



**FORGE
LARAMIE**

WHAT WE HEARD

Community input from June–September 2025

WHAT WE HEARD FROM LARAMIE



1 - Downtown Vitality

Lively streets and shops



2 - Safer Connections

Safer ways to move



3 - Outdoors Identity

Trails, river, mountains



4 - Protecting Nature

Views, river wildlife



5 - Community Spaces

Welcoming places for all



6 - Open Questions

Priorities to decide next

1,354
Social Map Posts

800+
Survey
Respondents

WHO WE HEARD FROM

1,354

Social Map Posts

800+

Survey Respondents

78%

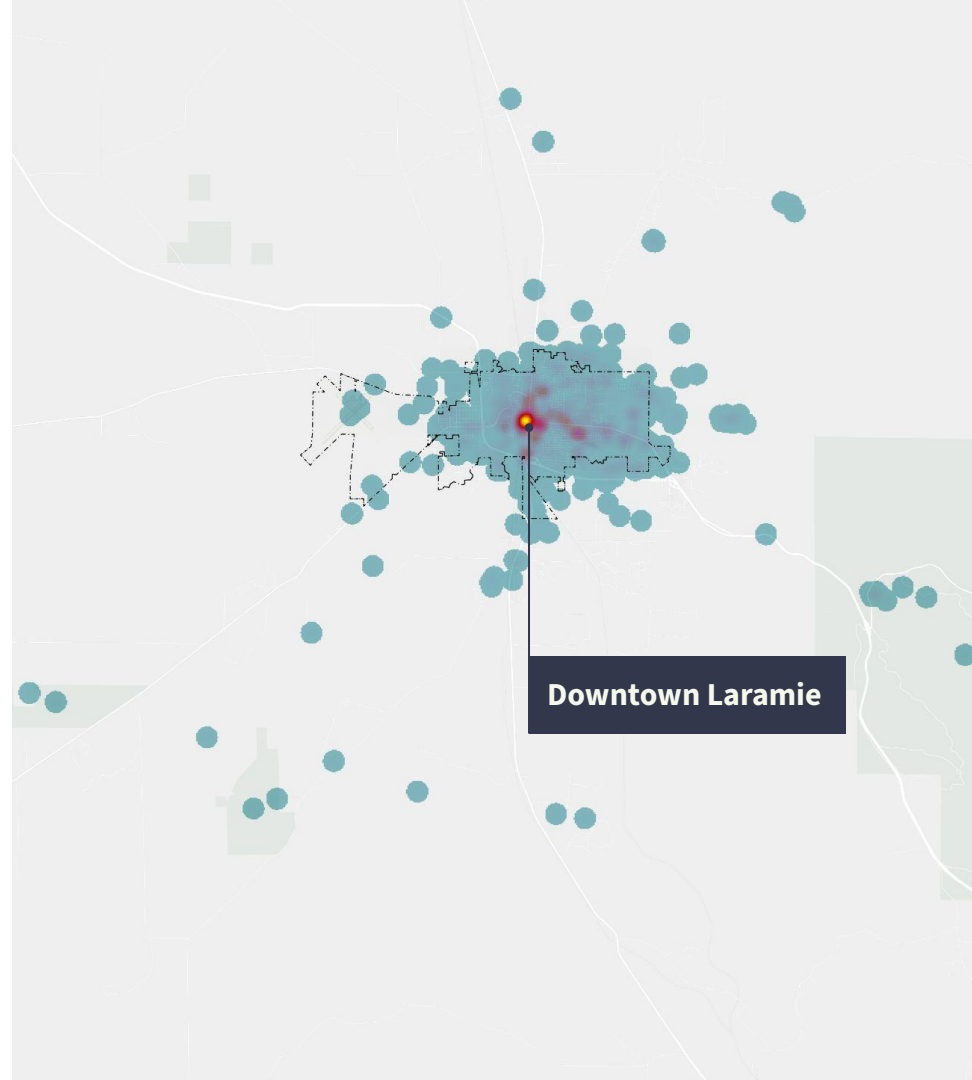
First-Time Visitors

22%

