



History of Project

- 100 cameras were donated by Schmidt & Sons Pharmacy and Pinnacle Irrigation, two local businesses.
- Cameras were given to:
 - Hand-selected Middle School Students
 - High School Photography Class
 - Options Students
- Only direction given was to take pictures of what they liked/didn't like about their community.
- Photo processing was donated by Meijer.



General Observations

- The students care a lot about the aesthetics of their community.
- Parks and amenities are important.
- Litter stinks!
- Kids pay more attention than we think they do.
- Kids are in touch with their business community.
- Photos were overwhelmingly positive.
- The students are proud of their community, schools and amenities.



Parks



70 students took pictures of parks and open spaces and marked them as a “Like”.



“It’s cool that it says ‘Tecumseh’.”

– High School student regarding Water Treatment Plant (shown right)



Landmarks



14 students took photos of our historical Community Center (shown left) and commented how they liked it.



17 students took pictures of the Tecumseh Center for the Arts and commented how they liked it.



“Like local Tecumseh art.” - High School student

“Not a lot of towns have this!” - Middle School student



“Nice, unique and for almost anyone.”

– Middle School student regarding Community Garden



33 students took pictures of downtown sculpture and commented they liked it.

Art





“Love the art and culture!”
“Nice artwork to brighten up the town.”
**“The artwork around town
really brings Tecumseh to life!”**





Dislikes



One High School student pointed out that the City needs to install new outdoor grills at Bird Memorial Park.



“Semis are annoying.”

– Student reference to truck traffic in downtown Tecumseh on M-50.



Currently, riders are asked to walk their bikes while on downtown sidewalks (shown above.)



Students did not want any restrictions on where they can ride their bikes. Bikes are not allowed in Indian Crossing Trails Park – pedestrian use only (as seen in photo above.)



Spots for potential road repairs were pointed out by several students.





**Vacant buildings
were sought out
and photographed
by many students.**



While students overwhelmingly liked their new High School Football Stadium, at least one student noted there was still more work to be done to complete the Concession Stand, including the elimination of the outdoor toilets.



The former Tecumseh Products site got plenty of attention from the students, who want to see it re-occupied quickly!



**“I don’t like how people are
polluting Tecumseh.”**

- Middle School student

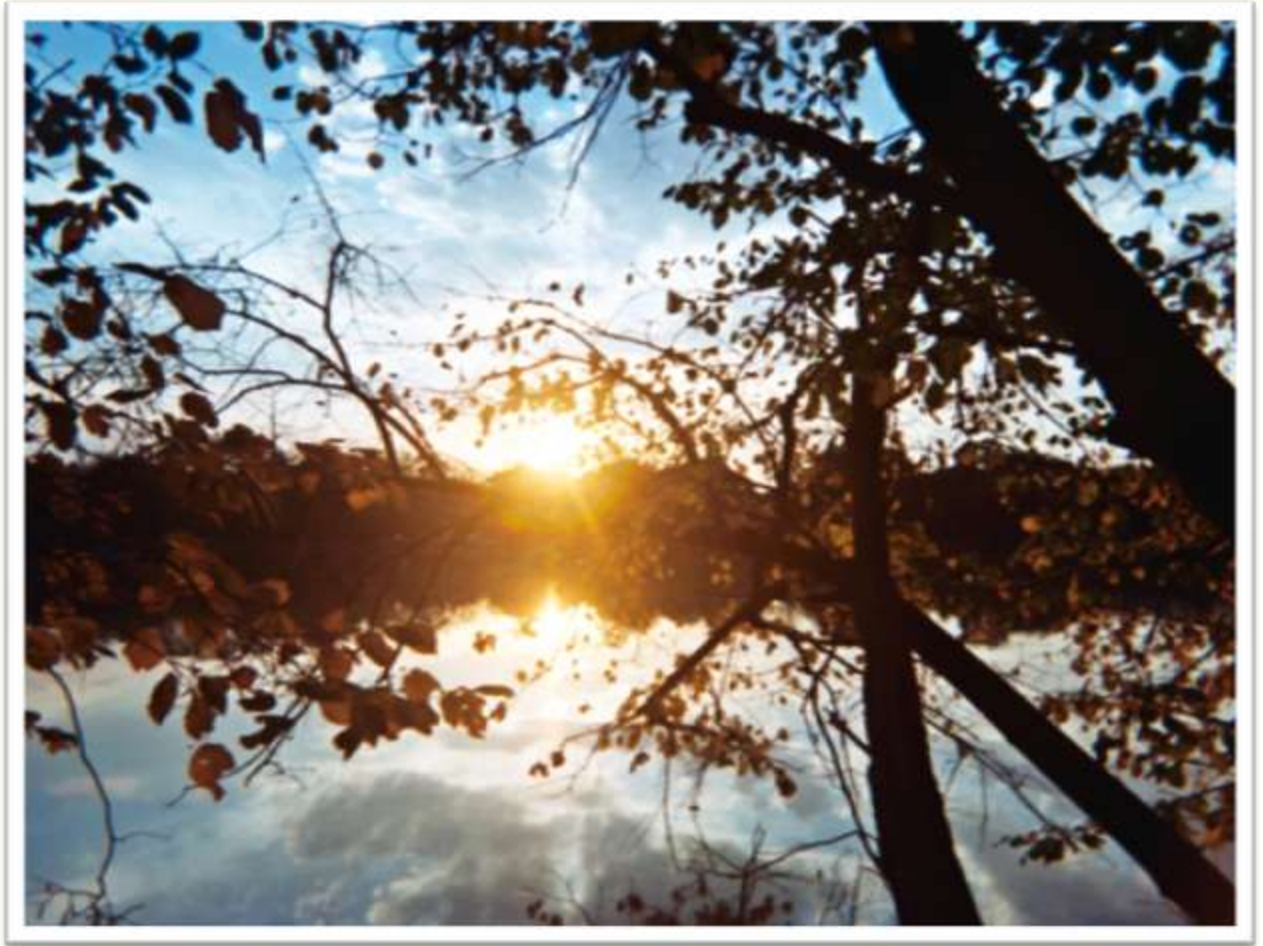




Two students photographed and commented how unattractive the trees along Russell Road were, recently trimmed by the utility company.



Random Photos



Beautiful photo near dusk taken by a High School student, overlooking Mill Pond.



**Middle School
Student Photographer**



High School Student Photographer



Conclusions

Top 3 Recurring Items:

1. Parks (including trails, playgrounds, etc.)
2. Sculptures/Art
3. Foodland (Vacant Building)



Project Recommendations

- All it takes is money, time (and energy!)
- Foodland Redevelopment
- Bike accessibility/sidewalk extensions
- Litter pick up
- Graffiti removal
- Other?