

Appendix B: Recommended Actions

Introduction

This appendix describes each of the 31 recommended actions, which are grouped into: Parks and Trails, Fields, A Multi-Purpose Park, and Arts and Culture. Each action is sequentially numbered from 1 to 31. Actions 32 and 33 are listed at the end under Other Initiatives and Implementation Strategies. Each action includes information regarding its location, the recommended level of funding and source of funds, the parties responsible for implementation, potential implementation partners, and the proposed completion date.

Parks And Trails

The Long Term Vision

The long-term vision for Parks and Trails sees Shaker Heights improving and maintaining its existing parks making them once again a centerpiece of community recreation and leisure time activities. It also recommends that the City show regional leadership in implementing the Cuyahoga County Greenspace Plan, and in connecting its trails with those of adjacent communities.

Short Term Actions

1. Implement a network of marked bike-lanes in the existing right of way to connect recreational locations and parks.

***Location:** Citywide. **Investment:** \$50,000. **Funding Source:** \$1 million City commitment. **Responsible Party:** City. **Potential Partners:** Eco-City Cleveland. **Proposed Completion Date:** Spring 2005.*

2. Fix and repair existing sidewalks and paths within parks starting with Horseshoe Lake.

***Location:** Shaker Lakes Park Land. **Investment:** TBD. **Funding Source:** Capital Budget. **Responsible Party:** City Public Works Department. **Potential Partners:** Parks and trails advocates. **Proposed Completion Date:** Ongoing activity.*

3. Apply for State grants for trails consistent with Cuyahoga County Greenspace Plan, Horseshoe Master Plan, and Recreation and Leisure Assessment.

***Location:** Shaker Lakes Park Land. **Investment:** Not Applicable. **Funding Source:** Not Applicable. **Responsible Party:** City. **Potential Partners:** State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Ohio DNR), Clean Ohio Trails Program and Rivers & Trails program, Shaker Lakes Nature Center. **Proposed Completion Date:** Winter 2004/2005.*

4. Build paved multi-purpose trails connecting existing trails within the community's recreation, civic, and school locations and with adjacent communities.

***Location:** Community-Wide. **Investment:** \$150,000. **Funding Source:** \$1 million City commitment. **Responsible Party:** City, Schools. **Potential Partners:** State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Ohio DNR) grant programs, adjacent communities, Shaker Lakes Nature Center. **Proposed Completion Date:** Starts 2006, ongoing.*

5. Initiate discussion with Beachwood, Cleveland Heights, and adjacent communities to connect existing trails.

Location: Community-Wide. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City, Schools. Potential Partners: Shaker Lakes Nature Center, Beachwood, Cleveland Heights. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

6. Complete the Horseshoe Lake Park Master Plan.

Location: Shaker Lakes Park Land. Investment: Funded. Funding Source: \$29,000 Capital, \$10,000 Sewer Fund. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: January 2005.

7. Implement recommendations of Horseshoe Lake Park Master Plan.

Location: Shaker Lakes Park Land. Investment: \$150,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Ohio DNR), ParkWorks Grant Program, Shaker Lakes Nature Center. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

8. Explore feasibility of creating a sculpture park with local art along trails.

Location: Shaker Lakes Park Land. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: Recreation and Leisure Governing Body. Potential Partners: Civic sector, Art Leadership. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

Medium Term Actions

9. Explore formation of a public/private mechanism for the continued development and maintenance of parks and trails locally and regionally.

Location: Shaker Lakes Park Land. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: Recreation and Leisure Governing Body. Potential Partners: Trails and Parks advocates, Shaker Lakes Nature Center. Proposed Completion Date: 2007 and beyond.

10. Commission a Master Plan for Southerly Park.

Location: Shaker Lakes Park Land. Investment: TBD. Funding Source: TBD. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: 2007 and beyond.

11. Consider development a dog park Horseshoe Lake Park or Southerly Park.

Location: Shaker Lakes Park Land. Investment: TBD. Funding Source: TBD. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: 2007 and beyond.

Fields

Long Term Vision

The long-term vision for Fields includes continued improvement and maintenance of playing fields in response to future demographics.

Shaker Boulevard median could be converted, in the long term, to fields or other green recreational uses.

Short Term Actions

12. Improve and repair the natural grass field at Library.

Location: Shaker Town Center. Investment: \$150,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment.

Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Spring of 2006.

13. Continue to repair and reconfigure fields on school grounds (such as work underway to reconfigure Mercer for soccer or improvements at Lomond School).

Location: Citywide. Investment: \$150,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment. Responsible Party:

City, Schools. Potential Partners: NFL or USA Soccer grants. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

14. Convene a City/School staff team to review current utilization of fields and to recommend ways to optimize their use (opening hours, duration of games, rotation, etc.).

