



# Project Symposium

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Polling!

Issues & Identification Exercise





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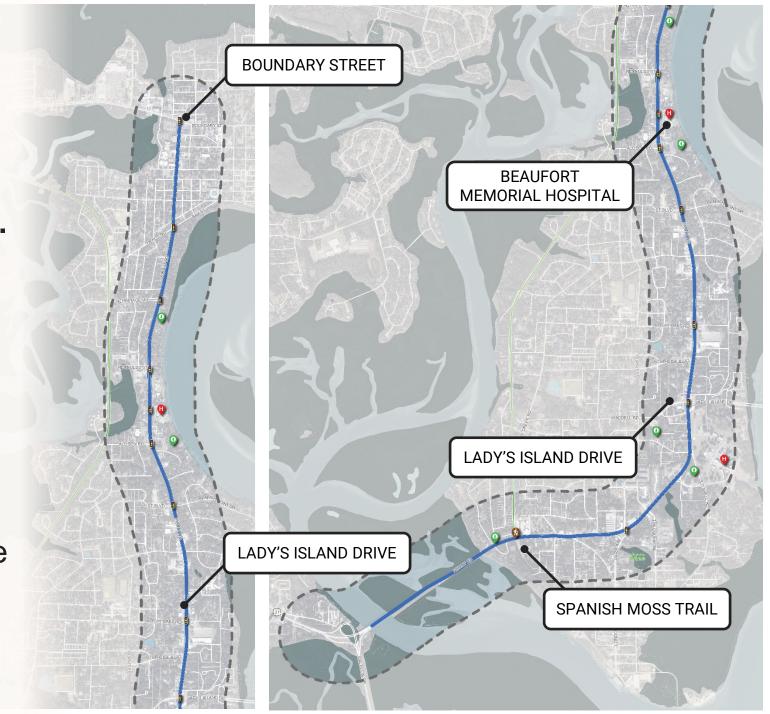


# Why are we here?

#### A new vision for Ribaut Road.

- From Boundary Street to the Russell Bell Bridge
- ~5.5 miles
- Parts of Beaufort, Port Royal, and Beaufort County

How does Ribaut Road become a Complete Street?

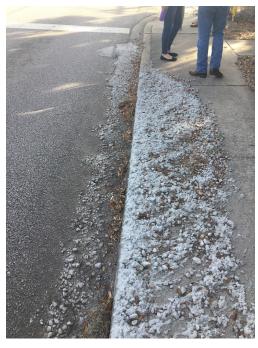




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# This corridor needs some love!







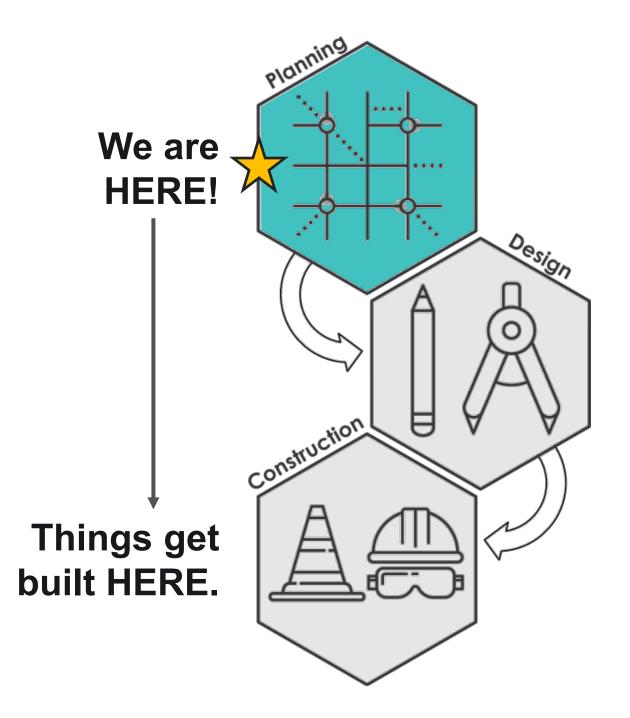


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#### Begin with:

