



Emerald Ribbon Action Plan

Phase 3 Community Engagement Summary

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Agency Landscape + Planning

Siglo Group

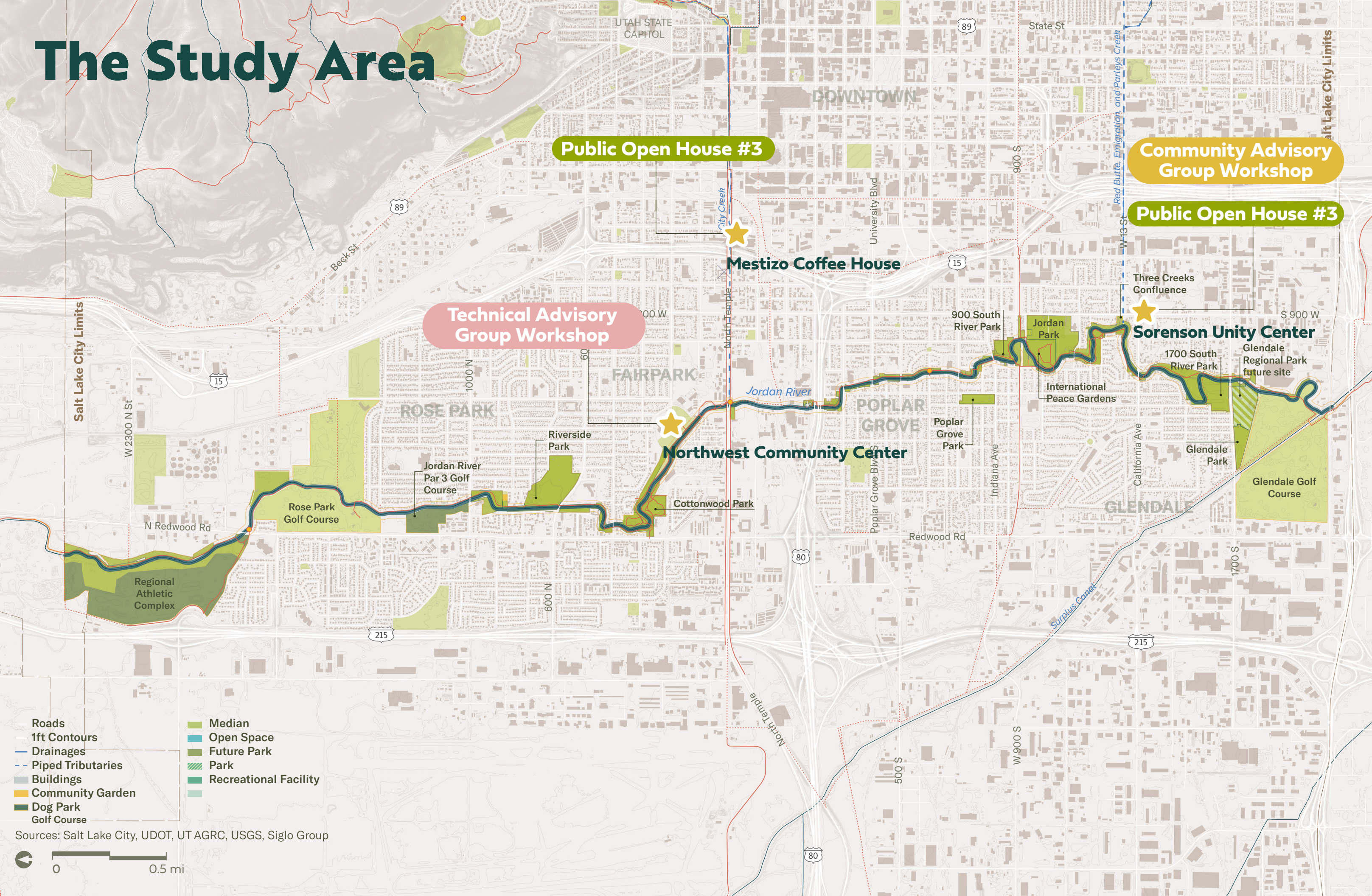
University Neighborhood Partners



Project Overview

Where we are in the process

The Study Area



Public Open House #3

Community Advisory Group Workshop

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Technical Advisory Group Workshop

