

# 10 Miles

## A Photo Journal Essay

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My home has been featured in countless news articles across the world. It Has made international headlines due to the water crisis. I live in the city of Flint, but that's not the city I want to talk about. I want to bring light to what 10 miles can mean in the face of oppression.



Every image in color was taken 10 miles or less away from a location in Flint. These measly 10 miles means Grand Blanc residents get access to a proper education for their children, safe neighborhoods and healthcare.

I chose to do the images in color for all the Grand Blanc photos because that is exactly how they see life. It is vibrant and full of opportunity. They don't realize some of their everyday activities such as playing in the park, brushing their teeth, or even going for a routine exam could mean life or death had they lived just 10 miles in a different direction.



Many people would look at these images and ask “how did we allow this to happen?”. The clear distinct difference between these two cities is socioeconomic status, education and Flint having a significantly larger number of people of color that reside there in comparison to Grand Blanc. I believe that Grand Blanc residents should have access to these necessities, but I also believe those in Flint should as well. I believe that this goal is achievable for my city and countless others like it. We have to redistribute resources accordingly.



A person's zipcode shouldn't be what defines their access to basic needs, especially when the zipcode only 10 miles away has an over abundance of resources.