

6.6 Create Open Spaces and Recreational Linkages and Promote Environmental Preservation

Well-defined and useable open space and recreational areas contribute greatly to the livability of a community. While individual open space and recreational amenities provide much needed resources, linking these amenities into an open space/greenway network strengthens them into a comprehensive system.

- a. Create an open space network that enhances the riverfront open space and promenade
- b. Link existing and proposed parks, recreation facilities, open space amenities and other attractions via an open space/greenway network
- c. Create pedestrian/bicycle linkages to the WIOUWASH State Recreation Trail

6.7 Enhance and Maintain the Public Realm

Residents and visitors to Oshkosh's downtown should feel a sense of completeness, soundness, and strength. Downtown should feel "whole". Think of the desired image for people to have as they pass through downtown and the atmosphere that will compel them to stay or return.

- a. Improve N. Main Street streetscape environment
- b. Encourage the appropriate use of large shade trees and small ornamental trees
- c. Create major gateway statements at primary and secondary gateways that lead travelers to Downtown Oshkosh and direct them throughout the downtown
- d. Provide adequate buffering and screening between residential uses and industrial and commercial land uses
- e. Incorporate landscaping, street tree planting, sidewalks and other beautification enhancements along major corridors and parking resources
- f. Create and implement a façade enhancement program
- g. Encourage developmental opportunities in Downtown Oshkosh in a manner consistent with the historical character of the district; discourage the use of suburban site planning and development practices (e.g., relating to street frontage and associated parking considerations)
- h. Modify the signage ordinance to minimize excessive signage and to prohibit signs that are not in scale with the urban fabric and/or architecturally compatible with the historic character of downtown