COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES

According to the international Charter for Compassion, compassionate communities are those that invest "actions, time, and resources" to promote peace, kindness, and happiness. The process of creating a compassionate community involves creating one that "works for all life." The Charter also states that a compassionate community is an "uncomfortable" community. The 2892 Louisville storytellers explore throughout their StoryMap how these ideals do and do not align with the experiences of the people living in their community. But what do you think? What actions, time, or resources would you request from your community so you could define it as compassionate? What evidence would you look for as a result of these actions that would prove the community "works for all life"? If you looked at a map of a compassionate community, what would you see? Use the example map and questions below to guide your thinking, then design a map of your own vision of a "compassionate city."

What actions would you see people taking?

How would people spend their time?

How would resources be distributed & put to use?

...Now with these questions in mind, design your version of a "compassionate city."