

CENTRAL POINT BEAR CREEK GREENWAY & CREEKSIDE NATURAL AREA

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Greenway Master Plan &
Creekside Conceptual Plan Report
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Introduction

PROJECT PURPOSE

The City of Central Point Parks Department manages approximately 140 acres of developed parks and undeveloped lands distributed among parks, special facilities and open space areas. These parks and open spaces support a range of active and passive recreational opportunities for Central Point residents.

The Central Point Bear Creek Greenway and the Creekside (Boes) properties are recent additions to city’s network of public land. Both properties are located along a Bear Creek, a tributary of the Rogue River beginning near Emigrant Lake and traveling 28.8 miles through Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and Central Point where it enters the Rogue River. The Bear Creek Greenway, a 20-mile, paved, multi-use trail linking the cities of Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford, and Central Point, and is a contiguous multi-use path that runs parallel to Interstate 5 and Highway 99 that runs through both planning areas.

The Central Point section of the Bear Creek Greenway is a 52 acre site that boasts several natural features including Bear Creek, Elk Creek, Mingus Pond, a wetland, and riparian areas. The Creekside property is 34 acres and encompasses Bear Creek, riparian areas, stands of mature trees, and diverse wildlife. Preserving and restoring these natural spaces is a crucial objective of the park design for both parks. Simultaneously, the design aims to ensure public accessibility to these locations, allowing people to have direct and meaningful experiences with education also being an important element of the design.

The project objectives are to:

1. Create a master plan for the Central Point Bear Creek Greenway which will include a final design for the site including active and passive recreation elements. Additionally a restoration plan for areas impacted by wildfire will be developed as part of this planning project.
2. Create a conceptual design plan for the Creekside Property providing a variety of options for the site.

ON-GOING REGIONAL PLANNING

Several other projects and planning processes are currently underway which affect this project.

A new culvert will be installed at Elk Creek as part of Federal Emergency Management fire recovery funds. This will improve fish access to the creek. ODFW has recently planted vegetation along the section of Elk Creek between the new culvert and the Bear Creek Path.

The Freshwater Trust is undergoing riparian restoration work along Bear Creek, with an expected installation of vegetation expected to occur in the autumn of 2023. The work includes planting a mix of native riparian trees and shrubs within 50 feet of the high water line of Bear Creek.

East of the Greenway property, a project is underway to extend Federal Way to connect with Table Rock Road. The road extension could provide additional access to the park.

The city of Central Point, in partnership with Jackson County, is currently developing a Community Center that would be located next to the EXPO facilities. The design includes gymnasiums, classrooms, kitchens, and other amenities. The facility would provide space for Central Point Recreation staff and programs, as well as a location to those impacted by emergency situations such as floods, wildfires, or winter weather events. Construction is estimated in 2025.

The Rogue River Greenway Trail is a proposed 30 mile recreational corridor along the Rogue River between Central Point and Grants Pass. The project is a joint collaboration including Jackson and Josephine Counties, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, the Cities of Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point and Grants Pass, State Parks, Oregon Dept. of Transportation and numerous local, State and Federal agencies. Portions of the trail have been completed, however the Greenway does not yet connect to the terminus of the Bear Creek Path in Central Point.

Jackson County is currently undertaking a Master Planning process for the Bear Creek Greenway. The project, *Envision Bear Creek*, explores recreation and economic development opportunities, natural resources enhancement, transportation connectivity, and informs its maintenance, security, funding, and overall governance. As part of this project, there is potential for a new governing structure for the Greenway as well as potential funding sources. Opportunities identified as part of the planning project include: management of Bear Creek Greenway beyond the pavement to include entire corridor; increase access; manage fuels and restore habitat; consolidate management of the Greenway that would support a more unified set of approaches to maintenance and visitor experience; unify policies; create system-wide improvements; and trail maintenance throughout the corridor.

MANAGEMENT

The Bear Creek Greenway is managed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that includes the cities of Ashland, Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, and Talent, as well as Jackson County. Each of these jurisdictions has a role in the management and maintenance of the greenway, as does Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Guidelines and policies established in the *Bear Creek Greenway Management Plan* (2017-2022) guide joint management and maintenance strategies. The JPA, originally signed in 2008 and renewed in 2017, provides for “the consistent financial support, management, promotion, and maintenance of the greenway.”

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners has established common regulations of activities throughout the Bear Creek Greenway Corridor. Intended uses are defined as “multiple use for recreational and non-motorized transportation activities.” Regulations include speed rules, open hours (closure between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am, with exceptions for special events). Rules restrict the use of motorized vehicles, horses, and require companion animals to be leashed. Property destruction, fires, camping, unauthorized concessions, alcoholic beverages, firearms, fireworks, hunting, and littering are prohibited.

Since September 2020, the City of Central Point has taken a proactive approach to managing the area. The city has implemented regular maintenance measures to minimize the risk of future fires and have increased police patrols. The City of

Central Point Parks Department maintains trails, benches, and vegetation within the Central Point section of the Bear Creek Greenway. Jackson County maintains the Bear Creek Path and the immediate 6-feet on either side of the path. Both the Greenway and Creeksdie properties were originally purchased as development of the Bear Creek Greenway using federal Land and Water Conservation Funds. Since this is the case, the properties must be preserved for public outdoor recreation uses in perpetuity.

The Creekside property has a use agreement with Direct Involvement Recreation Teaching (DIRT), an environmental education nonprofit organization. DIRT is a primary partner in developing the conceptual site plan for the Creekside property. The partnership works on conversations and actions that sculpt the area into a natural space for all, a place to learn about the land, animals, and impact we can have.

PROJECT GOALS

Bear Creek Greenway Goals

- Create a destination park for Central Point residents and regional visitors
- Ensure the park is perceived as safe, is welcoming, and is a safe place for all
- Rehabilitate vegetation to create an adaptable park that mitigates and accommodates drought and wildfire
- Balance ecologically sensitive areas and recreation areas
- Interpret natural history and ecologies using state of the art methods and waypoints
- Improve access and wayfinding to and within the park, including connections to the east and west sides of the park
- Create an opportunity to see and interact with the water
- Provide facilities and programs that complement the Central Point park system
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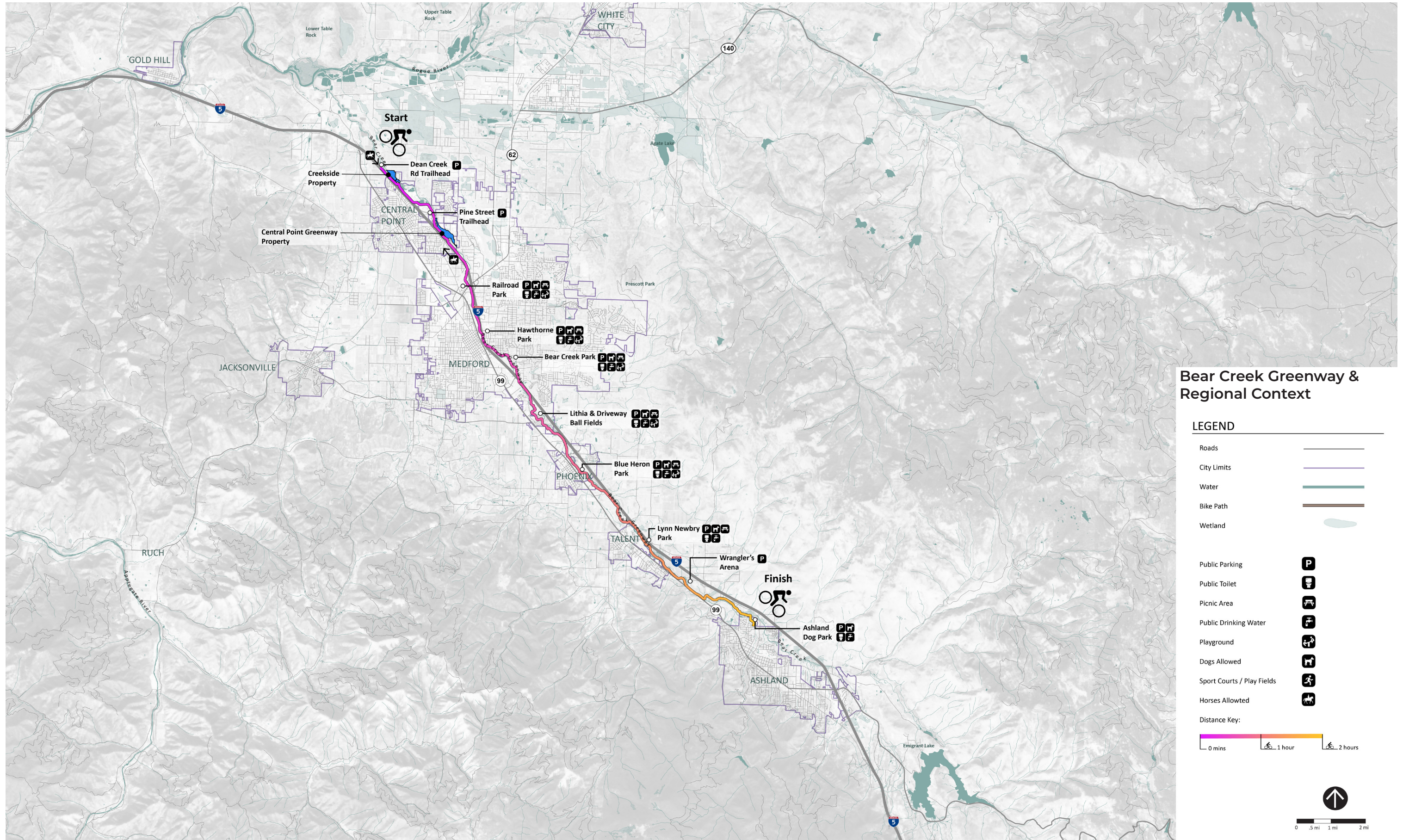
Creekside (Boes) Goals

- Enhance the natural area to have a regional educational value
- Ensure the park is perceived as safe, is welcoming, and is a safe place for all
- Plant and maintain vegetation that is drought tolerant and wildfire resilient
- Maintain the mature tree canopy
- Improve access and wayfinding to and within the trail system
- Create and manage a trail system that would include educational, historical, cultural, natural components
- Create an opportunity to get to interact with the water
- Provide uses that emphasize passive recreation

METHODOLOGY

The year-long process for developing the master plan and conceptual plans includes site analysis, including this report on existing conditions. This document will form the foundation and basis of design for developing master plan and a conceptual plan alternatives that will illustrate a variety of options for each site. An ad hoc committee, made up of city staff and Parks and Recreation Commissioners and members of the public, is advising the design team throughout the process, as well as consultation with individuals and subject experts as needed. Public outreach is included as part of this planning effort, including letters to Central Point residents, public meetings and open houses to review the designs.

Contextual Analysis

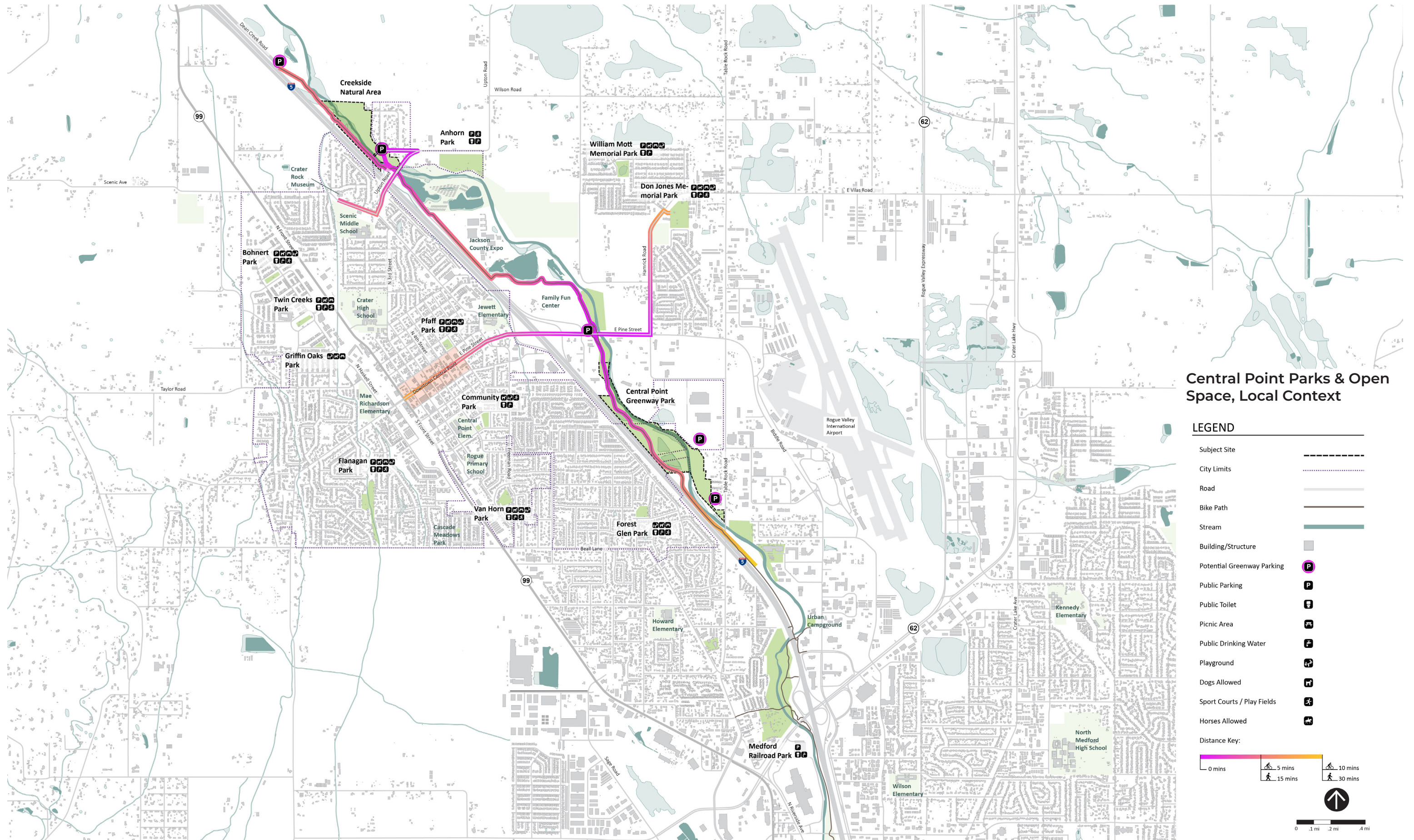


Bear Creek Greenway & Regional Context

LEGEND

- Roads
- City Limits
- Water
- Bike Path
- Wetland
- Public Parking
- Public Toilet
- Picnic Area
- Public Drinking Water
- Playground
- Dogs Allowed
- Sport Courts / Play Fields
- Horses Allowed
- Distance Key:
- 0 mins
- 1 hour
- 2 hours





Historic & Cultural Context

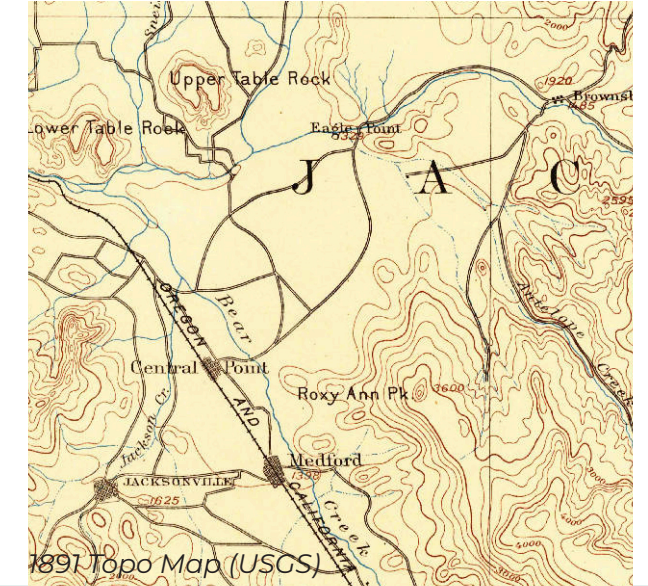


Because of its frequent turbidity, the Takelma referred to Bear Creek Si'kuptpat ('muddy water').

1887 Table Rock & Rogue River (So.Ore Historical Society)



Much of the Bear Creek Valley was blanketed with Donation Land claims before 1860. Irrigation ditches drew water from Bear Creek, but its low-gradient streambed discouraged both large ditches and water-powered mills; steeper-gradient tributaries, such as Ashland Creek, Wagner Creek, and Griffin Creek, were more conducive to such uses.



For millenia, the Takelma and other tribal Nations lived in the Rogue Valley, camping seasonally along Bear Creek to harvest salmon and acorns.

Central Point named, at the intersection of two major roads through the Rogue Valley

In 1856, the U.S. Army forcibly removed virtually all Takelma to reservations on the north coast of Oregon.

1883, Oregon and California Railroad was completed through Central Point. Town was incorporated in 1889.

Increase in the number of orchards and growth of the timber industry.

1920s - US Highway 99 built through town

1852

1856

1883

1889

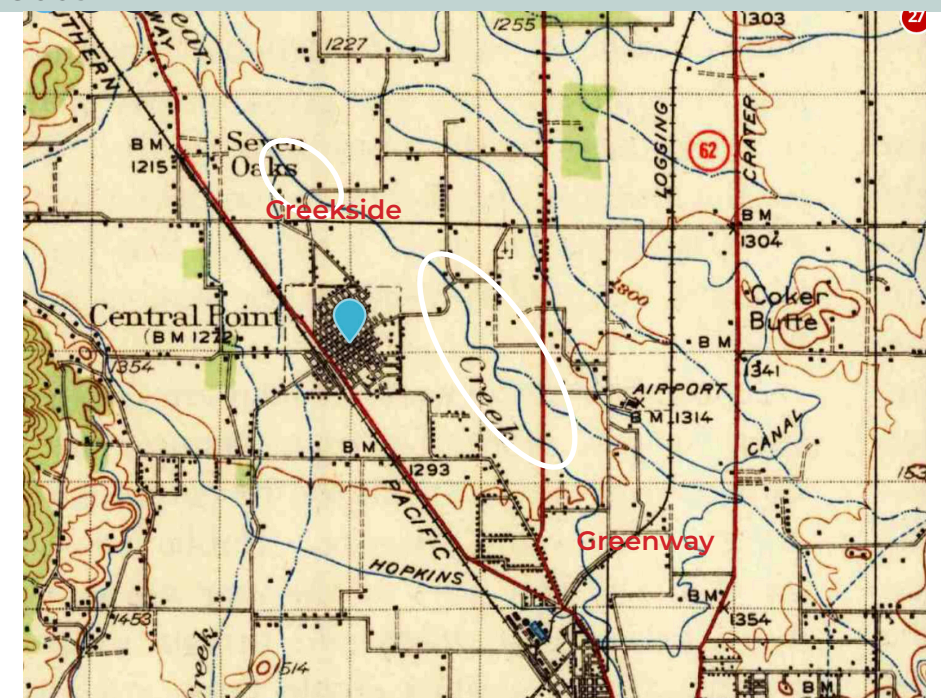
early 1900s

1920s

During the fall, the Takelma women conducted controlled burns called "cool burns." These burns made acorns more visible for collecting, subdued encroaching vegetation in the oak savanna and chaparral, and kept grasslands open for foraging deer and elk populations. By burning the grasses, the Takelma women were also able to find and gather grasshoppers, as well as tarweed and other grass seeds (BLM, Table Rocks Cultural History, quotes Gray 1987:34).



1915 Downtown Central Point (So.Ore Historical Society)



1938 Topo Map (USGS)



c.1930 McCaskey Orchard (So.Ore Historical Society)

Post WWII, many logging and mill workers found Central Point a good place to live. Between 1940 and 1980, the population mushroomed from 900 to 6,300 people.

1960 - In the 1960s when the county park system was growing, planners envisioned "an emerald necklace" of park land stretching from Emigrant Lake near Ashland to the Rogue River.



c.1970 View north from Grange Co-Op Elevator (So.Ore Historical Society)



1976 Aerial, Creekside (HistoricAerials.com)

1930s - Rogue Creamery & Grange Co-op established

Interstate Highway 5 constructed through Central Point, beginning 1961 and completed in 1962

1960s - dreams began for creation of the Bear Creek Greenway

1973 - Legislation was passed that enabled Jackson County to acquire land for the 30-mile Bear Creek Greenway

2020 - Table Rock Fire
2021 - City of Central Point acquires properties

1930s

1960s

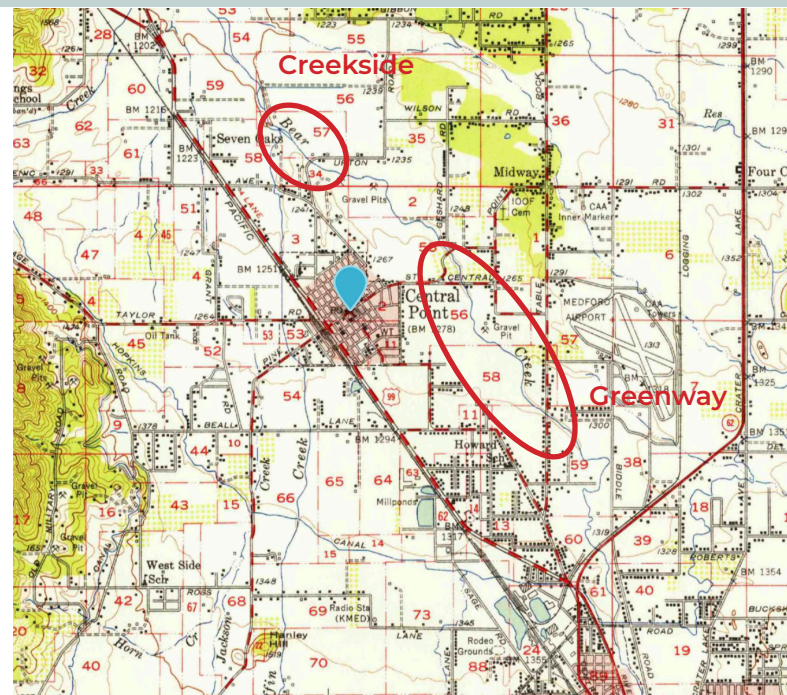
1970s

2020

An increase in the number of orchards in the Rogue Valley in the early 1900s brought eastern money to the area. Missourian Phillip Olwell bought Snowy Butte Orchard near Central Point, which held the record for the highest price paid for apples in the world. Carloads of apples and pears were loaded at the Central Point Depot and shipped as far away as England.



c.1930 Grange Co-op (So.Ore Historical Society)



1954 Topo Map (USGS)

Construction of I-5 demanded gravel to use as road base. The ponds located within the park were likely created as gravel pits to support road construction, and have since filled with water.



1976 Aerial, Greenway (HistoricAerials.com)

In 1973, Al Densmore offered up a bill creating the Bear Creek Greenway, and the legislation enabled Jackson County to proceed with planning and land acquisition for the Bear Creek Greenway. The University of Oregon completed a plan for a "park chain" along Bear Creek and that same year the Oregon Department of Transportation built 3.4 miles of trail through the city of Medford.

Sources: The Oregon Encyclopedia; BLM Cultural History Records (www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/recreation-activities/oregon-washington/table-locks/cultural-history); Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde (www.grandronde.org/history-culture); Southern Oregon Historical Society; USGS TopoView

Wildfire

Wildfires in the West

Since 1983, the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) has documented an average of approximately 70,000 wildfires per year in the United States. According to NIFC data, the extent of area burned by wildfires each year appears to have increased since the 1980s. Of the 10 years with the largest acreage burned, all have occurred since 2004, including the peak year in 2015. This period coincides with many of the warmest years on record nationwide. Combined with continuing drought in Oregon, the land is experiencing drier conditions that have fueled more intense wildfires (EPA, Wildfire Indicators).

Other factors—land use, large-scale insect infestation, fuel availability (including invasive species such as highly flammable and hot-burning blackberry and cheatgrass), and management practices, including fire suppression—play an important role in wildfire frequency and intensity. All of these factors influencing wildfires vary greatly by region and over time, as do precipitation, wind, temperature, vegetation types, and landscape conditions. Therefore, understanding wildfire characteristics requires consideration of many factors (EPA, Wildfire Indicators).



