



***WELCOME!***

***Public Outreach Meeting***

***River South Greenway Master Plan***

***September 9, 2009***

## **PURPOSE and MISSION of the PROJECT**

**No comprehensive park and recreation planning in the South Platte River for over 34 years.**

**New development pressures.**

**Establish a new, contemporary VISION for the South Platte River including development, financial and regulatory guidelines for parks, recreational and environmental enhancements, expanded public open space, and improved water quality.**

**Continue the success of the River North Greenway Master Plan (Can be viewed on the Denver Parks web site).**

## PROJECT PARTNERS



**The Greenway Foundation**



**Colorado Water Conservation Board**



**Urban Drainage and Flood Control District**

**Denver Parks and Recreation**



**Denver Public Works**



**Denver Water Board**

## PROJECT PLANNING TEAM



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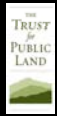
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**CDM Bob Armstrong** - CDM



**Roy Fronczyk** – Community Planning Services

**CDM Travis Bogan** - CDM



**Tim Wohlgenant** – The Trust for Public Land

**Marge Price** – Capitol Representatives

CAPITOL REPRESENTATIVES

**Wade Shelton** – The Trust for Public Land

**David Howlett** – Capitol Representatives



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**Rick McLaughlin** - McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group



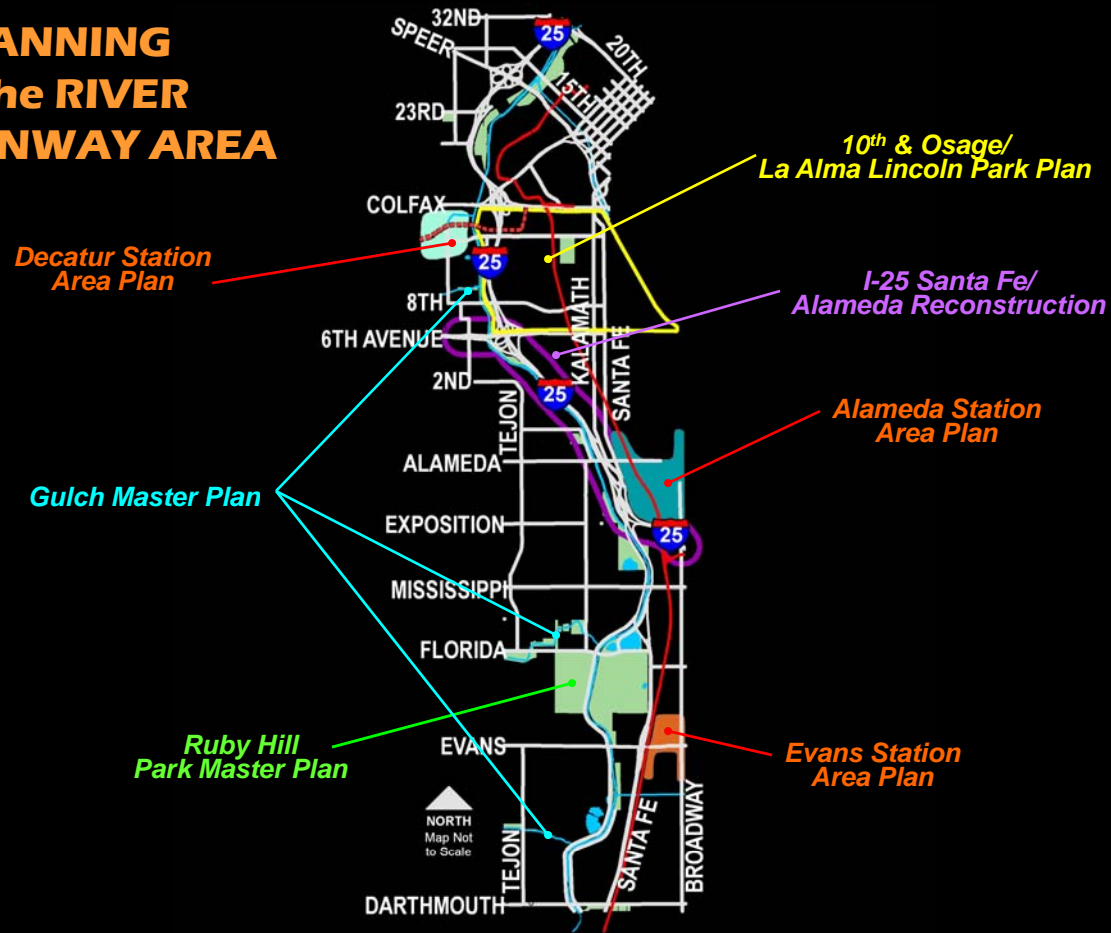
McLaughlin Whitewater

**Risa Shimoda** - McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group

## **PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING**

- **Identify what you know that we should know**
- **Learn about your issues, goals, and ideas in a collaborative setting.**
- **Reactions to the Recommendations Presented**

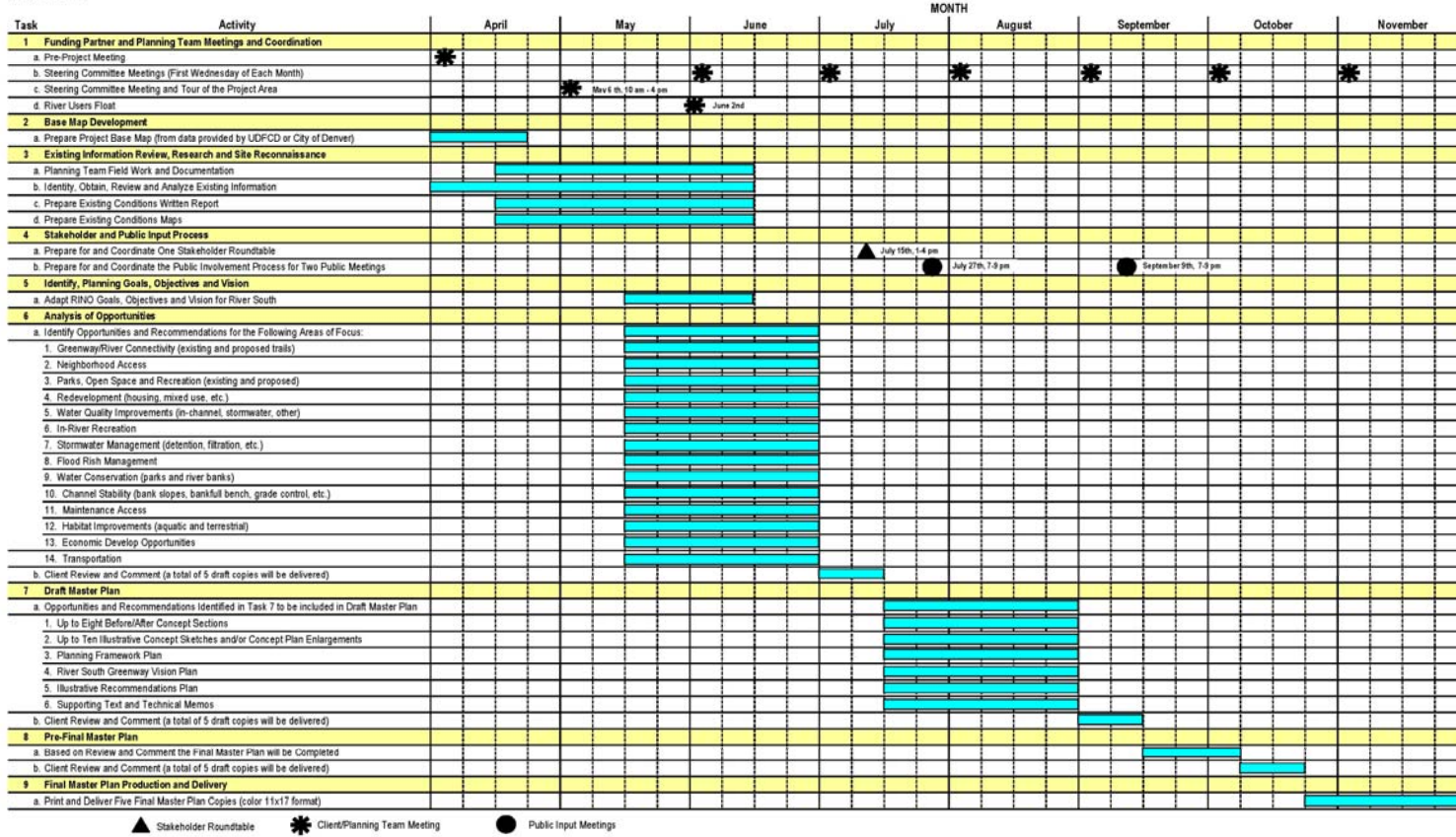
# CURRENT PLANNING EFFORTS in the RIVER SOUTH GREENWAY AREA



