

Town of Lyons Parks

Flood Recovery Planning Process

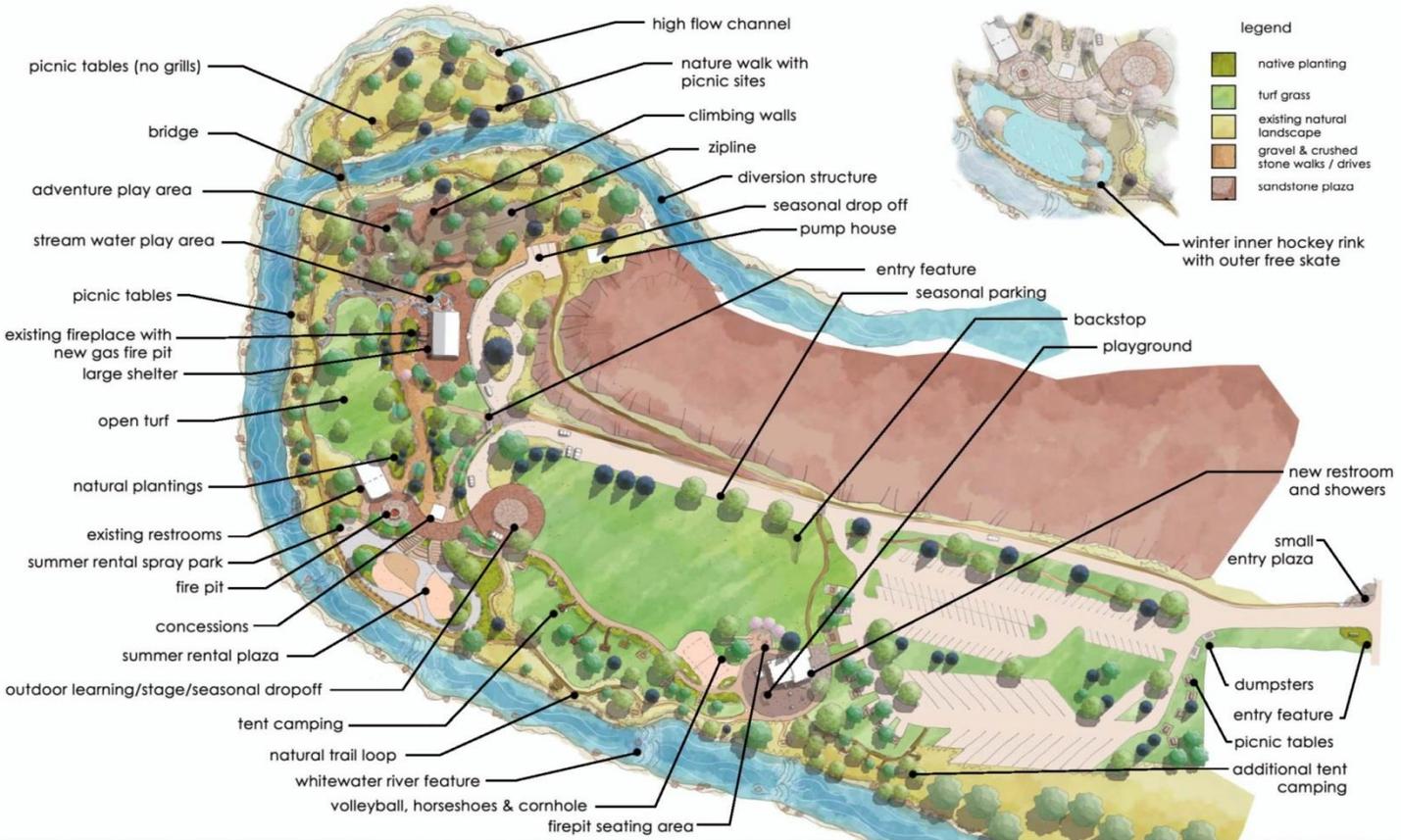


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Lyons Parks and Recreation Flood Recovery Update



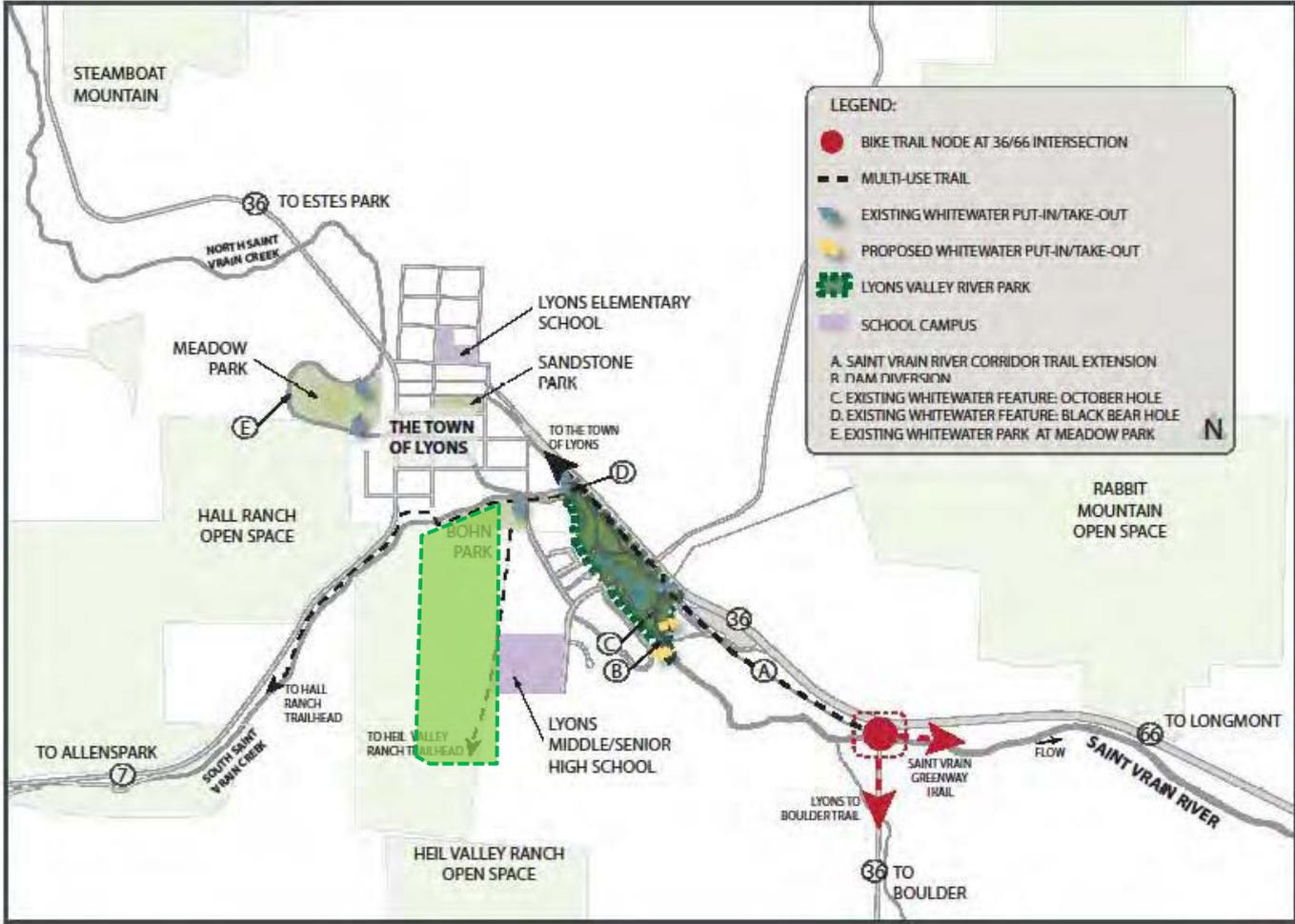
1. Meadow Park Phase II - Project PW20B1