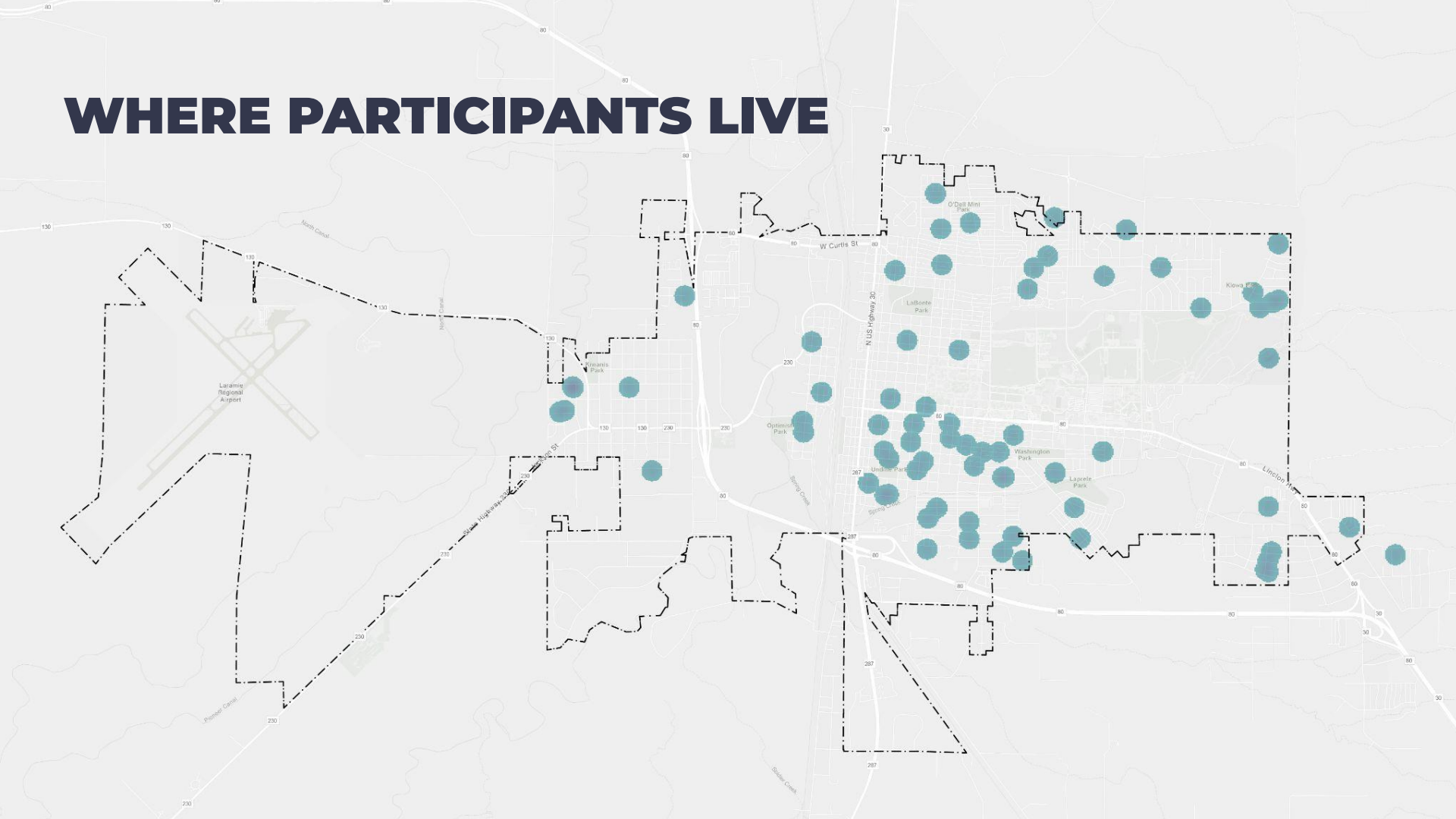
Returning

97.5%

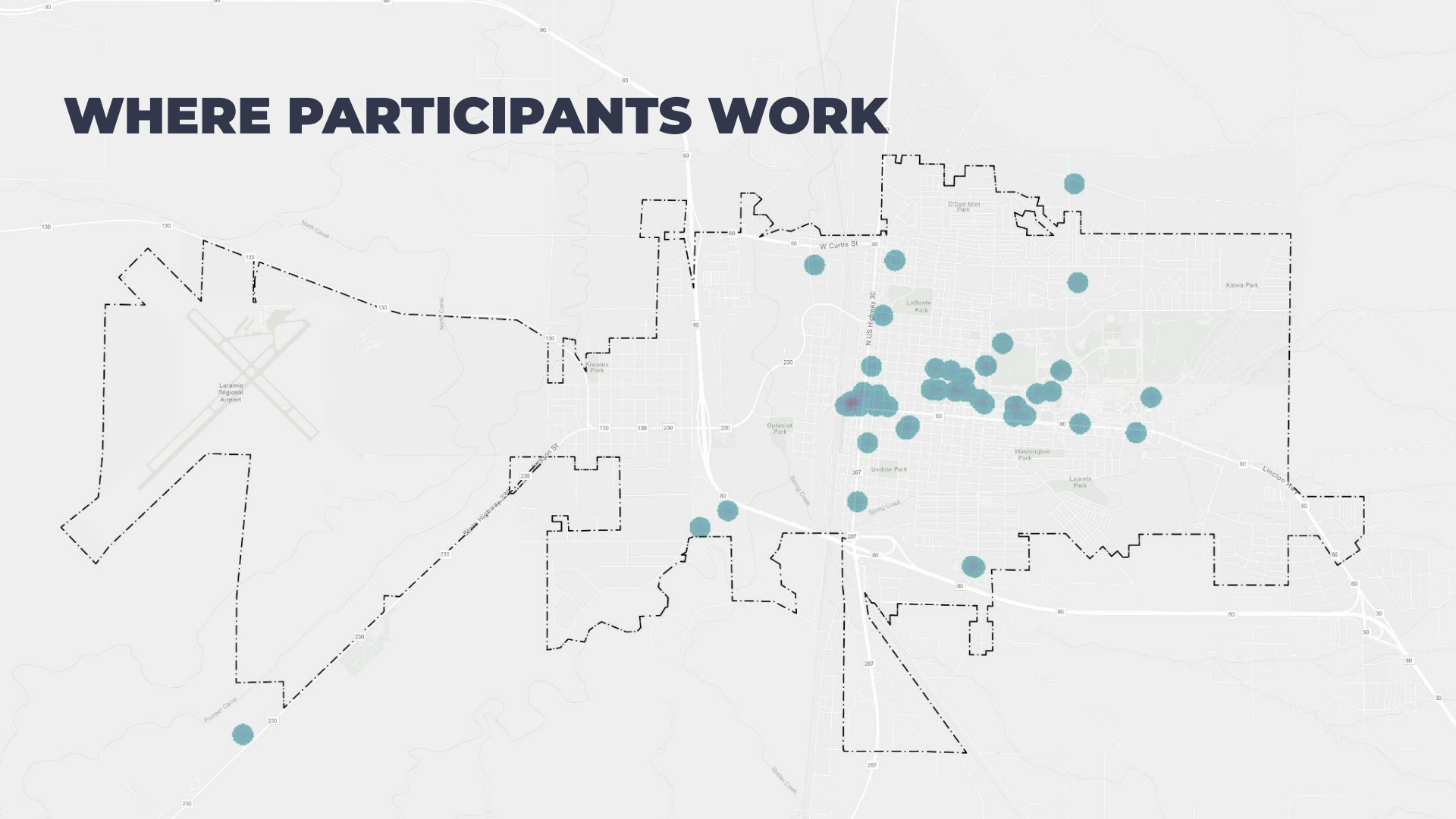
Contributions from 82070



WHERE PARTICIPANTS LIVE



WHERE PARTICIPANTS WORK



SOCIAL MAP POSTS

WHAT LARAMIE LOVES

Greenbelt River Access at Spruce
Daily walks and rides along the river.

