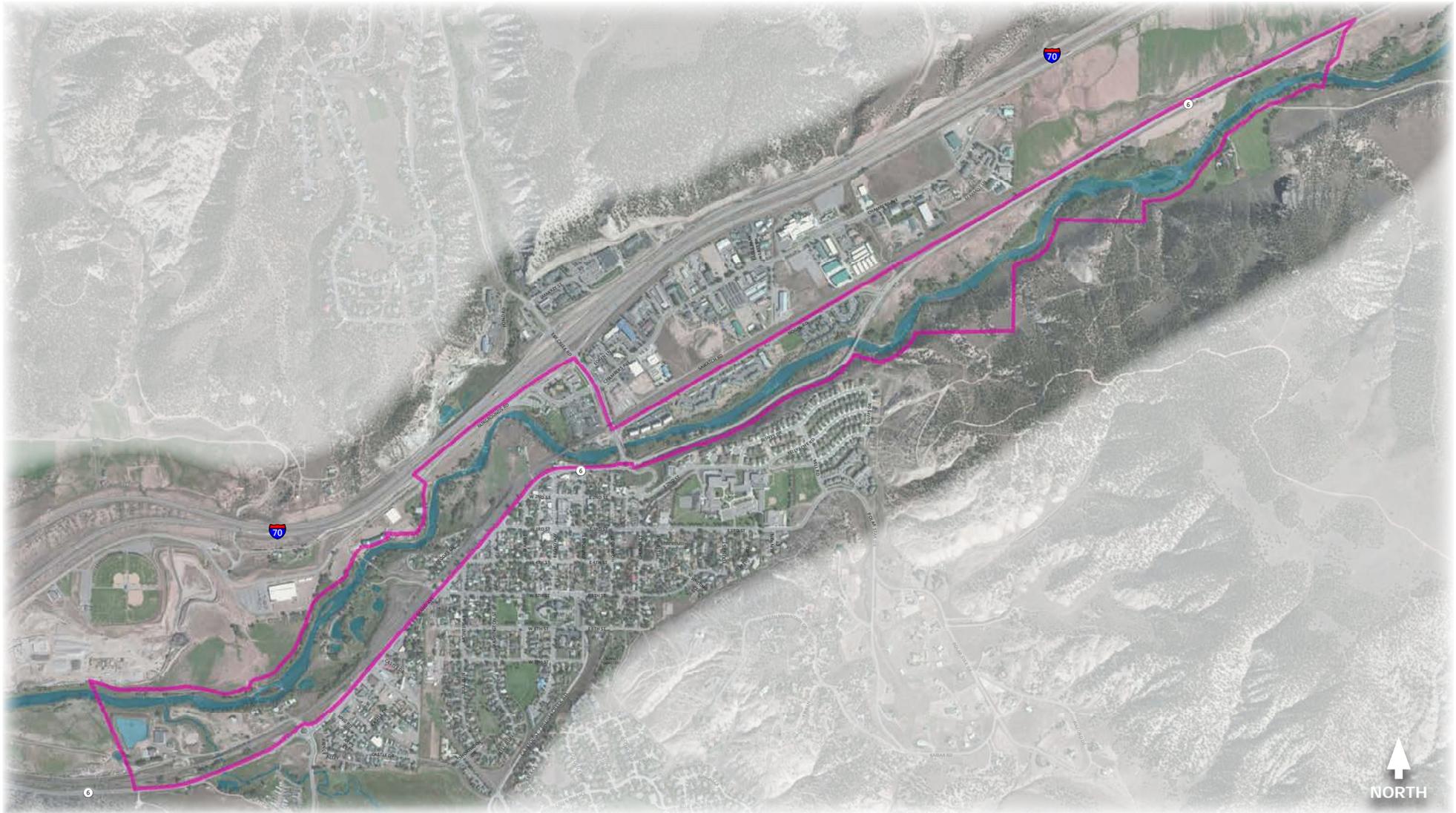


EAGLE RIVER CORRIDOR SUBAREA PLAN | PLANNING & DESIGN CHARRETTE SUMMARY REPORT



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COMMUNITY VISIONING WORKSHOP