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# PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROPOSED SCHEDULE  
RIVER SOUTH GREENWAY MASTER PLAN  
May 18, 2009



▲ Stakeholder Roundtable    ★ Client/Planning Team Meeting    ● Public Input Meetings

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# PROJECT SCOPE

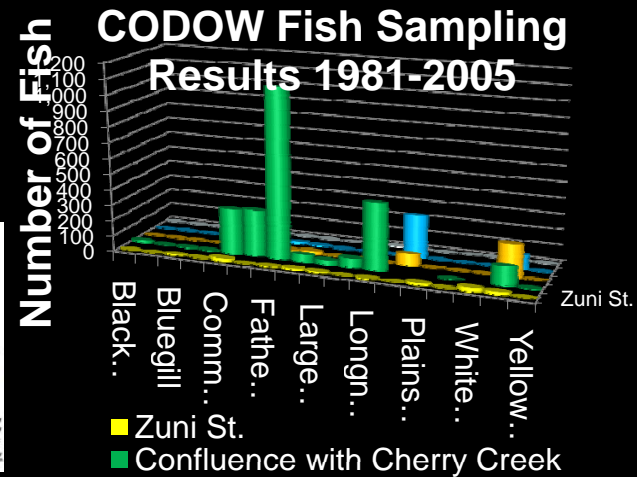
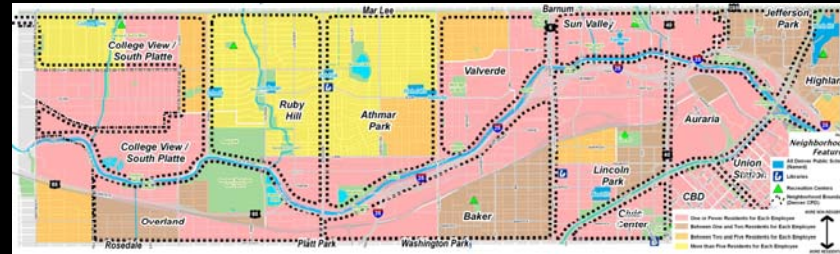
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Project Area



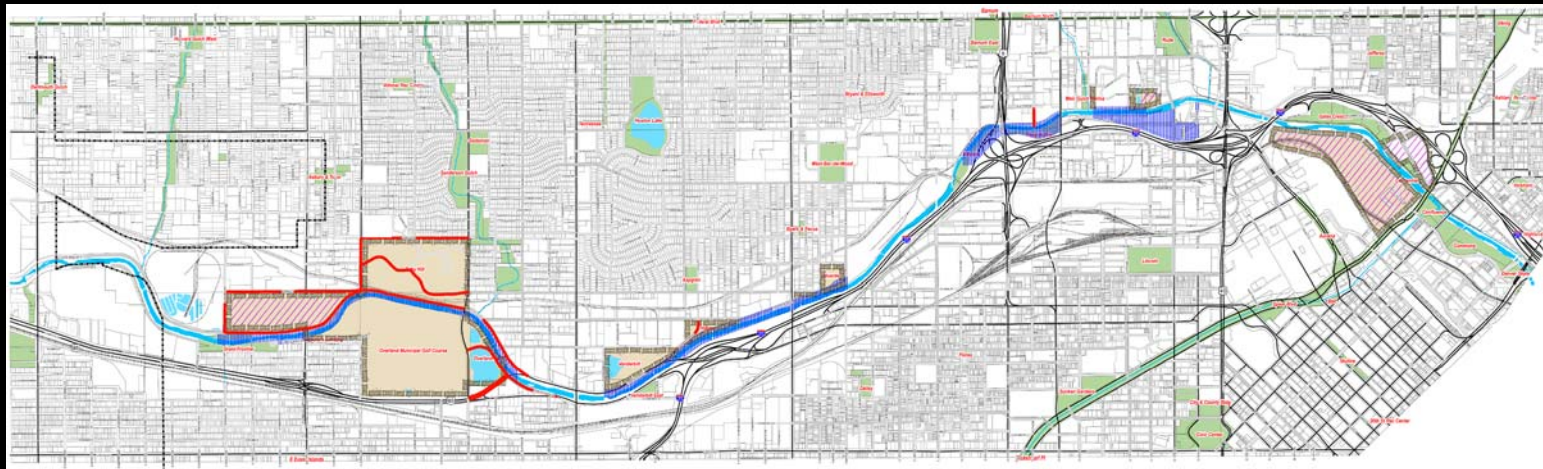
# BACKGROUND RESEARCH and ANALYSIS

- Review 38 Planning Documents
  - Neighborhood Plans
  - Transit Oriented Development Plans
  - Recreation Plans
  - Traffic/Transportation Plans
- Review 17 Park and Recreation Master Plans
  - Parks
  - Trails
- Prepared 20 Existing Conditions Maps
- Prepared 3 Technical Memorandums



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Land Opportunities



### RIVER SOUTH GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

-  The Greenway Foundation
-  Colorado Water Conservation Board
-  Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
-  Denver Public Works
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#### OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify Lands That Can be Used to Make Significant Greenway Improvements
- Identify Opportunities For Roadway Improvements
- Combine Existing Parks Into a System
- Maximize The Use of The Existing Parks

#### LEGEND

-  Limited Access Highway
-  Arterial Street
-  Collector Street
-  Local Street
-  Railroad
-  Denver City Line

#### LEGEND

-  South Platte River
-  Existing Parks
-  Greenway Amenity Opportunities (Public Lands)
-  Greenway Amenity Opportunities (Private Lands)
-  River Bank Restoration Opportunities
-  Road Closure / Relocation Opportunities

