

urban acupuncture:
community revitalization through green infrastructure

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the next three decades have over **\$300 billion** in committed construction projects across the us to make CITIES SEPARATE EXISTING combined sewer systems compliant with EPA standards.

REGENERATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS



TEchnical



environmental



community



economic

Kansas city, missouri





GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OVERFLOW CONTROL PLAN



Leverage GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IS A CATALYST FOR
URBAN REVITALIZATION.

Leverage green infrastructure investments



ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

- Workforce Development and Green Jobs
- Increase Property Values
- Business opportunities and Economic Incubators
- Triple Bottom Line Values



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

- Community Action
- Public/Private collaborations
- Programs that Enrich Health, Education, Pride
- Livable Streets Approach



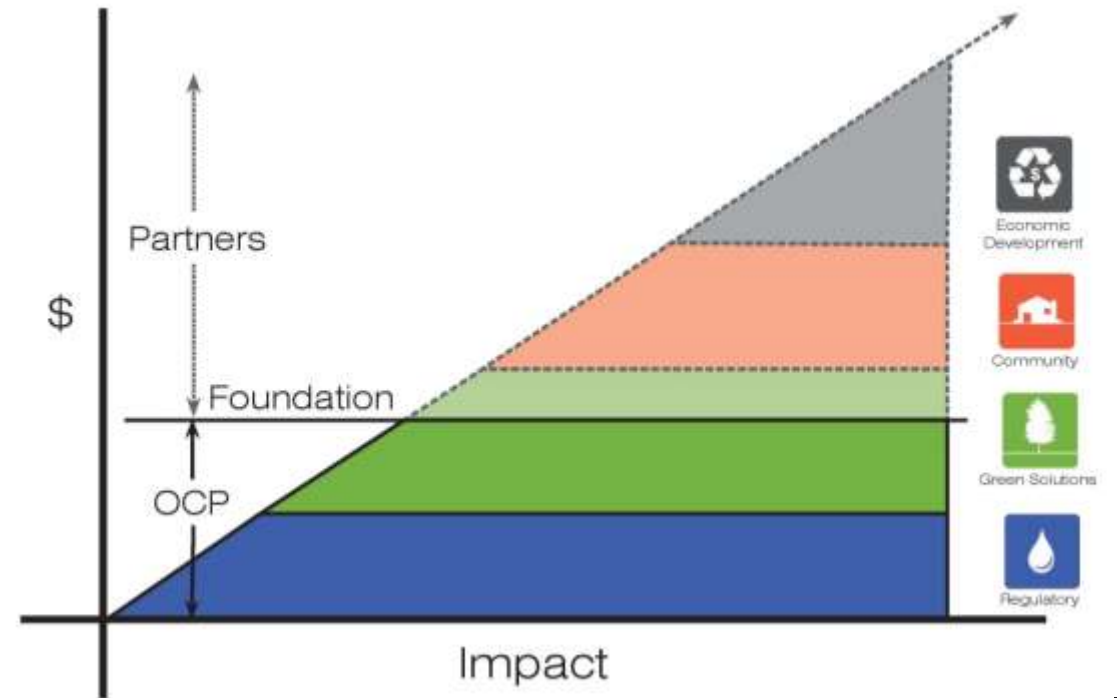
GREEN SOLUTIONS

- Sustainable Design
- Inform & Influence
- Regenerative Infrastructure
- Ecological Systems Thinking



