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
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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