## Land Opportunities

Source: GIS Database, City and County of Denver

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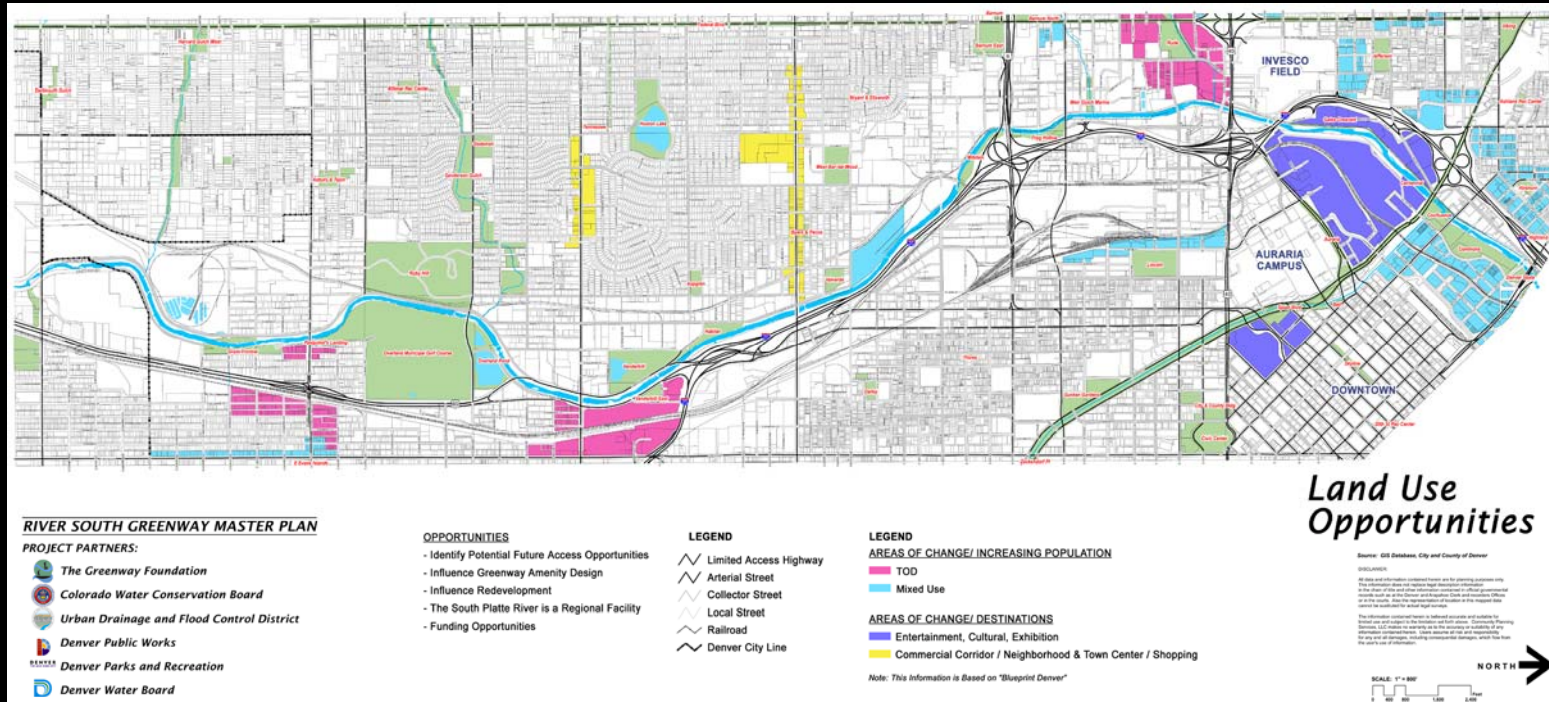
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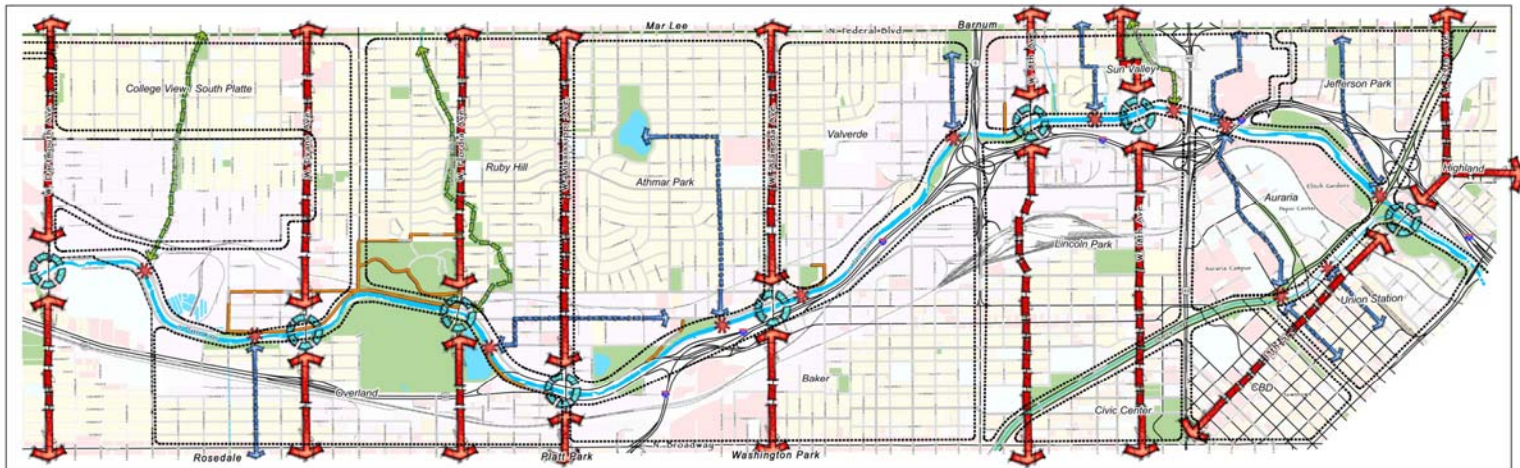
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## Land Use Opportunities



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Access Opportunities



### RIVER SOUTH GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

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- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
- Denver Public Works
- Denver Parks and Recreation
- Denver Water Board

#### OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify Hierarchy of Vehicular & Pedestrian Access to River
- Combine Existing Parks into a System
- The South Platte River is a Regional Facility

#### LEGEND

- Limited Access Highway
- Arterial Street
- Collector Street
- Local Street
- Railroad
- Denver City Line
- Neighborhoods

#### LEGEND GENERAL TYPES OF OWNERSHIP

- City of Denver Parks
- City of Denver - Other
- Other Public & Semi-Public
- RTD
- Railroad
- CDOT
- Corporate
- Individual - Private
- Unknown
- Commercial

#### LEGEND

- Regional Access Point
- Greenway Opportunity
- Road Closure / Relocation Opportunity
- Existing Parks
- Neighborhood Access Point
- Major Transportation Corridors With Access Opportunities to The Greenway
- Neighborhood Access Opportunity