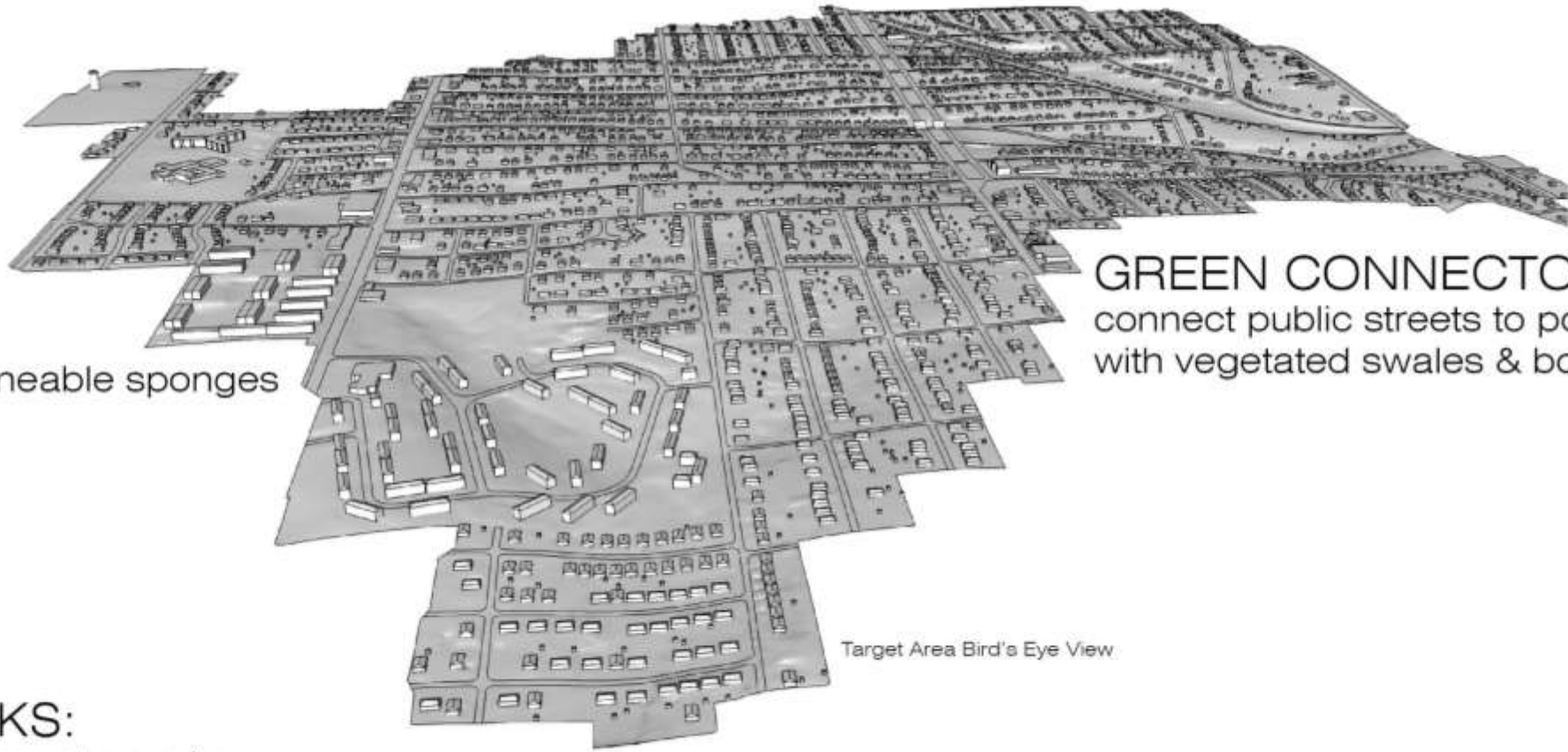
TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Capture target volume within budget
- Elevate use of green solutions
- Intergovernmental collaboration
- Find creative long-term maintenance solutions



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE = URBAN REVITALIZATION

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Target Area Bird's Eye View

GREEN CONNECTORS:
connect public streets to ponds & parks
with vegetated swales & boulevards