Civic Center & Custer Block
Events and arts that pull people in

Undine Park
*Neighborhood laps,
playgrounds, and dog walking.*

Downtown Core
*Storefront energy, cafes,
and everyday foot traffic.*

SOCIAL MAP POSTS

WHAT LARAMIE DOES FOR FREE TIME

Greenbelt Loop at Optimist/Spruce

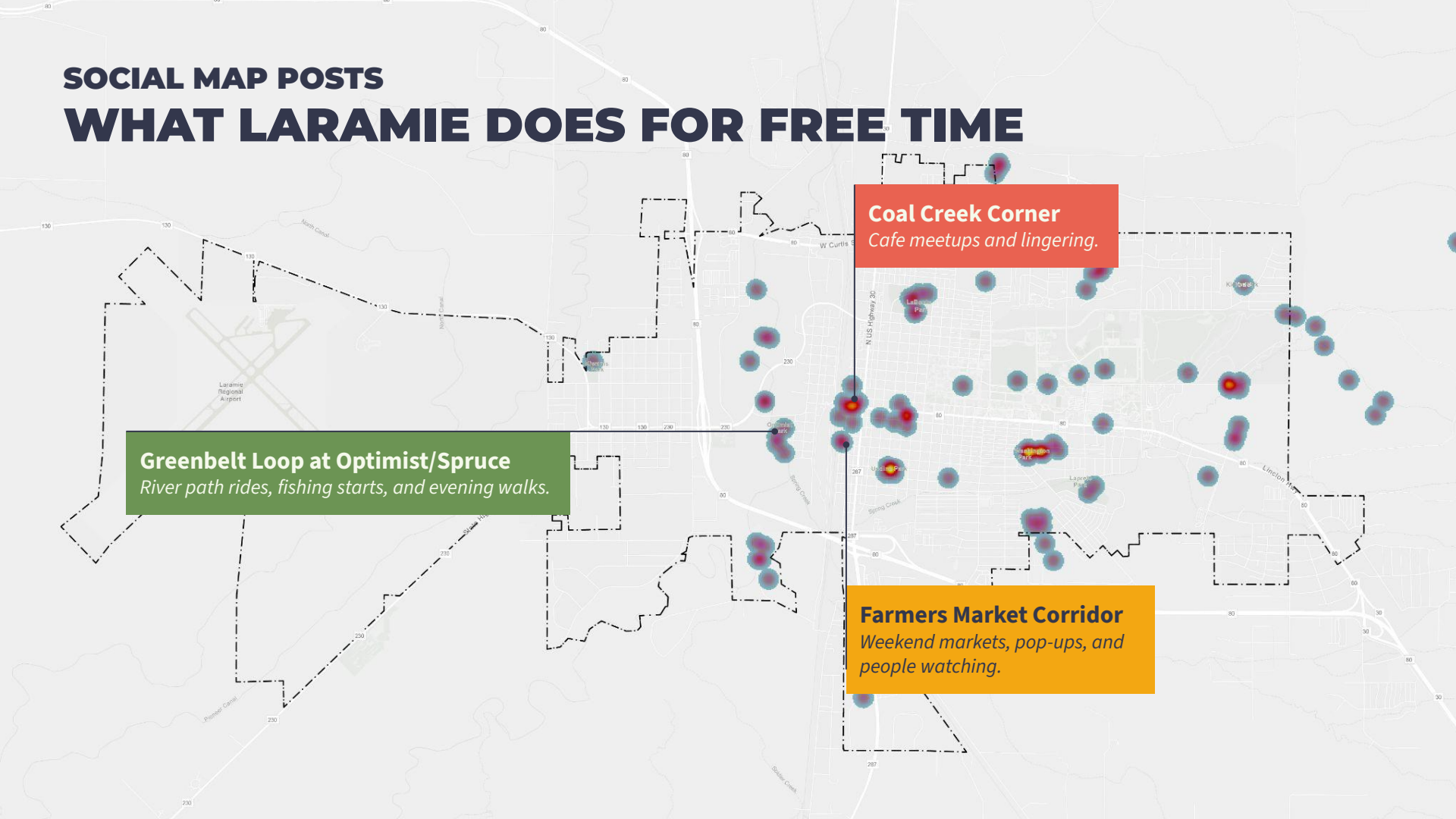
River path rides, fishing starts, and evening walks.

