



CITY OF EVANSTON'S
ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY
INVESTIGATION

Public Workshop #1

February 11, 2025

Who are we?



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Capacity Building
Redevelopment Strategies



Public Engagement +
Transportation Planning



Urban Planning
Landscape Architecture



Environmental
Justice

Tonight's Agenda

- 6:05 – 6:25 Investigation Overview Presentation
- What is the investigation process and timeline?
 - What is Environmental Equity?
- 6:25 – 6:40 Smartphone Live Polling
- 6:40 – 7:45 Small Group Discussions
- 7:45 – 8:00 Report Out



**¿Hablas
Español?**

Planning Participants

Consultant
Investigation Team

City of Evanston
Planning Staff

Allied Organization Leaders
Leadership Committee

Community Leaders
Focus Groups

Community Members
Public Workshops



Change Makers:

City of Evanston
City Policies + Projects

Organizations
Local Collective Action

Households
Individual Action

Influence
External Entities

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City of
Evanston
Environmental
Equity

Policies

Practices

Priorities

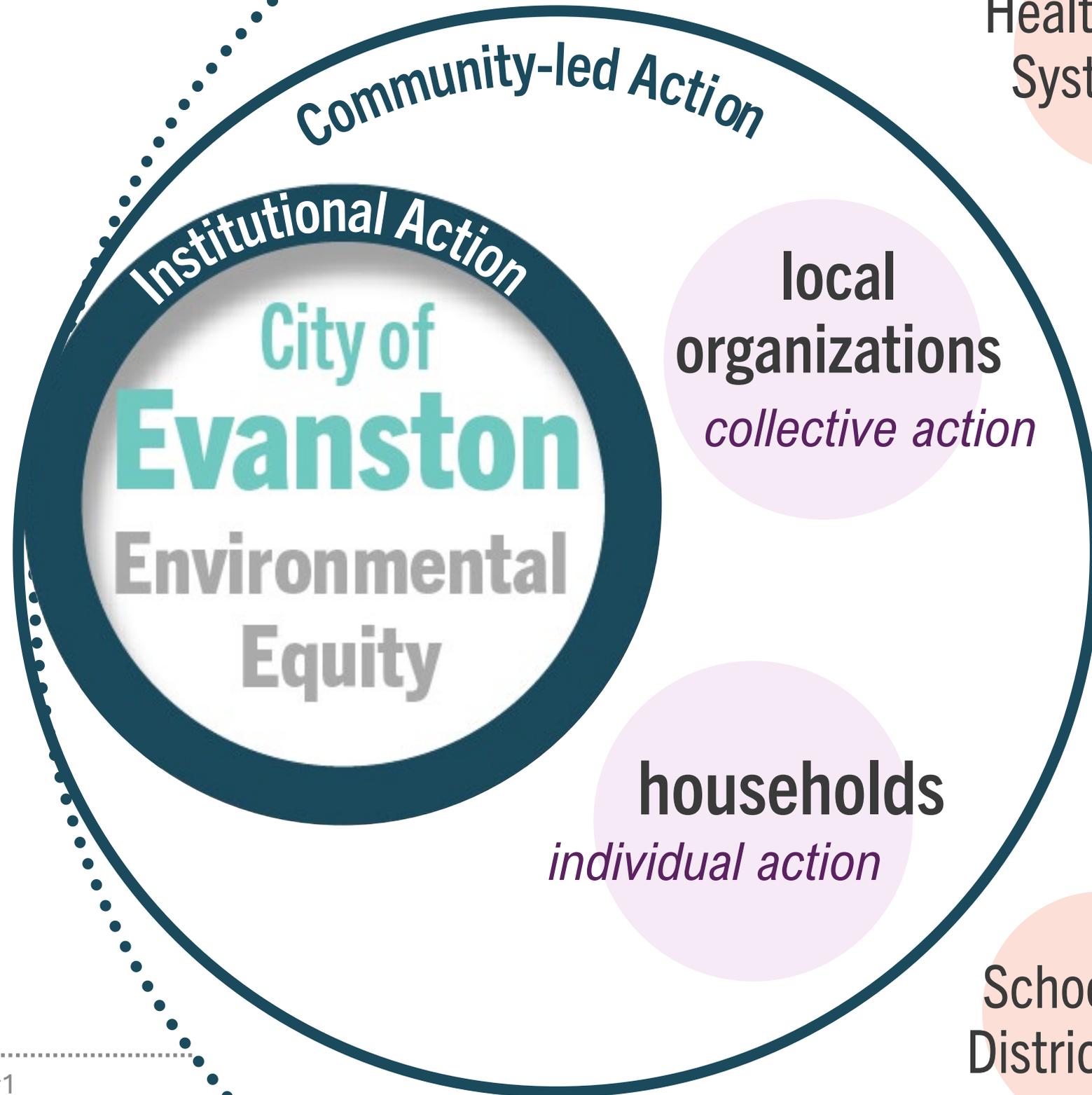
Perpetuate unequal
burdens or barriers to
opportunities across
Evanston.