## Access Opportunities

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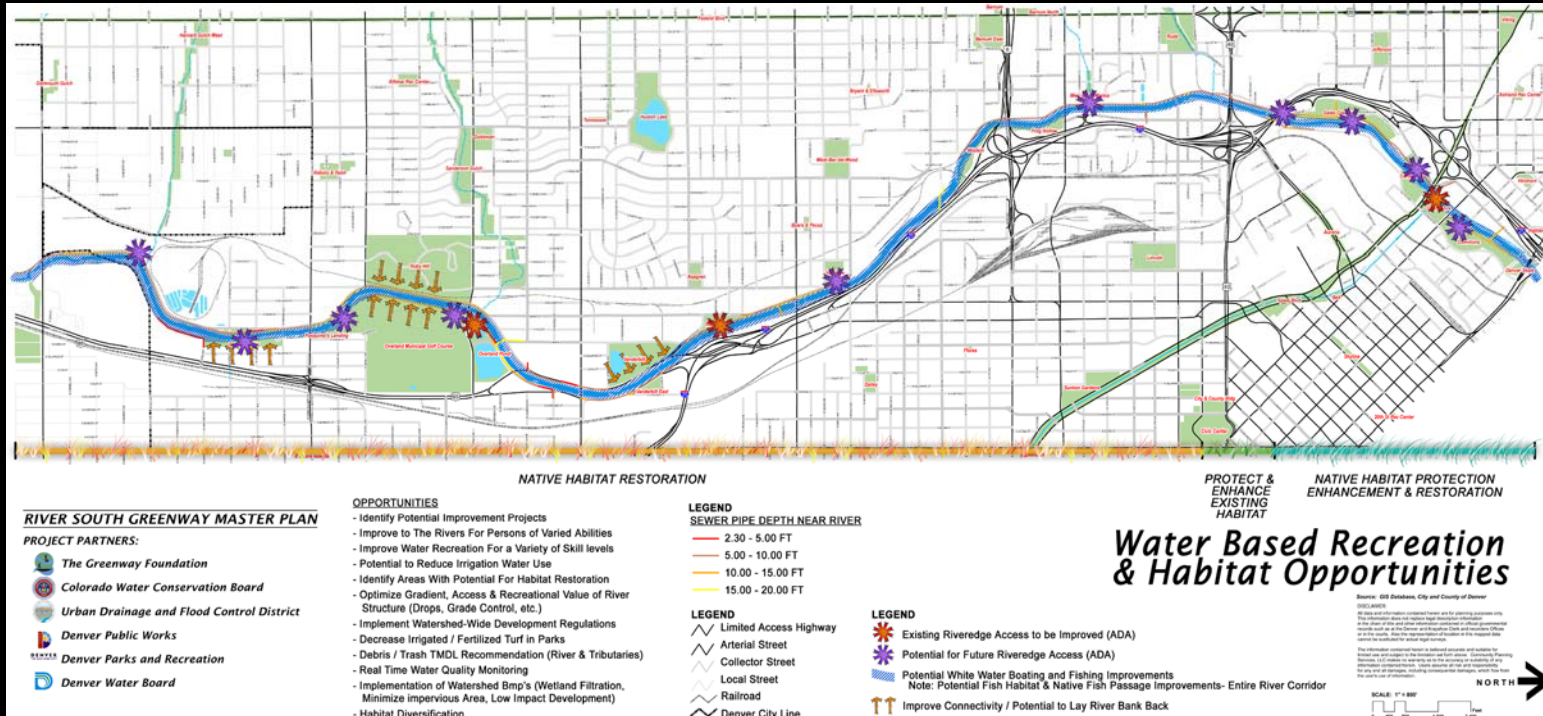
Map of the River South Greenway Master Plan showing various access opportunities and transportation corridors. The map includes labels for neighborhoods like College View, South Platte, Ruby Hill, Athmar Park, Valverde, Sun Valley, Jefferson Park, Auraria, Lincoln Park, Overland, Baker, Civic Center, and EBD. Major transportation corridors are marked with red arrows, and greenway opportunities are shown with blue and green lines. Existing parks are indicated by green areas.

SCALE 1" = 500'



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Water Based Recreation and Habitat Opportunities



## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

- *Conducted Bus Tour of the Project Area*
- *Conducted Raft Trip on the River*
- *Hold Monthly Steering Committee Meetings*
- *Host a Stakeholders Meeting*
- *Held a Public Meeting*
- *Notification list of 500+ individuals, businesses, and organizations*



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## GOALS

- \*1. Create a River-focused urban environment that is healthy, habitable and connected.*
- \*2. Promote ecosystem restoration through sustainable natural systems design that allow goals for improved water quality, habitat creation, fishing and River stability to be achieved.*
- \*3. Build on the current success and activity along the central South Platte River Valley by creating new diversified activity centers along the RISO Greenway Corridor.*
- \*4. Create a parks/open space oriented model for urban living that reflects the history of Denver and the River South area in particular.*
- \*5. Enhance the safety of the River corridor and the surrounding area.*
- \*6. Utilize existing and proposed parks as the organizing elements that create a sense of place and a community focal point, which will in turn increase property values, economic vitality and development opportunities along adjacent transportation corridors.*

*\* Denotes Goals that were included in the RINO Greenway Master Plan and are being recommended for carry-over into the RISO Greenway Master Plan.*

## GOALS

***\*7. Create a regional gateway to downtown Denver along with a series of neighborhood gateways that reflect the unique character of each.***

***\*8. Establish the RISO Greenway Corridor as a destination point for entertainment, recreation, commercial and residential amenities.***

***\*9. Connect neighborhoods and public facilities by providing access to local businesses and entertainment venues and creating links to adjacent communities and regional trail corridors.***

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***10. Encourage multiple alternative transportation opportunities including rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and boating.***

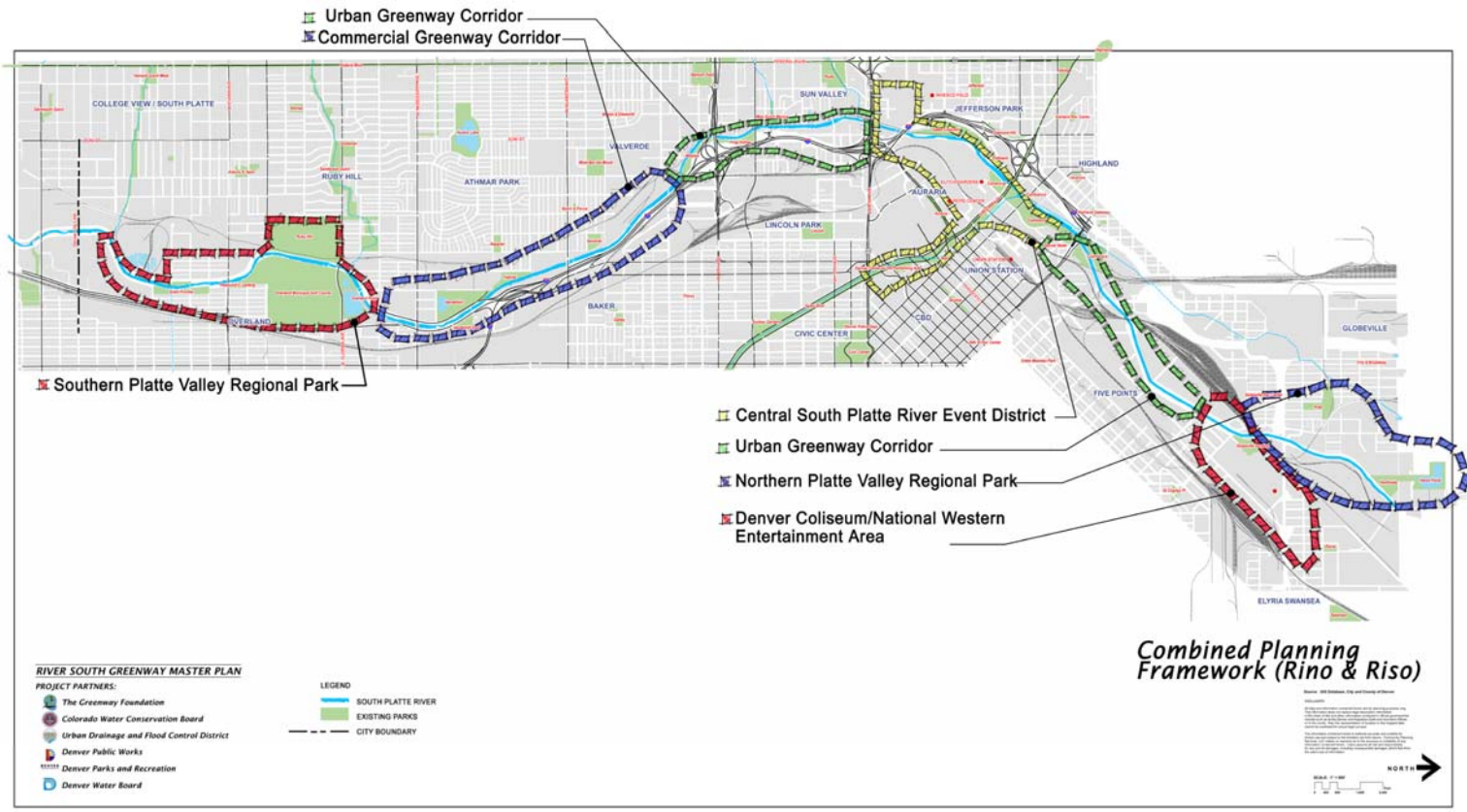
***11. Make the river edge more accessible through additional ADA access points.***

