CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO



SPECIAL MEETING - JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 4:30 PM

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AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Public information on this meeting is posted outside City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Neil Bradshaw

ROLL CALL:

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204(4), all agenda items are action items, and a vote may be taken on these items.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS:

1. Public comment submitted to City of Ketchum

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Warm Springs Preserve Master Planning
- 3. Presentation by Superbloom and Rio ASE regarding updated concept design and summary of November 14th public open house results
- 4. Questions from City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission
- 5. Public Feedback

6. Direction from City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission regarding updated concept and next steps

ADJOURNMENT:

Entry, Parking & Facilities

What's planned:

To improve the existing parking area and reduce maintenance, the design proposes to pave the parking lot; adjust its shape to increase efficiency; provide handicap accessible spaces.



- Two (2) year-round public toilets
- 1,000 sq. ft. (max) storage building for maintenance equipment
- Donor Recognition Wall (\$1,000+)
- History and Preserve Map
- Bike Racks
- Leash Hook Board



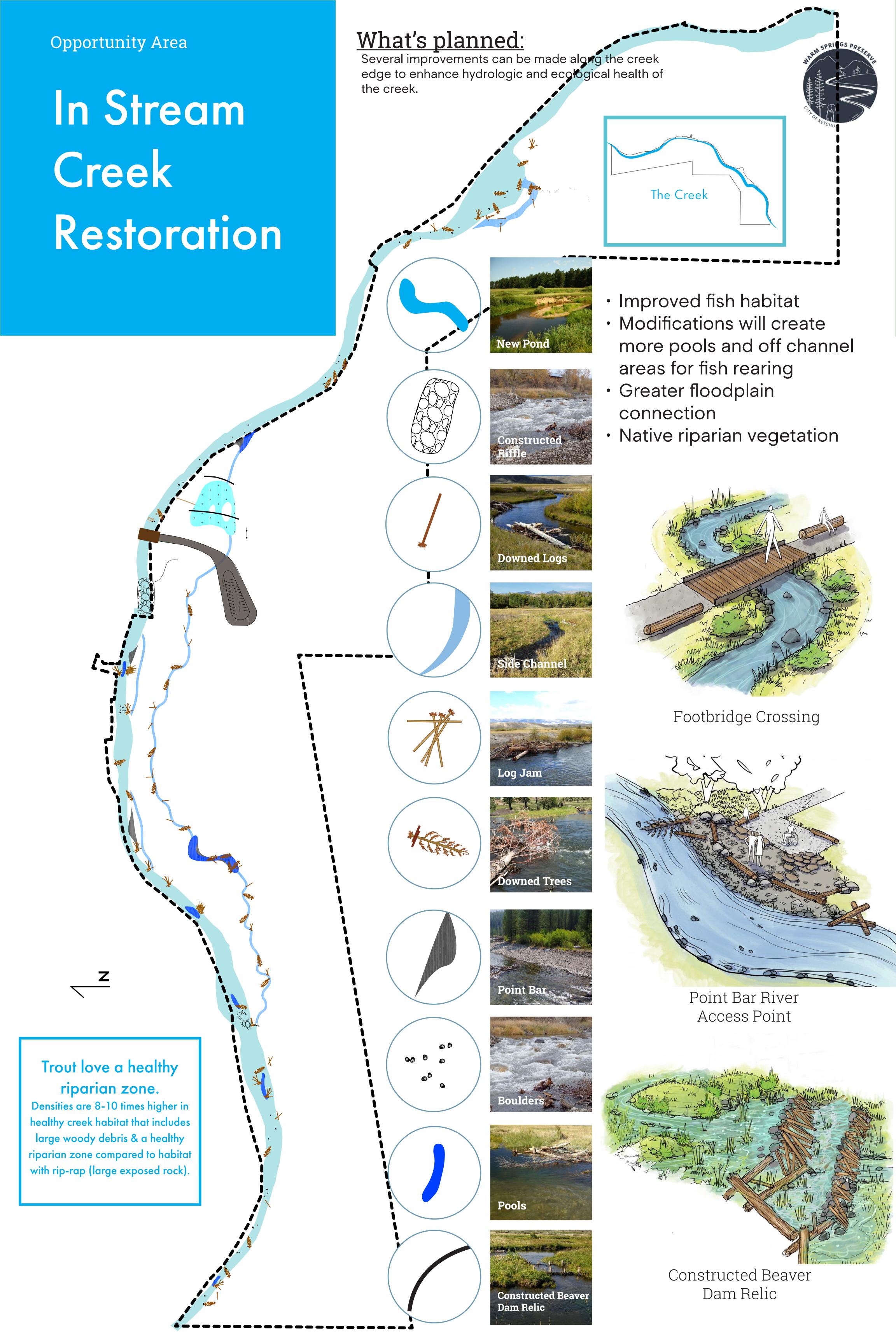




grove of trees and augmenting the grove with additional screening.

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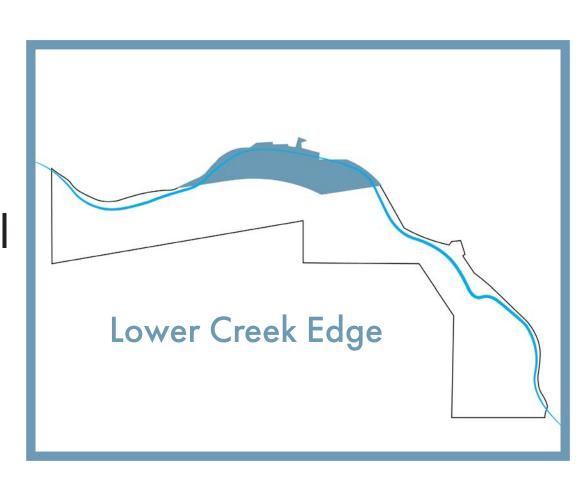
Enhanced Floodplain & Lower Creek Edge

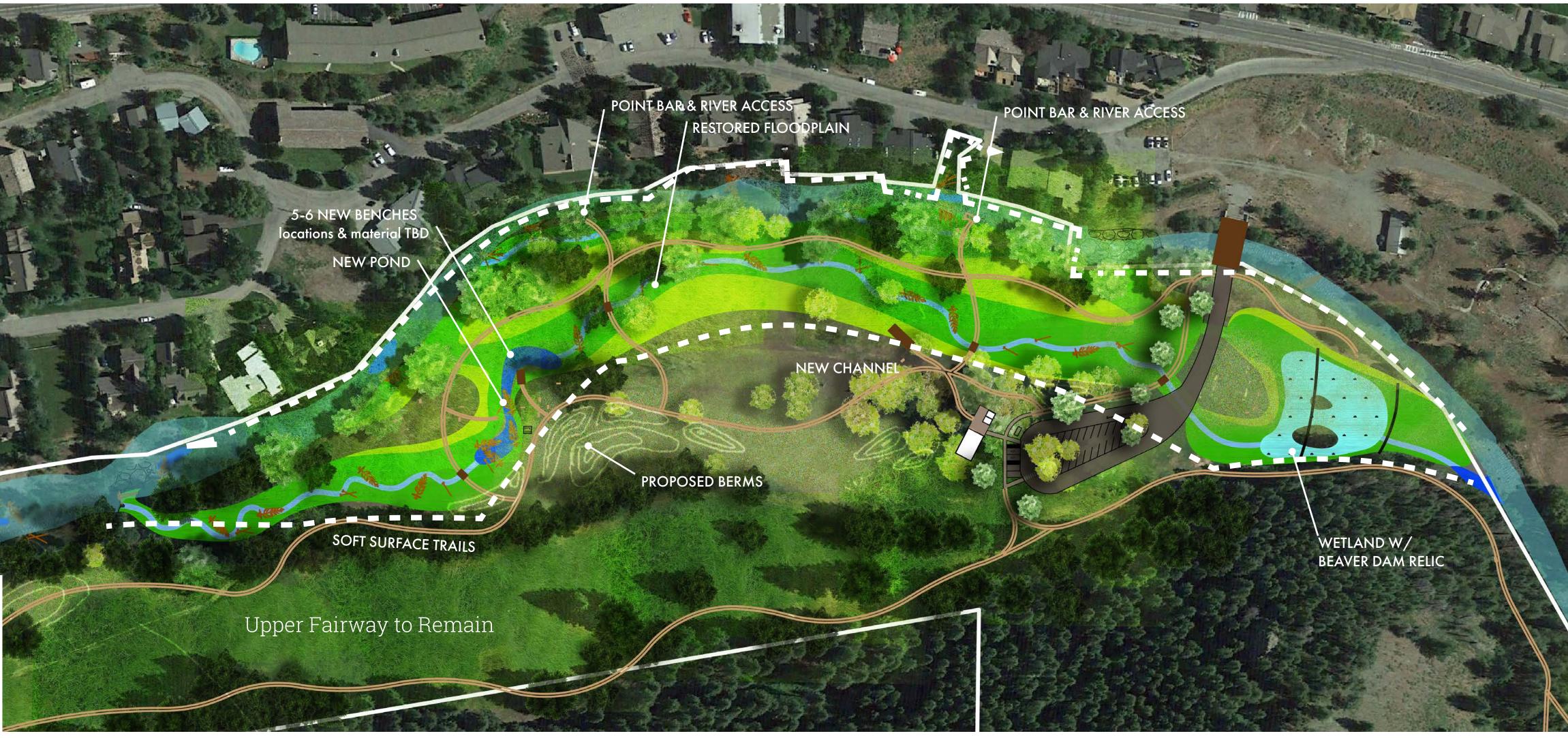
What's planned:

The lower creek edge area is proposed to expand and enhance the floodplain to restore ecological services and wildlife habitat. Excavated materials can be utilized as berms in the middle terrace creating microclimates for the native plants.



