorry.

Not really. I live on Adams BLVD. and it has been the greatest experience ever. I would like to see bike lanes on our roads but that is about it.

Better advertising and input of neighbors at neighborhood associations More activities and events with neighborhood associations

Yes. I live in the Green Zone. I am in process of rebuilding my birth home right now. My garage is worth more than my home right now. This is one of the safest areas of the city right now. Help the homeowners that are here to upgrade their homes. We can't even get loans for this area. I'm doing my own. I just got my WEARESAGINAW LLC. I started a handyman service. Let us rebuild. Restaurants, laundromat,

I own a business in old town so I spend the majority of my time in the city.

Less crime. Less rental units. Less slum lords. People who actually go to work rather than live off of people who go to work. A department to just deal with rentals-take the city clerk out of the equation.

I don't live there now but I grew up in Saginaw and love Saginaw. I grew up in the 70's and 80's when Saginaw was thriving. It can be like that again.

Speed tables or traffic light installed near State and McEwan.

I'm in the Township. Spray more frequently for mosquitoes.

I work in the Cathedral District, an investment in Public Safety would go along way in bring people to the community

The many abandon homes taken down. I worry they will be set in fire and then my home will catch too

New roads. They are rap!

More police , sidewalk , road, sewer and water line repairs , we don't need more parks without utilities to get to them

Streets resurfaced, 2 an- 6 am parking removed

N/a

Tree maintenance. Fix roads and sidewalks.

Clean the blight up

Taxes need to stop going up on the people left in the city. Roads need repair. Put cameras at redlights to generate revenue that way. Put more cameras in the community as well. Use technology to generate revenue.

Police ing

I live in Sheridan Park and I heard that there was an entrance sign up years ago, I would like to see it placed back in the front of this little community. Also the school sits in the middle of our neighborhood and there are no swings, the slide in completely damaged so the kids have no park within their neighborhood

I want it to be safer. I shouldn't hear gunshots everyday. And make this city look better. With 52 million y'all better turn this city out!!!! I'm tired of Saginaw looking and sounding the same

Im in the township now. I lived in the city for 36 years and had to get out.

More revitalization toward school buildings. More local jobs

Yard codes enforced. Roads fixed and smooth to drive on. Parking enforcement. Vacant houses torn down without all the red tape. So they can come down faster.

More police presence and better lighting throughout the neighborhood.

Safer area

Safety

Na

Yes, landlords to improve on their property along with programs to help low income home owners to keep their property up. Roads!!! Vacant lots to be regularly mowed. Neighborhood parks to be kept up and utilized with playgrounds, activities etc.

Speed limit enforced, get rid of the dirt bikes, four wheeler and the flying motorcycles!

North Mason between State and Weiss is becoming a parking lot with cars all over the lawn. There are at least three house that are daily violators. Better enforcement of fireworks enforcement. Saginaw will only be as good as the laws that are enforced. I always hated the bane Sagnasty, but that moniker is closer to the truth.

Less crime more rejuvenation of East aside.

More of a police presence would be nice. Maybe some enforcement of parking laws.

N/a

I would like to see more home owners versus so many houses just being rented out. Home owners are invested in their property. Renters come and go, often don't bother with caring for the property. Makes neighborhoods look more run down than they really are.

Transforming some of the party stores to offer less alcohol, tobacco and other things that have a negative effect on health and help them develop other products that maintain personal health. Offer incentives for stores that want transform their business plan and transform their store by selling products that enhance wellness of individuals so they become assets to community instead of liabilities.

A service to pick up roadside trash and plastic that gets blown around

No.

I am satisfied with the neighborhood I reside in now.

I have family that I visit in the city of Saginaw I do live in B.V Bring the trolley ride back decorate the buildings in downtown Saginaw bringing restaurants and shopping centers need a main attraction downtown to bring tourist In

Speed bumps to deter speeding and racing and unnecessary car engine noise.

Community centers with great programs. Community gardens, crime stoppers on steroids, operation beautify our areas, a chance to own one of the thousand of properties the city own, community police, officers walking the beat year round, community police mini stations all over the city...for a quick response and deterrent to inner city crime, programs to reach out to teens before the streets get them...both male and female.

I'm not too sure what can be done about the corner of Passolt and Davenport - - - maybe close that block to north bound left turns onto Davenport????

Trash receptacles in different areas. And vacant houses torn down and empty lots maintained. Stop the dumping on vacant lots.

Yes i would like to see the drug dealers out my neighborhood i would like to see my nuisance neighbors move and i would like the abandoned lots cleaned up and grass cut and turned into something beautiful like a playground or basketball court i would like to see the pedophiles from over here

Water pipes

I would like to see a stronger police presence and better roads.

Na

Pave and resurface my cracked road. Penalize homeowners that do not keep lawns mowed

Don't live there but less crime

Fix the roads and curbs

Yes. Some people are beginning to not keep their yards up and it devalues the neighborhood. Neighborhood watch program

I would like to see folk fix up their houses. There needs to be an incentive, but bringing back pride to one's home and neighborhood should be a priority.

Better roads!!!

Would like to see more law enforcement patrolling the streets so people feel comfortable outside there homes. Abandoned homes need to be taken care of.

Yes more of the abandoned Lots taken care and old houses tour down

More traffic signs, speed limits enforced

Enforcement of speed limits on Gratiot Avenue Stronger Neighborhood Association

Safer, less crime More police presence Mowed yards---city ones Beautification around the key areas Trash bins at parks Geese gone from parks---poop everywhere! A mess

None, overall nice place to live

Technically, I do not live in the city, but my mother does and has for 55 years. I visit frequently. I grew up in Saginaw.

More attention from city workers. Would like the same treatment as Adam Blvd.

Yes I would love to see something done about the loud music coming from genesee market. They attract so many people with loud systems in they're vehicles that it rattles glass in our home. No cops enforce loud music at night. People speed so fast up and down n. Bond. Something needs to be done about the vacant lots and properties this is getting sad the city let's the grass go and when they do decide to cut they only cut the very very front area by the street. I would also love to not have to pick up so much trash everyday so many liquor bottles and garage that gets left from the liquor stores.

Yes

Less speeding cars

My neighborhood use to be the worst. Abandon houses were town down. Neighbors bought property next to their home and keep it mantained. Chief Ruth cleaned up crime in area that was persistant for years. Its now a beautiful place to live, so quiet.

More lighting

Fix the roads. They are HORRIBLE eliminate fireworks except on just one day of a holiday , and put teeth into penalties. Work with homeowners — and landlords— to keep up their properties. Citations, fines, maybe a loaned used equipment garage? Homeowner how-to clinics, low cost loans for needed improvements

I would love to see more local businesses. Places like the Asian Market and other regular grocery stores. I know that businesses can't be pulled from thin air especially with Covid, but it would be nice to see the results of encouragement. Local shopping centers for every neighborhood are much more efficient in cities that span as wide as Saginaw

Crime!

Keep up with neighborhood clean ups. Have people take pride of where they live and do better at getting things done.

I would like to see police out getting yo know the community and participating in neighborhood gatherings.



Roads, Roads, ROADS. PLEASE FIX THE ROADS! Care more for the cities up keep( vacant lots, highway, etc.) PLEASE, more patrolling to minimize crime. Today(8/4), there were two shootings in different areas of the city. It seems like almost every day there is a shooting of some sort.

Increase in police patrol

Yes, those that buy the houses cheap, only to rent them out to anyone with a pulse and cash, need to live in the city too. There should be a waiting period before a single family home can be flipped into a rental. Then the Property Tax should be higher because it is a business investment not a home building equity.

I would like to see the empty lots filled with purpose!! In my opinion we need to fill those empty lots with tiny homes or something similar! We need to give EVERYONE a place to call home!

N/A

Upkeep of our current parks. I think the best way is to include the neighborhood of these parks and give them incentives to keep up the park.

More signs would be great.

I live in the township, I would like to visit downtown Saginaw for a few things, but I don't feel safe going. Increase police presence and clean it up so we can

I would like the water bill to be that of what the township is. Why do we pay so much more? 😞 Also, houses that are falling apart need to have something done about it. I know we can't HOA the whole city, but I mean, there is one house in my neighborhood that is just trash. No one lives there. Someone keeps the grass cut, but that's it. Houses like those should have letters written to whoever owns them and that should be fines if they can't keep it up. Again, broken window theory. Broken down houses are just going to attract all sorts of wrong doing.

More parks, more nature

My parents live in the city and I grew up in the city. I like to see the neighborhoods being taken care of better. We need to have pride in the cleanliness of the whole city.

Grew up in the city but now live in the township. Due to lack of available safe and clean rentals.

People need to fix up their houses. If they are landlords they need to be held accountable. If they are home owners they can be offered subsidies and assistance to get things fixed. Pride begins at home, and positive results flow from there.

Roads resurfaced. Blight taken care of. Abandoned homes taken down. Technology installed to detect gunshots with cameras that start recording when activated by gun shots.

I live on Bliss St next to Handley Elementary School. One great worry of mine given the bond proposal that passed is that Handley will be vacated and instead of demolishing the school, it will be left empty and will become a breeding ground for crime and blight. I need some assurance that this space will be converted and not just vacated. I believe even many years after other schools in town have been emptied we still see their shells remaining as places where unsavory groups gather or crouch.... I don't want this to happen again, right on my property line....

I have a business in the city it would be wonderful if neighbors help each other. I'm glad I have amazing neighbors

Fix the street drains on Avon st. Tear down derelict properties

More police patrols

More police patrols ones who aren't scared. Gang task force, national guard whatever needs to be done to make things safe for our children. Tear down houses that are abandoned.

Tear down burnt or neglected homes, trim trees that pose potential hazard. Visible policing, not draconian overreach but more police patrolling creating a presence. Police do not need to nitpick small stuff but be visibly there and ready to engage serious matters.

Get rid of the drug houses and gangs

Do something about rabbits and skunks.

Fewer rentals. Home owners tend to show more pride in the exterior of their homes. Street cleaning more than once a year.

Two things: - Our police seem to have given up on traffic enforcement. Traffic on Court Street during rush hours is a lot like the Daytona 500. This lack of respect for authority may have something to do with the increase in crime. - Please don't bring back the State Police helicopter. I don't think that using police state tactics is a selling point for people interested in moving here. I haven't seen any evidence of its effectiveness, but it's a nuisance as far as I'm concerned.

Trash not out all week. Cars parked in drive ways not on lawns. Safety. Afraid to walk my dog in the evening (dusk) with all the cars racing around.

Changes I would like to see in my neighborhood would be the vacant lots cut and maintained by the City, abandoned homes be demoed and easily made available for the neighboring homeowners who may be interested in purchasing (and for a reasonable price). I would like to see more resources for children and families in poverty to help them improve their lives, in hopes to decrease crime.

Yes, streets

We have a great group of people living in our neighborhood, except for one person.

Safe sidewalks

I live in the neighborhood between Court St and Covenant and the major changes there are the need to fix/upgrade the roads, sidewalks and curbs and to deal with the empty homes/vacant lots that are now overgrown weeds. My husband and I live and own a business in this neighborhood and would love to see more improvements to bring people in/back to this area. Having small children in this neighborhood we can only hope the clean up and improvements happen sooner than later.

More police presence

Yes less shootings and speeding vehicles

Yes more police

Slow the traffic down. People are doing 50-60 miles per hour on Court Street. I see it almost every day. Slow down side street cars too. Traffic is a huge problem. No one is held accountable for accidents, lots of running red lights. Turning from the wrong lane. It's like there are no traffic cops anymore.

Eastside reinvested

maintaining our roads (ex. Chippewa Court is terrible and the garbage trucks make the potholes worse every week), cleaning empty spaces and raining them as public venues.

Citations for junk filled front yards, shot spot, streetlights, better keep up of vacant lots, more police presence. I live on Monroe. It's scary over here!

Local ordinance enforcement for night time street parties and fireworks. More greenspace, removing blighted and destroyed homes, more litter abatement. Lower speed limits and more traffic enforcement. Safe places for kids to play outdoors.

Make landlords accountable for there property and the up keep of the yard. Trash all over the neighborhood

Wider/repaved sidewalks. Begin strict code enforcement on blighted properties with an aggressive emphasis on properties owned by non city residents.

Tear down abandoned houses Keep up abandoned lots Get a handle on crime Schools for each neighborhood Decrease in liquor stores in black neighborhoods

Yes enforce the laws that exist including nuisance complaints. We filed nuisance complaints and never heard back from the community police and rarely hear from them, then there were two more shootings. Police dept seems abysmal, understaffed and just don't care. Stop all this prayer and let's talk solutions and enforce quality of life issues. City council appears impotent.

Nicer quality grocery store or another indoor farmer's market

I live in Carrollton, no there isn't very much I'd like to see maybe more things to make it look more clean, more presentable. And I'm down for all things cleaning, reconstructing I don't want to see this city get driven to the ground. The people within the city as well as the city have so much potential.

Better maintenance of side streets.

Clean up and sell the houses to low income people at a reasonable price.

More night patrols

Improvement of parks, grass, vacant homes, buildings, vacant lots, etc.

More police patrol

I'd like to see our streets fixed. I'd like to see the police enforcing the law on some white people for a change. I'd like to see some of our history restored and not just demolished. It's a Shane what's happened to Saginaw and Flint. I don't think black people are the cause I think the leaders failed miserably.

Less crime and drug sales. Faster police response, with empathy training.

Community Policing, drug prevention programs and increase police present I. The school and utilize faith base Community

SMALL INDUSTRY BOOM IN CENTRAL SAGINAW on the corridor of HOLLAND and REMINGTON around to RUST AVE! BUILDING and WORKSPACES on E. GENESSE to Dixie. Renovation to the FAIR GROUNDS (HORSE TRACK). APARTMENT complex and RESTAURANTS!

NA

My neighborhood is decent things happen here and there but that's life...maybe keep the trees maintain

Less crime so kids can go outside

I would like to see a dog park built and maintained. A reconstruction of land/property in the city turned into apartment complexes for affordable housing.

Land Bank selling vacant homes to the people who live here not "saving" them for non existent developers that haven't come and not tearing them down for future developers to develop because that's never going to happen. We need more tax paying home owners to help us current tax paying home owners. There aren't enough of us and we are struggling under higher and higher taxes. Fees for this. Higher cost for that. Rubbish. Water, schools. Its not sustainable to just keep raising taxes on an ever dwindling population of property owners. I have bought 3 properties in saginaw overthe last 10 years and invested SIGNIFICANT money in improving them. Because I wanted to be here.. I thought it was a great opportunity for low cost living and investment that over time would come to fruition. But its not lookingpromising. I dontsee a lot of City leadership driven development and elevation of quality of life most development and improvement i see is from individual home owners and pioneering business owners trying to take the same risks I have. And I font see a lot of them paying off long term.. they come and then they go because they cant make it without real transformational change and investment from our leaders on a wide scale.. i can easily afford to leave but I stayed because I believed in this idea. But I'm losing resolve and I think others are too.

Ability to park in the street

Yes decrease horrible landlords invading privacy of well kept neighborhoods by being allowed to turn to rental properties Police patrol and positive visibility

I work in the city

Installment of sidewalks

Yes clean streets old homes tore down. Water park and or nice museum place where teens to hang out and feel safe.

N/A

New housing tear down Abandon homes and keep the lots clean

Reinvestment. By improving city services and replacing pipes that are causing our city lead levels to be so high. This is life and death. Do this first then we can talk about bike lanes and such.