Coal Creek Corner

Cafe meetups and lingering.

Farmers Market Corridor

Weekend markets, pop-ups, and people watching.



SOCIAL MAP POSTS

WHERE LARAMIE FEELS COMFORTABLE

Greenbelt Amenities Node

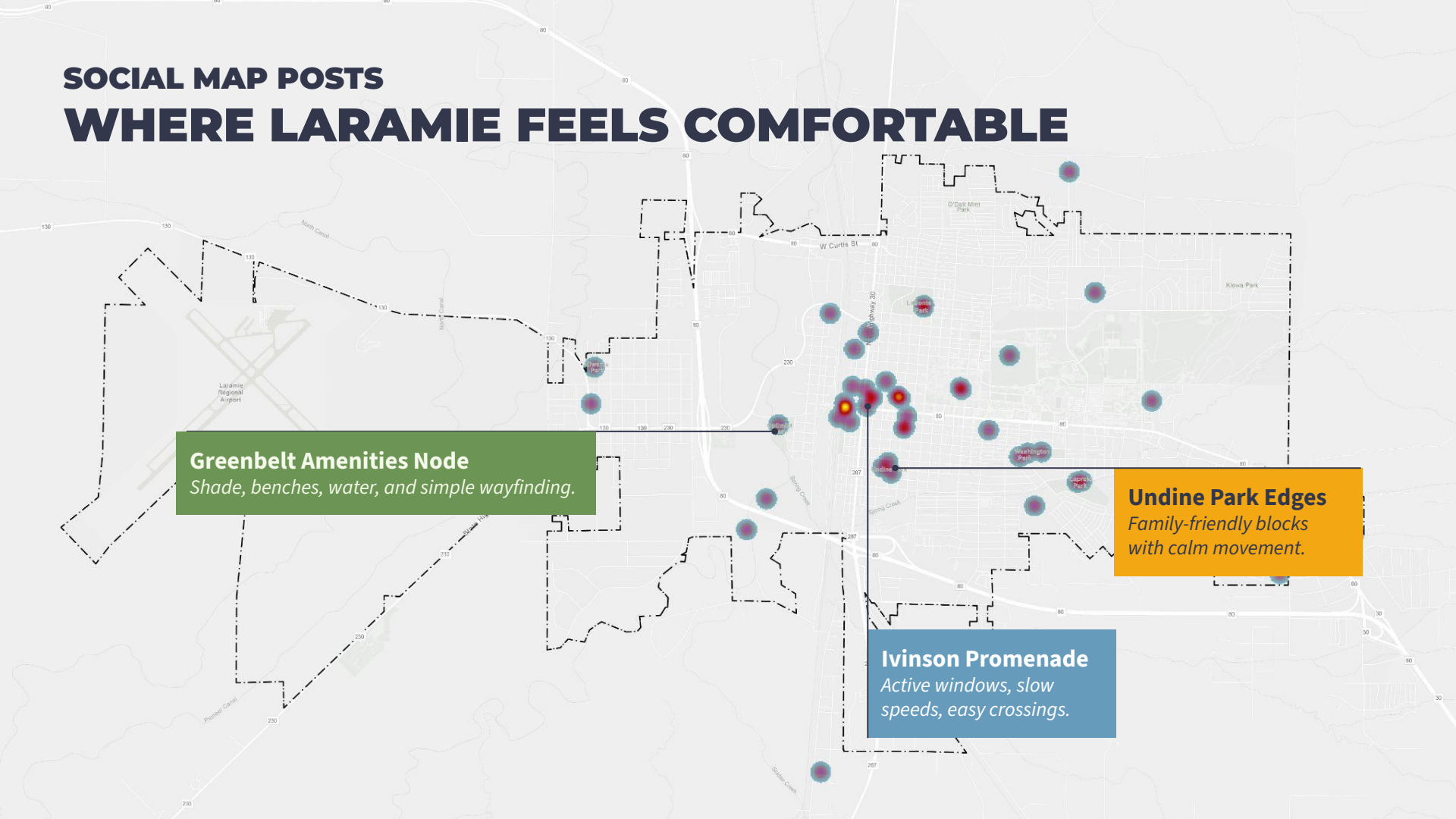
Shade, benches, water, and simple wayfinding.

