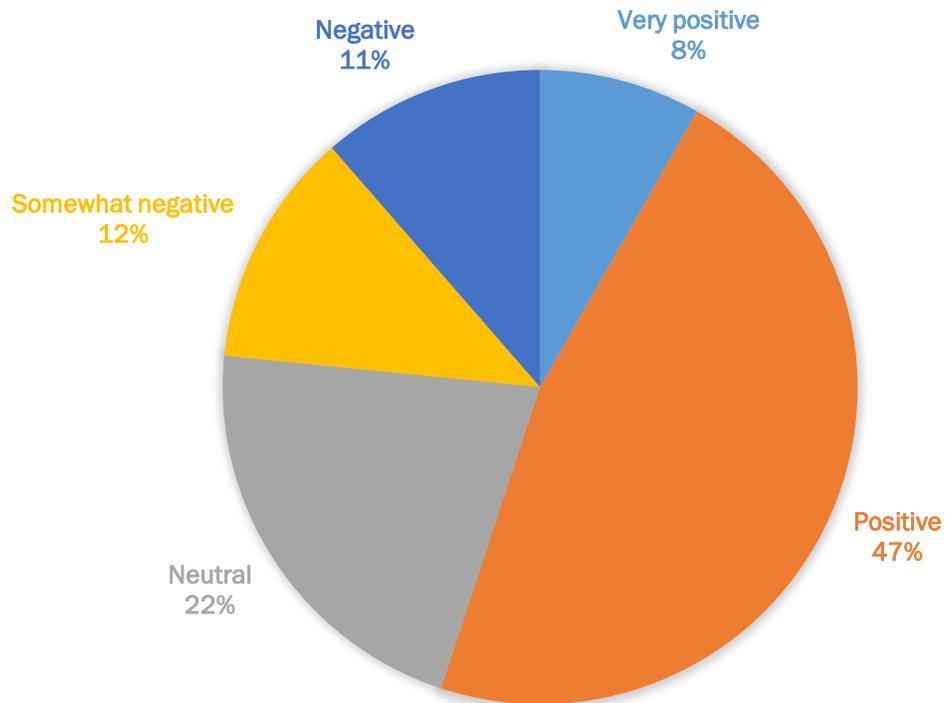
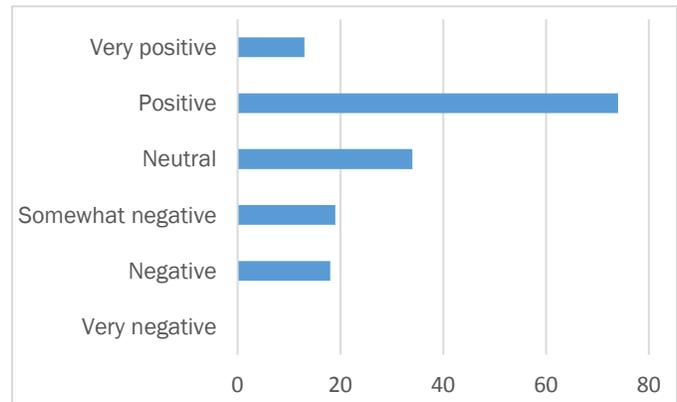


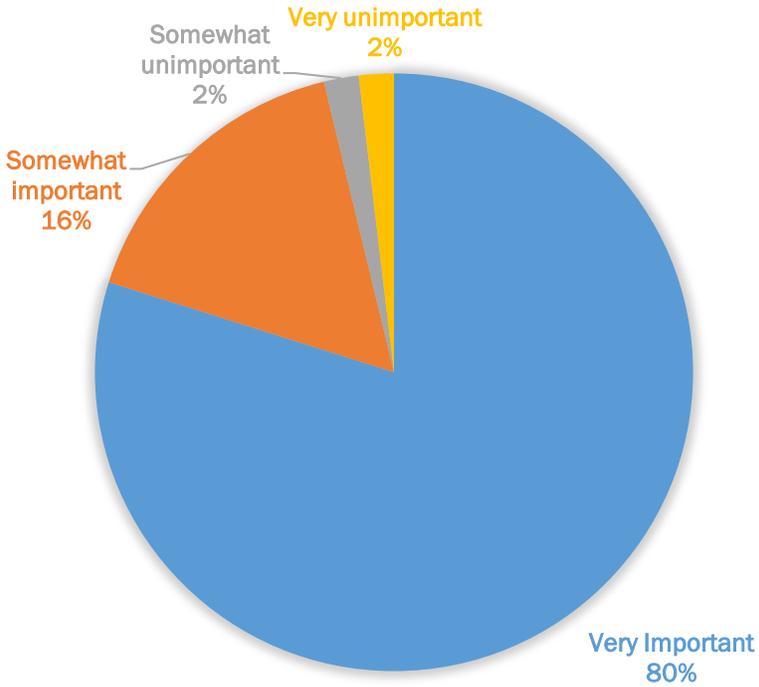
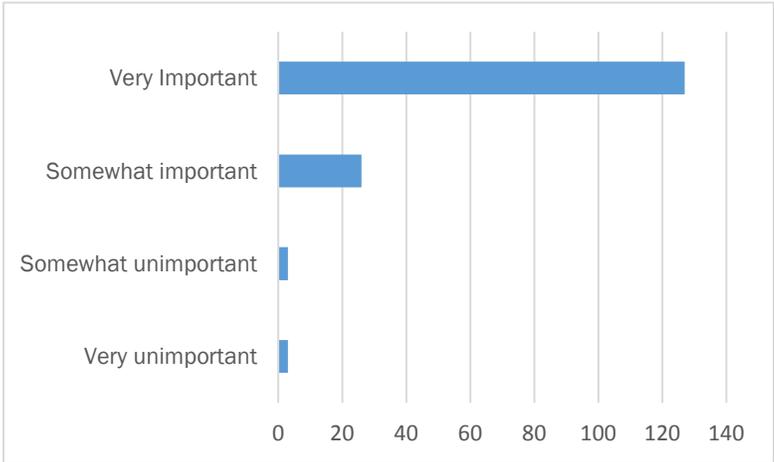
1. What is your general opinion about downtown?

Very Positive	13
Positive	74
Neutral	34
Somewhat negative	19
Negative	18
Very negative	0



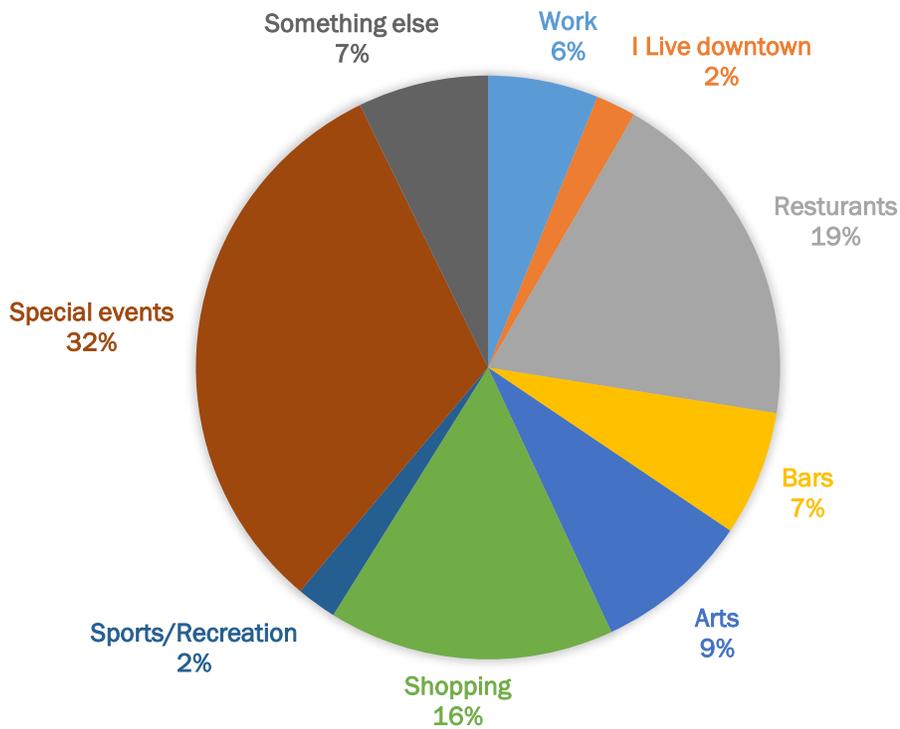
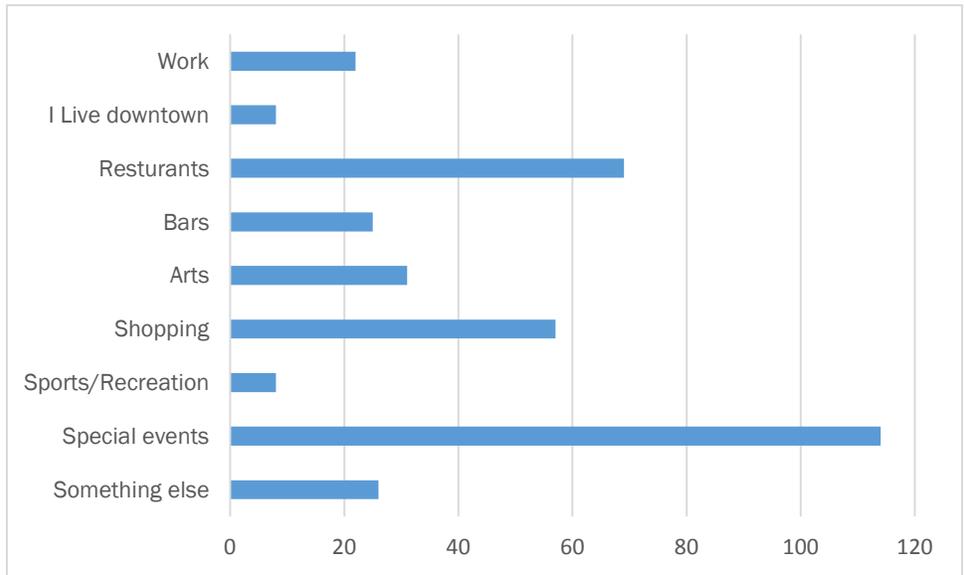
2. How important is a thriving downtown to our community?