Speed bumps. I live on Adams Boulevard where the residents treat our neighborhood as a very walkable space. However, traffic to the downtown area cuts through our neighborhood and many at high speeds. There are children playing and many pets.

My parents have been in the city for sixty five years. It's a shame to see how their neighborhood has turned into many slumlord rentals

yes me selling my house and leaving

We have a great neighborhood association (ABANA). However, I would like to see more of my neighbors take an active role in maintaining their homes and yards. Efforts are in place but it might help if the City

could put more teeth in its code enforcement regarding overgrown yards and rehab/demolition of burned houses.

Open the parks, Ojibway, immediately. Enforcement of hours and littering.

I would like more mosquito spraying done down by the old germania. We have neighbors trimming the edge of the walk way themself. This should be maintained for use.

Increased visibility of police. It would be great to meet and see some of our police officers to have a trusting relationship with.

Yes Saginaw Fairgrounds site beautification Aubrey Francis park Beautification Old GM plant land Beautification E. Genessee to Dixey Beautification with flowers and park benches Neighborhood centers Competitive Grocery store chain with healthy food alternatives

I wanna see for sale signs in front of the property and lots the land bank are selling. How am i supposed to know whats for sale if its not advertised.

Born and lived in the city for 50 years. Moved out because the quality of life.

I'd love to see people slow their speed on my street (which is a side street), I'd like for the local party stores (whom I love) to have a more cleanly space, I'd love to see more foot traffic.

Stricter code enforcement for property owners

I would like to see more lighting. I would like to see my neighborhood look like the Old Town neighborhood with the nice lights.

A better cop presence. We need to give them the technology to monitor the city better. We need to take back the city from the violence. Until then no one gonna want to come here and invest in this community. Our reputation has been ruined for years and its just getting worse.

Yes- more patrols at night, more accountability from police. Local ordinance to prevent an overabundance of Air BnB, etc. to protect property values. But also not be discriminatory against People of Color. More frequent street sweeping.

Fix up bloomfield help restore the houses make it safe for people to live in again.

Visible but accountable police.

My mom lives in bloomfield has her whole life i'd like to see it cleaned up and made safer and do something about coulter elementary just don't tear it down use it as a community center for the residents.

The Howard Market on Howard Street taken done, lots of crime happens there when it's open. Longfellow school building and Ruben Daniel's needs to be repurposed

Enforce homeowners to take care of their houses and lawns. Police come when you call. No parks because it will just be ghetto and won't take my kids there anyway.

Clean up .. let our neighborhood look like over in Canada...clean.

I answered that I do not live in the city but my family home is in the city. I'd like to see beautification efforts made. Plant flowers. Provide wastes baskets or dumpsters. Fix the sidewalks. Maintain the streetlights.

More Street lights and better repairs to the service cuts made by utility workers. It is very bad on the Eastside. More City Police Officers and less State Troopers

Remove blight. Cut every overgrown lot down. Trim trees. Repair sidewalks. Totally repave our major roads like Norman Street. Hess St. Webber. Sheridan. Remington. Holland. Cumberland etc. Remodel neighborhood parks like Unity Park. Morley Park etc. The east, north and south ends are in need of broadband. Cell phone use is barely existent. Can't get high speed internet. Total infrastructure upgrades are needed.

More community development for the children

I live in the Adams Boulevard area and I feel very safe at home. Unfortunately, if I walk even a few blocks out of this area, it can start to feel unsafe. There are constantly news stories of shootings less than a mile away from my home and it's very concerning. Again, I don't know how to address these issues, but as of right now, I don't necessarily feel comfortable staying in Saginaw once I am ready to start a family.

I don't live in the city, just in the township

No.

Cleaner and better parks for children

Not at this time.

Lived in city for 20 yrs n I'm 41. Love my neighborhood.

Yes. Clean up the vacant lots. Remove the stray animals. Give money to homeowners to fix up the outside of their homes. Fix the roads. Tear down or redo vacant homes

Reduced crime. More support for police

N/a

Road and sidewalk repairs, as well as better landscaping.

N/A

Get rid of the Renters, Drug addicts, Loud Bass Music, Drag Racing down west Remington St, ticket the non License Plates people. It would be great to have Police patrolling our neighborhood and enforce the laws and city ordinances.

Bike lanes and fixing the sidewalks. There are a lot of corners that don't have a ramp so I often find people in wheelchairs going down the road. Not safe when there is road parking and they basically have to go into traffic to go down the road. There are also lots of portions of sidewalks that are just a danger to pedestrians in general. Broken cement, large cracks or bumps, parts of the sidewalk just missing altogether. It is a shame that people can't walk down the sidewalk without having to watch their step so frequently.

Better care for the park

Already mentioned the obvious, much needed reduction in violence.

Road improvements.

A community police officer who would occasionally show up in the neighborhood.

N/A

Prettier greenery to look at/ There's nothing to look at.

Sidewalks

Trees trimmed, side walks need to be leveled to the road (it's like going in and down steps) kids can't ride bikes like this. I'd like my road repaved I'd like my block to look nicer. I'd like to see less trash and mattresses on the side of the road (like eviction trash on the side of the road). I think people need to be notified if properties aren't maintained (we need higher standards if we want to see better results). If they can't afford to own they need to rent and let the landlord do the budgeting

New businesses, beautify the area, make a walkable downtown, Marijuana businesses brought in to bring revenue to the city (we need money to do these things- it will not bring crime, it has been shown in other places like Denver where my brother lives, or bay city-)! Save our Mall! Someone needs to invest in it and reassure it will not close down.

Prevent the land bank from hoarding properties. Fix the sidewalks. There are vacant (I believe) houses along and overgrown lots along Harrison that are an eyesore and possibly dangerous. Providing opportunities (and possibly incentives) for home ownership and maintenance might cut down on that. Do something about the smelly sewers along Fayette, Catherine and Eleanor. Enforce parking (particularly problematic neighbor's family members park in front of hydrants on side of street with no parking signs.)

Offer purchaseable parking permits so residents and/or their visitors can park on their streets in front of their homes overnight without getting a parking ticket.

Street repair

Lively

I live at 3223 Prescott ave. My name is Shirley York. I personally would like the vacant lot across the street from our house cut and cleaned off. So we can grow a community garden. The people that live on our block would love that house on our block knocked down so we can create a basketball playground for our children. Doing that would make the neighborhood we live in look so much better.

Better streets.

Re do the pavement of streets.

More regular SCENIC drive throughs. There are a LOT of issues with landbank homes that were purchased.

The school and City owned property in my neighborhood is the biggest eyesore we have. If people come to an area and the schools and City owned property is not taken care of why would they want to visit or live there? It is my belief that City property should be maintained meticulously and school property should be a place you want to send your children. That alone would promote citizens to take better care of their property.

Dead, dying trees replaced. Code enforcement for empty homes.

Enforcement of laws and reductions in crime.

I lived in the city years ago, currently live in Thomas Twp.

Own property in but do not live in City, have in past

Less abandonment - lower taxes/cost of living in the city - more trash clean ups and community watch programs.

I do not live in the city but my husband and I have worked our entire careers in the city and have invested in the city through our payment of taxes.

More police presence, maintained vacant lots, parks made safer.

I have a great neighborhood. We have a great organization and we take care of each other but I know that other neighborhoods aren't as well off.

Stronger neighborhood support and help those who are making small strides to improve our city. Support all more police

I'd like to see more the home owners taking better care of their property

Bring back curbside leaf recovery. The water trapped on the curbs is destroying the concrete at a record rates. It is much cheaper to clean the streets than replace infrastructure.

Push rentals out, promote homeownership

Better roads

Allow the police to actually do their job. The best idea would be to tear down the bridges for about 3 months and let all the people fight and do whatever they're going to do over there,

More youth involvement

More street lights

Less rentals

I would like to see my road fixed and maybe some more street lights to feel more inviting

More police presence

Streets and curbs repairs and flowers at corners

i don't live in the city anymore , but i lived in the city for almost 40 years

more policing

Road and infrastructure improvements, parks

N/A

More police

Community patrols, help take responsibility for the safety of the people around us. Hopefully it'll help them think about their actions more. And less renters, they are generally disrespectful, extra loud, leave trash all over.

The roads fixed. They are damaging our vehicles.

Abandoned/condemned house removal



Removal of blighted properties and increased police coverage for domestic and road patrol.

Fix the roads!

Housing improvements: both structural and beautification assistance for homeowners; assistance for renters to become homeowners. There are too many vacant and overrun homes throughout the City of Saginaw.

Laws being enforced would be a blessing!

Live in township. But see many possible changes. Need parks, business, less crime all over city and township. Quit THINKING AND DIVIDING THE CITY AND TOWNSHIP. THINK OF US AS ONE TOWN. YOU DIVIDE US THAT WAY.

A public waterpark, an uber type system for public transport, a monorail, more bones bring small old town areas to the neighborhoods

Yes more home ownership for low income family and more job

There is trash scattered around the neighborhood, it would be nice if we could keep the area cleaner by the st. Mary's hospital and 7/11 off of Washington

Beautification

Police enforcement I have personally had a dirt bike and quads going up and down the street at all hours of the night and early morning called the police and was asked if the person was black and then no police ever showed up this racism is ruining our neighborhood and has several of us looking into moving.

Sidewalks, roads, and bike lane improvements. Community policing (i.e. police officers on bikes/walking and engaging with community members, attending community events to build relationships)

Speed bumps

better street lighting Fix the roads/sidewalks

Home ownership and home repair assistance.

Recreation

my road could use to be re done, and it would be nice to not hear gunshots at night

Bring back cameras and nicer scenery

At least one park, one grocery store, one bank or one playground. May be one day a retail store. Possible a place where we don't have to by milk and bread At the dollar store.

I've not seen our neighborhood police officer in over a year. Several streets in Heritage Square are centers for pot holes 🤯 We like snow, as that's the only time we're not bouncing along, ruining the alignment on our vehicles. We've lived here for 10 years, & nothing has been done. We're grateful for a few little bits of new sidewalks during Consumers new gas lines installation, but it's a drop in the bucket. Rosein Towers is a hotbed of illicit activities 😞 Otto Roeser Park has a couple trees with dangerous dead branches ("widow makers") which require trimming. A couple years ago, half of a tree just fell off & blocked a huge area! I sent photos to John Stemple, who graciously contacted city workers who promptly took care of it. We continue to have occasional vandalism at the park gazebo.

Yes just making and cleaning up all the dump sites on these vacant lots starting a company like a trash truck to pick up these items and to keep them clean into make a specific place for people to dump their items at least once a week

Better roads and sidewalks

Speed Bumps Stop signs Street Lights if not for house lights my street is missing two poles Deindorfer needs parking lot posts replaced as many are broken. We can paint them we just need the lumber. Has been discussed for years

Fewer rental properties, better tenant screening, having police available to help with nuisance behavior such as fireworks, late night parties, etc. They are so busy with more serious crime and that leaves neighborhoods struggling to try so take care of problems themselves.

My street is quiet and for the most part, We all do our share to keep it nice! We have a nice street with good neighbors!

Yeah... get rid of the troublemakers and the gangs. While I live in a pretty good area, you can still have one bad apple that spoils the bunch. Also... people that own houses that are paying their taxes but are leaving the homes to rot... they should be penalized. I understand they are using it as a tax shelter but it does nothing to improve the neighborhoods when a house is having no improvements done to it, is vacant and is falling apart. This doesn't help with safety or image of the city.

My family lives in the city and I'd like to see a whole lot change as far as building the city up even if a person doesn't live in the city we still have to do things in the city and in the community it doesn't matter if you live in the township or City Saginaw is still all of our community

I myself would love to own the home I'm currently living in and more safety

less rental property and code enforcement

Closer park, basketball court and bike trail. Free swimming.

Stop late night loud music playing. Stop littering and dumping, keep the streets free from debris and broken glass and dead animals.

Would like to see residents keep their lawns mowed. Something done with Gaertners Greenhouse. The property is quickly deteriorating. Not good for home values.

clean up all the vacant lots, hiring unemployed persons, demolish vacant homes with property owners permission/back taxes. beautify vacant lots for possibilities of building new homes.

Get rid of the crime!

Houses and yards being maintained.

Yes, repave the streets not patching that last 3 months then require re-patching...such a waste of time and money.

Yes, the majority of homes look delapidated and it's mostly because of overgrowth and junk laying around. We all can do our part, but the leadership has to get people involved and a momentum going. Let's buy buckets of paint with some of that money and require homeowners to clean up. Also, take down crime. There are 100s if not 1000s of homes where people deal drugs out of. Why aren't they out of business? They

are another shooting waiting to happen. If you don't have safety figured out, all you have is a ghetto. And here we are.

Stricter code enforcement. Speed cameras for enforcement of speed limits on residential streets.

Yes, I would like to see the street lights come on, roads to be done and not patched.

City does not enforce the ordinance's. we will never see changes in our neighborhood's until the little things are carried out 1st. Waste Management picking trash dumpsters at all hrs of the night needs to stop. Hostage Negotiator for the police so we dont have another person kill and the taxpayers forking out another huge settlement to the deceased family.

Better home maintenance by home owners and landlords. This includes lawn care.

fix the roads , bring awareness to the old people who aren't able to keep up with their yard work , find people that can do it. Less crime.

I would like to see a huge cleanup, roads being fixed, and open lots being used.

I would like to see more events presented to the youth and funding to help fix/keep our living areas up like roads, housing and buildings on the Southside of Saginaw

Soccer field or baseball field at the TRW or Fairground, maybe a bank or a grocery store too.

Crime

Very poor side streets and sidewalks. The major streets are good but inside the neighborhood they are poor

City beautification

More traffic control to stop all the speeding and crazy driving. Shot spotter for Radom shots

Traffic controls in Old Town, increased public safety, infrastructure improvements.

Enforcement of housing rules for landlords- complaints handled in a timely manner.

Road repair for side streets.

Dealing with vacant properties that have been abandoned. Get the neighborhoods to get more active on keeping up their own neighborhoods.

Better enforcement for landlords to require tenets to keep lawn and yards kept up.

Pride of ownership, upkeep of property. Property tax's going up but neighborhoods beauty going down.