Sorenson Unity Center

Northwest Community Center

Mestizo Coffee House

- Roads
- 1ft Contours
- Drainages
- Piped Tributaries
- Buildings
- Community Garden
- Dog Park
- Golf Course
- Median
- Open Space
- Future Park
- Park
- Recreational Facility

Sources: Salt Lake City, UDOT, UT AGRC, USGS, Siglo Group



Where we are



How you've shared

Salt Lake City and, especially, the West Side, have engaged in many different ways to shape the Action Plan.



TECHINICAL ADVISORY GROUP



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

How you've shared

Community members and stakeholders provided feedback in 3 different ways:



EVALUATING THE THEME

Participants voted on how well they resonate with different strategies for 4 plan themes using dots.



SHARING THOUGHTS

Participants shared thoughts on what they like or don't like about the vision and concept for 5 focus areas after reviewing proposed designs.



WALKING TOURS

During the Community Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Group meetings, stakeholders took a walking tour of focus areas along the Jordan River and shared their thoughts during the discussions.

You shared hundreds of votes and ideas for the future of the Jordan River



60+
post-it comments

500+
online comments



450+
online responses

400+
votes on board

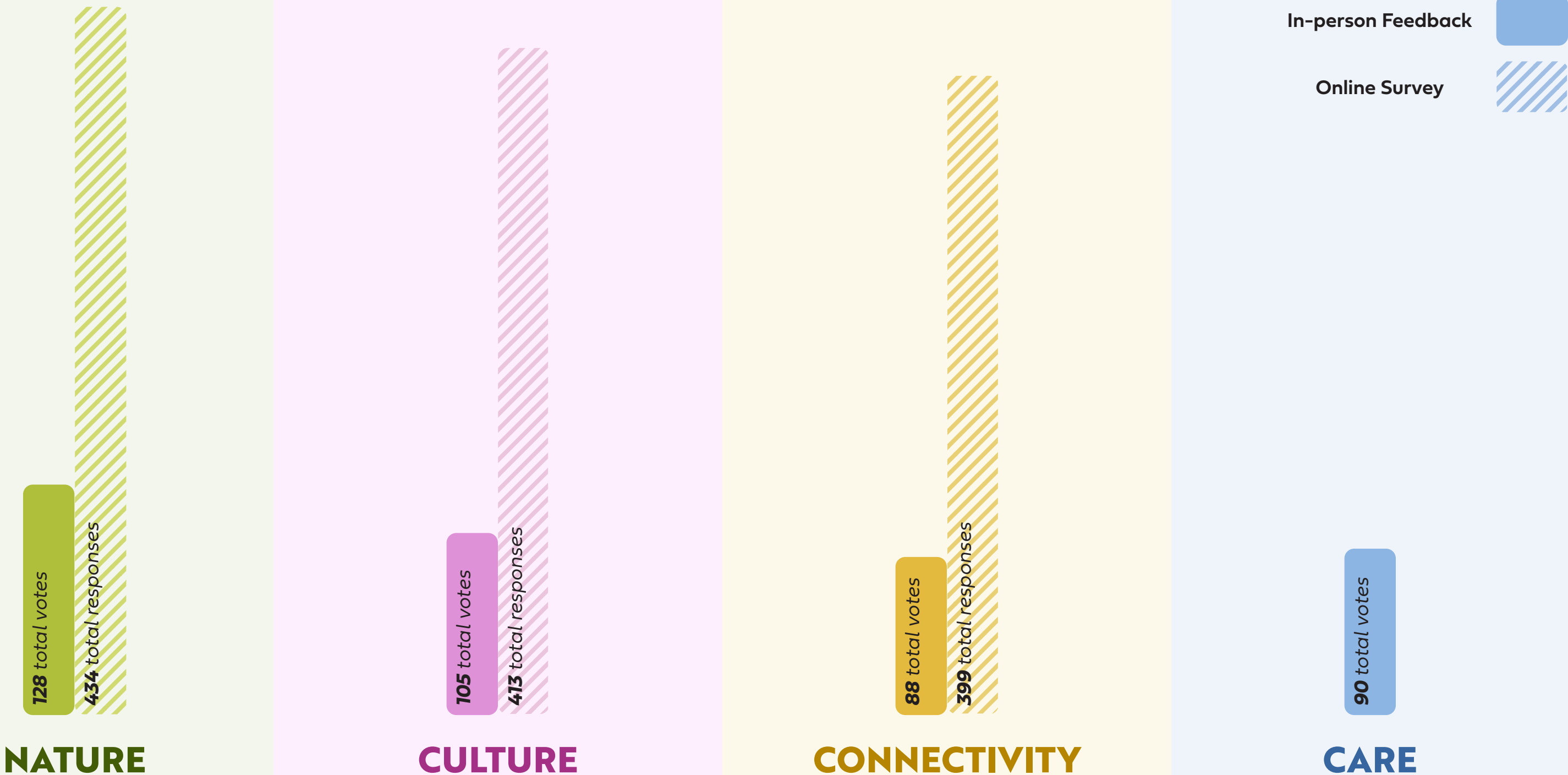


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What We Learned Planning themes

Overall response to themes

People prioritize caring for nature while encouraging cultural celebrations and enhancing the trail system.



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NATURE theme



IN-PERSON FEEDBACK



Improve water quality



42 votes



Create biodiverse native habitats



26 votes



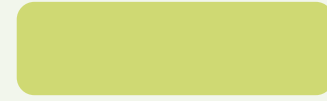
Increase natural lands from 14% to at least 30%



26 votes



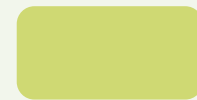
Make room for the river



19 votes



Enhance nature experience



