

# City of Racine Comprehensive Plan Survey

## Results Overview



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#	Response
	14. When walking or driving through the City of Racine, what aspects of the community do you think could use the most investment in the next 10-20 years?
1	infrastructure and road improvements, facade renovations, housing stock improvements, expanded use of lakefront
2	Douglas Avenue
3	West racine, uptown, and douglas ave corridor
4	broader scope street repairs, residential home repairs including yards; better grass cutting, tree trimming, and encourage beautification, etc.
5	Continue to work on the three corridors. State Street-Washington Ave-Douglas Ave.
6	clean up the housing cut back on crime
7	retail/commercial/residential development with appropriate access to essential goods and services (e.g. grocery dry cleaning, restaurants, theater, hardware) that is not lined up on major streets without adequate parking for walking access after parking. Better infill development of new buildings in the Downtown area and the Uptown areas
8	intercity housing
9	neighborhood safety everywhere - properties (bus & res) maintained- vacant properties maintained or demolished - responsible residents
10	Abandoned buildings, perceptions of safety.
11	The most pressing problem in the city of Racine is the condition of inner city housing.
12	Maintaining and improving housing stock. Oftentimes corner properties in residential neighborhoods foretell deterioration. deterioration in the neighborhood. corners 'in.'
13	Sprucing up so the historical character and charm of the area blends nicely with updated improvements and refinements regarding crime/safety, traffic flow, pedestrian-friendliness, and a balanced range of retailers (especially grocery stores) appropriate to each area.
14	Housing stock in many neighborhoods is most unappealing. More home ownership should be a priority.
15	Many of buildings are getting tired (both homes and businesses). Some way of enabling neighborhoods re-invest in their properties and businesses would be helpful. The neighborhood prides seems to be present; lacking is the imagination to see further than my own property line.
16	Crime
17	Douglas Avenue and Uptown. More green space from City Hall to Taylor Ave.
18	State St. between North Memorial & Douglas Ave.
19	Stimulate Downtown. More lakefront commercial development. Public school system is widely perceived as sub-standard. Crime; gang violence. Churches need to be visibly active in attempting to solve crime problems. Commuter rail to Milwaukee, Kenosha, & Chicago needed; consider electric trains. Add several rail underpasses - like Kenosha - to reduce anticipated traffic jams.
20	Eco friendly plantings, rain gardens, less runoff more porous pavement solutions. See ideas above.
21	Affordable housing and public transportation.
22	Housing; proper standards of exterior maintenance and careful rules for new building design. Our parks need attention; native or maintenance-free trees, shrubs, and plants along the banks of the Root River would enhance and cleanup those areas that are unsightly and, perhaps, not as safe for pedestrians as they could be.
23	We need to raze some of the long vacant buildings. Downtown in particular has an excess of commercial space in disrepair.

24	Reducing crime, increasing safety of city residents.
25	making downtown more appealing to permanent residents ie grocery store, a real farmers market; establish neighborhoods with names to establish pride among citizens ie likes Chicago's lincoln park, lakeview, wicker park, andersonville etc; get rid of all above ground power lines, they are ugly; revitalize all corridors including brownfields and blight ie Case brownfield and adjacent warehouses and douglas avenue power lines and walkability; the teal on the municipal building and the railings downtown is outdated, neutral color should replace the ugly teal
26	<p>Preservation of our historic buildings. I would like to see us repair and replace what we have lost in the design of some of our public spaces. ie replace the lights on Festival Hall. Not put a cyclone fence around the Laurel Clark Fountain would be a good place to start. If we are to become a city of art and culture, I would like to see focal points in public spaces of sculpture and plantings in the above mentioned neighborhoods. Even though the Pointe Blue project has been abandoned, I would like to see the bicycle path extended behind the Walker site and make Jim Rooney park more accessible to the public. I would like to see our community find a way to financially reward people who invest in our identified landmarks.</p> <p>I would NOT build another jail on Memorial Drive. This neighborhood was promised that the last jail would bring neighborhood improvement. I see the jails in Racine as an example of our failure to not meets the needs of our citizens. I would like to see an expansion of the Racine Heritage Museum.</p> <p>failing our neighbors</p>
27	Uptown Racine still lacks solid business/commercial attraction as well as the southern area of the Douglas corridor. State street from Douglas to Memorial needs to be freshened up - beautiful old buildings under tacky paint jobs. Racine Street in general is a mess where ever there are small store fronts being used as store fronts or as part of living quarters. Those buildings need to be set back to have a modest yard. Buildings that are right up to the sidewalks need to improve the exterior or also be set back it is such a hodge podge of mismatched buildings, it is quite sad really.
