

# A. Themes and Draft Goals

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## Citizen Topic Group: Parks, Recreation, and Greenways

As part of Imagine Columbia's Future, Citizen Topic Groups reviewed the ideas for the future generated by the public, identified subtopics for organizing these ideas, formed subtopic groups, identified themes emerging from the ideas, and generated draft subtopic goals that reflect that aspirations of the community. These draft goals will be presented to the public at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Exploring the Vision Workshop for feedback.

This document includes all of the output that has been received from your Citizen Topic Group (CTG) to this point. The first one to two pages list your agreed-upon subtopics, draft goals for each subtopic, and notes from the consultant that offer an overall assessment of the work of your CTG. The following pages provide a record of the work of each subtopic group, including identified themes, draft goal statements, and any preliminary strategies or notes that the subtopic group has submitted. (Minutes have not been included.) Any gaps in this information indicate that the consultant has not received all of your group's output.

The draft goals have been revised by ACP-Visioning and Planning, Ltd. for clarity and consistency, as necessary. The original goal and ACP's suggested revisions are clearly designated in the material provided for each subtopic. In cases where no draft goals were submitted, ACP prepared draft goals using the themes provided by the subtopic group as a guide. At the third CTG meeting, subtopic groups will review these draft goals, and will have the opportunity to accept, revise, or rewrite them.

## Revised Sub-Topics from Meeting #2

1. Parks and Parklands
2. Recreation-facilities
3. Green space (need defined)
4. Trails

## Draft Goal Statement

One draft goal was created for the entire Citizen Topic Group, not for the individual subtopics. ACP has revised this goal for consistency.

### **Original Draft Goal Statement (for Citizen Topic Group Topic - Parks, Recreation, and Greenways)**

To create an expanding interconnected network of parks, greenways, and trails that provides a wide variety of recreational facilities and opportunities for all citizens.

- Enhanced protection of environment, streams and wildlife,
- An aesthetically appealing city,
- Adjacent to and incorporate minimally developed neighborhoods,
- Ultimately connecting to a similar county/state system of open lands.

### **Suggested Revision from ACP-Visioning and Planning, Ltd.**

An expansive, interconnected network of parks, greenways, and trails adjacent to and within neighborhoods provides a wide variety of recreational facilities and opportunities for all citizens, contributes to an aesthetically appealing city, connects to county and state open lands, and protects the environment, streams, and wildlife.

Notes/Assessment from ACP-Visioning and Planning, Ltd.

- The Parks, Recreation and Greenways group did not submit any documents at meeting #2, only flip charts. Despite this, based on conversations with the Co-Facilitator and observations, they appear to have a good working relationship and are making progress.
- The group has excellent lists of themes.
- The group has generated a Goal Statement for the entire topic, not for the individual sub-topics. The group may need to consider accepting the prepared Goal Statement as the Vision for their topic and then develop individual Goal Statements for each sub-topic. (Note, each Citizen Topic Group will have one Vision Statement, a series of subtopic goal statements, strategies, and implementation steps.)
- The group needs to clarify the meaning of “Adjacent to and incorporate minimally developed neighborhoods.”
- The group also needs to decide if its strategies will address the entire goal or be targeted to the sub-topics they identified.

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Sub-Topic: Parks and Parklands

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Keep up with development
2. Acquire more
3. Protect unique assets—streams, rivers, flood plains
4. Protect farmland
5. Work with DNR and Missouri Department of Conservation
6. Enhance environment
7. Maximize edge effect—parks close to all people, walking distance, playgrounds, facilities-pavilions, fields
8. Safety—lighting, supervision, accessibility
9. More open space in inner city
10. Recreation facilities

## **Revised List of Themes from Citizen Topic Group Meeting #2**

1. Keep up with development
2. Acquire more—X% per population area
3. Preservation
4. Protect unique assets—streams, rivers, flood plains
5. Protect farmland
6. Work with DNR and Missouri Department of Conservation
7. Enhance environment
8. Maximize edge effect—parks close to all people, walking distance, playgrounds, facilities-pavilions, fields
9. Safety—lighting, supervision, accessibility
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Sub-Topic: Recreation

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Adequate facilities
2. Inter-generation
3. Access—geographical, socio-economic and variety
4. Activities of the future—variety

## **Revised Themes from Citizen Topic group Meeting #2**

1. Adequate facilities
2. Inter-generational
3. Access—geographical, socio-economic and variety
4. Activities of the future—unconventional, variety
5. Trails
6. Educational trails, science
7. Dog trails—animal sanctuary

# Theme and Summary Statement Worksheet

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Sub-Topic: Green Space

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Preservation
2. Undeveloped
3. Unimproved / natural
4. Work around natural areas

## **Revised Themes from Citizen Topic Group Meeting #2**

1. Preservation
2. Unimproved Undeveloped Natural
3. Work around natural areas

## **Notes/Assessment from ACP-Visioning and Planning, Ltd.**

Theme number 2 above may require some clarification.

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Sub-Topic: Trails

## **Original List of Themes from Kick-off**

1. Educational trails—science
2. Dig trails / animal sanctuary
3. Specialized trails—bike trails, walking trails, dog trails
4. Gateways to trails
5. Connecting trails and greenspace
6. Signature trail
7. Floodplains for trails
8. Surface
9. Multiple use—transportation

## **Revised List of Themes from Citizen Topic Group Kick-off Meeting #2**

1. Educational trails—science
2. Dig trails / animal sanctuary
3. Specialized trails—bike trails, walking trails, dog trails
4. Gateways to trails
5. Connecting trails, greenspace, and parks
6. Signature trail
7. Floodplains for trails
8. Surface
9. Multiple use—transportation
10. Sewer Easement/ Trail easement