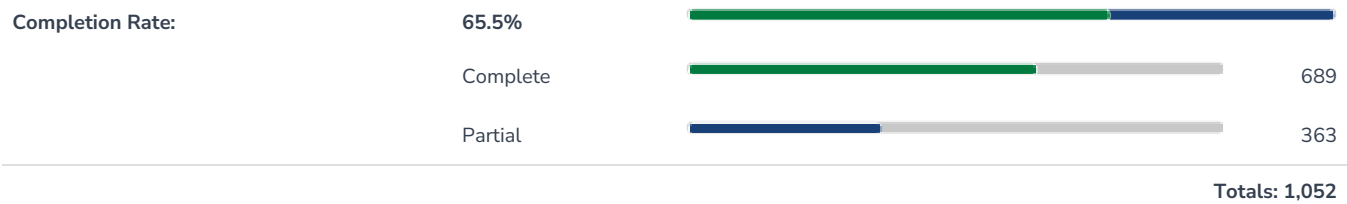
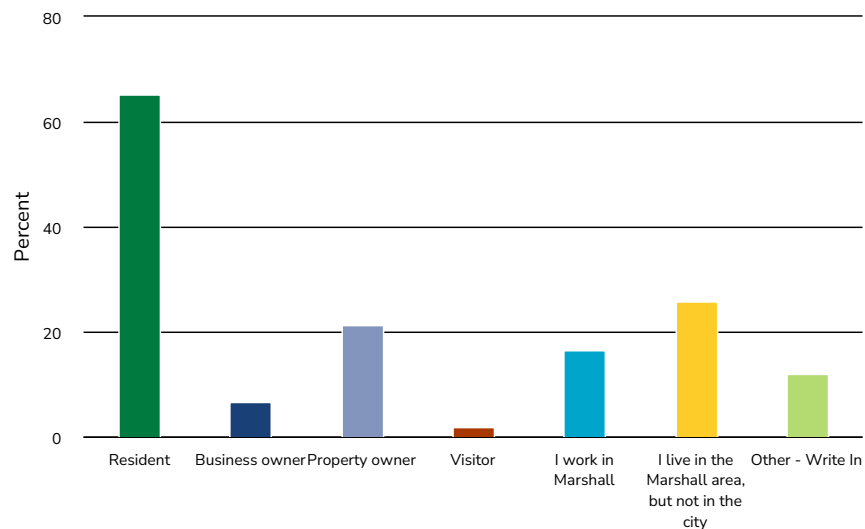


# Report for Marshall 2024 Community Planning Survey

## Response Counts



## 1. What is your relationship to Marshall? (Please check all that apply.)



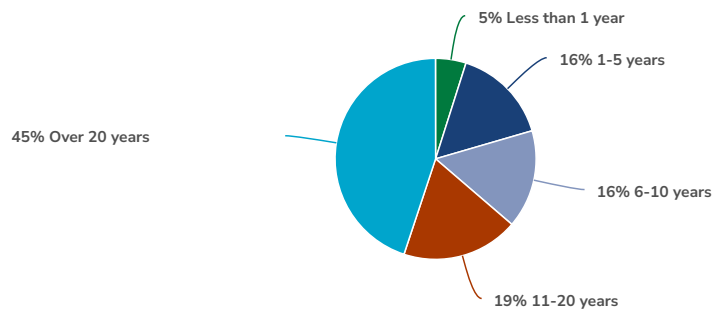
Value	Percent	Responses
Resident	65.3% 	453
Business owner	6.8% 	47
Property owner	21.5% 	149
Visitor	2.0% 	14
I work in Marshall	16.7% 	116
I live in the Marshall area, but not in the city	25.9% 	180
Other - Write In	12.1% 	84

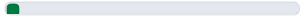
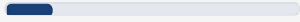

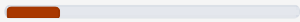
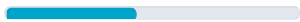
Other - Write In	Count
i go to school in marshall	16
school	11
student	4
Former resident	2
I go to school in marshall	2
Student	2
student	2
5 minutes from the city in Marengo Twp.	1
Church in Marshall	1
Totals	83

Other - Write In	Count
Do business in Marshall	1
Former resident of over 50 yrs	1
Former resident, property owner	1
Fredonia Township	1
I am a kid and my home is right next to hungry howie's or Dennie's	1
I go to MMS	1
I go to school	1
I go to school here	1
I go to school here/live in marshall	1
I go to school there	1
I live in Albion and go to school here	1
I live in Marshall	1
I love going to school here.	1
Life long resident	1
Live in Marshall Township now but owned property and lived in the City for many years	1
Marshall Township	1
Marshall Township Resident	1
Marshall Twp homeowner	1
Marshall Twp.	1
Marshall township	1
Marshall zip code	1
Most of my family lives in Marshall	1
Own Commercial Property	1
Renter	1
School Business	1
Student/School	1
Used to work in Marshall	1
Work from home in Marshall (not sure if that's the same as just working in Marshall).	1
and i live in the city at my moms	1
go to school here	1
i also go to school here	1
Totals	83

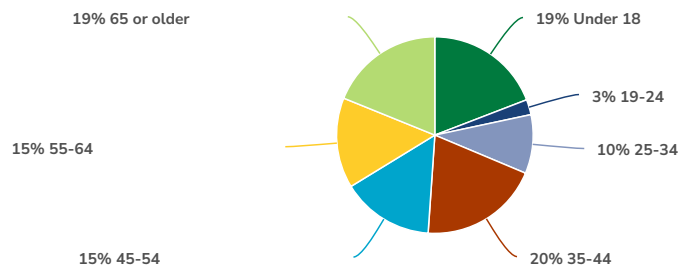
Other - Write In	Count
i don't like it but i go to school here	1
i don't live in Marshall or any of the options	1
i go to school in marshall	1
i go to school, family, sports	1
i live here	1
i live in olivet and i go to school here	1
i live in town but i dont own a house of my own	1
recent business owner (bookstore)	1
student at mms and a dancer at 360 dance company	1
student in school	1
student/school	1
Totals	83

## 2. How long have you lived/worked/visited/owned a business in Marshall?



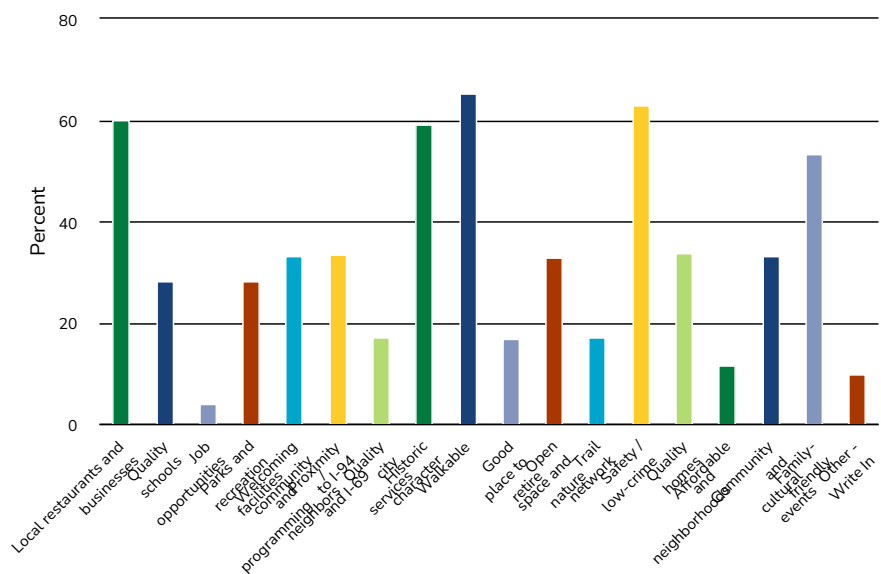
Value	Percent	Responses
Less than 1 year	4.9% 	34
1-5 years	15.6% 	108
6-10 years	15.8% 	109
11-20 years	18.8% 	130
Over 20 years	44.9% 	311
Totals: 692		


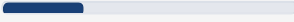
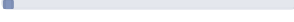
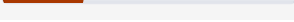
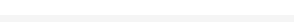
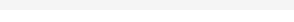
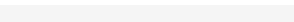

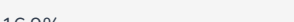

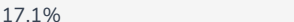

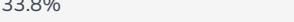
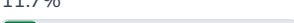
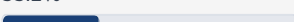

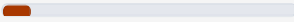

### 3. How old are you?



Value	Percent	Responses
Under 18	19.2% <div><div></div></div>	133
19-24	2.5% <div><div></div></div>	17
25-34	9.7% <div><div></div></div>	67
35-44	19.8% <div><div></div></div>	137
45-54	15.2% <div><div></div></div>	105
55-64	14.9% <div><div></div></div>	103
65 or older	18.9% <div><div></div></div>	131
		Totals: 693

4. What do you like the most about Marshall? (Please check all that apply).



Value	Percent	Responses
Local restaurants and businesses	60.1% 	416
Quality schools	28.2% 	195
Job opportunities	4.0% 	28
Parks and recreation facilities and programming	28.2% 	195
Welcoming community / neighbors	33.4% 	231
Proximity to I-94 and I-69	33.7% 	233
Quality city services	17.1% 	118
Historic character	59.4% 	411
Walkable	65.3% 	452
Good place to retire	16.9% 	117
Open space and nature	32.9% 	228
Trail network	17.1% 	118
Safety / low-crime	63.0% 	436
Quality homes and neighborhoods	33.8% 	234
Affordable	11.7% 	81
Community and cultural events	33.2% 	230
Family-friendly	53.5% 	370
Other - Write In	9.8% 	68

Other - Write In	Count
Agriculture	1
An inordinate amount of interesting and educated people for a town of this size.	1
Can't think of anything right now	1
Clean, neat, small town	1
Dance studios	1
Totals	68



Other - Write In	Count
Grew up here	1
Healthcare providers	1
Horticulture	1
How elected officials were "influenced by outside sources "	1
I am moving away in the near future because many of the items mentioned above are not available here.	1
I can't mark some of the boxes because of all the complaining.	1
I don't mean this offensively, but I actually think all of these areas need improvement in Marshall and note that in comparison to other cities we are considering moving to within Michigan that, simply and very broadly speaking, have more to offer in these ways.	1
I liked that it was a small town.	1
I loved that it was a quiet little town where not a lot happened not crime or chaos. I loved that there was very little traffic or crime. I'm sad to see that all change.	1
IT IS SMALL	1
It use to be walkable. Now a pedestrian puts their life on the line.	1
Library	1
Low traffic, low population, quiet, farming community, not an industrial town.	1
Marshall District Library	1
Marshall is NOT family friendly. There is absolutely NOTHING for kids to do in this town if you are above the age of 9 or 10.	1
My friends	1
No Dispensaries for Drugs	1
Note: would have said great schools and teachers before, but expectations have been lowered. Still better than others in area	1
Nothing. I'm trying to move as soon as possible because this place is awful.	1
Passion for our community!	1
Pet friendly	1
Proximity to family	1
Proximity to other family	1
Rice Creek & Kalamazoo Rive	1
Rural	1
SMALL town feel	1
SMALL town. Low crime rate.	1
School and Mcdonalds	1
Seventh generation to live here	1
Small	1
Totals	68

Other - Write In	Count
Small town	1
Small town charm and ease in getting around	1
Small town feel	1
Small town slow pace	1
Small town vibwa	1
Small town, not industrial	1
Small-town character, agricultural connections, volunteer spirit.	1
So many churches, Oaklawn, there's always enough. A trolly, horse drawn carriage rides, and now we have an ice cream truck! I love Marsha	1
Taxes are a little high	1
That my friends are here.	1
The return of a sense of pride for your community a much more transparent group of leaders who really put forth the effort to include everyone's input not the input of a few. Programs that don't single out groups we are all one human race present it that way	1
Thomas	1
Trinity Episcopal Church	1
Very Little traffic, farming community	1
Walkable* but needs crosswalk enforcement. Someone is going to be killed	1
Was a nice quiet community	1
Was a nice town, not now.	1
We used to love the small town feel of the city. No longer will it be the same after the city council betrayed the residents trust for the all mighty Whitmer and her Megasite	1
Wish we had more diversity in our community	1
fishing spots	1
good to viset	1
i dont know, because i only go to school here	1
it should ask what did i like about marshall. i liked the easy going feeling of not having to rush around, the time when everyone one was treated with respect.	1
live music every night!	1
nice residents and many things to do	1
nothing	1
nothing really besides being able to go to school	1
our good schools and extra cariculars	1
school	1
Totals	68

Other - Write In	Count
small town - not industrialized	1
the animals	1
the usual quietness	1
very little minorities	1
Totals	68

5. Housing. Please select an option that best describes your opinion regarding the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral / not sure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Responses
Most people and families can find safe, affordable housing that meets their needs in Marshall. Count Row %	24 4.4%	128 23.2%	110 20.0%	190 34.5%	99 18.0%	551
There are adequate housing options for seniors in the city of Marshall. Count Row %	21 3.8%	95 17.3%	161 29.3%	157 28.6%	115 20.9%	549
People in Marshall are investing in their properties. Count Row %	44 8.0%	317 57.6%	126 22.9%	44 8.0%	19 3.5%	550
The cost to purchase a home in Marshall is reasonable. Count Row %	12 2.2%	109 19.7%	96 17.4%	187 33.9%	148 26.8%	552
The cost to rent a home or apartment in Marshall is reasonable. Count Row %	6 1.1%	59 10.8%	165 30.1%	166 30.3%	152 27.7%	548
Historic preservation is important to preserve the City's character. Count Row %	253 45.8%	203 36.8%	59 10.7%	20 3.6%	17 3.1%	552
Totals Total Responses						552

6. Which housing types do you think Marshall needs more of? (Please check all that apply.)

**SINGLE-UNIT DETACHED:**



**ACCESSORY APARTMENT:**



**DUPLEX:**



**TRIPLEX:**



**QUADPLEX:**



**TOWNHOUSES:**





**COTTAGE COURT:**



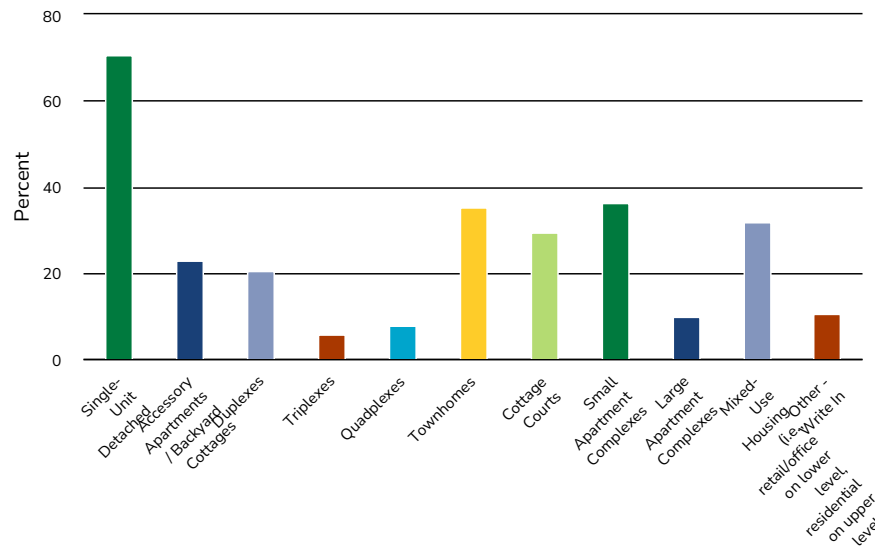
**SMALL APARTMENT COMPLEX:**


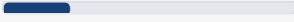
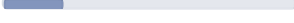
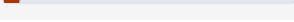
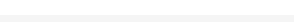
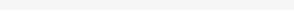
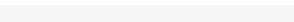

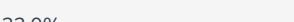




**LARGE APARTMENT COMPLEX:**



**MIXED USE (RETAIL ON GROUND FLOOR):**



Value	Percent	Responses
Single-Unit Detached	70.8% 	381
Accessory Apartments / Backyard Cottages	22.9% 	123
Duplexes	20.6% 	111
Triplexes	5.9% 	32
Quadplexes	7.8% 	42
Townhomes	35.5% 	191
Cottage Courts	29.4% 	158
Small Apartment Complexes	36.4% 	196
Large Apartment Complexes	9.9% 	53
Mixed-Use Housing (i.e., retail/office on lower level, residential on upper levels)	32.0% 	172
Other - Write In	10.8% 	58

Other - Write In	Count
AFFORDABLE!!	1
Accessible housing	1
Affordable	1
Affordable housing	1
Affordable single family homes that are kept up with code compliance making sure everything is cleaned up and not falling down	1
Age in place, homes and duplexes	1
Agree with townhouse WITH garages available.	1
Avoid low low income or we will get more crime like Albion	1
Buy that massive land outside old 27 and put in townhomes/cottage courts/apartments with restaurants and office space	1
Castles, Towers, Fortresses	1
Condo	1
Condos like Brewer Woods	1
Do we need more housing?	1
Farms	1
Fixer uppers	1
Totals	58

Other - Write In	Count
High end condos plus senior living resort	1
Higher end condos	1
Higher regulation for landlords	1
Historic looking	1
Houses to rent	1
I do feel that a senior living community would be a valuable asset to Marshall. Otherwise I believe that there is enough housing for the size of the community. I do not want to live in a town where people are packed in like sardines. I do feel like some landlords have become greedy and are rent junk holes for entirely too much. I understand they have cost as well and that is a business, some are going beyond what should be acceptable.	1
I'm not actively in the market and don't have an informed opinion. I would NOT like to see more small apartment complexes, many of which seem rundown and ugly.	1
If you have a family housing Marshall is not affordable	1
Individual homes	1
Just regular single family homes	1
Keep large scale apartments and housing out of Marshall please. Keep it single family residential.	1
Large complex only because they usually come with a proper management company to run it hopefully as legally and reasonably as possible.	1
Less air BnB type properties	1
Lower the taxes and people could afford to stay long term	1
Maintain green space when building	1
More homeless camps at these prices.	1
More reasonable rent	1
NONE	1
None	1
None of the unsightly above. This is not a big city and cannot handle a high population density.	1
None!! Leave Marshall as it is!!! We don't need more development and population	1
Not sure we need a lot of any new housing as things are, much less housing units of any particular type. (I'd say we definitely don't need any large apartment complexes.)	1
Nothing over 2 stories.	1
Quality mobile home parks	1
Ranch houses	1
See historical data on why housing options have been kept to mostly family homes. Low crime was the priority.	1
Senior condos- on one level	1
Senior detached condos	1
Totals	58



Other - Write In	Count
Senior townhouses/condos - affordable	1
Senior, single, ranch homes in 55+ area	1
Senoir options	1
Single family home	1
Single story condos for older people who want to downsize. We are in Michigan so must have garages.	1
Small 1 level communities for singles or couples	1
Something affordable - it's not going to matter which of these choices are built if people can't afford to rent or purchase it.	1
The city needs affordable housing! Also, the taxes in Marshall are one of the highest in state. I have owned a house for 5 years and my taxes keep going up, up and up!	1
Tiny home villages	1
Tiny house units	1
Whatever the market will bear. We need population.	1
You send me a survey regarding this but not the megasite? Thank you for inviting me to your clown show.	1
affordable senior citizen housing	1
condos	1
stick built single family homes	1
Totals	58

7. Priorities. Please rank the following according to how important you believe each is for the City of Marshall.

	Level of Importance
More local job opportunities	★★★★★ Count: 635 Average: 3.6 Sum: 2,256 Not Applicable: 0
More diverse housing options	★★★★★ Count: 632 Average: 3.3 Sum: 2,100 Not Applicable: 0
More entertainment and recreation options (all ages)	★★★★★ Count: 641 Average: 3.7 Sum: 2,352 Not Applicable: 0
More kid-friendly programs, activities, and entertainment opportunities	★★★★★ Count: 637 Average: 3.6 Sum: 2,314 Not Applicable: 0
Preservation of historic areas	★★★★★ Count: 638 Average: 3.9 Sum: 2,466 Not Applicable: 0
Enhanced walking, biking, and non-motorized transit options	★★★★★ Count: 645 Average: 3.9 Sum: 2,525 Not Applicable: 0
More services and programs for seniors	★★★★★ Count: 631 Average: 3.4 Sum: 2,132 Not Applicable: 0
More shopping options	★★★★★ Count: 647 Average: 3.7 Sum: 2,400 Not Applicable: 0

8. Economic Development. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements: "I would support the City dedicating more time and resources to..."

