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PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE :: AN OVERVIEW

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING

AGENDA
1. Intro & Ice Breaks
2. Review of Project Goals
3. Public Engagement
4. SWOT Review – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
5. Review of Project Approach & Timeline
6. Kickoff Review
7. Review of Project Area: Surrounding Context
8. Review of Project Area: City Context
9. Review of Existing Documentation
10. Committee Meeting
11. Stakeholder Advisory/Neighborhood/2-Day Project
12. Community Outreach
13. Site Tour
14. PR/Press

PROJECT APPROACH: THE PROCESS

1. Discovery & Analysis
2. Design & Visualization
3. Documentation

PROJECT AREA: Surrounding Context

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SWOT REVIEW - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

PROJECT TEAM:

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Planning 4 Places
New England Environmental

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH

PUBLIC OUTREACH & COORDINATION

- Press Releases
- Meeting Notices
- Library Information Station

PROJECT OUTREACH

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- An intensive, collaborative, 2-day event that can quickly & efficiently resolve & answer questions that arise from community members

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1. DISCOVERY & ANALYSIS

EXISTING DISCODRINATION REVIEW

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- Review project Objectives
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2. DESIGN & VISUALIZATION
PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE :: 2-DAY CHARRETTE

**DAY ONE**
- CHARRETTE DAY 1
  - Kick off meeting with City Staff & Neighborhood/Study Advisory Committee
  - Conduct Public walk-n-talk to gain on-site input and local knowledge
  - Brainstorm & discuss ideas for addressing concerns, incorporating new programming, and improving the visual & physical access to the Preserve
  - Host a series of focus group discussion to gather info to supplement existing data
  - Host an open-house that will allow participants to “drop in” and join the design process

**DAY TWO**
- CHARRETTE DAY 2
  - Continued development of alternative concepts for the Preserve
  - Refinement based on the previous days’ meetings & open house
  - Additional focus group meetings to gather more feedback & to build support for implementation of future improvements
  - Presentation outlining our process from start to finish, our key findings and conclusions, our zoning plan with our design concepts and recommendations for future Lake Preserve, including time for public feedback

2. DESIGN & VISUALIZATION

**DAY ONE: WORKSHOP INITIATION MEETING**
- PUBLIC WALK-N-TALK
- BRAINSTORMING SESSION
- INTERNAL DESIGN SESSION
- FOCUS GROUP SESSIONS
- OPEN HOUSE DESIGN SESSION WITH PUBLIC/NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

**DAY TWO: INTERNAL DESIGN SESSION**
- EVENING PUBLIC DESIGN REVIEW WORKSHOP
  - Review of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & constraints
  - Present alternative concepts
  - Solicit community feedback (likes, dislikes, wishes to change)

3. DOCUMENTATION

**DRAFT VISION PLAN**
- Based on a consolidated list of changes from a post-charette Neighborhood / Study Advisory Committee meeting, we will prepare a color rendered & labeled Master Plan showing the desired improvements to Tivoli Lake Preserve.
- This draft vision plan will be based on the presentation.

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3. Develop Base Mapping
4. Public Outreach
5. Design Charrette
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WELCOME
Re-imagining Tivoli Lake Preserve
Public Visioning Workshop - September 15th 2014
Albany, New York

PROJECT PARTNERS
Arbor Hill Neighborhood Association
West End Neighborhood Association
Local Stakeholders

OUR TEAM

AGENDA
TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE - Public Visioning Workshop

1. Review of Project Goals / Workshop Goals
2. Review of Existing Conditions
   - Hurdles & challenges to overcome
   - WHY to address these challenges
   - HOW to address these challenges
3. How we get there: Actions to take
4. Long-term Master Plan: Reaching Tivoli Lake’s Full Potential
   - Programming: activating the park
   - Design elements

PROJECT GOALS
1. Develop a Master Plan that can be implemented in phases over time to ultimately achieve the communities Vision for Tivoli Lake Preserve.
2. Root the development of the Master Plan in Community Engagement...THIS IS YOUR PLAN!

WORKSHOP GOALS
1. To have a direct conversation with the community about the Preserve.
   - Its potential
   - Its problems
   - And a potential path forward
2. Ultimately learn enough from you tonight that our team can design a Master Plan that will provide the framework for making positive change to the Preserve, which will result in the Preserve being a valuable community asset.

