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**Strategic Plan**  
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- Science/technology (coding/computer hacking, engineering, medical fields)
- Global experiences (traveling, learning new languages)

Downers Grove teens also expressed an avenue to demonstrate their talents, especially when it comes to artistic talents. They wanted a place that they could have an open mic night, or a gallery showing, or public art that they could contribute to.

**What do you like the most about living in Downers Grove? If you could change anything, what would you change?**

What teenagers like/do not like/would change or improve upon in Downers Grove mirrors how adults feel as well. They mostly felt very positive about Downers Grove and are happy to grow up here. They felt very positive about the following characteristics of Downers Grove:

- It is very safe, peaceful, calm, and friendly.
- A few teens specifically mentioned the [Forbes article](#), which names Downers Grove as one of the top friendliest towns in America.

The following are things that teenagers stated they dislike about Downers Grove:

- It is very difficult to find places to go/things to do without being able to drive or access to a car.
- There are not enough classes for students outside of school that are focused on learning new creative skills (art, cooking, writing, learning foreign languages).
- The downtown shops are either too expensive, geared at people much older than them, or uninteresting chains. The teenagers mentioned hating seeing so many empty storefronts (which was something the adults felt as well). They feel like they have to go to Yorktown Mall for any good shopping opportunities.