# Planning a MORE LIVABLE South Bend for all

## **VENUES PARKS & ARTS** STRATEGIC PLAN

2017 - 2021

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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

3rd A&F

**BPW** 

CC

CI DTSB

EAC

ENV

F&G HI-ED

HPC

HR

Legal

NGS

PS

PW

Rec

RP

S&R

VPA

SBCSC

Venues

**VPA-ED** 

VPA-F

**VPA-X** 

IT

**CCBM** 

**Outside Professional Contractors** Administration and Finance\* **Board of Park Commissioners Common Council Civic Center Board of Managers Community Investment\*** Downtown South Bend, Inc. **Ecological Advocacy Committee Environmental Coalition** - DNR, EPA, IDEM, Army Corps **Facilities & Grounds Division - VPA Higher Education Institutions Historic Preservation Commission** Human Resources\* Innovation & Technology\* Legal Department\* **Neighborhood Groups & Proximate Stakeholders** Public Safety - Police & Fire Departments\* **Department of Public Works** Venues Parks & Arts Recreation Division **Relevant Interest Partners (ex. Library,** South Bend Civic Theater, Michiana Soccer) Safety & Risk\* South Bend Community School Corporation Morris Performing Arts, Palais Royale, & Century Center **Department of Venues Parks & Arts Executive Director of VPA Deputy Director of VPA VPA-DD Venues Parks & Arts Foundation** VPA-F&G **Facilities and Grounds Division Experience Division** 

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## LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**The Venues Parks & Arts Department** has continued to create a more livable South Bend through its commitment to our City values of accountability, inclusion, excellence, innovation, and empowerment. This strategic plan expands on this commitment with intentional goal-setting, including the largest investment in our shared public spaces in South Bend's history. Our rejuvenated parks and trails system will support community health, safety, equity, and our economy. By incorporating extensive resident input, we're enabling residents to shape the future of our community. It is through our public venues and green spaces that we can best empower residents to thrive.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg City of South Bend



Through strategic planning sessions, informal conversations and group meetings, our entire department – skilled trades staff, custodians, recreation programmers, event and marketing professionals, managers and administrators – has provided input on the state and direction of South Bend's Venues Parks & Arts Department. The department consults some of the most sophisticated data available alongside industry trends and benchmarks. It includes

the diverse input of very important partners and advocates from within the city and beyond. Compiling this information results in a meaningful and lasting plan that provides a clear vision for our department and a set of values to guide us as we work. Our 2017-2021 Strategic Plan sets forth focus areas and objectives, and lays out some specific initiatives for us to achieve - things like acquiring new park land, expanding the impact of our recreational programming, caring for our natural and built environment, providing opportunities for our workforce and creating sustainable resources for future successes. If we follow the plan, I am confident we will inspire a more livable city for all, fueling our mission for generations to come.

Aaron Perri Executive Director



# WHO WE ARE

### OUR MISSION Venues Parks & Arts inspires a more livable South Bend for all, connecting us to emotionally engaging experiences and to one another. **EVERY RESIDENT**,

**EVERY YEAR.** 

**Every resident** of South Bend is positively engaged at least once **every year**.

OUR PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS

Arts Recreation Public Placemaking SURPRISE & DELIGHT

# WHAT GUIDES US

# DEPARTMENTAL

The places we care for and the services and programs we offer have a significant impact on:



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sticky note comments produced at public meetings 72%

employee participation in communication and needs survey Staff partipation in Drucker Institute training sessions to develop a mission statement for the Recreation Division.

Department participation in the Center for American Progress CitiStat Model, an 18-month long, inter-department evaluation of program and process improvements. neighborhood meetings focus groups

2,000 online comments & survey responses

**18** public open houses

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### CURRENT CONDITIONS & ASSET ANALYSIS

The first step in setting the bold strategy for transformation of the system involved a complete study of the current conditions of the system's parks and services. A comprehensive inventory of the facilities, public lands and services was then informed by benchmarking with comparative communities. Establishing the baseline of our current level of service prepared us to begin future planning. A study of changing trends and shifting user preferences was used to create an understanding of the gaps and likely needed changes to the current inventory for the future.

#### STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Extensive public feedback was gathered from community meetings, statistically valid surveying, stakeholder and issue-centric focus group discussions to ensure South Bend's particular needs and desires for their public system was captured. This was done at the neighborhood level, the city level and was also targeted at specific park, region and program improvement requirements.

