

GREENING OF ANNAPOLIS / ENVIRONMENT



Goal: Work with new development, private property owners, and conservancy organizations to link existing green spaces together and create a functional greenway.

#	Principal Solution	#	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeframe
3.5.1	Create a City Greenway Plan that coordinates with the County's Green Infrastructure Plan for the area.	12	<u>City Greenway Concept.</u> Incorporate concepts for a City Greenway into the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update, coordinate with County Green Infrastructure Plans and the Annapolis Conservancy Board.	OEP and Planning and Zoning	Near-Term
3.5.2	Incorporate local streets into the greenway network. Develop and apply green street design standards as part of the new Complete Street Typology. Retrofit existing local streets as part of beautification and traffic calming projects.				
#	Supporting Solution	#	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeframe
3.5.3	Plan for a park-to-park Greenway connection in this sector if possible, using the old railroad ROW.	12	<u>City Greenway Concept.</u> Incorporate concepts for a City Greenway into the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update, coordinate with County Green Infrastructure Plans and the Annapolis Conservancy Board.	OEP and Planning and Zoning	Near-Term
3.5.4	Encourage future developments to plan for open spaces and conservation easements to connect into the overall Greenway.				
3.5.5	Use the "developer fund" to plant trees along Forest Drive.	17	<u>Targeted Preservation and Coordination with Annapolis Conservancy Board.</u> Work with the Annapolis Conservancy Board and City property owners to identify parcels for Tree Canopy and Forest Conservation Banks. Bank sites within the City might include property with priority preservation forest areas, key future greenway areas, excess land areas the County ROW, unprotected forests in areas such as HOA common open spaces, church properties, school sites etc.	OEP and Planning and Zoning	Near-Term
3.5.6	Continue implementing the City's 2016 Watershed Improvement Plan. Encourage developers to assist with this effort.				

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3.5.7	Work with the County to establish a coordinated City/County street tree plan in County Rights of Way.	23	<u>Forest and Street Tree Bank Option.</u> Supplement the current forest conservation and tree canopy policy to allow the option to create credit banks in the City and Annapolis Neck Peninsula as an incentive both for further preservation and for small site redevelopment. Banks could be located on sites with priority preservation areas, in targeted greenway areas, in the County ROW, etc. Smaller redevelopment sites in the corridor should be eligible to meet their obligations with off-site mitigation.	OEP and Planning and Zoning	Mid-Term
3.5.8	Adjust regulations to allow and encourage street tree and forested buffers along the corridor to create a continuous greenway (consider strengthening this as a desired mitigation measure in the City forest conservation requirements so that off-site design solutions can be considered).	18	<u>Redevelopment Incentive Program.</u> Through zoning changes, develop and adopt administrative processes that can fast-track redevelopment of older existing corridor commercial sites as well as access-constrained residential frontage sites to encourage owners to redevelop or renovate their sites, facades, signage and/or stormwater management.	Planning & Zoning	Mid-Term
3.5.10	Review City standards to better incentivize the renovation/redevelopment of sites developed in the corridor prior to current stormwater management requirements.				
3.5.11	Review and update parking requirements to help reduce the requirements for impervious surface parking areas.				
3.5.12	Support use of new technologies that can help to reduce the number of daily trips City and peninsula households make each day using fossil fuel powered vehicles.				