

Topic	Comment	VisitID
Addition suggestions	more free parking	2338203
	Security	2348840
	Aurora will have a permanent Public Market to support local agriculture, artisan and locally-produced merchandise. It might include a commercial kitchen for use by local small businesses as well as restaurant options.	2351592
	Provide more shopping.	2355627
	Preservation and restoration of historic buildings.	2356149
	Have monthly public art shows of student work from College and Secondary schools from the Kane County Area - this will bring in new families into Downtown Aurora	2359952
	Box Stores	2360255
	Historic Preservation	2360584
	Historic architecture	2360614
	Restaurants	2361250
	Activities that bring reason to go routinely. Having church or events or speakers in the area to then use the city along with the activities	2362721
	Safe spaces to eat and variety of shops	2362924
	Parks outdoor restaurant	2362962
	There needs to be outdoor restaurant! And extra seating everywhere	2362974
	school	2362989
	Unique shops	2363060
	More youth opportunities	2363135
	Parking	2363377
	Safety	2363966
	Accessibility	2363967
	Schools	2364054
	Closely monitoring existing restaurants and encouraging new ones to come. We need nicer restaurants if we want to pull a better crowd.	2364119
	On this one I would love to see also more activities that the city would do that involves cops so are children have a better relationship with them	2364148
	Schools/Education	2364184
	Less Gov ownership of property	2364184
	Crime/Safety	2364184
	Less Gov. regulation	2364184
	Maybe a center where kids can go after school	2364190
	Make it more walk like downtown Aurora isn't really a place where you can walk around enjoy the scene because there's so much traffic also make it Naperville like where we have more walking distance stores restaurants little bars the only thing we really have is the casino [name redacted]	2364200
	Dining	2364392
kids entertainment	2364632	
Support for local law enforcement	2364834	

	Fine dining.	2364853
	How about a new go cart track	2364869
	NEED NATIONAL BRANDED CHAIN RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE SHOPS TO GIVE LEGITIMACY	2364876
	Family friendly events and locations	2364880
	New Construction like the new main library.	2364883
	Green spaces	2364914
	All around east is allways playing loud music , we should encorage to respect	2364921
	More stores	2364943
	Maybe a communitaty area	2364975
	Good retail.	2365164
	Public Safety in/around Downtown.	2365173
	Bars/clubs	2365400
	MINI CONVENTION-SPORTS CENTER IN DOWNTOWN	2365541
	Restaurant / bar district.	
	Basically a bigger and better Naperville. Also an improved skyline with more businesses.	2365658
	Safety	2365659
	What I miss most are the small retail businesses and restaurants	2365846
	Community Gardens, Greenhouses, Growing Food. Renewable Energy Demonstrations!	2366226
Economy	As a downtown business owner and building(s) owner it will be extremely important to strive to make downtown an entertainment destination, with the median income within a mile under \$20,000 the only way to grow the downtown is to draw from nearby suburbs as well as far east and west siders.	2338203
	Add restaurants that don't exist here like Asian/sushi, Italian, Seafood, etc.	2351587
	When looking to improve the economic landscape of Aurora's downtown, it is imperative we keep the culture that embodies Aurora. This would include taking careful steps to ensure we don't experience gentrification, but rather work to empower the local community. The city should support and invest in minority owned businesses and endeavors.	2356167
	Strong economy will drive everything else	2359965
	Downtown will always be dominated by Mexican businesses catering to Mexican population...i.e. all the restaurants are Mexican...	2360594
	Get better stores down town...more of a variety Broadway is pretty run down	2362881
	While I love the restaurants that are in downtown Aurora, more diverse options would be better	2362902
	Very few restaurant choices other than Mexican downtown. I live Mexican food but you need variety. No shopping available. With Nicole's Hallmark store and Hobby Libby leaving, there is no where to shop on lunch hour.	2362942
	Need to offer grants for small business to come and stop with such strict codes on building and construction.	2362989
	Opportunities for all	2363065
	We need more restaurants and shops that appeal to many. There's enough entertainment for now unless you can get a place like Fitzgerald's (Berwyn). There just aren't enough restaurants and shopping. Support entrepreneurs to create good design within their shops and restaurants to attract people downtown. An independent bookstore!!!! Create eating and coffee spaces for WCC students to gather. Encourage small professional services (CPAs, financial advisors to locate downtown if not already.)	2363071