Very Important	127
Somewhat important	26
Somewhat unimportant	3
Very unimportant	3



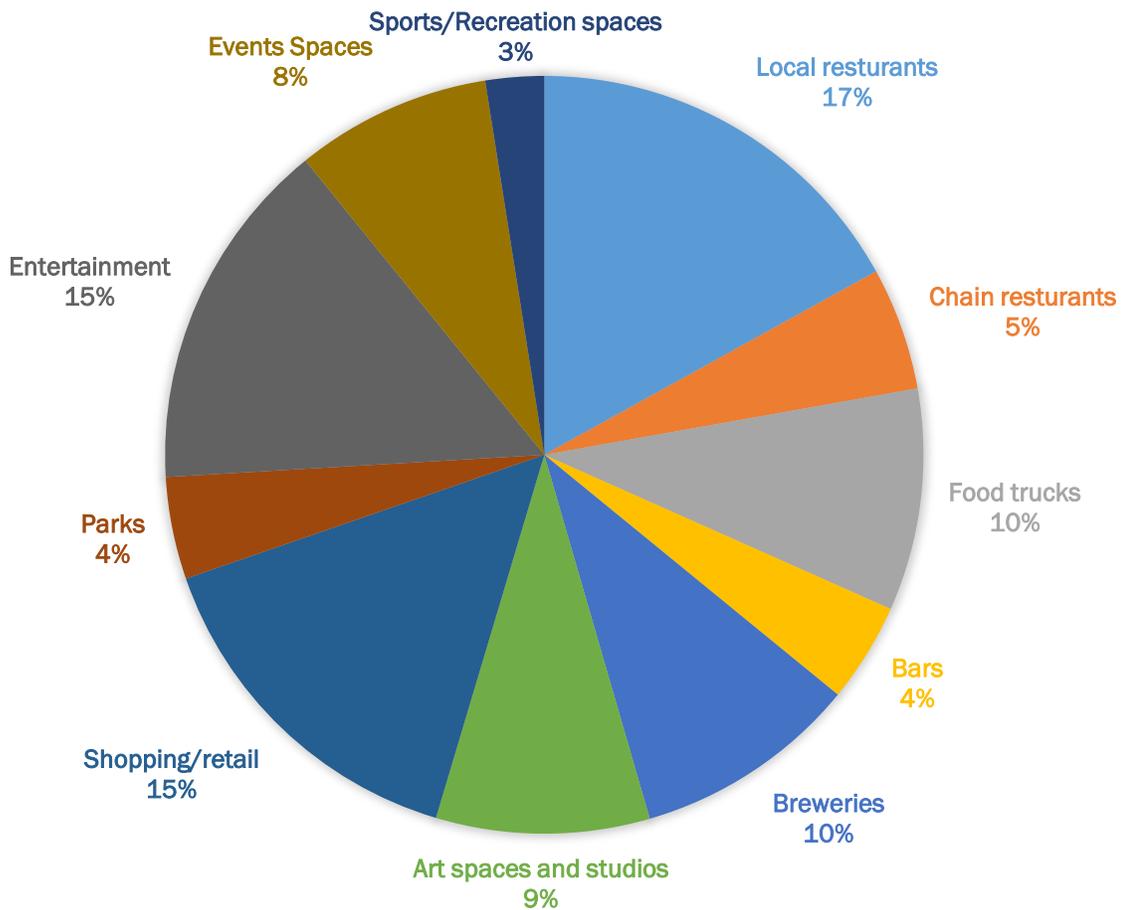
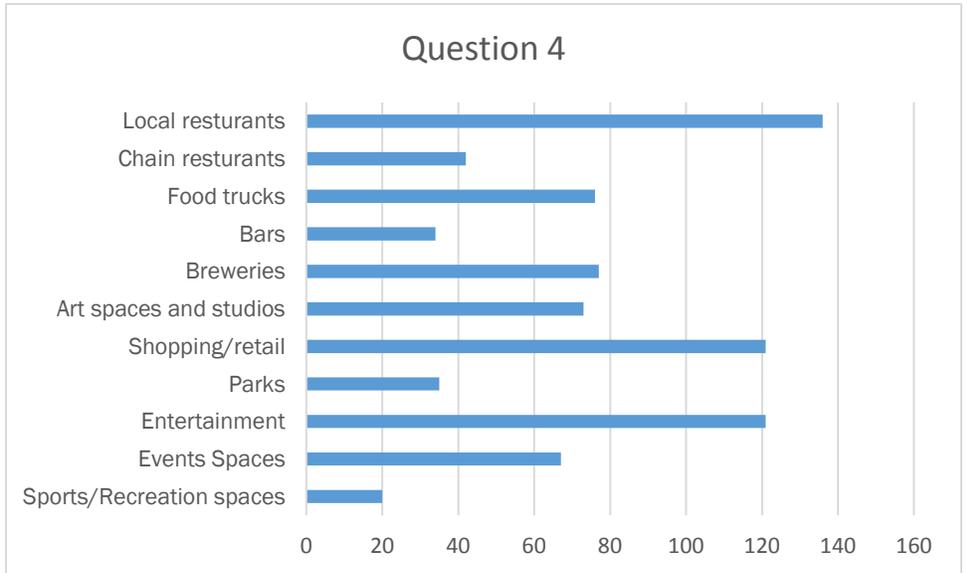
3. What usually brings you downtown?

Work	22
I Live downtown	8
Restaurants	69
Bars	25
Arts	31
Shopping	57
Sports/Recreation	8
Special events	114
Something else	26



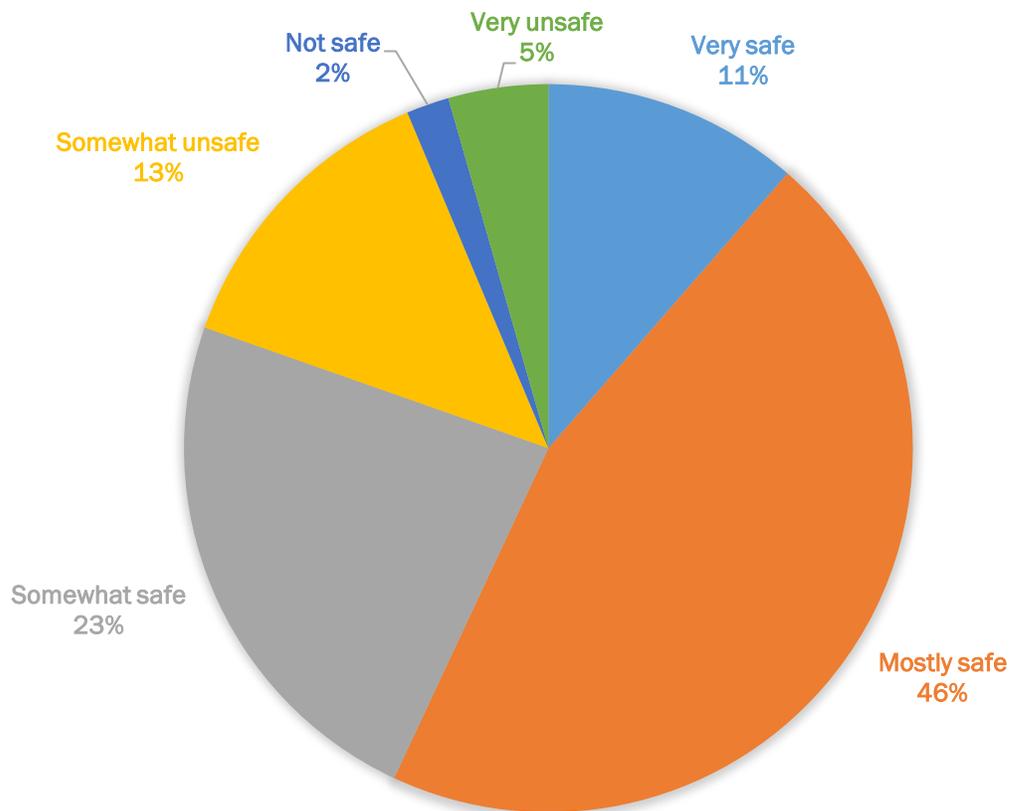
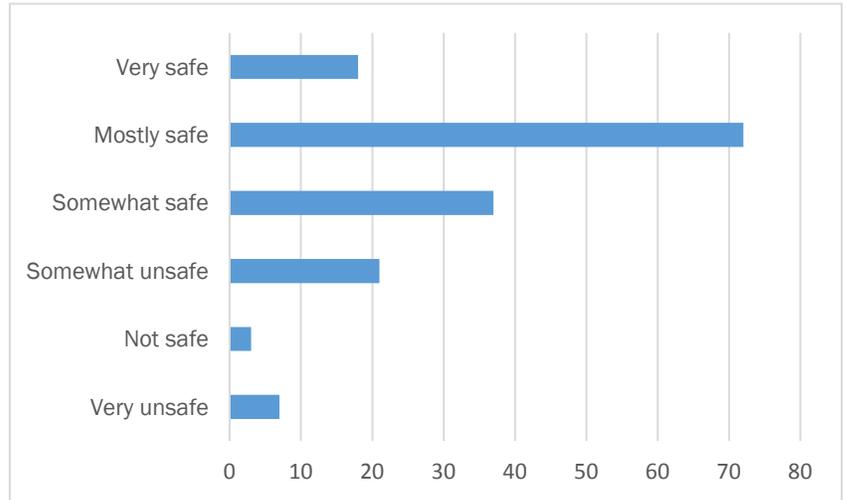
4. What kind of uses would you like to see more of downtown?

