

## **Green Places: Open Spaces Action Items**

**Getting the Word Out About Open Space:** Provide information to residents, businesses and community groups about the plan. Let everyone know we care about our quality of life and get their comments on how we can have the best open space system possible.

**Endorsing the Plan:** Washtenaw Metro Alliance Members present the plan to their local Commissions and Boards. Local governments adopt the plan and incorporate the open space strategy into their master plans.

**Strengthening the Partnerships:** The high level of coordination among the existing partners that exists today increases as the partners help implement the plan. Regular meetings and cooperative structures will facilitate establishing a clearinghouse, identifying highest priority open space areas for acquisition.

**Implementing the Plan:** Clearing house for preservation information and assistance: open space partners coordinate activities and act as a one-stop shop for preservation information and local, state and federal program assistance.

**Leveraging Open Space Funds/Resources:** Local governments and partners coordinate their funding resources to leverage state and federal programs. Partners work together to maintain or initiate local millages and explore new funding and grant opportunities.

**Identifying Highest Priority Areas for Acquisition:** Regional open space partners meet to identify important areas for preservation based on individual program goals, ability to connect open space in the region and to county-wide open space systems, public use and access and other important considerations.

**Improving Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Access to the Region's Open Space:** Develop a detailed access plan, identify funding and build access connections within the region and to larger open space systems such as the Border to Border Trail.

**Coordinated Land Use and Development Approach:** Regional governments adopt best practices and model ordinances to promote open space plan implementation such as open space development, access easements and transfer of development rights.

**Monitoring Progress and Sharing Success:** WMA will report on the progress made and additional actions needed to realize the vision and meet the open space goals for the region on an annual basis.