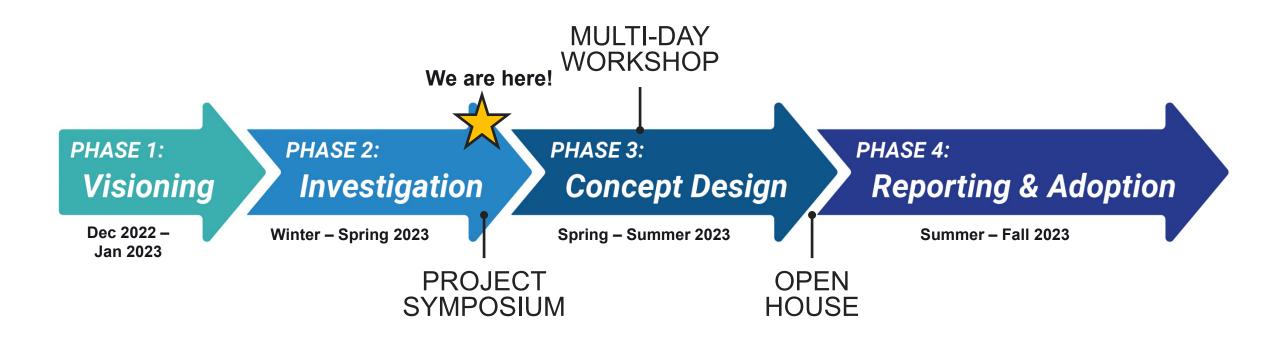
#### Defining the issues to fix.

- Safety issues?
  - Visibility
  - Behavior
- Flooding issues?
  - Infrastructure
- Connectivity issues?
  - Gaps
- Beautification/ Gateway





### Planning Schedule





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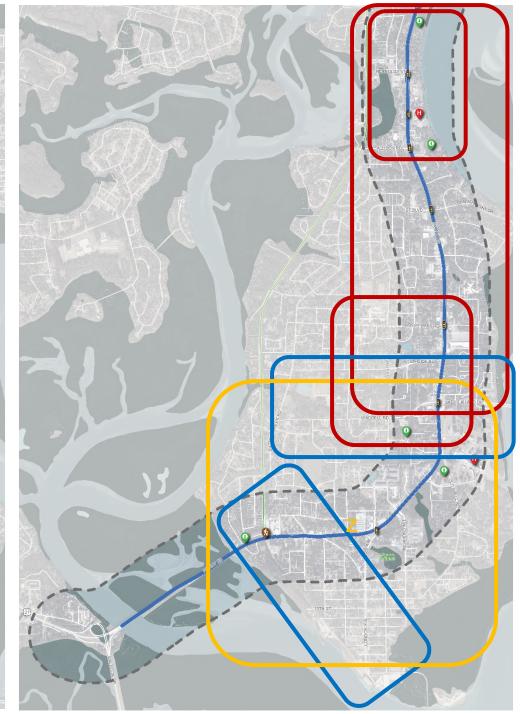


# Previous Planning Efforts

The future Ribaut Road is...

- Multimodal—a Complete
  Street for all users
- Connected!
- Village Center at Lady's Island Drive



