

LIVING STREETS: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

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Abstract

Communities across the country are realizing the benefits of streets that provide for multiple community benefits rather than only cater to the automobile. Issues of pedestrian safety, safe bicycle routes, safe routes to schools, community identity and aesthetics, and stormwater management are issues that many communities address in their comprehensive plans, but do not translate to city street design. This presentation will highlight the purpose, process and results of a two year planning process in the City of North St. Paul to develop a plan and conceptual designs for various types of streets that provide for all resident interests – what we have called “Living Streets.”