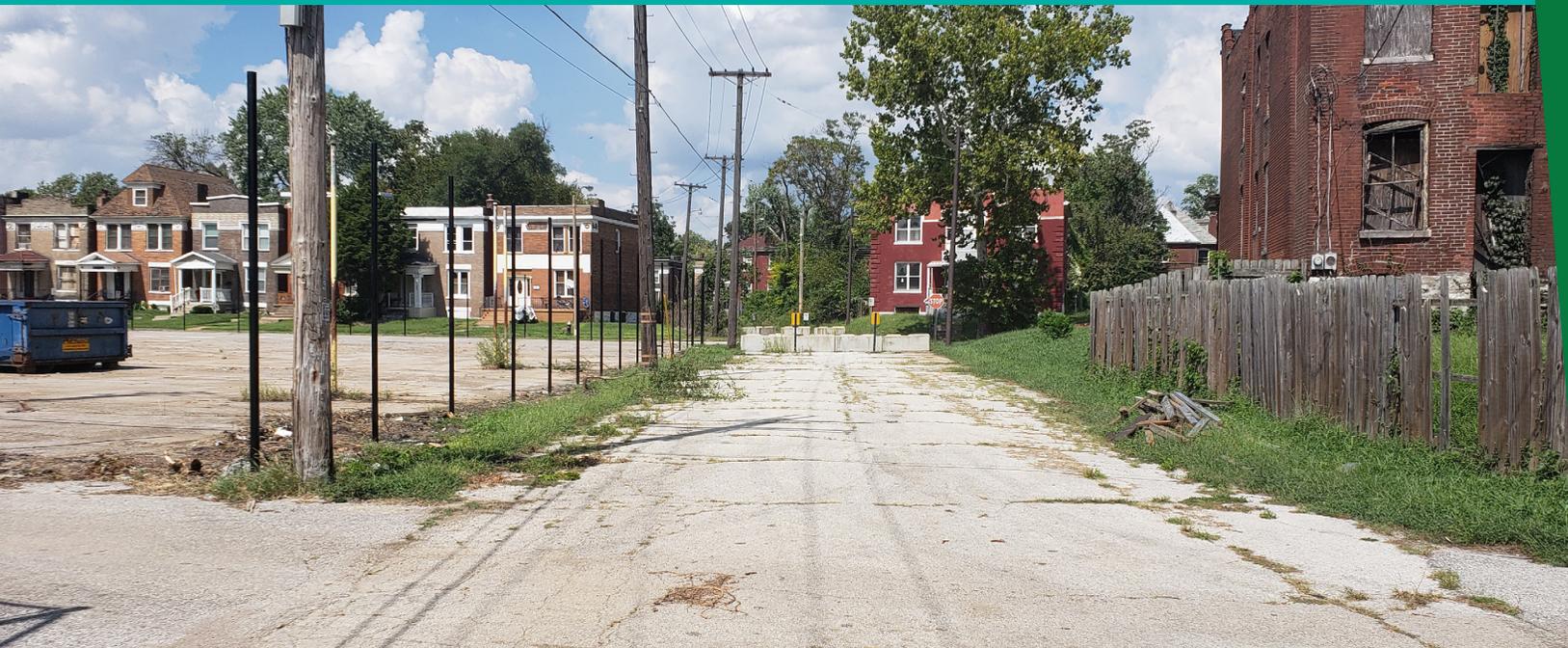


HODIAMONT TRACKS GREENWAY STUDY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Great Rivers Greenway, the public agency connecting the St. Louis region with greenways, conducted a community engagement process called the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study in 2018. Community members discussed whether the alley in North St. Louis City known as the Hodiament/Suburban Tracks that was a former streetcar and bus route should be converted into a greenway. The Tracks travel through the Academy/Sherman Park, Covenant Blu-Grand Center, Fountain Park, Lewis Place, Vandeventer, Visitation Park and West End neighborhoods. 95% of community members responded that they would like a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks.



The former Hodiament streetcar and bus route is currently co-owned by Bi-State Development Agency and the City of St. Louis. Since bus service ended along this route in 2009, the Tracks have been distressed by crime, drugs, prostitution, poverty, trash and illegal dumping. Bi-State's transit division, Metro, does not plan to return bus or rail service to the Hodiament Tracks. In 2018, Great Rivers Greenway asked community members whether the Tracks should be converted into a greenway. Through a community engagement process, the study team gave residents, elected officials and community members the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of a greenway in this space and determine what they think is best for their community.

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Meetings were held with 66 community leaders, elected officials and business owners.

The study team attended 24 gatherings, meetings, ward meetings, events and festivals.

Of the 350 homes and 14 apartment buildings that were visited, 65 residents (19%) provided feedback.

The study began by conducting interviews with 66 stakeholders to educate participants about the proposed Hodiament Tracks Greenway, document the concerns and needs of area residents and other stakeholders, identify alternative methods of enhancing connectivity, and elicit feedback for further evaluation. These interviews were followed by presentations and discussions at 24 community events, meetings and places where residents already gather. These activities allowed the study team to ask participants about their interest in a potential Hodiament Tracks greenway.

Additionally, a Hodiament Tracks Street Team went door-to-door to the 350 homes and 14 apartment buildings directly adjacent to the right-of-way. The team gathered feedback and invited residents to the upcoming Pop-Up Greenway event. Of the homes and apartment buildings that were visited, 65 residents (19%) answered the door to learn and provide feedback about the study. Neighbors noted that there is currently drug activity, gun violence and illegal dumping on the Tracks. They would like a greenway to add lighting and enhance the community culture.

The Pop-Up Greenway Event took place on Saturday, October 27, 2018 along the Hodiament Tracks between Cabanne and Academy Avenues. It demonstrated the types of experiences and activities that could be held along the Tracks if it were converted into a greenway and how a greenway could co-exist with an active alley. Attendees were also able to converse with community resource agencies and organizations.

From July through November, a paper and digital survey was distributed to allow people to learn about greenways and to give their input on whether they would like a greenway along the Tracks. Survey respondents shared how they think a greenway could serve their community, key issues that would need to be addressed, and alternative greenway locations.

The survey was posted on the Great Rivers Greenway website and promoted via flyers and digital marketing. Paper surveys were distributed at all of the study team's community presentations. Both paper and electronic surveys were available where the study team had a booth at community events. The survey was also mailed to nearly 5,000 residents within a quarter-mile radius of the Tracks along with a prepaid return envelope.

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Five hundred fifty (550) surveys were collected. The majority of the respondents who provided a zip code live in the three zip codes where the Tracks are located (63108, 63112, and 63113). Most respondents (94.62%) indicated that they would like a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks and would use it for walking (80.33%), biking (62.34%), connecting with nature (44.90%), exercising (43.60%), running (42.67%), and getting to work or school (17.07%). Less than 5% of respondents indicated they would not use the Tracks at all.

Almost a quarter (22%) of the survey comments mentioned that there is a lack of safety along the Tracks and should be addressed as a top priority. Respondents listed suggestions for amenities that would help users of a Hodiament Tracks Greenway feel safe and be safe. Those amenities included lighting (23.6%), a security guard or police presence (10%), visibility (5.82%), cameras (6.55%) and blue light towers or emergency phones (4%).

Survey respondents also identified amenities that would make an amazing place where people want to be. Top responses included benches (9%), wayfinding signage (8.55%), water fountains (7.82%), maintenance (7.0%), programming (6.73%), the addition of greenery (6.18%) and restrooms (5.64%). Respondents also wrote about issues that should be addressed to ensure the greenway is safe and inviting. Those issues included trash and illegal dumping (9.82%), violent crime (8%), lack of maintenance (6.18%), traffic (5.45%), property damage (4.55%), sale and/or use of drugs (4.36%), crime (4.36%), vacant and abandoned housing (4%), and loitering (2.36%).

Space was provided on the survey for respondents to write about other locations in the community that would be better suited for a greenway, if not the Hodiament Tracks. One hundred three (103) survey respondents directly addressed this question and the majority (36.9%) of them stated the Hodiament Tracks is well suited for a greenway.

Now that community members have overwhelmingly said that a greenway on the Hodiament Tracks would be welcomed, Great Rivers Greenway will continue to engage the community while surveying the space and exploring the design.

STUDY PURPOSE

For several months in 2018, Great Rivers Greenway, the St. Louis area's regional greenways agency, conducted a community engagement process called the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study. The purpose of this study was to determine whether the community would like the currently inactive Hodiament Tracks right-of-way in north St. Louis City converted into a greenway. Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people and places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include trails, conservation projects such as rain gardens and restored prairies, amenities like restrooms and drinking fountains, and connections to businesses, neighborhoods, parks, schools, waterways and transit. The Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study engaged residents, elected officials, community leaders and other stakeholders in adjacent neighborhoods. If built, the greenway would be a place for walking, jogging, bicycling, using a stroller or wheelchair, having a picnic, and getting fresh air. The greenway would connect to local parks, neighborhoods and other greenways.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks

BACKGROUND

The Hodiament Tracks are a 3.5-mile east-west corridor. The Tracks were a route for horse-drawn trams, cable cars, streetcars and buses from 1859 until 2009. Since then, the Tracks have been inactive for transit services and have become a forgotten space distressed by crime, drugs, prostitution, poverty, trash and illegal dumping. Ownership of the right-of-way is currently divided between Bi-State Development Agency and the City of St. Louis. Bi-State's transit division, Metro, does not plan to return bus or rail service to the Hodiament Tracks. Since there is little interest in developing or maintaining the right-of-way, Great Rivers Greenway worked with consultants in 2014 to study an area, which included the Hodiament Tracks, to create an eight-mile greenway, referred to as the Midtown Loop, that would connect with four other planned greenways. The Midtown Loop Alignment Feasibility Study recommended an alignment composed entirely of public rights-of-way between Forest Park, the Cortex Innovation Community, BJC/Washington University Medical Center, Saint Louis University and Grand Center.

Following the Midtown Loop Alignment Feasibility Study, a more detailed set of street section and intersection design recommendations were developed. While this preliminary planning and design report focused on the technical side of a potential greenway, it recommended that additional community engagement was needed before refining the alignment and design. Thus in 2018, Great Rivers Greenway conducted the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study to engage residents, elected officials and community leaders around the possibility of a greenway.

HISTORY NEAR THE HODIAMONT TRACKS

The neighborhoods surrounding the Hodiament Tracks are rich in history. This history will be acknowledged if a greenway is built. You may recognize some of the names below from parks in neighborhoods along the Hodiament Tracks.



Former Hodiament Streetcar Tracks



General William T. Sherman
*Civil War General and
Major Architect of Modern
Warfare (1820 - 1891)*



James M. Turner
*Political Leader, Diplomat
& Education Advocate
(1839 - 1915)*



Ernest J. Russell
*Architect & Civically Engaged
Designer (1870 - 1956)*



Ruth Porter
*Housing Rights Advocate
& Promoter of Racial
Understanding (1915 - 1967)*



William H.J. "Pops" Beckett
*General Supervisor of Negro
Parks (1920 - 1952)*



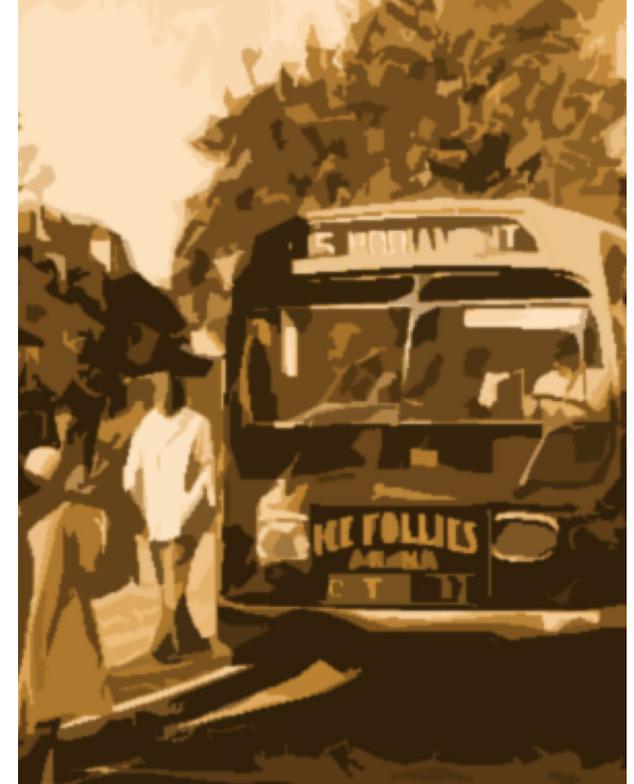
J.B. "Jet" Banks
*Former State Senator
(1924 - 2004)*



Ivory Perry
*Civil Rights Activist
(1930 - 1989)*



Gwen B. Giles
*Leader, Activist & Public Servant
(1932 - 1986)*



The Hodiament Tracks Streetcar
"The Last St. Louis Streetcar" (1859 - 1966)

The Hodiament Tracks cover a 3.5-mile corridor from the Grand Center District on the east, north along Spring Street, then west along the former streetcar right-of-way just north of Enright. The corridor ends at North Skinker Boulevard near Gwen Giles Park. A greenway on the Hodiament Tracks would intersect the St. Vincent Greenway and connect to the Centennial Greenway.

“I think it would be great. [The] Hodiament Tracks is a gathering place for undesirables and their activities, so in cleaning it up you will also have to increase security and get the riff raff out.”

