

City of Bridgeport Plan of Conservation and Development





AGENDA

- 1. Review of July Meeting
- 2. Status Update
 - Engagement to date
 - Stakeholder Meetings
- 3. Upcoming Events
 - Pop-ups
 - Thematic Meetings
- 4. Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles
- 5. Wrap up and Next steps



Review of July Meeting



RESILIENCY, OPEN SPACE, & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Permitting process is a challenge when organizing outdoor events
- Upgrades to parks system and related policies
- Find innovative ways to reuse empty lots

 food trucks or pop-up restaurants that
 create community spaces
- Bridgeport as a "park without borders"











Pop-up Events

Juneteenth Parade

Barnum Palooza

Puerto Rican Parade

Arts Fest

Freedom Festival

Downtown Farmers Market

Carribean Jerk Fest





Juneteenth Parade and Festival

Key Challenges



75 interactions

Vision for Bridgeport





Barnumpalooza Parade and Festival

Key Challenges

Accessibility Lack Of City Culture High Property Taxes Job Opportunities School Quality Not Enough Activities For Kids Difficult To Get Around Streets Need Repair Underutilized Parks Pollution Access To Parks

Vision for Bridgeport



Puerto Rican Parade and Festival

interactions

Key Challenges

Residents Leaving Parks Close Early Violence Restrictive Fishing Regulations Lack Of Community Feel **High Rents** Disadvantaged Groups **Empty Storefronts Underfunded Schools** Property Taxes Too High Youth Opportunities Police Not From Community Lack Of Job Training Not Enough Activities For Kids Mill Rate Too High Job Opportunities School Shootings Health Services Planning Fatigue Unsupervised Police

Vision for Bridgeport

Educational Center Gun Control Focus On Kids More Community Festivals Addiction Services More Jobs Legalize Marijuana Veteran Services More Jobs Safer Public Spaces Affordable Housing
Improved Police Systems Youth Engagement Improve Schools Reduce Property Taxes Youth Employment Training Reduce Rent Police From Bridgeport Clean Bridgeport Child Care Services Improved Police Relations Improved Police Force Reduce Violence Economic Equity Parking Authority Senior Engagement Police Enforcement

Bridgeport Arts Fest

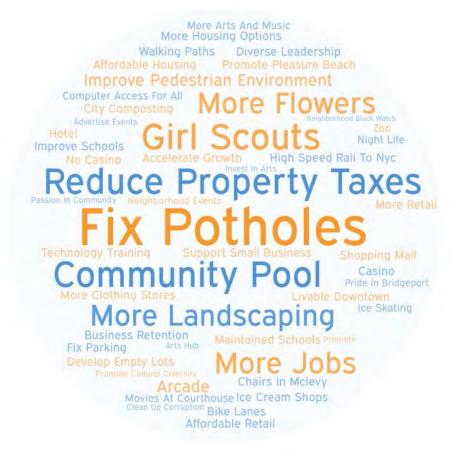
Key Challenges

Parking Ymca's Closing Slow Pace Of Growth Nowhere To Walk Environmental Footprint Not Enough Shopping Property Taxes Too High Street Condition Not Enough Nature Underdeveloped Downtown Quality Of Schools Lack Of Community Feel Not Enough Jobs Nowhere To Bike
Bad Street Lighting
Feels Unsafe Lack Of Housing

Transportation Options

61 interactions

Vision for Bridgeport



Freedom Community Festival

Key Challenges

Senior Services Education System

Parking Meters
Affordable Childcare Racism
School Quality
Not Enough Restaurants

Limited Youth Activities
Downtown Activities Limited
Not Enough Retail

Attitude Police Presence Lacking Food Deserts

Not Enough Entertainment
Abandoned Buildings
Housing Disparity
Not Enough Schools

53
interactions

Vision for Bridgeport

More Police More Hospitals Remove Parking Meters Casino Summer Events At Parks More Entertainment Better Schools More Retail **Activities For Kids** Transform Downtown Improve Parking Commission Bigger Mall Downtown Improving Fair Housing More Schools Lively Downtown Places For Different Sports Scholarships For Local Colleges More Stores And Restaurants More Fresh Food