Cleaner streets and trees cut back from power lines, and over grown lots to cut down.

tear down vacant homes and building maintain vacant lots more street lights

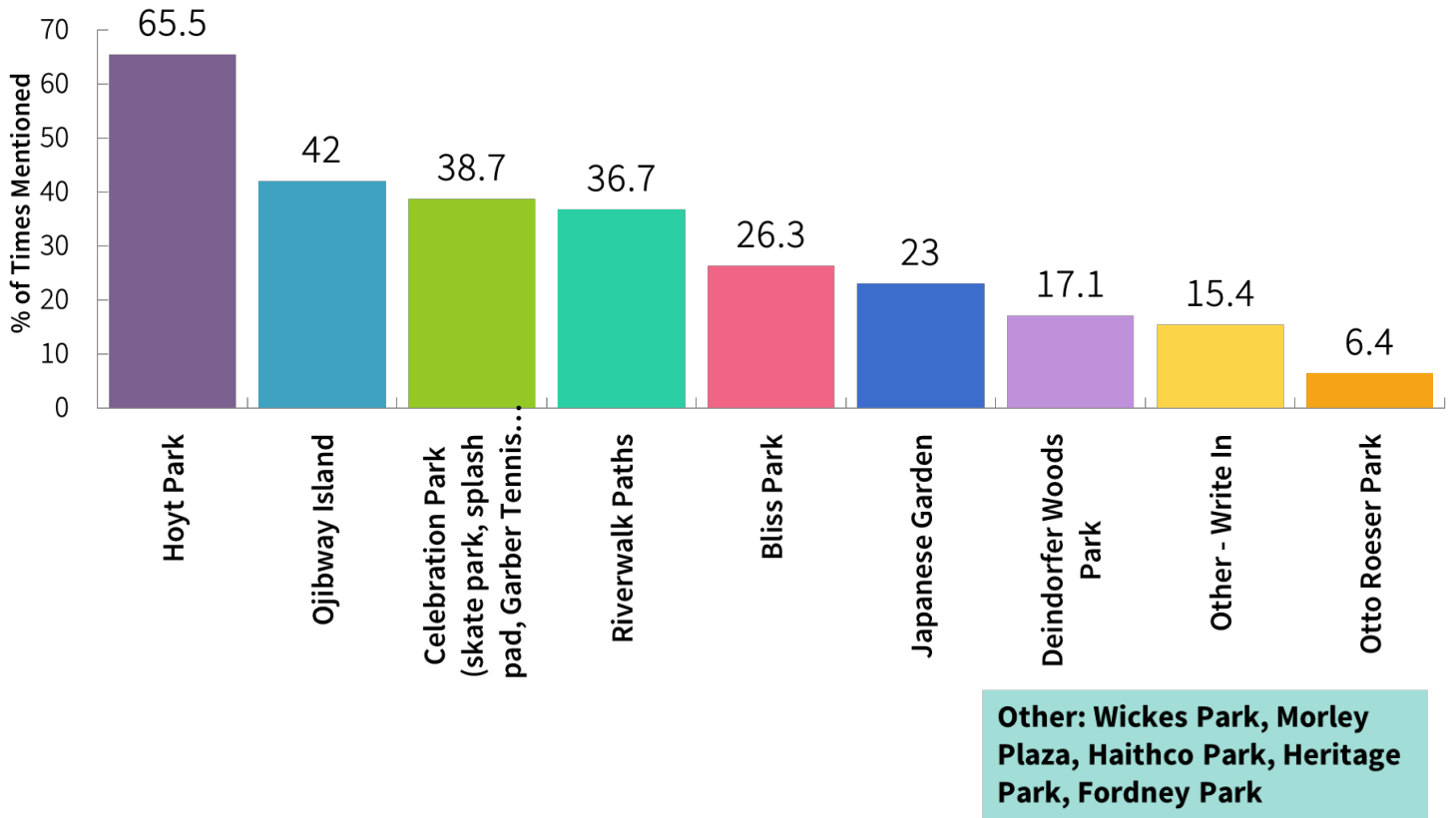
i would like for my house and garage to be fix up and other homes also and to keep hess vacant lots clean

more police patols more lights on streets curfews on parking on streets you have to take away miss a meter lan concerned so you can arrest people who are drunk parties under control

its not my neighborhood, hoever, on Dixie HWY between Webber and Hess, on the roads west side a sidewalk woulf help the people who walk and ride bikes . maybe they have no car

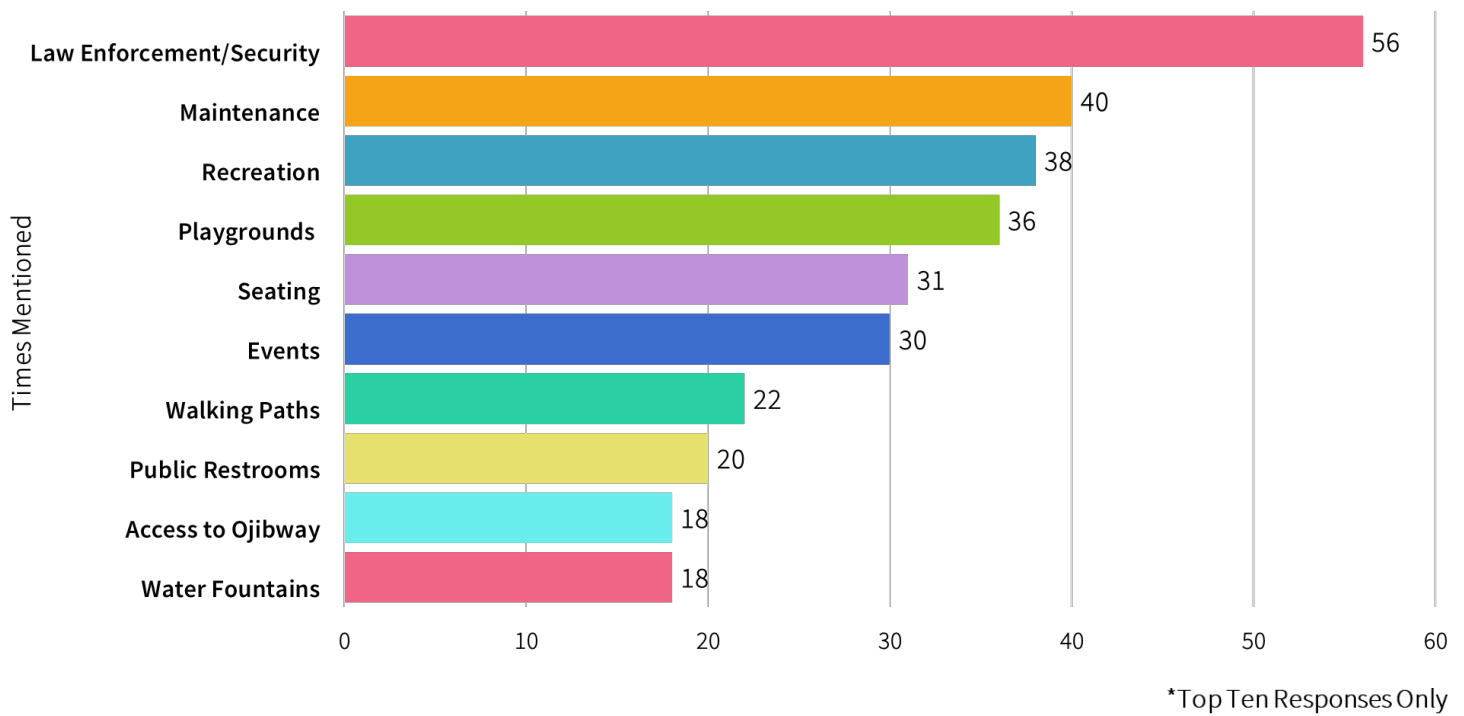
build businesses if you notice nothing old on township
lots of changes need to be made with community involvement
courteous neighbors
move homes and taking care of empty lots
more street lights improved streets
more accountability on landlords
pave the street all the way to weiss street
community center and library northern area
two blocks in the township
more police to stop crime
bike lanes!
mow lawn street light take down houses or fix them
get rid of all the vacant ho,es better park sand eliminate guns
streets in some neighborhoods my street was just worked on
sidewalks are breaking cant walk with my disabled son
communities
i want to see more opportuniity places to go at
i would like to see a grocery store better streets and better sewers that dont plunge when it rains
include a neighborhood watch program with police outlet to report to
used to but in township now
more street lights -sears street better maintained sidewalks
new resident zone for employees crime: all new city polic and fire residents of the city available to live in resident zone
i would love to be in a peaceful neighborhood not so much hateing going around
repair streets not just one block
i would love to have more street lights in front of my home that area is completely adrk

**9. Which City parks have you visited in the past year? Please check all that apply.**



Value	Percent	Count
Hoyt Park	65.5%	234
Ojibway Island	42.0%	150
Celebration Park (skate park, splash pad, Garber Tennis Courts, Crayola Park)	38.7%	138
Otto Roeser Park	6.4%	23
Bliss Park	26.3%	94
Deindorfer Woods Park	17.1%	61
Japanese Garden	23.0%	82
Riverwalk Paths	36.7%	131
Other - Write In	15.4%	55

## 10. What is missing from the City parks (what is your wish list)?



Response
BIKE LANES
Trees, flower beds
Maybe more public seating areas for outdoor activities, like picnics? Strangely enough, this pandemic has made more people explore the natural sides of life, so I've noticed parks here and there (not necessarily Saginaw) that are nice, but don't have a ton of spots for people to chill and relax unless they have a picnic blanket to pop a squat and enjoy the great outdoors. It's nothing big, but just curious if it's possible.
I wish we had a city pool.
Programming. A reason to be there other than being bored.
More exercise equipment and devices. Proper maintenance of facilities.
Cars allowed on Ojibway with police presence
Ojibwe island needs to reopen! Ban bird scooters!
MAINTAINANCE!!!! Mow them regularly and clean up the leaves in the fall!!!!
The city appears to do the best it can with limited resources, and I applaud its efforts. Having said that, maintenance, functioning playgrounds, functioning restrooms, signage all could be improved.
There needs to be park/law enforcement that goes around between the parks through the day to ensure they are being respected. People destroy the nice things that we have and throw trash everywhere. They need to be ticketed and the trash cans need to be emptied more routinely because the ones (at least on Ojibway) are

often full. Provide dog poop bag stations so that people can clean up after their animals. A dog park would be nice so that our residents stay with us instead of going to the township. Ensure the bathrooms and water fountains are kept clean and nice.

Playgrounds Adult venues- volleyball courts, horseshoe, picnic tables that are nice, grill pits, fire pits, cornhole, etc.

We need parks in different. Wickes should be refreshed like it used to be. Put security stations. On the yard, make them leave. If that's the only way to do it, do it. You must remember dumb young parents raising babies.

An out door roller skating rink, we have the skate park but that is not a safe place for people who just want to roller skate and not use ramps, the bike paths are also a little rough and a lot of young women do not feel comfortable skating those paths by themselves due to how secluded they are.

Things to do.

Better maintenance

Dog parks, maybe more ball fields

Things for the children to do in the outlying parks in the city, give them activities to do so they won't be so apt to get involved in trouble

Better play grounds for the kids and places to sit and have a picnic with ur family or loved one

Safety

Mow all of the parks...not just the edges.I'm

Scenic getaways. When I go to a park, I enjoy a view like no other.

Access

Maybe some benches, as long as they are maintained and have lighting, we will visit them.

Campgrounds.

Clearly disc golf. Fastest growing sport in America and our parks lack a disc golf course

Bathroom

A water park more lawn games for the kids

Disc golf park! Casino! Police officers more visible at schools.

Availability

Too much trash.. not enough maintenance

People

Fountains, land mark's, gardens, boat launch

Drinking fountains Swing sets Dog areas More trash cans

Life. It's just dead. Nobody goes because what is there to do. No flowers or nothing beautiful around it

More activities.

Some sort of recreation. Maybe like basketball courts. Or some sort of indoor gym facility for floor hockey.

Simply cutting the grass as quick as possible and little to no trimming isn't enough. Making the parks attractive and safe is both the challenge and opportunity. What makes an attractive block? Homes with well kept yards and flowers or homes with yards that get only minimum attention? Same answer for parks and boulevards like Court Street.

Activities, concerts.

I would like to see publicly accessible pools.

Dog Park area's. SAFETY!!!!!!!!!!

Cleaner fishing areas for people along the river

Need more parks ponds fishing area sitting areas birding

More play ground equipment.

Safety

Volleyball or other group activities that can be enjoyed by families. Bliss park is just an empty lot in front.

Updated playgrounds and benches or chairs where people can socialize

Safety. My wishlist would be to feel safe and give me a reason to go there.

Safety

Historical statues, flowers, fountains, well groomed and maintained as was many years ago.

Moved into the township 7 years ago

People , BBQ grills , benches, Rest rooms, water fountains

A dog park.

Dog runs would be great..... Maybe some of those vacant lots could be turned in dog runs. The only dog run over at Imerman is always too crowded. It can be overwhelming for some dogs. AND., It's very far away.

Security and upkeep.

Not sure

More equipment for kids to play on/with, water fountains, areas for trash and recycling.

Actual activity in the parks.

I think Ojibway and maybe even Wickes Parks can be a lot better than what they are and could draw people to more events. In my opinion Ojibway should have more than one entrance and maybe move the stage



closer to the river front. At both parks have boat dock areas. Put playground, exercise equipment at both parks.

Pavilions ,grilling station. Clean bathrooms Picnic tables need a little color on them weekly attractions

Playground equipment. Public transportation access. Walking paths/trails. Bike racks. Bike lanes. Paved areas for skating/skate boarding.

Concession, grills, benches, entertainment weekly, bike and walking path needed immediately. Something for our children other than sports. Not all kids do sports.

Support from the County Millage

Bike trails and disc golf courses

More swings are missing, basketball courts, volleyball nets skate boarding ramps historical monuments clean restrooms benches and picnic tables and attractions

N/A

Safety

Community swimming pools like they once had in Fordney Park.

Upkeep and patrolled more

Water fountains

Common areas to host events (driving by city, chamber, non-profits, etc.)

More stocked fish in Haiti I park

Need lots of places to deposit trash; soccer fields, swings, benches.

Splash Pads for the kids!!! More walking paths

Parks look old and tired and haven't been upgraded in many years. Wickes Park has dangerous buildings and structures that should be removed.

The lack of respect from other who use them, they leave trash everywhere and wanna destroy what was built.

Wonder why all the parks are open except for ojibway Island

Seating, art

Playgrounds for children

Trash bins Benches Get rid of graffiti on cement Police monitor---cars with loud music --reign them in

Maintenance. I've visited parks frequently in the past. The one on Gratiot/Chestnut is a beautiful property but seems to be neglected.

Some kind of land acknowledgement about pre-colonial people who lived in Saginaw. We have a marker about the Nouvell but not about native people. More native trees and plants. Markers or signs to learn more about nature, history, community. Community art. Bikeshare at parks and in downtown and old town to go

from one spot to another. Wayfinding for walk and bike to encourage people to move from place to place with human powered mobility.

Being safe

Seating

Benches other places to sit

Safety I don't know many people that actually go to parks around here. There's a lot of sketchy people around here.

Horses

Cameras and police presence as a deterrent.

Up to date playground equipment

Water fountains, electric scooters, well kept surrounding areas that feel safe.

Dog Park More places to sit for senior citizens More playground equipment for kids

Walking trails!! We love them so much personally. There are a few around but w would love to see more where possible.

My grandson and I used the sledding hill at Hoyt Park last winter.

Safety

A feeling of security and safety. Just like general park workers during the day. I've walked around Ojibway when NO ONE was around and it was a bit creepy even during the day. I wish there were more programs and activities at the park. More marketing or awareness about the ice rink at Hoyt, or sport clubs, softball leagues, etc. Just a feeling that activities and programs are going on, can make a park more fun to go to and explore.

Flowers and address for family to father and enjoy the parks again.

Safe playscapes and sand box digging spots

Wicks Park NEEDS SO MUCH HELP! Grass is over grown, basketball court needs to be redone. The pavilion needs repairing, new bbq pits, etc. It just needs a complete refacing. It would be nice to have a volleyball court, handball court, proper outdoor restrooms, out door exercise equipment, kickball court, etc. It would also be cool to have a put put golf area! Also an additional skatepark or two. Trails that people can bike/walk/skate along that does in fact connect neighborhoods. All of these additional attractions would bring jobs to the city so that the area can remain clean and supervised.

Paved paths, art, history, fitness stations, clubhouse to hold community events

Fencing around the parks, for safety of our children!!

Bike racks

Food trucks and special events

Upkeep, shade from trees , playground equipment.

