

# Planning and Decision Criteria for Evaluating Options within Opportunity Zones



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Note: these are to be discussed during the 6:40 pm agenda topic. Prior to the meeting, please consider whether there is something missing from this list, whether you think there should be any specific revisions, and what a sensible method for assigning values to the criteria might be (e.g., a scale of 1-10 or high, medium, low, etc).

1. Trails and staging areas need to be easily accessible to the public in order for the trails to receive high use. [accessibility]
2. Trail systems should connect existing open space areas and community recreational amenities, employment centers and shopping areas. [connectivity]
3. Trail design should be incorporated into plans for natural drainage channels, street rights-of way, and landscape corridors, power right-of-ways, and other open spaces. [symbiosis]
4. The recreational preferences and the transportation needs of the area must be met by the proposed trails and amenities. [demand]
5. Plan should list priorities for implementing new trails and take into consideration previously constructed trails and regionally planned trails. [priority]
6. Trails should provide for multiple uses, including, where feasible, ADA accessibility. [variety]
7. When possible, trail systems should offer loops, allowing the individual to avoid backtracking, while minimizing chance of user conflict. [functionality]
8. Trail design should consider aesthetic, educational, scientific, historical, scenic and cultural features of interest. [uniqueness]
9. Trails should not create or add to environmental degradation. [sustainability]
10. Trails and amenities should be designed in order to require minimal upkeep [maintainability]