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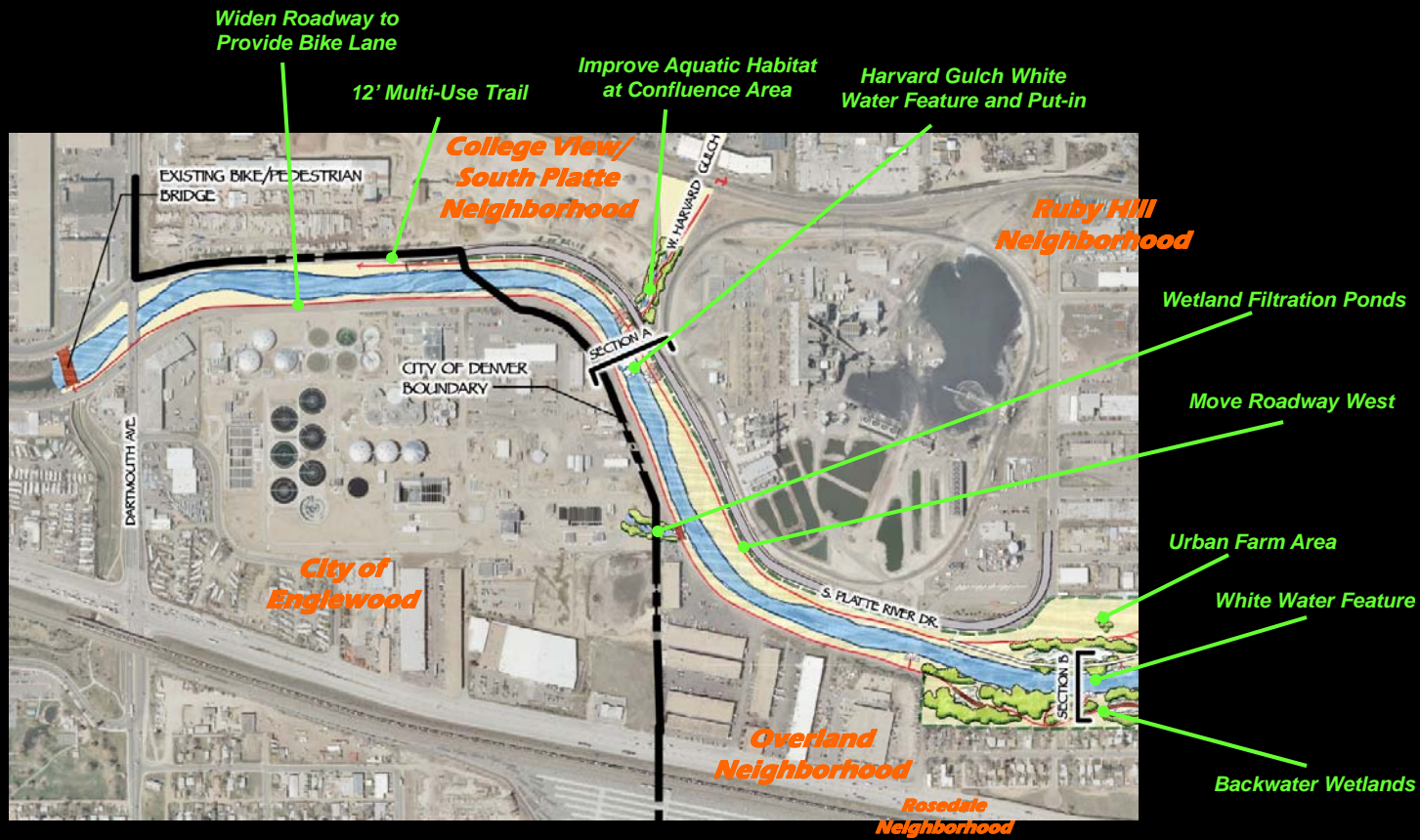
- 12. Provide a local, nationally recognized destination for boaters and anglers with varying degrees of skill levels and abilities.*
- 13. Improve native fish passage throughout the South Platte River corridor.*
- 14. Improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat to sustain wildlife movement, food and shelter throughout the South Platte River corridor.*
- 15. Implement the South Platte River Vision through the identification and fostering of project partners.*
- 16. Identify development, financial and regulatory guidelines for parks, recreation, environmental enhancements, expanded public open space, and improved water quality within the South Platte River Greenway.*
- 17. Assure that all recreational, habitat, access, etc. improvements maintain or improve the flood control capacity and projected bankside stability on the South Platte River.*

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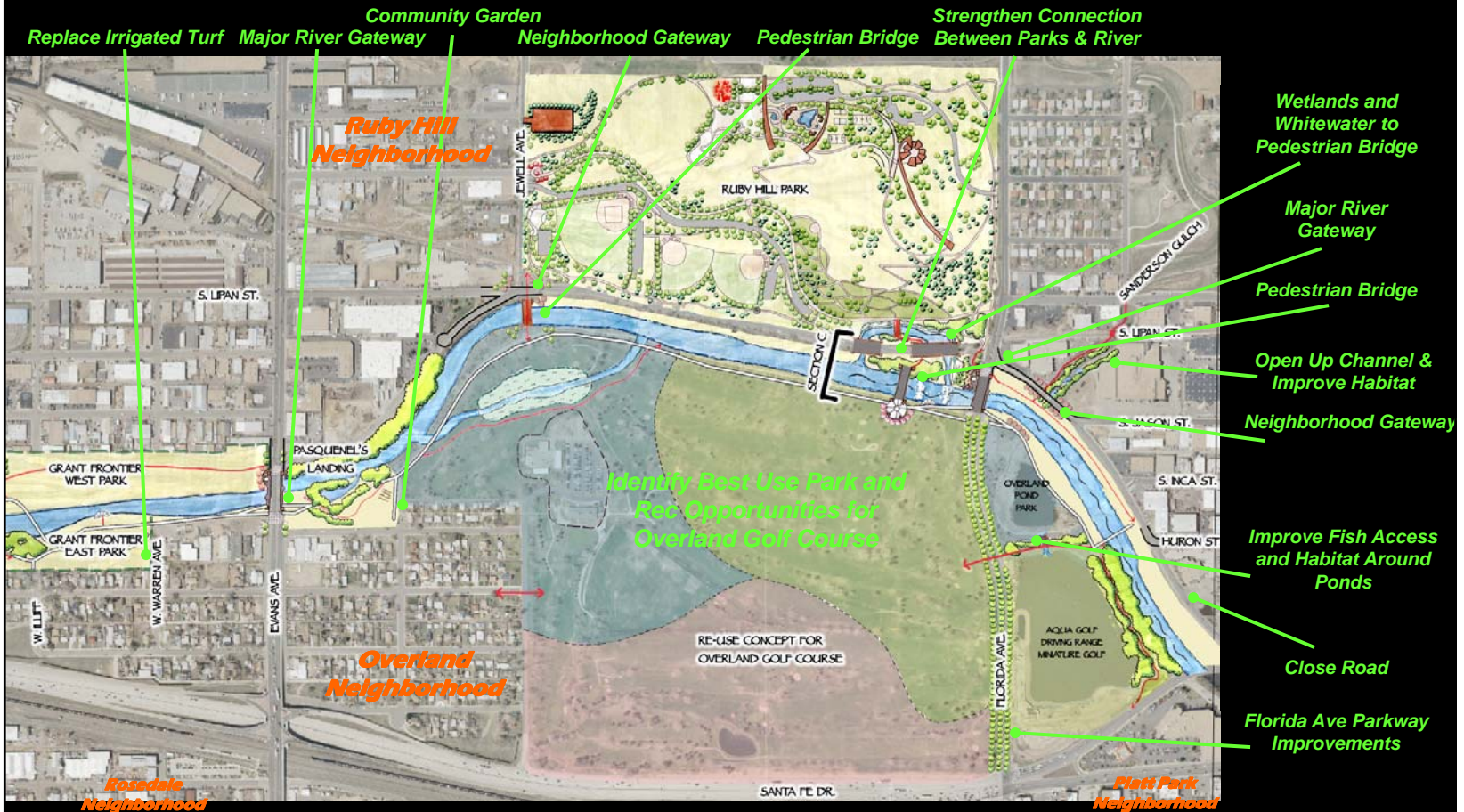
## Planning Framework



## PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS — South Platte Valley Regional Park — South Part

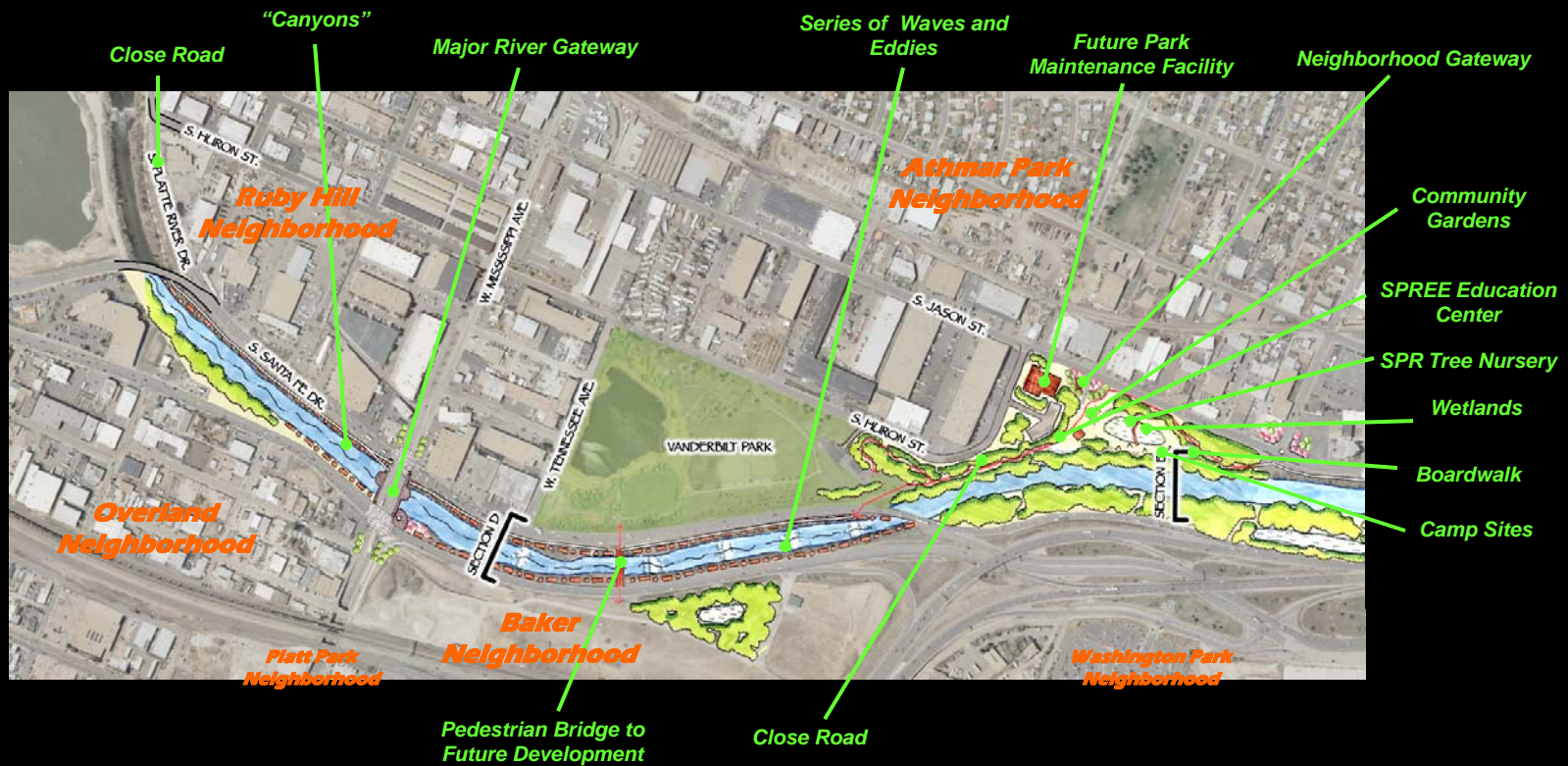


# PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS — South Platte Valley Regional Park – North Part

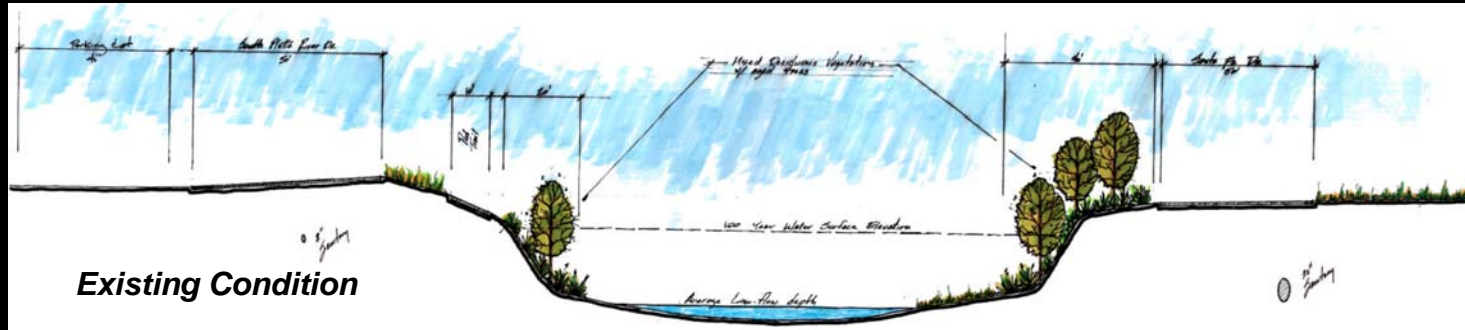


