ADAMS COUNTY CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING #3
ABOUT

CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR PLANNING

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Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Adams County Transportation
Clear Creek Watershed Foundation
Adams County Long Range Planning Adams County Community and Economic Development
Adams County Parks and Recreation
Hyland Hills Parks & Recreation District
**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Clear Creek Corridor**

- total recommendations: 320
- top areas of interest:
  - Delinquency concerns (18%)
  - Maintenance concerns (13%)
  - Access/circulation (12%)
  - Gold panning (12%)
  - Parking (9%)
  - Wayfinding (6%)
  - Dog park (4%)

**How do you currently use the Clear Creek Corridor from Sheridan Boulevard to the South Platte River?**

- "better access and signage for gold panning"
- "cleanup and reopen Lowell Ponds"
- "off-leash dog park that has trees for shade"

"walking with my dog"
"plant and mineral identification practice"
"maintenance access"
"playing with my kids"
"geocaching"

**What would you like to see in the future along the Clear Creek Corridor from Sheridan Boulevard to the South Platte River?**

- "improvements to under-bridge paths for when they get flooded"
- "parking and a portapotty"
- "better safety and more police patrolling in the area"
- "fix cycling path, wide, add lanes and signage"
- "more trees, more wildlife habitat, safer access areas for nonhuman inhabitants needing water to survive"
- "picnic spots, signage for recycling/trash bins"
- "interpretive signing (history) should be coordinated among various jurisdictions"

**If you’ve ever felt uneasy along the Clear Creek trail, please select your top three concerns that have made you feel unsafe.**

- "homeless/transient camping along the river and trail"
- "not enough visibility / interconnection into neighborhoods"
- "bicyclers disrespectful to other trail users"
- "lack of signage and not certain I am headed in the right direction. lack of confidence = lack of perceived safety and anxiety-inducing"
- "no bathrooms close to the river"
- "lack of law enforcement presence"
- "too much trash, after spring floods the paths take months to be cleared"
- "lack of nearby public parking"
- "needs more population density - additional use which creates more safety"
- "dog off leash and dog waste, no enforcement"
- "trash, tall weeds and grass"

**ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

**ROUND 1:**

**PUBLIC MEETING, ONLINE SURVEY #1**
YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED.

Adams County is preparing a master plan for the Clear Creek Corridor that will identify potential for recreation and habitat improvements from Sheridan Boulevard to the South Platte River. After speaking with over 400 community members, we have begun the next phase of our planning process.

THREE OPPORTUNITIES to take a look at the plan and tell us what you think.

1 Fly kites with us in Rotella Park! (weather permitting)
   El equipo de planificación va a entregar información actualizada sobre las opiniones que hemos escuchado hasta ahora y ofrecer una visión de las recomendaciones del plan. El condado de Adams entregará papalotes gratis a todas las personas que asistan!
   CUANDO: Jueves 20 de abril de 2017 (fecha alternativa el 27 de abril)
   DÓNDE: Rotella Park (refugio de picnic 3)
   (picnic shelter #3) 1824 Coronado Parkway South Thornton, CO 80229

2 Take the next survey!
   Visite www.adcogov.org/ccplan para obtener más información y tomar la encuesta n°2. ¡Llene la próxima encuesta!
   CUANDO: Todos los días en abril
   DÓNDE: www.adcogov.org/ccplan

3 Join us for a breakfast open house!
   ¡Acompañarnos a un desayuno y evento comunitario!
   Para ver las primeras recomendaciones formuladas en el arte conceptual y ofrecer su opinión sobre los próximos pasos. Los mapas de los recorridos autoguiados a pie estarán disponibles en este evento para guiarlo a lo largo del arte conceptual y sus recomendaciones para la próxima encuesta.
   CUANDO: Sábado 22 de abril de 2017
   DÓNDE: Centro comunitario Carl Park
   5401 Meade St., Denver, CO 80221

PHASE 2 - SETTING PRIORITIES

WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

PHASE 2 INCLUDED

- 236 SURVEY RESPONSES
- 54 PUBLIC MEETING GUESTS
- 2 PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS

what we heard in Phase 2

The Most Important Improvements are:

BASIC NEEDS
1) Improve regional trail and transportation connections
2) Dedicated ranger patrols
3) More trailheads

