



## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

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1. Protection of remaining wetland areas inside and outside the levee system	1.A. Ensure that land use and zoning categories for wetlands and coastal areas promote wetland preservation.	1. Prohibit further drainage of wetlands for development both inside and outside the levees.	CPC	First five years		
		2. Establish regulations and enforcement systems to protect wetlands, such as a city wetlands protection ordinance.	Coastal and Environmental Affairs; City Attorney; City Council	First five years		
	1.B. Seek conservation solutions for wetlands.	1. Discuss options with Bayou Sauvage and environmental organizations.	Coastal and Environmental Affairs; Trust for Public Land; US Department of the Interior	Medium term		

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2. Restoration and expansion of the city's urban forest to reach 50 percent tree canopy by 2030	2.A. Promote tree planting on both public and private property.	1. Prepare a tree-canopy GIS layer and analyze it with appropriate tree-cover software to track values.	Parks and Parkways, City GIS unit, Louisiana Urban Forestry Council (LUFC)	Medium term		
		2. Prepare a street tree master plan to plant street trees throughout the city.	Parks and Parkways, City GIS unit, Louisiana Urban Forestry Council (LUFC)	Medium term		
	2.A. Promote tree planting on both public and private property.	3. Promote tree preservation on private property.	Parks and Parkways, City GIS unit, Louisiana Urban Forestry Council (LUFC)	Medium term		
		4. Improve the city's tree and vegetation protection ordinance (Chapter 106, Article IV).	Parks & Parkways; City Attorney; City Council	Medium term		
		5. Require tree planting as part of commercial or mixed-use development, where appropriate.	CPC	First five years		


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2. Restoration and expansion of the city's urban forest to reach 50 per-cent tree canopy by 2030	2.A. Promote tree planting on both public and private property.	6. Inventory the city's tree canopy.	Parks & Parkways	Medium term		
		7. Prepare a GIS layer with street trees and neutral grounds vegetation.	Parks and Parkways, City GIS unit, Louisiana Urban Forestry Council (LUFC)	Medium term		
		8. Work with utility companies to develop a protocol for conflicts and to develop a public information document.	Parks & Parkways; LUFC	Medium term		
		9. Identify priority areas for planting, species, best practices, etc.	Parks & Parkways	Medium term		
	2.B. Restore and plant new trees in parks and neutral grounds	1. Continue to work with non-profits who donate trees to the city and indicate the donations. develop a program with attractive markers to	Parks & Parkways	First five years		
		2. Create tree nurseries on city-owned vacant land for public plantings and, if feasible, for dona- tion to property owners.	Parks & Parkways; Parkway Partners; NORA	First five years		
	2.C. Promote tree preservation and planting on private property.	1. Include trees in landscape standards in the new CZO.	CPC	First five years		

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2. Restoration and expansion of the city's urban forest to reach 50 percent tree canopy by 2030	2.C. Promote tree preservation and planting on private property.	2. Work with non-profits and neighborhood organizations to encourage private tree planting on vacant properties.	Parks & Parkways; Parkway Partners	First five years		
		3. Encourage homeowners and other property owners to plant trees on their property.	Parks & Parkways; Parkway Partners	First five years		
	2.D. Establish storm water management planting practices in public green spaces.	1. Replace most lawn areas in neutral grounds and street swales with shrubs and ground cover.	Parks & Parkways; public education through Levee Board, Parkway Partners	Medium term		
3. A commitment to no net loss of park land	3.A. Establish systems to ensure that the city does not lose acreage dedicated to parks.	1. Require enhanced public review of disposition of public parkland and apply any funds from sales of parkland to acquisition of new parkland.	Parks & Parkways; CPC; City Council	First five years		
		2. Create a Parks Trust Fund within the Capital Projects Fund to receive funds for acquisition and improvement of parkland.	Parks & Parkways; CAO's Office; CPC	First five years		