Safer play equipment along with better sights whether that be nature or bike paths.
Security and cleaning
A funded neighborhood focused youth recreation program.
Cleanliness. Needles always at the crayon park
Graffiti needs to be cleaned up. Fordney park has some graffiti on the bathroom and the playground equipment.
There is not enough parks, though the ones we have are nice. Most of them are far from the center of the City.
You can't even enjoy Ojibway island because the people that are using it are not treating it properly.
They were not open last year but I frequently go to Celebration Park, Hoyt Park, Morley Park, and Ojibwe Park. Parks are not cared for like they used to be it's only a cursory cleaning.
I'm not the best person to judge but I sense that there is a lack of community. Therefore, I would like to suggest community picnics in the summer months for people to connect with each other, with music. Also, sports opportunities.
Community involvement. Meaning that this city takes bids. What about the individual who would like to be involved and has knowledge and the skill but no company. That would boost morale and self worth and esteem. Would cut down on graffiti and petty crime because of involvement. The majority of people's opinion of government is not real good. We feel that you make decisions without our input. You make the town meetings at times that layman workers cannot make and you only have one meeting before you all make a decision.
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More benches would be nice
Cleanliness Safety Play grounds Bathrooms
Open to public.police patrols
Law and order. Going to these parks you risk getting shot and its sad
Perhaps exercise equipment. In Asia, they have some exercise equipment along walking paths/trails. Dog poop bags and trashcan.
Safety
Cold, drinkable water, food vendors, and shaded seating.
significant bike path, nearby food, organized events and attractions
Need more surveillance with cameras and police visibility. More games areas such as Basketball and volley ball courts, and places for the "old folks" to have fun with horseshoes places to sit and play chess or other games together - don't make everything for the younger generation.
People

Beauty. New flowering trees. Nice benches. Sidewalks for elderly.
The city parks are missing safe places for children to be children and master children developmental skills.
All the parks except (Bliss or maybe Hoyt) are destination parks. None in the downtown area no walkthrough parks.
More affordable venues none profits could use to hold events and fundraising
Nothing
Youth activity facilities for winter. There is only the Midmichigan children's museum open in winter time.
Being an active family with small children we visit parks regularly all over the county. Bliss Park is the closest to our house but we tend to visit the least. When we are out on walks I like to stop at different playgrounds to give the kids a break from being in the stroller. Bliss has a terrible entrance that could be cleaned up and be more inviting for people to use. I think a playground space would be welcomed at Ojibway Island. I would love to see some of the mural projects be done to brighten up some of the parks engaging the youth.
Working bathrooms for all
Bathrooms with attendants. Not safe for children or adults
Outdoor swimming pools
Cleaning .... Not safe for kids with the trash being left
I haven't gone to any city parks. Too much crime. I don't feel safe at any of them.
Feeling welcomed
Safety
New signs for the Japanese cultural center, when you drive towards it you can't see it until you are right on top of the driveway. The pathways in the gardens need to be leveled at least. The stone is a trip hazard.
Upkeep, maintenance and cleanliness. Trashcans and dumpsters. No smoking signs and ordinances to enforce no smoking areas. Accessible parks for differently abled people. Safe walking trails. Clean and safe restroom access. Art. Trees. Discovery paths about nature, history and culture. Communal areas to gather such as pavilions, benches, eating areas. Organized activity. Free use for community organization and nonprofit events.
Pavilions and gazebos. Basic upkeep and maintenance. And... PEOPLE!
Some aren't clean
A band she'll with free concerts possibly movies during the summer
Riverfront development that Bay City has been able to accomplish.
Jungle Gyms, better walking/running paths
Water fountains, little fences to help keep everybody safe or inside. Grills for more enjoyment and benches

The children have no real parks and recreation near their homes. Only Vets Park. The idle time has contributed to violence in our city.
Entry to Ojibway by vehicle during the early hours of the day. Instead of no vehicle entry ever
Clean them and invest in better play equipment
Another community pool would probably be asking too much. I would say strengthen the parks by adding more pavilions, grilling stations, make the community feel more included in nice parks. Think outside the box with future playground equipment
Public pool organized play
Food vendors, live entertainment, improvement of the structures.
Kids play grown more sitting areas
Basketball is missing from most of them but I think we all know why that is! Every park should have something to do, some of them only have a bench to sit.
Wicks park was unmaintained. I used to like to go and sit in my car to watch the river flow. But the last time I went, it looked neglected so I left.
Open swimming, open baseball and open basketball sports
RECYCLE BINS, WATER FOUNTAINS, BENCHES, PIER (HOYT/OJIBWAY) BASKETBALL COURTS, BASEBALL DIAMOND, FOOTBALL FIELD AND OUTER TRACK (VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK)
Police Feeling safe
To reopen Ojibway...the island is one of the best parts of the east side...I have health issues that don't allow to walk long distances
More equipment that encourages exercise
Parks aren't clean and lots of crime. Needs cameras
Updated bathrooms, picnic tables, gazebos, volleyball sand courts
Play equipment. Covered pavilions for gathering. Picnic tables. Grills.
Well kept lawns Play ground equipment Safe walking areas
Things to do besides walking.
Adaptive playground equipment for special needs individuals
Saginaw Zoo
Adult sitting areas, enough parks side walks.
N/A
Playground sitting areas bike trails dog areas

Updated play equipment. Bike paths. General cleanliness.

Bring more baseball and softball tournaments to the area.

they are all junkie havens

Continue to expand Celebration Park. All the new additions are great. We should continue to advertise what a great park it is. We also need to increase promotion of the Japanese Gardens. Many people are not aware of it, or of its uniqueness. The addition (or improvement) of sports fields will keep youth active and also bring in paying spectators to local shops and businesses.

Things for the middle generation (teenagers) to participate in and activities for them in parks

Exercise equipment and space. Lighting and up keep.

To see them kept up. Grass cut trimmed and weeds removed play grounds for the kids and have them kept up. Not just left to rot. Take care of what we have.

A public swimming pool; bike/running paths; dog park; pavilions with clean restrooms, water, sense of safety.

Updated equipment, general beautification, seating, and possibly security.

A children's park in every neighborhood Pavilions, adequate restrooms

safety....bad people hanging out in the parks because they do not want to work....stop them at the gate check for arrest warrants, a drivers license (do they have one), drugs alcohol etc.

More trash cans to prevent littering, playgrounds for kids to enjoy could be nice and bring more families out and about.

security

Giving people a read to visit. Some people go to the township parks. We need to invest in more playground equipment.

Events... we have a disc golfing park but no competitions. We invest in tennis but no tournaments. The same can be said about other sports. Tournaments will bring people in. It will bring some excitement to the community. Post photos of the champions on banners for a year like you did with the graduation class. Try to attract hotel investors along the water front or in close proximity along michigan

Pet parks Basketball hoops Skateboard parks Graffiti park Community vegetable gardens Play equipment Art/sculpture park Nature drives More splash parks or pools. Frisbee golf parks Yard Games

Safer areas for kids a meeting spot for adults.

More secure, every park should be skater and cycling friendly, also dog parks and basketball courts, we have a history of producing world class athletes, we should nurture that.

Benches food stands park rental for private parties.

Updated equipment. More benches to just sit and enjoy

Looking at that list I haven't utilized any, that's a shame that I'm a taxpayer but have to go outside the city to go to a better environment to walk or take my child. I don't even send my kids to public schools here.

Too much poverty and single parent households, I know not all are bad, but prefer my kids not to have that experience daily.

Not open

Safety

Citizens. Have events to bring the city to the parks. Open Ojibway.

Basketball Courts. Summer youth programs.

Public pools, ample parking, more pavilions, walk paths

maybe having food trucks and concerts

Clean bathrooms, snack options/vending machines.

I think they lack funding and volunteers to keep up on them.

Maintenance and funding

The Japanese gardens are beautiful, but they are deteriorating. Large cracks in the pathways, no public gender neutral bathroom aside from a portable potty, and lack of staff to maintain the gardens hurt the property.

I wish they would keep them clean, cut the grass more often add more and better equipment to the park a lot of time I have to drive far out to the Walmart parks because the city parks landscaping is not kept and it's always trash, and broken glass everywhere I sure the youth would like summer jobs and they could be paid to take care and clean these parks we have. And lastly beautification I hardly see any effort to make these parks look appealing plant flowers add new mulch for summer when things look nicer people tend to take more pride in it

Waterfront access

A community pool....miss the wave pool. I know it was expensive to run but it brought in revenue. Macomb, Oakland all have a water park. Ojibway would be perfect! Would bring business to downtown. How about boat tours or paddle boat rides....family friendly n lucrative

Continuous events and activities that draw people to the parks

Security

The Japanese Cultural Center is a diamond in the rough. I lived in Japan 6 years, studied gardening and bonsai, have some knowledge about them, and recently saw Meijers new Japanese garden. Saginaw's has clearly been neglected for the 20 years I've lived in this area. Some recent improvements evident. But badly in need of capital infusion to renovate, add some new features, hire professional gardeners, and draw more travelers to the garden. Tea house itself looks in good shape.

Bathrooms

Rail trails and long paths for biking/running.

Less crime and for them to actually be open again. Ojibway is closed every time I go by it.

Police Present!!!!

Improve infrastructure - paths and streets
Well maintained walking and biking paths are somewhat limited. Imerman has a pretty nice set up, for example.
More perennial flowers
Water features. Activities. Refreshments
More gardens and more lights. Dog friendly please. Outdoor exercise equipment.
Cleanliness Activity year round
A community pool or extended hours of splash park in the summer for kids
A swimming pool 😊, or even disc golfing would be amazing
Upkeep and updates!, more lights, a safe feeling.
Working drinking fountains. Garbage cans in some parks. Seating in some parks. I'd like to see more beautification attempts, preferably in partnership with organizations that help youth.
Water fountains
I think we need an improvement the Japanese garden.
Activities for you children
Large ornate fountains in the Victorian to 1920s styles.
Better playgrounds, dog park, walking and bike trails
One central park with older child/younger child playgrounds, that are handicap accessible. Gated that shut down at dark. Look to Saginaw township or bay city state park at how to property assemble a park.
They need to be better maintained. Hoyt is taken care of better through a partnership and other parks need this approach.
Trash pickup regularly. Repairs and painting where needed to update. Perhaps have a school adopt a park to keep it clean and plant a small garden.
Safety
More splash pads?
Cleanliness and better maintained. Mowing the lawn at these places once a month is not enough when the grass is growing fast. I take my students to Deindorfer woods almost every week at the beginning of the school year and we're always trudging thru long grass and getting wet shoes. There also needs to be more dog poop waste stations. People let their dogs poop right on the back trails for people to step in. There's poop at all the parks all the time, need to e force cleaning up after dogs or not let's dogs in at all.
Trash bins - gardens - walking paths
Better restroom facilities. A prescence of staff that care for and keep clean the facilities.



Toddler play equipment, safe areas underneath play equipment (glass, needles, etc found). Maybe a (painted?) hopscotch or circuit. I have this idea of an all ages, outside exercise center (with stations - Kind-of like Immererman Park use to have in their wooded area YEARS AGO). Only in the city where it is easily accessible to the community. Stations such as balance beam, 10x toe touches, 10x sit ups, 10x jumping jacks, 10x legs lifts, hopscotch, etc. It would be nice to have a picnic area & a walking perimeter too.

I think that they need security systems

Benches

We are missing, business supported flowerbeds, benches, picnic tables, disc golf, garbage cans, activities.

better lighting and law enforcement

Restrooms

A safe place for my kids to play

A reliable splash pad

Security. People who are actually able to play and enjoy the areas. They are overrun by gang members and drug dealers. Safe places

More seating , restrooms and lighting

Concerts

Places for group sports

They have been totally neglected

something special

playgrounds

Dog parks

N/A

I can't remember if there are water fountains, but those are needed. Handicap-accessible seating and restrooms are needed.

Ojibway with a park like in the past

More patrol officers, shame there should have to be, but current need.

Flower gardens

Growing up all the parks had recreation going on. I can not think of what the workings were called back then but the supervised the children playing in them. They had volleyball, tether ball, arts and crafts, an afternoon of reading, playing together peacefully - making friends. Those days were some of the greatest times in my life and it's sad to not see children at the parks playing together.

Safety

Need reason to use park. IE need someone to run the public program. Have to spend the money to run program. Programs can be athletic, or older programs, or org. programs. Pay them.
A public pool facility or waterpark, a pool just for adults to relax
Swing slides and baseball fields
A community garden would be wonderful, I see the benefits in places like Detroit and the more food and even beautiful flowers we can provide our community the better.
Ojibway needs more beautification and safety, the recent curb sand sidewalk helped. River walk needs wider bike friendly paths.
Better playground equipment with shade and clean bathrooms that are actually open when you go to use the park
More trashcans/recycling bins, bags for dog waste
Police
Tennis and Basketball courts
Funding for Recreation
they are missing the polish that would turn them around into a inviting place
Benches and seating
Parks are fine. Could use more flowers in the spring/summer. Maybe some neighborhood events to attempt community unity
A neighborhood park with a playground, pavilions and a walking path.
More trees; flower beds; winter events; live music in summer; adequate, safe parking. We love the Christmas lights at the water treatment plant, & take company to see them when we have guests at holiday time (not a park, but wonderful)
Having some type of festivals or something and also vendors can also sell their products the city can charge the vendors to come to the perks that will benefit the city
Unsure
Sand for volleyball, net for volleyball. (2 of my nets were destroyed over the years) Deindorfer Woods Bike repair stations
Feeling safe
Seating and better water fountains
Wickes Park makes me so sad to look at it we used to go there and have so much fun and now it doesn't even look like a park it's so sad how the city has left the city go down
I really don't know
More flowers and benches...

parks director, bathrooms, lights on the river walk, upgrade to LED lights at all parks, gates to lock parks to stop trash being dumped, cameras, code enforcement on littering, property damage, etc

Better playground

Supervised activities for kids

resurface riverfront pathways, maybe pathway on both side of the river. Build a baseball diamond (Hardball) at the Lawrence McKinney park, for a semi-pro league, like the Saginaw Sugar Beets.

Just keep it clean

Games, grills, lighting, bandstands

Walking trails, bike trails, family friendly, decent restrooms, tennis courts, baseball diamond and stands for local teams

Safety. You can verify all the parts all you want but if people do not feel safe visiting, they are not going to visit. People don't want to go to look at dilapidated buildings. A good neighborhood includes cool places to eat, drink and visit. A lot has been done towards this in Saginaw, a remarkable effort. But we need more, a lot more

City parks in many cases have been abandoned. Very little maintenace being performed and conditions exist that place the City in jeopardy from lawsuits for injuries. Lack of compliance with the ADA regarding accessibility. The proposal to eliminate the northerly section of drive in Wickes Park will disrupt future plans to improve recreational opportunities, discourage use of the facilities from an access standpoint, hamper public safety access and significantly diminish ice fishing use and the opportunity to promote boating and fishing tourism.

Activity's to do while at the city parks.

N/A

More youth programs and recreation.

Areas to sit and chill , such as hammocks , swing sets , barbecue areas , playground sets .

A near by little store for drinks and snacks. Also people to clean up.

I think what's missing at our city parks is keeping things updated

Outdoor activities. Like group walks or tai chi in the park would be nice considering the vast number of residents over 65, tai chi is a very safe and low impact form of exercise for anyone

I can honestly say that the parks always mowed and clean when I have visited.

Places that help kids

Multi-use set up for families of all ages and sizes. Accessibility to all abilities and ages.

