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South Cork Town Ideas



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Carrigaline Ideas

1. Sustainable Travel Focus (The 15-minute town)

The aim is to get the citizens of Ireland's quickest growing and most car dependant town, out of their cars and onto the footpaths and safe cycling paths of the future by recognising, that they can reach most places in Carrigaline in less than 15 minutes by foot or on a bike. The proposal includes a series of small scale projects that add up to a long term goal of modal change, which will seamlessly marry with the forthcoming **Carrigaline Public Realm Plan** and **Carrigaline Area Transport Plan**, as well as existing policy documents like the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) and Cork Metro Area Cycle Plan.

2. Arts and Culture Centre (The Vibrant Town)

Carrigaline is the biggest county town in the biggest county in Ireland. The town is the capital of the Carrigaline Municipal District and needs a Town Hall. To assist in reinvigorating the town centre and to instil local pride of place, this space will also include a coffee shop/bar and a new local/tourist information centre, which will help showcase local produce, crafts and amenities to locals and tourists alike.

This vision will breathe new life into the heart of Carrigaline, by repurposing an existing building, ripe for renovation, into a new focal point for the community, with a town hall model, a mixed-use office (Cork County Council) and flexible meeting spaces, as well as a fully equipped theatrical, exhibition and heritage space.

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Promoting a Sustainable Travel System
Adding Cultural Value to those Living, Working and Visiting Carrigaline

"If you build it, they will come"

Sustainable Travel

- ◊ Create safe, clean and healthy travel to reduce congestion
- ◊ Widen footpaths, insert cycle and desire paths
- ◊ Provide outdoor seating and rejuvenate streetscape

Arts and Culture Centre

- ◊ Build a heart to the town
- ◊ Attract and showcase local culture and arts talent
- ◊ Provide a multifunctional centre for the many, not the few

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Cobh Ideas

1. A Community Owned Renewable Energy Project

Beginning with solar energy production and storage on a prominent community building and the establishment of a community energy co-op for developing other community-owned projects in the longer-term.

2. Reusable Container Scheme in Take-away Businesses

Single use take-away litter on the streets, particularly on the weekends, is a big problem. The intended purpose of the reusable take-away container scheme is to reduce the amount of litter and single use items used by the customers of food businesses on the island.

3. The Great Island Off-Road Project

Beginning with re-establishing the **21 Ditches Walkway** for community use and as, in part, the beginning of a circular off-road route around the island. The project is intended to serve three functions:

- To attract longer stay visitors and benefit the local economy and possibly further afield.
- To provide a recreational resource for the local community.
- To enable a safe cycle route to the ferry, Belvelly Bridge or any future river crossing, something which the existing road infrastructure does not permit, and thus enable the Government's cycle to work policy.

The Great Island

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Cobh - A unique and beautiful place in which to live

Aiming to increase community resilience in the face of climate change and facilitate more off-road accessibility for locals and visitors alike

Circular Economy on the Great Island

A Community Owned Renewable Energy Project

- Solar energy production and storage
- Community energy co-op to develop other community-owned projects in the longer-term

A Reusable Container Scheme in the take away businesses



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Active Community

Creation of a Circular Route along the periphery of the Island

The Great Island Green Way: Re-establish 21 ditches / walkways for the community.

