

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 6 PM

GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

Meeting Notes

Larry Hagen, Turtle River State Park
Tyler Manske, MPO
Nelson Rosit
Richard O'Connor

Duane LeTexier
Carter Hunter, City of GF engineering
Scott Roche
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Citizen comments

- A. Shared use path @ South Washington and 47th Avenue South: A shared use path is scheduled to be added to the east side of South Washington from 47th Avenue South to the South End Drainway (approximately 50th Avenue South) is scheduled to begin in 2026 as part of a transportation project. The section of shared use path east of S Washington from the South End Drainway to 57th Ave S was constructed this past summer with the S Washington Reconstruct project. The section from 57th Ave S to 62nd Ave S shared use path on the east side will likely be included in the reconstruction of S Washington projected to be constructed in 2027.

II. Bikeway items: None

III. Greenway Items

- A. **Snowmobile route extension request status:** This item was discussed at the October 26 meeting of the GF City Council. The working group could not identify a route for approval, so it was decided to stay with the original route from previous years. This route comes in near the north boat ramp and ends downtown near the Sorlie Bridge.

IV. Other

- A. National Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge and City of GF Good2Know programs
 - i. National Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge: This is a voluntary program through the National Wildlife Federation. The goal is to create a healthy, sustainable habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators while educating residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community." This is the first year the City of GF has participated in the program.
 - ii. Good2Know program: Grand Forks #Good2Know is a campaign to bring residents important information about Public Works, Water Works, and Greenway topics. It uses a combination of billboards, online formats, and social media outlets to provide information about a variety of topics. Expanded topic information is available online at <https://www.grandforksgov.com/government/city-departments/public->

[works/good-2-know](#). This outreach effort has been growing for participation, with almost 7,000 visits to the webpage in a four-week period.

Next Meeting date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

- A. Supporting documents: National Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge and City of GF Good2Know presentations

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Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Gracyn Cole
Environmental Specialist



A little bit about me!

- From Park River, ND
- Attended UND for Environmental Studies
- Started working for the City of Grand Forks in 2021
 - Started in Sanitation, now in Water
- Focus on outreach and training
- Hobbies include biking the Greenway and film photography



What is the Mayor's Monarch Pledge?

“Through the National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors' Monarch Pledge™, cities, municipalities, and other communities across North America are **committing to create healthy, sustainable habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators while educating residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community.**”





Declining Pollinator Rates

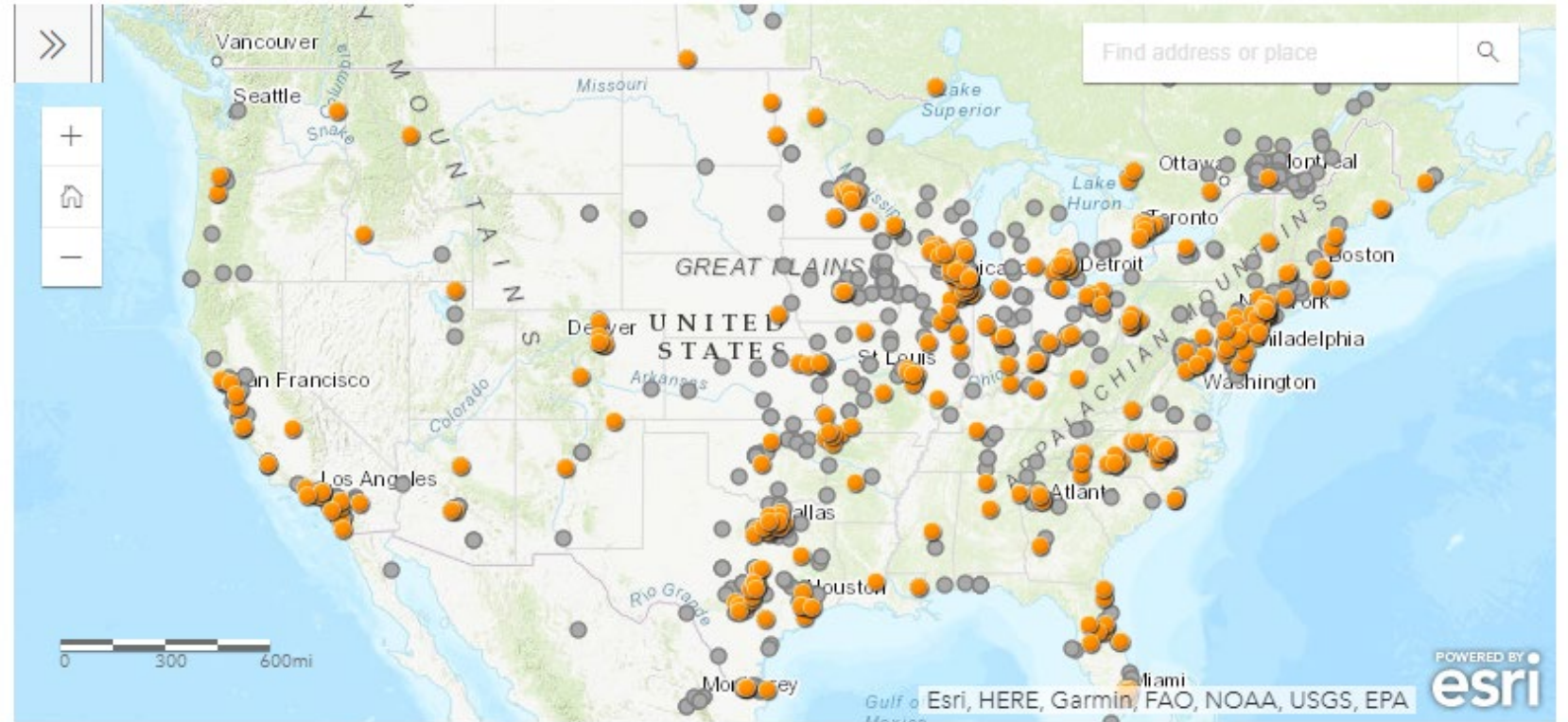
- Notable decline for 30 years
- Difficult to quantify
 - USDA Forest Service reports more than 80% decline in some bee populations over 15-year period
- Causes
 - Modern agriculture practices
 - Pesticides
 - Habitat fragmentation
 - Climate change
 - Lack of floral diversity
 - Diseases



