

# Introduction

## PURPOSE

Through this survey, the Center of the City Task Force invites you to share ideas for the development of a “Center of the City Commons.” Your input is essential to determine how the future Commons will best serve the entire community.

## BACKGROUND

Last November, voters approved Proposal A to amend the City Charter, which states that City-owned land within what is known as the Library Block, “shall be retained in public ownership, in perpetuity, and developed as an urban central park and civic center commons known as the ‘Center of the City.’” Since then, City Council formed the citizen-led Center of the City Task Force to help determine the future of this area. This survey is part of our initial outreach, to you as a “shareholder in the commons” to share in this unique opportunity for all of us in Ann Arbor to design and create together the Center of the City -- for now, and for generations to come.

To learn more about the Center of the City Task Force and sign-up for updates please visit: <https://www.a2gov.org/citycenter>

You may also contact the Task Force at: [CityCenterTF@a2gov.org](mailto:CityCenterTF@a2gov.org)

# Survey

## DEFINITION

The Center of the City Task Force is charged with creating a vision for the Commons and we would like your help with shaping our definition of a Commons. Currently, we understand Commons as a traditional form of shared space based on mutual benefit, mutual responsibility and mutual respect, conveying a culture of sustainability now and for generations to come.

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What does your ideal commons look like?

What experiences support your ideal commons?

## ACTIVITIES

The Task Force is interested in learning what type of activities the community most desires on the block enclosed by Fifth, Division, Liberty, and William, which includes the surface of underground parking structure and Liberty Plaza. Listed below are possible indoor/outdoor activities. Please share what you think would be good idea, or not, for the community use of this space for the general public, not just for yourself.

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(1=A good idea, 4=Not in favor)

	1	2	3	4
Sit and talk with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy from a food vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meditate in a garden or grassy area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get help	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work at an office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen to live music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch children at play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sit quietly and read a book	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use a public rest room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit the downtown library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend a private/public celebration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate on an ice rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience a water fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learn about the city's history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend a kid's program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Catch the time at a clock tower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Come home to your apartment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appreciate an artistic sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience a memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend a conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy incidentals from a store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any comments on the listed activities?

What type of activity would you especially imagine for yourself?

## AUDIENCE

The Center of the City Task Force is interested in hearing from you about potential audiences for the space and how you imagine their ideal experience. Your answers to these questions will help us understand how to create a Commons that will serve the entire community.

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Name a potential audience/user group of the Commons. (For example, senior citizens, children, etc.).

What does this user hear in the Commons?

What does this user see in the Commons?

What does this user do in the Commons?

What does this user feel in the Commons?

Besides the user group you named above, what additional audiences do you think might use the Commons?

## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

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Do you have other ideas that would help create an inspirational Community Commons leaving a lasting legacy?

Are there any additional thoughts about the Commons you would like to share with the Task Force?

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Thank you for engaging with the City of Ann Arbor. The city is trying to gain a better understanding of who we are reaching in order to continuously improve public engagement efforts and support inclusivity. To help us gain this understanding, please complete this brief, anonymous survey. This survey is voluntary; you are not required to fill it out.

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Do you live within the city limits of Ann Arbor?

- Yes
- No

Are you a student?

- Yes
- No

Do you rent or own your primary residence?

- Rent
- Own
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Do you work within the city limits of Ann Arbor?

- Yes
- No

What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

- Transgender female
- Transgender male
- Gender non-conforming
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

What is your age group?

- Under 15
- 15-19 yrs.
- 20-29 yrs.
- 30-39 yrs.
- 40-49 yrs.
- 50-59 yrs.
- 60-69 yrs.
- 70 years or older
- Prefer not to say

What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White



- Two or more races
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnicity?

- Hispanic/Latinx
- Non-Hispanic/Latinx
- Prefer not to say

Which best describes your household income last year?

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000 or more
- Prefer not to say

What would make it easier for you to engage with the City of Ann Arbor?

**Thank you for taking the survey!**