

# Appendix B. 2023 Youth Voice Exhibition Presentation Slides

# NASHVILLE YOUTH DESIGN TEAM



**YOUTH VOICE EXHIBITION**

# THE TEAM

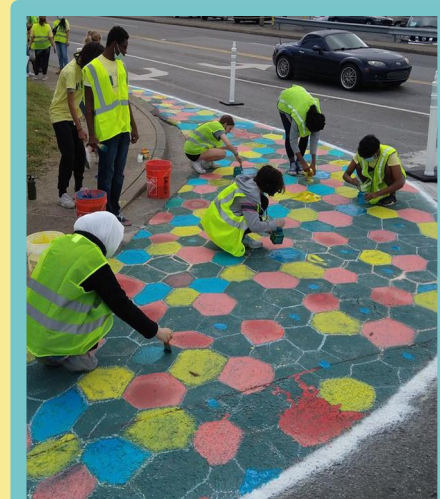
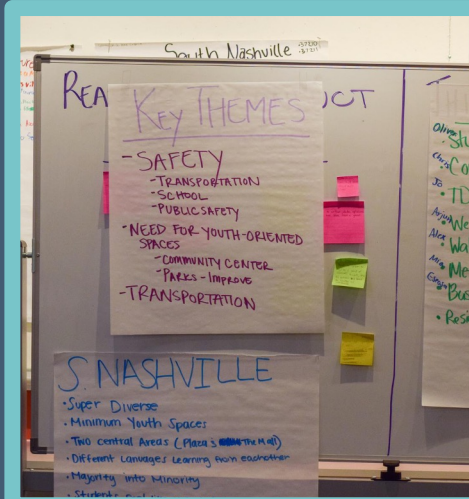
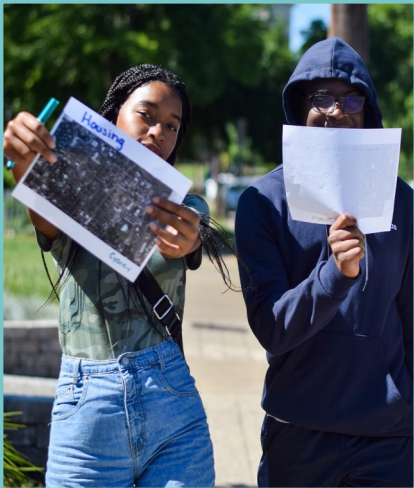
STARTED IN JULY 2020

15 HIGH SCHOOLERS  
REPRESENTING  
NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
SCHOOLS ACROSS  
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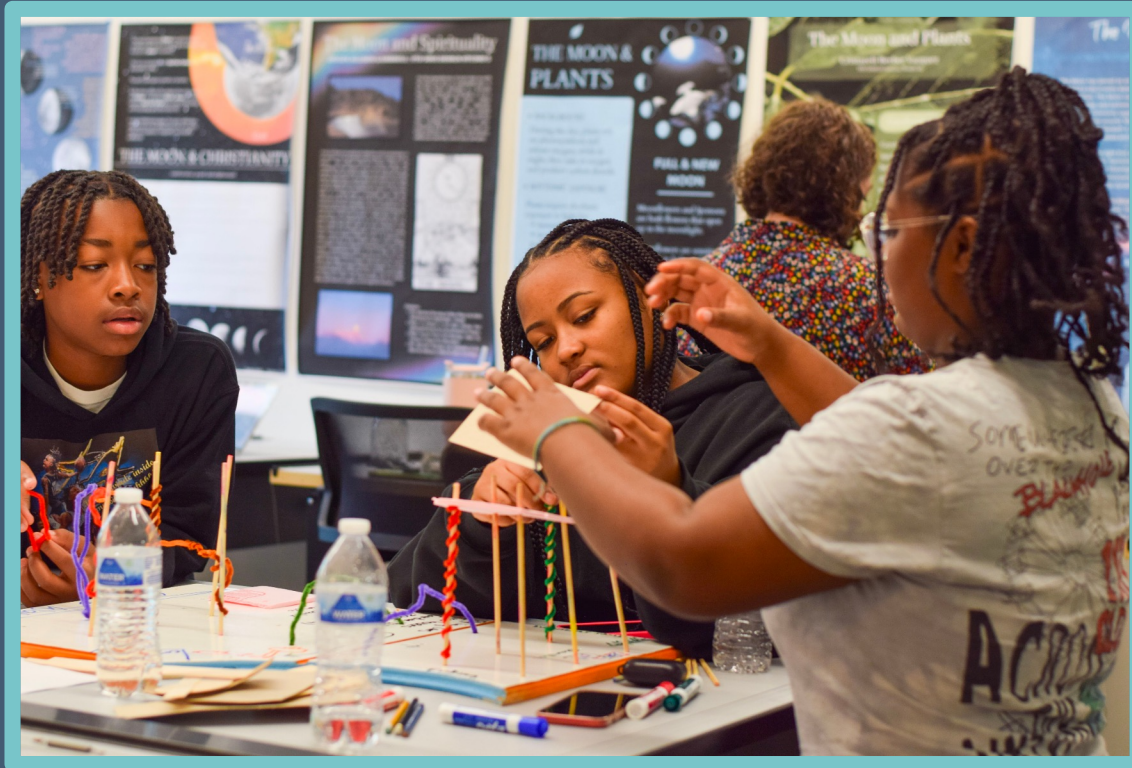


# HOW IT WORKS

- Community Research
- Design & Install Interventions
- Advocacy for Change



# DREAM CITY WORKSHOP



# WHAT IS A DREAM CITY?



Meet the Robinsons



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Dream City is a place made for youth, where the only limit is their imagination. In a Dream City, anything can be possible. Infinite money? Flying cars? Chocolate river? are all things that can be a reality in a dream city!

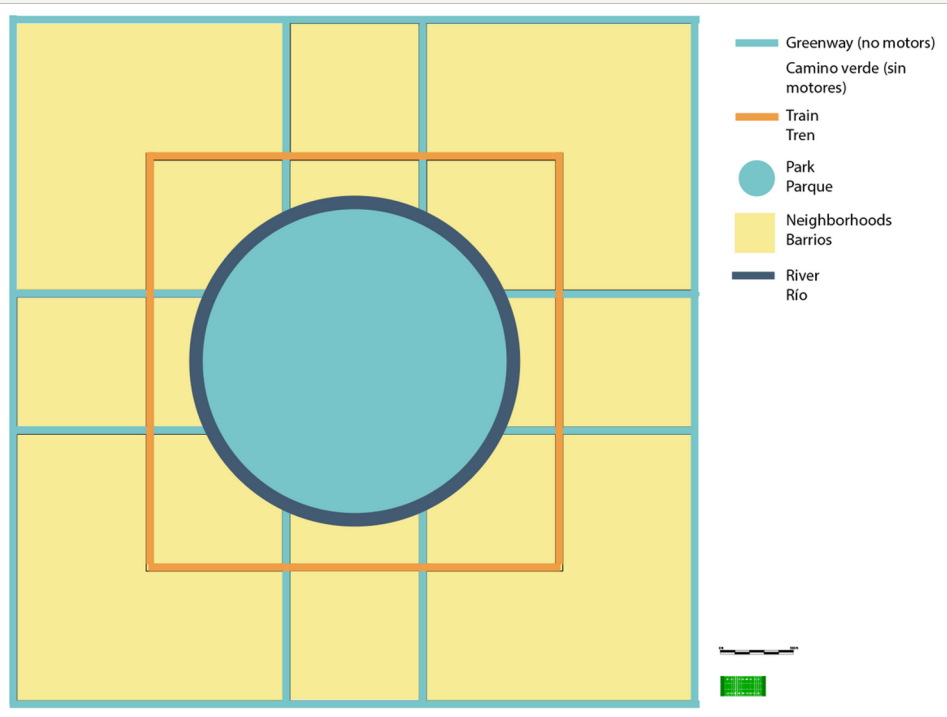
A vibrant, fantastical landscape with a river, colorful plants, and characters. The scene is filled with lush, stylized vegetation in various colors like purple, green, and yellow. In the foreground, a yellow chicken-like character with a backpack stands on the left, and a blue character is partially visible. A river flows through the center, with several smiling, round, orange and purple objects floating in it. In the background, there are more colorful structures and a large, stylized tree with a face-like shape. The overall atmosphere is bright and whimsical.

**DREAM CITY WORKSHOP**  
**DESIGN A DREAM CITY**  
**FOR ONLY YOUTH**

# DREAM CITY SPACES

- **Socializing** - A place to be with people and talk with others.
- **Getting energy out** - A place to have fun and move freely.
- **Being creative** - A place where you can think and be yourself.
- **Learning** - A place to gain knowledge and experience new things.
- **Healing** - A place where you go to feel better.
- **Getting healthy food** - A place where you get food that is good for you.
- **Living** - A place where you sleep and are at home.
- **Getting around** - A place where you can travel to different places like school or home.





## Materials

## Materialles



Taking from what we have learned, create your own dream city using the layout above.

A partir de lo que hemos aprendido, crea la ciudad de tus sueños con el diseño anterior

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU HOPE TO SEE IN A PERFECT CITY DESIGNED ONLY FOR YOUTH?
- WRITE 3 WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR DREAM CITY.

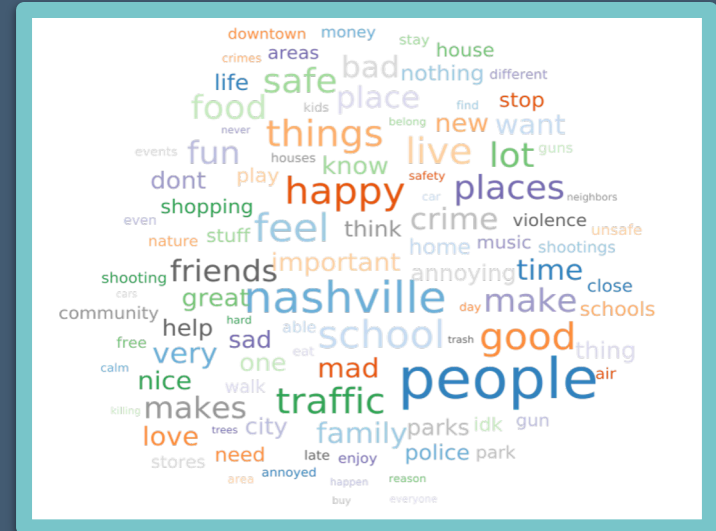
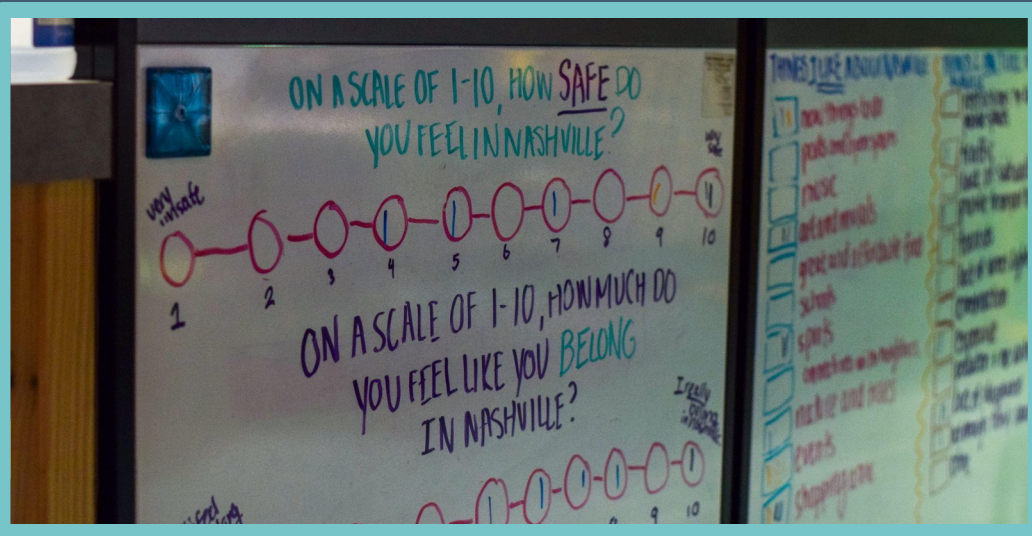
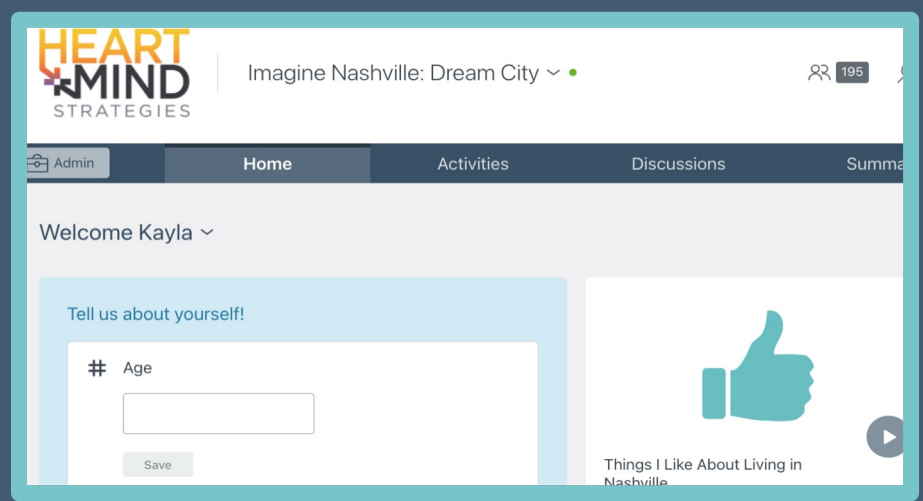