- Engagement Survey Respondent



NEIGHBORHOODS

The Hodiament Tracks travel through the following neighborhoods:

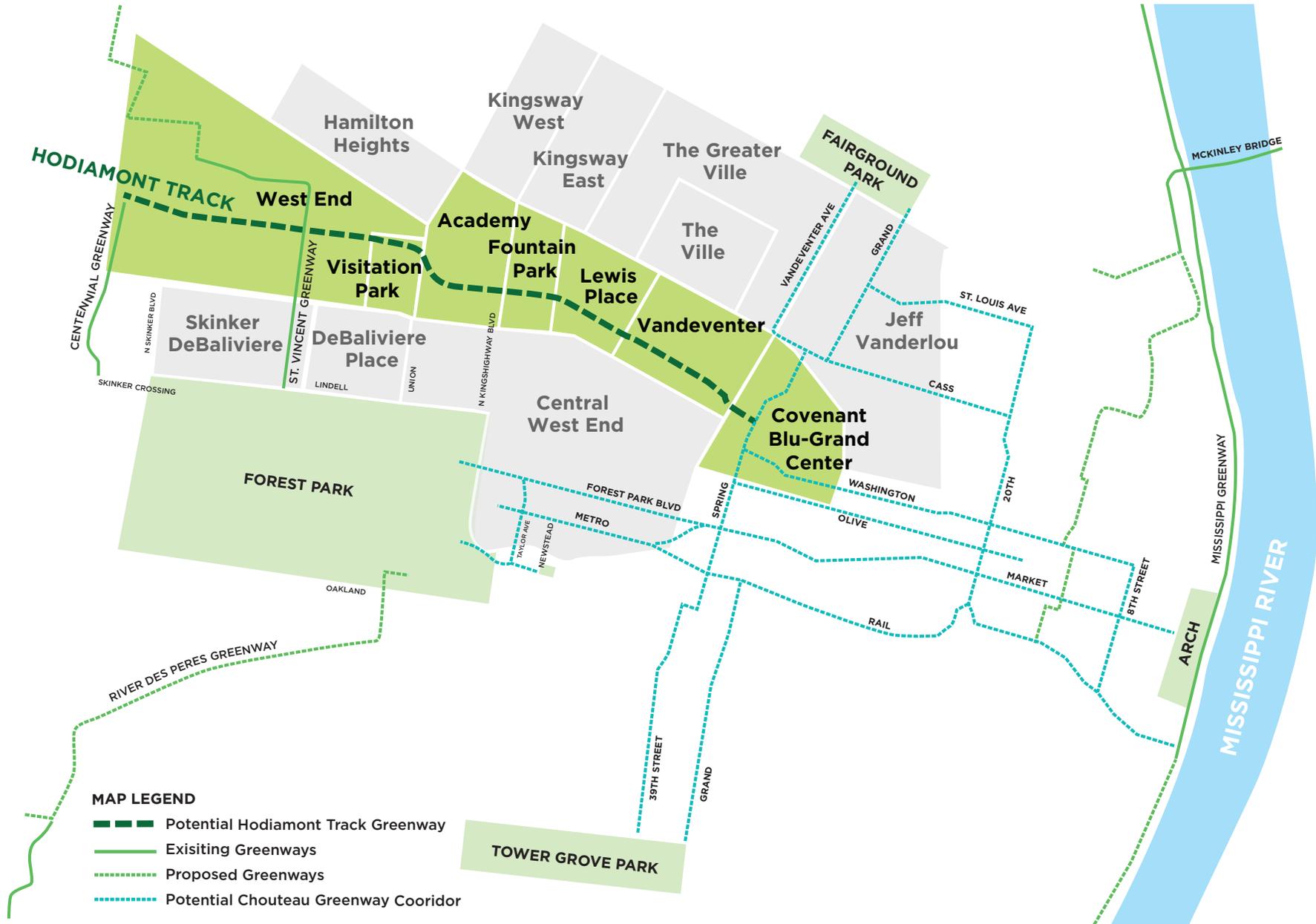
- Academy/Sherman Park
- Covenant Blu-Grand Center
- Fountain Park
- Lewis Place
- Vandeventer
- Visitation Park
- West End

According to the STL Vacancy Collaborative, 179 (33%) of the 545 parcels along the Tracks are vacant or potentially vacant lots. Of the 366 parcels adjacent to the Tracks with primarily residential buildings on them, 56 (15%) of these buildings are vacant. 96% of the buildings are residential, 3% are institutional, and 1% are commercial.

While there are destinations along the main part of the corridor, a potential Hodiament Tracks Greenway could be an opportunity to create even more destinations and spur economic development in this area of the City of St. Louis. The community engagement process gave residents, elected officials and community members the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of such a greenway and to determine what they think is best for their community.

The secondary neighborhoods, those not directly touched by the alignment itself, are:

- Central West End
- DeBaliviere Place
- Hamilton Heights
- JeffVanderLou
- Kingsway West and East
- Skinker-DeBaliviere
- The Greater Ville
- The Ville



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

The areas surrounding the Hodiament Tracks are full of diversity, rich history and people who want a better life for their children and future generations. Unfortunately, these areas, which include the neighborhoods of West End, Visitation Park, Academy/Sherman Park, Fountain Park, Lewis Place, Vandeventer and Covenant Blu/Grand Center, have been plagued with crime, drugs, prostitution, poverty, a lack of resources, and discriminatory practices. Nevertheless, these neighborhoods are also filled with hard working people who desire spaces to commune and gather with family and friends, opportunities for connecting with other neighborhoods and communities, and a safe, stable environment for their children to grow, learn and play.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks

Great Rivers Greenway staff cannot know all of the intricacies of a community. The context of past similar experiences, concerns, and ideas as shared by community members are welcomed in the engagement process. A thorough community engagement process leads to more viable results. This process allows the study team to engage with the community and gather crucial input while also assessing the physical, economic and social impacts that help guide greenway projects. Additionally, this process ensures the greenways are an asset for all to enjoy.

During the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study, the study team obtained community input through stakeholder interviews, a survey, a webpage, direct mailers, door-to-door canvassing, community presentations, keypad polling and and a Pop-Up Greenway Event.

Fact Sheet – a one-pager that contained the proposed study area map that highlighted relevant neighborhoods, a greenway description, key facts, a survey link and contact information. See *Appendix A*.

Stakeholder Letter – a letter sent to influential people and organizations as well as possible partners both in and outside the study area, which provided a brief study overview and contact information for meeting requests. See *Appendix B*.

Door Hanger – a leave-behind from the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Street Team hung on the doors of all 350 residences adjacent to the tracks. It featured greenway information, a study survey link, an invitation to the Pop-Up Greenway Event and contact information. See *Appendix C*.

Direct Mailer – a letter sent to nearly 5,000 residents living within a quarter-mile of the Hodiament Tracks that informed them of the study, Pop-Up Greenway Event and included a printed survey with return envelope. See *Appendix D*.

Community PowerPoint Presentation – provided detailed information about Great Rivers Greenway, a study overview, and keypad polling to collect feedback. See *Appendix E*.

- **Keypad Poll** – short questionnaire derived from the study survey used to gather and display instantly participant feedback by use of keypads. Results were later entered into the study survey results.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



An important first step in the community engagement process was to identify stakeholders, who are any people or organizations that would be directly impacted by a Hodiament Tracks Greenway and/or who could have an impact on the project’s activities and outcome. The study team compiled a list that included elected officials, community leaders, neighborhood groups and community organizations that represent or work with area residents and businesses.

The purpose of the stakeholder interviews was to educate participants about the proposed Hodiament Tracks Greenway, document the concerns and needs of area residents and stakeholders, identify alternative methods of enhancing connectivity and elicit feedback for further evaluation. The study team met face-to-face with 66 stakeholders.

Meetings were held with 66 community leaders, elected officials and business owners.

DATE	STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWEES	ORGANIZATION(S) REPRESENTED
6/26/18	Christy Gray	The Whitaker Foundation
6/28/18	Alderman Marlene Davis	City of St. Louis Board of Alderman - 19th Ward
7/11/18	Alderman Frank Williamson	City of St. Louis Board of Alderman - 26th Ward
7/12/18	Alderman Heather Navarro	City of St. Louis Board of Alderman - 28th Ward
7/12/18	State Senator Jamilah Nasheed	State of Missouri - District 5
7/16/18	Alderman Jeffrey Boyd	City of St. Louis Board of Alderman - 22nd Ward
7/18/18	Alderman Brandon Bosley	City of St. Louis Board of Alderman - 3rd Ward
7/25/18	Dotti McDowell and Brenda Simpson	City of St. Louis - Dept. of Public Safety
8/2/18	Alderman Terry Kennedy	City of St. Louis Board of Alderman - 18th Ward
8/13/18	Erica Hagan, Justin Idleburg, Madeliene Brice and Robert Strikwerda	The West End Neighbors
8/17/18	Keaira Anderson, George Roberts, Lisa Potts, Irv Hamilton, Tullia Hamilton, and Tonnie Glispie-Smith	Cornerstone and the West End Council
8/21/18	Judith Arnold	St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO)
8/21/18	Ken Franklin	Bi-State Development
8/23/18	Karin Hagaman	Grand Center
8/23/18	Brian Phillips	Washington University Medical Center
8/24/18	Karl Guenther	University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL) - Public Policy Research Center

DATE	STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWEES	ORGANIZATION(S) REPRESENTED
8/27/18	Mike Adkins, Cynthia Watson, Sheila Caradine, Lisa Pierce, Candice Williams, Donna Price	Laurel Place Residents
8/27/18	Jhamie Schultz	Friends of Fountain Park
8/29/18	State Representative Karla May	State of Missouri - District 084
8/29/18	Don Roe, Connie Tomasula, Jamie Wilson, Deanna Venker, Kimberly Haegele, John Kohler, and Denis Beganovic	City of St. Louis - Various Depts.
8/29/18	Nathan Plumb	Resident and former St. Vincent Greenway CAC member
8/31/18	Maxine Clark	Clark-Fox Family Foundation
9/6/18	Kevin Bryant and Jim Dwyer	Kingsway Development
9/10/18	Rev. Starsky Wilson and David Nehrt-Flores	Deaconess Foundation
9/12/18	Doug Auer and Nick Dunne	Third Degree Glass Factory
9/13/18	Christopher Keuss and Gary Drikow	Veteran's Administration
9/13/18	Kate Walter	The Central West End Association
9/26/18	Rev. John Watson	Academy/Sherman Park Neighborhood Organization
10/3/18	Amy Levin	Helix Realty
10/4/18	Shavette Wayne-Jones	Land Reutilization Authority
10/9/18	Rev. Derrick Perkins	Centennial Christian Church
10/12/18	Board President Lewis Reed	City of St. Louis - Board of Alderman
10/23/18	Missy Borchardt and Emily Adkisson	Ranken Technical College
10/29/18	Laura Ginn and Tracy Boaz Green	City Coalition
10/31/18	Michelle Witthaus and Timetria Watson	Health Equity Works and Grace Hill
11/7/18	Scott Krummenacher and Carolyn Payne	Washington University Feasibility Study
11/19/18	Bill Rataj	City of St. Louis - Community Development Administration
1/2/19	Erica Henderson	St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

INTERVIEW THEMES

During the interviews, stakeholders discussed areas for improvement within the community and key factors for creating a successful greenway project. From these discussions several themes emerged.

SAFETY & MAINTENANCE



Overall, stakeholders agreed that neighborhoods within the study area and especially along the tracks are unsafe. This is due to a combination of elements that include the presence of drugs, prostitution, loitering, overgrowth of foliage and illegal dumping. In the Hodiament Tracks' current state, the community, even residents living adjacent to them, often times avoid it because they feel unprotected and unseen. Stakeholders insisted safety must be improved with the implementation of a greenway, otherwise it will not be used and enjoyed by the community.

Maintenance was the second most commonly identified for improvement. Stakeholders expressed that little is being done to ensure the Tracks are free from debris and foliage and are being maintained. This is in part due to the division of ownership between the City of St. Louis and Metro. The foliage overgrowth is a concern for both stakeholders and area residents as it was said to be unaesthetically pleasing, dangerous, and unfair. Stakeholders agree that the lack of maintenance along the tracks has decreased visibility and that clean-up efforts and resources are often directed to neighborhoods south of their communities.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks



HOMEOWNERS, SENIORS AND YOUTH

Stakeholders informed the study team that there are many longtime residents in the area. These residents are often homeowners who have an attachment to the community and have its best interest at heart. In addition to homeowners, renters are also abundant throughout the study corridor. It is perceived that some renters are younger with children and are not concerned with the greater good of the community. Stakeholders insisted a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks should include a playground or activities for children and programs for other residents, especially seniors.



Healthy Kids Happy Kids



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Due to a lack of available resources and past development disappointments, stakeholders informed the study team that initial community engagement could be a challenge. Not all of the community attends monthly neighborhood or ward meetings, many residents do not have Internet access and some area residents have experienced developers making promises that never came to fruition. For these reasons, residents may come off as jaded or immediately disapproving of the project. Stakeholders asserted that involving and engaging the community early and often while supplying them with accurate information will build goodwill.

Stakeholders also informed the study team that if a greenway is built, it will be important to continue to engage the community. Continual community engagement will lead to increased usage, of a Hodiament Tracks greenway, which will assist with ensuring safety. To promote usage, stakeholders advised that programs and community gathering spaces be implemented along the greenway.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Through stakeholder interviews, a Community Profile was established. The Community Profile provides a good sense of the community, its history, how decisions are made and the relationships within the community. This profile is also ideal for gathering good ideas to be implemented in the engagement and design process and understanding possible resistance to a proposed greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks. The rest of this section list questions important to the study and summarizes the responses received during the stakeholder interviews.



NorthsideTrapRun

What does success look like?

A successful implementation of a greenway project along the study corridor would include a new identity for the neighborhoods as a safe and emergent destination for life, work, and play. Stakeholders hope a new identity would encourage residents to take ownership in their communities, which could result in united neighborhoods working together to improve the quality of life.

What concerns do you have?