28	cleaning up the neighborhoods. way too many bad areas for a town this size.
29	Neighborhoods. The downtown has made great strides to attract people, but a greater strength for the long term sustainability of the city would attract those visitors to decide to live in the city as well. Increasing the quality of housing available and creating incentives for people to invest like businesses owners have downtown. This would increase the urban tax base, livability and perception of the central city. This intervention should start in middle neighborhoods, not the worst nor the best. The savable.
30	Southside between Villa and Racine Streets and Eighth and the south city limit. Streetscaping, crime reduction/safety, retail/boutiques in the historic areas, etc.
31	Improving residential property standards.
32	Continue the tree planting. The residents should feel safe in any neighborhood - get rid of the gangs & drugs

33	Storefrpnts, streetscaping
34	Increasing and improving our parks aesthetics. Property owners learning to take better care of their buildings and grounds.
35	For our tax dollars- we should expect better jobs by the city / subcontractors you hire.We should have the same look in all areas. Many people notice the difference in the quality of work - yet the cost is higher. We should be uniformed in the look not just in a few areas! Which is something this city does. You can tell. Our focus should be in the overall areas of streets. We have road that have sucked for ever - that have never been done. The jobs should not take forever. Painting and tuck pointing whatever little thing to refresh areas, and adding new items to the parks - update them for our children. They have very little updating on the older parks. We should have new fencing around humble and a cleaner look. It is seen by many. It looks frumpy. We should have Elmwood mall area updated and a cleaner look. All we see is Cars every where from the little dealer. What appeal does this have? Un like the downtown area. Because of the Johnson building in the area. Who is important the few or ALL of Racine. Our money has been misused and paying too much for foolish items. If it was your money would you waste it or look for the best bang for the dollar? I would like to see better budgets and cost cutting from the top down. Some can use the mind to find better ways. Reward to ones that take care of their homes unlike what our city does it raise taxes on us. What about the ones that do nothing or look like dumps. 10-20 yrs is a hope of improving or I'm out. It has done down hill a minny chicago - not in a good way.
36	The Douglas Avenue corridor is sorely in need of updating and beautifying. The old theater near Yout Street should be refurbished. The carvings on this building are unusual and beautiful and worth saving for future generations.
37	Southside (not just because I am a resident!) but because this is still an affordable way to live near the lake and support the downtown revitalization efforts, but some real thought into less "investment" properties and ammenities are necessary. No grocery or hardware store within walking distance, for a city, nevermind the hospital being closed. People looking for an urban environment choose it for it's convenience, not as is often assumed, because they have no other choice. Plan to make it easier and more ecconomically diverse and it will be more sustainable.
38	The inner city.
39	downtown and the gateway to downtown
40	Drug abuse, gang banging being given more attention and resources
41	Southside area of Racine Street from 14th to Durand!!! Douglas Corridor Uptown
42	Fix large craters in the pavement.
43	Jobs and a sence of security. We still have a problem with gangs and violence.
44	Uptown looks like a dump, and some areas of 6th street
45	Uptown looks rough to drive or walk through; many people tell me they have to drive through the "ghetto" to get downtown, and they mean Uptown. It's NOT a ghetto, but it isn't as attractive as West Racine and Downtown.