Location: Citywide. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City,

Schools. Potential Partners: None. Proposed Completion Date: Spring 2005.

15. Investigate various grant sources for fields including the National Football League and US Soccer Association.

Location: Citywide. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City,

Schools. Potential Partners: Civic sector. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

Medium Term Actions

16. Determine how many fields can be converted from grass to synthetic material, how many conversions we actually need, and what resources are available for conversion.

Location: Citywide. Investment: TBD. Funding Source: TBD. Responsible Party: City, Schools. Potential

Partners: Civic sector. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

17. Implement the field conversion/new fields based on determinations from above (#16).

Location: Citywide. Investment: TBD. Funding Source: TBD. Responsible Party: City, Schools. Potential

Partners: Engage school and school related organizations in fund development. Proposed Completion Date: 2007 and beyond.

A Multi-Purpose Park

Long Term Vision

The long-term vision for the Multi-Purpose Park sees the City actively pursuing regional partnerships to provide recreational opportunities for Shaker residents.

Like the Shaker Boulevard median, a second sheet of ice could serve as an additional asset in the regional facility mix.

Short Term Actions

- 18. Develop plans for the transformation of Thornton Park into a diversified and attractive multi-purpose park. Redesign vehicle access and parking, buffer and landscape, add proposed activities, and connect to trail system.

Location: Thornton Park. Investment: \$25,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Fall 2005.

- 19. Repair and improve pool.

Location: Thornton Park. Investment: \$1,000,000. Funding Source: separate \$1 million allocated by City Council. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: USA Swimming. Proposed Completion Date: Summer 2006.

- 20. Build a skateboard park at Thornton Park as part of the reorganization.

Location: Thornton Park. Investment: \$175,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Spring 2006.

- 21. Build a basketball court at Thornton Park as part of the reorganization.

Location: Thornton Park. Investment: \$75,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Spring 2006.

- 22. Convene a City/School staff team to review ice-skating rink usage and optimization opportunities.

Location: Thornton Park. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Spring 2005.

- 23. Initiate a regional dialogue with regional partners for the shared use of facilities.

Location: Regional. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City, Schools. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

- 24. Monitor performance and use of skateboard park and basketball court.

Location: Thornton Park. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

Medium Term Actions

- 25. Explore options associated with addition of a second sheet of ice at Thornton Park.

Location: TBD. Investment: TBD. Funding Source TBD. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: 2007 and beyond.

Arts and Culture

Long Term Vision

The long-term vision foresees the Shaker Towne Centre area and the Community Building becoming a vibrant community, cultural, and recreational center.

It also recommends linking economic development with recreation and leisure making the District a place that attracts privately owned leisure options aimed at all age groups.

Short Term Actions

- 26. Expand activities and programs at the Community Building (transform the basement into a fitness area) for residents of all ages. Complete fitness improvements and expand senior activities and programs.

Location: Shaker Town Center. Investment: TBD. Funding Source Capital funds. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: Spring 2005.

- 27. Promote the teen center currently hosted at the Library and expand activities.

Location: Shaker Town Center. Investment: TBD. Funding Source TBD. Responsible Party: Library, City. Potential Partners: Civic sector. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

- 28. Explore regional collaboration opportunities for senior activities and programs.

Location: Regional. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: Civic sector, Medical community. Proposed Completion Date: Ongoing.

- 29. Coordinate with economic development efforts to introduce recreational and cultural facilities into the overall development of Shaker Towne Centre.

Location: Shaker Towne Centre. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: None identified.

- 30. Collaborate with other Heights governments to identify any regionally unmet performing arts need and seek a shared regional solution.

Location: Regional and citywide. Investment: \$35,000. Funding Source: \$1 million City commitment. Responsible Party: City, Civic sector. Potential Partners: Other Heights communities, Schools. Proposed Completion Date: None identified.

Medium Term Actions

31. Initiate steps to fully convert the Community Building to accommodate expanded recreational and cultural activities.

Location: Shaker Town Center. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: 2007 and beyond.

Other Initiatives

32. The Taskforce recommends reviewing the existing use of tennis courts and any scheduled repairs to existing courts. Shaker Schools have resurfaced four while the City has resurfaced three. While there is no need for more new courts, there is a need for continuing maintenance of the current stock.

Location: Citywide. Investment: Not Applicable. Funding Source: Not Applicable. Responsible Party: City, Schools. Potential Partners: None identified. Proposed Completion Date: None identified.

Implementation Strategies

33. Taskforce recommends that it could provide direction and input during the implementation of the Recreation and Leisure Framework Plan.