On September 30, 2014 the Town of Eagle hosted a Community Visioning Workshop at Eagle Town Hall. The Visioning Workshop consisted of an initial, large group discussion to identify challenges and opportunities along the river corridor. Following this discussion, meeting attendees broke out into smaller groups of 6-8 people in order to discuss their ideas and as a group, establish a vision and goals for the river corridor. To wrap up the Visioning Workshop, the groups reconvened and 1-2 representatives from each breakout group presented the group's ideas to the larger group.

It is noteworthy that there was general consensus amongst the breakout groups that there should be a "Development Core" area, generally located north of Broadway/Central Business District, that would be an appropriate location for higher density development, which would complement and invigorate downtown Eagle. In addition, the groups generally identified the area on the north side of the Eagle River as an appropriate location for a "Recreation Core" area that may feature a riverfront park with in-stream recreational opportunities. The groups were also in general agreement that development should feather out in areas east and west of the "Core Area." Conservation, protection of wildlife habitat and the Eagle River ecosystem and a well-connected, looped and shaded multi-user trail system were also mutually agreed upon concepts to be integrated into the Subarea Plan.

Following the Visioning Workshop, Staff prepared a Concept Map (please see page 4) and a Character Area Map (please see page 5) in order to capture the ideas that emerged from the Workshop. The Concept Map was further refined through meetings with participants from the Visioning Workshop interested in the following topic areas:

- Land Use and Transportation
- In-Stream Recreation
- Conservation, Parks, Open Space & Trails



Standing room only as Tom Boni (Town of Eagle) welcomes members of the community to the Visioning Workshop.



Workshop attendees participate in small, "breakout" groups to develop their vision for the Eagle River Corridor.



At the conclusion of the "breakout" group session, 1-2 members from each group presented their vision and ideas for the river corridor.

THEMES & GOALS

The following is a **draft** of the themes and goals that emerged from the Visioning Workshop, held on September 30, and Steering Committee meetings, which were held on September 10 and October 15.

These themes and goals were used as a framework for the Planning & Design Charrette.

THEME#1: Conservation & Restoration

GOAL:

Identify, conserve and protect wetland and riparian areas that are essential to the health of both the Eagle River and the Eagle River Corridor.

WHAT THAT MEANS:

- Protect and restore the health of the river
- Preserve and enhance water quality
- ID particularly sensitive areas
- Manage / limit impacts in sensitive areas
- Preserve open space and wildlife habitat
- Allow places for “natural experience”
- Mitigate sedimentation from upstream sources?
- Riparian and corridor restoration
- Noxious weeds
- Mitigate storm water impacts from development
- Education
- Fish habitat / wildlife
- Focus development in appropriate areas and limit / avoid development in less suitable areas

THEME#2: Economic Development

GOAL:

Leverage the Eagle River as a catalyst for Economic Development and Place-Making in Eagle.

WHAT THAT MEANS:

- Enhance / activate the downtown
- Create a local and regional draw
- Revitalize Hwy 6
- Development on the beach front
- River easily accessible from Broadway
- Expand, connect and enhance Downtown / CBD / Town Center and the Eagle River
- Signature amenity that draws folks into Downtown Eagle
- Additional reasons to visit Eagle
- Facilitate / Catalyze private sector investment

THEME#3: Education & Awareness

GOAL:

Use elements of the Eagle River and adjacent lands to promote understanding of the river ecosystem.

WHAT THAT MEANS:

- Signage and educational placards about river, trespassing, etc
- Help the community understand and respect the river

THEME#4: Recreation

GOAL:

Provide high quality, river oriented, recreation amenities that allow for a wide variety of user groups to enjoy the Eagle River.

