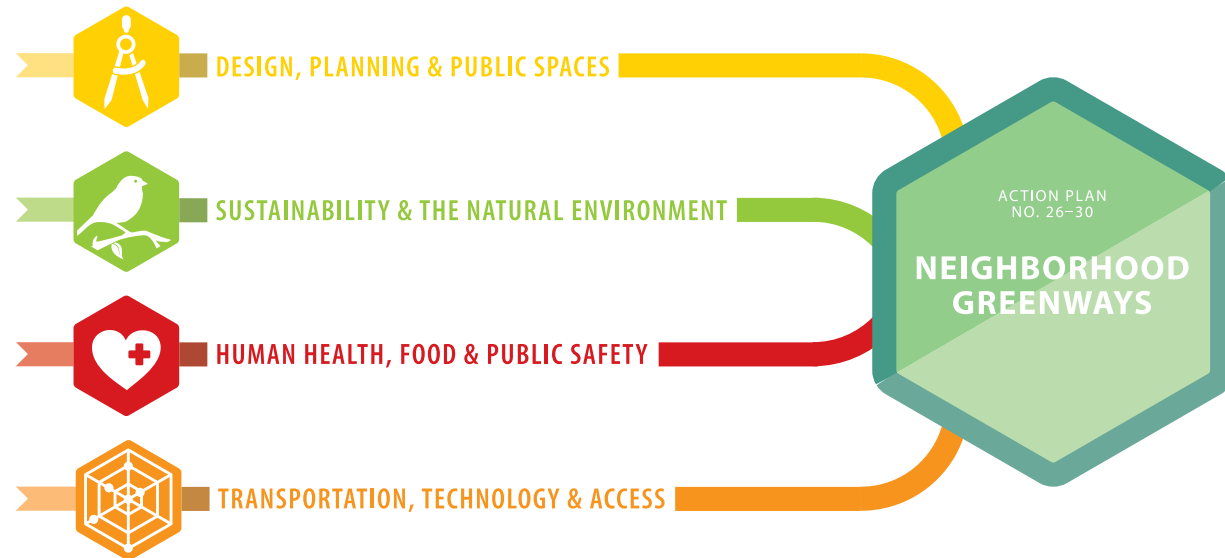


WORKING SMARTER: NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAYS



To get more from existing budgets, the Portland Plan emphasizes actions that make the most of current resources by focusing on programs that achieve more than one goal. A great example of interagency coordination and aligning resources are Portland's Neighborhood Greenways. These are residential streets with low volumes of auto traffic and low speeds where bicycle and pedestrians are given priority. They often include watershed management features, like bioswales and street trees that serve to both filter pollution before it enters the river, and help calm car traffic to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. These deliver multiple benefits, advancing both the transportation and stormwater management goals of the city, as well as providing residents with safe and active transportation options with health benefits.

As part of a network of connections, they encourage walking and biking and weave nature into neighborhoods. Creating this network will require a coordinated approach to make smart choices about where to align investments to achieve greater benefits for mobility, watershed health, the economy, safety, public health and quality of life.

