

Parks and Open Space

Thursday, Meeting Septembers 12th, 2024

Community Feedback
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Brightmoor

AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN



Parks Meeting

Welcome!

Biza Howell Park

Stoepel
Park No. 1

Welcome + Introductions

Thank you for attending this meeting!

Our MC today:
Dave Walker

Introducing

Theresa McCarlton

Chief Parks Planner

General Services Department

Today's Agenda

(X - X pm)

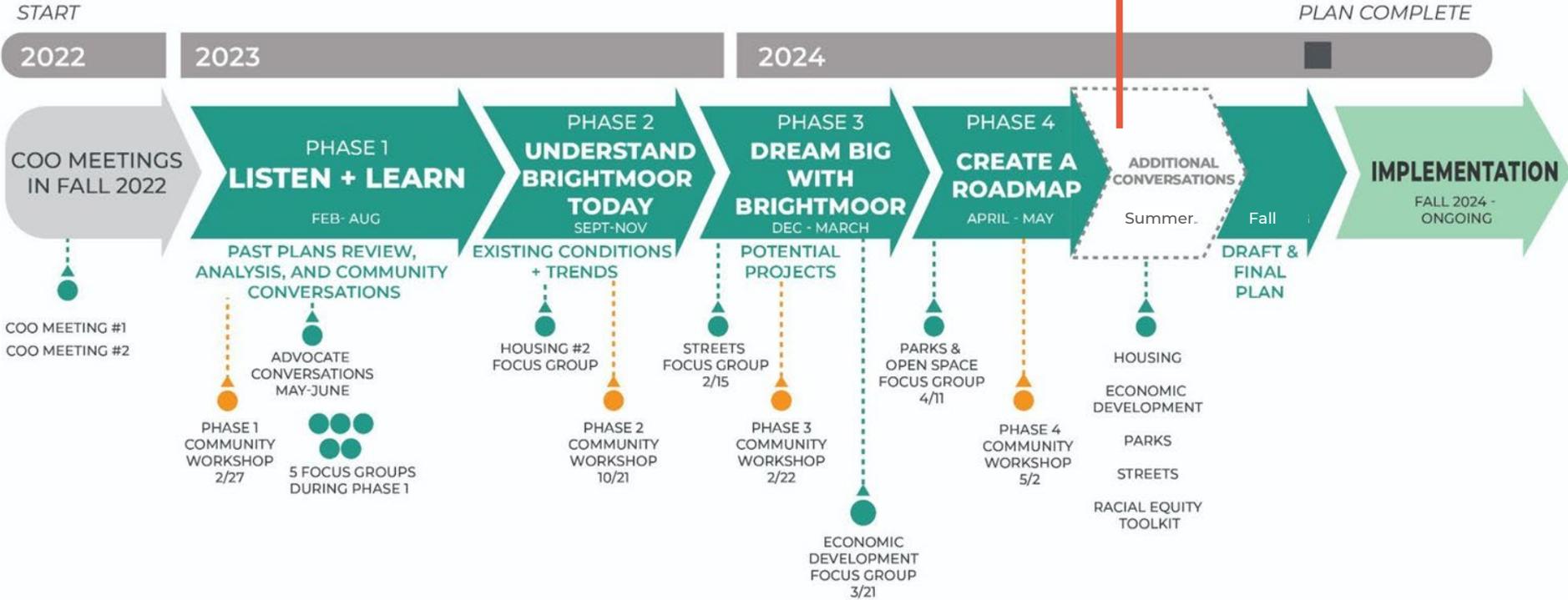
AGENDA

- **Schedule - 2min**
- **Vision For Brightmoor Framework Area- 5min**
- **Housing Community Conversations – 10min**
- **Parks and Open Space Recommendations- 20min**
- **Eliza Howell Improvements – 5min**
- **Vacant Land Strategies – 10min**
- **Framework Map – 2min**
- **Parks Community Conversations – 5 min**

