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### OLNEYVILLE, VALLEY, AND SMITH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN MAP

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On May 31, 2006, Mayor Cicilline and the City Council announced the creation of Providence Tomorrow—an innovative and inclusive planning process designed to create a framework for growth and preservation of Providence neighborhoods. Since then, the City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan, and the Department of Planning and Development has begun detailed planning studies in each of the city's neighborhoods.

Providence has 25 distinct neighborhoods, each with unique character and identity. While neighborhoods share many features, each has its own set of planning challenges and concerns. An important part of Providence Tomorrow is the in-depth, detailed planning studies that were conducted at the neighborhood level. The neighborhoods were grouped together so that there were ten neighborhood charrettes, or planning studies, conducted from 2007 to 2009.

The Olneyville, Valley, and Smith Hill Neighborhood Charrette was held December 3-6, 2007. Sessions were held at the Eagle Square Shopping Plaza at 579 Atwells Avenue. Approximately 100 people participated in the charrette, voicing their opinions on housing, arts in the neighborhood, future commercial and industrial growth, and how to protect the existing character of their neighborhood, among other issues. The planning team collected all of the information from the week, and drafted an action plan that was presented at a follow-up meeting in April 2008.

This map is a summary of the information that was collected from residents, business owners and neighborhood youth over the course of an intensive week of many public meetings. The Plan summarizes neighborhood history and demographics, illustrates the existing character of the neighborhoods through photos and typologies of buildings types, and identifies key issues and neighborhood priorities. The Action Plan identifies goals and objectives for the neighborhoods, and the parties who will lead each effort. The Plan will be used to guide the review of development projects in these neighborhoods by the city's boards and commissions, help the City prioritize funding for projects and infrastructure improvements, and provide a guide for redevelopment efforts.

Continue and expand efforts to restore and revitalize the Woonasquatucket River with a goal of being fishable and swimmable by 2025.

- Expand recreational opportunities along the river with designated areas for fishing and other water-based activities.
- Enhance the Woonasquatucket River Bikeway with amenities for bicyclists and pedestrians such as pedestrian-scale lighting and food kiosks.
- Reduce river debris by providing trash and recycling cans bordering the River, installing signage discouraging litter and dumping, and establishing a community recycling center.

Construct the water park planned for Riverside Park.



The site of the former Riverside Mill has been transformed into Riverside Park, with amenities including a playground, bike path, and community garden.

Change the zoning designation of commercial parcels near the intersection of Hartford and Manton avenues to facilitate the development of a commercial node; consider the former Price Rite Plaza for development of a mixed-use neighborhood center.

Rezone lots along Chalkstone Avenue from Lisbon to Academy avenues to facilitate the development of a commercial node.



This portion of Chalkstone Avenue presents an excellent opportunity for pedestrian-oriented neighborhood commercial development.



Blighted properties exist throughout the neighborhood, but are especially concentrated along Amsterdam and surrounding streets.

Improve blighted properties along Amsterdam Street to serve as a catalyst for revitalization in the surrounding neighborhood.

Revitalize Olneyville Square as a major neighborhood commercial center.

- Develop a strategic plan for the identity and marketing of the Square along with design guidelines to reinforce that identity.
- Consider the creation of a Business Improvement District to implement streetscape improvements and continued maintenance.
- Improve mobility through Olneyville Square with additional signage, improved bus shelters, pedestrian connection, and parking for businesses.



Olneyville Square has long been the industrial, commercial, and transportation hub of the west side of Providence, and forms the neighborhood center with banks, restaurants, a library branch, and some offices.

Expand the "Jobs Only" designation to the mill buildings south of Olneyville Square, between Dike and Magnolia streets to protect space for jobs in the neighborhood.

Improve blighted properties along Winsor, Osborn, and Pekin streets to serve as catalysts for revitalization in the surrounding neighborhood.



The improvement of blighted properties will help spur other neighborhood reinvestment projects.

Change the zoning designation on the north side of Douglas Avenue between Orms Street and Chalkstone Avenue, including parcels on the west side of Delhi Street up to Dan Street, from residential to commercial to encourage the continuation of neighborhood scale commercial uses.