Stakeholders expressed concern around funding, maintenance of the greenway and the dissolution of crime along the Tracks. They were also concerned about equity, inclusion and community engagement due to unrelated projects occurring in the communities that they believe did not consider community and resident input or feedback. However, safety and maintenance were the top concerns mentioned in most of the stakeholder interviews and in meetings with the community. The Hodiamont Tracks are notoriously known for being a place where illicit activities such as violent crime and trash dumping occur. Stakeholders and community members are concerned with the aesthetics of the area surrounding the Tracks and expressed a need for adequate lighting, police/security presence, and emergency call boxes that could deter crime and illicit behavior.

What role would you like to play?

Stakeholders volunteered to be a vehicle for communicating with their constituents by forwarding e-mails or the study fact-sheet. Others provided the study team direct access to their constituents by supplying an email database or by allowing the team to present at their meetings.

Describe your constituents and neighborhoods. What have they experienced? How might they react?

Some areas of the Hodiamont Tracks are wider across, which allows room for cars to drive and provides access to yards and garages. These areas are also used by the City of St. Louis for trash service. Other areas are narrower with little room for cars to drive and allow no trash service. Maintenance along the Tracks is sporadic as stretches of the track are owned by either the City of St. Louis or Metro and are not equally maintained. Community members expressed ongoing issues with foliage overgrowth, illegal dumping and vacant and abandoned housing, which currently makes the Tracks a place where people avoid. Stakeholders believe these issues would need to be addressed in order to make a greenway along the Tracks a place that residents will support and use.

There is also a significant senior citizen population in this area who own their homes and are well established in their neighborhoods. This population has had many developers and projects from outside the community provide hope through engagement but no tangible benefit has come to fruition. Due to existing perceptions of outside developers, community members typically approach outside entities with a jaded attitude until signs of promise are shown. Others have endured the same conditions for the majority of their life. Stakeholders advised some people resist change because they are afraid of it.



SLACOs National Night Out

What will excite and concern people the most about the project?

These communities have been historically disenfranchised. Residents will be most excited about visible development and change within their neighborhoods. Residents will also be very appreciative of consistent maintenance as they will feel their tax dollars are being put into visible action.

Who are influential individuals or organizations?

Many stakeholders highlighted community organizations such as Cornerstone, St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council as influential. Key influential individuals mentioned include Shavette Wayne-Jones, Alderman Terry Kennedy and Kevin Bryant of Kingsway Development.



Northside TrapRun

Who are likely allies and likely detractors?

Major allies include local health clinics who are proponents of a healthier lifestyle, cyclists and walkers who would have access to safer trails, and other homeowners. Putting a greenway along the Tracks would make the neighborhood a more desirable place to live, thereby increasing property values, which would appeal to homeowners. Connecting with the senior citizen population will also contribute to success with a greenway project in these neighborhoods as they are said to be the most likely allies. Providing spaces that are safe and easily accessible for senior citizens to exercise and interact with one another not only keeps them active and healthier but also provides a sense of community with opportunities for younger generations to interact and play in the same spaces as older generations.

Both stakeholders and community members highlighted renters as likely detractors to the greenway project. Stakeholders feel that many renters do not place value on the area and are among those engaging in illicit activities along the Tracks and within the neighborhoods.

Who are predictable participants and who has been left out?

Stakeholders and community members agree that neighborhoods west of Hamilton Avenue, including the West End, Academy/Sherman Park and Fountain Park/Lewis Place, are the most engaged. The study team has spoken with representatives of these neighborhood groups and community organizations.

Describe successful and unsuccessful local engagement efforts.

During successful development projects near the area, like the Granville Housing Development which developed the Nathaniel Rivers Place Apartments in Hamilton Heights and the neighboring Arlington Grove project, near Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, which renovated an abandoned elementary school into loft-style apartments as well as built apartments and a mixed-use building, stakeholders felt the community remained involved and were kept abreast of project developments. Other engagement efforts or projects, like the addition of bike lanes on Union Boulevard, were not as successful and saw protests and lack of involvement from community members because there was more talking than action and little input from the community considered. Stakeholders who have been successful in this community recommend continuing efforts to engage with community members early and often and to ensure that residents feel that their voice is being heard. They also recommended consistent communication in a variety of ways to reach the maximum number of residents. Some communication avenues that have been successful in the past include social media, mailers, flyers, email, texting and utilizing the communication channels already established by neighborhood groups and aldermen.

Where do people gather? What local events should we attend?

Other ways of reaching residents to communicate and request feedback include attending events where residents are already gathered like Movie Nights in the Park at DeSoto and Trojan Park, free park concerts such as the Ivory Perry Park concert series in Ivory Perry Park, ward meetings, neighborhood association meetings and the annual Juneteenth celebration in Trojan Park. It will be important to keep up with when these events are happening to ensure a constant presence and connection with the community.

What are your current functional communication methods, community calendars, etc.?

Functional communication methods include the usage of community networks such as the Nextdoor pages of all seven neighborhoods along the Tracks and the neighborhood association Facebook pages of the West End Neighbors, Friends of Fountain Park and Grand Center. However, stakeholders informed the study team that social media in general accompanied with direct mailers, flyers in locations where the public frequents, and email blasts are the most successful outreach methods. Yet, that traditional method does not work for all neighborhoods as some toss out mailers and most do not have Internet access. Therefore, it was also recommended that the study team send text messages as a mode of communication to the public.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks

What else is happening in your community during this project timeframe? What issues do we need to be aware of, such as elections, developments, etc.?

Some projects are already under way including the Clark School renovation on Union Boulevard in the Academy/Sherman Park neighborhood and development by Washington University of the areas just south of the Tracks along Skinker Boulevard, or completed like the Grand Center Great Streets project. Other projects are in the beginning stages or have yet to begin implementation. Other planned or proposed projects include the Maker's Space along Delmar Boulevard, the Kingsway and North Sarah developments, the North Central Special Business District and the Delmar Divine. These are important to note and monitor for possible conflicts and partnering opportunities. It is also important to stay in communication with other community developers like Better Family Life and East Loop CID.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks

“Not going in back [on the Hodiament Tracks] because there is too much killing. The city needs to do something to make things better...”

- Nearby Resident

What are your community’s priorities-greenway or other?

Many of the stakeholders interviewed were actively involved in developing commercial and residential spaces in neighborhoods along the Tracks to bring more amenities and jobs from places such as grocery stores, pharmacies and laundromats. Developers hope that by investing in these communities and making them more desirable destinations to live, other businesses will be enticed to build north of Delmar Boulevard as well. Investing in these communities will give residents and small business owners inspiration to invest and take ownership of their own neighborhoods. This is also the hope of the neighborhood organizations, who believe that building a greenway along the Tracks could help reignite residents’ pride in their neighborhood and renew trust with the City of St. Louis. Residents do not want to continue to feel that they have been “forgotten” in favor of the wealthier neighborhoods to the south of Delmar.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

As part of the community engagement process, it was important to conduct presentations and activities where neighborhoods and communities already gather. The Hodiament Tracks Greenway study team contacted various neighborhood associations, block unit leaders, ward meeting leaders and community event organizers offering to make a presentation or host a booth at one of their upcoming gatherings.



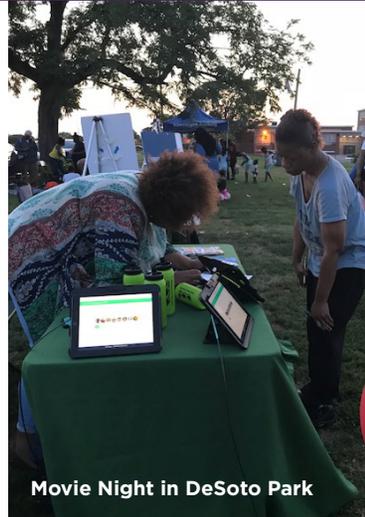
West Side Street Fest

The study team attended
24 gatherings, meetings,
ward meetings, events
and festivals.

At community meetings that permitted at least 20 minutes to discuss the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study, a PowerPoint presentation was shared that included information about Great Rivers Greenway and the regional greenways, an overview of the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study and keypad polling questions. The keypad polling responses were later entered into the existing study survey. During each presentation, the study team answered attendees' questions and asked them to complete a brief survey, which was distributed at the meetings along with the study fact sheet. Attendees interested in receiving study updates were asked to provide their email and/or cell phone.



Fairfax Ct./West Belle Association Block Unit Meeting



Movie Night in DeSoto Park



SLACO's National Night Out



West End Neighbors Community Meeting

At community events, the study team distributed informational brochures about Great Rivers Greenway, an email update sign-up sheet, the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study fact sheet, giveaways, and the survey available on both paper and electronically via iPads. The study team attended 24 community meetings and gatherings. Below is a list of the meetings and events that were attended:

DATE	EVENTS/MEETINGS ATTENDED
7/22/18	Ivory Perry Park Concert Series #1
8/4/18	Movie Night in the Park - DeSoto Park
8/11/18	West Side Street Fest
8/11/18	Movie Night in the Park - Trojan Park
8/14/18	St. Louis Development Corporation Town Hall
8/20/18	The West End Neighbors Community Meeting
8/23/18	Academy-Sherman Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
8/25-26/18	Festival of Nations in Tower Grove Park
8/26/18	The Northside TrapRun
8/26/18	Ivory Perry Park Concert Series #2
8/30/18	26th Ward Meeting
9/5/18	CWE Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting
9/10/18	Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Board Meeting
9/15/18	Unstash That Trash!
9/22/18	Fountain Park/Lewis Place Neighborhood Meeting
9/24/18	18th Ward Meeting
10/2/18	SLACO's National Night Out
10/6/18	West End South's Movie Night and Block Party
10/8/18	Academy Sherman Park Block Unit Meeting
10/9/18	5th District Community Meeting
11/1/18	Healthy Kids Happy Kids
11/6/18	4300 Fairfax Ct/West Belle Association Block Unit Meeting
11/7/18	Federation of Block Units Board Meeting
11/8/18	Covenant Blu-Grand Center Neighborhood Association Block Unit Meeting

DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASSING & FEEDBACK

Through stakeholder input, community meeting sign-ups and community organization partnerships, a street team was created consisting of area residents and community leaders. The street team's purpose was to go into the community to communicate one-on-one with residents about a potential greenway along the Hodiament Tracks. To prepare street team members, a street team briefing was held Saturday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Great Rivers Greenway office to educate the team members on greenways and the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Study, and to train them on door-to-door etiquette. The street team training including a bus and walking tour of a nearby greenway.



Street Team

During the first two weekends in October, the Hodiament Tracks Greenway Street Team went door-to-door in pairs to the 350 homes and 14 apartment buildings adjacent to the right-of-way to inform residents about the study, distribute study information, extend an invitation to the Pop-Up Greenway event, and gather feedback. Of the homes and apartment buildings that were visited, 65 residents (19%) answered the door to learn and provide feedback about the study. In the remainder of this section, the feedback gathered during the street team canvassing is briefly summarized.

For the full synopsis of canvassing feedback, see [Appendix F](#).

Of the homes and apartment buildings that were visited, 65 residents (19%) provided feedback.

WE HEARD...

40%

currently do not use the tracks

29%

see other people walking on the tracks

18%

would like the tracks to become a place for walking

21%

use the space for walking

16%

do not currently see anyone using the tracks

15%

would like it to become a gathering space

12%

use it to access their garage or home

11%

see people riding bikes and scooters

16%

believe it could beautify their neighborhood

9%

see drug use and sales

15%

believe it could improve their community



Neighbors noted that there is currently drug activity, gun violence and illegal dumping on the Tracks. They would like a greenway to add lighting and enhance the community culture.

POP-UP GREENWAY EVENT

The question of what a greenway is was asked often throughout the community engagement process. Therefore, in addition to defining verbally a greenway and its possible benefits, the study team, with the support of the Academy/Sherman Park Neighborhood Association, produced the Hodiamont Tracks Pop-Up Greenway Event. This Pop-Up event was held on Saturday, October 27 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. along the Hodiamont Tracks between Cabanne and Academy Avenues. The Pop-Up Greenway Event demonstrated the types of experiences and activities that could be held along the tracks if it were converted into a greenway.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks

Informational booths were set up at both entrances to the event, on Cabanne and Academy Avenues. There, the study team distributed greenway information, verbally elaborated on what a greenway is and the purpose of the event, offered the study survey and collected feedback. The Pop-Up Greenway Event kicked off with an opening number from a live blues band followed by statements of support from Alderman Terry Kennedy of the 18th ward, State Representative Karla May of District 84 and community leaders such as Rev. John Watson of the Academy/Sherman Park Neighborhood Association, and George Roberts of the West End Community Council.

“A greenway would make the neighborhood a lot better and limit the drug activity.”

- Nearby Resident

POP-UP GREENWAY EVENT

Throughout the event, attendees enjoyed a live blues band, a youth dance group performance, a fitness class, a rock-climbing wall, basketball, food from various food trucks, face painting, and various other fun activities. They also participated in conversations with community resource agencies and organizations such as the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO), the Academy/ Sherman Park Neighborhood Association, Cornerstone, the West End Neighbors, Mission St. Louis, the Missouri Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Genexe Health cancer screenings, and LimeBike St. Louis. Along the event area, there were also informational displays about the neighborhood's history.

Additionally, the Pop-Up Greenway Event demonstrated to attendees that it is possible for a greenway to co-exist with an active alley along the wider segments of the Tracks. A 12-foot wide walking and bicycling path was created along the center of the wider section of the Tracks. This display showed how vehicles, such as cars or trash trucks, could utilize either side of the alley.

**“Doing something with it heals pain
from the past – makes it look beautiful.”**

- Nearby Resident



(above) Alderman Terry Kennedy (left) and State Representative Karla May



Pop-Up Greenway Event Attendees

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

A questionnaire, available on paper and digitally, was designed to allow people to learn about greenways. Participants were then prompted to answer seven questions including if they would like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks, how they think it could serve their community, key issues that would need to be addressed, and alternative greenway locations. Respondents were also asked for their contact information and if they would like to receive updates on the Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Study.

