

# GROWING OUR TREE STREETS

## GOAL 1 LEAD FREE

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### GROW A HEALTHY FUTURE THROUGH A HOLISTIC LEAD-FREE LEWISTON EFFORT ROOTED IN THE TREE STREETS

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

The presence of lead in our blood, in our homes, and in our soil is poisoning our future, as individuals and as a community. Support for a lead-free neighborhood has galvanized the community to action and will require sustained and multi-faceted actions to achieve.

#### Key Strategies

- Transform the housing stock to ensure that all homes are Lead-Free by 2043
- Advocate with Healthy Androscoggin for the testing and remediation of formal and informal outdoor play spaces

## GOAL 2 CLEAN & SAFE

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### GROW A NEW NARRATIVE FOR THE TREE STREETS AS A SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

The narrative surrounding the Tree Streets is negative, and we are working to rewrite our own story. Efforts to clean up the neighborhood, restore public safety on our streets, and add beauty will improve our quality of life as well as public perceptions.

#### Key Strategies

- Clean up the neighborhood
- Increase safety and perceptions of safety
- Bring color to the neighborhood
- Improve the walking experience
- Make it easier to get around without a car

## GOAL 3 MULTICULTURAL

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### GROW THE INCLUSIVENESS OF OUR COMMUNITY BY INCREASING TRUST AND RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS CULTURES

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

Many see our neighborhood's diversity and multi-culturalism as among our greatest strengths, but until trust and tolerance are universal, we have work to do to build relationships across cultures and become a truly inclusive community.

#### Key Strategies

- Build community traditions with regularly scheduled events that nurture community, social connections, and social supports
- Find common ground through shared stories
- Work to better understand and celebrate our multi-culturalism

## GOAL 4 HOMES

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### GROW AN INVENTORY OF HEALTHY HOUSING AND OFFER HOUSING CHOICES FOR ALL

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

The prolonged lack of investment in our housing stock has resulted in a lack of safe, quality, affordable and homes for households of all sizes and income levels. To jump-start the housing market and respond to the demand generated by the need to replace obsolete and sub-standard units will require both catalytic redevelopments as well as strategic infill.

#### Key Strategies

- Redevelop the northern edge of Kennedy Park with a mixed use mixed income multi-family apartment building
- Extend the market momentum up Pine and into the heart of the Tree Streets
- Demolish and redevelop the Maple Knoll site to create new homeownership opportunities
- Develop supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness and other hard to house persons and families

## GOAL 7 YOUTH

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### GROW OUR TREE STREETS INTO A FUN, SAFE & NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR YOUTH

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

The Tree Streets is a neighborhood blessed by many children. Living in tight quarters, our neighborhood youth spend much of their out-of-school time out and about in the neighborhood. A nurturing environment that provides safe spaces for play, access to mentorship, engaging programs, and employment opportunities will help to ensure bright futures for kids in the neighborhood.

#### Key Strategies

- Incorporate opportunities for play throughout the neighborhood in all seasons
- Improve gathering and public spaces so they are high quality and strengthen community ties (Kennedy Park, Paradis Park, and Drouin Field)
- Support community-based programs that provide education, mentorship, and enrichment for neighborhood youth

## GOAL 8 LEARNING

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### GROW INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

In the Tree Streets, perhaps more than many other neighborhoods, there is a need for educational opportunities for all ages. Low educational attainment limits future opportunities for work, and varied degrees of English language literacy, and developmental issues due to lead poisoning, create additional barriers to employment. Learning and educational achievement should begin in early childhood, continue for school-aged children, and remain a part of adult life.

#### Key Strategies

- Expand the supply of quality early childhood classroom space in the Tree Streets by 50% through 2025
- Support the reuse of Longley Elementary School as a Community Institute
- Provide fun (and safe) paths to school and welcoming school communities
- Encourage life-long learning and skills development with educational opportunities for adults

## GOAL 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### GROW PATHWAYS TO THRIVE AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR ALL

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

Ultimately, pathways to a future in which our neighbors and our neighborhood thrive economically will require the replacement of barriers with bridges to workforce training and jobs that pay a living wage, and the cultivation of commercial services that respond to community needs, which, in turn, become local businesses supported by the local community.

#### Key Strategies

- Connect residents to jobs, and provide supports for job retention
- Work to reduce poverty by adopting three, strong, national best-practices
- Build businesses to create new job opportunities for residents in response to neighborhood needs
- Grow our economic strength and local business presence

## GOAL 6 HEALTH & WELLNESS

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### GROW AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS HEALTH AND WELLNESS AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS

#### Summary of Opportunities & Issues

Grassroots community organizing efforts in the Tree Streets which predated the Choice Transformation Planning effort emerged in response to local health crises - elevated lead levels, food insecurity, and gaps in access to care - which remain issues today. The health of our community members is directly tied to the health of our neighborhood.

#### Key Strategies

- Increase access to and utilization of health services
- Identify a location in the Tree Streets for Community Clinical Services to consolidate its services
- Ease access to quality nutritious food
- Create a Healthy Neighborhood environment