



## RODEO CREEK WATERSHED VISION

### Questions of Interest

The following questions and statements are designed to help you begin to think about your interests and concerns for the watershed and how they can be addressed along specific areas of the creek.

- Think about the questions and record your responses on the map.
- You do not need to answer each question. You can focus on questions more of interest to you or that is more appropriate to the area of the creek you are working on.

### Maintenance

- A. Are there areas with graffiti? What makes them more susceptible to graffiti compared to other areas?
- B. Are there areas with illegal dumping? What makes them more susceptible to dumping? Where can we encourage more active use on the creek to discourage dumping? Will barriers like fencing work?
- C. Locate areas that currently require maintenance.
- D. Locate areas that appear to be less dependent on maintenance. Think about why that is the case.
- E. Are there locations that could be “adopted” by businesses, property owners and volunteers to ensure regular maintenance and clean-up?

### Public Access / Safety

- A. Locate areas on the map where riding a bike is not ideal and record why that is the case.
  - a. What about for walking with a child and/or elderly
- B. Are there areas where you would enjoy a moment to stop and have a conversation with a friend or read a book (resting and socializing places)?
- C. Are there locations that could be redesigned to be more inviting as a resting or socializing area?
- D. Where is it easy to access the creek?
- E. Where does it make sense to provide access points to the creek? How about overlooks?
- F. Are there dangerous intersections, or missing cross-walks?
- G. Is there a better trail alignment than the existing alignment?
- H. Are there areas where you would not feel safe walking alone?
- I. Where is the trail hidden from view from the rest of the neighborhood?
- J. Does this area make sense to provide creek access for children?
- K. Are there other elements and activities that should be encouraged here? Parks, children’s playground, café/restaurant, courtyards, midblock pathways, benches, signs, etc.

### Habitat / Creek

- A. Where would adding dense vegetation be appropriate?
- B. Fish don’t like drops (small waterfalls), shallow water and concrete creek beds. These areas are hard for fish to pass through. Where are there fish passage problems along the creek?
- C. Is there room to expand the creek into adjacent areas for additional floodplain and habitat?
- D. Where are there land-uses that contribute to poor water quality in the watershed? Gas stations, lawns and landscaping that require fertilizers and excessive summer watering?

- E. Are areas of erosion present?
- F. Where are there good locations to discourage public access that will allow refuge for wildlife?
- G. Are there streets that could be planted with native trees to increase the riparian habitat along the creek?
- H. Where would be a nice place to encourage volunteer restoration activities, such as planting native plants and weeding?

### **Watershed Information / Coordination**

- A. The redevelopment plan for downtown rodeo encourages integrating development with the creek. What are some ways of doing this?
  - a. Can the creek be seen from the adjacent streets?
  - b. Are there ways to cross the creek?
  - c. Can restaurants and cafés incorporate outdoor seating adjacent to the creek?
- B. One of the primary goals for the downtown Rodeo Planned Unit Development is to enhance Rodeo’s old town character.
  - a. How can the creek emphasize and contribute to Rodeo’s old town character?
  - b. Note items on the plan that represent the old town character of Rodeo.
  - c. Where are the empty lots? How can they be used to help the town of Rodeo and the creek?
- C. The Rodeo design guidelines encourage public art.
  - a. Locate existing public art on the map (Murals, sculptures, etc).
  - b. Are there areas where public art would be appropriate?
- D. Locate appropriate areas for signs and information kiosks to announce and share information about the creek

### **Connections and Waterfront**

- A. Are there opportunities for new trail connections?
- B. Are there good routes to access the existing creek trail from the neighborhoods?
- C. Where are there barriers to travel, such as railroads, buildings, long blocks, and busy roads?
- D. How can the creek improve the connection between downtown Rodeo and the waterfront?
- E. Where are the current railroad crossings? How can they be made easier to find from the creek trail?