The survey was posted on the Great Rivers Greenway website and was promoted via flyers and digital marketing. Paper surveys were distributed at all of the study team's community presentations. Both paper and electronic surveys were available where the study team had a booth at community events. The survey was also mailed to residents within a quarter-mile radius of the tracks along with a prepaid return envelope. The survey was open from July to November 2018. Five hundred fifty (550) surveys were collected. The remainder of this section summarizes the input obtained from the survey responses. See the survey in *Appendix G*.

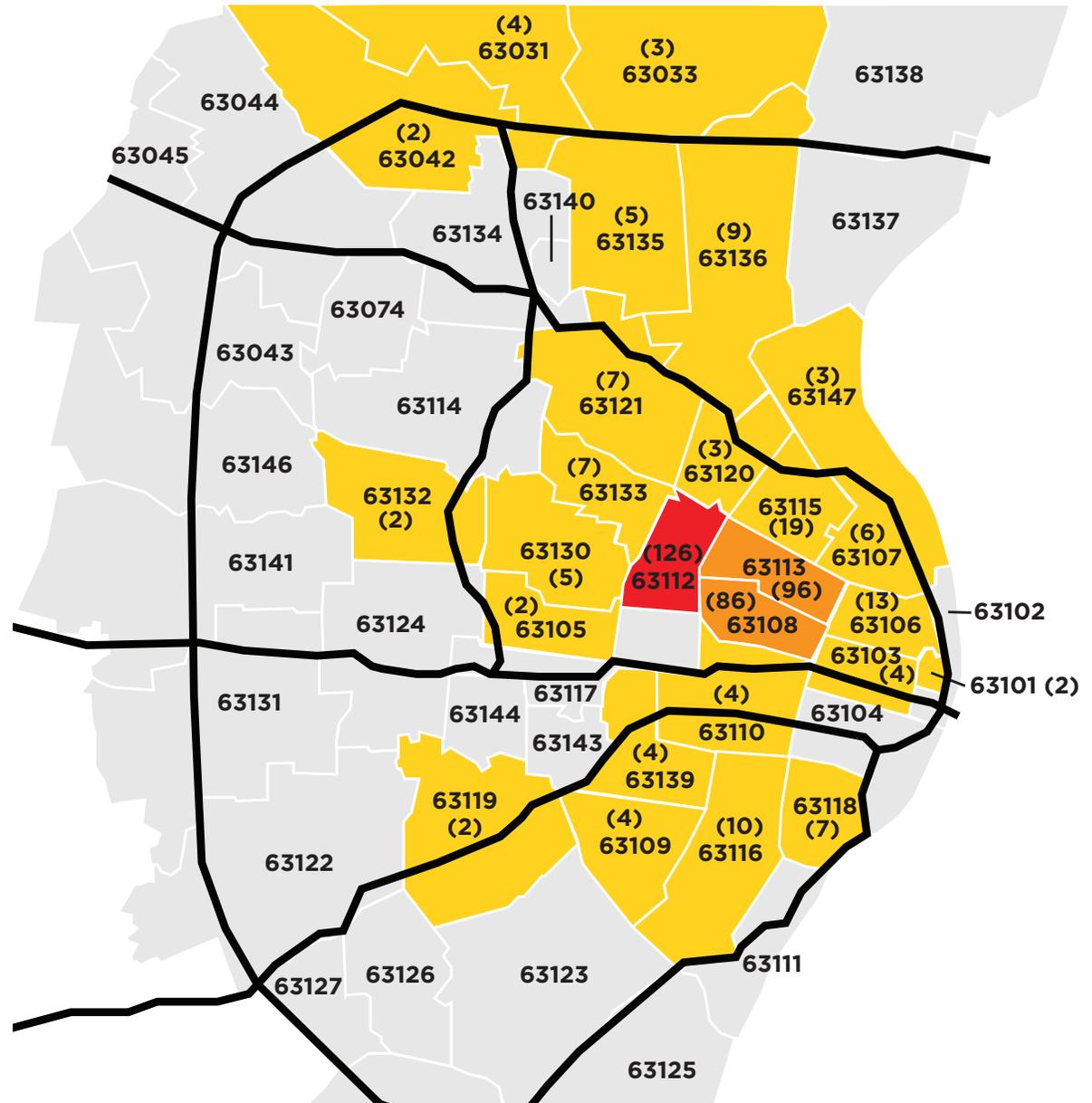
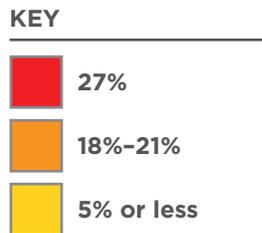


Movie Night in DeSoto Park

550 | **27% of Respondents from**
Surveys Collected | **63112**

DEMOGRAPHICS

Two thirds (65%) of respondents who provided their zip code live in the three zip codes where the Tracks are located (63108, 63112 and 63113). The largest number of respondents live in the northwest St. Louis City zip code of 63112.



DOES THIS COMMUNITY WANT A GREENWAY?

The survey introduction included the definition of a greenway and a map of the Hodiament Tracks. Respondents were asked to indicate whether they would like a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks. This was posed as a polar question and included an option for “other.” Their answers are detailed in the figure on the right.

The majority of respondents, more than nine of ten (94.62%), indicated that they would like a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks. Twelve responses listed in the “other” category for this question were:

- Already exists on Lindell Ave;
- Not Sure;
- Open;
- Not a current neighbor;
- Playing;
- Movies/Roller skate;
- Beautifying the tracks but still allowing access for residents would be better;
- I am not sure;
- Not sure/Only if crime rate reduced;
- Please put a emergency button along Tracks;
- Not from Union to Kingshighway; and
- Too many drug users and sellers.

Would you like a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks where you could walk, jog, ride a bicycle, push a stroller, use a wheelchair or have a picnic?



HOW WOULD YOU USE THE GREENWAY?

Respondents were asked to indicate how they would use a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks. They were given eight choices including an option for “other” and could select more than one. Their answers are detailed in the figure on the right.

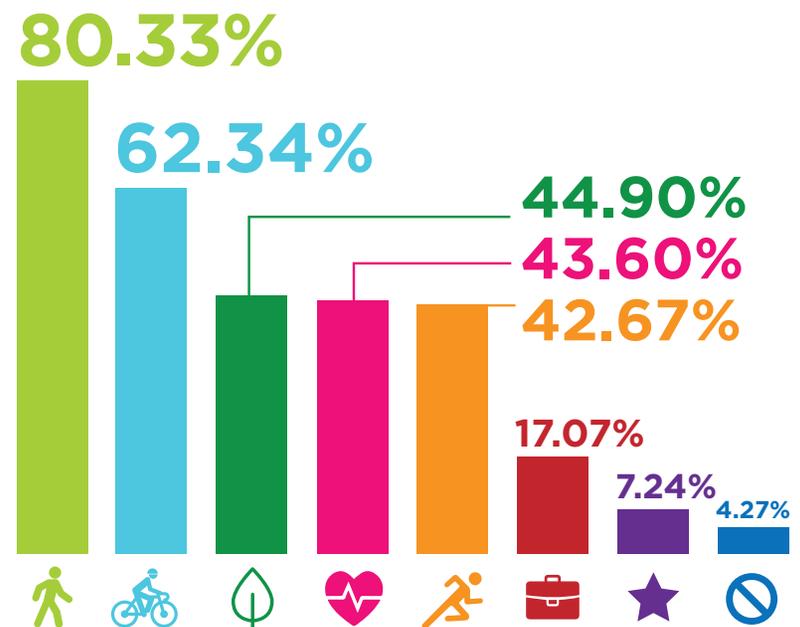
The majority of respondents would use the Hodiament Tracks Greenway for walking (80.33%), biking (62.34%), connecting with nature (44.90%), exercising (43.60%), running (42.67%), getting to work or school (17.07%), other (7.24%), or wouldn't use it at all (4.27%).

Thirty-nine (39) responses in the “other” category were listed under the following groups:

- Fun activities (6);
- Family and activities for kids (4);
- Would use upon area improvement (3);
- Community gatherings (3);
- Walk pets (3);
- To get to destinations other than work or school (2);
- Activities for teens (2); and
- Sightsee (1).

Additional responses were listed in the “Nothing specific” (8) and “Miscellaneous” (5) categories. A listed of verbatim responses can be found in *Appendix H*.

How would you use a Hodiament Greenway? (Select all that apply).



WHAT ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MAKE THE GREENWAY GREAT?

Almost a quarter (22%) of the survey comments mentioned that there is a lack of safety along the Tracks which is a concern and should be addressed as a top priority. Respondents listed suggestions for amenities that would help users of a Hodiament Tracks Greenway feel and be safe.

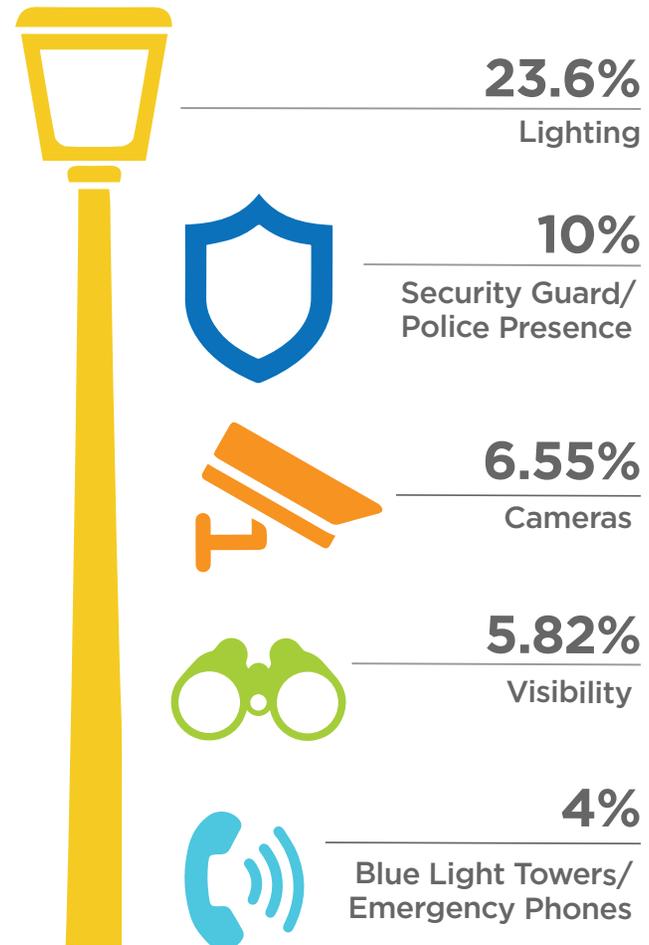
These amenities included:

- Lighting (23.6%);
- Security guard/ Police presence (10%);
- Cameras (6.55%);
- Visibility (5.82%); and
- Blue Light towers/ Emergency phones (4%).

“A greenway would make the neighborhood a lot better and limit the drug activities.”

- Nearby Resident

Suggested Amenities for Safety



WHAT ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MAKE THE GREENWAY GREAT?

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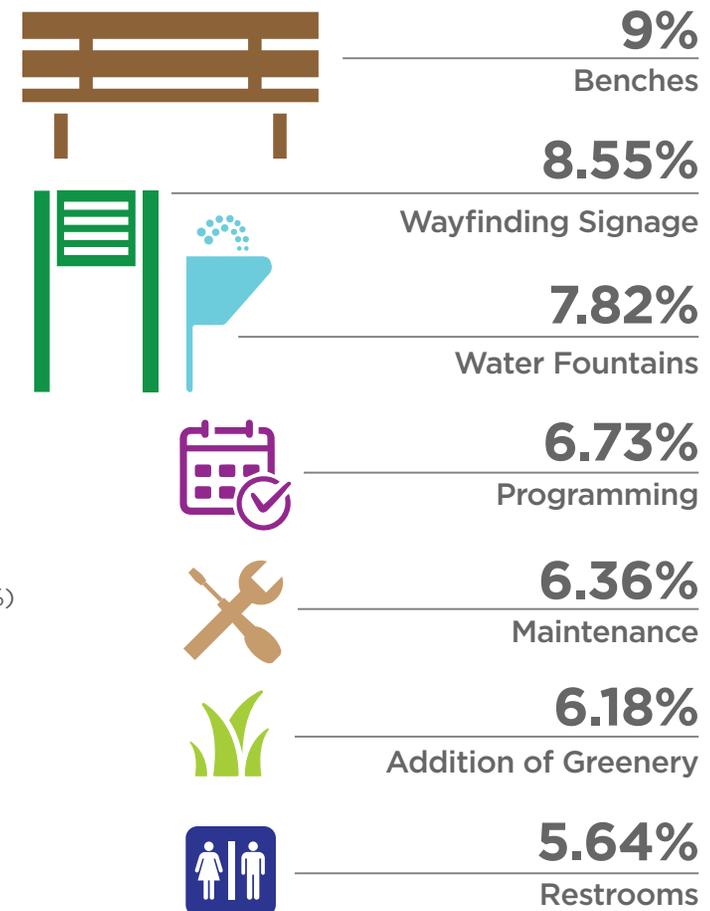
Respondents also listed amenities that would make the proposed greenway amazing, fun for all ages and inviting. These amenities included:

- Benches (9%)
- Wayfinding signage (8.55%)
- Water fountains (7.82%)
- Programming (6.73%)
- Maintenance (6.36%)
- Addition of greenery (6.18%)
- Restrooms (5.64%)

And also included:

- Beautification (4%)
- Community involvement (3.82%)
- Activities for youth (3.82%)
- Community gathering space (2.91%)
- Walking paths (2.55%)
- Historical signage (2.36%)
- Bike lanes (1.82%)
- Inclusion of rules and regulations (1.82%)
- Paved surface (1.82%)
- Welcoming to all (1.82%)
- Trash cans and/or recycling bins (1.64%)
- Fencing for homes (1.45%)
- Increased accessibility (1.09%)
- Connections (.91%)
- Nearby destinations (0.91%)

Amenities to make the Greenway Amazing



WHAT ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MAKE THE GREENWAY GREAT?