County fairgrounds

Limit car access to parks. Large unruly groups create a dangerous atmosphere which prevents citizens from feeling safe.

parking
Coordination with schools on field trips to parks.
For only Seniors to be able to drive on Ojibway Park anytime.
More lights, security and more picnic areas.
More park activities.
n/c
basketball rings seats and green grass plus water fountains
to have boy scouts churches to clean park lets worrt about the hospitals clean parka saginaw inmates clean up
more dog parks iwth drinking fountains i love the bikeable rover front in bay city its is long aand well kept and beautiful it would be great if saginaw has a similar bikeable water front
more walking paths bikes
NA
more benches and picnic tables
more toys and play are things for kids picnic area and football field basketball court
city pool art
ojibway island better parking
parking on ojibway
food trucks
playgrounds
not to be scared to go
basketball courts bike lanes benches
make peepole leave the gun at home
swings slides places for children to play sand and dirt
community needs to respect the areas more
some sports for the younger kids
safety
playground walking experiences
the police presence prevent people from thinking they can do something that's not acceptable
rest benches proper lighting security phones

lap pool

lighting city/ park wide surveillance system speed reduced on city streets noise violation enforcement/  
street curb side parking violation enforcement

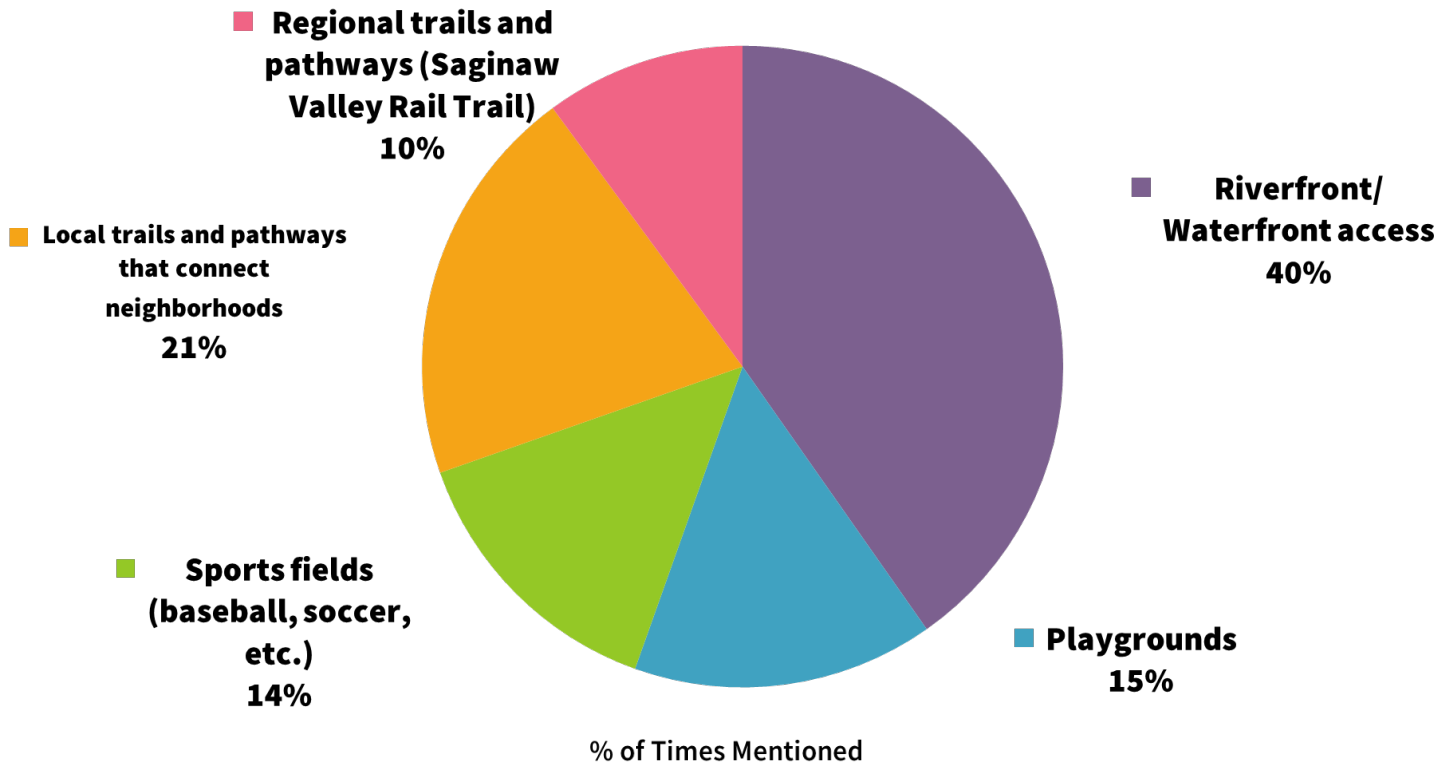
i would like to see people walk in the park without being afraid

more activities for younger children during horseshoe basketball

my wish is to have concerts in the city instead of downtown

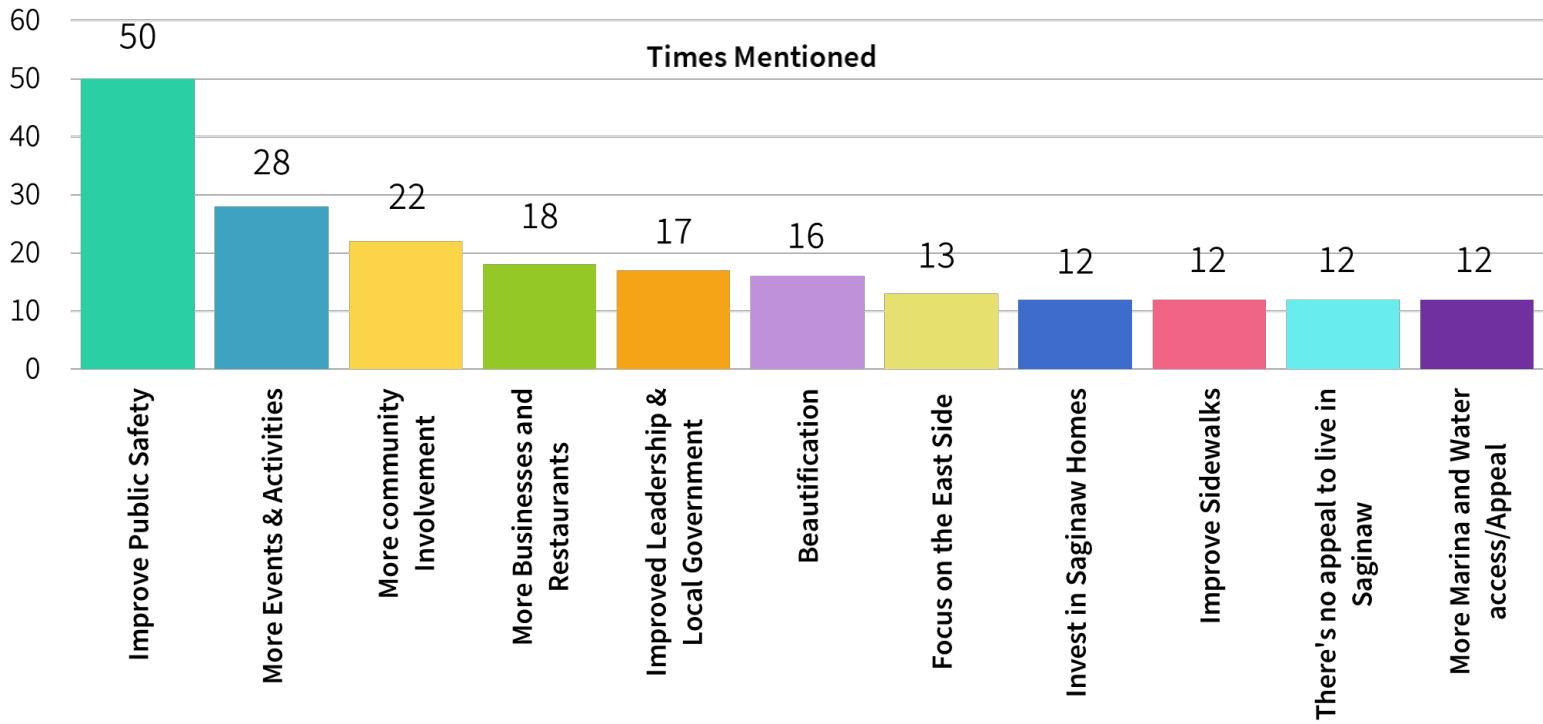
additional sports areas, exercise stations, more pathways connecting to nearby hubs of activity and or  
other parks.

**11. Which of the following should the City prioritize in terms of future improvements to its parks?**



Value	Percent	Count
Riverfront/waterfront access	40.3%	159
Playgrounds	15.2%	60
Sports fields (baseball, soccer, etc)	14.2%	56
Local trails and pathways that connect neighborhoods	20.3%	80
Regional trails and pathways (Saginaw Valley Rail Trail)	10.1%	40
	Totals	395

**12. Do you have any additional thoughts or suggestions that you would like to share?**



\*Top Eleven Responses Only

Response
City employees should live in the city and if not, should pay double taxes for not!!! Doesn't make any sense for employees to be protected by city resources and they not support. They should also help to remove the Tax Cap.
NEED TO REMOVE THE 2 TAX CAPS. ASAP
The city needs to look outside of healthcare and automotive when looking for investment in the city. Look to newer technologies such as battery, semiconductors, energy, communications, etc. We need to diversify
Make it a lot easier for to start up without all the red tape.
Murals are used in cities to enhance beauty and interest. Themed areas (Frankenmuth) draw tourists. Link city bike trails to the regional network.
I've lived in the City for 30 years but am seriously considering leaving due to the decrease in quality of life within the city. Constant fireworks, disrespectful neighbors, and lack of public safety are significant factors. The cost of living is quite high between city income tax, property tax, and water bills. I would not mind to pay if I felt I was getting appropriate services & quality of living in return.

I would like to see the city council hold a forum with small business owners. I would like business owners be part of a strategic planning committee going forward.

Push for preception change by highlighting the good!

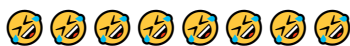
We definitely need a grocery store where we can purchase quality food fruits vegetables meats.

N/a

There was a master plan for downtown developed about 9 years ago by a non-profit group. Maybe look at some of the suggestions that came from those meetings. There was good information in there. Close Water Street to vehicle traffic and utilize the space for better development and walk ability.

Saginaw is never a leader or progressive. Instead, it seems their main focus is fear instead of seeking to set standards for other cities. Take legal marijuana sales. The amount of revenue missed out on is pathetic.

Yes. This 7 question survey requesting input on the city's master plan is an absolute joke.



I believe that in the past decade that the city leadership has done a good job of pulling things together in the right direction. It's a very big job ... keep pushing forward!

City policies for economic development seem to be heavily focused on industrial and retail. Attempts should be made to attract the tech industry and other industries. Bringing outside money in should be a high priority. Also the city income tax I feel is a deterrent to moving and living here. It has caused me to consider selling my home here and relocating nearby.

no

If we're truly trying to transform downtown Saginaw, then you must involve the majority population of Saginaw City which are black people. Nothing downtown attracts black people en masse. Unless that changes, anything else will fail.

Neither of Saginaw's downtown areas have any visual, audio, safety, beauty or usefullness appeal for those who might otherwise live, work, visit, or recreate there. Streetscaping as I described above, separation of pedestrians from the roadway, reduction of speeds on the downtown streets and arteries into those areas, greatly increased vegetation (trees, shrubs, flowers), are desparately needed if these areas are to thrive and come alive with people.

Frustrated with all of the extra costs in the city, ie. water/sewage, annual rubbish tax, and city income tax. Do not see any improvements except to the downtown area. We are not drawing in people to buy houses and live in the city due to these costs in comparison to living in Saginaw Township.



Have more happenings in old town and downtown

New curbless level sidewalks because so many are cracked and even dangerous, roads repaired, Eclectic, colorful whimsical lanterns on streetposts lining along the river with artwork along the walks sort of an Outdoor Art Museum, colorful unique water fountains that light up at night, flower gardens, more benches and picnic tables

Build a community center I'm a wrestling coach and would love a place for my kids to have a safe place to work out all year not just in season

The City website is much improved. I am still going over it with respect to the historic district. But I am always looking to see how residents and businesses can walk through the intricacies of the city code without running afoul. You almost need an advocate. Example: my mom wanted an interior basement bathroom. The city inspector cited city code that required a vent to and through an exterior wall. However, I suggested a privacy door with no top or bottom much like a public bathroom stall. This met code. Is there not an advocate for working with residents and businesses to help meet codes without a one solution fits all?

See first item

Saginaw has so much to offer. We're having conversations daily with people that are moving back to the area . . . some are young adults that are moving here with the CMU medical program and many are retirees that are moving back. Promote the city as a great place to live, work and play. We are also seeing many people just coming to the city to check out what it has to offer. It reminds me of the song by the Beatles. "There are places I'll remember All my life though some have changed Some forever not for better Some have gone and some remain." Saginaw is a place where there are "places you'll remember". Marilyn - LISTENING ROOM Saginaw

Can I say it one more time? More police presence in the neighborhoods that aren't full of crime

I am 78, I am leaving my family a legacy. Our people suffer for the lack of knowledge. God bless.

Live in Saginaw all my life and it's a great place to live bring on more police of all race to protect stop forgetting about the eastside of Saginaw put some money into it so it won't look like it look bad grass every where put more business on the Saginaw we have to invest in the whole not some parts.

This input process does not provide opportunity for vision input. There should be some public dialogue opportunities for random, untested dreams.

I think more should be done in high crime areas when it comes to police present, the community and police should have a better relationship, starting with police having a mentoring program targeting our youth

No, but I appreciate being asked.

Saginaw needs to make an intentional effort to improve its quality of life for residents. New high end housing will not attract or retain residents if there are not the traditional amenities that drive people to live in metropolitan areas. Economic activity and feet on the street help promote a safer city. Businesses, events, and arts/culture are pivotal to making Saginaw a destination in our region and a place that people want to live.

This is a great idea, the asking for feedback

The city should look into how other local governments foster interorganizational partnerships

Marijuana is legal in michigan. I drive to Genesee county to purchase my legal products! Please figure this out.

sidewalks need attention! also, trees need to be trimmed- some have so many dead branches that they are dangerous.

rebuilding the gulls on Ojibwa island the better w e look the more comfortable people are to live here

when homes look nice & community transportation is easily accessible it draws people in! strengthens businesses and neighborhoods

BIKE LANES

Bring regional rail trails into the city

What about bringing, or at least replicating, some of the businesses near SVSU and putting them closer/in downtown? It just seems weird that downtown Saginaw folks have to hop on the freeway/drive a ways away just to go to the mall, see a movie, or to even just struggle in choosing a chain restaurant to eat with family. I feel like if I have family coming to visit, I can't just point to a place down the street we can potentially walk to and eat. Being walking distance to the DOW Event Center or the SVRC market is great, but much like many of Detroit's neighborhoods (even its Downtown for some time) it feels like a food desert. Events like Friday Night Live is great, but isn't really a longterm solution considering it's a seasonal event.

Saginaw is a great place to live. We just need to continue to improve the external negative perceptions.

Please stop tearing the city down

Open Ojibway island immediately. Force patrol officers to patrol areas where so called issues are and require them to do less loitering in the city.