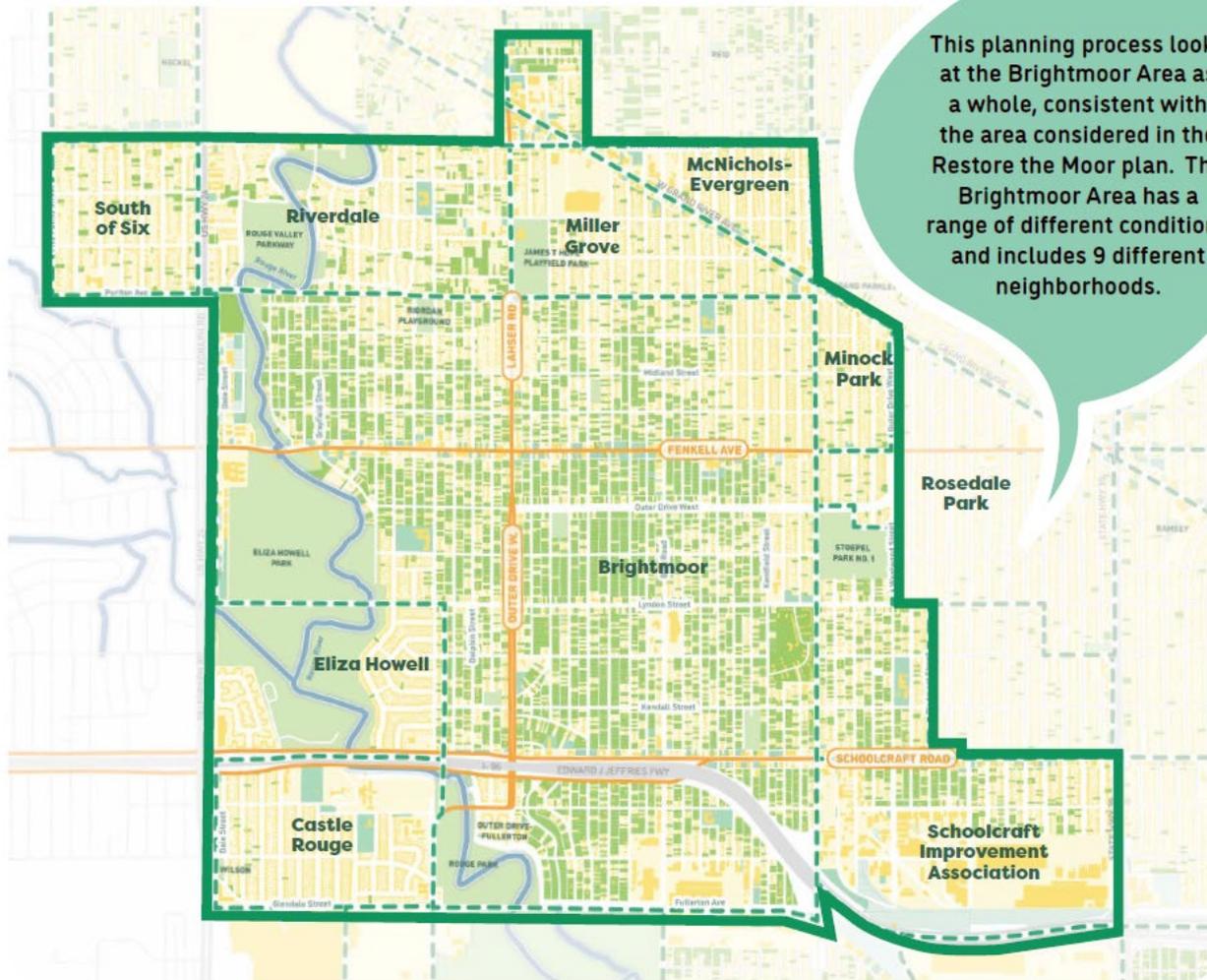
Schedule Recap

Your feedback today will inform plan recommendations.

We are here



PROJECT AREA



This planning process looks at the Brightmoor Area as a whole, consistent with the area considered in the Restore the Moor plan. The Brightmoor Area has a range of different conditions and includes 9 different neighborhoods.

**BEAUTIFUL,
CARED FOR
COMMUNITY**



**BASIC NEEDS
& COMMUNITY
RESOURCES**



Vision for the Brightmoor Area

**AFFORDABLE,
QUALITY
HOUSING**



**SENSE OF SAFETY
& COMMUNITY
CONNECTEDNESS**



**WEALTH CREATION
& ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES**



Community Conversation: (Housing)

Lets envision the Future of
Housing in The
Neighborhoods?

