

Action Priorities

In answering each question, please do not put more than one dot of each color on a single strategy.

QUESTION 1. **BLUE DOTS** Which three strategies are most important to you?

QUESTION 2. **RED DOTS** Which three strategies are important enough that they should be made a City priority?

QUESTION 3. **GREEN DOTS** Which three strategies are important enough that you would be willing to pay extra to help accomplish them? (For example by user fee, special assessment or dedicated millage)

If you would not be willing to pay extra to achieve any strategy, put one green dot in the box the right >>

NOT WILLING TO PAY EXTRA

A City In Balance With Nature		Balanced Transportation		A City That Enriches Our Lives	
NATURAL SYSTEMS PRIORITIES	GREENING PRIORITIES	CONNECTIONS PRIORITIES	PARKS AND REC PRIORITIES	GRAND RIVER PRIORITIES	LOCAL FOOD PRIORITIES
<p>Promote sustainable growth management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage compact, clustered development patterns to preserve open space and natural features Adopt development standards for natural feature protection 	<p>Protect/expand the tree canopy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse 40% city-wide canopy goal Develop an inventory of existing trees Establish sub-area canopy targets; prioritize improvements Enhance ordinance requirements and incentives Augment Forestry Dept. resources Encourage private revegetation efforts 	<p>Appoint a complete streets committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Team as champions City Commission complete streets resolution Dedicated percentage of PA 51 (MDOT) funds for non-motorized improvements Select/implement priority projects Monitor/report progress 	<p>Provide an accessible park within ¼ mile of all residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify/prioritize areas with deficits Identify and pursue opportunities for adding park space including partnerships/joint use 	<p>Expand the range of recreational opportunities on/adjacent to the river.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat launches/liveries Kavak course south of 4th Street dam Crewing north of 4th Street dam Allow concessions Provide outdoor performance venue More special events Public art/interpretive displays Expanded fishing access Riverfront farmers market 	<p>Facilitate the piloting of farmers markets throughout the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine policies for temporary/seasonal outdoor sales Consider locating where parking is already available Consider priority to locations where fresh local produce is not readily available Work with sponsors to coordinate schedules and provide promotion
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QUESTION 2 4	QUESTION 2 7	QUESTION 2 14	QUESTION 2 14	QUESTION 2 9	QUESTION 2 2
QUESTION 3 3	QUESTION 3 12	QUESTION 3 5	QUESTION 3 9	QUESTION 3 8	QUESTION 3 4
<p>Adopt an ecological framework plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with regional green infrastructure planning efforts Use rivers and riparian corridors as the basis Prioritize and protect high value areas and corridors Prioritize and implement area/corridor restoration opportunities Coordinate with park acquisition 	<p>Design streets to minimize irrigation and focus maintenance efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use native or adapted landscapes Focus maintenance on gateway and image corridors Use materials with recycled and locally sourced content 	<p>Adopt and implement an on-street bike route plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance cycling and other priorities Provide guidelines for improvements, including parking Provide education Implement improvements incrementally Give priority to bike lane feasibility studies on major traffic streets Identify road diet candidates Identify candidates for elimination of parking (one side) Coordinate with street reconstruction and repaving projects 	<p>Establish and implement maintenance priorities that balance quality and cost effectiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with neighborhood and business organizations to inventory/prioritize needs Seek funding and partnerships to supplement existing budgets Use more native landscaping to reduce maintenance needs Identify priority locations for restroom and drinking fountains Identify candidates for elimination of parking (one side) Consider transfer of Aman Park to Ottawa County 	<p>Identify and pursue opportunities for adding riverfront parks on underused property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Butterworth Landfill Wealthy Street pump Station site County- and city-owned property Privately owned property 	<p>Make policy/ordinance changes to support community gardens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow transfer of city-owned vacant lots to garden Consider subsidizing water fees Consider waiving market stall fees for low-income gardeners Modify nuisance ordinance Allow for rooftop gardens Allow appropriately scaled green houses to extend the growing season
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QUESTION 2 3	QUESTION 2 2	QUESTION 2 15	QUESTION 2 6	QUESTION 2 7	QUESTION 2 8
QUESTION 3 4	QUESTION 3 3	QUESTION 3 12	QUESTION 3 6	QUESTION 3 6	QUESTION 3 9
<p>Reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality by increasing infiltration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use public projects to demonstrated LID techniques Identify stormwater management opportunities in parks Update standards for pervious area by development type Encourage private sector use of BMPs Consider establishing stormwater utility Pursue retrofit projects in built areas 	<p>Promote the use of sustainable materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate composting and recycling Encourage the use of locally sourced and recycled materials 	<p>Continue to encourage compact development, mixed use, connected streets and transit supportive development.</p>	<p>Extend the riverwalk from Riverside Park to Millennium Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodate walkers and cyclists Develop a short-term plan including on-street segments Provide pavement markings, signs Develop mid/long-term plan including wider private development setbacks and public access easements Develop design guidelines for quality and consistency 	<p>Use riverfront parks and the riverwalk/greenways to protect the quality of stream and river corridors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasize natural habitat, native landscapes, stormwater management and environmental education Include LID approaches Create more natural river edges where possible Develop guidelines for riverbank restoration 	<p>Collaborate in investigating the feasibility of a permanent downtown farmers market.</p>
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QUESTION 3 3	QUESTION 3 0	QUESTION 3 5	QUESTION 3 6	QUESTION 3 4	QUESTION 3 4
<p>Pursue river and stream daylighting and restoration projects.</p>	<p>Use Low Impact Development (LID) principles in all park development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand native landscapes/ habitats Protect/increase tree canopy Minimize impervious surface Use stormwater best management practices (BMP's) Use locally sourced and recycled materials 	<p>Design all streets to be safe, walkable and to present a pleasing image.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give priority to high traffic volume streets Continue traffic calming efforts Identify road diet candidates Plant street trees Provide crossing improvements 	<p>Support recreation programming for residents of all ages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on health and fitness for children, youth and seniors Meet the growing demand for walking and cycling trails Encourage multiple use of public buildings for recreation programming 	<p>Evaluate the feasibility of returning the rapids to the river.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek a sponsor and further evaluate a 2-phase project 4th with (1) modification of the beautification dams and (2) a stair-step rapids on the downstream side of the 4th street dam 	<p>Support adoption of community gardens as the primary initiative of a local non-profit.</p>
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