High Line Canal Vision Plan

Public Meeting 4 Feedback
October 19-20, 2016
OPEN HOUSES
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• Identical open houses in 3 locations:
  o Weds, Oct 19 / 4-8pm / Dry Dock Brewing Company
  o Thurs, Oct 20 / 2-5pm / Eisenhower Rec Center
  o Thurs, Oct 20 / 6-8pm / Goodson Rec Center

• Approximately 300 total attendees
  o More than 350 comments received
  o Celebration of vision, with request for tactics and ideas to implement

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VISION THEMES
Look for these icons to see how the Strategies relate to these themes!

Natural  Connected  Varied
Manage    Enhance
STRATEGY 1

Create a Roadmap for the Canal’s Future Physical Form

The Vision Plan sets the community-driven plan for the Canal’s future. Next steps for planning include the Master Plan, studies for each of the five character zones, and Landscape Guidelines & Maintenance Standards.

COMMON THEMES & NEW IDEAS

- Study and improve crossings
- Care for trees, but don’t remove too many
- Plan for wildlife and humans
- Incorporate urban agriculture
- Create ADA accessible portions of Canal
- Guide for how to access and use Canal via bus / transit
- Plant for pollinators
- Minimize pesticide / herbicide use

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STRATEGY 2
Build Awareness and Understanding of the Canal

You’ve shared how hard it can be to learn about the Canal. This strategy aims to increase awareness and provide more tools for finding your way.

COMMON THEMES & NEW IDEAS

- Maps and better signage
- Educational programs
- Show residents the Canal can be a viable transportation alternative
- Install photo-luminescent asphalt in key areas
- Record oral histories
- Create checklists for viewing trees, birds, flowers, etc. on the Canal
- Host pop-up naturalist stops
- Install community bulletin boards at Canal entry points
- Don’t overmarket: how much marketing is too much?

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STRATEGY 3
Continue to Align the Canal’s Governance & Funding Structure with Vision

What governance and funding model will best ensure the future sustainability of the Canal as a cherished regional resource? This question will be the focus of next steps of planning, ensuring the long-term management is best aligned to support the Canal’s natural, connected, and varied character.

COMMON THEMES & NEW IDEAS

- Create special district for Canal
- Tax / levy support for Canal
- Form a board / governing body with representation from all jurisdictions
- Fund using lotto or marijuana tax
- Get on the National Historic Registry; grant funding more likely
- Invite public to share stories of why they love the Canal
- Give tours of Canal to newly elected leaders of municipalities and donors
- Coordinate with local HOAs
- Form a 501(c)3
- Divert tourism dollars from ski country to the Canal

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STRATEGY 4
Harness the Community’s Passion to Promote Stewardship of the Canal

The Canal holds a special place in the hearts of many residents, and you’ve shared a desire to help ensure its unique character is sustained for the future. This strategy includes opportunities for community support. How else would you like to be involved?

COMMON THEMES & NEW IDEAS

- **Underline** Adopt-a-spot program!
- Volunteer opportunities / program
- Work with local schools, churches, organizations, and neighborhoods
- Engage diversity, translate materials
- Include equestrian riders along with cyclists, runners, walkers
- Better communicate through county and city publications / emails
- Test biodynamic agriculture methods
- Connect with “Arbor Day” events
- Connect with retirement communities
- Train and equip volunteers

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STRATEGY 5

Capitalize on Existing Momentum to Take Action Now

There is already fantastic momentum around the Canal’s future, with several projects already in the works. This strategy includes celebrating successes, coordinating with existing projects, and repeating successful models for more immediate improvements to the Canal.

COMMON THEMES & NEW IDEAS

- Thanks, great work on this vision plan process!
- Stormwater adaptation: continue pilots, move forward with larger adoption
- Better signage (but not too many signs)
- Improve crossings
- Monthly nature walks or neighborhood appreciation events to raise awareness
- Secure grant / seed money
- Demonstrate benefits of Canal (i.e., stormwater importance)
- Preserve wild bee hives along Canal
- Send out action alerts about tree health and cleanup days

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WISH TREE

Wishes for Our Canal

- A Bridge near the golf course
- Keep it natural
- No development. No signage.
- Keep it rural
- Develop disability accessibility
- Let's not make it urban.
- Keep it rural
- We need stormwater fall! Fix the roots. Fix the soil.
- Better crossings! (Santa Fe) Yes!
- Repair mile markers
- Keep the mascots going for all generations. It’s all we know.
- Fix it! Fix the soil! Fix the roots.
- Soft surface trails, like All-weather make Expeditions possible.
- More people means more dogs to play with! More Sustainable Urbanism.