

## PROVIDENCE TOMORROW

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### HARTFORD, SILVER LAKE AND MANTON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN MAP

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On May 31, 2006, Mayor Cicilline and the City Council announced the creation of Providence Tomorrow— an innovative and inclusive planning process designed to create a framework for growth and preservation of Providence neighborhoods. Since then, the City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan, and the Department of Planning and Development has begun detailed planning studies in each of the city's neighborhoods.

Providence has 25 distinct neighborhoods, each with unique character and identity. While neighborhoods share many features, each has its own set of planning challenges and concerns. An important part of Providence Tomorrow is the in-depth, detailed planning studies that were conducted at the neighborhood level. The neighborhoods were grouped together so that there were ten neighborhood charrettes, or planning studies, conducted from 2007 to 2009.

The Hartford, Silver Lake and Manton Neighborhood Charrette took place September 14-17, 2009 at the Silver Lake Community Center. Over 50 people participated in the charrette, voicing their opinions on how to preserve and improve open and public spaces in their neighborhoods, where and how they would like to see commercial growth in the future, and how to enhance the existing qualities of their neighborhoods, addressing community safety, infrastructure needs and transit improvements, among other issues. The planning team collected all of the information from the week, and drafted an action plan that was presented at a follow-up meeting in November 2009. After further comments and reviews, this neighborhood plan was developed.

This map is a summary of the information that was collected from residents, business owners and neighborhood youth over the course of an intensive week of many public meetings. The Plan summarizes neighborhood history and demographics, illustrates the existing character of the neighborhoods through photos and typologies of buildings types, and identifies key issues and neighborhood priorities. The Action Plan identifies goals and objectives for the neighborhoods, and the parties who will lead each effort. The Plan will be used to guide the review of development projects in these neighborhoods by the city's boards and commissions, help the City prioritize funding for projects and infrastructure improvements, and provide a guide for redevelopment efforts.

Amend the zoning along the north side of Manton Avenue from Fruit Hill Avenue west to the Residential zone from C4 to C2 to facilitate the development of a traditional urban village.

Amend the zoning of the former Manton School parcel located on the northeast corner of the Manton Avenue/Fruit Hill Avenue intersection from R2 to C2 to bring it into compliance with the Future Land Use map.

Redevelop the commercially zoned area around the Stop & Shop plaza on Manton Avenue into a neighborhood village center with public open space along the river; Amend the zoning designation of vacant parcels adjacent to the Stop & Shop plaza from C4 to C2 to facilitate the development of a traditional urban village.

Support the creation of an Upper Manton Avenue merchants association.

Complete the remediation of the Lincoln Lace and Braid site to facilitate the development of Phase 4 of the Fred Lippit Woonasquatucket River Bikepath.

Improve maintenance, programming and access to Merino Park.

- Create a visual gateway to the Woonasquatucket River Greenway through Merino Park.
- Create a visual or physical connection between the Hartford Park Housing Development and Merino Park.
- Evaluate the feasibility of creating a connection to Merino Park via Flower Street for neighborhood residents and Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School.
- Work with RIDOT to install new directional signage for Merino Park in the Route 6 Right of Way.



Identify and work to develop an appropriate reuse should St. Anthony's Church and rectory be closed by the Diocese of Providence.

Evaluate the zoning at the intersection of Hartford Avenue and Killingly Street for rezoning from C4 to C2.