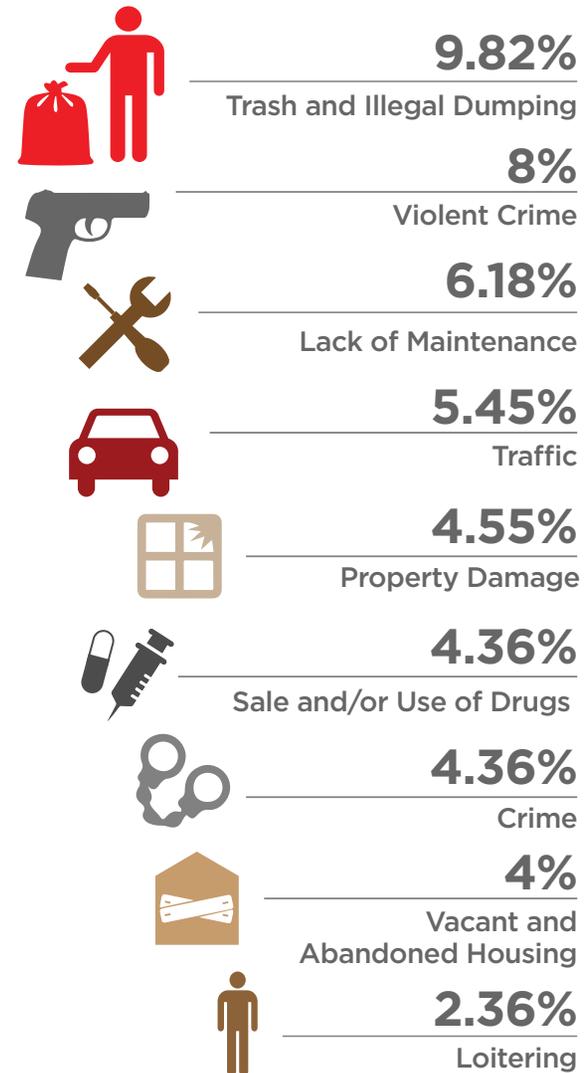
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Additionally, respondents wrote about ongoing activities along the Tracks and how they should be addressed to make the proposed greenway safe and inviting. The activities to be addressed included:

- Trash and illegal dumping (9.82%)
- Violent crime (8%)
- Lack of maintenance (6.18%)
- Traffic (5.45%)
- Property damage (4.55%)
- The sale and/or use of drugs (4.36%)
- Crime (4.36%)
- Vacant and abandoned housing (4%)
- Loitering (2.36%)

A list of verbatim survey comments can be found in *Appendix I*.

Concerning Activities to be addressed:



IF NOT HODIAMONT TRACKS, THEN WHERE?

Respondents were provided space to write about other locations in the community that would be better suited for a greenway, if not the Hodiament Tracks. One hundred three (103) survey respondents directly address this question.

The majority (36.9%) of respondents stated the Hodiament Tracks is well suited for a greenway. Other respondents disagreed (25.24%), were uncertain of an alternative location (17.48%), felt that the question did not apply to them (11.65%) or made additional study recommendations or requests (8.74%). Verbatim responses can be found in **Appendix J**. Some of those who disagreed with the Hodiament Tracks being a viable location for the greenway offered location suggestions near the proposed, such as:

- On Hodiament Avenue;
- Near Beckett Park;
- Near Union Boulevard and Page Avenue; or
- Along Belt Avenue

Others highlighted locations in neighborhoods adjacent to the study corridor, such as:

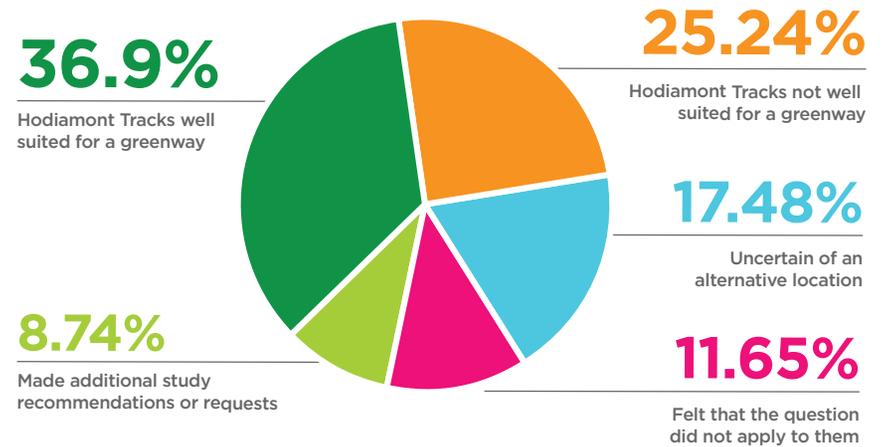
- Near I-64 or closer to Forest Park;
- Within JeffVanderLou and Carr Square
- University City; or
- Along Dr. Martin Luther King Drive in Wellston
- Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood near Hamilton Elementary School

Additional location suggestions were further from the proposed greenway and included the following areas:

- Downtown St. Louis
- Mark Twain Neighborhood
- Walnut Park Neighborhood
- North St. Louis County
- Pagedale/Overland
- South St. Louis City
- St. Louis' Central Corridor

A list of verbatim survey comments can be found in **Appendix J**.

If not Hodiament Tracks, then where



STUDY CONCLUSION

The Hodiament Tracks is a 3.5-mile east-west connection that was once a streetcar line and bus route. Currently, the tracks are an inactive space distressed by crime and a lack of maintenance. After spending the majority of 2018 engaging stakeholders and residents within the study corridor via interviews, presentations, and a survey, it has been determined that an overwhelming percentage of the community would like to have a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks right-of-way.



Pop-Up Greenway Event on the Tracks

An overwhelming percentage of the community would like to have a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks right-of-way.

Stakeholders and community members insist that issues such as trash and illegal dumping, violent crime, and the lack of maintenance will need to be addressed. The community also agreed that safety should be a top priority and that a combination of lighting and on-site security would aid in providing an improved sense of safety. Most community members said they would utilize the greenway for walking and/or bicycling and they requested the greenway be equipped with benches for resting areas and wayfinding signage. Now that the study team has learned that a Hodiament Tracks Greenway would be welcomed by the community, Great Rivers Greenway officials will spend 2019 continuing to engage the community and explore the design of a greenway on the Hodiament Tracks.

APPENDIX A

Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Fact Sheet

HODIAMONT TRACKS GREENWAY STUDY

Greenways are **outdoor spaces connecting people and places**. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include **trails, conservation projects** such as rain gardens and restored prairies, **amenities** like restrooms and drinking fountains, and **connections** to businesses, neighborhoods, parks, schools, waterways and transit.



The Hodiamont Tracks are an **inactive space** that have the **potential to become a greenway** where you could walk, jog, ride a bicycle, push a stroller, use a wheelchair or have a picnic.

Great Rivers Greenway wants to hear from YOU about whether you would like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks.



Let us know what you think about a potential greenway on the Hodiamont Tracks! Take a brief survey (5 minutes or less)
www.surveymonkey.com/r/HodiamontStudy



For more information or to receive updates, visit
www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/Hodiamont
or call **314-436-7009**



APPENDIX B

Stakeholder Letter



LIVE LIFE OUTSIDE

Date

Dear [Salutation] [First Name] [Last Name],

Currently, Great Rivers Greenway is engaging elected officials, residents, business owners, community organizations and community members in the areas surrounding the Hodiamont Tracks to determine whether the community would like a greenway in this area. Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people and places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include trails, conservation projects such as rain gardens and restored prairies, amenities like restrooms and drinking fountains, and connections to businesses, neighborhoods, parks, schools, waterways and transit.

The goal of the 2018 Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Study is to share greenway information with community members, gather feedback about desired connections and community activities, and listen to and document community needs and concerns. The information gathered will assist Great Rivers Greenway in determining if a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks is wanted by the community.

The Hodiamont Tracks connect a nearly four-mile corridor from the Grand Center Arts District on the east to North Skinker Blvd. and Gwen Giles Park on the west. The Hodiamont Tracks are currently an inactive space that have the potential to become a greenway where you could walk, jog, ride a bicycle, push a stroller, use a wheelchair or have a picnic. A greenway on the Hodiamont Tracks would connect people to other existing and proposed greenways include the St. Vincent and Chouteau Greenways.

The Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Study team is currently meeting with elected officials and stakeholders. The team will be present at community meetings and events throughout the end of the year to engage residents and community members. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Darby Latham at 314-621-5566 or dlatham@vectorstl.com. For more information about the Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Study, please visit www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/Hodiamont.

Sincerely,

Susan Trautman
Chief Executive Officer
Great Rivers Greenway

GreatRiversGreenway.org 6178 Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63112 314-436-7009

APPENDIX C

Street Team Door Hanger

Great Rivers Greenway

Greenways are outdoor spaces where you can take a walk, go for a run, ride a bike, or get some fresh air.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT A POSSIBLE GREENWAY ON THE HODIAMONT/SUBURBAN TRACKS!

Take the 5-minute survey online at www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/Hodiamont or call 314-932-4904

Turn over for more information about the **October 27 Pop-Up Greenway on the Tracks!**

www.GreatRiversGreenway.org

Questions? Call 314-932-4904

Great Rivers Greenway

Pop-Up Greenway on the Tracks

Saturday, October 27, 2-4pm

Join us for free food, live music, dance, fitness, games, art, community resources and fun for the whole family and experience what a greenway could be like on the tracks!

Pop-Up Greenway on the Hodiament/Suburban Tracks between Cabanne Ave. and Academy Ave. (behind Soldan High School)

QUESTIONS? Call 314-932-4904

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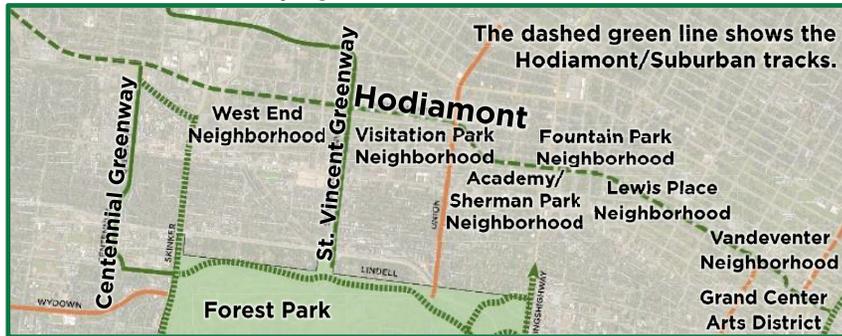
APPENDIX D

Direct Mailer

Please take a few minutes to let us know what you think about the Hodiament/Suburban Tracks and whether they would be a great place for a greenway.



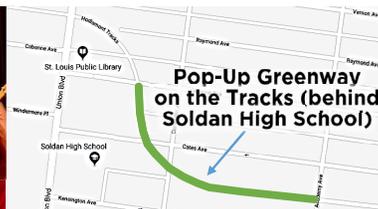
Great Rivers Greenway connects the St. Louis region with greenways, making it a vibrant place to live, work, and play. **Greenways are outdoor spaces where you can take a walk, go for a run, ride a bike or get some fresh air.** Learn more about greenways in our region at www.GreatRiversGreenway.org.



More project info and online survey at www.GreatRiversGreenway.org/Hodiament.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A POP-UP GREENWAY ON THE TRACKS!

Saturday, October 27, 2-4pm on the tracks between Cabanne Ave. and Academy Ave. Join us for free food, live music, dance, fitness, games, art, community resources and fun for the whole family and experience what a greenway could be like on the tracks!



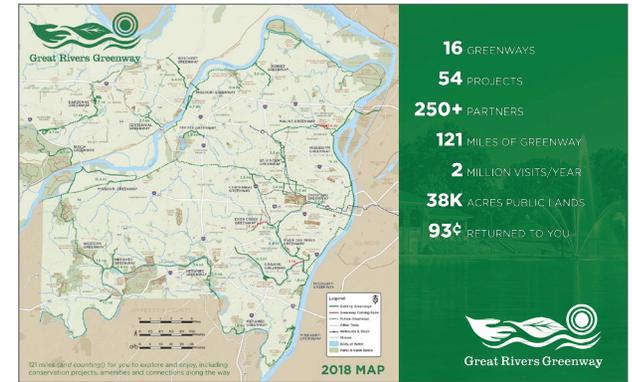
There are over 120 miles of greenways in the St. Louis region. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects.



Learn more about greenways that you can explore and enjoy at www.GreatRiversGreenway.org or by calling 314-436-7009.

APPENDIX E

Community PowerPoint Presentation



GREENWAYS BENEFIT OUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING IMMEDIATELY

THE GREENWAY NETWORK STRENGTHENS OUR CIVIC WELL-BEING NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE



MEET THE PROJECT:

ST. VINCENT GREENWAY

ST. VINCENT GREENWAY

- Forest Park
- Loop Trolley
- Ruth Porter Mall Park
- Trojan Park
- Wellston
- Pagedale
- UMSL Campus
- Express Scripts
- 7 MetroLink Stations



APPENDIX E - CONT.