Commercial uses along the northern side of Douglas Avenue would provide a buffer between the residential area south of Douglas and industrial properties to the north.

Re-stripe existing bike lanes along Kinsley and Promenade Streets.



The existing bike lanes along Kinsley and Promenade will be re-striped on the right side of both roads in order to meet federal bike lane standards.

Implement the "Jobs Only" designation to protect existing industrial businesses and industrial areas; maintain the existing industrial base and prevent conversion to other uses such as office and residential.

Install solar-powered lights at Donigian Park. ☒

#### Legend

Single Family Residential	Neighborhood Commercial
Low Density Residential	General Commercial
Medium Density Residential	Downtown/Mixed Use
High Density Residential	Business/Mixed Use
Waterfront Mixed Use/Nbrhd	Public Space/Open Space
Waterfront Mixed Use/General	Institutional District
Waterfront/Port	Jobs Only District
Recommended shared bike lanes	Possible gateway location
Recommended on-street bike lanes	Recommended streetscape improvements
Possible transit connection	Recommended landscape buffer
Recommended pedestrian improvements	Possible greenway
Possible multi-use trail	Discourage commercial expansion beyond boundary
Recreation opportunity	Recommended drainage improvements
Community garden opportunity	Recommended traffic/intersection improvements
Playground opportunity	Recommended traffic signal improvements
	Goal/action completed

1/4 mile 1/2 mile  
1/2 km





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LEGEND EXPLANATION



**Commercial nodes** are identified on the Neighborhood Plan Map in order to direct investment along commercial corridors and create mixed-use centers to promote public transit. These areas have been identified and evaluated as areas within the City where increased building height and density can be accommodated, in order to encourage life and vitality on city streets, particularly along main streets, on corners, and in traditional squares, while allowing for compatible transitions to surrounding areas.



**Gateway locations** are recommended at strategic spots in the City that may serve as a center or hub of activity and are often located at major intersections. In some cases, gateways are also recommended for areas of a community which have special physical characteristics in order to distinguish them from their surroundings and contribute to their individuality. Gateway locations may be distinguished by a landmark, landscaping, special paving, signage, and/or public art.



**Greenways and multi-use trails** are recommended to provide active and passive recreation and open space along the waterfront, and to provide continuous connections between open spaces. They may vary in width depending on the potential for adjacent public/open space or other amenities. They may be publicly or privately owned.



**Streetscape improvements** are recommended where the pedestrian experience should be improved with street trees and other high-quality design elements as well as where paving or other issues exist in the City's public rights of way.



**Pedestrian improvements** are recommended in order to encourage pedestrian travel by providing safe walkways, corridors, and intersections, and may include installing traffic calming features and signage as well as shortening crossing distances or lengthening pedestrian crossing times at key intersections.



**Traffic/intersection and Traffic Signal improvements** are recommended to help existing streets operate more efficiently to carry a greater volume of vehicles. Improvements may include upgrades to the City's road system with proper lane designations, adequate signs, and traffic signal improvements, and, in some cases, evaluating existing traffic patterns in the neighborhoods and making recommendations for alterations and improvements where necessary.



**Shared and on-street bike lanes** are recommended to provide for ease of bicycle movement throughout the City for commuting, recreation, and other trips. Goals include completing the signing and striping of the Providence Bicycle Network, evaluating ways to improve bicycle connections between neighborhoods, exploring the potential for incorporating bicycle lanes as part of pavement resurfacing projects in the City, and pursuing supplemental funding sources for bicycle network development.



**Park improvements**, as well as **recreation, community garden**, and **playground opportunities**, are identified on the Neighborhood Plan Map. Additional soccer fields, water parks, community gardens, walking tracks and wooded trail systems, off-leash dog runs, and up-dated playground equipment will be the major focus of upcoming neighborhood park renovations.

The **land use designations** shown on the Neighborhood Plan Map depict specific land uses for each area based on the Official Land Use Map as established in December 2007. Though many land use areas contain multiple uses, the descriptions of each designation depicted on the map refer to the dominant use. Where changes to the Official Land Use Map are recommended, it has been noted on the Neighborhood Plan Map.



