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Hi Neighbors,

We’re here to give you some information about the COLUMBUS GREENWAY INITIATIVE!

This letter is to let everyone know about the neighborhood based work that has been happening with the Columbus Greenway Initiative and to invite your support and comments about the plans for the improvement of Columbus Street.

Over the past several months, a small group of residents- the Columbus Greenway Initiative- have started to work together to make improvements to some vacant lots along Columbus Street. The “clubhouse” (at Columbus and Roman) and Columbus Street Orchard (at Columbus and N. Derbigny) are new community spaces that are both accomplishments of this group.

Now we are moving towards the larger goal of creating plans for street improvement along Columbus. In addition to thinking about how cars can have better parking space, be protected from street flooding, and how to slow down traffic to avoid accidents, we have also been thinking how important Columbus Street is for bicycles and pedestrians, and how to make it a safe place for our children to walk or bike to school.

This letter will show you some of the proposed solutions we have come up through talking with residents and working with the Tulane City Center. We intend to use these drawings to approach the city and other responsible parties and ask them to make these improvements along Columbus and hopefully other streets in the neighborhood and city.

OPEN TO SEE SOME OF OUR IDEAS!

OUR GOALS FOR COLUMBUS STREET:

1. DRAINAGE: Provide more, faster ways for water to drain through permeable paving, raingardens, and curbs that drain into stormdrains.

   RAINGARDENS: planted areas, usually infilled with gravel, that capture excess rain water, which is absorbed up through the roots of the plants and finally evaporated into the air. Types of plants would be low maintenance and could include different types of marsh grass or moisture-loving flowering plants like sunflowers.

2. PARKING: Provide more dedicated parking space that protects vehicles from street flooding.

   PERMEABLE PAVING: concrete paving bricks with holes for water to drain through and plants to grow through. Pavers are durable (they can support parked fire trucks) and provide a level parking surface while doubling as drainage.

3. TRAFFIC CALMING: Slow down traffic using neckdowns and high visibility crosswalk markings to keep pedestrians and bike riders safe, and to avoid vehicle accidents.

   NECKDOWNS: A type of curb extension that restricts the street width at intersections. They give higher visibility to pedestrians at crosswalks, make crosswalks larger, and force vehicles to drive more slowly.

4. BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS: Make the street safer for bikes and pedestrians by making vehicles more aware of their presence.

   SHARROW: “Share the Road Arrow” - a street marking alerting drivers to the presence of cyclists, and indicating Columbus Street as a favorable bike route.
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