





Let's Rise.



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF GREATER FORT WAYNE

OUR VISION

**The positive momentum in our community is undeniable.
We've made great strides and are inspired to do more.**

As we look to the future, we find new and unique challenges to take on, and systemic issues to overcome. And we will meet those challenges, united, with resolve.

Advancing as a stronger, healthier, more equitable community means collaborating with open arms, planning with purpose, and working with resilience.

We truly thrive when *all* of our neighbors experience greater well-being and quality of life.

Together, we will invest, educate, partner, and champion this vision. **Let's Rise.**

Well-Being: How Are We All Doing?



Connected Community

We affect change in our community by being an advocate for the underserved, instilling pride, and building relationships to create a sense of belonging.

Strategic Focus:

- Nonprofit Excellence
- Equitable Community



Inspiring Places

We provide resources and support to create a community filled with spaces that engage, connect, and energize residents and visitors.

Strategic Focus:

- Thriving Neighborhoods
- Vibrant Downtown Development
- Connectivity for All



Everyone's Economy

We help create an economy where every citizen has the opportunity for upward mobility and increased security, and is motivated to achieve their goals.

Strategic Focus:

- Healthy Entrepreneurialism
- Opportunity to Grow



Lifelong Learning

We work to build a culture of lifelong learning that helps people flourish, strengthening our workforce and increasing resiliency.

Strategic Focus:

- Access to Education and Learning Opportunities
- Workforce and Education Connectivity
- Developing a Skilled Workforce



Healthy Mind and Body

We help each person in our community feel mentally and physically healthy, with access to tools and resources to reach their highest potential.

Strategic Focus:

- Access to Care
- Healthy Behaviors



Organizational Excellence We rise together as an organization by consistently exceeding established, measurable, and influenceable benchmarks in a sustainable way.



Determine the
Purpose and
Audience



Define
the Research
Questions



Gather the
Data



Use the
Data

















Community Dashboard

WELCOME TO THE LET'S RISE COMMUNITY DASHBOARD!