# PREGUNTAS A CONSIDERAR

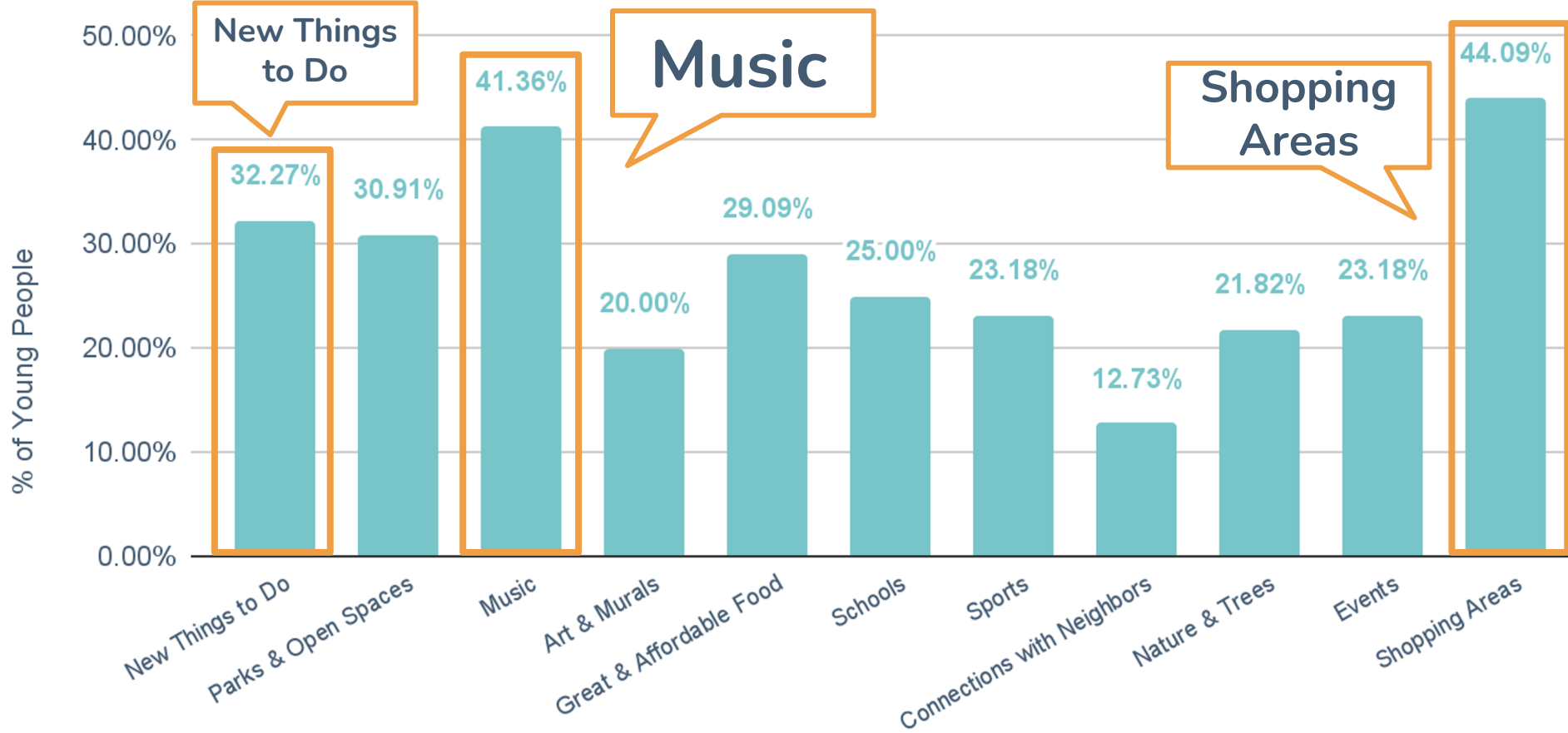
- ¿CUÁLES SON ALGUNAS COSAS QUE ESPERAS VER EN UNA CIUDAD PERFECTA DISEÑADA SOLO PARA JÓVENES?
- ESCRIBIR 3 PALABRAS PARA DESCRIBIR LA CIUDAD DE TUS SUEÑOS.



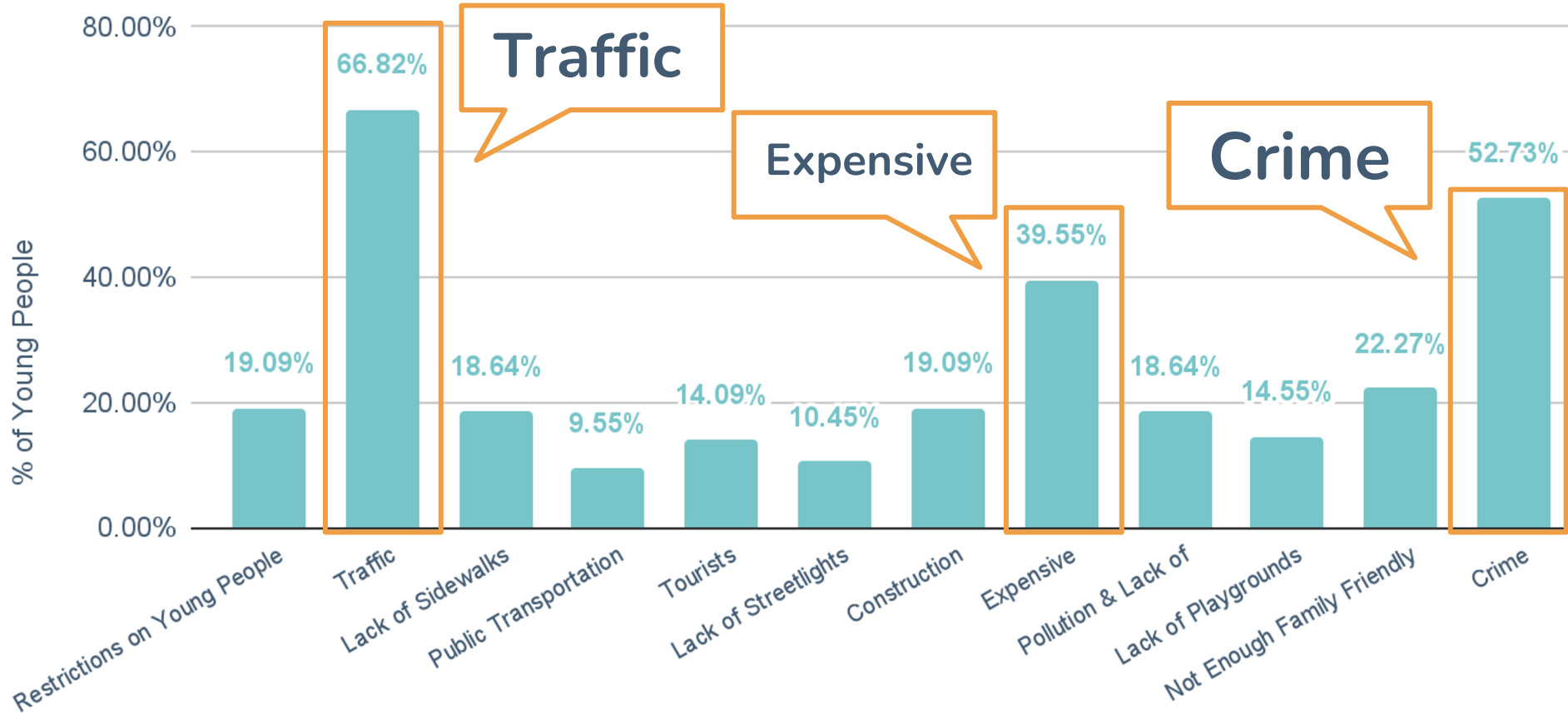
# WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE AND DISLIKE ABOUT LIVING IN NASHVILLE?



# What are your top 3 favorite things about living in Nashville?



# What are your top 3 least favorite things about living in Nashville?



Average  
Sense of  
Safety  
Score

5.75

out of

10



Average  
Sense of  
Belonging  
Score

6.27

out of

10



# TOP 5 CHANGES YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN NASHVILLE

1. Safer

2. More places to walk

3. Good schools for all students

4. Better connections with neighbors

5. Make the city less car-focused





# SUMMER 2023 FOCUS

## DREAM CITY DATA ANALYSIS & DESIGNING



# NYDT'S DREAM CITY



# QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS

## Thematic coding using Quirkos:

- Dream City Presentation Transcripts
- Dream City Photos
- Dream City BrightBoard (Survey) data



# DEVELOPED THEMES AND PRIORITIES FOR NASHVILLE YOUTH



## WHOLE GROUP: NASHVILLE YOUTH PRIORITIES

*Through our research, specifically an analysis of themes that came up in Dream City pictures, transcripts of Dream City presentations, and young people's survey responses, our data revealed that some of the biggest priorities of Nashville's young people are...*

Access to supportive and formative areas
Easier transportation or closer proximity to common (community) areas
Efficient and enjoyable areas and activities
To have entertaining space that's youth-specified
Local areas to get energy out or socialize with friends

## YOUTH-CENTERED & FUN PLACES AND SPACES PRIORITY STATEMENT:

A priority for young people living in Nashville is having access to safe, local, entertaining and welcoming spaces. They want more youth-gearred spaces that take into account what they value and are accommodating to them specifically. They want spaces that help them build relationships and meet new people.



# PRIORITIES:



**1. TRANSPORTATION**

**2. AFFORDABILITY**

**3. YOUTH-CENTERED & FUN PLACES AND SPACES**

**4. SAFETY**

**5. CLOSENESS & PROXIMITY TO PLACES**

# CREATED INFOGRAPHICS

## HEALING FOR YOUTH

Having nurturing places to heal for youth is vital. It provides them with a supportive environment. These spaces offer opportunities for youth to receive guidance and support needed to overcome daily challenges.

**31%**



"I feel like parks are really important to me because I love walking, running, riding my bike, and playing games with my friends. I find parks very relaxing and fun!"  
- Young person surveyed, age 14



**22%**

of youth surveyed during Dream City workshops voted for nature and trees as something they like the most about Nashville.

"I feel that the air is cleaner, and it is much nicer to walk around in nature."