Estimated Completion: Summer 2016

2. Lyons Corridor Trail Island Debris Hauling and Disposal PW20-C

Estimated Completion: Spring 2015-Completed

Lyons Parks and Recreation Flood Recovery Update



3. Town of Lyons Parks Flood Recovery Planning Project PW20-D

- Project Start: July 2015
- Estimated Completion: December 2015

Lyons Parks and Recreation Flood Recovery Update

- Public meetings 1-3
Wednesdays @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19
- Public meetings 4-6
Thursdays @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17
- Public meetings 7-9
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Town of Lyons Parks
Flood Recovery Planning Process

Public Meetings
The Town of Lyons invites you to share your ideas on the flood recovery of our parks & trails.

LOCATION DATES

- AUG 5** - Bohn Park
- AUG 12** - Lyons Valley River Park
- AUG 19** - Trail Planning, Park Connectivity & Recreation Opportunities

Roger's Hall
410 High Street
Lyons, CO 80540
6:30pm - 8:00pm

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- Build upon previous public planning efforts
 - Parks, Open Space and Trails (P.O.S.T.) Plans of 2000 and 2008,
 - Bohn Park Master Plan 2008
 - Lyons Valley River Park Master Plan 2012
 - Other Lyons strategic master planning documents.
 - Lyons Recovery Action Plan (LRAP)
 - Town Comprehensive Plans/ Goals
 - St. Vrain Watershed Master Plan



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 - Operations and Maintenance Plan/Financial Analysis

Lyons Parks and Recreation Flood Recovery Update

4. Bohn Park River Restoration***

- Estimated Start: Winter 2015/2016

5. Bohn Park Interior Restoration ***

- Estimated Start: Winter 2015 into Spring & Summer 2016

6. Lyons Valley River Park Restoration and Enhancements (McConnell Ponds)***

- Estimated Start: Winter 2016 into Spring & Summer 2017

*** Priority order for 4-5 and 6 may switch depending on outcome of Lyons Parks Master Plan Update Priorities, associated infrastructure project priorities (i.e. McConnell and 2nd Ave. Bridges) and Available funding, among other considerations. Projected dates for 4-5 and 6 above may then switch.

Lyons Parks Flood Recovery Planning Process

- Task 1 – Work Plan
- Task 2 – Data Collection/Flood Damage Assessment and Inventory
- Task 3 – Stakeholder Input/ Public Outreach/ Prioritization
- Task 4: Draft Planning Process/ Draft Planning Goals
- Task 5 - Final Planning Completion
- Task 6 – Operating Cost/ Revenue Model and Park Maintenance Plan