Community Conversation

(Housing Meeting notes continued in this meeting)

- Different Housing Types of ROW houses, garden apts, etc...
- Energy efficient housing.
- Equity essential for all housing decisions and no displacement with new development
- Beautiful , equitable with more homeowners in the neighborhood
- Housing that takes advantage of natural landscaping clean
- Tiny houses where Youth can be involved in the process / landscaping / clean
- Racial Equity and oncome based on those currently living in Brightmoor where affordability is based on Brightmoor residents
- Centralize equity and NO FUTURE housing should be built until Brightmoor Homes issue resolved with NDND
- The 50 Homes or 50K CDBG Grants should be released into People's Hands
- The Community needs more typologies developed in the neighborhood (i.e. Brownstones / Senior Housing)



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Parks, Open Spaces, Arts and Culture

**COMMUNITY
GATHERING
SPACES**



**ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL AGES &
ABILITIES**



**Vision
for Parks**

**HEALTHY
ECOSYSTEM**



**ALIVE WITH
ARTS &
CULTURE**



**CONNECTED,
GREEN NETWORK**



**CALMING,
HEALING PARKS**



Priority Recommendations: Parks & Gathering Spaces

Improve safe walking
access to parks and other
destinations



CONNECTIVITY

Enhance parks with a focus
on youth and teens, activities
for all abilities, and calming
and healing elements.



INCLUSION

Do you have feedback on
these recommendations?

Support community stewards
and community spaces for
gathering, arts, and events.



COMMUNITY

Priority Recommendations: Parks & Gathering Spaces

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these recommendations?

Consider picnic shelters and restrooms as part of the Eliza Howell Master Plan process.

Connect and care for stormwater gardens as neighborhood amenities and maximize their recreation and economic potential.



Photo by Cheryl Willard



Priority Recommendations

- What are Community Stewards?
Community Stewards are those who take care of the parks and help and play a role in programming and the overall maintenance of the park
- Existing shelters are hard to reserve digitally. Does the City need to work on this
- We need more safety roping / signage regarding all traffic in the park
- Data related to safety in the parks is needed
- How can we (The Community) get public access to the Rouge River Greenway
- There is too much illegal dumping on Telegraph near the Rouge River
- More Fed money for the Rouge River Clean Up
- We need more pocket parks throughout the neighborhood

Priority Recommendations: Parks & Gathering Spaces

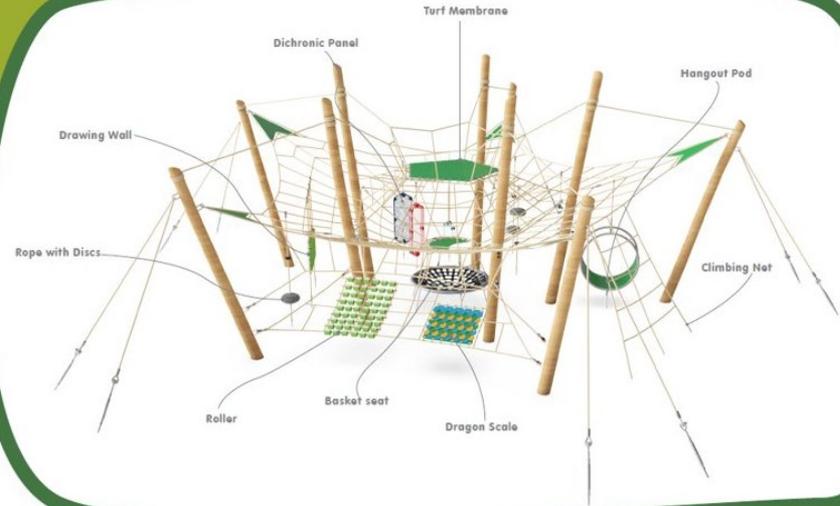
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Photo by MARICRUZ PHOTOGRAPHY

Sensory Dome



Priority Recommendations

- Can we have a splash pad in the parks so kids can play in the water
- Multiple Basketball Courts are needed throughout the parks in the neighborhood
- Better maintenance of existing parks is needed
- New non-motorized greenways are needed in the parks and to connect existing open spaces
- We need to utilize some of the vacant land for drag racing
- Land Between I-96 and Rouge Park owned by Catholic Church South of I – 96. That land is under utilized. Parks should coordinate with Catholic church for that land
- The DLBA website does not have updated information on land ownership

Priority Recommendations: Parks & Gathering Spaces

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TIMELINE FOR ELIZA HOWELL NATURE PLAY



With the incorporation of ideas from community members at past and upcoming engagement events, nature play area and access projects will be developed throughout 2024 and 2025 at Eliza Howell Park.

Priority Recommendations: Connected Green Spaces

Do you have any feedback on these green connections?