46	Law Enforcement
47	The mead street area need to be repaved. The street looks preety bad.
48	downtown and adjoining historic neighborhoods
49	Get rid of the gang bangers. Tear down and eliminate undesirable homes and chronicaly vacant businesses.
50	State Street, Douglas and Uptown
51	Make Douglas ave. safe and visually more interesting. Add a bike path. Students should feel comfortable biking to their school. Especially High School students. Have some bike paths to the High Schools.
52	Uptown and West Racine
53	Douglas Ave. Area from Yout Street to State street. They need to clean up the crime in the area. Keep up and landlords. Make sure that they keep up their properties.
54	Uptown
55	Uptown & Douglas from State to High St.
56	Getting rid of older non owner occupied run down housing. My neighborhood on the near Northside is one example of deteriorating housing stock due to slum landlords.

57	I'd really like to see the Uptown area improved. It just seems drab and worn out to me.
58	EDUCATION. Strategically managed money poured into Secondary and Post-Secondary education will have an enormous impact.
59	UPTOWN, DOUGLAS AVENUE AND RACINE/RAPIDS DRIVE GENERAL APPEARANCE NEEDS TO CHANGE. AS IN THE ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENT, THESE NAIN THOUROUGH FARES PROVIDE FIRST IMPRESSIONS TO ANYONE ENTERING THE CITY. JACATO DRIVE NEEDS TO CHANGE AND COURT YARD APARTMENTS. WE NEED STRICTER LAWS/COMMUNITY PROGRAMS REQUIRING DEAD BEAT LANDLORDS/PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN PROPERTIES.
60	make pedestrian and bike friendly
61	Crime prevention.
62	Roads, elimination of outdated strip-malls and dated storefronts.
63	streets, property upkeep,
64	congestion of overhead powerlines, clean up of storefronts to higher standard, standardize on simple streetscape instead of mixed colors and fake stamped brick look
65	Uptown, Southside of Racine, Northside of Racine
66	SAFETY and visual appearance
67	Dekoven north to 6th and Park ave west to Taylor
68	This question is too broad.... Uptown needs work still, Taylor Ave needs more business too.
69	Fix pot holes on side streets Plant more trees
70	mlk drive
71	Washington Avenue from Sturtevant to Downtown. Plant Trees, erect welcome signs and boulevards. Encourage all property owners to plant flowers, trees according to a master plan.
72	Everywhere along Washington Avenue, the main corridor to downtown and our tourist attractions.
73	The beautiful historic homes in "the hood" need to be rid of the crime and drugs and maintained.
74	Our public schools need care and respect. That will affect many other things.
75	SPEED of vehicles needs to be slowed for the safety of pedestrians. That will add greatly to the quality of Racine. As a pedestrian walking on major streets - I do not feel safe. As a driver I feel like the streets are designed for speeding through the city; with nary a care for stopping along the way. Too fast to notice, since the design of streets encourages speeding which leads to tailgating and more. Earlier you stated Sense of place and Feeling of community -- not yet; need to do.
76	road conditions and appeal
77	the above streetscapes (especially our steet pavement) and storefronts; parks, library, Regency Mall
78	Encouraging vibrant walkable neighborhoods that provide most daily needs.
79	The lakefront needs to be cleaned up and more public access added where there is none currently, the Root River needs to be cleaned up, and West Racine could use a revitalization project similiar to what downtown has had.
80	Keep remodling and upgrading.
81	Pedestrian safety Clear stop signs and stop lights (no flashing!) More attention and safety for bicyclists Greater mix of businesses including small businesses
82	Improve pavement conditions, housing maintenance in central neighborhoods, finding viable uses for vacant industrial buildings
83	Fixing up some of the houses near the downtown, uptown areas as well as in West Racine, especially those areas near the lakefront.