**Low-Density Residential** areas are characterized by one-family and two-family dwellings in detached structures on separate lots. Buildings typically range in height from one to three stories. Lot sizes vary by neighborhood, with most ranging from 3,200 to 5,000 square feet. In some areas, small-scale commercial uses, such as neighborhood corner stores, may be appropriate.



**Medium-Density Residential** areas are characterized by one- to three-family dwellings and multi-family dwellings on separate lots. Buildings typically range in height from one to three stories. Lot sizes may vary by neighborhood, with most ranging from 3,200 to 5,000 square feet. In some areas, small-scale commercial uses, such as neighborhood corner stores, may be appropriate.



**Neighborhood Commercial/Mixed-Use** areas are characterized by traditional, pedestrian-oriented uses that serve local neighborhood needs for convenience retail, services, professional offices, and housing. Buildings are set close to the street, with entrances and facades oriented toward the street. Residential uses are encouraged.



**General Commercial/Mixed-Use** areas are characterized by commercial uses such as large shopping complexes and plazas that serve city-wide needs for retail, services, and office establishments. Residential uses are encouraged in these areas. These areas may be located along commercial corridors that can accommodate large commercial uses or clustered uses at a higher density to support transit.



**Downtown/Mixed-Use** is intended to revitalize and restore the historic core business area and to accommodate appropriate expansion of the downtown areas. It is characterized by a variety of business, financial, institutional, public, quasi-public, cultural, residential, appropriate light manufacturing, and other related uses. To preserve and foster the economic viability of downtown, a mix of compatible uses in encouraged to promote commercial and other business activity at street level and residential, office, and commercial uses on the upper floors. In order to promote economic development while maintaining compatibility between uses, sub-districts may be established to address building height, entertainment, and light industrial uses.



**Business/Mixed-Use** areas are intended to foster the expansion of business, industrial commercial, office, and medium- to high-density residential uses into former manufacturing areas and historic mill buildings. A variety of business, financial, institutional, public, quasi-public, cultural, light industrial, manufacturing, and other related uses are encouraged to provide a mix of activities into these areas. While residential uses are permitted, these areas are intended primarily for a mix of business uses.



**Public Space/Open Space** areas are intended to ensure that open space and areas for public buildings and facilities are preserved in the City. These areas are characterized by parks, baseball fields, soccer fields, and supporting uses, as well as areas for passive recreation. Other typical uses include government-owned park and recreation areas and public buildings such as fire stations and schools. These areas are publicly owned.



**Jobs Only Districts** are intended for industrial, manufacturing, commercial, and office uses to support job growth and expansion. No residential uses are permitted.