INVESTIGATING

Influencing Action



ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY INVESTIGATION



Outside Actions

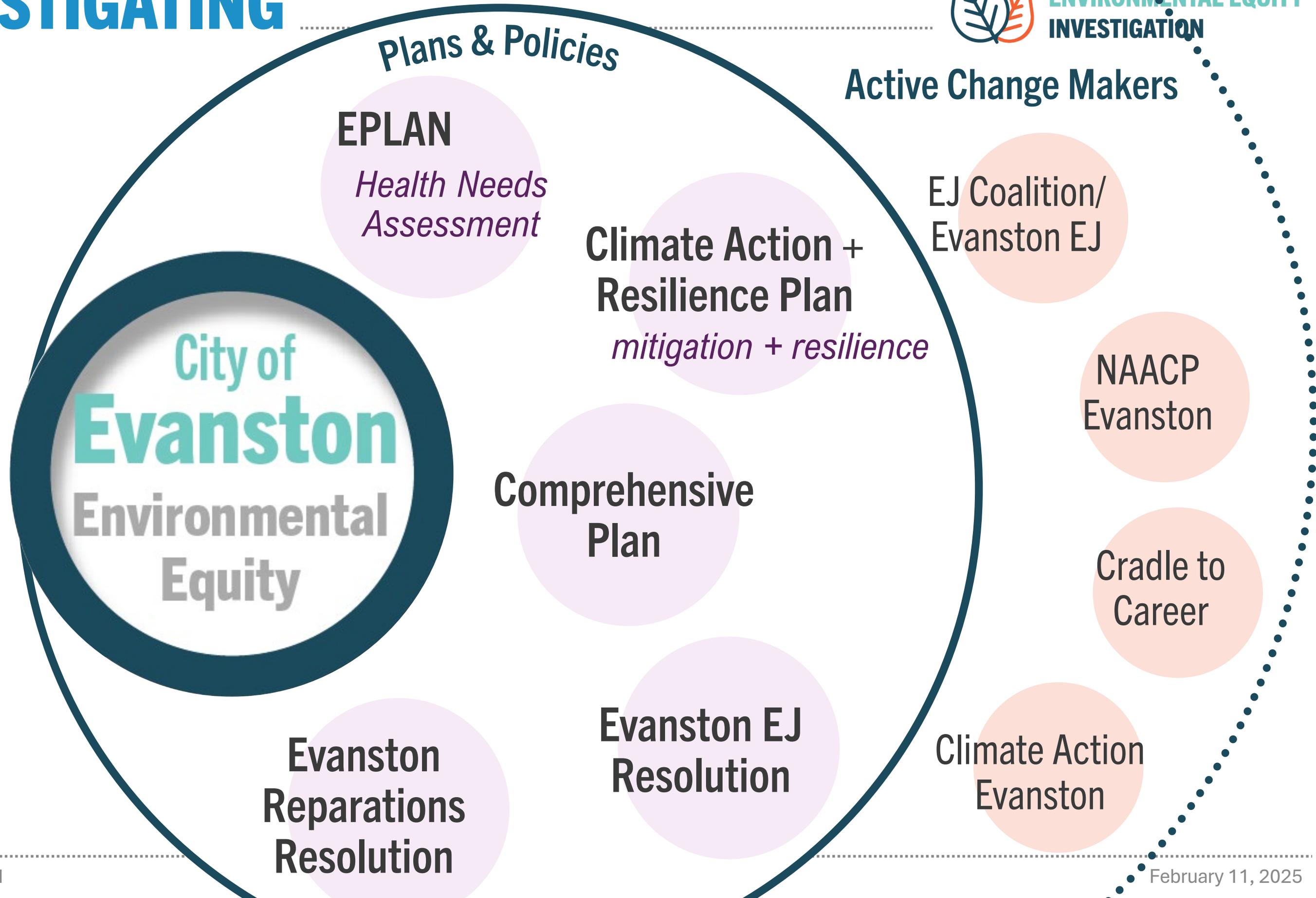
United States

Evanston Public Library

Cook County

Transit Authorities

State of Illinois



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Equity



Ask questions.
Define injustices.

October to February

Listen



Interpret information.
Highlight trends.

February to April

Document



Determine causes.
Explore solutions.

April to July

Strategize



Share findings.
Empower actions.

July to September

Empower



Result:

Key Indicators
City Scorecard

Action Items
City Policy + Practices

Action Items
Local Organizations

Action Items
Households

Environmental Equity

All people have the same opportunities for health and prosperity without unfair disadvantages from physical, economic, or social structures.