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral / not sure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Responses
Actively recruiting new businesses. Count Row %	112 20.7%	210 38.7%	121 22.3%	65 12.0%	34 6.3%	542
Having strong policies to maintain environmental quality. Count Row %	263 48.3%	192 35.2%	67 12.3%	13 2.4%	10 1.8%	545
Helping retain and expand existing businesses. Count Row %	179 33.1%	256 47.4%	74 13.7%	17 3.1%	14 2.6%	540
Partnering with surrounding cities, townships, and counties for regional economic development. Count Row %	87 16.0%	192 35.4%	148 27.3%	64 11.8%	52 9.6%	543
Attracting remote workers to move to Marshall. Count Row %	73 13.5%	150 27.7%	176 32.5%	87 16.1%	56 10.3%	542
Enhancing downtown beautification, aesthetics, and historic preservation. Count Row %	225 41.7%	206 38.1%	71 13.1%	26 4.8%	12 2.2%	540
Developing large warehouse or industrial park sites. Count Row %	40 7.4%	80 14.7%	140 25.7%	96 17.6%	188 34.6%	544
Growing and/or attracting advanced manufacturing companies. Count Row %	55 10.2%	124 23.0%	126 23.4%	82 15.2%	152 28.2%	539
Developing cohesive branding to market the city. Count Row %	80 14.9%	163 30.4%	197 36.7%	57 10.6%	40 7.4%	537
Totals Total Responses						545

9. Environment, Parks, and Recreation. Please select an option that best describes your opinion regarding the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral / not sure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Responses
Natural features in Marshall like the Kalamazoo River, Rice Creek, public parks, and wooded areas should be protected from future development. Count Row %	380 69.7%	119 21.8%	33 6.1%	8 1.5%	5 0.9%	545
Residents in Marshall can easily get to outdoor recreation opportunities and parks and nature areas. Count Row %	161 29.5%	243 44.5%	67 12.3%	57 10.4%	18 3.3%	546
I am satisfied with the quality and amenities of the parks/nature areas in Marshall. Count Row %	56 10.2%	178 32.5%	98 17.9%	156 28.5%	60 10.9%	548
I am satisfied with the programs, leagues, and events offered by the City of Marshall Recreation Department. Count Row %	57 10.6%	184 34.1%	193 35.7%	74 13.7%	32 5.9%	540
Totals Total Responses						548

10. Please rate how you prioritize the following natural resource initiatives.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neutral / unsure	Not important	Responses
Increase the number of trees in the city Count Row %	197 36.5%	209 38.7%	107 19.8%	27 5.0%	540
Improve stormwater management and flood prevention infrastructure Count Row %	204 37.8%	226 41.9%	101 18.7%	8 1.5%	539
Expand and improve open spaces and natural areas Count Row %	240 44.4%	210 38.8%	74 13.7%	17 3.1%	541
Protect water resources Count Row %	404 75.2%	111 20.7%	19 3.5%	3 0.6%	537
Connect neighborhoods to City parks and other natural areas Count Row %	203 38.1%	208 39.0%	93 17.4%	29 5.4%	533
Improve water recreation amenities (e.g., boat launch, canoe/kayak rental, fountains) Count Row %	217 40.2%	204 37.8%	96 17.8%	23 4.3%	540
Totals					
Total Responses					541

## 11. How often have you visited the following parks in the last year?

	Once or more per week	Once per month	A few times	Not at all	Not sure	Responses
<b>Carver Park</b>						
Count	33	31	168	227	59	518
Row %	6.4%	6.0%	32.4%	43.8%	11.4%	
<b>Brooks Memorial Fountain Park</b>						
Count	140	142	208	42	5	537
Row %	26.1%	26.4%	38.7%	7.8%	0.9%	
<b>Marshall Athletic Fields</b>						
Count	55	52	171	243	12	533
Row %	10.3%	9.8%	32.1%	45.6%	2.3%	
<b>Ketchum Park</b>						
Count	113	137	213	69	9	541
Row %	20.9%	25.3%	39.4%	12.8%	1.7%	
<b>Stuart Landing and Millpond Park</b>						
Count	74	121	212	115	13	535
Row %	13.8%	22.6%	39.6%	21.5%	2.4%	
<b>The Brooks Nature Area</b>						
Count	48	81	190	192	27	538
Row %	8.9%	15.1%	35.3%	35.7%	5.0%	
<b>Shearman Park</b>						
Count	27	55	114	279	55	530
Row %	5.1%	10.4%	21.5%	52.6%	10.4%	
<b>Riverwalk</b>						
Count	126	128	197	83	12	546
Row %	23.1%	23.4%	36.1%	15.2%	2.2%	
<b>Grand Street Park</b>						
Count	20	42	114	285	68	529
Row %	3.8%	7.9%	21.6%	53.9%	12.9%	
<b>Allcott Park</b>						
Count	9	28	85	312	92	526
Row %	1.7%	5.3%	16.2%	59.3%	17.5%	
<b>Garvin Park</b>						
Count	4	19	67	314	115	519
Row %	0.8%	3.7%	12.9%	60.5%	22.2%	
<b>Cook Park</b>						
Count	8	20	64	311	110	513
Row %	1.6%	3.9%	12.5%	60.6%	21.4%	
<b>Marshall Area Farmer's Market</b>						
Count	145	165	147	76	10	543
Row %	26.7%	30.4%	27.1%	14.0%	1.8%	
<b>Calhoun County Fair Grounds</b>						
Count	35	106	320	71	10	542
Row %	6.5%	19.6%	59.0%	13.1%	1.8%	
<b>Totals</b>						
Total Responses						546



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76	More up to date equipment and beautification. More trails or paved paths for hiking, walking, biking, running. Better connectivity to surrounding areas and trail systems.
78	The river walks need improved. Another full playground in the city and or maintain Ketchum Park. More green space/woods for fitness/nature walks, etc.
83	bike lanes or paths
84	Please fix the Riverwalk.
87	Restoration/improvements to Riverwalk—such an important feature for residents & tourists too.
88	The skatepark needs to be fixed badly. If done right, it would attract people from surrounding towns who will spend money in Marshall. It will also give kids something to do. A basketball court a Ketchum Park would be pretty cool too.
90	Picnic areas among trees with nearby playground equipment area. Walking/biking paths.
92	We have a lot of great parks and opportunities but they are not kept up. The riverwalk, especially, is in very rough shape. The trees and plants/weeds surrounding it are incredibly overgrown as well. I love having opportunities for nature time with my kids but the parks are not up to standards i would expect for what is offered and the taxes we pay.
94	The sections of boardwalks and handrails that are unsafe/broken or that have holes in them should be replaced.
98	Focus on river. Budgeted ongoing maintenance. Diverse sports courts. Tennis, basketball, other things besides just pickleball.
104	Splash pad, public pool, more interactive history in parks, similar to Holland Park in Albion.
108	It would be nice if there were more parks like Shearman with a playground, benches, and shelter-house(s) scattered around the city; it would make the city feel more walkable and family friendly.
109	A dog park.
115	The Riverwalk needs basic safety features repaired. Handrails and safety fence for elevated areas is missing. Boards and supports on the walk are deteriorating. Basically, all major sections need repairs. Wants would be to add bathroom facilities at Pearl Street parking lot.
117	Things for kids & seniors will disabilities (mobility issues). Kayak locations improved to put the kayaks in the river
119	Maintenance of river walk is number one. it has been let go too long. Hire someone who understands landscape maintenance. Parks need to be maintained to wow the tourists and for residents to be proud
121	Upkeep at the riverwalk. Safety on pathways. We need additional park space. A metro park like Hudson mills, where you won't pick up ticks going for a hike. We also need a community center for indoor recreation in bad weather.
125	River walk and the splash pad/ pickleball courts
128	No
135	Upgrades to playground equipment & pavilions.
136	River walk fencing and boards
138	Repairing the BNA parking lot Repairing the Riverwalk Repairing Ketchum Park Maintaining landscape by removing weeds at Grand Street Park Removing 2 dead trees at Shearman Park
140	The skate park needs a lot of attention
142	Kept up. Mantain
145	I think it's bullshit there is different prices for residents and nonresidents. I hate it enough to avoid signing my children up for events.
148	Fix up the Riverwalk! We miss how safe and beautiful it was.



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151	Cameras to make them safer.
155	Easier access
156	Athletic facilities (basketball, baseball courts & open fields for football, soccer, open play)
158	General upkeep at the parks especially kids kingdom
161	None
162	Better signage (haven't heard of most of the parks listed), tick spraying at Brooks Nature Area (favorite nature trail park in former city I lived in did this), Riverwalk needs to be a higher priority. The riverwalk used to bring in people from surrounding communities (we used to eat dinner or brunch then walk before we moved here). Now it doesn't seem safe or appreciated. Everyone I know won't go there anymore. Would like to see some kind of bollards around Brooks Fountain Park (since it's in the middle of a state highway) and flashing lights at the pedestrian crossings. Would be even better if m-89 could be rerouted like it will be west of town. I've always been concerned about a vehicle driving onto the lawn by accident or malice, especially during Fridays at the Fountain or childrens' library programs.
166	Newer playground equipment
169	Better upkeep of the riverwalk. Additional playgrounds, splash pad, and dog park.
171	A dedicated dog park would be a good addition to the city.
173	More public restrooms and seating.
177	Preservation from business development and large scale modernization
178	Maintain nature, eliminate solar farms. Family friendly play and eating areas.
182	Weeds in sidewalk cracks removed
188	The boardwalk needs many maintenance improvements. I know some repairs have been done, but many more need to be done. Many guard rails are missing. Over hanging grass and trees. Why add more when you cannot maintain what we have.
190	Better restroom facilities.
193	N/A
194	Trim the trees and brush way back at Ketchum. You can't even hardly see the river anymore. Same as the boardwalk.
195	More availability for everyone.
197	Dog park. New and improve picnic pavilions at Ketchum. Repair river walk bike path to Brooks Nature Area
200	Pickleball courts and bike paths.
203	A dog park would be nice if it is conveniently located.
204	More accessibility for those in wheelchairs. Wheelchair users can not navigate Marshall on their own.
205	Regular maintenance
208	My kids are grown so we don't spend much time in them anymore.
211	I definitely think that a splash pad for the community would be a wonderful addition maybe even a community pool. Biking trails and restrooms
215	The river walk is horrible -we use to love to walk it-now it's overgrown, an eye sore and extremely unsafe-so many tree limbs all down the pathway.
216	Dog park

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217	Safety. Lighting/security etc.. Allow vendors and or food trucks at the Brooks Fountain. Hotdogs, snowcones etc...
218	What I would truly like to see is regular maintenance of the existing parks and the structures therein. That should be a part of their yearly budget. Just like a good homeowner.
221	Actually maintaining so it dosent continue to fall into deterioration.
224	N/A
227	The parks are NOT maintained. Especially the Riverwalk!
232	Just nice quiet trails.
234	The spaces we have are nice enough, just too small to really do anything in other than sit. Kids can't run around allowing adults to relax and visit, and they are too small for events so not really sure what else they can be used for.
238	Need a dog park!
241	Marshall doesn't allot money for upkeep and improvements. When I go to other cities our size, they seem to have more and higher quality facilities. Take care of what we have!
246	The river walk is literally falling apart! This should be a safe walkway for families and older folks, this is absolutely horrific- keep up what you have.
247	Fix the river boardwalk
250	Officially recognize and embrace the mountain bike trail. Volunteers already maintain it.
257	Make a bike/walk/run park on the outer ring of Marshall. a 10k loop. 90% of the loop is in place. if you take Kalamazoo N to F Dr you will get killed on 27 make a path from the end of F Dr at old 27 that goes E to the back side of the High School. also find a way to cross Rice Creek at the far east end of Green St, so you can take the path that leads into Ketchum Park.
260	Keep them in good shape
261	Boardwalk needs a lot of repair work. More hours for kayak rental. Community pool and splash pad. More flowers every where.
262	Weight loss help, more programs for teenagers, a youth center so kids have a fun safe place to hang out with friends and get help with school work, more things for teens to do that don't cost an arm an leg, streets repaired.
268	The Riverwalk needs s lot of maintenance - brush trimming, boardwalk and fence repair, etc
269	More activities for bigger kids, ages 13 and up. The idea of a small splash pad going along a decently busy road next to a pickleball court instead of on the land by Ketchum park where it could be bigger, safer and draw from the river makers no sense.
271	Pickle ball courts. More options for younger kids
283	Bike rental would be fun
287	I wish that the parks were maintained regularly, not just fixed after people bitch on facebook.
295	More upkeep of the parks we have and improving outdoor family spaces to bring families to the community.
298	Trees
309	Fountain upkeep; more trees.
314	Updated playground equipment with more variety, water features,
316	Pollinator plants

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321	Replacing trees that are diseased, and dying. Adding more trees of the appropriate size and type Fix and extend the River Walk to connect with the North Country Trail at 15 Mile Rd. Fixing kids kingdom in Ketchum Park and adding a children's playground there. Add a dog park. Add a Frisbee Golf Course at a park. Fix skate park at Ketchum Park. Add a larger park with trails, meadows, mountain bike trail, natural outdoor amphitheater by the river, playgrounds, picnic pavilions, water park, etc. This would be a good use for part of the land acquired for the megasite. This park could be developed with assistance with Firekeeper's Casino and the State of Michigan.
322	I would love a dog park!! Please!
325	Informative, historical, and educational experiences
327	Rest rooms.
328	A lot of things. What did we have? It's so old. Some of them already broke, never repair.
337	Can we please have a dog park?
338	I would like to see more playground equipment added to Sherman park, in particular. A splash pad would be a fun feature. Maintenance on the pavilion at Stuart's Landing. The brush tends to take over. Ketchum Park updates have been awesome. Community Policing programs would be a great thing to add as well as ideal age ranges for the equipment clearly marked. Cameras at the parks as well. Reasoning: my family called down some teenage boys from slamming down the slides at Ketchum Park. Maintenance on the Riverwalk is badly needed. A lot of the boards on the boardwalk are damaged. It is much appreciated that the Riverwalk from Marshall Ave to Stuart's Landing is being fixed. Updates and adding sidewalks throughout the city to make sure that people can safely walk throughout the city and utilize the parks that we have. It would be nice for those who work in the industrial park area on the south side of the city to be able to safely walk up to town. Updates to the icon fountain are needed.
346	There needs to be a budget line item for maintenance on the playground equipment at our parks. The fact that any of that stuff was even allowed to go in without a maintenance plan is asinine.
355	need more gym space for our youth teams to practice and to hold tournaments and activities
358	Maintain the street cleaning and storm sewers weekly. Rental properties not maintained and upkeep enforced. Enforce the ordinance of trash receptacle left at curb 24/7.
359	The Riverwalk is wonderful but needs to be maintained and could be improved.
363	Splash pad, more inclusive playground
368	Sidewalks on north side of West Hughes, traffic light at West Hughes and Kalamazoo
372	I would like to see our existing City Parks be self-sustaining and better funded.
373	Maintenance plans in place to quickly address vandalism and other damage and aesthetic concerns.
378	More native plant and invasive removal initiatives.
389	Skate park, water park, walking trails, river picnic parks. Dog park. Art or sculpture attraction. Anything for kids ages 12-18
390	Better play structures such as inclusive playgrounds.
399	Would like to see a women's or coed soccer league within marshall rec department
403	Just upkeep with our current parks. All of them have issues that could be addressed.
412	Maintenance! Cleaning! needs to happen more. Not let things get delapidated before you do something.
424	Add dog park
434	Better regular maintenance- for example trees have been down across the river walk for weeks, guardrails and boards on the paths have been missing for months
436	Water fountains and clean restrooms. The river walk is embarrassing with the graffiti and broken or missing walkway boards.

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444	Maintained equipment for the safety of the children
453	Lawn care and upkeep, Weed control, maintenance of fountain structure, picnic tables available
457	Heard teenagers were at Ketchum Park swearing at others and acting ridiculous, so families had to leave. Patrolling more often?
461	Improved maintenance efforts. In particular, the Riverwalk and Stuart's Landing have become fairly run down due to storm damage.
466	Designate someone to mow the disc golf course in Ketchum Park.
468	Would like to see more of the fairgrounds be available to the public for use.
470	Dog park. Working ckean bathrooms.
472	Dog park more dog waste areas
480	Dog park
484	Drinking fountains, bathrooms, and maintenance of infrastructure including removing dangerous down or dangling limbs from the walkways quickly. Great job with the bridge at Ketchum! It would be great if there was a way to rent kayaks outside of business hours.
490	Skate Park at Ketchum Park. It's a shame that back in 2020, the community tried stepping up and fixing what they could for the city, because the city constantly ignores the skate park. They said it would take about \$16,000 to make all necessary repairs on their end, but left it up to the community. The community wasn't able to raise enough money on their own, and Marshall knee this. They acted like they knew nothing about a pickle ball court, but now somehow magically have over \$2 million dollars to put into the athletic fields and they're adding A PICKLE BALL COURT! Yet, you still have NO PLANS for the skate park community. Shame on you, Marshall, for lying to the community in 2020.
491	Kids water park
497	Just continue to update what's already there. The skate park area definitely needs some work in Ketchum park.
498	No, as I don't use them much
502	Senior access and programs
503	Yes, updated play structures for the children or adding play structures in the neighborhood parks. Maintaining the play structures and parks (possibly having a volunteer day every spring and fall to help with the mainentance).
508	NO. You all are RUINING Marshall.
513	Cleaner parks
516	Swings
519	A sign-up for volunteers to help maintain the parks, have local kids make new tiles for Ketchum Park (and help pull weeds, etc... it's a playground for them and would help teach respect and responsibility), a porta potty for Sherman park, fix the River Walk- it's dangerous!!! (Create a volunteer sign-up and donation fund to help maintain it). We pay a decent amount in taxes but the parks and river walk are always run down looking! The Brooks memorial fountain looks terrible, too! Quit waiting until everything is a disaster to ask for taxpayers opinions!!!
520	Shearman Park needs to be renovated to be an actual playground park. Virtually useless as it stands. Splash pads would be great at any park.
521	For you guys to actually take care of them would be an improvement.
524	The kids playground at Ketchum park is not kept up or very impressive.
526	Expand riverwalk/trail to connect with MAJOR conservation/recreation area
527	More ADA accessibility.

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532	More walking trails and upgrade what we have. Splash pad for kids. Cross country ski/ snow shoe trails. Fishing ponds that are easily accessed. Bike paths
534	I personally don't feel the parks are protected from vandalism. We have something beautiful, fun or useful yet fools damage or deface. Sad
537	More parking at Saylor's landing
541	More recreation for kids like a new skate park. We need more activities for teens in the parks so they can keep out of trouble.
547	Maintenance at Ketchum Park specifically would be appreciated. My dad volunteers there regularly and has to deal with the negative reactions.
553	A dog park..
554	Ketchem park maintenance in cleanliness Splash pad!
555	Riverwalk needs some repair and foliage cut back Happy to see Fountain fixed at East end park.
561	Ketchum park needs some fixing up. It's definitely seen better days.
568	More updated playground equipment.
570	The boardwalk needs huge improvements for safety and accessibility for all citizens. Some of the boards or fencing is missing, while other parts feel as if they could fall out from under you at any moment. Also, it seems like the city has a hard time maintaining our parks but prioritizes beautification projects downtown. We need to keep our parks safe for everyone and well maintained!
571	Our parks are beautiful and well kept.
573	maintenance, maintenance, maintenance! and removing invasive species
586	Just would like to see things get fixed up and general maintenance to be kept up on. From things I have observed over my lifetime, nice things get put in but the maintenance lacks and it doesn't stay nice for long. If things were maintained properly, they wouldn't need to be fixed up or completely replaced as often and enjoyed for longer
589	City pool, splash pad for kids, pavilion areas, bike paths
592	Protection against vandalism and destruction; regular maintenance and safety inspections; public restrooms and water stations at each site.
607	A nice take out at the W. end of the mill pond, what we have there is unsafe and unacceptable! It should be accessible by car! Why is access to the take out locked?
611	Public restrooms, dog waste bags & garbages
614	Update to park equipment for kids. Painting, planting trees and flowers. Update river walk. Up date fair grounds.
621	Better maintenance of wooded trails in the Brooks Nature Area. Downed trees make it difficult walking, mainly the North woods.
630	Improve skate park and disc golf course
631	Pickleball courts
633	OTHER COMMENTS: Not all "job opportunities" are equal, to those who get to do the jobs or to the surrounding community. We should actively recruit *small* businesses but NOT *big* ones. On trees, it's not so much a matter of increasing quantity as of protecting quality.
634	1) Clean (litter free, penalize those who litter) 2) Maintained (repair damage, even cosmetic) 3) More Native Plants! Milkweed for Monarchs!
636	All parks with playgrounds need to include ADA approved swings and toddler swings, not just a climbing structure. Babies and toddlers can't use other equipment, but they can use swings.

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639	Dog park please!
640	More work with native plant and wildlife experts to increase the health of the ecosystems so that all creatures, waters, etc. are thriving and healthy, working together and supporting one another.
642	Signage with name of park & map of other parks. I am unaware of some of the parks listed here. If there was signage at each park location with name of park & also map of other named parks it would be very convenient & helpful information.
643	Fixing up Ketchum Park (ropes are broken, hole with climbing tire used to be). Ketchum is the largest park for children in the Marshall Area yet is very sad to use currently. I think the historic features of kids kingdom should be kept, but it would also be wonderful for Marshall to get a new and updated playground (perhaps on the skate park side of Ketchum) that it ADA accessible, offering fun for all children.
646	I feel that all the local parks could use an upgrade. The Brooks Memorial Fountain looks hideous! I was up there the other day and some people that were visiting from out of town made that comment. Is this how we want people to see our city?
651	I'd like to see budgeting for maintaining the parks so they don't fall into disrepair
652	Picnic tables, gardens, shade areas, pavilions, trails and paths, labels on trees and flowers, water features, miniature golf, a fitness station park, public restrooms, walking track
660	Restrooms need improvement at Stuart Landing. The current state of them aren't great. unkept
665	Pickleball court
668	Playground equipment
675	The stuart landing river walk the boards need to be fixed and better walk though and the brooks fountain needs to be repainted
678	The city planners love to come up with a project to "improve" a park and then ask for donations. Then get their picture in the paper saying look what we did with your money. Then they move on and the park is not taken care of the way it should be. Take care of what you have and then, if money and time allows add to it. Examples are many years of Ketchum Park "improvements" but it has never really been taken care of well. Board walk. We were promised that after millions spent to build it, there would be at least a full time position made to care for it all 12 months of the year. The condition of that walk has deteriorated for many years and the lack of maintenance and care is very apparent. So now what is planned? Extending it all the way to Blue Oval and once again, it will not be a priority after a while. I've seen it over and over as I've lived here my entire life. There is always a new plan or vision it seems for the town. Why does the city promote drinking booze and allowing open carry in the social district? Why do we always want to be like other cities. To feel we're hip or something? This is not Las Vegas and who needs to sit out in a parking lot in the winter with heaters so they can drink? What a waste of needed parking spots and tax dollars.
680	More sophisticated playground equipment in Sherman Park. Something for the older kids. Would like to see the Brooks fountain have the elaborate color display that it had when it originally opened.
682	Bike trail outside of town
683	More picnic tables
686	Shearman park- take down the recently installed tripping hazard. It is not being used for what it was designed to do. It's improperly installed. Get projects finished- where is our splash pad? Improved overall maintenance of ALL parks- not just mowing the grass and emptying the trash. Remove dead limbs and branches, RAKE and dispose of leaves, add things to interest ALL ages- public Garden areas? Yes for growing vegetables. Add Fruit trees.
687	Restrooms in Sherman park
690	Improved picnic tables, Bathrooms and water bottle stations at Ketchum Park North & South, Stuart Landing. New sign at Ketchum Park. Small identifier signs at Cook, Alcott. Beautification at Chapman. A unified approach to signage across all the parks would be an improvement for aesthetics and identification. Brooks Fountain and Carver Park are fine as is in this regard.
693	More walking paths
694	Improve and better maintain the riverwalk/boardwalk.
697	The Boardwalk desperately needs repair. Much time has passed since repairs were needed, and this is a site that attracts both residents and tourists.

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701	More "hang out" infrastructure. More chairs, benches, umbrellas, TRASH CANS, more opportunities to sit and enjoy the park and not just stroll through
703	Having posted regular maintenance and improvement schedules would be great. It was super helpful for the road resurfacing and waterman project, to know when and where work would be done. And having them posted prominently around affected areas was helpful, so we didn't have to try and go find it on a web page three menus deep on the city site.
707	Swing set for toddlers at the park on Mansion Street!
708	More tables and shaded areas and swing sets!
710	Traffic flow out of the athletic fields on Michigan Ave...I think it is very unsafe
714	Adding more playground equipment to the skatepark side of Ketchum Park. Adding multiple splash pads in town!
716	FYI: The parks I've marked as not sure in the list above are parks whose names I don't recognize and whose locations I am unsure of. I understand the Riverwalk east of South Marshall will be undergoing improvements, but the stretch west from South Marshall to South Kalamazoo has sustained a lot of damage over the years and really needs help. A lot of people use the Riverwalk.
722	Pickleball courts
723	Better location for the Farmers Market. It's makes Green Street very congested on Saturday mornings. As the season goes on it becomes harder to find parking and get to other locations like the Library.
724	Fixing the river walk.
726	Pay more attention to the up keep and maintenance of the river walk
727	Improved upkeep of city parks, specifically Ketchum park, Cook park, and Marshall athletic fields. Cutting down and removing invasive species including Chinese sumac.
731	always have need a difference entrance/exit to the athletic fields. that hill going up, while coming out, has always been a catastrophe. Recent accident there proves it again.
737	More seating to set down
739	Actually maintaining them and not letting fall into disastrous levels of break down.
740	We need a dog park
743	I didn't know some of these parks existed
744	The crosswalks at the fountain for more safety. Most don't know what to do. More open hours downtown
746	City needs to think safety - especially with pedestrians crossing to get the fountain circle. We need pedestrian crossing lights.
747	Safer pedestrian traffic around the fountain! Flashing yellow lights are warranted.
751	Finish the old Eaton parking lot with the project that started. It looks awful.
753	I hate how projects get funded, but maintenance is never budgeted into the spending. Something looks nice for a few months, but there is a lack of monitoring, up keeping, and sometime repairs aren't even logical. The idea of Kids Kingdom is great, but any time something breaks, it's not a piece or part that can be ordered. Everything is custom made and fitted and has to be handcrafted to repair. It's nice to be different, but I feel the logical part is missing on many projects.
754	Wheelchair accessible.
760	The Riverwalk is in severe need of having the overgrowth removed and repair to the walk way. I rarely walk there or photograph there anymore because of its condition.