11 votes



Facilitate streamlined management



4 votes

Priorities are aligning based on feedback from different sources



ONLINE SURVEY



Improve water quality



3.34



Improve biodiversity and healthy habitat



3.26



Turn underused land into protected natural areas



3.24



Restore wetlands and soften the slope of river banks



3.05



Create nature experiences on the river (overlooks, nature paths etc)



2.11

CULTURE theme



IN-PERSON FEEDBACK



Partner with city and state to address housing insecurity



37 votes



Bring pro-gramming to the water and water's edge



27 votes



Support small business and commercial activation



22 votes



Expand public programs on the corridor



11 votes



Create flexible event and gathering spaces



8 votes

Priorities are mostly aligning based on feedback from different sources



ONLINE SURVEY



Partner with city and state to address housing insecurity



5.19



More events, workshops, and programs on the river and in nearby parks



4.55



***Increase patrolling of the corridor(ie. by police and/or community groups)**



4.54



Support small business



4.03



Flexible gathering spaces to host events with my community



3.82



***New amenities facing the street at parks**



2.97



***Public art programs that support local artists**



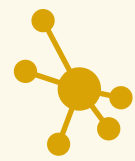
2.89

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CONNECTIVITY theme



IN-PERSON FEEDBACK



Encourage developers to enhance the trail network



25 votes



Create safer and more visible intersections



20 votes



Build trail on both sides of the river



17 votes



Expand trail widths, adding fast and slow lanes



15 votes



Add more places to rest for people walking and riding



11 votes

Priorities are mostly aligning based on feedback from different sources



ONLINE SURVEY



Safer intersections (better lighting, painted crossings, improved visibility)