- Possibly extensive grading & earthworks
- New side channel and pond
- Gravel islands and bars
- Low water crossings for ephemeral channels
- Small bridges for year-round flows
- Expanded tree canopy



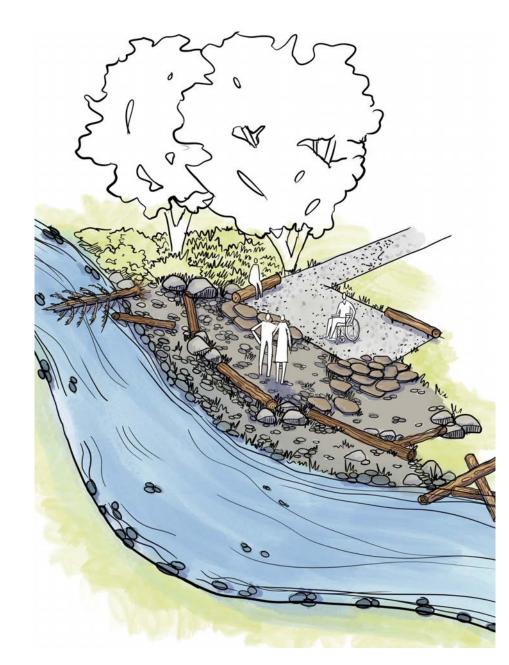


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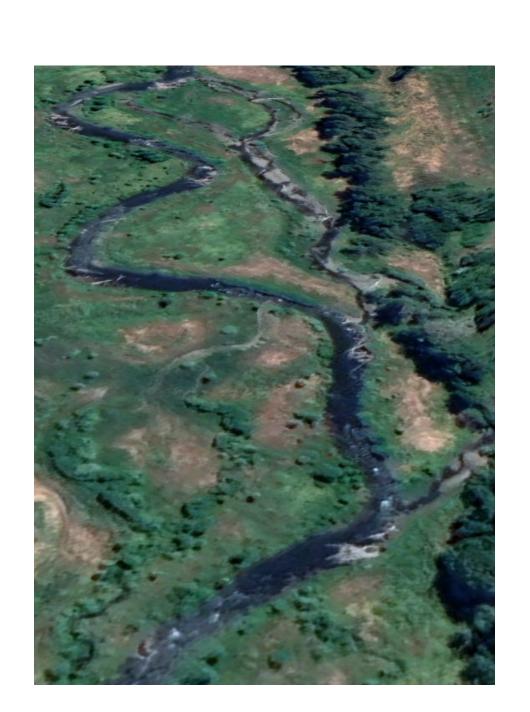




Example Channel with Native Riparian Vegetation



Point Bar River Access Point



Example Restored Floodplain



Riparian Forest with Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Alder and other Native Grasses and Shrubs.

Southern Floodplain

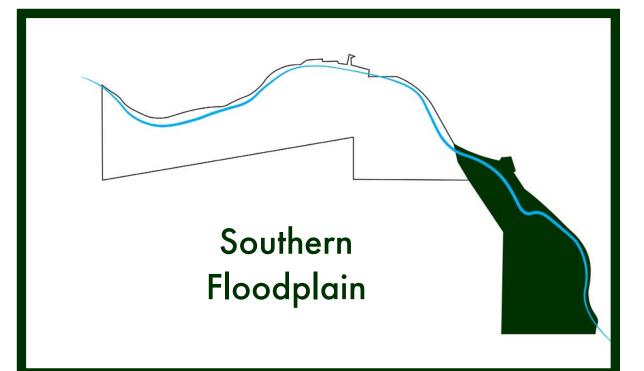


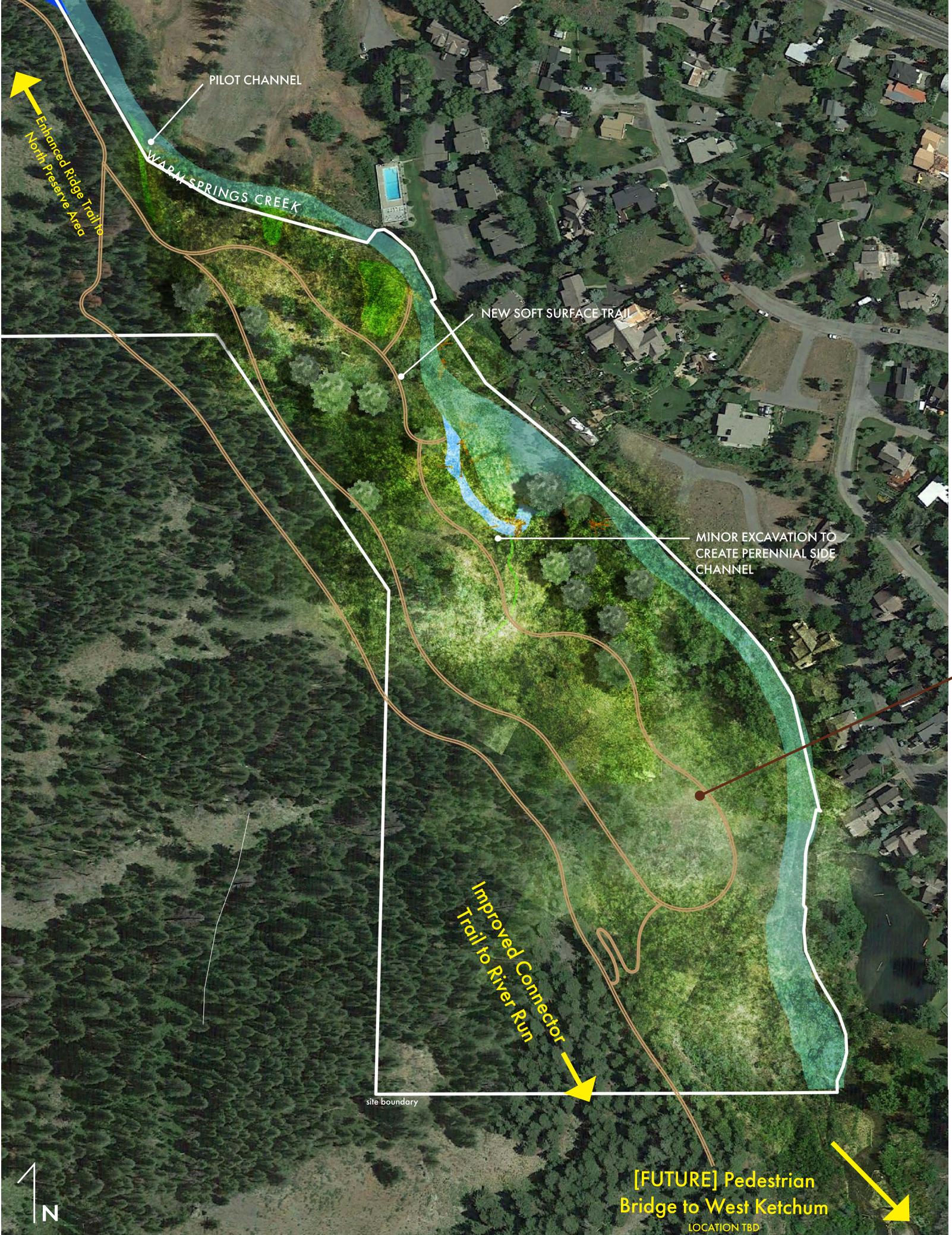
What's planned:

The intent for this area is to celebrate and preserve the existing floodplain along the Creek while improving access and connections. The southern property has been minimally touched by humans which has allowed native ecosystems to thrive. However, some minimal improvements can make it even better. Despite less impact in this area, the stream lacks pools and habitat complexity while the floodplain is not well connected and has many weeds. Minimal changes include removal of invasive plant species and overseeding and planting of targeted native plants for enhanced restoration.

