

Recommendations from the Better Buildings Committee for the CURA West Side Community Renewal Plan

- Consider streetscape and safety improvements to the 2 block area between Washington & central on Park. This is directly across from Stonewall Jackson Middle School and it is a neglected and crime ridden area with a railroad crossing, many empty commercial buildings and very few windows facing the street.
- Make sure green ways (Complete streets) connect the commercial areas, including 5 Corners. Emphasize commercial nodes and build safe corridors to them. Add an additional greenway connector from Washington to Kanawha Blvd on Park.
- Consider forming a Community Development Corporation in addition to a Land Bank that would do residential projects & strategies, manage and maintain the various historic districts (other than Elk City which is handled by MainStreets) coordinate community input, and strengthen social capital (e.g. complimentary strategies in the HO Zone, like block parties, neighborhood watch, etc.)
- We would like CURA to commit to a continuing process for getting community input from west side stakeholders as they move forward with planning implementation of projects and strategies in the West Side Community Renewal Plan.