WHAT THAT MEANS:

- Options for various users and types of recreation
- Identify areas most suitable for different users / intensities
- Beware of "loving it to death"
- Address trespassing issues
- Creating river recreation opportunities
- In-stream recreation
- Recreation adjacent to river
- Opportunities to view river / river users
- Connections to local & regional trail networks
- Creating "world class" / high quality recreational opportunities (white water features) for a variety of users

THEME#5: Transportation & Access

GOAL:

Create a well-connected, multi-modal transportation network that provides quick and easy access from Eagle's neighborhoods to the Eagle River.

WHAT THAT MEANS:

- Multi-use trail system (bikes and peds.) that links to existing local trails
- Connect downtown to the river
- Link (river & trails) to other communities (Gypsum)
- Link to neighborhoods
- Capitalize on public transit stops, take advantage of opportunities to tie public transit and recreation
- Gateways at primary access points to the Eagle River
- Phased/thoughtful parking
- Looped and shaded trails
- Strategic Parking, doesn't necessarily need to be "on-site"
- Increase access points to river / area
- Address trespass issues
- River crossing / rail crossings
- Crossing Hwy 6 from downtown to river

THEME#6: Place-Making

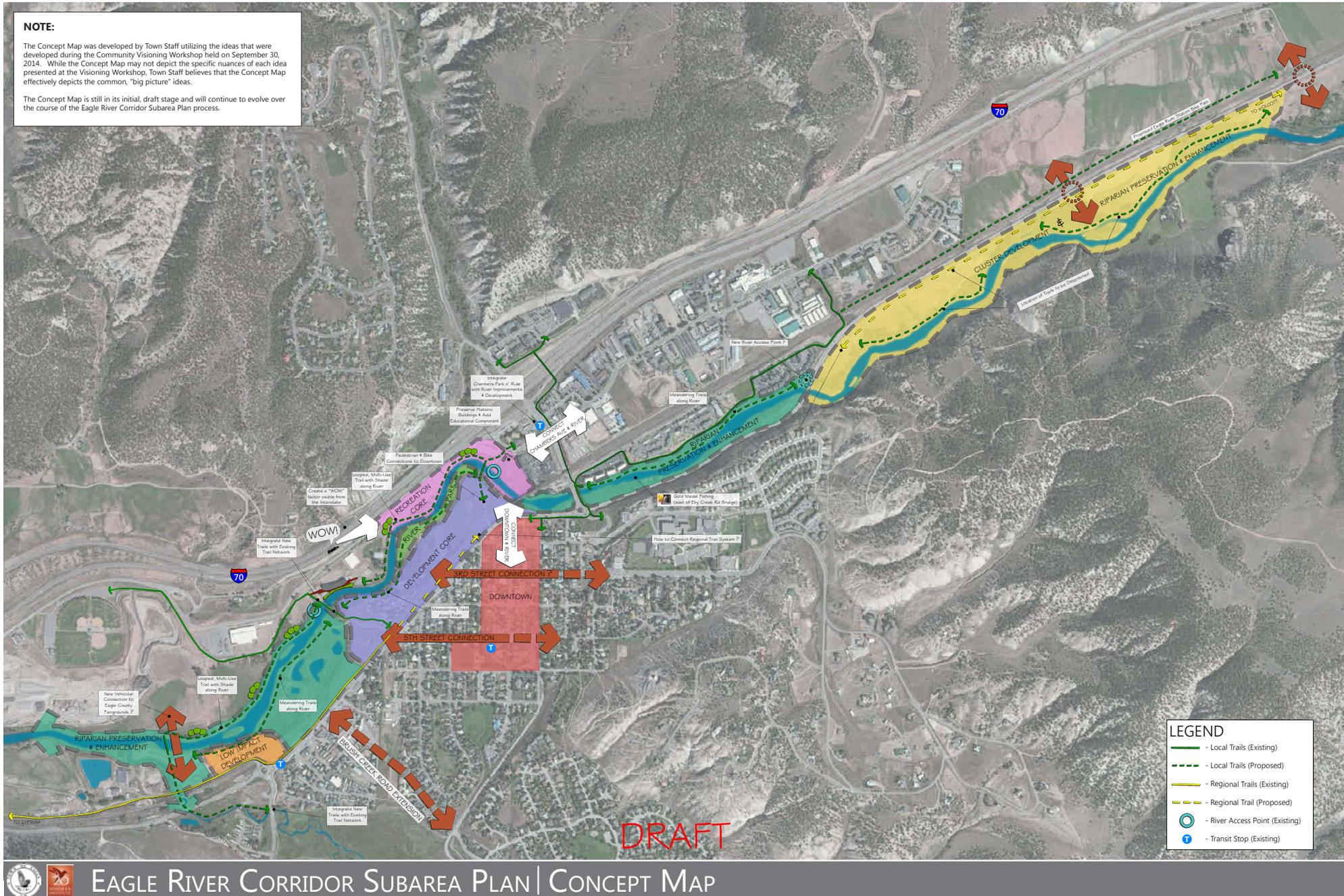
GOAL:

Create an integrated river corridor through the Town that is a memorable and valued place to live, visit and recreate.

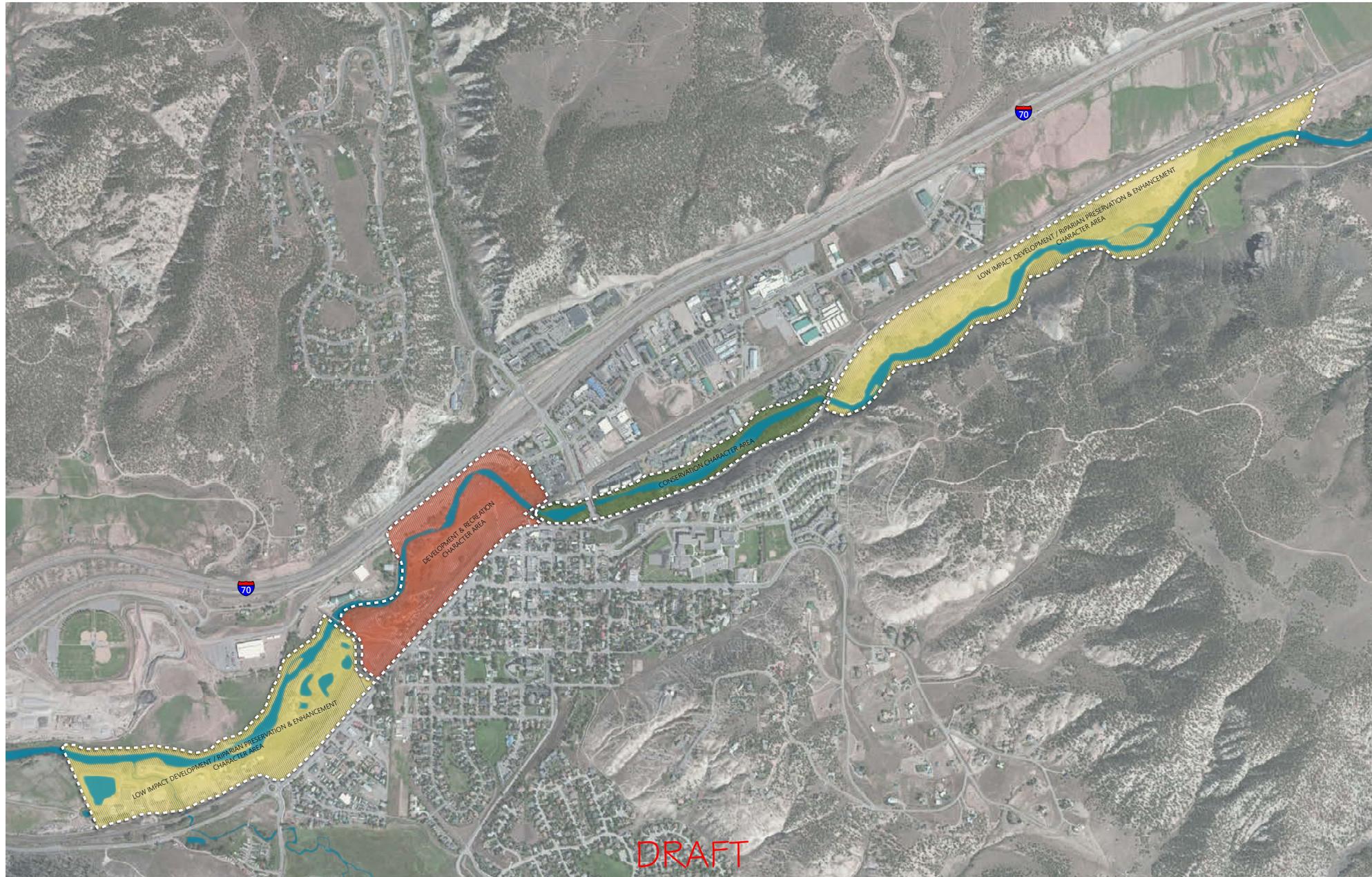
WHAT THAT MEANS:

- Economic development via sense of place
- Create amenities and gathering spaces
- Activate the riverfront north of downtown
- Preserve / enhance iconic and historic features of the Town/community, opportunity to create iconic features
- Create "WOW" factor(s) visible from the Interstate (ex. Clifford the Big Red Dog park)
- Public Art
- Places of discovery, journey along the river
- Making it feel "authentic", making it feel Eagle

NOTE:
 The Concept Map was developed by Town Staff utilizing the ideas that were developed during the Community Visioning Workshop held on September 30, 2014. While the Concept Map may not depict the specific nuances of each idea presented at the Visioning Workshop, Town Staff believes that the Concept Map effectively depicts the common, "big picture" ideas.
 The Concept Map is still in its initial, draft stage and will continue to evolve over the course of the Eagle River Corridor Subarea Plan process.



EAGLE RIVER CORRIDOR SUBAREA PLAN | CONCEPT MAP



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EAGLE RIVER CORRIDOR SUBAREA PLAN | CHARACTER AREA MAP

PLANNING & DESIGN CHARRETTE

The Planning & Design Charrette, convened on October 29, 30 and 31, was an exercise to further develop ideas generated thus far in the Eagle River Corridor Subarea Plan process and create visualizations of the plans and concepts for the area.

The Charrette component of the Eagle River Corridor Subarea Plan process, in addition to design development, included meetings with key interested groups and individuals on Wednesday (Oct.29) morning and an open house, presentation and public comment session on Thursday (Oct.30). During the Charrette, Jim Leggitt and Paul Stewart from the design firm studioINSITE, with the assistance of Clark Anderson and Cameron Ellis (Sonoran Institute) and Tom Boni and Matt Farrar (Town of Eagle), prepared illustrations of development concepts, sketches of riverfront park areas and maps of a proposed trail system and conservation areas.

The charrette process is, by its nature, fast paced and geared to visualize the ideas generated for the Plan during the Visioning Workshop. All products from the Planning & Design Charrette are **preliminary drafts**. In November and December, this summary report will be used as an introduction and Staff will show the plans, sketches and maps generated during the Charrette to various groups and individuals, including property owners, and request feedback and comment. Input gathered from these meetings will be presented to the Steering Committee for consideration at their meeting on January 14, 2015.



The Design Team worked on a variety of different concepts and maps for the river corridor over the course of the 2.5-day Charrette.