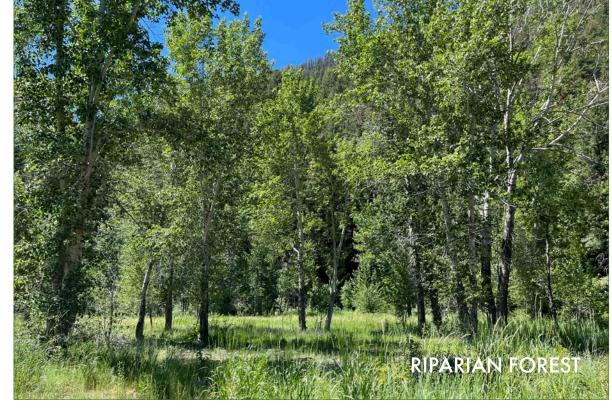


- Light touch, minor enhancements
- Minor grading
- Strategic floodplain connections
- Soft surface pathways
- Removal of invasive species











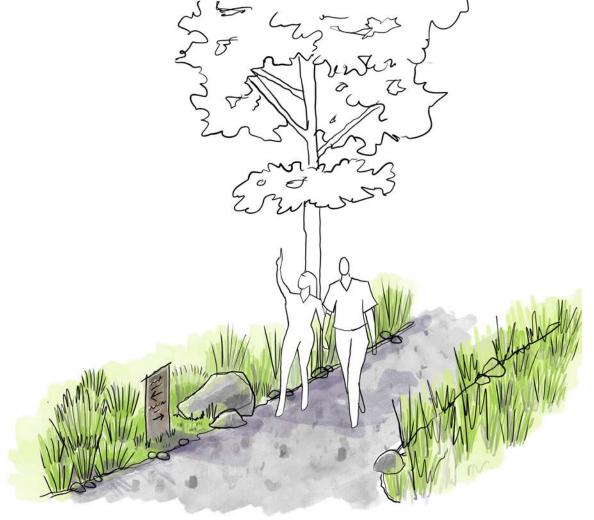


Illustration of Proposed Soft Surface Path through Existing Native Landscape

Middle Terrace

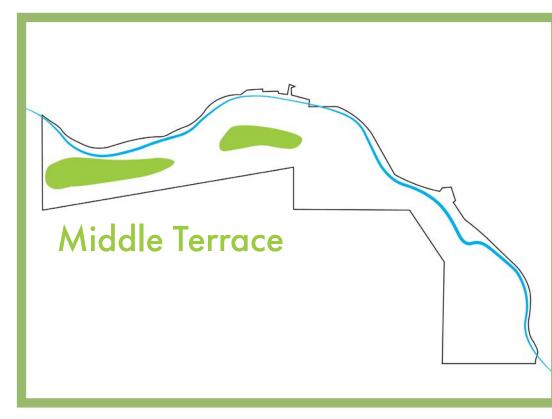
What's planned:
The middle terrace area is proposed to be nonirrigated and therefore replanted with native grasses and meadow plants. Some of the extra earth material from the restoration excavation can be utilized as berms that would create microclimates for the native plants.

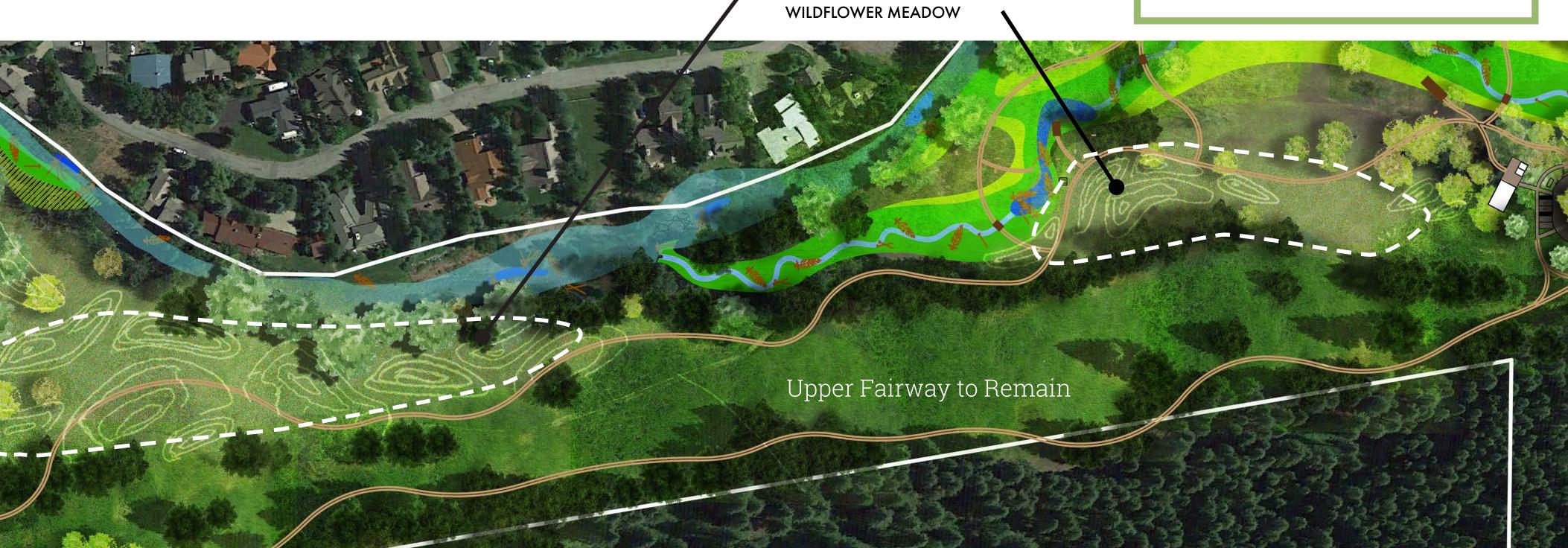


- Potential for seasonal native wildflower meadow
- Enhanced biodiversity & pollinator species

AREAS TO RECEIVE FILL FROM **EXCAVATED FLOODPLAIN, TO** BE REVEGETATED WITH NATIVE

- Non-irrigated
- Mown pathways





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Example section showing berms with native grasses, shrubs and flowers



Pascopyrum

sagittata

Wheatgrass Snowberry Symphoricarpos





Pseudoroegneria

spicata





Sagebrush

Artemisia tridentata

Idaho Fescue Festuca idahoensis

Camas



Lupine Lupinus Arrowleaf Balsamroot Balsamorhiza

Larkspur Delphinium

Common

Pearly Camassia quamash margaritacea



Everlasting



Illustrative image of Middle Terrace with native meadow berms and grass pathways

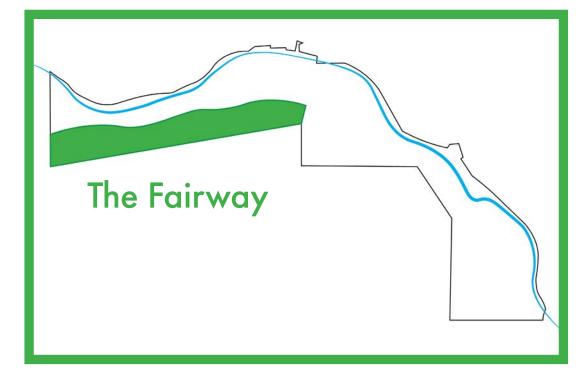
The Fairway

What's planned:

The existing upper Fairway is a unique and special landscape that is loved by Ketchum residents and dogs alike. Minimal changes are contemplated and the Fairway will be preserved as an open irrigated lawn. Some improvements are needed to upgrade the irrigation system for water efficiency and amenities such as new benches, picnic tables and waste receptacles will also improve visitors' comfort. Existing path will be will be updated to ensure ADA access.



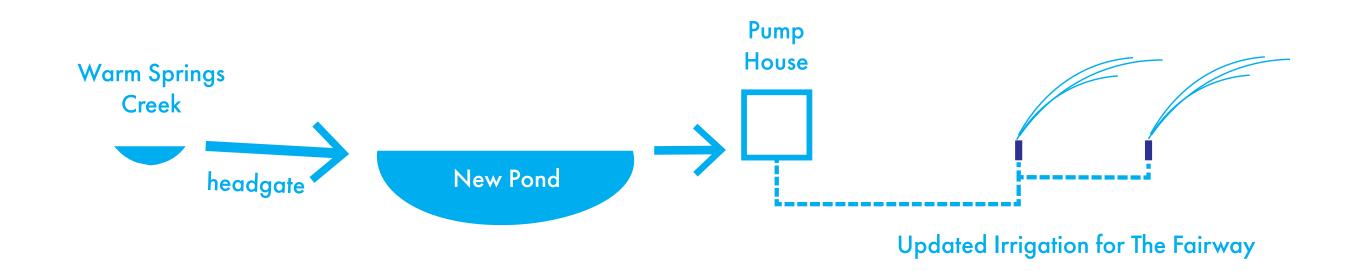
- Maintain upper terrace fairway
- Replace inefficient irrigation system
- Opportunities for benches & picnic tables (material TBD)
- Maintain lawn with some restored edges
- Potential for bear-proof dog waste receptacles
- Update existing path to ensure ADA access





How will the new irrigation system work?

The new irrigation system will be much more efficient, and will run at only at night!



Did you know that currently WSP uses 80% more water per acre than the ballfields at Atkinson Park?

