D3 – Dream, Diverse, Develop

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1. Problem Statement

*Lack of open space in the city which is essential for physical and psychological health of its residents. There is no common place for residents in a neighborhood to interact and strengthen the bonding in communities. Lack of greenery makes our city unattractive*

1. Suggested solution

*Identify existing city parks and open/green areas. Come up with a plan for daily/monthly maintenance.*

*Identify spaces for creating new parks/green/open areas. Work with government to create new parks in those spaces*

1. Implementation details

*Identify the few places. Need to include existing parks which are not maintained properly like Kowdiar Park, Aakulam Park, Veli Park, Park near PMG etc*

*Ensure local participation in identifying the new spaces/existing parks*

*Create a plan to decide the facilities to be provided in each park/space*

*Identify who would build/maintain the open space/ park. It could be even residents’ associations*

*Work out the budget. Get fund approval*

*Create a maintenance fund for the upkeep*

1. Projected Results

*Open areas are essential places to exercise and improve physical and mental well-being for today’s sedentary society that is more vulnerable to stress, mental health issues and obesity*

*Parks are places to meet and celebrate with family and friends. They are inclusive and accessible*

*Green/Open spaces are important to keep the air clean, reducing effects of pollution*

Challenges/constraints

*Budget approval, Space identification for new parks, creating groups for maintenance*