



Vision and Goals (Revised after Public Event #1)

Revisions to previous version are noted with underline for new text/~~strikeout for removed text~~.

VISION:

East Albany is a vibrant part of the City that contains walkable and diverse residential neighborhoods and mixed-use areas with a variety of housing types for households of all incomes, significant employers, locally-serving commercial areas and regional facilities and destinations. A network of trails and pathways provides recreation opportunities and transportation connections for residents, visitors, and employees in the area, while a safe and accessible multi-modal ~~roadways~~ network connects transit users, pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobile drivers across the area and to the rest of the City. East Albany's creeks, wetlands, and other natural areas are protected and enhanced through development; they serve as an open space amenity ~~for the public~~, provide critical habitat, and also help manage stormwater and maintain water quality, and help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

GOALS:

- Establish a development pattern of diverse, connected neighborhoods, services, and amenities through an appropriate mix of zoning designations.
- Connect residential, employment, commercial, and recreational uses with a functional, ~~and~~ safe and equitable multi-modal transportation system and ~~interconnected greenway trail system that promotes walking, biking, and transit and supports public health and climate change goals.~~
- Provide a transportation system that provides access and mobility for all modes of travel and supports anticipated residential and employment growth.
- Support the City's economic development and employment goals and address barriers to achieving those objectives.
- Increase the variety of housing types, densities, and mixed-use developments to accommodate the needs of current and future residents, including housing that is affordable and accessible to a ~~full spectrum of all~~ Albany residents at all income levels.
- Protect and improve the area's watersheds, riparian and wildlife corridors, wetlands and drainage ways ~~located within significant natural resource overlays~~ as habitat areas and for stormwater functions to help mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Use interconnected natural resource corridors and greenway trail system to provide pedestrian, open space and wildlife connectivity between neighborhoods and to help protect scenic vistas and rural character.
- Identify opportunities to provide and enhance aesthetic, recreational, and open-space ~~and recreational~~ amenities, including existing and new parks in the area. Multi-modal access to Timber Linn Park is a key opportunity for this plan.



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- Create attractive gateways into Albany from I-5 and US 20.
- Work with local and regional government partnering agencies to implement a coordinated approach to future annexation and development within the area and ensure that public facilities and infrastructure are sized and designed to serve planned levels of development.
- Identify a strategy for implementation, including short-term and long-term measures and funding sources the City can take that will help achieve its goals for Project Study Area.