Why Pollinators Are Important

- 1/3 of the North-American diet comes from food that rely on animal pollinators
- “indispensable farmhands”
- Pollinate more than 90 species of U.S. specialty crops
 - Honeybees and wild bees contribute \$20 billion each to agriculture and industries that depend on agriculture

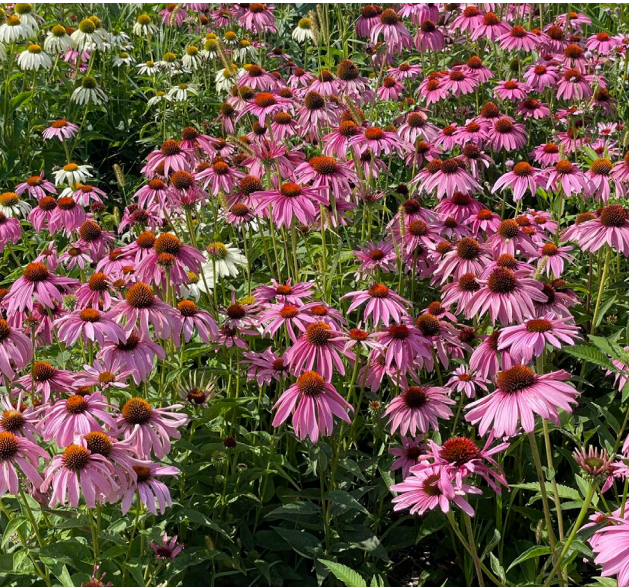
Mayor's Monarch Pledge Overview



- Launched in 2015 by the National Wildlife Federation
- Over 600 mayors and heads of local and tribal government
 - Reached 6 million people
- Restored more than 6,500 acres of monarch habitat
- It is trinational program because migration spans across US, Mexico, and Canada

Mayor's Monarch Pledge Participation

- Commit to action items every year
- Some action items include:
 - “Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.”
 - “Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed/native nectar plant planting programs.”



Current Progress in Grand Forks

- Initial stages of program
- Focusing on:
 - Collecting data
 - Where are prominent pollinator gardens in our community?
 - Forming a team of community members
 - Park District
 - UND
 - Creating points of outreach
 - Website
 - Social Media
- 2024 Goal: increase interaction with residents to educate and provide the tools for pollinator garden expansion amongst public and private property

What to look out for in 2024!

- Places in our community where native pollinator-friendly wildflower seeds are available
- Guidelines for how to plant pollinator-friendly gardens in your backyard
- Pop-up booths and stands
- More information regarding the MMP on the City website



Questions?

