

**Objectives for this Charrette:**

- Make final connections to the 'S' Line to north and south
- Connect Eastside Neighborhood to the Hogan's Creek trail
- Build upon the outcome of this charrette to create an achievable plan
- Identify Early Action Projects

**Short Term Goals:**

1. Extend 'S' Line eastward through green space up to Andrew Robinson School
2. Establish Maintenance Program
3. Document a comprehensive trails master plan for the immediate neighborhoods – Coordinate with the City
4. Seek Partnerships for Art in Public Places
5. Signage/Wayfinding – Develop a Wayfinding App for Mobile Devices
6. Make the Northern Connection of Hogan's Creek Trail to the 'S' Line
7. Establish a Tree Planting Strategy
8. Seek collaborative funding for various projects

**Long Term Goals:**

1. Convert north/south segment of abandoned CSX line into a community trail
2. Create East/West Pedestrian Connections across Main Street
3. Address Drainage Issues
4. Make the Southern Connection of the Hogan's Creek trail to the Riverfront
5. Incorporate Schools into the overall trails framework
6. Strengthen connections to downtown
7. Implement the comprehensive Trails Master Plan for this immediate area

**A. What are the important community assets and elements in your neighborhood?**

- Good sense of community – you know your neighbors
- Residents are well organized
- History of the area
  - Durkeeville
- Proximity to Downtown, to the Riverwalk and to cultural facilities
- Diversity of the residents
- Sense of community – common bond of desire to improve the neighborhood
- Quality of historic architecture
- Main Street (gem in the rough)
- Neighborhood is walkable
- Overall scale, density
- Beautiful Trees -Canopy roads (such as on Pearl and Laura)
- Number of Parks

- Local Restaurants: 3Layers, Uptown Kitchen, Tommy's
- Places: Karpeles Museum
- Events: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 'Main Street Cruise'

**Community Challenges:**

- Perception of Crime
- Glass on 'S' line trail
- Center Median on Main Street creates challenge to cross east to west
- Lack of streets with bicycle designation
- Much of the real estate on Main Street is owned by one person
- Flooding related to Hogan's Creek
- Liberty Street – traffic moves too fast and truck traffic
- Cars parked too close to intersections – interferes with sight lines
- Need traffic calming on several streets
- There is a socio-economic divide between Springfield and Eastside
- No grocery store
- Low performing community schools

**B. What improvements do you suggest for the 'S' Line and Hogan's Creek Trail Systems?**

- Better Lighting (consider solar)
- Establish a maintenance program
- Northern connection should go through the UF Health Campus
- Collaborate with arts community for arts installations along the trails
- Public Art and street art (allies as opportunities)
- Provide places to rest/sit along the trails
- Create hot spot WIFI zones along the trails
- Provide Water fountains
- Provide Rest rooms
- Provide digital app. for trail mapping and historic elements along the trails
- Maintenance and repair of some surfaces
- Create destinations with seating, pavilions, trash receptacles, lighting, etc.
- Add Picnic Areas
- Add native landscaping
- Revitalize existing historic architecture as part of the destination-making plan (i.e., the Armory)
- Existing site amenities need upgrading (benches, pavilions, etc.)
- Clean up Hogan's Creek - use trash cans and storm drains to educate regarding environmental impacts
- Self-guided tours along historic trail
- Include safety considerations in final design
- Storm drainage an issue due current creek capacity

- storm drainage inlets constantly blocked by trash
- Kayaking to river could be a possible activity if creek is cleaned
- Recommend Hogans Creek Greenway alignment through McPhearson Park toward the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> & Boulevard St.

**C. How can better links be created from within your community to the Emerald Necklace trail system?**

- Utilization of architecture as destinations
- Wayfinding through markers and continuity
- Preferred East-West Connection Opportunities
  - 7<sup>th</sup> is preferred to 8<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> doesn't feel safe, is not vibrant and active)
  - 4<sup>th</sup>
- Street Trees and Streetscape programs (Laura Street is a good example)
- Map all schools and work to make trail connections to each
- Consider east/west connections across Main Street
- Establish a Capital Improvements Project to repair sidewalks throughout
- Consider conversion of abandoned CSX rail line to a north/south trail
- Focus on streets that go through to the river
- Emphasize history of the place – example of Hyde Park in Tampa
- Create mapped bicycle tours

**D. What do you feel are the highest priorities for an improved trails and parks systems in the area?**

- Maintenance Program
  - Document an overall trails master plan for the immediate neighborhoods
  - Signage/Wayfinding - Consider Wayfinding App for Mobile Devices
  - Establish Special Paving Crosswalks at trail crossings
  - Address drainage issues
  - Continuity in improved surfaces (smooth)
  - Connections to downtown
  - Bioswales
  - Convert north/south segment of abandoned CSX line into a community trail
  - Extend 'S' Line through to Andrew Robinson School
  - Make final connections to the 'S' Line at north and south ends
    - Put northern connection through the UF Health Campus
  - Incorporate Schools into the overall trails framework
  - Seek collaborative funding for various projects
- The connection to the S-Line then extends along Boulevard Street as a preferred route

- The secondary preference would be through Jefferson St.
- Other north/south connection options discussed were Pearl Street
- Continue existing S-Line through City owned remediation site (Boulevard St. to Pearl St.
- Provide lighted crosswalk with signage to Andrew Robinson Elementary
- Request relocation of existing perimeter fence at intersection and along 12<sup>th</sup> Street to allow for ample trail width while still maintaining school security
- Focus on a east/west connection from the Hogans Creek Greenway taking 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the S-Line  
*Team discrepancy on whether 6<sup>th</sup> St. went under 95. Its 5<sup>th</sup> Street that actually crosses under.*
- Enhance crossing at interstate 95 *Some discrepancy with location of pedestrian crossover of 95. It was not at 6<sup>th</sup> St. but at 3<sup>rd</sup> St.*
- This connection is tied to one of our 'assets which is our schools'
- Focus on this east/west connection from S-Line to Hogans Creek Greenway
  - 'Pie in the sky' design
    - Daylight the original creek bed
    - Remove existing hardscape that covered up the creek that we see portions of from the S-Line to 8<sup>th</sup> St.
    - Make it an amenity instead of covering it up
    - Loss of parking from impact could be made up in lots/garages to the north and east of Boulevard St.

#### Question A

- Brownfield Pesticide Plant @ 12th street
- R/W: Boulevard to Pearl: too contaminated in 2007?
- Land adjacent to 12th - school board proactive
- Bike trail through railroad crossings
- Bikes use Boulevard Street directly to/from S-Line, while pedestrians use Hogans Creek to 8th street

#### Question D

##### Additional Notes

- Connection at Pearl Street from S-Line to 12 Street on east side of Pearl Street
- Possible North/South Connection through Pearl Street