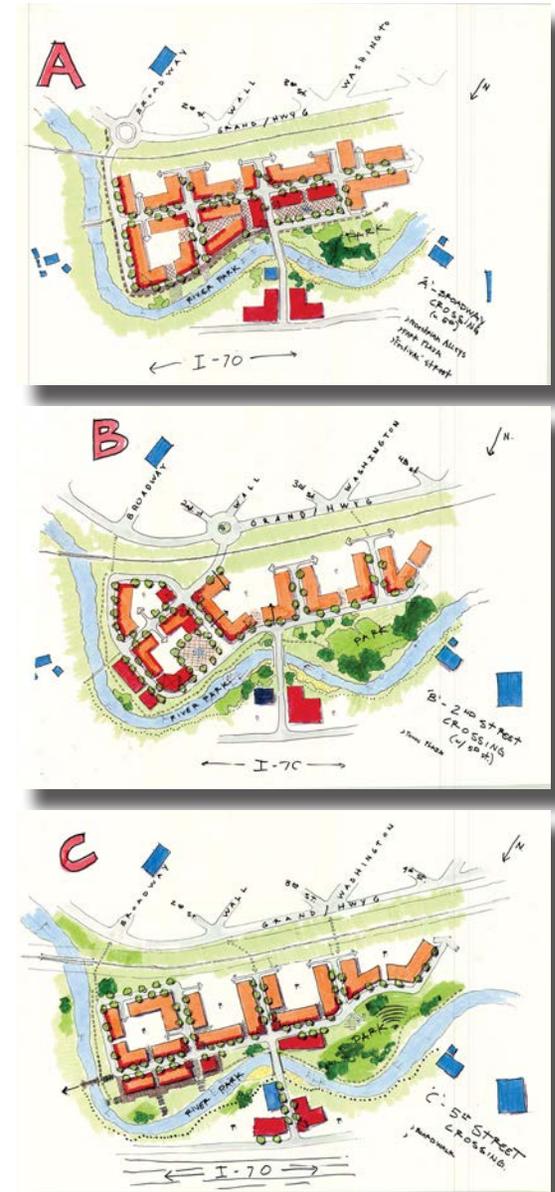
The public was invited in on several occasions to study and comment on the concepts that emerged during the Planning & Design Charrette.

