

Final Research Questions & Suggested Methods

Civic Innovation Hub – Phase II

Blue Island

Main Research Question:

- How many brownfields (abandoned, contaminated, industrial properties with potential for redevelopment) are in Blue Island, where are they located, and what plans does the City of Blue Island have for these sites?

Sub Questions:

- How can we stimulate the civic processes required to obtain available funding specifically for brownfields?
- In the past, how have residents been impacted by decisions made about brownfields? Who has benefited and who has not?
- What community benefits (flooding mitigation, youth programming, business growth, etc.) are possible and desired by residents on remediated brownfields throughout the city? How can we incorporate those benefits into plans that are funded and implemented?

Robbins

Main Research Question:

- How do we get people to come back to Robbins? What community benefits of green stormwater infrastructure do people want to see in Robbins?

Sub Questions:

- How do we realize long term investments in Robbins through these community benefits?
- How do we make sure we can fix the flooding problems so businesses can come in and trust it's okay to invest here so we can build Robbins' economy?
- How can we honor the history of Robbins as we install the stormwater infrastructure?

Suggested Research Methods

Qualitative Research:

- Interviews
- Archival review (document analysis)
- Focus groups
- Photos
- Participant observations (document own experience)
- Storytelling workshops
- Surveys

Quantitative Research:

- Mapping locations
- Looking at costs and seeing the change over time
- Looking at costs spent in certain locations
- Getting demographic information of an area
- Behavioral counts
- Checklists of what participants need
- Survey