

Louisville Central Rail Corridor Plan

Louisville Metro

Ecology Forum Agenda

October 23rd, 2014

Key Points

- Beargrass Creek de-channelization
- Butchertown greenway / Beargrass greenway linkage in Irish Hill
- Possible trail linkage between Shelby Park and Irish Hill
- Integration with Move Louisville and other planning efforts
- Pending development initiatives including Louisville Stoneware
- West Louisville Food Hub linkages (digester)

Attendees

- Olmsted Parks Conservancy
- Beargrass Creek Alliance
- Metro Stormwater District
- Kentucky Waterway Alliance
- Louisville Forward?
- Department of Community Services and Revitalization?
- Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
- Youthbuild Louisville
- IDEAS 40203
- Neighborhood Associations
- Louisville Grows
- (Additional groups)

Part I: “Green Team” Session

Location: AMvets Post #9 1567 S. Shelby Street Louisville, KY 40217

Time: 9:00AM-11:30AM

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| 5-10 Minutes | Welcome / Overview / Agenda
<i>Metro / LAS</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big picture overview of the AWP program goals and objectives, other area initiatives / process to date, day's agenda (LAS) |
| 20-30 Minutes | Ecological Visioning & Best Practices
<i>Great Ecology / LAS</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to contemporary best practices in Ecological Planning & Design (GE)• Discussion of high level ecological opportunities for study area and neighborhoods centered on a re-focused ecological vision (GE)• Introduction to the three case study elements including Catalytic Sites/Corridors (Cotton Mill, Goss/Logan & Shelby), Water Ways (Beargrass Creek) |

and positioning the Waste Transfer/Exmet sites. (LAS)

Break Out Round Tables 3, 30 minute stations run simultaneously

Station 1: Restoring an Urban Ecosystem (Beargrass Creek)

Team

Discussion topics will include:

- *Parks master plan implementation*
- *Stormwater control best practices*
- *Green infrastructure / development leveraging*
- *Local community goals and objectives*

Station 2: Creating an Urban Ecosystem (Industrial District)

Team + Keith Hackett

Discussion topics will include:

- *Materials reprocessing and green job creation*
- *The role of the University of Louisville as an anchor institution*
- *Target site remediation needs*

Station 3: Catalytic Sites & Corridors (Greater AWP)

Team

Group discussion (30-35 minutes) on short mid and potential for the long-term future of Beargrass Creek to address both natural communities and municipal needs, with specific discussion on scaling down to:

- The role (if any) of the MSD facility in the life of the adjacent neighborhoods including the basin
- The feasibility of creating a trail linkage to Irish Hill and the river
- Identification of additional brownfield redevelopment sites and their relationship with Beargrass Creek

Group discussion (30-35 minutes) on how to create a pilot “eco-industrial” site on the waste transfer and Exmet parcels, with specific discussion on scaling up to:

- Expanding the target site program on to adjacent vacant parcels
- Determining how existing and new businesses might plug in
- Restoring vehicular connectivity across the rail line – is it necessary / desired?

Group discussion (30 minutes) to brainstorm ideas on best practices for revitalization of brownfield sites (focused on the Louisville Cotton Mill as a case study) and the role of the adjacent corridors (Logan/Goss and Shelby Street)

- Reuse preferences and impacts on site decisions/planning, including programmatic relationships to the districts
- Green infrastructure projects related to sites and corridors
- Alternative mobility projects and the impacts they can have on the surrounding community and Catalytic

Part II: Community Charrette

Date: October 23, 2014

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Venue: Shelby Traditional School Gym

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| 10 Minutes | Welcome / Overview / Agenda
<i>Metro / CEPM / LAS</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big picture overview of the AWP program and Metro goals and objectives• Summary of process, existing conditions; community issues and ideas; charrette agenda |
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| 15-20 Minutes | Ecological Visioning & Best Practices
<i>Great Ecology</i> | <p>Shortened version of morning presentation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to contemporary best practices in Ecological Planning & Design (GE)• Discussion of high level ecological opportunities for study area and neighborhoods centered on a re-focused ecological vision (GE)• Brief Introduction to the three case study elements including Catalytic Sites/Corridors (Cotton Mill, Goss/Logan & Shelby), Water Ways (Beargrass Creek) and positioning the Waste Transfer/Exmet sites. (LAS) |
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(10-15 minutes) Brief Presentation on 3 stations and results of the morning session.

4 Break Out Stations run simultaneously (1.5 Hours)

Station I: Discussion on Local Ecosystems
Team

Interactive Exercise that allows participants to identify characteristics in the Germantown / Shelby Park AWP that could qualify as ecosystem elements and identifying areas of need and priority projects (to be further

developed by GE)

Station 2: Restoring an Urban Ecosystem (Beargrass Creek)

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- *Parks master plan implementation*
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Local community goals and objectives

Interactive Exercise on short mid and potential for the long-term future of Beargrass Creek to address both natural communities and municipal needs, with specific discussion on scaling down to:

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Station 3: Creating an Urban Ecosystem (Industrial District)

Team + Keith Hackett

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Target site remediation needs

Interactive Exercise that encourages participants to discuss opportunities to create a pilot “eco-industrial” site on the waste transfer and Exmet parcels, with specific discussion on scaling up to:

- Expanding the target site program on to adjacent vacant parcels
- Determining how existing and new businesses might plug in
- Restoring vehicular connectivity across the rail line – is it necessary / desired?

Station 4: Catalytic Sites & Corridors (Greater AWP)

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Interactive Exercise to brainstorm ideas on best practices for revitalization of brownfield sites (focused on the Louisville Cotton Mill as a case study) and the role of the adjacent corridors (Logan/Goss and Shelby Street as case studies)

- Reuse preferences and impacts on site decisions/planning, including programmatic relationships to the districts
- Green infrastructure projects related to sites and corridors
- Alternative mobility projects and the impacts they can have on the surrounding community and Catalytic Sites

5 minutes

Next Steps
Metro / CEPM