<p>It would be great to see Aurora like a Galena or Geneva with all of the little shops and restaurants. We have so many cultures represented in our community but many places downtown are Spanish speaking. It would be wonderful to see places from other cultures too. I think with all kinds of shops and restaurants on top of the entertainment and museums here, Aurora would be heads and shoulders above Galena.</p>	2363349
<p>Parking. We live on the east side and really only go to the Roundhouse. However, our spontaneous decision to go there is often limited by its lack of parking. Is there anything the city can do on the north side of the restaurant in the train parking lot? Plus it's also confusing just getting into the current lot as the normal entrance I want to take is blocked off by an antique wagon (or something similar).</p> <p>Plus, there's a lack of eateries for families. A bakery would be nice that would carry a diverse array of donuts, pies, cookies, etc.</p> <p>For my family, going to a downtown is the walking experience with the diverse stores you can discover along the way such as Naperville and Geneva. Part of that includes being 100% safe. I currently don't see too many police sitting in the downtown area but I see a lot of transient people. The casino is completely lost on us and that is an entire block wasted that encourages no walking. Having lived her for 15 years now, it may bring in tax money, but it's just exploiting people who shouldn't be losing their money to begin with. With the poor condition that casino looks to be in, you can't be attracting people other than this who will spend money at other shops. And you can see this by how there is no economic activity near it. I would say lose the casino and keep the parking garage.</p>	2363967
<p>Only 1 of the most important items were on the list. Other than economy, everything else on the list would fall into place if we paid attention to the economy and our schools</p>	2364184
<p>must be affordable</p>	2364406
<p>Bring retail businesses that attract people</p>	2364442
<p>Need to encourage more retail shops to compete with the malls A Target Express would be nice Keep it small and easy to access by bus.</p>	2364486
<p>Maybe give an opportunity to small business novelty shops. Tax breaks to bring people in</p>	2364903
<p>More stores, businesses, restaurants, mixture of small business and big business.</p>	2364907
<p>Coffee is always welcome!</p>	2364921
<p>A rule that only retail occupy ground floor spaces could help downtown Aurora. It is currently filled with too many service and/or non-profit storefronts. More retail and restaurants in storefronts.</p>	2365445
<p>I think downtown Aurora needs a lot more parking garages. I have went to parades etc. downtown and it is hard to find parking. When the Paramount has a show forget about going downtown to eat.</p>	2365556
<p>I think this is important, obviously, but will be a result of creating the themes above this.</p>	2365751
<p>Need to bring business</p>	2365930
<p>I feel like investing in the local public schools would attract more knowledge workers as well create some here.</p>	2366042
<p>We need to bring better, more high end businesses to DT Aurora.</p>	2366162
<p>Start with Food. Urban Agriculture. This will bring in the EcoGeeks that understand how to balance ecology and economic development wisely. The Creative Sector is not just arts... it is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts &amp; Math. Boost the Tech Sector.</p>	2366226

Experience	We need to develop and implement ways of bringing people to the downtown. Providing housing options at varying income ranges and improving the business environment are key to this process. Restaurants are an important part of that business environment. Establishing an entrepreneurial base of restaurants will help to bring franchisees. Aurora continues to have an image problem, crime, empty storefronts, and the "Little Mexico" nickname do not help this development. While the Hispanic flavor of our community is important and welcome, it currently dominates the downtown and parts east. Bringing in other cultural and American restaurants will help to develop a more culturally diverse image. The river and entertainment can be a huge draw. Both need continued support.	2347215	
	Take a holistic approach to filling vacant store fronts. Have a coordinated effort to put things together, like make a nightlife area along Lasalle St., etc.	2351587	
	Have you been downtown lately other than Paramount, Casino or outdoor theater...there is no other reason to visit downtown	2360594	
	It could be if The City starts moving in that direction. Nothing has been done to work with helping the homeless. Moving them from HESED House to the Library every day is not the answer. Create programs to help them get on their feet, educate them, work with them socially and promote businesses to assist them in job training.	2362942	
	it is getting better	2362989	
	This would be a great idea	2364148	
	give people a good dining experience multicultural	2364406	
	Do more with Friday Alive. Ask bars & restaurants to offer Happy hours more often \$1.00 Off on drinks at certain hours. That's gets people in...also could encourage food trucks on Fridays. And BYO drinks (wine) at various restaurants that don't have liquor Permits.....	2364486	
	MAYBE A CONFERENCE CENTER HOTEL VENUE	2364876	
	Seems the experience aspect has been more focused on adults and less focused on children. Would suggest a playground or more fun summer events for the kids.	2364921	
	I think this is a result of the items above.	2365751	
	Image	Get more patrols, or volunteer monitoring downtown, and promote it.	2351587
		Either re-purpose old buildings or knock them down for a newer, more palatable viee	2360645
Downtown Aurora is the best kept secret in Illinois. A vibrant, richly diverse, culturally engaging community with the feel of small town America. Investments in its development will be handsomely rewarded.		2360871	
We have to continue to improve on the image of downtown. I see good thing happening, Improve the existing architecture, relish it, but tear it down if it cannot be rehabbed.		2361492	
Ample free parking		2362852	
City totally ignores the Far East side (where you are getting the most tax dollars). WVHS always ignored. Very few people from far west side will go downtown because the view we get going in is bad. Clean up the east side and have more businesses to draw us in.		2362942	
Need to promote small business		2362989	
Making sure all buildings that need rehab or demolished to prevent dangers		2363065	
Image super important though there has to be a reason for people to come. Downtown currently not sufficient to draw on a regular basis--e.g. restaurants, shopping. People will always go to Naperville or Geneva.		2363071	
While there are many great improvements to downtown, when I tell people I am from Aurora, I often get an "Oh" and questions or comments about the crimes, gangs and prostitution. It still has a negative image to many who aren't from here to see is growth and development.		2363349	

