

NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 1: RILEY PARK IS UNDERUTILIZED

Desired Outcome: Riley Park is a safe and well-used community resource.

Strategy NI&LU 1.1: Enhance and increase utilization of Riley Park.

Action Item NI&LU 1.1.1: Establish a working group comprised of residents and other stakeholders to partner with City of Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department to determine what kind of park the neighborhood wants and what improvements can be made to the park to increase utilization given its topographic and environmental constraints.

Action Item NI&LU 1.1.2: Pursue funding opportunities to support implementation of the Riley Park Working Group's recommendations.

Action Item NI&LU 1.1.3 : Improve and stabilize the footpaths and entrance at the south end of the park.



NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 2: LACK OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY TO NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY

Desired Outcome: Increased sidewalk coverage and bike/pedestrian infrastructure.

Strategy NI&LU 2.1: Address gaps in the neighborhood's bicycle/pedestrian network to provide facilities that connect neighborhood features such as area schools, Riley Park, and major collector streets (Alabama, Tennessee, and Old Bainbridge).



Action Item NI&LU 2.1.1: Conduct a Walk A Block assessment on current sidewalks and bike lanes.

Action Item NI&LU 2.1.2: Conduct a Neighborhood Blitz to repair sidewalk issues identified in the Walk A Block Assessment.

Action Item NI&LU 2.1.3: Install/complete sidewalks on four priority streets: Preston Street (from Clay to Woodward), Harlem Street, Alabama Street and Colorado Street

Action Item NI&LU 2.1.4: Install signage to encourage vehicles to share the road with bicycles.

Action Item NI&LU 2.1.5: Explore the use of sharrows on roads higher-traffic roads to emphasize the need for cars and bicycles to share the road. Explore utilizing temporary planters on these roads to illustrate where bike lanes or sharrows could be.

Action Item NI&LU 2.1.6: Install a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (lighted crosswalk) across Basin Street at Arizona to facilitate the safety of kids walking to the bus stop at Basin and Arizona.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 3: LACK OF VISUALLY APPEALING STREETSAPES AND SIGNAGE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

***Desired Outcome:** Streetscaping on targeted streets that enhances public safety and mobility while also beautifying the surrounding neighborhood.*

Strategy NI&LU 3.1: Implement streetscaping improvements on key neighborhood gateway streets.

Action Item NI&LU 3.1.1: Develop and implement a streetscape plan for neighborhood gateway streets (Basin, Alabama, Colorado, Volusia). Support the Main Street concept for Alabama Street (from Basin Street to North Abraham Street). Reference ideas in the designs developed by the FSU DURP students.

Strategy NI&LU 3.2: Increase/enhance streetlight coverage throughout the neighborhood.

Action Item NI&LU 3.2.1: Work with the City of Tallahassee Electric Utilities to determine and to implement streetlight enhancement needs and solutions throughout the neighborhood.

Action Item NI&LU 3.2.2: Educate the community to report streetlight outages via DigiTally and the City's Customer Service line.



Strategy NI&LU 3.3: Use signage and other creative projects to highlight the unique character of the neighborhood.

Action Item NI&LU 3.3.1: Identify locations for additional/enhanced neighborhood signage on gateway streets and construct signage at these locations. Possible locations include Basin and Preston, Basin and Charlotte, Colorado and Indiana or Colorado and Tharpe. (Existing sign on Old Bainbridge and Alabama)

Action Item NI&LU 3.3.2: Apply for and use funds from the City's Vibrant Neighborhood Grant program to construct and enhance neighborhood signs.

Action Item NI&LU 3.3.3 : Develop a community art project that involves the neighborhood residents (ex: mural, etc.). Engage young people in this project.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 4: MAINTENANCE AND APPEARANCE OF STORMWATER FEATURES.

***Desired Outcome:** Neighborhood stormwater features are safe, clean and attractive amenities.*

Strategy NI&LU 4.1: Regularly clean stormwater ditches and facilities.

Action Item NI&LU 4.1.1: Educate residents on how to report litter in swales/ditches and ponds via DigiTally or City of Tallahassee Customer Service line.

Action Item NI&LU 4.1.2: Organize and host neighborhood cleanups to remove trash and debris from drainage structures and other neighborhood rights-of-way.



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Strategy NI&LU 4.2: Enhance existing neighborhood stormwater facilities.

Action Item NI&LU 4.2.1 : Work with the City of Tallahassee Underground Utilities and Public Infrastructure Department (UUPI) to determine/implement enhancements, including trash filters, fencing and landscaping, to the stormwater facilities on Alabama (between Calloway and Joe Louis Streets) and Arizona (between Arkansas and California).

Action Item NI&LU 4.2.2 : Work with the City of Tallahassee UUPI to determine feasibility of covering drainage ditches and moving stormwater to underground system. Explore Harlem Street as a priority street.