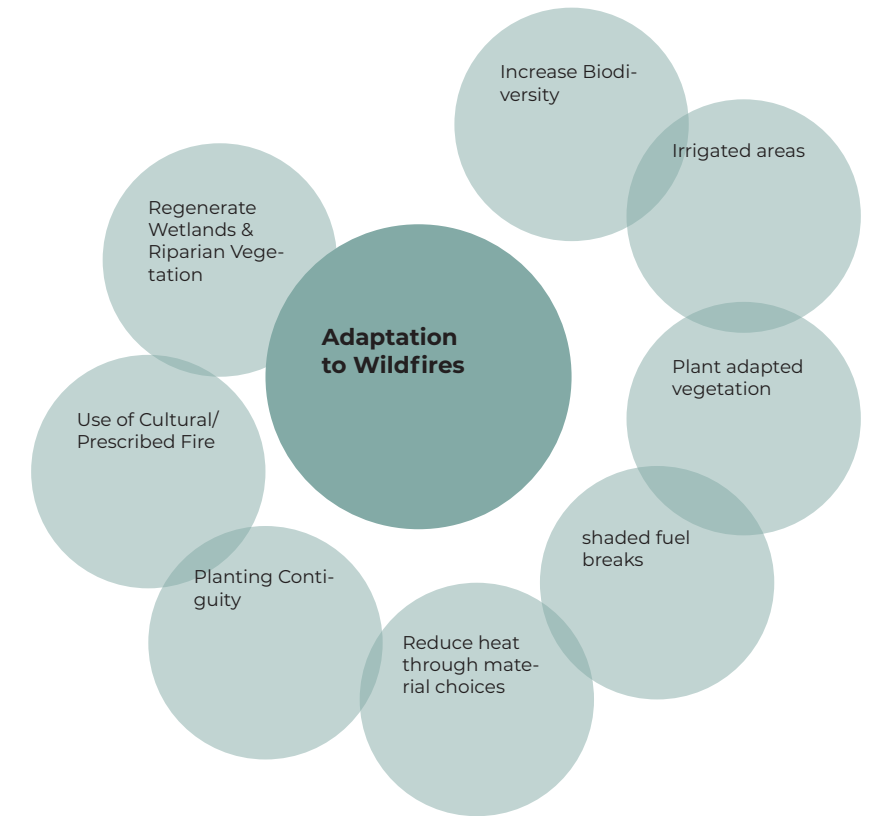
Wildfire in the Rogue Valley & Central Point

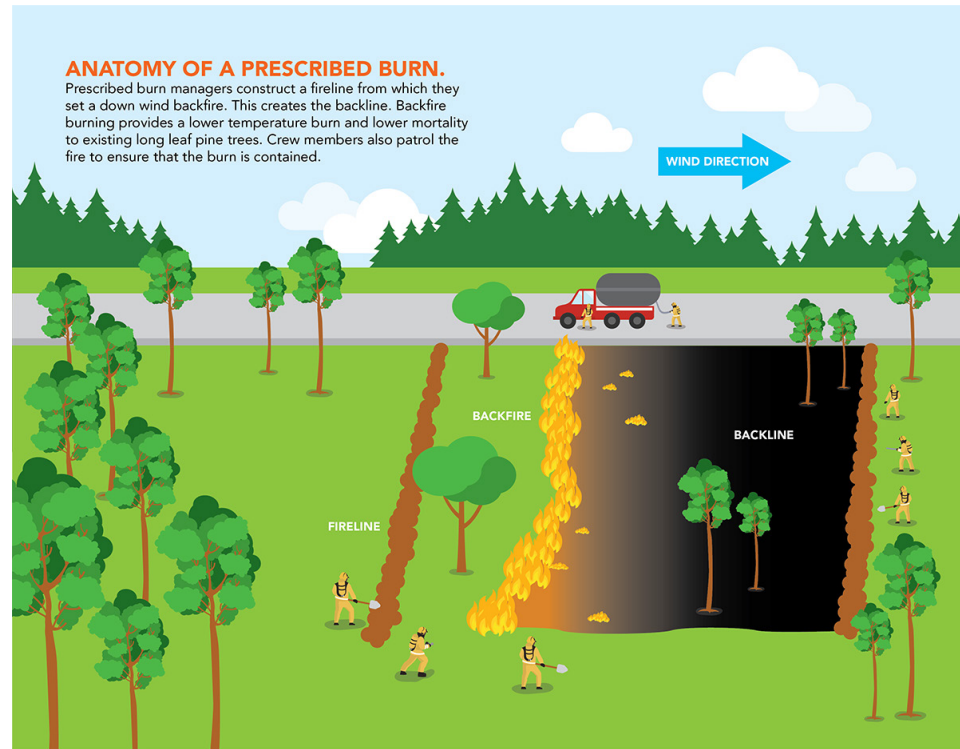
Traditionally, Takelma women conducted controlled burns called “cool burns” that made gathering seeds and acorns easier and kept the grasslands and oak savannas open and free of underbrush. These cool burns mitigated the effects of larger wildfires. In spring of 2023, controlled burning was undertaken at the Creekside property, which cleared much of the non-native blackberries and underbrush, making the site more resilient to a large, uncontrolled wildfire.

In 2018, the Peninger Fire started in a section of Bear Creek just north of Peninger Road and East Pine Street a few miles north of the Creekside site. The fire burned approximately 100 acres, destroying several out buildings and endangering a Central Point subdivision. The fire burned hot and fast due, in part, to the unchecked growth of blackberries, shrubs, and trees along the Bear Creek corridor. Wildfire affected the community again when during the Almeda Fire in September 2020, another wildfire broke out just north of the Central Point Bear Creek Greenway. Due to dry conditions, extremely heavy fuels, and high southerly winds the fire burned through the entire planning site in less than an hour.

Mitigation & Preparedness

As part of this project, the design team is considering strategies to make the design of both properties resilient to wildfire and adaptable (see diagram below). These include design strategies such as ensuring a biodiverse selection of planting material, incorporating fuel breaks and irrigated areas that can hinder the spread of fire, and planting vegetation so it is spaced across the landscape reducing a catastrophic wildfire’s ability to jump from one tree to the next. Maintenance strategies of controlled burning or seasonal mowing to reduce underbrush are also part of wildfire mitigation.





Plant Adaptations

With a long history of frequent fire in the landscape, many plants in our region are adapted to survive in environments with fire. Some plants even depend on fire to help them grow and disperse. There are various adaptations plants use to survive and live with fire. Plant species can typically be classified into 5 different categories based on their adaptations, though some can fit into more than one category.

Resisters

Resisters are the species that can survive moderate to low-intensity fires with little to no damage. Some adaptations of Resisters include: thick bark to shield them from fire; deep roots protected from fire; the shedding of their lower branches to prevent fire from climbing; and moist, short needles or leaves that are hard to burn. Some examples include: ponderosa pine, sugar pine, and Douglas-fir.

Sprouters

Sprouters are the species that endure fire. Sprouters resprout from their roots, trunks, limbs, and/or crown after a burn. Many shrubs are sprouters. Some of these species also have hard shelled seeds relying on fire to crack them open. While the parent plant may be injured in a fire, the new sprouts are able to grow in nutrient rich soil and have less competition. Some examples include: oak, cottonwood, and madrone.

Seeders

Seeders are adapted to evade fire by shedding lots of seeds that sprout after fire. These sprouts thrive from the rich nutrients recycled into the soil. Right after a fire is a prime time for a plant to disperse its seeds and germinate because there is more space to grow and less competition for resources like sunlight, water, and nutrients. Many Seeders are dependent on fire to create the habitat needed for their seedlings to sprout and grow. Seeders are not invaders because they already inhabited the area before the fire and their population does not spread as rapidly as invaders. Some examples include: buckbrush, lodgepole pine, and manzanita.

Invaders

Invaders take over recently burned areas. Their populations are either limited or unknown prior to fire. Invaders tend to have seeds that are highly dispersive by wind, animals, or people. Many invaders are noxious weeds that take over areas after disturbances such as a fire or flood.

Avoiders

Avoiders are least adapted to fire because they grow in areas where fire does not normally occur.

Planting by Zone

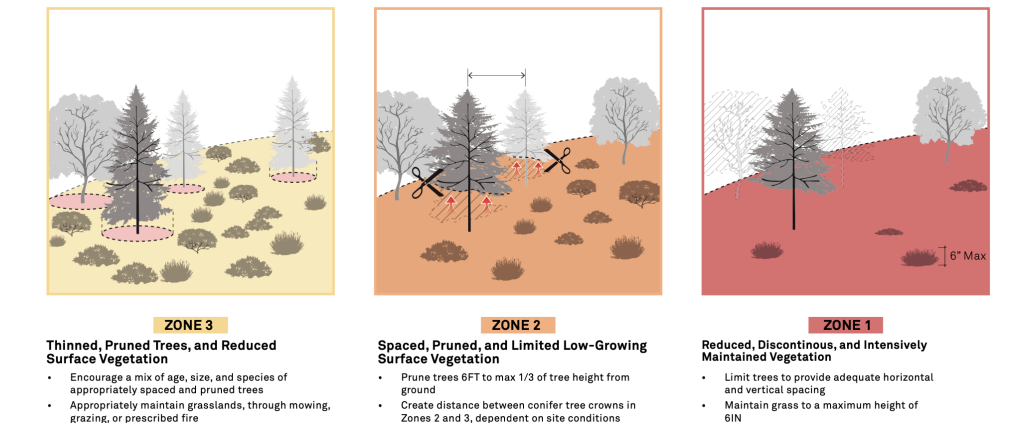
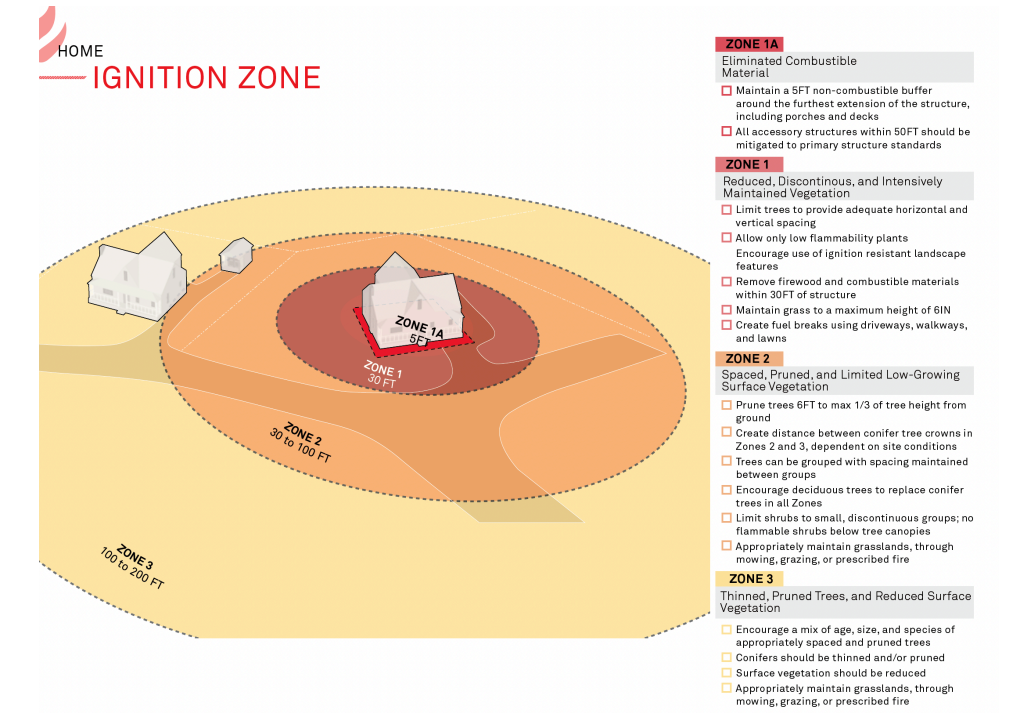
In the past decade, 60% of new homes have been built within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), which are highly prone to catastrophic wildfire. Wildfire preparedness guidelines for landscapes include direction on how to maintain existing vegetation and plant new vegetation based upon the distance from a building. The project areas share similarities with landscapes in the WUI: the large properties are semi-wild, yet within city limits and close to homes and businesses.

To depict best management practices, site planning and design concepts, zones are often used to address wildfire risk to structures (see figure). Portions of the Central Point Greenway and the Creekside properties occur within Zone 3, which is 100 to 200 feet from any structure. However, the majority of land is over 200 feet away from any structure, within Zone 4. This an area that should encourage a more natural tree canopy and native understory, while still incorporating measures to curtail the spread of a large, destructive wildfire. This can be done by maintaining trees through pruning and removal of dead wood, spacing clusters of conifers appropriately, and providing periodic fire breaks between heavily planted areas (see figure, Zone 4).

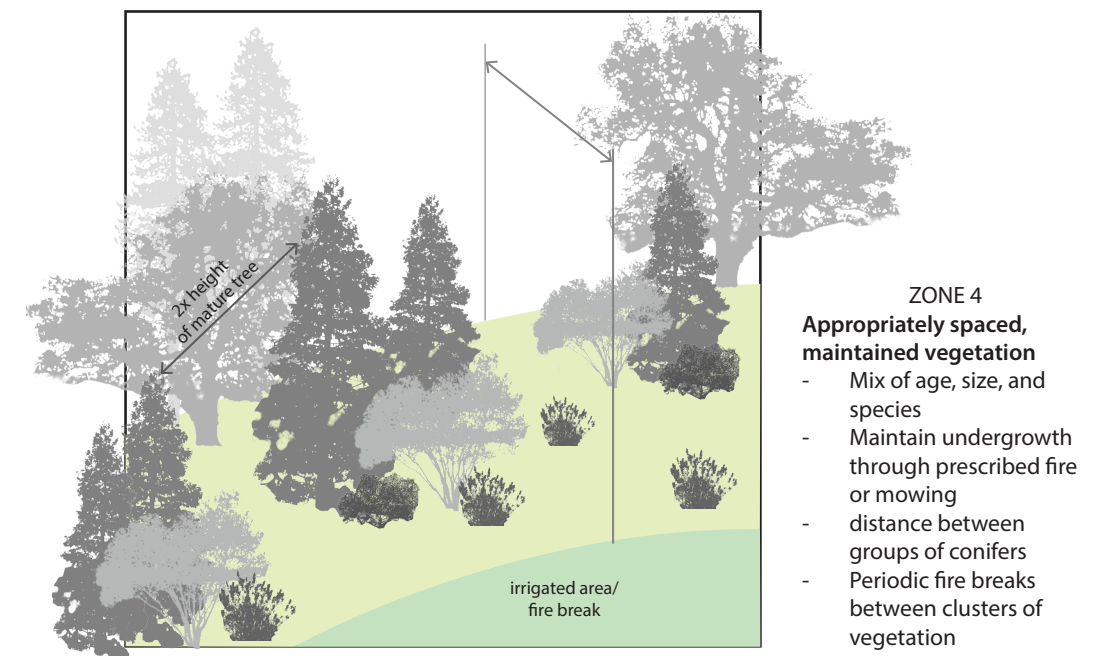
Planting California Native Plants

In order to mitigate the effects of drought, below are trees and shrubs that are acclimated to a hotter and drier condition in their native range, which the design team will evaluate for use in the restoration work along the Bear Creek Greenway.

- Aesculus californica*, California buckeye
- Bacharis pilularis*, coyote brush
- Cercis occidentalis*, western redud
- Frangula californica var. tomentella*, hoary coffeeberry
- Pinus sabiniana*, grey pine
- Plantanus racemosa*, California sycamore
- Quercus chrysolepus*, canyon live oak
- Quercus douglasii*, blue oak
- Quercus lobata*, valley oak
- Quercus wizlznii*, interior live oak



Planting by Zones 1-3 (courtesy of DesignWorkshop)



Existing Visitor Use & Experience

During the months of June, July, and August 2023, the design team visited the Central Point Greenway and Creekside properties on a regular basis, in order to understand existing visitor use patterns.

For the Central Point Greenway, the informal study revealed that at all times of day, both pedestrians and cyclists are using the Bear Creek Path. The heaviest use was by cyclists, who use the Greenway most typically in mornings. An average of 3.6 cyclists was observed during a typical hour-long site visit to the Greenway. Pedestrians were fewer, and were often sitting in the shade on benches or in the shelter.

For the Creekside property, visitor use was notably less, oftentimes with no one else present on-site. When other visitors were on the property, they were seen walking the dirt path or resting underneath the Upton Road underpass.

Public Questionnaire

In order to better understand public perception and desired future uses for the Greenway, a public questionnaire was sent to Central Point residents and made available on the city's website. The survey and its results are included as an appendix to this document. In summary:

- Over 70% of people never visit the Greenway
- Most current users are frequent users (5-15 times per month)
- People have a poor image of the Greenway based on stories of people having unsafe interactions with people living on site. Regarding primary concerns about the project, 57/70 responses mentioned homeless or safety.
- People are in support for additional and easier access into the park, restrooms, drinking water, and parking.
- Respondents were in favor of more walking and biking trails (including unpaved trails), dog park, shade and native vegetation, nature play areas, bird watching, picnic area, pollinator gardens, and creek access.

The City of Central Point Police Department is aware of the negative public perception of the Greenway and has aggressively engaged in recent years to 'clean it up.' As part of the design investigations, the team met with Central Point Police Chief Scott Logue and Captain Greg Bruce to get a sense of their concerns for the Greenway in general and their thoughts related to a park. They shared a few concerns that will be addressed in the master plan:

- Avoid creating areas with dense vegetation where bad behavior may occur.
- Close the off trail sections of the park between dusk and dawn. The Bear Creek Trail itself would be available for use after these hours.
- Add lights along the trail. No need to add emergency blue light boxes (emergency stations that provide quick access to police, etc.) since these would more than likely be abused. They felt that most people using the trail have a cell phone that these stations would be unnecessary.

The police provided statistics for the area for the past year. These show that criminal activity on the Greenway is actually fairly limited, indicating that the reality is that this section of the Greenway is safe for public use (see Appendix for police statistics)

Houselessness

The current housing crisis, 50 years in the making, is beyond the scope of this project. However, the design team recognizes the crisis and seeks to provide for the safety, health, and welfare of everyone who visits the Central Point Parks. As the crisis continues, the problem will likely increase without administrative action, and compounded with the increase in catastrophic wildfires throughout our region, homelessness will threaten previously unaffected individuals. The City of Central Point is currently designing a Community Center adjacent to the Jackson County Expo, which will provide shelter in the case of a catastrophic emergency.

In 2022, Jackson County created a Community Needs Assessment interviewed low-income individuals throughout the county. Key findings from interviews with people in Central Point found that "Housing costs are out of reach for focus group participants without the assistance from ACCESS, Rogue Retreat, Section 8, or family members. In order to buy enough affordable, healthy food, low-income people in Central Point need fiscal supplementation. OHP provides adequate health and dental care as well as mental health services for these participants" (Jackson County Community Needs Assessment. Conducted by Southern Oregon University Research Center Commissioned by ACCESS, Community Action Agency of Jackson County, 2022).

Central Point provides the following resources for people struggling with housing and meeting basic needs in the following ways: financial assistance, food, and medical supplies from ACCESS; housing assistance from HUD, Rogue Retreat, and St. Vincent De Paul; and information services from WIC and Rogue Retreat. Participants in the 2022 study reported adequate availability of affordable food at nearby grocery stores and access to healthy activities like walking and using exercise equipment in the park.

Sara Rankin, an associate professor at the Seattle University School of Law and the director of the Homeless Rights Advocacy Project at the university's Korematsu Center, describes homelessness as a place where "diagnosable disabling conditions like untreated mental illness and substance abuse disorders" make it that much harder to stabilize one's life without intensive social services. Layering a criminal record on top of these already formidable obstacles makes exiting from homelessness all but impossible. The ramps out of homelessness—access to social services, placement into permanent supportive housing, entry into job training programs—get pulled up when you have a criminal record. "The best and most proven cost-effective solution [to homelessness]," says Rankin, is "permanent supportive housing."

Concerning the houseless population in Central Point, the current policy is for the police to provide those who have just established a camp with 24 hours to vacate the site. For camps that have been established for a longer period of time, they

provide 72 hours' notice to vacate the area. The police provide a referral for these individuals to connect with Rogue Retreat and the Urban Campground in Medford, where the city has a contract. The City of Central Point does not currently have a shelter available for unhoused individuals.

Creative design solutions

Ideas to ease the pain of houselessness within city parks include ways that provide access to services and help, mitigating the stigma of houselessness, and ensuring a safe experience for all park visitors. Ideas utilized in other communities are listed below and help inform design for the Greenway.

- Touch-screen social service kiosks that direct people in need to shelters, food banks, counseling, etc. Traditional kiosk with listed services/resources; park rules; ways to get involved in the park and how to help those in need.
- Re-use parking meters to collect change for non-profits that help the homeless
- Pop-up showers; markets; haircuts; storage
- Homeless shelter intake patio/ drop-in center/ navigation center
- A clock that anchors the space and visitors to reality
- Seating that is orientated to be out of the wind, shaded in summer; sun in winter
- Outreach - visits by social workers into the park who interact with the homeless and follow-up with them to build relationships. People need to meet social workers first, not meet the police first.
- Refuge tents or pods
- Park steward program that employs formerly houseless people to maintain and watch over the park. They interact with visitors, provide information, pick up trash, pull weeds, and deescalate situations. Examples: San Francisco Urban Alchemy (urban-alchemy.us) and Streets Team (www.streetsteam.org)

Safety

The design for the Central Point Greenway and Creekside properties considers the safety and perceived safety of all visitors. To address safety concerns, the design team is taking a multi-pronged approach that includes physical design as well as programmatic elements.

Addressing the issue of safety in parks and open space is a complex task. The problem cannot be solved by design alone or by any one single action. What is required to create and maintain safer park spaces is an integrative strategy involving design, programming, maintenance and citizen involvement. The key finding in park safety research shows that there is a connection between park and recreation use and safety: where people use parks in a positive way and in substantial numbers, all people feel more secure (National Recreation and Park Association, [Creating Safe Park Environments to Enhance Community Wellness](#). And, Planning, Designing and Maintaining Safer Parks, by Toronto Parks & Recreation).

Design for Safety

Ensuring access to the area for police patrols and design measures to ensure people feel safe:

- open lines of sight which give the perception of actual safety because people can see what is ahead and around them and if other people are visible. Focal points should be clearly visible from a distance.
- clear and understandable signage, including maps, helps enhance the feeling of safety because it allows people to orient themselves and know where to go
- create alternate routes (no dead ends). Physical access should be maximized by providing users with a choice of legible routes to and from park areas
- path lighting
- protected-back seating areas to encourage socialization without fear
- avoid overly dense vegetation
- good maintenance is crucial to maintain perceptions that areas are low risk. Vandalism can contribute to perceptions of fear because litter, graffiti and broken furniture all suggest a place is uncared for and possibly unsafe
- diversity can attract a higher intensity of use. Variety in the form, color, and texture of landscape elements as well as a range of activities contributes to an interesting environment that attracts users at different times of year



Activities

Create a range of things to do, to encourage a variety of people in the park at all times:

- multiple kinds of active recreation; morning activities; evening activities
- places to meet other people, neighbors
- vendors who are present on-site (e.g. hot dog stand)

Events

Gather people on-site for regular and special events:

- Tours; nature walks; walking groups; guided bird watching walks; bird monitoring; Audubon Society; cycling groups
- Annual events (creek fun run)
- Pop-up events (food trucks, art market)

Engagement

Citizen involvement fosters a sense of ownership and pride and builds a constituency of users with an interest in keeping parks safe. People need meaningful engagement with this place in order to create a sense of stewardship. We can explore ways to have individuals contribute to the park and be a part of the community:

- volunteers in the park (tree planting, etc)
- park stewards/park rangers
- Bicycle Patrol (seasonal employees/volunteers, Sunriver, Oregon)
- Neighborhood watch groups
- Citizen involvement fosters a sense of ownership and pride and builds a constituency of users with an interest in keeping parks safe
- Enforcement of rules concerning inappropriate activities need to be maintained to prevent a cycle of withdrawal and hence a reduction in positive use

Bryant Park, New York

- 1990s remodel to increase use and decrease drug dealing within the park. After increased diversity of active uses, the redesign reduced crime by 92% and doubled the number of annual park visitors
- Removed visual barriers along the park's periphery - created clear views to landmarks
- Amenities include food and beverage kiosks, a stand for buying theater tickets, movable furniture, bocce, chess, backgammon boards, futsal & pingpong tables
- Public events ranging from historical park tours to concerts and movies in the park



Oppenheimer Park, Vancouver BC

- Re-designed in 2019 to address high numbers of people sleeping in the park
- Highly durable materials with good longevity
- Improved site lines
- Low maintenance requirements
- Increased tree canopy
- Gathering areas
- Community center - staffed with bathrooms, meeting rooms, computer access





Central Point Bear Creek Greenway

SITE ANALYSIS & SETTING

The Central Point Bear Creek Greenway site covers 51.9 acres within the city on both the east and west sides of Bear Creek, bordered by East Pine Street on the north and Table Rock Road on the south. The site is on the opposite side of Interstate 5 from Central Point's downtown and the majority of its residents.

The master plan site area includes analysis of topography, hydrology, ecology, access, noise pollution, wind, soils, and scenic values. Existing site amenities include a gazebo near Mingus Pond (Espy Pond) and several benches along the Greenway path.

Land within the project boundary is owned by the City of Central Point. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) properties are located to the north and south of the project area. The east side of the project area is bordered by private properties, and LTM Incorporated which is an aggregate and building materials company. Adjacent properties to the north include hotels, restaurants, gas station and truck stop.

Water

The site's hydrology is a dominant factor in design for the greenway. The Bear Creek path, numerous streams and ponds shape the current landscape, provide vital habitat, and influence future use. The site encompasses Mingus Pond, a smaller unnamed pond to the north, Elk Creek, Lone Pine Creek, and several other natural drainages that flow into Bear Creek. The floodplain of Bear Creek covers the majority of the site and most of the site is within the 100-year floodplain.

