



MKE Elevate Overview

Milwaukee's Community Health Improvement Process

2023-2028 PRIORITIES

Overarching

Racism and Health Equity

Priority Action Areas

Built Environment
Maternal and Child Health
Safe and Supportive Communities

Overarching Priority: Racism and Health Equity

- 1: Increase household income of Black, Hispanic / Latinx, and American Indian/Alaska Native Milwaukee residents
- 2: Raise the life expectancy and quality of life for Black and American Indian/Alaska Native Milwaukee residents
- 3: Increase Civic Engagement and knowledge for Milwaukeeans to participate in local and state level voting



WHAT IS THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

“THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT INCLUDES THE PHYSICAL MAKEUP OF WHERE WE **LIVE, LEARN, WORK, AND PLAY**—OUR **HOMES, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OPEN SPACES, AND TRANSPORTATION** OPTIONS. THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT CAN INFLUENCE OVERALL **COMMUNITY HEALTH** AND INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIORS SUCH AS **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY EATING.**”

[*THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT TOOL MANUAL / DNPAO / CDC*](#)

HOW POPULATION HEALTH IS INFLUENCED BY THE DESIGN OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS, AND FOOD SYSTEMS.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Healthy Housing

Home Ownership & Housing Conditions

Transportation & Active Spaces

Complete Streets & Greenspace

Food Justice

Relationship Building & Equitable Practice



BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Housing

- Partnered with ECO to support healthy homes training for Resilience Ambassadors and Climate Communications workshop
- Presented research on Targeted Rental Inspection Programs

Transportation and Active Spaces

- Launched Speeding - We Can Live Without it Campaign
- Published Milwaukee's Vision Zero Action Plan
- Advocated for Traffic Safety Camera Program

Food Access

- Milwaukee Food Council hosted 2nd Annual Food Justice Summit
 - Advocated for 2026 Milwaukee Market Match Funding
- FEED MKE Launched Food Saver Challenge
- City and County Food Drive in response to federal shutdown

HEALTHY HOUSING

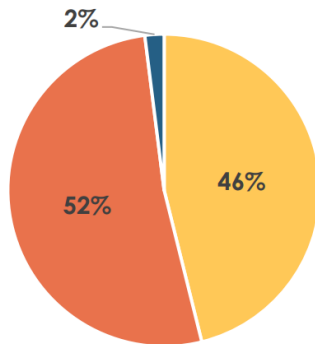
GOAL: INCREASE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND IMPROVE
HOUSING CONDITIONS IN MILWAUKEE



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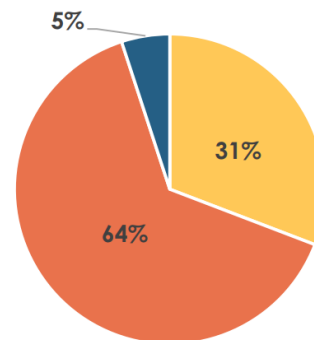
THOUSANDS OF MILWAUKEE PROPERTIES HAVE HEALTH HAZARDS

Ownership of Residential & Mixed Use Properties (n=16,913)



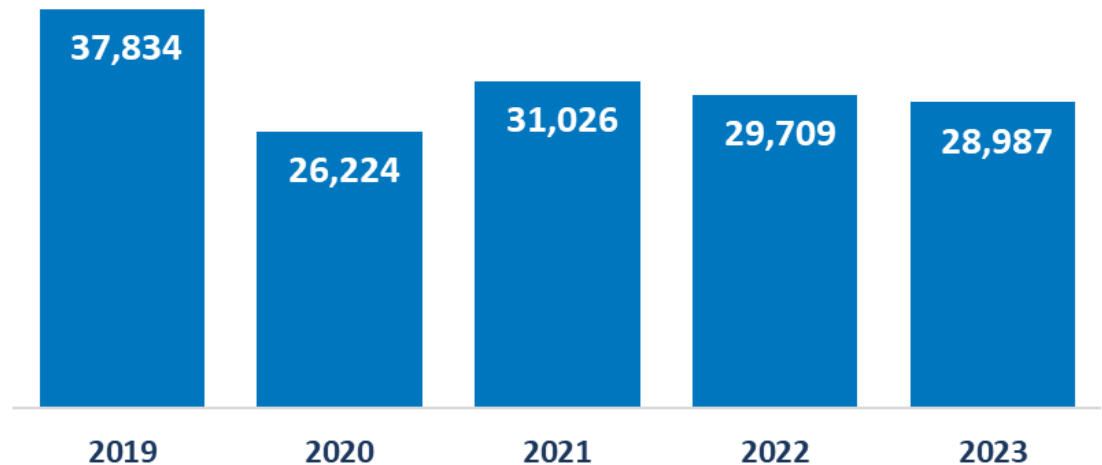
Owner-occupied Investor-owned City-owned

Ownership of Residential and Mixed Use Properties Needing Multiple Major Repairs (n=2,486)



While the overall percentage of investor-owned residential properties is just over half, investors own almost two thirds of all the residential properties that need multiple major repairs.