Community PowerPoint Presentation



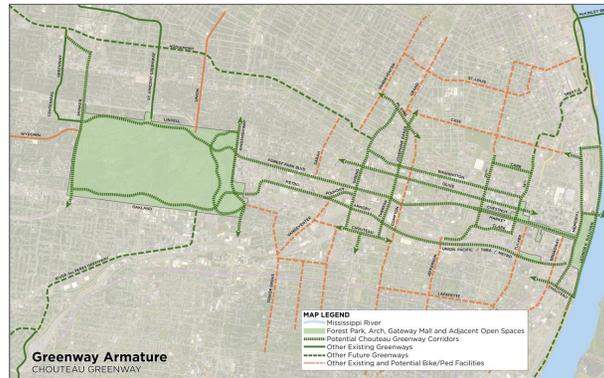
MEET THE PROJECT:

CHOUTEAU GREENWAY



CHOUTEAU GREENWAY: Advisory Groups

- Design Oversight Committee (11 Competition Funding Partners – public, private, institutions and foundations)
- Competition Manager / Design Advisor
- Community Advisory Committee
- Technical Advisory Group (35+ Advising Organizations – public agencies, nonprofits, developers, utilities, etc.)
- Competition Jury
- Artists of Color Council
- Residents of the Region



CHOUTEAU GREENWAY: The Stoss Landscape Urbanism Team
Planners, Designers, Artists, Architects, Engineers, Community Engagers, Real Estate Advisors and Economic Advisors

Chris	Toni	Marion	Kate	De	Mallory
Damon	Steve	Elaine	Kenneth	Taylor	Cheryl
Gillian	Amanda	David	Chuck	Candace	Paul

WOULD YOU LIKE A GREENWAY ALONG THE HODIAMONT TRACKS?

IF YES, WHAT ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TO MAKE THIS AN AMAZING PLACE?

IF NO, IS THERE ANOTHER PLACE BETTER-SUITED FOR A GREENWAY?

HODIAMONT TRACKS GREENWAY STUDY

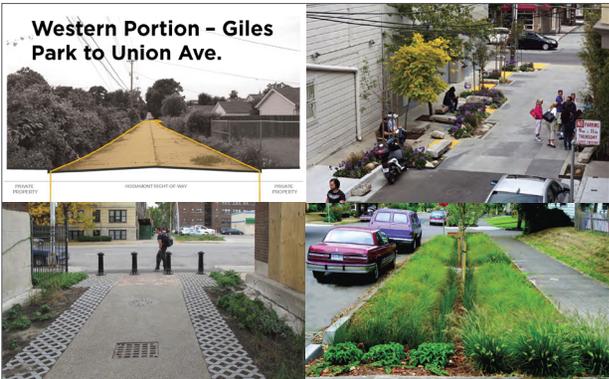
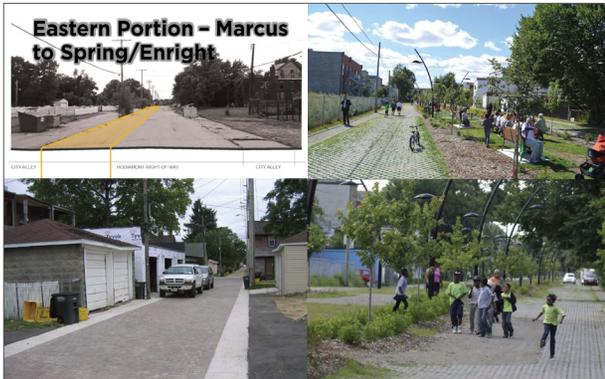
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Community PowerPoint Presentation



HODIAMONT TRACKS GREENWAY STUDY: 2018 Engagement Process

- Listening Sessions with Elected Officials and Community Stakeholders
- Presentations at Neighborhood Meetings
- Surveys at Community Festivals and Events
- Survey Mailing
- Pop Up Greenway Event
- Report Back on What We Heard
- Opportunity for Future Design & Piloting



APPENDIX E - CONT.

Community PowerPoint Presentation

Key Pad Polling

Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Study

What day is today?

- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Thursday
- E. Friday



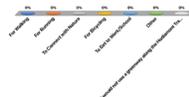
Would you like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks?

- A. Yes
- B. No



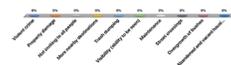
How would you use a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks?

- A. For Walking
- B. For Running
- C. To Connect with Nature
- D. For Bicycling
- E. To Get to Work/School
- F. Other
- G. I would not use a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks



What issues would need to be addressed to make the Hodiamont Tracks Greenway amazing, safe and an inviting part of the community? (Select the top three issues)

- A. Violent crime
- B. Property damage
- C. Not inviting to all people
- D. More nearby destinations
- E. Trash dumping
- F. Visibility (ability to be seen)
- G. Maintenance
- H. Street crossings
- I. Overgrowth of bushes
- J. Abandoned and vacant housing



What amenities would you like along the Hodiamont Tracks Greenway? (Select the top three)

- A. Restrooms
- B. Water fountains
- C. Benches
- D. Historical Signage
- E. Wayfinding signage
- F. Lighting



APPENDIX F

Street Team Canvassing Synopsis

Hodiamont Tracks Street Team Outreach

Street Team knocked on doors of 350 homes adjacent to tracks on weekends in October 2018. 65 answered the door (19%).

Personal Current Usage of the Tracks

- 40% Do not use
- 21% Walking
- 12% Garage/Home access
- 9% Parking
- 7% Garbage collection
- 3% Driving
- 3% Bicycling
- 3% Hanging out

Observed Current Usage of the Tracks

- 29% Walking
- 16% No use
- 11% Bicycling/Scooters
- 9% Drug use/sales
- 7% Hanging out
- 5% Debris dumping
- 5% Parking
- 4% Driving
- 4% Garbage collection
- 2% Garage/Home access
- 2% Exercise
- 2% Play space for youth

Desired Usage of the Tracks

- 18% Walking
- 16% Neighborhood beautification
- 15% Community betterment
- 15% Gathering space
- 13% Bicycling
- 11% Exercise
- 9% None
- 7% Play space for youth
- 5% Safety
- 2% Public transit
- 2% Environmental benefit
- 2% Outdoor movies
- 2% Driving
- 2% Lighting
- 2% Photography
- 2% Property value increase
- 2% Basketball court

Other Desired Greenway Locations

- 1x Walnut Park
- 1x Enright

Additional Comments

- 5x Existing drug activity
- 4x Add lighting
- 3x Enhance community culture
- 3x Existing gun violence
- 3x Existing illegal dumping
- 2x Security concerns
- 1x Address vacant buildings
- 1x Need garage access
- 1x Prohibit vehicle access
- 1x Add emergency phones
- 1x Address garbage collection
- 1x Add exercise equipment
- 1x Address overgrown plants
- 1x Add speed bumps
- 1x Slow down vehicle traffic
- 1x Build it soon
- 1x Will bring in white people and kick out current residents
- 1x Do not add benches
- 1x Roadway intersection concerns
- 1x Fence in the area

"It'll make me feel like I'm cared for - not just the southside or white people."

"Not going in back because there is too much killing. The city needs to do something to make things better."

"Doing something with it heals pains from the past - makes it look beautiful."

"I would sit outside and take pictures."

"A greenway would make the neighborhood a lot better and limit the drug activities."

APPENDIX G

Hodiamont Tracks Greenway Survey

HODIAMONT TRACKS GREENWAY SURVEY

1. Would you like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks where you could walk, jog, ride a bicycle, push a stroller, use a wheelchair or have a picnic?

Yes No Other (please specify) _____

2. How would you use a Hodiamont Greenway? (Select all that apply.)

Walking Running Connecting with Nature
 Bicycling Exercise Getting to Work/School
 I would not use a Hodiamont Greenway
 Other (please specify) _____

3. If you would like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks, what key issues would need to be addressed to make the Hodiamont Greenway an amazing, safe and inviting part of the community? (Feel free to list specific physical features, programs & events or even how it might feel to be on it.)

4. If you would not like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks, is there another place nearby in the community better suited for building a greenway? _____

5. In which 5 digit zip code do you live? _____

6. If you would like to receive Hodiamont Greenway email updates, please enter your email address: _____

7. If you would like to receive Hodiamont Greenway text updates, please enter your phone number: _____

THANK YOU!

For more information or to receive updates, visit
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 or call 314-436-7009



APPENDIX H

Survey Question 2 Verbatim Responses - "How would you use a Hodiament Greenway?"

SPECIFIED VERBATIM RESPONSES FOR "OTHER" SELECTION	CATEGORIES
Service and volunteer opportunities for teenagers who need them	Activities for teens
supervising teens in outdoor activity	Activities for teens
Community Park	Community gatherings
Connection with Community Neighbors	Community gatherings
neighborhood interaction	Community gatherings
family outing	Family and activities for kids
for the children	Family and activities for kids
safe space with my children	Family and activities for kids
showing my children things	Family and activities for kids
collecting aluminum	Fun activities
picnic	Fun activities
Roller skating	Fun activities
sports	Fun activities
sports/picnic/etc	Fun activities
Reading and listening to music while sitting on a park bench	Fun activities
increase property value	Misc.
What happens to home acces for residents on the tracks	Misc.
a great place to just enjoy	Misc.
As the ground breaker to begin the new Hodiament Greenway Tracks.	Misc.
will not	Misc.

SPECIFIED VERBATIM RESPONSES FOR "OTHER" SELECTION	CATEGORIES
n/a	Nothing specific
Not specified	Nothing specific
Not specified	Nothing specific
Not specified	Nothing specific
other	Nothing specific
just enjoying the view	Sightsee
few shops i.e. coffee shops	To get to destinations other than work or school
restaurants/grocery store	To get to destinations other than work or school
Dog walking	Walk pets
Walking my dog	Walk pets
Walking pets	Walk pets
If made safe w/ lighting and police	Would use upon area improvement
It's just too dangerous	Would use upon area improvement
main concern is safety	Would use upon area improvement
maybe if the surrounding blocks are improved	Would use upon area improvement
Not safe	Would use upon area improvement

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Very well lit, seating for the elderly, activities for the kids.
Safety and security, Pleasant rest areas-with benches and lighting, children’s play area, rest room facilities
Security cameras, security patrol, concerts and kid friendly
Security; Safe place for older adults; play ground for kids
Community involvement, safety and security and recreation
Programs for kids, nature walk/hikes safety no loitering
Safety monitoring, seating areas, children play areas for different age ranges, biking trail
Security cameras along the Greenway, lighting and a security officer walking or riding along the Greenway, benches and lots of vegetation and flowers to beautify the areas.
Violent crime, Property damage, Trash dumping
Violent crime, Property damage, Trash dumping
Violent crime, Property damage, Trash dumping
Overgrowth of bushes, Visibility (ability to be seen), Trash dumping
Safety! Safety! Safety! I grew up in the city of St. Louis along the tracks, and it was kind of bad back then. The tracks need a makeover, upgrade and improvement. I would love to see this project happen....looking foward to it. Thank you!
Trash dumping, Abandoned and vacant housing, Violent crime

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
greenspace (get rid of some of the concrete surface that currently exists); physical barriers to prevent unauthorized motor vehicles on as much of it as possible; lightening; strong maintenance agreement with City.
Violent crime Maintenance Street crossings
Violent crime Visibility (ability to be seen) Street crossings
the prostitution and drug activities would need to be removed. The city and LRA would have to start caring about trash and actually maintaining their houses and overgrown lots and city would need to get people to stop dumping in alleys
Violent crime trash dumping abandoned and vacant housing
violent crime maintenance abandoned and vacant housing
violent crime visibility (ability to be seen) abandoned and vacant housing
Violent crime Visibility (ability to be seen) Abandoned and vacant housing
It’s a great idea to turn the Hodiament Track, which is currently an eyesore and detriment to the West End neighborhood, into a greenway. The track has been terribly neglected and is full of trash, vegetation and other debris that would need to be cleared before those walking/riding it would feel they had appropriate visibility. Currently, the track is so overgrown it feels eerily secluded and unsafe. Lighting would be key, perhaps even security cameras. Also, the track would have to be configured so it is usable to pedestrians and bikes but not easily accessible to the unauthorized vehicular traffic that currently uses and speeds down the track.