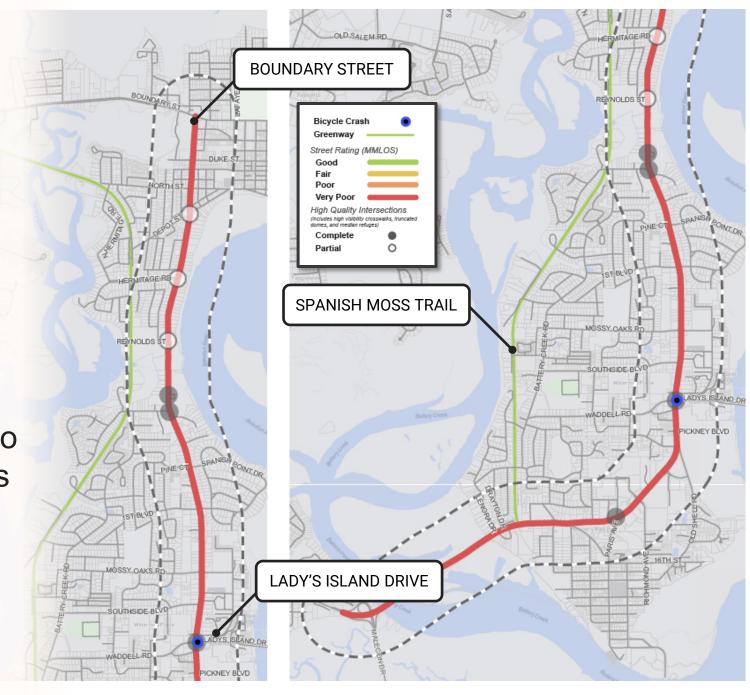




### Multimodal Conditions

#### **Biking Conditions**

- Spanish Moss Trail: a safe, convenient alternative
  - Needs connections to Ribaut Road
- Ribaut Road: high volumes, no facilities: very poor conditions

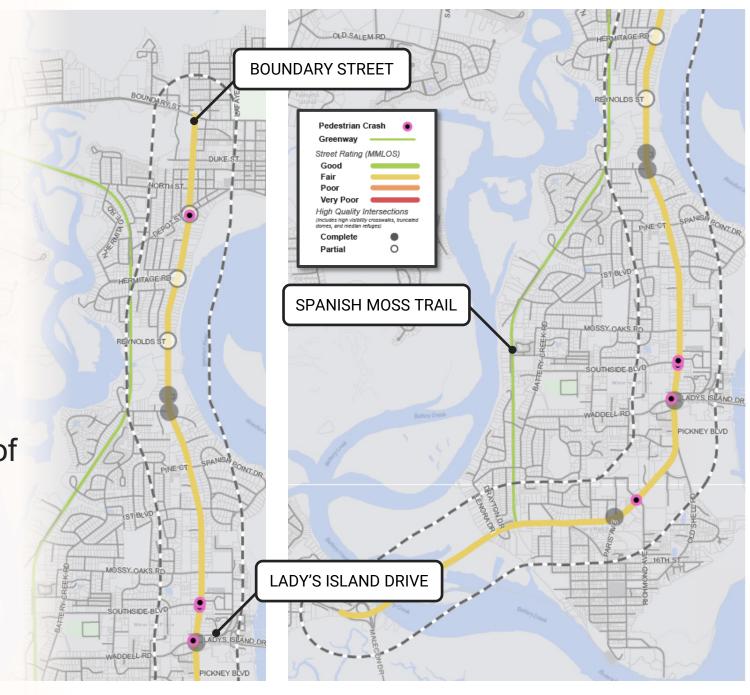




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#### **Pedestrian Conditions**

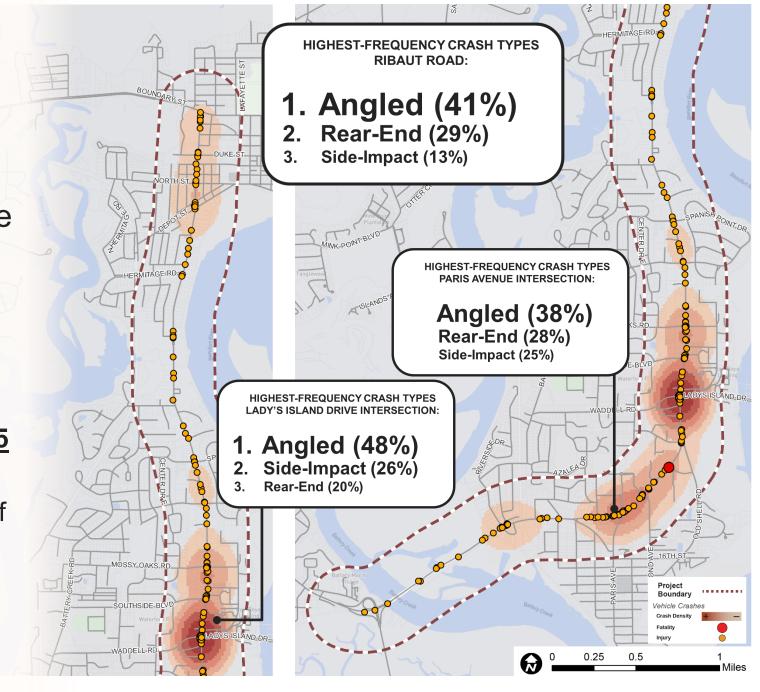
- Sidewalks: back of curb, not great
- Crossing Ribaut Road is a challenge
- Spanish Moss Trail outside of study area for walking connectivity