Rouge River Greenway



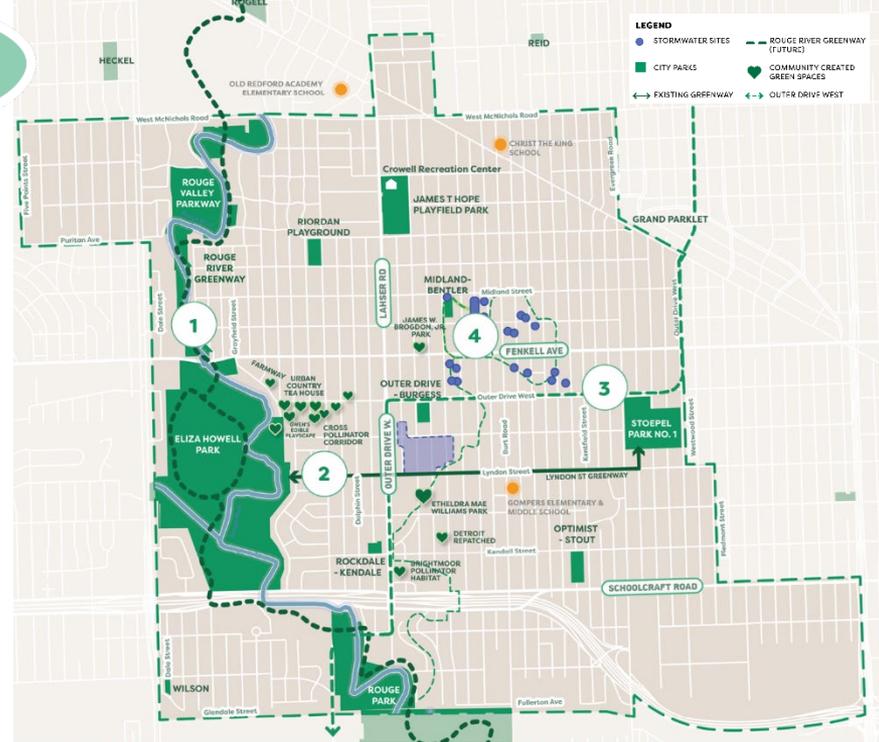
Outer Drive Greenway



Enhanced Lyndon Greenway



New Stormwater Connection



Priority Recommendations: Vacant Land Management Toolkit

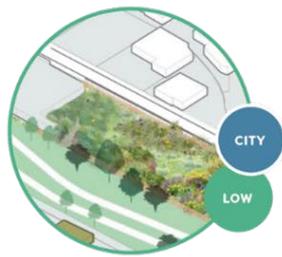
Which 2 strategies would you prioritize?