Bear Creek flows through the project site and has a small population of coho, fall chinook, winter and summer steelhead, and resident trout (rainbow and cutthroat). Winter steelhead and fall chinook are the primary anadromous species using the Bear Creek system. Beavers have been sighted in the creek as well. Currently, Bear Creek does not meet federal water quality standards for temperature, bacteria, and sedimentation. The section of Bear Creek through the study area is dewatered, with water removed from the creek upstream for irrigation ditches. This water then reenters the creek below the study area. As a result, the CFS in this section of the creek is typically lower than it was historically. As a result, the smaller tributaries of Elk Creek and Lone Pine Creek, and other small drainages are critically important to the riparian health of the creek.

A recent ODFW fishery survey found steelhead in Elk Creek. During the hot summer months when Bear Creek water temperatures rise, Elk Creek offers cooler water and respite for steelhead. Additionally, during periods of high water, the creek provides off channel protection. ODFW considers the stream an important fishery habitat area.

The two ponds on-site were former rock quarries that have since filled with water and provide habitat for migratory and non-migratory birds. Mingus Pond is a 2.41 acre freshwater pond that has become an important overwintering area for waterfowl and Rogue Valley Audubon Society uses the site for their wild bird surveys. An additional small unnamed pond is located to the north of Mingus Pond. This smaller pond currently contains significant habitat and structural complexity from downed wood that harbors habitat diversity and creates small areas

of vegetation within the pond itself (Siskiyou Ecological Services, RRWC City of Central Point Bear Creek RM 7.0 Park Vegetation Survey, October 2021).

Opportunities are present to connect park visitors with the existing hydrological systems and integrate them into the design. Both ponds require environmental rehabilitation, by addressing non-native reed canary grass and planting native species that can compete. Connectivity between ponds, creeks and riparian areas will drive the design solutions and concepts are developed.

Circulation & Access

Within the adjacent city streets, there is heavy automobile traffic. East Pine Street provides sidewalks and a bike path, but this busy section of road can be dangerous and uncomfortable for pedestrians. To the south, Table Rock Road is a major route through the valley with narrow sidewalks and no bike path. On the east side of the site, a proposal is underway to extend Federal Way to Table Rock Road. Visitors to the project site will need access from one of these roads. Currently, visitors may park at a gravel parking lot on the north side of East Pine Street and walk or bike into the site.

Within the project boundary, the paved Bear Creek Greenway Trail runs the entire length of the west side of the site. A gravel path closer to the creek's edge, and informal circulation routes (either deer paths or human-made) throughout. These existing informal routes do not connect to one another resulting in disparate and unsafe zones within the park, which is exacerbated by dense vegetation that has emerged post-fire. A dirt road occurs on the eastern property line that follows the creek beginning at the gravel quarry, connecting to Federal Way and becoming more of an informal dirt path through the eastern side of the property. There is currently no formal entrance into the site on the east side of the property. Existing site access points are marked with signage that is consistent across the Bear Creek Greenway throughout the valley. Access from the Pilot truck stop is via a gated gravel road, with a break in the gate for pedestrian access. This entrance could benefit from additional signage and information to make a welcoming appearance to visitors. These issues will be considered as park design and construction get underway.

Opportunities: The existing parking area will be insufficient once the park becomes a destination. Parking areas could be sited either on the south side (with agreement from adjacent land owners) or north (on property yet to be acquired

by the City). The extension of Federal Way provides opportunity for parking and access on the east side of the property.

Topography & Soils

Over time, water and adjacent construction of Interstate 5 have shaped the topography of the site. Bear Creek and the other drainages formed the basis for the changes in elevation we see today, and in places it is evident where former stream courses once ran and where the floodplain is located. Construction of the interstate highway required tons of gravel to provide road base, and the site's two ponds are evidence of quarrying activities. Other topographic features of note are steep slopes that occur along most of the Bear Creek's length, as well as steep slopes adjacent to existing pathways.

Soils are composed primarily of Camas-Newberg-Evans complex, which are deep, well drained soils that form in mixed sandy and gravelly alluvium and are typical for the floodplain of Bear Creek. Depth to bedrock is typically 60 inches or more. The other dominant soil type is Medford silty clay loam, which is very deep (more than 60 inches) and moderately well drained fine textured soil that forms the base of alluvial fans in the Rogue Valley and underlie much of the urban and irrigated land.

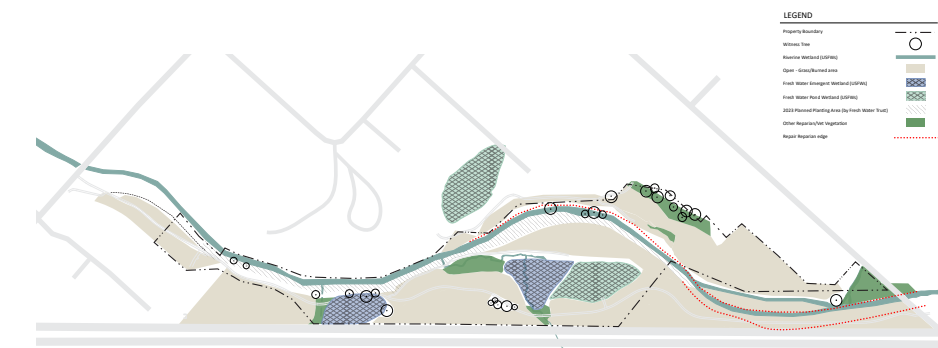
Opportunities: The existing topography presents difficulty in maintaining vegetation in some areas due to the steepness of the slope. Other locations are relatively flat and easily accommodate additional structures and could provide accessible routes throughout the park. Topography can also be manipulated to assist with noise reduction from the interstate and to create seating areas that might be quieter for hosting nature talks, etc.

Vegetation

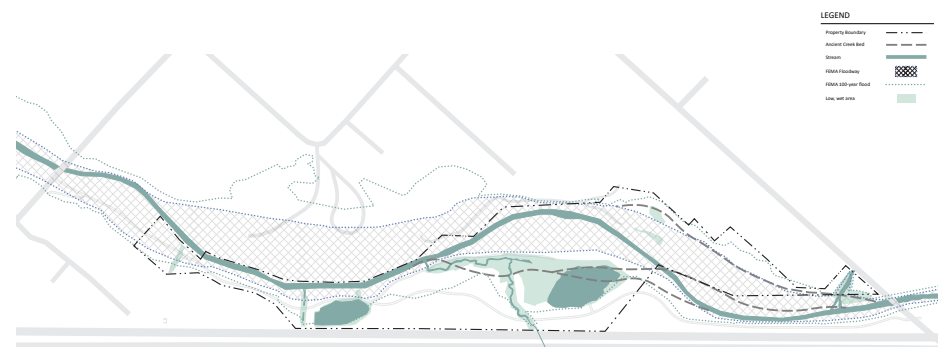
Following the 2020 Table Rock Fire, much of the vegetation died, including invasive Himalayan blackberries, willows, and stands of mature cottonwoods. At least a dozen trees survived the fire, many of them ponderosa pine, and a few cottonwood, willow, maple, and alder.

Although woody vegetation was knocked back for a few years following the 2020 Table Rock Fire, the majority of the woody native trees and shrubs that grow in the floodplain of Bear Creek are adapted to disturbances such as fires and floods, and respond with vigorous epicormic shoots that are quickly recolonizing the site, including willows, cottonwoods, and chokecherry. The fire killed snags

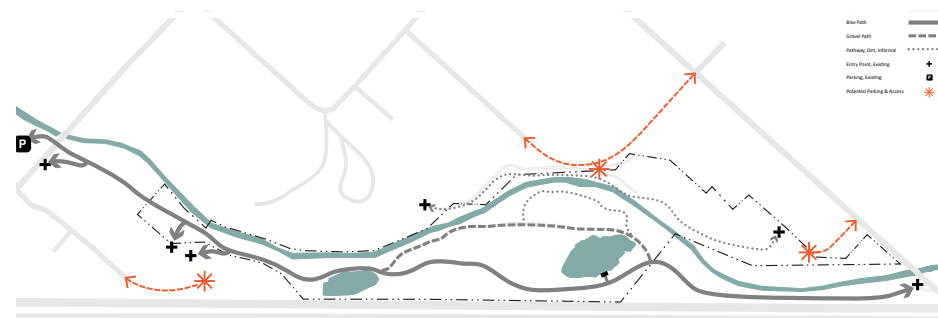




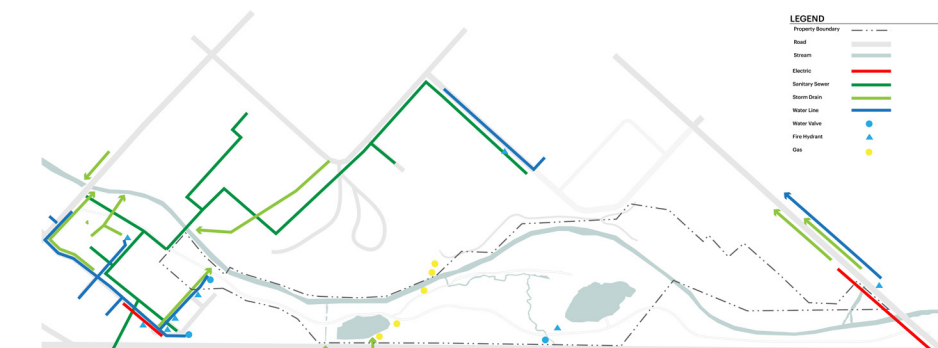
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from the Table Rock fire provide important habitat for wildlife as will future downed wood, as the snags fall over and are deposited onto the ground.

The site has a variety of invasive plant species: Himalayan blackberry, poison hemlock, starthistle, teasel, purple loosestrife, and cheatgrass amongst others that have grown post-fire. There is an existing wetland located on the north side of the Mingus Pond which is composed almost entirely of reed canary grass, an invasive species that inhibits native vegetation and reduces biological diversity.

Opportunities: Site design will include recommendations for restoring vegetation throughout the project site. In addition to the restoration work being undertaken along Bear Creek in the fall of 2023, the design of the park will integrate native and drought-tolerant plants throughout the project site. There will likely be areas where intensive plantings of more mature trees will be desired, to address current needs for shade and overall enjoyment of the park.

Views

Since the fire in 2020, views are more open than in the recent past. The site offers views to distant mountains including Roxy Ann, Mt. McLoughlin, Mt. Ashland, Wagner Butte, and the Table Rocks to the north. These views are not visible along other portions of the Bear Creek Path, which makes this site unique along the Greenway. Opportunities exist to deliberately frame these views with vegetation and site features to make them a noticeable element in the design of the park.

Magic Spots

The landscape includes places that provide a combination of aspect, view, vegetation, and water that combine to create a setting that feels unique and comfortable. These spots provide openings that the design of the park can use as a springboard for incorporating new elements and visitor enjoyment. The team has identified these during the course of field investigations and will consider these spots as the design unfolds. (See existing site map)

Utilities

Several utilities cross the planning area. At the north end of the site, a sanitary sewer line crosses the property and Bear Creek. A Medford Water Commission waterline crosses the site, also on the north end, and a fire hydrant was installed near Mingus Pond following the 2020 wildfire. Water does not currently serve the south or east sides of the planning area. A gas line crosses the site from west to east, near the small pond. An electric line is located at the south end of the site, running parallel to Table Rock Road.

Sun and wind patterns

The climate of Central Point includes mild winters and hot summers. Wind typically blows north or south, parallel to the north-south axis of the creek. Winter winds can be strong and often blow down-valley, the cool air from the mountains descending into the lower elevations. In the summer, the opposite typically occurs, with summer winds moving up-valley, from the lower elevations closer to the coast into the upper elevations of the valley.

Exposure to sun is very apparent in the summer months, particularly due to the lack of trees and the site can become very hot. In winter, the exposure to open sunlight is welcome. The design team will incorporate these patterns into the future design of the park.

Wildlife

Despite the environmental issues on the property, there is a variety of wildlife found including diverse bird species, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and insects.

Bird species include: Green Heron, Red-winged blackbird, Canada goose, Mallard duck and Killdeer. Snags in the area support Sharp-shinned Hawk, Hairy woodpecker, and tree swallows. Species observed often throughout the site included: Oregon Junco, Mourning Dove, Finches, Sparrows, Turkey Vulture, Rock doves, Crows and Canada geese. Deer are often seen near the creek bottom. It is conceivable that beaver would occupy the other park site if the proper habitat was provided.

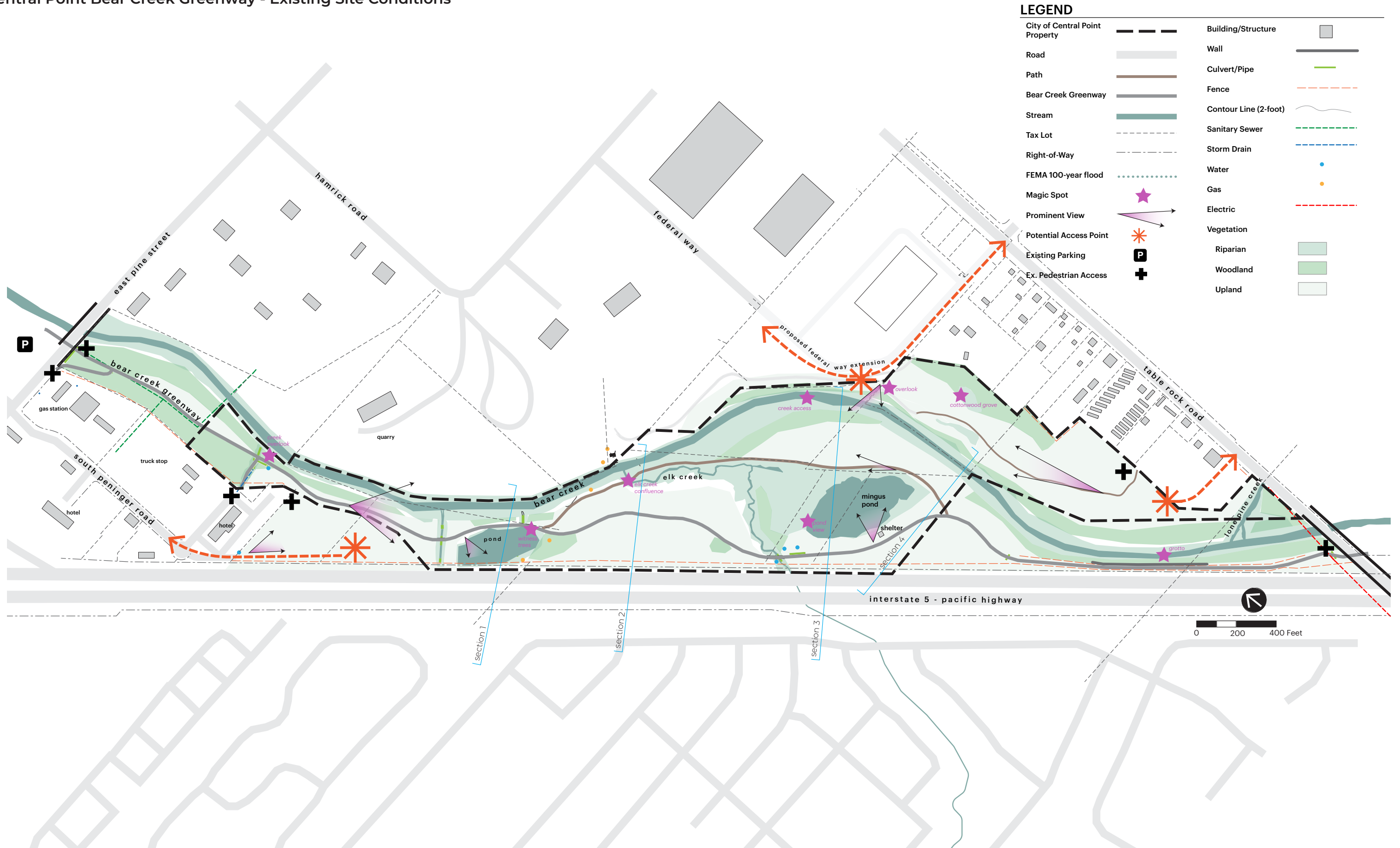
Reptiles, amphibians and fish include fence lizards, non-native mosquito fish, western tree frogs, and invasive non-native bull frogs. Breeding habitat exists for long-toed salamanders and Western Pond turtle in the larger ponds. There is evidence that the ponds are occupied by the invasive red-eared slider turtle. Non-venomous snakes that might be found at this site include: racer, terrestrial garter, Northwestern garter, California king snake, ring-necked snake and sharp-tailed snake. Anadromous fish are present in Bear Creek and Elk Creek.

Diverse communities of native bees were observed including (among others) members of the following groups: Native Bumble Bees (*Bombus*), Carpenter Bees (*Xylocopa*), European Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera*), and sweat bees (*Halictidae*). Native dragonflies and damselflies (*Odonata*) were easily observed and found associated with the ponds and standing water including: Black Saddlebag (*Tramea lacerata*), Common Whitetail skimmer (*Plathemus lydia*), Pacific Fork-tail (*Ischnura cervula*), Shadow Darner (*Aeshna umbrosa*), and Western Pond-hawk (*Erythemis collcata*). Native butterfly species were sporadically observed in low numbers.



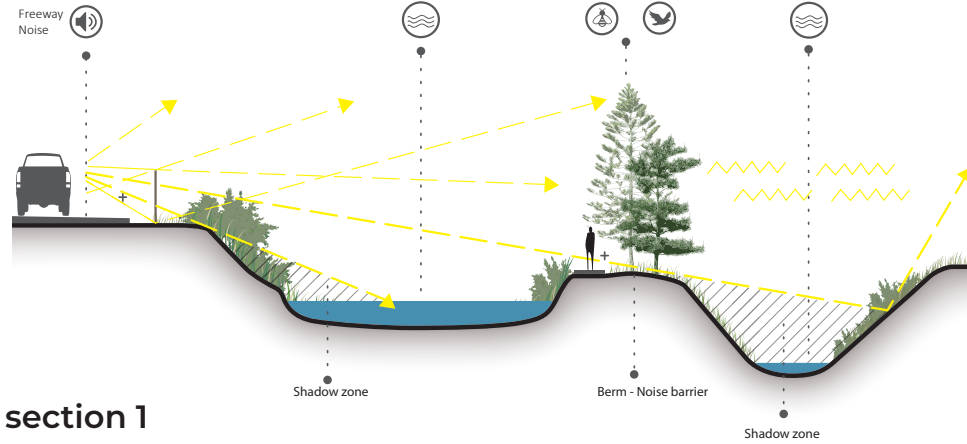
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Central Point Bear Creek Greenway - Existing Site Conditions

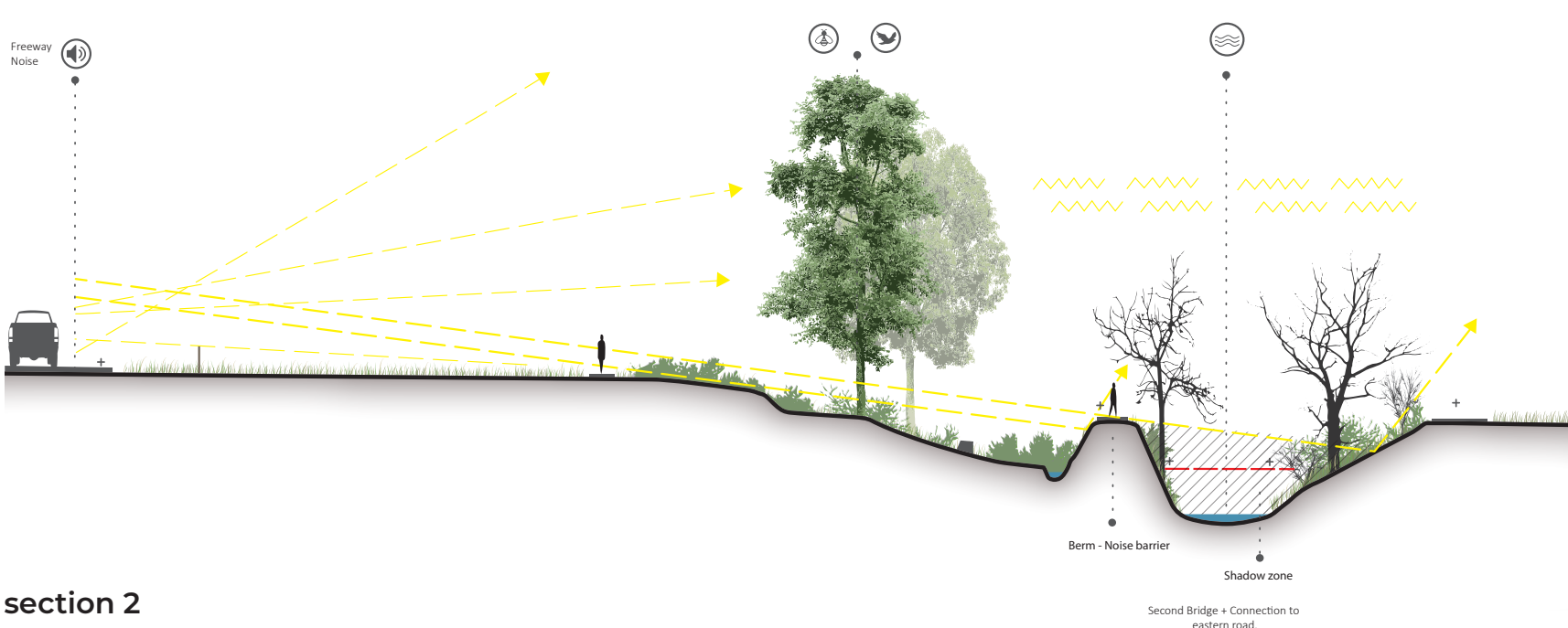


LEGEND	
City of Central Point Property	Building/Structure
Road	Wall
Path	Culvert/Pipe
Bear Creek Greenway	Fence
Stream	Contour Line (2-foot)
Tax Lot	Sanitary Sewer
Right-of-Way	Storm Drain
FEMA 100-year flood	Water
Magic Spot	Gas
Prominent View	Electric
Potential Access Point	Vegetation
Existing Parking	Riparian
Ex. Pedestrian Access	Woodland
	Upland

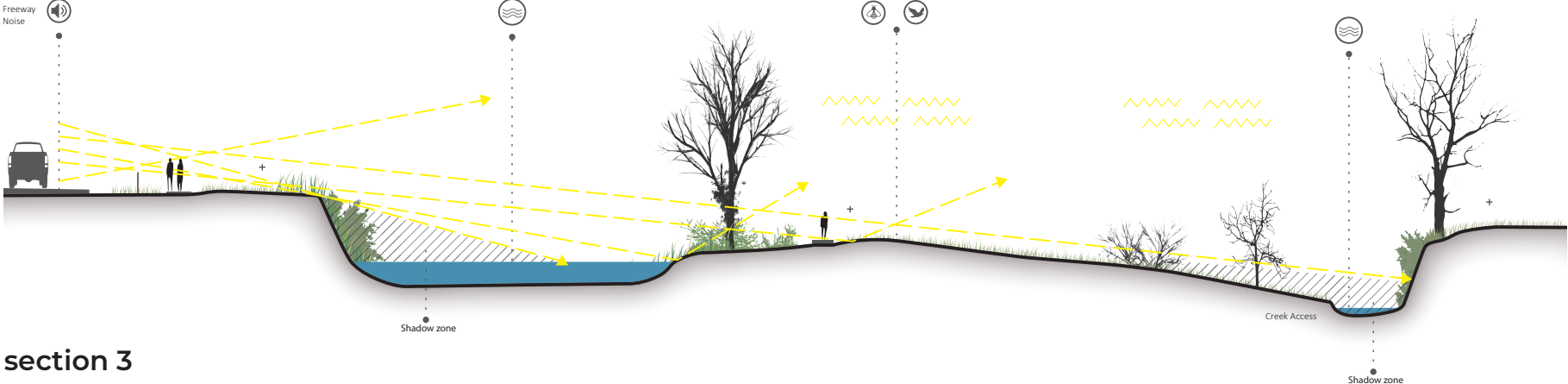
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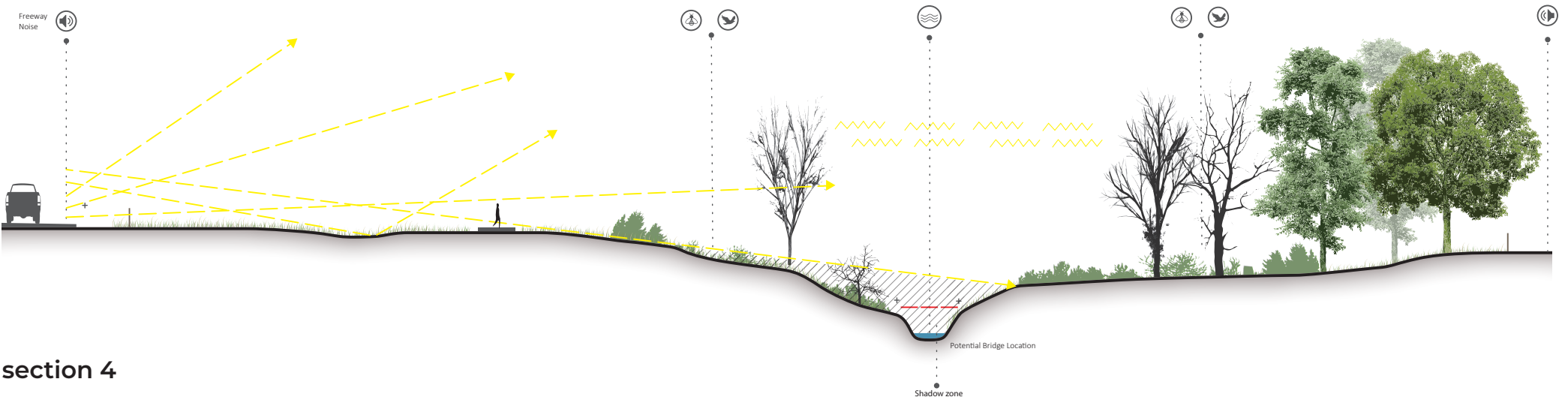
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Note: vertical scale is exaggerated 3x the horizontal scale



View south from the Bear Creek Path: Mt McLoughlin and Roxy Ann at left, Mt Ashland and Wagner Butte at center, Jacksonville to left (SDS)



View north from east side of Bear Creek: Lower Table Rock at center (SDS)

DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS

The design team developed two draft concept plans for the Central Point Bear Creek Greenway, which were reviewed by members of the Ad Hoc Committee and shared with the general public during a meeting on October 24, 2023.