Undine Park Edges

Family-friendly blocks with calm movement.

Iverson Promenade

Active windows, slow speeds, easy crossings.



SOCIAL MAP POSTS

WHERE LARAMIE FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE

4th Street Crossing Gap near University

Long gaps between marked crossings; “need crosswalks along 4th.”

S 3rd Off-Ramps at Boswell

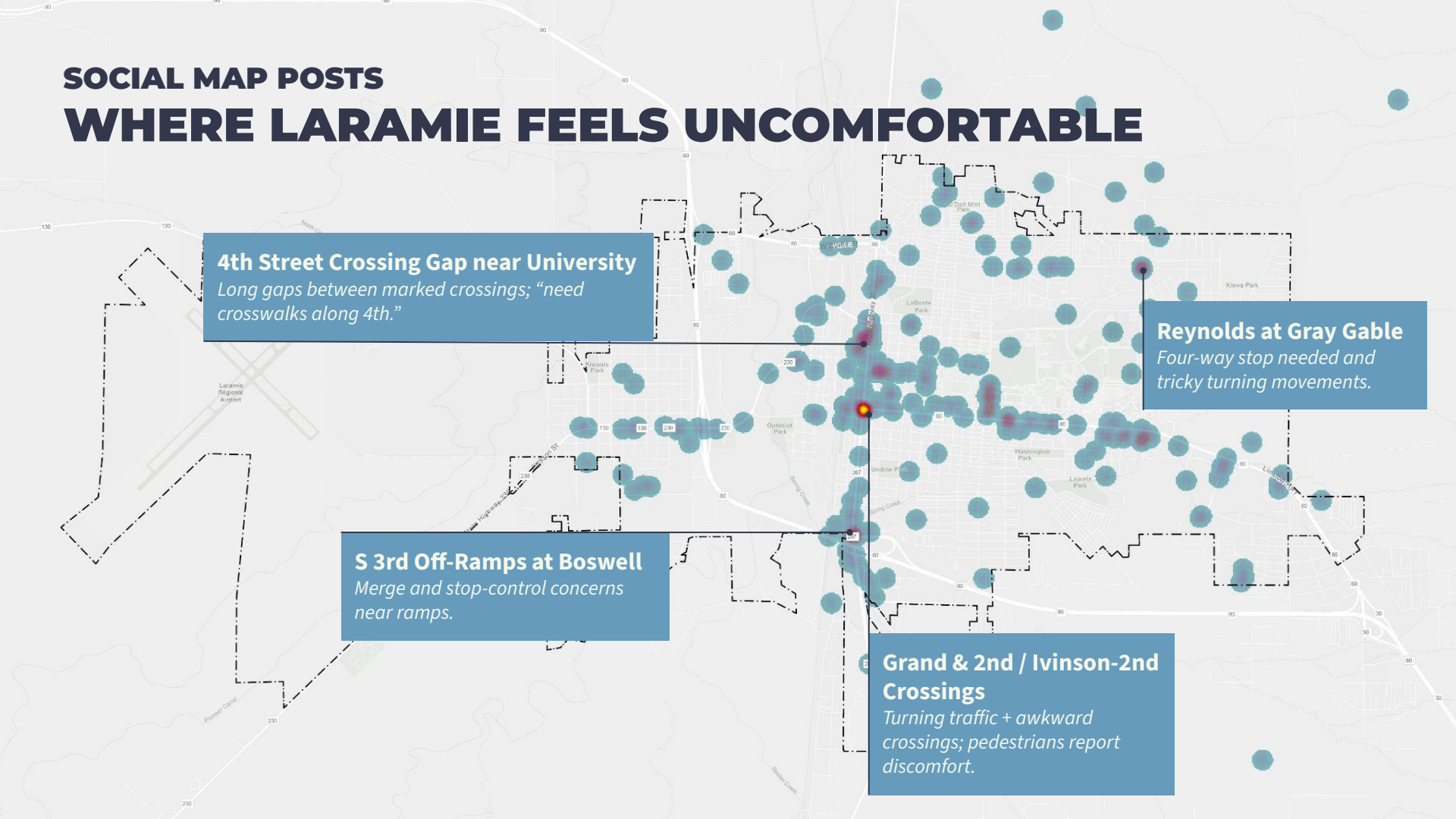
Merge and stop-control concerns near ramps.