84	Uptown totally upgraded, close down the Fast Cash stores, make businesses keep up their businesses. More access to the Lake - More businesses and employers needed. Clean up Sixth Street more - Remove crime elements - Tougher laws for gangs and the pistol folks in the Intercity.
85	make sure the roads are plowed fix potholes garbage should only be out on garbage day try not to have multiple empty stores especially next to each other
86	Lighting, parking, storefronts,safety of pedestrines.
87	Occupying the older buildings w/new businesses.
88	Free parking downtown - for residents, visitors, and shoppers alike. Park area development of the lakefront - no tall buildings! Development of the Root River Walkway to provide new access for new restaurants, etc. along the river.
89	The areas adjacent to downtown and uptown
90	Commercial areas and houses with abandoned or shabby exteriors need refurbishing. Encourage new businesses.
91	Refurbishing or up grading the housing stock so as to attract young professionals and others who seek to relocate to a city with the quality of life commensurate with the size of Racine. Culturally and socially, Racine is an inviting metropolis with assets conducive to vibrant communities.
92	bike lanes/ pedestrian lanes
93	<b>BUILDING IMPROVMENTS</b>
94	We have neighborhoods where the number of rental units greatly outnumbers the number of family-owned homes. A cycle now exists wherein the tenant does not feel a sense of ownership for the home, and therefore, does not treat it as a "home", resulting in the landlord feeling less necessity or responsibility for keeping the house in good condition...and the cycle repeats. Landlords should be held to a higher standard in order to break this cycle.  In addition, the frequent use of housing assistance is actually driving up the cost of rent in our area. Landlords who accept "housing" raise the rates to the amount allowed by HUD, then all other landlords consider that the standard and set their rates accordingly. The result is that some of our most unsafe and unappealing houses rent for far too high of a price. Many times, the profit is pocketed rather than invested into the homes for much needed improvements.
95	West Racine and Uptown, housing appearance
96	The vast unskilled labor. We could use a world class recycling facility with greater incentive to get the product there.
97	Uptown should be leveled and sold off to investors.
98	Continue to develop community identity for certain areas of the city.
99	The state street corridor and the immediate northside needs the most investment. Likewise the southside just east of Racine Street from 16th street to 21st street.
100	1- We need dedicated bike lanes that are actually safe and functional. What we have now is neither. 2- Improve the housing stock. Fine owners of unkempt houses who refuse to clean up the junk and mess.
101	The corridors coming into the City do not look safe or appealing. Uptown and Douglas Ave for example. Some of the housing stock is run down. Thes homes should be fixed up or torn down for new buildings to be built in there place.
102	I think the city would be wise to avoid new construction and make the most out of the empty buildings in the area. Make the downtown area livable.
103	Similar to the above postings. Making our City, and Lakefront more accessible Will improve the image of our city. Continuing to ADD additional Low income housing is exactly the WRONG approach for our city. KRM will NOT improve our city if it doesn't go Downtown, and it doesn't go to the Airport in either Milwaukee or OHARE. Let's not waste our resources on that when we can spend it more wisely by improving our Roads. And keep our Taxes lower.
104	uptown, douglass avenue corridor from state to yout, north main from downtown to Gould really needs visual appeal help and safety issues
105	Roads are in disrepair.
106	more transit, KRM

107	An improved access - northwestern or washington street - with new, clean pavement and improved storefronts.
108	business districts and facades of buildings
109	state/northwestern. marquette st.
110	Removing bad housing stock from antry corridors
111	Access to higher education... create a college within our urban center that caters to the creation and sustainablility of Young Professionals.
112	uptown
113	Get serious about a "real" supermarket within the city limits. Get tenants for the industrial park on S Memorial. Get commuter rail. Soon there will be no movie theaters within the city limits, so get one of those.