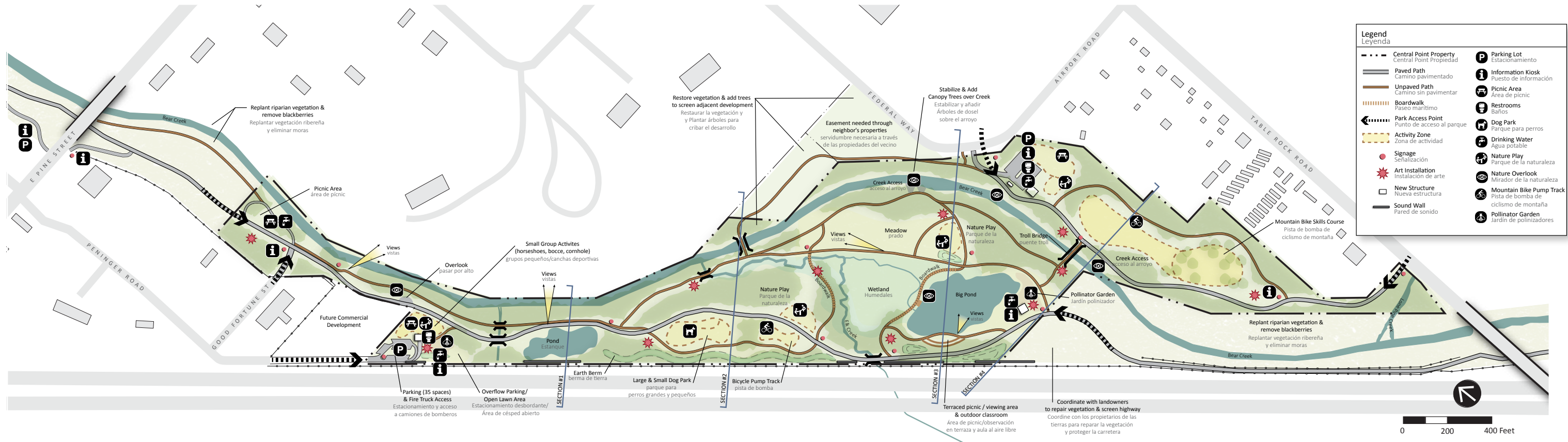




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CONCEPT PLAN #2
(Preferred Concept)

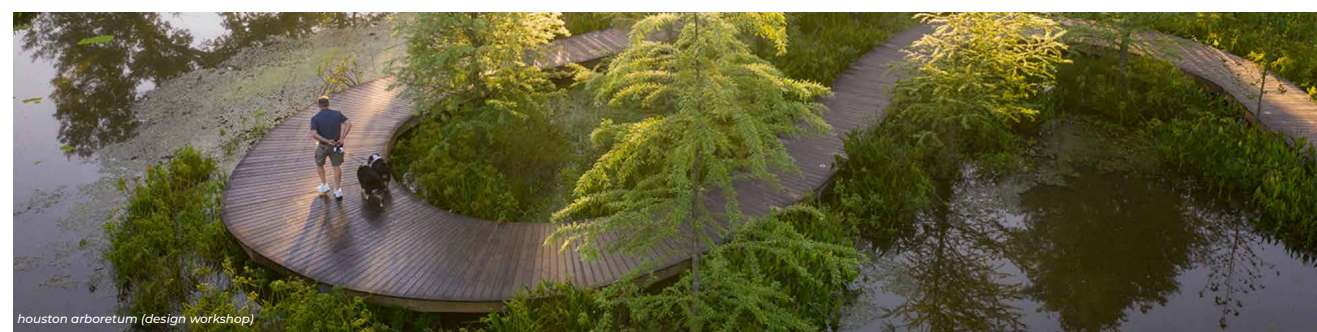
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MASTER PLAN
January 25, 2024





MASTER PLAN NARRATIVE

The Central Point Bear Creek Greenway Master Plan provides increased recreation opportunities, restores natural areas, and mitigates the potential for future catastrophic wildfires. The design is a blend of active and passive recreation, with multiple areas for unexpected play and discovery. The design improves public accessibility to and within the park, including new parking areas, pedestrian bridges, and walking paths that connect different portions of the property.

A key component of the Master Plan is to create a series of public engagement events that will provide people with opportunities to have direct and meaningful experiences with the landscape and enliven this critical community asset. Some of these activities include volunteer tree planting, annual events, and nature walks.

Design elements include a dog park; bicycle pump track and mountain bike skills course; picnic areas; nature play areas; walking paths; creek access; boardwalks and pond access. The master plan includes two new parking areas, each with a restroom, drinking water, and welcome area with informational signage.

New trails throughout the property will provide several routes to maximize exploration and immersion in the landscape. Nature play areas are scattered throughout the park, to better connect children to nature. A series of large, dramatic public art pieces will double as wayfinding, encouraging visitors to move through the park in order to discover the next piece of artwork.

A terraced gathering area and boardwalk will be integrated into the edge of Míngus pond with a dock/wildlife viewing area at the water's edge. Two pedestrian bridges will cross Bear Creek, providing access to the east side and allowing people to walk in a large loop around the entire park.

Restoring the natural vegetation is a crucial objective of the park design. Much of the property will be restored to native upland vegetation with drought-tolerant trees and shrubs set within a re-seeded meadow of native grasses and forbs. Riparian vegetation will be utilized in wetter areas, and large patches of reed canary grass will be planted with willow that will shade out the grass over time. Two pollinator gardens are planned, one adjacent to the large pond and the other adjacent to the welcome area at the north end. These gardens will provide food, water, and habitat for pollinators, and educational benefits for park visitors.

El Plan Maestro de la Vía Verde de Central Point Bear Creek brinda mayores oportunidades de recreación, restaura áreas naturales y mitiga el potencial de futuros incendios forestales catastróficos. El diseño es una mezcla de recreación activa y pasiva, con múltiples áreas para juegos y descubrimientos inesperados. El diseño mejora la accesibilidad pública hacia y dentro del parque, incluyendo nuevas áreas de estacionamiento, puentes peatonales y senderos para caminar que conectan diferentes partes de la propiedad.

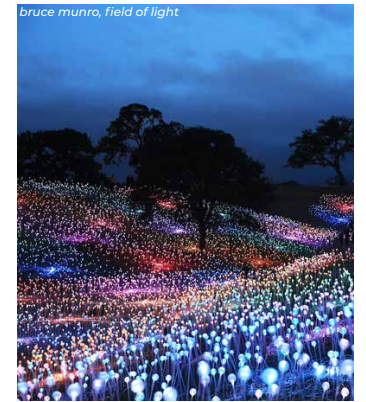
Un componente clave del Plan Maestro es crear una serie de eventos de participación pública que brindarán a las personas oportunidades para tener experiencias directas y significativas con el paisaje y animar este activo comunitario crítico. Algunas de estas actividades incluyen la plantación voluntaria de árboles, eventos anuales y caminatas por la naturaleza.

Los elementos de diseño incluyen un parque para perros; pista de bombeo para bicicletas y curso de habilidades para bicicletas de montaña; áreas de picnic; áreas de juego en la naturaleza; Senderos; acceso al arroyo; paseos marítimos y acceso al estanque. El plan maestro incluye dos nuevas áreas de estacionamiento, cada una con baño, agua potable y área de bienvenida con señalización informativa.

Los nuevos senderos en toda la propiedad proporcionarán varias rutas para maximizar la exploración y la inmersión en el paisaje. Las áreas de juego en la naturaleza están dispersas por todo el parque, para conectar mejor a los niños con la naturaleza. Una serie de grandes y dramáticas piezas de arte público servirán de arte y orientación, animando a los visitantes a moverse por el parque para descubrir la próxima obra de arte.

Un área de reunión en terrazas y un paseo marítimo se integrarán en el borde del estanque Míngus con un muelle / área de observación de vida silvestre en la orilla del agua. Dos puentes peatonales cruzarán Bear Creek, proporcionando acceso al lado este y permitiendo a las personas caminar en un gran bucle alrededor de todo el parque.

La restauración de la vegetación natural es un objetivo crucial del diseño del parque. Gran parte de la propiedad será restaurada a la vegetación nativa de las tierras altas con árboles y arbustos tolerantes a la sequía dentro de una pradera sembrada de pastos y hierbas nativas. La vegetación ribereña se utilizará en las zonas más húmedas, y se plantarán grandes parches de caña canaria con sauces que darán sombra a la hierba con el tiempo. Se planean dos jardines de polinizadores, uno adyacente al estanque grande y el otro adyacente al área de bienvenida en el extremo norte. Estos jardines proporcionarán alimentos, agua y hábitat para los polinizadores, y beneficios educativos para los visitantes del parque.



Design Elements

- Paved and Unpaved Trails
- Boardwalks
- Pond and Creek Overlooks
- Kiosk/ Pavilion
- Site Lighting
- Furnishings (benches, tables, trash/recycle)
- Vegetation Restoration
- Wayfinding & Signage
- Safety Features (cameras; fencing)
- Restrooms & Drinking Water
- Noise Mitigation (Berms, Sound Walls)
- Public Art
- Wildfire Mitigation

Program

- Dog Park
- Bocce/Horseshoes/Cornhole
- Bicycle Pump Track & Skills Park
- Pollinator Gardening
- Picnicking
- Nature Play
- Gathering space / Welcome area
- Creek Access
- Wildlife Viewing
- Hiking /Walking
- Biking

Engagement & Events

- volunteer events*
- Tree Planting; Trash Pick-up
 - Plant 1,000 Camas program (fall bulb planting)
 - Park Stewards
 - Bicycle patrol
 - Donor/Gratitude Installations
- educational events*
- Bird / Nature Walks
 - Bicycle workshop/classes/maintenance clinic
 - Dog training classes; Agility competitions
 - Pokemon/ Digital Games
 - Kids Art (mosaics, painting)

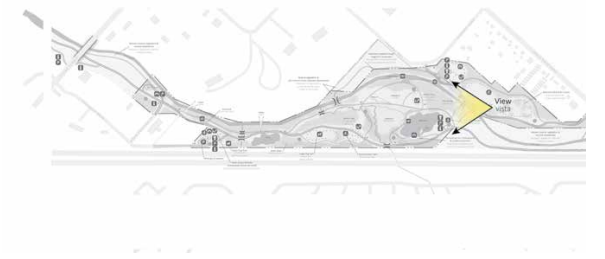
- annual or seasonal events*
- Fun Run; pumpkin toss; marches/parade
 - Food Trucks/Beer Garden/Ice Cream Kiosk
 - Rotating art installations
 - Tribute Trees; Memorial features
 - Greenway Festival: Bear Creek Restoration Celebration or White Goose Festival
 - Tree Planting; Riparian Restoration
 - Blackberry Removal
 - Adopt-a-Pollinator-Garden
 - Educational Programming
 - Native Plant Gathering & Native Foods



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DESIGN NARRATIVE

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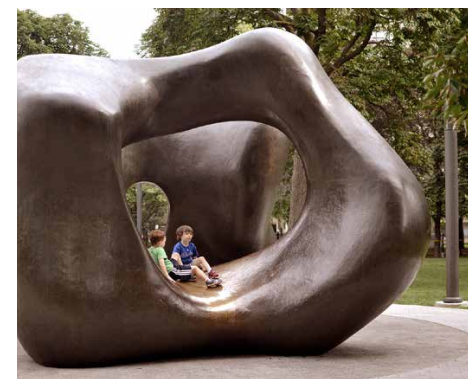


MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan design creates plenty of opportunities to explore the natural areas including Mingus Pond and Bear Creek. Viewing areas will be located along a new boardwalk, while a new path will follow the edge of Bear Creek and provide access to the water's edge. Two pedestrian bridges will cross the creek.

El tema de este diseño es abrazar el agua. El diseño crea muchas oportunidades para ver, caminar al lado y tocar el arroyo y los estanques. Las áreas de observación se ubicarían a lo largo del estanque Mingus, con un paseo marítimo alrededor de su borde. Un nuevo camino seguiría el borde de Bear Creek.

Bird's Eye View - Looking North



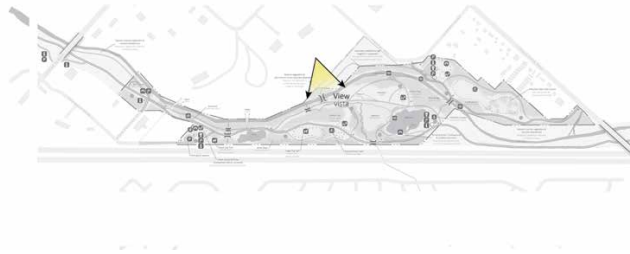
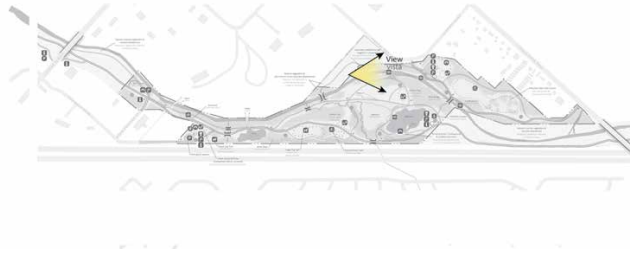


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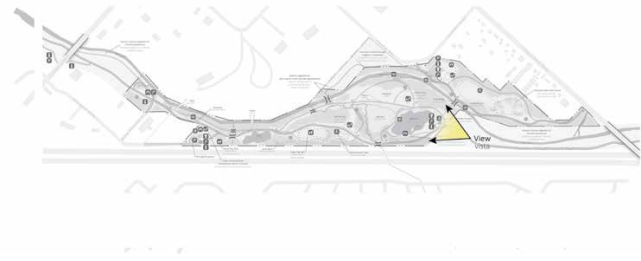
Bird's Eye View - Middle

bear creek and northern bridge (bottom); elk creek, nature play area, bicycle pump track (middle); dog park (right)





Pond Overlook welcome sign and kiosk with wayfinding/information; pollinator demonstration garden



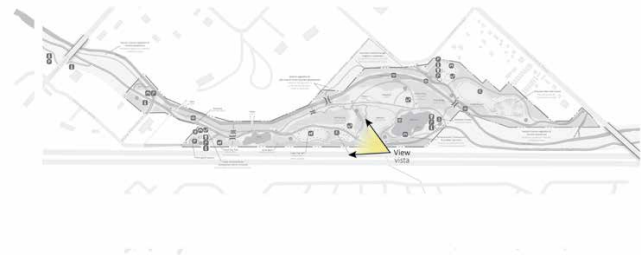
trail network, philadelphia



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Bicycle Pump Track & Nature Play Area



story mill park (design workshop)



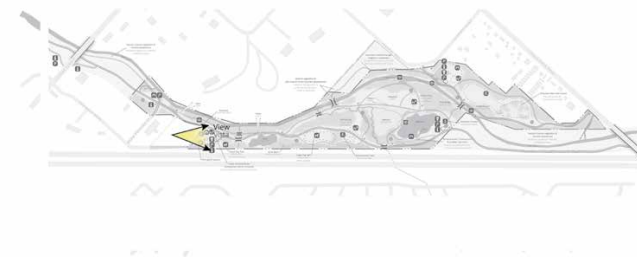
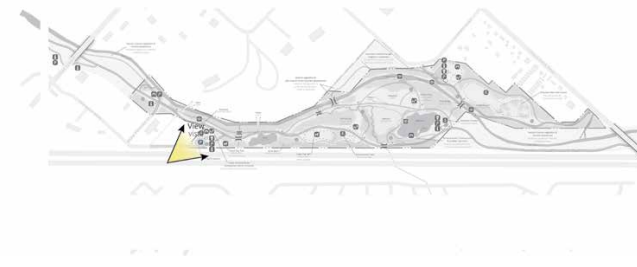
pump track (trail labs inc)



North Entrance/Welcome Plaza *orientation area, picnic area; kiosk with wayfinding/information; public art & pollinator garden. Overflow parking/ open lawn area*



North Entrance Welcome Plaza



story mill park (design workshop)



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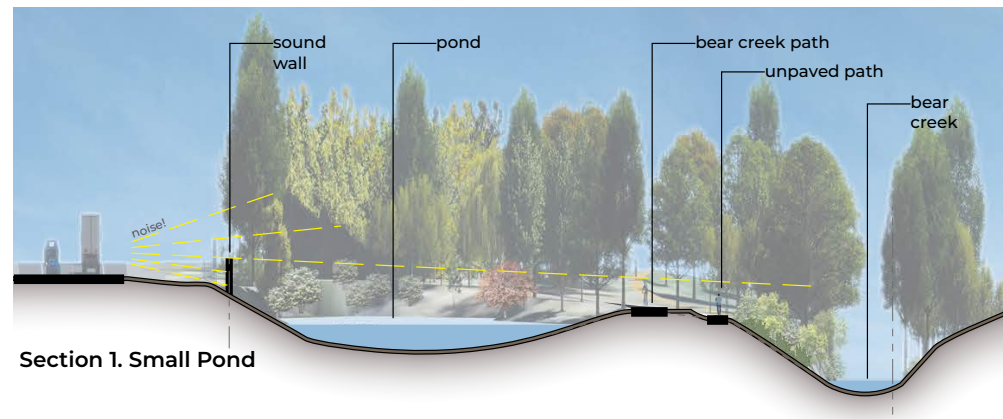
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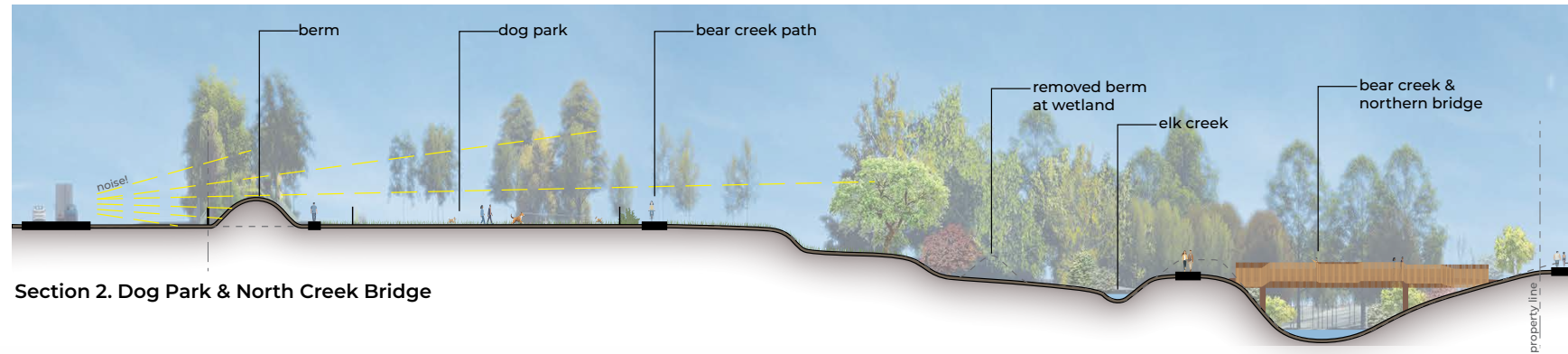
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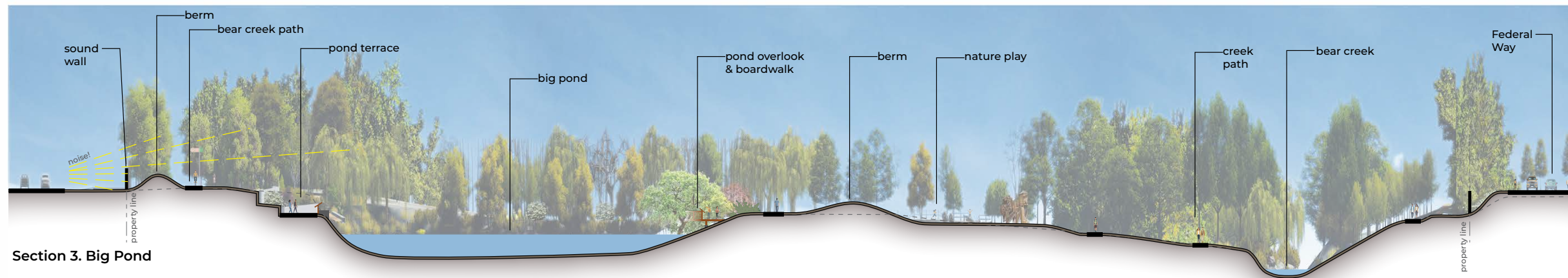
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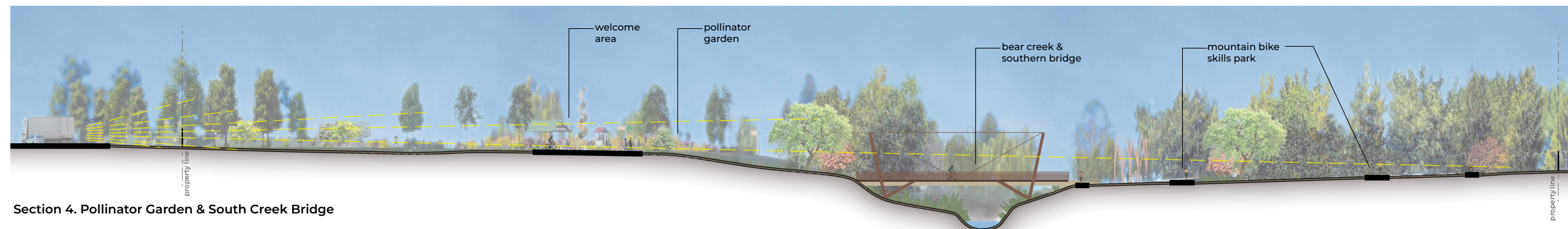
Section 1. Small Pond



Section 2. Dog Park & North Creek Bridge

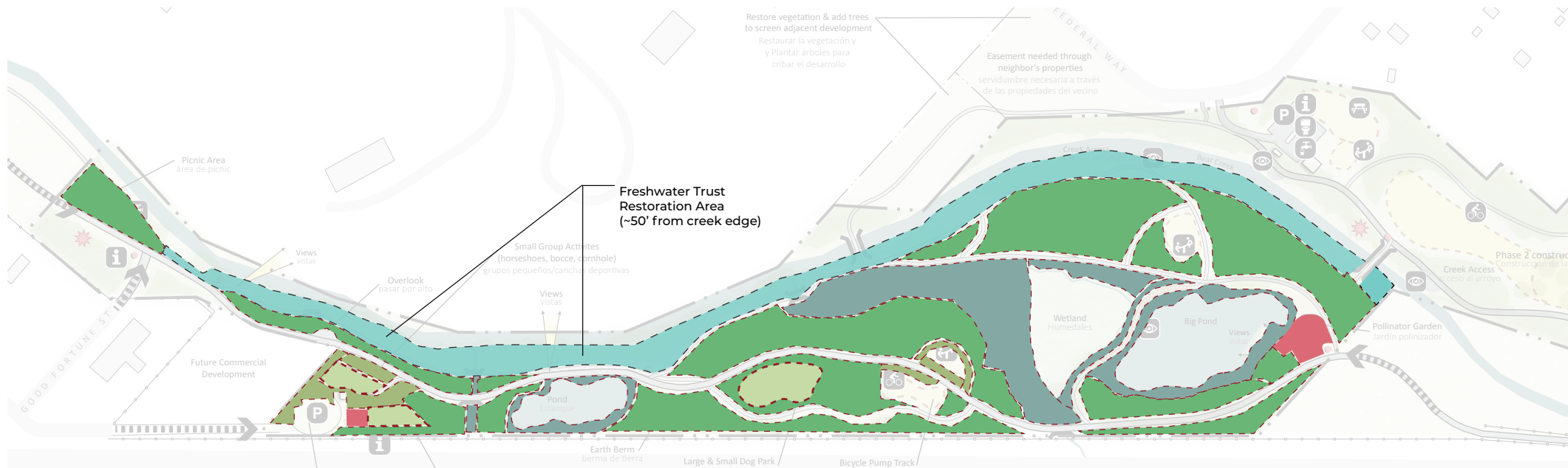


Section 3. Big Pond



Section 4. Pollinator Garden & South Creek Bridge

*vertical scale is 2x horizontal scale



Revegetation Areas - Phase 1

- Riparian Restoration = 2.5 acres
- Upland Restoration = 14 acres
- Pollinator Gardens = 5,000 square feet
- Ornamental Planting = 25,000 square feet
- Lawn (Eco-Mix drought-tolerant, mow/no-mow) = 37,000 square feet
- FreshWater Trust Restoration Work (2023-2024)