The Great Island Off-Road Project



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Midleton Ideas

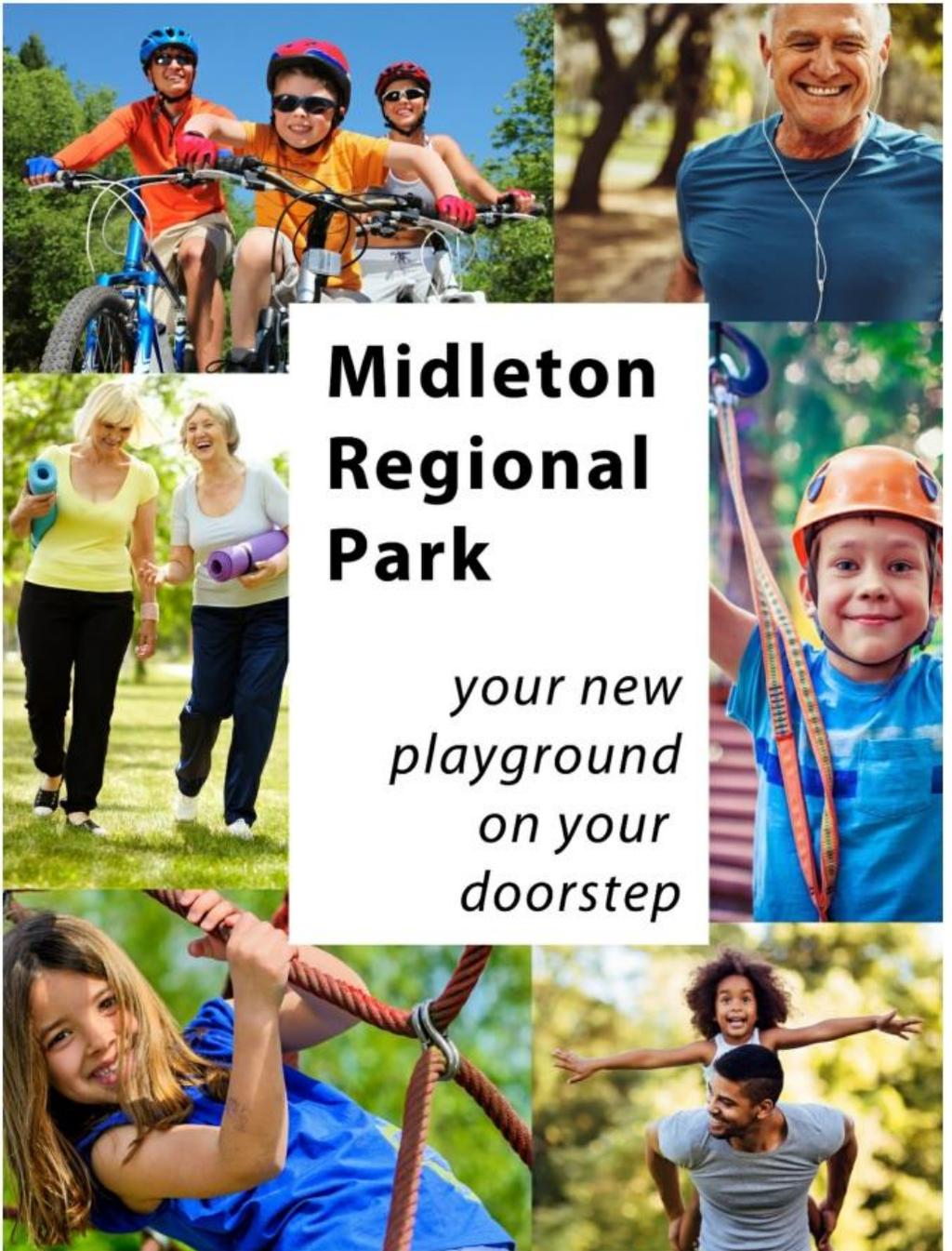
The Midleton vision is to create a large regional park, matching nature with play, culture with heritage, discovery with biodiversity, all over 150 acres set along the natural floodplain of the Roxborough / Dungourney River. The park will be in line with some of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It will have several functions and provide many benefits in the same spatial area.

Social: Provide a healthy environment and green space for play, leisure and sports, provide generous space for regular and special events / performance space, promote social cohesion, sports pitches and playgrounds, cycle paths and walking trails, a park run, promote our industrial and agricultural heritage, create new neighbourhood connections, improve the quality of urban and rural life, provide a location for outdoor education / S.T.E.A.M. activities.

Environmental: Improve biodiversity, enhance natural capital, natural flood mitigation and water filtration, promote nature exploration and education, link up natural habitats / reduce habitat fragmentation, climate change adaptation.

Economic: Provide sustainable / active transport connections, support job creation, tourism / event potential, raise property prices, carbon storage, reduce flood damage costs, combat climate change, provide positive health effects, add value to the Midleton-Youghal Greenway which crosses through the park, increase outdoor recreation economy.

The **Midleton Regional Park** will connect with and enhance projects currently commenced and forthcoming, including the Midleton-Youghal Greenway (under construction), The Baby's Walk and Town Park enhancement (part of the Midleton Flood Relief plan), Midleton URDF Linear Urban Park (Water-Rock, due to commence) and the relocated Midleton GAA Sports complex. The park will connect by a short walk/cycle to Midleton Train Station, which offers a high frequency, 23-minute travel connection to Kent Station, Cork City.



Midleton Regional Park

your new playground on your doorstep

Youghal Ideas

The Blue Way, The Train, The Ferry are to be the drivers to improve the lives of all the people of Youghal and its hinterland and provide a great incentive for tourists to visit Youghal. The aim should be to make Youghal and its hinterland easy to access by rail, bicycle, running, walking and by ferry. The ambition should be to make Youghal a healthy town and a great place to live. This could also greatly reduce the carbon footprint of the town and its hinterland.

The provision of a Blue Way on the beach high water mark would provide cyclists/walkers with a unique experience, a view of Capel Island and Youghal Harbour.

There should be clear cycle lanes through the town linking the new railway station, historical sites, the ferry site, schools, South and North Main Streets, through Tallow Street and on to the Breton Road Roundabout. To maximise the benefit of the Cycle network, a Park and Ride a Bike could be located at The Youghal Information Centre, The Railway Station, Summerfield and at the Breton Road Roundabout.

The above infrastructure would tie Youghal to Cork, provide the City with a vital link to the seaside and also link in with County Waterford. It is vital that Youghal is part of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Structure.

It would also attract more athletes to train for triathlon events, touring cyclists and in future attract cyclists from the EuroVelo Route to sample our Blue Way on their tours. At present all cyclists just ride by the town, but we need to change that by building cycle lanes at each end of the by-pass to guide cyclists into the town, onto the panoramic views of the harbour from the Blue Way and the cycling circuit. The ferry would also bring people into the heart of the town.



Youghal

The Blue Way, The Train, The Ferry

OUR IDEA

- Build a Unique Blue Way
- Restore the Rail line
- Re-start the Ferry across the Blackwater

OUR VISION

To make Youghal accessible by rail, bicycle, running, walking and ferry making Youghal a healthy town and a great place to live and visit.

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South Cork Shared Learning Event



Wednesday 7th October
7.00 pm



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