

Exhibit E

Downtown Refinement Plan Amendments

(Springfield-only adoption)

Downtown Refinement Plan:

- Replace the Parks and Open Space designation with a Public Land and Open Space designation where referenced in the text and shown on the diagram
- Replace the Nodal Development/Mixed Use base designation with a Mixed Use base designation where referenced in the text and shown on the diagram
- Apply Nodal Development as an overlay to the Mixed Use base designation where referenced in the text and shown on the diagram
- Replace reference to the Metro Plan Diagram with reference to the Springfield Comprehensive Plan Map and replace reference to Metro Plan text with reference to the Springfield Comprehensive Plan where appropriate
- Add text referencing the Springfield Comprehensive Plan where needed to make the distinction between the Metro Plan and/or relationship to refinement plans
- Clarify the policies of the Public Spaces Element by retaining the new policies presented in Ordinance 6148 (2005) and deleting the policies first adopted with the original Refinement Plan in 1986 as shown on the following pages.

PUBLIC SPACES ELEMENT

This element identifies areas suitable for development as public space and how such action compliments other efforts benefiting Downtown. The principal objectives in establishing public space throughout Downtown are to provide architectural contrast, enhance the pedestrian experience, and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation. An additional benefit occurs through use of these spaces for community events such as craft fairs, farmer's markets and specialized exhibits. Public spaces do not need to be large or expensive to serve the purpose. The pocket park on Main Street, the Mill Race overlook at the Depot, and the fountain in front of City Hall are examples of effective use of relatively small areas. Other areas that should be considered for use as public space include the Mill Race adjoining the Springfield Station, portions of the Booth-Kelly site including the planned Booth-Kelly Natural Area Park, the public parking lot adjoining the south side of City Hall, and some portion of the Justice Center development area.

The continued and expanded use of public buildings for community events is another way of bringing people to the Downtown. Springfield City Hall, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, the Springfield Museum, and the Depot are examples of buildings that provide meeting space for the public and which are strategically located throughout the Downtown. Encouraging outside groups to reserve these facilities introduce visitors to the various shops, restaurants and businesses Downtown that might otherwise seldom be considered for patronage by people from out of the area.

POLICIES

- 1) The City shall encourage the development and use of sites throughout Downtown for displays, exhibits, festivals, and other events of public interest.
- 2) The City and Willamalane shall continue to explore the creation and development of public space improvements in the Downtown including a Downtown overlook and improved pedestrian access to Island Park, the Mill Race, and the historic Briggs Ferry Landing.
- 3) The City shall endeavor to maintain funding for maintenance programs on Downtown streets, sidewalks, and City-owned public spaces.
- 4) The City, in cooperation with downtown businesses, should identify funding for, design, and construct a New Main Street plaza at the location of the parking lot on the south side of City Hall. The plaza would serve as the primary civic gathering public space in the core of the downtown. The design would explore whether it should be a dual use as both parking and plaza, or be converted to all plaza. The long-term vision for this space would include reconstruction of the south side of City Hall to complement the plaza.

~~5) Willamalane, SDA and the City shall work with the property owners to use vacant land for temporary or permanent park and open space use.~~

~~6) The City should pursue improved maintenance of sidewalks in the Downtown.~~

Implementation

~~a. Increase enforcement of City Code (Sec. 2-7-4) which requires landowners to maintain sidewalks adjacent to their property.~~

~~b. The City and SDA should study the need and feasibility of a sidewalk maintenance assessment district within the Downtown.~~

~~7) The City and SDA shall encourage a variety of street activities in the Downtown area.~~

Implementation

- a. ~~Continue support of the Farmers Market.~~
- b. ~~Re-examine policies dealing with street vendors.~~
- c. ~~The City shall examine the need and methods of instituting a program which would regulate loitering and transient traffic in the Downtown area.~~