114	streets new pavement lighting in door water parks better use of lake michigan
115	Again, redevelopment of vacant or failing sites - especially around arterial streets and highways.
116	This community needs to encourage people to set up businesses here and then support those businesses. No town can afford to ignore their own companies and people. Without helping and encouraging each other, we will not sustain for another 20 years. Encouraging the babyboomers to retire to Racine is a great idea, but even more important are good schools, good jobs and people who care about each other.
117	Encouraging more pedestrians and making people feel safer in the city would be a good start. People seem afraid or unwilling to leave unless there's something big going on. Seeing more people out just enjoying the city would be nice. But that might be the economy to some extent.
118	west racine and uptown need a lot of work the right stores will help alot.
119	West Racine and Southside of Racine
120	improved public transportation, less vacant buildings
121	THE BUSINESS DISTRICTS
122	Safety. More Police officers patrolling (on foot)the areas.
123	West Racine could really use a facelift.
124	Making sure roads and sidewalks are kept clean and in good repair.
125	Job training and development to attrach sustainable jobs, KRM, Ammenities
126	West Racine needs help before Uptown. The bad seeds of the city are creeping west taking over the good safe middle class neighborhoods. I grew up in West Racine and used to be able walk everywhere. I would never let my daughter do that now. This needs to be adressed soon.
127	I like the recent activity in Downtown although I think the city should allow and encourage some taller buildings. A city's vitality is usually known by it's downtown. But the most important improvement would be to fill some of these 'brownfields' with companies that would provide sustainable jobs.
128	Uptown--
129	uptown- as that is the area visitors drive through on their way to downtown - change the route to go down 14th st vs. washington ave, take visitors past Jwax and the historic downtown, continue keeping up the historic nature of the downtown area and capitalize on our greatest asset; the lake
130	I think you need to invest in the children. They need an education and they need to be off of the streets. It isn't right when you see kids wandering the streets during the day on school days. I also feel that people need to clean up the trash. The cops have to fine more people for littering.
131	Washington Ave from Hwy 31 to Downtown. Uptown is disgusting. West Racine is aging and becoming a borderline neighborhood. Douglas is just plain ugly and the road is falling apart. Durand ave, I wish someone would do something with the old Kohl's/Walgreens. It's ugly. Tear down Valet Cleaners.
132	Home ownership & pride
133	The Taylor Avenue area and West Racine area have gone way down hill. We need less rentals (or maybe just less housing assistance) and more home owners who actually take pride in their residence. Also, the mall needs to go. Complete restoration or replacement is in order. It is old and dingy and there are very few decent stores in it. Same with the Westgate Mall. Except for Shopko, what is even in that thing anymore?
134	southside & douglas ave
135	One of the things I would like to see is sidewalks on West Blvd. from 21st to Taylor. I don't like having to go in the street when walking.

136	Southside needs some cleaning up as well as some of the other neighborhoods-people need to feel good about where they live and safe
137	business and industry
138	Hwy 32 driving in from Kenosha. As you get closer to the city, it looks so unappealing. If this is a person's first view of Racine, they will have no inclination to stay and see what else there is. It looks unkept and unsafe. Like a factory town that no longer exists -- hey, we are a factory town that no longer exists. Let's change the image and culture of Racine from a manufacturing town which we no longer are to a community that values the importance of education and success. Once they become educated, we must have jobs allowing them to earn a competitive wage. The days of coming down from Milwaukee or up from Chicago and the south with little or no education and expect to earn a living are gone. But, because you could in the past, we are stuck with the people and legacy of that cultural mindset. What we need are businesses and a culture that will be attractive to young professionals that will live and work in the community. We do not present this image when you can drive only a few blocks and see another Payday Loans or tattoo parlor. This looks like a city desperate for any type of business or that can't say no to the wrong kind of development. On the flip side, you take a building downtown that a new owner wants to make beautiful with a respectable business, and make them jump through hoops to get it approved. ie, demanding continual petty changes that make a prospective business owner that makes them feel nicked and dimed to death just to open a new business. Of course, some standardization is needed but if you are not the one having to pay architects and lawyers to make these MINUTE changes time and time again, you cannot understand some of the needlessness of these requests. Yet a Payday Loan shop seems to go up without any fanfare.