In July 2022:

Atkinson Park:

9.5 acres @ 1.25mil gal

131,500 gal/acre

Warm Springs Preserve: 10.5 acres @ 2.5mil gal 238,000 gal/acre

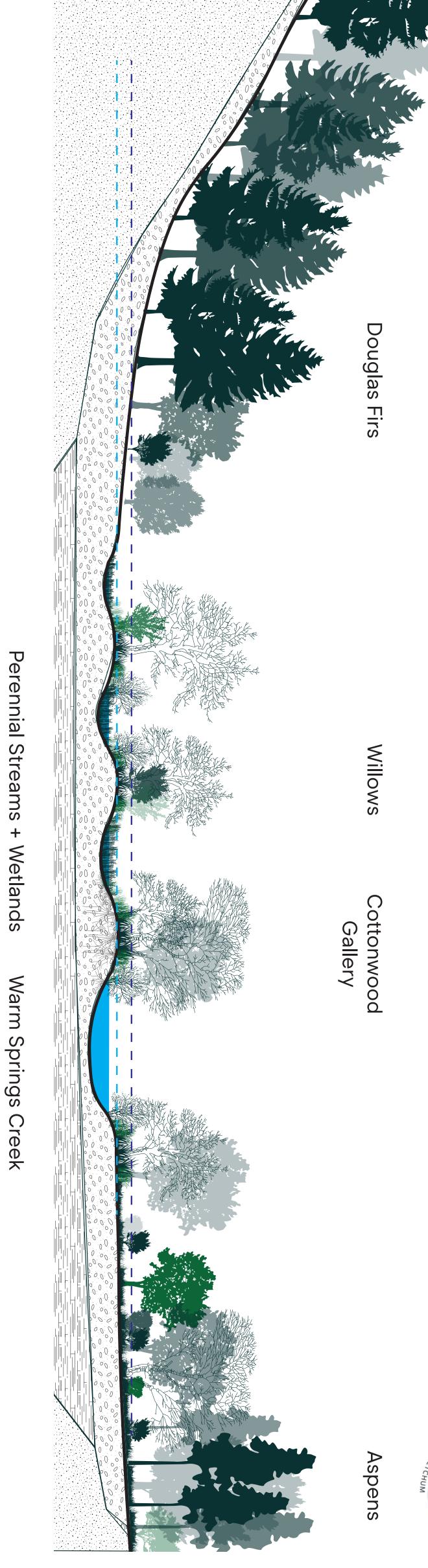
Historic Geologic Sections

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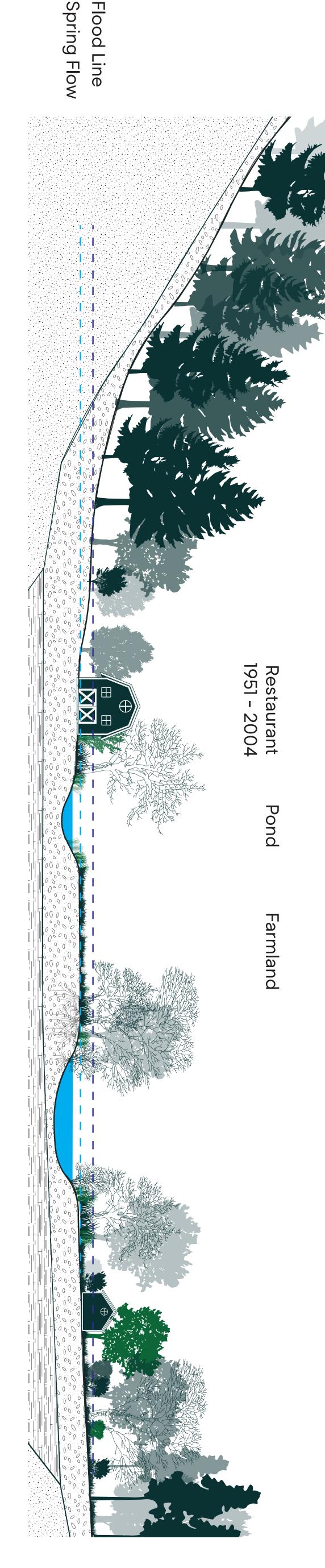
Flood Line



Spring Flow

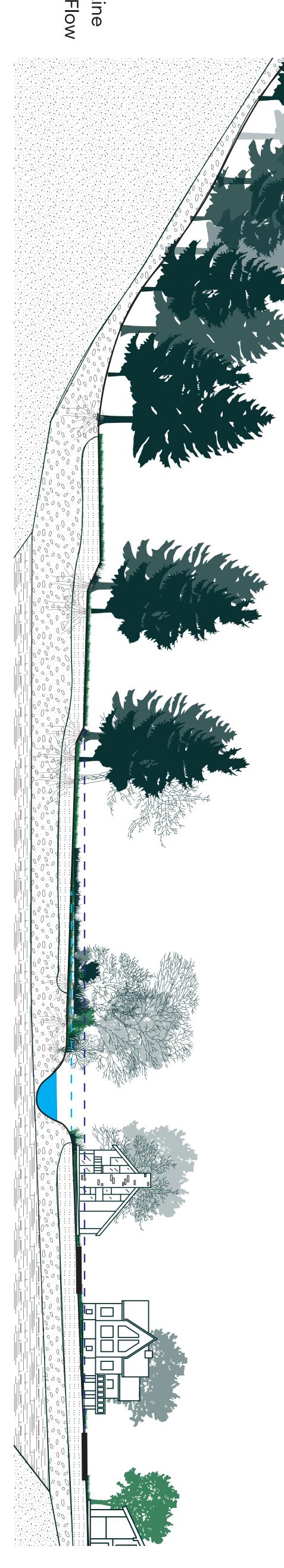
1800 Farm + Restaurant 1950s

As people moved to the area and used the land for other purposes such as farming and recreation, the floodplain was lost.



Intensified development has limited the creek's natural ability to move and flood healthily. As the development and weather patterns change, the threat to residents and the creek itself will intensify.

Spring Flow Flood Line



Middle Fairway

Channelized Creek

Development adjacent to and upstream
of the park increase velocity and amount
of runoff leading to corrosive effects to
the creek banks.

Neighborhoods

Residential



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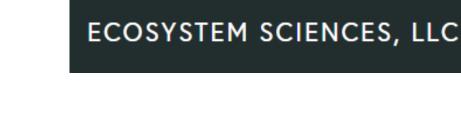
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WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST Friends of Warm Springs
Preserve Committee



Landscape Architecture





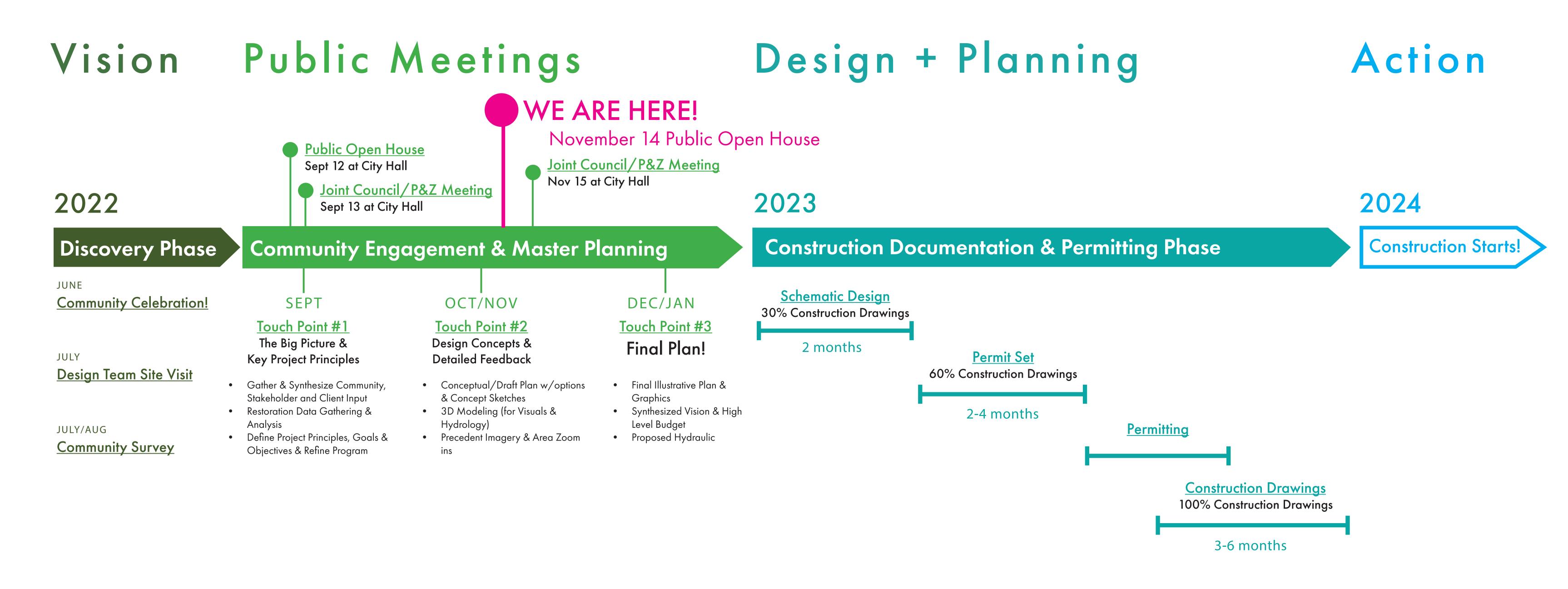
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WARM SPRINGS PRESERVE

Master Plan Process





Project Partners



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Design Team



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WARM SPRINGS PRESERVE

Principles & Framework

Existing Project Commitments

Warranty Deed (required)

- Floodplain restoration
- (1 or more) 10-ft w pedestrian trail for walking/skiing
- (1) irrigation pump house
- (1) public restroom
- (1) maintenance shed (1000sf max)
- (24) parking stalls

Community Commitments

- New irrigation system that reduces water use
- Flood mitigation
- Restoration of riparian zones & floodplain
- Creek & habitat restoration
- Passive park for open space in perpetuity
- Off-leash dog access
- Informal activities (disc golf, dog walking, etc.)
- Informal gather space (picnic tables, etc.)
- Nordic trails
- Public restroom

Opportunity Areas

- 1 Upper Fairway
- 5 The Woods
- 2 Middle Terrace
- 6 The Creek
- 3 Lower Creek Edge

Southern Floodplain

7 Improved Parking & Facilities

Initial Concept: Opportunity Areas



Six Guiding Principles

- O1 Create a Preserve that is Connected and Accessible to All
- 02 Design for Success over Time
- 03 Support All-Season Multi-Functional Use
- **04** Demonstrate Leadership through Regeneration of Healthy Ecosystems for People, Plants & Animals
- **05** Restore the Creek & Floodplain
- 06 Celebrate & Educate about the Past, Present and Future





Warm Springs Preserve

City Council and Planning & Zoning
Joint Session

November 15, 2022



WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST

SUPERBLOOM



Agenda

intro TEAM PROCESS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Completed Meetings

Feedback Received to Date

Project Principles

DESIGN CONCEPTS

Opportunity Areas

Restoration Approaches

PHASING
Timeline

Budget

questions, feedback, next steps

Team

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Superbloom

Denver, CO

Community Engagement,

Landscape Architecture

Rio Applied Science & Engineering

Boise, ID

Engineering,

Geomorphology,

Hydrology

Ecosystem Sciences

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North Fork Native Plants

Rexburg, ID

Native Plants for

Restoration

Process





What is the nature of Warm Springs Preserve?



