

NYA LEGACY GREENWAY

CONNECTIVITY/CONTINUITY PRIORITIES

The following 'priorities' should be considered in relation to redevelopment and new development projects at the time said projects are conceived or as private property owners join the Legacy Greenway effort.

- As street and utility reconstruction occurs, connect north and south C-3 Downtown (Commercial) Districts by sidewalk, including pedestrian bridge over Highway 212 at Morse Avenue. Install signage (does not need to be traditional signage, could be kiosks, repetitive sidewalk patterns, plantings, etc.) directing pedestrians between downtowns, including route to pedestrian bridge.
- As street and/or utility reconstruction occurs, connect Legion Park to south Downtown District through a sidewalk or trail adjacent to Hazel from South Street to Elm.
- Preserve viewing corridor, surface water quality, and public access to Brand Lake as development occurs east and south of the lake.
- Accommodate pedestrian and non-motorized traffic by physically connecting development south and east of Brand Lake (as it occurs) to Oak Street (CR 34).
- As street and/or utility reconstruction occurs and/or as new development occurs, create a sidewalk/trail connection between Oak Street and Legion Park.
- Complete a sidewalk on Faxon Road between Oak Street and Peace Villa.
- Link the bituminous trail by Brand Lake (Upper Brand Lake Road) to the stormwater pond on Martingale Drive. Retain a visual open space connection between the stormwater pond on Martingale Drive and the small wetland on the west side of Emma Street which extends north to West Elm Street. Consider buffering said wetland and/or other means of increasing water quality.
- As development occurs north of West Elm Street, establish a multiple-purpose greenway corridor (i.e. protect drainageway, open space, provide multiple use trail) connecting the drainage ditch/swale located north and west of the intersection of Emma and Elm Streets (west of existing cemetery) to Highway 212.
- As development occurs south of Highway 212 west of the City, establish a multiple-purpose greenway connection from the aforementioned drainage ditch/swale to the apparent swale/ditch/wetland that borders the Lano Equipment property. Provide for an underpass of Highway 212 to a scenic overlook (perhaps elevated) of Tiger Lake north of Highway 212 (westbound lane).
- Preserve Tiger Lake as a 'natural environment' lake. Investigate potential to designate Tiger Lake as a wildlife management area offering hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife watching activities.
- As development occurs, consider balancing preservation of woodlands, wetlands, and pasturelands adjacent to (east and west) Utopia Avenue with passive public park/open space use. Connect CR 33 to Baylor Park (paved shoulder is in place).

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- As development and/or reconstruction occur provide a multiple-use greenway corridor connection between Utopia Avenue CSAH 33 either adjacent to CSAH 34 or a designated corridor connection south of the CSAH 33/34 intersection. Provide directional signage to paved shoulder adjacent to CSAH 33 leading to Baylor Park.
- As development occurs provide a multiple purpose greenway corridor connection (i.e. protect/enhance county drainageway, wetlands, open space, provide multiple use trail) east of CSAH 33 to existing bituminous trail at Friendship Park .
- As street/utility reconstruction and/or new development occurs provide for visual and/or non-motorized vehicle connections across Highway 5 at 7th Ave SW (to Central High School), at 4th Avenue SW (Friendship Park), at 1st Street NE (Braunworth Lake), and/or Tacoma (existing trail).
- Protect/enhance/manage County drainage ditch that traverses City including a route through Friendship Park and under Highway 5, as an important stormwater amenity and viewing corridor.
- There is a paved trail north of drainage ditch in Friendship Park.
- As street/utility reconstruction occurs, repair/replace/install sidewalk so as to connect 1st Street NE from Central to NE 4th Ave on North side.
- Maximize public land/building at 321 Main Street so as to create public access to Young America Lake to connect former railway corridor and paved trail adjacent to Tacoma from 360th (south of 2nd Ave SE) to Hwy 212.
- As development occurs continue loop trail adjacent to Barnes Lake and Preserve Boulevard.
- As development occurs preserve viewshed along ridgeline of hill between Young America and Barnes Lakes (where Preserve Boulevard currently deadends).
- Provide for pedestrian/non-motorized traffic connection under/over Highway 212 at Tacoma. Continue non-motorized and/or pedestrian access adjacent to Tacoma as development occurs connection to the county ditch system that flows both north to Friendship Park and west to Brand Lake.
- Striping a walking/biking lane along 2nd Avenue SE.
- Construct sidewalk adjacent to 4th Street between Friendship Park and the public school.
- Make extending trails around any lake where development is occurring a priority in the subdivision design/concept process and a requirement within the platting process.
- Construct a continuous trail around Barnes Lake.