

Downtown Alleys Program

Overview

As the City of Ann Arbor's downtown area has grown and changed over time the roles and functions of the alleys in the downtown, as well as some of the core City services, have also evolved. As a result, issues and challenges related to City service operations exist, which strain the City staff and resources associated with performing these services. The shift toward a more food service-based economy and the growing residential population in the downtown, among other factors, have influenced the need to reevaluate how basic services, such as solid waste and recycling collection, are provided and managed in this area of the City.

The Downtown Alleys Program is an opportunity to examine issues and challenges facing the public and private downtown alleys holistically, to engage the downtown community in developing an action plan of recommended alternatives and implementation strategies to address these issues and challenges, and to establish a means of on-going oversight and monitoring for future downtown alley issues.