DE-PAVE:
turn streets into permeable sponges

PONDS & PARKS:
invest in urban stormwater parks
collect + connect



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URBAN ACUPUNCTURE NODES, CORRIDORS & ASSETS



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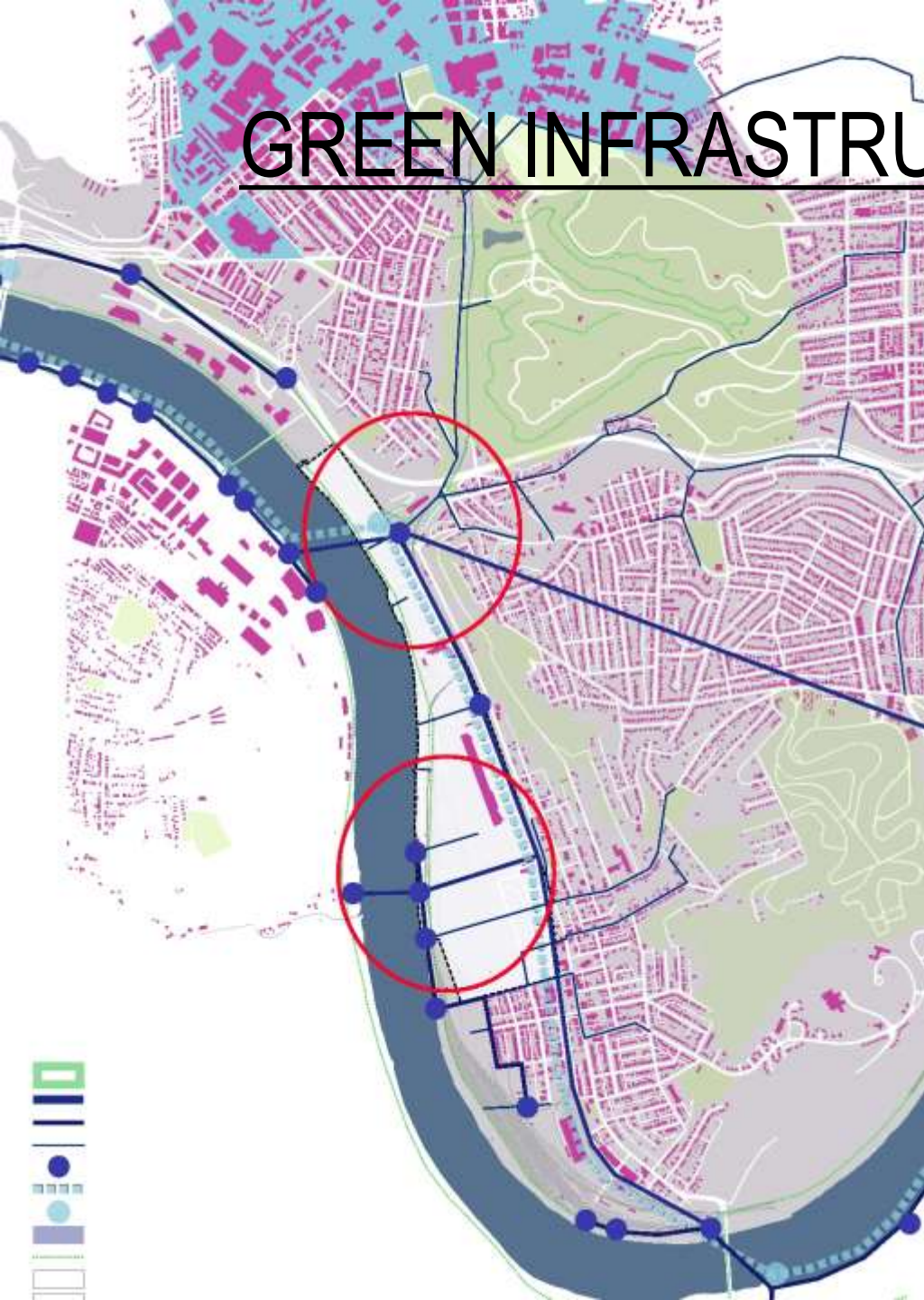
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- > **PUBLIC REALM** INVESTMENTS = COST EFFECTIVE
- > **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** OPPORTUNITIES
- > RE-ESTABLISH **RIVERFRONT CONNECTIONS**
- > **COMPLETE STREETS** APPROACH
- > FOCUS ON **HEALTHY, WALKABLE** COMMUNITIES
- > **RESILIENT** INFRASTRUCTURE