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3. A commitment to no net loss of park land	3.A. Establish systems to ensure that the city does not lose acreage dedicated to parks.	3. Evaluate any public property identified for sale for suitability as a park or recreation site.	Parks & Parkways; City Attorney; City Council	Medium term		
4. A park within walking distance—approximately one-third mile—of every New Orleans resident	4. A. Balance passive and active uses of parks and public spaces.	1. Provide walking paths, seating, and programming (activities such as concerts, festivals, etc.) in parks and neutral grounds that are not managed by NORD in order to ensure that residents can and will use them.	Parks & Parkways; Dept of Public Works	First five years		
		2. Make improvements in safe walking routes to parks.	NORD or successor organization; Parks & Parkways; DPW	Medium term		
		3. Prioritize creation of new parks or playgrounds for underserved areas where there is no park within walking distance and for access to resources of citywide importance, such as the waterfront.	CPC; NORD or successor organization; Parks & Parkways	Medium term		

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5. More public access to waterfronts	5.A. Create parks and public spaces along the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain.	1. Enhance parks and public access along the Mississippi River.	New Orleans Building Corp.	First five years		
		2. Enhance park land along Lake Pontchartrain, including Lincoln Beach.	Levee Board; OFICD	Medium term		
		3. Enhance the ame-	Levee Board; OFICD	First five		
6. More green connections throughout the city	6.A. Create linear parks and green ways for multi-use pathways using the city's neutral grounds and other linear connections, such as levees, canal edges and rail lines.	1. Connect people to parks and neighborhood destinations by tree-lined "Green Streets" and coordinate the network with transit stops and bike boulevards. (See Chapter 13)	CPC planning with Parks & Parkways; DPW; RTA	Medium term		
		2. Work with the Regional Planning Commission and other groups to connect with regional pathways such as the multi-state Mississippi Trail.	DPW; RPC	Medium term		

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6. More green connections throughout the city	6.A. Create linear parks and green ways for multi-use pathways using the city's neutral grounds and other linear connections, such as levees, canal edges and rail lines.	3. Explore creation of "blueways" as designated water recreation routes and other boating opportunities. Inventory opportunities and work with local boating groups.	Levee Board; Sewerage & WaterBoard; private groups	Long term		
		4. Explore the feasibility of daylighting canals that have been covered over and creating additional canals for water storage and amenity..	See Volume 2, Chapter 12 and Volume 3, Chapter 12 for more detailed discussion.	Long term		
		5. Use neutral grounds, levees, canal edges and rail lines as potential greenway connectors	Parks & Parkways; Levee Board; DPW;	Medium term		
7. Maintenance of existing parks, green spaces, and recreational sites to a high level	7.A. Establish expanded maintenance criteria.	1. Create a committee with staff and citizens to develop goals and criteria and a photo system as in San Francisco.	Parks & Parkways; NORD or successor	First five years		

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7. Maintenance of existing parks, green spaces, and recreational sites to a high level	7.A. Establish expanded maintenance criteria.	2. Work with partnership groups to enhance maintenance. Encourage partnership groups to assist in maintenance.	Parks & Parkways; NORD or successor	Medium term		
		<del>3. Encourage partnership groups and criteria and a photo system as in San Francisco.</del>	<del>Parks &amp; Parkways; NORD or successor</del>	<del>Medium term</del>		
	7.B. Establish clear and permanent policies and procedures for accepting, placing and maintaining public art in parks, green spaces and recreation sites.	1. Adopt an Artwork Donation Policy that sets specific policies and procedures for all aspects of accepting, installing and maintaining public art.	City Planning, Arts Council, Parks and Parkways, Property Management, Capital Projects, Historic Districts & Landmarks Commission	Ongoing		
8. Multi-use indoor/outdoor recreation centers within 5 miles of every resident	5  8.A. Create 10 indoor pools at existing centers.	1. Identify sites and invest in pools.	NORD or successor	First five years		
	8.B. Coordinate recreation resources with schools and other community and human services.	1. Meet regularly with non-NORD providers to streamline services.	NORD or successor	Medium term		