**COMMUNITY/PARTNER
ACTIVATION**



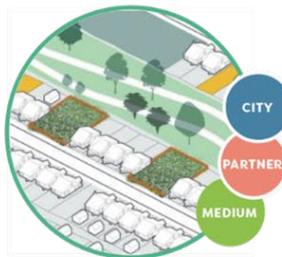
MEADOW



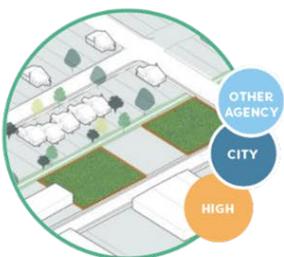
**WILDFLOWER
LAWN**



**GREEN STORMWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE (GSI)**



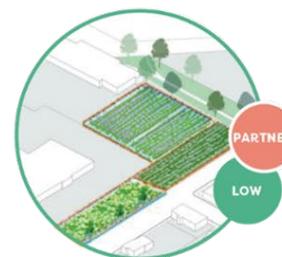
**TARGETED
CLEAN & CLEAR**



**INDUSTRIAL
CLEANUP**



TREE PLANTING



**URBAN
AGRICULTURE**

LEGEND

LEVEL OF EFFORT



RESPONSIBILITY

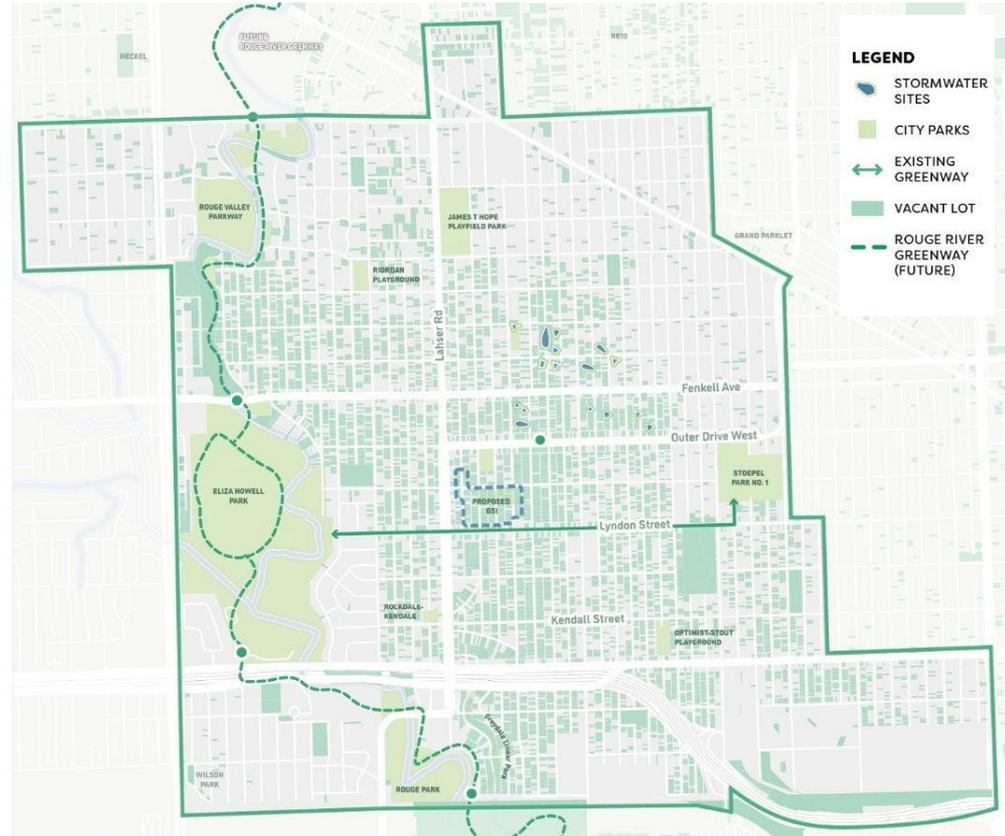


Vacant Land

- Community Partners should start getting plans together for use of vacant land in the neighborhood
- Does the DLBA have an idea or map that identifies how many side lots available.
- Yes they do, and the DON will be coordinating and event with the DLBA with community information on how to buy side lots and neighborhood lots
- We need better regulations against dumping
- We need a 7 generations sustainable model as it pertains to planting the right trees so they last for generations to come. Plant the right kind of trees for this region
- New housing with different incomes should be developed near the parks and improved open spaces
- Vacant lots should be turned into training grounds for the different types of jobs within the industry of sport.
- Zoning makes it harder to build accessory dwelling units or ADUs on existing occupied private property
- The community groups should start to think about Community land trust

