



## **FOCUS AREA EXERCISE**

### **E. Court Street**

- Boulevard gardens
- Improved sidewalks
- Bicycle paths
- Others
  - Trees around parking lots
  - Bury power lines

### **Thurstin-Manville / Wooster**

- Mixed-use development
- Improved pedestrian safety
- Park/greenspace

### **E. Clough Street / Railroad Ave**

- Rails-with-trails
- Dog park
- Artist studios

### **Third Street / High Street**

- Street trees
- Vegetative screening
- Townhome development
- Others
  - Improved sidewalks

### **Ridge Park**

- Home renovation
- Park activities
- Bike lanes / “sharrows”
- Others
  - Park shelter

## EARLY ACTION PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

26 volunteers

If interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Saylor, Planning Department, at HSaylor@bgohio.org or (419) 354-6218.

## SUGGESTED EARLY ACTION PROJECTS

- Pedestrian zone between Main Street and the Courthouse with restaurants and outdoor dining.
- De-develop E. Clough Street as pedestrian only, and re-zone (sections?) as needed to foster patio/outdoor dining.
- Help “blocks” of residents pool money to buy flowers/plants together. Then have a “plant a neighborhood” day.
- Award “flower awards” as 1, 2, or 3 in a contest for neighborhoods.
- On dead-end streets, have neighbors agree to place trash receptacles on one side of street on pick-up day. This would mean trucks would not have to work one side. So trucks could finish the job with one trip down the street.
- Paint already existing crosswalks a temporary color/design to highlight their existence and make motorists aware of pedestrians’ rights.
- Establish a community composting program.
- University and community bus tours day – on/off at windmills, planetarium, senior center, library.
- BGSU student/community meet-and-greet events (break down walls and hostility between student and nonstudent populations).
- Formally bring BGSU and BGSU students into these planning meetings. Incentivize or structure this (work with IFC, SGA, student council, seek out cooperation of government trades and professors) to get students in the seats.
- East side neighborhood walk/tour – give folks an opportunity to see the strengths and weaknesses of our neighborhood.
- Post “bike-friendly” signage such as “Bikes can use entire lane,” pass only with four feet (not sure of law) clearance, watch for bikers, etc.
- Plant wildflower areas that can stay wild with no mowing.
- NW corner of Wooster and Thurstin (city space – Water Dept and Fire Station) – improve space
  - Replace fencing (currently is chain link) or do something different
  - Build mini-park, flower garden, seating
  - Refer to fence at Poe and College
- House painting/landscape duty
- Mural/public art
- Block party
- Rather than Court Street, rework Wooster between Thurstin and Main St so that it blends BGSU with downtown.
- Inventory historic properties that could lead to an “historic district” designation
- Adopt and enforce an historic preservation ordinance that would support goals (already in pipeline).
- Develop “sign” and publicize a “history walk” of historic structures
- With historic preservation ordinance in place, educate “for profit” property owners on availability of federal tax credits for renovation, restoration, and improvement of historic properties.
- Bicycle loan/sharing program to get to and from areas that are too far to walk.