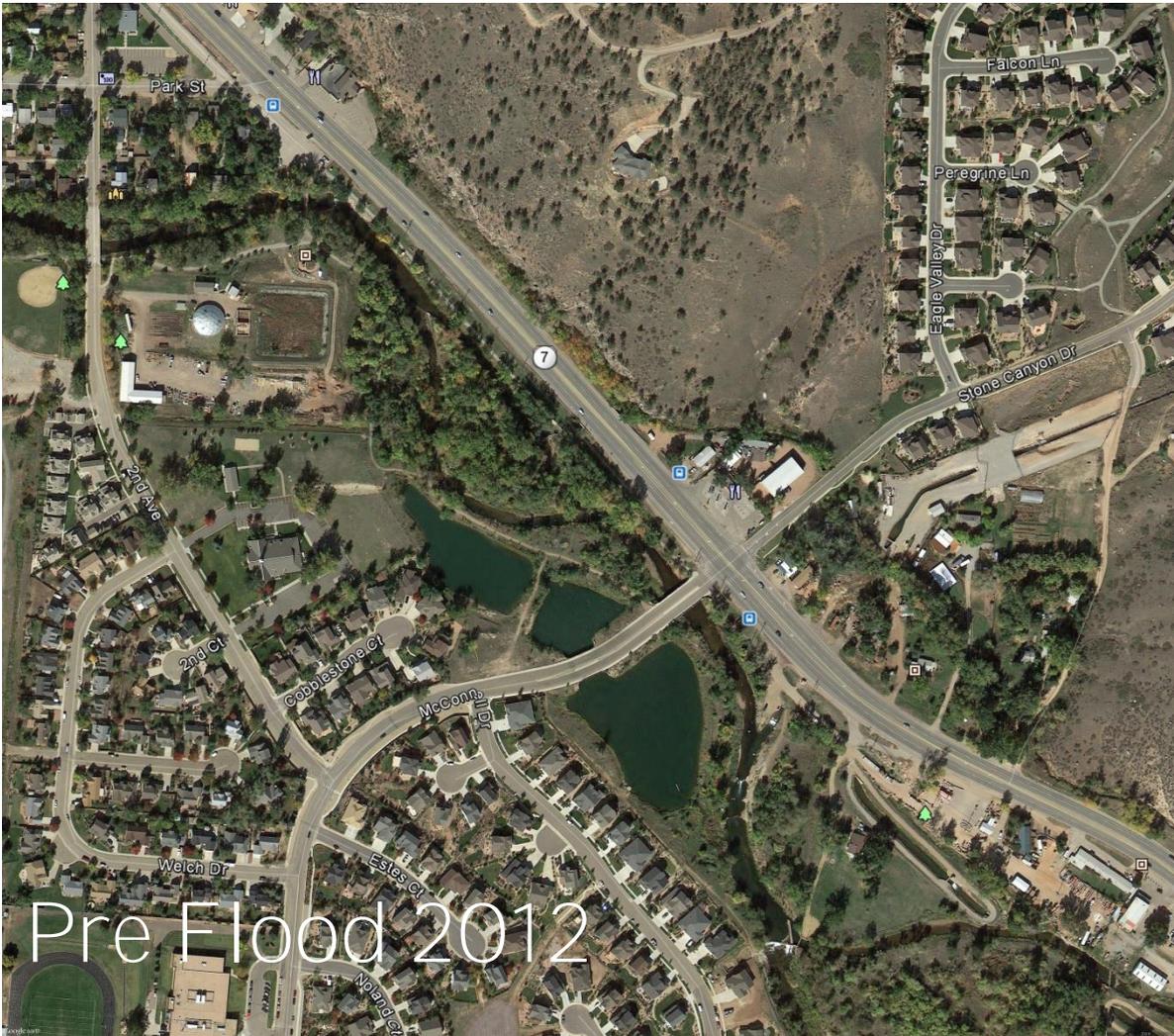
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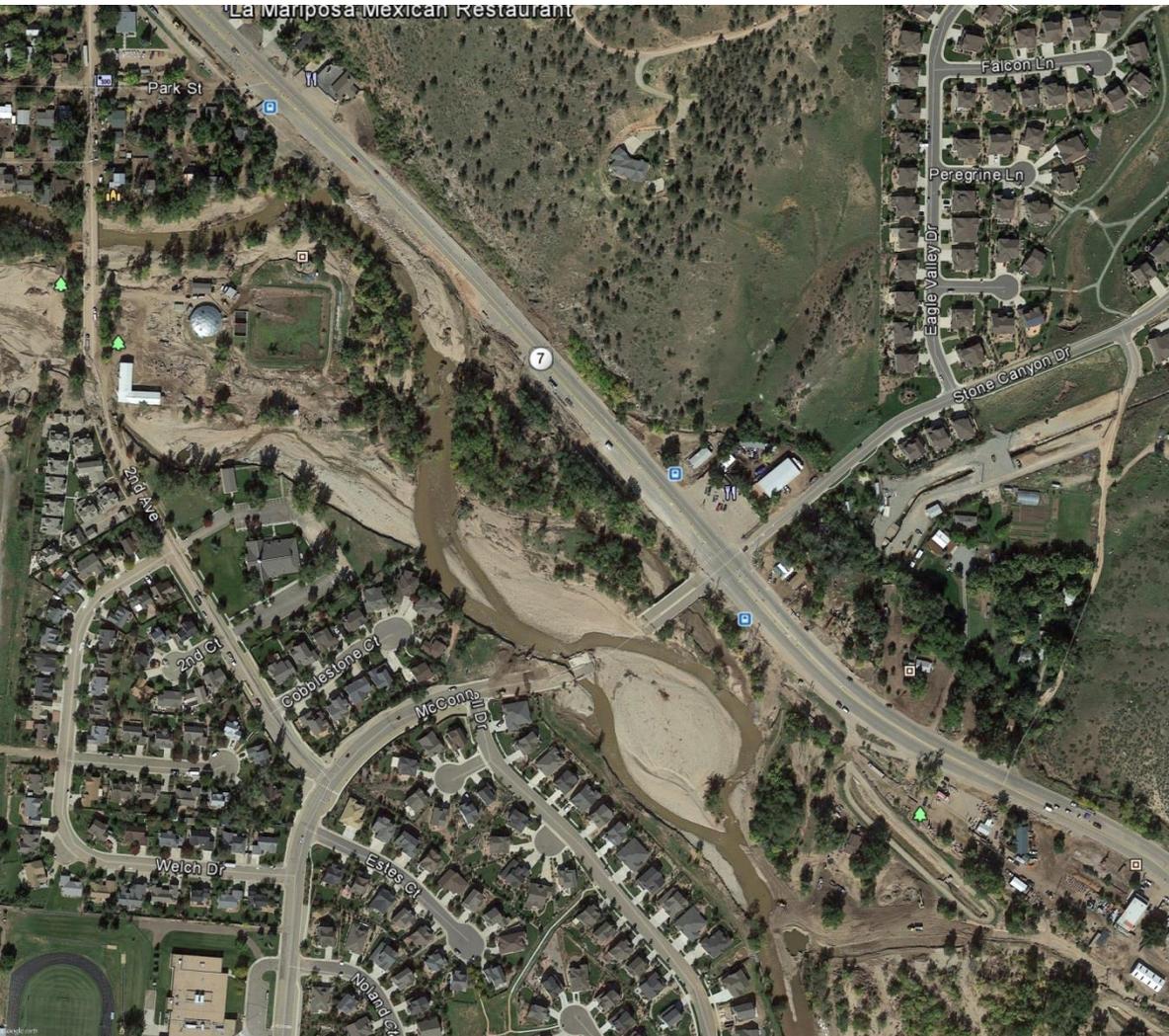
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2013 Flood- TOWN OF LYONS Park Damages