Your Feedback

The City of Ketchum has received over 200 written comments and letters, and held four public events, conducted an online survey and held bi-weekly/monthly meetings with Friends of the Warm Springs Preserve Committee, since June 2022 after the property transfer,

Public Events To Date

Public Meetings, Online Surveys, Website & Social Media, Stakeholder Meetings, Other Events

Summer Solstice Celebration

September Online Survey

June 21

September 13 Public Open House #1

September 14 Joint Council P&Z Meeting #1

November Online Survey

November 14 Public Open House #2

November 15 Joint Council P&Z Meeting #2











Public Open House #2

November 14, 2022





Big Picture Feedback

ACCESS

Access improvements, and when that might occur

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Habitat enhancement and protecting existing ecosystems

RESTORATION

Extensive support for creek restoration, native plant species, reduced irrigation

HOMEOWNERS

Creek homeowners are concerned about how this impacts their property & view

DOGS

Park management & relationship between dogs, people and wildlife, waste management

ACTIVITIES

Nordic skiing, bike racks, potential to consider bike through path or fat bike in winter?

HARDSCAPE/IMPROVEMENTS

Preserve the open space with minimal hardscape & built improvements, pave parking lot

SOUTHERN PROPERTY

Excitement for the expansion

FACILITIES

flush toilets, ADA and HC are important

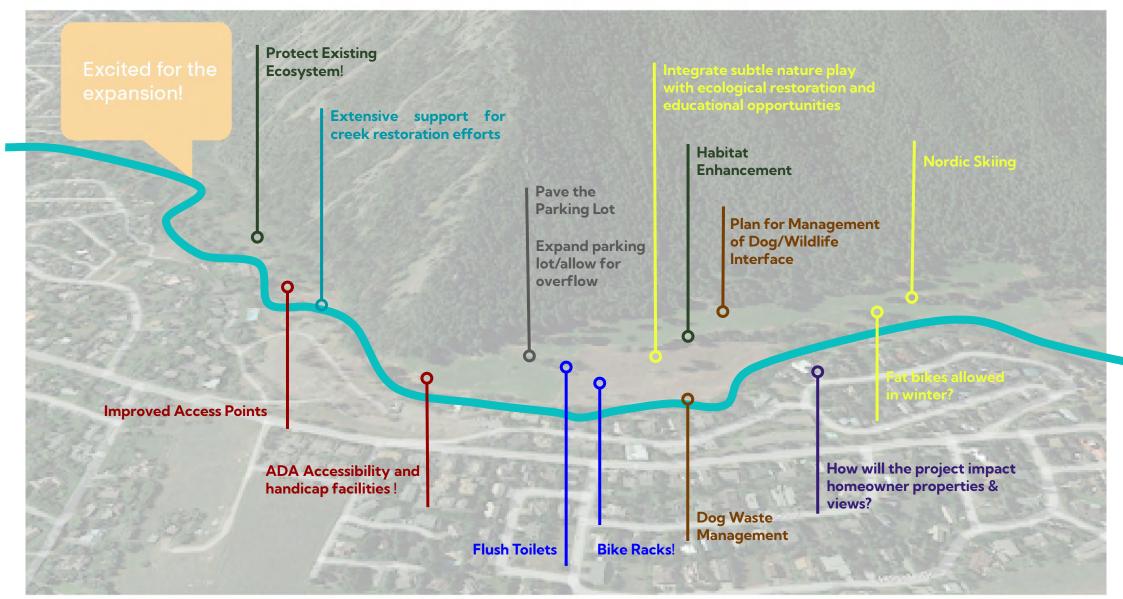
PARKING

Plan for overflow parking or expansion of existing parking

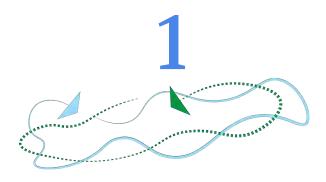
AMENITIES

Subtle 'nature play' integrated with ecological restoration and educational opportunities

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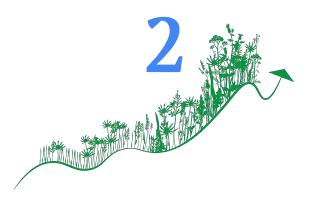
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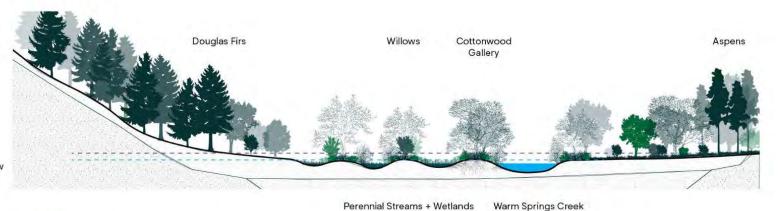


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Restaurant 1951 - 2004

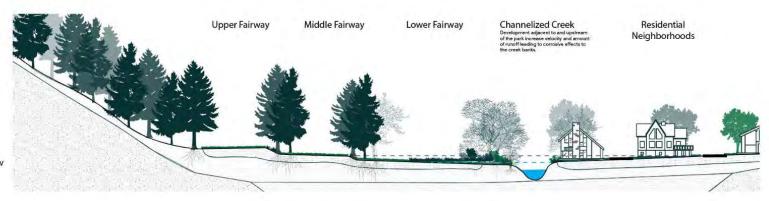
Pond Farmland

Farmland

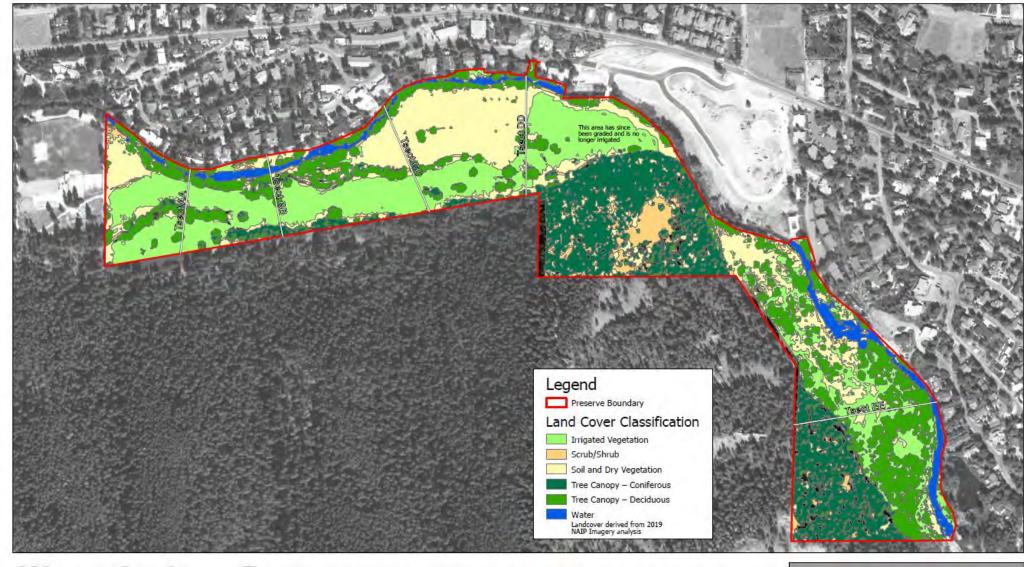
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Golf Course 1960 - 2009

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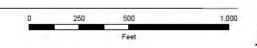