PLANNING & DESIGN CHARRETTE

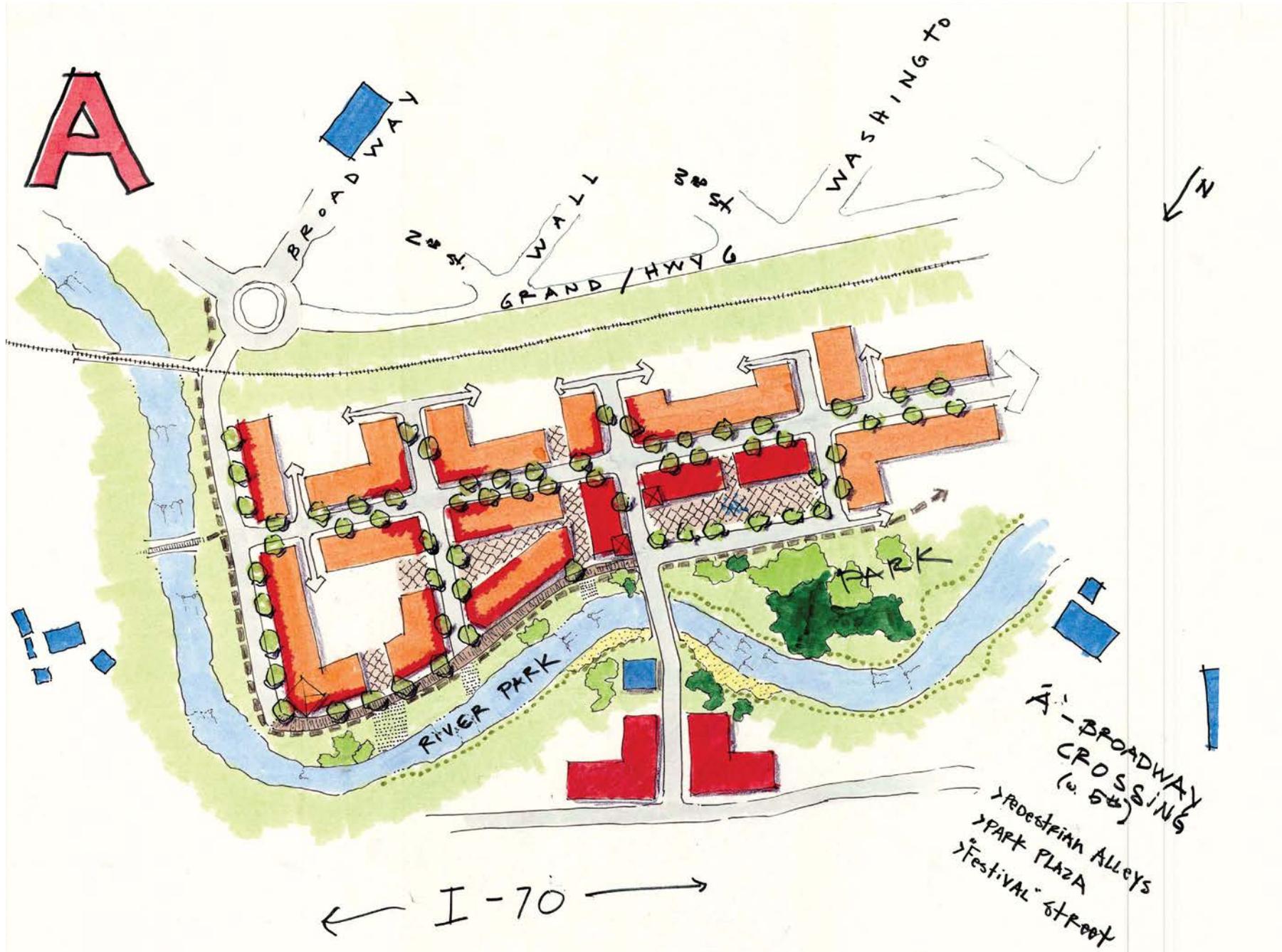
Listed below are a few of the most significant design objectives of each of the three “Development Core” concepts. All three of concepts include the following elements:

- Encourage higher residential densities than currently exist in the Town of Eagle;
- Dispersed and visually screened parking;
- Some commercial development;
- A secondary, vehicular access to Highway 6 from a realigned 5th Street/Brooks Lane standard intersection;
- A roughly 4-acre, public park in the northwest quadrant of the neighborhood; and,
- A vehicular bridge connection across the Eagle River to Fairgrounds Road. This bridge is an optional access point in Concepts A and B but is required in Concept C.

In reviewing and providing comment on these materials, please feel free to express yourself on any aspect of these conceptual drawings and maps. For example, in your review of the “Development Core” area, while you might prefer the general road layout of Concept A, there may be aspects of another concept that you would like to see incorporated into Concept A to make it better. If you have a development concept that you would like for us to consider, which is not reflected in these concepts, please provide us with a description of your development idea. In a similar manner, you are invited to provide comment on the North Riverfront Park concept and Trails and Conservation Maps. One of the key objectives of the North Riverfront Park was to create multiple opportunities to recreate and enjoy the river. The Trails Map shows existing constructed paved trails, proposed paved trails and proposed soft trails. The Conservation Plan is a rough map showing key areas to be protected through this planning effort.