EXISTING CONDITIONS
TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE
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TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: NORTHERN BLVD. ENTRY
TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: ACCESS ROAD/TRAIL
TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: LAKE TRAIL
TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: "I KNOW THE LAKE IS AROUND HERESOMEWHERE"

TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: "THERE IT IS!"

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TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: SOUTH TRAIL AROUND LAKE

TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: LIVINGSTON AVE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: ACCESS RD. / TRAIL-NORTH – WESTERN SECTION

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TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE: ACCESS RD. / TRAIL-NORTH – WESTERN SECTION
INVASIVE SPECIES: VIEWSHEDS

HURDLES:

1. GEO-PHYSICAL REALITIES
2. ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES
3. SAFETY ISSUES

EXISTING PATROON CREEK – TIVOLI LAKE RELATIONSHIP (WITH DAYLIGHTING)

WHAT WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN TO DAYLIGHT THE CREEK?

- Reduced risk of flooding & erosion
- Improved water quality
- Increased protection of the lake against invasive species
- Improved water circulation for Lake Tivoli

FUTURE PATROON CREEK – TIVOLI LAKE RELATIONSHIP (WITH DAYLIGHTING)

- Better flood protection
- Improved water quality
- Increased protection of the lake against invasive species
- Improved water circulation

LIMITED VISIBILITY

LAKE HEALTH

INVASIVE SPECIES: VIEWSHEDS

Hazardous Grounds

SUSTAINING PATROON CREEK – TIVOLI LAKE RELATIONSHIP

- Flooded Patroon Creek
- Increased protection of the lake against invasive species
- Improved water circulation
- Improved water quality

LACK OF WAYFINDING

You can’t solve one problem and not the other

GEO-PHYSICAL REALITIES
- Increased protection of the lake against invasive species
- Improved water circulation
- Improved water quality

ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES
- Increased protection of the lake against invasive species
- Improved water circulation
- Improved water quality

SAFETY ISSUES
- Limited visibility
- Hazardous grounds
- Flooding of the lake
- Water quality

Let’s talk about it

How do addressing the GEO-PHYSICAL hurdles impact the issues of safety and underutilization?

Impact

Action

Creating Stronger Access Points & Preserve Entries

Ricreation

Forcing Stronger Connections Between the Preserve & Its Surrounding Urban Fabric

SAFETY

How do addressing the ENVIRONMENTAL hurdles impact the issues of safety and underutilization?

Impact

Action

Curbing Our Invasive Species
KEY ACTIONS:

- CLEARING OUT INVASIVES
- DAYLIGHTING THE CREEK
- PARTNERSHIPS WITH:
  - Department of Environmental Conservation
  - Army Corps of Engineers
  - Albany Public Schools
  - Regional Colleges & Universities
- HEALTH & HUMAN SAFETY
- RECREATION & EDUCATION

WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF THESE ACTIONS? WHAT DOES THE FUTURE TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE LOOK LIKE?

1. GEO-PHYSICAL REALITIES
2. ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES
3. SAFETY ISSUES

Core Hurdles:

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ENTRY SIGNAGE

INCREASE ACCESS

1. GEO-PHYSICAL REALITIES
2. ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES
3. SAFETY ISSUES

ENTRY SIGNAGE: TIVOLI LAKE
LIVINGSTON AVE. ENTRY
NORTHERN BLVD. ENTRY
POTENTIAL NEW ENTRIES
INCREASE ACCESS

CORE HURDLES:

1. GEO-PHYSICAL REALITIES
2. ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES
3. SAFETY ISSUES

TRAIL SIGNAGE

CLEARING OUT INVASIVE SPECIES

SELECTIVE UNDERSTORY CLEARING

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL AND INCREASED FRESH WATER CIRCULATION

TRAIL SIGNAGE

NEXT STEPS

1. Continued Stakeholder Outreach
2. Internal Design Charrette
3. Public Design Review Workshop (Tuesday, Sept. 23rd @ 6:30PM)
4. Finalize Master Plan
   - Revisions based on feedback
   - Prepare Final Master Plan
5. Final Public Presentation
What is your Vision for the Preserve?

