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This meeting will be too short given the number of folks and groups involved. I'll try to give a *quick 5 minute* overview of the UOS concept and planning status, followed by *quick 5 minute* overviews by each non-DOST attendee on their group's activities, for a quick 45-50 minutes! These overviews should touch on:

- Define urban open space.
- Identify the problems UOS solves.
- Implement urban open space goals.

After these overviews, we'll have a more free-form half-hour or so to discuss future objectives. After the meeting is over the Open Space committee wants to have an idea of interest levels across the community, views on whether pushing a formal plan is worthwhile, a clearer list of the issues and goals involved, and a better understanding of groups working towards and implementing these goals.

Current concepts of urban open space encompass: community gardens; roadside trees and bushes; benches and bus-stops; wildlife habitat unrelated to recreation; rivers and streams; city and county-owned small natural areas and pocket parks; cemeteries and small natural areas around public buildings; median plantings; informal pedestrian paths; storm water detention ponds; owner-maintained gardens and entrances/parking areas of commercial/office properties.

Benefits of urban open space: decreasing runoff; filtering pollutants, enhancing water quality, and reducing water treatment costs; reducing urban temperatures and enhancing air quality; providing habitat for animal, bird and insect populations; providing visual relief for urban neighborhoods; enhance quality of life; promotes community investment, growth and development; promotes citizen connections; and provides a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