139	Street trees
140	Except for Downtown, the commercial districts are trashy-looking. They need a lot of work.
141	Too much low income housing in the city and needs to be removed or converted to single family home ownership, major streets need to be more appealing, parks need updating.
142	Sreetscapes,lighting,improve store fronts and repair streets.
143	More trees, improved commercial streetscapes, rehabilitating older homes.
144	Roads, roads, roads, installation and interactive sculptural art, artist design tall sculptural planters, indigenous perrenial plantings of ornamental grasses, trees, exterior building colors and designs,
145	more pedestrian friendly areas Cross walks clearly marked with reminders to drivers that PEDESTRIANS have the right of way improve the entrances to the city (Douglas Avenue, Washington Avenue, Racine Street etc.)
146	rubberville crime watch
147	Downtown and areas that are adjacent to the downtown area, need the most investment We need to start with the heart of our city and make it the most appealing we can. We need an entrance or gateway,maybe a parklike setting that is impressive that people will know they have arrived to the beautiful city of Racine! Blocking off the area between city hall and the Paul Harris Plaza with a wonderful park and gardens would be most impressive. Better than seeing the cement of the safety building, the cement of city hall, the cement of the proposed roundabout, and the backs of our beautiful restored buildings as the gateway to our downtown. We need to encourage larger retail businesses with tax incentives,such as crate and barrel, or pottery barn who have retail in smaller cities, limit the number of bars, and finish what was started, before moving onto another area. Sixth street was designated as the "Heart of the Arts" and attracted many outsiders to invest in the idea. Sixth St. is still in the building process that currently consists of a variety of art orientated businesses,such as theatre, dance studios, photography, art galleries, culinary arts, pottery studios, glass blowing studios, art of massage therapy, ect. These are the Hearts of the Arts. It is most diconsorting that this whole idea of the "Heart of the Arts" should no longer be unique to its element, but be shifted to the Uptown area. This makes people very unsure of what the city is actually trying to accomplish. The Uptown area doesn't have the arts or the architectural buildings. They have a very busy street traffic, narrow sidewalks, no parking. All of which are not condusive to strolling through an art community. Further more, there is not any parks, benches for that matter, outdoor recreation, for any residents and their families to enjoy. Mitchell Wagon factory on the other hand,was proposed to house the artists and is much more appealing with the closeness of the downtown and our beautiful lakefront. The only art related business in Uptown,is the music store. They should have their own identity. They already have alot of antique shops that for many people become a destination. If they where to build on that identity, add some restraurants,a few other unique shops, and add a bus tour or two, the area might flourish and be a compliment to the "Heart of the Arts" and Main St. Racine could have it all! Some places only have arts, some, antiques, or a lakefront, Racine could have all three and really be a destination spot. With taking the art district away from Sixth Street and trying to move it to Uptown only seperates the effectiveness already created with the many functions concerts, friendliness, uniqueness, the happening place to be, that the DRC has tried so hard to achieve, along Sixth an Main. Making one of the streets a ghost town again, would not be in the cities best interest. The work and goals that were started on Sixth Street,and Main Street need to be built upon and finished before taking a unique idea away from them, and moving it to another area.
148	get rid of abandoned buildings and improve the schools

149	There are a ton of nuisance vehicles in the 4th and 5th districts.
150	diversity of retail use, more manufacturing to provide jobs
151	neighborhoods
152	Lower income areas, and public schools.
153	community parks i.e. swimming pool, ice skating areas and decent ball diamonds and less abandoned buildings, strip malls
154	housing, rid the city of eyesore properties and nuisance vehicles
155	Tear down old ugly buidlings and adding green spaces. Street lighting to reduce crime. I believe I once read that yellow lightbulbs helps reduce crime?