I'm filling this out on my girlfriends device because I can't access the internet. We are showing other couples around the City, it is hard to convince them to move here when they don't see investments in residential neighborhoods. The city needs to stop spending all of its efforts on downtown/oldtown/riverfront and put some effort and attention into the rest of the city. If that is not

possible then the city needs to divest itself of the neighborhoods that are being neglected to fund this gentrification DDA vanity project that helps almost none of the residents.

Stop playing favor to particular developers and force the land bank to maintain their properties!!

Question 11: Why does it only allow me to choose one? We have so much going for us, and if the tax cap was eliminated and the land bank made even a tiny bit responsive, we could do all of them! Thank you for listening.

Please provides/push opportunities for citizens to get involved and help with the process beyond just a survey. We need to embrace the powerful community we have and the only way to do that is to make sure everyone's hands are helping to turn the gears.

Would like to see a mending of the relationship between the City and Pride board. Pride has great intentions and brings fun events in the city, but past experiences has ruined relationships and trust with the city. Let's get to healing and growing together

Get in touch with me, too much to say. My son Mike Jacobs was champ t ball coach for 7yrs. We can help each other. We all want the same thing. A safe city with nice things to do. Gun detectors, Security guards as long as it takes to get control back. Gun buy back.

If we don't bring in a new industry we are never going to get our heads above water

I think it's time to look for a new police chief with new ideas to reduce crime.

Can't wait to see what Saginaw will look like 10-20 years from now! I trust that the leaders of the City can make positive changes that will improve the overall condition of this once thriving City.

Help homeowners in the run-down areas to improve their homes. Grant money sweat equity for those not physically challenged or elderly.

Invest in the Cities Public Safety (Fire Department, and Police Department), a safe city would go along way to bring people to our city that want to live and invest in Saginaw.

Disability access

Bring new businesses into town. Middle class jobs. People will continue to leave without a Chance to earn a decent living! I'm

More transpartanty at City hall , more free online access to records , permits ect.

Work on water rates, the residents are hit heavy and you give away to everyone else. In general just need to get out of city, don't ever see it getting better. For me our house is worth more as an insurance claim than we will get out of it. Seen the same thing with my grandparents, but they lived 2 blocks from Saginaw High.

Need a marina for boats close to old Town

No

Repair the roads. Put cameras at redlights to generate revenue and more in community for safety. Use technology!

City getting better at outdoors activities for community

Thank you for surveying the people. It is a tough task and not one that is new in any way. Maybe ask the question of where do people gather if they are not going to city parks. Are they going out to eat? Are they meeting within their neighborhoods. Are they traveling to the mall or Horizons or Bay City or Midland on evenings or weekends when they want to gather. I love the idea of making things more accessible to and from the river but what is going to make people do to the river if they don't have a boat and not many people own a boat on the Saginaw River.

I would like to see the city spend the money responsibly and on items that will benefit all residents not just a few. Look at the industries and residents you want to attract, and make decisions that matter

Our city is full of violence because there is nothing for the younger folks to do Or everything costs so much money. It's time to try to turn it around and get the city back to some type of normality

I love my city it will always be home. But I would like for it to look like it. This city has too much talent and so much history

Id like to see more money put into arts, music and culture.

Restaurants along the river front. Bringing events back to Ojibway. I know we don't have country fest anymore. But maybe do something like the Pig Gig in bay city but here on the island. Make it a weekend thing. Bring some decent musical acts here. Build up the parks to include things for everyone.

When crime can be controlled everything else gets easier. Easier said than done. Local and State law enforcement doing amazing work with limited resources and uncooperative citizenship. Hard to fix up parks only to have them destroyed with a few weeks. Hard to turn Ojibway into a regional entertainment venue when people are afraid to attend a great show after dark. Huntington Bank Park is a beautiful new venue in downtown Saginaw that sits empty far more nights a year than full or partially full. Temple Theater is a gem unlike any venue found across the Nation but promoters struggle to sell tickets and fill the house more often than not. We already have some great entertainment venues. Better than Bay City. Better than Midland. Better than Flint. What can be done to help more people feel safer about attending them?

Use more federal money to clean up contaminated sites. Use any means possible to clean up the river front areas for people to use for recreation

Bring small agricultural systems back to Saginaw. Obviously everything else in manufacturing and every other type of industry has failed here.

No

No

The Westside city area along West Holland Avenue hasn't had any attention in years other than what Covenant Healthcare has requested and the senior housing. This was a nice family starting neighborhood but has turned into slum rentals. Roads and sidewalks need attention.

Clean up all the entrances to the city. Put up welcoming gardens of flowers

No

Again, Saginaw will only be/become what the administration allows it to become. Citizen input is great, but I would suggest first to prioritize starting with what "rules" need to be enforced, enforce them, then add something new. Everyone needs to be held responsible for their actions. I know so many people who want to leave the city but are financially unable to do so.

attract big business and jobs to downtown areas help preserve historical churches and properties that will draw neighboring residents.

Don't waste money.

ReInvest in The Eastside with Building new housing where the old ones were tore down. Too much history has been erased from which Saginaw is known for

Please address public safety and work with the public to foster trust, hopefully, making it easier for witnesses to come forward in investigations.

Saginaw has great potential but can't be tapped with existing crime and blight

Saginaw has so much potential, but the public safety issues need to be addressed. City needs more manpower...feet on the street.

Thanks for ability to provide input

No

I have a copy of the Detroit planning document and would recommend it for ideas. This survey focuses on land use which is important and apparently the focus of the project but there are deeper issues that need to be addressed as well. I feel strongly that land use could help redefine the city and that gangs need to be neutralized before we can make real progress.

We need to have a city that have a Monthly pep rally to Up lift the people in Saginaw to take pride in their city

Saginaw is past the point of ressurecting its legacy. Focus on building a new one. A new secure future by learning from the mistakes that lost us that legacy. Even if it means tearing down old buildings or houses. Develop the Old Towne area more. Developing downtown is pointless without the industries/jobs that will bring the demographic that would pay to live there.

The city must invest in the people and in the inner city low income areas. Not everything can go to downtown. Until the needs of the disenfranchised citizens of our city are addressed, we are going to continue to have problems no matter how goid we make downtown look. Our city is only as goid as its citizeens. Saginawians love Saginaw. I surely do and the lack of activities and current crime rate is killing us daily. All of us.

Let's lift the tax cap. It's NEVER been a good idea. I know of no person who would like to be living on their income from 25 years ago. Why does the City have to? - - -and let' s bring back residency requirement - - -Pipe dream on the last one more than removal of cap

The city need to work with the police on watching the neighbors for drug selling and disruptive residents the ones who are always causing problems make a curfew law and enforce it if a landlord has had several complaints on the tenants he keep putting in his house fine him and the tenants after so many fines stop them from renting their property for a year make some kind of arrangement where landlords work with the city to keep their property up to code police should come together to monitor drug infested neighborhoods to crack down on the drug dealers who are also bring fiends and thieves in the neighborhood

N/A

Work on cutting down on the crime problem

Adherence to the rules and strict enforcement. Graffiti removal

Docks in Old Town/Michigan Ave. and Washington Ave. - with planned events

I lived and worked in the City of Saginaw for several years, my husband grew up there. We still reside in Saginaw County. Over the last 5-10 years we have noticed significant improvements in the city. Particularly with what I can only assume is increased code enforcement. Lower-income neighborhoods that used to look severely neglected look great. There are flowers planted, grass mowed, etc. The parks are better maintained and it's uplifted to see road work being done. Keep up the good work.

Saginaw has great potential. Maybe offer free community classes on Yoga, diet, exercise, wellness, healthy cooking, computer skills. Organize visits to local areas of beauty such as Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge and Lake Huron for hikes and picnics. Folk need to do stuff together that is healthy and positive.

Just fix the roads, these real costs add up for families in the lower income brackets that ya'll claim to care so much about

City is in desperate help, people need more guidance and more authority around to show them the people we elected care and are trying to use the funds from federal government and residents taxes are being used to better our communities. Without enforcements people will do what they want and when they want. More jobs in the city would also help with keeping people more motivated and active and would like to see things beautiful

Incorporate the report on Wicke's Park into the Master Plan. i saw that at a City Council meeting and it had some good ideas.

Support the police Lower crime Mow city lots Beautify key areas Spend money wisely Develop waterfront like Bay City does

Saginaw has a lot of potential. Saginaw has lots of long-time residents. It is important for residents in the neighborhoods who have been through a lot over the years, are acknowledged and not overlooked as new development takes place. So-called white flight, economic assets that were removed (many that went to nearby townships or other areas in the county) created lasting damage. Looking, for example, at the various churches and parishes many that used to be in the city and are now in suburbia, you can see how the population spread out over time. It is good if investment returns, but not acting as if it is coming to a place where there is nothing (erasing current residents). I heard it over the years "no one lives there" .... erasing the existence of people because they didn't happen to be people who they knew. There is healing that is needed to move forward.

To save our historical biuldings and to reinvest in them. Learn to embrace our history.

Please spend the money wisely and get some things done.

Until the crime issue is taken care of the quality of life for law abiding citizens is dismal.

No more stupid golf courses

No

The downtown is definitely improving

There is a lot of drinking and driving going on in Saginaw. There are liquor bottles thrown out of cars onto the streets and sidewalks everywhere!! Walk around and see for yourself down any well-traveled street. We need to step up enforcement for this. Saginaw needs to incentivize home improvements and maintenance. A lottery with nominations of those doing the work or most improved? Student workers learning job skills combined with paid time in tutoring or enrichment? Landlord incentives in tax credits for improvements?

Thank you for asking for the public's input!

I think the most important things for the city I've already mentioned. A lot has to do with car dependency and improvement of local networks of transportation. Additionally, land use could also be improved with

affordable living complexes instead of so many houses. In the main areas of the city at least where there are vacancies

Saginaw has been a great city in the past. I remember shopping downtown with my sister. We loved it but we can't do that any more. I do not live in the city but I have in my younger days however I do live in Saginaw County. I would love to see Saginaw again become the great and fun city it once was.

Help restore Potter St. and bring back the depot. Train travel would be wonderful and to be able to do it in Saginaw!

I hope this survey is mailed out to every Saginaw city resident. :) I hope this helps!

Saginaw shouldn't give up. Think outside the narrow blinders that people seem to put on and focus on. There's a lot of small useful steps people can take and they start to build up. You don't need to build monuments. Try just opening a door for somebody to come outside and work together. How bout making people feel safe in their city together?

Please, please, please actually take in to consideration what people are saying. The City of Saginaw truly needs help and it would be nice to make it to where there isnt such an apparent divide between City and Township. Please make it so where everyone is able to appreciate and love where they live. It would be great to see everyone come together and help Saginaw reach its true potential

The city as a whole has improved greatly over the last 10 years. I would like to see it continue. In order for it to continue revenue must be increased. In order for the to happen vacant lots must be occupied, either by neighboring houses picking up the lot and paying higher taxes or offer say a 2-5 year tax break to build a new house. Also the police force is to small. Never enough officers patrolling. In a month I see maybe 2. There has been shootings and break-ins in my neighborhood and if the police showed a greater presence it may deter delinquents from committing crimes.

Just ...fitness stops.

N/A

Agencies in Saginaw need to work collaboratively, as they are the most connected to residents. The community and government needs to listen to the residents.

No

I love this city and when folks are showed love and are cared for it has a domino effect. By caring for our citizens they will in turn care for this city.

Ive said what I said.

Sad to say, but if I owned my home in the city limits I would've gotten out long ago. I worry it's slowly creeping into my and surrounding neighborhoods



I would like to see how much subsidy from the \$52 million in federal aid would incentivize Jen Acosta to take on the Beringer Building development. Also the Potter Street Depot as a new STARS offices, etc.

We need to have a big factory or something coming to town to provide more jobs.

Saginaw Residents feel strongly about Saginaw. We need to capitalize on that and create a branding campaign that will bring people together with a shared sense of identity.

Yes. Please do what you can to clean up Saginaw!!!

Find alternative funding sources and work more closely with volunteer groups instead of charging them for every little thing that they do realizing that Revenue will come to the city

Saginaw needs to believe in itself. It is gateway to so many wonderful places and it should market itself to other parts of the United States. It needs to attract new blood from places that have become overcrowded and unaffordable, but who can bring talent, entrepreneurship, skills. A shed in California costs more than a house in Saginaw.

You should want to make all neighborhoods better not just riverfront. Take a couple of empty lots you own on east side and make a playground or a small bike park. These kids cannot get to the park by the river.

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No the mayor and counsel are doing amazing

Enforce our laws

Screw river front and the parks we need the crime and killings gone or way down my god the city has priorities all wrong.

If school tax is forced then owners should have a choice which school will receive their taxes. Any school local should be an option. This present school complacency but more importantky will empower residents/communities to take pride in their schools as they realize they have a direct impact on the local schools of their choice.

Instead of focusing on Parks and pathways. Focused on cleaning up the city as a whole.

have a coordinated plan with the City and the county to have the city be a stronger population hub and destination Thanks for asking

Can't we have all of # 11? Do we really have to choose?

I would like to commend the past and present members of the CIty Council for their service during trying times.

removing the blight could change the culture of city residents. Sometimes it takes for people to see better before they want to do better themselves. A change in scenery could change the attitudes of people within the city.

No.

Yes, promote-and invest in old town as well.

Look how many people go down town on Friday nights in the summer we. We need more things to bring people to Saginaw.

Based on questions 11 I would put the regional trails, local trails and playgrounds all at the top of my list. The reason I stated local is because again if you work in phases starting where the people out to draw them out would be key. But my concern when it comes to the trails is how to ensure we are keeping people safe or show people they are safe? Some people don't feel safe in their own neighborhood or encouraging walking, biking, etc people need the safety piece first. I still believe the biggest need is the access to grocery store. The Food Access Collaboration Team of Saginaw (FACTS) did a short presentation at one of the NAAG meetings so maybe that work along with the master plan could work together as we improve the city and the residents living there.

I'd like to see a committee that consists of every day residents, law enforcement from every branch and someone from the legal community. It is going to take a village. EVERYONE must work together or we'll never accomplish anything

It's a shame that there isn't a public swimming pool. I was lucky to be able to attend Anderson Pool as a youth.

Kids need more to do ....rec rooms ...programs ...things to keep them out of trouble

No. Thank you.

Bay city is beautiful

No

Crime seems to be the number one concern for city residents. We need more police presence.

The Japanese Gardens and Tea House is a cultural treasure and gem. Unfortunately, it is difficult for first time visitors to find entrance and parking. The staff does an excellent job of maintaining The Tea House. Can the city help more with the landscaping of the gardens.

Saginaw does not have any time left for bandaids and quick fixes. People are leaving because of crime and general frustration in the policies and movements of our city. Saginaw leaders need to be transparent with funding. We need to pick a path, backed by science and data and invest in it's success. So many people are working towards the improvement of our community and together we can make a difference.

Be diligent in gaining real input from city residents. Be even more diligent in gaining input from residents who are fully vested. Even more diligent with residents who reside here in homes they own, maintain and pay taxes on.

We need our city streets repaired.

Yes. Lower water bills and tax rates. When I moved to Saginaw in '73. There were over 100,000 people here. Now less than 50,000. That should tell you something about what people think about living in the city. Start enforcing laws on the books.

There are at least 2 or 3 technical food desserts on both the North Side and East Sides of SagInaw. We need better quality food and maybe a larger community garden ran by those that live in the community. I would also love to see better restaurants specifically from those who live in these communities as well.