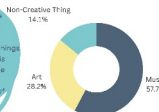
## Creativity

Young people in Nashville are saying that creativity is one of their favorite things about living in Nashville.



People ranging from 7 to 18 years old were surveyed and asked questions about what they like and dislike about Nashville as well as how they feel about living in Nashville.

From the data we collected we learned young people living in Nashville like to be creative, artistic, and imaginative with things like music, art, and more. This is something that many youth like about Nashville and that contributes to the happiness of those living here.



When asked what they liked about living in Nashville:

- 41% of all of the young people who took the survey said that music was something they liked about Nashville.
- 20% of all of the people who took the survey said that art & murals was something they liked about Nashville.



Quotes & excerpts from responses to being asked what they liked about living in Nashville:

- "I love music and I think it is an important thing to have here ever you go." - 14 year old
- "The things that make Nashville a good community are their people's sense/taste in music. Nashville does have center called Music City after all."
- "My favorite thing about living in Nashville is the street art. This is important to me because I like to see cool art when I'm toiling outside. It allows me to be more calm and creative." - 17 year old from Antioch
- "I like the music and all that"
- "My favorite thing about living in Nashville is Art, because it looks calming and relaxing and for someone with anger issues it can calm them down and make them feel relaxed." - 17 year old from Antioch
- "I like the city because I like the music downtown." - 11 year old from Antioch



## TRANSPORTATION IN NASHVILLE

As more and more new people come to Nashville, the roads become increasingly more and more busy. This causes traffic to be a massive issue.

"When I went to go out I don't think it should take 2 hours to get to somewhere I can walk to in 20 mins". Survey response from Dream City Workshop



### TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS

Of people surveyed during Dream City workshops ages 13 to 18, 74% of people said traffic was one of the things they dislike most about Nashville.

18% of people 12 and under said that the thing they dislike most about Nashville was the lack of sidewalks.

59% of people 13 to 18 said that a lack of sidewalks was what they dislike most about Nashville.

65% of people we surveyed ages 12 and under said the top thing they dislike about Nashville was traffic.



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## THE NEED FOR FUN AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION IN NASHVILLE

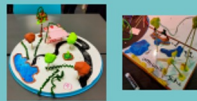
When surveyed, young people in Nashville said it's hard to get around to places.

One youth participant said: "sitting in a car is boring while waiting for traffic to end."

Another youth shared: "There are not enough sidewalks and bike lanes in neighborhoods. This is a safety hazard as well as a inconvenience."



In many of their Dream Cities, Nashville's young people added greenways, sidewalks, crosswalks, trains, buses, and even flying cars.



## TO DESIGN BETTER TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, LISTEN TO NASHVILLE'S YOUNG PEOPLE AND BUILD FUN AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION!



## Is your neighborhood polluted?



Out of all of the young people that were surveyed during Dream City Workshops, 19% said that pollution and lack of sustainability in our city was what they disliked about it the most.



Only around 10% out of every 100 young people said the nature and trees were the best part of Nashville. This means out of the 8 others, some of them probably need better parks, less polluted areas, and more green spaces in their neighborhoods.

"What I don't like about Nashville is that we can't see the stars because there's too much light and people throw trash."



Nashville was in the top 25th percentile for most polluted cities in 2019

- A fourth grader from Madison



Of the 412 million dollars spent on parks a year, only 15 million (3.6%) is spent on keeping trash out of them, leading to more pollution.



"When you walk outside it smells bad... I have to hold my breath and its annoying. I get nauseous and have shortness of breath."

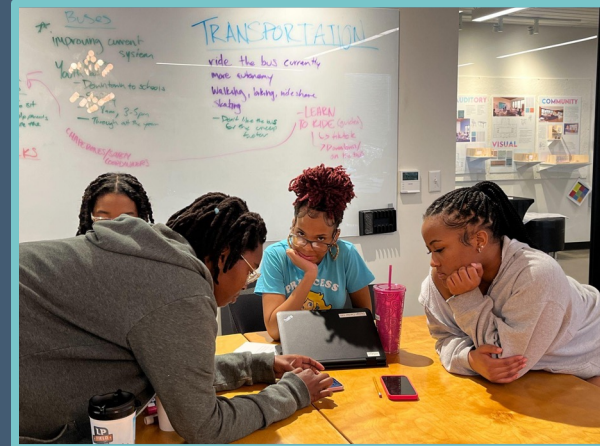
- A 5-year-old from Madison

Many of the Dream City workshops included parks, open areas, and created lots of plans to clean your mind and relax. This shows that kids want more parks, and not all of them have clean ones.

This is why we need to help Nashville have clean, unpolluted parks for everyone.



# DEVELOPED DESIGNS USING THE DATA



# FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS

Go to [menti.com](https://menti.com) and  
enter this code:  
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# VOTE

After the presentations,  
we will ask the audience  
to vote on the project  
they would most like to  
see implemented.



# ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS

- Youth-Centered Spaces
- Transportation
- Affordability
- Proximity to Spaces



# CENTENNIAL PARK YOUTH CENTER



Charlie, Uma, Addison



**A PRIORITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN NASHVILLE IS HAVING ACCESS TO SAFE, LOCAL, ENTERTAINING AND WELCOMING SPACES. THEY WANT MORE YOUTH-GEARED SPACES THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THEY VALUE AND ARE ACCOMMODATING TO THEM SPECIFICALLY. THEY WANT SPACES THAT HELP THEM BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE.**

# CURRENT CONDITION OF SITE



“

**THERE IS NOT A LOT OF  
THINGS TO DO, THERE IS NOT  
A LOT OF NATURE, NOT A LOT  
OF SPACE. IT SEEMS LIKE  
EVERYTHING IS CRAMMED IN  
TOGETHER**

- 13 year-old



# 32.27%

32.27% of young people in Nashville that we surveyed said that having new things to do is their favorite part about Nashville.

# 30.91%

30.91% of young people in Nashville that we surveyed said that parks and open spaces is their favorite part of Nashville



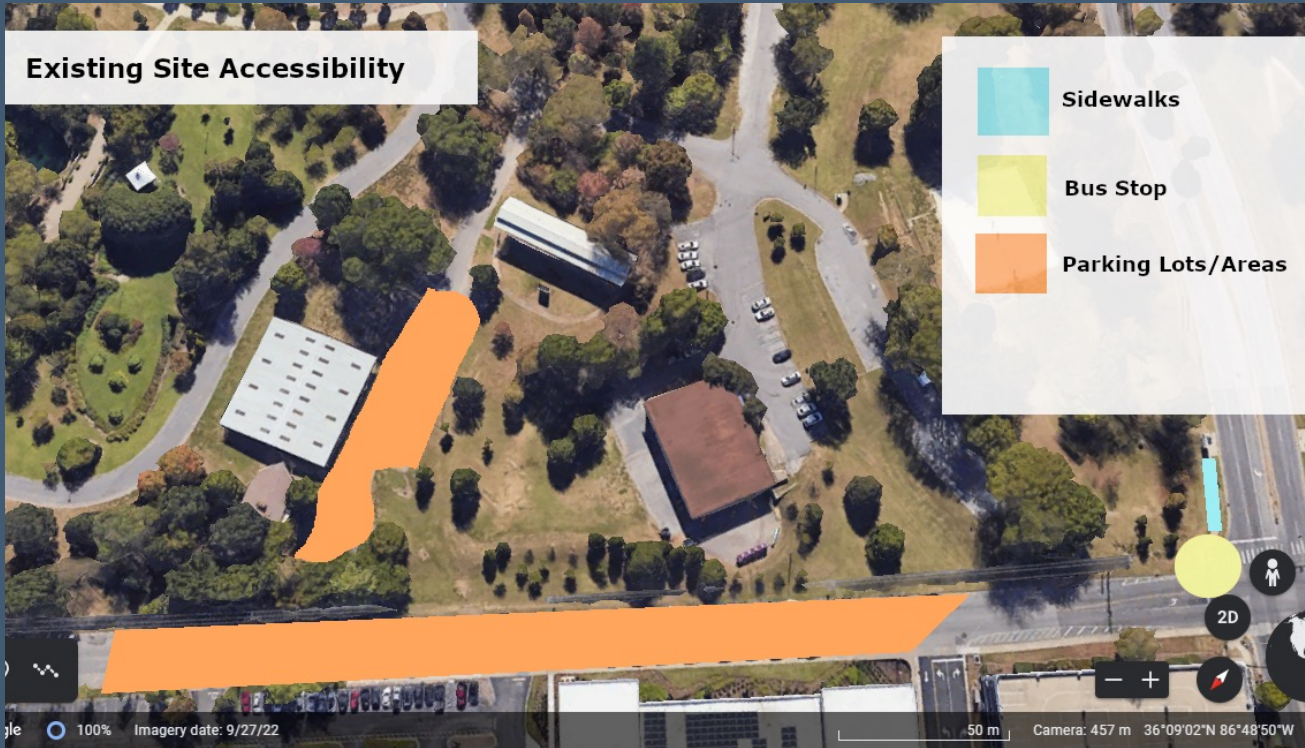
# EXISTING PARK PROGRAMMING DIAGRAM



The existing programming of Centennial Park includes a lot of flexible green space as well as areas for kids, sports, tourists, arts, and more. However, there is no space dedicated to teens specifically.



# EXISTING SITE ACCESSIBILITY

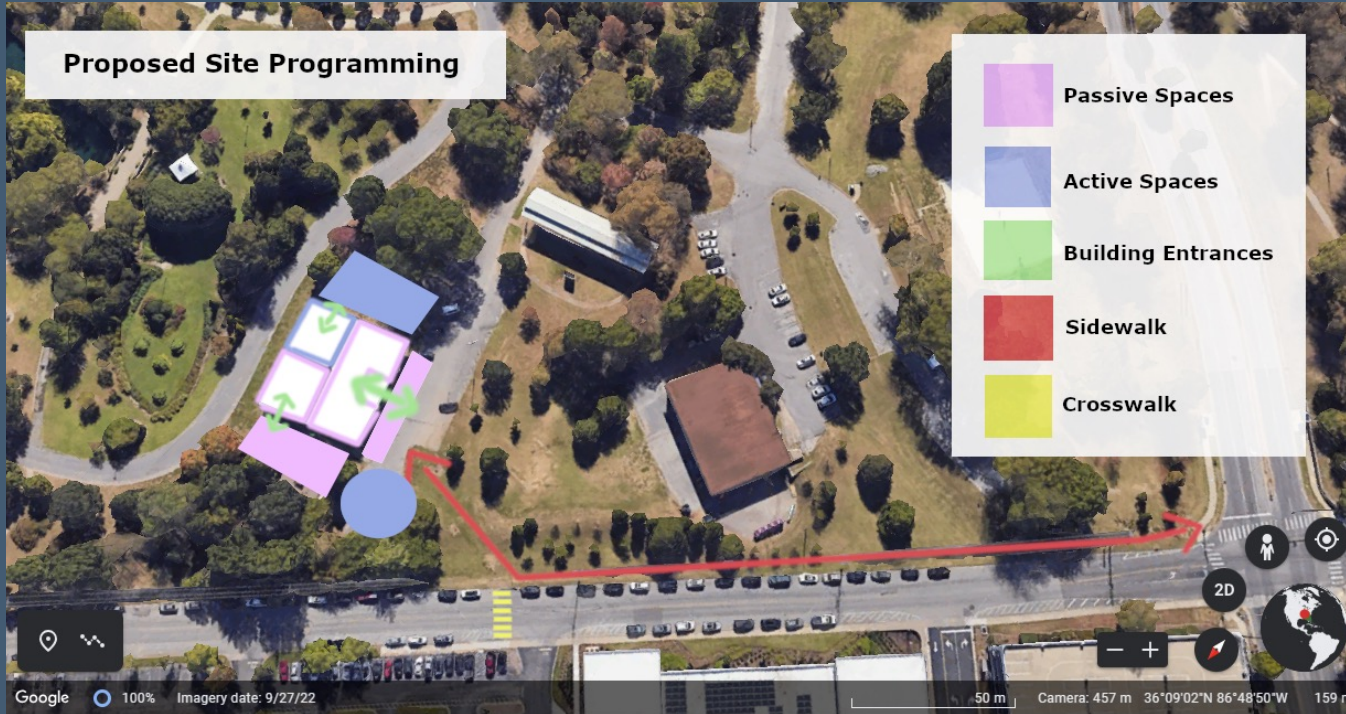


There are parking areas as well as an existing bus stop near our site, but there are barely any sidewalks