- St Vrain Corridor Trail
- Pond recreation and access
- Loop Trails
- Whitewater park
- Swimming Hole
- Black Bear Hole
- Public Art
- Drive up access
- October/ November White Water features

2013 Flood- TOWN OF LYONS Park Damages



Total
Devastation of
Parkland and
Park Facilities
(Bohn Park, Lyons
Valley River Park,
Trails and Whitewater
Recreation)
culminating in
over \$9 Million
in damages.
(FEMA PW20 &
35)

2013 FLOOD- TOWN OF LYONS

LYONS VALLEY RIVER PARK DAMAGES



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Black Bear Hole Before/ After

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Black Bear Hole Picture taken facing East-Before/ After

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October Hole & November Hole-Before/ After

Comprehensive Plan goals

- Balance the quality of life benefits that parks, trails and open lands contribute to the community with fiscal responsibility.
- Objective 1.1: Make the parks, trails and open space system more self-sustaining and efficient and an even more important part of the Lyons brand-”**a recreation destination**”.
- Re-establish and expand revenue-generating activities/opportunities/amenities to support park maintenance and operations. i.e. Camping and parking, special events, shelter rentals, permitting fees, concessions, rentals, etc.

Lyons Recovery Action Plan (LRAP)

- **LRAP GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
 - Resident driven
 - Sustainability
 - Resilience

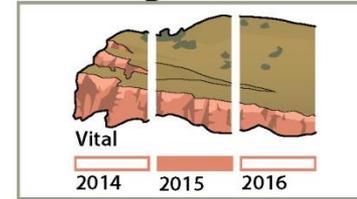


Restore & enhance mid & Eastern Corridor recreation & natural areas



Helen H. Richardson/The Denver Post

P&R 1.3.1



Implement mid and Eastern River Corridor Plan with facilities, trails, natural areas, and other amenities that are safe and consistent with floodplain regulations.

Responsible Party:

PRC

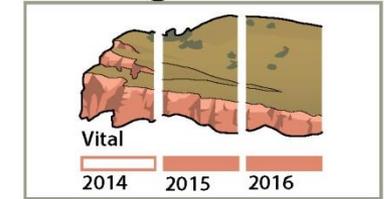
Key Partners:

SRTF / Town Staff / EB

Cost Estimate: \$\$

SFC Recommendations: ■

P&R 1.3.2



Design and implement the mid and Eastern Corridor plan.

Responsible Party:

Town Staff

Key Partners:

PRC

EB

STRF

Cost Estimate: \$\$\$\$

SFC Recommendations: ■



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The following information is for P&R 1.3.1 & 1.3.2

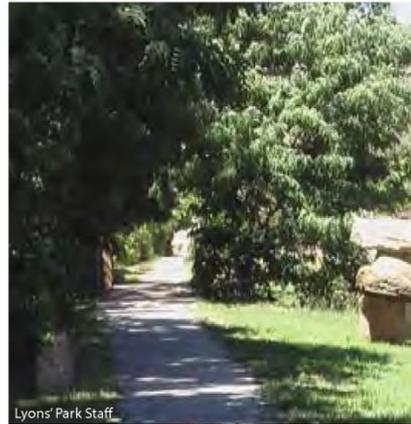
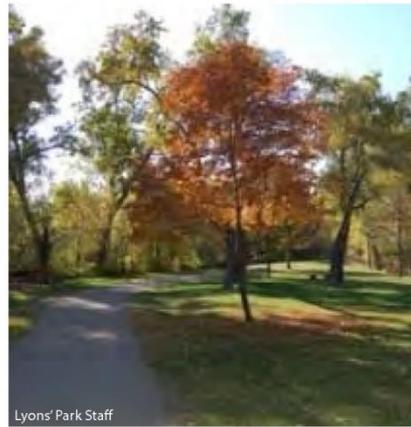
Project Description

Restore the Eastern River Corridor and natural areas between the 2nd Avenue Bridge and US Highway 36. Create a balanced approach to natural and recreational areas along the river. Restore river recreation access for fishing, tubing, wading, dogs, and rebuild the kayak river structures at the Blackbear, October, and November holes. Create a riverside path that connects to the existing Town rail bed, which will be converted to a new multi-use trail.

Scope of Work

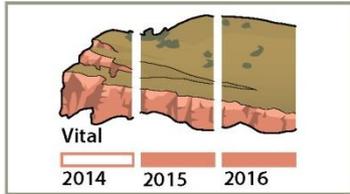
- Secure funding commitments
- Work with professional to design the following improvements:
 - Restructure the river banks to sustain spring run-off and

- future flood events
- Restore access, river structures and features to support kayaking, fishing, dogs, and wading recreational activities
- Create separate low impact zones along the river corridor to provide fishery habitat and quality fishing
- Create a natural wildlife area with native plants for passive recreation including trails and signage to describe wildlife, plants, and historical images of the post flood devastated landscape
- Create a riverside trail that connects to the existing Town rail bed
- Convert Town rail bed to multi-use trail
- Complete bidding and award construction contract (in phases, as appropriate)
- Complete construction
- Hold community event to celebrate park opening(s)



Restore & enhance Lyons Valley Park & McConnell Ponds

STR 2.2.1



Restore and enhance Lyons Valley Park and the McConnell ponds to provide a variety of wildlife habitats, recreational uses, and flood mitigation benefits.

Responsible Party:

SRTF

Key Partners:

Town Hall / EB / PRC

Cost Estimate: \$\$\$

SFC Recommendations: ■

Project Description

This project would develop two large ponds and associated wetlands on either side of McConnell Bridge to replace the three ponds that were lost during the September floods.

Project Benefits

More ponds and wetlands allow wildlife to thrive in Lyons, slow the flow of water, improve water quality and help prevent damage from future floods. The ponds are also important recreational amenities for Lyons residents

and visitors, especially kayakers and other fresh water sporting enthusiasts. The ponds were home to a number of unique native flora and fauna, and restoring them will have distinct ecological benefits as well.