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
This neighborhood would need to become alot safer for us to use a greenway. Needs people and police w/o going thru depressed neighborhoods
Community - centric development programs embracing both historical community, and enhancing the future of the area. Surrounding area beautification and region-specific opportunities for current residents to engage and receive direct benefits.
Large park/dog park and maybe some basketball courts. I don't play but the kids in the neighborhood do. Good places to just sit. Maybe this would be a good way to get rid of some of the abandoned houses in the neighborhood
Nature plants and greenery safety areas benches at 1/2 mile points
Historical signage Lighting Benches
Lighting historical signage benches
Restrooms Water fountains Benches
Restrooms Water fountains Benches
Restrooms Water fountains Benches
This would create a more walk-able neighborhood in a city where obesity rates are very high & the connectivity need more opportunities to get outdoors. This would definitely benefit our community. I hope it becomes a reality.
Safety, crime, sustainability
Safety, cultural representation, community involvement
security-lighting-sitting-exercise area host events-family environment-connect to other greenways
Safety first,lighting,police officers and gating

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Good lighting, something to fence off or improve the back of the building backs facing Hodiament. Also, a maintenance budget to keep it looking good.
Emergency phone, clear signage(and enforcement of) bike/walk paths. Critical for safety!! Lot of drinking fountains, Air/bike pumps adequate parking.(free)
Still allowing residents to access their property
Grass cut on a routine basis; maintained like Ruth Porter Mall; block parties to get to know neighbors;
Safety and inclusiveness. Community events to bring citizens there for maximum usage.
Security and clean up, healthy events something for the community
Community involvement. All the drug addicts is a concern. And property maintenance.
Trash dumping, Violent crime, Property damage
Violent crime, abandoned and vacant housing, property damage
Safety, no loitering, a separation of park & private property (a fence)
Safety-clean environment (lighting) Blue lights, recycle bins, curfew.
Safety, events, community engagement
New paved roads, security cameras, patrol, neighborhood watch, meeting and more family and kid programs, centers, etc. in the community

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES	SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Safety, drug activity / community boards	Safety by all means. Benches just to sit and enjoy. During the holiday Xmas lights. Events during 4th of July and other holidays
Violent crime, Trash dumping, Maintenance	Wheelchair accessibility, brightly lite up for night time, safety posts for emergency calls (like those used on college campuses) safe, clean environment.
Violent crime, Property damage, Maintenance	Adequate lighting, monthly events, vendors along the pathway and visibility of police officers
Violent crime, Visibility (ability to be seen), Overgrowth of bushes	Needs to be paved, possible cameras, police patrols, marks on this pavement indicating where to run, walk, etc
Install camera's, Increase the lighting, Rove over growth of the trees and foliage	I would like to see an asphalt walk path as opposed to Forest Park's rocky for feet and smooth for wheels. Also, it would be nice if there were exercises along the path. I am excited about the idea of a greenway along the Hodiadmont Tracks. Thank you!
Safety, crime and lightening.	Well lighted, large enough room for concerts, and programs
Safety, access	Safety, proper lighting and clean, free of litter and dangerous paraphonelia.
Safety Patrol, Rules/Regulations for use, obligation for cleanliness, fair access	Violent crime Visibility (ability to be seen) Trash dumping
Visible...more lighting, aesthetically pleasing, culturally inclusive	Rest areas, bathroom, shady trees.
	Safety and rest rooms, trash collectors, places to sit
	Lighting Benches Restrooms
	Lighting water fountains restrooms
	Restrooms Lighting Historical signage
	Water fountains restrooms lighting

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
The backyard of my house backs up to the Hodiament tracks. What about privacy of myself and my neighbors? How are you going to keep it safe from one end to the other? What will intersections with major streets look like? Like Union? Kingshighway?
Soft walking/running area
Crime in this area is a known crime pathway. Vacant homes, drugs etc. Safety is a key to this particular Greenway
Fencing, emerg' call box, programs, plays, concessions... Safety - parking - permanent platforms/stages/bandstand or mobile dept. stage community meetings, spoken word "poetry" musical performances "hire my band" contact info on letterhead - Mr. Gary Barfield, 4712 Lewis Pl., St. Louis, MO 63113) Include all arts
Emergency call boxes, lighting, cameras, security, patrols
MB have lights to ensure safety and security cameras. Also close to entrance of greenway after certain hours @ night.
Safety for seniors Lighting Cameras
Landscaping, lighting, community involvement and atmosphere
Safety issues, cleanliness, lighting
Safety, accessibility, beautify
Safety, police/security, well lite
Safety, plants, lighting and seeing more officers walking through the park or riding a bike through the greenway.

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Camera, lighting, all the vacant buildings.
The backyards would have to be kept groomed it should have beautiful scenery such as grass, flowers, trees, plenty of color (safe from dogs or rules if u r walking dogs such as on leashes. benches and plenty of lighting.
Historical signage Benches Restrooms
Restrooms Benches Lighting
Restrooms Benches Lighting
Restrooms Historical signage Lighting
Restrooms Lighting Historical signage
Restrooms Lighting Water fountains
Restrooms Lighting Water fountains
Restrooms Lighting Water fountains
Restrooms, Water fountains, Lighting
Water fountains, Benches, Lighting
Safety epecially after sundown, lighted walkway, panic telephones, similar to those on college campuses

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Security/Creative separation between the alley and greenway. Emergency station along away
I think it would be great. Hodiament Tracks is a gathering place for undesirables and their activities, so in cleaning it up you will also have to increase security and get the riff raff out.
Make sure it is kept clean. Have security on hand make sure no one is loitering. Sometime when you are starting a project you have to meet with the community to lay out the rules that must be followed.
The greenway would have to be regulary maintained (trash removal, forestry issues addressed) Lighting and safety/emergency call boxed added. Additionally, police patrols to deter crime would make the future greenway pleasant to use.
Trash pick-up,safety, not to feel too isolated.
Violent crime, Trash dumping, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Violent crime, Trash dumping, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Violent crime, Trash dumping, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Motorized vehicles should not be allowed. As a former streetcar track, there is plenty of room to divide the surface in 2 (striping) so that people on bikes could signal passing. It should be open, however, to police in pursuit after dark.
Safe passage - well lit pathway - visible police/security - panic buttons
SAFETY!!!
Well lit, regularly cleaned, clear marking for pedestrians an vehicles.
Good signage, lighting at night, supportive businesses nearby
Benches, Restrooms, Historical signage

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Benches, Water fountains, Historical signage
Lighting, Water fountains, Historical signage
Lighting, Benches, Historical signage
Trees, Benches, Trash bins, Wild flowers
Regular maintenance, Water, Restroom, Trash, Containers
No blind corners, plenty of trash/recycling containers that are collected regularly, flowers, shade structures.
Cameras, water faucets, sercuity om bikes. Call for help stations
Historical signage, Lighting, Water fountains
Lighting, Historical signage, Water fountains
Safety - Monitored Security Camera's, ICE Call Boxes, Lighting, Hydration Stations, Bathrooms Holiday Parades & Events
Well lit, emergency phones, enough trash and recycle receptacles, cameras water fountains
Playground for children, lots of grass and flowers.
Trees grasslands-park area children play area
Greenspace for shade trees. Natural landscaping which helps our enviorment
Needs more grass
No Cement

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
clearing the area literally and physically
Cleaning, drug addicts are a problem
No dumping, no drug use etc.
Removal of illegally dumped trash and resolution of loitering.
stop illegal dumping lighting pedestrian walkways for heavy traffic areas or change change traffic routes learning nature and history walks to connect to schools-curriculum a raised platform or a stop along the way for gatherings to accommodate large groups to collect info or entertainment (like the riverfront trail but larger) Partner with Americorps so that youth can maintain the site
trash dumping street crossings
I already ride through here occasionally and much of the flanking space is littered with trash. However, the biggest obstacle to overcome will be the St. Louis stigma of anything north of Delmar being dangerous.
Clean and free of garbage and debris
Clean trash,pull weeds, fill holes
Clean up of the right of way along route, Landscaping
Clean up, return to nature and safety
Cleaner and more secure
The clearing of debris large trees removed

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
The yard and trash pick up
Trash and yard waste
Crime clean it up, throw the trash away (including the trash that walk on two legs) I think it would be an amazing area to if cleaned up.
Crime, trash prostitution are a few of the issues that needs to be addressed.
Crime houses, derelict propertites
Violent crime, Abandoned and vacant housing, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Elimination of crime, update Beckett Park will green areas, curve areas
We have to get rid of the drug users and sellers. Then we must ask the community to keep it clean. Many people would be robbed of their bikes and other things
Violent crime, More nearby destinations
Violent crime, property damage
You would need police presents around because it is a drug infested area.
Violent crime, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Violent crime, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Violent crime, Visibility (ability to be seen)
Crime
Crime
Crime Rates

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Crime, people hanging out
Decrease crime
Get rid of the rif-rack
Remove criminal element that plagues the Fountain Park section of the Hodiament Tracks.
Remove dope dealers, users, jag races
The crime rate
Clean up a lot of drugs
Clean up drug activity
Control the drugs users
Drug activity near Kingshighway
Drug and violence
Pretty rough people live either side of those tracks so that is an issue.
Smooth paved tarmacs for bike lanes.
The traffice
Traffic bumps, slower traffic
Benches, swings for children
I would like benches.
Limebikes
All about interconnecting our neighborhoods and community health.
Transportation easier to get to your destination
Keeping local identity and culture vibrant and untouched. Opportunities for local businesses and contractors.

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Walkway or a park for the children to enjoy
Hangout spot for teens and children
Make not in danger areas projects, having facilities places of that nature.
Concerts and exercise
Movie in the par, Picnics
Events
See examples in Florida and Baton Rouge biosuzles to separate public/private spaces.
Healthy and safe
Making it safe to walk/run. Just walk down hodiament tracks in my neighborhood
Exercise and running
Exercise and Walking
Exercise/running
Running and exercise
Smooth transition past busy streets for bicycling
The homeless
Property damage, Abandoned and vacant housing
Displacement of people, home and neiborhood. Would properly owner have to move.
From Union to Kingshighway, total of 45 homes with garages and who would be coming out of the properties would be dangerous

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES	SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
How to address access to garages and trash	Smooth pathway and lots of lights.
Make sure homeowners still have garage access/alley	Even terrain, filled with nature, drinking stations
Property damage	Clean leveled ground to walk through. Something is not hard on the heel.
Speed bumps on residential street. Bike patrol	Maintain smooth riding surface
Taylor area,police presence, clean the area of shrubs.	Maintenance, Street crossings, Overgrowth of bushes
No guns allowed or any weapons. Police on hand, black allowed with no harassment.	Maintenance, Overgrowth of bushes, Abandoned and vacant housing
We should stress that there should be no drugs or alcohol.	Regular maintenance
Community Art	Greenry, nice playground for the children, nice shade area to read and meditate and watch what God has created. walk the trail
Make it more accessibly to more people instead of it looking like and alley.	Trees, mulch, organized service projects to keep out invasive plants like Tree of Heaven and Honeysuckle
Welcoming inviting appearance	Garden features, help with neighbor hood clean up
Work with community/Trash	Landscaping, #1 most of all security!! No one will use it if it is not safe, #2 Security cameras, #3 Lots of lighting
Programs for the community	Beautiful landscape.
Develop the neighborhoods along the tracks right of way	Greenery
I would love to be on committee.	Greening and landscaping the Hodiament route
Work with schools an community, conservation projects maybe community garden	Just make it better.
Leveled-no hills, safety	N-hood beautification

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES	SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Forestry MTG	Safety issues, coexistence with residential backyard
No basketball court!!	Safety-well lighted-security, Park for free concerts.
Dog Friendly	Beautification, safety
This location would be good.	Safety and Lighting
Track is visible to the community, beautiful surrounding	Safety...security...
We should do like giveaways and just make it welcoming.	Safety proper labeling of the route
I feel personally this is a good idea, since that presently is a very depressed area.	Emergency handy, safe environment for kids.
I live by River Des Peres and the greenway there is gorgeous. This would be a great addition to any community.	First make it safe.
It would brighten up the neighborhood.	Good secure place to park.
Just knowing we'll have this kind of site in our area is beautiful.	Making sure it's safe
Making will move family around putting up more housing and the community.	Safe walkway
Much needed on Hodiament	Safety
Yeas	Safety
Yes	Safety
Safe convenient place to park next to the trail. Places along the trail to test.	Safety
Safe for children. Keep drug transactions away.	Safety
Safety, traffic	Safety
Safety, vacant homes.	Safety

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES	SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Safety	U have to get rid of the hustlers and drinkers. Be well lighting.
Safety	Good lighting powered by solar technology perhaps, benches, planned community events maybe music concerts
Safety	Appropriate lighting/clean the area/green clean water hydrants/accessible for user safety
Safety	Complete transformation. By that, I mean lighting, surface and general “streetscape” improvements.
Safety	More lighting and definitely cleanliness
Safety	Well lit, secure
Safety	Bright lights, police patrols on foot, in cars and/or bikes.
Safety	Great lighting, night lighting, security guards.
Safety for users	Adequate lighting
Safety is a major issue in an economically challenged area.	Good Lighting
Safety is BIG concern as it goes through unsafe neighborhoods	Light at night, benches, clear view
I think safety would be everyone’s top priority. It would need to be marketed to all as a place to be. I think security cameras would be helpful. I would also love to see native plants line the greenway so that it could really feel like an escape from the city.	Lighted, emergency call boxes on path
Cameras	Lighting
Increase cameras for safety.	Lighting and cleaning
Out up cameras, first thing	
There needs to be a lot of lighting & cameras for safety and benches for setting.	
Security cameras, family oriented, better lightening	
Major lighting, Cameras, a police substation/something that will encourage them sit near and respond to calls from there	
Needs better lighting/clean alley and keep alley clean	

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Lighting and visibility are a key issue as a young woman who would enjoy an east/west connecting greenway. Sight lines at intersections are also important to me as I ride a recumbent tricycle.
Lighting and visibility smooth paved surfaces
Lighting, benches, flowers, water fountains
Lighting, cameras, safety
Lighting, emergency call boxes, and benches.
Lighting, emergency call boxes, networked security cameras and patrols
Lighting, emergency phones, crosswalks with crossing signs/lights
Lighting, maintenance, organized activities
Lighting, safe street crossings, clear sight lines
Lighting, trash cans, safety call box, fencing
Lighting, water fountains
Make sure its well lighted and sure its safe
Emergency telephones.

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Something new would need to address security issues for both parties who would use it and residents whose homes border it. What would the improvements look like? Currently the tracks are in great disrepair. [Lots of trash and overgrown brush along with crumbling roadways].
Security and safety is going to be the primary issue. Also, addressing the stigma/stereotypes surrounding the area.
Security guards, family friendly
Street intersections, dumpsters/trash, homeowners along tracks trash service.
Amazing Police
It would need to be security.
Making sure it is safe with police patrols
Maybe black yet hospitality security so the people can enjoy their experience.
Police patrol
Police present
Police stations, phones, and emergency boxes
Safety - area need to be secured with police protection. There is no need to beautify if people are afraid to use the area. First is safety if we proceed with the project.
Safety #1 have the police ride thru on their bikes
Security

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Security	Adequate lighting, paved areas for walking, biking and running. Resting areas, places for children to play
Security	All that can be put on the greenway. All that will show our youth the is still hope in our neighborhoods. I am honored to have been chosen for participation. Thank you whomever choose my opinion to be of value!
Security and	And abundance of security cameras or policing
Security is the top priority	Bike lanes, pedestrian lanes protected from cars
Security of all people involved including nearby residents	Blocking any traffic along Hodiament tracks
Security should not be in place all the times to make the community feel safe.	Cameras for security security on site roaming
Security so we feel safe.	Cameras like they have around universities. Security guards
Balance the needs of greenway users and neighbors. Incorporate gathering spaces along the route for active programming.	Constant police patrol, undercover police
Flowers, lights, artwork, people, neighbors and residents, greenery/shrubs, smooth pavement, repair potholes, children.	Crime
Need lighting, seating stups on the way	Crime and safety eradication. Additional lights and infrastructure improvements.
Basketball courts, baseball fields, and football fields for summer sports and yearly sports or workouts	Crime on cron streets
None at this time	Crime. I can't even walk around the CWE w/o worry. FYI - your invite to the pop up greenway event on the 27th arrived on the 29th. Not cool.
Not sure	
Walking, biking, etc	
Walking	
Don't let people hang out drinking and trashing.	