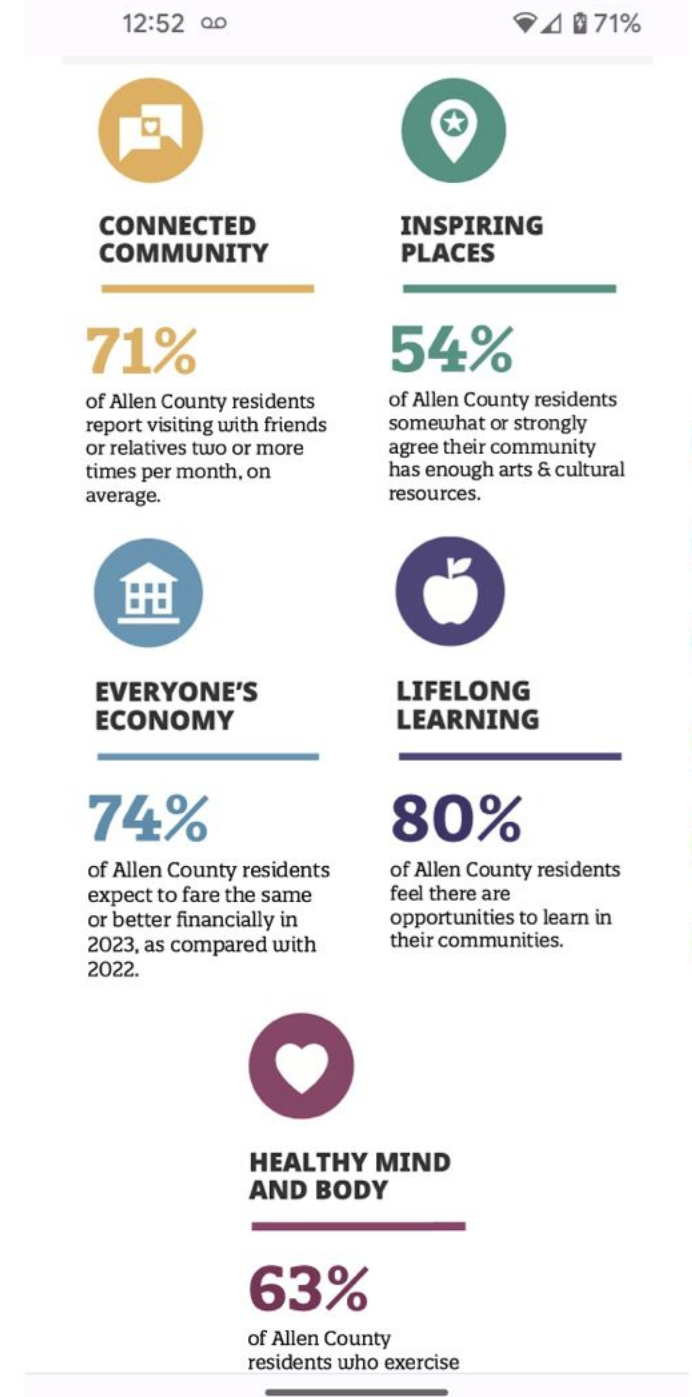
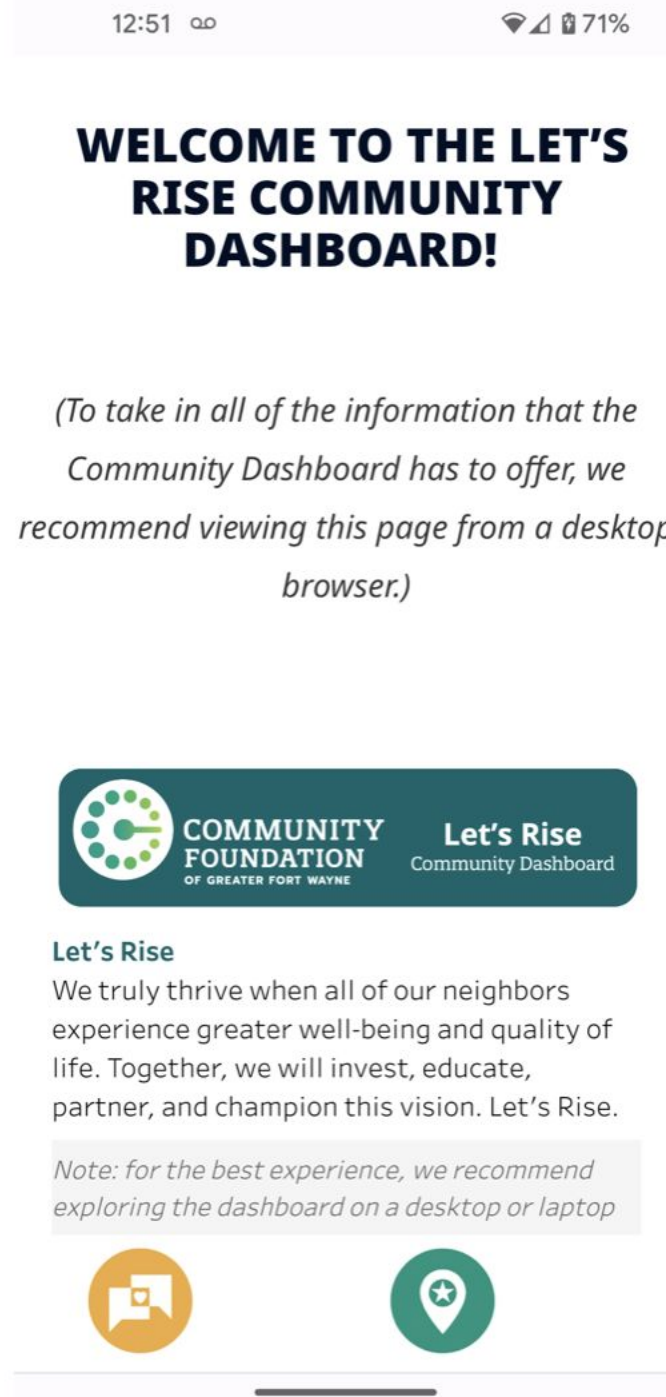
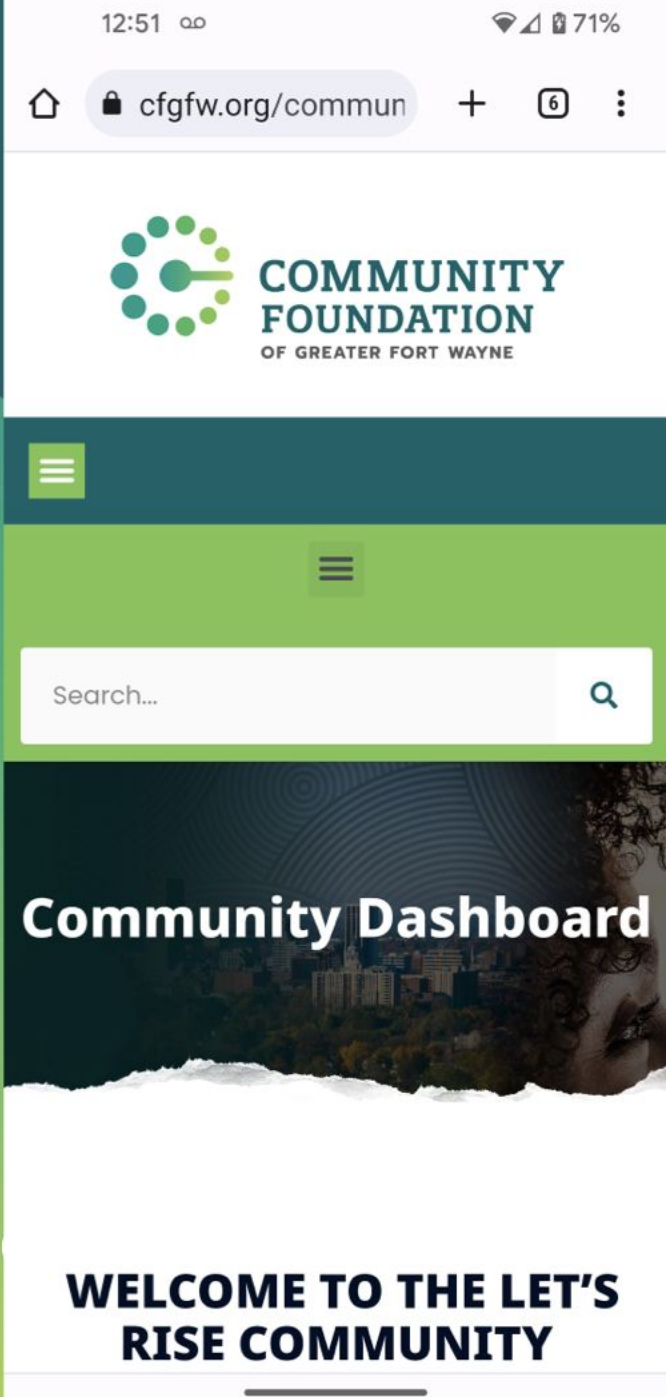
(To take in all of the information that the Community Dashboard has to offer, we recommend viewing this page from a desktop browser.)