# Crashes & Safety

- Turning crashes a major issue
- Reynolds Street:
  - Angled crashes50% of total!
- Trends:
  - 1/3 of all crashes take place 3-5 PM
  - Monday-Friday corridor: 85% of crashes occur <u>during the</u> <u>weekday</u>





### **Online Survey**

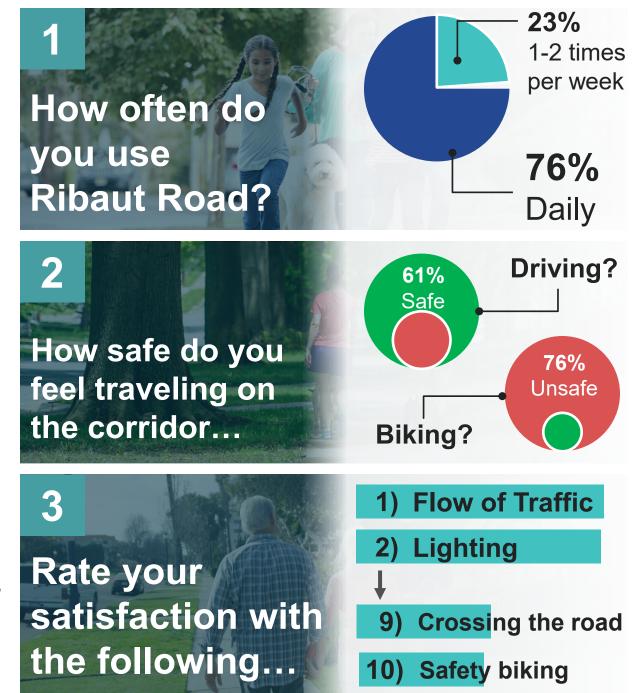


Responses to date.

What are the challenges & opportunities on Ribaut?

### Takeaways:

- Ribaut Road is a vital part of residents' <u>daily</u> lives and routine.
- Residents feel safe and comfortable walking / biking...in <u>limited</u> areas.
- Crossing major roads & intersections are a core safety issue.





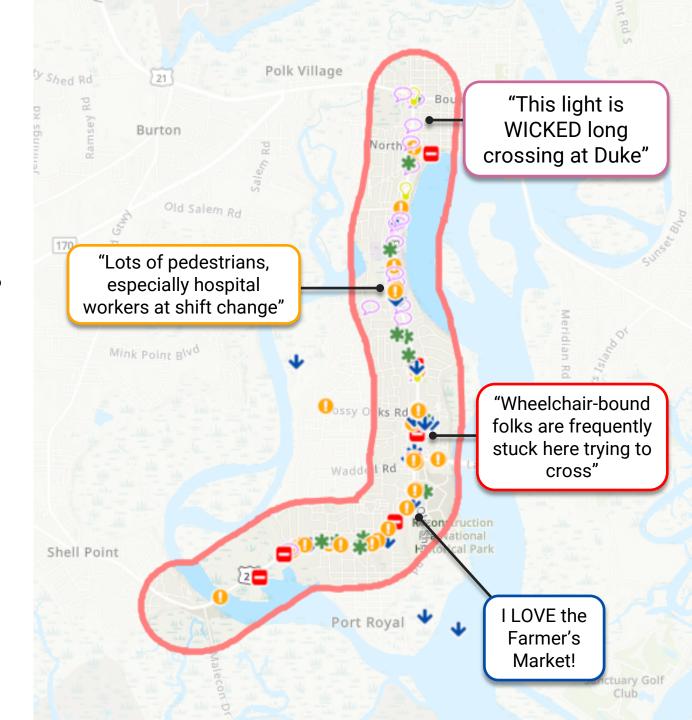
### Interactive Map



Comments to date.