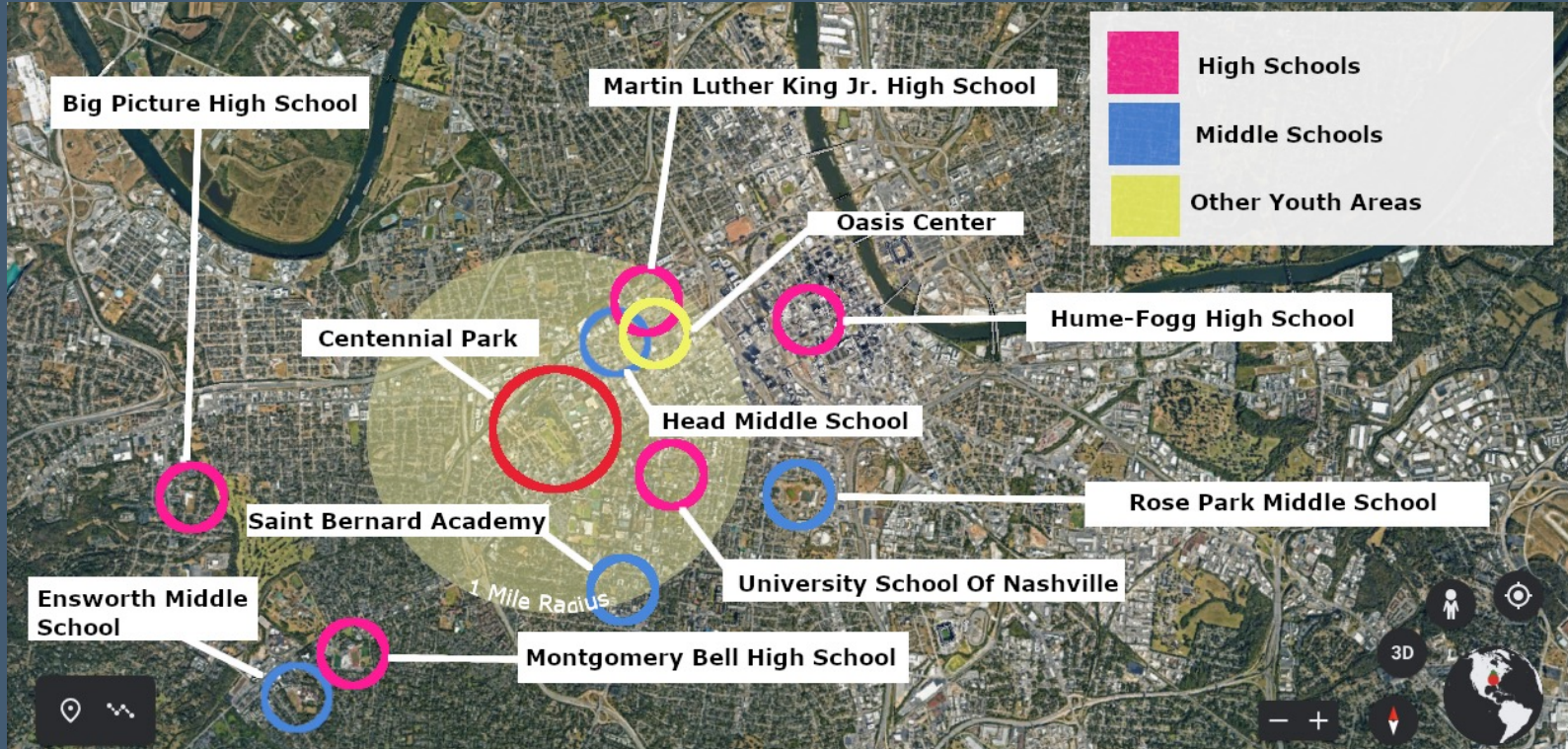
# PROPOSED SITE PLAN



In our proposed site plan, we have both active (splash pad, games, sports, etc.) and passive (library, lounging area, art wall, graffiti roof, etc.) spaces as well as new sidewalks and a new crosswalk to keep people safer when walking to the youth center.



# CONTEXT MAP



**“  
I FEEL LIKE PARKS ARE REALLY  
IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I  
LOVE WALKING, RUNNING,  
RIDING MY BIKE, AND PLAYING  
GAMES WITH MY FRIENDS. I FIND  
PARKS VERY RELAXING AND FUN.**

- 14 year-old



Splash Pad  
Courtyard  
Open space for activities  
Youth Center



# LAYOUT OF THE INSTALLATION



# OUR GOAL



## PROBLEM WE ARE ADDRESSING

There are not specific areas and activities for teens in some of Nashville's most popular and accessible parks. There is currently a plan to renovate Centennial Park, but there are no additions being made that was accommodate teens.

## NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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## OUR SOLUTION

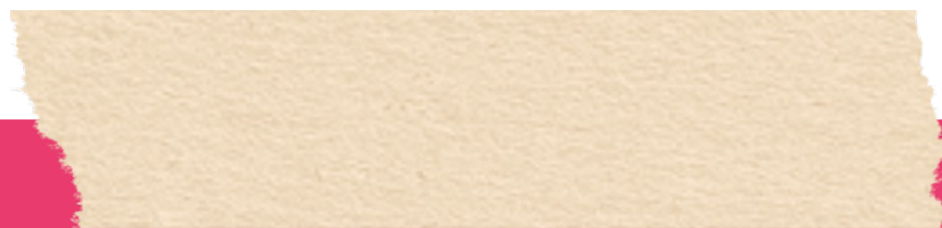
Our design will provide a safe space with a variety of activities for teens to hangout in a very central area of Nashville. Reclaiming a spot of the park for Nashville's youth will help them feel more welcome in the space.





**THANK YOU!**





# TRANSPORTATION

## REIMAGINING CLARKSVILLE PIKE



Cydney, JoSaya, Mia

# THE PROBLEM:

**YOUTH IN NASHVILLE FEEL AS IF  
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH  
TRANSPORTATION AND  
ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES FOR  
THEM TO BE ABLE TO GET AROUND**




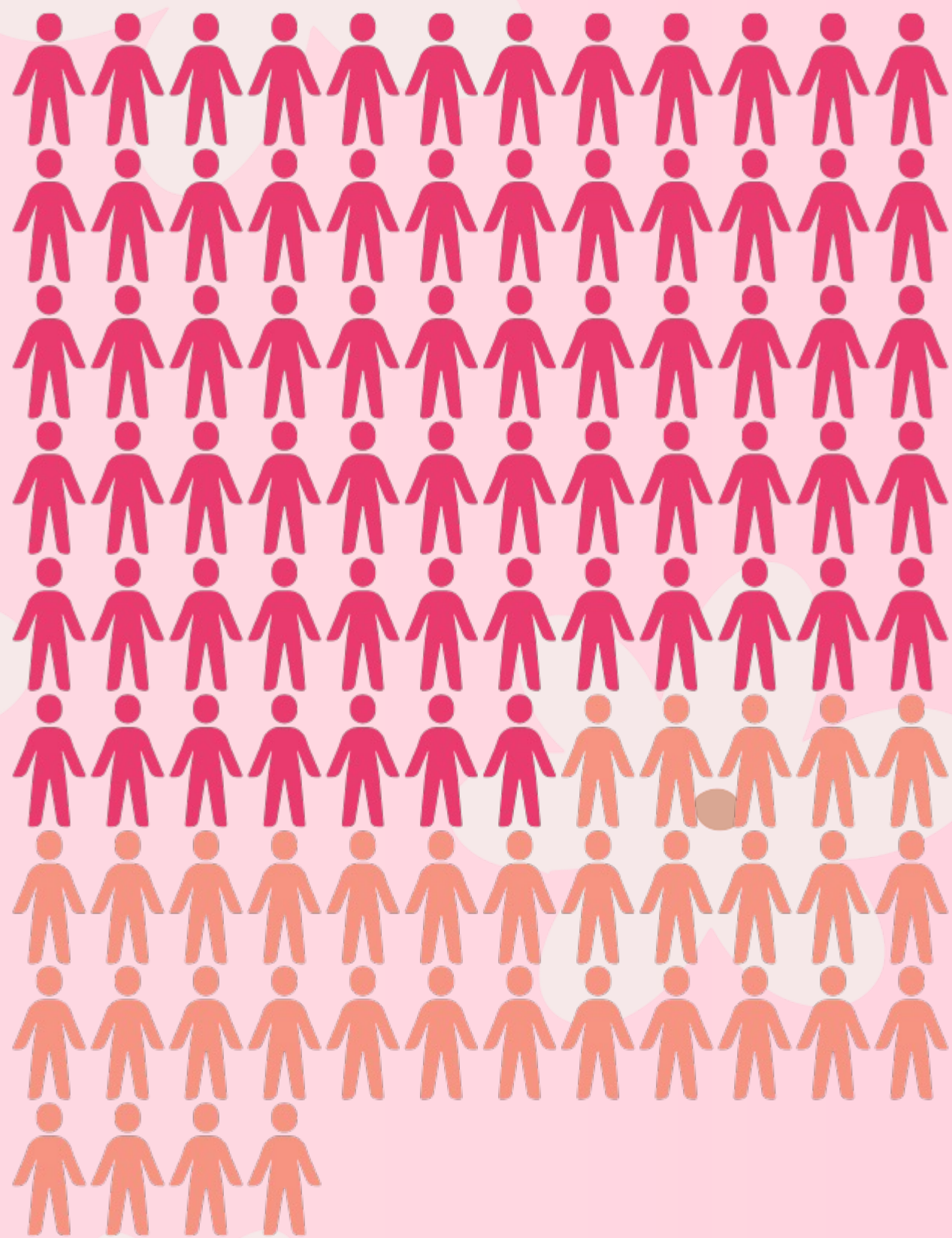




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**“NOT EVERY SPACE IS CLEAN AND HEALTHY FOR EVERYBODY. NOT EVERYONE HAS ENOUGH FOOD. NOT EVERY PLACE HAS SIDEWALKS. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TREES AND MUSIC AND COLORFUL ART AROUND. NOT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD TO GO TO SCHOOL OR DO OTHER THINGS.”**