5.42



An improved trail experience (a wider trail, separate fast and slow lanes)



5.41



More trail on both sides of the river



3.91



Ensure the trail is protected with new development



3.87



More places to sit and rest



3.73



***Increase signage for trail and neighborhood navigation**



2.93



***Additional boat ramps for water access**



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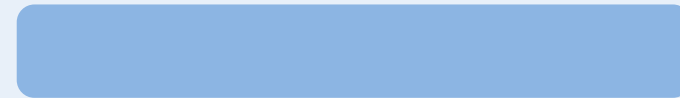
CARE theme



IN-PERSON FEEDBACK



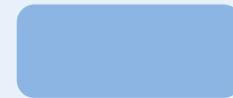
Prioritize ecological restoration



41 votes



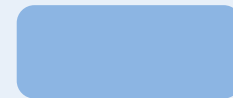
Strengthen partnerships and agreements



13 votes



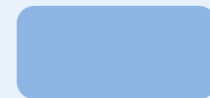
Focus on nature experiences



13 votes



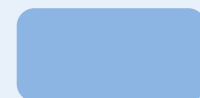
Increase interagency and interdepartmental collaboration



12 votes



Streamline management of the corridor



11 votes

People agreed on the importance of care and prioritize ecological restoration.

Key takeaways based on survey feedback

What rises to the top?

SENSE OF SAFETY & CLEANLINESS

People most desire **a safe, clean, and welcoming environment** along the river corridor, advocating for patrol presence, better river visibility, and support for local business.

FOCUS ON NATURE

People agree that **caring for nature** is paramount. They express a desire for better water quality and see potential in creating a network of connected natural areas.

ACTIVATION IN A HEALTHY WAY

People **encourage activation of the river** and celebration of diverse neighborhoods in a **thoughtful and sustainable way**.

ENHANCED TRAIL SYSTEM + SIGNAGE

People would love to see a trail system with **enhanced connectivity, safety, and experience** along the river corridor.

STREAMLINED MAINTENANCE

People emphasize the importance of **maintaining the river**, suggesting proactive plans for regular trash management, effective wastewater control, and organized public clean-up events.

BETTER SIGNAGE

People express a desire for a **better signage system** to address safety issues, ease navigation, and boost public awareness.

Key takeaways based on survey feedback

What are controversial?

"Remove the unsheltered, more patrols to ensure the camps don't pop up."

"Definitely need to increase patrols and clean up the trail before putting new features in. No one even wants to go on the trail anymore because of crime."

"Patrolling to make sure homeless camps stay off and away from the trail will help the community feel safer. Lighting also is important."

**INCREASED
PATROLS**

"Police presence does not equal safety for all. I know the trail needs to get cleaned up.. I've felt unsafe on the trail with weapons and drugs visible, but there needs to be a solution outside of increasing police patrols."

"The river currently has a reputation for being unsafe, but i can't imagine that in a heavily minority area cops are the solution to safety? What other things make people feel safe in an area - i think it is simply that people have no reason to really go there and that the improvements to programming, community events, signage, lighting..."

"Please don't increase police presence. If you have to have people patrolling make them park stewards or social workers. Most of all just help people get homes."

"We need a compassionate response to unhoused members of the community that have at times turned to the Jordan River for shelter as we move forward restoring this precious ecosystem and water source. Though this Action Plan may not have any budget to improve social service resources, it must advocate for better access and outreach by the surrounding cities collectively. The reality is that campsites damage the efforts of this project but are only a symptom of a deeper problem that affects us all. Increasing city police presence in the parks will never address the root of that problem."

What We Learned

Site Specific Findings

COTTONWOOD PARK

People embrace the idea of community porch and open access to the river, and would love to see the space and programs better connected with the surrounding community.