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764	More trails and areas for walking and BIKING. Marshall offered very very safe areas for cyclists. Drivers complain about us on the roads and we have nowhere else to be. A paved, several mile loop around Marshall for biking would be amazing for exercise, walking, transportation, etc. like Battle Creek's north country trail system. Except Battle Creek isn't safe like Marshall is. PLEASE CONSIDER A BIKE TRAIL.
765	Work on and expand the mountain bike trail you already have.
766	Discreet pedestrian cross walk lights (located on the right side of the street- across from the fountain on all 4 sides) that you can turn on if crossing the street at the fountain for safety!
767	Keeping them clean and going after those who are doing graffiti
768	Updated and maintained
771	Having more activities for young adults 18-25.
776	Improved playgrounds. Marshall's playground amenities and maintenance pale in comparison to Albion and Battle Creek. There are not great options for small children. There is limited bathroom access.
778	Ketchum park - better park with basketball, better grounds, added fencing by bridge on Marshall. New bridge on Marshall Ave for Ketchum park as well as another walking bridge as there was before and better parking.
783	Regular trash clean up
788	Walking and biking trails Public amenities like water features, a walking path around local lakes like Lyon lake. Boating facilities, nature center celebrating local history, family hiking and exercise activities. Healthy Community Activities that celebrate the family not just the local drinkers in the bars. More park lands surrounding town. Natural spaces. Trees to help protect the quality of air. We would much rather be surrounded by parks than nasty industrial lands.
792	More use of native plants
795	Maintenance and ongoing support. The Riverwalk is unusable. Ketchum park is always filthy and transient types hang out there. Kids Kingdom is very run down. It's almost unusable. Would be great to see some free exercise/yoga classes weekly at the park and free outdoor exercise equipment installed. Would like to see dedicated bike lanes and paved walking/running paths in town.
801	Rehab the river walk and extend it. Splash pad, dedicated trails to walk, ride bikes or rollerblade.
805	I would love to see more nature preservation, maybe in the form of more native plants around town, and more resources for planting trees and caring for them, to replace the hundred year old trees that were recently cut down. Nothing is more historic than the natural landscape. I would also love to see higher regulations for landlords, I see a lot of properties around town that are not properly maintained, but since there's such a high need for housing right now, people suffer through it just to have a place to live, and landlords are not being held accountable. I think by doing this, we could have safer homes for families, and if the standards are not met, fine them, and if they can't afford the fines then maybe they should sell a house or 2 and a family that would actually take care of it would buy it.
810	Safer, updated equipment (maintained, somehow kept from vandalism, etc). Walking and biking paths to get around town and to connect to locations throughout town. When we visit other locations we're fond of, it's the paths and parks really stand out to me and invite people. It probably has a lot to do with parents/caregivers being able to access area parks for a variety of available activities: walking, biking, playground et al, courts/spaces for particular sports, picnic and gathering areas. Families gravitate there. In town, we mostly visit Ketchum and Sherman, and they've just been "the same" our whole lives/memories.
817	Saylors landing needs more parking and picnic areas fairgrounds more benches on walkways ketchem park concrete patios under all shelters and picnic tables. Riverwalk kept up better.
823	Complete the pickleball court project!
831	KEEP OUR RIVER CLEAN AND SAFE AND INDUSTRIAL PARKS OUT AND OFF OUR MAIN RIVER!!! NO MEGA SITE!!!!!!
832	PICKLEBALL
836	The river walk needs some fixing. I would love to put a real nice drop in for kayaks
841	The river walk needs repairs and the fountain



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843	Maintain them, police presence, stop destruction.
844	More walking/biking paths
846	Bathroom facilities. Battle Creek has port a potties by all of their playground equipment and downtown. I used to walk the riverwalk everyday. Now I cannot, as there is no bathroom option. I do not know where Garvin and Cook park are.
848	I would love to see better caretaking of the athletic fields with the possibility of operational score boards for a field or two. The weeds were overtaking the bleachers this year and the bugs were awful. The infields didn't seem very well maintained either as they were always dry and dusty on game days and full of weeds.
849	Improved/more accessible River walk/trails
852	Improve Ketchum Park, Riverwalk and connect trails or walking route in the city.
857	There is nothing for small toddlers
859	Dog park
861	I don't go to the parks because they are not maintained. The river walk is dangerous. Kid's Kingdom is left to rot away and dangerous for the children. Scary people hang around, also. Sidewalks are all also dangerous and create trip/fall hazards. I enjoy the fountain park but crossing the street to get to it is VERY dangerous. I am enthusiastic about parks, trails and public use spaces but the City constantly has a "lack of money"" to maintain them. They routinely say, please be patient, we just don't have the money. Don't put in what you can't maintain. Who wants to relocate or stay in a city that constantly has this attitude and voice when taxes are very high and produce this response?
865	PLEASE increase the maintenance that needs to be done. I can't think of any right now, but in the past, it took weeks to get tree limbs out of Ketchum Park.
869	We need paved trails that offer mixed use like walk/run/bike. So tired of being run off the roads by aggressive drivers or using the crooked unsafe sidewalks throughout downtown streets.
875	March-November public restrooms open. Steel toilets and sinks for disinfection and durability. More frequent cleaning and maintenance
879	Areas for use by people with pets.
880	More local parks, such as a small kids playground park at the Old State Farm site. Also on High Street there is a park that could use a Kids playground it's just north of Prospect Street. And I'm sure there's other areas we could do small playground parks for kids.
882	More cleaning during the summer months.
883	Ketchum and the river walk are not kept up. River walk was unusable a few weeks ago for grandkids. Very disappointing
884	Make a linear park around the city.
888	More athletic fields to draw tournaments in the area
890	I just wanted to let you know I appreciate the installation of the bathrooms at Ketchum and Brooks. We go to those the most.
891	Expand the Riverwalk to the otherside of Old 27. Connect Stuart Landing to Brooks Nature trail with a bike path.
894	More maintenance on our riverwalk and Ketchum park. More natural play structures and equipment at the smaller parks. A few natural play spaces would be AMAZING!
898	A large outdoor walking track would be really nice. There is a school in the Harper Creek area (Wattles Park, I think) that has a very large walking track around it. I would guess one lap around it would be close to a mile. That would be so nice to have in Marshall.
905	Potapotty at Sherman park
910	Bathroom access

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912	No
916	Better management of natural areas for invasive plant species. More native plantings.
923	Cameras on River walk and numerous repairs.
924	Parks other then downtown off Michigan ave.
926	No
927	i don't go to Marshall parks
928	no i don't have any
929	I believe we should try to make more shops for clothes and shoes as we do not have many of these in the city this would benefit us in many ways.
931	no
932	Bigger parks/Rivers/Space
933	food doesnt cost as much
934	no
935	more playgrounds in parks (swings).
936	trash and recylcing is seprate
937	making a better dog parks for out dogs and maybe adding dog courses like dog agility and jumps and ramps for dogs.
938	No.
939	i dont have anything specific
940	no its very good to me but one thing is There should be more golf course.
941	More stores to go shopping at.
942	i would not like to see any thing new
943	i would like to see more parks because there is a lot of children
945	Maybe not a specific improvement, but as you probably already know, tons of kids go downtown after school and I believe you guys should set up some hangout spots made for them/us. Some kids that go downtown aren't amazing at appropriate behavior in public so I think it would be best to make a place for them. (Even if it's just a place with a bunch of benches). Some kids actually go downtown to read/study and when loud kids come into the library it's irritating.
946	There should be less litering and some houses should be upgraded.
948	More and bigger parks
949	Swings, and more stuff for older kids.
950	I havent been to the parks, so i dont know.
951	idk
952	nothing
953	i dont know
954	More water fountains since they look nice.

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955	in the city parks there should be more boardwalk and playgrounds,trails,and more fun stuff
956	no
957	more parks around marshall and bigger parks
958	No
960	Maybe like more shade at the places that may not have has much shade has people would like and to just keep the parks clean and safe for little kids
961	There are no specific improvements I would like to see.
962	To have more restaurants for food.
963	preservations of nature
964	I dont think so
965	More Entertainment
966	no
969	more shopping options
973	A dispenser that dispences trash bags to pick up your dogs poop so parks can be clean.
974	More nature There should be only nature.
975	i would like to see more trash cans being empty in more things to do other than swinging and walking around being bored and i would like to see more shade
976	non
977	Overall, I think the city parks are doing well. No need for change yet in my opinion.
978	Trails for city bikers.
979	None
980	No.
982	we need better parks and bigger parks
984	i would like to see cleaner parks.
985	I think we could make them cleaner and safer.
986	more activities or more things for child entertainment so that it makes a memorable experience for them
988	no
989	refurbishing the equipment
990	Idk
991	there isn't really anything i can say on.
993	a cleaner
994	more fishing opportunities
995	maybe we could include handicap options

ResponseID	Response
997	i don't have any.
999	see motocross posters and shops
1000	more stores, more food shops
1002	less vandalism/writing
1005	no i wouldn't like to see because this city is already really good
1007	no
1008	no
1009	Nah
1010	better cross walks
1011	i don,t know
1012	Not really
1013	more trashcans
1015	No i think our City Parks are good the way they are.
1016	IDK
1017	water fountains in parks
1018	They can improve about the cameras.
1019	i would like to see a cat cafe or more parks
1020	no
1021	gaming center
1022	no
1023	no
1024	no
1025	no
1026	A specific improvement would be making sure they are clean and kept nice.
1027	maybe more sport activies like basketball hoops or volleyball courts or flowers, plants
1028	well i really can't say because i haven't been in the city for very long but from what I've seen, i think that they are fine.
1029	please don't let lgbtq come in our home
1030	No not really
1031	maybe less trash in some areas
1032	no
1033	No
1034	No

ResponseID	Response
1035	Have the bathrooms cleaned more often.
1036	nope
1037	skate park for boards and bikes
1038	yes,i would like to see the river walk get repaired (cracks)
1039	I would like to see the river walk in better condition
1040	More crosswalks around, stop signs
1041	I would like to see the river walk have new wood, and in better condition.
1043	idk
1044	lakes
1045	none
1046	high school bond to pass
1047	Food options.
1048	yes many people work hard to maintain the ketchum park trails that your supposed to maintain
1049	more parks and a bigger restaurant
1052	differ all the grafittit at the skate park
1053	It would be better if the bathrooms were cleaner and if the parks were cleaner.
1054	More trash bins.
1055	no
1060	I would like to see the mega mess dismantled. The mega mess project is something the residents dont want. Several EPA violations, thousands of trees ripped out, thousands of acres of farm land destroyed. And you are going to let them contaminate the aquifers. Don't let ford poison us.
1061	better enrichment and play equipment for older kids
1062	Get rid of the 4 lane highway downtown and make walking safer. Also maybe a pickleball court area.
1066	fix the skate park
1067	yes, ketchum parks needs to get better. it's old now.
1068	yes, a food stand / food court
1069	i honestly really like the city's parks and think they're good how they are, but it'd be cool if they added more
1070	more places
1071	no i don't really think we need improvements
1073	cleaner
1074	more things
1077	no i think marshall is good how it is

13. Transportation. Please select an option that best describes your opinion regarding the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Neutral or not sure	Responses
Most Marshall residents don't have a problem getting to work, school, the grocery store, or medical appointments. Count Row %	79 14.6%	251 46.5%	110 20.4%	26 4.8%	74 13.7%	540
Walking is safe in most Marshall neighborhoods. Count Row %	214 39.2%	272 49.8%	36 6.6%	14 2.6%	10 1.8%	546
The construction of sidewalks in residential areas should be encouraged. Count Row %	229 42.3%	233 43.1%	45 8.3%	15 2.8%	19 3.5%	541
The construction of sidewalks in commercial areas should be encouraged. Count Row %	200 37.0%	225 41.7%	65 12.0%	12 2.2%	38 7.0%	540
Biking is safe in most Marshall neighborhoods Count Row %	101 18.6%	269 49.4%	91 16.7%	43 7.9%	40 7.4%	544
The construction of bike paths in residential areas should be encouraged. Count Row %	156 28.6%	180 33.0%	103 18.9%	55 10.1%	51 9.4%	545
The construction of bike paths in commercial areas should be encouraged. Count Row %	145 26.9%	168 31.2%	113 21.0%	57 10.6%	56 10.4%	539
Sidewalks are available where people need them in Marshall. Count Row %	74 13.6%	215 39.6%	156 28.7%	66 12.2%	32 5.9%	543
Roads and other transportation infrastructure in Marshall are well-maintained. Count Row %	38 6.9%	201 36.6%	161 29.3%	118 21.5%	31 5.6%	549
<b>Totals</b> Total Responses						549

14. On a scale of 1 (feels unsafe/uncomfortable) to 3 (feels very safe/comfortable), please identify how comfortable the following roadways are to cross for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users.

	1 Not safe/comfortable	2 Somewhat safe/comfortable	3 Very safe/comfortable	Not sure	Responses
Michigan Avenue (Downtown Marshall) Count Row %	64 11.7%	206 37.7%	274 50.2%	2 0.4%	546
Michigan Avenue (near Marshall Athletic Fields) Count Row %	317 58.5%	116 21.4%	82 15.1%	27 5.0%	542
Brewer Street/North Kalamazoo Avenue (North of Brooks Fountain) Count Row %	120 22.3%	236 43.8%	169 31.4%	14 2.6%	539
South Kalamazoo Avenue (near Kalamazoo River) Count Row %	121 22.5%	253 47.0%	131 24.3%	33 6.1%	538
North Marshall Avenue (north of downtown Marshall) Count Row %	69 12.9%	217 40.5%	216 40.3%	34 6.3%	536
South Marshall Avenue (south of downtown Marshall) Count Row %	79 14.7%	257 47.9%	160 29.8%	41 7.6%	537
<b>Totals</b> Total Responses					546

15. What future challenges will Marshall face that we should be planning for now?



ResponseID	Response
24	Increased traffic and population growth
26	City water inside homes is not acceptable. Slow degradation of housing stock as more and more homes become rentals Commercial semi traffic/fuel trucks in downtown
28	Housing
30	Housing and maintaining our roads/sidewalks from the increase of traffic by car and foot when blue oval starts up.
32	Being able to cross roads such as Michigan Ave near athletic fields is impossible- with the amount of traffic there need to be stoplights and pedestrian crossings
33	There is absolutely not family friendly or kid friendly entertainment. There is no affordable everyday shopping. There is no affordable housing. Taxes are out of control
34	How to continue to provide top-tier service levels without increasing taxes.
37	Slow down all traffic going thru town!! Especially with anticipating more traffic.. rerouting heavy truck traffic would be a plus for the quaintness of downtown and safety of pedestrians .. The large heavy trucks can be rerouted and or discouraged from going thru town..They don't need to drive through town. Good grief they shake some of the windows when they pass by!
43	Traffic around the fountain. Keeping an 18-hole golf course in City limits (Emerald Hills)
45	Get rid of the lights that were not need going out of town to bc on Michigan ave
47	Honestly to voters
50	Alot more traffic going through town from factory.
54	old people of the city not upset because they're not understanding it's 2024 and things are changing & growing.
55	As the need for housing increases - we need to strongly protect our historic town, while allowing growth for future residents. Meaning - expand the Historic District with strong rules about construction/changes. We also need to update building codes (especially for rentals) throughout the city that include aesthetics pleasing with the overall city plan. Walkable/bikeable is the MOST important feature for downtown to stay vibrant. Parking structure(s) off Michigan Ave should be planned now, as well as multi-unit housing in areas that could be redeveloped (such as the area near Dark Horse).
56	Residential home charging electricity needs.
57	The day Ford Mives out
60	Influx of a growing population



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73	Traffic on Michigan Ave. The turn lane in the middle with so many driveways make it dangerous to cross on the west side of town
75	Excessive traffic around fountain. Housing, grocery competition.
76	More robust roads and infrastructure for growing populations. Better bike pathways that connect to neighboring communities or developments.
78	Plan for green space, encourage fitness and health. Make it so safe and attractive for families with kids to want to live here enjoy time outside with their kids. Be hard on homelessness, crime and juvenile troubles.
79	Electric cars
84	Supporting a large factory operation.
88	Traffic from Mega Site. Pollution from mega site. Becoming more transparent with residents on major initiatives and change.
90	People moving out because of taxes being too high, traffic being congested on Michigan Ave., and dissatisfaction with City Council.
92	HOUSING!!! We have very limited housing and with jobs coming into town it will only get worse. We also have some of the highest utility and tax bills in all of calhoun county which makes it less than desirable to move here. We need to make good, affordable housing and also help those that have been in marshall forever be able to afford to stay here.
93	Schools due to no surrounding support
94	Balancing budget austerity with the quality of services offered. Also, bring the anti-Megasite people onboard as the project moves forward.
95	Maintaining historical presence. Reduce industrial traffic.
98	The generational shift as a massive generation retires and moves on. This will create a housing pinch if they have no where to. They may leave behind homes in need of significance updating and repairs that may be hard for younger buyers to take on.
100	Industrial waste exposure
104	Challenges due to climate change and severe weather. Our infrastructure and preparedness will be tested.
108	Housing costs continue to rise, we need to build more reasonably priced "starter" homes; not just apartment complexes, multi-unit housing, or expensive homes
109	Flooding and power loss from damaged trees.
111	Build housing
115	The lack of at least one department store.
117	Filling up our empty buildings (the old K-Mart plaza) with some big name businesses (i.e. Target, major grocery store chain) so we don't have to go to Battle Creek for items
119	People seeing a desire and future in investing in older homes and keeping them in good repair. High city taxes aren't helping. We are losing too many stately homes
121	Pollution. Hazmat remediation. Potable water. Loss of river recreation due to pollution. Loss of safety with mass influx of low income labor.
122	Large increase in traffic 24 hours a day, large increase in semi-truck traffic. Many new stop lights to increase driving time. Lost small town business as new chain owned box stores move in. Population increasing as EV plant adds ? 2000-3000 new residents and that is from 1/5 of the Megasite industry. Increased tax's for community as Megasite is give tax exemptions to new business.
125	Increase in housing and people moving in

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128	There absolutely needs to be a sidewalk on 17 1/2 mile road near the high school north towards the country hills neighborhood. High school students jog in the middle of the road. This area is very hilly and it is impossible to see runners OR impossible to see cars coming if I get over to avoid hitting the runners. The country hills neighborhood is only 1 1/2 miles from downtown but it is completely unsafe for me to walk to downtown from my home because of the lack of sidewalks.
132	Because of the ford EV factory the city won't be a safe place to walk or enjoy the beautiful city that Marshall is.
133	Influx of workers looking for services
135	Traffic increase
136	Getting school millage passed
138	More senior citizens needing housing and transportation.
140	The city needs to define what it wants to be designated as commercial vs residential areas. As growth occurs on the west side it will want to creep to the east. Defining just how close to downtown the city is willing to allow those efforts to creep needs to be done now.
141	The challenge at hand is how to bring together a severely divided city. The MegaMess and its continued expansion will reap unknown harm to the city and the surrounding area. The lack of foresight, transparency, and discussion, both city and township, indicate complete disregard towards its residents.
142	Unaffordable housing, businesses moving out of downtown to the West as development moves that way.
145	Increase police and fire staff before we need them. Let's not play catch up when it comes to public safety.
148	Increased auto and truck traffic. Build a bi-pass so the big semis do not drive through town and pollute the air with diesel smoke.
149	Toxic air pollution
151	Influx of new jobs causing more crime and traffic. Fund public safety accordingly.
153	I would be concerned about taking on more than the community can handle. There seem to be a lot of outside interest in our area and many are starting to wonder if the community even has a seat at the decision making table or if our spot at that table is just for optics.
156	Climate change will stress our infrastructure and people. More resilient stormwater systems will be needed and eventually clean water will become scarce. We should be thinking much longer term about this because the feds and state don't.
158	Increased traffic through downtown.
161	No idea
162	May want to consider restrictions on Airbnbs/short term rentals. Already seeing non-local investors purchasing homes in predominantly single family neighborhoods. Not completely against short term rentals, but if nothing is put into place now it may be difficult to go back later if neighborhoods get overwhelmed with them. May want to consider incentives for homeowners in the national historic district to maintain historic standards as neighborhoods turn over in next couple of decades. Everyone I know who has visited Marshall mentions the "old houses" first when they say why they like to visit. There are many residents who chose to live in Marshall because they liked its current state of being small, beautiful, and safe, but still appreciating/encouraging diversity and the arts (they may be remote workers, retired, chose Marshall vs Battle Creek, etc). Since the city will likely be seeing significant changes in the next several years, some of that population may leave — how do we ensure this continues to be a desirable community with good property values?
163	Environmental safety.
164	There's no child care and has been no child care. No one outside of the many parents in this town seem to recognize that.
166	More housing for new people moving in. Building support for the schools. It's terrible that the past two mileages have been voted down.
171	With the Blue Oval Park coming in new business is to be expected. To limit big box stores would help keep the downtown area strong and keep the "small town" feel of Marshall.

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173	People moving away because there aren't affordable places to rent.
174	Lack of housing
177	Increase in semi traffic around the fountain should be redirected
178	Crime, traffic, AFFORDABLE housing :(
180	Traffic Light at Madison and Michigan Ave would make downtown safer
182	Population
188	Taxes, being so high that no one will want to live here.
189	Listening to their residents because the city is very poorly ran and only wants to line their pockets
190	What to do with all the industrial land that has no one to work in it's locations. And if those places do get people working there. Where will they live and go to school.
193	Not using Industrial Park area(passed the airport) where street has been developed. Wasted space.
194	Long term residents fed up with local government and leaving.
195	Dog safety and the maintenance of sidewalks.
197	More housing. Do something with old State Farm
209	Bike & walking paths that e safe & well constructed...night & day!
211	The housing market and the current economic state of the United States
212	A lot of the sidewalks in town are in terrible condition and don't feel safe to walk on
215	More and more people are moving away from Marshall -not due to lack of jobs but because of the divide and secrets created by maeda -over that factory being built. It's very sad what's happened.
217	Traffic increase. Making sure the city stays safe. Pedestrian/ bike friendly.
220	Preparation for incoming blue battery workers. Increase in student population, per young professionals. Update academic/sport areas.
221	The increasing prices on everything including pur taxes being one of the highest in the state, and people leaving town over it.
224	N/A
227	Affordable housing and traffic after the battery plant gets going.
232	No one actually moving here but the traffic will be horrendous. The quality of the town is going to go down tremendously.
234	There doesn't seem to be enough staff or funds to keep up with certain maintenance or repairs of existing parks, services, or finishing of big projects. So, I'd recommend finishing everything that needs to be finished or fixed first. Then hire staff to keep up on maintenance of everything like parks, downtown, Riverwalk, patrol. Then, see what is feasible so as not to promise on more than you can deliver.
236	Keep businesses diversified. Don't let Ford decide everything. BC did that with Kellog and look how that worked out.
238	Lack of affordable housing
241	Housing, schools, shopping for everyday essentials. We don't want to drive to BC for everything. Marshall is losing money.
243	Mega site protestors
246	You are unable to keep up with regular road and sidewalk maintenance.