Local restaurants	136
Chain restaurants	42
Food trucks	76
Bars	34
Breweries	77
Art spaces and studios	73
Shopping/retail	121
Parks	35
Entertainment	121
Events Spaces	67
Sports/Recreation spaces	20



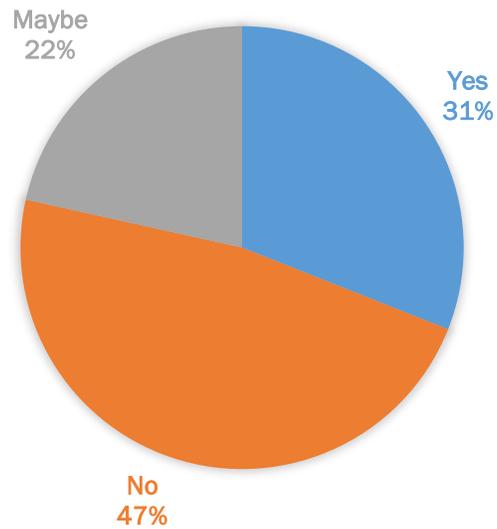
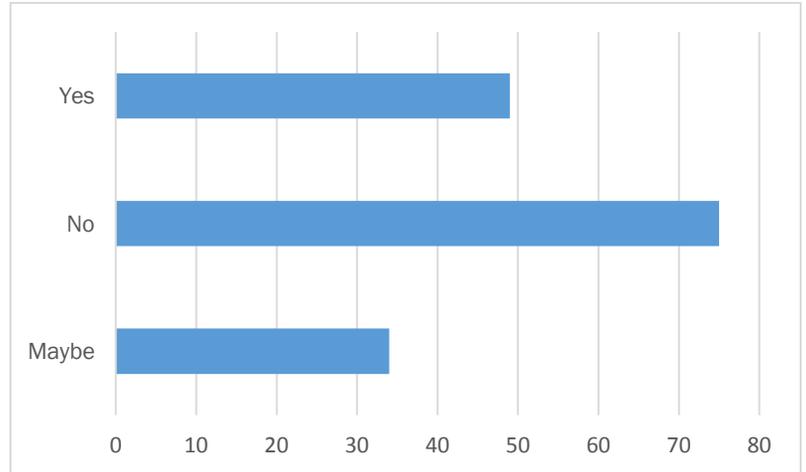
5. How safe do you feel downtown?

Very safe	18
Mostly safe	72
Somewhat safe	37
Somewhat unsafe	21
Not safe	3
Very unsafe	7



6. Would you live downtown if more housing was available?

Yes	49
No	75
Maybe	34



7. Why would you like/not like to live downtown?

Fine in my house in Danville right now.
Already own my own home.
I have a home already and do not need to move.
We have considered upper story residential. We found the idea of being close to shopping, entertainment and government services attractive. Plus, it has an eclectic neighborhood feeling which is neat.
I would like to live downtown to get an urban experience. By having second floor residential you create an 18 hour downtown instead of a 8-5 downtown. Summer Sounds (DDI) make is cool and safe to come downtown on Friday's but not Saturday - Thursday.
I have pets
Love rural life
Already have a house
I like the country
I like my current neighborhood, yard, trees.
I would like to because it is convenient, safe, close to transportation, views
Wouldn't fit me now at my age(57) but if I was in my 20's I would have loved to live downtown. As long as there was a nightlife, restaraunts, shopping. It is great that there is a grocery store, dollar store nearby.
Not safe
Some of the summer entertainment options get a little loud into the nighttime. If I lived directly downtown this would be an issue for me. Since I live in West Downtown we only hear Fatman's after 1am :(
I live in West Downtown. Love being able to walk to restaurants and enterment.
Garage availability would be necessary, not just parking. Having a safe secure link from a garage to a living space would be desired.
I love the loft apartments that are there, however there are a lot of homeless people who walk around downtown and many have mental disabilities that put me on edge and make me nervous at times.
I live in the west downtown renaissance neighborhood & love the people. I love walking downtown for dinner & music.
I already live in the neighborhood. If I was seeking housing an upper story apartment would be something I would look for. So unique!!
Not my personality
Prefer suburbs.
Safety is my issue.
Not- safety, too many abandoned buildings, parking
It would depend on price, square footage, ability to own, etc. Danville also has strict building codes and fees that make it harder and more expensive to remodel.
Would not feel safe especially at nite. Crime out of control.
Living downtown is a retirement / later years goal, to be close to everything from food to entertainment to governmental facilities.
It would be refreshing to walk vs have to drive everywhere.

Closer to entertainment, more police patrols (currently live on east side, I have seen two cops in a year and a half)
I grew up just outside a major city, and I always enjoy living in an active area.
If there was more shopping/restaurants, there would be easy access.
Just no interest in living downtown. I currently live in a nice neighborhood in Danville.
I am more a live outside the city person. I need acreage.
crime
Downtown Danville should stay as an entertainment and for restaurants.
No way would I choose to live in Danville where high taxes and a crooked mayor and city council all exist.
Downtown is a thriving part of our community and I feel that it is only going to become better as more people see that this is the heart of our city.
It should remain for restaurants and businesses. maybe the occasional apartment above shops, etc.
Who wants to live surrounded by empty buildings? This town has "eye sore" laws but considers the ghost town that is downtown to be a resource?
The older buildings can be really beautiful when resotred.
I prefer to live outside of town.
I think it would be fun to live in an apartment above the downtown. It was easy to get to church, coffee shops, groceries, etc.
I do not want to live in an apartment. My family is too big.
I would enjoy living downtown for the convenience of being centrally located. If there were more restaurants , entertainment venues and other retail stores, it would be a great location to live.
There is not enough parking in Downtown Danville.
I would love to live downtown because it would help bring people to shop downtown.
I used to live across just a little ways up vermilion, and you couldn't pay me enough to live in that area again. The whole area is poorly maintained (from a housing standpoint), and promptly becomes the least vibrant 'downtown' I've ever seen after about 7 pm. Above all, though, the biggest concern is transportation. Danville's downtown feels like it's supposed to be a pedestrian zone, right? Tiny roads with low speed limits and (enthusiastically marked) pedestrian crossings abound. And yet... who lives close enough to take advantage of this? Parking is a nightmare, and feels particularly unsafe if you park anywhere off the beaten path, but public transportation doesn't run often enough or have enough stops farther away from the area to make riding there seem like a good idea. Are we supposed to ride a bike there? That could work, but where would we lock up our bikes? Overall, it's an inconvenient area to reach, and there just isn't often any reason to go there casually.
The place closes up after 8PM. The streets are deserted because all the action is up on north Vermilion. We definately need a movie theatre like the days of the 60's when the Fischer, Palace, Times, and Rivoli all had wonderful venue's. The downtown area is like a morgue at night. That has got to change. No one wants to go downtown for anything in the evenings. If you don't have a car, you'll be bored to death.
I really wouldnt want to live downtown due to crime rate.
Available parking to my residence. Safety/security.
We own a home or I would definitely consider living downtown. There is great housing stock nearby and I love the upstairs apartments we have been lucky enough to see. The Victoria on North Street is a treasure.

Because it's a place that seems to be needs for business residential neighborhoods in this town seem to have super high crime rates I don't want that for a place where I should be able to come and enjoy myself
country boy
See no possible upside to this idea.
Not much there to make living in downtown appealing
Walkability and community connection are ket reasons why I would like to live in a thriving downtown. Develop green spaces and increase the number of restaurants and downtown would be a wonderful place to live with easy access to a grocery store and I-74.
I already live in the West Downtown neighborhood and it is a truly fabulous location!!
Parking--lack of
I am comfortable where I am at. I had in the past lived in an upstairs apartment in a downtown setting.
The 'old' look/feeling always feels good. Renovating and keeping up with the old buildings is always neat. Although, I do feel a bit unsafe downtown due to the surrounding areas.
I donâ€™t actually live in Danville, but in a rural area. Since we have horses, downtown is not an option.
There is no reason to live downtown. There is nothing there unlike Champaign with a thriving downtown area.
My house is paid off, and I want to stay in it.
I love living downtown
Have lived here for 37 years in my own home in north Danville
Too many wonderful homes in residential districts. Downtown loft apartment would have no view.
If there were more shows like the Rocky horror picture show, it would be a very good place to live.
Living downtown in a thriving environment would be exciting. Having an events venue like a thriving Fischer theater would be an amazing attraction.
Downtown would be a beautiful place to live. When I see past pictures of downtown, it looked like a place I would want to be every day!
I like the aesthetic, but it isn't the safest neighborhood. I would do it though.
I feel like downtown should be for people to walk around and enjoy the little stores instead of living down there
I prefer the country.
Family
I would like to live downtown if there was sufficient housing, and development continued. It's a nice area with historic architecture, but it's just been let go by our community.
It's just beautiful and feels awesome to be able to look at all the great things Downtown Danville has to offer.
I think our downtown is beautiful & would love to live in the area!
Convenience to shopping, library, music events
The drawbacks are not having a yard and not having dedicated parking.
Nothing there
Possible owning a business and living above business
I like yards.
Not in market to move.

Personal I do not like to live in downtown areas, I prefer putter edges, downtown to me for the size of Danville should be shopping markets, restaurants, etc.
There is nothing there other than a few thriving businesses.
Not my type of living space
I would love to live downtown to be a part of the historical values of Downtown Danville.
Just appears to be a rough area outside the nice landscaping... love the old brick apartments but it seems they could be easily targeted for break-ins because of the people you see hanging around. I once saw (and reported) a group of people that were literally walking down the alley ways testing the back doors of all the buildings downtown one by one to see if they could sneak in.
I would not, but only becuse I love the neighborhood I'm in now.
Not visually pleasing and safety issues
Convenience
I prefer a quiet neighborhood feel. When I was in my 20s (I am now in my late 40s) I would have loved living in a downtown area with nightlife opportunities.
I wouldn't mind living downtown. I just dont have a reason to live downtown. I moved back to Danville from Atlanta G.A where downtown living is eccentric, family friendly, and fun. When I was a kid there were clothing stores JcPenney's. Montgomery Ward etc. and i would get so excited at the thought of going downtown. When I became a teen the excitement remained because i was old enough to travel downtown with friends to the movie theater. A downtown is suppose to excite you and invited you to the city. We need popular shoe shops, clothing stores and eateries. Not depressing second hand local yocal stores.
I prefer houses with so,e space around them
I like having my yard and garage.
I live in the county and don't want to live in Danville, due to the crime. I don't feel safe in Danville, especially downtown at night.
I live in Liberty Estates-too old to find a new place to live.
I already own a home outside of Danville.
If downtown Danville actually became what it used to be, I would love living downtown! It feels a little unsafe right now, but if it was worked on, I would feel much better.
Always envisioned retirement in an area in which I could walk out the door and be close to all that I required (also places where "everybody knows my name").
Not safe
It's just not the kind of upscale, attractive, safe environment you find in cities like Champaign. Our community is populated by older, retired people and a disproportionate number of poor and homeless. Yes, there are a professional and working class but they seem a minority.
I'm not interested in living near loud music in the evening or bars. Also, parking is at a premium right now. I wouldn't want to come home at lunch and have to hope for a parking space.
I already live downtown so I would like to see vacant buildings demolished and more infill houses built on vacant lots. My biggest concern I guess would be the structures that need to be torn down are full of mold and create health issues for the people who do choose to live downtown. Since I already chose to live downtown I don't have any options as to moving as many of us lived up to our end of the deal of renovating and restoring homes but the city pulled the plug on focusing on the downtown which is the heart of OUR community or should be anyways years ago! :(I envision other types of housing like what I call Cargotecture. Cargotecture is buildings or homes that are constructed out of cargo containers. They can give a community a modern look or option for living for younger people who may not want all of the upkeep that comes with a historical structure. The cargo container homes are much cheaper and easier to build that conventional buildings or homes

and could be placed on empty/vacant lots and help with the infill issue. Also, they can be stacked, so empty lots where buildings have burned or been torn
Parking, and I am addicted to my heated garage.
Safe parking
Peaceful and centrally located
As a very senior citizen driving will become difficult, so it would be good amenities close by
Prefer house. We don't need more welfare there.
The atmosphere if there was more to do