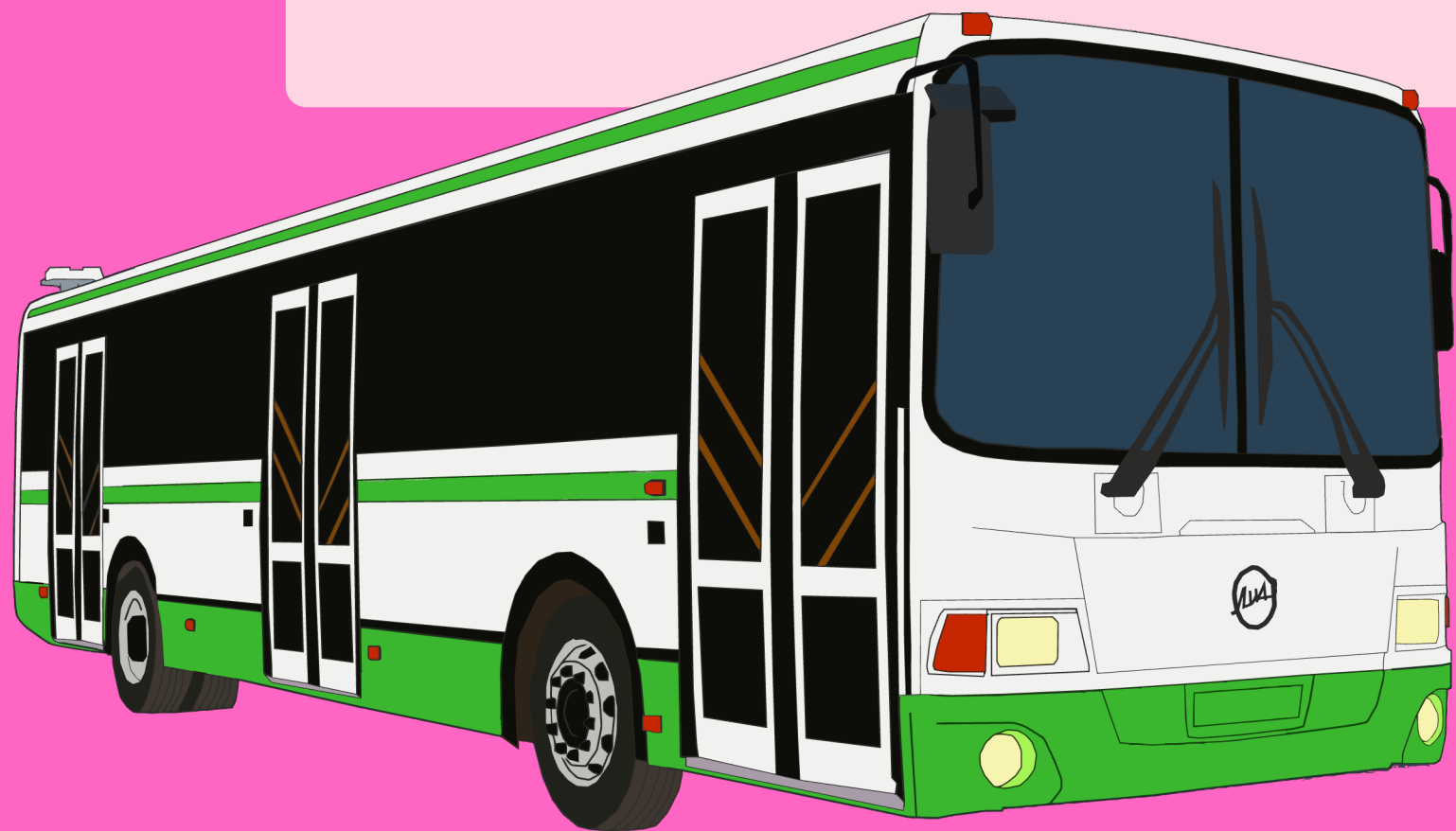




**67%**

**OF YOUTH SURVEYED  
RATED TRAFFIC AS  
SOMETHING THEY DISLIKE  
ABOUT NASHVILLE**

**"I USE THE BUS ON A DAILY BASIS, AND IT IS A STRUGGLE SOMETIMES. I FEEL LIKE IN COMPARISON TO OTHER COUNTRIES, THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COULD BE BETTER. BUS STOPS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE NEAR PUBLIC PLACES AND FOR SOME IT IS A LONG DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOMES TO THE BUS STOP. THE BUSES ARE NOT ALWAYS PUNCTUAL, AND SOMETIMES I HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE BEFORE THEY ARRIVE." - 17 YEAR-OLD FROM SOUTHEAST NASHVILLE**



# BEFORE:



# PERSPECTIVE DRAWING #1

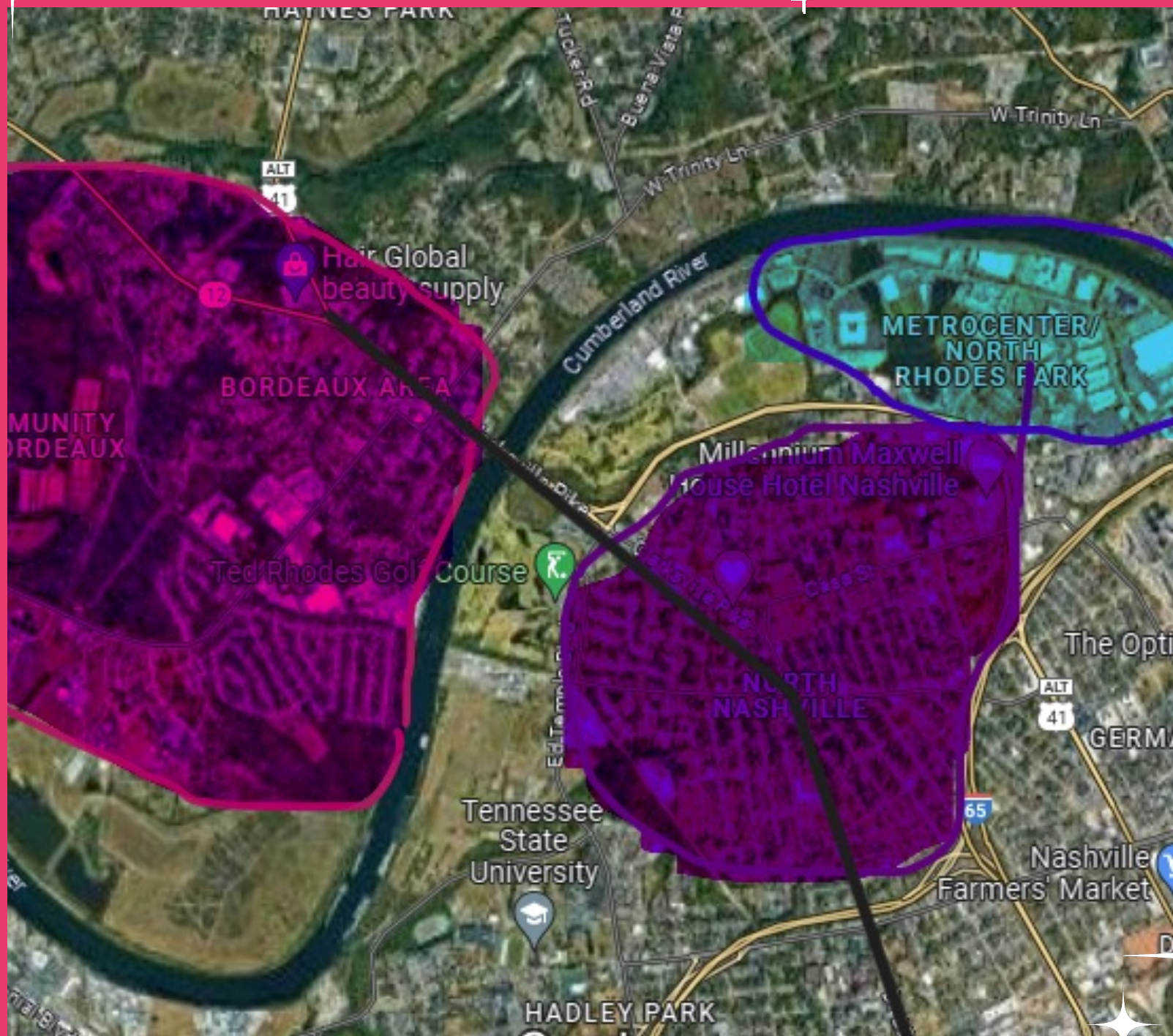




# PERSPECTIVE #2



# SITE PLAN

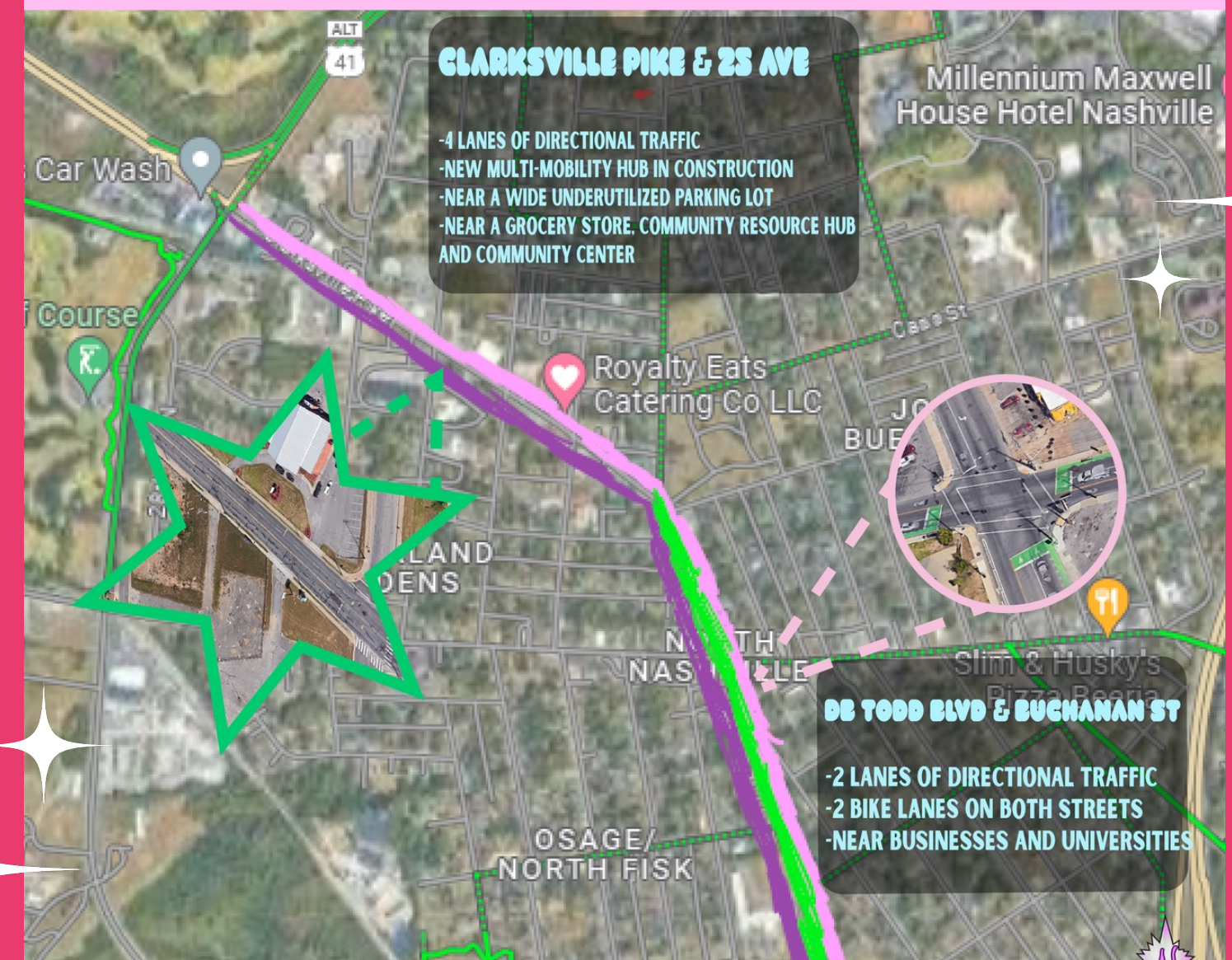


## EXISTING CONDITIONS OF DE TODD AND CLARKSVILLE PIKE

- BUS ROUTES 22B
- BIKE LANES
- SIDEWALKS

POINT OF INTEREST

FOCUS AREA



# CLOSING

## **PROBLEM YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE**

**YOUTH WANT ACCESSIBLE AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM DIFFERENT RESOURCES SUCH AS SCHOOLS OR GROCERY STORES.**

## **PRIORITY STATEMENT**

**YOUNG PEOPLE IN NASHVILLE WANT SIMPLE, LOCAL, SAFE, AND CLOSE TRANSPORTATION TO MOVE AROUND THE CITY AND TO COMMON AREAS. YOUTH WANT BETTER ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND FUN SPACES.**

## **DESIGN SOLUTION**

**THIS DESIGN WILL MAKE CLARKSVILLE PIKE NOT ONLY SAFER BUT MORE CREATIVE AND ENGAGING FOR PEDESTRIANS, INCLUDING YOUTH.**