Estimated Number of Residential Building Code Violations in the City of Milwaukee, 2019-2023



[DATAYOUCANUSE.ORG/RON/](https://datayoucanuse.org/ron/)

PROACTIVE RENTAL INSPECTIONS

- Proactive rental inspection programs are a key strategy to **alleviate housing quality issues** by:
 - reducing the likelihood that renters will be **evicted** or **illegally punished** for reporting hazards
 - **work cooperatively with building owners** to improve housing quality
 - **preserve the existing stock** of affordable housing by **preventing buildings from deteriorating** to the point where they can no longer be inhabited or where teardown and replacement of the building makes more economic sense.
 - PRI programs can also be **designed to minimize inequities** that might arise from enforcement actions

TRANSPORTATION & ACTIVE SPACES

GOAL: MAKE IT SAFE, ENJOYABLE, AND CONVENIENT TO WALK, BIKE, TAKE TRANSIT, DRIVE OR SIMPLY EXPERIENCE OUR STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES – NO MATTER ONE'S AGE OR ABILITY



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MILWAUKEE'S VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN IS HERE!

Key Strategies Include:

1. Build Safe Streets for All Users, Prioritizing the Most Dangerous Streets
2. Support Accountability in the Justice System with a Focus on Prevention
3. Create Vibrant, People Centered Public Places
4. Promote Traffic Safety through Communication, Encouragement, and Education
5. Ensure Timely and Effective EMS and Medical Care
6. Advocate for Safer Vehicles
7. Champion State Law Changes



Engage MKE

Welcome to the City of Milwaukee's community engagement hub!

I'm looking for projects about

All categories



or

Search for a specific project...



Projects



414 In Motion: The City of Milwaukee's Transportation & Mobility Plan

Last updated: 26 Sep, 2025

The City of Milwaukee's Transportation and Mobility Plan will set the vision, goals, strategy, and policy objectives for the future of Milwaukee's streets.



Housing Element

Last updated: 25 Sep, 2025

The Housing Element (formerly known as Growing MKE) is the result of a citywide planning initiative to support Milwaukee's evolving housing needs.



Burnham Park Traffic Safety Improvements

Last updated: 26 Sep, 2025

This project aims to address traffic safety issues throughout the Burnham Park neighborhood with two phases of improvements to be built in 2024 and 2025.

FOOD JUSTICE

GOAL: REDUCE FOOD INJUSTICE THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION,
RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, AND EQUITABLE PRACTICE