8. What do you like best about downtown?

Walkability to lots of different businesses. Loved doing Pokemon Go with son. Like coffee shops, record store, Fischer, Rich's Deluxe and other stores. Love entertainment at Temple Plaza.
I like the atmosphere with the landscaping, vintage/antique shops, the locally owned Cafe 13 & Red door bakery.
Unique shops
Its history is important to me. I feel a connection to all the people from the past, my family, and others, who have been part of our community through the years. I like the unique small businesses who are making it their home today and the shared experiences that come from special events in the downtown. A coordinated a strategic planning session once about the downtown and as an icebreaker people talked about a memory they had of the downtown and everyone, no matter what their age, had a special memory. Our downtown and all downtowns are part of who we are.
It is a unique combination of architecture that has the potential to be vibrant downtown.
Historic vibe
Uniqueness of area, specialty shops, no chain stores or restaurants, landscaping is gorgeous
Landscaping and newer small bs like Caf@ 13, Red Door Cakes and Rich's
It's quaintness, the flowers and decorations
holiday lights
Old charm and future potential
Historical buildings
The Fischer Theatre, local eateries, and the antique shops.
Fischer Theatre progress.
Having things handy such as shopping and a VARIETY of restaurants.
I like the potential of downtown. ____ has done an incredible job with the landscaping and detail work. I really enjoy Temple Plaza, Cafe 13 and the consignment shops.
The Fischer, Deluxe & Cafe 13. Excited about the new bakery. Love the landscaping & flowers. The parades & events right in my own neighborhood!
the walkability to shops and restaurants. Whenever I visit other communities that have revitalized their downtowns I see what Danville could be. Restaurants, bars, bookstores, cute shops, places to sit and eat outdoors, people walking around enjoying themselves at all hours. This is what we need to encourage people to come to Danville.
history and architecture
Walkability.
Summer sounds, bars
Downtown should be the cultural identity and heart of a city. Danville's is currently in trouble, but salvageable if more desirable attractions enter the area.
I know they are trying to revitalize downtown but it's not working. Efforts are appreciated tho.
Varied opportunities, tradition and atmosphere.
Fischer and Vintage Villains
The potential. I would love to see the city get enthusiastically behind the renovation of the Fischer Theatre as an arts and entertainment center - theatre, art gallery, studios (dance, art, acting, etc.). This would lead to more locally owned restaurants and other entertainment venues, and locally

owned shops, and more activity. That in conjunction with the river front project would be stellar for this city. I believe it would make Danville a destination city... which would also boost the hospitality industry.
The Fisher
The overall appearance: trees, flowers, store fronts
I love the shops and how easy it is to get to anywhere downtown.
nothing
The Temple Plaza is very nicely landscaped and is great for picture opportunities for events.
Red Door Cakes, Fischer Theatre, Rich's Deluxe
The shopping is great, as are the events that happen there!
events when the weather is nice out. The small, family owned restaurants.
There is nothing I enjoy about downtown. Unless pen station sandwiches count. The only other time I go is an occasional visit to Vintage Villains.
vintage villans
It has the potential to have a very nice atmosphere.
My church -First Presbyterian Church.
It's still very beautiful. And we should be proud to have fabulous downtown.
Special events
nothing
I like the feel of being in a historic, small town environment. You cannot beat the feeling of being in a cozy downtown.
The old buildings and the history. The Fischer Theatre!
Shops and restaurants
Parades! All sorts of educational and historical landmarks! County Market! Yes, county market. If it isn't a holiday, and I don't have any business at the library, What keeps me coming back is my aversion to giving wal-mart money. I go downtown to buy groceries, and occasionally grab a sandwich.
The Fischer revitalization efforts and the attempt from the Mayor to get a casino. Thank you Mayor, that whole corridor from Main and Gilbert all the way to the square and beyond should be booming with businesses and venues. Give restaurants and businesses some incentive to open and hopefully they will. A casino and the riverwalk will make a vast improvement to our city. There is no decent shopping either, I remember when we had Sears, JC Penny's, Woolworth' Meis Bros., and Walgreens all within walking distance of each other. You could spend hours downtown and not be bored. In my opinion, our Mall on N. Vermilion is a disgrace. Too many empty storefronts and hardly any shoppers. I'm embarrassed to take anyone there. Only 1 food concession and no snack shops or anything else.
What i like best about downtown is the variety of architecture in the buildings. Such as the fischer theatre and bresee tower.
I am a big believer in supporting locally owned businesses. My family often eats at The Deluxe, Cafe 13 and now Red Door Cakes. I would love to see a few morere shopping options such as a bookstore. I also miss the farmer's market presence. I also would love to see a wood fired pizza restaurant in the downtown. The Vermilion Place building would be a great place for that, though it does need a real kitchen. The parking lot across the street from it would be perfect. Also would like to see an ice cream shop downtown.
When there at events it's a great atmosphere also love the events at the civic center
possibilities
Itâ€™s not too close to my residence.

It is maintained well/ shows pride. Summer events. Special shops.
the compactness of things to do
I love the downtown Christmas lights. Danville has a uniquely historic downtown that is currently dilapidated, but has raw potential for development if the economy of Danville was thriving in a way to support it.
The Antique Stores, Summer Sounds, Temple Plaza, Cafe 13, Town Center, Banking, The Church of the Holy Trinity, the Flowers... OMG the Flowers!! Beautiful Beautiful Downtown Danville just needs a little more occupancy!!
Temple Plaza
The Lofts
the fischer theatre !!
Events, eating establishments, art galleries, secondhand stores, bars
The old buildings.
I enjoy the flowers in summer and the holiday decorations and the Friday night music.
Nothing really. Not much there.
I don't know. Maybe it just feels comfortable .
That the city has decided to use the space instead of letting it sit. Danville has always been too complacent and non fighting
Banking center, legal center (courthouse and courthouse annex), entertainment, library, post office, the few specialty shops and stores.
That it is not a strip mall. Temple Plaza space is wonderful. The current team creating our landscaping is doing a fantastic job--all the botanicals in Kresge park, up and down Vermilion etc. Beautiful! Especially during the Holiday season. LOVE the Walldog murals everywhere. This year's end of summer outdoor music festival was superb!!!
The Fischer theater.
The history. The antiquity of what is left is beyond important to save. The Fischer must be restored and all other architecturally important buildings must be saved and restored. Our history is what will build our future.
I like how old fashioned it is. The Fischer theater is my favorite part.
The buildings and scenery are pretty, I love the events and the fischer theater
The Fischer Theatre
The Fischer
The painting on the walls
This Fischer!
History
The art and music events that have taken place recently bring people together and make it an inviting atmosphere.
I love that there are still original structures downtown and they have an area for live performance. I ABSOLUTELY LOVE the Fischer Theatre. I was in rocky horror and just driving to the theatre seeing it lit up again and open to the public was just amazing.
I love the vibes that I get there, it's so beautiful & there are tons of small businesses!
Shopping, walking, able to get groceries easily
Vintage Villians, murals
Fischer Theatre
Fischer Theatre

The Fischer Theatre. As a younger person, being able to finally experience such a historic venue was truly amazing. A historic and cultural gem our town needs to support.
The old buildings.
Friday night music in summer
the main road goes right thru it.
Bresee Tower
I don't enjoy downtown. I don't enjoy looking at empty store fronts.
The reopening of the Fischer Theater
I love the potential it has to be what we all know it is able to be.
Chart Records and Vintage Villains bring SO MUCH CHARACTER to the area. We are blessed to have them. The Walldogs and Culture Shock murals are much appreciated. I almost can't believe Fisher Theater is back! Bresee Tower is getting work done on it! Exciting!! History is important! Without these landmarks Danville would lose its identity and be consumed by the horrible "little Chicago" stereotypes people talk about all the time.
The history/ memories of what it used to be before there was a street through it, and the events like culture shock, summer sounds, etc.
Summer sounds and Rocky at the Fischer theater!
Shops
Older architecture
The ongoing restoration and activities at the Fischer Theatre!
Christmas decorations. I love the lights it reminds me of downtown Stone Mountain, G.A.
I like the landscaping and flowers
The history and architecture.
Do not like it so unsafe
So many good memories of working downtown and like that it reminds me of those times. Just wish it was a bustling shopping area like it used to be. I do enjoy the few small shops that are there now.
restaurant
The Fischer Theatre!!! Seeing it brought back to life gave me hope in Danville.
The possibilities. Look at artsy, trendy towns like Brattleboro, VT; Bangor, ME; Galena, IL; Nashville, IN. Coffee shops next to tattoo parlors next to gift shops next to restaurants. They all get along.
We come down for the concerts and special events.
Complete the Fischer!
Cafe 13 and the owners along with the lovely Daisy next door at the Oriental restaurant.
The very few unique shops, coffee shop, congregated govt. offices.
It's pretty clean, but not very well lit after dark. It would be nice if there 2 or 3 or more "enite spots" located on Vermilion to entice some folks to come down. Perhaps if zoning regulations were somewhat more relaxed, this could happen.
Shopping
The music events such as Summer Sounds and Culture Shock. I don't go downtown for any other reason (save our library)
The special events and concerts are enjoyable.

