Future Vision for Elmwood District

- Water storage lots
- Temporary infiltration in empty lots
- Infiltration in parking lots
- Water lane

Elmwood West Drive
Green Street and Parking Retrofits

PROPOSAL

Once called Elmwood Park and now a heavily paved commercial district, Elmwood is the source of much of the flooding from runoff that occurs within its boundaries but also throughout the riverside portions of Jefferson Parish. Re-Green Elmwood is a long-term strategy that peels back pavement where possible and transforms street edges, rights of way, and parking lots into an interconnected network of water storage spaces. The set of proposed pilot project options kicks off this vision with smart retrofits in both public and private land that add value to retail and commercial developments, while limiting flooding within the district and beyond.

Key Info

- Project Area: 46 acres
- LA SAFE Investment: $1.5 - $6 million
- Estimated Project Cost:
  - Public Parking Retrofits: $2.4M
  - Elmwood W. Green Street: $1.0M
  - Private Parking Retrofits: $4.6M
- Traffic Improvements: $1.4M
- Partners:
  - Jefferson Parish: Tax Incentive Financing; Private Developer
- Location: Elmwood Business District

Community Benefits

- Pervious paving, green space, vegetation, and underground detention components drain and filter stormwater and reduce flooding. The tree canopy and green spaces reduce heat island effect.
- Sidewalks and green space increase pedestrian walkability, safety and connectivity. Signalized intersections and traffic calming improve circulation and decrease delays.
- Improvements will enhance neighboring businesses and promote new investment; signage will educate residents about the value of green infrastructure.
- Re-introduction of natural green features such as bioswales and tree canopy will promote walkability and begin the transition to a mixed use area with cultural and recreational amenities.

Comments