Downtown Farmers Market

Key Challenges



84 interactions

Vision for Bridgeport

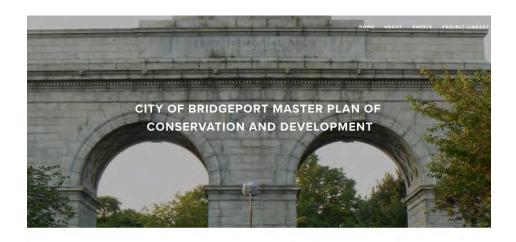




Website and Social Media

WEBSITE

1588 Unique Visitors 3454 Page Views



MASTER PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

A City's Master Plan of Conservation and Development is a guiding document that establishes a vision for growth and determines strategies to achieve that vision. The Master Plan examines how economic development, housing, transportation, infrastructure, sustainability, public health, and the environment interact throughout Bridgeport.

The Master Plan of Conservation and Development allows for coordinated development that will protect and enhance the general welfare and prosperity of Bridgeport's residents, it's environment and amenities, and overall livability.

PLAN BRIDGEPORT

We're at Arts Fest! Come paint, support local artists, and stop by #PlanBridgeport's booth to add your voice to the... https://t.co/wALWCXts3Z

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#PlanBridgeport will be

TWITTER

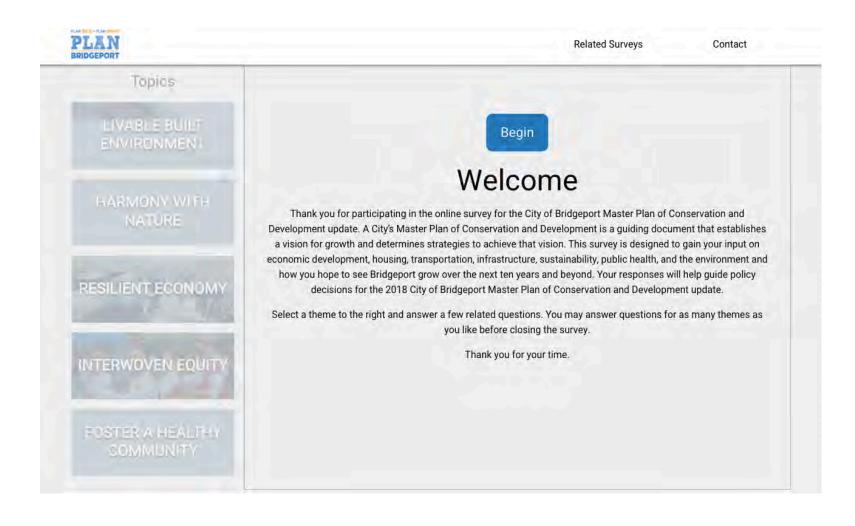
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FACEBOOK