Downtown businesses for shopping, grocery shopping at County Market and of course restaurants but I would love to see many more restaurants so that there are more choices, options or variety. And of course the historical buildings that are remaining, especially the Fischer Theater. I worry that if we don't do something now that we will loose what few historical structures that remain of this once great city that had many, many more that are now gone forever! :(

The Grand Buildings and the Fischer Theatre –especially now that it is getting back open to use for the community. Love that Marquee and the excitement it brings to whatever is going on downtown.

I know if the Thetare gets restored it wil transform the downtown completely.

I pray that it gets done. It will do more for the town and the county and area than any other single hing –short of a 3,000 employee Honda plant.

A Lot of people are excited to see it open its doors again.

I look forward to the complete restoration and a full program of Boardway type shows and Musiacals bringing in people from distance ---with money to spend in Danville (restaurants, hotels and other parks & venues/activities.

Also think the downtown concerts and activities are good.

And, I appreciate the effort in keeping the downtown atractive with flowers, landscaping ,etc.

The Landscape and recently the opening of the Fischer Theatre. WOW, was I impressed with the start of the restoration and the Marquee!!

Saw the crowds gathering for the show and I was excited for this grand theatre and for our community!

I like the antique stores and like the Deluxe Restaurant.

Access to everything

Family owned businesses. Store or hobby shop.

Architecture. shops

Some stores are getting filled

Historic look/stores/beautiful town and atmosphere

9. What stops you from coming downtown more often?

Not sure on hours sometimes on businesses. Weekends more busy. Lack of certain businesses, restaurants.
Doesn't feel safe in the evening and parking is hard.
Time in general
I think I am there frequently. If I lived or worked closer to the downtown, I would probably frequent businesses there more.
Some first floor commercial spaces need to be transitioned from office/services to retail and locating these office/services to the second floor or relocation to Hazel / Walnut. The two core blocks of Vermilion need to be retail, shops, restaurants, tattoo parlors, bars, etc.
Not a lot to do
Nothing
Options to draw me there
Not much there except antique shops
lack of stores/restaurants I'm interested in
Lack of viable shops, lack of a variety of restaurants
Variety of businesses. Would like to see more restaurants .
Safety and nothing there
The only thing that might stop me is if the shops aren't open when I wish they were.
Nothing.
Lack of shopping, restaurant and entertainment options.
Lack of retail and food options.
Nothing, I embrace the area shops & attractions. Of course more restaurants are as low as us welcome!
We need more specialty retail and events that occur all year round that appeal to a wide range of age groups. Not just rock n roll. What do we do to reach out to entertainment that would bring all generations downtown. It feels like Downtown Danville is stagnant.....no facade renovations, no upper story development. Please work to bring more shop owners to the downtown.....help them.....work with them.....be a partner to those wishing to locate in Danville. Don't scare them away with demands and rudeness.....let them know we want them to open a business here.
most places are closed by 5
Nothing.
Parking and safety
Hours for stores, variety of place to shop or dine
There isn't much to do downtown. Any time I'm off work, everything is closed, and even then, there isn't much unique to do. Some of the concert series and art projects help. More unique businesses and attractions would help draw the community and tourists in to enjoy Danville and spend money.
Lack of shopping, crime, lack of restaurants.
Meijer.
Lack of diversity.
The square, fat man's, vintage villans, some shopping
I'm down there pretty often.
Not much of interest there

Not much in the way of retail or dining.
Life in general, but some of the stores I like have early closing hours so I don't have time to make it there because I work full time during the week...but I try and come on the weekends at least once a month to just browse.
crime rate
Not enough parking, not enough restaurants and very little to do.
No good shopping. parking is minimal and it's not safe to park and walk at night.
Nothing. I go when I can.
limited parking and not liking the parking garage there. Also, just not having time.
Lack of reason to go. Resentment that the city focuses on renewal and reurpose rather than focusing on other areas of town or seeing the only plan for it is clean slate.
There's no reason to go. Nothing appeals to me.
nothin there of intrest
There is not much there that is appealing to me.
Not enough to do.
nothing there and crime
I am downtown often, but more restaurants and retail and entertainment venues would bring me down town more often.
Not enough shops or restaurants. I don't like antiques and that's basically all there is....a bunch of antique shops.
Not as much shopping and restaurants
I'm a guy with disposable income in his mid 30s, and I struggle to find a good reason TO go there. I'm not overly averse to it, but all the kitschy local small businesses are closed by the time I get off work, and the nightlife, such as it is, just don't appeal outside of the occasional karaoke night.
See Question # 8. That is my answer to #9
Mostly transportation. And the fact that there isn't a lot to do. Sure there are some antique shops and 2 cafes and one restaurant. But there isn't really a huge attractor or place to just hangout.
Lack of variety of eating/drinking establishments.
Nothing. I come downtown several times a week for meals, meetings, library stops, etc.
There is nothing to do way to many empty spaces etc
life
Nothing there to attract my interest. Just drive through or past it enroute to other destination. Have.
Not enough going on. Need more restaurants/nice bars.
not enough to do
Crime and the medians installed in our streets that serve no purpose and make the road more dangerous by narrowing the lanes.
Crime.
Absolutely nothing
Better eating establishments
not much going on
Time.
The safety & there isn't much to do downtown.
There isn't a lot to come for, as far as I can tell.
There is nothing there!

not much there
Nothing
The ridiculous parking strictures
Lack of restaurants and general shopping opportunities
Lack of ammenities such as fine dining or green spaces.
Not much entertainment.
Lack of things to do.
Lack of shops and restaurants
Not too much to do a lot of the time, and i dont like parallel parking
Not many restaurants
Not a lot to do
There is not much to do
Life
Nothing there. Go through it to get to first pres for church.
Not enough of a bar or restaurant scene during the weekends.
I go through downtown daily. Sometimes I drive through just to look at it. Especially in Christmas time.
There aren't many businesses but it has been getting better!
I am downtown five days a week,
Not much reason to.
lack of handicap parkig
Choice of restaurants
Need more events at the Fischer Theatre
Here isn't much that interests me there.
Not enough variety for dining.
nothing to offer everything went up north another stupid idea I thought.
There a virtually no businesses other than Cafe 13 and vintage villans, not to mention other than vintage villans the whole strip is closed by 4:30-5
I left my managerial position to be a part of the Downtown Danville scene.
Umbrellas for the tables at the plaza were taken down early this season and homeless congregate when the porta potties for Summer Sounds are up... Nothing against them and I have not heard of them being violent but some are not of sound mind and talk to themselves which is enough to make you wonder... and enough to make you feel guilty for bringing your lunch or dinner there on nice days.
It was amazing to see all the Pokemon Go players out and about downtown walking everywhere together. I wish that had lived on.
The shops don't interest me. However, I love the new Red Door Cakes!
There is usually nothing to do downtown.
Not enough shops to shop at
Safety, sparcity of stores, restaurants.
Parking and only a few stores/events Iâ€™m interested in.
More restaurants
There's nothing downtown

Nothing there that interests me
needs more shopping and resteraunts
Few options.
Lack of local restaurants and shopping. Safety of the neighborhood.
A reason to-eating, shopping???
Not many places to shop.
narrow street - fear of an auto accident
There just is not enough to do. The few businesses that are downtown are just random and I donâ€™t feel like they flow together enough to make me want to stop by each and everyone of them.
I only eat so often and there's not much else that I find to do. Although my grandsons love Vintage Villains and I do go there with them.
Panhandling
Not feeling safe in Danville, especially after dark.
see above
There are retail stores, but none that have anything I want to buy or need. I'm not interested in "antiquing," so my downtown shopping options are limited.
Well since I already live downtown, nothing really. I can only focus on the things that would prevent others from living downtown. It has an image of being unsafe which might have been true at one time many years ago but that isn't the case now. Lack of walkable sidewalks and the covering of the historic brick streets with asphalt is a big problem! :(
Too many of "treatment facilities and their customers--along with a certain number of what seems to be homeles or loitering people.
Not enough quality eating places and not enough near by parking for the limited retail and current restaurants.
Some of the people I see hanging around the various treatment centers.-- I approve of them, I just wish they could find alternative locations away from an area that I would like to see filled in with different kinds of specialty retil and neat restaurant concepts.
Food and shopping choices
Lack of shopping, restaurants
Not enough shops
Used book store
Not enough unique shopping, craft store, quality businesses
Nothing
Lack of restaurants, entertainment

10. Why would you choose or not choose downtown as a place to locate your business?

N/A. I do think its prime for more business such as a children's museum and other family-oriented uses.
I would have to look at cost of lease or owning a building, with the buildings being older and again safety.
Where I currently work is already in the downtown area.
I did choose downtown as a place to locate two of my businesses in the past. I think it offers reasonable rents, often existing infrastructure, accessibility through available parking that you don't have to maintain, a built-in support group of other business owners and cross-promotion opportunities with other businesses. For many types of businesses, there are related businesses there that build your customer base too.
I am not a business owner but if I would the only reason I would not locate downtown is the fact that some buildings are not be taken care by their owners (Sears building, etc).
It is already located in downtown
Safety issues
lack of foot traffic to justify long hours of staffing
Would chose- convenient, high visibility, frequent traffic, spacious
Would not- dilapidated buildings, no incentives, no design standards
Safety promote history
There is a lot of traffic downtown, so it seems like a perfect place to have a business. There is ample parking in all areas of downtown, I feel.
N/A
Building conditions, lack if traffic, neighborhood riff-raff scaring off potential customers and the reputation off Danville crime.
I would choose to place a business there because of the great location in Danville and the storefronts are easy to identify. However, there is very limited parking. Another major concern is the state of the buildings. Many of the people who own the buildings do not take care of them and to buy them would require a lot of money to get them into a habitable building.
Keep it clean & attractive, it's headed in the right direction.
N/A
Choose-location close to bus station
Not choose - Safety, abandon buildings, lack of taffic
I have considered placing a business in downtown but have witnessed so many horror stories about how hard Scott Eisenhauer and the building inspectors are to work with. However, I think it is the perfect location for a small business. The historic and cultural environment is attractive to today's consumer.
Not a business owner. Is this survey for business owners only? Just a citizen.
Customer traffic. We need more people downtown every day. A revitalized Fischer Theatre and Breese Tower would go a long way towards helping that.
Iâ€™d love to find a niche business downtown, but the cronyism of other business owners makes it a difficult prospect.
Crime rate and through the roof prices of rent
As the area is improved and become more active, I would absolutely want to have a business downtown.

