



# RIVER FOR ALL OUTREACH SUMMARY

I would like for the **RIVER CORRIDOR** to have...

- More trees and plants - keep and encourage the natural river edges
- Multi-generational, active, and passive recreation spaces
- More seating and lighting
- More boat launches and places to touch the river
- Places to learn about river ecology and community history
- More food and drink options
- More public art
- Spaces for live performances
- Connections to walk, bike, and bus from my neighb
- Trails and crosswalks in North/South and East/West directions

## Opportunity Sites:

LEONARD TO ANN TRAIL	WATER STORAGE YARD	CANAL ST. BOAT LAUNCH
<p>North to south trail connection and river interaction</p>	<p>Boat launch and recreation</p>	<p>Boat launch, recreation, and environmental education</p>
<p>Boat launch, with a performance, eat/drink</p>	<p>Recreation, spectating and seating and overlook</p>	<p>Outdoor education and recreation</p>



## Access:

- Bi-lingual wayfinding to also include indigenous language
- Street crossings with crosswalks and refuge islands
- Boat launch, dockage, and barrier free access
- Visual and physical connection to the river, use streetgrid

## Programming:

- Education/history
- Eating and drinking
- Interactive art
- Live performances
- Inclusive recreation

## Landscaping:

- Lighting and seating to enhance user safety and belonging
- Add/protect native trees and plants



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

riverforall.com

## River for All Experiential Engagement

63 6th, 7th, 8th graders and their teachers (Urban Ecology and Art)  
 5 design consultant teams  
 4 days and 30 "open" hours  
 10 history boards  
 3 outdoor rooms  
 2 ADA ramps  
 1 art crosswalk  
 1 new mural  
 117 surveys  
 400 fliers  
 2069 dot votes  
 2150 conversations  
 Number of passersby on foot, bike, and in their vehicles... **countless**

## Advisory Committee

26 members  
 3+ meetings  
 Review/comment on concepts

## Focus Groups

6 topic areas  
 7 group sessions  
 - City Design Team  
 - Mayor's Youth Council  
 - Mayor's Millennial Advisory Board  
 - DGRI Board of Advisors  
 - DGRI Alliance Goal 1  
 - Anishinaabe Community  
 - Natural Areas Coalition

## Website/Print/Present

324 comments  
 1476 webviews  
 "We Are GR" article  
 GR Waterfest

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE RIVER CORRIDOR...



Mayor's Millennial Advisory Board



River for All ArtPrize engagement day. Installation of midblock crossing and crosswalk.



Mayor's Youth Advisory Council



Children's model of the future river corridor at the Anishinaabe community meeting



Grand Rapids Museum School involvement with River for All ArtPrize engagement event



Anishinaabe community meeting

## TIMELINE



IDEAS

CONCEPTS

PLANS