ResponseID	Response
247	Fix the broken sidewalk
250	Traffic from the megasite.
255	Influx of new people and strain on public services and schools.
257	Marshall needs to be a working class town.
261	Population growth. Affordable Housing.
262	Power outages due to lack of tree maintenance, accidents due to speed on south marshall,
268	More housing - very expensive, when you can find it. It will send residents to Battle Creek or Albion
269	Lack a low-income housing
271	MORE HOUSING!
274	To prevent tearing down historic homes, buildings, structures.
281	Increased traffic. Increased diversity.
283	It's challenging to get to the fountain.
287	Better parking downtown. all the new parking spots by library and they are so small I can't even buckle my young child in her car seat because there is not enough room between cars to do so.
296	The cost of tax3s is already high, and the amount of businesses leaving the city of marshall are causing the taxes to go higher. A lot of people will not be able to continue to afford to stay in marshall simply due to taxes.
309	Getting rid of the environmentally-dangerous megasite project and either return the land to farming or create a county or state park. Replacing corrupt local officials with honest candidates that actually listen to the citizens and are not swayed by corporate influence.
314	We can't let some loud, strong voices keep this community from growing and becoming better. Things need to improve and grow or this will no longer be a desirable place to live with kids.
315	Having a more diverse and inclusive community.
316	Influx of student in the coming years
319	Making sure any development aligns with our upscale historic character
321	Slowing traffic down on major roads especially downtown. Maybe single lanes with a left-hand turn lane downtown. A truck route around downtown between Kalamazoo St and at least Marshall or further east.
322	An aging population. Housing deterioration.
325	The 250th anniversary of the United States will be on July 4, 2026. Stability and unity between the local residents, their community, and business leaders.
327	The deconstruction of the community
328	South Marshall Avenue need sidewalk repair. Please.
330	Loss of families because we don't appropriately fund our schools
332	Learn how to listen to the residents
337	Traffic on Michigan Ave

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338	The need for updates to our infrastructure is somewhat overwhelming, but the cost to the residents is already very high. Hopefully the businesses that are brought in will help with the revenue needed for updates. My taxes have increased greatly since buying our house in 2013, but my income isn't matching the rate of the increase. I don't mind paying high taxes to have infrastructure, but I have to be able to afford them on my teacher's salary. If we believe that there will be more people added to the area, we may need some more bigger businesses to be attracted to the area on the west end of Michigan Avenue (where KMart used to be). The concern is always that the big business would overtake the small businesses, but I do think we need to strive for better balance. I'm often driving to Battle Creek anyway for better prices on groceries and supplies anyway.
346	A mass exodus of good people, leaving behind the people who have no interest in building and maintaining a functional society.
347	Travel times with all of the new traffic lights.
349	School's facilities decline will impact city
350	Noise, pollution, traffic congestion from MegaSite. Gentrification
354	Restoring Faith that our city government will promote the will and wants of the resident vs. the wants of our state and federal government and their corporate friends- how to promote VOTING on major issues and follow the will of the people instead of hiding behind non-disclosure agreements dictate the fate of enormous amounts of our tax dollars being allocated without our knowledge. And STOP CUTTING DOWN TREES!Wake up!
358	Traffic lights at Hughes and Kalamazoo. Police walking the beat downtown.
359	Dining options are limited, affordable grocery and general merchandise stores i.e. Target. I hate going to Battle Creek or Coldwater for these type of stores.
362	Getting rid of the individuals who are making decisions and not replace them with who knows who good ole boy system that has taken place for years..... Need more attention to speeding and distracted drivers.
369	Unsafe crossing, need controls up like South Haven has, too fast semi trucks in town can't see around curbing's . No safe bike areas
370	I would warn of being discouraged to try new things by a loud few.
372	We need more affordable retail/business space, and diversified local businesses. For example, more things for young adults and teenagers to do.
377	The kids down town and the large semi trucks speeding through town. It is so dangerous and there are more and more heavy loads coming through down town I watch it every day and they are going way to fast. Large trucks should not be allowed to go through town during the time kids go to school and the time they get out something has to change it is dangerous.
378	Urban sprawl and retention of the small town feel. SUSTAINABLE growth.
389	-Crimes- more people coming in to Marshall will result in more thefts, vehicle accidents, drugs and unemployment issues, which leads to welfare and more crime. Need more law enforcement to combat. -Maintain good merits with existing community. We are the ones that make marshall what it is. If we leave, more people will replace us, but those people will not have the same care and passion as us, therefore, marshall will lose it's charm. You have to keep the connection and listen to the investors, us...building the megasite will most definitely lose a lot of your marshall invested people.
390	More traffic
395	When you bring In new business to the area, make sure you are open to the community about what you are doing. If there was transparency with the Ford plant, not as many people should be upset about it. But because there was NO transparency, there seems to be alot of people not very happy about it. It feels like a few people decided what would be best for the area.
408	Growth due to ford. Space for childcare and schools
410	When our air and water is ruined next to that megasite. What about the neighborhoods around there?
412	Crime rate. People complaining about officers so fewer are becoming officers. Need better shopping options for basic necessities. We have dollar store or expensive grocery store. Or go out of town.
415	Loss of character, charm, and higher income families due to industrial mega site, the lower wage jobs, and pollution of the area. Property in the area will decrease in value in the long term 7-8 years.

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420	Safety of folks trying to get to the fountain. Cars do not like to stop and do not pay attention while they're in the circle. I imagine that will only get worse as the city gets busier with the mega site.
424	Increased traffic
426	Negative impact from heavy industry and the mega site.
429	Stop the semis and the crazy driving through town. Where are the cops??
434	-encouraging participation and attracting young adults to continue to grow the community -maintaining the historic and small town charm as a bigger facility/plant moves into the area
436	An influx of low renters will bring in more crime. We have a shortage of homes for sale and prices of available homes have skyrocketed especially with the new insane property taxes. Anything past downtown is not kept up. When we moved here everyone told us that the citizens of Marshall keep up their homes and yards. Just take a look at Monroe Street. We have 4 to 5 homes that are well kept. The other homes are falling apart, the grass is knee high and people don't bring their garbage bins up. I sound like a Karen but we have paid a lot of money, blood, sweat and tears on our home and land.
444	Hazardous waste
445	Affordable housing is a big issue. Retaining small locally owned businesses and preserving our natural beauty and resources.
447	affordable housing; affordable childcare; transportation in town and through county; assistance for people in need (food, health, temporary shelter, utility assistance), actually admitting there are people in need and helping them so they can thrive too
451	Increased traffic! Crossing to the fountain isn't the safest
453	Over population, difficulty maintaining historical attributes and characteristics, decline in safety with higher traffic flow
457	Purchasing property/expanding/ improving schools. More families will be moving to Marshall with the BlueOval plant. You must plan now for a large influx of students. High/Middle schools especially need upgrades
460	Traffic on Michigan avenue when the Blue Oval megasite is operational.
461	The population seems to be somewhat older. In order to maintain Marshall, I think it is important to attract young residents. I also think Marshall may face increased pressure from large corporations following opening of the Ford plant which should be, for the most part, declined.
465	The sheer amount of commercial vehicles such as simis traveling in the down town area
466	Increased traffic
468	More opportunities for the middle class family.
469	The increased traffic on Michigan Ave. and Kalamazoo Ave. The increased noise level downtown and south of town from the high volume of traffic, especially the large diesel trucks, motorcycles, and other extra loud vehicles. Provide more diverse shopping so we don't have to travel out of town to find some basic necessities - need back a store like KMart & V&S Variety.
470	Light pollution is horrible. Since 1988 it has gotten worse. We need full cutoff lighting and more control on upward lighting.
472	Affordable housing, day care, more laundry services
480	Sidewalk extension near Hughes Street connecting to Circle Drive, along South Kalamazoo. Also make this a 4 way stop or put a stop light there as well.
484	Over gentrification and over population. Build just outside of town if housing is so desperate. If someone wants to live stacked on top of each other across from work, build by blue oval. The fact that Emerald hills is already planned to be shrunken down to 9 holes and my gorgeous view of the 5th hole will someday sooner than later be the back yards of condo apartments is devastating.
487	the traffic is going to be unbearable.

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490	You allowed the Ford Mega Site to plant roots in a town that barely fits the people already occupying it, and I believe will attract a bunch of strangers to come to our town, which will bring with it, higher crime rates, areas will become less safe, property taxes will rise to build more housing for them, we'll lose that wonderful small town vibe, we'll expand, and Marshall will be MORE expensive and unaffordable than what it already is.
498	Unsure
500	Pollution from Blue Oval factory and increased traffic it will bring to the area.
502	Aging population
503	Helping the motorists understand that pedestrians have the right away. Having a no left turn at the corner of mansion and old 27/brewer, too many accidents have ocured there.
508	NONE!!! GO FIND A DIFFERENT CITY THATS *actually* FUCKED UP, AND FIX THAT ONE! Marshall is perfectly fine how it was before the mega site!
513	Ford plant
516	Take over by big brand box stores, commercial ventures, and building that doesn't have Marshall residents in the highest interest.
519	That Megamess you're trying to push on everyone is going to ruin this town and it's historic charm, so unless you plan on shutting that whole thing down- good luck! You'll be facing a lot of challenges including, but not limited to, families leaving to live and pay taxes elsewhere!
520	There needs to be a ban of trucks on Michigan Ave. The downtown is no longer enjoyable because semi and construction trucks are using it as a thoroughfare.
521	Everybody hating the government and dispensaries.
524	The traffic from the blue oval
527	Poor roadway maintenance
529	The increased traffic. There has been an increase in semis coming through downtown, which I don't particularly love. I go through downtown multiple times every day and I usually see at least one if not more. If you are asking about being comfortable crossing the road, this could help with that.
532	Traffic and housing. Contaminated soil and water.
536	Homelessness, liter.
541	Crime will rise as industrial areas are developed. More people=higher crime rates Traffic will also be more dangerous. Factory workers will be in the area that are not invested in our town because they don't live here. If a battery plant is built, the air in Marshall will be more toxic, that's just scientific fact. When large development is being planned, us homeowners and residents should be involved so there isn't a giant battle that rages for years as a result, tearing the community apart.
546	Over industrialization
547	I think some of the job opportunities will boost our number of residents. I hope more people will be able to live in Marshall, rather than Battle Creek, Olivet, Coldwater or Albion.
549	Contamination of the Kalamazoo River from the Oval disaster the city forced on the community.
550	And increase in population, we need affordable housing! We need space in the schools. More teachers. New upgraded to infrastructure and proper equipment. Upgrades to the schools. All of them. They can't pass a bill because the high school is more worried about the football field than the inside of the schools. Gordon's elementary has toilets that are 20 years old! Rust and all. Soo outdated. Some don't have proper air conditioning. We need all this before football field and new auxiliary gyms. Prepare for more students.. in short wee need housing. And maybe more dining options. And focus on schools.
553	New softball fields for men's softball. And let the kids have the athletic field as they have taken over. No men softball leagues
554	Housing Strong planning to keep all new development looking and keeping with the historical look of Marshall.

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555	Reducing large truck traffic thru downtown. Managing the influx of workers- more traffic, need for more housing, restaurants, services. Small town not prepared for large increase in population.
560	All the extra traffic. This small town was not intended to accommodate large amounts of traffic.
561	The influx of cars! There's already a difference in the amount of traffic since the fall. It's so hard to try and get out onto Michigan Ave.
570	Housing opportunities should be a focus. It's difficult for people to find housing or affordable housing currently, and if there is an influx of residents to Marshall when the mega site is built, we need places to accommodate newcomers.
571	We need more antique stores in our historical city.
573	schools
576	More shopping
584	Noise. Trucks through downtown needs to stop Beautify downtown (Check out Holland MI)
586	Keeping up on road construction and traffic increases
588	Public transit, safer walkways to cross roads, even at the circle motorists do not tend to stop for pedestrians, stopping semis passing thru town impacting the cost of road maintenance.
592	The traffic speed and congestion is currently an issue. With more industrial growth it will become more common. It is unsafe as a pedestrian in most areas of Marshall, especially Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, South Marshall, and Hughes. More people, more kids, more accidents and injuries are coming due to speeding, distracted drivers, and increased traffic.
607	Damage to our ecology by the blue oval, protection of our water, especially for drinking, but for recreation is very important also!
611	Housing!! More affordable options for young couples looking to buy their first home
614	Plan for more crime when they try to make the city bigger. The small town feel and close neighborhoods will be long gone with the current administration. I love Marshall but I hate what it's becoming. It's sad. The solar farms look sad and does not support our farmers or our wildlife. It's a sad site driving down Michigan Ave now. Our children will not know only through story's of the good ole days of Marshall.
617	The amount of semi trucks going through downtown needs to stop! What happened to rerouting around the city. They are too loud, rumble and shake buildings, make it impossible to enjoy outdoor seating. Between trucks and speeders, we fear a child (or adult) will be hit exiting a vehicle. Please do something about that NOW.
619	Better sidewalks to the river walk
623	Minorities coming to work at new battery plant.
627	More traffic and people , losing small town feel
630	Environmental issues due to ev factory
631	Figuring out what to do with a battery plant that will never build any batteries.
632	Incoming and outgoing Traffic around the fountain and east side of town.
633	If the Ford EV battery Megasite project (under whatever the latest re-branding may be) continues into operation, we face a dire risk of losing our small-town character and suffering even more harm to our environment than the Enbridge dilbit disaster caused. We should have avoided this altogether; if we cannot entirely undo it now, thanks to short-sighted grabs for personal profit and power, then we must work to limit its impacts and influence. I've lived next to a company town in another state, dominated by one corporation -- and that is something Marshall should never be.
634	1) Encourage the Tech Industry (STEM) 2) Environmental Issues (Global Warming) 3) Small/Medium Business Variety 4) Crime 5) Aging population and brain drain...



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636	Traffic needs to be controlled on West Michigan between the fountain and Family Faire area. It is impossible to turn west from the south side of West Michigan and I have started turning east, going around the fountain in order to go west out of town. Additionally, people are using the center turn lane as a merge lane, causing accidents. I narrowly missed getting hit by someone "merging" by using the turn lane inappropriately within the last week. More shopping options need to be available for residents. With the loss of Kmart, there is no longer anywhere for local residents to do department store style shopping for everyday needs including housewares, clothing, electronic, or toys. Residents must go to Battle Creek, Coldwater, Charlotte or Jackson to meet those needs.
639	Fix the roads especially the country roads!
640	I believe that it's never a negative thing to put more focus and emphasis on non-motorized transportation. We need more ease of access to cycling and walking paths/sidewalks, etc. Not everyone wants to or can afford to drive their own car everywhere - and, we need to consider environmental and health impact of the vehicles we are driving. Let's make people the priority instead of cars.
642	Lack of a good quality grocery store. Family Fare has no real competition. I wish the city would invite Aldi's or Costco to Marshall. We can order some things online from Amazon & Walmart but not fresh food, and our local Farmers Market is only seasonal. Aldi's would be perfect. I miss our old Myers grocery that was in library location. To be a top notch community we really do need more local grocery shopping choices. As it is there are virtually none. Quality, affordable food choices are foundational to a thriving community.
643	More affordable housing within walking distance of downtown (people who require cheaper rent often also don't have vehicles) Installing flashing yellow pedestrian crosswalks (that flash when someone presses the button) could add much safety to pedestrians crossing the road West, North, and South of the Fountain, as well as near schools.
646	You will see many more people moving from Marshall within the next year. Two houses are currently for sale in my neighborhood and another three or four are going up within the next few months. People are moving to more welcoming cities with a better tax base, more activities for all ages, and a better quality of life. This is not my opinion, it is true. Ask those that are moving. This will be a challenge for Marshall to try to keep residents here as well as attracting new residents.
651	We should be creating some codes to keep landlords maintaining their rental properties within the city limits. We need more sidewalks and we also need more shopping options like another pharmacy now that rite aid is leaving. There are going to be many essential items unavailable to purchase within the city without more stores coming in to town to fulfill those needs
652	Lighting that protects dark sky areas; avoiding mixed zoning; a new Middle School; stronger enforcement of environmental laws to include cracking down on blight
653	The inevitable decline in air quality and spike in even more unaffordable housing and traffic with the battery plant.
654	Senior living. Single story dwelling. Also, tendencies to become a suburb of Battle Creek!!
675	More jobs and more fast foods places
678	Well, the clay tile sewers on Main Street are over 100 years old. Nothing lasts forever, so before tons of money is spent making it a "complete" street, upgrading infrastructure would be money wisely spent. Aren't we glad people and business owners said "no way" to a brick street that the city wanted to put down along main street so it looked historic. The brick sidewalks that were installed have all been removed because of settling issues. If you think traffic on Main Street is slow now, make it one lane each way and see how the merchants feel about that. People will avoid downtown like the plague and last I knew store owners wanted people visiting the downtown area. We also have some brick lined storm sewers downtown as well and all of this was installed over 100 years ago. No one wants to spend money on what people won't see, but that kind of infrastructure is more important than a trendy new flower pot, bench, kiosk or wayfinding sign.
680	Crossing Kalamazoo Avenue at Mansion Street is becoming a nightmare.
681	Don't over develop and lose the reason that people want to live here. There are plenty of larger cities - we should be preserving special places like Marshall. "Growth" isn't always the best answer.
682	Downtown parking. Neighborhood revitalization
683	River pollution
685	Marshall public schools budget.
686	Get another grocery store. Family fare is overpriced. Save a lot sells crappy produce. We need a really good Grocery store.

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687	Theres still nothing for the teenagers to do
690	Promote bypass for truck traffic away from downtown. Explore more pedestrian and bike friendly options for Michigan Ave beyond downtown. Specifically the section from the Fountain to West Dr and from Gordon to Centennial Dr. Roundabouts at West Drive and Michigan or at the Athletic Fields entrance should be considered as well as on the east at Michigan Ave, Green Street Extension and Centennial Rd.
694	A big influx of people.
697	Higher electricity demands, increased low income housing, increased moderate level single family housing, water quality management
701	Young people looking for more family friendly activities. Right now the city caters only to old people, let's invest more in keeping families here and engaged in the community
703	Is there any way to get people to stop walking down the middle of streets in residential areas. Even when there is a sidewalk there are people just sauntering down the middle of the road, not moving over for traffic. It's ubiquitous and dangerous and for the love of God the sidewalks are right there. Sorry that one just gets me going.
704	Retirement community staying home or in accessory buildings.
707	Increase demand for quality school resources with the increase of family/children population due to the new factory
708	Not enough restaurants/parking downtown
710	Housing, activities for residents, transportation that connects different parts of the city AND nearby communities, parking
712	Pollution and water contamination from the battery plant. This is a very serious threat to the well being of the community.
716	Upgrading water and sewer infrastructure to deal with brief but intense and very heavy rain like the one we had on July 9. Irregular weather patterns are the new norm. I think maintaining good relationships with the surrounding townships will be important. I can imagine points of tension arising. I assume they already have. Forces are in motion to increase jobs, housing, and population. It seems to me that doing all this while maintaining a high level of city services will be a challenge. And many are dissatisfied with these changes and will continue to be so. It will incumbent upon public servants to be calm, clear, and open in their communications with the public. Life in the current century will not become any stressful anytime soon, if ever. Listening skills and the ability (and willingness) to try to understand others with different and critical views will be more and more important for public servants. There will also be technological challenges (e.g., generative AI) that are already affecting other areas and will eventually percolate down to Marshall and affect life here. I actually think one of the very biggest challenges facing Marshall is the weakening of the traditional strong support that we have seen for local public schools, which I believe is part of a national trend. I have mixed feelings about this. If I had a child, I don't know if I would enroll them in a public school if I had an alternative. Too many public schools seem too focused on sports (a big deal in Marshall) and not willing to challenge students enough and ask them to work hard enough. Students who don't work hard in high school will be ill prepared for higher education or the workforce. I see the articles in the Ad-Visor about students winning awards, praise of the schools, blah, blah, blah, but I am far from the only one who suspects grade inflation is rampant in MPS. When I see the lists of honors students in the Ad-Visor, it's ridiculous and disconcerting the percentage of names that are on them. I hate to be so critical of public schools, which I have long supported, as they are in everyone's cross hairs right now. I think teachers need support. I think it's hard to find excellent teachers, which is what we need. But I also think school systems need to be willing to be self-critical and to try to understand why increasing numbers of families are dissatisfied with them. (As an example, I have heard the Common Core math curriculum is a disaster.) As someone who works in higher education, my fear is that Michigan public schools will continue to decline do to factors I've mentioned above and others. As the strength of the school system has long been a draw for families to move to Marshall, I feel the issue of secondary education in Marshall is at the hub of many other issues. MPS needs to insist on rigor and quality. Students need to be challenged. One last thing: plant trees! I hope the city and the local conservation groups can plant as many trees as possible. This will improve the quality of life, health of the residents, and is something concrete that individuals can do to try to address climate change.
719	Cleaning up the environmental mess Ford makes.
723	It would be helpful to have sidewalks on North Drive East. It's strange to have the Hugh School and Walters Elementary right there and no sidewalks.
727	Increased crime that has been increasing since the closing of schools in Albion
731	Horrible increase in traffic from this mega site disaster. You need to have responsible people in the govt leadership section that actually listens to the people. 8hrs of complaints against the megasite and it fell on deaf ears. All they seen were dollar signs.