OLNEYVILLE, VALLEY, AND SMITH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN INITIATIVES

Initiatives/Projects	Actions	Project Lead	Target Date
Actively involve Olneyville, Valley and Smith Hill Neighborhoods in community decision making.			
Promote collaboration between City government, neighborhood residents and businesses to achieve the vision for Olneyville, Valley and Smith Hill.	Identify strategies to broaden community participation in implementing the plan, such as creation of neighborhood and merchant associations, outreach plans, etc.	Community Groups, DPD	Ongoing
	Identify potential partners, such as businesses and non-profit organizations, that can assist in completing specific projects.	Community Groups, DPD	Ongoing
Ensure that all projects and initiatives contribute to achievement of the long-term vision.	Evaluate projects for consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and adopted neighborhood plan.	DPD	Ongoing
	Include neighborhood outreach and communication as part of the planning and development of significant public and private projects.	DPD	Ongoing
	Develop education and awareness programs to assist residents in understanding how different projects, such as street tree plantings, recycling programs, etc., can improve their neighborhood.	DPD	Ongoing
Preserve and enhance Olneyville, Valley and Smith Hill as urban neighborhoods with a high quality of life.			
	Amend residential zoning regulations to promote the best examples of existing neighborhood character as identified in the neighborhood typologies to ensure that new development will blend with the existing character of the neighborhood. Ensure that regulations include alternatives that address unique topography and other unique site conditions.	DPD	Short-term
	Increase tree canopy by focusing resources for street tree planting on streets with gaps in the canopy.	Parks, Community Groups	Ongoing
Maintain and improve the character of the neighborhoods, particularly residential areas.	Encourage applications to Providence Neighborhood Planting Program.	Parks	Ongoing
	Work with the Graffiti Task Force to continue to find new ways of reducing graffiti in the neighborhoods.	Community groups	Short-term
	Increase enforcement of City environmental ordinances regarding trash and recycling.	DPW	Ongoing
	Identify need for landscape buffers between commercial/industrial uses and adjacent residential neighborhoods.	DPD	Short-term
	Organize neighborhood clean-up days and similar events.	Community groups	Ongoing
	Target properties with minimum housing code violations and complaints for enforcement.	DIS	Ongoing
	Target streets with high concentrations of vacant and blighted/nuisance properties for revitalization as a catalyst for improving the surrounding neighborhoods. Examples include: Windsor Street, Amsterdam Street, Osborne Street and Pekins Street.	PRA, CDCs	Short-term
	Promote existing housing programs to homeowners, such as down payment assistance, emergency repairs, and lead abatement, through distribution of brochures at neighborhood centers, meetings and events.	DPD	Ongoing
Increase opportunities for and access to safe and affordable housing.	Promote existing housing counseling programs to new buyers to reduce risk of foreclosure.	DPD, CDCs	Short-term
	Streamline the plan review and permitting process for housing production.	DPD, DIS	Short-term
	Strengthen partnerships between for-profit developers, community development corporations and the community.	DPD, CDCs	Ongoing
	Explore opportunities to increase affordable housing through land trust and co-op mechanisms.	DPD, CDCs	Ongoing
	Increase the number of owner-occupied multi-family dwellings throughout all three neighborhoods.	CDCs	Ongoing
	Work with banks to mitigate the impact of foreclosures and facilitate transfer of foreclosed properties to public agencies and community development corporations for affordable housing.	DPD	Short-term