	I believe in the recent release of the popular game Pokémon Go has brought more night life and day life to Downtown Aurora please let this be a highlight in reconstructing Aurora's image. I have lived here all my life walked through downtown streets as a child and never before I have seen Aurora so beautiful than I see it now	2363736
	If the image of Aurora includes violence anywhere in the city, people will be hesitant to come downtown. Media reports do not differentiate downtown violence from east side violence so Aurora becomes viewed as unsafe to those that would otherwise consider making Aurora a destination. There are too many alternatives in the western suburbs for those concerned about safety in Aurora.	2363954
	use the slogan city of lights and brighten up downtown with a lot of led lights make people feel safe	2364406
	Changing the image of Aurora and having a robust economy downtown go hand in hand	2364774
	Please, no more taco joints.	2364920
	I love it	2364921
	Very impressed with the the improvements and efforts put into downtown aurora image	2364921
	Beautiful need to put stuff in the empty spaces	2365250
	There is a need for businesses, restaurants and shops that will draw pedestrian traffic and increase income	2365343
	The downtown needs to be a center for arts, shopping, rating and entertainment. All of which are lacking. Look at cities like Evanston and Oak Park which have thriving city centers!	2365539
	FIND INVESTORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS TO THE DOWNTOWN. PROVIDE JOBS AND BUILD NEW FACILITIES THEY BUILD IN CHICAGO WHY NOT HERE FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE OF HAVING THE RAILROAD END IN DOWNTOWN	2365541
	An Events & PR team would be great to further promote Aurora's beauty, fun, and safety.	2366226
Fox River	Incorporate riverwalk/dining experience	2360645
	Utilize the river more with a riverwalk and more inviting restaurants and pubs.	2361492
	Less homeless people panhandling and harassing residents in the river parks and corridor would be an improvement	2362882
	Love the river	2362989
	For all	2363065
	The Fox River and other public spaces should integrate sustainable, native landscaping and connect to one another. The Fox Valley Park District has won awards for its park system. Let's build on that regional success and make downtown Aurora a flourishing urban greenspace. Programming and arts can be integrated. Create a similar greenway as the High Line in NYC.	2363071
	Creating a Riverwalk would be nice...	2363349
	I want to see the fox river more alive and cleaned up.	2363736
	The development along the river has been excellent in past years. This trend should continue. There are additional properties along the Fox that should be secured and converted to public use or developed as destination facilities. How about dinner or cocktail river cruises departing from downtown Aurora?	2363954
	Looking at places like St Charles and Geneva, that is their focal point. We should have sweeping views on both side of the river with parks and trails along it. It's mostly industrial that is in very poor condition.	2363967
	If the first five I have listed happen, I feel the other 3, imgqe, housing and river, will come naturally.	2364228
	clean the edges	2364406