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735	Something needs to be done for pedestrians crossing to/from the fountain. Cars simply do not stop... and if they do, another is there passing them illegally. I'm not sure if a flashing light can be installed so that a crossed pedestrian can push a button in order to cross? Or even bringing back the road markers that we had when there was a study of some sort going on. Anything! I see this as a walker and a driver and it's a miracle something major hasn't happened to a pedestrian :(
737	Truck/ Semi traffic. Need to slow them down or reroute. Police need to monitor and give out tickets. Soon the word will get out to slow down or use other routes
738	Heavy truck traffic on east Michigan Ave
739	The ridiculous increase in traffic.
742	Rising cost of living and mega site will cause many to leave. Families and the younger generation.
743	Sidewalk badly needed on north ave by high school between north Madison and Marshall. VERY DANGEROUS for students walking to school in the dark!!! I live on Cosmopolitan and I see this often. Lots of cars and buses and students having to walk in the road!!!
744	Give better driving instructions on how to drive around the fountain and the crosswalks. People need to cross at the lights not from between cars when drivers don't expect them. Narrow MI Ave farther from the fountain some feel it's two lanes and a speed race. Put electrical lines underground downtown
747	Flashing yellow lights for pedestrians around the circle please!
751	More traffic after Ford battery plant opens. Light at Haniver and Kalamazoo noon-6 pm. Historical-themed crosswalk to Fountain for safe pedestrian crossing. Something that would go with the historical vibe of the town.
753	Planning for expansions that will be needed if our population increases. If the down town is going to experience high traffic, we really need to focus on the kid's safety getting to school since the middle school is located there. Side walk clearing really needs to be enforced much better so the kids can have a clear path to school on foot or bike. I used to live in town and knew sidewalks were a top priority to have cleared, now I'm not sure that is still something being monitored as kids are walking in the road or through tall drifts. Also an increase in public safety budget to help direct the increased business we may see.
760	The increase in traffic around the circle. It's already increased there and through town. More emphasis needs to be paid to pedestrian safety. Lots of speeding through town.
762	Overload of industrial sites.
764	There will be kickback for anything planned. Expect upset people, but please continue on, many will love to use bike paths. Super excited for the pickleball courts and splash pad. You can't please everyone but please keep going!
766	Increased traffic in downtown area. Should be planning for safety of all pedestrians walking around downtown with the increase in traffic especially at the fountain!
767	Making sure that those who would make things unsafe are taken care of as soon as possible and not allowing things to become unsafe
768	The circle. In the next few years traffic is going to grow exponentially. If it is difficult to manage now, it is going to become much worse. I know it has been tried before and everyone hated it, but there has to be something at the fountain area that makes everyone slow down.
771	No housing
776	Marshall does not have an affordable grocery store. You cannot purchase affordable clothes in Marshall. It is nearly impossible to find baby formula in Marshall.
782	Affordable housing
783	Improve the sidewalks south of town and along S Kalamazoo they are not stroller/wheelchair accessible due to how rocky and broken they are. WE NEED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS AT THE FOUNTAIN. IT IS INCREDIBLY HARD TO CROSS WITH CHILDREN!!!!

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788	Poor planning is leading to a downtown surrounded by industry on all sides. Poor planning is not prioritizing health and public safety over corporate money. Huge exodus of people if chemical plant not well regulated. Poor oversight currently with local industry. Not a good track record for protecting people in the community from pollution and health risks.
792	Fires at the Blue Oval Toxic fumes from the Blue Oval. Loss of native habitat . Finding another route for semi's to keep them from the circle/fountain & downtown area/damage to fountain historic buildings in town.
795	Diversify the types of business/attractions. Please restrict further fast food chains and auto parts stores, bring in a decent grocery like Aldi and or a Walgreens. Need one level condos available for the aging and downsizing populations.
803	Turning Marshall into a busy area with heavy traffic from the Ford Blue oval plant. This is not what why Marshall residents moved here. They moved here for a quaint small town without the large industrial areas.
805	I'm very concerned about the ground being contaminated by this new battery plant as I'm sure everyone else is. Not only will this harm the ground water, but also contaminate the farms and natural ecosystem around it. I'm also concerned that they will decide they don't like this location, and leave a big polluted mess for the city to clean up and it will just sit vacant. I'm also worried about the flush of people that will be brought to town without any place to really put them. I feel as though the cost of everything will go up because they demand for anything will be much higher than the supply, and this is going to hurt already struggling families.
807	Figure out a way to enforce the legal speed limits in Marshall
810	In general, I sort of think deterioration in a number of areas. And people might begin to move for other schools that have amenities we'd have gained with the recent bonds that failed. People are reevaluating and comparing what and where their tax money allows (?). As an elementary parent, we'd like to see all schools updated for clean, reliable drinking water and air conditioning, to start. It's a non-negotiable in our hot world, and kids shouldn't have discolored water through faucets. Speaking of discolored water.... THAT is in so many of our town roads (I know the Cosmopolitan water).
812	Blue oval traffic will be a big problem Speed of traffic going thru the downtown must be reduced to 25mph
816	We need more nice affordable housing for middle income folks, families and seniors. I'm not talking subsidized.
817	2 story parking garage on south side of library in existing parking lot.
823	Maintenance of the river walk, existing parks, and the fountain at the circle.
829	Getting rid of FORD/Megasite and rehabilitating that land for environmentally respon sible use.
831	There are no future challenges for Marshall. Please leave the city as it is. Please leave it alone. The people that live here choose to live in a small town. We choose to live in a small town for a reason, not to have traffic lights at every block not to have stupid surveys like this asking to change our town. Whoever is creating the surveys and wants to change the town needs to go somewhere else because the local residents like it the way it is. Marshall is comparable to a Norman Rockwell painting leave it that way. We don't need you here. Take your surveys and whatever changes you want to make to our town (that you probably never grew up in)elsewhere! Shame on you.
832	TRUCK TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. SLOW DOWN DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC. AGGRESSIVE POLICING TO PROTECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO.
836	The heavy traffic on michigan ave
838	Influx of residents from Battle Creek and Jackson. It's possible that home prices will be very expensive due to the successful economic development, which could make it more difficult for young adults to return to Marshall after college.
841	Clean air and water
843	Increased traffic
844	New jobs may create a need for affordable housing and transportation.
846	People tripping on the uneven sidewalks. With increased traffic, it needs to be easier to cross the streets. The cars fly through downtown running red lights from half a block away. They fly down Exchange and S. Marshall all hours of the day and night.
847	Need better variety of restaurants and shopping. I would like to see the river developed into more mixed use activities.

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848	Failing roads and increased traffic
849	More accessible for non motorists. A walkable/bikeable town is a healthier town!
850	So much land for sale around Marshall that is clearly intended to be housing. There's going to be more traffic and less safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
852	Insuring that Marshall's unique blend of characteristics and assets are preserved and enhanced so that Marshall remains a desirable and viable community. Good schools, family friendly tree-lined neighborhoods, the walkability and safety through town, in parks, in natural areas or along rivers. Our downtown events, restaurant are a great asset. Our attractive historic architecture and gardens. More should be done to assist the wonderful garden club, park volunteers and historical groups that assist in enhancing our community and bring visitors.
856	Not growing too big too fast and stop getting into abusive relationships with corporations that will drain us dry then move onto a new city when we have nothing left to give and we are left with the damaged land and still paying back what we lent them.
857	Deaths of children around the roundabout. See my post in what's happening Marshall. No less than 50 people commented saying their kids have nearly been hit in strollers. I'm terrified to let my 11 year old cross Kalamazoo to walk to the middle school because there is NO crosswalk where there should be a crosswalk AND a crossing guard.
858	Need more housing
859	Changes from the Ford mega site Too many people More traffic Small town no more
861	Making people feel that their tax dollars are used prudently and we get what we pay in. Attracting business to this community. Maintaining and repairing our city. A great deal of attention needs to be put toward code enforcement—and I mean enforcement. Look around. There are so many homes that are in terrible disrepair. It's actually awful to think people live like that.
865	If the Ford plant continues to advance, I think the traffic is going to be a HUGE issue in Marshall.
869	Too late. The traffic is a disaster and the new lights on West side only make people drive faster. Not safe to turn left or make a left out of a business.
875	Increased crime. Heightened police presence
879	A quickly growing and diverse population that will need to be able to peacefully live together and support the community.
880	Marshall needs to remember its historic past. The little park by Bud's gas station on Michigan Avenue with a blue triangular tarp looks like something a child would create. Also the Pavilion out by Ketchum park's old waterfall does not fit the city at all. When the city hires Architects and designers it needs to find those that are understanding of History, and understand art that fits in.
882	Filling the vacant buildings where Kmart and Riteaid were
883	Take care of the parks we have. Better rec programs for adults. Probably won't go back after recent visits
884	Install a sidewalk on old 27 from North Dr to F Dr N. Require the City to remove old tree stumps after they cut a tree down in the R of W.
886	A lot of new residents and school improvements.
888	Aging population. We aren't really set up for a bunch of seniors that need entry level living spaces and public transportation.
891	Increase in traffic around Marshall. More people in general, local businesses will be busier making locals feel frustrated with waiting
901	We need more housing. I think that should be apartments that the city should invest in. If there are going to be as many new jobs as they say, there's going to be a substantial need for new housing.
910	More visitors and residents once the BOBP is up and running
912	Expanding roads to accommodate the Ford battery plant
916	Housing pressure for more options. Plan for more housing.

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924	Maintaining our downtown, especially businesses
926	People will be mad if you get rid of the fountain, but get rid of it for all I care it's just a fountain
927	There should be more stores and schools
928	keep'n the fountain
929	I believe we should be ready for something like the great depression I believe this because things are getting to be very costly and I believe it could be devastating.
931	idk
932	trump
933	inflation
934	I dont know I dont live here
935	I don't know.
936	the megasite and how more jobs will come
937	ummm not sure
938	I don't know.
939	we should realyy focus on the lack of gas and more global warming
940	theres gonna be way more jobs beacuse of the power plant coming to the city
941	I don't know.
942	a war with other contres
943	it is going to face a raise in prices because of the new jobs/ people that are coming in
945	` Well, I don't really think we will have many challenges. I guess it depends on how things play out. This is a good thing to think about.
946	The giant power plant. We should plan how we will use it or how we will take it down and repay the workers.
948	inflation
949	Road work, water work, replacement of stuff, working on houses.
950	I dont know
951	idk
952	if more people liked it here and we got overpopulated
953	smoking
954	We should be planning for inflation.
955	i don't know
956	no
957	idk
958	I don't know

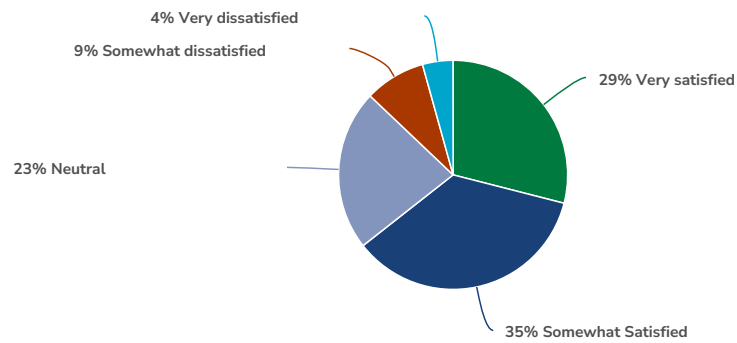
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960	A lot more people are going to be moving here in the next couple of years because an family member might be working at the new Blue Ovel
961	I do not know.
962	A lot of people because of the mega plant.
963	trump
964	the new thing that is getting build in marshall
965	Population, Not enough housing land for the incoming population.
966	i dont know
969	i don't know
973	Marshall will face lots of littering and pollution.
974	Less people coming maybe.
975	they should be planning own makeing more product vallubu because its gonna get messed up
976	non
977	It is possible that some historic monuments, buildings, ect, might be harmed from newer construction and development. This could be an issue to people who care about these things.
978	In the future Marshall should work on security, because crime rate might increase.
979	overpopulation?
980	I dont know.
981	Maybe with the mega site, since there will be a lot more people, we need it to stay safe and collected.
982	nouthing don't like it
984	more people coming to live in Marshall for jobs.
985	More people coming into Marshall because of the Ford power plant. that means more housing, more jobs, and more people in general.
986	The inflation of taxes will continue over the course of multiple years, if Marshall doesn't keep up with prices, then it will inevitably fail.
988	idk
989	the pollution coming from the ford mega-site battery plant
990	overpopulation
991	having a better community where almost everyone can agree with whats happening around marshall.
993	farmers
994	low residency from our low amounts of jobs
995	overpopulation
997	i don't know.
998	idk

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999	not sure
1000	peoples opinions, voting, litter
1002	people moving snd not as much buisness
1005	i don't know what future challenges that i will face.
1007	idk
1008	no
1011	i don,t know
1012	Probably the job and the megasite. When we get more people we need to be able to have more housing that's also affordable.
1013	jobs and shopping options
1015	The nature dying, atleast 5 people litter in Marshall every day which can ruin our natures and waters.
1016	Break in, shootings
1017	prices going up
1018	There might be challenges about the library downtown, because as a person that goes there a lot, there can be some problems in there.
1019	contructen to fix up the buildings
1020	idk
1021	tornados
1022	trees are dying
1024	I don't know
1025	idk
1026	More people moving in.
1027	that prices are too expensive
1028	Nothing that I'm aware of. {sorry it seems i don't know how to spell}
1029	safty
1030	inflation
1031	population may go up/ modernization
1032	we need to be more more active and have fun wile it last
1033	I don't know?
1034	ldk
1035	Too many people!!! Expand the city.
1036	idk
1037	nothing everything is under control



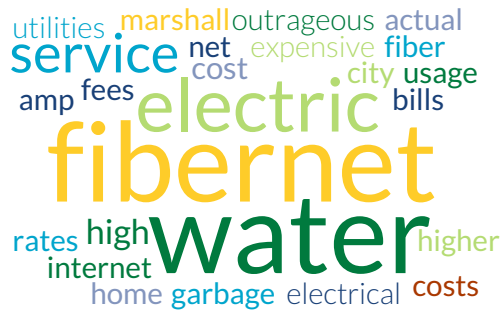
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1038	population increase (more homes)
1039	population increase
1040	Crimes
1041	Population increase
1043	littering
1044	idk
1045	I don't know exactly
1046	football feild
1048	mega site speed up
1049	
1052	more homes and stuff cause of the amount of people in marshall that are coming
1053	newer houses for sale.
1054	Bissnuses need to be more prepared in case of crimes or medical issues.
1055	the brand new battery building
1060	Plan for a large number of trucks wrecking the roads, increase in people and crime due to this blue oval mega mess forced on tax payers. And you took our money to build it and we don't want it. You lie soo much corrupt scum.
1061	not enough space
1062	Infrastructure, expending safe walking conditions.
1066	nothing
1068	none
1070	idk
1072	overpopulation
1073	construction / ford
1075	idk
1076	the mega site

## 16. How would you rate your level of satisfaction with City of Marshall utilities?



Value	Percent	Responses
Very satisfied	29.0%	128
Somewhat Satisfied	35.4%	156
Neutral	22.7%	100
Somewhat dissatisfied	8.6%	38
Very dissatisfied	4.3%	19
Totals: 441		

17. If you are dissatisfied with a Marshall utility service, please indicate which service and why.



ResponseID	Response
26	Water, I have asked for a city shut off valve cover for 2 years. Should something happen to the line between the service line and my home there is not clear findable way to shut it off
33	Fibernet is unreliable - Electricity is not affordable
34	Garbage service, Marshall fiber Net
42	fiber net and expensive water sewer and electric
43	Water prices are outrageously high, electric also higher than average.
45	To expensive
46	The purple street lights need to go
50	The coat is ridiculous for seniors and others with limited resources
54	fibernet - goes out so often!
56	FiberNet reliability.
82	Unreliable internet
90	Fibernet is unreliable and inconsistent.
92	The cost is ever increasing.
94	They are expensive.
98	Fibernet. Poor stream quality and inconsistent service.
107	Arbitrary fees that double or even triple the actual cost for usage of water and electric. The city not actually reading the meters and estimating the bill for 9 months out of the year.
111	Water is not treated for hardness. Treat the water for hardness. It's ridiculous that city water is hard.
121	U ground utilities preferable.
138	Residential Code enforcement
149	Prices high (electric & water), fiber net not working consistently

ResponseID	Response
156	High costs are hard but services are reliable and small town customer service is rare. The trade off is worth it. City wide trash ruined private economy and was not needed. Now that we've driven small companies out, we are at the mercy of a few large companies that will raise rates constantly.
169	Have had some trouble with FiberNet reliability and value for the price
174	No
179	Cost
182	To expensive
189	Fibernet is unreliable. Only the streets that are frequented by out of towners are swept. Our storm drains are backed up because the street sweeper does not do all roads
194	\$\$\$
196	Water,
208	Utilities are pricey but reliable. We rarely have an outage.
209	You mean "note"?
215	Wireless sucks. Electric is getting more and more \$\$
217	N/A
221	Water/ electric
232	The fees on the bills and the estimates rather than looking at the meter
246	The water utilities have been a complete disaster since replacing the old piping downtown. We live on North Gordon and ever since our water has been discolored, even tried to add a water system, it ruined the water system!!!! This needs to be fixed!
257	Who control's the electric rates
261	Fiber net is spotty.
262	The electric and water bills are outrageous, no yard waste available with garbage, lack of affordable options for Internet
268	Frequent power and Fibernet outages this summer
274	\$\$\$\$
285	Commercial costs of electric per kWh is high compared to consumers and commercial costs of sewer and water is high with flat rate charges on top of use charges.
289	Too expensive
309	Electric too expensive - more cost in service fees than actual electricity used.s tha
314	Marshall Fibernet was no good and I work from home
315	notE
321	Fibernet because of continuing outages and momentary stoppages which interfere with onlineapps and streaming services. Water and electrical rates which are high and are scheduled to go higher.r
322	Fibernet is iffy sometimes
326	Fibernet- it's slow and goes in and out all the time.
327	Road, won't fix holes.

ResponseID	Response
328	Too expensive for home owner.
337	Billing system for garbage and fiber net. We never receive a bill until we get a past due notice.
339	Fibernet, Goes out at random and the speeds fluctuate to much. Electric / Water, Prices seem to vary to much.
354	Our "water service charge" is more than our "water usage" charge every month- and you can't drink it. We have to buy bottled water for drinking.
358	Cost is higher for service than the usage
362	Service costs more than actual usage.
363	Need to expand fibernet
364	Water, Sewer & Electric are double what I pay in Battle Creek.
369	Water color
370	Could always be cheaper;)
377	The price is outrageous, all the extra fees are unnecessary. Our utilities are some of the highest around!
390	Water is costly
401	My water taste like chlorine/chemicals
417	\$\$\$\$\$
427	Fiberbet, unreliable!
429	Fiber net has never worked and the electric charges way too much electric
436	Water and electric are ridiculously high. I pay close to 400 a month for a family of 4! Some people cannot afford this.
453	Electric and water service fees
458	Public works and fibernet
490	Electric is very high, Fibernet doesn't provide the amount of MBPS stated, and barely ever works.
491	Cost
492	The water smells and tastes wrong
502	Fibernet reliability/speed
519	Marshall Fiber Net- always losing connection.
520	The water is deplorable. I had to install a whole house filter in a house in the city.
521	I pay more for my small apartment than most of my friends pay for full size houses for almost all my utilities.
534	I live in township so can't answer.
541	The electric is great, but the water could be improved by being treated so we don't have to rely on softeners
571	Sewer/water broke our sewer was hit and cost us over \$500 to fix it. The city (who broke it) gave us partial amount of the money.
581	Water & elec FEES are outrageous (the service itself is fine)
588	Cost of City of Marshall Utilities is a partial reason that drove us to move outside the city limits.

ResponseID	Response
592	Fibernet
607	expensive
614	All those high power line they put in and solar farms
617	High costs and service fees are ridiculous
619	Fibernet
625	Fibernet. It is always going out.
631	Strengthen the internet service
633	One area of dissatisfaction: I would like to see utility rates become progressive -- with higher rates charged to those who use the most (and therefore do the most to provoke demand for expanded facilities).
642	I do not like the way the city bills utilities for seniors & low income residents. They charge a low income surcharge on each bill, even the low income customers pay it which in actuality raises their bill & creates a hardship which is cumulative. Also there is no senior billing consideration. That is backward in my opinion & should be addressed.
651	I wish water utilities were cheaper
660	no live metering for electric
683	Waste pick up
686	Rates are out of hand and I hate having to use granger. I seriously hope Marshall is not stupid enough to sign up with them again.
690	Fibernet. But aware that an effort is underway to improve.
700	Internet
701	The prices! I love fibernet and want to see more of these kinds of reasonable prices
707	Internet
716	FiberNet's had a lot of issues over time. Some of it has been the quality of the connection, some of it has been personnel (there is one former office employee whom I am very glad is gone).
723	It seems the electrical keeps going up
724	Fibernet. I can't get ahold of anyone and they don't return calls.
727	Electrical, power outages increasing
735	Fibernet. The service has gone downhill drastically in the last year or two. The service has too many interruptions and the call line is poorly monitored. If a service is down, there needs to be as estimated restoration time.
738	Poor tree trimming
739	Electric/ water
740	Fibernet goes down way too much.
743	Taxes could be lower
744	Cost of all are a little high.
754	Frequent interruptions of internet
756	Fibernet, too many outages and I work from home.

ResponseID	Response
766	Fibernet could be better. It goes out a lot and can be slow for no reason.
768	Parks dept. not enough maintenance
771	N/A
778	\$\$\$
782	Dissatisfied with amount of money spent on alleys
788	Road work- poor workmanship. Roads already crumbling after just being redone. electrical- poor planning leading to increased cost to residents, loss of sustainable water based power, fibernet
793	Water and sewer way to high the price for waste is ridiculous
804	We have lost power for short bursts several times this summer. It's enough to affect our computer and internet systems.
810	For instance, receiving bills with SEWER at a higher price than WATER usage. That's so nuts. I'm not sure what Fibernet is in terms of service, but that, too, needs improvement (communication and a way TO communicate when the literal internet is down hah; fewer weird outages). We also need a way to validate your garbage and recycling days each month - where is this (sorry if it it somewhere with actual dates and I can't find it)!?
817	Drainage and tree trimming when residents inform of an issue
821	Fibernet
824	Fibernet
836	Wifi
846	The water and electric billing make no sense. I don't know if it is the meters or the process. When we moved here in 1981, the monthly water make no sense. The meters are erroneous or some is making up numbers.
847	Expensive compared to cities we've lived in before.
848	Fibernet consistently goes out which is awful for those that require it to work from home. Also brush and leaf pick up is never done in a timely manner causing lots of dead yards.
852	No, though expensive the electric service is very reliable.
857	The city water is awful. We had to take out a brand new dishwasher becuse it was full of calcium. Our new fridge is covered in white powder. Everyone in marshall pays outrageous water bills and has to buy bottled water too.
875	Cost for water and electricity out of line
894	Service fees are outrageous.
1060	Electric, fibernet they suck, no one returns calls even If you have a ticket #. Just all around □ service.
1062	Electric to costly

18. What do you think Marshall's greatest opportunities are?



ResponseID	Response
24	Ability to keep expanding
25	Marshall is a beautiful small town that everyone likes to visit. The Kalamazoo River could be a great draw for people to visit- maybe better facilities for canoeing and kayaking and picnicing
26	Capitalizing on its quaint streets, unique businesses, historic homes and community events.
29	Increased housing opportunities, transportation opportunities such as Uber, etc.
30	Engaging with many young families. There is so much potential here!
32	Home for young professionals to work and raise families in a small safe environment- unique opportunities for small businesses to thrive
33	NONE
34	Capitalization and beautification of west Michigan ave commercial district. Small, sustained growth.
37	Small town atmosphere and good electric services.. not cheap but well maintained..
45	Don't know anymore now the megasite is here seems like residents don't get an opinion anymore
46	Tourism
47	Keeping small town feel
48	Keeping a balance between our historic assets while expanding our economic base. I feel it's important to keep the charm of our lovely neighborhoods.
50	None for teenagers. Rarely anything for seniors
55	Our community is very nice - but it is only that way because of the grace of many good citizens. The city codes/rules are not prepared for the changes to come from the Ford facility (we need a STRONG building code/historic district/etc.). Once we have that - we REALLY need buy-in from the surrounding communities and to stand strong together on expectations for future housing and other developments. We should be developing as a County/Region, not just City of Marshall.
56	Maintaining and enhancing the downtown is very important as it is the heart of the city. Maintaining our existing parks should also be a priority.
57	To be the town it was created to be. Not what it is today.
60	We are located between two major highways, our growth potential should be enormous. But with growth we must plan wisely where this would occur and preserve our historical heritage.



