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.

In many instances, individual design solutions can address multiple project goals. For example, traffic-calming measures like curb extensions, medians or traffic circles may also provide opportunities for habitat creation, bio- retention planters (rain gardens) and/or programming opportunities.

WHAT MAKES THESE STREETS SPECIAL?
Green Connections are envisioned to include a higher level of public realm interventions than standard city traffic calming, pedestrian safety and bicycle projects.

Green Connections are intended to be routes that people will go out of their way to travel on because they are green, quiet, traffic-calmed, and safe for walking and biking. These streets also offer educational opportunities for urban ecology and stormwater management.

GREEN CONNECTIONS PROJECT GOALS AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES

**Public Health**
Increase active transportation to parks

**Sustainability**
Enhance urban ecology

**Livability**
Support neighborhood stewardship and placemaking

### PROGRAMMING ELEMENTS

- **Walking**
  - Priority walking and biking.
- **Stormwater Run-Off**
  - Green Connections’ designs should consider the needs of both bicyclists and pedestrians.
  - Calm traffic to support active transportation for all users.
  - Median planters may include strategies like slow streets and, in some cases, median traffic calming.
- **Biking**
  - Focus on conflict points.
  - Green Corridors should provide safe and accessible routes.
- **Traffic Calming**
  - Calm traffic along the network.
  - Celebrate park edges to facilitate access to parks and open spaces.
- **Wildlife Habitat**
  - Design for wildlife habitat.
  - Include green infrastructure to manage stormwater.
  - Green Connections should provide a vehicle for urban ecology.

### SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

- **Wayfinding**
  - Designing sensitive and strategic signage and wayfinding can create unique, special, and memorable places, support neighborhood and placemaking, and can help foster neighborhood pride and stewardship.
  - Program spaces to encourage stewardship and placemaking.
  - Are streets in the City that prioritize design and livability?

### ART

- **Art**
  - Enhance urban ecology.
  - Are streets in the City that prioritize design and livability?

### DOES EVERY GREEN CONNECTION LOOK AND FEEL THE SAME?

- Not at all! Segments along the network will have a different look and feel. The level of intervention will vary based on existing conditions, coordination opportunities, available funding and community interest. There are 3 specific levels of intervention that could be most appropriate for any segment, at right:

  1. **Light Intervention**
     - Includes minor sidewalk enhancements, curb extensions and stormwater infrastructure, or intersection treatments to calm traffic.

  2. **Moderate Intervention**
     - Includes green infrastructure to manage stormwater.

  3. **Showcase Intervention**
     - Involves a higher level of environmental and community engagement.

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