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Eagle River Corridor Subarea Plan

Visioning Meeting(Sept. 30, 2014)

Large Group Discussion Comments

Opportunity/Needs

- Walking trail/biking trail along river (Multi-Use Trail)
- Public gathering space along river
- Maintain Disc Golf Course along river
- How to keep people from trespassing on private property? – Better public access
- Trails/parks along river
- Revitalize Eagle River
- Shade
 - Flat trail with shade
- Accessibility to river
- Connect Town to river
- Events on river/space for events on river
- Conservation along river

Breakout Group Comments

1. Maintain and enhance the health of the river
2. Support and add vitality to downtown
3. Create a mix of recreational opportunities for different users
4. Create a multi-use trail system that connects to local and regional trails
5. Activate the riverfront north of downtown with public spaces, amenities and new land uses

1. Add vitality to the downtown and west eagle thru pedestrian connections to the river
2. Create gathering and recreational opportunities at strategic nodes along the river
3. Establish safe access points throughout corridor and safe passage throughout
4. Create a “wow” factor visible from I-70 eastbound
5. Raise awareness for river safety with educational components
 - a. River Health

- b. Being a good user
- c. Respect private property rights (No Trespassing)

1. Pedestrian/bike access
 2. Commercial bent to Eagle for destination visitors, tourism businesses and recreational users
 3. Preserve quality of the water and riparian habitat
 4. Strengthen relationship with river
 - a. Physical
 - b. Visual
 - c. Auditory
 - d. Emotional
 5. Strengthen/enhance/increase the number of river crossings
 6. Increase town ownership and legal access of riverfront land
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1. Strengthen and support viability of the town and downtown
 2. Protect and enhance river health
 3. Multi-use trail system – connected & looped
 4. Create amenities/activities that draw people to the area
 5. More intensive use where Downtown connects to the river
 6. Connect heart of Eagle to Soul of the River
 7. Places to stay and play
 8. Improve our image and appeal

Be aware

1. Private property
2. Learn from other towns, projects, etc.
3. Education – people are not aware of current access
4. Strike the balance
5. Feasibility and attainability
6. Safety
7. Park needs and accessibility
8. We've been railroaded by UP
9. Coordinate with lots of other agencies
10. Commercial.... Feasibility, relationship
11. Loving it to death

Big Broad Brushes

1. River health
2. Civic amenity
3. Economic development and sense of place
4. Connecting to river
5. Multi-use places/spaces

1. Walking and biking opportunities but make sure both fit
 2. Public spaces/park
 3. Recreation – disc golf!
 4. Trespass is a challenge
 5. Variety of uses
 6. Revitalize the river
 7. Shaded spaces
 8. Access and connection to Downtown
 9. Events
 10. Conservation and open space
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1. Flexibility – can respond to changes
 2. Focus on improving disturbed and impacted areas
 3. Work with Trout Unlimited on habitat and natural area enhancements
 4. Looped recreation access
 5. Concentrate recreation and parks to Eby Creek/Visitor Center Area
 6. Connect Broadway to river and Chambers to river
 7. Create sense of place and economic vibrancy
 8. Gold Medal fishing east of Eby Creek Road
 9. Improve wildlife habitat and migration across Hwy 6 and I-70
 10. Meandering bike path, some for pedestrians only
 11. Whitewater park in Rodeo → west to fishing is fun bridge, phased in
 12. Prioritize easy, feasible action items
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1. Connect Heart of Eagle to the Soul of the River
 - a. Bike paths
 - b. In-stream inputs
 - c. Pedestrian paths
 - d. Downtown access
 - e. Commercial access
 - f. Reason to play and stay
 - g. Redefine our Core
 2. Create reasons to enjoy and utilize river
 - a. Surf
 - b. Play
 - c. Camping
 - d. Beer
 - e. Picnic
 - f. Festivals/commercial
 - g. Place-making
 - h. Image quality
 - i. Income opportunities
 - j. Tourism (Raft, Fishing, Bike)
 - k. Dining
 3. Protect, Conserve, Enhance, Revitalize
 - a. Upstream fishing
 - b. Beer

- c. Silt management
- d. Parking
- e. Future proof
- 4. Recreation Development/Connections
 - a. Year round use
 - b. Beer
 - c. See Above

Needs:

1. Connect town
2. Riverside Path
3. What ties it together?
4. Upstream - clean/vitalize
5. Downstream – develop/improve
6. In-Stream and Bank Eco Restoration
7. Plan upstream changes and sediment control
8. Fairgrounds auto loop
9. Camping proximate to town
10. Incorporate Frisbee
11. Access/Revenue
12. Gun range
13. Arcade
14. Beer

Critical Flaws (Elsewhere):