ResponseID	Response
73	If the city can redesign traffic to make it safer it can also include making those areas more pedestrian friendly
75	Lean into the business that provide the most tourism like Dark Horse, Schulers, Millhaven. Youth of Marshall need more recreational opportunities.
76	It's geography and logistical location. Access to Kalamazoo River and wildlife areas that can be leveraged to attract tourists who love to explore hiking or biking trails, kayaking/tubing.
78	The community and summer events that bring people together to enjoy life.
79	Keep Marshall historic
88	Taxes are too high. From what I understand Blue Oval got a nice \$772 Million tax break to come to Marshall. This entire decision to build the Mega Site in Marshall was very poorly thought out. All MAEDA did was create more factory jobs that wont even pay mortgage in Marshall. Most employees will likely come from Battle Creek / Albion, not Marshall. I'd bet that the majority of those workers will not go into Downtown Marshall to spend money on our local economy asides to buy lunch possibly.
90	Open up communication with residents CONSISTENTLY. Allow citizens to submit questions to be answered at public meetings quarterly. We want
92	This is a place that people want to raise their family. We have the sites, parks, restaurants, etc. that people want. Now it's time to make sure what we have is kept up well and kept affordable for low to middle income families.
93	More affordable senior housing(condos).
94	If we can leverage the new plant coming to town and use that as a motor for growth, it would be great! The anti-Megasite people are really loud and aggressive, but my family is anxious for the economic growth that new companies will bring, both directly and through trickle down.
95	Maintain historical preservation. Separate traffic downtown from Ford Plant.
97	Quiet safe place to live, which is why I moved back here.
98	The River/River District. Making new housing available in a variety of forms.
100	Bedroom community
104	Blue Oval bringing employment opportunities to the area. I want Marshall to be affordable for all kinds of families. I'm concerned about more upscale shops and restaurants that are not within reach of many residents.
117	Our downtown is great! Marketing for that has been awesome...many activities..keep them coming. Our farmers market is the best around. Promote the "safe, small town atmosphere". That is hard to find these days.
118	Maintaining the historic aspect of Marshall
119	Maintained tourism. Housing for workers with employment within 30 miles
121	Mass exodus from overpopulated areas makes this a very desirable location. Current standard of living is good. Low traffic, and not overcrowded is highly desirable. People who care about homes and businesses and have pride in ownership are beneficial to an area. Mass influx of low income housing and low income labor will bring people who don't care about keeping the town nice.
122	Allow community involvement on ideas, allow voting on ideas.
125	Highway access and Kalamazoo river
128	Low cost of living
132	There won't be any! What we have now will be gone. Such a nice quiet city will become another busy Detroit city
133	Strong connection to major instates
135	New job opportunity's, excellent schools, safe environment

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136	Improve Fibernet- bury cords - they are just hanging from my plave
137	Being able to attract those who want a safe vibrant growing community but also being able to shop raise families snd be conveniently located by the high ways.
138	Close to expressway and few hours to Detroit or Chicago.
140	BOBPM is an incredible opportunity and anticipating what comes next will be even more important. Learn from everything that has happened over the past 18 months to ensure the community and the city services are ready for whatever comes next.
142	Hospitality. With the mega site issues, there is a big divide. MAEDA is encouraging it rather than helping in there desire to be right.
145	Growth
148	Recreation oportunties and a quality school system.
149	Oust current corrupt local government. Replace with honest and ethical people.
153	Maintaining its small historic town charm... we don't want big box stores/ franchises to bleed small family owned businesses out of existence.
155	Opening up to ethnic communities
156	Location relative to large cities with well paying jobs and cultural amenities. The downtown and river are attractions. Our schools could use support with athletic facilities to attract families.
158	Engaging the public in the planning process.
161	Feeling safe in this city is such a huge deal.
162	Need a more resident-focused mindset when making decisions. Not every decision needs to be driven by how much business or tourism it will bring into the city. Concerned about unnecessary OPRA approvals when we residents hear about things that cannot be improved because budgets are so tight, yet our tax mills are in the top 2% in the state.
163	Bringing in outside businesses - DIVERSIFYING
164	Restaurants and hospitality. However, once the Megasite opens it will be different. The people will be different and it's already starting.
165	Affordable housing
166	I wouldn't want to see a lot of big business brought in but a Meijer or Walmart would be very convenient to have here.
169	I hope we capitalize on the new Ford plant with increased shopping and restaurants
172	Possibilities for growth.
173	Family life. Schools.
177	Safety, historic appeal, family friendly, and not a big city
178	Maintaining the quality and small town feel which is the reason PEOPLE CHOOSE TO LIVE HERE. If I wanted to live near a manufacturing/mega-site there are dozens of Michigan cities I could live in. We have lived here for nearly 50 years for a reason :(
182	History
188	People wanting to live in a small town.
189	Small business and downtown
190	Small business growth

ResponseID	Response
193	Leave history alone. That used to be the big draw. Cruise to the Fountain put down to one day, lots of people used to come.
195	Outdoor activities such as walking, running, biking, and shopping.
197	Location on 94&69
205	We have the opportunity to remain a safe, sweet, small little town or throw that all out the window.
208	Well if we are going to invest in the local economy, I sure hope we can pass a school bond. Absolutely ridiculous that we can't get people to invest in the schools.
209	Freedom of movement that is safe and easy to navigate with a reasonable wait!
211	I think that Marshall was made famous by dark horse brewing, and although there is a conservative grain within the community, consider how we are the leaders in the cannabis, industry, including hospitality services. Think outside of the box and try and drive safe treatment and leisure activities related to the cannabis industry
212	Keeping our historic, small town charm.
214	Growth due to location. We should embrace the MAJOR site and job growth.
215	Taking care of the elderly that still live here-and it use to be our small town vibes-our shops and events-now it is ruined.
216	Embracing Ford, more retail downtown, working together to once again become the city of hospitality, not hostility. Our schools need to get better!!!
217	New residents. Welcome Wagon revival!
218	I think we need to encourage family activities, bike and walking trails would be great.
220	Friendly and welcoming.
221	The schools.
224	Job growth
227	Can't think of any right now.
232	I think that ship sailed. Whatever you do, don't add more apartment complexes.
234	There needs to be a way to get the next generation involved and invested in their community like the last. That's the only reason it's sustained as long as it has.
238	Controlled growth & enforcement of zoning laws in a far & equitable manner.
241	Our downtown, community and better schools.
243	Blue Oval Battery Plant
246	Too many to count.
247	Ford. New plant
250	Outdoor recreation. Invest in the mountain bike trail, then you can charge to use it. Invest in city parks then you can require an annual park pass.
256	The beauty of Marshall and the simplicity of Marshall living is what brings people here. Not mega businesses. I think Marshall should continue to strive to be a family oriented city and expand parks/recreation, housing/infrastructure and improve schools to attract more families to live here.
257	Development of the Mega Site for job opportunities. Making Marshall a City that the middle class wants to live in.
260	Keep up with maintenance of parks and facilities

ResponseID	Response
261	Walkability Great community support Thriving downtown The river Music scene
262	Road's, jobs, and youth activities
269	The ability to support those in the community who may be struggling to afford the higher housing market.
271	More housing
274	Live, work and play in a historic town.
277	Single family residential affordable housing. No more parks and NO splash pads.
285	Location in the State and at the crossroads of 2 major interstates. Also the Kalamazoo River and rail lines. Also the proximity to larger cities and best of all, the development of the Megasite.
287	We had a huge opportunity to make the megasite an amazing state park along the river with canoeing and biking back into town but I think that opportunity has left us.
289	Schools
295	To capitalize on the already great outdoor spaces we already have and make them better year round not just in the summer months
296	At this time, it is quite a safe area for families to grow. There are a number of accessible outdoor areas and activities for kids to do.
309	Maintaining the historic character and small town ambiance - that is where the "value" of the community lies.
314	School, better parks, improve Rec department offerings, youth sports facilities,
316	Small town, friendly, historical faming community... let's not lose that
319	We have a great opportunity for more tourism because our city is beautiful and historic and to improve our parks and infrastructure with tax revenue from new developments
321	Maintain a small town atmosphere with emphasis on its historic nature. Providing neighborhoods that are connected by paths/sidewalks, providing new and improved parks and rec areas, Continue with the many community events and activities, Adding more affordable housing, Providing economic growth that is a compliment to the existing town and in areas already set aside for it. Growth shouldn't be with huge industrial developments which will overwhelm Marshall and change it for the worse. If these things are done then Marshall will be a place where people will not only want to work but live as well.
322	I think people want community and that improves safety. Help us help each other.
325	Schools
326	Providing the young families in town the opportunities to stay and flourish instead of leaving.
328	We need a big supermarket.
330	Appropriately fund the schools and more families will come.
332	Be honest
337	The downtown area. We need more businesses and a variety of businesses. We also need a dog park.
338	I'm not sure how to answer this question.
346	There are no opportunities for the people as a whole in the direction Marshall's government is heading. The city government had an opportunity to fight to maintain the reasons people chose to live here in the first place, they did the opposite.
347	Existing infrastructure to build on
349	Resilience

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350	Was once a Small safe rural community with good schools.
354	The opportunities that once existed have been squandered by dishonesty and nondisclosure agreements. I, recently, had an opportunity to buy a business in the city and I couldn't do it with confidence that my local government was honestly going to represent my best interest as a resident and business owner. So, opportunity, seems only what has been dictated to us.
358	To listen to the community. Not erase the historic of our city.
359	At one time we were known as The Christmas City. This could be expanded upon to bring visitors to town. The city squashed the Garden Market and Vintage markets when they both bring many shoppers to town who also shop downtown and dine here as well.
362	Until trust in those run the town is gained there are no great opportunities Having people who are not from Marshall direct what can/cannot take place should be forbidden.
364	It's historical appeal, quaint shops downtown & restaurants.
369	Neighbors
370	A healthy mix of history and innovation.
372	Managed growth and retention of identity while increasing revenue bases
377	The greatest opportunity for Marshall right now is to show residents they actually are looking out for our best interest and not their own. We have lost trust in our representatives it's truly sad to see how divided our community has become.
378	The people and the natural resources in the area. Marshall could capitalize on recreation and natural preserves, or perhaps start a state park.
381	Preserving natural and historical aspects of Marshall.
384	A megasite that will pollute the river and ruin the essential life of Marshall
389	The small town quaintness. People want that. Don't drive it away by building more, expanding and bringing in more people. It's driving people out.
390	Growing to offer more opportunities for our youth - not only natural outdoor areas or play structures but also fun activities such as bowling or arcade. As well as grow this town so they have job opportunities as they get older.
401	Not sure anymore, would like to start planning to move
403	To continue to protect our historic city while not losing the small town feel. Also to provide activity spaces for children, nature areas, splash pads, etc
410	Getting rid of Maeda
412	Historic charm as it's always been a great thing...we are losing it quickly.
415	Not seeing many recently
417	Quiet and safe
424	Hospitality and culture
427	Proximity to family
429	They should be looking to bring more people to live here and then the schools enrollment would go up. Stop allowing the good old boy network run everything and make choices that line only their pockets!
434	A great place to raise a family, an opportunity to remain a unique, charming, and historic town with small business and local vendors
436	Activities for the children.

ResponseID	Response
441	Blue Oval
444	Small business
445	Marshall has the potential to be a premier tourist destination. We should be leaning into the historic charm and natural beauty. Retail shopping, restaurants, Bed and Breakfasts, local farms and agrotourism are the type of businesses we should be supporting and promoting.
447	planning, ensuring we meet the needs in the future
451	The city, even the school, could benefit from having an aquatic center. The use for lap swim and the capability to introduce youth to swimming. The pool at the school is outdated and hasn't received upgrades since like 1998. With a aquatic center like the one in coldwater would be a huge benefit to those who can't run and getting some good exercise. It could allow numbers of kids to get involved in swimming early and promote the benefits of it at an early age.
453	Small town living and historical charm and creating a safe environment for its citizens.
457	Safe place to raise a family with good schools. Great for families relocating here.
458	It's events
460	Creating a fantastic bike path in and around the city.
461	Marshall is unique in that it has kept out large corporations and, in turn, has maintained its status as a charming and historic small town. Marshall's greatest opportunity lies in its ability to maintain the historic small town feel that so many are drawn to.
466	To continue to preserve the rich history and beautiful downtown area because both are very unique things for small towns to maintain nowadays. Marshall also offers a safe and vibrant community that a lot of the younger generations want to move to and raise a family in.
470	Let the people have more involvement and ability to voice their opinion. Publish details.
479	Childcare, recreation center, swimming lessons, side walks
480	Lower city taxes and eliminate the required trash service.
482	It's small town vibe.
483	Be the best bedroom community they can Marshall does not need to be the town we work in.
487	voting in new city officials that have the residence of marshall and what they want in the best interest. that would be on top of the list
490	It's safe community to raise children in.
491	Build a park along the Kalamazoo River on the Megasite property. Elect a trustworthy city government.
497	Marshall had an amazing community that needs to start working together instead of tearing each other down. We all have to move forward somehow.
498	Unsure
500	None at this point. The damage has been done by the Megasite.
501	Marshall has a so many music, art, and theater opportunities for students.
502	Faith opportunities
503	Home town feel, the incredible offerings for the arts and the recreational dept.
508	none, everyone needs to get the fuck away now that blue oval is here. Everyone in marshall will all die.

ResponseID	Response
510	Blue oval bringing in more tax money and more revenue for business'. Ford if approached would be more than willing to help with some of the improvements in the area
513	Room to grow
516	Preservation of family businesses.
519	It's historic charm and small town feel- that's, why we moved here! Safe for families and a great bedroom community that is also a nice place for tourists to come visit.
520	We have a lot of area for development close to 69 that we can bring in more small grocer opportunities (trader joes, whole foods, etc) and greater restaurant options that keep the small town boutique feel, but increases commerce.
521	To become part of battle creek.
524	I hope we could get a larger store like Meijer or Blains(not TSC)
526	Improved infrastructure and opportunities for businesses and recreation in the MAJOR campus. This will also be some of our biggest challenges socially
527	Marshall is well known as a small town with good downtown restaurants and shopping; however, the poorly maintained roads make Marshall an unattractive destination. If Marshall improved its roads it would attract more visitors and businesses. Currently the roads make Marshall look rundown & dingy. I saw a YouTube video of Michigan small towns to visit and the drone flyover of downtown made me embarrassed to be from Marshall it detracted from everything else the area had to offer.
529	I love the small-town, farming community, family-friendly, historic feel that Marshall has. I'm afraid that we will lose that. Getting bigger and expanding is not always better. There are reasons that we choose not to live in bigger cities.
534	A chance to grow
536	Megasite
541	Sharing history at the museums and retaining residents through all of the community events. This is a beautiful small town!
543	Ford Plant!
546	Corporate business complexes vs plants
547	Downtown activities like the Market on Main, Farmer's Market, Skeleton Fest, etc.
549	Replacing council members that are ethical and respectful of the people they work for.
553	Employment
554	Attracting families and young folks to keep the passion of our historic district alive
555	Being a senior, the new Heritage Commons is a big plus for seniors
560	Was the ability to advertise as a small historical town, but not anymore. Too much traffic to classify as a quaint small town anymore.
570	I appreciate the multitude of activities and community opportunities in our small town!
571	Safty
586	Keeping Marshall historic and keeping the small safe town feel that people feel safe to let their kids grow up in
588	Balancing bringing in the right businesses to help increase tax revenue with maintaining the small town feel. Increasing funding for MPS without further taxing the residents.
592	Safest city, cleanest city, friendly city, if the traffic and speed are addressed appropriately and swiftly

ResponseID	Response
607	Marketing it's natural and historic beauty. Expanding this area's perception of our desire for cultural inclusion, respect for all races, religions and sexual identifications.
611	Small businesses
614	Keeping the small town feel. The Hallmark town. Preserve the history.
617	Raising children in a supportive community
619	Small businesses downtown
621	Historic buildings and neighborhoods, safe community, adequate schools, but need improvement of graduation rates. Future jobs, Ford Oval Plant.
625	To be a SMALL town!! Somewhere safe!!
627	freedom, safe streets and neighborhood!!
630	Community.
631	Single family homes or a park on the old State Farm land. Not low income housing.
632	Community, preserving historical environment.
633	Using its attractions and facilities to draw multiple *SMALL* businesses and rear a diverse economic base, not dependent on any one huge corporation or industry, while capitalizing on its history and agricultural/small-town character to live up to its nickname of the "City of Hospitality" to all people who are willing to join in its volunteer mutual-aid for-the-people spirit.
634	Not in any area I work in, sadly. For the rest, it affords a peaceful life and plenty of pizza... if you like pizza, you have several pizza places to choose from. Otherwise? Go to Ann Arbor or Kalamazoo.
636	Marshall has always relied upon tourism in recent years (40-50 years). This continues to be the largest focus of the city's goals. Goals need to change to encouraging people to live, work and spend money within the Marshall area, not just visit.
640	We have beautiful surrounding natural areas that benefit the health of people and the earth. Our community is safe for many (not all). Marshall is small enough to be known if you want to be. Our current lack of diversity (in all aspects) is an opportunity to reflect on what we can do better, as a community and as an historic landmark - a history we can learn a lot from, not ignore. There are so many wonderful towns and communities that surround us - we have many more friendships to make and strengthen.
642	To grow the opportunities while maintaining its small town character & charm while maintaining our safety profile
643	Supporting the local businesses downtown. Marshall has one of the most vibrant downtowns in Michigan but small businesses need help to stay afloat and bring more customers in. As a business owner downtown, this year has been much slower for us. We believe it may be due to the conflict that the Ford Blue Oval plant has caused between residents.
646	It has a small-town atmosphere but, we do not like the direction that Marshall is heading. Things are too expensive here, there is not many activities for seniors as the senior center is not that big of a center, and I sure as hell do not like some of the "woke activities" that some of the local theaters promote. There is not much for teenagers either. We need more family oriented activities. God, help this town!
651	Due to Marshall's great location, the opportunity to grow while maintaining safety and historic charm
652	Location-great selling point
666	Need a pickleball court complex.
678	TO maintain the Norman Rockwell kind of life so many have enjoyed without mucking it all up with the latest trendy things people think are important to have in these times.
680	Increasing retail opportunities by increasing population through new businesses. We enable we need to be able to buy things in Marshall, not Battle Creek.



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681	Maintaining the small-town appeal. It's clean, safe and a great place to raise a family. Let's not lose that because we see dollar signs. We can't get it back once it's gone.
682	Freshen up (1) Michigan Avenue between the fountain and I 69 and (2) neighborhood South of downtown.
685	Downtown
686	Marshall is a nice, small safe place to live. The location is great for commuters.
690	A pavilion for the Farmers Market, to become more walkable. Residents would benefit from a better market. A small scale Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Horrocks type to compliment the farmers market.
692	Weekly or bi-weekly yard waste pick up
697	Viable downtown and choice of breweries and restaurants. Increased job opportunities through Blue Oval.
701	Meeting a need that other places aren't meeting. Marshall has the ability to really center itself as the Calhoun county place to do things. You'll attract Kalamazoo folks if you do it well!
703	I believe there is about to be major growth for Marshall and the opportunity now is to shape how and where that growth will occur. If we focus efforts on developing commercial and Industrial districts in specific areas outside of downtown we can preserve the historic it and charm of downtown while intentionally play Ning the new districts to meet the unique needs of our growing community. I see western Michigan Ave (near 69) growing into a Comercial district that has brand name stores and experiences, and South of michigan ave (near 69) becoming more Industrial, with space and facilities for businesses to thrive. All while Maintaining our downtown and preserving the history people value so much.
704	Adaptable transportation
706	Keeping an attractive downtown with small businesses. We need a BAGEL shop! :) Definitely need bike racks downtown and bike lanes.
707	The classic American small town charm and values that many small towns around across the country lack or have forgotten
708	Embrace and provide for the small-town feel. Make this a premium destination for young families
710	Economic development
716	I see a lot of positive things happening in the community (e.g., the YPC group and others interested in community events and community betterment). As far as opportunities, I think the best thing government and other stakeholders can do is try to imagine the jobs that will be in demand 20-30 years from now and start preparing for them. I also think Marshall needs to play up its parks and recreation opportunities.
722	Not supporting community request
724	Expandability while keeping the core historic and clean.
727	Historic landmarks and older communities preserving old ways of life and crafts
731	all the buildings above downtown businesses should be utilized as apartments. Where is the information that these can even be rented out at?
735	Family and community. Marshall is a safe place to raise a family with many events for the community.
737	Attract families that want to live in a quiet town without all the traffic.
738	Location and room to grow
740	Attraction of businesses and making it a destination.
741	YMCA type family center - more winter activities . Summer has great events how can we come together out of our houses more in winter . Ice skating rink ? Advertise community to come to snow hill serve hot cocoa and a band . Euchre tournaments . Community center .
742	Keeping the downtown as chatting and the way it is.

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743	Small town activities and shopping attracts bring in tourist. Always fun things going on. Love the car shows downtown on the main street.
744	Friendly people, hopefully generations to come continue this. The beauty.
751	Historical vibes with job opportunities in industrial.
753	Great town atmosphere, low crime, nicer area to live.
754	Recruiting businesses. Retail and dining. Many seniors are not comfortable going to Battle Creek to shop for groceries or household items. Without competition our only options are expensive and poor quality
756	Events and the local businesses
762	Tapping into the North Country trail and making Marshall bike friendly. Making Marshall Kalamazoo River friendly promoting canoeing and kayaking.
764	The small town atmosphere and charm, love it
766	Investing in young people and families living here. Out with the old and in with the new while also maintaining it's historical charm.
767	Being safe and providing a comfortable community for young people raising families
768	Of course our history and its charm is first. Learning to embrace all the changes and keep that charm.
771	N/A
783	Events
788	Small town expecting big growth. Plan better. Enlist the best planning to be sure growth is successful & organized for residents of the community. Set boundaries and stick to them. Wonderful foresight in not letting marijuana sales shops in city. They have overtaken other communities and are a horrible eyesore. Industrial sights grow and take over an area because no one wants to live them. Learn from history and set strict boundaries.
792	Preserving the historic buildings
793	Stay as a small community
795	Maintaining higher quality educational opportunities, more AP classes, and high quality housing. Greatest opportunity will become supporting a larger population that can't afford health care, childcare and the ability to pay taxes living on an hourly wage from the battery plant. Our only hospital and food pantry won't be able to absorb the influx. We are creating a poor class that the town will have to support. It's an Amazon warehouse with an a Ford sign outside.
801	Community events and developing more outdoor recreation spaces. The Kalamazoo river is a great opportunity but it is under developed.
803	Get rid of the Ford Blue Oval plant and apply to the State of Michigan to establish a state park along the Kalamazoo River areas. Encourage small to medium sized industries to locate in the industrial park south of the airport.
805	New growth in businesses, but not necessarily jobs.
807	Promoting the Historic Nature of the Town and providing more and better education of the history of this town and surrounding area. The only real thing that this town has going for it.
810	Transportation safety - walking, biking, driving, etc. increased signage, ways for pedestrians to safely cross streets, also note it's terrible on Michigan Ave near the old State Farm lot, apartments, fitness center, and VFW. Awful to try and cross Michigan Ave down that direction (east out of town!).
813	More fitness based activities, yoga would be great. More restaurants
816	Local utilities, great location in the state, downtown businesses and housing, so much for residents to do in the form of entertainment and recreation.