	Explore opportunities for additional hubs and cross-town routes.	DPD, RIPTA	Mid-term
	Explore potential for a senior shuttle that connects various senior housing complexes to each other and to key services such as shopping centers.	DPD, RIPTA	Mid-term
Improve connections within the neighborhood and from the neighborhood to the city for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users.	Develop distinct branding for transit maps, schedules and signs.	DPD, RIPTA	Mid-term
	Focus transit service improvements in the vicinity of Eagle Square and American Locomotive Works, which serve as nodes for the neighborhood.	RIPTA	Short-term
	Implement the Providence Bicycle Network and continue to explore opportunities for designation of on-street bicycle lanes.	DPW, DPD	Completed
	Investigate development of a bicycle connection from Smith Street to the Promenade greenway.	DPW, DPD	Short-term
	Consider developing citywide shared transportation options for cars and bicycles.	DPD, Community groups	Ongoing
	Evaluate proper placement of bus stops and shelters to mitigate impacts on traffic flow and visibility of store frontages.	RIPTA, DPW	Short-term
	Create a more walkable environment with improved pedestrian connections and crossings throughout Olneyville Square.	DPW, DPD	Underway
	Improve design and clarity of street signs, bus signs and other signage on the square.	DPW, DPD	Underway
	Develop and implement a citywide pavement management program to improve road conditions, including regular lane striping.	DPW	Mid-term
	Evaluate the need for a traffic signal on Douglas Avenue at Fillmore to facilitate pedestrian access to Times² Academy.	Traffic	Mid-term
	Work with utility companies to quickly replace lights that are damaged or knocked down by vehicles in industrial areas.	DPW	Short-term
	Improve maintenance of the infrastructure (sidewalks, street lights, sewers) in industrial areas along Promenade Street, Kinsley Avenue, Harris Avenue, Dike Street, San Souci Avenue, and Aleppo Street.	DPW	Short-term
	Improve traffic flow and pedestrian amenities (sidewalks, crosswalks, street trees, street lighting) along Westminster Street and Manton Avenue through the completion of the Westminster and Manton Streetscape enhancement projects.	DPW, DPD	Short-term
Improve neighborhood infrastructure.	Create a City standard for sidewalks that includes a planting strip for storm water percolation.	DPW	Short-term
	Work with the DPW to identify funding for a comprehensive inventory of sidewalks throughout the city, and develop clear maintenance and performance goals, eliminating the need for special requests to be made for routine maintenance and repairs.	DPD	Mid-term
	Identify specific types of permeable paving that could be used for parking lots, sidewalks, bike paths, etc.	DPW	Short-term
	Consider amending parking regulations to reduce pavement. Potential strategies include establishing maximum parking requirements, shared parking, and allowing on-street parking to count toward minimum parking requirements.	DPD	Short-term
	Encourage replacement of median portions of driveways with permeable material.	Community groups	Ongoing
	Develop incentives for removing unnecessary pavement.	DPD, DPW	Short-term
Improve community safety.	Encourage the use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards when properties are developed or improved to increase eyes on the street and reduce opportunities for criminal activity.	DPD	Ongoing
	Promote continued interaction between the police and the community so that the police continue to be acquainted with community issues and community members.	Community Groups, PPD	Short-term
	Work with police district commanders to increase traffic enforcement and identify problem areas and strategies to deter crime, such as creating neighborhood watch groups.	PPD	Ongoing