68 Followers 64 Page Likes

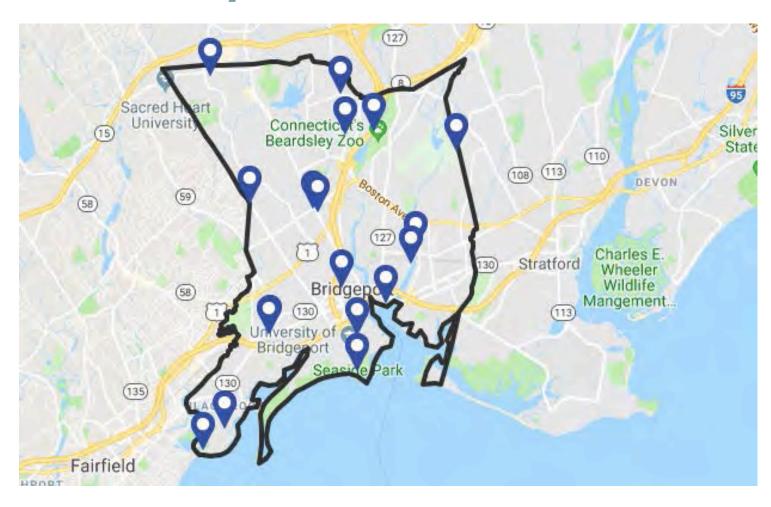


Interactive Survey



432 Responses

Give us your comments



26 Responses



Upcoming Pop-up Events

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Annual Senior BBQ

September 5

Seaside Park



Upcoming Thematic Meetings

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Open Space Meeting	6PM, Tuesday, August 28th	Discovery Museum		
Transportation Meeting	6PM, Thursday, September 6	10 Middle Street		
Quality of Life/Equity Meeting	10AM, Saturday, September 8	Ralphola Taylor Community Center		
Economic Development Meeting	6PM, Wednesday, September 12	Beardsley School		
Arts and Culture Meeting	10AM, Saturday, September 15	University of Bridgeport, Tower Room		
Housing Meeting	6PM, Wednesday, September 19	Johnson School		



Draft Vision Statement

Bridgeport is a sustainable city with an environment, governance, and practices that support a livable city for generations into the future. As a livable city, Bridgeport has a diversity of housing options and educational opportunities in an environment that is safe, clean, and easy to travel within. The City's residents are healthy and have access to healthy food, recreation opportunities, and health care. Bridgeport is an equitable place that is inclusive and celebrates its diversity. The City's costs and resources are equitably distributed among residents, property owners, and other stakeholders and city policies are fair and uniformly enforced. Nature is present and accessible throughout the City – in parks, on streets, in neighborhoods, and along the City's waterfront. Bridgeport has a robust economy which provides jobs and opportunities for a broad spectrum of its residents while also functioning as a regional center of commerce. As a regional center and transportation hub, Bridgeport provides the region with goods, services, higher education and healthcare.

Bridgeport is a Livable City

- Public spaces and private properties are clean and well maintained
- There is multimodal connectivity throughout the city
- City services are responsive (Public Facilities, Engineering, Building and Zoning Departments)
- Neighborhoods are close to jobs and services
- Historic buildings are preserved and repurposed
- Neighborhoods are connected across physical and perceived barriers
- Residents have various housing options that are close to public transit
- The waterfront is utilized as an asset for new development
- Waterfront hazard areas are responsive to risks



Bridgeport is a Healthy Community

- Residents have access to affordable health care
- Residents have access to social services
- Residents have access to healthy foods
- Residents have access to parks
- There is a wide range of opportunities for physical activity
- Air and water quality meet and exceed safe standards
- The city is safe and its residents feel secure
- City services are responsive (Police, Fire, EMS, Education, Social Services, Blight)



Bridgeport is an Equitable City

- Bridgeport is an inclusive city that celebrates its diversity
- Benefits and cost of the city are equitably distributed among the city's residents and stakeholders
- City policies and ordinances are fair and uniformly enforced
- The needs of all residents and stakeholders are considered when planning and enacting policies
- There is a diversity of housing choice and available housing supply
- The city's residents have access to a range of educational opportunities

Bridgeport Values Nature

- Natural habitats are restored and are protected
- Renewable energy sources are encouraged and deployed
- The City engages in sustainable practices
- Watercourses, waterfronts, watersheds, floodplains and wetlands are protected
- The city has an extensive tree canopy and street trees are present
- Waste is isolated from the natural environment
- Nature is present in all of the city's neighborhoods
- Residents have access to the waterfront throughout the city