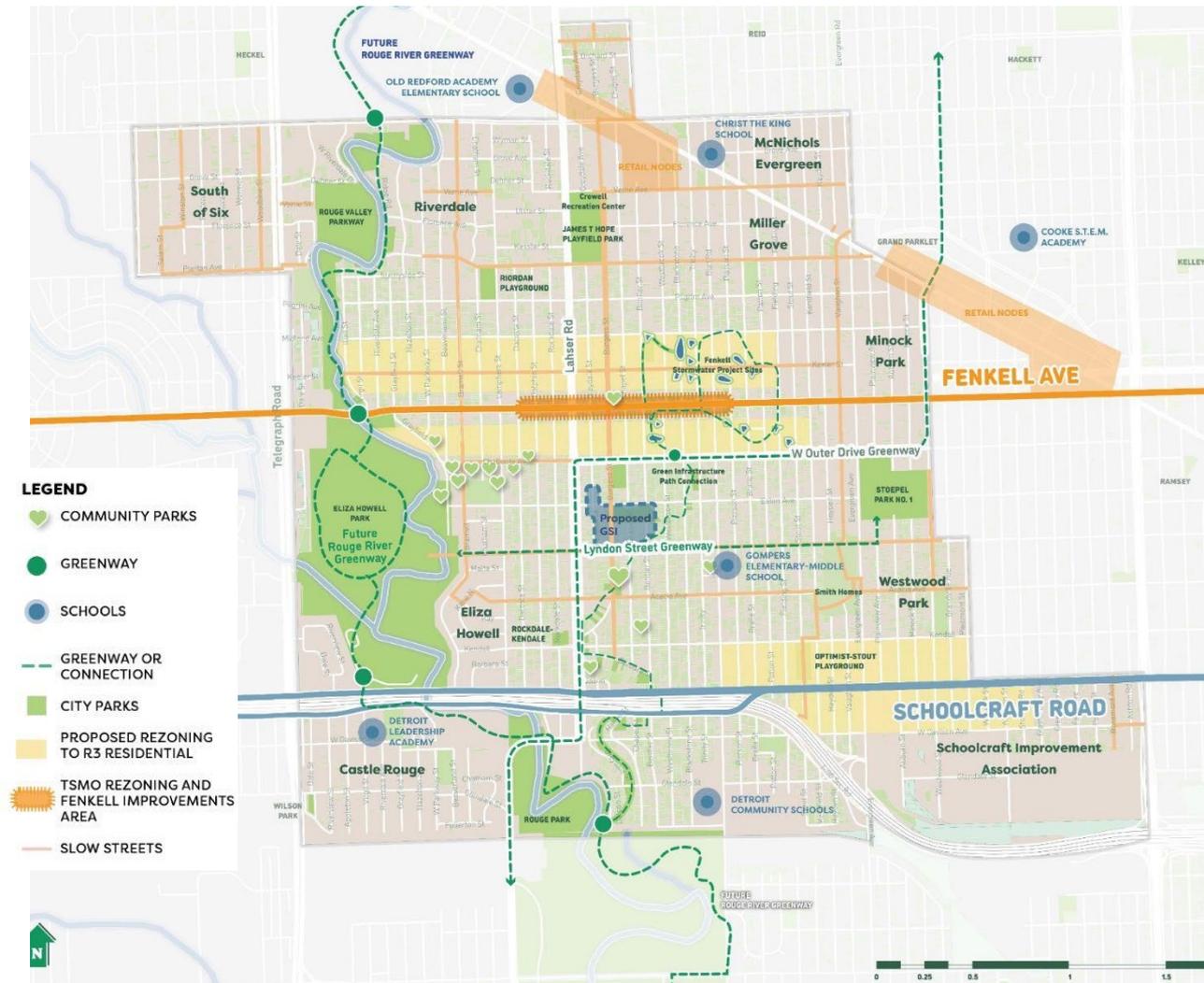
Priority Recommendations: Vacant Land Management Toolkit

Where would you prioritize implementing the vacant land typologies?



Draft Framework Map

Do you have any feedback on the draft framework map?



Top Parks & Open Space Priorities

Of all the recommendations shared today,
which is your #1 priority?

Where in the neighborhood is it needed most?

1

Improve **safe walking access** to parks and other destinations.

2

Enhance parks with a focus on **youth/teens**, activities for **all abilities**, and **calming/healing** elements.

3

Consider **picnic shelters and restrooms** in the **Eliza Howell** Master Plan process.

4

Support community stewards + community spaces for gathering, arts, and events.

5

Connect and care for **stormwater gardens as neighborhood amenities** and maximize their recreation and economic potential.

6

Prioritize **vacant land management** and complementary strategies.

7

Other?

Next Steps

Next Steps + Upcoming Meetings

Today's materials will be uploaded to the project website **next week**.

PDD to confirm website updates timing.

Project Website



www.detroitmi.gov/brightmoor

Phase 4 Survey



<https://tinyurl.com/Phase4Survey>

Open until 6/30

UPCOMING BRIGHTMOOR FRAMEWORK MEETINGS



Economic Development
Meeting details



Streets
Meeting details



Racial Equity Toolkit
Meeting details

Community Conversation:

What do you feel is
essential to open space in
the neighborhood?

Community Conversations

- The Equity Toolkit can be an economic tool as well as control the type and quality of development
- (i.e. Botanical Gardens, Community Benefits, and Goals as it pertains to nature and beauty
- We need to make sure we think of Strategies vs. Tools. The strategies are more important and last longer
- Productive land uses that utilize economic sustainable uses
- Equity
- Connected open spaces with safe travel for pedestrians and bikers
- Create social community gathering spaces
- Natural pathways and greenways to neighborhood open spaces
- Better maintenance of City Parks
- More housing, mixed use buildings that incorporate Equity but also roses (Positive affirmations)
- We want more houses, beauty, recreation and water features
- A dense neighborhood that is loved by all
- Accessible to all