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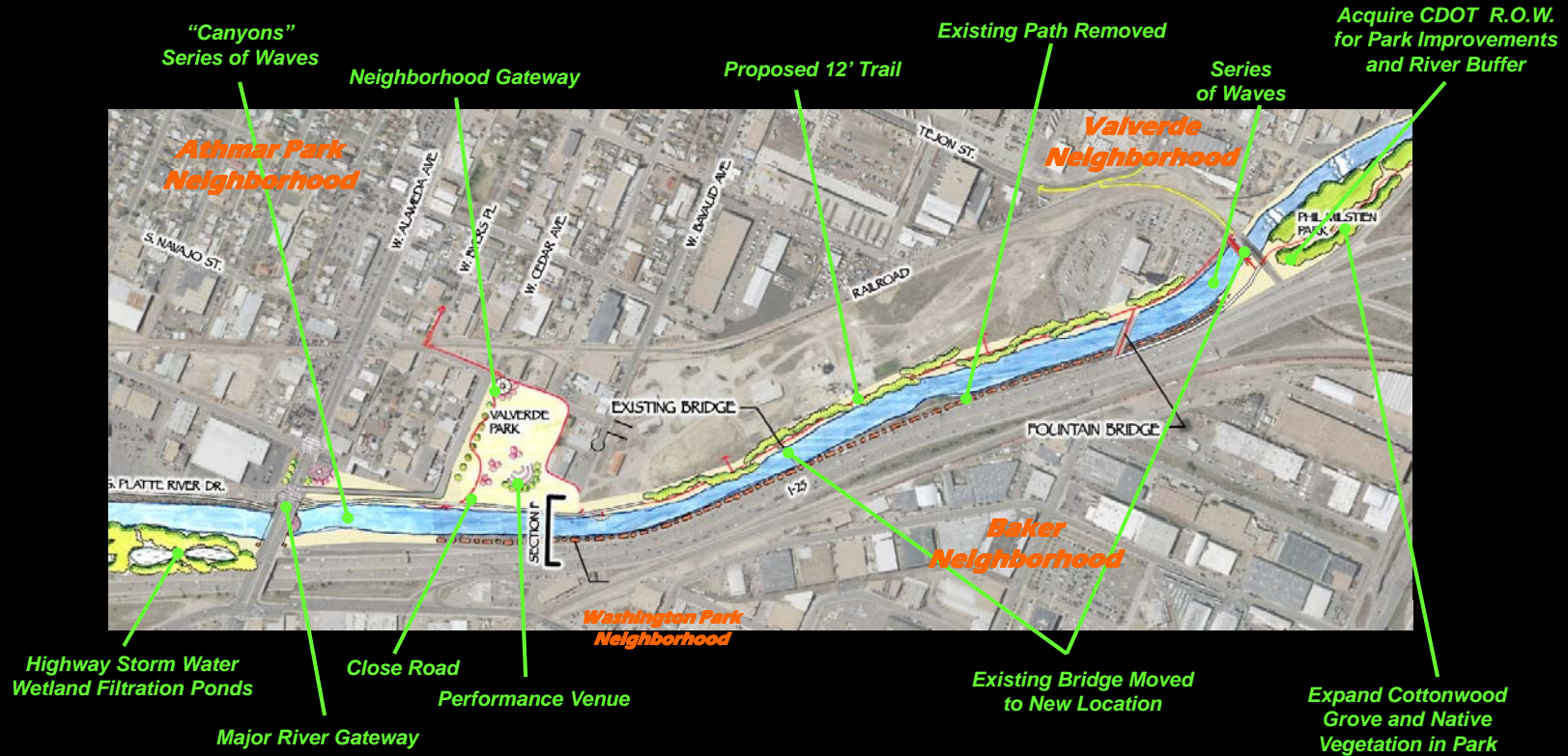
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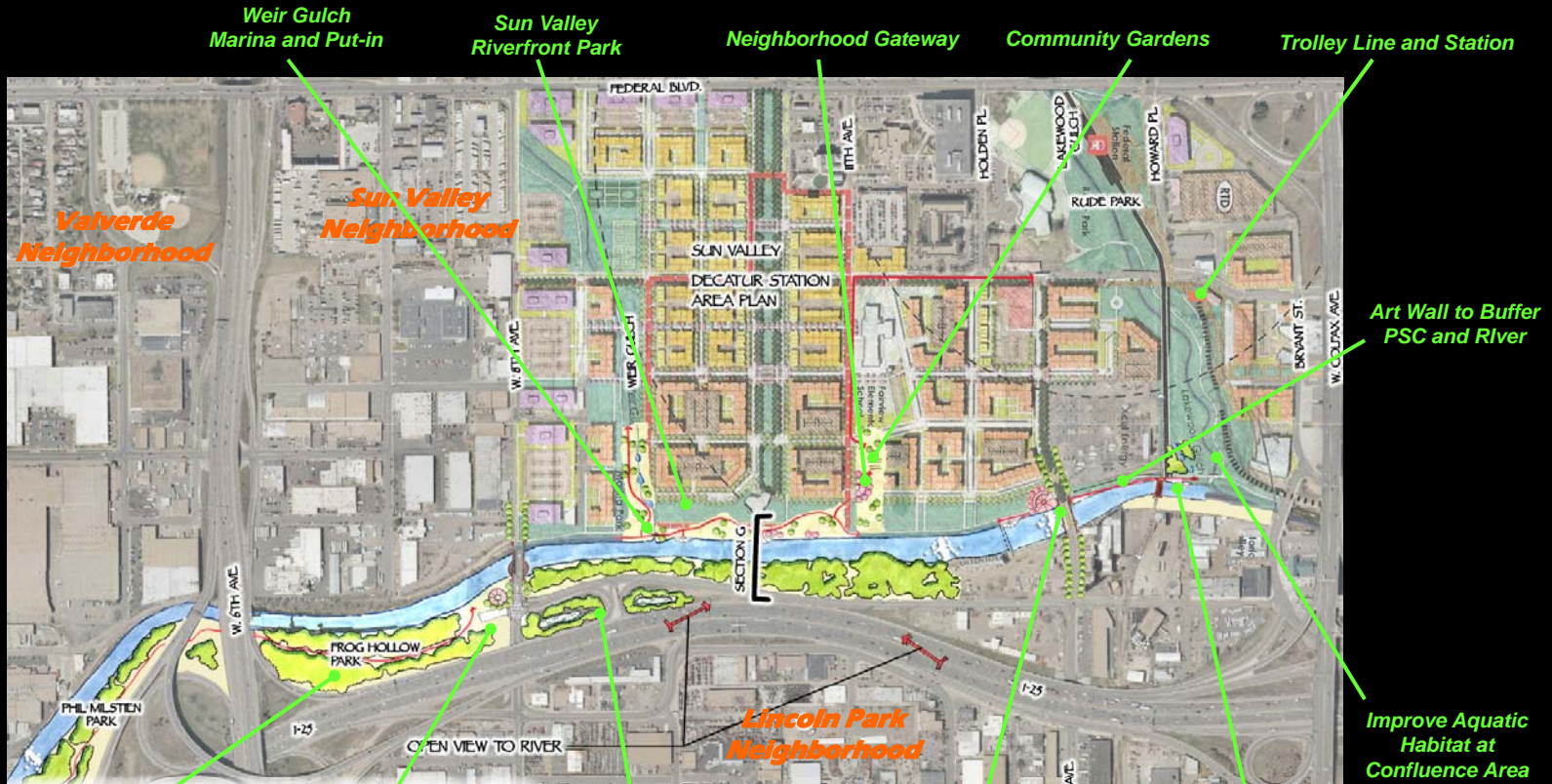
## PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS — South Platte River Canyons Concept



## PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS – Commercial Greenway Corridor – North Part



# PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS – Urban Greenway Corridor



Acquire CDOT R.O.W. for Park Improvements and River Buffer

Replace Irrigated Turf

Highway Storm Water Wetland Filtration Ponds

Major River Gateway

New Whitewater Feature

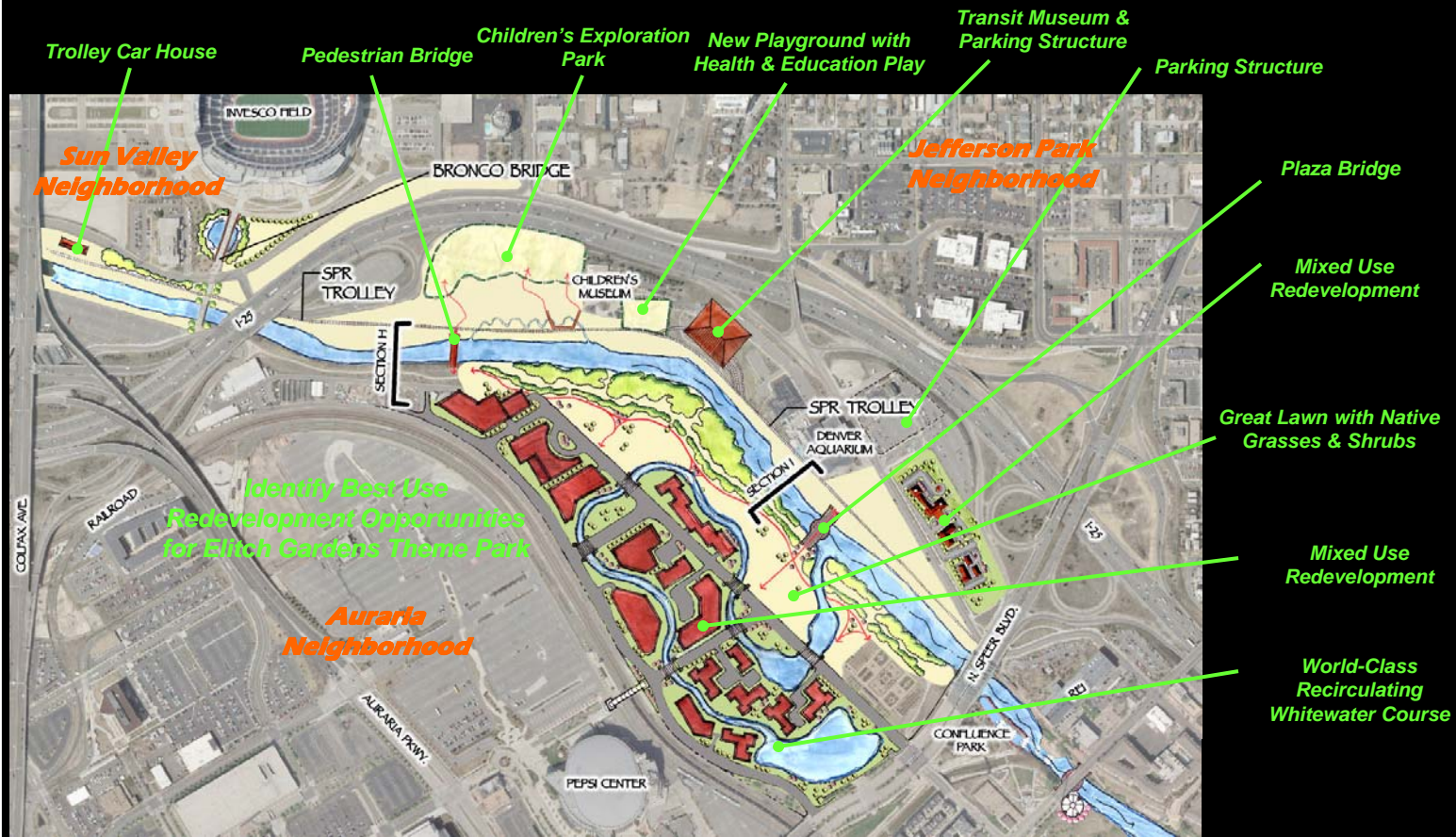
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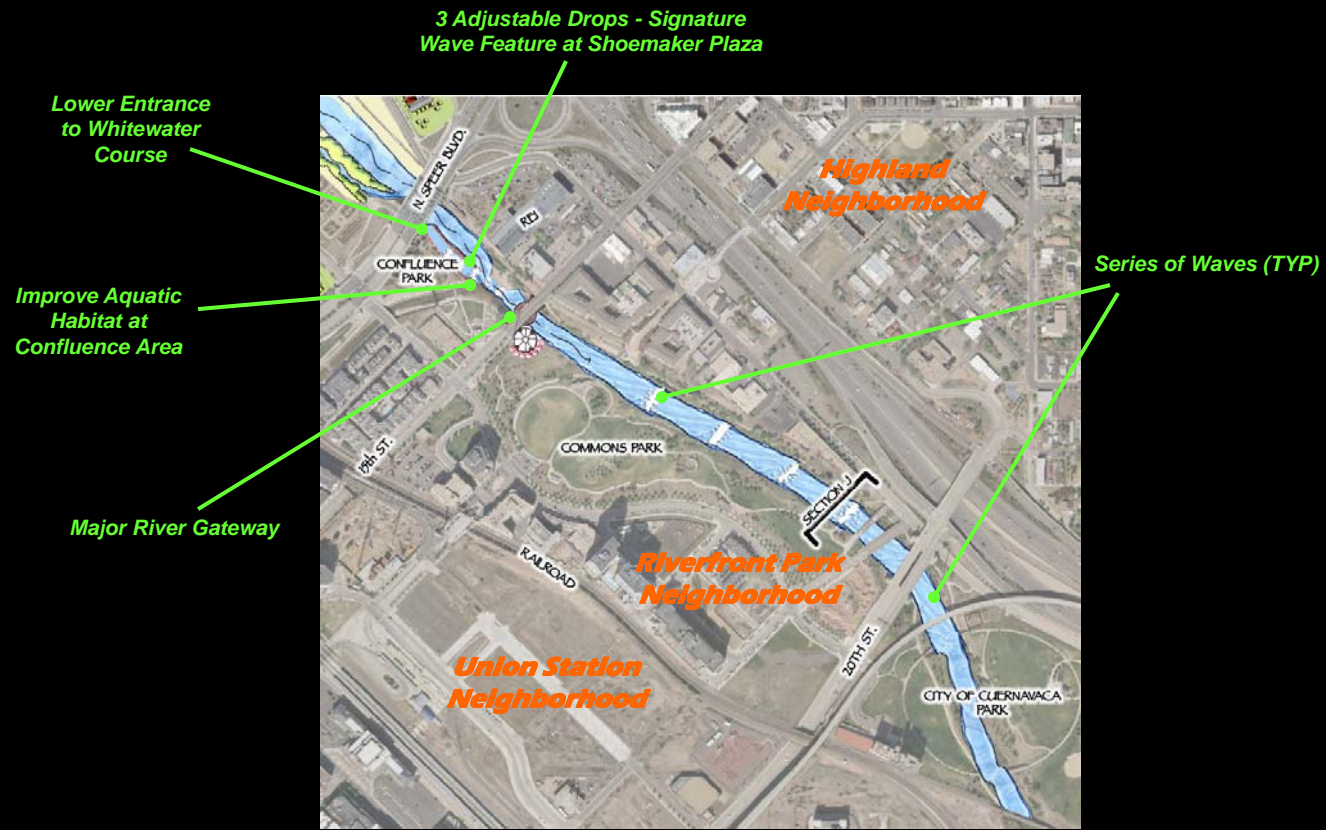
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## PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS — Central Platte Valley Entertainment District — South Part



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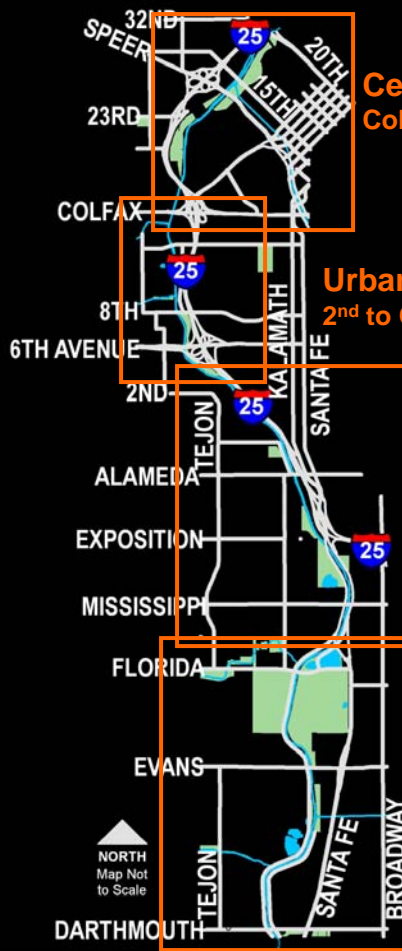
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## NEXT STEPS

- Recommendations and Final Master Plan Document
- RISO/RINO GOCO Planning Effort
- This presentation and the Draft Illustrative Plan is available to  
Download at: <ftp://ftp.cdm.com>; User: cdmftp88; Password:  
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**Central Platte Valley Entertainment**  
Colfax to 20<sup>th</sup>

**Urban Greenway**  
2<sup>nd</sup> to Colfax

**Commercial Greenway Corridor**  
Louisiana to 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Southern Platte Valley Regional Park**  
Dartmouth to Louisiana

***DISCUSSION AT STATIONS***  
***To discuss YOUR REACTION to***  
***the Recommendations for the***  
***River South Area***

- Visit One or All of the Segment Stations*
- React to the Plan Recommendations*
- Leave Your Comments with the Station Monitor*