Green Kansas City

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Mark Funkhouser, Mayor, Kansas City, Mo.
• Every community will be on a “greening” trajectory

• Green infrastructure and solutions provide multiple community benefits

• Today’s investment will lead to increasingly accepted, affordable and cost-effective green solutions
• City Ordinances
  – Re-evaluating development codes
  – Enacting ordinances to encourage and require green solutions
• Partnering with Federal, State, and Regional Governments
  – Stand shoulder-to-shoulder with regulators, funding agencies, environmental agencies, etc.
  – Federal and state grant dollars
• Sewer Overflow Control Programs
- Combined sewer overflow problem
- $2.4 billion: largest project in city history
- $68 million committed to green infrastructure and solutions
- Concentrating in one area, serving as a demonstration.
- EPA and State agree to the first ever Green Consent Decree language
• Stormwater Management Program

  – $2.1 billion

  – $218 million committed to green solutions
• Green Impact Zone
Proposed by U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II

$42.5 million of federal commitment

Place-based investment: 150 blocks

Initiatives include:

- Housing and weatherization programs
- Public safety and community services
- Job training and placement
- “Smart Grid” by KC Power & Light
- Infrastructure
Green Community = More Affordable & Sustainable Community