156	Definately the properties.many rentals are being ignored and deteriorating which brings the neighborhood looks and values down.
157	residential housing & waste pickup
158	uptown area, Douglas Corridor from Yout St. south to State St.
159	With the aging of the populaton I think less brick and bumps in the sidewalks will be important as it is quite hard to push walkers and wheelchairs on these surfaces.
160	I think you should stop sprawling the City tword 94. I think things should be maintained and updated not abandoned and developed at another location. Case in point the new movie theater doesn't make sence to me at its current location. It frustrates me that the parking lot was done so poorly that it will need to be redone again in 1 year.
161	building exteriors (I'm sure the interiors could use some help too), reduce the number of "dollar stores" and "check cashing" stores
162	West of the downtown area.
163	MORE COMMUNITY ACCESSABLE THINGS TO DO AWAY FROM THE LAKEFRONT
164	marcus theater the old one the empy kohls store on durand area by the bridge and memorial
165	TRANSPORTATION AND IMPROVED BUSINESS OFFERINGS. INCREASED POLICE VISIBILITY.
166	All areas!!! We need more jobs in all areas of the city.
167	Uptown and West Racine corridors and the Douglas Avenue corridor--these are gateways; Would like to see the properties between Main and Michigan Ave. South of the zoo and North of the bridge redeveloped.
168	areas around the schools should be improved so as to be more visually appealing and welcoming. Main roads like ohio and douglas need to be better maintained or re-surfaced
169	Spring/State Street area. State toward the lake. Uptown needs a makeover.
170	Douglas Ave. should be improved - it's a main thoroughfare and both unattractive and congested. We should develop neighborhoods so that needs can be met without driving
171	upgrading infrastructure, focusing on neighborhoods with amenities close by
172	Green areas with trails and paths. Priority given to walkers, runners, and bikers who exhibit a healthy lifestyle, and sustainable forms of travel. This city has an enormous opportunity to enhance the already natural environment of lake proximity through the reduction of vehicle travel and the promotion of people powered transportation through trails and paths connecting all parts of the city.
173	Uptown is problematic. Visitors have to go thru Uptown to get to Downtown...so even though Downtown has improved, it doesn't help when Uptown is still so bad. Also....I feel extremely uncomfortable at Regency Mall. Too many students roaming, stores are not quality stores, the mall seems to appeal only to very young "hip hop" or "ethnic" crowd. Also would be nice to have better access to I-94 from Northside. Have to backtrack to 20 or go down 32 or 38/K.....
174	store front appeal and accessibility thru more parking and transit
175	Good access to interstate without the conjestion and eye sores that visitors see when heading to the downtown and lakefront.
176	downtown, traffic pattern into/out of town (in West Racine, traffic is too heavy and noisy on Washington Ave)
177	empty buildings are horrible to look at, and provide the feeling of hopelessness to the community
178	The inner city
179	STREETS & STOREFRONTS -



180	Areas of the Southside. The West Racine businesses. The road conditions in certain areas. More green space and a better care for parks and bike paths.
181	street repairs
182	More should be done to get people to take care of their properties. Every home and business is a reflection on Racine.
183	wayfinding signage
184	Job creation, incentives to bring business, better connections with Chicago/Milwaukee. Need better rail. Green energy and buildings. Bad noise pollution from autos and motorcycles.
185	Uptown and West Racine. It may be better to invest in West Racine before Uptown with the plan for the growth and improvement from West Racine will move East and Downtown growth will go west and meet in Uptown.
186	South Racine near DeKoven
187	Uptown, West Racine, 16th Street
188	we already have it with festival hall, but you out price the grounds and tax the beer and no one can afford it. I thought this was for us to use, not just to make money.