Scope of Work

- Excavate and remove sediment and rock
- Design pond banks to prevent erosion
- Create access points to the ponds for boat or kayak launch site
- Reinstate the flat water slalom course
- Install bioswales across the contours of the banks
- Replant native vegetation using xeriscaping landscape techniques
- Install floating habitat islands which would provide refuge for a variety of wildlife
- Restock with native fish species

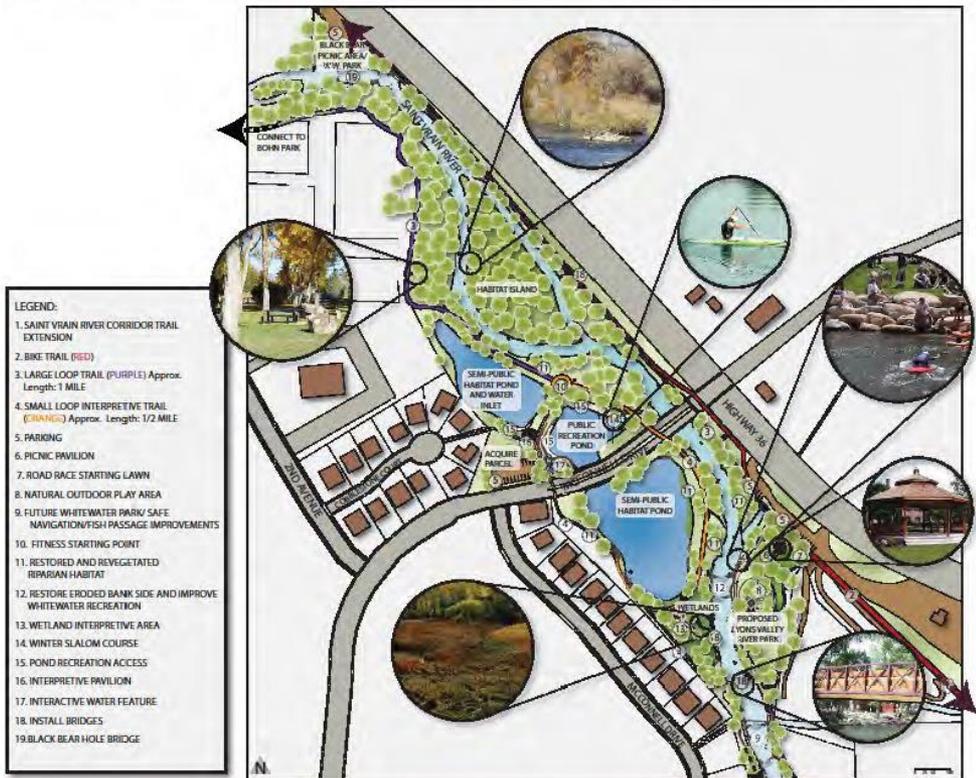
Possible Resources

- Great Outdoors Colorado
- Trout Unlimited
- American Whitewater
- National Audubon Society
- FEMA
- Town of Lyons Ecology Board



2012 Lyons Valley River Park Master Plan

LYONS VALLEY RIVER PARK MASTER PLAN



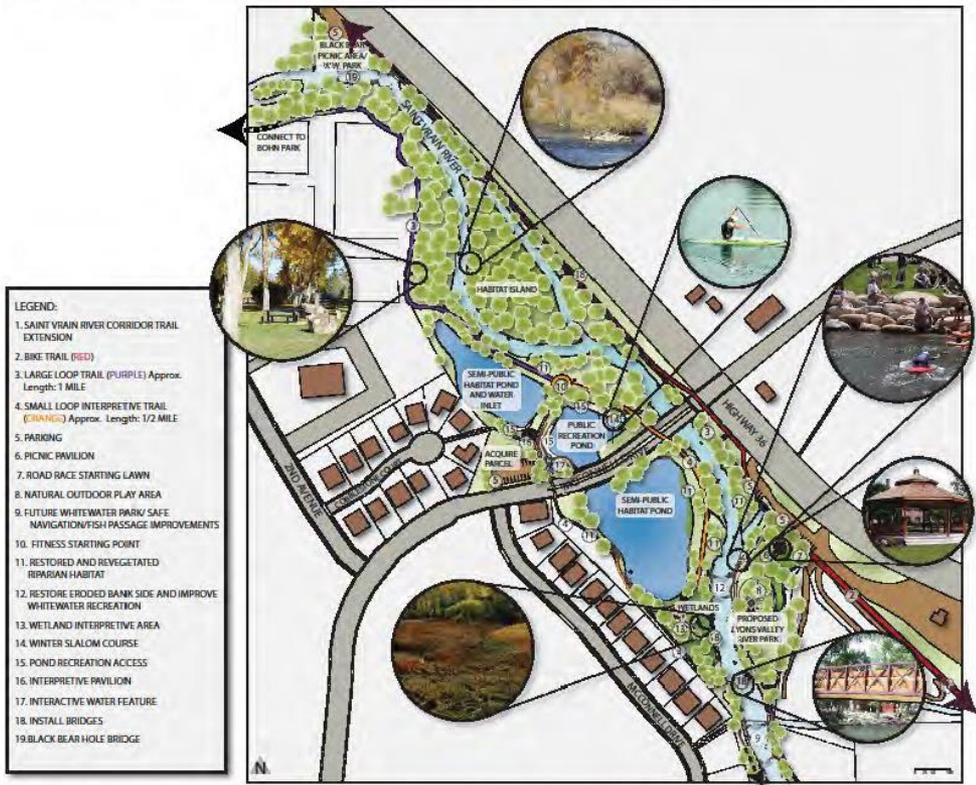
2012 MASTER PLAN

Lyons Valley River Park 2012 MP Goals

- St Vrain Corridor Trail Expansion
 - Trail extension to Hwy 36
- Large loop trail – fitness loop
 - Creation of fitness loop trail with 10 fitness stations
 - Low maintenance equipment
 - Child through adult level fitness stations
 - Trail signage
 - Exercise signage and workout recommendations
 - Trail improvements
- Educational opportunity – interpretive loop
 - Install 7 interpretive stations with a childrens play element
 - Interpretation stations include interactive as well as informative based information
 - Interpretation will highlight St. Vrain corridor and its role in the ecosystem
 - Install trails on west side of loop trail, ADA
 - Minimal impact trails and interpretation on the east side of the loop trail