It's very run down
If the property taxes are reasonable it would be a great location for businesses to join. It would be hard to keep a business there if there isn't much else to do around there.
Because the city fights a new business tooth and nail over permits and it's hard to do business with them. Very unwelcoming. Downtown shops and businesses are boring. My teens and college kids have zero desire to go downtown.
I fully support my local businesses and try to do so whenever possible.
I am not a business owner, but would not foresee a problems IF taxes were not high. That is another issue with this area.
Who wants to run a business surrounded by empty buildings and and kitch shops? Who wants to run a business in a location that even the town has to do a survey to find out why people don't go there? If you have to ask how to get more people to just visit the area of town do you really expect people to want to put a business where people don't visit?
Not enough interest for shoppers.
needs to be safe
Not applicable - I do not have a business.
I'm not looking to start a business. But I would like to see more retail shops downtown.
I would only open a business there if I came up with a business plan that involved a target market driven primarily by nostalgia. For anything else, I'd choose a more accessible part of town, likely one of the strip mall setups.
No incentive for customers and shoppers to be there. People are spending millions of dollars in Champaign because they are disgusted at the services, or lack there of, here in Danville. Champaign is only a 40 minute drive, why should people shop here when anything they want can be found in Champaign or Urbana.
Mostly because the hub of activity is up near the mall. I feel like if there was more retail space downtown such as department stores id go downtown more often.
If I was going to open any sort of retail or restaurant business, I would strongly consider a downtown location. I think there are a lot of great buildings awaiting their new uses.
At this moment no because there is nothing that draws the public to that are except on special weekends and it's not enough to sustain a years worth the business
not a good fit
Have no business.
not enough of a draw
The cost of modernizing a building downtown would be a serious deterrent for me to locate my business there.
Downtown Danville is a great place to locate a business!!
Safety---would like an art studio/ gallery but safety is an issue. Especially because I would be working in evenings and most likely alone.
Depending on the business, foot traffic needs to increase
I think that area downtown isn't advertised enough. Its neat but it almost goes unnoticed.
It could be a very nice area if additional restaurants/bars would locate there. If a person doesn't enjoy second hand thrift stores there really isn't a reason to visit downtown.
I would certainly consider it if I was going into business.
I would indeed as long as I was able to advertise properly and get a big enough loan for renovations. Our downtown looks abysmal
Retired from business now . The major available buildings along Main and Vermilion are old and would require very expensive maintenance and renovation. It would take some form of

government subsidy to entice me to locate downtown if I were looking to start a business downtown.
Just the belief that no one would frequent my establishment, no matter how great it was.
I would choose downtown if the city and community would invest more in its restoration rather than focus on demolition.
Downtown needs more business so I would locate my business downtown because I know people want to see downtown thrive more.
I don't have a business, but if I did I would like downtown for the artsy theme
It's an ideal place
Not many people drive down there unless you live close but I feel like if there was more things people liked it I would put a store there like
No traffic
I would- there are nice locations on main Danville streets, and there are opportunities for collaboration with the community. A brewery, bar, or music store would be great downtown.
I don't nor would I own a business.
I'd fear that I wouldn't get as much business downtown, but I'd also want to relocate there because I feel that it is beginning to revive
I am not a business person, but It appears that the city and county don't always work well with business. I think we have enough green space in the downtown already, and that our local governments show a lack of imagination and innovation when they just plant grass and flowers instead of promoting business and downtown growth.
No foot traffic
Good traffic, central location
N/A
Do not have business
if it was developed more, had more businesses, etc.
downtown would be a great location for a business, however you would need to be something people need/want and having other businesses would help draw people to your store. currently empty buildings and wasted space rein supreme .
To grow locally and to make Vermilion Street an even better place than it already is.
Taxes and property price waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAaaaaaaaaay too high for the lack of consumer foot traffic.
I would not choose it now because there are very few useful businesses downtown. Chart records is the only store I have ever bought anything from Downtown.
Safety issues
It is dead and the businesses dont appeal to me. I have to either need help with heat, paying taxes.or thrift shopping to come downtown.
Crime
Parking can be a negative
I would choose it because space is reasonable. I would not because of safety.
Too many undesirables,too old and run down,who would feel safe esp.at night
I just don't feel that safe downtown and sometimes the parking is not available.
I do not have a business
N/A

Danville is not safe, especially to work after dark in my business or to stay open late.
There's no anchor to pull foot traffic. It would take a lot of marketing and motivation to get someone to make the trip downtown just to come to my business.
Downtown could really be considered a broader area. Parking is spread out, there should be on big parking garage downtown that can be utilized by everyone the courthouse, civic center and other downtown businesses. My biggest problem living downtown is the structures that need to be torn down. Nobody is going to want to build landfill houses on vacant lots with dilapidated structures surrounding them, not to mention the health issues from MOLD, etc. that are already slowly killing the people who brave to live there. And lets not forget the lack of sidewalks!
See 9 above. Also , need an all-out effort demonstated by the city to transform the downtown. Team up with private partnerships and work to get solid unique retailers, restaurants to locate and do what is necessary to incentivize them to come and commit. Fewer treatment centers and make-shift uses , more genuine unique tetail and unique eateries. But this will only happen with a true anchor downtown drawing card like the Fischer Theatre.
I don't have a business, but, if I did, I want want a lot more access points from the parking areas behind the stores. Accesses that are lighted and attractive and close to my store entrance. Because that is what I want as a customer.
I think more parking needs to be provided and a lot more entries onto the main street (vermillion).
Location, location, location.
Awayfrom commercial developments
Proximity and growth
I am part owner of ____

11. Please give us any ideas you have on how to make downtown more interesting, enjoyable, beautiful, safe, or economically vibrant.

<p>Fill spaces. Vacant and unkempt buildings make downtown look worse.</p> <p>The parking lot across from the ReStore needs another way to get out of it than just Walnut Street. When it is full for the Night of Lights Parade and other big events downtown it takes a long time to get out.</p> <p>Hoping TIF helps.</p> <p>Would love to see walking trails and other improvements for Riverfront. Love walking riverfronts in other cities such as Peoria.</p>
<p>Easier parking - away from traffic. Restaurants that would be open in the evening with sidewalk tables. Special event shopping with all the stores participating.</p>
<p>I love the trees, flowers, Christmas lights.... _____ has always done a tremendous job with all of that. Hate losing her from her position with the City....will be a great loss.</p>
<p>I love the idea of some unique food trucks during certain parts of the year.</p>
<p>Restore the Fischer theater to bring more tourism dollars into the downtown.</p> <p>Develop a code structure specific to the area that addresses the most pressing life safety issues through a lens of what is reasonable in an existing structure that is 50 to 100 years old.</p> <p>Encourage area gardeners to maintain the beautiful landscaping.</p> <p>Continue the special financing options to help small businesses start and grow in the area.</p> <p>Identify family/children-focused businesses or events to attract families. Many of the memories that make a downtown special are those created in childhood.</p>
<p>Focus on the intersection of North and Vermilion. You have the potential to have four strong corners where now we have one corner that is activated by events, the other corner a retail and future bar. Demo the southern two buildings and replace with the scale and mass of the Dale Building, minimum of three stories. These two buildings are not architectural significant but you have ability to create a node of entertainment, retail, office and residential. These two buildings would be mixed-used with retail (1st floor), office/residential (2nd), residential (3rd +).</p>
<p>Keep up with the landscaping. Image is everything.</p> <p>Relocate social agencies elsewhere within the city but not in downtown area</p> <p>Require business to upkeep window displays. There is one store front loaded with old furniture. It appears to be a warehouse. I think it is now for sale</p> <p>Tear down bresee tower and annex make into a mini park. Do not invest in a campaign to restore</p> <p>Encourage more events at fisher theater. Love seeing the lights on at night</p>
<p>Need to have someone leading the charge other than DDI - right now development is floundering because there is no focus</p>

We need authentic local restaurants, and police presence to ensure safety.
continue offering financial incentives for businesses
secure grant funding for building repairs
More local restaurants, remove dilapidated buildings, get control of unused buildings and incentivise new businesses to locate there, create a specific type of district
Keep creating the beautiful flowers, we have a wonderful downtown, so let's keep it that way. Please don't let it go to the waste side. I would love to see more public art (sculptures that are functional artist benches, table/chairs or bike racks).
Seek out potential development in neighboring towns to add a Danville location. Give them incentives to build under one time schedule and have them open all at the same time so all can benefit from the instant traffic generated. Continue to develop the Fischer. Remove unsightly buildings to give the Fischer proximity parking to be shared by downtown businesses. Redevelop the Adams building for apartments and offices.
The board for Downtown Danville needs to have positions open for people who do not occupy a building or business there, but should have people who have valuable inputs to offer. There should be more pressure placed on building owners to take care of their buildings facades, which that alone would make downtown far more welcoming. If the building were in better shape, I feel it would attract more businesses to move in. I would love to see a brewery in the old Vermilion Place space.
I'm excited at the prospect of a riverwalk. Always visit these in other towns. Space for food trucks. More shops always welcome.
It is essential that the city get behind the restoration of the Fischer Theatre. A thriving, operating Fischer Theatre is a key ingredient in a revitalized downtown which would bring people from all over to stay in hotels, shop in our retail and eat in our restaurants. It can be a point of pride for downtown.
The River Walk and the Fischer Theatre go hand in hand to attract people to this area.
See response in question 9.
more options later times
Create a more business-friendly environment. Encourage courteous communication to resolve problems rather than intimidation.
We are not only area fighting this battle. Things have changed but the bedroom communities have small businesses like Rustic Attic in Georgetown, il., Floral n Flair in Catlin, Pink Poodle in Hoopston. These are all great shopping places. My question is why do we not have this experience in downtown? We do have Sweet Repeats and the new bakery. Great places. I think maybe geographically redefine downtown. Having the businesses in one area where you can shop, go to lunch, grab a dessert all within walking distance. It seems like the thriving businesses are scattered. Maybe a committee of business owners. Best of luck to us all in this changing world.
Support Not-For-Profit efforts to restore the Fischer and the Breese.
Pass some kind of zoning to prevent churches from locating in storefronts in and around downtown.
Ensure that DDI and Vermilion Advantage are working together to bring business downtown. I'm a little concerned that DDI has become nothing more than an event planning group.
Is there a chance or avenue to offer temporary tax abatement for new business downtown?
Ensure existing building owners are keeping buildings structurally safe in a pro-active way, not just when it changes hands or a new tenant goes in and want to make some changes.