1. Parking
2. Access
3. Poor Flow Planning (sediment build up)
4. Plug in not incorporated

1. Create active River Oriented Park
 - a. “River Park” near Visitor Center
 - b. Serve as an “anchor/hub”
 - c. Whitewater Park
 - d. Pedestrian bridge
 - e. Beaches
 - f. Spectator area
 - g. Shade
 - h. Information Kiosk
 - i. Amphitheater
 - j. Connection to Chambers Park n’ Ride
2. Concentrate more intensive uses close to Downtown
 - a. High density residential
 - b. Small amount of mixed use - okay
 - c. Vehicular connections to Downtown
 - d. River trail “buffer” between development and river
3. Areas outside of “Concentration Area”:

- a. Riparian preservation/maintain natural areas
- b. Trails along river. Pedestrian/bike connections across river, as well as Hwy 6 and Railroad Corridor
- c. Create primary trail loop
 - i. Connect river & "River Park" to the rest of Eagle

1. Focus on overall river health
2. Some trails on North Side
3. Countywide Trails plan exists
4. Work with willing landowners on acquiring key properties
5. ID areas best suited to different uses & activities
6. Engage Downtown

1. Maintain and enhance the health of the Eagle River
2. Create a mix of recreation opportunities for different user types
3. Support, enhance and connect to the Downtown
4. Create an interconnected multi-use trail system that connects to local and regional trails
5. Create a realistic and feasible implementation/allow system that identifies uses, investments

Wrap Up Session Comments

- Nodes of access
- Strengthen Eagle as an overall destination
- Preserve water quality of river
- Strengthen relationship with river
- Increase legal access to river corridor
- Connect Broadway to river
- A continuous “shady” bike and pedestrian trail
- Create fishing access and parking areas
- Integrate educational component into river corridor plan
- River Park “hub”
 - Whitewater Park
 - Beaches – water access for everyone
 - Picnic Areas
 - Amphitheater
- Introduce flexibility into plan
- Improve impacted area
- Contact Trout Unlimited for habitat improvement projects
- Create a mixed use node
- Connect Broadway to the river & connect Chambers Avenue to the river
- Gold Medal Fishing east of Green Bridge (Conservation Area)
- Meandering bike path provides better views
- “Connect heart of Eagle to soul of River”
- Redefine our core (to include Eagle River)
- Create reasons to enjoy river
- Respect private property rights
- Create balance between preservation and development
- Feasibility of plan is important
- Integrate safety
- Create adequate vehicular parking
- Obtain list of lessons learned from Mike Harvey (Whitewater Park designer)
- Integrate railroad and CDOT into process
- Identify existing public access
- Public education
- Amenitize existing publically owned property / create a map showing publically owned property
- Improve accessibility from downtown to river across Hwy 6
- Create sustainable/supportable commercial development
- Summary notes (Clark Anderson)
- River health
- Multi recreational use
- Amenities to benefit civic pride
- Economic Development thru sense of place

Map “Post-It” Comments

- Restore historic rapid - “Dead Cow”
 - Shallows and Unnatural Islands
 - Fishing Experience – ID & Protect
 - From Red Canyon to Eby Creek Bridge revitalize stream for (illegible)
 - Different experience within 4-mile segment
 - Wayfinding
 - Underutilized Town Park – Nogal Park
 - Connect CBD to river amenities
 - Rafter facilities – shower, changing, connect to town, etc.
 - Activity areas – Farmers market, festivals
 - Connect Eco Trail besides river
 - Series of waterpark features keyed on different water levels
 - Underutilized land – commercial & other strip
 - Campground on river can be profitable. People might come just to be by the river.
 - Current CBD pedestrian connection remote from Broadway
 - Dining beside river
 - Could have gathering amenities at truck parking
 - Connect paths for residential
 - Remove in-stream hazards
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- Walking trails
 - Trail connection up into BLM
 - Access to Eagle River Station
 - Dog Park
 - Restore fishing access
 - Riparian Buffer
 - Bridges driven by need to protect private property
 - Protect, restore, and enhance Riparian Zone
 - How to get continuity with public/private property. Meaningful phasing.
 - Creating more value in “core” sites
 - Route 6 crossing at Broadway
 - Bars and restaurants on River
 - Access from Broadway
 - Fish view portal at deep pool area
 - Broadway – Chambers Park Connection
 - Historical Buildings Preserved and Educational Plaques
 - Celebrate free flowing (almost) river. Ecology – Education & Integration.
 - Easy access from I-70
 - Navigating grade change
 - Need parking
 - Boat ramps
 - Campground
 - Need future bridge?

- Walking loop
 - Road bridge
 - Public Access – Condition of Approval
 - Clean up salvage yard debris
 - Horse access from County Fairgrounds
 - Future trail connection down valley
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- Preserve riparian buffer/water quality
 - Enhance appeal of parking
 - Improve access and appeal of north side
 - Build better trails on north side of river and connect to Town trails
 - Complete alignment/Eco trail signage
 - Decide appropriate uses on properties beside river