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Sources

- https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Stephane-Kluser/publication/239903454_Global_Pollinator_Decline_A_Literature_Review/links/56261b5308aeabddac92a2c6/Global-Pollinator-Decline-A-Literature-Review.pdf
- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S004896972100855X>
- <https://www.psu.edu/impact/story/protecting-pollinators/>
- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/srs/products/compasslive/major-decline-pollinator-populations-even-undisturbed-forests>



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**GRAND FORKS
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OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**



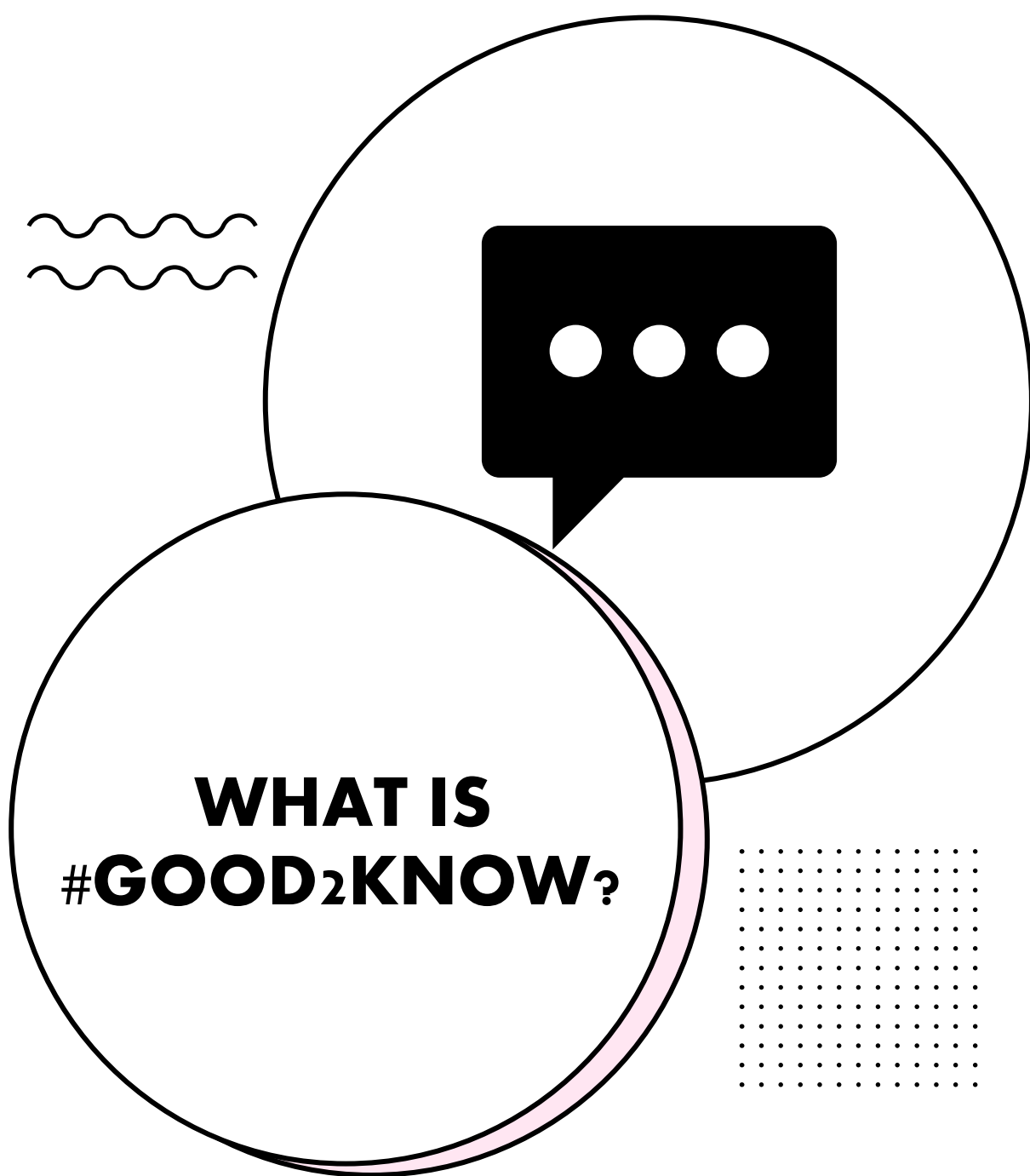


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- Answering common and frequent questions
- Improving City functions and infrastructure
- Reaching a wide audience in new and unique ways
- Maintaining compliance
- Decreasing the phone calls :D





“Grand Forks #Good2Know is a campaign aimed to bring residents important information about Public Works, Water Works, and Greenway topics.”