LIKES

"love exposing the river more, open access"
- Sorenson Open House

"love the food forest concept"
- Sorenson Open House

SUGGESTIONS

"I think H2O quality will be critical to make water access work here"
- Sorenson

"trailhead/parking area must be large enough to accommodate dog walkers and others at the same time. enlarge dog park!"
- Mestizo Open House

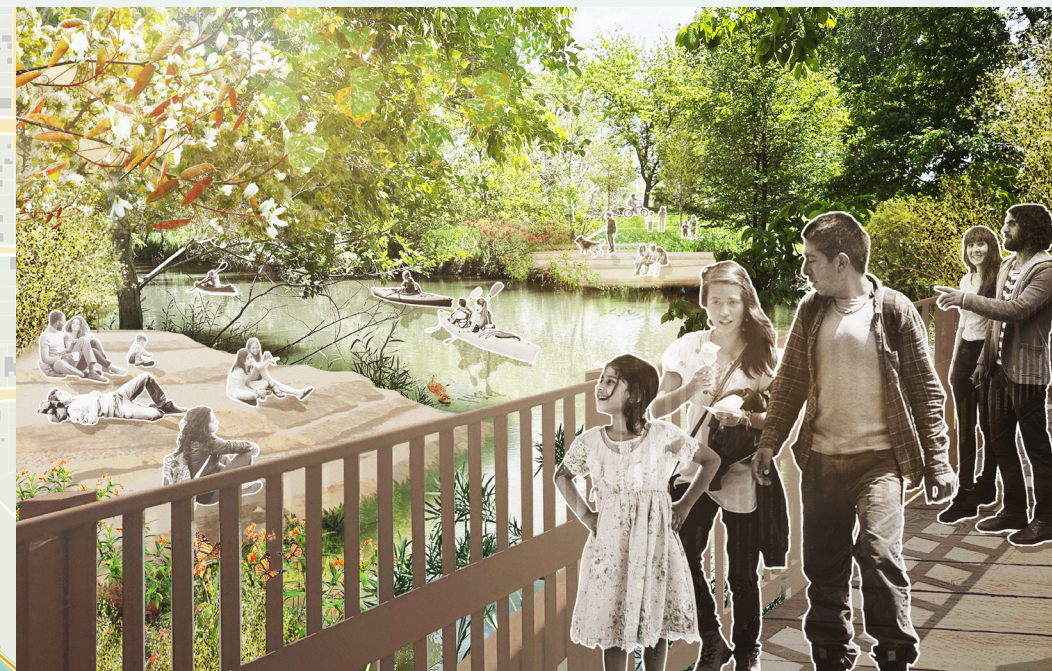
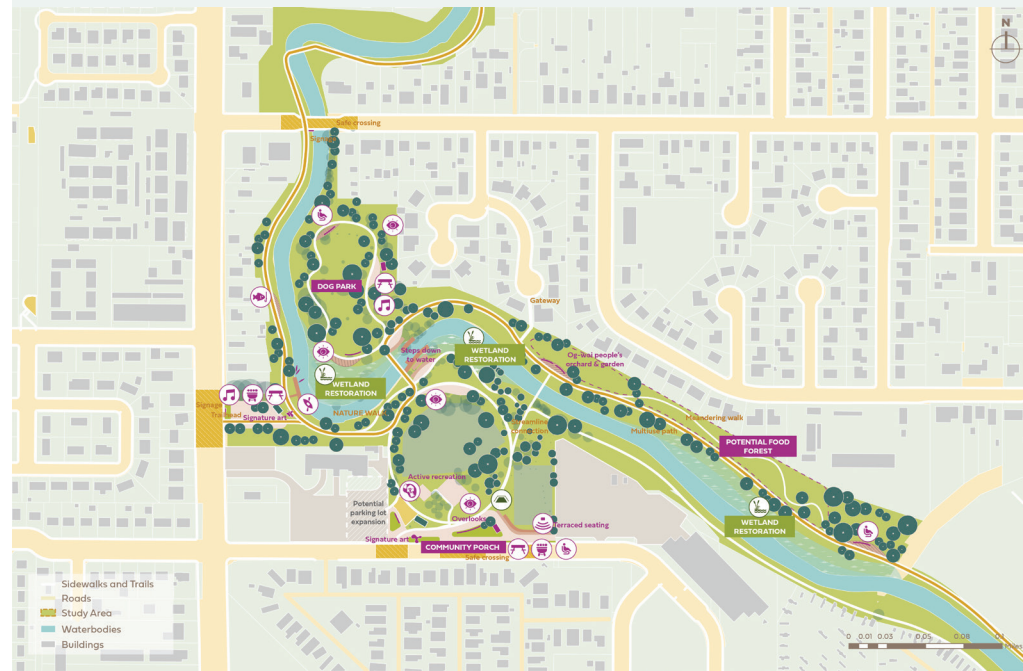
"love the community porch idea and art/spaces that can be used and appreciated by the cultures that use this park would be cool"
- Sorenson Open House