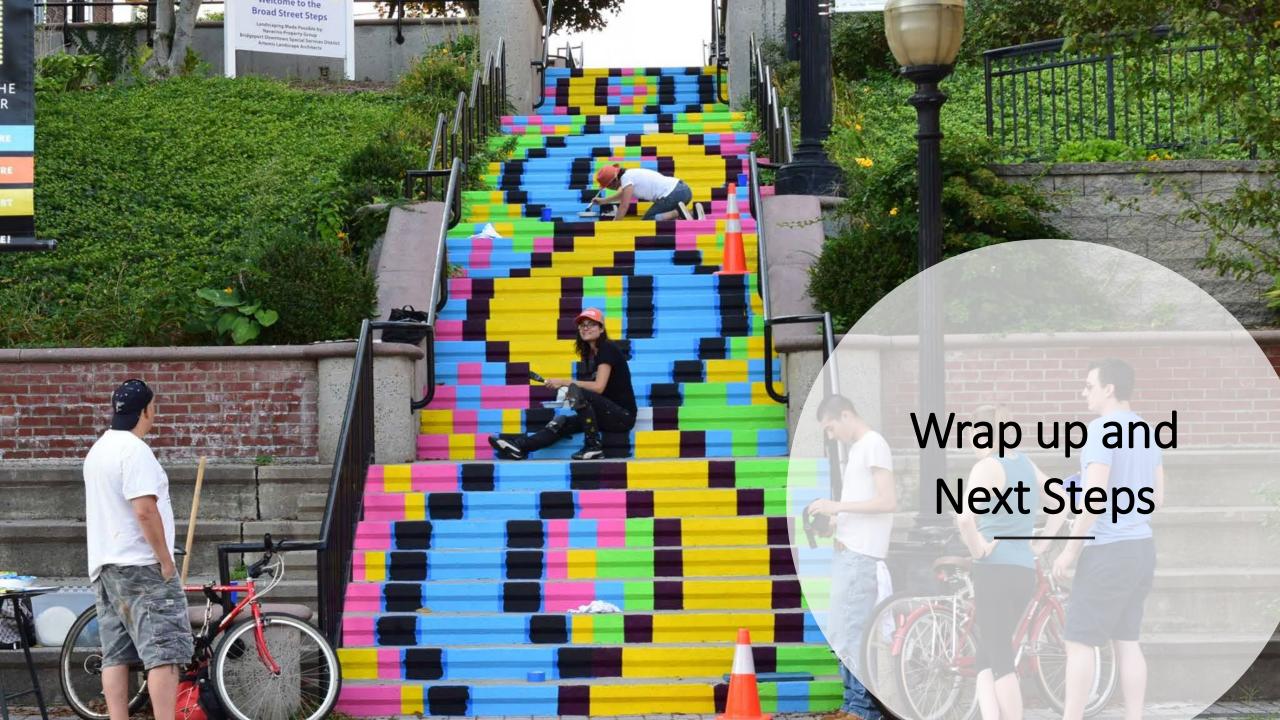
Bridgeport has a Robust Economy

- There is physical capacity for economic growth
- There are employment opportunities across multiple trades and disciplines
- The business environment is favorable for new businesses and supportive of existing ones
- Policy and tax structure is supportive of economic development
- The local labor force has expertise needed by local businesses
- The city has vibrant arts and culture

Bridgeport is a Regional Center

- Bridgeport is the largest employment center in the region
- Bridgeport provides goods and services to the region
- Bridgeport is the region's transportation hub
- Bridgeport is the regional center of higher education and health care
- Bridgeport is home to state and federal offices and functions





Plan Of Conservation and Development

- Quick timeframe
- Most outreach will take place over the summer months

- Steering Committee Meeting
- O SC Web Meeting/Conf. Call
- Pop-Up Events
- Neighborhood Meetings
- Focus Group Meetings
- O Thematic Meeting
- School Events

Task	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Task 1: Project Coordination	• 0	• 0	• •	• •	• •	• 0	
Task 2: Guiding Principles							
Task 3: Community Engagement	•	• 0 • •	0000	0 000	•00•		
Task 4: Existing Conditions							
Task 5: Community Vision							
Task 6: Implementation Plan							
Task 7: POCD Document (Print Version)							
Task 7: POCD Interactive Document							



Upcoming Steering Committee Meetings

- Wednesday, September 26
- Wednesday, October 24
- Wednesday, November 28



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