CIRCULATION + ACCESS
1) Commerce City Station connection
2) Trail connections at Lowell Boulevard
3) South Platte River trail integration

RECREATION PLANNING
1) South Platte River Confluence Open Space
2) Clear Creek Ecological Area at Lowell Ponds
3) Ralston Creek Confluence Regional Open Space

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

ROUND 2: OUTREACH EVENTS, ONLINE SURVEY #2
BASIC NEEDS

SAFETY

Ranger / Patrol Program
in Cooperation with Adams County Sheriff’s Department

Integrated Signage Programs
Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Adams County Transportation
Clear Creek Watershed Foundation
Adams County Parks and Recreation
Hyland Hills Parks & Recreation District

Pedestrian Safety Guidelines

DEDICATED TRAIL SECURITY PATROL

GRAFFITI-RESISTANT INTEGRATED SIGNAGE PROGRAMS

HUMAN-ACTIVATED SIGNALIZED CROSSWALKS (“HAWK” CROSSINGS)

IMPROVED LIGHTING AT UNDERPASSES AND TRANSIT STATIONS
**BASIC NEEDS**

**ACCESS**

*Trailhead Resources*

*Integrated Trail Programs*

- **EXPANDED PARKING AREAS AT TRAILHEADS**
- **IMPROVED REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS**
- **BIKE SHARE LOCATIONS**
- **MAINTAINED PORTOLETS ALONG TRAIL**
BASIC NEEDS
STEWARDSHIP

Potential Partnership Opportunities
Adams County Schools
Neighborhood Organizations
Clear Creek Watershed Association
Department of Fish and Wildlife
National Audubon Society
Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
Local and Regional Recreation Programs
Local Interest Groups
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CIRCULATION + ACCESS
ACCESS PLANNING

ZONE 1 | SHERIDAN BOULEVARD TO ZUNI STREET

SHERIDAN BOULEVARD
Improved connection with Gold Strike Park, neighborhood trail signage, safe pedestrian and cyclist crossings. Preferred bike share location.

TENNYSON STREET
Add safe pedestrian and bicycle connections to Arvada Gold Strike Station, Clear Creek Valley Park and Jim Baker Reservoir. Enhanced HAWK crossing at Clear Creek recommended, along with nearby neighborhood signage.

LOWELL BOULEVARD
Complete multi-use trail connections to Jim Baker Reservoir, Clear Creek Valley Park, Lowell Ponds and Carl Park Community Center. Neighborhood trail signage helps navigation from Westminster, Arvada and Aloha Beach, and from Berkeley and Regis University.

FEDERAL BOULEVARD
Planned improvements at underpass connect neighborhood routes with Clear Creek Station. Additional lighting, wayfinding and right-of-way enhancements for neighborhood cyclists recommended. Preferred bike share location.
PECOS STREET
Improved street and underpass crossings, pedestrian connection and neighborhood trail signage for Pecos Street Station, Berkley/Zuni and Sunnyside neighborhoods.

LITTLE DRY CREEK LAKE
A county-owned parcel with that connects the US-36 bikeway, Westminster Station, Arvada and Westminster. Recommend future expanded parking and trailhead amenities. Future connection along creek and across rail lines should be added if/when surface mining operations cease. Wayfinding improvements are needed until trail connects. Preferred bike share location.

TWIN LAKES BOTTOMLANDS
Trail connections from Scott Carpenter Middle School and Valley View Elementary open up new outdoor learning environments in the Twin Lakes Bottomlands. New walking trails provide access to wildlife areas while preserving wildlife habitats.
ACCESS PLANNING

ZONE 3 | WASHINGTON STREET TO THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER

WASHINGTON STREET
New access for Emergency Services. Potential connections to planned detached walk. Future development should seek to provide additional trail access.

YORK STREET
Planned improvements include a new sidewalk and trail connection. Additional neighborhood signage recommended.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER CONFLUENCE
Parking, restroom and pedestrian improvements recommended. Future development should expand pedestrian and bicycle access from South Platte River and Commerce City Commuter Rail. Preferred bike share location.

REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTION AND TRAILHEAD
SOUTH PLATTE RIVER CONFLUENCE
YORK STREET
RESIDENTIAL TRAIL CONNECTION AND TRAILHEAD
COMMERCE CITY
MULTI-MODAL RESIDENTIAL TRAIL CONNECTION
WASHINGTON STREET
EMERGENCY ACCESS
ADAMS COUNTY
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ZONE 1 | SHERIDAN BOULEVARD TO ZUNI STREET

RALSTON CREEK CONFLUENCE
An iconic connection between Arvada's Gold Strike Park and Adams County Open Space, including stream restoration, paved trails, public art, picnic areas, safe river access, informational signage about gold panning and the history of Clear Creek.

LOWELL PONDS
A diverse wetland and aquatic habitat area that includes educational signage, formalized paved and soft trails, wildlife viewing areas, and may also be a location for stocked fishing areas. This site is an opportunity for partnerships between Adams County, Colorado State Wildlife, and the Hyland Hills Recreation District.

CLEAR CREEK STATION AREA PARK
Soon to be a transit hub for recreationalists and commuters, Clear Creek Station area provides an opportunity for specialized water recreation and low-impact recreational retail such as rental and repair shops, coffee stands, etc. Wetland and floodway buffers areas are currently limited and should be restored.
RECREATION PLANNING
ZONE 1 | SHERIDAN BOULEVARD TO ZUNI STREET

RALSTON CREEK CONFLUENCE REGIONAL OPEN SPACE

LOWELL PONDS ECOLOGICAL AREA

CLEAR CREEK STATION AREA PARK
RECREATION PLANNING

ZONE 2 | ZUNI STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET

LITTLE DRY CREEK
The intersection of the Little Dry Creek Trail and Clear Creek connects Jefferson and Adams counties and a number of transit areas nearby. River topography provides an opportunity for future development to incorporate water recreation such as tubing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding.

TWIN LAKES BOTTOMLANDS
This site is ecologically rich and uniquely diverse. Cleanup, revegetation and maintenance will enhance habitat. Stormwater networks create an opportunity for stormwater parks and wetland areas. Trail connections to Valley View Elementary and Scott Carpenter Middle School can connect these schools to outdoor classrooms and wildlife viewing areas.
RECREATION PLANNING
ZONE 2 | ZUNI STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET

LITTLE DRY CREEK
REGIONAL OPEN SPACE

TWIN LAKES BOTTOMLANDS
ECOLOGICAL AREA
RECREATION PLANNING
ZONE 3 | WASHINGTON STREET TO THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER

CLEAR CREEK WETLANDS
Soft paved trails and educational signage guide visitors through a protected area with a restored floodway, enhanced wildlife and wetland habitats. County coordination with CDOT can increase management opportunities.

CLEAR CREEK CONFLUENCE
An iconic destination that merges two regional trail corridors. Future development plans should engage both rivers and provide additional resources for specialized recreation and special events.
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DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES
**Development Guidelines**

**Softening Corridor Edges**

*Vegetated Screening at Fenced Boundaries*

APPLICATIONS: existing parking lots, industrial, single-family residential

*Terraced Slopes*

APPLICATIONS: areas in which <4:1 slope is not possible
DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

ENHANCING EXPERIENCE

**Enhanced Creekside Visibility**
APPLICATIONS: commercial, retail

**Integrated Open Space Areas with Low Vegetation Buffer**
APPLICATIONS: multi-family residential, schools, community centers, other public buildings
DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

REVITALIZING ECOLOGIES

200’ Minimum 3-Zone Buffer
APPLICATIONS: mid and high-impact development, stormwater outfall clusters, ecological areas and nature preserve areas.

Animal Foodsource Plantings
APPLICATIONS: ecological areas and nature preserve, other areas as possible.
DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

EXPANDING HABITATS

**Ephemeral Ponding Areas**
APPLICATIONS: ecological areas and nature preserve, other areas as possible.

**Safe Nesting Areas**
APPLICATIONS: ecological areas and nature preserve, other areas as possible.
DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES
INTEGRATING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Outfall Setback
APPLICATIONS: minimum requirement for future development

Integrated Stormwater Parks
APPLICATIONS: ecological areas and nature preserve, other areas as possible.
FOR CONTINUED UPDATES ON THE CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR PLAN PLEASE VISIT WWW.ADCOGOV.ORG/CCPLAN