	This river may as well not be there...it is a great water feature Unused....needs development for sure. Remove dams if possible For easier boat traffic.	2364486
	Cool. It works.	2364541
	Less commercials and more participation of the community.	2364921
	This needs to be more accessible, much nicer river walk needs to be built. Too many ugly buildings along the river.	2365161
	We are lucky to have it.	2365164
	Nice	2365250
	Better wayfinding signs that say more than "food" and "casino." Also, areas to park boats and get rid of the dams! We should utilize our river like Milwaukee does with boats going up to cafes and restaurants.	2365445
	The river needs to be more accessible to the people in Downtown. The banks of the river are full of brush and weeds along the bike trail. In an urban setting it should be open. I suggest staggering limestone blocks along the river so everyone can sit and enjoy the river.	2366162
	Pontoon Boat Rides during Rivers Edge Concerts! More signage and focus on the Fox River Walk. It's a great start - now's the time to step up the River Walk game! Ice Cream!	2366226
Public spaces	Housing is the first and key ingredient to rebuilding downtown. most businesses need folks living nearby to survive	2360443
	Yea right...downtown Aurora is known for Paramount and Casino, period	2360594
	First of all the water in this fountain was left on until mid November on days when it was in the 30's. Why? Aurora must raise the bar in its image.	2362942
	Outdoor restaurant would really be nice. Monuments would be nice. Public art/pictures outdoors	2362962
	I would like to see art and monuments displayed outside for all to enjoy. Maybe some fountains and outdoor restaurant and seating to enjoy all the outdoor things... Art monuments River architecture	2362974
	Yes love that fountain	2362989
	This is cute but not a lot of people see it or stop to be there because it's all in the back by the OLD library not a lot of people go here at all	2364200
	none	2364406
	City needs to coordinate with other groups who volunteer And focus on placemaking. Good start on bike trails but Fox Valley park district has enough money to make more connecting trails To other towns & areas.	2364486
	Beautiful downtown	2365250
We have great public spaces in downtown. We need to get people to use them! Water Street Mall is a great asset. Millennium Plaza is great for concerts. More food trucks and street vendors could help. More funding and partnerships.	2365445	
wonderful public spaces already keep it up	2365455	
Edible landscaping. Perennial Food Forests. Bring Nature Education into the downtown area with Childrens Gardens.	2366226	
Arts Entertainment	Play more movies at the Paramount and Rivers edge. It's great that they have movies, but I think they could support more.	2351587
	Downtown should utilize art and culture as the engine - ultimately it will benefit area economically and socially	2351706
	Showcase local bands of EVERY genre.	2356167
	Legitimate restaurants where I'd be proud to take guests. Invite more micro brewery/distillers downtown	2360645
	More viable restaurants and entertainment is a must. Look at Grand Rapids Michigan as an example which is very similar to our city. They have made the downtown an entertainment destination with restaurants and micro breweries.	2361492

More family activities and fest with a safe environment	2362881
Need more variety. Rivers Edge very crowded. Paramount great but give many top people in city free tickets...those that can afford them get them free.	2362942
More food trucks and vedors, and should be done at the River Edge Park without fee.	2362989
Continue with the venue at Paramount and River Edge	2363065
Promote arts and entertainment for young adults who have little interest (or \$) in going to the Paramount. Improv theatre, small music clubs, coffee houses with performance space for less established musicians than what Two Bros. or Ballydoyles has.	2363071
With the Paramount and Riveredge facilities this is well on the way. These are the type of carrots that lure Chicago area customers to experience Aurora. Once they are are drawn in by these venues, convincing them that Aurora is a place to return to is the opportunity. Is Aurora safe? Are there good dining options? Why would we come back to Aurora if we didn't have tickets for a show? These are questions that could be addressed to build return visitors to downtown.	2363954
Absolutely love Paramount and River Edge park! Didn't I read that Aurora was going to build out next to Paramount to allow performers to stay and practice there? Excellent, excellent idea. Great way to bring new people into our city and hope it opens up other ways of adding new businesses.	
What happened to the pedestrian bridge going over the river to River Edge?	2363967
more is needed	2364406
Music concerts, study & classes, Lectures, talent shows	2364486
We need shops in the downtown area that bring people in. Candyshops, cafes, ice cream parlors, sandwich shops along with novelty shops where people can come in and walk around the dow town area. Maybe even some shops like in the old days when Carsons and kresies was around.	2364903
More classical music!	2364921
I would love to be able to always want to go downtown when I go out	2365100
Paramount is a great start. Keep going.	2365164
Beautiful	2365250
This is working! We need more of it. We need something like the Flat Iron Arts building (on Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago). Aurora Arts Center is a great first step. Let's make it happen!	2365445
Move flowers and trees need to be planeted downtown. Addition outdoor art work and fountains to make the area nice.	2365539
INCREASE THE CONCERTS AT RIVERS EDGE INCLUDE ENTERTAINERS THAT WOULD APPEAL TO YOUNGER CROWD OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW	2365541
Love the Paramount and River Edge o think this brings people from all walks of life to Aurora	2365930
Nite Life! Street Buskers! Pedicabs! Light Shows to attract people downtown after Rivers Edge Shows!	2366226

Housing	Never, the condos at Rivers Edge I believe were losers and doubt any developers with build new projects...	2360594
	Affordable housing with access to train would help us. Shopping is also needed.	2361433
	Lure millennials and retirees to move downtown. Don't force affordable housing and public housing with it.	2361492
	Housing in downtown Aurora is not good. Needs to be cleaned up. Enforce rules and fines. No one wants to live downtown because of this and the lack of businesses.	2362942
	More affordable or cater to seniors	2362989
	Clean up vacant and rehab for seniors	2363065
	I'm in my 50s but work in Aurora with many creative people in their 20s. They absolutely detest living in the suburbs. They would love to be part of urban life but have been squeezed out of affordable housing in Chicago, Oak Park, and Evanston. Create Artspace housing and art studios for young people and families to combine housing and art (see Artspace.org). Where I used to live, Minneapolis-St Paul has great examples of these. There's even one in Elgin. Invest in the schools to encourage young families to live downtown. Creative young adults will help build a vibrant downtown economy. Find a way to help them live here!	2363071
	I would like to see more affordable housing maybe with its own parking garage	2363736
	Help owners with old buildings paint their properties they look horrible	2364148
	none	2364406
	Have low income dorms for the University students. Also have Apartments or Condos lower rates and easy access to the train Or bus system. Also consider Senior citizen house independent Living.	2364486
	The trip to downtown from certain directions would turn any logical person around. If you don't know where the social parts are, you'll turn around. If you want to lead people to downtown, the trip itself better be inviting. But then again, let's not turn aurora into Naperville.	2364752
	Rents should be in accord to the people work wages	2364921
	Student/creatives discount housing.	2364921
	Sounds great	2365295
	There needs to be a concerted effort by city and the community to keep rents from skyrocketing exponentially and displacing residents, as we've seen in Chicago. A lot of the new current housing is targeted towards wealthier residents. There should be strategies for protecting the rights of tenants and keeping overzealous developers in check.	2366042



Mobility	Good, I don't like traffic	2351474
	The city needs a transportation system that is reliable, clear, and accessible to residents. Transportation between the Outlet mall and downtown would be ideal to increase business traffic to businesses in downtown Aurora.	2359313
	Automobiles will always be main transportation...designated bike paths are for dreamers	2360594
	I drive downtown every day. The new parking rules are absurd. No one comes downtown so why do we have to free up all the spots? Bike paths and Zapsters are neat idea for thriving city but you need to get economy moving first. Police should be monitoring the driving habits of those driving 50-60 mph down Broadway or Lake St. Many people don't know rules of the road and make a two lane street three lanes. When school is in session, there are three lanes of traffic on Benton in front of Waldo .... No parent drop off plan in place. A child is going to be hit someday.	2362942
	love the bike lanes	2362989
	Making sure all safe	2363065
	More urban	2363333
	I created a new item called accessibility. Utilize the interchange at 88 better. Tear down that bowling alley and either use it for a nice corporate office or expand entertainment options with the theater. Make it a destination for people off the highway. Then make 31 more of a corridor for getting downtown. Right now it's a series lights through blighted areas. Tear down the abandoned storefront, relocate the check cashing places, and create sweeping views to the river. Make the drive itself to downtown a destination itself.	
	Also, we live off of McCoy. Expand 5th avenue to provide an alternative to using New York avenue.	2363967
	This was a great idea	2364148
	better taxi service	2364406
	Public transportation is not good enough..need to set up a trolley system from other towns like in Naperville. Pace busses eliminate and start up Aurora bus system cheap rates.	2364486
	v	2364763
	put back the one way streets for new york and geneva. one lane means being slowed every time someone wishes to turn or by buses.	2364848
	Kid friendly like splash pad or something	2364975
	Changingl the one way to a two way a big mess too much traffic	2365250
	Bike lanes and sharrows are needed on Downer and Benton. Larger pedestrian walkways are needed in front of SciTech and the Paramount. A crosswalk is needed adjacent to Hoyt at Downer Place. There is no crosswalk from River to Downer - that's a long block! More attractive streetscape on Route 25 with signage similar to Madison, etc.	2365445
remove some of the less desirable building to allow of road parking	2365455	
Remove street parking on Broadway to alleviate congestion. Promote lot parking instead.	2365704	