

# Green Connections: THE DRAFT NETWORK OCTOBER 2012

Green Connections are special streets and paths that connect people and wildlife to parks and open spaces. These streets provide opportunities for greening and landscaping; enhancing wildlife habitat; managing stormwater; and calming traffic. They will be designed to encourage and support active transportation, to enhance urban ecology and promote stewardship and placemaking, making it easier and safer to connect to parks.

The DRAFT map includes a network of 25 unique routes that would be improved over time. The name for each route includes a geographic start and end point, and a target species that could be associated with the route.

The streets identified as part of the DRAFT network build on ideas generated through the community planning process as well as existing city plans related to street typologies, open space and sustainability.

## Goals of the Network

- Promote public health through active transportation and improved access to parks
- Increase non-motorized trips to parks
- Enhance habitat for wildlife, including birds and butterflies
- Increase permeability of the ground surface to reduce storm water runoff
- Create space to facilitate social interaction and community stewardship
- Implement the network within a twenty-year period

## Elements

Streets along the network will incorporate these elements into the design

**Encourage and support Active Transportation** including running, walking, skateboarding, bicycling, and roller-blading, especially for children and seniors. Traffic calming, pedestrian amenities and bicycle facilities can encourage and support an individual's choice to walk, jog, or bicycle.

**Enhance Urban Ecology**, through tree planting, greening, and innovative on-site stormwater management. Sustainable corridors can support habitat and enhance the City's ecosystem.

**Promote Stewardship and Placemaking** by creating a unique and distinct network. Incorporate wayfinding, special signage, art and public education, to provide opportunities to gather, play and build community.

## Discussion

Would you rather see fewer routes planned throughout the city that could be implemented over a shorter time frame, or more routes that could be implemented over a longer time period?

How should the City prioritize the network for implementation?

Which route would you like to see implemented first?

Does this Network get you to where you want to go?

How should the routes be named?



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