# **AFFORDABILITY IN NASHVILLE**

Alex, Chris, Davion, and Promise

# OUR GOAL



**220**

**YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEYED**

**40%**

**SAY IT'S TOO**

**EXPENSIVE**



**“NO GAS MONEY”**

-12 year old from Antioch



**“I HATE WHEN EVERYTHING IS  
SO EXPENSIVE AND THE  
TRAFFIC IS SO BAD, I HATE HOW  
YOU JUST HAVE TO SIT IN THE  
THE TRAFFIC”**

9 year-old from East Nashville



## YOUTH NOTICE

Youth in Nashville have noticed that transportation is either hard to access or it is hard to afford the cost of transportation

## OUR DESIGN

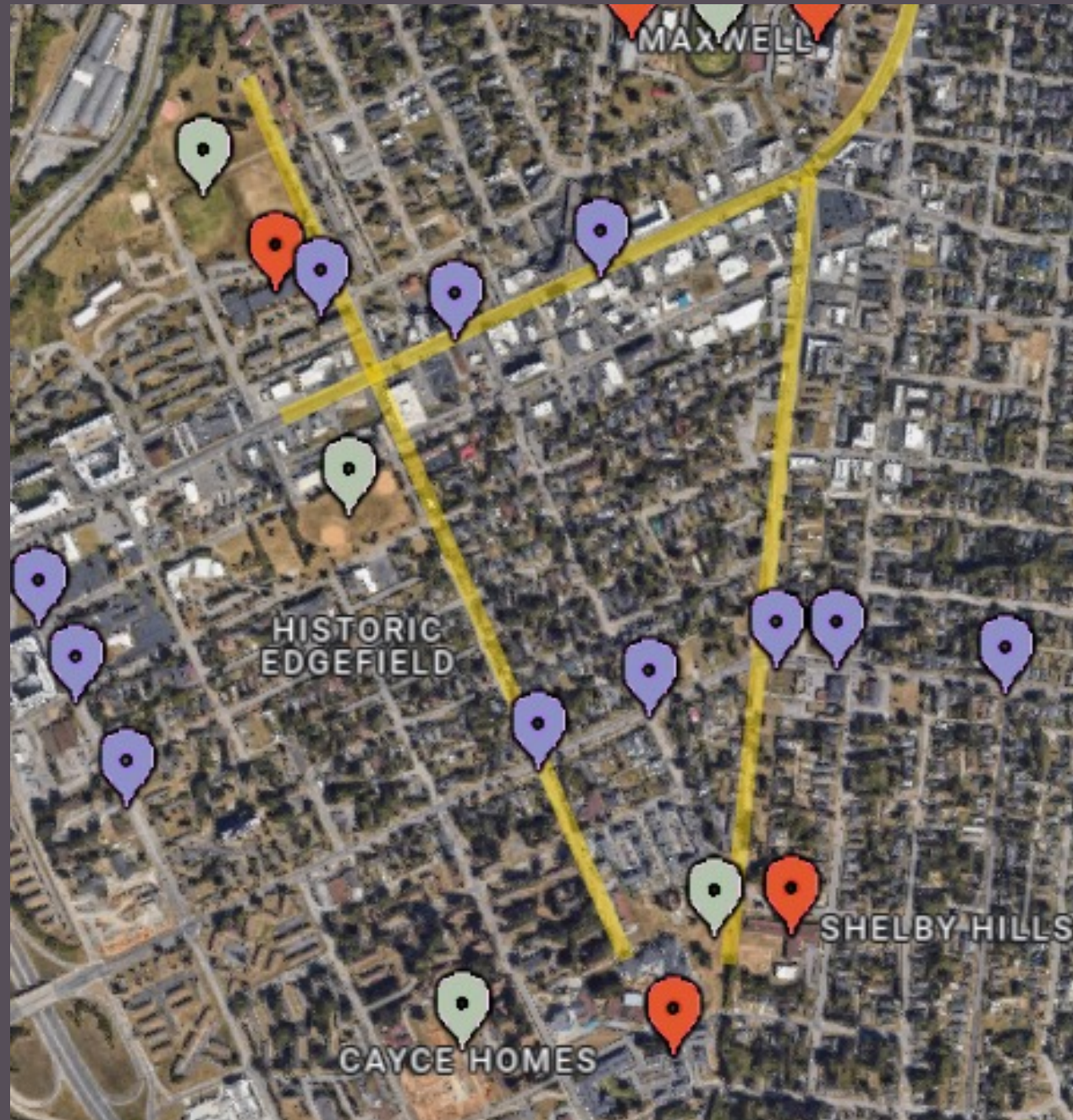
Concepts:

- Connecting Schools (Bus/Bike/Walk)
- More access to environmental resources
- Parents/Family can explore the neighborhood (Parks, Schools, Community Center)
- Easier access for youth to get to their jobs

## PRIORITY STATEMENT

Accessibility and affordability are two words that don't go together in Nashville, and the youth of Nashville want to create a Nashville that is both accessible and affordable for the next generation.





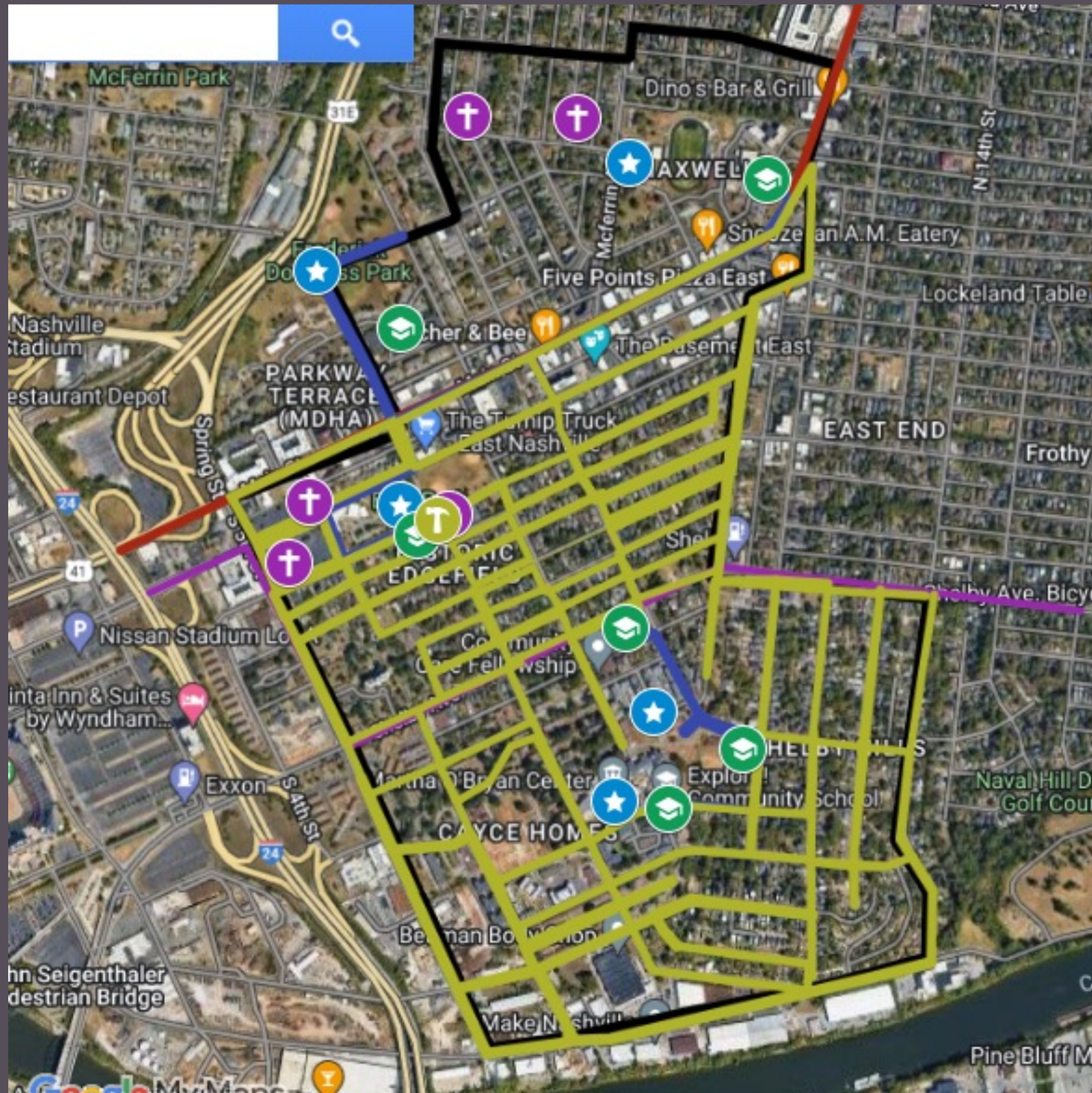
**Key**

-  Bus routes
-  Schools
-  Important Roads
-  Parks & open space

# SITE DIAGRAM

This diagram shows all of the bus routes and schools that are already available.





# YOUTH WAYS ROUTES

- Bus routes (56 is red & 4 is purple)
- Site outline (black)
- Common youth routes (blue)
- Targeted area (gold)

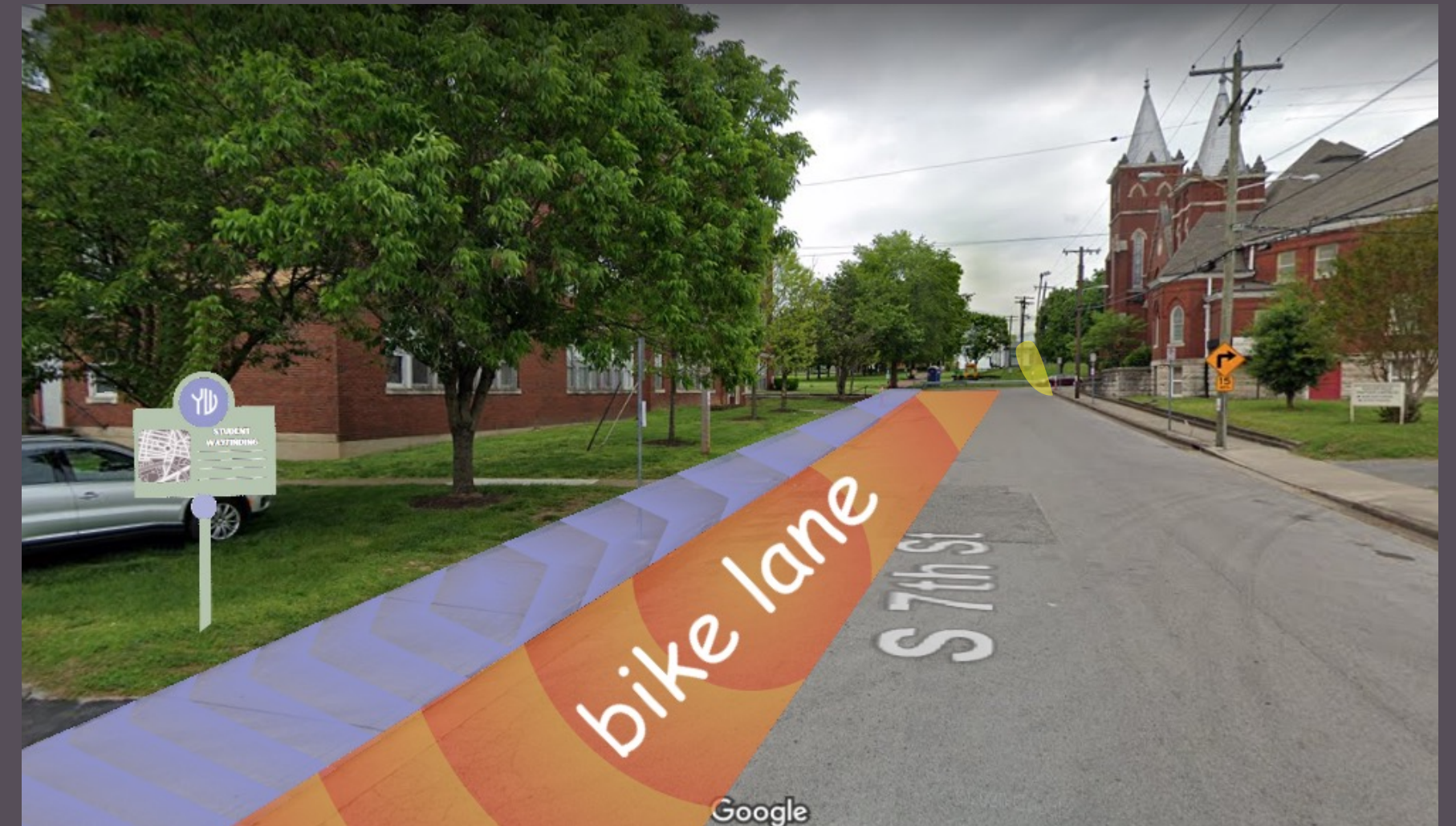




# GALLATIN PIKE BEFORE AND AFTER



# WARNER ARTS ELEMENTARY STREET VIEW BEFORE AND AFTER



# WARNER ARTS ELEMENTARY BIRDS EYE VIEW BEFORE AND AFTER



**THANK YOU!**



From Lois, Donia, Kailei, and Eseosa

# Revamping Cedar Hill Park





# Priority Statement

**Youth value places to have fun that are close to them. They want somewhere not far from their neighborhood that's safe and has community there.**