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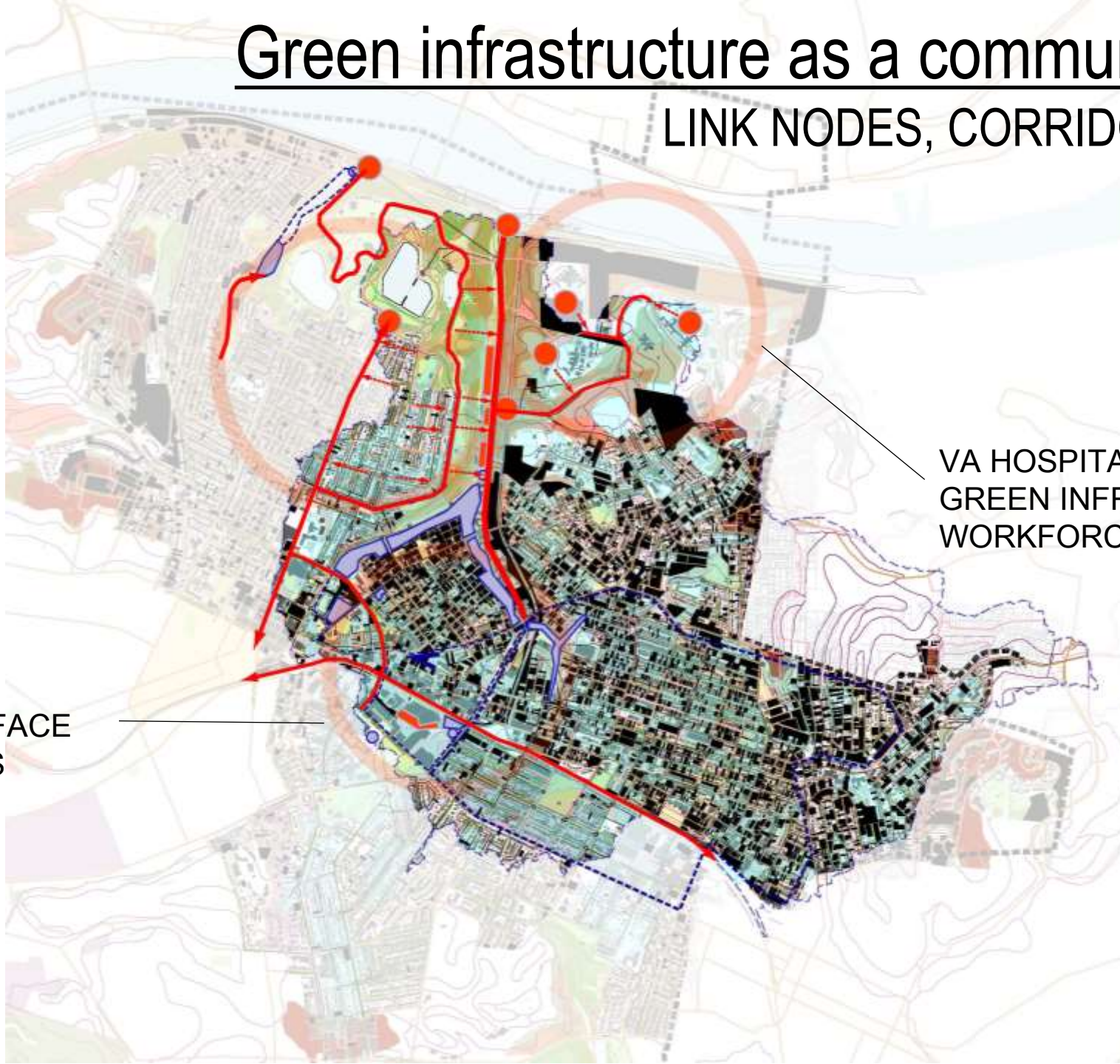


DEVELOP HOLISTIC “GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE-FIRST”
URBAN PLANNING EFFORTS FOCUSED ON IDENTIFYING
OPPORTUNITIES THAT SUPPORT REGENERATIVE AND
RESILIENT STRATEGIES FOR CATALYTIC COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT.