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8. Multi-use indoor/outdoor recreation centers within 5 miles of every resident	8.B. Coordinate recreation resources with schools and other community and human services.	2. Explore collaborations with school districts and other organizations to establish joint use of facilities agreements.	School Districts, NORDC	First five years		
9. Year-round recreation opportunities for children, seniors, and adults	9.A. Provide recreational opportunities appropriate to the demographics of the surrounding neighborhoods.	1. Focus child and youth-oriented activities in neighborhoods with higher numbers of family households.	NORD or successor	First five years		
		2. Continue to focus on 40 supervised play-grounds to be sports program hubs.	NORD or successor	First five years		
		3. Work with private programs and the Council on Aging to develop more senior programs.	NORD or successor; Council on Aging	First five years		
		4. Promote youth and adult fitness through facilities and programs.	NORD or successor	First five years		
		5. Provide dog parks through a community process where there is high demand.	Parks & Parkways	First five years		
10. Recreation offerings that meet changing citizen needs	10.A. Regularly monitor the recreation needs of all segments of the population.	1. Survey residents through the internet and more rigorous methods on a regular basis to keep up with changing recreation needs and desires.	NORD; Parks & Parkways	Every 5 years		

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10. Recreation offerings that meet changing citizen needs	10.A. Regularly monitor the recreation needs of all segments of the population.	2. Provide for individual activities as well as team sports and classes.	NORD	Medium term		
11. More effective coordination and cost-effective management of park and recreation resources and programs	11.A. Coordinate park and recreation resources and activities throughout the city.	1. Establish an inter-agency parks and recreation coordinating group for all relevant city, nonprofit, private, and parish agencies.	Convened by CPC; all park management groups; private recreation providers	First five years		
12. Neighborhood participation in decision-making about parks and recreation	12.A. Survey both park and recreation users on a regular basis.	1. Require instructors to use evaluation forms in classes.	NORD	First five years		
		2. Use the web page for surveys; free web-based survey utilities are available.	NORD; City IT	First five years		
		3. Conduct a scientific survey every 10 years.	NORD	Long term		
	12.B. Establish a system for community input in park and recreation design and improvements.	1. Integrate a system with the NPP district council system to be developed.	CPC working through NPP organization to be developed	First five years		
	12.C. Prepare and update a full parks and recreation master plan regularly.	2. Update the plan every 10 years, including a full public participation element.	CPC, working with NORD and Parks & Parkways	Long term		

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13. Consistent and adequate level of maintenance, operations and programming on a per capita basis.	13.A. Provide a consistent and adequate per capita operating budget and work towards establishing a dedicated funding source for municipal park and recreation resources and programs.	1. Provide a consistent and adequate per capita operating budget.	Voters	First five years		
		2. Continue to work with partnership groups and grant makers to supplement funding.	NORD; Parks & Park- ways; non-profits	First five years		
		3. Pursue joint use agreements with public and private entities who own land that could add to park and recreation opportunities.	NORD; private groups	Medium term		
		4. Establish fees appropriate to the program and level of community or individual benefit and reserve fees for park and rec uses.	NORD	Medium term		

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14. Expanded partnerships to support park and recreation resources and programs	14.A. Continue to support and work with Parkway Partners and support expansion of park and neutral ground Friends groups, as well as existing NORD Booster and Friends groups, and hire a volunteer coordinator to develop and manage a network of "Friends groups for parks.	1. Expand park and neutral ground Friends' groups; Booster groups; and hire a volunteer coordinator.	Parks & Parkways; NORD or successor	Medium term		
15. Effective marketing of the municipal park and recreation system to citizens and visitors	15.A. Provide user-friendly communications, including an interactive web site, an annual report, consistent signage and similar efforts.	1. Improve the web pages, provide an annual report, and consistent signage.	Park & Parkways; NORD	Medium term		