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Preserve and enhance Olneyville, Valley and Smith Hill as urban neighborhoods with a high quality of life. (Cont.)			
Preserve historic resources.	Consider adding regulatory protection to the following properties that are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register, but are not currently protected by Historic District zoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covell Street School</li><li>• Christopher Dodge House and carriage house</li><li>• Sons of Jacob Synagogue</li><li>• Elizabeth Brownwell House</li><li>• Jefferson Street Baptist/Armenian Apostolic Church</li><li>• Ruggles Street School</li><li>• St. Patrick's Rectory and School</li><li>• Charles Dower House</li></ul>	DPD	Short-term
	After an extensive review of existing land uses and current land use regulations for the neighborhoods, zoning amendments and comprehensive plan amendments should be considered for the following areas to reflect existing uses, encourage appropriate new uses or, in some cases, to protect the existing character of the area.		
Olneyville	Elderly housing complex in Olneyville Square from general commercial to multi-family dwelling.	DPD	Short-term
	Former Price Rite Plaza on Manton Avenue from heavy commercial to general commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels along Manton Ave between Delaine and Julian from heavy commercial to limited or neighborhood commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Pacels along Manton Ave between Julian and Greenwood from general commercial to limited or neighborhood commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Residential parcels between Aleppo/King and Manton Ave. to Dearborn from multi-family dwelling to three-family dwelling.	DPD	Short-term
	Residential parcels between Attwells Ave. and Manton Ave. from multi-family dwelling to three-family dwelling.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels at the intersection of Manton Ave. and Attwells Ave. from general commercial to limited or neighborhood commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels along Attwells Ave between Hannah and Hardy from general commercial to limited or neighborhood commercial.	DPD	Short-term
Valley	Parcels along Tuxedo and Amherst from general commercial and industrial to three-family residential.	DPD	Short-term
	Overlay the "Jobs Only" district on the M1 zone found along Kinsley, Tingley, Sims, Harris and Turner to preserve these areas for heavy industrial uses.	DPD	Short-term
	Overlay the "Jobs Only" district on the M1 zone found between Kinsley, Pleasant Valley Parkway and Harris Ave to preserve these areas for heavy industrial uses.	DPD	Short-term
	Overlay the "Jobs Only" district on the M1 zone found between Calverley and Pleasant Valley Parkway to preserve these areas for heavy industrial uses.	DPD	Short-term
Smith Hill	Parcels at West Park and Pleasant Valley Parkway from general commercial to heavy industrial and overlay the "Jobs Only" district.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels at Valley and Ayrault/Felix from heavy commercial to general commercial uses.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels at Valley and Jewett from heavy commercial to general commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels on Smith St. from I-95 to Wayne/Bernon/Esten from general commercial to limited or neighborhood commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels on Smith St. between Ruggles and Chalkstone from residential to commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Parcels at Camden at Malbone from general commercial to limited or neighborhood commercial.	DPD	Short-term
	Rezone the Times² Academy parcel from residential to public space.	DPD	Short-term
Revitalize Olneyville Square as a major neighborhood commercial center.			
Create a distinct identity for the Square.	Develop a strategic plan for the identity and marketing of Olneyville Square as a shopping destination.	Olneyville Merchant Association	Short-term
	Develop design guidelines for facade improvements and signs to reinforce the identity of the square.	DPD, Olneyville Merchant Association	Short-term
	Promote available programs such as facade improvement grants, technical assistance and revolving loan funds to local merchants.	DPD	Ongoing
	Develop a citywide program to recognize efforts of small businesses to improve the public realm through excellence in urban design, such as facade improvements, signs, and landscaping.	DPD	Ongoing
	Work with property owners to identify and attract businesses that meet local needs, such as a grocery store/market.	DPD	Short-term
	Organize neighborhood clean-ups of Olneyville Square.	Community groups	On-going
	Consider the creation of a Business Improvement District(BID) to implement streetscape improvements and continued maintenance.	DPD, Olneyville Merchant Association	Short-term
	Promote the Olneyville Merchant Association and other "main street" commercial areas merchant associations.	DPD	Ongoing
Increase opportunities for business and job growth.			
	Work with the CPC to develop a commercial node centered on the parcels located between Hartford Avenue and Manton Avenue, as well as the parcels on the north east side of Manton Avenue from Tanyard Lane to Chaffee Street.	DPD	Short-term
	Change the zoning designation on the north side of Douglas Avenue from the Douglas/Orris intersection to the Douglas Chalkstone intersection, including the parcels on the westside of Delphi Avenue to Dan Street from Residential to Commercial in order to promote the continuation of the neighborhood commercial district along the street.	DPD	Short-term
	Publicize incentives available for job creation, such as the revolving loan fund.	DPD, RIEDC	Ongoing
	Promote business assistance programs such as technical assistance, storefront improvement grants and micro-loans, and the Neighborhood Markets Program.	DPD	Ongoing
Promote business growth in the neighborhoods.	Work with the State to adjust regulations to the historic tax credit so that industrial owners can take advantage of the credits to improve their buildings.	DPD	Ongoing
	Partner with institutions such as Brown University and RISD to develop incubator spaces for local businesses in industrial buildings.	Community groups	Mid-term
	Develop an inventory of local businesses and services to distribute among neighborhood businesses to encourage local spending.	DPD	Underway
	Provide flea market outlets for cottage industries.	Community groups	Short-term
	Provide incubator space for neighborhood businesses.	Community groups	Short-term
	Promote neighborhood-serving businesses, such as markets, within walking distance of residents in all three neighborhoods.	DPD, Community groups	Ongoing
	Identify potential sites for farmers markets in the neighborhoods.	Community groups	Short-term
	Assess means for providing more parking for businesses in Olneyville Square.	TED, DPD	Mid-term