I just pray that the city of Saginaw can get it together honestly. So many tragedies, so many losses, so many great places turned dull that no longer get utilized because people are AFRAID! They're afraid to go outside possibly getting caught in a cross fire or seen as the wrong person, catching COVID! I'm just praying for everyone that's all I can do.

We need a new recreation center. Minority children are being charged up to \$40 Dollars to play basketball for two hours. The children know very few people truly care about them. Therefore, they tend to not care.

No

INVEST IN POOR NEIGHBORHOODS. Neighborhoods matter. They are the locus for essential public and private services—schools being perhaps the most significant. The availability of quality grocery stores, reliable child care, safe after-school activities, and healthy recreational facilities also shapes our quality of life, as does access to job opportunities. And where we live directly affects our exposure to crime and violence, which profoundly influences our physical and emotional well-being.

Invest in local leaders who have experience with at risk youth and mentoring

N/A

No

Not really. I'm sure the people that have designed this plan have already made they're minds up about what they want to improve. Gentrifying the riverfront is what it sounded like when the Bancroft building was purchased and renovated. Yet, crime is still present not because the city didn't lock up enough people that's for sure. There will continue to be bloodshed surrounding the waterfront and scaring away potential new residents. Why? Saginaw has a reputation that it will never live down.

Put it to a public vote

Use your Faith Based community ...encourage volunteers to assist with projects..create resource center in all areas of city, transportation should be free for medical. Have DHD & SSI resources in hubs through city

IMFORM THE PEOPLE, SELL THE VACANT LOTS, FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR ALL (FIELDS, GROCERIES, TRAILS) BUILD MORE HOUSING COMPLEX AND ADD RESTAURANTS DOWN E. GENESSE!

No

Want to feel safe.

Investing in the inner city would change the city in its entirety. Investing in the riverfront will not. The City has done so and nothing has changed

Historic preservation, historic preservation, historic preservation. Utilize land bank houses for family homes. Utilize land Bank houses for family homes. Utilize land Bank for family homes. Waterfront. Waterfront. Waterfront .

Demonstration of positive outcomes Grocery stores on east side Shopping areas Better restaurants After hour events and opportunities to feel safe going to dinner and a show at the temple Get rid of vacant buildings downtown Eyesores all through downtown Community involvement New innovations for input and youth involvement Bring Panhellenic groups together to participate in community efforts

The management needs to do something about the lack of police in this town. Thy are far below what they need to be. It's pathetic. It seems as if the management doesn't actually care about safety.

No

N/A

No

There was no option for me to select other. I do not believe that parks should be our #1 priority.

Look at the successes of our neighboring communities and reach out to them for advice. Bay City is thriving and they are not a vastly different community than ours.

The city is missing out. If it had shopping and festivals like Frankenmuth, Bay City and Midland it draws people in. We enjoy going to these and checking out local business.

the whole city needs to demolished and start over , to many slum lords , need to kick out section 8 and people on welfare this city is a lost cause

Keep up the good work!

Be trailblazers, visionaries and fearless

Our city is sad. So many vacant lots not cared for. Homes boarded up and left when perhaps before they fall apart they can be fixed and sold. We need someone to go around and assess these home and see what can be fixed and sold.

Limitation on the number of liquor stores within mikes if each other Code enforcement regarding stores for those with disabilities. Aisle overstock, impassable., poor lighting

the river will always be the city's best asset

yes. Please consider investing in something that generates at least some tourists and revenue, Large Waterpark, casino, horse track,

I think the city need to invest in jobs for the youth, more recreational opportunities and making the residents feel safe in their neighborhoods.

Negative

Please consider some of these suggestions, i put a lot of thought into this survey for you. Such a worthy endeavor. Good luck!

Start a gun buy back program offer incentives ie special training for jobs to get people BACK to work. If the city can keep track of sex offenders it can keep track of people with guns.

More marijuana dispensaries, don't let the largest corporations dominate the market because there is a limit on the number of a certain type of business. Make police more visible without being more intrusive. Award private citizens for assisting the city with thing like plowing roads, mowing vacant lots, etc. Via tax incentives or admissions to things like concerts at the Dow.

A gun buy back program would be nice and keep track of the shooters.

I think the Fort Saginaw area should be an outside movie spot. The closest drive in is in grand blanc/flint

I'm sad when I think of Saginaw and how it used to be growing up, it has gotten so bad. I have been a Saginaw city resident my whole life, attended city public schools, and see the trickle down that happened when the big companies shut down where people without college degrees could earn a decent living. Then people started moving out. A lot of residents live in poverty and rely on the government for insurance, medication, food and housing assistance. After years of working with residents of the city in my profession, majority think this is normal. Cyclical poverty. Not sure what can be done about this bigger problem, parents are not good examples to their kids and many have no morals, hence, shootings and crime. Sad that it's like this, wish it wasn't.

Saginaw needs to clean up their city!!@@@

ARPA funding will go a long with community involvement and input.

No

The focus of this city cannot exclude it's black citizens. It's been that way for far too long. That must end now. We are the majority population here. That's why other efforts to build up downtown and old town fail. You're trying to draw people who live in suburbs. Stop it. You should be attracting black businesses downtown while also focusing on increasing home ownership by disbanding the land bank, acquiring those properties & selling them to people who want to build homes here. Get HUD involved as well to build affordable housing. That's how you increase the tax base & make our whole city viable. The WHOLE city. The ARPA funding can help the cause too.

Develop the future which are the children with programs and maybe small business opportunities that can help the city grow as well as the community

Care more about the places that are already here. Those are the treasures that have been left to rot

The public works center and Japanese gardens are severely understaffed.

Ojibway is probably better off with car traffic going through encourage walker , bikers etc

I hope you take my comments seriously and strongly consider enforcement. This will only help our City. The Shaheens have money to invest in the multitude of buildings they neglect. Hold them accountable for once.

I do love all the positive growth in the last 10 yrs

You need to get the crime under control. Board up/knockdown houses that aren't in good condition.

Again, I think some attention to the Japanese garden, as they've done with the zoo, could pay off in concert with make the river fronts more attractive.

Saginaw needs revitalization through economic growth/recovery from the exodus of the automotive industry. The workforce is here, it just needs a place to go. I would suggest developing areas for commercial/industrial opportunities for places such as HSC, Dow, Dupont, Nexteer, possibly Amazon distribution, etc. or maybe corporate headquarter locations for potential companies.

Invest more in riverfront. Trails and paths are pretty well maintained already

We the people of City of Saginaw need to stop turning the blind eye on crime. Start tell the police what you have wittiness, don't let the criminals get away!!. Start respecting one another.

I do have one suggestion that is more of a pipe dream than anything. I think Saginaw should invest in an indoor ice arena for the public. We have the Saginaw Spirit already, and I think getting more involved in the hockey scene would be a huge benefit to the community. If this is a place to go for good hockey, then

people will come. These arena's are usually multipurposed too. You would have another place to host events. I understand the townships have a rink, but it is pretty old and run down. The operators don't seem too focused on making any improvements that would help the sport grow in the area. I think between giving the Spirit a place to practice, high school and college teams a place to call their own, and local interest, it would be will worth the investment.

Wish Saginaw had more shops and restaurants within walking distance of all neighborhoods

Do something to encourage home ownership. Since the Great Recession my neighborhood has deteriorated because of all the people who lost their homes and now they are out of state rentals.

More gardens and more light. People are not going to want to take a walk by the river with the amount of light that it has.

A little unity goes a long way

I wish the river was cleaner too, we need to rebuild the Saginaw "sky line" as well

The city needs to be focused on its city life , and business options and like I keep mentioning... a walkable downtown. Not so much the nonfixable polluted river. I love visiting Detroit. If they can bounce back, why can't we? We NEED \$ to do things. Marijuana shops will bring this income! Bay City was smart! Please wake up and stop demonizing this form of income. It is not utilized by thugs. This is 2021. Let's be smart and move with the times and save this city. Please, for our children. For its future.

I feel like the people who are trying to preserve Saginaw and generate a resurgence face an uphill battle and resistance at every turn. It's hard to take pride in a city that devalues its own history and seems intent on stripping every vestige of that history from the streets. It's heartbreaking to see how so many neighborhoods have fallen into utter disrepair. That is likely at least partially due to absentee landlords who don't monitor tenants. It's also due to unmaintained infrastructure (streets and sidewalks that are barely navigable). I would be interested in testing closed streets in Old Saginaw City during the summer (as in downtown Midland) with entertainment and activities to draw people.

No

Allocate founding to improve the Japanese Garden.

Just pray for our City and do what's right.

The Japanese Tea House is the Cities most unique asset. It is unlikely that any other Michigan city has something comparable. It needs to be well-funded and well advertised.

For the Japanese Culture Center, it is such a gem. I have posted its beautiful cherry blossom photos in a FB for Japanese people who live all over the USA, and I received so many positive feedback about the garden. However, when you look closely to the garden, they need so much maintenance such as signs, pavement and landscape.

The city keeps asking for funding yet every aspect of the city is grossly understaffed. There's no point in building anything new until there are employees able to maintain the spaces.

We need to utilize partnerships to get some of our property better maintained. Maybe Covenant takes care of Bliss Park? Maybe SMC (GM) takes care of the grass in the BLVD areas around their facility. We do reduce their property tax regularly. These are just examples. Maybe give a small incentive to citizens to maintain BLVD areas in their neighborhoods.

If we could ever have an occasional train trip to Durand or Flint or even Detroit from the Potter St station, that would be wonderful. Develop that whole area and connect it to the biking trails that exist in and around Saginaw. Identify the Iron Belle trail where it passes through the City.

Reducing crime and attracting large employers should take precedence over new infrastructure that the city can't afford to maintain.

When people new first visit Saginaw they are amazed by the River and confused why everything in Saginaw doesn't focus on the River. We don't even have one waterfront restaurant anymore. Thank you for working to improve Saginaw!

Stop throwing down loose stone in neighborhoods, this summer our neighborhood was "treated" with loose stone... is this to make it smoother or repair the road because it didn't do either. The road is just as bumpy if not worse, little stones are all in my yard and get stuck in my tires as well as getting stuck in stroller wheels when going to a walk with children. I would rather nothing have been done at all to the road, it wasn't even bad to begin with.

When looking at the list above, it would be amazing to connect regional trails to Saginaw City, but people will not come if they are fearful. We need to clean up our house before heading out to the neighborhood.

We need all-ages activity sites (with minimal possibilities of breakages or vandalism) that encourage family involvement & exercise.

I hope that the City of Saginaw utilize these funds to the under served communities on the East Side of Saginaw.

without protection, all this is useless

Many

Put more cops on staff and increase fire department. Invest the money that our education system is wasting on roads and a solar energy initiative for all properties in the city. Give prospective companies and residents a reason to move here. Make this city green.

No



Let police do their job, stop overpaying the worthless road repair crews for their terrible patchwork. When you see a group of people obviously causing trouble do something about it let the officers work. Have the police actually go after real problems instead of pulling people over for stupid shit. Stop thinking that typing thoughts and prayers will automatically fix the situation.

No

City is going downhill. We will be moving within 5 years.

N/a

Please...Please...Please bring back things and places for our youth.

This city has a lot of potential as long as funds to improve are not squandered away on personal and pet projects.

No

I appreciate these surveys

Building parks to be maintained by taxpayers, seems like a ineffective way to change the problems. The question is how can " demand" exceed "supply", doesn't that create value?

No

1. Get better jobs in Saginaw 2. Get open a organic food market open year round, many people want to shop there but have to drive to areas to get the products. Do in city and township. 3. Get more than 1 kroger in the township of Saginaw. Get shopping in city. 4. Chamber of commerce should help out more in meeting businesses. 5.have a stronger business base.

A waterpark like anderson waterpark they said they closed it because of pool resurfacing costing 100k a year then build a splash pad and bathroom building that are never unlocked and a skate park I hate what they did with celebration park the park was filled to the brim when it was anderson waterpark they needed to expand it. It made the city a better place and I would be willing to bet there was less violence when we had the waterpark

Open ojibwa

I think that if Saginaw can embrace its diversity while also coming together to tackle common ground issues we all face the better off we will be. We need to make our young people a priority and make sure our education and city planning directly benefits the youth first and foremost.

Saginaw needs to create safe and beautiful zones to draw people to support businesses and bring in new business. Midland and Bay City have done this and instead of going Downtown or Old Town Saginaw, I

find myself and many others taking our business to Midland, Bay City, or Saginaw Township. The focus should be on walk friendly streets and areas, where safety and beautification are stressed.

N/A

We need new leadership

I would like information on how to apply for grants city state and federal for small businesses. I would like to build a vertical grow complex using Solar, Wind and Hydroelectric power, with a water wheel that also helps clean up the waterway Any help would be appreciated

Again recreation, preferably an ongoing budget. If u want youth to grow to be responsible adults a lot can be learned thru recreation.

riverfront, stop letting trains hold the city hostage, faster police response time.

Walking paths.

No

My neighborhood would like to have a friendly Community Police Officer.

We'd probably need another \$52 million 😊 Thanks for all you do, you're appreciated.

No just always been a dream of mine to help clean up the city but never had the funding would like to have a business to help clean up the city and also have a place where people can bring their things to dump on a weekly basis to help stop people from dumping and abandoning lots.

No

We really need to promote the river as well as making streets near restaurants for eating. Bay City & Midland have a great street eating idea. We have to travel to find that experience as well as Frankenmuth. We need to focus on our assets that God has provided us. I would love to dock my boat in Saginaw during the summer. We have space. Just need to get one train bridge to swing up and the other to swing 90 degrees. They used to long ago.

We definitely need to work on a more positive image for our city.

Spend extra money on our streets

Improvement of the city image needs to start at the base. Clean up the crime. Increase police funding. Followed by cleaning up the city. Clean... don't destroy. Start thinking outside of the box and get fresh ideas. Start lobbying businesses to come in and incentivise them to rehab some of these beautiful and historic buildings that make up saginaw. Create youth programs. Detur gangs. The image of this city isn't

going to change by putting money into parks. Start where it really needs it and where the money can be put to best use.

I would like to add that the Futures I was city is at stake we're losing this city something has to be done praying that the people in charge will do the right thing to bring this city back

No

the city can not move forward without good neighbor hoods schools and parks for everyone the city needs to set the example

I know the City's tax base has suffered loss in the absence of G. M., but there is a real need for the redevelopment of businesses on the East Genesee corridor.

We need to reconsider a Recreational Department to city government.

Don't waste taxpayers money in areas that are not going to appreciate it.

Yes. Please make sure the money is put to good use for all and not just a select few. Also, make sure the money is accounted for and not squandered by city officials like has happened in the past.

Just want to ask for more building up of the east side, it is the 1st part of Saginaw visitors see upon arrival and the last on departure...what a memory!

As I suggested before, there needs to be an image change. It doesn't matter what improvements we make, if people don't feel safe oh, they will not come. The city needs to make it easier to start a business, their needs to be more variety of where to eat and what to do. We have wonderful parks in Saginaw that need very little to be remarkable. I feel a lot of emphasis is being put on these parks but Public Safety is just as important

The greatest challenge to successful planning is getting a buy-in from the beneficiaries of the planning process. It will not be successful unless the plan is community driven and the community takes ownership in it. Hopefully, my comments, along with others, are given due consideration in the development of the Masterplan.

I think that the parks should have ungraded playground and things for the youth, and sporting activities to as well for the youth.