Keep Bresee. Let condos / apts be made. Allows for more downtown residents and subsequent services.
Restore the breese tower, attract more local business, add things for kids and teens yo do that keeps them off drugs and of the street. Maybe also new accommodations for homeless and veterans. That is a huge need, I mean they sometimes be have to sleep in fliver beds and parking garages and that is inexcusable for a town like Danville. It may also help to renovate or demolish the decrepit buildings and seriously run the slum Lords out of town
See note above about the Fischer Theatre. Continue the river front project. Nurture small, local shops, restaurants, businesses, and ice cream parlor (PLEASE! LOL!), and place some benches along the first couple blocks on Vermilion north of Main.
HONOR THE HISTORY of downtown Danville by restoring existing buildings instead of razing them. Renovation and restoration should be considered an investment, not a detriment, to bringing the downtown area to real life.
Refurbish the buildings
Bring more options downtown. Get some more food places, ice cream parlor, food trucks (friday night food trucks?), movie theatre and shops, anything that is different and brings the people out. I would love to have something child friendly as well...look at covington, IN they have an indoor sand place downtown that is amazing, also a children's museum, Champaign turned their old theatre into one, and we have plenty of empty buildings downtown to get some of these cool things done. For food places, get some more outdoor seating, Red Door has done that and it's great. Clean up the area, I will say I will not visit the downtown alone after dark, and honestly this is the same for all places in Danville. Have more of a police presence, even walking the streets, and lighting. Art festivals, there is such a great art community here in Danville, everything from theatre to painting lets have a festival downtown to celebrate that. (Yes, I know we have Arts in the Park) I wish I had the real answers, this is so hard. I want Danville to thrive and be great but I know it is a process.
Supporting new and current businesses there is very important. The reopening of the Fischer Theater will hopefully bring great things to the downtown area.
I am hesitant that much will be accomplished with downtown Danville because I participated in survey for updating the East End of Danville. There has been nothing done with the East End of town. It is important to update Danville as a whole not just have nice things located in one area. Yes, as a whole it will take time but finish the ones you have already asked for our input.
Better parking, better lighting for nighttime activities or shopping. Easier to get permits with the city for new businesses trying to come in. I have several friends who own businesses in the city limits and their worst experiences have been getting permits from the city of Danville. That is unacceptable. The city should be welcoming and nothing but helpful.
Please fix up the empty and deteriorating buildings! These locations are our history as a town and it is vital to preserve it for future generations. Danville, despite what many might say, is a wonderful community. We can continue to become better with more patronage to our local businesses and more careful attention to areas that need more help.
Overall, Danville is in a declining state. Those in charge need to stop focusing on irrelevant projects and stop "partial projects". The East end needs to be made a priority. The community had its hopes up that changes would be made, and it seems like there is no progress! You need all areas of Danville to be safe in order for downtown and all areas to prosper. East end needs to be done before the riverfront... riverfront before other projects.
Create a plan and stick to it! Prioritize! Make people want to be here. Stop giving us false hope!
Lots of demolition and willingness to explore other options than a retail center. Until danville has a stronger economy with a lower unemployment rate we will never be an attractive place for retail

with out an unreasonable ammount of allotments and incentives. In short, fix the towns economy and worker skill deficit before worrying about this pet project. I did not check any in the "what would you like to see" section because there were only retail or "tourist" spot options, the idea of vibrant cultural retail paradise downtown is a pipe dream that has occupied the cities imagination for too many decades. Does anyone ever stop to think that the city lacks the strong economy and cultural depth to create let alone support such a model and that a different model might be more viable? An industrial, tech, or commercial office direction likely has a greater chance of success. Providing of course danville can create an economy and worker base that can attract companies here without huge bribes of tax breaks .

more stores that sell more than antiques and pawn shops i wish more happend at the fisher and less people outside the rehab place smoking

Have community "green teams" to work on environmental items.

Movies on big screen

musical events that are not just rock or country.

Holiday activities....why does Danville have nothing on the 4th of July?

Active promoting of businesses already there to attract shoppers.

I think the key to revitalizing downtown is the restoration of the Fischer Theatre. A restored theatre could bring famous entertainers to Danville. This in turn would bring restaurants, hotels/motels and retail stores to the downtown.

There should always be the planting of flowers during the Spring and Summer. The more beautiful the look of the down town the better opinion folks have of the area.

I think Downtown Danville is coming along nicely. Shelley and her team do a beautiful job at Christmas and throughout the summer, making Downtown Danville visually appealing. I would like to see more retail shops besides antiques.

I've been critical bordering on mean so far, but this might help. Interesting, enjoyable, beautiful, economically vibrant... When I imagine a place like that, it's biggest thing is ease of access. When I think "downtown Danville", I immediately think of these oddly imposing stone facades, mismatched and overlarge storefronts, and a corridor of christmas lights that seem to show you the way out again. It's claustrophobic in there, folks.

Now, efforts have been made to fix that, and it has helped. The plaza with the brick bas-relief sculpture was a nice addition in the day, and seemed to signal a movement toward more open space. There's a kind-of-park up by the annex, too. But... that's it. A concrete plaza and a park that looks suspiciously like a vacant lot most of the time. Add in the dominant courthouse and perennially empty Brisee (sp?) tower, if you're coming up Main, you don't want to turn there. You want to follow Rt 1, right? businesses are spaced out a bit there's time to read the signs and maybe make an impulsive stop.

My best suggestion is probably hard to implement, but here goes: Go full small-town and make the whole thing pedestrians only. Maybe put a streetcar on vermilion or something. The kids would love it. Families could treat it as an outdoor mall, make a whole afternoon or evening of going to get dinner, shopping around, and generally enjoying the vibe. The area feels so self-contained and isolated anyway, just embrace that. The murals and such will be something to admire. The jumble of storefronts that's so hard to make sense of from a car would suddenly work just fine. The sidewalk cafes that seem to always be opening and closing in area could find a safer environment. Public events like the parades, markets, and maybe the occasional concert, could become much more vibrant and feel like more distinctly "downtown" activities.

It would be a huge change, but it's all I have that wouldn't involve gutting the traditional identity of the area. I wish you the best of luck

1. Restore the Fisher and start having regular programs there. Add another theatre on Main St.
2. Get on the stick and give us a decent river walk area with attractions.
3. Some restaurants like the Cracker Barrel or a couple of nice steak houses would be a great addition. Remember Connors restaurant? I do, it was great.
4. Foot or bike police patrols for extra safety if needed.
5. A "Books a Million" store would be a huge incentive to come downtown.
6. A riverboat would do wonders for the whole downtown area. Please Mayor, get that done.
7. Bright lights and venue's that stay open until at least 9PM would be a great improvement.
8. Advertise, advertise, advertise for businesses to come to the downtown area. Provide some monetary incentives for them. Hire a professional agent to help get that done.

Good luck.

If you moved the van dike house in the lot across from the Fischer Theatre which currently contains the "sign forest", and restored it, it may bring a lot more tourists downtown, bring more businesses such as restaurants and clothing stores. Another way to bring more life downtown is fix some of the older downtown buildings and see that property owners are maintaining their property.

My family and many friends are involved with the Fischer Theatre. I would love for the city to work more closely with efforts to restore the theatre and make it the community gathering place and jewel it will one day be. I believe it will strengthen not just the downtown, but Danville itself, in ways we can only now imagine.

I think during events downtown have actual police be at events not hired security from the civic center. Also I think there needs to be more family friendly activities not everything should involve alcohol all day long. We need more business not parking and not parks. Restore business which in return will bring revenue and people back to this town parks and housing do not cut it

RESTORE THE FISHER

Fear it's a dying area. See little possibility to entice people to locale. Mall and other retail businesses in north Vermilion can't even seem to thrive.

Invest in the historic aspect of downtown. These buildings are amazingly beautiful and current trends advocate for restoration. Preserve our history. Danville has a unique history and history can be lucrative. Exercise creative problem solving and start thinking outside the box.

And have some faith...if you restore it, they will come.

Restaurants with nice outdoor seating, well decorated with flowers, gardens, etc

Skip the river walk and invest that money into other store fronts, bars, and venues. And keep the mayor from trying to screw companies that do buy buildings downtown. This whole Breezy Town deal is going to hurt the downtown area to future investors.

Get rid of the medians in the streets and expand the roads for better traffic flow instead of narrowing them which only discourages new business/activity.

Needs a little better restaurants. Maybe an ice cream parlor.