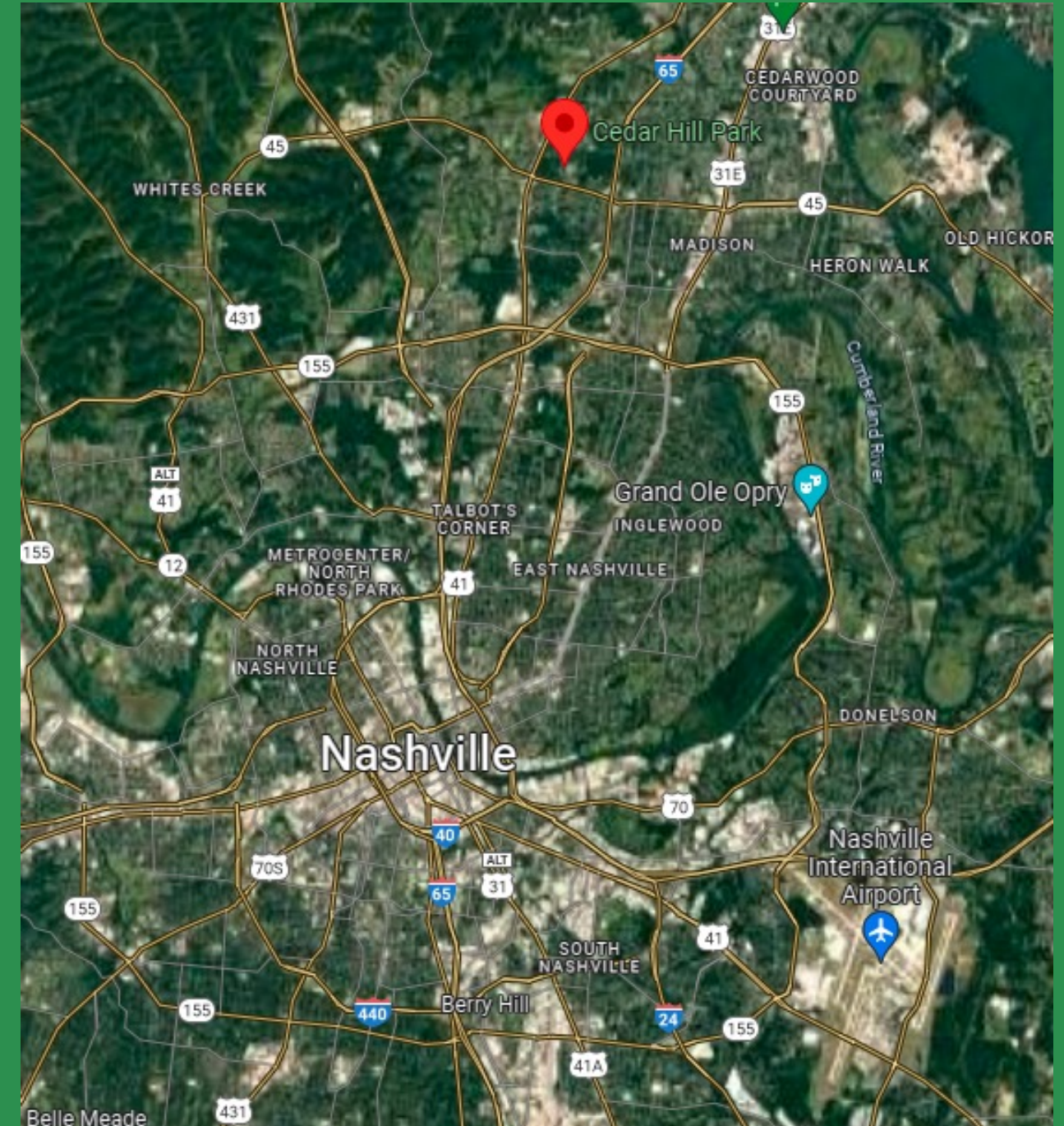
**"It is annoying because  
there is not a lot of  
playgrounds in Nashville."**

11 year-old from Antioch



# Why would we want to do this?

Using the quantitative data we gathered from our Dream City workshops & surveys we found that, out of twelve choices; **28%** of the youth surveyed **picked 'wanting more places to walk', 23% wanted 'more locally-oriented events and neighborhood activities' and 20% wanted 'more fun things' to do for their top 3 changes they hoped to see in Nashville.**



Pin shows the location of Cedar Hill Park in comparison to greater Nashville





# Intersection and Park Before our Changes

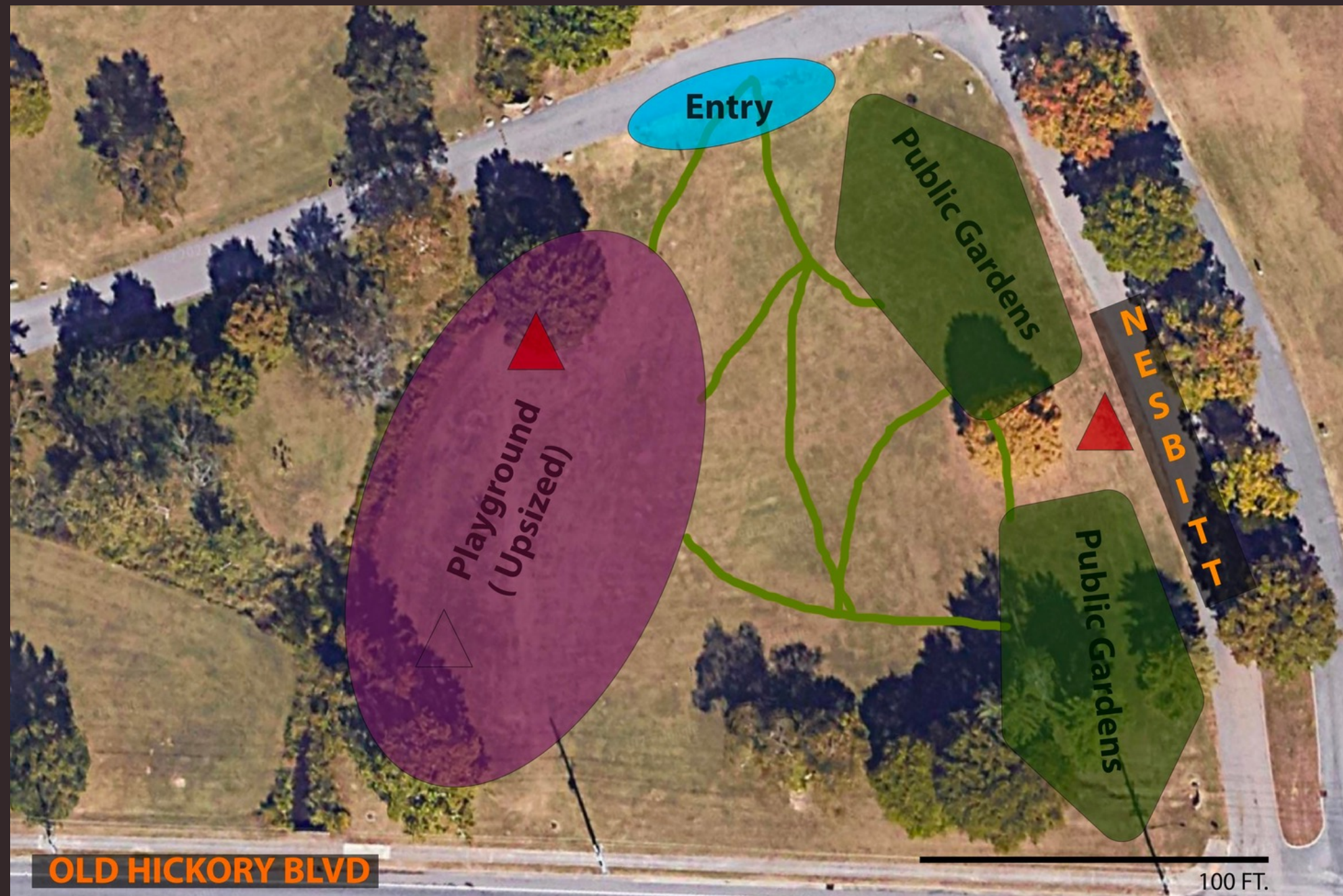


# Diagram of Site Location

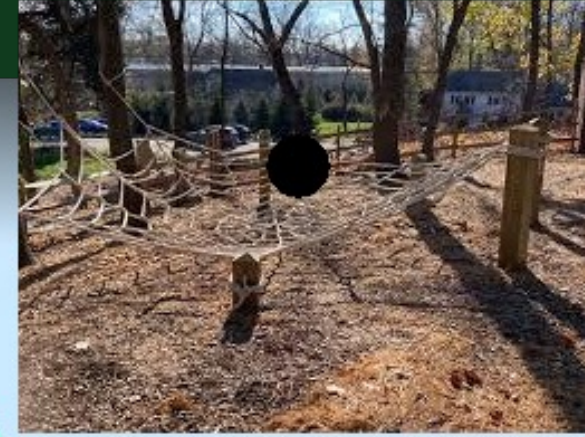
We chose **Cedar Hill Park** because there is a lot of potential in that area of Nashville and it has places that aren't being used making the area quite bare. It is also close to multiple neighborhoods, **3 churches** (The Lord's Friendly Mission Church, St. Luke CP Church and Cornerstone Nashville), and **4 schools** (Bellshire Elementary Design Center, Madison Middle School, Stratton Elementary, and Hunters Lane High School).



# Site Plan



Our design will add a second play area to the park along with editing part of Old Hickory Blvd to include colorful crosswalks. We intend to add a public flower garden, play areas, and a large jungle gym, tables to sit at and play chess, and a path that runs through it. Although Cedar Hill already has a playground clearly made for younger children, it's small and it ostracizes older youth. Our design will be inclusive for any age.