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817	Quite neighborhood free of big business in the downtown areas. Make us unique and a pleasant place to visit. Safety for our children is an opportunity most cities or towns don't have this needs to be protected
821	Putting in crosswalk lights at the fountain
823	The Ford battery plant.
829	The opportunity of living in a small rural town that has not been devastated by the false promises of "commercial development".
831	That it is historic and small. Leave it that way. It is fine the way it is!
832	WALMART HAS A "NEIGHBORHOOD WALMART" PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE GREAT FOR MARSHALL.
836	Growth
838	Allowing economic development to take place, while not allowing it to become another Battle Creek. With successful zoning, the town can remain nice, and the business environment can grow
843	Growth
847	Better restaurants and retail
848	The influx of youthful generations.
849	Expanding businesses to more diverse market- better and more diverse places to eat, more outdoor activities- anything that contributes to a healthier lifestyle
850	Since the addition of the solar fields north of town, and most recently the battery plant, there are many properties around the city of Marshall that are for sale. I would like to see some of those properties preserved as more wild spaces, not housing. Our parks and trails are huge assets. I think we should build on that.
852	Linking trails and rivers to the recreation & park network, including big expectation that Blue Oval will contribute towards those goals along the Kalamazoo and all park and rivers running through town. Careful planning for growth that maintains and enhance the cities current characture and liability. In sure trees and greenspaces are included and that traffic flow is well designed. Insure that all neighborhoods on all sides of town have safe and walkable access to downtown, parks and natural areas.
856	I feel that tourism is Marshalls biggest strength for economic growth. We throw a good party with room for improvement.
857	The downtown district
859	Quiet place to live Lots of activities Our first responders
861	The industrial park. (Tax incentives need to be offered). Capitalizing on history. Use of our fairgrounds for entertainment that people can afford. The Blue Oval plant and its ability to bring even more businesses to our town.
869	Hospitality and community functions
875	Safe Housing for people making \$15-25 an hour with a family.
879	Large retail stores and additional dining out options.
882	To capitalize on the revenue the battery park will bring in to maintain the schools upkeep (air conditioning, buildings, furniture, technology), parks/athletic fields and family friendly places/opportunities.
883	Quiet safe town. Not moving in that direction
884	The MAJOR Mega Site, and the Marshall area economic development authority.
888	Getting young families here and engaged in all that we have to offer and our small town charm.
891	Maintaining the small town feeling, curb appeal, school reputation despite lack of bond funds, special events

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894	Marshall Parks and nature aspects are some of Marshall's greatest qualities.
898	With recent growth in Marshall, I would really like to see a wellness community center (similar to Alive in Charlotte) be developed-athletic facilities, fitness options, large indoor walking track, child care, etc. I believe Marshall could support a facility such as this.
910	Lots of nature and space for activities
912	Increasing business development and job opportunities
916	Historic downtown and walkable to the river. Expand and increase safer access to Riverwalk. Non-motorized improvements to Kalamazoo Ave to help invite people to the river area from downtown.
924	I support the development of ford plant. I would support more economic development.
926	Make better shops
927	School and Friendships and Love
928	no
929	The Resturants and great events we have here I think are quiet fun and are very good for bonding.
931	idk
932	library
933	the underground rail road could bring in a lot of money
934	food
935	I don't know.
936	the local businesses
937	being able to walk downtown defintley especially middle schoolers.
938	Opening shops and stores.
939	the ford plant
940	marshall football all day its a great way to learn and get good
941	I don't know.
942	they are the school because kids are the next genuracen
943	i don't know what marshals greatest oppertinities are
945	Marshall is a very pretty town, I believe it has great potential. Maybe just spice things up a little, add new sidewalk decor. (Benches, flowers, trees, etc.)
946	Enjoying the beautiful sights.
947	I think marshalls greatest opportunities are being a good city and one that alot of people will want to come to because of the friendlynness and justice.
948	I don't know
949	Getting an arcade, having more variety, building a new store where K-mart used to be.
950	I dont know.

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951	idk
952	better living than most areas, more affordable housing, great jobs for kids and adults/great pay check, and awesome history.
953	idk
954	The houses and the historic landmarks.
955	i don't know
956	um money
957	idk
958	becoming bigger
960	I think Marshalls greatest opportunities are that we are going to have a bigger population in the city because of the new people coming to work here so that means we will need to try to invite them into the ciity and for them to like the city
961	Marshall's greatest opportunities are the jobs.
962	having a place to walk
963	the library
964	idk
965	The History preserved and
966	the town,school and people
969	how kind people
973	I think Marshall's greatest opportunities are jobs for people who are young and activities for kids at the library.
974	High school ls the one i can think of.
975	idk
976	non
977	Maintaining the build of historic Marshall, while modernizing it at the same time.
978	To make buildings in this town, so more visitors come.
979	You get to meet great people
980	Schooling.
981	Maybe the down-town sort of things. Like the oklawn 5k, or the parades, or the festivals.
982	idk
984	more nature and wildlife.
985	Trying to bring down the cost of things and making Marshall an affordable and friendly SMALL town
986	I am not sure
988	idk
989	the downtown/social district foot traffic for shops and restaurants that get people in there to buy goods and services that make profit so are tax dollars that can go into are school system make the future of Marshall better

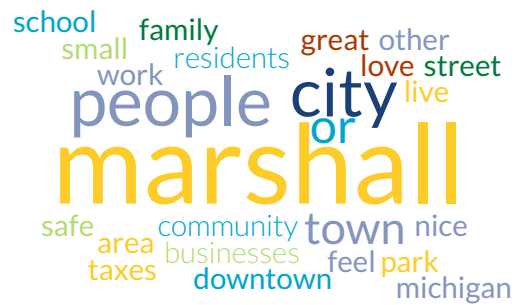
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990	shopping and restaurants
991	To make more working places for younger people to work at ad make money which well make more opportunities for the city to keep people from leaving and have a stable home and stable income.
993	programs
994	i dont know
995	Community activities such as Blues Fest, Christmas parade, etc.
997	school sports.
998	straights
999	jobs
1000	idk
1002	im not sure
1005	the job opportunities they have
1007	school
1008	the jobs
1009	Parks
1011	i dont know
1012	the trails
1013	jobs
1015	Marshalls greatest oppurtunities are probably our schools.
1016	police, ambalance
1017	lower prices
1018	There are a lot, but the most common is the jobs downtown. They have a lot of jobs and because the school is so close to downtown there will be kids to buy more stuff, from the shops.
1019	marshall can build more shops and things
1020	idk
1021	lots of jobs
1022	idk
1023	the school allows kids to play basketball
1024	To live in Marshall
1025	the shops
1026	Being a great tourist city.
1027	the small busnisses
1028	.... i don't know

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1029	build more housing
1030	jobs for everyone including my older sister who needs a good job
1031	one of our greatest opportunities is to create a thriving future for the generations after us
1032	none
1033	I don't know
1034	More food
1035	tourists.
1036	there are good job oppertenites
1037	no comment
1038	river walk,Honolulu house,governor's mansion.
1039	Historic places, river walk
1040	Growing in population
1041	River walk, Honolulu house, and historic monuments.
1043	idk
1044	idk
1045	jobs
1046	downtown
1048	museums
1049	car shows
1052	all the stuff you can do and our sport teams
1053	I think Marshall's greatest opportunities are good learning places. ???
1054	I don't know.
1055	saftey
1060	Taking advantage of the homeowner's/taxpayers, being lied to by city officials, being threatened and sent cease and desist orders, tax payer money being stolen, our whole town ruined by city officials and ford.
1061	Historical learning
1062	Walking town! Get rid of the highway through the town.
1066	skate park
1068	good school system and history
1069	jobs and schooling
1070	walking
1071	sports

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1072	jobs, school
1073	programs
1074	the fountain
1075	being safe
1076	local businesses
1077	sports and others



19. Is there anything else you would like to share with the Steering Committee?



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24	As the city continues to grow and change. There needs to be a plan to support and increase staffing for Fire, Ems, police, and public works employees
25	I love Marshall-been here for 10 years and love it more every day. Great place to retire!
26	I can't stress enough the importance of maintaining the existing housing stock and things like the Brooks fountain. Either through restrictions on rentals, code enforcement or other means. 3 of the 4 arterial roads into the fountain seem no longer attractive/appealing. My perception is most of these are becoming rentals as the increase in vehicle traffic volume (personal and commercial), speed and noise renders these roads unfit as owner occupied. Let's focus on what Marshall is known for...the attractive historic homes, the downtown, and the fountain. If we can upkeep these core things everything else will follow. Maybe allowing ADU's in the historic district (and encourage on the arterial roads) would allow more people to live within walking distance of downtown, thus potentially increasing revenue to downtown businesses. Possibly providing a revenue for homeowners to improve the main houses while keeping them owner occupied. Likely Increased tax base without further major infrastructure upgrades and a reason to work on improving bike lanes or other means to calm traffic. These are just quick thoughts and may have serious downfalls but I felt compelled to include them
30	I appreciate you getting feedback from community members.
34	Less rules and ordinances are always better. Don't make rules and ordinances to solve problems that don't exist
42	sidewalks on north side of Hughes Street from old 27 to north Marshall. to many kids being dropped off a long distance from school.
45	No
47	Officials due as majority of voters say and not their own
54	-
55	With all the coming Michigan Avenue changes, please ask MDOT to consider bike lanes from Albion to Battle Creek! Many people could use electric bikes as primary transportation if there were a safe path for them!
57	Please think about the reason Marshall is Marshall people come here for that not for what your trying to make it. Put industry that fits that scope. It's possible
73	The middle turn lane on Michigan Ave should be removed and and turn around lanes added instead. That would also be an opportunity to take the ugly power lines and put them underground where possible
76	Beautification of the areas west of the brooks fountain along Michigan avenue and south of Michigan avenue and east of old 27 should be a strong focus for revitalization efforts.
88	Please prioritize fixing the skatepark. I know it is a part of a long term plan but in the mean time, it is a junky death trap. More kids will use a skatepark than a pickleball court. Kids need somewhere to focus their energy. Bored kids = vandalism, trouble, drugs, etc.

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90	We want a large recreational area. SO many people have voiced this opinion.
92	thank you for all you do and continuing to make Marshall thrive and grow.
93	Enforce the city codes such as grass cutting, trash in yards etc.
94	Property taxes are so high. I am a Millennial who inherited a house when my parents died, and my family struggles to pay our taxes. Maybe think of ways to maximize how much "bang for our (tax) buck" we get? Also, it would be nice if there were sidewalks in ALL neighborhoods. Down near Tenneco and up in the Sherman Drive area, as well as North Kalamazoo (though I think that is technically outside of the city limits), there aren't always sidewalks, and it is uncomfortable to walk in the road. I have a car but walk a lot of places when the weather is nice, but I always feel unsafe walking in the road in these places. I can tell it makes motorista uneasy, too.
97	Lowering property taxes would be very helpful. Also more help for senior citizen property owners.
119	The questions were misleading to answer. When you ask if something needs improving and I answered no, you can't tell if I imply that I like it and it's already good, or I don't think it is important.
121	Why would you ever steer a small town to become an industrial zone? Absolutely ruining the town and driving away quality. Massive growth coupled with poor planning leads to chaos and safety concerns. People will leave. Industrial zones should not be allowed in every direction and need to be clearly identified, labeled for public understanding, and contained to protect residents. Allowing businesses to dictate how the city will be developed is not in the best interest of residents. Strong leadership, people with experience in corporate settings, people with assertive interrogative skills that are able to represent the community's best interests need to be more vocal in the planning, people who are not easily influenced by money and are willing to get real answers to questions about public safety. There are professional urban developers and city planners who need to be consulted to assure growth in the right places, and preservation in others. Cookie cutter suburbia is not going to make Marshall a destination town. There are reasons other growth opportunities were denied in this town by city planners in the past. What changed? Broaden your team. Dig deep and use the professional leadership of the community so that this area doesn't become another dirty, smelly industrial pit that forces residents to leave.
122	Get rid of MAEDA! Lawyers and business owners do not know what is best for the community, just just know how to get money from them. A good planning committee would include factory workers, farmers, utility workers, sales people, mechanics, people who get their hands dirty. They are the largest part of the population not the people that sit in an office!
125	Maintain downtown cohesiveness with neighborhoods, don't have sea of parking lots
128	A sidewalk going north by the high school please!
133	Slow down on the schools. Maybe one at a time instead of everything at once.
136	Appreciate survey. - How are people chosen for committee?
137	More affordable housing. More large condos would be great!! More good jobs for all types of people white collar and or blue collar.
140	Marshall has always, for lack of a better term, policed itself when it came to maintaining the historic homes in the city. As new people come into the city that may not share the love of historic homes there may need to be actual ordinances in place to protect those buildings from being torn down and replaced may need to be in place. This should be planned for now rather than responded to later.
142	The rural roads are terrible. The people in charge need to stop criticizing on Facebook and try to work together and actually listen.
145	We don't need 6 pickle ball courts. Make something new and different. Bocce ball or outside bowling or a new sport Could take up some of that space
148	I just returned from Toronto, CA. What a difference in cultures! We really need to embrace diversity and inclusion in our community, while continuing our family values, no matter how a family is comprised.
153	Not a fan of an industrial corridor.
155	More activities to encourage more ethnic diversity
163	We need ethnic food. More diversity.

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164	The schools are failing, there's not enough affordable housing, there's no child care, and it's becoming an industrial waste land surround by solar panels and now a pollutant of a Megasite. It's truly sad what is becoming of this little town that we moved here specifically for the small town feel. Just 11 years later we're looking to move away because of what is being allowed. Truly sad.
166	We just moved here from the east side of the state. The thing I've been most surprised and disappointed about is the condition of the sidewalks throughout the neighborhoods. They are very unsafe! Other cities seem to have a plan for replacing unsafe sections of sidewalks on a regular basis.
178	Thanks for asking for input and I'm just sorry input wasn't asked longer ago. Please continue to keep the citizens involved.
180	Put more resources into maintaining what we already have.
188	Citizens don't have a choice on most things are not informed a head of time on anything
189	Clean the streets. If you are going to post signs about hours to not park on the road then enforce them. Stop sending out letters of reprimand for grass cutting if the city and public lots are 1 ft plus tall. You have a website to submit service request for street lights etc and nobody monitors this. Fix this poorly ran local government. You work for the citizens you aren't a private company
190	Bring more environmental and recreation opportunities like camping to Marshall.
195	The city needs to focus on their current needs and not focus on development of a wasted condominium development. They need to work on clearing the street drains to maintain a safe roadway during a storm.
197	Improve bike trails at Stuart landing. Improve boating on the river improve the launch. Improve Ketchum park walking paths along rice creek
208	I'm glad we don't have weed dispensaries in town. They are everywhere in Coldwater and BC. They look trashy. Bad enough we have a growing facility. I can't remember who owns the green field where State Farm use to be but it looks like trash. It needs to be cut and maintained. Maybe we need to incorporate Kesselwood, Walters Drive, and other subdiviion areas outside the city limits. Many a fine house out there. Might help with the tax base.
209	Please covet our Down Town and History!
211	Marshall does not need any more fast food restaurants.
215	Give the residents that live here, that pay taxes the right to decide on factories and nature centers!
218	This would've been nice to ask for input about the Megasite instead of just pushing it through. You now have a very divided community.
224	N/A
227	How about making the pre-teens and feel more welcome.
232	There are no homes to buy. Everything is split into apartments. The ones on the market are not worth the cost. And honestly, I don't know that I want to anchor myself here. I don't trust what this city will become in 5-10 years.
234	Thanks for asking.
236	The fiber ring was very important to the city, good job.
238	Strongly support efforts for a dog park. Look @ greater B.C. area for direction.
248	The battery park is destroying this city, it makes me physically ill to drive by and see the destruction of peaceful, beautiful farm land. The land should have been turned into a park if the city had interest in purchasing it. The city did not need these jobs, every factory nearby with similar paying jobs has a constant help wanted ad. We moved to Marshall because we loved the historic, quaint city surrounded by agriculture. If I wanted to live near a factory, I would have moved to Detroit, Flint or Saginaw. We all know this was a huge money grab for all those involved, not for the benefit of the local citizens.
250	Stop planting gallery pear trees. They are invasive and on the banned planting list in Ohio and Pennsylvania.
257	The City needs to get control of the Landlords that are devaluation our neighbors. They won't put a dime into their properties at the expense of their neighbors.

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261	I just moved here this year and I really enjoy this size town. There's plenty to do, yet small town charm.
262	I feel we need to invest in our youth especially the teenagers they are often overlooked which causes them to make poor choices.
277	We need more single family residential homes. Please only pursue residential developments that will only include single family homes at a cost that is reasonable for its demographic. We already have very high taxes, so the homes have to be reasonable for working people.
285	Keep Marshall moving forward!!
289	Marshall Teachers Association would love to help anyway they can
296	Sidewalks in the outer areas of the city, still within city limits such as verona road on the west side of town, would allow safer walking/biking into town
298	Stress the importance of planting trees and keeping the green spaces we have.. Find a realistic balance between development and environmental well being
309	Steer away from the megasite/major campus industrialization - there was bad decision-making all the way around. It will not bring was was promised, and has already irreparably ruined vital habitat, not to mention the immense negative public opinion that has resulted from the gangster-like actions of MAEDA in combination with the various planning/city/township/county councils. Get rid of it!
314	Focus on schools and places to work.
316	Preserve the things that make us uniquely Marshall
319	Our schools have been going downhill. We need to reverse that trend.
322	Please put in a dog park.
325	There has to be more work done on the fractures in this community.
328	Transport
332	Would like to know who is on this committee .
337	Thank you to our city planners and government! I am happy to see more jobs and economic development in Marshall.
338	Communication is very important especially to those who are directly impacted. For example: I still don't know what the land behind my house is being used for. All I know is we had a beautiful view, and then, Consumer's Energy came in and put an ugly fence there. I only know that it is Consumer's Energy because of the signs of the fence, but I still don't know what it's being used for. Where people are frustrated is where the big businesses are going in right near people's houses. If what we enjoy about our houses is taken away, we would like to know what the return will be for what we are giving up. Also, please consider Addressing the corner of Hughes and South Kalamazoo Avenue. It is very congested at that intersection especially in the mornings.
346	Pull your heads out of your asses.
347	This small comfortable community is turning into a circus with all of the lights, traffic and fast pace compared to 3 years ago
354	Ask yourself this- "why would I come to the city of Marshall for the day?" Our Main Street continues to decline in RETAIL businesses. Hair salons, insurance/consulting firms, event spaces, are sucking the life out of the Main Street vibe. And, again, STOP CUTTING DOWN OUR TREES!
358	Not judge the people and try to understand the concerns of the citizens. You can not please everyone.
362	Until what is said in previous question I will not vote for anything requested by the city
364	You need to bring in a grocery store with affordable items. SAL isn't the greatest and FF is out of control.
367	The city is proposing a side walk in front of my home which would be within a couple feet of my home, which I feel is wrong. It should be put across the street where there is plenty of green space and only three homes would be impacted..

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369	Better drinking water
370	Thank you all for asking and seeking input.
377	Everyone just wants to feel safe and comfortable with our cities decision. Many do not feel this some feel they can't even say how they feel without being harassed about their concerns for our town. The decisions being made are driving loyal residents out and those who have no ties to Marshall will become residents and not support local businesses in a way so many of us have for so long. Honestly it's so sad to see what has been happening here. I thought I would remain a resident of Marshall forever but I am reconsidering this decision as I am very concerned for the future of this town.
378	I believe the Steering Committee needs to reevaluate the priorities of the community and I hope enough folks answer this honestly to do so. I am one of many residents that do not want to see this town turn into a "boom town" or industrial mecca. I moved here for the small town feel and to raise my family in a place that is comfortable, welcoming, and slow-paced. I did not want to live in a town that develops into an overdeveloped industrial wasteland. Please listen to all of your residents and note their opinions and priorities openly and honestly. We are not all out to get those who are in power, we just want our voice heard - and it doesn't feel that way right now.
381	Thank you for asking input!
389	No..
390	We need better stores for groceries like Meijer, Kroger, Aldi, or Costco. You either have to drive to Jackson or Battle Creek for groceries or other needed supplies.
394	Sidewalks on the Forest Street extension make no sense. There are none for blocks before the new development and none to connect to at OKeefe. City investment that will be future city expense to maintain.
403	Majority of Marshall does not want a battery factory or industrial site.
410	This is a little late since the citizens of marshall were not given a vote on the megasite when already have an industrial park and it sits empty with its nice road and street lights
412	Transparency!!
417	Most of us love the idea of the blue oval, EXCEPT it's too close to the river.
429	You will just ignore it
436	It would be awesome to see our tax dollars at work on the South side/forgotten side of town. Our sidewalks are unsafe and have not been updated in decades.
438	I'd like to see more sidewalks so that things are walkable on Michigan Ave., pedestrian crossings on Michigan and beautification of Michigan Ave that is not downtown
441	Keep up the great work
445	Marshall is such a charming historic town. We can continue to grow it by encouraging businesses that fit with tourism and agriculture to come to Marshall. Make this area know as a destination spot. Whether for an afternoon of shopping or for an extended stay at one of the Bed and Breakfasts. Bringing in large manufacturing is the complete antithesis of the history and charm of this area. We can move forward to a bright future if you focus on what makes this area unique and beautiful rather than trying to become like everywhere else.
453	I believe surveys like this are very important to take into consideration of the people in the community that make this town what it is and listen to the people. I don't believe that building a major Megasite on top of our town is beneficial to our community. It's jeopardizing life as we know it in our small town.
457	I hope with more families moving into Marshall, more businesses will open and all businesses will thrive. Keep up the activities downtown, draws people into town and promotes small businesses.
460	I love everything about Marshall. It is a wonderful city with alot of benefits but I am very concerned about the cost of property taxes after I retire.