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES	SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Don't know	Issues: Property crime prevention, trash dumping, overgrowth of bushes Amenities: Restrooms, water fountains, lighting
Drug abuse Loitering Littering	Issues: Property crime prevention, visibility (can be seen), violent crime prevention Amenities: Lighting, signage and way-finding, restrooms
Eliminate drugs activity, prostitution, give grants to build new and remodel existing buildings	Issues: Property crime prevention, visibility, and maintenance Amenities: water fountains, restrooms, lighting
Excellent policing light/cameras to aid w/ security	Issues: Street crossings abandoned and vacant housing, visibility Amenities: water fountains, benches, lighting
Exercise stand you could do along your walk or run	Issues: Trash dumping, maintenance, overgrowth of bushes Amenities: Lighting, water fountains, benches
General safety of the area traffic safety	Issues: Trash dumping, visibility (can be seen), overgrowth of bushes Amenities: Lighting, water fountains, signage and way-finding
Good for the community	Issues: Violent crime prevention, abandoned and vacant housing, visibility (can be seen) Amenities: Lighting, water fountains, signage and way-finding
I would like fence to be put up so no one can get in my yard or garage.	Issues: Violent crime prevention, inviting to all people, visibility (can be seen) Amenities: Signage and way-finding, lighting, restrooms
I would love it, but crime is so dangerous in the area.	Issues: Violent crime prevention, maintenance, visibility (can be seen) Amenities: restrooms, water fountains, lighting
Issues: Abandoned and vacant housing, violent crime prevention Amenities: Signage and way-finding, lighting, benches	Issues: Violent crime prevention, property crime prevention Amenities: Not answered
Issues: Inviting to all people, street crossings, abandoned and vacant housing Amenities: Benches, signage and way-finding, lighting	Issues: Violent crime prevention, property crime prevention, inviting to all people, trash dumping Amenities: Lighting
Issues: Maintenance, violent crime prevention, trash dumping Amenities: lighting, benches, water fountains	Issues: Violent crime prevention, property crime prevention, maintenance Amenities: Water fountains, signage and way-finding, lighting
Issues: Overgrowth of bushes, inviting to all people, violent crime prevention Amenities: Benches, signage and way-finding, lighting	
Issues: Overgrowth of bushes, trash dumping, property crime prevention Amenities: Lighting, benches, signage and way-finding	
Issues: property crime prevention, inviting to all people Amenities: lighting	

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Issues: Violent crime prevention, property crime prevention, trash dumping Amenities: Water fountains, lighting, signage and way-finding
Issues: Violent crime prevention, property crime prevention, trash dumping Amenities: Restrooms, signage and way-finding, lighting
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Issues: Violent crime prevention, Property crime prevention, visibility (can be seen) Amenities: Restrooms, signage and way-finding, water fountains
Issues: Violent crime prevention, trash dumping, abandoned and vacant housing Amenities: water fountains, benches, signage and way-finding, lighting
Issues: Violent crime prevention, Visibility (can be seen), Trash dumping Amenities: Lighting, Water fountains, Restrooms
It would be great for this area. Safety is a big factor and renovation of the surrounding area.
Jog and wheelchair bike and peds
Landscaping
Lighting, security cameras
Lighting/pavement redone/exits/beautify/benches/exercise equipment/water drinking fountains

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Loitering is a big issue. People gather here to drink and engage in drug use. It needs to be stopped. A greenway would make the area much more attractive and add value to homes and businesses that are within proximity.
Making a greenway would be great! Also since tracks are already there from long ago streetcar, make it into a transportation route great also (if possible) or just for BiState/ city property or bus transportation hours 9-3pm Use retired bus drivers Mon-Thurs would also be great.
Neighborhood improvement!! great benefit. How will properties with backyards be maintained to make the greenway a pleasure?
No loitering or drinking alcohol (excessive) leading to public intoxication. Avoiding renting out space for private activities should not be used for any private use. Provide periodic mini lessons for learning to play golf. play tennis, or soccer for the kids. Lessons in knitting for senior citizens, lessons in bingo games periodic, tutoring with the kids.
One key issue I would like specifically addressed would be safety at intersections.
Plants and flowers
Safe issues/concerns
Safety
Safety
Safety
Safety, Perhaps consider putting in emergency kiosk connected to the police departments
Safety - blue light towers that allow quick emergency requests clear pathways that segment running from biking paths
Safety for people enjoying the path.
Safety from cars and crime
Safety is a key concern. If that is addressed, this would be a great biking path.
Safety is my number one priority!

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Survey Question 3 Verbatim Responses - *“If you would like a greenway along the Hodiament Tracks, what key issues would need to be addressed to make the Hodiament Greenway an amazing, safe and inviting part of the community?”*

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Safety, It is a rough area and I think it would become a haven for bums and drug dealers. I live 2 street over from this alley/old streetcar line. Would prefer it become a streetcar line again, really
Safety, lighting
Safety, one concern with the Ruth Porter Mall portion is that the bicyclists have too many alley to navigate. I am always scared that a car will not see me as I passover/ through the alley
Safety!!!
Safety!!! Beautification where it looks so amazing that neighbors (residents) will take pride in keeping it safe and clean. Signage that will direct folks to the historical features of the area parks!
Safety.
Secure and safety, pretty flowers. Plants, good gardening, up keep and trash pickup
Security cameras installed
Security patrols!!!
Security, bike lanes walking lanes
Security, excellent lighting
Security, lighting
That property should be developed by Metro if they still own it. Go 1/4 mile either side of the track and see the deplorable conditions. You will be inviting loitering, mugging, etc. Seems that these funds could be put to better use, just clean up the area, business and residents
The ability for the track residents to be able to acces their property from the tracks
The Hodiament tracks is part of my history. Please do put some events so the older people can go back to the neighborhood that have left.

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
The selling of drugs at Aubert and Hodiament would need to be addressed first in order for the community to be deemed safe for walking, running, etc. The gun violence has calmed down a bit, but more could be done. Thanks
Traffic and drugs are major concerns
Wall to separate derelict properties that are along the track footprint
Wanting clean up of area
What happens w/ regular trash pickups. What will be alley access for garages? Security-light? Pavement
Will corroboration or groups be able to sponsor portion of the greenway and keep it litter free?
Benches Lighting
Benches Way-finding signage Historical signage
Benches and lighting
Lighting benches
Safety/physical mark
Wayfinding signage Historical signage Benches
A greenway on the tracks would be wonderful, beautiful and gorgeous and she hopes she lives to see it. However, it would be a lost cause if the surrounding vacant homes that are falling down and have overgrown weeds are not addressed. This area must be cleaned up before a lot of money is spent to build a greenway here!
These are the causes of the problems of crumbling buildings and overgrown weeds in the area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The homeowners grew old and died and nobody wanted their buildings so the buildings fell into disrepair · City is not tearing down the buildings and cutting down the weeds · Many people who live in this area do not care about where they live · Alderman Kennedy isn't working to improve these issues in this part of his ward

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SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Cleaning
Program to help fix or tear down the vacant properties. Stop the drug trafficking. Establish some type of center for our youth or update the one in the area like Wohls Center.
New fencing would need to be installed. Vegetation control measures. Increase lighting with pedestrian safety boxes or cameras. Naturescaping along parts with recreation areas (playgrounds, ball sports area, etc)
Clear out the foliage between my house (6067 West Cabanne Place) and the Hodiament Tracks and keep it clear and attractive.
Good lighting. Places to sit/rest. Water feature.
Debris and overgrown weeds, plants, etc need to be cleaned up. Will need to stop cars from driving down the tracks. Make it safer. Figure out a way to give homes along the tracks a way to have privacy from the greenway.
Just safety, which it looks like you already have this listed as a priority
lighting, security, maintenance
Clean up vegetation. Install lights. Trim trees that overhang the track. Make sure walking surface is level.
It's a great idea for events (for homeless, underprivileged included). Various concerts including gospel. Variety of events to bring community together.
24 hr. surveillance maybe security officer during part hours. Restroom. Water fountains.
Trash, dumping by outside residents. Cameras in the alley. More bike police in the area.
Police presence. Security cameras.
Security cameras. Police presence and participation.

SURVEY QUESTION 3 - VERBATIM RESPONSES
Plenty of lighting. Cameras for safety issues. Once a year craft show. Selling plants/bulbs. How to recycle. Annual “Get to know your neighbor picnic”
violence
Increased police presence that has ties and an earnest interest in the community.
upkeep/maintenance, greenery, safety/security
safety safety safety
It will enhance the neighborhood. Provide a small space for peace in nature.
safety, well lit, good design, benches, etc.
crime, vacant buildings
crime prevention
Always think safety first. Emergency button. Have food drives and recycling bins with locks. A big bright new playground for kids that can be lock at night. Senior Citizen Center. Big Brother Camera always keeping watch of area.
integrating and bolstering surrounding community, not disrupting or displacing community oriented, not punitive, public safety
1. Crime on Aubert 2. Safe crosswalks at major intersections - Kingshighway

APPENDIX J

Survey Question 4 Verbatim Responses - “If you would not like a greenway along the Hodiamont Tracks, is there another place nearby in the community better suited for building a greenway?”

VERBATIM RESPONSES	LOCATION
Hodiamont Tracks is perfect.	Hodiamont Tracks
I think it's the perfect place, would initially need a lot of security presence to convince people that it is safe and keep out drug dealers, etc	Hodiamont Tracks
I think that area would be ideal.	Hodiamont Tracks
I want a greenway	Hodiamont Tracks
I would like a greenway	Hodiamont Tracks
I would love it.	Hodiamont Tracks
its bound to get developed at some point	Hodiamont Tracks
No	Hodiamont Tracks

VERBATIM RESPONSES	LOCATION
No	Hodiamont Tracks
No it's perfect for the Hodiamont Tracks	Hodiamont Tracks
No the Hodiamont tracks is a perfect place for a greenway.	Hodiamont Tracks
no, Hodiamont is fine.	Hodiamont Tracks
No, I like the Hodiamont idea.	Hodiamont Tracks
No, just don't take homes.	Hodiamont Tracks
Not that I can see	Hodiamont Tracks
none	Hodiamont Tracks
none at this time	Hodiamont Tracks
This site will be perfect.	Hodiamont Tracks
Would like a greenway there.	Hodiamont Tracks
Hodiamont is suited for a greenway	Alt. Location
DeBaliviere Place/Hamilton School area	Alt. Location
an additional, not other, greenway in south city or central corridor would be used and better connect part of city and region	Alt. Location
Hodiamont would be best	Alt. Location
On Hodiamont itself	Alt. Location
Along Belt.	Alt. Location
Beckett Park	Alt. Location
By highway 40 like an outer road	Alt. Location
Closer to Forest Park or a safer area	Alt. Location
Delmar from Kingshighway to Vandeventer	Alt. Location
Downtown	Alt. Location
Downtown	Alt. Location
It's a start. Id also like to see north county benefit. There is beauty along miles of north county that aren't even recognized because of st. Louis's steeped racism. Conti ue you unique outlook by creating these purposefully intentionally diverse intersections. The zoo expansion is a great way to begin. The areas are open and can easily connect to existing trails.	Alt. Location

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VERBATIM RESPONSES	LOCATION
mark twain community	Alt. Location
Martin Luther King Dr @ Wellston	Alt. Location
Multiple places	Alt. Location
Nautral bridge	Alt. Location
North county in Florrisant	Alt. Location
North Market Ave./Chambers Park/Cass/Dwtjn Jefferson to Vanderverter	Alt. Location
North South cycling is an issue from downtown to Forest Park. Jefferson / Grand etc are not nice. Poor quality road and thundering bad drivers close to “cycle lanes”	Alt. Location
Pagedale/ Overland	Alt. Location
Walnut Park	Alt. Location
U city	Alt. Location
U City	Alt. Location
Yes	Alt. Location
Union and page	Alt. Location
Complete the outstanding portion of this St. Vincent Greenway	Misc.
connect Jefferson Barracks park w/ River Des Peres Greenway	Misc.
greenway	Misc.
I am interested in more progressive information	Misc.
I do want the project, its good for the community.	Misc.
I’m concerned about the safety of people using it to go from one end to the other.	Misc.
I’m getting excited imagining how it will be if this comes to life.	Misc.
The more greenways the better!	Misc.
There currently are existing homes and barriers to development of the greenway	Misc.
N/A	N/A

VERBATIM RESPONSES	LOCATION
N/A	N/A
NA	N/A
NA	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A
?	Uncertain
?	Uncertain
Don’t know. We walk in Forest Park, Creve Cour Lake	Uncertain
i do not know	Uncertain
I do not know.	Uncertain
I don’t know	Uncertain
I don’t know	Uncertain
I’m not sure.	Uncertain
Not sure	Uncertain
Not sure now.	Uncertain
Not sure, have to think about it	Uncertain
not that I’m aware of	Uncertain
Unsure	Uncertain
Unsure	Uncertain
Unsure, there are a lot of places to use	Uncertain