Strategy NI&LU 4.3: Reduce erosion in individual yards using landscaping techniques.

Action Item NI&LU 4.3.1: Work with the City of Tallahassee Stormwater Division to target properties in need of erosion mitigation and educate residents about effective strategies for controlling erosion.

Action Item NI&LU 4.3.2: Promote the TAPP Program's Rain Garden grant through community events and social media.



NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 5: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS ARE LIMITING AND EXPENSIVE.

Desired Outcome: Residents have reliable and affordable public transportation options.

Strategy NI&LU 5.1: Educate residents about ways to access existing StarMetro and other transportation supports.

Action Item NI&LU 5.1.1: Invite StarMetro to community events to demonstrate ways to access bus schedule.

Action Item NI&LU 5.1.2: Create a program to connect residents to bicycle donation or purchase.

Action Item NI&LU 5.1.3: Promote the S.T.A.R.S. (Seniors Transporting At Risk Seniors) program and other resources for transportation through community events, churches and social media.

Strategy NI&LU 5.2: Increase and enhance the availability of services and support facilities for public transportation in the neighborhood.

Action Item NI&LU 5.2.1 : Advocate with StarMetro for route changes that better serve the neighborhood, including the feasibility of providing fixed route services on more streets within the neighborhood using the old Route 13 as a model.

Action Item NI&LU 5.2.2: Enhance bus stops and shelters at these locations: Preston and Richmond; Basin and Arizona (across from Griffin Heights Apartments).

Action Item NI&LU 5.2.3: Advocate for the establishment of a bus stop that provides Miracle Village residents a closer bus stop (Alabama and Birmingham).

Action Item NI&LU 5.2.4: Find resources to allow seniors to get fee waivers or discounts for Dial-A-Ride transit services.

Action Item NI&LU 5.2.5: Create a neighborhood-based volunteer program that provides rides to seniors.

Action Item NI&LU 5.2.6: Work with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department to coordinate with vendors to identify preferred parking areas for e-scooters within the neighborhood.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 6: VACANT LOTS AND DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES.

Desired Outcome: Vacant properties are well-maintained or are re-developed for community benefits.

Strategy NI&LU 6.1: Develop vacant lots for community benefit.

Action Item NI&LU 6.1.1: Maintain an inventory of all vacant lots and dilapidated homes within the neighborhood.

Action Item NI&LU 6.1.2: Support the development of the vacant tract of land on the northside of Volusia Street for affordable/workforce housing. Target new homeowners for this development.

Action Item NI&LU 6.1.3: Assess the suitability of existing single-family lots for the development of workforce housing. Identify funding sources for the purchase of suitable lots. Assess city- and county-owned lots for feasibility for community gardens or other creative uses (permanent or temporary).

Action Item NI&LU 6.1.4: Ensure that new housing developments are “green”, energy efficient, apply universal design, incorporate solar technology when possible and are designed to match the look and feel of the community.

Action Item NI&LU 6.1.5: Support the creation of a community land trust.

Action Item NI&LU 6.1.6 : Develop a database of publicly-owned lots that are for available for purchase.

Strategy NI&LU 6.2: Promote voluntary compliance with city codes.

Action Item NI&LU 6.2.1: Invite the City’s Code Enforcement Division to provide a bi-monthly report on active code enforcement cases at neighborhood association meetings.

Action Item NI&LU 6.2.2: Educate residents on how to promptly report potential code violations. Host a workshop where code enforcement provides education about code violations and ways to report them.

Action Item NI&LU 6.2.3 : Develop and implement a code enforcement amnesty program that waives liens for property owners that address violations.

Action Item NI&LU 6.2.4 : Neighborhood residents organize to find and talk to absentee owners about keeping up their homes/land.

Strategy NI&LU 6.3: Promote the repair and reuse of existing structures.

Action Item NI&LU 6.3.1: Develop and implement a housing assistance program that offers financial (grants and/or loans) and regulatory incentives for owners to repair and remodel existing structures.



NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NI&LU 7: INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES

Desired Outcome: The neighborhood has land uses that allow for a mix of neighborhood-scale commercial development while also preserving the residential character of the neighborhood.

Strategy NI&LU 7.1: Develop land use mechanisms to preserve the single-family residential character of the neighborhood while also creating opportunities for neighborhood-scale commercial development in designated areas.

Action Item NI&LU 7.1.1 : Designate Alabama Street (from Basin Street to North Abraham Street) as a “Neighborhood Boundary” to allow for the creation of a Main Street corridor, providing opportunities for neighborhood-scale commercial development.

Action Item NI&LU 7.1.2 : Work with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department to refine the proposed Neighborhood Boundary land use category and zoning district for application within the neighborhood.

Action Item NI&LU 7.1.3: Identify density recommendations for the neighborhood and share with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department.

Action Item NI&LU 7.1.4 : Work with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department on form-based code.