"downtown Boise is a great example of incorporating a natural element (river) into an urban space, making it a beloved community attraction. this would be great for SLC"
- Sorenson Open House

GAPS

"better connection or integration with NW rec center?"
- Sorenson Open House

"I agree - better integration with NW Recreation center, otherwise very good!"
- Sorenson Open House



FAIRPARK URBAN CORE

People love the idea of celebrating Fisher Mansion as a community hub. They prioritize acquiring river buffer and softening the edges in conjunction with redevelopment, and see potential for better and safer connections.

LIKES

"great to see something positive happening here"
- Mestizo Open House

"looking forward to the connection between the Folsom trail and G.R parkway"
- Mestizo Open House

"preserve and activate the Fisher Mansion"
- Mestizo Open House

"a riverfront corridor here would be such a cool thing to show off to friends/family that visits town, something easy and close to downtown. lots of community potential"
- Sorenson Open House

PRIORITIES

"prioritize acquisition of river buffer with redevelopment"
- CAG

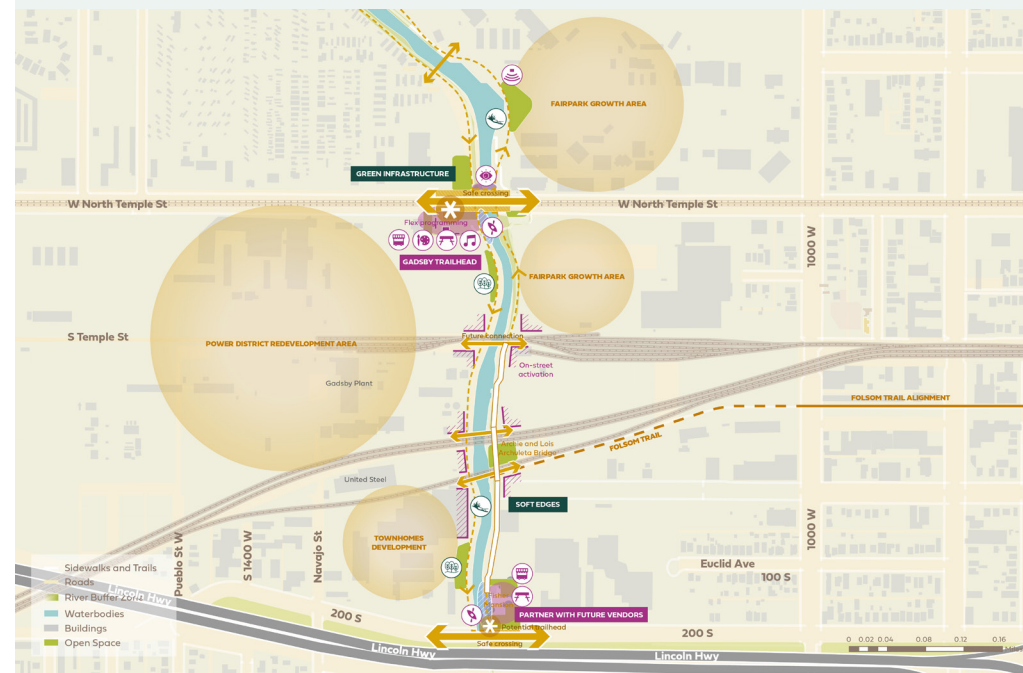
"create/have ready a vision for the river in new development; best practices for developments"
- CAG