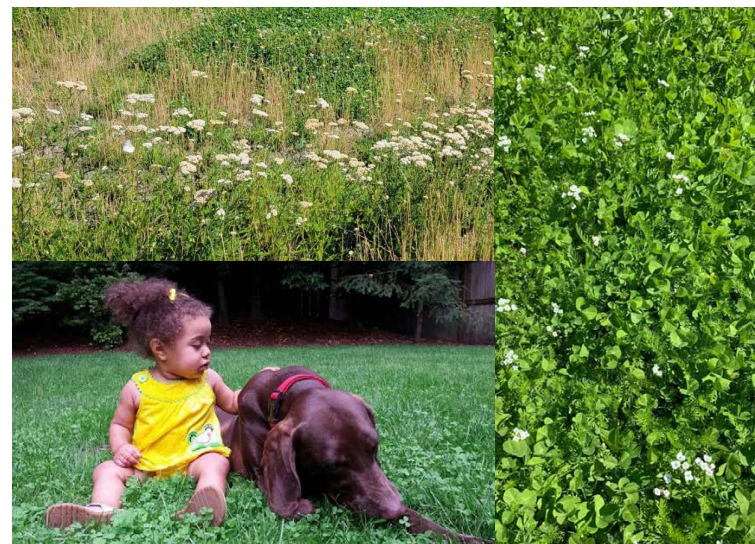
Upland Plant Community



Upland Plants for Restoration*

Botanical Name	Common Name
Holodiscus discolor	oceanspray
Oemleria cerasiformis	osoberry
Philadelphus lewesii	mock orange
Arbutus menziesii	Pacific madrone
Calocedrus decurrens	incense cedar
Hesperocyparis bakeri	Baker's cypress
Juniperus occidentalis	western juniper
Pinus lambertiana	sugar pine
Pinus ponderosa	ponderosa pine
Pinus sabiniana	grey pine
Quercus chrysolepis	canyon live oak
Quercus douglasii	blue oak
Quercus garryana	Oregon white oak
Quercus kelloggii	California black oak
Quercus lobata	valley oak
Quercus wizlitzii	interior live oak
Aesculus californica	California buckeye
Bacharis pilularis	coyote brush
Berberis aquifolium	tall Oregongrape
Cercis occidentalis	western redbud
Cercocarpus betuloides	birchleaf mountain mahogany
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	green rabbitbrush
Ericameria nauseosa	rubber rabbitbrush
Eriodictyon californicum	yerba santa
Frangula californica var. tomentella	hoary coffeeberry
Prunus emarginata	bitter cherry
Prunus subcordata	Klamath plum
Purshia tridentata	antelope bitterbrush
Rhus aromatica	skunkbush
Achillea millefolium	common yarrow
Anaphalis margaritacea	pearly everlasting
Asclepias fascicularis	narrow-leaved milkweed
Bromus sitchensis var. carinatus	California brome
Chamerion angustifolium	fireweed
Danthonia californica	California oat grass

*final plant list to be determined



Eco-Mix Lawn

Mix of Fescues and Ryegrass with Clovers, Allysum, & Yarrow, that can be mown or unmown

Riparian Plant Community



Riparian Plants for Restoration*

Botanical Name	Common Name
Acer macrophyllum	big-leaf maple
Alnus rhombifolia	white alder
Crataegus douglasii	black hawthorn
Frangula purshiana	casacara
Juglans hindsii	Hind's walnut
Plantanus racemosa	California sycamore
Populus trichocarpa	black cottonwood
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas-fir
Salix exigua	narrowleaf willow
Salix lasiandra var. lasiandra	Pacific willow
Salix lasiolepis	arroyo willow
Salix scouleriana	Scouler's willow
Amelanchier alnifolia	serviceberry
Physocarpus capitata	Pacific ninebark
Prunus virginiana var. demissa	western choke-cherry
Ribes inermis	whitestem gooseberry
Sambucus mexicana	blue elderberry
Spiraea douglasii	Douglas spirea
Symphoricarpos albus	common snowberry
Viburnum ellipticum	oval-leaved viburnum
Vitis californica	California grape
Bidens cernua	beggers ticks
Deschampsia cespitosa	tufted hairgrass
Deschampsia elongata	slender hairgrass
Dicentra formosa	bleeding heart
Lupinus polyphyllus	large-leaved lupine
Perideridia oregana	yampah

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CENTRAL POINT BEAR CREEK GREENWAY
MASTER PLAN PROJECT

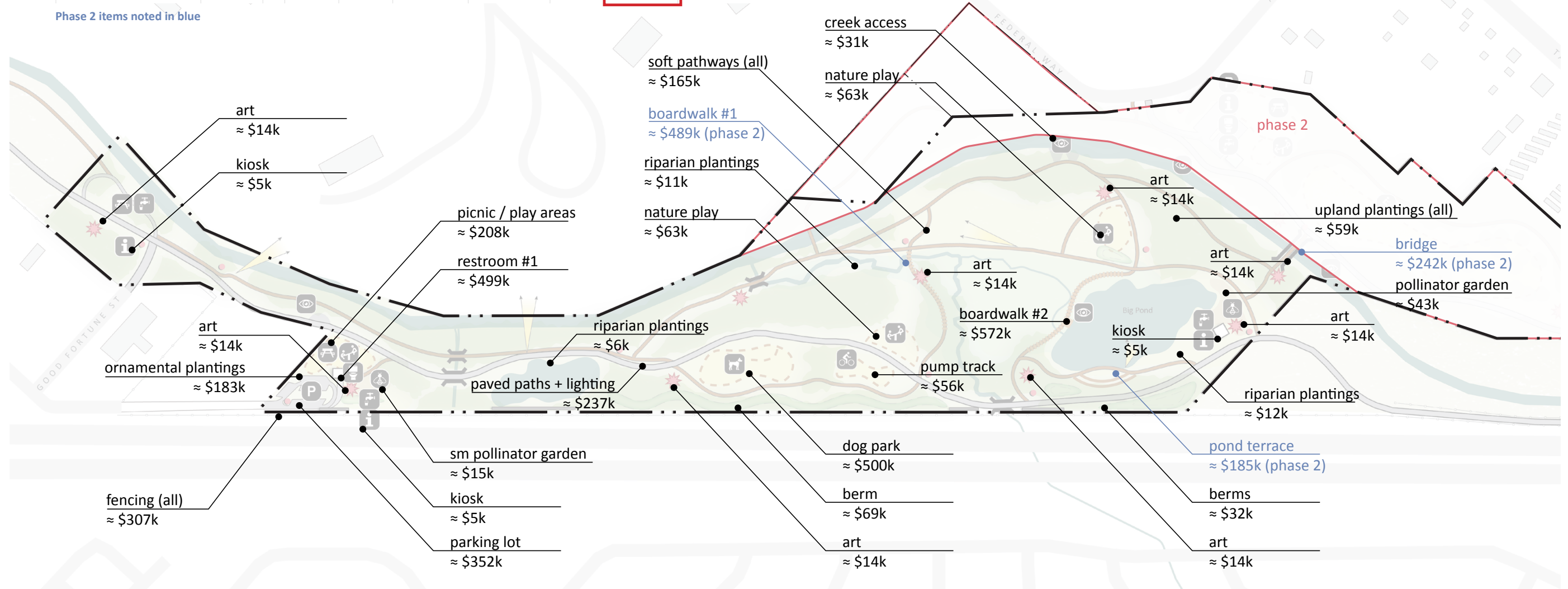
PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION

January 25, 2024



ITEM	MEASUREMENT	UNIT	ESTIMATE	COST/UNIT	% INCREASE (SITE PREP & FURNISHINGS)	WITH MARKUPS	COST/UNIT	VALUE ENGINEERED PHASE #1	COMMENTS
BERMS	1,535	LF	\$68,250	\$44.46	\$78,612	\$101,910	\$66.39	\$101,910	
PATHS, SOFT SURFACE	40,378	LF	\$110,845	\$2.75	\$127,675	\$165,512	\$4.10	\$165,512	
PATHS, PAVED + LIGHTING	43,000	LF	\$243,184	\$5.66	\$280,106	\$363,118	\$8.44	\$237,206	SOLAR LIGHT ALTERNATE
BOARDWALKS	651	LF	\$711,181	\$1,092.44	\$819,159	\$1,061,923	\$1,631.22	\$572,923	BOARDWALK #1 IS IN PHASE 2
BRIDGE	1	EA	\$162,000	\$162,000.00	\$186,596	\$241,895	\$241,895.46	\$0	PHASE 2
PARKING LOT + LIGHTING	8,600	SF	\$236,206	\$27.47	\$272,069	\$352,699	\$41.01	\$352,699	
ROADWAY+UTILITIES	540	LF	\$377,518	\$699.11	\$434,836	\$563,703	\$1,043.89	\$0	REMOVED, BY OTHERS
FENCING & GATES	2,800	LF	\$205,952	\$73.55	\$237,222	\$307,524	\$109.83	\$307,524	
RESTROOM AT PARKING, INCL UTILITIES	1	EA	\$334,216	\$334,216.00	\$384,960	\$499,045	\$499,045.26	\$499,045	
RESTROOM AT POND, INCL UTILITIES	1	EA	\$632,376	\$632,376.00	\$728,389	\$944,252	\$944,252.35	\$0	REMOVED
KIOSKS	3	EA	\$45,846	\$15,282.00	\$52,807	\$68,456	\$22,818.80	\$15,000	
PICNIC & PLAY AREA @ PARKING	29,161	SF	\$139,205	\$4.77	\$160,340	\$207,858	\$7.13	\$207,858	
DOG PARK, SM	10,890	SF	\$63,719	\$5.85	\$73,393	\$95,144	\$8.74	\$0	REMOVED
DOG PARK, LG + WATER	50,094	SF	\$411,931	\$8.22	\$474,474	\$615,088	\$12.28	\$500,000	REDUCED SIZE
PUMP TRACK	7,000	SF	\$37,750	\$5.39	\$43,482	\$56,368	\$8.05	\$56,368	
CREEK ACCESS	3,400	SF	\$21,000	\$6.18	\$24,188	\$31,357	\$9.22	\$31,357	
POND OVEROOK	6,500	SF	\$124,235	\$19.11	\$143,098	\$185,505	\$28.54	\$0	PHASE 2
NATURE PLAY	10,795	SF	\$84,966	\$7.87	\$97,866	\$126,870	\$11.75	\$126,870	
ART	8	EA	\$75,000	\$9,375.00	\$86,387	\$111,989	\$13,998.58	\$111,989	
PLANTINGS, RIPARIAN + PREP	108,900	SF	\$19,950	\$0.18	\$22,979	\$29,789	\$0.27	\$29,789	
PLANTINGS, UPLAND + PREP	609,840	SF	\$39,605	\$0.06	\$45,618	\$59,137	\$0.10	\$59,137	
PLANTINGS, ENTRANCE + PREP	18,000	SF	\$123,067	\$6.84	\$141,752	\$183,762	\$10.21	\$183,762	
PLANTINGS, POLLINATOR + PREP	9,500	SF	\$64,952	\$6.84	\$74,814	\$96,985	\$10.21	\$58,191	REDUCED SIZE
PLANTINGS, MATURE TREES + PREP	65	EA	\$38,925	\$598.85	\$44,835	\$58,122	\$894.19	\$58,122	
TOTAL	2,265,120	SF		\$2.24	\$5,063,596	\$6,564,228	\$2.90	\$3,675,261	

Phase 2 items noted in blue





Creekside Natural Area

SITE ANALYSIS & SETTING

The Creekside Property is a 34.2 acre site located on both the east and west sides of Bear Creek. The south side of the site is bordered by the Upton Road overpass and Jackson County Expo properties. Interstate 5 borders the west side with Bear Creek Orchards and Jackson County properties on the north. The east side is bordered by the Boes Subdivision which consists of 48 homes.

The concept plan includes analysis of topography, hydrology, ecology, access, noise pollution, wind, soils, and scenic values. There are currently no amenities located on the site, other than informal dirt road/paths.

Water

The site's hydrology includes Bear Creek as the primary feature flowing south to north through the property. On both sides of the creek are riparian areas formed by the floodplain of the creek. There are several wetland/small ponds located in the riparian areas. The confluence of Griffin Creek and Bear Creek is on the northwest section of the project area. Similarly to Bear Creek, Griffin Creek does not meet water quality standards for temperature. Recently, a beaver dam has been constructed on the north end of the site, creating a small beaver pond upstream of the dam.

Circulation & Access

Access to the planning area is limited. One access point is at the intersection of Raymond Way and Old Upton Road, where an informal dirt area allows for some off-street parking. Another potential access point is at the end of Boes Avenue. There is no direct link to the east side of the property from the Bear Creek path. The Bear Creek path runs through the west side of the property, accessed near the south end of the property off Peninger Road. The rest of the east side of the property is inaccessible due to dense vegetation and blackberries. Other than the Bear Creek path, bicycle routes are limited. There are bicycle lanes on both sides of Upton Road until its intersection with Old Upton Road.

A dirt road runs through the center of the east side of the planning site. Other dirt roads occur in the project area, including one that leads to the east side of the creek and terminates in the floodplain, and another that connects to Boes Avenue from the center path. The Bear Creek Greenway Trail is on the west side of the Creekside Property, separated from the larger area by Bear Creek.

Topography & Soils

The topography and soils of the Creekside property have been formed by the drainages of Griffin and Bear Creek. It is evident where the floodplain of Bear Creek has created a basin below the adjacent residential and agricultural fields. Past agricultural use is evident in at least one former pond on the northeast side of the property, which appears to be an abandoned stock pond. Another pond is located on the southeast end, which appears to have been created as part of the construction of Interstate 5.

Soils are composed primarily of Camas-Newberg-Evans complex, which are deep, well drained soils that form in mixed sandy and gravelly alluvium and are typical for the floodplain of Bear Creek. Depth to bedrock is typically 60 inches or more. The other dominant soil type is Medford silty clay loam, which is very

deep (more than 60 inches) and moderately well drained fine textured soil that forms the base of alluvial fans in the Rogue Valley.

The existing topography presents opportunities for development on the flat areas of the property. Steeper areas and those located within the floodplain will require less intense development and new features, e.g. use of soft-surface walking paths, low-impact play structures of natural materials. Topography can also be manipulated to assist with noise reduction from the interstate and to create seating areas that might be quieter.

Vegetation

The Creekside property has a diversity of mature riparian vegetation composed of predominately deciduous trees: willow, cottonwood, alder, Hind's walnut, and Oregon ash. Areas of non-native vegetation persist, including pockets of Himalayan blackberry, teasel, purple loosestrife, star thistle, Queen Anne's lace, cheatgrass, and reed canary grass.

In recent years, the City of Central Point implemented a pilot project with assistance from the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) to reduce wildfire risk in the riparian area of Bear Creek in the Creekside planning area. In 2020, work crews removed blackberries, brush and thinned small trees in an 8.5 acre area with the goal of creating a healthier riparian area that would be less prone to wildfires. The burn project took place in spring of 2023. As a part of this project a riparian planting plan was developed but has not been implemented at this time.

The overstory canopy trees are in good condition and have a fairly natural mixture and structure. In contrast, the understory is highly altered and disturbed, and is composed of primarily nonnative and invasive species, even after the blackberry removal. There is a large population of invasive European plum which grows throughout the site. Although control in the form of tree removal has occurred, stump sprouting and seedling establishment will likely continue. (Boes Property Vegetation Inventory, Siskiyou Ecological Services, May 2023).

The project area contains two flat areas, one on the north side and another on the south side of the site, which are currently dominated by non-native weedy grass species. A plan has been developed to create a pollinator garden adjacent to the current entrance and parking area.

The concept design will include recommendations for preserving existing mature trees and restoring the understory and meadow vegetation. Opportunities exist to integrate native plants throughout the project site.

The 2023 Boes Property Vegetation Inventory recommends continued blackberry maintenance, European plum control and the control of other noxious or non-native species herbaceous species such as star thistle and rush skeletonweed. Stump sprouting of European plum can be controlled by manual treatments in the spring and summer. Native herbaceous wildflowers and grasses can be seeded into the burned areas in the fall to help outcompete non-native species on site, and to encourage more native flowering plants for the benefit of native pollinators and wildlife. Continued maintenance of the riparian woodland that favors both mature and younger native trees and shrubs would be beneficial, and planting

additional native trees and shrubs in the fall or early winter could also be helpful to encourage more species diversity. Native conifer species like ponderosa pine and incense cedar could be planted at low density in the riparian woodland, along with a diversity of native shrubs and understory species.

Views

Within the east side of the project site, views are more enclosed than along the Greenway property, and are typically to the creek, or across the open fields to the floodplain. Views to the surrounding landscape are most apparent on the upper northeastern hill at the entrance from Boes Avenue, with glimpses of the Table Rocks to the north and mountains to the west of town. These views are not visible along other portions of the site, which are enclosed by vegetation. Opportunities exist to create views to the creek from proposed trails, open part of the view to the north towards Table Rocks, or create mini-vistas along the central walking path.

Magic Spots

The landscape includes places that provide a combination of aspect, view, vegetation, and water that combine to create a setting that feels unique and comfortable. Within the Creekside property, several places occur within the existing landscape that provide opportunities to incorporate outdoor learning, gathering areas, or play areas within these naturally occurring magic spots.

The design team has identified these during the course of field investigations, which include groves of mature cottonwood stands, natural topographic features, creek intersections, and opportunities to see wildlife. The design will consider these spots as the concept plan unfolds.

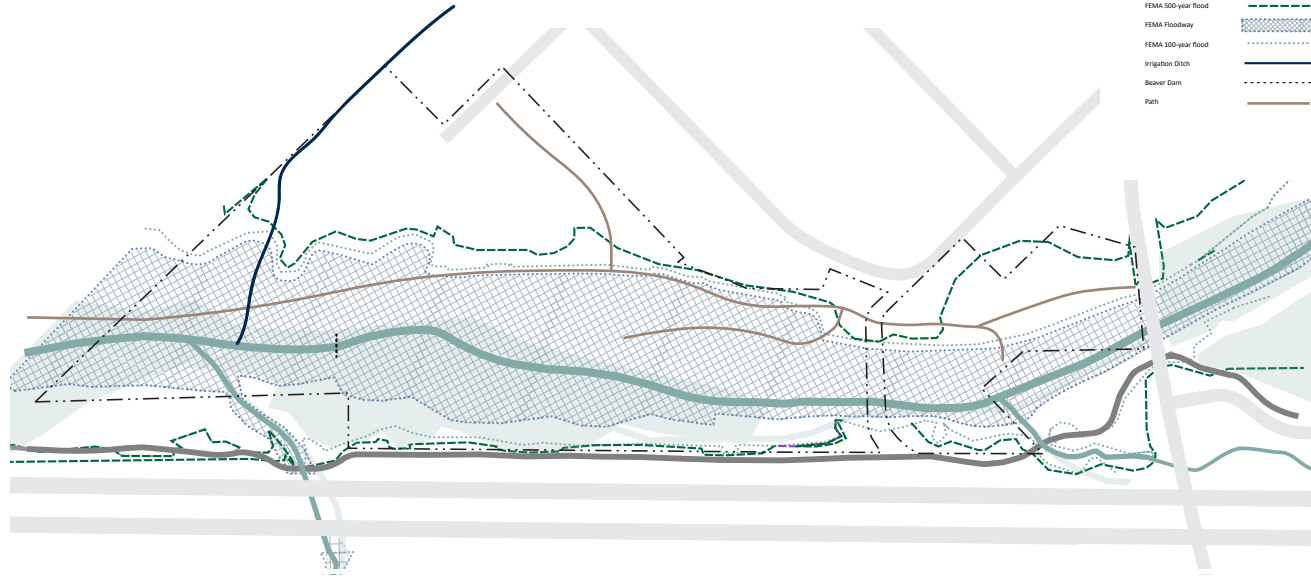
Utilities

Existing utilities include a Rogue Valley Sewer System mainline running though the east side of the property. A water line runs from Old Upton Road to the small shed on the east side of the property. Connections to utilities are available from Old Upton Road and Boes Avenue.

water

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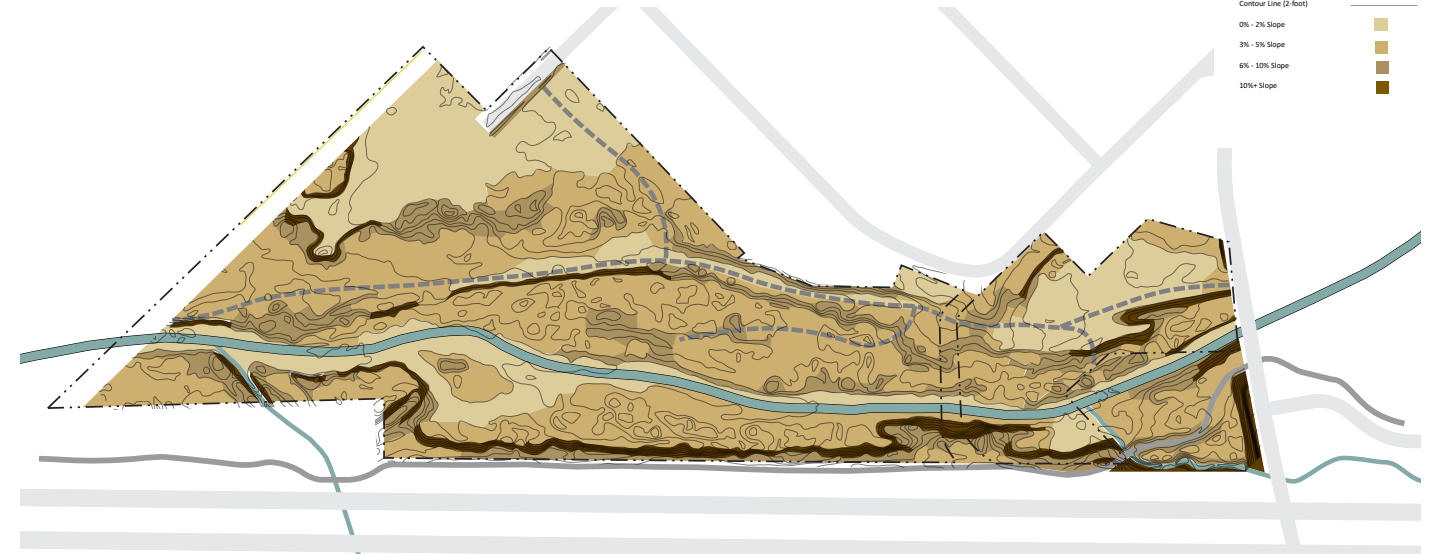
- Creekside Natural Area / City of Central Point Property
- Road
- Bear Creek Greenway
- Stream
- FEMA 500-year flood
- FEMA Floodway
- FEMA 100-year flood
- Irrigation Ditch
- Beaver Dam
- Path