We can't afford to live here anymore. The taxes, tax bill, water bills are way to high. When you have people that leave this city per year, the \$ that is lost, you place their burdon onto us. Its not fair You have to hire someone who skill is writing for/getting grants from the state and federal governments. Example: if you need money for replacing the old water infrastructure (pipes) you get grants for those projects NOT from your taxpayers buy charging \$90/mth for water sewer bill. Which use to be \$15 per quarter (\$5/mth) 25 years ago. You place all burdens onto taxpayers instead of getting grants. Another example \$100 million dollars for a school. Get a grant or grants.

We absolutely need a state of the art facility for sports and recreation so that our high school students will no longer feel the need to leave our city to get proper training and development. Otherwise we will continue to lose our best student athletes to other communities.

No

I think Saginaw could be a better city by most importantly being truthful with the people

None

On #11 I clicked all but it wouldn't accept all. It would be nice to have a few parks with bandshells, parks with playgrounds alongside small water park areas, sport courts, picnic areas, and shelter from elements. But they also need lighting to promote safety and patrolling by police in some areas for safety. Its one thing to create a park, it's another to be consistent on upkeep. If there is no consistent upkeep and it's not accessible to ALL abilities, it won't be used.

Grocery store to place lost stores in area

Explore options in less dense areas of the city. change zoning to match rural areas. Encourage density in neighborhoods surrounding the hospitals.

I think Mayor Moore is doing a great job the city needs to work with her more everyone on the city council needs to be out into the neighborhoods talking with the residents more.

Repair the reputation of the city. Focus on making a it a livable city. Increase police outreach in the community. Listen to the voices of the people when they attend meetings to voice their concerns. Increase activities for adults and youth.

Life Long resident on East Side Saginaw, Neighborhood get get together to turn out the Summer.

We need to get rid of the tax cap!

Daily Police patrol of parks.

I mentioned BLIGHT often because I'm tired of the phrase "ol Sagnasty". I want to see a cleaner City. I do like seeing the potted plants around the city.

make a difference from my survey

please help all of us who need help and are ask for help. amen!

the city will waste money and embezzlement will show up in the future you city council will give big fat raises waste public house say in matter

people who are poor or disbles dont have the money or means to get out of town for a mini vacation for a change of scenery for a new perspective or a chance to relax so how can we build and mintain these opportunities in saginaw itself? how can we bring nature's beauty to saginaw more?

have been in saginaw all my life the more we get better living senior citizens housing downtown im member

No

no

lets do this!

more police

bike lanes!

have movies in the park for older people and make it safe

we need better police men who target everyone for their wrong doings

no

we need functional police headquarters on thts open with people inside on duty at all times

let the churches be part of your planning program

when I saw a group of young men attempting to break streetlights with rocks i didn't know who to call after the summer of justice- we need another number to call. wont call 911

the east side of saginaw I75/675 holland,genessee washington streets along with michigan, state and davenport is saginaw the city has gone too long developing the door of the city westside -the

community park places for specials

clean up the old potter street are its historical clean up the eastside and northside of saginaw build business with high tech security

The city has a great resource in the Saginaw River, many cities in the US have bolstered their development along their rivers, Bay city for one. Something needs to be done to promote development along the Saginaw riverfront, providing venues with river access, more docks in downtown. One idea I've had was converting the turning basin south of the old Rifkin site into a marina, the current marina further south is secluded and out of the main interest area of old town and downtown. Moving Rifkin was a great idea, and now the city needs to take the next step in the clean-up and development of the site. another focus should be on parking, parking along city streets is limited, and new parking lots that have been

created seem to be private and not for visitors to the area. Finally, the city needs to take an interest in preserving what's left of the historical nature of the city. focus on preserving older buildings that are in disrepair.

## APPENDIX C

### OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

## **SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN**

### **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)**

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
  - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
  - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
  - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
  - Resource Protection
  - Water Access
  - Community Recreation
  - Urban Recreation
  - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$300,000 (\$600,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### **Michigan Recreation Passport Grant**

- Administered by MNRTF
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$150,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and indoor* recreation projects
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

### **Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program**

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) Go to “Projects and Programs”.



### **Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)**

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Relatively simple application form and requirements.
- Due dates vary.
- [www.glft.org](http://www.glft.org)

### **Michigan Coastal Management Grants**

#### Objectives

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan’s Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$100,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
  - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
  - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- [www.michigan.gov/ogl](http://www.michigan.gov/ogl)

#### ***Other grant programs to consider:***

### **Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service**

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- [www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm)

### **Specific sports and sports foundations**

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
  - funding for tennis courts and programs
  - [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com)
- Major League Baseball
  - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
  - [www.baseballtomorrow.com](http://www.baseballtomorrow.com)
- United States Soccer
  - [www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org)

## **Safe Routes to School**

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
  - Sidewalks
  - Traffic calming and speed reduction
  - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
  - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
  - Off-street pedestrian facilities
  - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org)

## **Trust for Public Land (TPL)**

- Conservation Transactions  
TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

## **Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants**

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- [www.michigan.gov/egle](http://www.michigan.gov/egle)

## **Community Foundations**

### **Private Foundations and Endowments**

Saginaw Community Foundation  
Other local community groups  
Consumers Energy

## **KEEP IN MIND...**

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think “regional” projects.
- Grant applications can be complicated, detailed and competitive. Make sure your grant writer is familiar with the grant and funding source. Learn as much as possible ahead of time to know if your project has potential for funding.

## APPENDIX D

### ADOPTION DOCUMENTS

**Ad Content Proof**

**CITY OF SAGINAW  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Saginaw shall conduct a public meeting on January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers rm 205, 1315 S. Washington Ave, Saginaw MI 48601 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed draft of the City of Saginaw Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the City wishes to pursue. The City is especially interested in receiving input from people with disabilities. A PDF copy of the plan is available for review online at [https://www.saginaw-mi.com/departments/community\\_and\\_economic\\_development/planning\\_zoning/index.php](https://www.saginaw-mi.com/departments/community_and_economic_development/planning_zoning/index.php) or available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office, Rm 102, City Hall, 1315 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601 during regular office hours.

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please email comments to Robert Gollin, Urban Planner at City of Saginaw, [RGollin@saginaw-mi.com](mailto:RGollin@saginaw-mi.com) no later than January 7, 2022.

All comments, written and oral, will be noted for the record.

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Copeland offered a prayer and Council Member Williams led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Monique Lamar-Silvia, Reggie Williams, Annie Boensch, Michael Balls, Autumn Scherzer, William Ostash, Michael Flores, George Copeland, Brenda Moore: 9. Council Members absent: 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Santos announced that City Hall will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk Santos announced the public hearing regarding the official intent to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds and authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue bonds. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Paul Reinsch, Director of Water and Wastewater, spoke in favor and summarized the prior approval of the project. Mayor Moore called for public comments two more times. No other comments were made.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to close the public hearing. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Clerk Santos announced the public hearing regarding the proposed draft of the City of Saginaw Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Cynthia Todd, Director of Planning with Spicer Group, spoke in favor of the plan and provided a recap of steps taken for consideration of items included in the draft plan. Mayor Moore called for additional comments two more times. No other comments were made.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to close the public hearing. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Angie Miller, Indigo Dudley, Jessie Addison, Patrice Boulware, Dawn Hinton, Audrey Beatty.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Audrey Beatty by forty-five (45) seconds. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Public Input continued with Henry Hill, and Apral Williams.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Flores, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Scherzer, Ostash, Balls, and Moore.

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REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Manager Morales provided information and updates regarding City projects.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. No exceptions were made. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the December 20, 2021 regular council meeting minutes.
2. Approve the professional services agreement with Dickinson Wright, PLLC for \$15,000 to act as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of bonds for the purpose of designing, acquiring, and constructing improvements to the City's water supply system, including lead service line replacement.
3. Adopt the resolution authorizing sponsors of various community events to use amplifying equipment for 2022.
4. Adopt the resolution authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages during various community events for 2022.
5. Approve the proposed traffic regulation changes for the Public Services Department, Engineering Section of the Right of Way Division.
6. Approve the increase to the blanket purchase order with Engels Auto Body by \$17,000, for a new total of \$32,000, for vehicle repair services for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.
7. Approve the purchase with Ferguson Enterprise for \$9,450 for Portland cement for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.
8. Approve to increase the purchase order with Waste Management by \$13,430, for a new total of \$27,650, for trash containers and disposal at the City's Convenience Station for the Public Services Department, Street Division.
9. Approve the purchase with HACH Company for \$7,609 for SC200 Controllers for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
10. Approve the purchase with Ferguson Waterworks for \$18,015 for valve operators for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
11. Approve the increase to the purchase order with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. by \$13,320, for a new total of \$57,960, for chlorine for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Wastewater Treatment Division.
12. Approve the increase to the purchase order with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. by \$52,863, for a new total of \$227,285, for Sodium Hypochlorite for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Remote Facilities Division; and approve the increase to the purchase order with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. by \$25,927, for a new total of \$140,284 for Sodium Hypochlorite for the Water Treatment Division.

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to introduce an ordinance to add "Low Income Housing Tax Exemption for Amurcon Corporation," to "Table VIII: Low Income Housing Tax Exemption," by amending "Ordinance O-44," of the "Table of Special Ordinances," of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances, O-204. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adopt the resolution declaring official intent to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds and authorizing publication of the notice of intent to issue bonds. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,

  
Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC  
City Clerk

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Moore offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Monique Lamar-Silvia, Reggie Williams, Annie Boensch, Michael Balls, Autumn Scherzer, William Ostash, Michael Flores, George Copeland, Brenda Moore: 9. Council Members absent: 0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Cecilia Olvera, Philip Graves, and Apral Williams.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Apral Williams by forty-five (45) seconds. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Scherzer, Ostash, Flores, Balls, and Moore.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Manager Morales provided information and updates regarding City projects. He introduced Melissa Castro and David Sernick of Guidehouse. The presented information of their experience with communities and services they can provide in assisting with the administration of managing the American Rescue Plan Act process.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. An exception was made to item #2. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the January 10, 2021 regular council meeting minutes.
2. Approve the filing of the 2022 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, and that City Council call a public hearing to be held on February 21, 2022.
3. Approve the insurance policy renewal with Chubb/Federal Insurance Company; Hanover Insurance Group; Cincinnati Insurance Company; and Scottsdale Insurance Company effective February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2023, for a total of \$443,661.
4. Approve the revised guidelines for applicants requesting Poverty Exemptions.
5. Approve to increase the blanket purchase order with Cummins, Inc. by \$2,500, for a new total of \$4,000, for the Fire Department.



6. Approve the purchase with Holland Supply, Inc. for \$3,929 for one lowering device for the Public Services Department, Cemeteries Division.
7. Approve the purchase with Gratiot Outdoor Equipment for \$28,105 for two zero turn mowers for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Wastewater Treatment and Remote Facilities Divisions.
8. Approve the contract increase with Wm. E. Walter, Inc. by \$892,200, for a new total contract cost of \$2,141,700, for the Kochville Pump Station Phase II Improvement project.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to approve consent agenda item #2. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

#### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Balls reported that the MBS International Airport has received grant funds to expand a runway and build an additional storage shelter for equipment and also working to meet the requirements for PFAS regulations.

Mayor Moore and Council Member Ostash reported on the recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny the rezoning request for 510 S. Warren.

#### APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve appointments 1 through 25 allowing for exceptions. Exceptions were made to 12 through 17, 19, 23 and 24. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the City Manager reappointment of Bryan Weiss to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a term to expire December 31, 2024.
2. Approve the Council appointment of Carla LaMarr to the Historic District Commission with a term to expire July 31, 2024.
3. Approve the Council appointment of Jeffrey Bulls to the Human Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2022.
4. Approve the Council appointment of Henry Porterfield to the Human Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2023.
5. Approve the Council reappointment of Debra Melkonian to the Human Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2023.
6. Approve the Council appointment of Dennis Morrison to the Human Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2023.
7. Approve the City Manager reappointment of James Nightingale to the Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2024.
8. Approve the City Manager reappointment of Robert Hanley to the Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2024.

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9. Approve the Council appointment of Kathy Miller to the Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services with a term to expire December 31, 2023.
  10. Approve the Council appointment of Andrea Foster to the Citizens-Police Advisory Commission with a term to expire February 28, 2024.
  11. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Christina Jones to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  12. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Kevin Albosta to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  13. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Amy Spadafore to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  14. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Renee Johnston to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  15. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Veronica Horn to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  16. Approve the Mayoral appointment of James Hernandez to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  17. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Sharon Leaman-Case to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  18. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Jeffrey Bulls to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  19. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Hurley Coleman Jr. to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  20. Approve the Mayoral appointment of James Doane to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  21. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Grady Holmes Jr. to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
  22. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Calvin Talley to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.

23. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Fenobia Dallas to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
24. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Tina Swanton to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.
25. Approve the Mayoral appointment of Valerie Toney to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee with a term to expire upon completion of the ARPA Program.

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the Mayoral appointment of items # 12, 15, 16, 17, and 23. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to postpone until the next meeting the Mayoral appointment of item #13. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Lamar-Silvia, Flores  
Nays: Williams, Boensch, Balls, Scherzer, Ostash, Copeland, Moore  
Absent: None  
Motion denied.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch approve the Mayoral appointment of item #13. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Williams, Boensch, Balls, Scherzer, Ostash, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Moore  
Nays: Flores  
Absent: None  
Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores to postpone until the next meeting the Mayoral appointment of item #14. No second was given.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch approve the Mayoral appointment of item #14. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Boensch, Balls, Scherzer, Ostash, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Moore  
Nays: Flores  
Absent: None  
Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores to postpone until the next meeting the Mayoral appointment of item #19. No second was given.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve the Mayoral appointment of item #19. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores to postpone until the next meeting the Mayoral appointment of item #24. No second was given.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch approve the Mayoral appointment of item #24.

Ayes: Balls, Scherzer, Ostash, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Moore

Nays: Flores

Absent: None

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Flores to introduce an ordinance to amend the official city map to rezone, lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, Blk.25, Glasby, Gallagher and Littles Addition, City of Saginaw, from RO-1, Restricted Office to B-2, General Business. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: None

Nays: Scherzer, Ostash, Flores, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Balls, Moore

Absent: None

Motion denied.

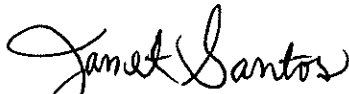
RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to adopt the resolution adopting the Five-Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,



Janet Santos, MIPMC/MMC  
City Clerk

## TO ADOPT THE CITY OF SAGINAW PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** the City of Saginaw has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2021 through 2026; and

**WHEREAS:** the City of Saginaw began the process of developing a parks, recreation and open space plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

**WHEREAS:** residents of the City of Saginaw were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan; and

**WHEREAS:** the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

**WHEREAS:** a public hearing was held on January 10, 2022 at the Council Chambers, City Hall in the City of Saginaw to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Saginaw, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; and

**WHEREAS:** the City of Saginaw has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Saginaw; and

**WHEREAS:** after the public hearing, the City of Saginaw voted to adopt said City of Saginaw Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

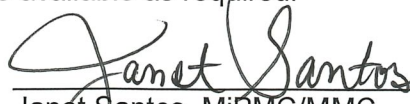
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Saginaw hereby adopts the City of Saginaw Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Ayes:           Nine  
Nays:           None  
Absent:         None

### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

I, Janet Santos, City Clerk of the City of Saginaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City of Saginaw, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, at a public meeting held January 24, 2022; the original thereof is on file in the records of my office; the meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and minutes of this meeting were kept and will be made available as required.



  
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Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC  
City Clerk