Flood Line Spring Flow



Warm Springs Preserve

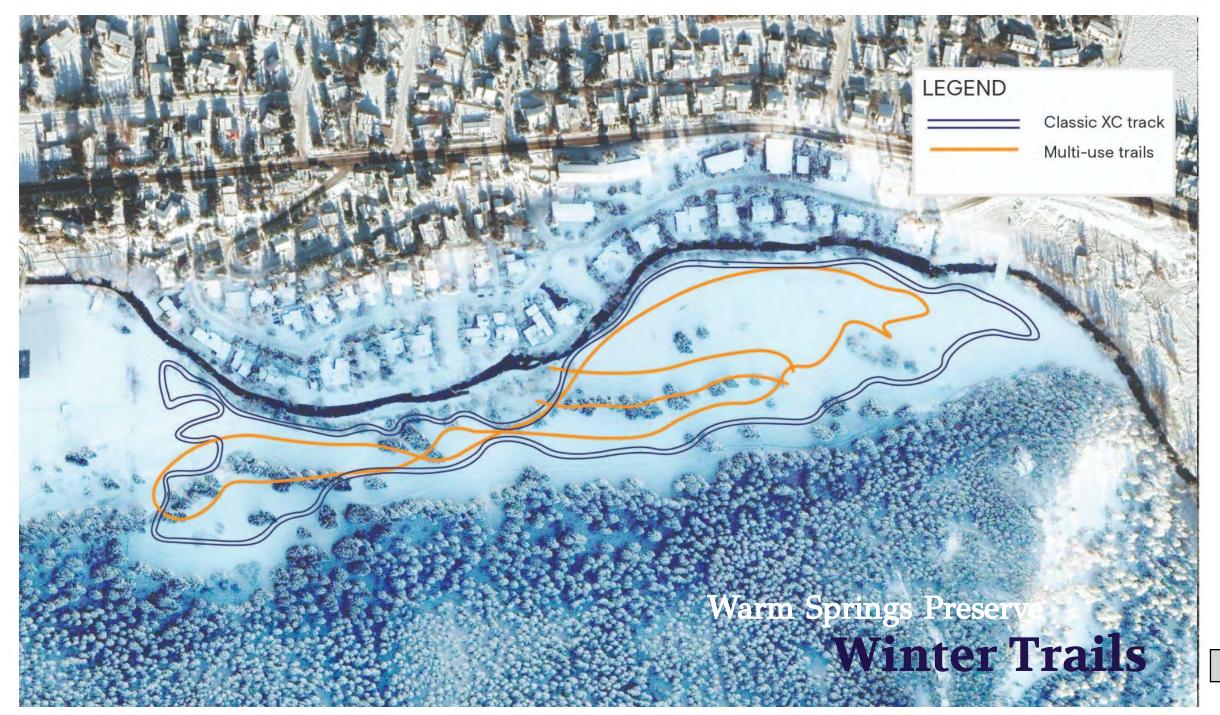
Land Cover Classification



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Winter Trails [34]

Focus Areas In this stage of the process, we would like your feedback on these driving design elements:



Entry & Parking Area



Creek Restoration & Access

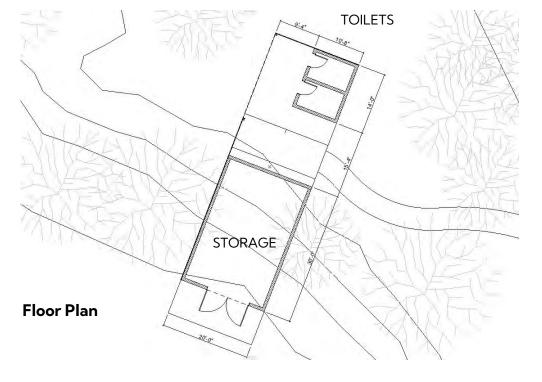


Southern Floodplain





The proposed restroom and storage building will be compact and efficient while providing needed services and facilities to support the preserve. It will include two (2) toilets for year round use, storage for maintenance, water fountains for people and dogs, waste receptacles, donor wall to recognize community supporters, a trail map, bike racks and sheltered seating. This concept provides ample screening by placing the small structure in the existing grove of trees and augmenting the grove with additional screening.