2012 Lyons Valley River Park Master Plan

LYONS VALLEY RIVER PARK MASTER PLAN



- LEGEND:**
1. SAINT VRAIN RIVER CORRIDOR TRAIL EXTENSION
 2. BIKE TRAIL (RED)
 3. LARGE LOOP TRAIL (PURPLE) Approx. Length: 1 MILE
 4. SMALL LOOP INTERPRETIVE TRAIL (ORANGE) Approx. Length: 1/2 MILE
 5. PARKING
 6. PICNIC PAVILION
 7. ROAD RACE STARTING LAWN
 8. NATURAL OUTDOOR PLAY AREA
 9. FUTURE WHITEWATER PARK/ SAFE NAVIGATION/FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENTS
 10. FITNESS STARTING POINT
 11. RESTORED AND REVEGETATED RIPARIAN HABITAT
 12. RESTORE ERODED BANK SIDE AND IMPROVE WHITEWATER RECREATION
 13. WETLAND INTERPRETIVE AREA
 14. WINTER SLALOM COURSE
 15. POND RECREATION ACCESS
 16. INTERPRETIVE PAVILION
 17. INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURE
 18. INSTALL BRIDGES
 19. BLACK BEAR HOLE BRIDGE

2012 MASTER PLAN

Lyons Valley River Park 2012 MP Goals

Natural outdoor play area

- Low maintenance child-specific natural play area
- Zero-depth water feature
- Use of native plants and natural materials
- Variety of different sized and shaped boulders
- Large boulder structure
- Outdoor classroom and picnic area
- Multi-use trails around and throughout play area, including ADA access

Whitewater Park

- Eco-friendly whitewater park
- Update, improve, extend October Hole
- Extend whitewater park past Highlands Ditch Dam
- Improve in-stream fish passage and habitat
- Improve river access, including ADA access

Pond Recreation and Access

- Develop safe pond access points, including ADA access
- Provide access points for fishing
- Provide access points for aquatic recreation
- Provide a variety of picnic areas
- Install interpretive areas
- Restore riparian habitat
- Restore aquatic habitat
- Protect wetlands

Clarifier Art Project



- **Public Art**
- **New Experiences along Corridor**

LRAP IMPLEMENTATION TABLE

	Timeframe			Recommendations		Resources Needed \$ < \$250k \$\$ = \$250k-\$1M \$\$\$ = \$1M-\$3M \$\$\$\$ > \$3M	Responsible Party	Key Partners	PDG	2010 Comprehensive Plan Reference
	2014	2015	2016	Priority a=Vital b=important c=desirable	Directly Flood-Related					
P&R 1.1.2: Design and implement Meadow Park master plan phase one & phase two.	X	X	X	a	X	\$\$\$\$	PRC	Town Staff / SRTF / EB	P&R-3	
Parks and Recreation Objective 1.2: Restore and enhance Bohn Park.										
P&R 1.2.1: Ensure recreation facilities, trails, natural areas and other amenities are safe and consistent with floodplain regulations.	X	X		a	X	\$\$\$\$	Town Staff	PRC / SRTF	P&R-1	
P&C 1.2.2 Design and implement the revised Bohn Park master plan.		X	X	a	X	\$\$\$\$	PRC	Town Staff / SRTF / EB	P&R-1	
Parks and Recreation Objective 1.3: Restore and enhance mid and Eastern River Corridor recreation and natural areas.										
P&R 1.3.1: Implement mid and Eastern River Corridor Plan with facilities, trails, natural areas and other amenities that are safe and consistent with floodplain regulations.		X		a	X	\$\$	PRC	SRTF / EB / Town Staff	P&R-2	
P&R1.3.2: Design and implement the mid and Eastern Corridor plan.		X	X	a	X	\$\$\$\$	Town Staff	PRC / EB / SRTF	P&R-2	
Parks and Recreation Goal 2: Increase trail connectivity and enhance trails along the river corridor.										
Parks and Recreation Objective 2.1: Restore and enhance trail system.										
P&R 2.1.1: Develop trail master plan (create access for kayak/river use along river trail, build on existing regional trail plans, safe crossing for pedestrians/bikes, etc.).		X		a	X	\$	PRC	Town Staff / PCDC / EB	P&R-4	
P&R 2.1.2: Repair former trails and assets (bridges, drainage structures, etc. including a priority on trail/bridge access from Bohn Park to downtown across the river).		X	X	a	X	\$\$\$	Town Staff	PRC	P&R-4	
P&R 2.1.3: Implement regional trail connections through partnerships.			X	b		\$\$\$	Town Staff	PRC	P&R-4	

- Goal is to be in the river winter 2016
- Winter 2016 into Spring & Summer 2017 (pending funding , approvals and other variables)

Funding Sources

- FEMA PW20 & PW35
- Town Insurance-CIRSA
- Colorado Water Conservation Board-CWCB
- Community Development Block Grant-CDBG
- Donations and In-Kind Resources
 - **Can'D** Aid ,Colorado Rockies
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- LWCF – State Trails
- Various other sources

*based on reimbursement, prioritization of projects and cash flow impact the ability to complete projects.

Lyons Recovery Action Plan (LRAP)

- Public Comments From the Long Term Recovery Process
 - Use of native materials and plants in rebuilding of parks should be a priority
 - Trail connectivity and new opportunities
 - River access
 - Need to get our parks and rec. facilities up and running fast **because they're important to the town's revenue**
 - Events are great revenue generators and we should expand them in the future
 - Numerous comments about not having paved trails through our parks
 - Include Kayak park in comprehensive planning
 - Promote swimming hole, play areas, ice rink, volleyball and camping
 - Better vehicle and pedestrian access

Incorporating feedback

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Town of Lyons Parks Flood Recovery Planning Process - Project Website Comments

12-Aug-15 Lyons Valley River Park

Summary

resident	restoration of McConnell Ponds	one pond	two ponds	swimming area in pond	fishing	swimming hole in river	no additional parking	flat water recreation (paddle boarding)	preferred location of ponds and river	beach area	limit trail access around ponds	wildlife preservation/enhancement	river walk
1	1	1		1	1		1						
2					1	1	1	1					
3	1	1		1	1	1	1	1					
4		1											
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Incorporating feedback

COMMENT CARD

TOWN OF LYONS | Parks Flood Recovery Planning Process August 12, 2015
Community Input Comment Card
Lyons Valley River Park Project History & Background, Initial Public Comment

How did you hear about us?