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Increase opportunities for business and job growth. (Cont.)			
	Work with community development corporations to develop an on the job training program in the community kitchen model, supplying local restaurants with prepared items.	Community groups	Mid-term
	Focus job training on skills needed for "green" jobs, such as weatherization and wind, bio-diesel and solar technology.	Community groups	Short-term
Promote and expand job and training opportunities for neighborhood residents.	Encourage cooperatives for interpretation and day laborer jobs.	Community groups	Short-term
	Promote the First Source program by distributing brochures and applications at neighborhood centers, meetings and events, and continue to promote job training opportunities sponsored through the First Source program to everyone on the First Source list.	DPD	Ongoing
	Work with the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) to develop a catalogue of existing job and training opportunities.	DPD	Short-term
	Work with the Hanley Career & Technology High School to expand vocational education and training programs to meet the needs of local industrial businesses.	Schools, Community groups	Short-term
Protect space for jobs in the neighborhood.	Implement the "Jobs Only" district through the zoning ordinance to protect existing industrial businesses and industrial areas.	DPD	Short-term
	Expand the "Jobs Only" designation to the mill buildings south of Olneyville Square between Dike Street and Magnolia Street, from Service Road Three to one parcel on the west side of Agnes St.	DPD	Short-term
	Maintain affordable industrial spaces.	Community groups	Ongoing
	Maintain the existing industrial base and discourage conversion to other uses such as office and residential.	DPD	Ongoing
Create a community that is welcoming to artists.			
Promote the Providence-based art market.	Examine ways to connect artisans with consumers, such as the development of an artisan directory.	Arts organizations, ACT	Short-term
	Identify opportunities to create additional market/retail space for artists.	Arts organizations, ACT	Short-term
	Analyze the possibility of creating an "arts district".	Arts organizations, ACT	Mid-term
	Consider extending existing tax incentives for artists in downtown and on the west side to other parts of the city.	Arts organizations, ACT	Short-term
Increase opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing for artists.	Examine ways in which live/work could be adjusted to meet the expanded needs of artists.	Arts organizations, DPD	Short-term
	Expand the existing AS220 model to other housing locations and arts organizations.	Arts organizations	Mid-term
Increase connections between artists and other organizations.	Connect artists with youth development organizations for the dual goals of youth education and artist employment.	Arts organizations, ACT	Mid-term
Continue and expand efforts to restore and revitalize the Woonasquatucket River with a goal of being fishable and swimmable by 2025.			
Strengthen the community's connection to the river.	Continue to organize neighborhood clean-ups of the River.	Community groups	Ongoing
	Develop community education programs regarding the importance of the river and how individuals can contribute to improving the overall environment.	Community groups	Ongoing
	Work with property owners along the river to identify potential locations for publicly accessible canoe and kayak launches.	Community groups, DPD	Ongoing
	Work with property owners to improve visual and physical access to the river as properties are improved.	CRMC, Community groups	Ongoing
	Promote and expand recreational opportunities along the river with designated areas for fishing and other water-based activities.	Community groups, RIDEM	Ongoing
	Continue to install fish ladders along the river, including Riverside Dam.	RIDEM	Ongoing
Reduce river debris.	Enhance the Woonasquatucket River Bikeway with amenities for bicyclists and pedestrians, such as pedestrian-scale lighting and food kiosks.	City, Community groups	Mid-term
	Investigate appropriate sites and install 4 to 6 additional trash receptacles in the Promenade area along the river, as well as recycling receptacles where feasible.	Community groups, DPW	Short-term
	Develop a community education program, including signs for the bikeway and storm inlets discouraging litter and dumping.	Community groups	Short-term
	Explore opportunities to establish a community recycling center.	Community groups, DPW	Mid-term
Improve the river edges.	Identify visual and physical access points and establish specific landscape and maintenance standards for those areas.	DPD, Parks	Short-term
	Manage invasive species and replace with native species where possible.	CRMC, Property owners	Ongoing
	Design infrastructure improvements to minimize opportunities for vandalism.	DPW	Ongoing
	Encourage appropriate visual access to the river along the Promenade through selective clearing, in consultation with the City Forester and CRMC.	Property owners	Ongoing
	Work with property owners to repair river walls.	Community groups	Ongoing
	Consider amending regulations to apply guidelines that would require "green" approaches toward storm water management, reducing new storm water discharges.	DPD	Short-term
Improve water quality and reduce storm water flow into the river.	Work with the Department of Environmental Management to identify strategies to reduce river sedimentation and siltation and improve river flow to reduce flooding.	Community groups, DPD	Short-term
	Develop and implement strategies to reduce surface runoff into river from surrounding streets and properties such as rain gardens and vegetated swales.	Community groups, DPD	Short-term
Improve access to and increase opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of open space.			
Create opportunities for new parks, open spaces and community gardens.	Identify and evaluate the best locations for new community gardens and the level of sustained interest among residents in those areas to maintain and support community gardens, with the goal of creating three new gardens in the next five years.	Community groups	Short-term
	Work with community groups to identify additional beautification areas in the three neighborhoods, particularly on key corner sites, one site in particular need of beautification is the corner of Smith and Chalkstone (next to 7/11).	Parks, Community Groups	Short-term
	Construct the water park planned for Riverside Park.	Parks	Short-term
Improve neighborhood maintenance, programming and access to existing park spaces.	Identify additional sites for water parks, playing fields and other recreational activities.	Community groups	Short-term
	Complete installation of solar-powered lights at Donigan Park.	Parks	Completed
	Evaluate the lighting at the Candace Street Playground for potential upgrading.	Parks	Short-term



An important objective of Providence Tomorrow is to track and report progress in achieving the action items identified in the Neighborhood Action Plans. City departments and the City Plan Commission will regularly review objectives and track progress.