189	snow removal to make parking available
190	I do not feel safe in most areas of the city,
191	We need to preserve our historical buildings. It adds to the character of our city. However, there are a lot of homes and buildings that are not kept up as they should be.
192	Uptown Racine needs more revitalizeing as does West Racine. Our mall area could also use some work to bring in more shoppers from outside areas--we have some great stores that look wonderful (ie Barnes and Noble, Best Buy shopping complex) and then you head south towards Elmwood Plaza and there is a large empty grocery store building sitting there empty (just south of the The Big Lots/Piggly Wiggly complex). Can't we do something with space that is just taking up space and is an eye sore to the city???
193	rapid transit to Milwaukee & Chicago, more homeowners/fewer rental properties
194	Douglas Avenue from High Street to State Street needs to be cleaned up. It is a drug area.
195	Having sustainable jobs available! Force slum landlords to fix there property.
196	Landlords & homeowners should be made to maintain their properties. Create a community service project to help Landlords & homeowners to maintain their properties (could be used for those looking to volunteer or work off community service).
197	Places that for diverse activities. Racine needs a water park and indoor ice rink that will attract tourists and activities to bring money into the economy
198	More facilities for youth.
199	Removing unsightly buildings
200	Streets, curb & gutter, sidewalks
201	beach- need a bigger beach house with more facilities, uptown scares people, Douglas Ave from Yout to State
202	southside needs desperate help
203	state street and douglas avenue
204	I would like to see the Uptown area look less like the slum it is. the karma changes driving thru that area. invest in storefronts that resemble Downtown. do the same in West Racine. explore continuity. other communities especially in the Southwest have storefronts that look appealing and "match" Racine could benefit by this. There is an area where it is apparant there is no pride of ownership. Drive west from the lake on Dekoven and go in north or south at random. this area needs to be improved. there is a dividing line between the haves and the have nots that is sad.
205	Streets. Example, Douglas Ave. has been falling apart for years. Also, easier ways for tourists to get around. Taking Hwy 20 from 94 tourist go through some bad areas in terms of roads, our goofy intersections, and some rougher parts of town.
206	Entrance along Racine Street from Durand to Washington
207	All the empty buildings
208	Public transportation for all, including the ability to get to Chicago or Milwaukee by train. I should not have to move from Racine to work in either city because the commute is impossible - it should be a very possible commute - on a train!

209	More City of Racine Police Foot Patrol
210	need more for poor children to do; they deserve support and help. Need more attention to streets and empty, sloppy storefronts
211	Street repair
212	based on your definitions... Uptown and the southern half of the Douglas corridor.
213	Washington Avenue entering the down town area, the lanes were getting smaller and smaller with all of the snow. With people parking there, it is very difficult for traffic to make it to the down town area. The business--day care center and store--do not have parking lots.
214	More nature. Trees, Plants, Flowers.
215	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public transportation. A trolley that runs on Saturdays during good weather that circles from downtown to mall, and west Racine then back downtown.Hourly. a shopper could then make an effort free day of retail in Racine.More "Green" efforts.</li> <li>2. More local advertising for local people.</li> <li>3. sidewalk cafe atmosphere</li> <li>4. Grocery store in west Racine area.</li> <li>5. healthy grocery food choices. An "outpost" in west Racine.</li> <li>6. North side 3100 wash ave. park area that was planned?</li> <li>7. College ave. brick street upgraded and repaired. This is an asset to Racine.</li> <li>8. West Racine Santa house upgraded and made into an greater asset.</li> <li>9. A sign to let drivers know they are entering"West Racine" or "Danishville" or "Kringle town".</li> <li>10. storefront banners in west Racine like on main street.</li> <li>11. quality local neighborhood festivals developed.</li> <li>12. more ethnic food available - stores, restaurants, kiosks etc.</li> <li>13. more local store owners with unique store ideas to draw shoppers.</li> <li>14. I could just go on.....</li> </ol>
216	deteriorating homes