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The dashboard in action.

Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne





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Let's Rise Dashboard



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54%

of residents agree they have
enough arts resources
nearby

72%

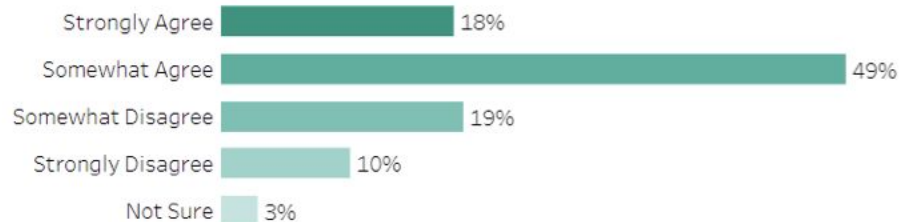
of residents agree their
neighborhood has its own identity

24%

Ft. Wayne's urban tree cover

Select Survey Question to Examine

I feel connected to the neighborhood or area where I live.

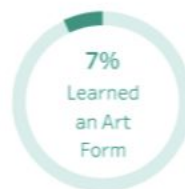


Explore Survey Responses by Demographics

Urbanicity



Participation in Arts and Cultural Activities in the Last Year



Participated
Did not participate

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Recreational Facilities & Green Spaces

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Tree Canopy by Census Tract - Fort Wayne Metro Area



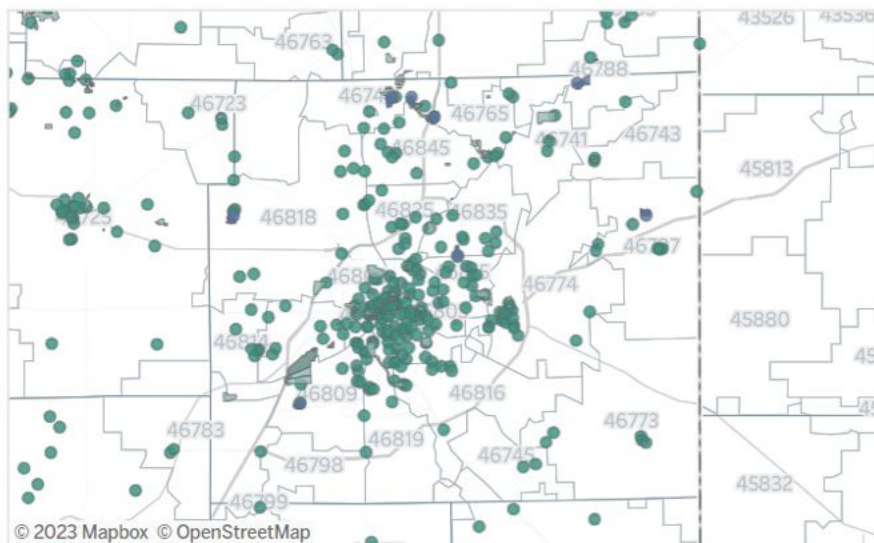


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Means of Transportation to Work

Select Geography and Demographic

Allen County

All workers

Car, truck, or van - carpooled



13,302

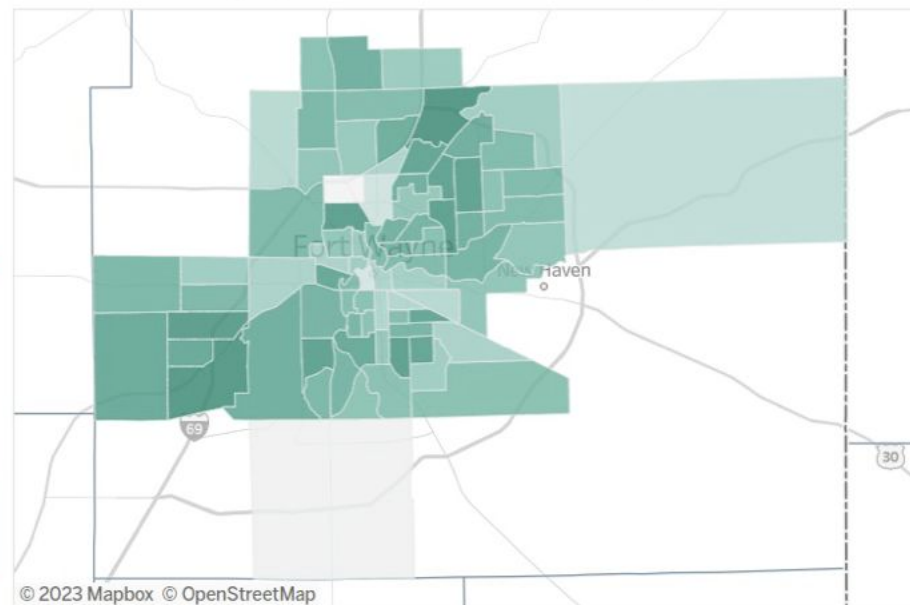


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Public Art Works
On the
Ft. Wayne
Public Art Trail