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FOOD ACCESS

1 IN 3 MILWAUKEEANS LIVE MORE THAN ONE MILE
FROM A GROCERY STORE

FOOD INSECURITY

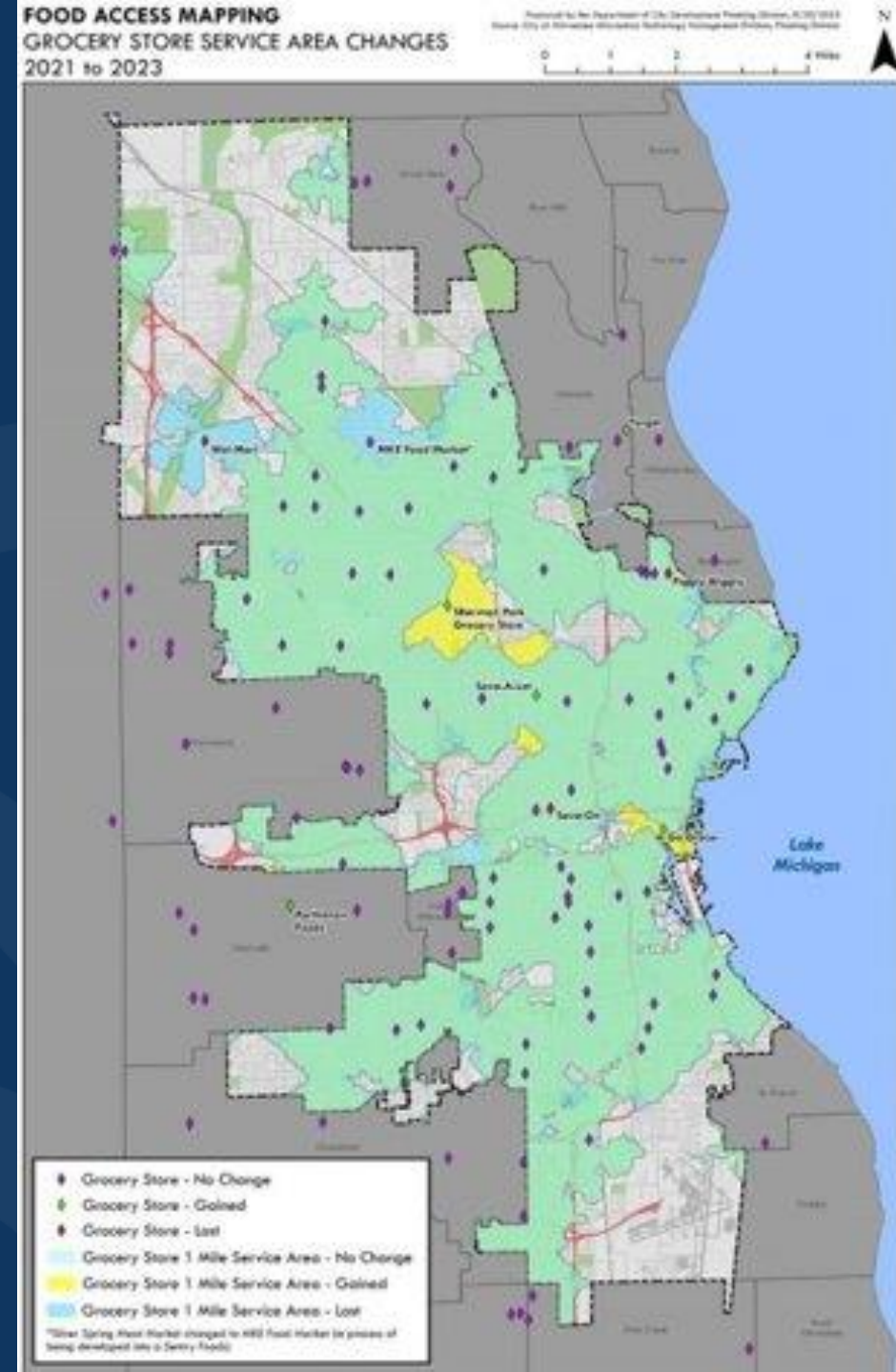
1 in 10 MILWAUKEEANS ARE FOOD INSECURE

1 in 4 MILWAUKEE CHILDREN ARE FOOD
INSECURE (numbers are even higher for Black and
Brown youth)

FOOD WASTE

LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO WISCONSIN LANDFILLS,
WITH **1.2 BILLION POUNDS DISCARDED ANNUALLY.**

MORE THAN **15.4% OF WASTE** IN THIS
REGION COMES FROM FOOD, EXCEEDING THE STATE
AVERAGE.



CITY-COUNTY FOOD AND FUNDS DRIVE



In response to the ongoing Federal government shutdown, The City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County are hosting a *city-wide* food drive to collect non-perishable food items and donate funds to support local families in need.



Built Environment Implementation Partners



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JOIN US! QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN FEB, MAY, AUG, NOV



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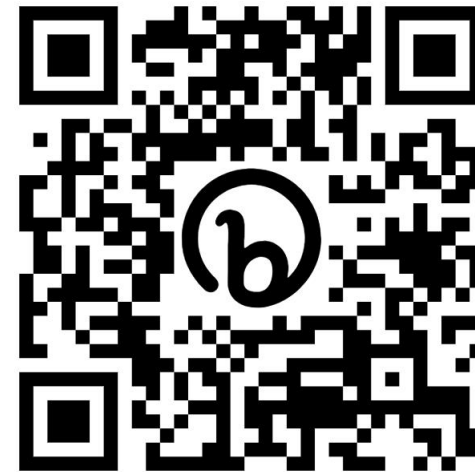


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UPCOMING MEETINGS

When	What
November 20 th at 10AM	Action Team Meetings
June 26 th and December 4 th 2025 at 4PM	General Member Meetings



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