INNOVATION + REPLICATION

Green infrastructure as a community catalyst

LINK NODES, CORRIDORS & ASSETS



VA HOSPITAL CAMPUS
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

TRANSIT HUB
PERVIOUS SURFACE
IMPROVEMENTS

Green infrastructure as a community catalyst

Link nodes, corridors & assets



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URBAN ACUPUNCTURE OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

WESTINGHOUSE ACADEMY HOMEWOOD



1 COMMUNITY ASSETS

- A** WESTINGHOUSE IS A NUCLEUS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD
- B** YMCA NEARBY ON FRANKSTOWN
- C** HERMITAGE SCHOOL COULD BE REDEVELOPED
- D** COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS ON LANG
- E** +/- 700 STRUCTURES WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF SCHOOL
- F** +/- 450 VACANT LOTS WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF SCHOOL
- G** MANY STREETS DRAIN TO ATHLETIC FIELD AND BELOW
- H** EXISTING COMMUNITY GARDEN

3 HOUSING INFILL + RENOVATE

- 1** PHASE 1 (MURLAND) 41 VACANT LOTS + 33 STRUCTURES
 - 2** PHASE 2 (HERMITAGE) 23 VACANT LOTS + 31 STRUCTURES
 - 3** PHASE 3 (LANG) 63 VACANT LOTS + 25 STRUCTURES
 - 4** PHASE 4 (FRANKSTOWN) 8 VACANT LOTS + 34 STRUCTURES
 - 5** PHASE 5 (UPLAND/LINCOLN) 38 VACANT LOTS + 45 STRUCTURES
- COMBINED - 175 VACANT LOTS & 170 STRUCTURES
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING



5 MINUTE WALKING RADIUS



Legend

Institution	Red
Commercial	Red
Residential Structure	Purple
Vacant Lot	Green
Corridor Structure	Pink
Corridor Vacant Lot	Green

- 2015 COMMUNITY CONSENSUS VISION**
Homewood Cluster Planning
Operation Better Block, Inc.
- Create Neighborhood Park on Lang Avenue
 - Vacant Land for Stormwater If Flood Prone
 - Infill Housing and Renovate Existing Stock
 - Provide Small Parks and Community Gardens
 - Renovate Hermitage School
 - Provide Mixed-Use on Lang Avenue



2 HEALTHY CORRIDORS

- PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT A CATALYST FOR GROWTH
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMPLETE STREETS
- HEALTHIER WALKABLE COMMUNITY
- ACCESS TO TRAILS AND OUTDOOR AMENITIES
- OPPORTUNITIES TO INTERACT WITH NATURE
- IMPROVED SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS
- BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

4 TRANSIT LINES

- IMPROVED CONNECTION TO TRANSIT ON FRANKSTOWN
- TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)
- EXPAND POSSIBLE FUNDING STREAMS
- BUSWAY AND TERMINAL WITHIN 10 MINUTE
- IMPROVED ACCESS TO JOBS AND HIGHER EDUCATION
- NEW CONNECTION TO TRANSIT ON WASHINGTON



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LEVERAGE RESOURCES.

A

REDIRECT SQUIRREL HILL G.I. INTO PANTHER CREEK

CAPTURE

CONVEY

STORE



CAPTURE



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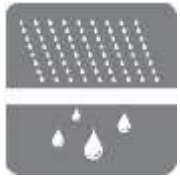
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SCHENLEY DRIVE DEMONSTRATION GREEN STREET

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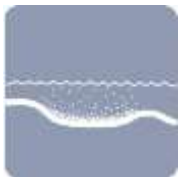


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SCHENLEY DRIVE DEMONSTRATION GREEN STREET

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RE-ESTABLISH SPRING-FED CREEK INTO JUNCTION HOLLOW

CONCEPT DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

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C

RE-ESTABLISH SPRING-FED CREEK INTO JUNCTION HOLLOW

CONVEY

STORE



If we truly want to overcome blight and disinvestment in the marginalized sections of our cities Landscape Architects need to be designing **regenerative infrastructure** systems and to achieve this goal we must:

- > Delineate an holistic approach focused on strategic, node-based transit oriented community redevelopment initiatives.
- > Lobby for change in the overall capital projects planning & decision making process
- > facilitate & Prioritize community based planning, design & implementation initiatives
- > define innovative pathways towards implementation that focus on leveraging local, state, federal & philanthropic funding mechanisms.

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