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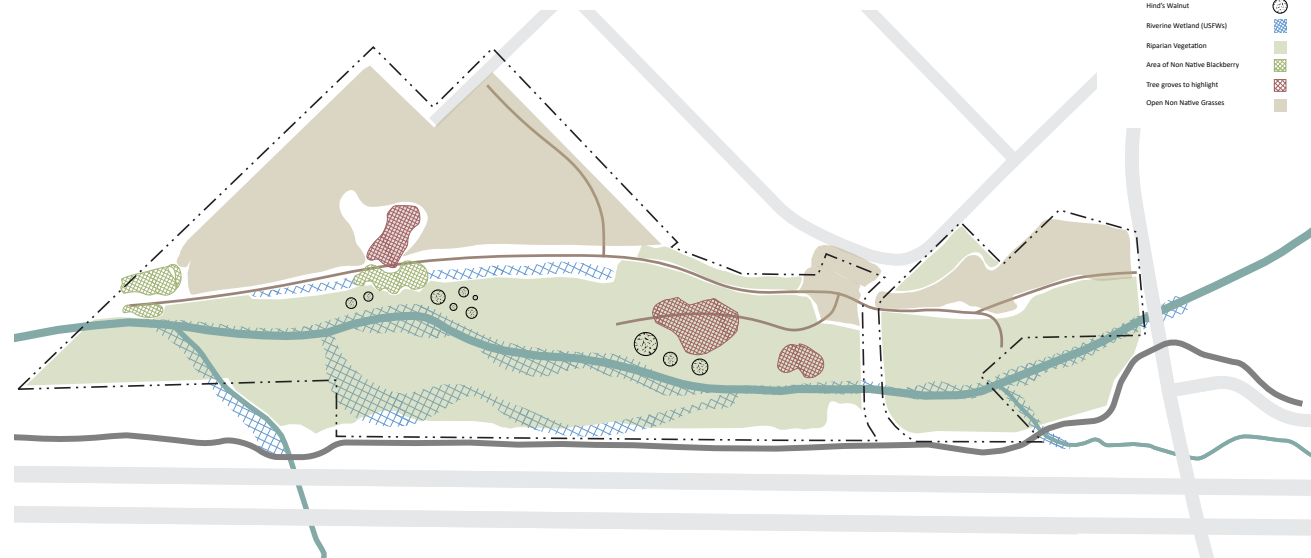
- Creekside Natural Area / City of Central Point Property
- Road
- Path
- Bear Creek Greenway
- Stream
- Contour Line (2-foot)
- 0% - 2% Slope
- 3% - 5% Slope
- 6% - 10% Slope
- 10%+ Slope



vegetation

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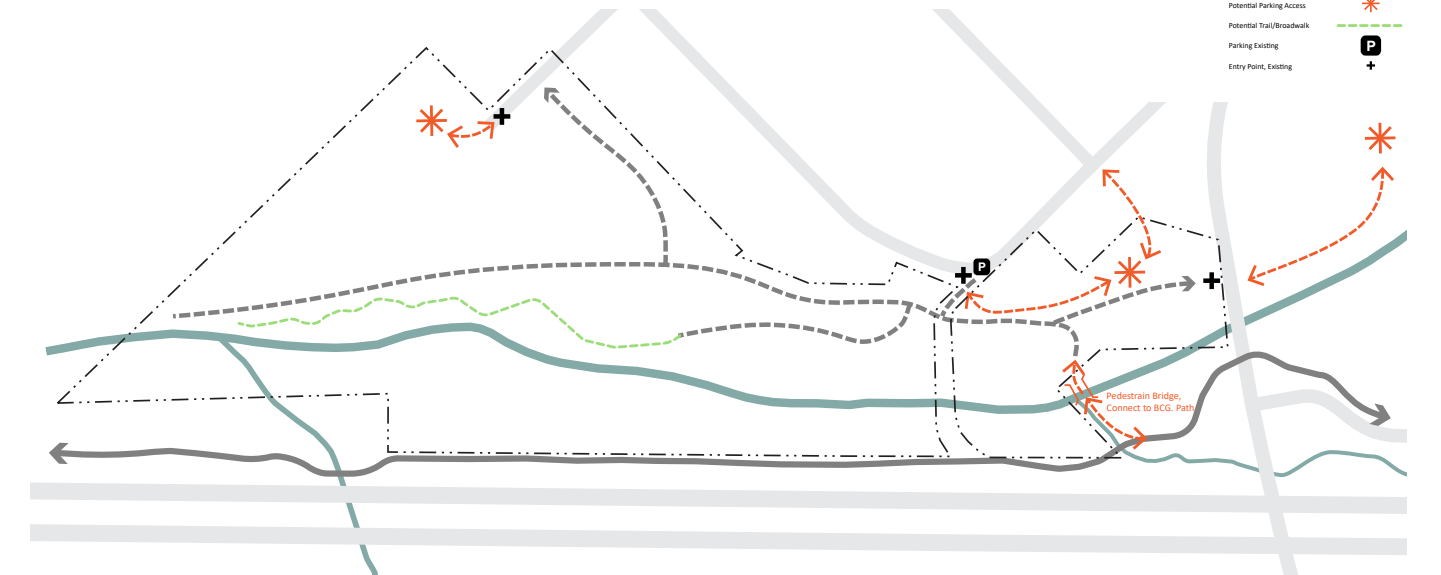
- Creekside Natural Area / City of Central Point Property
- Road
- Path
- Bear Creek Greenway
- Stream
- Hind's Walnut
- Riverine Wetland (RFPWs)
- Riparian Vegetation
- Area of Non Native Blackberry
- Tree groves to highlight
- Open Non Native Grasses



circulation & access

LEGEND

- Creekside Natural Area / City of Central Point Property
- Road
- Existing Path
- Bear Creek Greenway
- Stream
- Potential Parking Access
- Potential Trail/Broadwalk
- Parking Existing
- Entry Point, Ending



Creekside - Existing Site Conditions



LEGEND

- Creekside Natural Area / City of Central Point Property
- Road
- Path
- Bear Creek Greenway
- Stream
- Tax Lot
- FEMA 100-year Floodplain
- Building/Structure
- Contour Line (2-foot)
- Magic Spot ★
- Prominent View ★

CREEKSIDE NATURAL AREA DRAFT CONCEPTS

The design team developed two draft conceptual plans for the Creekside Natural Area, which were reviewed by members of the Ad Hoc Committee and shared with members of the community during a public meeting on October 18, 2023.



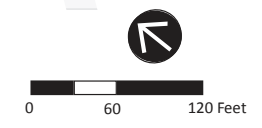
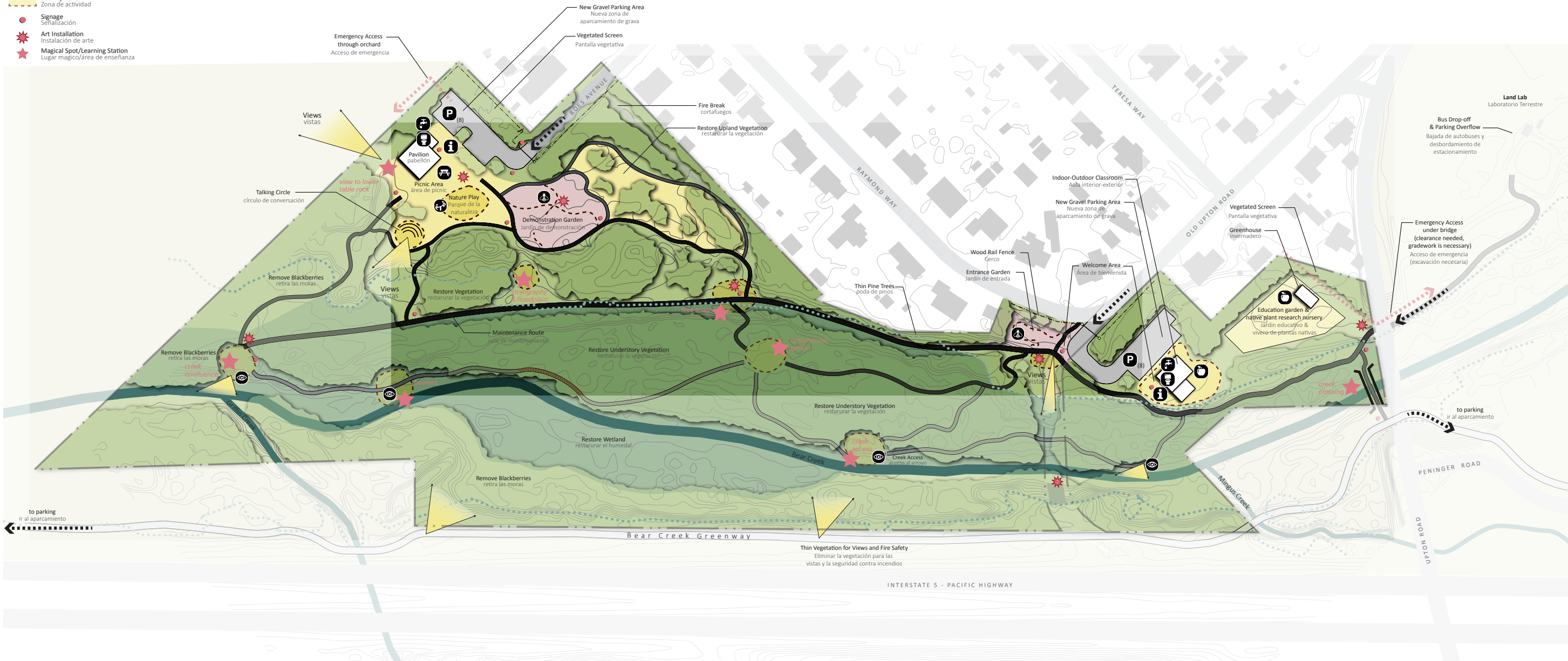


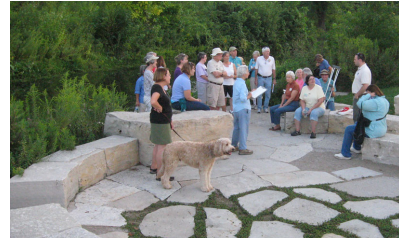
Legend
Leyenda

- Central Point Property
Central Point Propiedad
- Existing Contour Line (2-foot)
Línea de contorno existente (2-pies)
- FEMA 100-year Floodplain
Inundación de 100 años de FEMA
- Decomposed Granite Path
Camino de granito
- Unpaved/Wood Chip Path
Camino sin pavimentar
- Gate
Puerta
- ||||| Boardwalk
Paseo marítimo
- ◀ Park Access Point
Punto de acceso al parque
- New Structure
Nueva estructura
- ▨ Activity Zone
Zona de actividad
- Signage
Señalización
- ★ Art Installation
Instalación de arte
- ★ Magical Spot/Learning Station
Lugar mágico/área de enseñanza

- Vegetation**
Vegetación
- Meadow
Pradera
 - Woods
Selva
 - Demonstration Garden
Jardín de demostración
 - Riparian Restoration Area
Restorar la vegetación ribereña

- P Parking Lot
Estacionamiento
- i Information Kiosk
Puesto de información
- 🪵 Picnic Area
Área de picnic
- 🚻 Restrooms
Baños
- 🚰 Drinking Water
Agua potable
- 👁 Nature Overlook
Mirador de la naturaleza
- 🐝 Pollinator Garden
Jardín de polinizadores
- 🎮 Nature Play
Parque de la naturaleza
- 🎓 Outdoor Classroom
Aula al aire libre





CONCEPTUAL PLAN NARRATIVE

The concept design for the Creekside Natural Area creates a place where Central Point residents can interact with nature. The design focuses on providing outdoor passive recreation and hands-on environmental education. The design aims to ensure public accessibility, allowing people to have direct and meaningful experiences with the natural environment, with wildfire resiliency being an important element.

Design elements include structures to provide classroom space, restrooms and drinking water. An indoor-outdoor classroom, greenhouse, and native plant research nursery would be located on the southern end of the site. Access would be available for school groups from the adjacent Land Lab, where bus parking would be available.

The northern end of the property would have a picnic area with shade structure and restroom, a nature play area, gathering circle, and demonstration garden. Views to the Table Rocks and Bear Creek will be framed by vegetation and a new welcome area will greet visitors at the entrance to the property.

Access to the riparian area would be formalized with new soft-surface walking paths, overlooks, and places to interact with the creek. New trails throughout the property will provide alternative routes and multiple options to explore the area. Throughout the Natural Area, a series of "magical spots" will serve as learning stations, for kids and adults to learn about various aspects of the natural environment. Wayfinding, educational signs, and artwork would be incorporated throughout the property. Opportunities exist to involve indigenous community members in placemaking throughout the property.

Preserving and restoring the natural spaces is a crucial objective of the park design. Existing groves of mature trees will be protected, while removing large patches of invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry. Higher elevations of the property would be restored to native upland vegetation with drought-tolerant trees dispersed throughout a re-seeded meadow of native grasses and forbs. Riparian vegetation will be restored, to include establishing native understory plants that will provide habitat for birds and insects while keeping out invasive species.

El diseño conceptual del Área Natural de Creekside crea un lugar donde los residentes de Central Point pueden interactuar con la naturaleza. El diseño se centra en proporcionar recreación pasiva al aire libre y educación ambiental práctica. El diseño tiene como objetivo garantizar la accesibilidad pública, permitiendo que las personas tengan experiencias directas y significativas con el entorno natural, siendo la resiliencia a los incendios forestales un elemento importante.

Los elementos de diseño incluyen estructuras para proporcionar espacio en las aulas, baños y agua potable. Un aula al aire libre, un invernadero y un vivero de investigación de plantas nativas se ubicarían en el extremo sur del sitio. El acceso estaría disponible para grupos escolares desde el Land Lab adyacente, donde habría estacionamiento para autobuses.

El extremo norte de la propiedad tendría un área de picnic con estructura de sombra y baño, un área de juegos en la naturaleza, un círculo de reunión y un jardín de demostración. Las vistas a Table Rocks y Bear Creek estarán enmarcadas por la vegetación y una nueva área de bienvenida dará la bienvenida a los visitantes en la entrada de la propiedad.

El acceso al área ribereña se formalizaría con nuevos senderos de superficie blanda, miradores y lugares para interactuar con el arroyo. Los nuevos senderos en toda la propiedad proporcionarían rutas alternativas y múltiples opciones para explorar el área. A lo largo del Espacio Natural, una serie de "rincones mágicos" servirán como estaciones de aprendizaje, para que niños y adultos aprendan sobre diversos aspectos del entorno natural. La orientación, los letreros educativos y las obras de arte se incorporarán en toda la propiedad.

Preservar y restaurar los espacios naturales es un objetivo crucial del diseño del parque. Se protegerán las arboledas de árboles maduros existentes, al tiempo que se eliminarán grandes parches de especies invasoras como la mora del Himalaya. Las elevaciones más altas de la propiedad se restaurarían a la vegetación nativa de tierras altas con árboles tolerantes a la sequía dispersos a lo largo de una pradera resembrada de pastos y hierbas nativas. Se restaurará la vegetación ribereña, lo que incluirá el establecimiento de plantas nativas del sotobosque que proporcionarán hábitat para aves e insectos y mantendrán alejadas a las especies invasoras.



Design Elements

- Furnishings (benches, tables, trash/recycle)
- Vegetation Restoration
- Wayfinding & Signage
- Safety Features (gates; fencing)
- Trails & Boardwalk; overlooks
- Restroom & Drinking Water
- Shade Pavilion
- Indoor-Outdoor Classroom
- Greenhouse & Plant Nursery
- Public Art
- Wildfire Mitigation

Engagement & Events

- Tree Planting, Riparian Restoration
- Blackberry Removal
- Adopt-a-Pollinator-Garden
- Bird / Nature Walks
- Educational Programming
- Kids Art (mosaics, painting)
- Native Plant Gathering & Native Foods
- Murals & Public Art
- Park Steward / Park Ranger

Program

- Nature Watching
- Pollinator Gardening
- Picnicking
- Nature Play
- Outdoor Classroom
- Nursery and Research Gardening
- Creek Access / Viewing
- Hiking / Walking

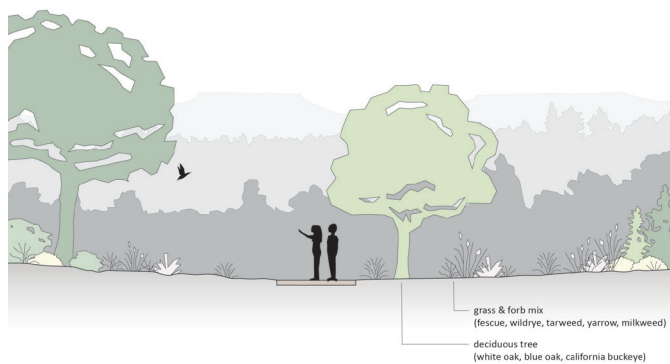


CREEKSIDE CONCEPTUAL PLAN

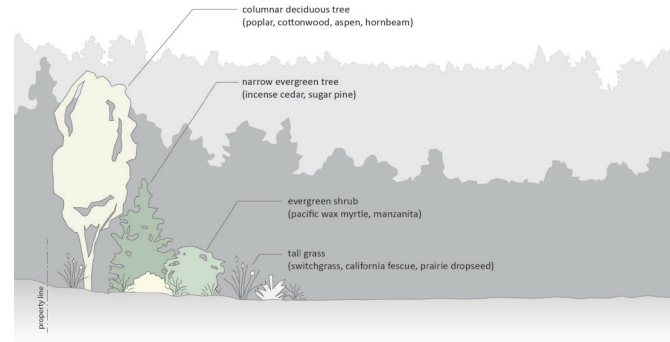
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El diseño conceptual del Área Natural de Creekside se centra en proporcionar recreación y educación al aire libre en toda la propiedad. Un aula al aire libre, un invernadero y un vivero de investigación de plantas nativas se ubicarían en el extremo sur del sitio. El extremo norte tendría un área de picnic con refugio, un área de juegos en la naturaleza, un círculo de reunión y un jardín de demostración. El acceso a la zona ribereña se formalizaría con nuevos senderos para caminar y lugares para ver e interactuar con el arroyo. Las obras de arte se incorporarían en todo el espacio.

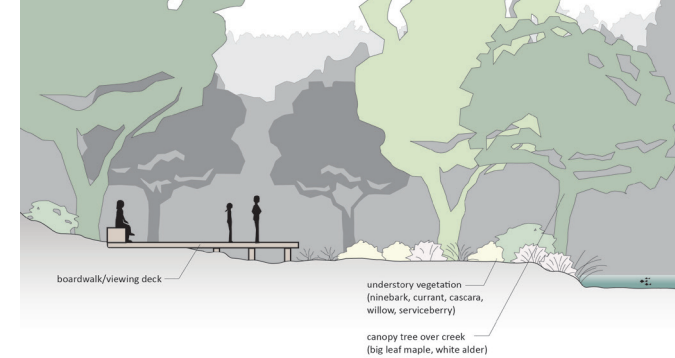
RESTORED MEADOW/UPLAND



VEGETATED SCREEN AT PROPERTY LINE



RIPARIAN AREA



Appendices

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

POLICE STATISTICS

Q1 How do you currently use the Central Point section of the Bear Creek Greenway?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cycling, occasionally running	9/4/2023 3:52 PM
2	I do not use.	8/27/2023 6:11 PM
3	Cycling	8/26/2023 10:40 PM
4	Attending service projects to clean up greenway	8/26/2023 5:18 PM
5	Biking with rest stops	8/26/2023 3:58 PM
6	I don't because of the homeless.	8/26/2023 3:25 PM
7	I currently don't. Years ago I used it for bike rides.	8/21/2023 11:36 AM
8	I currently don't but would like to if it were better maintained and secured.	8/17/2023 5:26 PM
9	Walking for exercise	8/15/2023 5:50 AM
10	I don't use it at all.	8/11/2023 1:58 PM
11	We don't! We don't feel it is safe at all!	8/10/2023 11:15 AM
12	Never use this	8/10/2023 11:09 AM
13	Don't currently use it	8/8/2023 1:14 PM
14	Hiking	8/5/2023 12:58 PM
15	We don't use it. It's not safe	8/4/2023 11:31 AM
16	I never use anymore because of the homeless.	8/3/2023 6:47 PM
17	Rarely will bike on it	8/3/2023 5:26 PM
18	I don't.	8/3/2023 3:34 PM
19	I don't	8/3/2023 1:08 PM
20	Rarely ever	8/2/2023 5:27 PM
21	I don't as there's too many homeless riff raff, no shade and I don't feel safe	8/2/2023 1:55 PM
22	It is not safe at this time for people to walk alone, so I do not	8/2/2023 11:10 AM
23	Occasional bike rides	8/1/2023 7:35 PM
24	I don't. We moved here 2+years ago and were warned by many people it was not safe and to stay away. This sad truth has been confirmed many times to us. So until the state quits shipping their parolees to Medford & Central Point, and until the Governor/State quits giving out free needles and tin foil and wants to grant every homeless person \$1000 a month - this problem will continue and so will the danger.	8/1/2023 4:46 PM
25	I walk on it for exercise, find sheltered spots along the trail where I can see nature, the fish in the creek.	8/1/2023 3:14 PM
26	I avoid the Bear Creek area adjacent to Central Point due to the homeless. I do go to the Bear Creek area beyond Medford, as this area seems safer. I hope that this improvement to the Greenway will be favorable for families to use this great space.	8/1/2023 8:19 AM
27	I don't, it's not safe and it's too isolated. When I was a kid, before the bike path, I rode my horse there.	7/31/2023 6:41 PM

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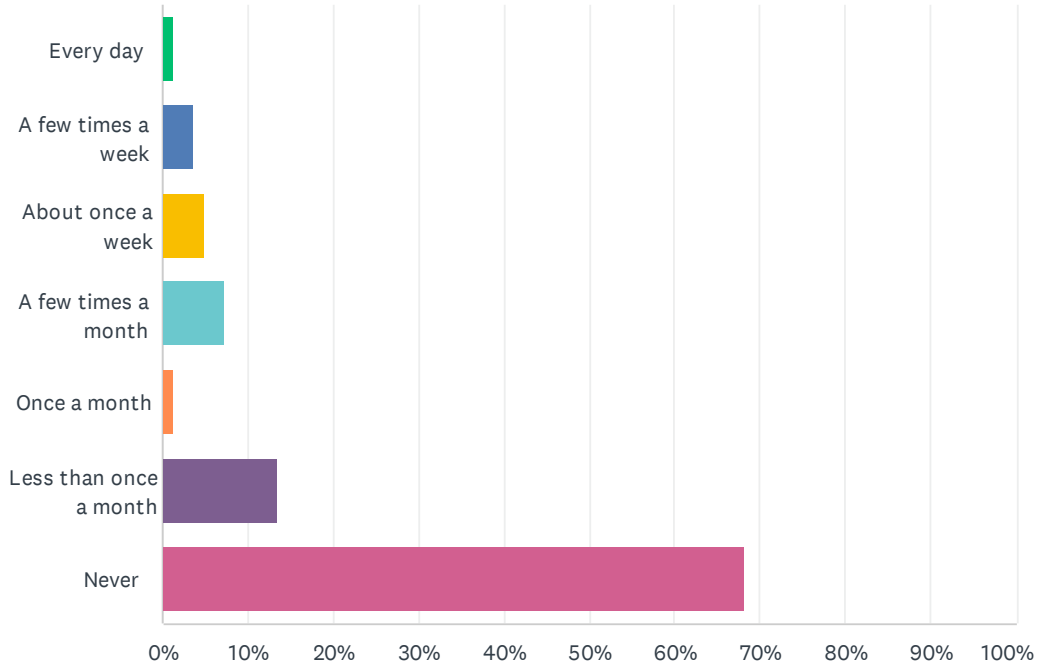
28	We don't. Tried it once when 1st got here and couldn't see the creek. Haven't tried it since the fire. This is partly because of anecdotal reports of issues with homeless people.	7/31/2023 6:40 PM
29	Running and biking	7/31/2023 1:20 PM
30	I don't. Where is it? What is there? How do I access it?	7/31/2023 11:37 AM
31	Not often worry it's unsafe	7/31/2023 11:36 AM
32	we don't	7/31/2023 11:36 AM
33	Walking	7/31/2023 10:08 AM
34	I ride my bike	7/31/2023 4:01 AM
35	Not at all, I don't feel safe	7/30/2023 11:18 PM
36	I avoid using it. It's not safe.	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
37	We don't anymore because it is unsafe due to the homeless and truckers promiscuous activities down by the creek due to Pilot	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
38	Walking	7/30/2023 10:24 PM
39	We don't. It is not safe or clean. I would never go on it, take my family on it, or recommend it to anyone.	7/30/2023 10:18 PM
40	Never use	7/30/2023 9:19 PM
41	I don't, too many transient drug users.	7/30/2023 8:59 PM
42	WE DON'T DUE TO ALL THE DRUGS, RAPES, STABBINGS & THE FACT IT IS A HUGE TOILET FOR THE HOMELESS.	7/30/2023 8:09 PM
43	I don't. I don't feel it's safe yet, due to the homeless population.	7/30/2023 6:45 PM
44	I don't because of the vagrants.	7/30/2023 6:30 PM
45	I don't	7/30/2023 5:54 PM
46	No. I feel it's too dangerous.	7/30/2023 5:04 PM
47	Not able to	7/30/2023 5:02 PM
48	I don't	7/30/2023 4:24 PM
49	I avoid at all costs. Until ALL homeless and transients are removed from the entire Greenway and not allowed to come back my family will never go there. It's filthy, polluted, unattractive, scary, and unsafe for a myriad of reasons.	7/30/2023 4:10 PM
50	I don't, and won't, use it.	7/30/2023 4:09 PM
51	I don't. Not safe to use.	7/30/2023 4:08 PM
52	Only when there has been organized actives. Such as the Rogue half marathon	7/30/2023 3:48 PM
53	I don't since its too dangerous	7/30/2023 3:45 PM
54	I do not. Our first week living here in July 2018, my kids and I were accosted by two homeless men near the Expo. They put up fishing line on the trail and threatened us. We haven't gone back since.	7/30/2023 3:32 PM
55	I don't because I don't feel it is a safe environment	7/30/2023 3:29 PM
56	We can't to many homeless bums and drugs.	7/30/2023 3:17 PM
57	I don't	7/30/2023 2:56 PM
58	I don't use it, too many homeless and it scares me	7/30/2023 2:55 PM
59	I don't due to the homeless population	7/30/2023 2:54 PM
60	I don't use it	7/30/2023 2:07 PM