1st Person street View

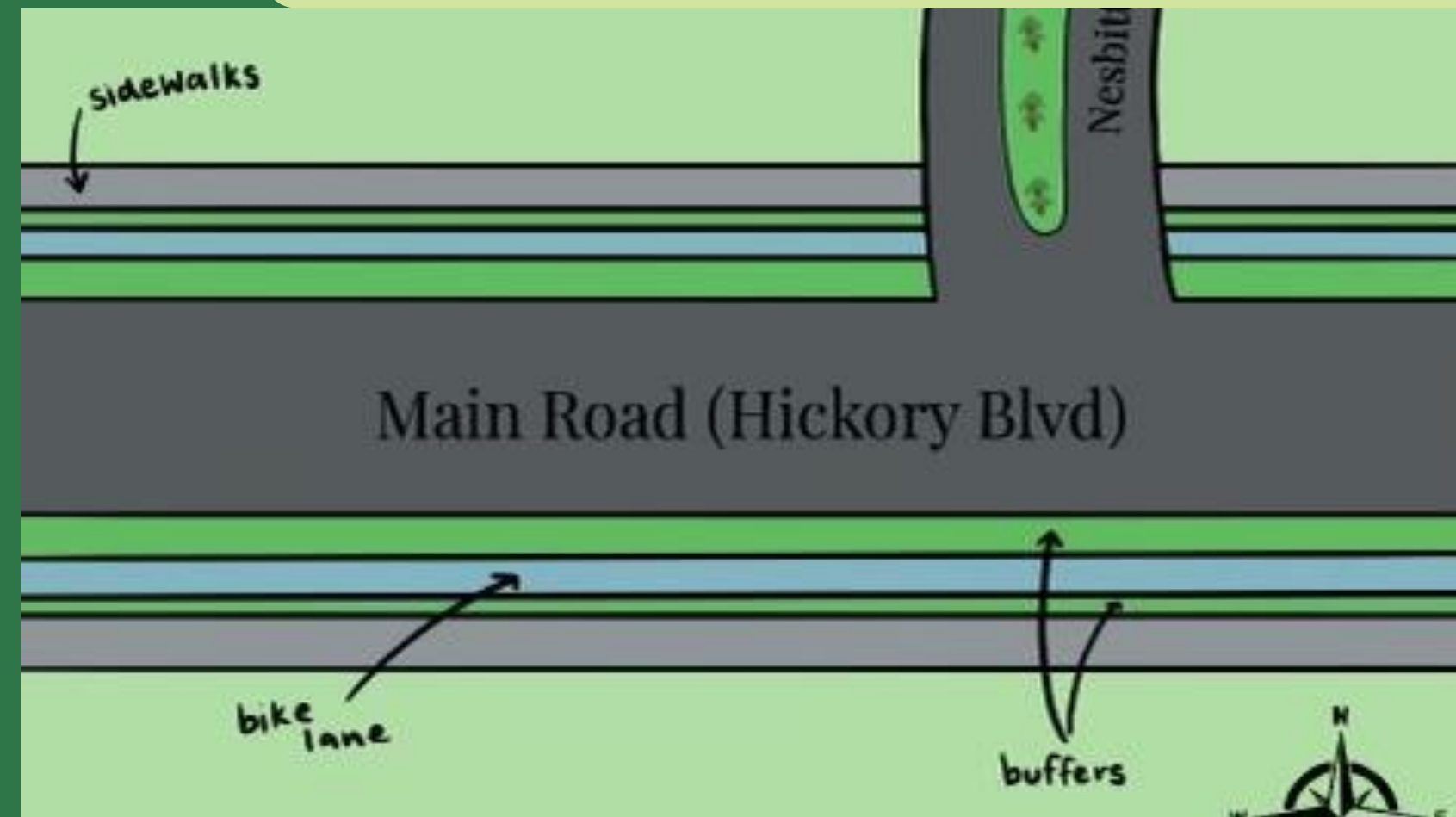
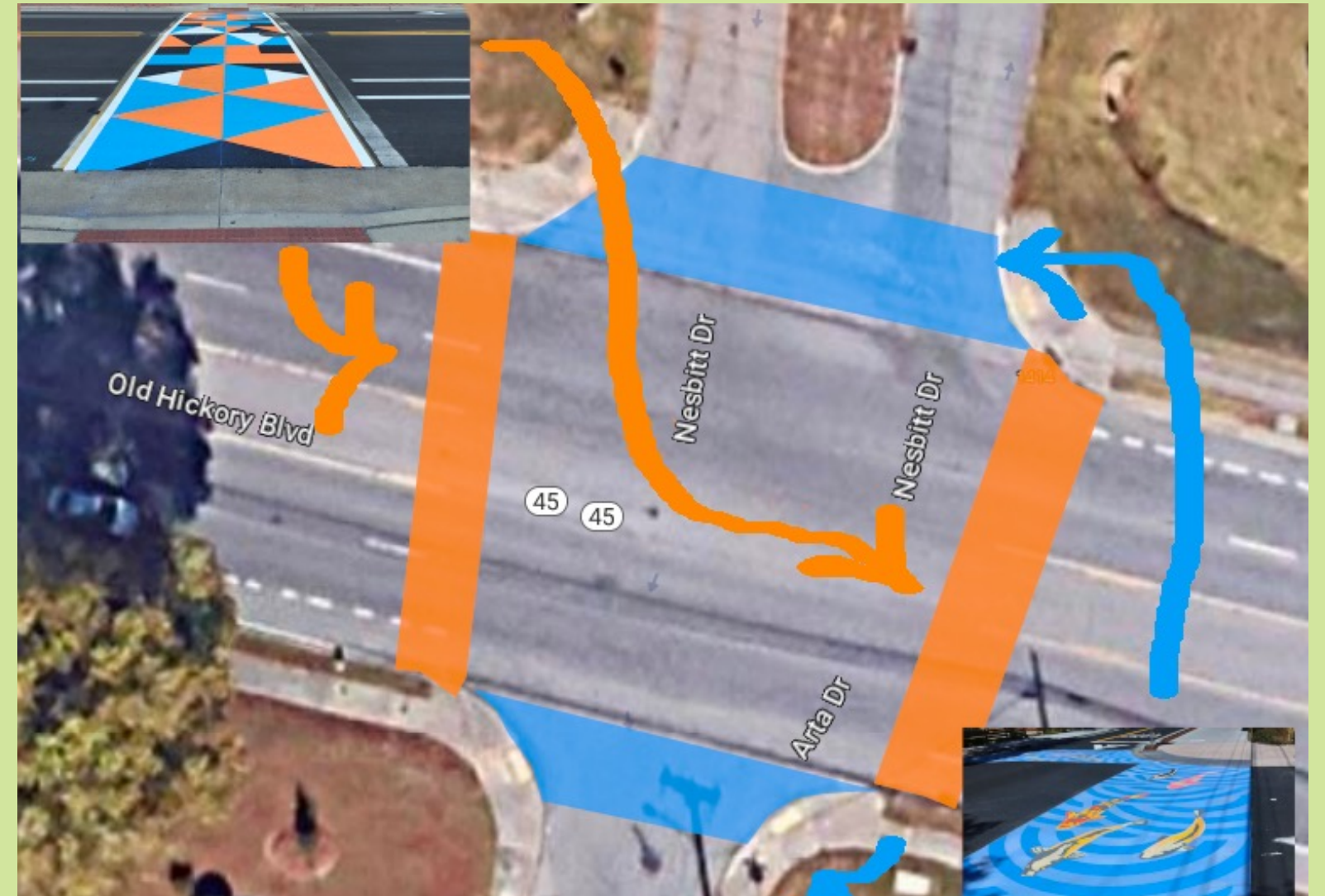
"I want to go places but I never have anywhere to go, so I stay home. Locked up, and bored."

15 year-old from Green Hills

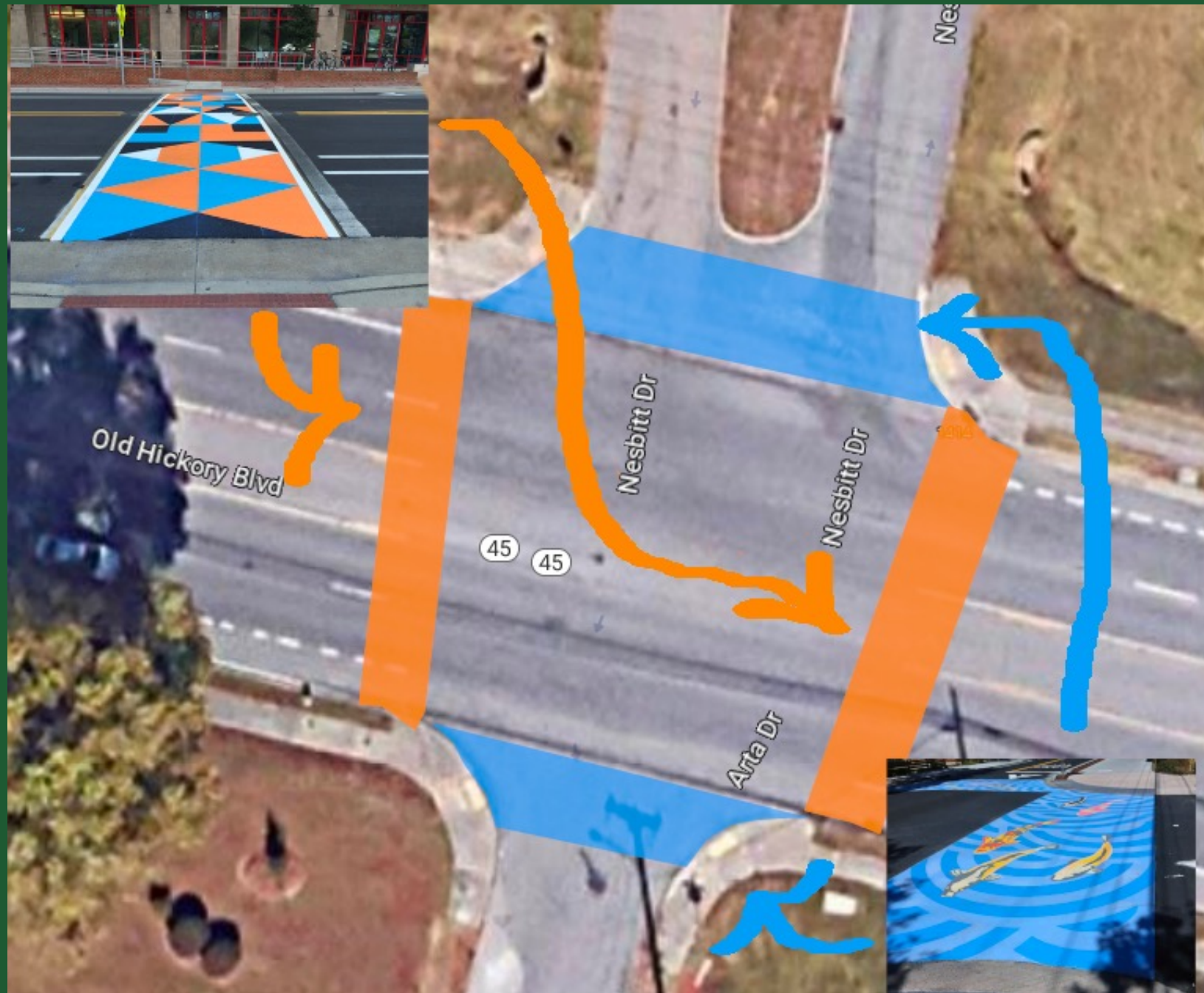


# Site Plan (Old Hickory Blvd)

To get to this park, youth also need accessible ways to get there. To improve the main road, there needs to be more bike lanes, bigger sidewalks, and buffers between everything. This improvement will encourage youth to visit the park more frequently.



# Birdseye & Perspective



# All in All...

## Problem Young People See

There is not enough spaces for Youth to gather that are close, accessible, and are fun to visit.

## Priority Statement

Youth value places to have fun that are close to them. They want somewhere not far from their neighborhood that's safe and has community there.

## The way Design Addresses Proximity

We decided to alter Old Hickory Blvd because its nearly impossible to cross safely. This cuts off youth who cannot drive and car-less people from the park. Along with being close to 3 churches and 4 schools, which means it's already close to places where children and youth socialize.







Thank you for listening!



# Q&A



# VOTE

Vote on the project you would most like to see implemented. This where we will focus our work throughout the school year.



# THANK YOU!

Feel free to stick around and  
look at all of our work from  
the summer and create your  
own dream city!



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