

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Islandview & Greater Villages Neighborhood Planning?

It is a planning study to assess resident issues and address them with implementable projects in the near, short and long term future. It is part of four other neighborhood planning studies happening concurrently throughout the City of Detroit.

2. What does the planning study include?

Community Engagement – providing opportunities for all residents to share their vision, and concerns throughout the process.

Houses/Housing – blighted houses needing demolition, vacant houses to be rehabbed, occupied houses needing a little help, new housing opportunities.

Landscapes – treating vacant land as an asset, alleviate flooding occurrences

Retail – what are the needs and where are the retail opportunities.

Historic Preservation – identifying structures and spaces; learning from individual resident stories.

Mobility – connecting Detroit with methods of transportation, improving streetscapes.

Zoning – making it easier for small businesses to open, addressing parking concerns.

The Beltline – design and construction of a new greenway to connect to the Detroit River.

3. How can I provide my input and voice my concerns?

- We are at your community meetings, please attend and we can connect.
- We are holding a community workshop, **May 18th and May 20th**, we hope to see you there!
- We have an email for you to leave messages: islandviewvillage@detroitmi.gov
- We have a phone number, leave us your message – (313)-749-8819
- We can meet in person at the Butzel Family Rec Center, on 7737 Kercheval. Please check times so we don't miss you.

4. How can seniors provide their input?

Engaging with all residents is very important. If you know a senior/s who want to provide feedback and cannot attend the meeting, please contact city planning staff and someone will reach out to them.

5. Are there any opportunities for youth to participate?

Of course! Kids are welcome to all public meetings. In addition, we are working with local school administrators to gather input from kids of all ages at their schools.

6. What is the Beltline Greenway, and how is it part of this planning study?

The Beltline is a proposed greenway project, which intends to reactivate the former Beltline rail corridor, roughly originating at Mt. Elliott Park at the Detroit riverfront and running under E. Jefferson Avenue up to Kercheval Avenue. It is a project for pedestrians and cyclists that encourages recreational activities and safely connects neighborhoods to riverfront amenities. It is also to be designed as an infrastructure project to address flooding across the study area.

7. Has there been community engagement for the Beltline project in the past?

Yes, the Beltline was proposed through the GREEN Task Force which produced the Master Plan of Greenways in 2011. There was engagement for that plan and through DECC, Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative, since then. There were also a series of engagement activities coordinated by Gleaners in 2010 to determine feasibility of the project.