1. ADVERTISEMENT

- Sharing a message





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2. WEBPAGE

- Expanding on the message

The screenshot displays the City of Grand Forks website. The header includes the city logo, navigation links (Employment, Bill Pay, Contact Us, Translate, Find a Service, SEARCH...), and a main menu (SERVICES, OUR CITY, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, I WANT TO...). A left sidebar lists various public works categories, with '#Good2Know' highlighted in green. The main content area features the title '#Good2Know' and a breadcrumb trail: 'Government » City Departments » Public Works »'. Below the title are links for 'Font Size', 'Share & Bookmark', 'Feedback', and 'Print'. A call to action reads 'Click on the topics below for more information!'. Three promotional banners are shown: 1) 'Cooking this holiday season? RECYCLE YOUR USED COOKING OIL AT PUBLIC WORKS!' with an image of oil bottles. 2) 'Leaf Collection Tip: KEEP LEAF PILES WITHIN 3FT OF THE CURB' with an image of leaves. 3) 'REPAIR DRIPPING FAUCETS | ONE DROP PER SECOND WASTES 2,700 GALLONS OF WATER PER YEAR.' with an image of a faucet.

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PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS ARE **NOT** RECYCLABLE

RECYCLE RIGHT

Public Works Recycling

Recycling Schedule

Recycling Map

"Is my recycling actually getting recycled?"

Whether your recycled goods make it to the recycling facility or to the landfill is dependent on what items are in your recycling bin. **If your recycling bin contains items that are not recyclable, such as plastic grocery bags, the bin is considered to be contaminated and is taken to the landfill.**

The best way to ensure your recyclables are getting recycled is to eliminate contamination within your bin. To do this, view the list below for everyday items that can or cannot be recycled!

Know What to Throw!

CAN BE RECYCLED	CANNOT BE RECYCLED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plastic bottles & containersFood & beverage cansPaperFlattened cardboard & paperboardGlass bottles & containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Loose plastic bags, bagged recyclables, or filmFood or liquidsFoam cups or containersBatteriesGrass clippings or leavesClothing, furniture, or carpet

USE A CITY PROVIDED CONTAINER OR A CONTAINER OF YOUR CHOICE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 36 GALLONS

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FOR RESIDENTS THAT PLACE BOTH THEIR TRASH

Government > City Departments > Public Works > #Good2Know >

Recycle Cooking Oil

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Recycle fats, oils, and grease (FOG) at Public Works!

Public Works has a container for recycling fats, oils, and grease located on the south end of the Public Works lot.

Public Works is located at:

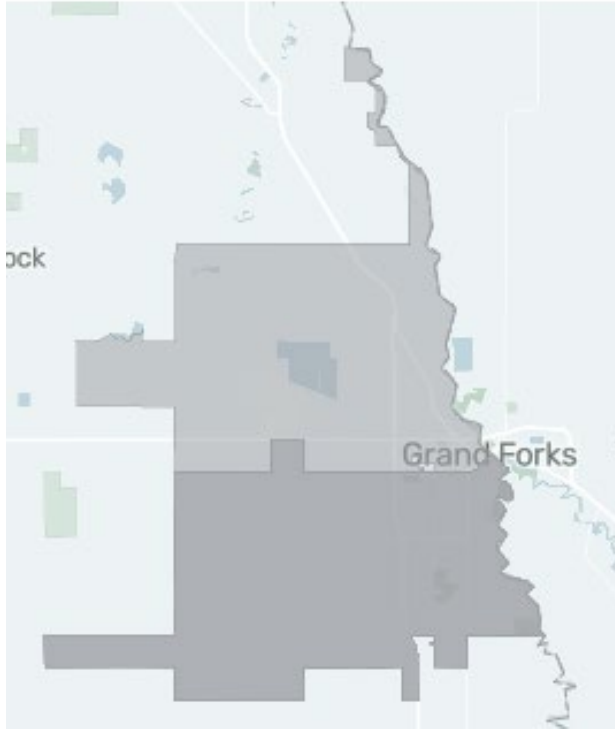
724 N 47th St
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Why recycle FOG?