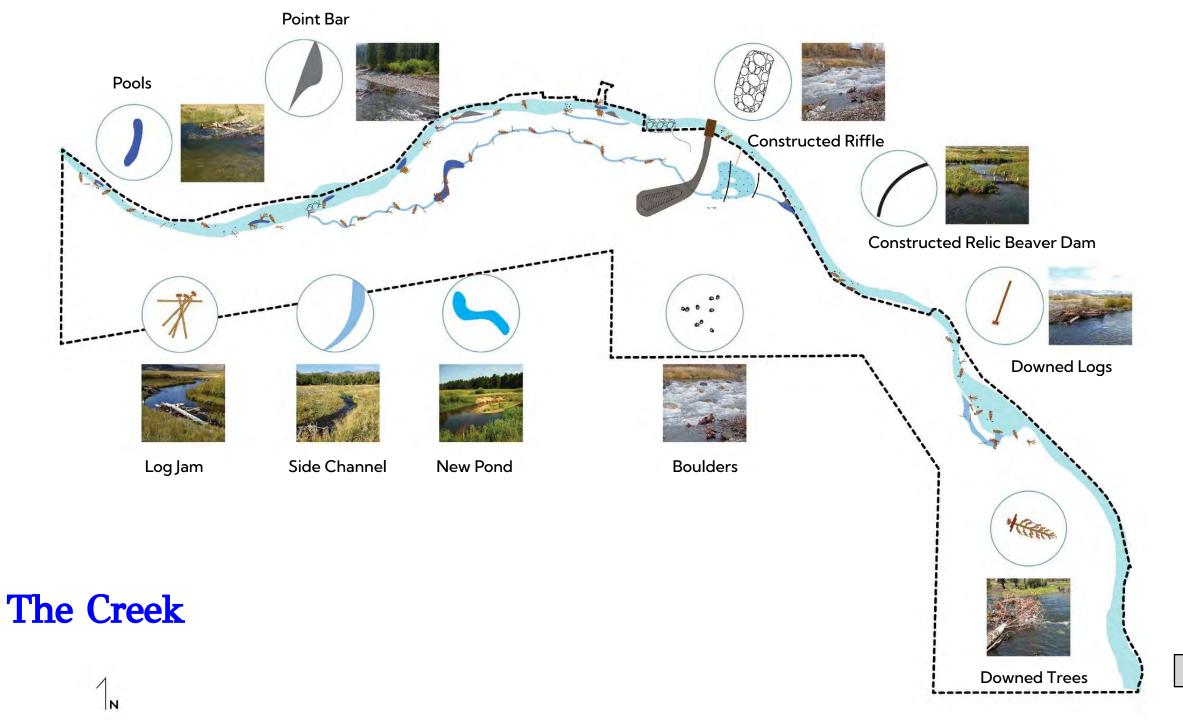


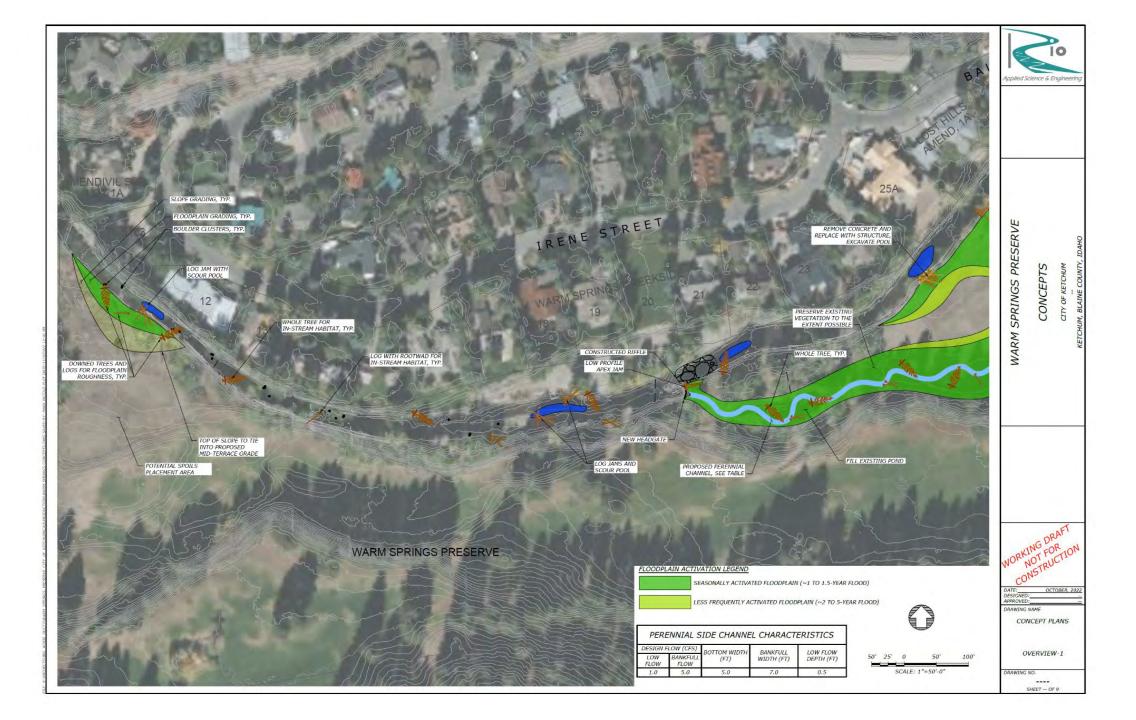


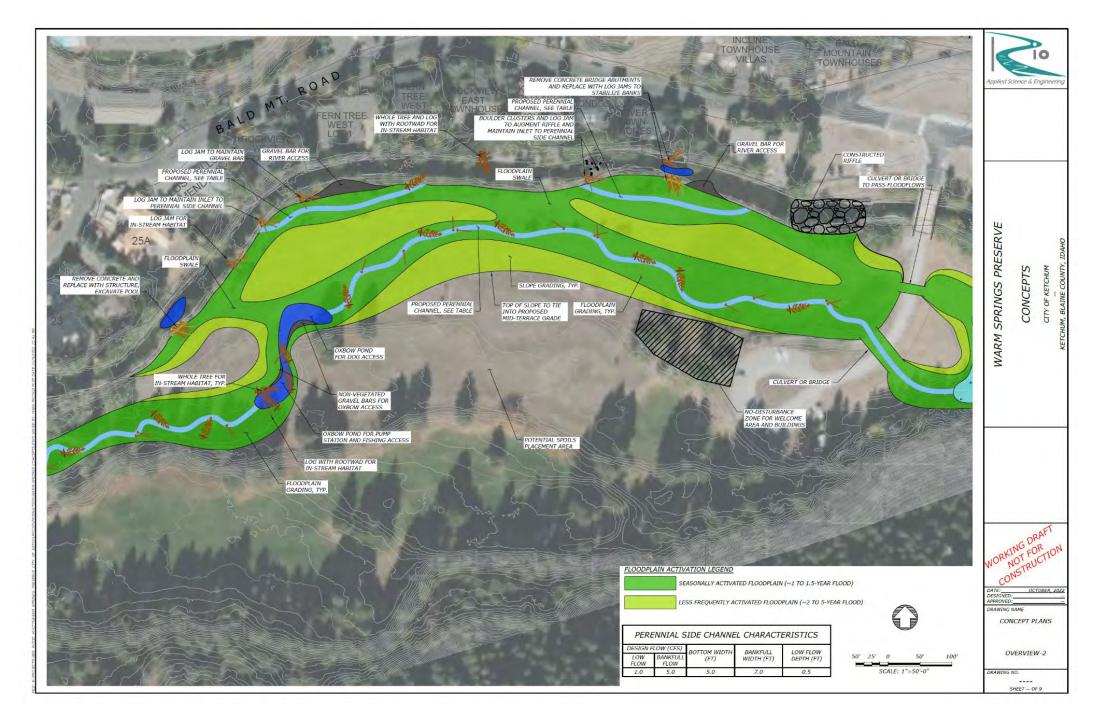
Restroom & Storage Building

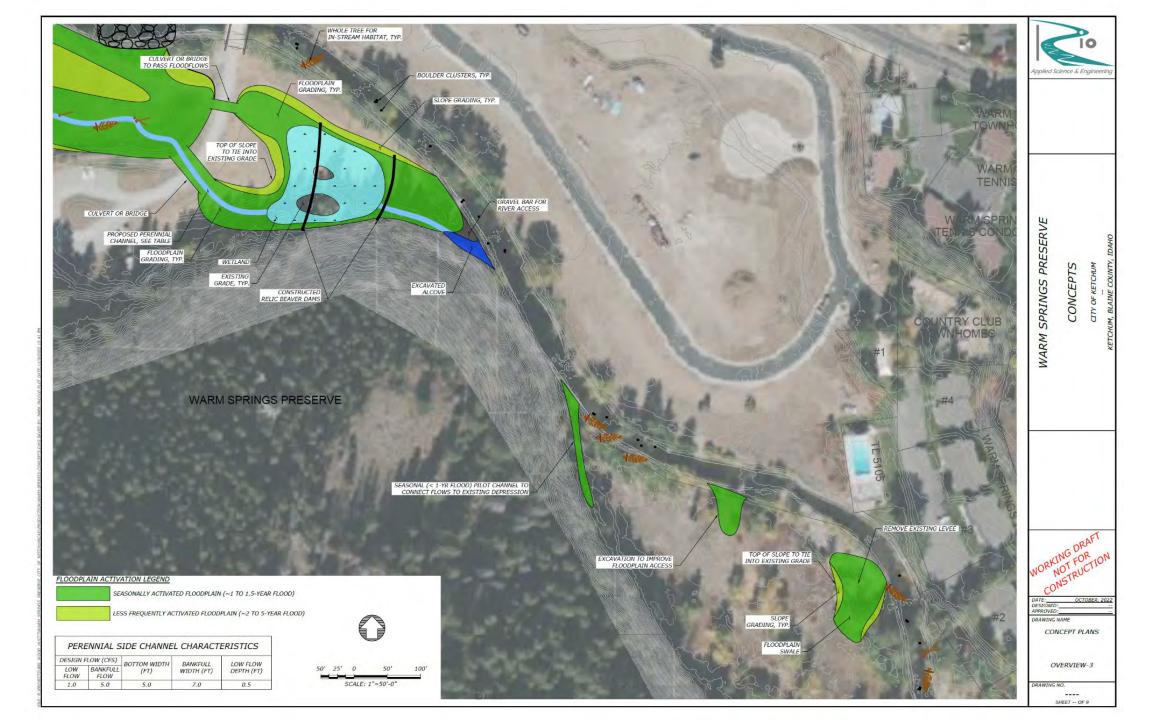
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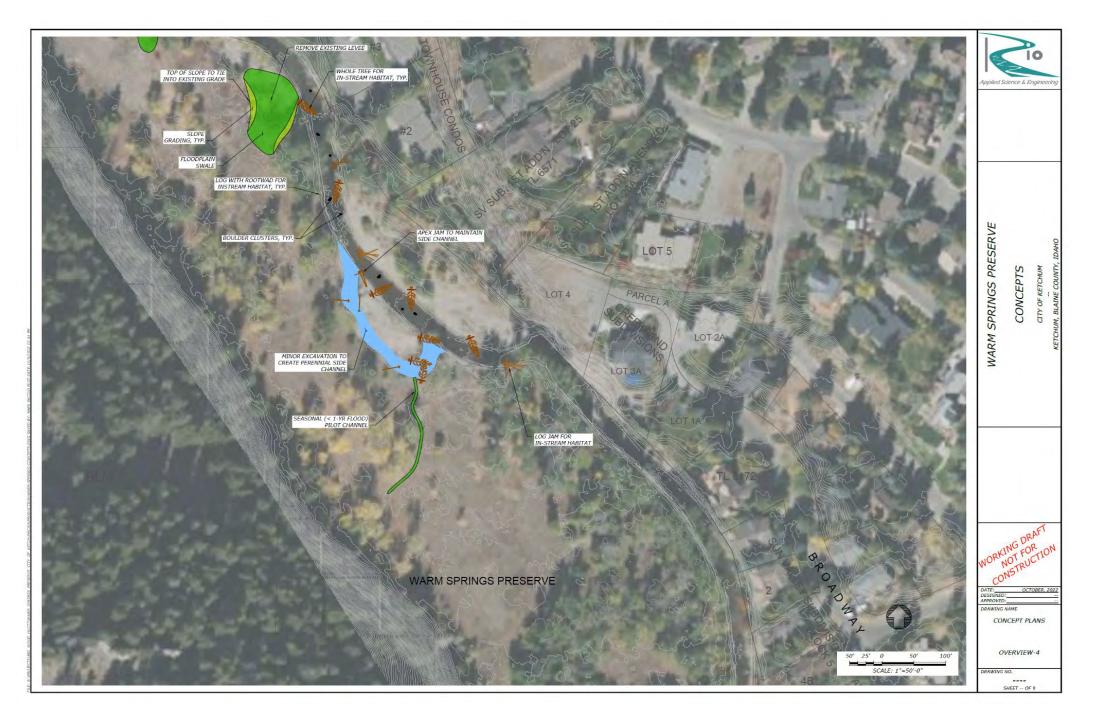