#### PRIORITIES & PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

PLANNING

**PROCESS** 

Using both the analysis of current conditions and assets in addition to community feedback, VPA identified priorities that best captured the future needs of our parks system, venues and public spaces. Previous planning efforts, including the Parks Master Plan, Reginal Cities Economic Plan, City Comprehensive Plan and other neighborhood specific plans, also informed the priorities. The goals of these planning efforts are identified in the strategic plan as supporting documents.

### DEVELOPMENT OF OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

To help refine the strategic goals of VPA, the VPA Strategy Team, consisting of leaders in all department divisions, finalized a set of defined focus areas with objectives and strategies. These objectives were developed following several leadership team meetings, SB Stat evaluations, leadership development retreats, Drucker Institute training sessions, and facility experience audits.

### IMPLEMENTATION

The Strategic Plan was reviewed by the VPA Strategic Team and presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for review and adoption. Each of the targeted strategies has an assigned owner to lead the issue towards completion. Each strategy will be further broken down into actionable steps, led by the owner, with a particular focus on the key considerations. Review of the overall Strategic Plan will be on at least an annual basis.

# OUR ACTION PLAN FOR A MORE LIVABLE South Bend







### MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS



Objectives	Key Considerations	Lead Role/ Contributor	Timeline           2017         2018         2019         2020         2021	Informing Documents
Objective 1.1 <b>PROJECT IDENTIFICATION</b> Identify a suite of projects that meets the community's needs as defined through public feedback, professional research and consultance, industry benchmarks and pertinent data sources.	•Data-Driven •Consistent/Complements Other Plans	VPA-ED/ All	*	<ul> <li>1.1a My SB Parks &amp; Trails Project List</li> <li>1.1b GRASP Index</li> <li>1.1c Trust for Public Land</li> <li>1.1d City Comprehensive Plan, Community Building Goal #1, 2, 3, 4 Land Use Policies, Public Facilities Goal #</li> <li>1.1e Riverfront Conceptual Framework</li> <li>1.1f 2014 Parks Master Plan, Master Capital 1.1g City Cemetery Plan</li> <li>1.1h Coal Line Trail Plan</li> </ul>
Objective 1.2 <b>PROJECT SCOPE, IMPACTS,</b> & COSTS Define conceptual scope of each project, explore potential societal impacts and gather preliminary opinions of cost.	<ul> <li>Social Equity</li> <li>Ecological Stewardship</li> <li>Neighborhood &amp; Economic Impact</li> <li>Health &amp; Wellness</li> <li>Public Safety</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-ED/</b> VPA-F&G, 3RD	*	<ul> <li>1.2a Project Map</li> <li>1.2b Project Cost Opinions</li> <li>1.2c Project Scoping &amp; Impact Scores</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #7</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan</li> </ul>
Objective 1.3 <b>PUBLIC COMMUNICATION</b> Develop a comprehensive communication strategy designed to educate residents, to engage with them throughout the project, and to inspire civic pride.	<ul> <li>Dedicated Website</li> <li>Engaging Content</li> <li>Feedback Tools</li> <li>Project Tracking</li> <li>Physical Collateral/On-Location</li> <li>Educational Elements</li> </ul>	VPA-X/ Mayor's Office	>>>*<	1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #6
Objective 1.4 <b>PROJECT FINANCING</b> Institute a fiscally responsible funding strategy that leverages outside investment and does not raise taxes.	<ul> <li>Private Investment / Fundraising</li> <li>Redevelopment Funding</li> <li>Parks Bond</li> <li>Operational &amp; Maintenance (2.3)</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-ED/</b> Mayor's Office, A&F, CI, PW, VPA-F, VPA-X	*	1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #2
Objective 1.5 <b>PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION</b> Create realistic, yet aggressive timelines, that are attentive to community needs and concurrent projects.	•Prioritization/Phasing •Other Public/Private Projects •Project Management & Owners	<b>3rd/</b> VPA-ED, PW, CI, PS, RP	>>>*	1.1a My SB Parks & Trails Project List
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# Over project sites identified in all 6 districts of South Bend



## ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Objective 2.1 FACILITY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE Identify and institutionalize a software system to increase effectiveness of preventative and routine maintenance.	•GIS Integrated •Work Order Tracking •Mobile Inputs/Management •Maintenance Logs & Information •Digitize all Physical Files •Compatible with COSB Systems	<b>IT/</b> VPA-F&G, Venues	>*	<ul> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 1.5</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Public Facilities, Goal 5.1.1</li> </ul>
Objective 2.2 STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE Create written policy and procedures for all recurring tasks or situations to reduce waste, improve efficiencies and empower workforce.	•Easy to Follow & Readily Available •Training Videos •Building Captains •Measurement Tools •Install & Empower Creativity	VPA-F&G/ IT, Venues		<ul> <li>2.2a VPA Admin Policies &amp; Procedures, Storm Damage Manual</li> <li>21.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #1</li> </ul>
Objective 2.3 STANDARDS OF CARE Define specifications for the level of service that each facility or property receives.	•Trails 365 •Trees •River Banks •Recycling •Wi-Fi •Lighting •Cleanliness •Nuisance Animal •No Mow/Prairie •Invasive vs Native	VPA-F&G/ EAC, Venues	>>*	<ul> <li>2.3a Natural Resources Management Plan</li> <li>2.3b NRPA Maintenance Modes I-V</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #1</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Urban Design Goal #1, 3, 4</li> <li>Public Facilities, Goal 1,5</li> <li>Transportation, Goal 3,4</li> <li>Ecological Management Goal #3, 4, 7, 8</li> </ul>
Objective 2.4 CAPITAL FUND Create a dedicated, self-sustaining capital fund with consistent cash flows available for capital projects.	<ul> <li>Foundation Combination &amp; Positioning</li> <li>Donor and Memorial Program</li> <li>Endowment</li> <li>Contract Consolidations</li> <li>Energy Savings</li> <li>Not Routine Maintenance</li> </ul>	VPA-DD/ A&F, VPA-F&G, VPA-X, VPA-F	>>>*	1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #2
Objective 2.5 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM Develop a sustainable volunteer program that increases civic engagement and improves levels of service throughout city.	<ul> <li>•Volunteer Tracking / Software</li> <li>•Training</li> <li>•Needs Database</li> <li>•Recognition</li> <li>•Corporate &amp; Non-profit Partnerships</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-X/</b> HR, Venues	>*	1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 2.2.10





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Objective 2.6 <b>"FRIENDS OF" GROUPS</b> Build healthy partnerships with neighborhood and special interest groups to influence direction, gather resources and input work to act as multiplier within the system.	<ul> <li>Systematize "Friends of" Groups</li> <li>Neighborhoods &amp; Pocket Parks</li> <li>Expectations/MOUs/Authority</li> <li>Topical Advocacy Groups</li> <li>-Ecological, Recreation, Arts, ADA, etc.</li> </ul>	VPA-X/ NRG	> <b>&gt;</b> *	1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 3.1
Objective 2.7 SAFETY & SECURITY Establish enhanced, modernized and formalized systems for more consistency and care.	<ul> <li>Building Protocols (Entry, Emergency)</li> <li>Equipment Inspections/Lock Out</li> <li>Safety Committee</li> <li>Ambassador &amp; Volunteer Coverage</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-F&amp;G/</b> PS, S&R, Rec, Venues	>*	1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 3.1.
Objective 2.8 <b>PUBLIC ART</b> Employ a displayed art strategy for outdoor, public spaces that empowers artists and respects public assets.	<ul> <li>Public Arts Commission (2.6)</li> <li>Policies</li> <li>Temporary vs Permanent</li> <li>Promotion</li> <li>Financing (2.3)</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-X/</b> RP, Venues	>*	<ul> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 3.8</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Arts &amp; Culture Goal #1-6</li> </ul>
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Objective 3.1 <b>REALIGN OFFERINGS</b> Optimize public resources and personnel to provide most value to the residents of South Bend through elimination, alteration or addition of programs and events.	<ul> <li>Identify Gaps &amp; Redundancies</li> <li>Leverage Partnerships</li> <li>Quality &amp; Quantity Measures</li> </ul>	<b>REC/</b> IT, VPA-X	>*	<ul> <li>3.1a Recreation Mission Statement</li> <li>3.1b Program Audit</li> <li>1.1e Riverfront Conceptual Framework</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 4.5.5, 4.5.3</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Public Facilities Goal 5, 7.2</li> </ul>
Objective 3.2 COST RECOVERY Balance public resources and user fees to allow sustainable and accessible programming.	<ul> <li>•Target of 40%</li> <li>•Scholarships</li> <li>•Foundation Combination &amp; Positioning</li> <li>•Sponsorship/Donations</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-DD/</b> A&F, VPA-X	> <b>&gt;</b> *	1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #2, Cost Recovery Methodology
Objective 3.3 MARKETING ALLOCATIONS Develop an understanding of positions within the marketplace and budgeting an annual promotional schedule for each program or event.	<ul> <li>Experience Division vs Staff Created</li> <li>Budget Marketing Allocations</li> </ul>	VPA-X/ VPA-F	KEY	3.3a Marketing Plan, Sample Allocation
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### EVENT & PROGRAM OPTIMIZATION