Long-Term goals for the Preserve include:

1. Garner feedback on preliminary Vision Concept Plans
2. Review of Public Outreach Process
3. Long-Term Visioning Plan: Reaching Tivoli Lake’s Full Potential
   - What is your Vision?
4. Review of Preliminary Vision Conceptual Plans
   - What do you like?
   - What do you dislike?
   - What ideas do you have?
   - What can be accomplished within the next 90 days?
5. Next Steps

Opportunities Identified To Date through Public Outreach

- Reconnect the Preserve to the surrounding neighborhood:
  - Improve entrances and add additional entrances to the Preserve
  - Activities and Programming:
    - Urban Agriculture/Urban Forestry
    - Beach, Garden Center with Native Plants
    - Entertainment/Arts
    - Mountain Biking network
    - X-country Skiing and Ice Fishing
    - Camping
    - Horseback riding
    - Golf
    - Fishing
    - Swimming
    - Barbeque and picnic area
    - Trail connections to the surrounding area

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Year Round Recreational Opportunities?

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Wetland Walks

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Opportunity to Observe Wildlife

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Team Building

Additional Case Studies

Marvin Gaye Park

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Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

LOW LYING FRUIT

WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS?

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**Project Goals**

1. Review of Project Goals / Workshop Goals
2. Review of Public Outreach Process
3. Long-term Visioning Plan: Reaching Tivoli Lake’s Full Potential -What is your Vision?
4. Review of Existing Conditions -Hurdles & challenges to overcome -HOW to address those challenges

5. Next Steps

**What is your Vision for the Preserve?**

- About your ideas for forging partnerships -About your short-term and long-term ideas -About your concerns -How to address those challenges -Hurdles & challenges to overcome

**Community Outreach: A Multi-Faceted Approach**

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- How to address those challenges

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**Workshop Goals**

1. Our primary job tonight is to LISTEN and LEARN!
   - About your Vision for the Preserve
   - About your short-term and long-term ideas
   - About your ideas for forging partnerships
   - About your concerns
2. To have a direct conversation about the Preserve.
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3. Ultimately learn enough from you tonight that our team can design a Visioning Plan that is rooted in Community feedback and insight and that will provide the framework for making positive change in the future.

**AGENDA**

Tivoli Lake Preserve Arbor Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting Visioning Session

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**What changes would you like to see?**

**What can be accomplished within the next 90 days?**

**Opportunities Identified To Date**

- What other ideas do you have?
- What do you not like?
- What do you like?
- Develop a maintenance program and staffing
- Invasive species removal
- Open up views into the Preserve
- Create a safe and kid-friendly space with outdoor classroom/multi-purpose space
- Restore Lake to original size
- Incorporate accessibility
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- Economic, recreational, and environmental benefits
- Employment opportunities/conservation and service corp.
- Encouraging physical activity and the exploration of Lake
- Introducing outsiders to the Preserve and the nearby neighborhood
- And ensuring that the Preserve is a positive resource to the surrounding community and provides social, economic, recreational, and environmental benefits

**TIVOLI LAKE PRESERVE**

**RECONNECT THE PRESERVE TO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Improve entrances and add additional entrances to the Preserve
- Provide opportunities for environmental education and green job training
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Team Building

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Marvin Gaye Park

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

Visioning Plan

WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS?

LOW LYING FRUIT

Visioning Plan

NEXT STEPS

1. Continued Stakeholder Outreach
2. Finalize Visioning Plan
   -Revisions based on feedback
   -Prepare Final Vision Plan
3. Final Public Presentation
Project Goals:
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Public Outreach Goals
1. Gather feedback on preliminary Vision Concept Plans
   - Do they reflect your Vision for the Preserve?
   - What changes would you like to see?
   - What are the long and short term ideas?
   - What can be accomplished now? How do we sustain momentum?
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WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE RELATIVE SHORT TERM?

NEXT STEPS

1. Final Public Meeting
2. Final Deliverables:
   - Final presentation materials
   - Summary of community engagement
   - Final Vision Plan/Report
   - Identify Possible Implementation Strategies
   - Identify Potential Funding Sources
   - Identify Potential Public/Private Partnerships

Thank you!!

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