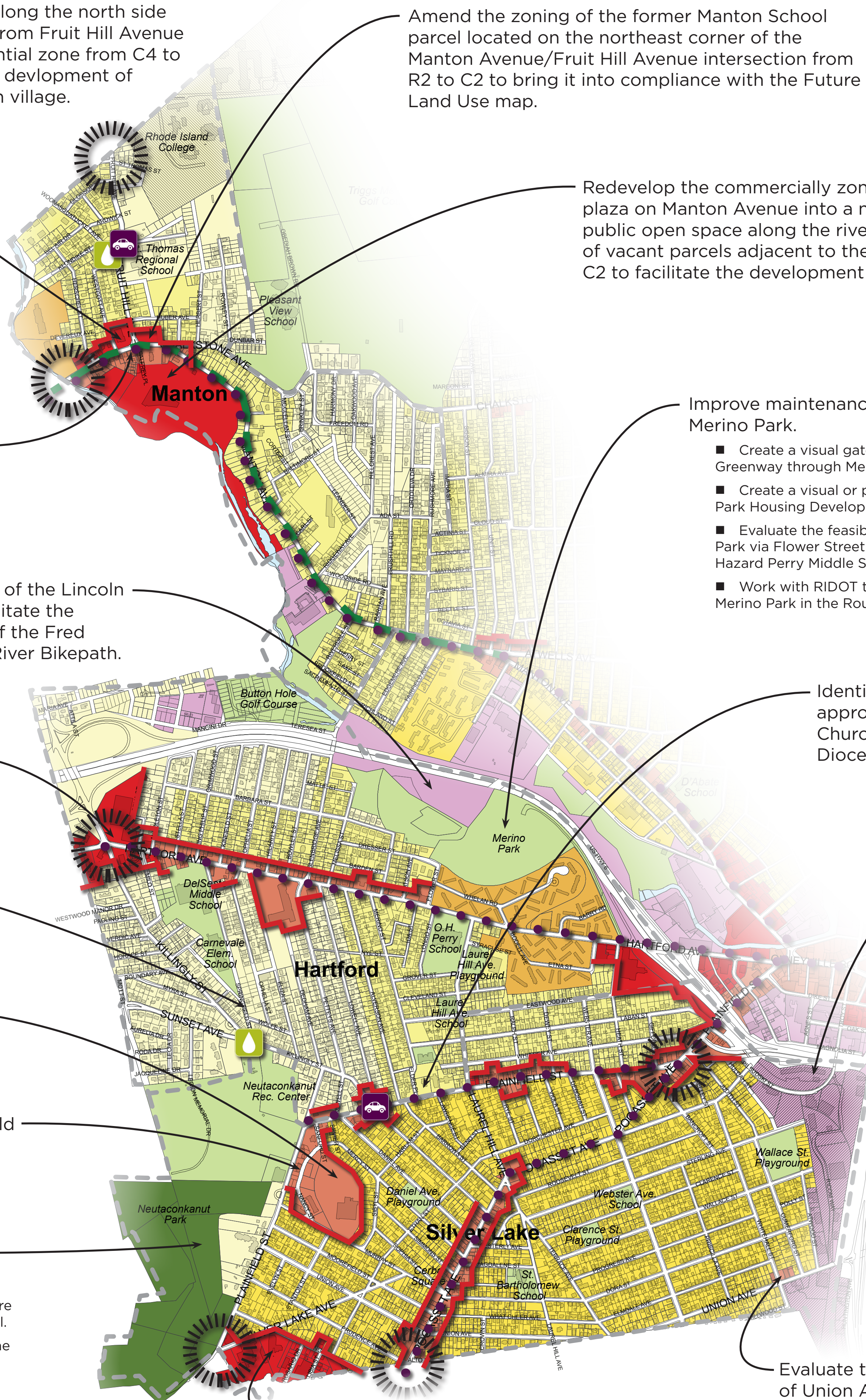
Consider extending Springfield Street one way south through to Wolfe Street and Killingly Street to alleviate traffic and address pedestrian safety concerns in the vicinity of Carnevale Elementary School.

Redevelop the former Almacs Plaza site, currently used as a flea market, into a mixed-use neighborhood center.

Evaluate the C2 area between Plainfield Street and the former Almacs grocery store for potential rezoning from commercial to residential.

Improve maintenance, programming and access to Neutaconkanut Hill Park.

- Support the efforts of the Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy to restore and promote greater use of the trails and summit of Neutaconkanut Hill.
- Recognize and enhance Plainfield Street and Pocasset Avenue as the neighborhood gateways to Neutaconkanut Park.
- Evaluate the feasibility of restoring the ski slope at Neutaconkanut Hill for sledding and skiing.
- Work with Providence Police Department to address concerns about graffiti, vandalism, and drug activity at the bottom of Neutaconkanut Hill and to enforce the ban on all terrain vehicles.



Amend the zoning along Farmington and Silver Lake avenues from C4 to C2 to facilitate the development of a traditional urban village.

Evaluate the zoning at the corner of Union Avenue and Whitehall Street for potential rezoning from commercial to residential.

#### Legend

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| Single Family Residential           | Neighborhood Commercial                         |
| Low Density Residential             | General Commercial                              |
| Medium Density Residential          | Downtown/Mixed Use                              |
| High Density Residential            | Business/Mixed Use                              |
| Waterfront Mixed Use/Nbrhd          | Public Space/Open Space                         |
| Waterfront Mixed Use/General        | Institutional District                          |
| Waterfront/Port                     | Jobs Only District                              |
| Recommended shared bike lanes       | Possible gateway location                       |
| Recommended on-street bike lanes    | Recommended streetscape improvements            |
| Possible transit connection         | Recommended landscape buffer                    |
| Recommended pedestrian improvements | Possible greenway                               |
| Possible multi-use trail            | Discourage commercial expansion beyond boundary |
| Recreation opportunity              | Recommended park improvements                   |
| Community garden opportunity        | Recommended drainage improvements               |
| Playground opportunity              | Recommended traffic/intersection improvements   |
|                                     | Goal/action completed                           |