Where are the challenges& opportunities on Ribaut?

- 43 Safety Hazards
- 23 Other / Maintenance Issue
- **18 Destinations I Visit**
- **16 Redevelopment** Potential Sites
- 11 Barriers to Biking or Walking
- 4 Lighting Issues





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### Grab your clicker!

On your phone?

(1) Go to

### https://www.rwpoll.com/

(2) Enter Session ID

**RIBAUTROAD** 

# Tell us about yourself! Who are you?

- A. I'm a **resident** on or near Ribaut Road
- B. I'm a **business owner** on or near Ribaut Road
- C. I'm an **employee** who works on or near Ribaut Road
- D. I'm a resident of **Beaufort, Port Royal,** or **Beaufort County**
- E. I'm an elected official
- F. Other let's chat!

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
I'm a resident on or near Ribaut Road	60.42%	2
I'm a business owner on or near Ribaut Road	10.42%	
I'm an employee who works on or near Ribaut Road	4.17%	
I'm a resident of Beaufort, Port Royal, or Beaufort County	18.75%	
I'm an elected official	6.25%	
Other – let's chat!	0.00%	
Totals	100%	4

# How do you typically use Ribaut Road? Choose two.

- A. Traveling to and from school
- B. Traveling to and from work
- C. As passage to a major highway
- D. As a destination to meet with **friends or family**
- E. As a destination for **shopping or errand**
- F. As a destination for **medical needs** (doctor, hospital visits)
- G. Recreational activities (walking, biking, etc.)
- H. Other let's chat!

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Traveling to and from school	3.16%	3
Traveling to and from work	17.89%	17
As passage to a major highway	11.58%	11
As a destination to meet with friends or family	11.58%	11
As a destination for shopping or errands	30.53%	29
As a destination for medical needs (doctor, hospital visits)	13.68%	13
Recreational activities (walking, biking, etc.)	10.53%	10
Other – let's chat!	1.05%	1
Totals	100%	95

# How safe is Ribaut Road to you?

- A. Very Safe
- B. Somewhat Safe
- C. Neutral
- D. Somewhat Unsafe
- E. Very Unsafe

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Very Safe	2.08%	1
Somewhat Safe	35.42%	17
Neutral	6.25%	3
Somewhat Unsafe	43.75%	21
Very Unsafe	12.50%	6
Totals	100%	48

# What are the biggest safety challenges to address? Choose two.

- A. Poor **signal timing** / phasing
- B. Inadequate lighting
- C. Pedestrian crossings
- D. Missing sidewalks / bike facilities
- E. Crashes & speeding vehicles
- F. Too many **driveways**
- G. Poor **intersection design** (missing turn lanes, skewed angles)
- H. Other let's chat!

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Poor signal timing / phasing	14.61%	13
Inadequate lighting	4.49%	4
Pedestrian crossings	8.99%	8
Missing sidewalks / bike facilities	17.98%	16
Crashes & speeding vehicles	29.21%	26
Too many driveways	0.00%	0
Poor intersection design (missing turn lanes, skewed angles)	24.72%	22
Other – let's chat!	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	89

# What's the biggest problem along Ribaut Road? Choose three.

A. Safety

(high crashes and excessive speeding)

B. Poor **pedestrian** infrastructure

(sidewalk connections, crossing locations)

C. Poor **development** 

(no places to go, limited quality)

- D. Unattractive or poor maintenance
- E. Poor **bicycle** infrastructure

(bike facilities, safe crossings)

F. Traffic **congestion** 

(including signal timing / phasing)

G. Poor lighting

(vehicle or pedestrian level)

H. Poor **signage** / pavement markings

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Safety (high crashes and excessive speeding)	19.42%	27
Poor pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalk connections, crossing locations)	19.42%	27
Poor development (no places to go, limited quality)	11.51%	16
Unattractive or poor maintenance	10.79%	15
Poor bicycle infrastructure (bike facilities, safe crossings)	7.19%	10
Traffic congestion (including signal timing / phasing)	24.46%	34
Poor lighting (vehicle or pedestrian level)	5.76%	8
Poor signage / pavement markings	1.44%	2
Totals	100%	139

