



# **Green Ribbon Commission**

December 10, 2015  
3:30-5:00pm  
Innovation Park





# Agenda

- Overview of Office of Sustainability & Goals
- Strategy Group Work Reports
- Work Groups
- Upcoming Events





# Vision

*South Bend is a thriving, connected community fostering health and prosperity for future generations.*

# Mission

To design and implement projects and programs that bring environmental, social, and economic value to city government and the public by:

- Demonstrating creativity, collaboration, accountability, and knowledge of best practice;
- Supporting, connecting, and building on local initiatives;
- Relying on the skills, knowledge, and abilities of the community; and
- Connecting globally-recognized principles with local values.





# Goals



Advance an Innovative Economic Ecosystem



Develop Complete Neighborhoods



Cultivate Educated, Informed, and Contributing Residents



Protect and Take Pride in Environmental, Cultural, and Natural Resources



Become a Net Zero City





# SOUTH BEND





# Activities Supporting the Plan

## Develop Complete Neighborhoods

*Complete Neighborhood research partnership & Diana Hess*

*Enable all Residents to Maintain Healthy, Active Lifestyles by Integrating Physical Activity into their Daily Lives*

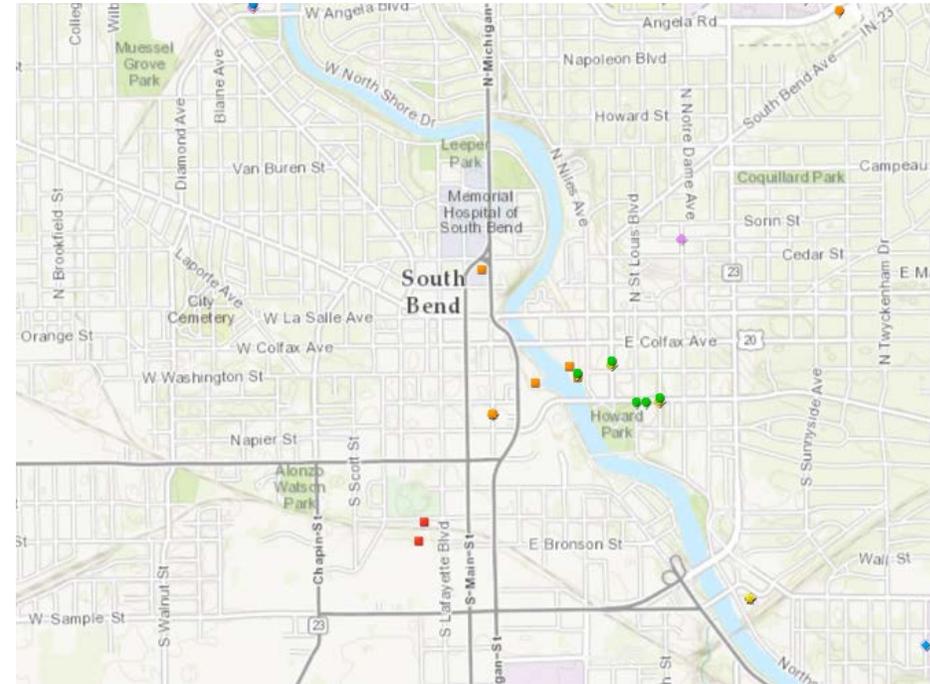
- *St. Joseph County Health Improvement Alliance & Robin Vida*

*Promote a Safe and Accessible Pedestrian and Bicycle Environment for Users of All Abilities*

- *Bicycle Friendly Community & Pete Jank*
- *Bike rides (Major Taylor Ride) & Cecil Eastman*
- *Complete Streets & Mayor's Challenge & MACOG, Jitin Kain*



# Activities Supporting the Plan





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## Cultivate Educated, Informed, and Contributing Residents

*Provide Information and Resources to Foster a City-Wide Culture of Sustainability*

- Growing Sustainable Communities workshop & John Schwelnus, Robin Forsythe, Danielle Wood
- Engage the Public via Social Media
  - Added over 600 new “likes” on Facebook since June, 2014 – *thank you!!*
- Presented Century Center Solar at Clean Energy Road Show and APA/IACED Conference (OS)
- Support South Bend Int’l Airport and others with technical assistance (OS)





# Activities Supporting the Plan

## Cultivate Educated, Informed, and Contributing Residents (cont.)

### *Provide Public Education*

- University Presentations: 2 IUSB classes, ND Energy Week Career Night, ND Net Impact Conference, technical support for 6 student projects & *Danielle Wood*

### *Encourage and Celebrate New Ideas and Programs Developed by City Employees or Departments*

- Employee Engagement Program & *Matt Moyers*



# Activities Supporting the Plan



## WorkSmart Team



# Activities Supporting the Plan



## Protect and Take Pride in Environmental, Cultural, and Natural Resources

### *Conserve and Protect Natural habitat*

- Linked volunteer with rain garden maintenance opportunity (OS)
- Bowman Creek & *Gary Gilot*
- Elbel Golf Course Options/ “Elbel for Everyone” & *Steve Sass*

### *Provide a Clean and Secure Water Supply for all Local Users Through the management of Potable Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater*

- Downspout disconnect ordinance (Public Works)
- Long Term Control Plan & *Kieran Fahey*





# Activities Supporting the Plan

## Become a Net Zero City

*Transition Local Energy Supply Towards Renewable, Less Carbon-Intensive, Less Toxic Alternatives*

- Evaluating Hydroelectric Generators at the Dam
- Century Center Energy Efficiency & Solar Projects (OS)
- Applied for two Community Conservation Challenge grants (OS)





# Activities Supporting the Plan

## Become a Net Zero City

### *Reduce Waste Generated in City Buildings*

- 10 facilities have had recycling bins delivered and services scheduled (OS)

### *Industrial Process: Public Utilities: Implement Specific Programs and Services, or Create Facility Upgrades, to Reduce Waste*

- Biosolids re-use press (OS) & *Al Greek*

### *Implement Food Waste Collection*

- Food Recovery Event (OS) & *Drew Elegante*





# Become a Net Zero City



*Promote Energy Efficiency Design, Development,  
and Practices*

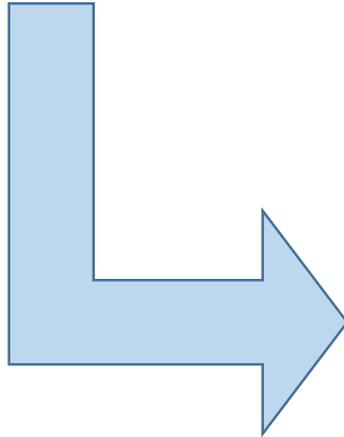
- City Energy Plan
- Who took the bus here??





# Smart Streets

- Supports all plan goals



## Goals



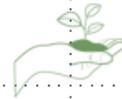
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# Become a Net Zero City



*Use Local Policies or Incentives to Reduce Targeted Waste Streams*

- Event Recycling Bins





# Strategy Groups

## 1. Introductions

“My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am excited to \_\_\_\_.”

## 2. Group Notes

## 3. Create mission statement to guide projects and goals and

Office will coordinate group meetings in mid-late January

## 4. Pick a Pilot Project





# Upcoming Events

- Beer and Big Ideas - NEXT!
- Active Transportation Planning
  - Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
  - Newcomer Center, Goshen College
  - &
  - Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
  - St. Joseph Public Library, Main Branch
- Mike, Krista, Robin



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***Thursday, February 18***

*3:30-5:00pm*

*Location TBD*

***Thursday, April 21***

*3:30-5:00pm*

*IU South Bend*

*\*Reception to follow*

