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South Knoxville Sector Plan Ready for Public Review

MPC staff has drafted an update to the South City Sector Plan and has scheduled an open house to share the document with the public:

- Place: Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue
- Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Type of meeting: Open house (drop by at your convenience).

Adoption of this plan will update the previous version that was created in 2001. This sector plan is the first to include a green infrastructure element, outlining recommendations for connecting the trail system, parks, and schools and for protecting forested ridge lines. Several implementation strategies are outlined:

- Support Legacy Park's Knoxville Urban Wilderness and Historic Corridor initiative
- Connect new community facilities to the Urban Wilderness and Historic Corridor
- Conserve wooded hillsides, which help maintain our natural ridge system
- Protect the area's watershed system
- Preserve historic fort areas
- Extend the Urban Wilderness and Historic Corridor to other South County areas
- Preserve the South Waterfront Greenbelt that forms the backdrop to the waterfront.

The land use pattern remains primarily the same, with the addition of seven new mixed use special districts. These districts are areas within which there may be a variety of land uses developed, and they often have their own specific community facilities and transportation recommendations.

The first step in the adoption process will be consideration by the Planning Commission at its August 11 meeting.

The plan will be available for review at Lawson McGhee library in downtown Knoxville, and it can be viewed online at www.knoxmpc.org.

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