Reynolds at Gray Gable

Four-way stop needed and tricky turning movements.

Grand & 2nd / Iverson-2nd Crossings

Turning traffic + awkward crossings; pedestrians report discomfort.



SOCIAL MAP POSTS

WHERE LARAMIE SEES GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

1st & Clark Crossings

Calm traffic and clarify pedestrian movement.

Boswell Interchange Area

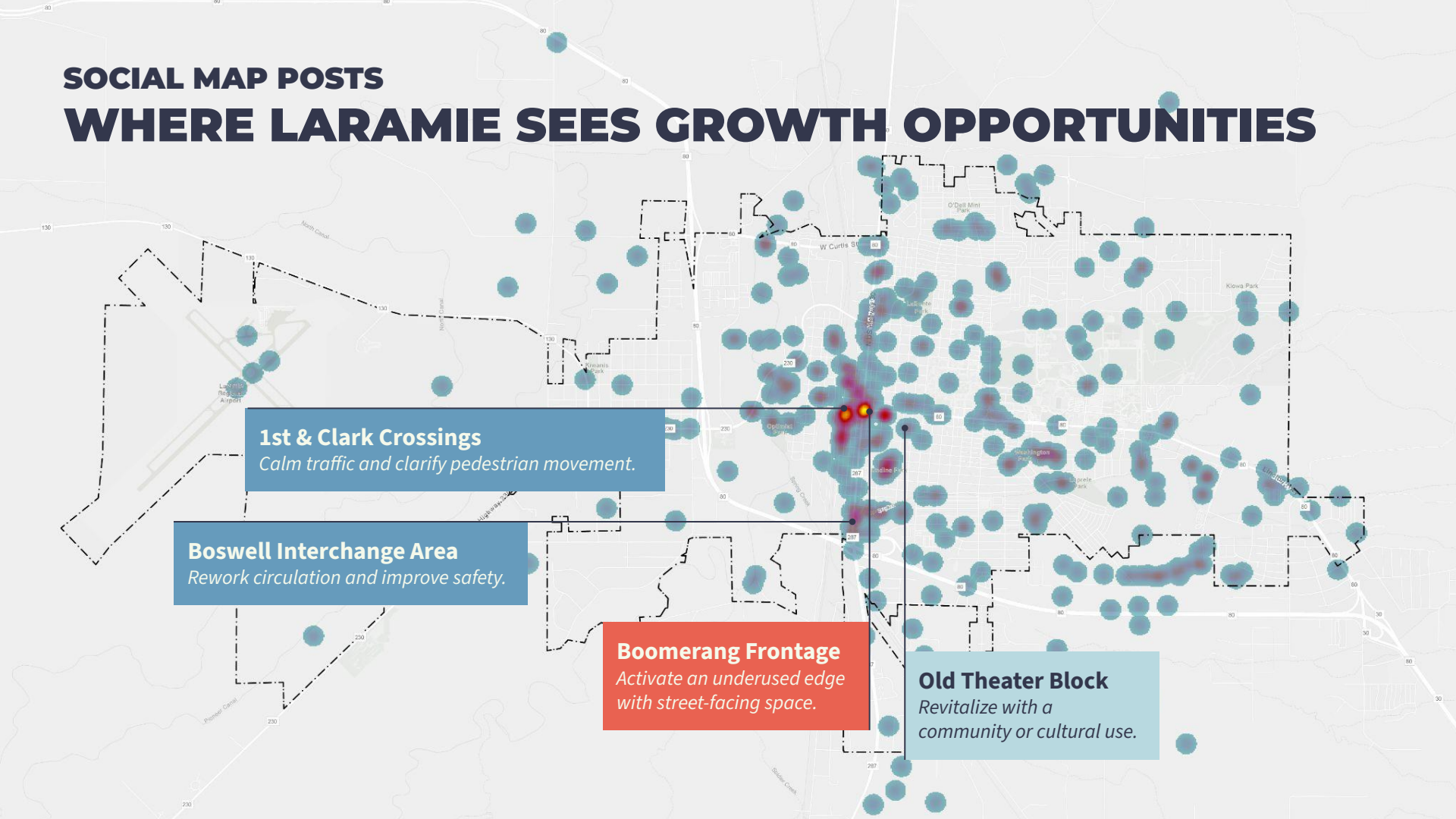
Rework circulation and improve safety.