Injustice
[past]

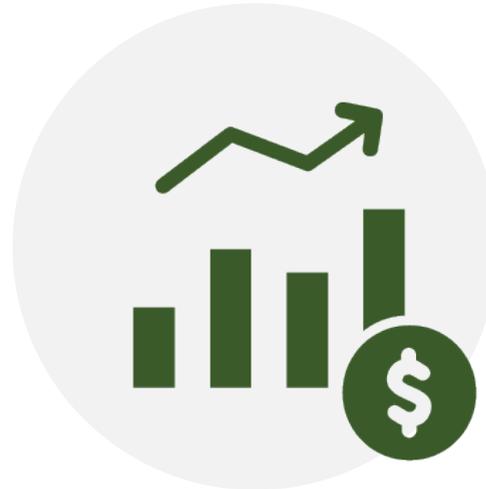


Equity
[future]

How you are impacted by or experience



**Physical
Settings**



**Economic
Opportunities**



**Community
Services**

**Different from how humans impact the natural environment studied in climate change, resilience, or sustainability planning.*

Physical Settings



- **Housing types and options**
- **Streets and transportation**
- **Open space, parks, and trees**
- **Pollution: water, soil, air, and noise**

Economic Opportunities



- **Homeownership and wealth-building**
- *Access to healthy food and goods**
- *Access to safe, good-paying jobs**
- *Access to education**

**Not a primary focus of this study*

Community Services



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- **Street sweeping and snow plowing**
- **311 requests and code enforcement**
- *Access to healthcare**
- *Access to libraries, community centers**

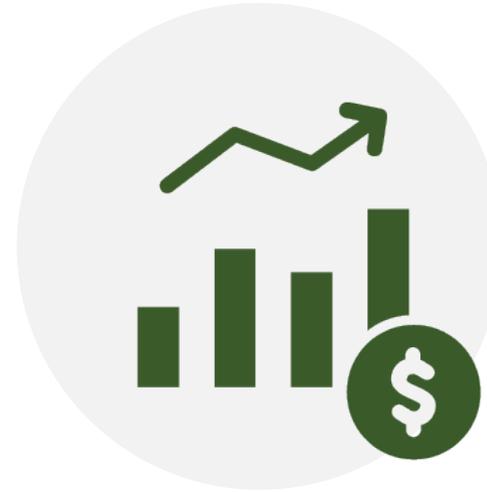
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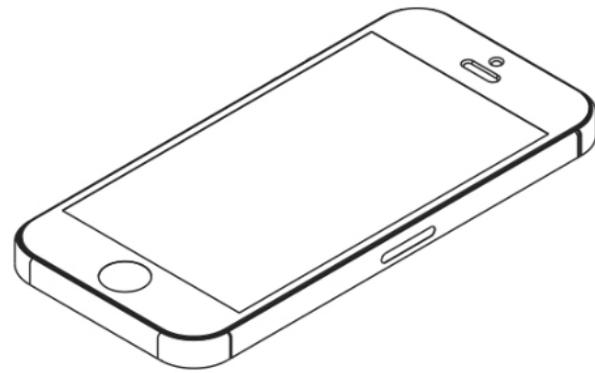
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It's time to hear from you!



Grab your phone!

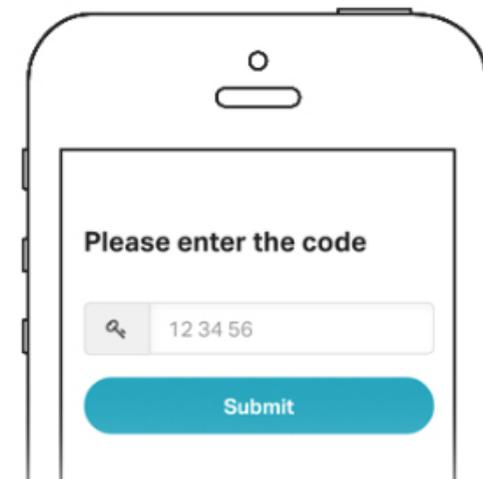


Scan the code

- or -

Go to
www.menti.com and
enter the code:
8991 8142

**Need
help?**



Physical Settings

Economic Opportunities

Community Services



Open Space,
Parks, and Trees

Streets and
Transportation

Housing

Community Services



Small Group Discussions

- 3 rounds of discussion
- 20 minutes per round
- Report out by group leaders

Please remember...

- Allow everyone a chance to speak
- Respect each other's emotions
- Respect each other's opinions
- No need for consensus

Open Space, Parks, and Trees



Streets and Transportation



Housing



Community Services



NEXT STEPS

Take action:

- Continue the conversation.
- Take note of inequities.
- Come back!

Sign Up for Updates:

