

**Elsmere Students Listening & Design Session  
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Elsmere

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## **Listening Session**

**What do you value about the city of Elsmere?**

- Small town
- Everyone knows everyone
- Roads leading to all kinds of places – Dixie highway easy to get around
- Nice neighborhoods
- God schools
- Cheap living area
- Parks
- Football team
- Not much crime

- Good job opportunities
- Close to Florence mall and train tracks

#### **What are the weaknesses that need to be addressed?**

- Nothing to do
- Sidewalks
- Buses
- Need covers for bus stops
- Streets need improving
- Garbage cans more available
- Workout place
- Building vacancies, empty properties, eyesores
- Near Howell are lots of foreclosed properties.
- Take down those building sand make a city garden

#### **What are the opportunities for Elsmere to be better?**

- Trails, lots of wooded areas for cross country, something with obstacles
- Boys and girls clubs
- Food – restaurants
- Community Gardens
- Place for kids to hang out
- Boxing arena
- Sports complex
- Water park
- Skate park
- Go-carts
- Arcade
- Basketball courts
- Indoor shooting range
- City park
- Nicer restaurants
- Hangout place for teenagers
- Frozen yogurt
- shelter for animals
- freebee café and lifeline industries – expand
- larger and more donations
- DQ restaurant

## What are the things that could threaten the future of Elsmere?

- Kids being stupid. Want to be gangster kids
- The appearance of the community
- No one wants to move into places that have eyesores
- Clean up the neighborhoods - yards are trashed, need to have them clean it up
- Job opportunities, different places to work
- Quality of the outside of buildings, if outside looks bad, no one wants to go inside, due to chance of collapse
- Listening to what the people want, and need, we'll have problems
- Concern about police
- Need more cross walk guards
- Stripping is missing on some of the city streets
- Lighting may not be working at cross walks (Tichenor at Dixie has stopped working)
- Mainly cross guards close to school
- A safer way to get out of the school parking lot, by Bartlett is very dangerous

## Design Session

### Table 1

- Improve community relations modeling turkey foot's solar panels on government and school buildings
- Extend Woodside and put in a recreation center
- Community compost/garden/recycling
- Animal shelter, somewhere
- Big wooded area, thin it out and put in village green like NYC Park, sports complex
- Other wooded area for other things fun

### Table 2

- Frozen yogurt shop by cross street and Carlisle Avenue
- Extend lifeline ministries
- Add sidewalks where needed (Our note complete streets)
- Allendale subdivision, need three levels of running trails, easy, medium
- Wildlife along trails
- Add Soccer fields
- US Bank arena for more concerts and events
- Secondary area for conservation and public art
- Horseback riding in the areas that aren't used

- Tear down and replace housing
- Add windmills to buildings
- Covers over bus stops for protection

### **Table 3**

- Gate around railroad tracks to protect kids that are walking
- Put up park for families to have a place to go
- Rain garden where abandoned houses are located
- Unused area for more housing
- New development for new people moving here
- Trail going through woods, close to Creek, need a bridge
- Horseback riding
- Buffalo area like Big Bone Lick with lots of trails
- X's on abandoned houses in the city that need to come down
- Need sidewalks down hill area
- Marketplace, not sure where