

# GREAT PUBLIC SPACES

## STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



**ACCESS TO GREAT PUBLIC SPACES** is a key ingredient for a vibrant and creative city, providing a stage for healthy civic life that promotes community engagement and opportunities for outdoor recreation and play.

**OUR GOAL** is to improve access to, revitalize, and develop parks, trails, and open spaces in order to enhance the quality of life of residents of neighborhoods on the periphery of Center City.



**OUR FOCUS** will be on specific places where we can build on the momentum of existing planning and development, including neighborhoods that are revitalizing, changing, and some that are continuing to struggle.

**OUR APPROACH** is to connect residents to high quality public amenities and, through new trails and greenways, promote greater connectivity between neighborhoods and Center City.



**OUR INVESTMENTS** will accomplish this by:

- Enhancing the amenities in existing parks and public spaces
- Improving access to existing parks and public spaces
- Supporting innovative and high quality programming to activate and animate public spaces
- Promoting connectivity through new and expanded trails and greenways
- Encouraging the use of data to improve public space management
- Advocating for sustainable public space operations and maintenance practices





*There are many opportunities to create "great public spaces" in neighborhoods outside of Center City.*

**OUR CRITERIA** are specific, since there are more worthy public space projects that we can hope to support. We will concentrate on investments that advance one or more of the following objectives:

- Increases access to green space in an under-served community
- Provides a new public amenity desired by the local community
- Responds to strong evidence of community interest and support
- Serves a community outside or on the periphery of Center City
- Acts as a community gateway, portal, or connector
- Enhances the performance of an existing park or public asset
- Promotes connectivity to the "Circuit" regional trail network
- Promotes public access to a riverfront or waterway
- Capacity and resources are available for operation and maintenance

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