- Flyers in community spaces (i.e. coffee shops/town hall/etc.)
- Lyons Recorder newspaper
- Email
- Facebook
- Project website
- Town website
- Word of mouth
- Other _____

Contact Information *(Optional)*

Name _____
Email _____
Address _____
Would you like to receive email updates regarding this project? Yes No

City Website: www.townoflyons.com
Project Website: www.lyonsparksmp.com



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Questions:

How have you used Lyons Valley River Park?

- Picnic location
- Kayaking/whitewater
- Swimming/tubing
- Walking/hiking
- Pond Recreation
- River access/river
- Fishing
- Special events (Specify _____)
- Other _____

How often do/did you use Lyons Valley River Park?

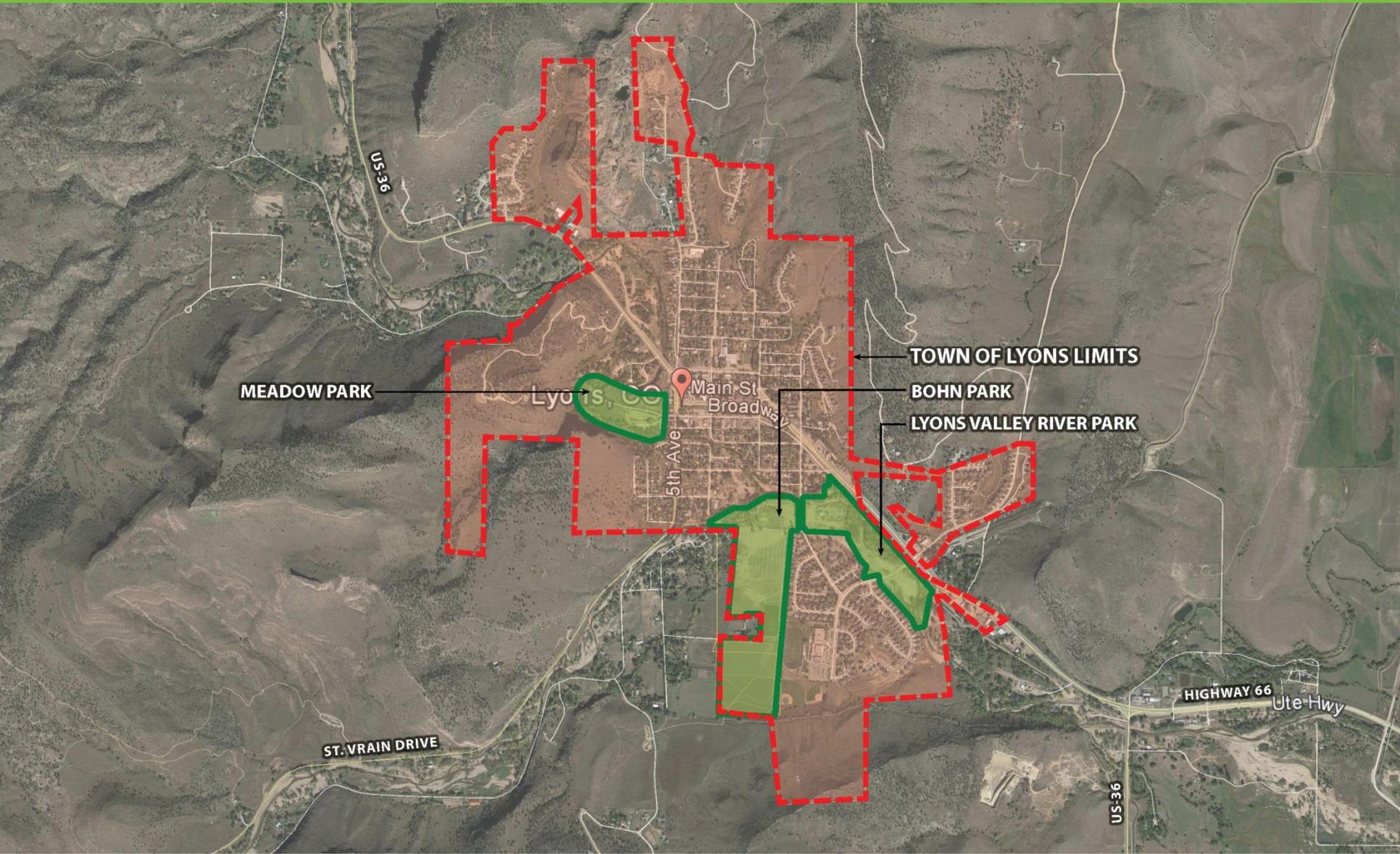
- Never/rarely
- 1-2 Times/week
- More than 2+ times/week
- Daily

How would you like to use Lyons Valley River Park?

(Select all that apply)

- Picnicking/social gathering
- Fitness loop
- Educational/interpretation
- Natural play area
- Zero-depth water feature
- Outdoor classroom
- Whitewater park
- Pond access
- Wildlife viewing
- Pond recreation
- Trails/walking/hiking
- River access/river
- Special events (Specify _____)
- Other _____

