Supporting efforts that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society.
WHY FOCUS ON FLINT?

- To give the bigger picture of Flint’s story
- To share what residents are saying
- To better understand challenges and efforts underway
- To use as a springboard for conversations
- To inform Mott’s local grantmaking
- To track any changes in residents’ perceptions over time
FOCUS ON FLINT PROCESS

- 900 residents were surveyed about quality of life in Flint.
- Data was gathered from local, state and national agencies.
- The publication was mailed to every Flint address and distributed at community events.
- Community conversations were hosted to learn more.
OUR PLAN FOR TODAY

- What we learned during the community conversations
- What we heard you say were your top priorities
- What we plan to do in 2020
- How the Flint community can give input
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

BY THE NUMBERS

28 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
391 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
360 IN-PERSON SURVEYS COMPLETED
82 ONLINE SURVEYS COMPLETED
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

**AGE**
- 70 & OLDER: 21%
- 55-69: 30%
- 40-54: 20%
- 30-39: 14%
- 25-29: 4%
- 18-24: 8%
- NO RESPONSE: 4%

**GENDER**
- Males: 34%
- Females: 57%
- Prefer not to specify: 9%
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

PARTICIPATION
By ward

AFFILIATION

LOCATION
- WARD 1
- WARD 2
- WARD 3
- WARD 4
- WARD 5
- WARD 6
- WARD 7
- WARD 8
- WARD 9

8% • Participants did not provide an address
15% • Participants lived outside of Flint

62%

13%
10%
7%
5%
3%

FLINT RESIDENT
FLINT BUSINESS OWNER
OTHER FLINT COMMUNITY MEMBER
PARENT OF STUDENT(S) ATTENDING SCHOOL IN FLINT
STUDENT ATTENDING COLLEGE IN FLINT
STUDENT ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL IN FLINT
Many residents would like to see future issues.

- We expect to survey residents about quality of life every year to track changes.
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

TOP 4 PRIORITIES

1. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS
2. SAFETY
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4. EDUCATION
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

- Demolition
- Beautification
- Home improvement funds
- Sidewalk repairs
- Better code enforcement
- More working streetlights
- Tree removal
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

SAFETY

- Reduced crime
- More police officers
- Better response time and follow up
- Reduction of gangs/violence

- Community watch groups
- Better fire response times
- More police mini-stations
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Job creation
- Entrepreneurship and small business support
- Good paying jobs
- Downtown development

- Job training
- Youth employment
- Repurposing vacant buildings
- Talent retention
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

EDUCATION

- Community schools
- K-12 education
- Afterschool programs
- School facilities
- Community literacy rates
- Early childhood education
- Adult education
WHAT WE HEARD

- Flint residents and business owners shared a variety of concerns and insight during community conversations.
  - Neighborhoods are very important.
  - We need to focus on neighborhood improvements, safety and blight.
RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Mott Foundation will award new local grants in 2020.
When residents spoke about their neighborhoods the following four topics stood out as the most important.

- Demolition
- Housing improvements
- Beautification/Neighborhood clean-ups
- Streetlight/sidewalk repairs

SHARE YOUR IDEAS TODAY
WHEN DISCUSSING YOUR IDEAS, THINK ABOUT

- Who would lead this effort?
- What other people, organizations or funders might want to get involved?
- What are the specific areas for this project? (city-wide, certain neighborhoods or wards, etc.)
CONTINUE TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS

- Fill out notecard
- Visit focusonflint.org/ideas
- Call 810-237-4888
- Mail to 503 S. Saginaw St., Ste. 1200 Flint, MI 48502

Please submit your ideas by November 30.
NEXT STEPS

- We’ll collect your ideas to address neighborhood improvements, safety and blight.
- We will report back what we heard.
- In 2020, you will have an opportunity to help drive new grants.
- We’ll also ask you to help us think more about education.