

# Thomas/ Forest Park Community Mapping

# Abstract

Since the fall of the Chevrolet Plant in 2006, the Thomas Park/Avondale neighborhood and many of its community members lost all hope. Houses became vacant, people moved, and the neighborhood lost its sense of character. Since then the neighborhood has been given a bad reputation as crime has increased over the past few years. The purpose of this project was to learn about community mapping and Esri Story Maps along with showcasing some of the things we thought that brought a positive vibe to the neighborhood. This could be little things like planting flowers, showing patriotism, happiness, and much more. After spending much time in the neighborhood, most of this was concentrated in and around the Ross Community Center in the middle of the Thomas Park/Avondale neighborhood. For this map, we pick some of our favorite places that we thought shows what the neighborhood is really about. To see the full map which includes things like signs, decor, schools, churches, and much more, please visit our online interactive story map at [www.arcg.is/2IliofY](http://www.arcg.is/2IliofY)

# The Best of Forest & Thomas Park/Avondale