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61	I roller skate it/bike/walk my dogs	7/29/2023 4:56 PM
62	Bike ride	7/29/2023 4:45 PM
63	Hiking walking	7/29/2023 4:38 PM
64	I don't.	7/29/2023 2:04 PM
65	I do not. I drive past it on my way to and from home during the week.	7/29/2023 12:24 PM
66	I do not currently use the Greenway.	7/29/2023 12:22 PM
67	My 73 year old father and myself walk this stretch of the Greenway a couple of times a month.	7/29/2023 8:35 AM
68	I don't really use it. The few times I have used it was for a bike ride and ran a half marathon.	7/28/2023 8:24 PM
69	I do not use it	7/28/2023 4:53 PM
70	Don't use it.	7/28/2023 12:59 PM
71	occasional walking of the trail	7/28/2023 11:47 AM
72	I dont to many homeless	7/28/2023 8:11 AM
73	Place to run with no traffic and a little bit of shade	7/27/2023 8:40 PM
74	Cycling	7/27/2023 6:01 PM
75	None.	7/27/2023 4:05 PM
76	VERY occasional bike use: entering off Penninger road and traveling north, with my kids on their bikes.	7/27/2023 3:15 PM
77	I avoid it because it's frightening.	7/27/2023 1:56 PM
78	We do not. It is not safe.	7/27/2023 12:48 PM
79	N/A	7/27/2023 11:58 AM
80	I don't use the Greenway. I am concerned about homeless people camping on the Greenway. Is the Greenway safe to visit?	7/27/2023 11:44 AM
81	Walking, running, biking	7/27/2023 10:08 AM
82	I have never used it.	7/22/2023 1:14 PM

Q2 How often do you visit the Central Point section of the Bear Creek Greenway?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Every day	1.22% 1
A few times a week	3.66% 3
About once a week	4.88% 4
A few times a month	7.32% 6
Once a month	1.22% 1
Less than once a month	13.41% 11
Never	68.29% 56
TOTAL	82

Q3 What improvements would encourage you to use the Greenway more?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Decrease highway noise. Occasionally blow off debris	9/4/2023 3:52 PM
2	Proactive LE patrols to ensure safety. Continued discouragement of urban camping. Weeded vegetation. More lighting.	8/27/2023 6:11 PM
3	Dog Park, mountain bike course, outdoor fitness devices like in Hawthorne Park, native plant gardens, natural surface trails	8/26/2023 10:40 PM
4	Cleared brush from greenway. Feeling safe when walking or riding bike with our children.	8/26/2023 5:18 PM
5	Restrooms, shaded benches and getting rid of the homeless and their trash!	8/26/2023 3:58 PM
6	Homeless housed.	8/26/2023 3:25 PM
7	Increased lighting and a park associated with the greenway so it's not just a pathway.	8/21/2023 11:36 AM
8	A park(s) and bicycle improvements. More security and enforcement.	8/17/2023 5:26 PM
9	Less homeless people. I would not feel safe there without my dog with me. Restroom if maintained.	8/15/2023 5:50 AM
10	Making it family and pet friendly, also safety would be great!!	8/11/2023 1:58 PM
11	Safety measures, a dog park, shaded play area for kids.	8/10/2023 11:15 AM
12	Safety / cleanliness, restrooms, shaded area, activities	8/10/2023 11:09 AM
13	Walking trails, mountain bike park	8/8/2023 1:14 PM
14	Hiking and biking trails.	8/5/2023 12:58 PM
15	Remove homeless camps year around. Zero tolerance for camping, garbage, drugs, public urinating, etc, etc.	8/4/2023 11:31 AM
16	Homeless not being there.	8/3/2023 6:47 PM
17	Better safety measures. More park space friendly to dogs and children	8/3/2023 5:26 PM
18	Homeless not allowed to camp there.	8/3/2023 3:34 PM
19	Safety, cleanliness, no camping (provided alternatives for the unhoused), sitting opportunities, shade bathrooms. NO PICKLEBALL COURTS PLEASE! They would destroy the serenity of the area. They are very loud in an obnoxious way.	8/3/2023 1:08 PM
20	Making it a safe place.	8/2/2023 5:27 PM
21	Make it safer, easier access and places to walk and play with my dog	8/2/2023 1:55 PM
22	Safety, and patrol on a regular bases	8/2/2023 11:10 AM
23	Cleaner more visible creek	8/1/2023 7:35 PM
24	Moving the resources and multiple hotels for the homeless from downtown Medford to outside the city limits. Would love to see transition housing for those who able &/or willing to get clean, work and work a program. I have 7+ years of working in Recovery. Keeping people comfortable in their addiction does not work. I would love to see more mental health options available as well. Yes - there is money - plenty of money for treatment that is not being used for the mentally ill.	8/1/2023 4:46 PM
25	More native greenery, trees.	8/1/2023 3:14 PM
26	Discourage people from setting up encampments there, which would make improve safety (&	8/1/2023 8:19 AM

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	discourage drug use in this area.	
27	No houseless people living there.	7/31/2023 6:41 PM
28	A pleasant nature walk while able to see the creek with improved parking area would be an incentive.	7/31/2023 6:40 PM
29	I run on different parts of the greenway 2-3 times a week, restrooms are a plus, and good parking areas, I avoid areas I think there will be homeless or loiterers, but lately the path has been really nice to be on.	7/31/2023 1:20 PM
30	Public information, additional signage. If Central Point had a dog park I would use it several times a week.	7/31/2023 11:37 AM
31	Safety	7/31/2023 11:36 AM
32	safety	7/31/2023 11:36 AM
33	Extra lighting, patrolled often, clean trash bins, more activity from citizens.	7/31/2023 10:08 AM
34	Cleaner along hawthorn park and north. Less transient population allowed to camp along greenway.	7/31/2023 4:01 AM
35	Cameras, Patrol, NO more camping!!Some emergency stations, Dog Park monitored by cameras and other means	7/30/2023 11:18 PM
36	I think it needs to be used as a fire break/prevention. Green grass, walking paths, dog park, etc. and kept clear of things that can burn or be vandalized. Even with improvements, I'm not sure I would actually use it.	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
37	Get rid of the homeless	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
38	Park	7/30/2023 10:24 PM
39	Get the homeless out completely. Otherwise, shut it down. We're wasting money on something the community cannot use. We're also wasting incredible resources on law enforcement to watch over the area.	7/30/2023 10:18 PM
40	I don't feel it's safe	7/30/2023 9:19 PM
41	More patrol, remove transients	7/30/2023 8:59 PM
42	GET RID OF THE HOMELESS!!!!	7/30/2023 8:09 PM
43	Routine patrols, developments to keep homeless people and people loitering and not utilizing the area for recreation removed.	7/30/2023 6:45 PM
44	Enforcing existing laws to rid the area of vagrants.	7/30/2023 6:30 PM
45	I'd like to see improvements in the community regarding mental health services and transitional housing for the homeless population that calls the greenway home. They start less fires if they were actually getting the help they need and were not being vilified for being products of a deeply broken system.	7/30/2023 5:54 PM
46	Lighting. Weed reduction. More police presence.	7/30/2023 5:04 PM
47	The homeless population needs to be re-homed elsewhere so that people can actually enjoy the Greenway. It's so trashed and unsafe	7/30/2023 5:02 PM
48	Getting it cleaned up and feeling safe	7/30/2023 4:24 PM
49	Patrol the area and stop all transients from squatting there, trashing the area, and harassing citizens. It's especially unsafe for women and children. Government is supposed to protect law abiding, tax paying citizens. The opposite happens here. Not to mention the fact that the entire greenway and surrounding towns burned down due to transients, and yet still there are constant fires started by them which not only endangers everyone but the cost is astronomical. The fact that the transient issue is still ongoing after such a catastrophe is mind boggling. And the fact that government wants to spend money on this area without first permanently getting rid of the transient problem is ludicrous.	7/30/2023 4:10 PM
50	Remove all homeless people and camps. Forever.	7/30/2023 4:09 PM

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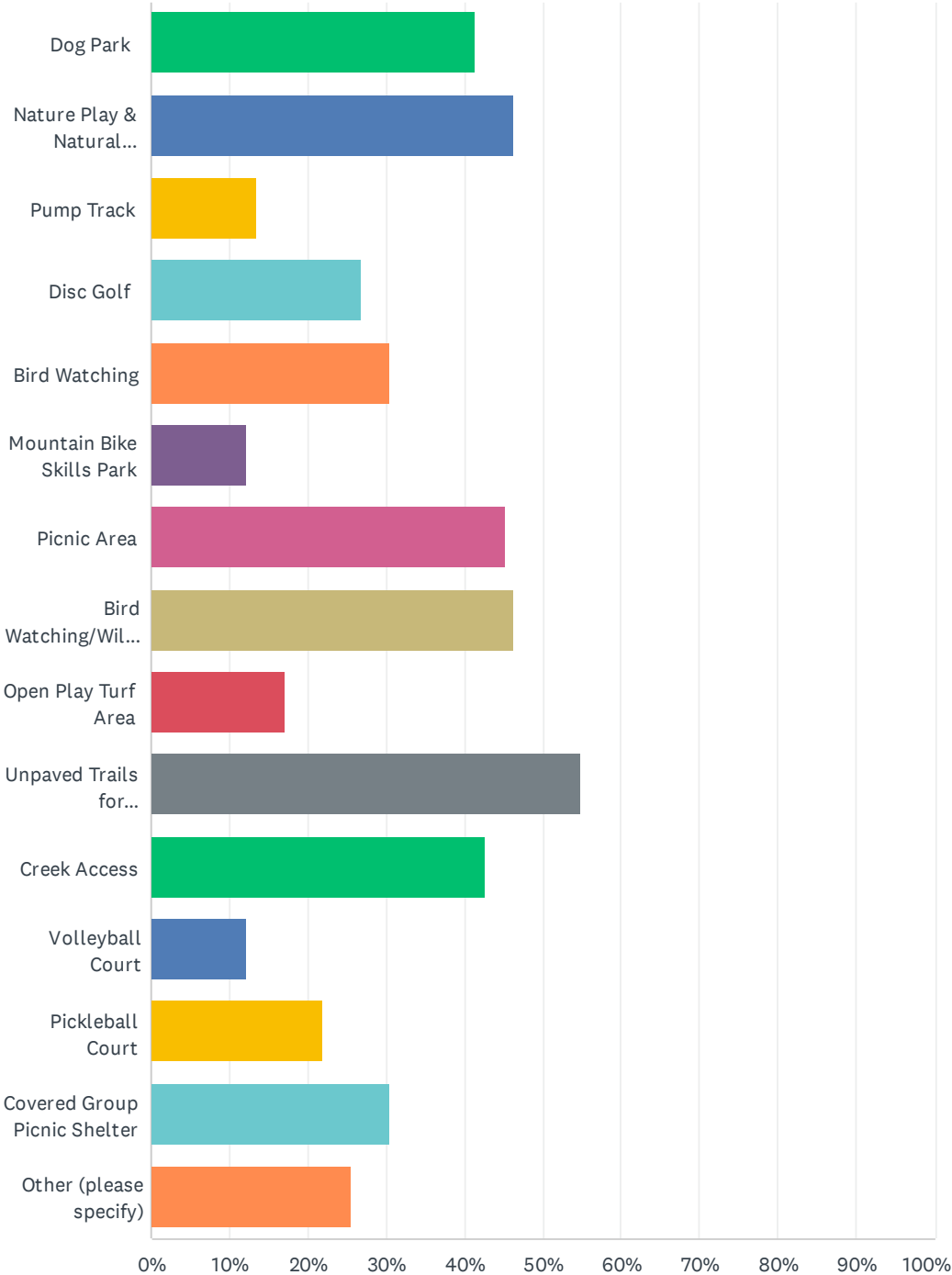
51	24 hour patrols, no homeless.	7/30/2023 4:08 PM
52	Police patrol	7/30/2023 3:48 PM
53	the homeless must be removed along with their trash and needles	7/30/2023 3:45 PM
54	Lighting, security, trash service	7/30/2023 3:32 PM
55	Clearing out homeless camps and associated garbage. I think the proposed plan should reach along the path all the way to Upton Road. The map with this survey stops before Pilot	7/30/2023 3:29 PM
56	Get rid of the homelessness and drugs. Would not be safe for anyone to use. Do not spend good money on a problem that has yet been resolved.	7/30/2023 3:17 PM
57	Removal of homeless camps	7/30/2023 2:56 PM
58	More security no homeless	7/30/2023 2:55 PM
59	Regular removal of blackberry bushes. More trash receptacles along the bike path. Encouraging the disrespectful homeless population to move along. I live next to a park now and it rarely has any problems. Mainly because the city is involved in maintaining it on a weekly basis.	7/30/2023 2:54 PM
60	Better access, walking trails, dog park, trees for shade and greenery	7/30/2023 2:07 PM
61	Less unhoused people. More bike lanes leading to the Greenway	7/29/2023 4:56 PM
62	No homeless camps	7/29/2023 4:45 PM
63	No homeless camps on the greenway I feel unsafe to walk alone Emergency call system for police	7/29/2023 4:38 PM
64	Things for kids to do	7/29/2023 2:04 PM
65	Safety. Clearing of brush and places for people with devious motives to hide.	7/29/2023 12:24 PM
66	A dog park would bring me to the Greenway multiple times a week.	7/29/2023 12:22 PM
67	The main concern that my father and myself have walking this part of the Greenway. Is the homelessness people and our concern for are safety.	7/29/2023 8:35 AM
68	Honestly, I just haven't felt safe using the greenway due to transients.	7/28/2023 8:24 PM
69	A developed space that provides areas for family activities, business functions, and recreation.	7/28/2023 4:53 PM
70	A dog park that is accessible to parking.	7/28/2023 12:59 PM
71	Improve signage; minimize the "unhoused" presence	7/28/2023 11:47 AM
72	Clean it up add some restrooms and water fountains	7/28/2023 8:11 AM
73	More shade on the path itself, a soft surface (bark dust) trail next to the paved path, big loops, a connection to Table Rock road and Glengrove, water fountain, lighting under Pine St.	7/27/2023 8:40 PM
74	Solve the homeless problem and clean up their garbage.	7/27/2023 6:01 PM
75	Shade. Screening from interstate highway, yet still open to permit better security. Continue to discourage homeless encampments. Add active rec facilities where possible, with nearby parking for easier access. Security lighting & patrols.	7/27/2023 4:05 PM
76	Safe bike / sidewalk connections in City and County roads to get there without feeling like I'm putting my kids in danger by having them use the unprotected bike lane on Biddle.	7/27/2023 3:15 PM
77	Removal of homeless camps and drug users. Lighting. Easier access to get on and off the path. We ride bikes frequently from Harry and David field to Talent/Ashland and are very happy with the easy on and off access along the way and the lack of homeless camps.	7/27/2023 1:56 PM
78	Make it safe.	7/27/2023 12:48 PM
79	Safety	7/27/2023 11:58 AM
80	Public access. Public Safety. Dog Park. Walking paths. Benches.	7/27/2023 11:44 AM

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81	More development in areas	7/27/2023 10:08 AM
82	Cleaner, no homeless camps	7/22/2023 1:14 PM

Q4 What types of activities would you and members of your household be interested in at this site? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Dog Park	41.46%	34
Nature Play & Natural Playgrounds	46.34%	38
Pump Track	13.41%	11
Disc Golf	26.83%	22
Bird Watching	30.49%	25
Mountain Bike Skills Park	12.20%	10
Picnic Area	45.12%	37
Bird Watching/Wildlife Observation Areas	46.34%	38
Open Play Turf Area	17.07%	14
Unpaved Trails for Jogging/Walking	54.88%	45
Creek Access	42.68%	35
Volleyball Court	12.20%	10
Pickleball Court	21.95%	18
Covered Group Picnic Shelter	30.49%	25
Other (please specify)	25.61%	21
Total Respondents: 82		

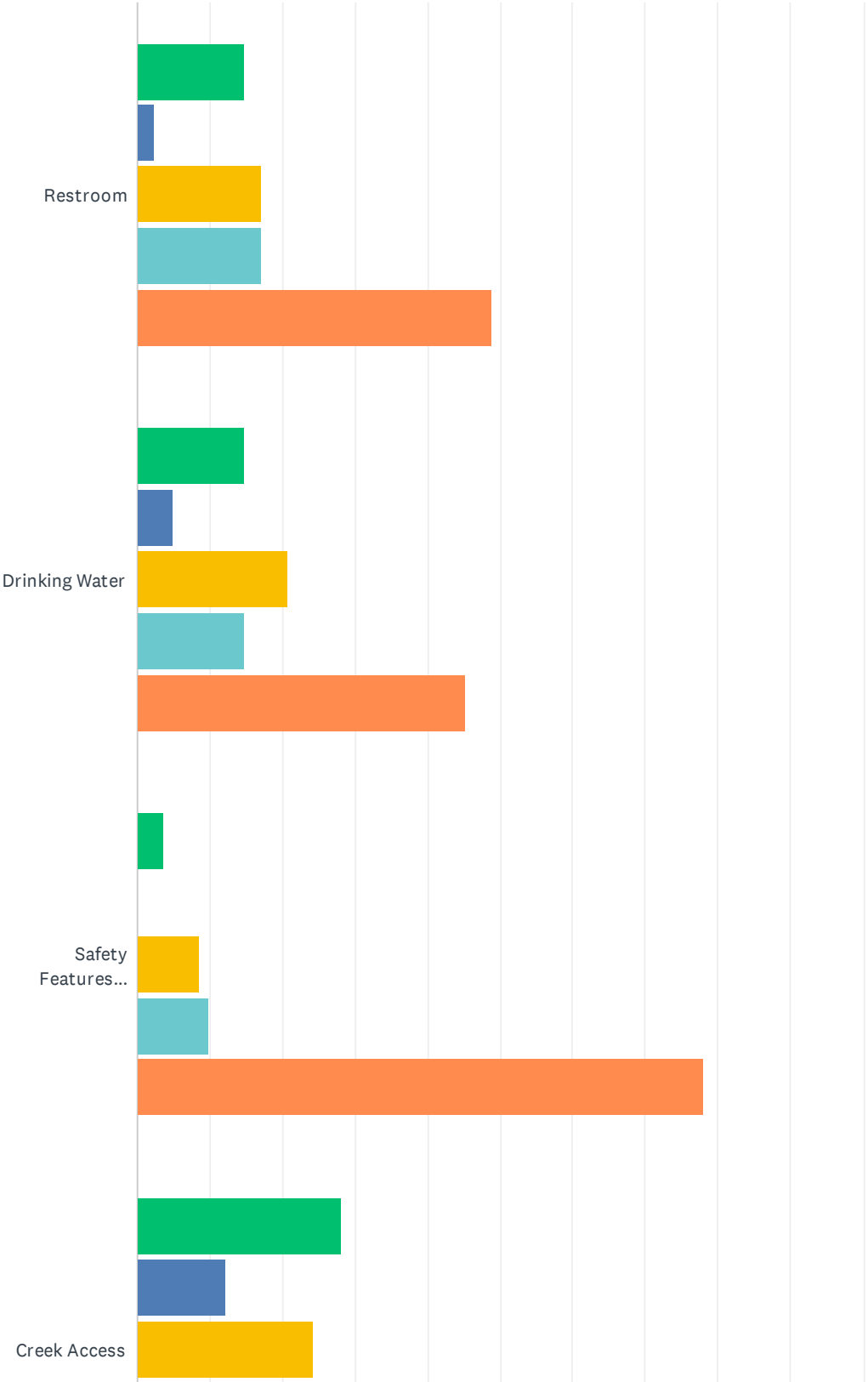
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	golf chipping & putting green	8/10/2023 11:09 AM
2	Salmon watching area and schedule would be a huge draw for me.	7/31/2023 6:40 PM
3	DOG PARK!!!	7/31/2023 11:37 AM
4	Pollinator gardens	7/30/2023 11:18 PM
5	Green grass and walking paths.	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
6	This could be like Bend water park area but we have too much homeless population	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
7	None. Nothing the Greenway has to offer is for law abiding citizens. No matter what you put on it, the transient population will destroy it.	7/30/2023 10:18 PM
8	NONE OF THOSE WILL MATTER UNLESS YOU GET RID OF THE HOMELESS. THEY WILL DESTROY IT ALL!!!	7/30/2023 8:09 PM
9	Anything that doesn't vagrants.	7/30/2023 6:30 PM
10	But none of these will be used if the homeless population isn't handled. It's not safe	7/30/2023 5:02 PM
11	Anything that was clean and safe with no criminals, transients, or drug addicts allowed.	7/30/2023 4:10 PM
12	Until the homeless situation is rectified, there should be no money spent for any of these options.	7/30/2023 4:09 PM
13	Flora and fauna garden	7/30/2023 3:48 PM
14	Fishing access	7/30/2023 3:29 PM
15	I would love all, but very unsafe to do	7/30/2023 3:17 PM
16	Bike trails	7/29/2023 4:45 PM

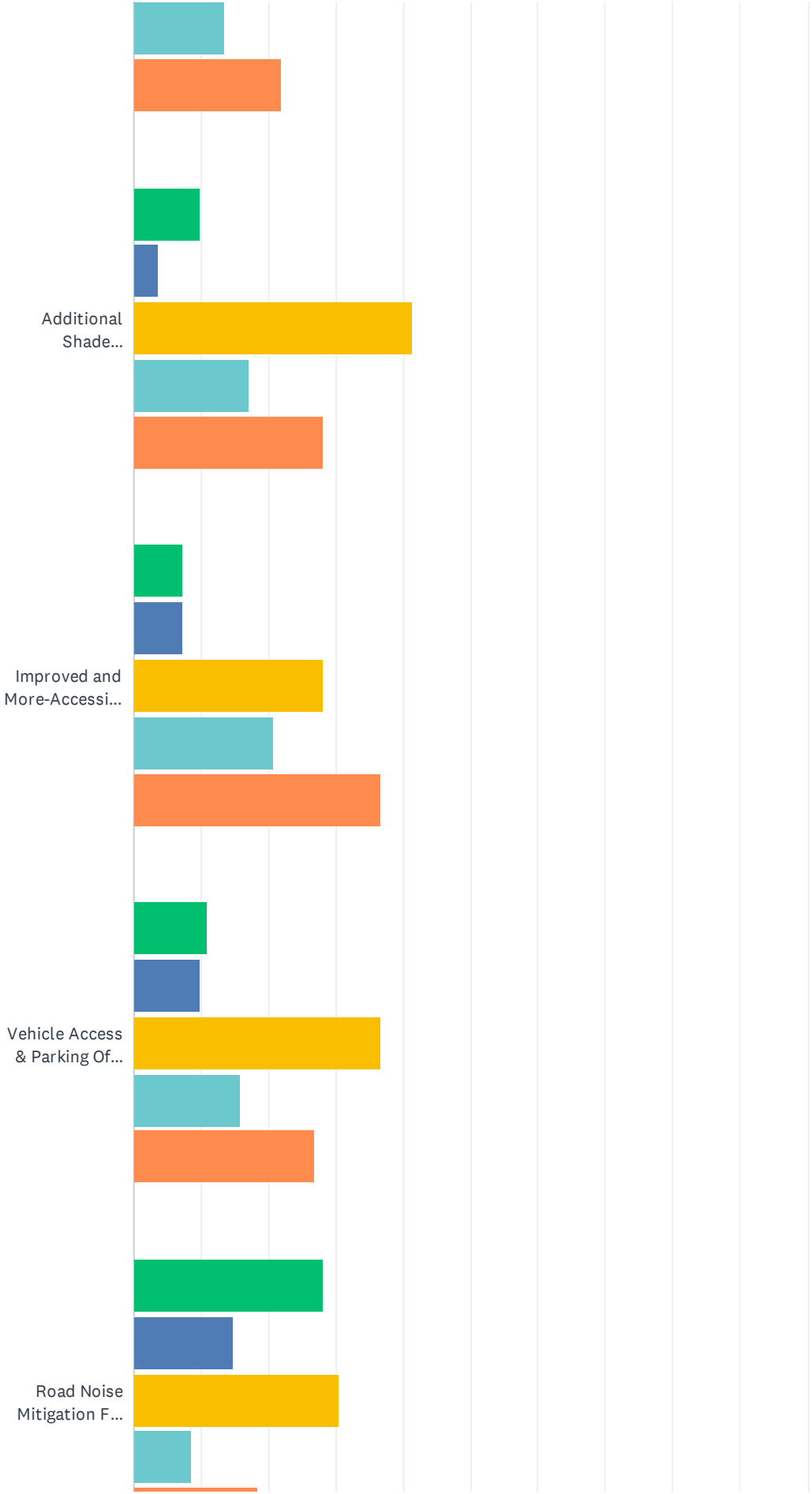
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17	Accessible bathrooms and all-season water stations/fountains	7/28/2023 12:59 PM
18	What is a pump track???	7/28/2023 11:47 AM
19	None of the above as long as we can still cycle. What is a pump track?	7/27/2023 6:01 PM
20	I don't know what a pump track is?	7/27/2023 3:15 PM
21	Benches for sitting.	7/27/2023 11:44 AM

