



Vision Plan:

Public Realm



Goal:

Conserve and enhance the public open space and natural environment to improve the wellness of residents, and preserve the unique identity of Slatterly Park Neighborhood.

Objectives:

- Emphasize streets as underutilized public space and reintroduce public serving amenities throughout.
- Strengthen the neighborhood's connection to the natural environment by improving pedestrian access to existing open spaces through "green corridors."
- Encourage outdoor dining and street activity such as vendors and musicians on the sidewalks of principle boulevards (e.g. 4th Street SE, 3rd Avenue SE, 9th Street SE)
- Create a variety of open space types (e.g. trails, woods, athletic fields, plazas, etc.) and remove accessibility barriers in the public realm to accommodate changing demographics.
- Intensify the use of natural storm water management and sustainable landscape practices to enhance water quality.
- Strengthen neighborhood identity through development of entrance features and public art at key locations (signs, historic markers, etc).
- Improve public safety of open spaces with enhanced street lighting, clear sight lines, sound design and police patrol.
- Continue street festivals and park events that utilize the available amenities for the public good.
- Identify centrally located open spaces for potential public meeting places and/or community gardens.



- Redesign Bridge
- Current Trail
- Future Trail Connection (ROCOG 2040 Plan)
- Proposed Trail Connection
- Public Park
- Pocket Park
- Narrow Street
- Forest Thinning
- Pedestrian Plaza
- Potential Community Garden Site
- Improve Streetscape
- Entrance Feature
- Future Street
- Public Greenway

Slatterly Park Neighborhood
public realm map

Recommendations:

- Slatterly Park Neighborhood Association continues the official “adoption” of Slatterly Park and Bear Creek through semi-annual park clean-up events.
 - Increase frequency of lighting elements along the river trail system.
 - Improve signage along the river trail system and at key intersections connecting the trail system to the street grid.
 - Improve landscaping, green space, and public seating in and around parking lots.
 - Install entry markers at the major intersections/entrances of Slatterly Park Neighborhood (e.g. 9th St SE and 3rd Ave SE, 6th St SE and 13th Ave SE, Highway 14 E and 15th Ave SE, Highway 14 E and 3rd Ave SE)
 - Support utilizing empty lots as a Community Garden or pocket park in the interim before redevelopment occurs.
 - Explore the feasibility of Slatterly Park programming improvements (e.g. adding a dog park, adding a leisure ice skating rink, upgrading playground equipment).
 - Incorporate green connection or larger urban park through K-Mart and AMPI plant sites when they redevelop.
 - Decrease road width and widen boulevard along 9th Street SE between Broadway and 3rd Avenue SE.
 - Create public “greenways” along existing and proposed mobility connections.
 - Work with property owners along the river to thin out the heavily wooded areas to create a more open and safe environment.
 - Work with the City in the redesign of the bridges along 6th Street SE to incorporate landscaping and a safe and accessible pedestrian environment.
 - Incorporate responsible and innovative storm water retention and infiltration systems into new developments.
- Work with public and private interests in creating better pedestrian environments along principle corridors and connections:*
1. Along 3rd Avenue SE
 2. 9th Street SE from Slatterly Park to Soldiers Field across Broadway via at grade crossing with pedestrian refuge island
 3. 6th Street SE from 13th Avenue SE to U of M campus across Broadway
 4. Along 8th Avenue SE
 5. Along 11th Avenue SE from 4th Street SE to River
 6. From Slatterly Park to Cub Foods
 7. From Riverside Elementary to Farmer’s Market
 8. Along Hwy 14 from Broadway to 15th Ave E
 9. Along 4th St SE from 3rd Ave SE to 13th Ave E