



*creating equitable neighborhood development
strengthened by walkable access to public transit*

GOAL 6: Implement Sustainable Practices to Promote Community Wellness and Environmental Health

Environmental justice is a critical issue for the Prospect Corridor community. The United States Environmental Protection Agency defines environmental justice as: the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Strategy 1: Lessen the impact of development on stormwater systems

- **Permeable Surfaces:** Increase use of permeable surfaces, both in private development and within the public realm.
- **Native Plantings:** Incorporate native plantings and grasses along the corridor to capture stormwater. Form partnerships with community groups to maintain the native plantings used for stormwater management.

Strategy 2: Pursue areawide strategies to address potential exposure to environmental contaminants

- **Proactive Environmental Remediation:** Expand resources to enable the City to proactively implement environmental reporting and remediation on publicly-owned lots.
- **Brownfields Job Training:** Leverage Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants, available to governments and nonprofit organizations, to recruit, train, and place unemployed or underemployed area residents in environmental remediation services, trail building/maintenance, and stormwater infrastructure maintenance.

Strategy 3: Provide support for green building construction and renovations

- **Energy Systems:** Study an implementation strategy for “micro grids” (shared, neighborhood-scaled generator systems) as a reinforcement or alternative to the power grid. Explore opportunities to utilize ground-level solar panels on vacant lots or other suitable locations.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure:** Require sustainable parking facilities, such as parking garages with green roofs, stormwater BMPs, electric vehicle charging stations, and rainwater harvesting systems.
- **Solar Tax Credits:** Provide support for homeowners and businesses eligible for solar tax credits offered by the Department of Energy through awareness building and matching grants or revolving loans for installation.