"make river visible. improve water/trail quality- attract attention and support from people"
- Sorenson Open House

"soften edges of the river in this industrial area in conjunction with power plant redevelopment "
- Mestizo Open House

"capitalize on collaboration with proposed ballpark at Power District to create walkable connection between river trails to new entertainment businesses- once in a lifetime opportunity"
- Sorenson Open House

"intergrate final fossom trail connection into design, how does it connect to JRT/Fisher Mansion"
- CAG



MODESTO PARK

People embrace the idea of wetland restoration and the activation of underutilized spaces. They see the potential for thoughtful activation to foster community care and address safety concerns.

LIKES

"design looks awesome! love the classroom!"
- Sorenson Open House

"love these ideas. this area felt neglected and a bit rundown. more amenities and programming would definitely activate this!"
- Sorenson Open House

"love the travel on both sides of the river. also hope for easy access for canoes and other water activities"
- Sorenson Open House

"I love meandering paths and wetland restoration! seems like a great way to get the community involved with the river"
- Sorenson Open House

SUGGESTIONS

"I hope that the bulk of any improvements in all areas starts with clean water and more flow"
- Mestizo Open House

"agree strongly with underprogramming = unsafe. used spaces are spaces that foster care from community."
- Sorenson Open House

"there is already the outdoor amphitheater in the bend nearby and a boat ramp. The amphitheater is not used or maintained- taken over by urban campers- a program to rehab or use this properly should come before building another"
- Sorenson Open House

"would love to see the outdoor classroom also be useable as a mini amphitheater for small gatherings/ music performances"
- Sorenson Open House



GLENDALE OXBOW

People support the emphasis on nature and are eager to see enhanced access and connectivity especially on 2100 S, informative signage, and cultural representation.

LIKES

"love the emphasis on nature"
- CAG Meeting

"thanks for organizing this event!"
- Sorenson Open House

SUGGESTIONS

"appealing/ open entry points to attract users to the park feels like a great priority"
- Sorenson Open House

"lots of people (many refugees) visit the U of U Health Redwood clinic via the bus on 2100 S would be awesome to have world cultures represented especially in this area!"
- Sorenson Open House

"definitely needs improved access and connectivity to 2100 S"
- CAG Meeting

"needs parking on 2100 S"
- Sorenson Open House

"have a reading of the USGS Gage right at 1700s"
- Mestizo Open House

"great informational signs, tie to greater parks"
- Sorenson Open House



ROSE PARK NATURE AREA

People are enthusiastic about activating the edges and creating sightlines into the space from the neighborhood. There is a desire for elevated overlooks, increased access to the trail, and the acquisition of the eastern trail.

LIKES

"love using the underutilized driving range"
- CAG Meeting

"love the activation along the edges! and creating sight lines into the space from the neighborhood"
- CAG Meeting

SUGGESTIONS

"have strength/willingness to pursue east trail for the benefit of the residents. don't be afraid to be the bad guy!"
- CAG Meeting

"can there be a tall platform to see better or a elevated trail"
- CAG Meeting

"sight lines, activites for neighborhood fam, small business support"
- CAG Meeting

"nature overlooks need to be higher! but still wheelchair (ADA) accessible"
- CAG Meeting

"more edible native fruits, good spot for orchard"
- CAG Meeting

"more access to trail in residential portion"
- Mestizo Open House