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469	There needs to be a stoplight at the corner of Hughes St. and S. Kalamazoo Ave. Between traffic coming from the Academy and Hughes School on Hughes St. and workers coming from the industrial park south of town it is a nightmare trying to safely cross or turn onto S. Kalamazoo. The increased volume of traffic at this corner along with the high speed coming into town make it a very dangerous corner for drivers and walkers.
470	There is quite an abundance of good ideas, volunteers, community, and neighborhood involvement. Let them be a part of everything you can.
473	Overall satisfied with what Marshall offers. It would be really nice to have a large garbage pick up more often, or an option to call them in once per year. Also, drives me bananas that we have to get a punch card from the city to drop our yard waste off at the compost. Don't we want to encourage people to maintain their properties? For as much as we pay in taxes it should be picked up for free but at least let us drop it off without having to be so inconvenienced. Compost has limited hours open and most residents work when the city hall is open so difficult to find a time to get a punch card.
482	I do not want the Megasight
487	do not hide plans from residents keep us informed and give us the chance to vote and have our input on what is going in the city. the city consul should not be the only ones that make decisions for the city
490	No. Not happy with happy with how you make decision for the whole town behind our backs.
491	Listen to the public.
498	No
500	Be more open about what is happening between city and township. People in the township were blindsided by the Megasite and had no voice in deciding tater to allow it or not.
502	Stop the battery plant development. Marshall is ill prepared for the demands on our resources that it will require. Importing labor is NOT supporting Marshall AND the ties to China go against our national security.
503	Yes, it would be amazing to offer a community pool and an actual recreational facility that offers indoor basketball, walking track for seniors, weight lifting, craft room for some programming. Please look at all of the small towns in Iowa (two examples are Clear Lake, IA and Belmont, IA) which provide an amazing outdoor community pool.
508	GO THE FUCK AWAY YOU STUPID PIECE OF SHIT HEFFERS
511	I believe it would be wise to bring in a chain grocery store. Something like Aldi, Kroger, Meijer, or even Walmart would offer competition to our current options, provide job opportunities to residents unable to travel out of Marshall for work, and increase resident satisfaction.
516	We don't want to be Detroit. Our unique historic areas and family-owned businesses are what draw tourists to our area, and yet we aren't overrun by commercialism.
519	Marshall's greatest opportunities will be it's greatest failures if the city's intent is bring a bunch of large manufacturing companies in. All of the great things about Marshall will no longer matter because they will be outshadowed by big box stores, pollution and a large rise in crime.
520	We need to expand restaurant and small grocer availability. We have no diversity in food (only pub and American). We should encourage food trucks, and different music festivals that can be held on the fairgrounds. Better communication of activities and summer schedules. We also need a community complex that has a public outdoor pool in the summer, basketball courts, like a YMCA but free for city tax payers
521	Marshall is garbage. I pay more to live in a place that won't even allow Uber. I watch my friends and family get thrashed by old white Christian "leaders" on Facebook all day. Which often includes family and friends of lots of "well respected" marshall folks. Your town, your government, and most of its people are truly awful.
524	I would like for Marshall city & area residents to have a say in what businesses come to Marshall. The blue oval was forced on us.
526	Find better ways to communicate with the public especially those that don't agree with the direction the city may be taking. Reach out further than the people you're familiar with. It's not enough to invite people into a conversation you have to make them feel safe and that their opinions are welcome.

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529	For how much we pay in taxes there are a few things that I believe should be given more attention. First, the condition of some of the inner city/residential streets-full of potholes and just patched with gravel year after year. Second, the frequency of which the inner city/residential streets get plowed. I live in Marshall and commute to Battle Creek for work and more often than not, Marshall hasn't even plowed several roads on my way in and then I get into Battle Creek and you can tell that they have plowed even in the residential streets in the city. The residential streets don't get as much attention as the main roads (Michigan and Kalamazoo).
532	What has been researched on the impact of a large factory with low to semi low wages. Traffic and crime and pollution are the main ones.
534	We need shops for shoes, clothes, etc. we have enough pizza, hamburger, taco places and lord knows we don't need any more beauty shops.
541	Try to focus more on what the actual community wants and not outside businesses. Listen to homeowners and residents with a stronger ear than people from other towns weighing in on our issues. I actually live here and pay taxes here and truly support the business is here as a consumer, so my opinion should weigh much more heavily than employees at Kellogg Community College or anywhere in Albion. Try to find a way to stop taxes from going through the roof. Just because the maximum amount taxes can go up is 5% every year, doesn't mean it should have to. Try to fill the seats with people with more diverse opinions. Not all decisions made of the government level should be unanimous. Strengthen your empathy for the taxpayers in the area. I'm in the taxpayers that don't get abatements. Above all, be open to some compromise and meeting people in the middle rather than running everyone over with a smile on your face. Thank you for your time.
546	More bike paths and access along the Kalamazoo River
547	No
549	You should have a disaster plan in place for the damage the new Ford plant will cause the river. Our city already has contaminated grounds and the council did not do their homework as to the consequences the Ford plant will cause to our environment. This should've been brought to the people to vote for such a big decision for Marshall. There were too many conflicts of interests with the council members that voted for this. Such a shame.
555	Keep supporting the tourism aspect and small town feel of our beautiful city.
558	Avoid high density housing and maintain the character of existing neighborhoods
560	There needs to be a traffic signal at intersection of South Kalamazoo and Hughes Street. With all the extra traffic now, people are sitting at that intersection for up to 15 minutes at times just to cross or turn.
563	Need incentives to maintain historic homes for personal residential
568	The megasite was a mistake and the Marshall we know is going to change. Hopefully for the better but I'm not counting on it.
570	It would be really nice if there was a dog park in Marshall for residents who don't have a yard or live in an apartment.
571	Good luck! I love Marshall, not leaving, we need revenue.
588	Understanding no improvements are free, the residents already feel their budgets stretched thin. Finding creative solutions without burdening the residents more is essential.
592	Go to Coldwater, downtown on U.S. 12 and observe what they did several years ago to make it safer for pedestrians, drivers, and businesses. Do that here in Marshall, ASAP. Lower the speed limits on South Kalamazoo, coming into Marshall from south of the airport and North Kalamazoo, between North and I94. Add a traffic enforcement unit to the City police force. Add a stoplight at Hughes and S. Kalamazoo, with left turn signals. Add speed tables around the fountain circle to slow traffic and start enforcement of pedestrian crossing laws and traffic safety.
607	One of our biggest problems is the need for affordable housing!
611	We need more dog friendly parks :)
614	I believe in change but what they are doing to Marshal is a sad thing. We need a state park or Natural preserve.
617	There needs to be more for young children (splash park, ice rinks) to encourage outdoor living.
621	Thank you for the opportunity

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627	Not at this timr
631	Keep property taxes low.
633	The recent eruption of megasites, especially with their location bordering on the same stretch of the Kalamazoo River despoiled by the Enbridge dilbit disaster in 2010, is in my view antithetical to the character of this community. These "big deals" should be stopped and reversed, to leave room for Marshall to accommodate a planned level of new and expanded businesses, of appropriate scale and character, committed to working with all the rest of the community rather than dominating the landscape.
634	I would like to bring metal and punk music festivals to Marshall. Metal music fans and bands tend to be surprisingly nice folks! We love our culture. We're not as crazy as we look. :)
636	Transparency is key, as has been seen with recent local decisions. Write about it in the AdVisor, send out mailings, post on Facebook and announce at social gatherings about upcoming meetings, hearings and opportunities.
639	Invest more in fixing the roads, lowering taxes in Marshall is SO expensive to live in, more community events (if there are alot already then do better marketing because I'm not aware of many).
640	I see potential for Marshall to become a more socially, racially, and economically diverse community with more offerings that tailor to more people. In diversity is strength - we see that in natural ecosystems and we need that in our human population as well. I worry that with a lack of opportunity for more meaningful work here, and a lack of generational wealth in many families, Marshall will not be the community people chose to settle and contribute. There are many younger people living in this community who have incredible ideas - I'm not sure they all know where to access support, financial capital, etc. I also cannot emphasize enough the need to keep climate change and environmental health at the forefront of every conversation and decision. Our actions as humans and as members of the Marshall community do have an impact on the environment, and those impacts ripple out from here. I'd love to see the city work with folks who are in tune with the native plants and wildlife as well as soil and water health so that we, as humans, can work in support of our nature's ecosystems instead of make choices that exercise irresponsible human dominance that get us in trouble later (this includes monoculture farmland). I am grateful for "development" and growth, and grateful for the land we have in and around Marshall.
642	It would be great to have a tool lending library for homeowners desirous of making repairs & improvements. Would also be nice to have volunteer guidance for those wanting to perform uncomplicated home repairs.
643	I love living in Marshall and would love to continue living here, but it just is not affordable for a single person with one income
646	I hope that you carefully consider each suggestion that is brought forward.
651	South of the Kalamazoo river there is a severe lack of sidewalks and safe crossings especially around Hughes school and riverside apartments
652	Recruit businesses who are progressive partners who will participate in the whole community to keep it competitive and attractive to investors and new residents
660	Please consider improvements to the riverwalk
666	Recently moved to Marshall and cannot believe there is not a pickleball court for the public play on. Please consider this as a top recreational priority for all ages.
668	Park bridges needs to be replaced
674	A recreational building with activities for families, kids to do during the year
678	The city council has stated repeatedly how improving walkability is a major goal and yet, over my life time very little resources have been spent on actually repairing or adding sidewalk. It has been a pittance to what was really needed. We've had a high school at Madison St for 52 years and in all that time there has never been sidewalk that goes to the east up North Drive, down east drive and over to Mann. Lots of school kids and adults use that area to walk and exercise so why is that? Not much walk exists east of there either. Lots of what does exist around town needs repair or replacement. Get serious with that and not just pay lip service to the issue. I'd rather see all the money that is going to be spent "improving" the walkway from the Dark Horse to the Brooks fountain spent on places that have never had sidewalk and should have. Once again, after all the trendy benches and landscaping is installed, how long will be before that isn't taken care of either? Also, the city crews used to trim trees for right of way issues on streets and sidewalks but that hasn't been done in years. Tree limbs hanging over sidewalks that you have to duck to get under don't get taller as a tree ages. They just get bigger. Trees need to be pruned as they grow but that has been ignored for many years. Maintenance on storm water catch basins needs to be done as well as sanitary sewers but that seems to be lacking for many years now. They just react to problems instead of doing the required maintenance . However, that's what it takes to improve these quality of life things we take for granted.



681	Please make wise choices that you will look back on with pride. Marshall is a special place.
682	I'm concerned that the influx of people and traffic from Blue Oval and the proliferation of solar farms in the area will negatively impact quality of life in and around Marshall. Focus on initiatives that reinforce Marshall's small town charm and liveability.
686	Marshall needs more unity with Marshall Public Schools. Marshall is friendly to new families and residents but doesn't give a damn about people who have been here much longer. Opinions matter. People matter. It's not ALL about development and growth.
687	Need to do something about speeders on michigan ave. Its not safe to cross west of the fountain most times
690	It would be great to see the rec dept work with gig entrepreneurs to regularly offer yoga, Tai chi and other wellness opportunities in our parks.
697	Please allocate funds towards improving the Boardwalk. It is vital to our community, and often one of the first impressions that visitors have of the Marshall area. Also, is there any way to get the semis out of the downtown shopping area? They are a hazard and add road repair costs to us taxpayers.
703	This is an amazing time of opportunity. People need to be brought along. Transparency is key and 'technically permissible' is the lowest bar to clear. We can be better and not only will it be more ethical it will increase adoption of the change initiatives. If there is any way my input or services could be useful I would love to help my community.
704	Vehicle operators tend to dismiss pedestrian crossings. Which is problematic in other cities. Curious if big investments in new led lights and buttons working or if passive traffic slowing is most effective strategy.
706	Don't lose sleep about the negative comments about the Ford Plant. We are on the main-line (literally) between Detroit & Chicago. Where do people want these industries, in a National Forest? Climate change is real. A few 100 deg days and burned gardens will alert people to less gasoline and CO2 is MANDATORY for survival. May be too late already.
710	I would be interested in helping if my help would be useful
712	Please get rid of the battery plant, I don't want it polluting our beautiful town, and contaminating our water supply.
716	If the Riverwalk could be extended west beyond South Kalamazoo, that would be totally, totally awesome. I think Marshall needs to continue to develop events that appeal to different groups of people. Marshall cannot survive if it focuses on just one demographic. One more thing: I am sure there are those working on stronger ties with Albion. I think this can only be for the good in the long term.
723	It would be great to have more restaurant choices. Also, a big box store like Meijer or Kroger. Most of the time I go to Battle Creek for things, be nice to spend my money in Marshall. It would also be cool if the new homes going in had some character to match Marshall's historic charm.
731	since redoing gigantic ave and extending curbs, it has become more of a hazard pulling in and out for cars. You also cant see traffic coming, you are already halfway out in to the lane and might as well just gun it around. Both directions turning is a nightmare.
737	Look at Marshall's history and try to keep it. Improve family living without destroying the history that made Marshall Great.
738	Get taxes in check. They are getting more and more ridiculous, with no real change in services or noticeable change to tax payers.

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742	By letting in the mega site it now has opened the door for one of the big box stores to want to move in. I hope whatever decision is made in that of what company is for the benefit of the people this time.
743	Follow up on citations for poor upkeep of properties. Makes the town look bad. Please get a sidewalk on north by high school.
744	The rec activities for kids should be a little bit longer and focus more on basic skills and fundamentals. Need to have more travel teams with coaches that understand the rules and basics to get the children involved and ready for school sports. Maybe an indoor area to practice. I've seen other communities that have practice months before tournaments. Bring tournaments to the area especially in the summer. We have a beautiful field and court just need to figure out exits. Maybe right turn only onto MI Ave.
747	I am neutral on the blue oval project. However, the leaders of Marshall have proven themselves on trustworthy. Richard Lindsey and Matt Davis are not leaders and should not be hailed in our city any longer.
751	Finding a balance honoring the history with job growth. Putting in lights & crosswalks ti keep residents safe, with city beautification & function
753	I would like to see more enforcement going into houses being kept up. So many houses are being run into the ground that seems like they are violating city codes. Cleaning up what we already have before adding a ton of new stuff the city won't keep maintained I would say would be a start.
754	Better communication with residents. Reduce unnecessary costs. Taxes are too high and constant elections and ballots are unnecessary. Better planning could reduce costs with annual initiatives on one ballit.
764	Please give us a bike path, cyclists are people that will use it and bring money to town for the stores! Look at petoskey, they bring in cyclists from all over. There is no paved (and safe) cycling paths anywhere in the area
766	Please, make the fountain more safe for pedestrians walking and crossing the street! Also, we absolutely need sidewalks in ALL city neighborhood streets for safety!
771	N/A
780	Would love a crosswalk down towards the hospital/ by the bogar theater. We always have to walk all the way down to the corner of Jefferson and cross there then walk back up the other side to get to the hospital if we want to walk to our appointments. The crosswalk next to the gas station is dangerous due to many vehicles that make left turns when it changes to walking to cross the street.
782	Utility expense, service fees are more expensive than my actual usage.
783	Please put in pedestrian crossing lights and improve sidewalks. Marshall is beautiful but there are certain areas to avoid because of how inaccessible they are to strollers and wheelchairs.
788	You need family programs in the area. Focus on health and wellness. Build a community center and athletic courts, indoor track, aquatic center. Focus on health not alcohol.
795	Please keep mindful growth and higher end restaurants and shopping in mind and what type of businesses that would attract others to this town. I'm happy you have banned dispensaries- please keep that going.
797	Need the hi vis posts back around the fountain. 10-15mph speed limit signage around the fountain. Curb the semi traffic through downtown. 20 or 25 mph through downtown and enforce it 30 is too fast.
800	More flowers downtown - think Niagara-On-The-Lake 🌸
801	Other communities I've visited have invested in outdoor recreational spaces and people are out using them. It gives people safe places to meet and socialize with each other. Aside from downtown events, our community lacks these important social opportunities. Using our local parks I'm always left with the feeling that they are often ignored and not maintained, especially our river walk.

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803	Marshall discourages families from moving here because there is no affordable housing. Marshall has failed to grow the population for decades due to city policies. I would not move here or anywhere in Michigan if I was looking purchase a home and start a family. Michigan is a cesspool of air, water, and ground pollution. State government has allowed this to happen. Every river and surrounding Great Lakes are polluted and have fish consumption advisories as the fish contain the pollutants. State government has allowed two hazardous chemical dump sites in southeast Michigan. The worlds most toxic chemicals are legally dumped here. State government allowed Canada to dump medical waste in our landfills for decades. This is not good policy for Michigan. There is no "Pure Michigan" anymore!
805	I would love to see more things to do for young adults other than just drinking. I see a huge need for community and social gathering outside of consuming alcohol. It's disappointing to see lots of folks feel left out over wanting to be sober
807	Due to reckless drivers, this town is unsafe for bikers, dog walkers, kids playing and pedestrians. I am not sure what is the hesitation of our police force to enforce the speeding laws and to arrest those who would like to use our streets for their own private drag way.
810	We also need a splash pad or pool option... we do use the Albion splash pad and visit family there, love eating at the Albion restaurants like Galazio's, Foundry, Lopez Tacos, and Malleable. We love the variety of parks in Albion, and Victory Park and all of its paths along the river, views, playground, bandshell, and some members of my family sled there. Albion is notably less pretentious than Marshall, but further for school transportation.
812	You really don't want my opinion. You just sent this questionnaire out so you can say we asked . I've lived my whole 67 years of life here , been all over the USA! I've seen places like Teluride CO go from a really nice place to visit to an overgrown overcrowded tourist trap! That took 10yrs. Marshall will suffer the same fate only worse because with all this unwanted growth the thing that made marshall special will be gone! And you all have made this happen.
817	Don't feel thile committee listens to and lets people vote on important issues. This needs to change. Transparency in all things.
820	Please put in a bicycle friendly sky bridge from the sprinkles sweet shack/ biggby area to the Marshall Athletic fields. There is no safe crossing here.
829	Get rid of FORD, CATL, and MAEDA - they want to ruin this town..
831	We don't need growth and development. People live in this town for the way it is today. We don't need more traffic lights and population and apartment complexes and industry parks. Go to a real city such as Flint Michigan and work on improving the livelihood there...
832	STRIP MALLS, STRIP CLUBS, LIQUOR STORES, RETAIL RECREATIONAL DRUGS, PAWN SHOPS, THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY A DEVELOPMENT LIKE BLUE OVAL. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU INTEND TO KEEP THESE DEVELOPMENTS FROM CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE VERY NATURE OF MARSHALL.
833	It is unsafe crossing Michigan Avenue at the fountain and at the post office parking lot (school, movie theater, hospital). Many drivers don't slow down or stop to let pedestrians cross. Many are distracted or not paying attention.
836	The ally next to schulers is soooo busy and has a big blind spot for pedestrians. I own the school next to it and my students have to be on high alert.
846	We really need a place to get household items and basic clothes. This survey is weird. I cannot follow what I put in above about utilities.
848	Crosswalk safety at the fountain needs to be a must. Drivers DO NOT watch for pedestrians and people think it's okay to pass as well. Increased law enforcement observation and the addition of pedestrian crossing signs that flash and activate with the push of a button that gives drivers a clear visual that pedestrians are crossing so they will be required to stop.
850	I think we need to make Marshall more pedestrian/bike friendly. It feels very unsafe to walk/ride near downtown or fountain.
856	Please stop the corporate welfare. It's literally us paying to have jobs. Encourage the small businesses they still have a soul. Protect what nature we have left. Calhoun county has some of the best hunting in Michigan. People like seeing farms and animals driving into our "country" town.
857	Safety should be your priority above everything else.

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861	Please beautify our flower pots on MI Ave. They need to overflow with flowers and make it look fabulous and inviting to people. Create and advertise more history walking tours, carriage rides, cemetery tours, children's activities that will draw people to visit. Take a serious look at Shipshewana, IN. I know we are not them but they are a very small town with a huge tourist industry. We should be able to find our niche and capitalize on it.
865	We need to hold people accountable for their properties. This business of letting people let disabled vehicles sit in their driveways for MONTHS without any repercussions is ridiculous! And people leaving junk at the curb for weeks and nothing is done about it. And people allowing their grass to grow to 3 feet and no tickets are issued is unacceptable! It takes a bitchey neighbor like me to send an email or make a phone call to even make the "compliance" officer aware. Can you tell it upsets me profusely to let these kinds of things take place?!?! Why would I recommend people move to Marshall when we deal with stuff like this!!
869	The fountain is going to become more dangerous as traffic increases. It is sad that the one iconic thing people want to visit when in town is treacherous to get to.
875	Cones, lights, or other safety mechanisms to protect people crossing for people
879	Please do not let Allen Edwin Homes or any LLC associated with and/or owned by them be contracted for home construction in our city. They have caused nothing but problems for long-time Marshall homeowners as well as new homeowners to the city.
880	The events that are going on in Marshall are very impressive.
882	The building of a splash pad would be great! Investing in the upkeep of the schools for a safe learning environment and highly skilled and paid teachers is more important than building new athletic buildings/fields.
883	Remove pot smell. Force companies to keep their business clean.
884	Keep up the good work.
888	Get better alignment with MPS and work together to improve the schools and town.
898	Affordable, but nice housing in Marshall is an issue. Individuals are "flipping" inexpensive home and selling them for prices much higher than what might be considered "affordable".
910	Change resident requirements for cost of activities to include families with students in Marshall schools
912	The MEC internet addition was great!!!
916	Please focus on pedestrian experience. Improved Kalamazoo Ave from downtown to river. Possible plan for open air market along Pearl.
923	It would be nice to see more of a police presence downtown. I walk the city of Marshall daily and I'm shocked at the amount of speeding and loud vehicles passing through. It is very dangerous.
924	Both my wife & I really miss the Friday evening classic cars that used to visit. Great things to look at & visit about. This really enhanced downtown walks
926	idk
927	no
928	no
929	I believe that is all I have for now.
931	no
932	No
933	no
934	no
935	No, thank you.

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936	no
937	no thanks!
938	No thank you.
939	no
940	no
941	No.
942	no
943	there is not
945	Nope ! :)
946	I think there should be a big local job that and ages that are under age can work and get money to use and to practice what a job will be like and how to work with others and how to work with money and taxes. One job should definetly be at the library. Older kids can do story time for younger kids. That would be awesome. Maybe they can work as a waiter at restuarants too.
948	No
949	No.
950	I think there should be more opportunities/book options at the library, because there are more book lovers in Marshall then people think.
951	no
952	no
953	not really
954	No
955	no
956	no sir ree
957	no
958	no
960	No not really
961	no
962	No
963	no
964	no
965	No.
966	no
969	no
973	I like to do photography.

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974	No
975	they need to get more shade because i be burning up when im at the park
976	non
977	Not at the moment.
978	Nope, not anything else.
979	No
980	No.
982	nooooooooooooooooo better praks...
984	no.
985	No, thank you!
986	No
988	no
989	we need more academic opportunists for Albion and Marshall children
990	No
991	nope! ;
993	no
994	we could use safer measures
995	We should have more community activities.
997	no
998	no
999	not really
1000	idk
1002	no
1005	no there isn't anything else i would like to share
1007	no
1008	no
1009	Nah
1011	i dont know
1012	no
1013	no
1015	no
1017	Marshall ts good place to live in.

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1018	I don't have anything to share about this topic.
1019	make a cat cafe T-T plzz
1020	no
1021	no
1022	no there is not
1023	`no
1024	No
1025	no
1027	no
1028	nope :}
1029	walklning
1030	No
1031	nope!
1032	none
1033	Nopeeee
1034	Nope
1035	you should make a get together space, and rent it out to people
1036	nope
1037	no comment
1038	no
1039	no
1040	No, thanks though!
1041	No
1043	no
1044	no
1045	that we need to get rid of the megasite
1046	no
1048	no
1052	No
1053	It would would be nice if we had a mall or more food places here.
1054	More food places.
1055	no

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1060	You have done alot of damage already to marshall. The tax payers are starting to hate you all and we want to see you loose your jobs and be jailed for this whole mega mass.
1061	more of these forms:)
1062	Get rid of the highway on michigan ave.
1066	no
1068	no
1070	no
1074	idk