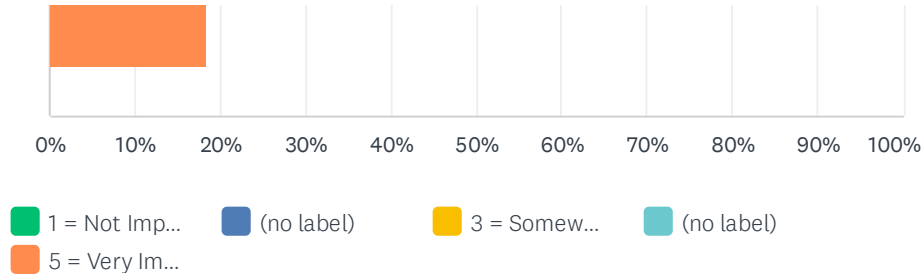
Q5 How important are the following features in the design for the CP Greenway? (On scale of 1 to 5, 1=not important, 5=very important)

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0





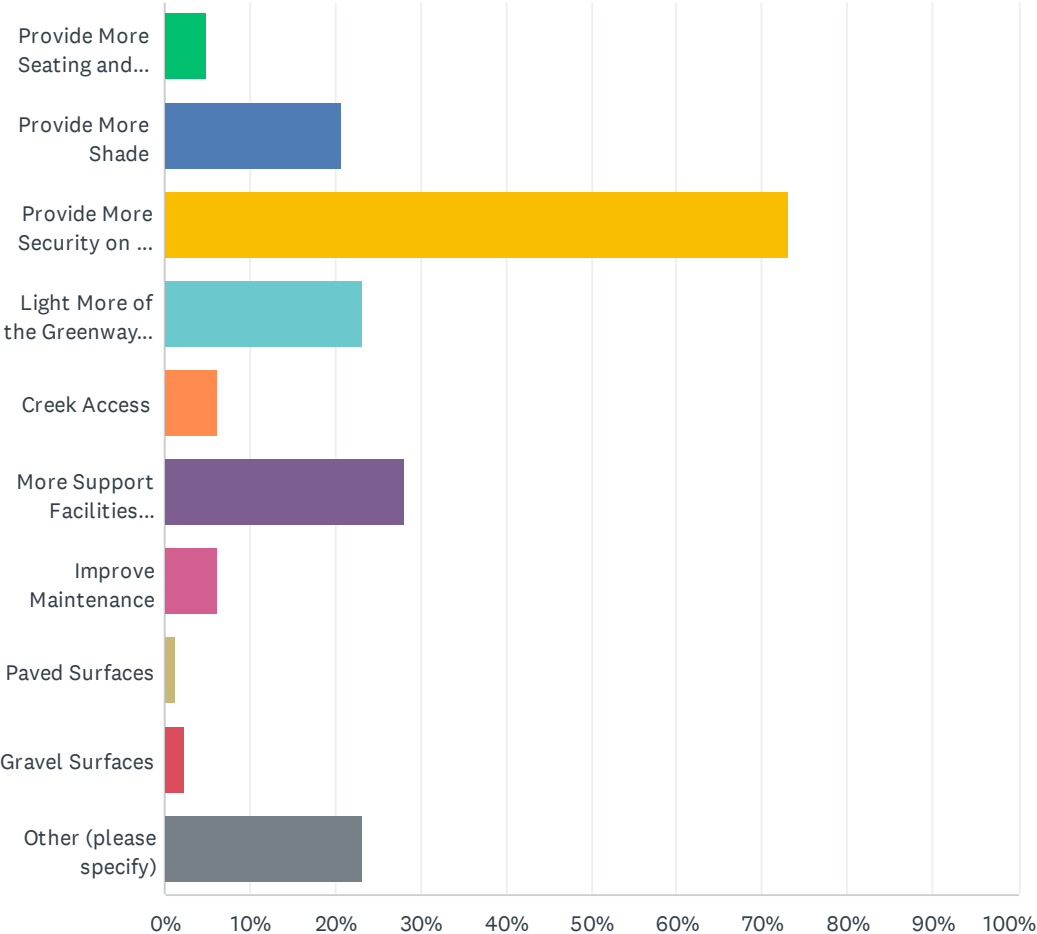
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	1 = NOT IMPORTANT	(NO LABEL)	3 = SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	(NO LABEL)	5 = VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Restroom	14.63% 12	2.44% 2	17.07% 14	17.07% 14	48.78% 40	82	3.83
Drinking Water	14.63% 12	4.88% 4	20.73% 17	14.63% 12	45.12% 37	82	3.71
Safety Features (Lighting, Call boxes)	3.66% 3	0.00% 0	8.54% 7	9.76% 8	78.05% 64	82	4.59
Creek Access	28.05% 23	12.20% 10	24.39% 20	13.41% 11	21.95% 18	82	2.89
Additional Shade Structures	9.76% 8	3.66% 3	41.46% 34	17.07% 14	28.05% 23	82	3.50
Improved and More-Accessible Parking Area	7.32% 6	7.32% 6	28.05% 23	20.73% 17	36.59% 30	82	3.72
Vehicle Access & Parking Off Table Rock Road	10.98% 9	9.76% 8	36.59% 30	15.85% 13	26.83% 22	82	3.38
Road Noise Mitigation From Interstate 5	28.05% 23	14.63% 12	30.49% 25	8.54% 7	18.29% 15	82	2.74

Q6 How can we make Central Point's Bear Creek Greenway more enjoyable for you? (Pick up to 2)

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0



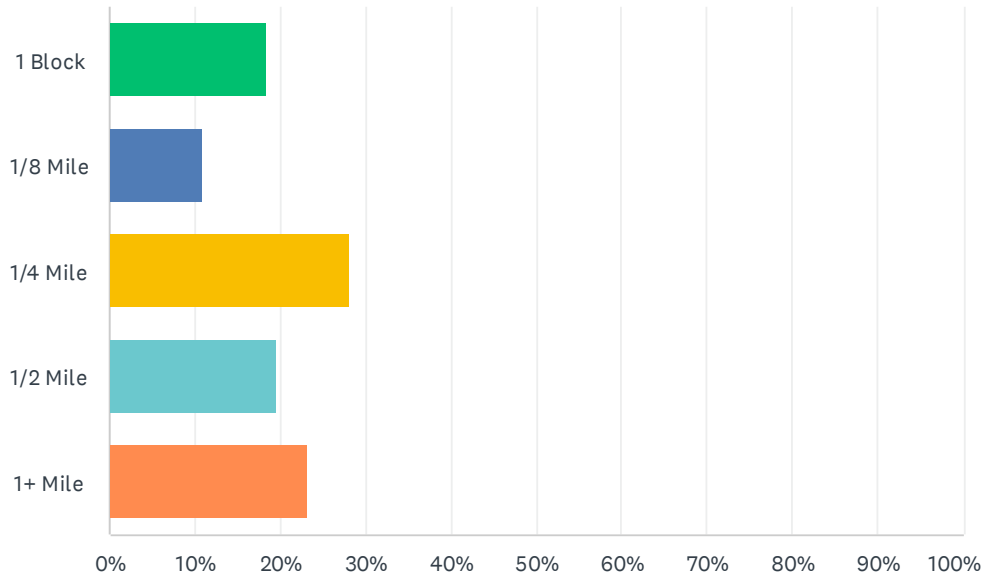
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Provide More Seating and Viewing areas	4.88% 4
Provide More Shade	20.73% 17
Provide More Security on the pathways	73.17% 60
Light More of the Greenway Trail	23.17% 19
Creek Access	6.10% 5
More Support Facilities (Restrooms, Drinking Fountains, etc.) at the Trail Access points	28.05% 23
Improve Maintenance	6.10% 5
Paved Surfaces	1.22% 1
Gravel Surfaces	2.44% 2
Other (please specify)	23.17% 19
Total Respondents: 82	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	REMOVE THE HOMELESS AND THEIR TRASH ("Security" is and can only be intermittent and insufficient. The problem is the "PEOPLE" who have chosen to be "homeless" and to ignore society's rules and laws as well as common decency.)	8/26/2023 3:58 PM
2	Clean up the mess of homeless camps. Bear Creek is a cesspool of trash, urine, excrement and a serious environmental disaster. Not mentioning this in your survey glosses over a problem that regional leaders love to ignore.	8/4/2023 11:31 AM
3	Dog park	8/3/2023 5:26 PM
4	Keep it natural and wild.	8/1/2023 3:14 PM
5	Provide more trees and more access points.	7/31/2023 6:41 PM
6	Remove the transients	7/30/2023 10:18 PM
7	REMOVE THE HOMELESS & MAKE IT SAFE! THAT IS WHAT THE PUBLIC IS PAYING FOR.	7/30/2023 8:09 PM
8	Rid the area of vagrants.	7/30/2023 6:30 PM
9	Like I said above, provide community mental health services and transitional housing for the homeless people living on it, once they're taken care of you can put all the pickle ball courts you want on there. You guys have bigger problems to sort out first than vanity projects.	7/30/2023 5:54 PM
10	Vegetation control	7/30/2023 5:04 PM
11	Figure out a way to keep it clear of trash/needles/feces	7/30/2023 5:02 PM
12	Make it safe!!!	7/30/2023 4:10 PM
13	Remove all homeless people and camps	7/30/2023 4:09 PM
14	No homeless or questionable people.	7/30/2023 4:08 PM
15	remove homeless camps and don't let them return	7/30/2023 3:45 PM
16	Get rid of the drugs and homeless bums	7/30/2023 3:17 PM
17	Some type of noise barrier to cancel out the freeway noise.	7/29/2023 8:35 AM
18	Keep homeless out.	7/27/2023 12:48 PM

Q7 If you want to visit this section of our greenway, but we can't install parking nearby, what's the farthest you would walk or bike to use it?

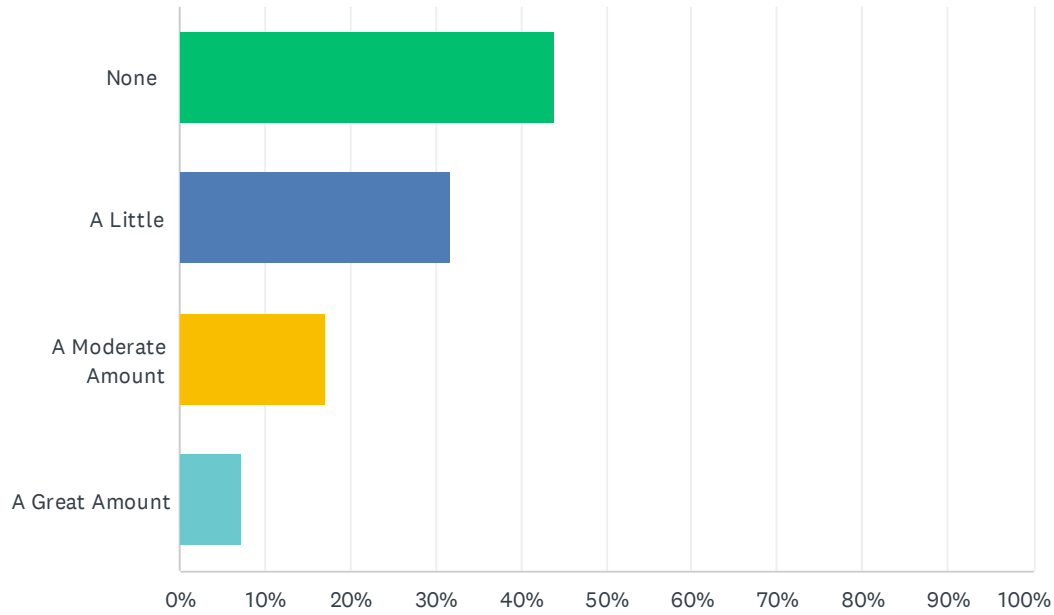
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 Block	18.29%	15
1/8 Mile	10.98%	9
1/4 Mile	28.05%	23
1/2 Mile	19.51%	16
1+ Mile	23.17%	19
TOTAL		82

Q8 Interstate 5 runs next to the Greenway. How much will noise from I-5 discourage you from using this area?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	43.90%	36
A Little	31.71%	26
A Moderate Amount	17.07%	14
A Great Amount	7.32%	6
TOTAL		82

Q9 What are your primary concerns about a future park located on the Central Point section of the Bear Creek Greenway?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Highway noises. Homeless camps.	9/4/2023 3:52 PM
2	Increased urban camping and illegal activity.	8/27/2023 6:11 PM
3	Over development and lack of attention to ecosystem needs (eg shade and protection for riparian areas). Creek access is great but only if it doesn't end up polluting the water. Look into alternative options like cement lined splash pools fed by the creek.	8/26/2023 10:40 PM
4	Safety	8/26/2023 5:18 PM
5	Homeless taking over and chasing the decent people away	8/26/2023 3:58 PM
6	Safety, and enhancing the terrain. Would love a dog park! Central Point currently doesn't have one. A dog park with shade, puppy pond, grass to run & play for my fur baby!! Please & Thank you!!	8/26/2023 3:25 PM
7	How can I safely walk to the park from town, central point?	8/21/2023 11:36 AM
8	Trash and vandalism.	8/17/2023 5:26 PM
9	Security	8/15/2023 5:50 AM
10	Safety and parking	8/11/2023 1:58 PM
11	Safety	8/10/2023 11:15 AM
12	Concern that the project is not fully embraced / tax payers do not support.	8/10/2023 11:09 AM
13	None	8/8/2023 1:14 PM
14	Security and maintenance	8/5/2023 12:58 PM
15	Crime, garbage, drugs, homeless camps with aggressive members who prey on politeness and innocent citizens and lawless elements that could care less about trashing a public asset. Ignoring this with nice plans to spend tax dollars on improvements with addressing this is simple avoidance. Kicking the can does nothing.	8/4/2023 11:31 AM
16	Homeless	8/3/2023 6:47 PM
17	Safety	8/3/2023 5:26 PM
18	Taken over by the homeless like so many other parks in the county. Is there a guarantee that this won't happen?	8/3/2023 3:34 PM
19	Transients	8/3/2023 1:08 PM
20	Money costs.	8/2/2023 5:27 PM
21	Too many homeless	8/2/2023 1:55 PM
22	That the homeless would destroy it or leave drug paraphernalia to make it unsafe and or they would hang out there.	8/2/2023 11:10 AM
23	Safe and clean	8/1/2023 7:35 PM
24	Safety.	8/1/2023 4:46 PM
25	Security and maintenance, urbanization.	8/1/2023 3:14 PM
26	That the city will use tax payers money to make improvements, and the homeless will still be in this area, discouraging families from using the Bear Creek Greenway.	8/1/2023 8:19 AM

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27	It will become another tax payer supported hang out for houseless individuals like Hawthorne Park is.	7/31/2023 6:41 PM
28	Well kept up as a natural area versus developed.	7/31/2023 6:40 PM
29	homeless camps and clean bathrooms	7/31/2023 1:20 PM
30	Central Point needs a dog park!!!! A dog park with creek access would be wonderful, especially during the hot summer. If you haven't been to the dog park in Ashland, with the creek behind it, you should go check it out. A permanent agility course would be a huge bonus! Please involve people that actually use dog parks in the planning of it.	7/31/2023 11:37 AM
31	Safety	7/31/2023 11:36 AM
32	safety and homeless population taking it over	7/31/2023 11:36 AM
33	Safety for families, and regularly having police/security presence there.	7/31/2023 10:08 AM
34	Transient use and safety	7/31/2023 4:01 AM
35	Accessibility and parking, families in CP need everything they can get	7/30/2023 11:18 PM
36	Vandalism. Homelessness. Safety. Something that is easily maintained to stop/prevent fires like green grass and a dog park would be ideal. I'm worried other features will be vandalized and encourage homeless.	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
37	Homeless and drug activity	7/30/2023 10:25 PM
38	Continued surveillance to keep out homeless	7/30/2023 10:24 PM
39	The community will never use it. We don't use the Greenway as is. Put the money into making our current parks better, safer, and more enjoyable for the community. Don't waste our precious time, energy, and resources into something like this	7/30/2023 10:18 PM
40	Safety. Between the homeless and all of the bacteria in the creek, I can't imagine how long it would be before I would feel comfortable spending time in the area much less the creek.	7/30/2023 9:19 PM
41	Bathrooms tend to be areas for drug use. Don't waste money building something we can't use due to transient drug use and camps, making it unsafe for children	7/30/2023 8:59 PM
42	SAFETY & THE HOMELESS DESTROYING OR STEALING EVERYTHING.	7/30/2023 8:09 PM
43	Security	7/30/2023 6:45 PM
44	The vagrants who trash everything they occupy and participate in criminal behavior.	7/30/2023 6:30 PM
45	You guys are too busy creating vanity projects in the name of creating your picture perfect community but refuse to deal with the underlying issues that make the "ugly" you're trying to eradicate. Making parks and trails and picnic areas on the greenway is not going to stop the unhoused from being there, you are just going to create spaces no one wants to visit because they feel unsafe. Provide the homeless people with mental health services to treat what made them homeless in the first place, provide transitional housing to help them become employable and teach them how to fend for themselves. One that is done, worry about what size dog park you want to put on the greenway.	7/30/2023 5:54 PM
46	Trash. Homeless. Drug use. Lack of monitoring usage. Overnight "camping". Graffiti. Fires.	7/30/2023 5:04 PM
47	Spending money on something that will end up trashed by the homeless population. Why are we spending money to improve something that won't be able to be used if it's trashed	7/30/2023 5:02 PM
48	Homeless population	7/30/2023 4:24 PM
49	That it will be a huge waste of money because the homeless and drug addicts will take it over so that law abiding, tax paying citizens can't use it.	7/30/2023 4:10 PM
50	Remove all homeless people and camps.	7/30/2023 4:09 PM
51	Homeless, vandalism, trash, safety.	7/30/2023 4:08 PM
52	Safety	7/30/2023 3:48 PM
53	the homeless and drug abusers would take it over	7/30/2023 3:45 PM

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54	I would love to use a park along the greenway, but I am afraid to go there. We were scared to death from an incident in July 2018 and haven't been back. Sadly, the homeless have more rights than the rest of us and we cannot safely use the same spaces without fearing for our safety. We spend a lot of time with family in CP, we are in S.Western Medford near Jacksonville.	7/30/2023 3:32 PM
55	Vandalism. Why spend taxpayer money to build all these features when they are going to be ruined/made unusable by the people currently on the Greenway. CPPD and the Sheriff's office would not have the manpower for additional patrols	7/30/2023 3:29 PM
56	The homeless population that have destroyed this property and the drug use. Needles, fecal matter, trash.....etc Fix that first.	7/30/2023 3:17 PM
57	Homeless, drug use	7/30/2023 2:56 PM
58	Any improvements that are put in will be destroyed by the homeless. Don't waste taxpayer money	7/30/2023 2:55 PM
59	Maintenance and live ability	7/30/2023 2:54 PM
60	Safety and making sure there are no homeless on that section of the greenway	7/30/2023 2:07 PM
61	That it becomes a hang out for homeless people	7/29/2023 4:56 PM
62	None	7/29/2023 4:45 PM
63	Homeless camps Trash Loitering	7/29/2023 4:38 PM
64	Unhoused population and safety.	7/29/2023 2:04 PM
65	Durability of play structures. Cleaning/maintenance of day-use areas for families and pets: I have found 3 hypodermic needles hidden under leaves and dry brush in middle of the dirt area of the Medford Bear Creek dog park. I do not want to contract an infectious disease because a happy playful dog knocked me down. If dog park is installed, clear rules for safe dog park behavior and use, plus a clear number to contact to enforce the safety rules.	7/29/2023 12:24 PM
66	I am concerned that due to safety concerns involving the freeway and the reputation it has pertaining to unhoused people that there will be unnecessarily hostile architecture that will likely fail to serve as both a deterrent and the intended function of the facility in the first place. For example restrooms being locked all the time, rather than just scheduled for regular cleaning and service.	7/29/2023 12:22 PM
67	During the summer the bear creek river, flows at such a low rate it often smells like sewage walking next to it. You will need to make sure that it flows at a consistent level otherwise it will have a higher chance of bacteri build up and mosquitoes.	7/29/2023 8:35 AM
68	Transients and safety	7/28/2023 8:24 PM
69	Safety	7/28/2023 4:53 PM
70	I would like a dog park with shade, seating, water, and restrooms. Would like the same for humans in the rest of the park, plus accessibility.	7/28/2023 12:59 PM
71	getting it done with in my lifetime	7/28/2023 11:47 AM
72	Homeless and meth heads	7/28/2023 8:11 AM
73	Not enough local people using it for recreation, too many unhoused people using it without regards to others.	7/27/2023 8:40 PM
74	Too much traffic on the path for safe enjoyable cycling.	7/27/2023 6:01 PM
75	Provide amenities to attract visitors while continuing to discourage the homeless from loitering / camping there. That's a sizable challenge to overcome.	7/27/2023 4:05 PM
76	That people won't use it	7/27/2023 3:15 PM
77	Safety, cleanliness	7/27/2023 1:56 PM
78	The danger due to the incredible amount of homeless people passing through or living in the bushes.	7/27/2023 12:48 PM

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79	That it would be ruined by the homeless population.	7/27/2023 11:58 AM
80	Public Safety. Drug use. Homeless camping.	7/27/2023 11:44 AM
81	Security	7/27/2023 10:08 AM
82	Homeless camp, drugs, crime	7/22/2023 1:14 PM

Q10 What is your zip code?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0

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Calls for Service at BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, CP

From 8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023

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J222160025	CP220005300	08/04/2022	RTF	EXPAT	WAR	625	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222160186	CP220005303	08/04/2022	NR	EXPAT	EXPAT	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222170159	CP220005329	08/05/2022	NR	SS	ORD	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 25.4, CP
J222170505	CP220005344	08/05/2022	RTF	ORD	ORD	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222200810		08/08/2022		T	T	6L2	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 25.5, CP
J222230203		08/11/2022	NR	EXPAT	EXPAT	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222240312	CP220005522	08/12/2022	NR	ORD	ORD	6C2	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222280382	CP220005625	08/16/2022	RTF	EXPAT	EXPAT	6H2	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 24.7, CP
J222290298	CP220005653	08/17/2022	NR	SS	ORD	627	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 25, CP
J222290317	CP220005650	08/17/2022	RTF	SS	WAR	627	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 24.6, CP
J222290512	CP220005663	08/17/2022	NR	ORD	ASSTAP	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY ACCESS/E P
J222310616	CP220005716	08/19/2022	NR	ORD	ORD	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY ACCESS/E P
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J222460431	CP220006142	09/03/2022	NR	ORD	ORD	614	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222460894	CP220006152	09/03/2022	RTF	EXPAT	EXPAT	625	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222470826		09/04/2022	NR	EXPAT	EXPAT	625	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY ACCESS/E P
J222490099	CP220006190	09/06/2022	RTF	ORD	WAR	622	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY ACCESS/E P
J222500059		09/07/2022		SS	SS	625	E PINE ST/BEAR CREEK GREENWAY, C
J222500061		09/07/2022	NR	EXPAT	EXPAT	615	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY ACCESS/E P
J222510496		09/08/2022	NR	EXPAT	EXPAT	627	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
J222560130	CP220006409	09/13/2022	RTF	MISCP	WAR	626	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 25.4, CP
J222580407	CP220006486	09/15/2022	NR	EXPAT	EXPAT	6C2	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY ACCESS/BE/
J222640433	CP220006676	09/21/2022	NR	ORD	ORD	627	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 25.4, CP
J222750670	CP220007041	10/02/2022	NR	DOC	DOC	613	E PINE ST/BEAR CREEK GREENWAY, C
J222870030	CP220007362	10/14/2022	RTF	PROP	PROP	622	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 26, CP
J222920713	CP220007518	10/19/2022	NR	MISCP	JUVP	6H1	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/UPTON RD, (
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J230660309		03/07/2023		T	T	6M1	E PINE ST/BEAR CREEK GREENWAY, C
J230660490		03/07/2023		T	T	6M1	E PINE ST/BEAR CREEK GREENWAY AC
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J231100399		04/20/2023	NR	ORD	ORD	627	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY @ 25.2, CP

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J231140115		04/24/2023	NR	ORD	ORD	628	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY MM 25.2, CP
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J231380138	CP230002936	05/18/2023	RTF	MISCP	MISCP	626	BEAR CREEK GREENWAY/E PINE ST, C
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DOC	2
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FOLLOW UP	2
INDEC EXPOS	1
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JUV PROB	1
ORD VIOL	14
PROPERTY	3
SUBJ STOP	7
SUSPICIOUS	1
TRAF HAZ/COMP	1
TRAFFIC STOP	6
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