



*What you **NEED** to **KNOW***

NYA Legacy Greenway

THE LEGACY GREENWAY WILL NOT CHANGE THE USE OF YOUR PROPERTY!

The City of Norwood Young America's 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update included a vision of a multiple purpose greenway connecting five lakes with existing and future parks, trails, public uses, and activity generators. This is a project that is being initiated in 2009 but will ultimately be inherited by future generations, that's why it's referred to as a LEGACY greenway. The greenway will be assembled as development occurs and/or as property owners opt to join the effort. The Legacy Greenway Project will in no way, shape, or form disrupt the current use of property. The City is not seeking to purchase or take property.

WHAT IS A 'GREENWAY'?

The origin of greenways dates back to late 19th Century planning theories such as the "City Beautiful Movement". Greenways are interconnected systems of linear parks and open spaces which may include trail, conservation, economic development, and educational components. The NYA Legacy Greenway would be similar to the Chain of Lakes Byway connecting five lakes and Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis. Through the NYA Legacy Greenway future generations will inherit a system of contiguous open spaces in public places, abundant natural resources, and traditional transitions from city to countryside. Like hubs and spokes in a wheel the greenway will connect important natural attributes (e.g. green infrastructure) to important public gathering places such as business centers, educational/religious institutions, and public buildings (e.g. gray infrastructure).

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE!

This effort is simply about leaving a place as good or better than you found it. Through the Legacy Greenway Project an invaluable public amenity will be created and inherited by future generations. The NYA Legacy Greenway will not succeed if it is only a CITY or a PUBLIC project. The expansive vision and undertaking requires COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP and REGIONAL participation. YOU need to be involved so the project is passed on to future generations. OUTSIDE FUNDING required for the project will only be attracted by demonstrated COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

