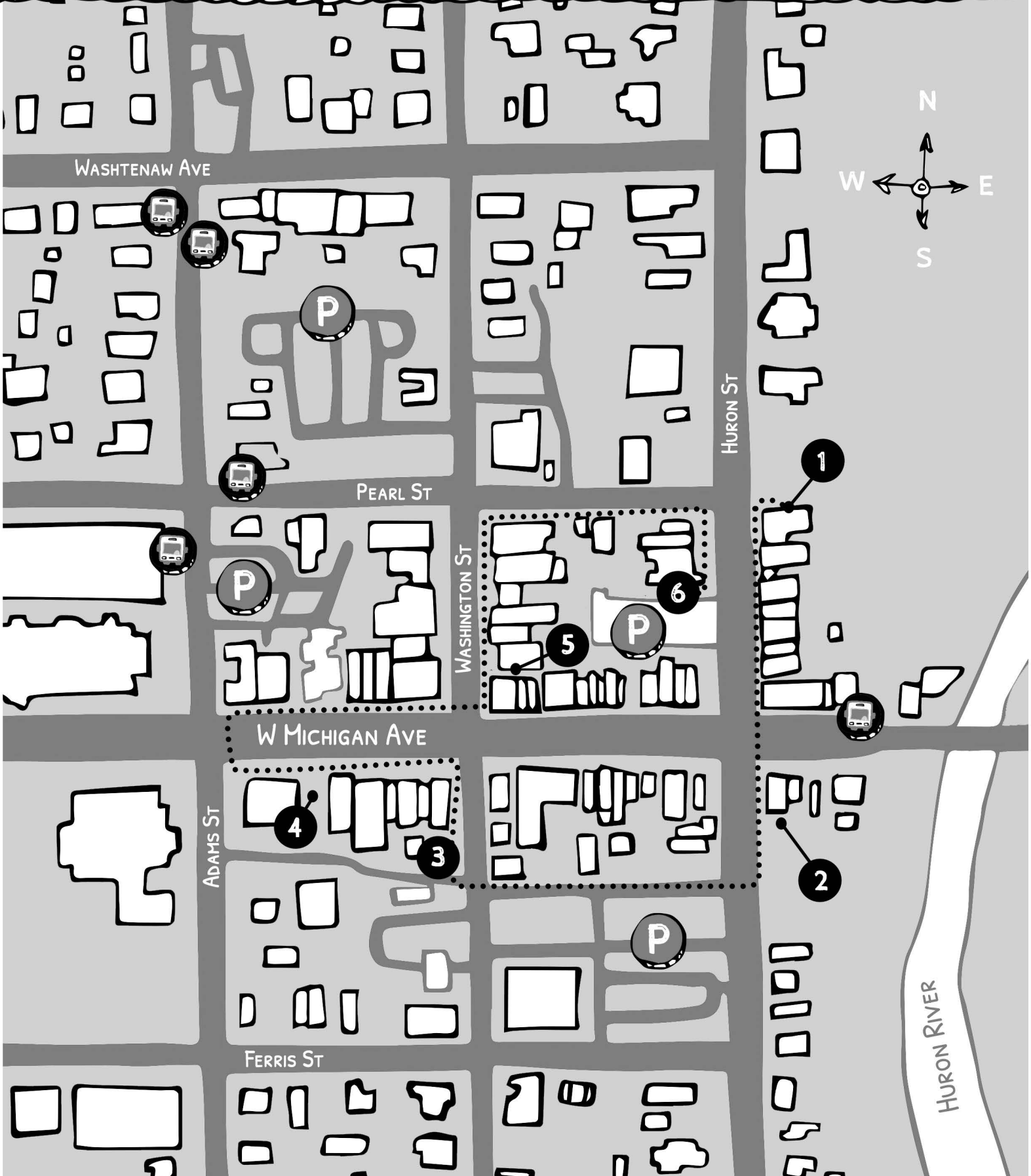




Downtown Ypsilanti



YpsiWrites: A Public Art & Writing Tour

HOW MIGHT ART INSPIRE WRITING? AND HOW MIGHT WRITING HELP US SEE ART IN NEW WAYS? YPSIWITES INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE DOWNTOWN YPSILANTI AND VIEW SPECIFIC PIECES OF ART THAT ARE MARKED ON THE MAP. THEN, TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK AND WRITE RESPONSES TO THE ACCOMPANYING PROMPTS. INSPIRED TO TRY MORE? CHECK OUT OUR OTHER MAPS FOR DEPOT TOWN AND EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

1 Riverside Arts

AS YOU LOOK AT THE CORD TAPESTRY AND HANGING SCULPTURE OF YELLOW CHAIRS, THINK ABOUT HOW SOMETIMES WE FEEL STUCK. WRITE AN ENCOURAGING LETTER TO YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE WHO MIGHT FEEL TIED IN KNOTS. HOW COULD YOU GET YOURSELF OR THEM MOVING?

2 City Hall

AS YOU LOOK AT THE MURAL, NOTICE THE EAGLE AND THE DUCK. WHY DO YOU THINK THE ARTIST INCLUDED THESE TWO BIRDS? WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO WITH YPSILANTI?

3 Farmers Market

WRITE A STORY THAT EXPLAINS HOW THE ART APPEARED AT THE FARMER'S MARKET. DID IT DRIVE A CAR? DID IT GROW THERE? DID SOMEONE CAST A MAGIC SPELL?

4 Michigan Ave Library

WRITE A STORY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ONE OF THE TWO PEOPLE IN THE SCULPTURE — WHAT THINGS DO THEY SEE, SMELL, LIKE, DISLIKE, THINK, OR DO? WHAT CONVERSATION ARE THEY HAVING?

5 Go! Ice Cream Mural

HOW DID THESE CREATURES END UP IN THIS PILE? WHAT LANGUAGE, REAL OR IMAGINARY, WOULD THEY SPEAK? WRITE A STORY USING THAT LANGUAGE AND LATER ASK A FRIEND TO TRANSLATE IT.

6 Corner Health Mural

WHAT DO YOU SEE THAT REPRESENTS CARING? DESCRIBE HOW YOU CAN CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR YOUR WORLD.

WRITING INVOLVES PAYING ATTENTION. AS YOU MOVE BETWEEN ART STOPS, LOOK AROUND AT INTERESTING BUILDINGS, GRAFFITI, STICKERS ON BUILDINGS, WINDOW DISPLAYS, AND ANY OTHER ART YOU NOTICE. WHAT HAVE YOU NEVER NOTICED BEFORE? WHY DID THIS ART CATCH YOUR EYE?



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