City of Maplewood, Minnesota
Living Streets Policy

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Guiding Documents

- 2030 Comprehensive Plan
  - Overall guiding document for the City of Maplewood
  - Trail Plan
    - Priority is placed on primary corridors to provide the greatest benefit to all residents
    - Connections between schools, community facilities, parks and the region are emphasized
    - Trail construction and specific location is not emphasized
      - City will create a plan at time of construction to ensure the appropriate needs are being met for each area
    - The proposed system is ambitious, and is focused on creating the ideal plan for the future of Maplewood
Guiding Documents

- Living Streets Policy
  - Compliment and build upon the 2030 Comprehensive Plan
- High level goals
  - Encourage people to travel by walking or bicycling
  - Enhance the safety and security of streets
  - Create livable neighborhoods
  - Maximize the infiltration of stormwater
  - Improve the quality of stormwater runoff
  - Enhance the urban forest
  - Improve the aesthetics of streets within the community
  - Reduce life cycle costs
Outreach Efforts

- Resident Correspondence
  - Project letter and informational packet
- Meetings
  - Resident neighborhood meetings
  - School and church meetings
  - Local Girl Scout Troop
  - City Commission and Board Meetings
  - Door to Door Rain Garden Meetings

Leverage Local Partners and Supporters!!
Lessons Learned

- Public education and involvement
- Have a clear design vision and good images to help show what it will look like
- Support from city commissions and boards
- How design components are interdependent
- Sidewalk maintenance (winter shoveling)
- Be prepared to tell the design story many times
- Context Sensitivity
Arkwright - Sunrise Layout

EXISTING SIDEWALK

PROPOSED TRAIL

PROPOSED SIDEWALK

COUNTY ROAD B

EDGERTON ST

I 35E

Note: Sidewalk required if street abuts or is in vicinity of a school or park

Local Street | Option 3
Lessons Learned

- City staff assigned to work with residents on sidewalks, rain gardens, and tree placement
  - Communication
    - Friendly / compassionate
    - Ability to listen and accommodating
    - Ability to explain the design
  - Recognize the demographics
    - Tailor outreach and message appropriately
  - The City did not receive any complaint on the width of the street through the winter

- Incentive program
  - RWMWD completing analysis of an incentive program for Living Streets replacement projects
Questions?