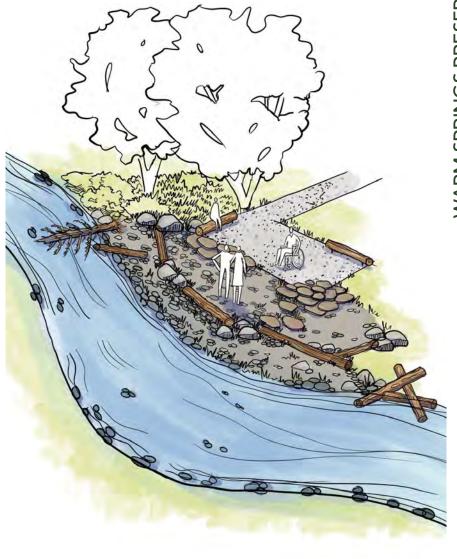




Natural Side Channel, with Mature Vegetation







Point Bar Creek Access

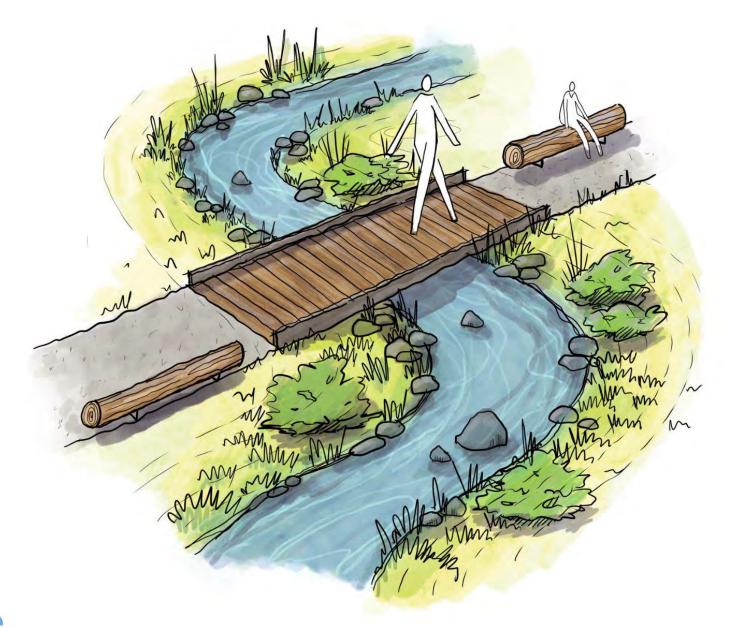


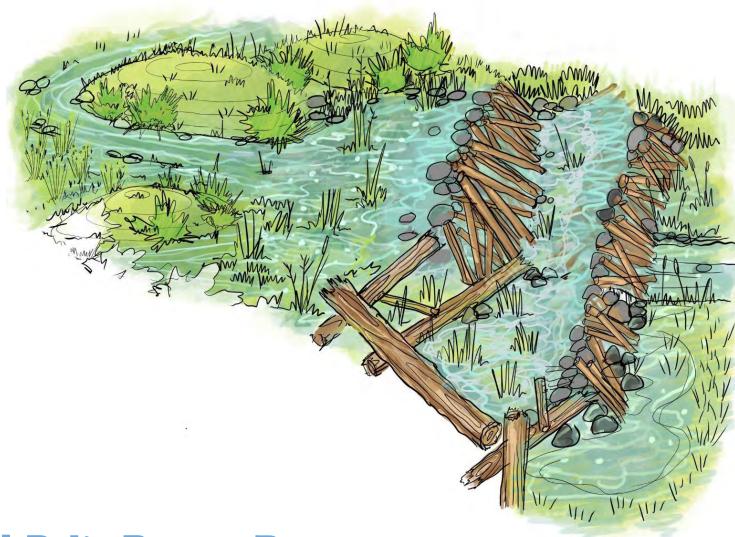
Lower Creek Edge



Natural Floodplain, with Mature Vegetation (Colorado Gulch)

Lower Creek Edge







Natural Beaver Dam, made from rock, soil and willow branches

Lower Creek Edge

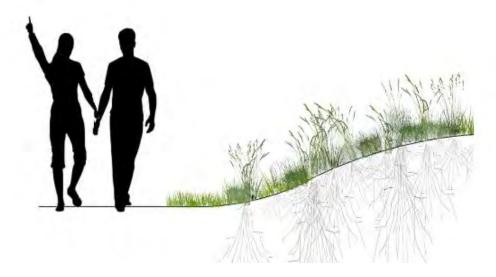
Middle Terrace





Existing Condition

Middle Terrace



Example section showing berms with native grasses, forbs and shrubs.



Wheatgrass Pascopyrum



Snowberry Symphoricarpos



spicata





Idaho Fescue Festuca idahoensis



Sagebrush Artemisia tridentata



Arrowleaf Balsamroot Balsamorhiza sagittata



Ute Ladies'tresses Spiranthes diluvialis



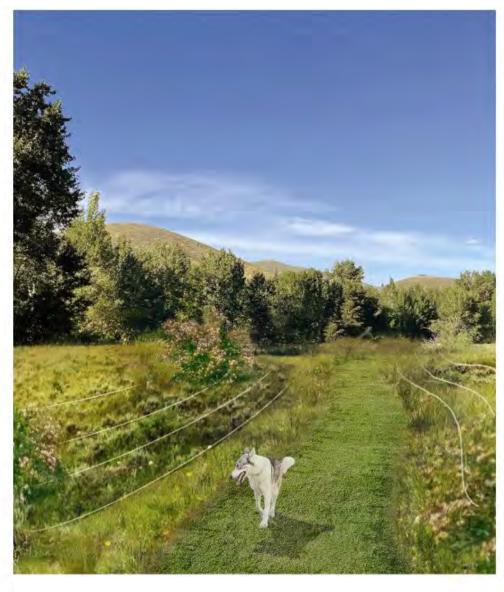
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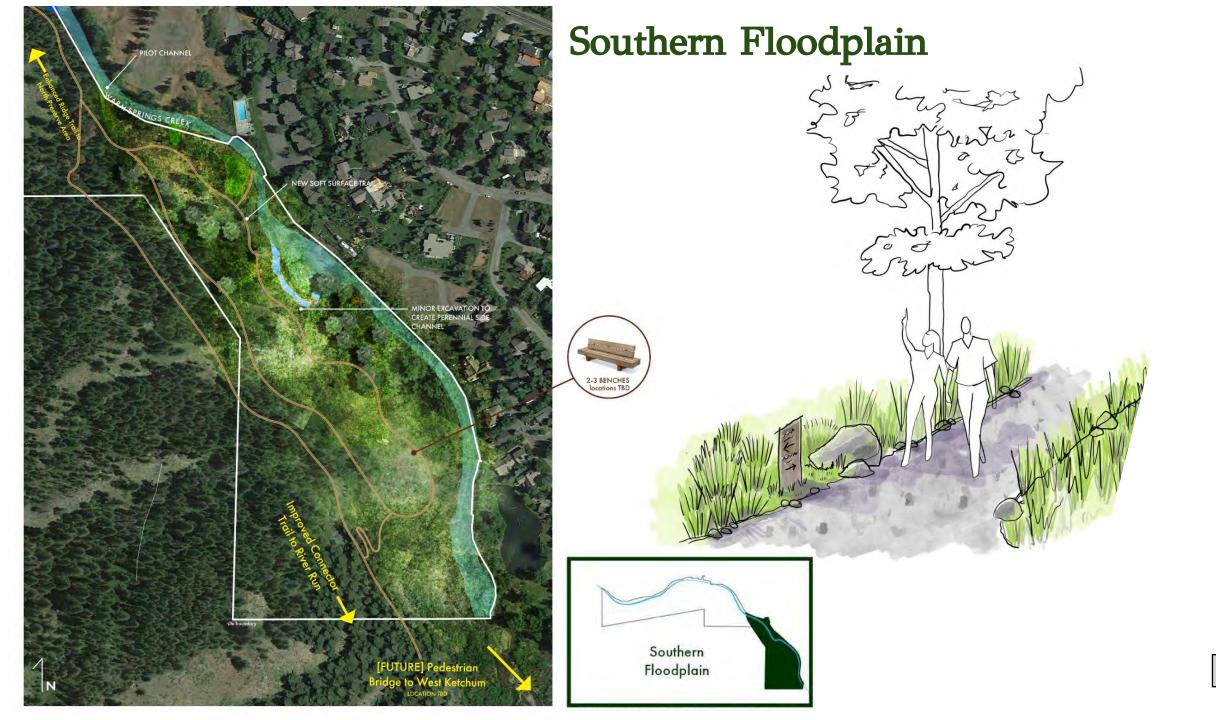
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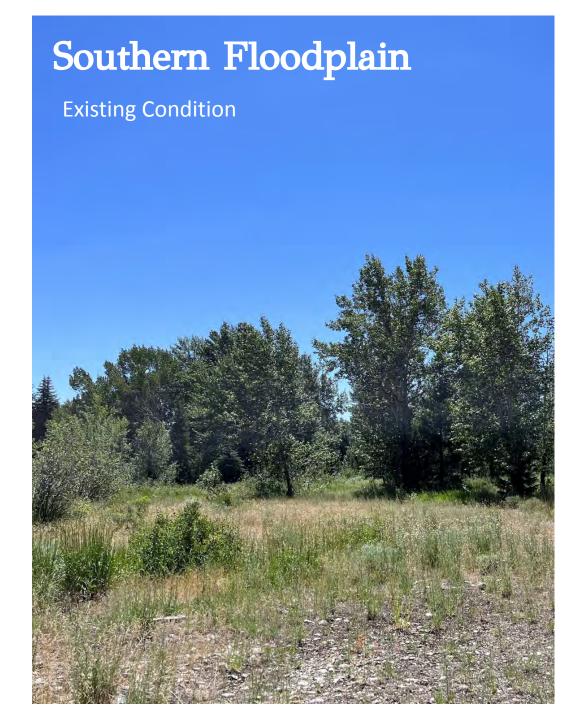


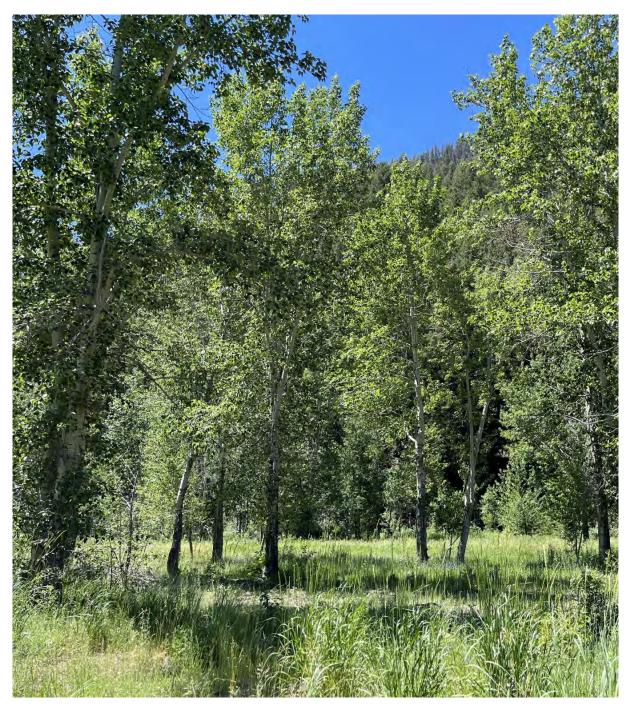
Pearly Everlasting Anaphalis margaritacea



Illustrative image of Middle Terrace with native meadow berms and grass pathways







Are we headed in the right direction?



Design Process



Next Steps



January 2023

Next Iteration of Design

- Educational/Signage
- Donor Elements

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Updated Budget Explore Phasing & Value Engineering