Methods

During this research process we used a few methods of gathering data. We created our own surveys and canvassed the Roosevelt Park, Grand Rapids, neighborhood. This gathered information about what the community believed they needed. While in the community canvassing, we did our own observations of resources in the community. We also used census data to have background on populations in the community but also education and socioeconomic status of residents. During this process we also used the Ferris State database to do research on how farmer’s markets could positively or negatively affect a community.

Conclusion

After researching and assessing the area we concluded that the community is in need of significant help with truck routes going through the community creating unsafe crossing areas for the predominantly youth population. With the time allotted for this class project, we could not address the roads but partnered up with the local neighborhood association to promote a farmer’s market for the community that will be opening in June 2018. This was not a need that made it into our top ten needs for the community, but was found to be needed by others. According to Mayor Bliss and Tony Baker, a Grand Rapids School Board member, the truck route is in the process of being given back to the community.

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