Explore the
Fort Wayne
Public Art Trail

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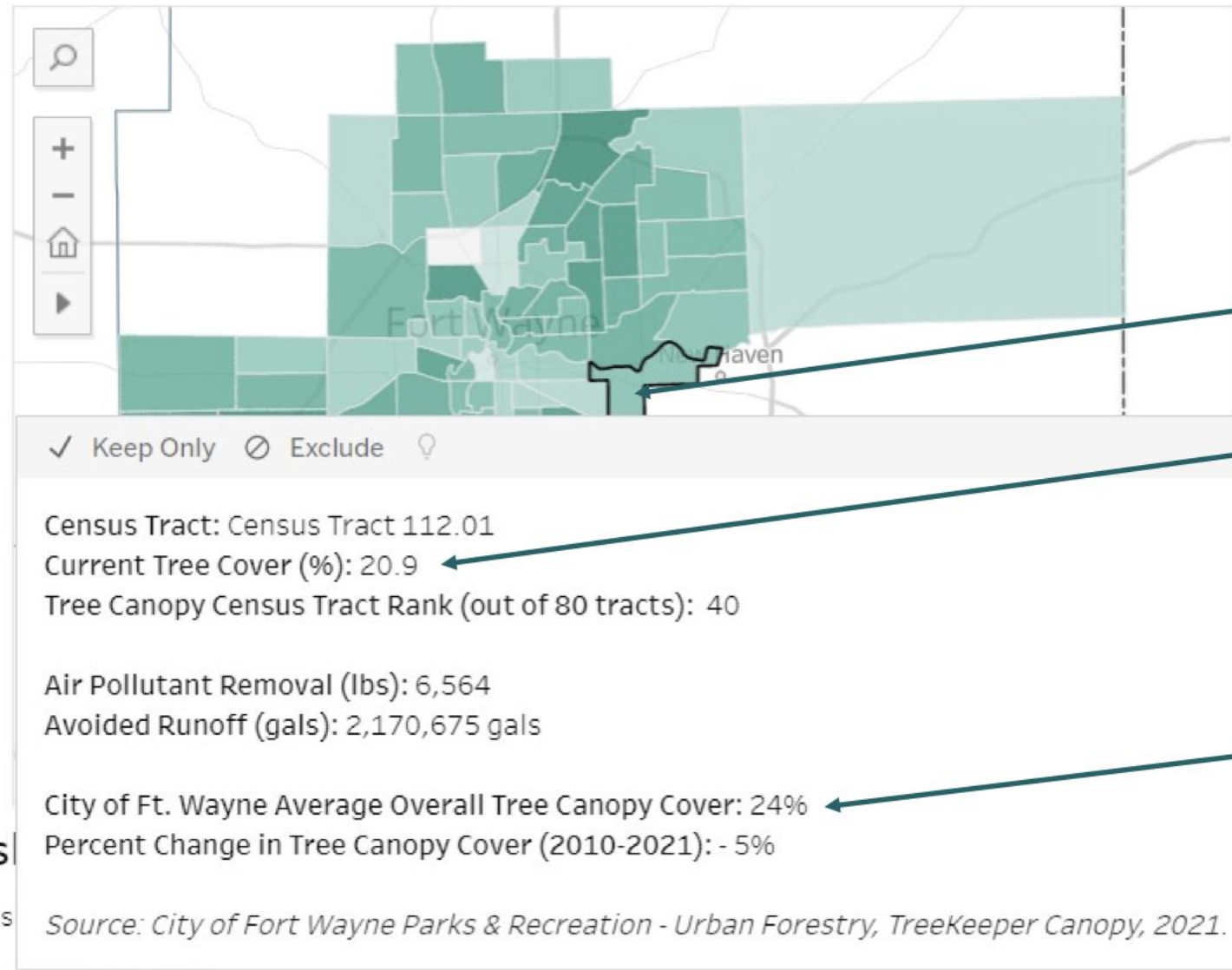
Total Ridership Over Time - Large Transportation Systems in Indiana

Choose systems to view

Ft. Wayne (Citilink)



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OUR STORY

Trees are important elements of a healthy urban ecosystem. Unfortunately, the urban canopy in the Fort Wayne/Allen County, Indiana area has been shrinking in recent years.

While the City of Fort Wayne operates an active [street tree program](#), this approach is limited to public property. Private properties, such as homes, churches, and businesses offer many more opportunities to plant new trees that can reach their full maturity. The Tree Canopy Growth Fund was developed to fill that gap, while also educating the community about the many benefits of growing and maintaining our urban forest.

Since 2017, TCGF cofounders Derek Veit and Kody Tinnel have collaborated on various tree planting efforts. Following multiple conversations about the need to get more trees planted on private property, they set out to develop the idea that would become the Tree Canopy Growth Fund.

Inspired by organizations like [Root Nashville](#) and [Keep Indianapolis Beautiful](#), **we aim to collaborate with community stakeholders by offering funding and expertise to grow the community's urban canopy.** As Fort Wayne and Allen County continue to grow and develop, maintaining a vibrant urban forest will be critical in maintaining a high quality of life.

FORT WAYNE & ALLEN COUNTY