Comments or Suggestions: _____



MEADOW PARK

Lyons, CO

Main St
Broadway

5th Ave

TOWN OF LYONS LIMITS

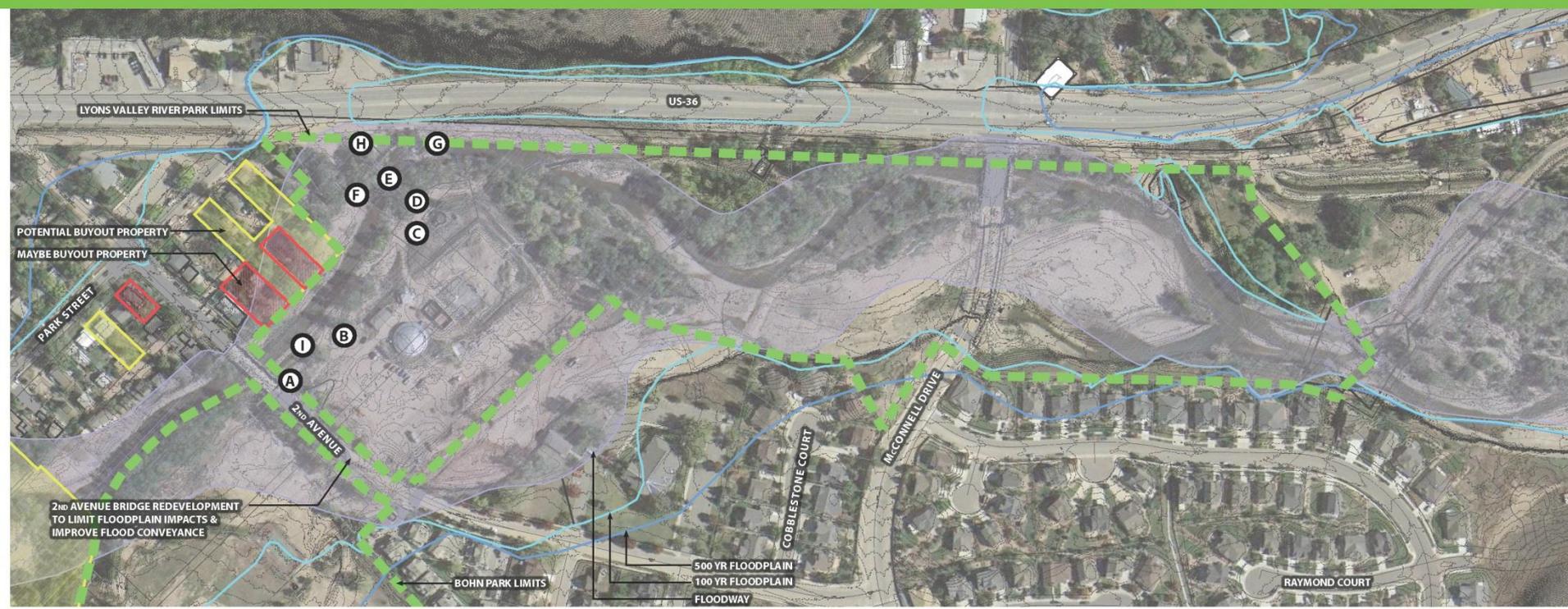
BOHN PARK

LYONS VALLEY RIVER PARK

ST. VRAIN DRIVE

HIGHWAY 66
Ute Hwy

US-36



LVRP 2012 MP GOALS

1. ST. VRAIN CORRIDOR TRAIL EXPANSION
 - TRAIL EXTENSION TO HWY 36
2. LARGE LOOP TRAIL
 - CREATION OF FITNESS LOOP
 - LOW MAINTENANCE LOOP TRAILS WITH 10 FITNESS STATION
 - LOW MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT
 - CHILD THROUGH ADULT LEVEL FITNESS STATIONS
 - TRAIL SIGNAGE
 - EXERCISE SIGNAGE AND WORKOUT RECOMMENDATIONS
3. EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY
 - INSTALL 7 INTERPRETIVE STATIONS WITH A CHILDRENS PLAY ELEMENT
 - INTERPRETATION STATIONS INCLUDE INTERACTIVE AS WELL AS INFORMATIVE BASED INFORMATION
 - INTERPRETATION WILL HIGHLIGHT ST. VRAIN CORRIDOR AND ITS ROLE IN THE ECOSYSTEM
 - INSTALL TRAILS ON WEST SIDE OF LOOP TRAIL, ADA
 - MINIMAL IMPACT TRAILS AND INTERPRETATION ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE LOOP TRAIL
4. NATURAL OUTDOOR PLAY AREA
 - LOW MAINTENANCE CHILD-SPECIFIC NATURAL PLAY AREA
 - ZERO-DEPTH WATER FEATURE
 - USE OF NATIVE PLANTS AND NATURAL MATERIALS
 - VARIETY OF DIFFERENT SIZED AND SHAPED BOULDERS
 - LARGE BOULDER STRUCTURE
 - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND PICNIC AREA
5. WHITEWATER PARK
 - ECO-FRIENDLY WHITEWATER PARK
 - UPDATE, IMPROVE, EXTEND OCTOBER HOLE
 - EXTEND WHITEWATER PARK PAST HIGHLANDS DITCH DAM
 - IMPROVE IN-STREAM FISH PASSAGE AND HABITAT
 - IMPROVE RIVER ACCESS, INCLUDING ADA ACCESS
6. POND RECREATION ACCESS
 - DEVELOP SAFE POND ACCESS POINTS, INCLUDING ADA ACCESS
 - PROVIDE ACCESS POINTS FOR FISHING
 - PROVIDE ACCESS POINTS FOR AQUATIC RECREATION
 - PROVIDE A VARIETY OF PICNIC AREAS
 - INSTALL INTERPRETIVE AREAS
 - RESTORE RIPARIAN HABITAT
 - RESTORE AQUATIC HABITAT
 - PROTECT WETLANDS

AUGUST 12TH, 2015 - PUBLIC MEETING



A SITE ENTRY FROM 2ND AVE BRIDGE



B DISMANTLED LYONS STONE "EGG"



C CLARIFIER PROJECT



D LOOKING NORTH AT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



E VIEW UPSTREAM FROM PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



I CRUSHER FINES PATH



F LOOKING SOUTH AT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



G LOOKING DOWNSTREAM ALONG US-36



H LYONS VALLEY RIVER PARK PARKING LOT

AUGUST 12TH, 2015 - PUBLIC MEETING

ST. VRAIN CORRIDOR TRAIL EXPANSION



LARGE LOOP TRAIL



NATURAL OUTDOOR PLAY AREA



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WHITewater PARK



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