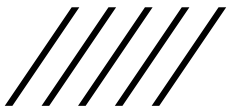
When fats, oils, and grease are poured down the drain, they may seem harmless, but over time they can cause significant damage to sewer pipes. As FOG cools, it solidifies and clings to the insides of pipes. This sticky buildup can trap other debris, such as hair, food particles, and other solid waste. As more and more FOG accumulates, the pipe's diameter decreases, which can eventually lead to a complete blockage.

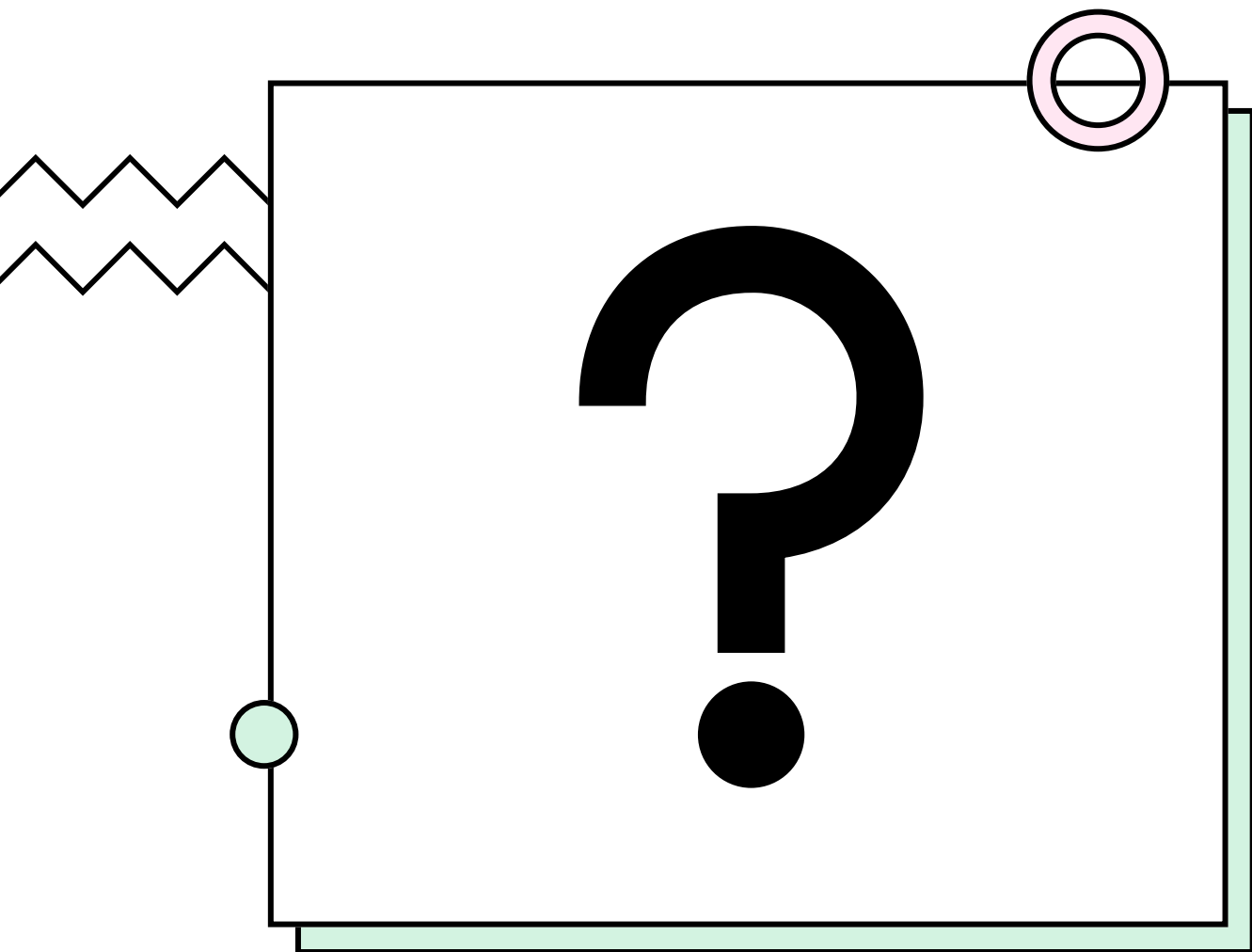
PROGRESS

TARGET AUDIENCE



- Over four weeks
 - 224,273 impressions
 - 6,958 engagements





Q U E S T I O N S ?

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