

3.19 Transforming Nations Ford Design Challenge Feedback

Please see the participant feedback below regarding our small group activities. I included a few notes in parentheses for additional context.

Parking Lot: *(Miles & Millicent, please provide clarity on these points)*

- As you drive towards economic vitality in the area, what resources/supports will be available to businesses?
- How do you plan to avoid or prevent developing communities with high concentrations of poverty?
- What is the AMI for this area, and will the affordability be based on that number or the AMI for the city?

Small Group Discussion:

- Group #1
 - Recreational area
 - Gazebo/sheltered areas
 - A place for citizens/residents to gather
 - Internet cafe
 - Community center with meeting rooms
- Group #2
 - Dog park
 - Soccer fields
 - Multipurpose park similar to Freedom Park
 - Picture included for potential designs- restaurants/commercial in front of England & creative tech center, entrepreneurial workshare space, apartments/senior living, community garden, farmers market (all of this should take into consideration the topography to preserve the wetlands and creek)
- Group #3:
 - What We Need?
 - Community Center (the county is building a community resource center across from EE Waddell. See the [link](#) for more details; I will share this info with our county contact)
 - We need resources in Spanish
 - Culturally relevant services
 - Bring resources to South CLT
 - Understanding and navigating systems for newly arrived families
 - Use of culturally relevant afterschool programs/ Summer programs
 - Skill development for immigrants
 - ESL classes
 - Bilingual mental health access
 - Homeownership programs for immigrants
 - Disabled-friendly outdoor spaces
 - Low-cost clinics (ex: medical/ dental)

- **Commercial spaces for non-profits**
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Community gardens
- Entrepreneur programs
- Rentable bikes
- Quality grocery stores
- Police headquarters
- Enclosed spaces for children with autism
- Why?
 - 40% of people speak Spanish
 - Immigrant population increased by 50% in the past ten years
 - Affordable commercial space for non-profits allows for resources
 - Families looking for stability
 - Builds a sense of stability
- Group #4
 - Needs
 - Non-religious affiliated community spaces that provide services such as physical health, culture, mental health, emotional well-being, skill building
 - Ex. mini camp North End, YMCA
 - Emphasis on Environmental Health
 - Soil health- water flow, solar health
 - Trees are required, and environmental education is required; preserve wetlands!
 - Permeable surfaces and other development; Features are required in RFP & benefit ecosystem
- Group #5:
 - Development similar to Aryrsley/ Market Rate % Affordable
 - Senior activity center/rec center for the youth
 - Community meeting space
 - Library! (will be located near the Community Resource Center across from EE Waddell)
 - Greenway (can connect with the Kings Branch Greenway off Kings Creek Drive)
 - Police Precinct
 - ATV Office
 - Paring spaces/ no parking on street
 - Health Clinic
- Group #6
 - Safe community center (recreation center like Ophelia Brown or Eastway)
 - Park
 - Trail- Greenway (can connect with the Kings Branch Greenway off Kings Creek Drive)
 - Bilingual Pre-school
 - Space for nonprofits (subsidize the rent)

- Affordable office space
- Real Affordable housing
- No rece center ever in this area→ invest in our community