"I really liked being involved in community projects. I got involved because I like the idea of doing something impactful in my community. I thought it would be cool and it was!"

"I liked to participate in this event because I've never been a part of an event where I could use my own ideas. I could also work with others to expand my mind to new ideas – be creative."

"The skills I learned were teamwork and communications. I also learned about speaking and how to create something. Within our group, individual ideas evolved into greater things."

“These young people are going to be the stewards of our 30 year Mississippi River Plans. They are so often overlooked in community development. Look what we would have missed if we hadn't included them.”

Paul Bauknight, The Urban Design Lab
“I never knew about other jobs and careers. It interested me in wanting to do more for the river and help design other things.”

Don Samuels, 5th Ward Councilman

“These young people have taken our limiting ideas about what can happen on the river and blown them out of the water! This is one of the most creative presentations I’ve ever seen.”