Boomerang Frontage

Activate an underused edge with street-facing space.

Old Theater Block

Revitalize with a community or cultural use.



THEME 1

DOWNTOWN VITALITY

Lively streets, full shops, and local events.

MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

130+ Posts focused on downtown vibrancy.
Most upvoted idea: year-round market

LARAMIE WANTS...

More Shopping 47%

More Entertainment 36%

LARAMIE VALUES...

Continued Economic Growth 40%

Arts & Music Scene 31%



Laramie desperately needs to be more open to new businesses and growth... We need more businesses, more housing, and to diversify our local workforce.

THEME 2

SAFER CONNECTIONS

Walk, bike, and cross town with confidence.

MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

230+ Posts mapped unsafe crossings, broken sidewalks, or disconnected bike routes.
Most upvoted idea: protected bike lanes

LARAMIE WANTS...

**More
Transportation
Options** 29%

Safer Streets 22%

LARAMIE VALUES...

**Ongoing
Walkability & Transit
Investment** 49%

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*Install sidewalks
where there are none
in the city limits.*

THEME 3

OUTDOORS IDENTITY

Trails, river, and mountains as daily life.

MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

110+ Posts highlighted trails, river access, and Snowy Range connection
Most upvoted idea: improve trailheads in town

LARAMIE LOVES...

The Outdoors 85%

**University &
Recreation 39%**

LARAMIE VALUES...

**Access to Outdoor
Recreation 51%**

Quality Parks 60%

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*Continued support for
recreation for both
youth and adults.*

THEME 4

PROTECTING NATURE

Views, river health, skies, and wildlife edges.

MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

70+ Posts about river health, dark skies, and preventing sprawl
Most upvoted idea: restore and enhance Laramie River corridor

LARAMIE WANTS...

**More Public &
Outdoor Space 47%**

LARAMIE VALUES...

Parks Preserved 60%

**Balanced Growth &
Protection 40%**

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I'm worried about suburban sprawl ruining the feel of Laramie... Laramie must continue to plan and push back against sprawl.

THEME 5

COMMUNITY SPACES

Safe, welcoming places for all ages.

MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

260+

Posts about family amenities, parks, and gathering spaces

Top idea: create a welcoming pedestrian route between West Laramie and downtown

LARAMIE WANTS...

**More Public &
Outdoor Space** 47%

**Better Connected
Neighborhoods** 26%

LARAMIE VALUES...

**Diverse Community
Programming** 20%

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The City needs to get connected to people who live here... and build spaces that people can actually afford and enjoy.

THEME 6

OPEN QUESTIONS

Housing, parking, access, and priorities ahead.

MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

130+

Posts questioning housing, parking balance, and corridor priorities

Top idea: address housing affordability and availability

LARAMIE WANTS...

More Housing 47%

**More
Transportation
Options** 29%

LARAMIE VALUES...

**Diverse Housing
Choices** 21%

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Housing is the major issue in our community. Good quality, and a mix of housing types is needed.

WHAT WORKED

- + High local engagement: 97% of input from Laramie residents (82070)
- + Strong volume: 1,354 contributions and 223 unique voices
- + Clear themes across both both Social Map and Survey
- + Strong alignment between survey “Love” and map posts (outdoors, downtown, small-town feel)

WHAT TO ADD

- More student voice (University of Wyoming)
- Regional input (Albany County + Snowy Range visitors)
- Broader outreach channels (social media + email, not just web referrals)
- Accessibility: Spanish language + print handouts



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ON TRACK TOGETHER

Forge Laramie is built on strong local voices. We're shaping a future that blends vitality, connection, outdoors, and belonging.