

TRANSPORTATION:

- Bus Shelters/Benches near Adams Park on Wilbraham Rd
- More vehicle charging stations. +
- More accessible public transportation
 - More frequency
 - Reliability
 - Clean & Safe
- Flashers at crosswalks on Bay Street near High School to slow down traffic
- More time for traffic lights, and extra 4 seconds?
- Better routes for buses
- Additional stops for bus transfers
- Stop signs on Pine Street
- Trolley Line for Sight seeing across Springfield
 - Historical sites including Underground Railroad stops
 - Mulberry Street near Dr. Seuss Museum
 - Connect to all Parks
 - 111 Oak Street – Original Mosque first chartered by Malcom X in 1958
 - John Brown – Abolitionist Tour, stops at old storefront near Federal Courthouse

HOUSING:

- Renovate Historic housing stock, generally
- City works with programs to provide supports for older homeowners to do maintenance
- Former Al Baquis Mosque Site proposed for full-line grocery store potential use for affordable housing instead of retail. +++
- More money for use to renovate vacant homes and rehab for use. +++
- Affordable rental rates
- Simplify the City's process to get home improvement loans for renovations, lead remediation, etc. ++
- City building more subsidized housing units in McKnight and Old Hill on vacant lots
- At Watershops Area, develop continued housing taken out by tornado at Hill Homes area on Hickory Street in Old Hill. ++
- Community Land Trust – consolidate the open spaces for housing development. ++++
- Implementation to support existing owners to not lose their properties or avoid liens for issues like debris, grass ,etc. ++
- Property Owner training programs for free.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Minority Control Association; Who gets to develop?
- @ Ben Swan Way, Panache Ballroom (Banquet Hall) and music school?
- @ former MCDI site, too far from State Street for economic development?
- Food Hall/Market like Parkville Market in Hartford CT

PARKS & OPEN SPACE:

- Pocket parks on Vacant lots
- Magazine Park – Garden needs maintenance, clean-up needles
 - Peace garden; Flowers/botanical gardens; fountains. +
- Barrows – Rename to Malcom X Park; Basketball Courts; Track/Running park
- Statue at 6 Corners
- @ former MCDI site, indoor pool w/ greenhouse, plants, swimming programs
- Sam Bolden Park - Add walking path/track, basketball court, tennis area
 - Address Drainage to help dry the turf
- Adams Park – New entrance along Wilbraham Rd with sidewalks, crosswalks, Soccer? On open field.
- Dog Park on Vacant Lots
- Buses to Blunt Park and Nature walks, maintain walking paths
- Police on horses/bikes in Bay/Blunt Park
- Ice rink in Blunt Park needs to be accessible to public.
 - Free entrance for seniors and youth

ENERGY:

- Electric Bikes ++
- EV charging stations ++
- PVRTA – Electric buses ++
 - More bus routes, more direct
- Distributed energy – incorporate geothermal +++++
- Back-up power for power outages +
- Rooftop Solar – on homes and schools +++
 - How to do it in Historic Districts
 - Explain how to do it and needs for roof repair
 - More education of Solar ++
- Small Scale Wind
- Kinetic Energy strips – Research
- Community Solar – Coop Power
- Electric Snow Blowers
- Assistance w/ Utility Bills
- Springfield should buy the poles from Eversource
- BIL/IRA – City research options and publicize to residents
- Switch to Air source Heat pumps
- Focus on Seniors – Education to make the switch to renewables
- Electric Car Sharing – Research
- Neighborhood Assistance for Seniors – Snow shoveling, etc.
- Mass Save +
- Go to Local companies for renewable energy.
- Solar, Pole-mounted – Research
- Clean Energy Center – publicize opportunities
- Consider new Stretch Code +

FOOD ACCESS:

- Sites for expanded Access (markets, pantries, gardens, etc.)
 - Carwash by Berlin St.
 - Aquarius Restaurant
 - Private Homes
 - St. James and Clarendon
 - Vacant lots & abutting properties
 - Pride vacant lot along State St
 - McDuffie School property
- Farmer's Market at Blunt Park
- Corner of State and Westminster, adjacent to Pride Station
 - Open lot could be used for mobile market
- Free Fridge program (Philadelphia precedent)
- More investment in youth learning how to grow food & manage land
- Farm trucks – invite farms to public parks every Saturday
- Express Grocery Store along State Street at “Imperial Super Grocery” site
- Union and Oak Streets – huge open lot that could be used for community garden
 - Traffic congestion could be an issue
- Vacant STCC Parking Lot on Worthington?
- Bring back Mulberry Trees – fruit trees along streets can be harvested and donated
- Collaborate with churches that have open space
 - NC could support this effort

ARTS & CULTURE:

- People of Color designing features
- @ Acorn Park Boys & Girls Club
 - Arts and Crafts classes, especially for seniors, to develop new relationships and Builds community – After hours in those spaces
- Multipurpose Space in Center of City – no good location
- African Museum – Representation does not equal community (?)
- Multigenerational access to arts and culture
- Bring performances to already existing spaces (local library branches) within walking distance and not just in downtown.
- City-wide Open Studios – happens in abandoned mill/industrial buildings and other sites across the city. PRECEDENT: New Haven, CT, is a very popular event!
- @ MCDI Site: Public Pool & Greenhouses; Pool open year-round
- @ McDuffie/Commonwealth Academy property: Multi-purpose small business development along Maple and Central
- @ Old Homer Street School: Multi-use Media center/facility
 - Artistic Afterschool Programs w/sports in gym, like a YMCA area; a place for kids
 - Not-for-profit Music studio and lessons to produce music
 - Dance Schools (afterschool hours)