Objectives	Key Considerations	Lead Role/ Contributor	<b>Timeline</b> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021	Informing Documents
Objective 3.4 <b>CITY-WIDE SIGNATURE</b> <b>EVENT</b> Host an annual occasion to celebrate the city's culture, progress and creativity.	-Regional Draw -Highly Commercialized/Branded -Private Funding -Leverages Outside Groups/Orgs	VPA-X/ RP, VPA-F	*	1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Goal #9 City Comprehensive Plan, Community Building, Goal # 7
Objective 3.5 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND Establish consistently funded accounts available to increase economic impact.	•Self Promotion at Morris PAC •Buy-down Fund at Century Center	Venues/ CCBM, A&F	<b>&gt;&gt;</b> *	<ul> <li>3.5a AECOM Economic Report</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #2</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Goal #9 City Comprehensive Plan, Arts &amp; Culture Goal #5 &amp; 6</li> </ul>
Objective 3.6 <b>MOBILE RECREATION</b> <b>PROGRAM</b> Build a dynamic, traveling recreation program designed to increase geographic levels of service and improve relevancy.	•Concept & Manufacturing •Programming •Partnerships •Policies & Scheduling •Launch	<b>REC/</b> VPA-X, RP, SBCSC, VPA-F&G	▶ <b>*</b>	<ul> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 6.4</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Arts &amp; Culture Goal #1 &amp; 4</li> <li>City Comprehensive Plan, Public Facilities Goal</li> </ul>
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### CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

Objectives	Key Considerations	Lead Role/ Contributor	<b>Timeline</b> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021	Informing Documents
Objective 4.1 WEBSITE Create a new department website that is consistent with the VPA brand identity and optimized for accessing programs and events.	•Empowers Self Service •Integrated with Registration Software •Multiple Content Managers •Socially-Integrated •Mobile-First Design •Open Data for Resident Use	VPA-X/ REC, VPA-F&G, Venues	>*	4.1a VPA Branding Guidelines
Objective 4.2 <b>REGISTRATION SOFTWARE</b> Overhaul the online and in-person registration processes and technology for ease of use.	<ul> <li>Encourage Online/Self Service</li> <li>Maintain In-Person Options</li> <li>Modernize Experience</li> <li>Data Collection &amp; Reporting</li> <li>Review Morris PAC Ticket Window</li> </ul>	<b>IT/</b> REC, VPA-X, Venues	*	<ul><li>4.2a Customer Survey Results</li><li>1.1f Parks Master Plan 1.2.5</li></ul>
Objective 4.3 CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING Create a culture that understands the customer's expectations and aligns resources and service standards to exceed them.	<ul> <li>Reach All Staff</li> <li>"Surprise &amp; Delight"</li> <li>All Interactions = Service Opportunities</li> <li>Technology to Assist</li> <li>Measure Service Satisfaction</li> <li>Internal Training/Outward Campaign</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-X/</b> VPA-F, Ambassadors, REC, Venues	>*	1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 4.3.3
Objective 4.4 BRAND MANAGEMENT Develop a consistent visual identity and brand standards throughout VPA.	<ul> <li>Institutionalize VPA</li> <li>Unique Logos vs Brand Families</li> <li>Template/Locked Solutions</li> <li>Mascot</li> </ul>	VPA-X/ Mayor's Office	>>*	4.1a VPA Brand Guidelines
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### CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT



Objectives	Key Considerations	Lead Role/ Contributor	<b>Timeline</b> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021	Informing Documents
Objective 4.5 EXPERIENCE AUDITS Conduct on-site visits to ensure brand is well represented and consistent at all points of customer interaction from major Venues to smaller park facilities.	•Post-Construction Evaluations •Multi-level Staff Participation	<b>VPA-F&amp;G/</b> VPA-X, REC, Venues	> <b>&gt;</b> *	4.5a Experience Audit Template & Results
Objective 4.6 <b>STORYTELLING</b> Shift marketing focus from solely promotional to engaging, real-life content that reinforces mission and goals.	•Tie Activities to Mission •Increase Digital Media Engagement •Connect with Donors/Users •Virality	<b>VPA-X/</b> REC, VPA-X, Venues	>*	3.3a Marketing Plan 1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal #6
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### EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

Objectives	Key Considerations	Lead Role/ Contributor	<b>Timeline</b> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021	Informing Documents
Objective 5.1 HIRING PROCESS Reinforce organizational mission and culture throughout search, hiring and orientation stages of employment.	<ul> <li>Diversity of Staff</li> <li>On-Boarding</li> <li>Culture Book</li> <li>City Policy Training (5.2)</li> <li>Mission Focus</li> <li>Peer Fellowship</li> </ul>	HR/ VPA-DD	>>*	<ul> <li>5.1a Recent Employee Demographic Data</li> <li>5.1b COSB Policy and Procedure Manual, Human Resources Policies</li> <li>5.1c COSB Orientation Packet</li> <li>5.1d COSB Inclusion &amp; Diversity Guideline</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 6.2.1</li> </ul>
Objective 5.2 CITY POLICY TRAINING Formalize a written and definitive training for all manager-level staff and above to increase productivity, empower workforce and reduce ambiguity.	<ul> <li>Purchasing</li> <li>Human Resources</li> <li>Legal</li> <li>Finance &amp; Budgeting</li> <li>Inter-Departmental Relations</li> <li>Consolidate Purchasers</li> <li>Emergency Preparedness</li> <li>Natural Resource Management Plan</li> </ul>	VPA-DD/ HR, D&I, S&R, Legal, A&F	>>*	<ul> <li>5.1b COSB Policy and Procedure Manual, Purchasing Policy Guidelines, Diversity of Purchasing</li> <li>1.1b VPA Administrative Policies &amp; Procedures Manual</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 4.2</li> </ul>
Objective 5.3 COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT Cultivate a culture that reinforces a clear, consistent exchange of information and ideas while working to ensure all team members feel connected to their	<ul> <li>SPARK Dollars</li> <li>Newsletters</li> <li>Teamsters &amp; Part Timers (No Email)</li> <li>Cross-Functional Teams</li> <li>Face-to-Face Interactions</li> <li>Meeting &amp; Team Building Regimen</li> <li>Centralized Digital Filing &amp; Information</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-ED/</b> VPA-X, Mayor's Office		<ul> <li>2.2a VPA Administrative Policies &amp; Procedures Manual</li> <li>5.3b VPA Communication Survey Results</li> <li>3.3a VPA Marketing Manual</li> <li>4.1a VPA Branding Guidelines</li> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 4.1, 4.4</li> </ul>
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### EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT



Objectives	Key Considerations	Lead Role/ Contributor	<b>Timeline</b> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021	Informing Documents
Objective 5.4 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Institute a meaningful program in every division, adding mutual value to the participant and City of South Bend.	•Higher Education Partners •South Bend Affinity/Ownership	VPA-X/ HI-ED, SBCSC	> <b>&gt;</b> *	<ul> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 3.7</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Community Building, Goal 1.6 Economic Development Goal #3</li> </ul>
Objective 5.5 YOUTH JOB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Create an entry-level, youth employment program designed to teach work and life skills.	<ul> <li>Shift Summer Employment</li> <li>Professional Office Days</li> <li>Paid Positions</li> <li>South Bend Affinity/Ownership</li> </ul>	<b>VPA-F&amp;G/</b> REC, HR	> <b>&gt;</b> *	<ul> <li>1.1f Parks Master Plan Objective 4.2.9</li> <li>1.1g City Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Goal #3.2 &amp; 3. Education Goal #4</li> </ul>
Objective 5.6 CONTINUING EDUCATION Offer all levels of staff formalized opportunities to improve professional and interpersonal skills.	•Mentorship •Site Visits •Associations •Jr. Level Participation •Natural Resource Management Plan	HR, VPA-DD/ HR, RP, HI-ED	>>>*	1.1f Parks Master Plan Goal 4
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Community Investment Police Department Administration & Finance Fire Department Public Works Innovation & Technology



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