Grants to rehab buildings.
continue to fix the fischer & host theatre there, more variety in stores
Art, sculptures, businesses in the empty buildings
Bicycle cop? Light it up! Make it a place to see
New city leadership would do the trick!
I like what they have done in Paducah, KY. In the last 20 years, they have made a decaying downtown into a place that draws a lot of people. The following comes from their website. The City of Paducah has several business incentive programs in the works for new and existing property owners. One of these is our successful Roof Stabilization program which we are in our second year of funding. We also work with our business owners through promotions of our downtown with special events, holidays, and partnerships with other organizations. Properties within our historic districts may also qualify for state and federal historic tax credits when rehabilitating one of our historic structures. For more information on incentives please call the Paducah Planning Department at 270-444-8690.
First off I would renovate these dilapidated buildings and give them purpose again. Then I would put a restaurant/ coffeehouse downtown. That is updated and modern. Reopen the jazz club with renovations and for the love of all that is good and grand FIX the FISHER
Many people over the past 35 years have devoted and are still devoting significant effort to renovate the Fischer Theater. This building and its history are literally a 'Lady in Waiting' for this community to realize the huge economic potential it offers for Danville. The performing arts is a 'natural' for downtown activities. The current board of the Vermilion Heritage Foundation have researched and obtained highly professional business evaluations relative to the renovation and business operations and possibilities for this building. An extensive Business Pro-Forma is available for all to read and a complete construction estimate is in hand to present. The existing foundation is currently struggling to make the necessary repairs to even keep the building semi-functional. If the city government and business leaders of this community would only examine the above two mentioned studies and get behind the renovation goal, this single project could serve to start the entire revitalization of the downtown community. Thom and Cher Pollock and James Woods have all the data relative to this reply. The possibilities of this project are endless. The cost is high, approximately 6 million dollars to completion, but it could get a great start given enough money to complete the roof repairs, truss repair, and completion of the Marquee.
More green spaces!!!! such as we have all around the Neal Street restaurant row in Chambana. Outdoor dining/drinking with beautiful green spaces and outdoor lighting. It's very inexpensive to just string lights between buildings and encourage folks to gather. We need to get more serious about rehabbing the Fisher.
Restaurants and more shows at the fischer.
Making the Fischer restoration a top priority is the best thing that could revive downtown. Preserving the remaining history and building on that could create a vibrant arts and entertainment community that would attract tens of thousands. This will help bring more unique retail, restaurants and lodging to the downtown area as well.
I performed at rocky horror show downtown at fisher theater and I thought it was a beautiful place to be.
farmers market down town, easier parking and access, better lighting at night, more restaurants and clothes stores
Restore the fischer
More nice spots outside to go sit on a nice day
Fully restore the Fischer.
More relevant stores

Zoning that allows moving a business downtown to be financially viable would be crucial. More businesses that are paying less is better than few businesses paying more.
Help finish the Fischer Theatre for sure. And the annex building. I love the flowers and trees in the middle. Maybe try to keep it cleaner with no trash.
Reopening Fischer theatre (which is already underway), advertising events more, as well as our War Museum!
I would love to eat in a restaurant on the top floor of Breessee Tower. It would be cool to see the river and downtown from up there. It would be a place that would draw people from all over east central Illinois and west central Indiana.
Close it up
Support the Fischer revitalization project. Over 1300 people came to see Rocky Horror, which, in this venue, received rave reviews. Properly supported it would be the main anchor to light up and revitalize the rest of the downtown area.
Events at the Fischer Theatre
Help support more local vendors and ideals. And when activities are occurring downtown, further publicity. There are so many vacant buildings downtown that should be restored, not torn down. We need to appreciate the history of Danville. So many of these buildings are beautifully crafted, inside and out. These architectural treasures should be just that, treasured. So, when someone buys one of these buildings, our city should be supporting them, not purposefully interfering. If need be, help form a committee of volunteers dedicated to helping clean these buildings, I'm sure many would join. For example, the Fischer Theatre. I was one of the people helping bring it back to life. The pure beauty and joy that I saw on community members faces at being allowed to see this magnificent theatre's charm once more was worth the hours of cleaning and hauling, and that was before a full restoration. Imagine the tourism and economic gain that could be brought back into our town from this one building. Having those marquee lights brighten up downtown again was a truly beautiful sight.
Save the Breeze tower!!!! Rehab the buildings that are already there.
Encourage interesting businesses to open.
Stow owners working together to create special events
That's the million dollar question for Danville, but more growth downtown, not up north.
GET MORE STORES! Get more shopping, and dining! without shopping you have no business, you have no money coming into the town. your just raising taxes on wasted space and running potential customers out and turning away potential businesses. Downtown could be beautiful again, but with no shops, there are no people, there is no money.
Open the Fischer Theater, bring a brewery in, maybe some shops (male clothing), music shops, and restaurants
Renovating the Fischer Theater making it a stop for Broadway productions. Expanding DIFFERENT downtown locations. We have our coffee shop, our family reaturaunt and our oriental reaturesunt. We need ice cream, pizza, Indian, etc. making it more cultural friendly for when the riverfront is complete. ALSO a hotel or two!
More local places to actually eat on the strip would be nice as crossing main to get to Penn Station or County Market is a hassle on a short break. I never go to JavaHut(? different name now) because pastries or whatever aren't real food. We need a little deal like Indian's Pizza - I miss Brewstar because they had pizza. The managers of Green Island are very nice people and I'm glad they're still in downtown but their buffet is extremely lacking.
How amazing would it be if we could get a department store where Sears used to be? Though, I suspect, that building is falling apart... and parking would be impossible. It's complicated...
Make it more family-friendly year-round, not just during a special event. It seems to be mainly offices at this point with limited shopping options. Other than Green Island Chinese, Cafe 13 (with

<p>very limited hours), and Red Door Cakes (with very limited hours), there are only bars. I just don't see much to do as it is now.</p>
<p>The Fischer Theater is the gem of downtown. With the lineup of Culture Shock getting worse by the year, the recent production of the Rocky Horror Show was by far the best thing in years to happen downtown. That space could be used for so many cool things and hopefully this is just the beginning. A yearly Halloween Rocky performance could be what this town is known for!</p>
<p>Need to clean up Danville. It is dirty, littered and unsafe. Should have never put the road back in.</p>
<p>Increase police patrols. Add some upscale shops.</p>
<p>It isn't going to happen until there are more jobs , especially good paying jobs for young people with college degrees. Those jobs will bring people with disposable income. Good stores (not thrift shops), upscale bars/restaurants/entertainment, art galleries, and other gentrification hotspots won't happen if there aren't people with money to support those ventures.</p>
<p>Bring the jobs and the people will come to town. When there are enough people then the good shops, etc will come.</p>
<p>Hey behind the restoration if the Fischer. A restored theatre would be a hub of activity and perhaps spur more business/restaurants to locate downtown</p>
<p>I visited a small town once that had a ice rink in the plaza for the winter season only. We need something for the young people to enjoy. How about a Chuckie Cheese or Dave and Busters. Let's turn one of the buildings into apartment living or lofts with a restaurant on the main level. People will shop in the vicinity of where they live which keeps money in their neighborhood.</p>
<p>Restore historic buildings!!!</p>
<p>Continue events like Culture Shock and Friday concerts. The Fischer theater can be a big draw if used for its intended purpose.</p>
<p>Attract more businesses, especially local get rid of low rent housing. In general make Danville more safe.</p>
<p>You cannot without getting rid of a lot of people</p>
<p>It's very difficult with so many things going north. I enjoy the smaller antique/vintage/re-sale shops that are currently there. I think they do a good job of keeping it clean but just wish some of the empty buildings would be filled. Glad to see Red Door Cakes open up downtown and hoping they do very well. I'm not a mall person at all so it's nice to have the smaller shops.</p>
<p>Larger...Spaced out...places of interest... one way traffic or wider streets...music...replace the Bresee Tower(it is embarrassing and depressing)...double the size of the civic center...street vendors...championship wrestling or boxing events.....call in the professionals for help!</p>
<p>Use the Fischer Theatre more!!! Such a beautiful building.</p>
<p>Music venues, outdoor cafe seating when weather permits.</p>
<p>See #8</p>
<p>Quit focussing on the Fischer. More focus needs to be on safety in the downtown area and all of Danville. We don't need more trees, we need more police officers patrolling all of Danville. I would even like to see one on foot, weather permitting walking around downtown and Main Street area business.</p>
<p>There are many businesses that surround the downtown area that need help, too.</p>
<p>Three ideas: Job, jobs, jobs. Then those that would actually enjoy and afford such cultural, night life, and entertainment activities would be in the majority. Property values would increase and the city would see a desirable resurgence. But I'm afraid we're a long way from that, as are many "rustbelt" cities. Our states financial mess doesn't help. While I admire the work attempted by many to improve our lot, their efforts seem at times insurmountable. Good luck, Danville. You need it.</p>

This survey has been designed with inherent bias. It assumes that developing downtown is exclusively positive.

Well first of all for GOD's sake help finish the Fischer Theater get it up and running and get back to work on the Riverfront Development Project! Also, work clearly needs to be done to the outdated arena/civic center. My suggestion again would be to take advantage of the river and create a view on the back side of the building where the conference or meeting rooms are dirty, old and outdated and have noisy outdated air conditioners. You should be building out over the road and creating something that people WANT to rent for an event and use the facility for. Perhaps a restaurant overlooking the riverfront development? You need to FOCUS more on the things that will draw people to the community whether it be entertainment, living or working! If you build it they WILL come! If you don't build it they WON'T come! :(

1) BACK the FISCHER THEATRE RESTORATION EFFORT with strong actions.

2) CONTINUE your efforts to keep the 2 block downtown area beautiful. + Continue downtown concerts & activities

3) Develop an immediate and long-term plan for close-in, convenient, easily accessible, well-lit & safe PARKING—to give private developers a blueprint & a reason to invite quality retailers and eateries to become a part of the Downtown scene. –Use the knowledge and expertise of men who know what retailers & restaurants need.

Make a Plan that shows the retailers(you want) that you have a plan to make their customers safe and a plan to give them easy parking and access to their stores.

I personally think that the Fischer Theatre, if it is operating year round as a restored theatre, will be all that you need to attract the kind of shops and eating places that you want to make the downtown vibrant again!

Every destination has to have a main attraction. I think the Fischer is ours.

More retail, more residential.

Wish I had the magic answer! Cities around the world are working on this situation. Much larger cities

More family owned businesses

No more junk

Have more city people show an interest and the fact they do care - if they truly do. I could tell you who has hardly been in my store and it would be a huge number. Also get on DDI about doing more. ____ and all don't do much. Getting rid of ____ was a big mistake!

1. Fischer Theater project needs to be completed and utilized for a wide variety of entertainment and events

2. More restaurants, shopping, festivals, etc.

3. Commercial news could work with the City and advertise shops, etc. for an affordable rate. We can pay the same rate as the big time stores do.

4. We need the City to sponsor some bands and events at Temple Plaza (beside DDI and Ambucs) We need more variety at these events (examples) rock and roll, 50s/60s/70s/county/kids bands/high school bands/jazz bands/flea markets/car shows, etc.

5. We need City employees, City Council members, anyone associated with the Danville to at least visit our shops and patronize our stores

6. Downtown has been beautiful over the past few years and we all owe _____ and workers a big thank you - you lost a real jewel when this lady was let do

7. We have to limit the time store owners park in front of their stores during the day. We also need to allow shoppers at least 3-3.5 hours to park downtown and visit all the stores - don't penalize them and let them leave downtown Danville with a sour taste in their visit.