# What mode of transportation most needs improvement?

- A. Walking
- B. Biking
- C. Motor Vehicles
- D. Transit
- E. Freight / Large Trucks
- F. ADA / Accessibility

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Walking	20.41%	10
Biking	6.12%	3
Motor Vehicles	28.57%	14
Transit	8.16%	4
Freight / Large Trucks	30.61%	15
ADA / Accessibility	6.12%	3
Totals	100%	49

# I would walk or bike more along Ribaut Road if...Choose two.

- A. It felt **safer** and more inviting
- B. There was better lighting and shade trees
- C. There were safe and/or separated facilities for walking and biking
- D. There were **fewer / slower vehicles**
- E. A **better connection** existed from where I live/work to where I would like to go
- F. There was **something worth walking to** (i.e. dining, entertainment, shopping)
- G. There were more activities within walking distance

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
It felt safer and more inviting	23.26%	20
There was better lighting and shade trees	3.49%	3
There were safe and/or separated facilities for walking and biking	30.23%	26
There were fewer / slower vehicles	16.28%	14
A better connection existed from where I live/work to where I would like to go	9.30%	8
There was something worth walking to (i.e. dining, entertainment, shopping)	11.63%	10
There were more activities within walking distance	5.81%	5
Totals	100%	86

# What types of development are missing along Ribaut Road? Choose three.

- A. Restaurants (sit-down)
- B. Small, local retail
- C. Grocery store
- D. Large retail shopping
- E. Entertainment / Music / Shows
- F. Gym, Exercise, & Physical fitnes
- G. Pharmacies, Drug stores
- H. Medical / Dental Services & Urgent care

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Restaurants (sit-down)	29.91%	35
Small, local retail	26.50%	31
Grocery store	9.40%	11
Large retail shopping	3.42%	4
Entertainment / Music / Shows	23.93%	28
Gym, Exercise, & Physical fitness	3.42%	4
Pharmacies, Drug stores	1.71%	2
Medical / Dental Services & Urgent care	1.71%	2
Totals	100%	117

# What is needed to improve the aesthetics of Ribaut Road? Choose three.

- A. Gateways (entry/exit) & welcome signs
- B. Public art in common areas
- C. Building/Façade improvements
- D. Street trees/landscaping/beautification
- E. Street or pedestrian-level lighting
- F. Better street maintenance
- G. Improved stormwater drainage
- H. Other—let's chat!

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Gateways (entry/exit) & welcome signs	10.07%	14
Public art in common areas	5.76%	8
Building/Façade improvements	23.02%	32
Street trees/landscaping/beautification	17.99%	25
Street or pedestrian-level lighting	12.95%	18
Better street maintenance	11.51%	16
Improved stormwater drainage	15.11%	21
Other—let's chat!	3.60%	5
Totals	100%	139



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### Things to talk about:

- What are the problems, issues and/or concerns along Ribaut Road?
- How should we address these issues?



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### **Next Steps**

- Website: now!
  - Take the survey!
  - Comment on the map!
  - Tell your friends and neighbors!
- Design Workshop: (June?)
  - Stay tuned for more!
  - Details forthcoming at www.reimagineribautroad.com



#### Let's re-imagine this Lowcountry gem.

In collaboration with our community partners, we're developing a coordinated, comprehensive vision for **Ribaut Road** from **Boundary Street** in beautiful Beaufort to the **Russell Bell Bridge** in historic Port Royal. We'll be building on previous efforts by Beaufort County, the City of Beaufort and Port Royal to transform this automobile-scale corridor into a **Complete Street** for all users, whether on two feet or two wheels - and we need your help to do so.

Your feedback is an essential element of this process. This project webpage connects YOU - your residents, neighbors, business owners, and the community - with the project team. Your feedback guides us towards strategies that reflect community values and meet community needs.

There are numerous ways for you and your neighbors to get involved and stay engaged throughout the project! Click on the <u>ABOUT</u> Tab to learn more about this study and the planning process. Click on the <u>OUTREACH & EVENTS</u> tab to learn more about upcoming events.













#### Have a question?

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