

Impatiens & Orchids

Creating the *Doable City* takes vision and the identification of practical goals. The Impatiens & Orchids exercise helps communities select projects that can be implemented in both the short and long term, which will create more walkable and bikeable neighbourhoods with access to great parks and public spaces.

IMPATIENS refers to short-term ideas that are low cost, low risk, high visibility and can be implemented in less than one year.

ORCHIDS refer to longer term public space improvement ideas that are higher cost, require more planning and resources and would take two to five years to implement.

STEP 1 - BRAINSTORM

With your team, brainstorm short-term and long-term goals for improving your neighbourhood, community, or city. Gradually work the brainstorm list down to the three best and most viable Impatiens and Orchids ideas.

STEP 2 - DOTMOCRACY

After the three best Impatiens and Orchids ideas have been recorded, instruct your team members to vote on their favourite public space improvement concept by placing sticker dots next to the Impatiens and Orchids idea they think should be implemented.

STEP 3 - ACTION PLANNING

When the group has identified an impatiens or orchid to implement, work together to identify the who, what, when, where and, most importantly, the how for the winning idea(s).

STEP 4 - 8-80 Cities Consultation

Submit your results to 8-80 Cities to receive feedback and advice for next steps from our staff. This offer is available to all Doable City Forum participants that complete this exercise before August 15, 2014. The results can be sent to Gil Penalosa [gpenalosa@8-80cities.org] and/or Emily Monroe [emunroe@8-80cities.org].

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Impatiens & Orchids Activity

Instructions: Change in our communities takes vision based upon practical goals. Think about and discuss doable short-term and longer-term (not 20 years!) goals for improving your community. Your recommendations can include *physical improvements, policies, programming and education*. **Include all brainstormed ideas in the boxes below.**

1) **IMPATIENS:** YEAR 1- low cost, low risk, high visibility and easy to implement.

2) **ORCHIDS:** YEARS 2-5 - higher cost, longer-term, need for more planning and resources.



Action Planning Activity

Instructions: A great idea needs a plan for implementation. Fill in the boxes below to answer the **what, why, who, when, where**, and most importantly, the **how** for the impatiens or orchids you want to implement. ****The majority of your planning time should be spent on the HOW? question.***

- 1) **WHAT?** Briefly describe what your idea is.

- 2) **WHY?** Briefly explain why your idea is important.

- 3) **WHO?** Who needs to be involved in the project? What partnerships need to be established for it to be successful?

- 4) **WHEN?** When will it be implemented? When will it be used? How frequently? What season? What day of the week? What hours?

- 5) **WHERE?** Indicate what neighbourhood/street your idea will take place/be located.

- 6) **HOW?** Without writing anything down, take a few minutes to discuss as a group what needs to be done to implement your idea. After you have discussed your plan, try to break it down into manageable steps.