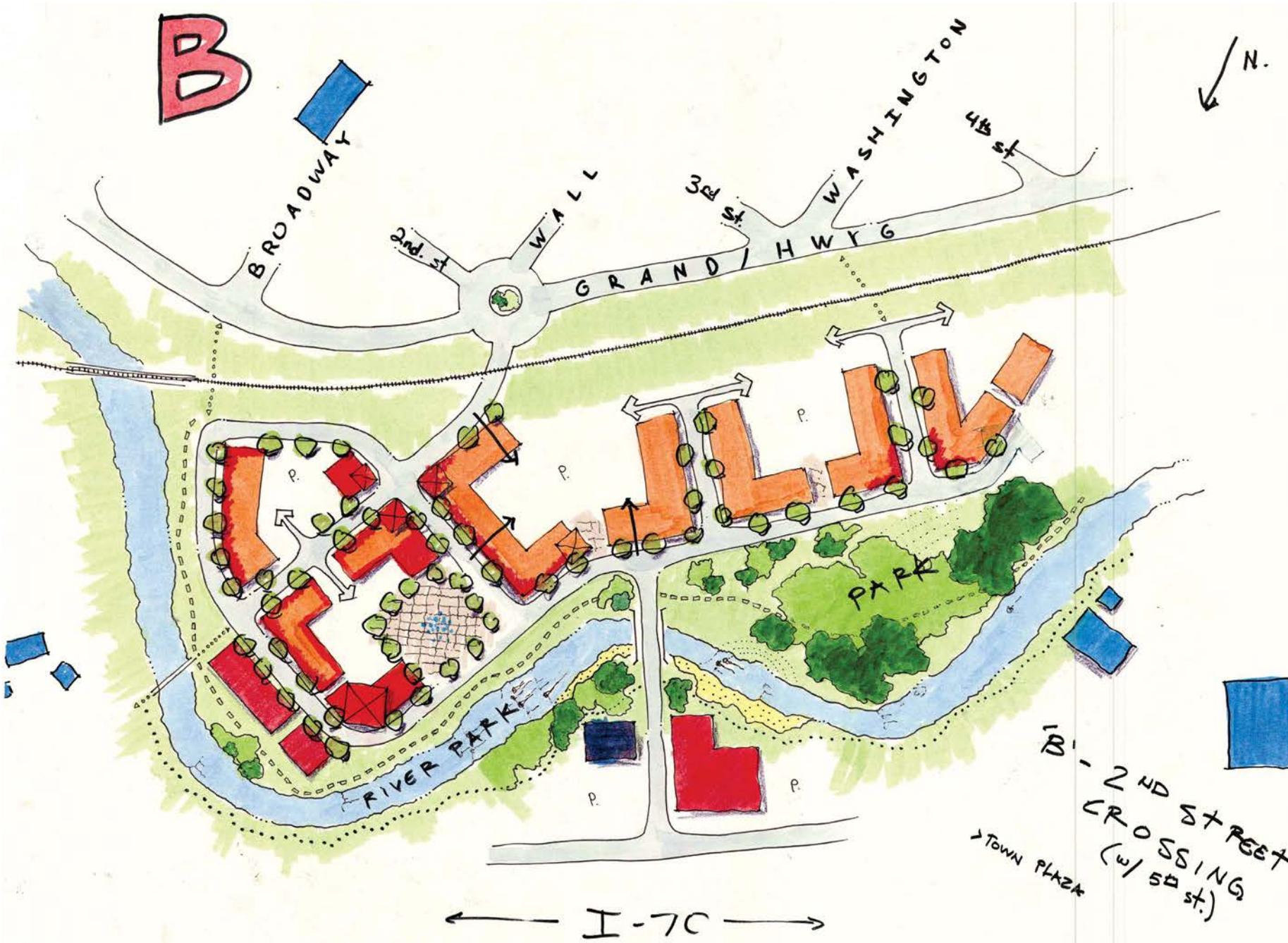
Above are the three “Development Core” concepts that were developed during the Planning & Design Charrette. Larger versions of these maps can be found on pages 8, 9 and 10.



CONCEPT A

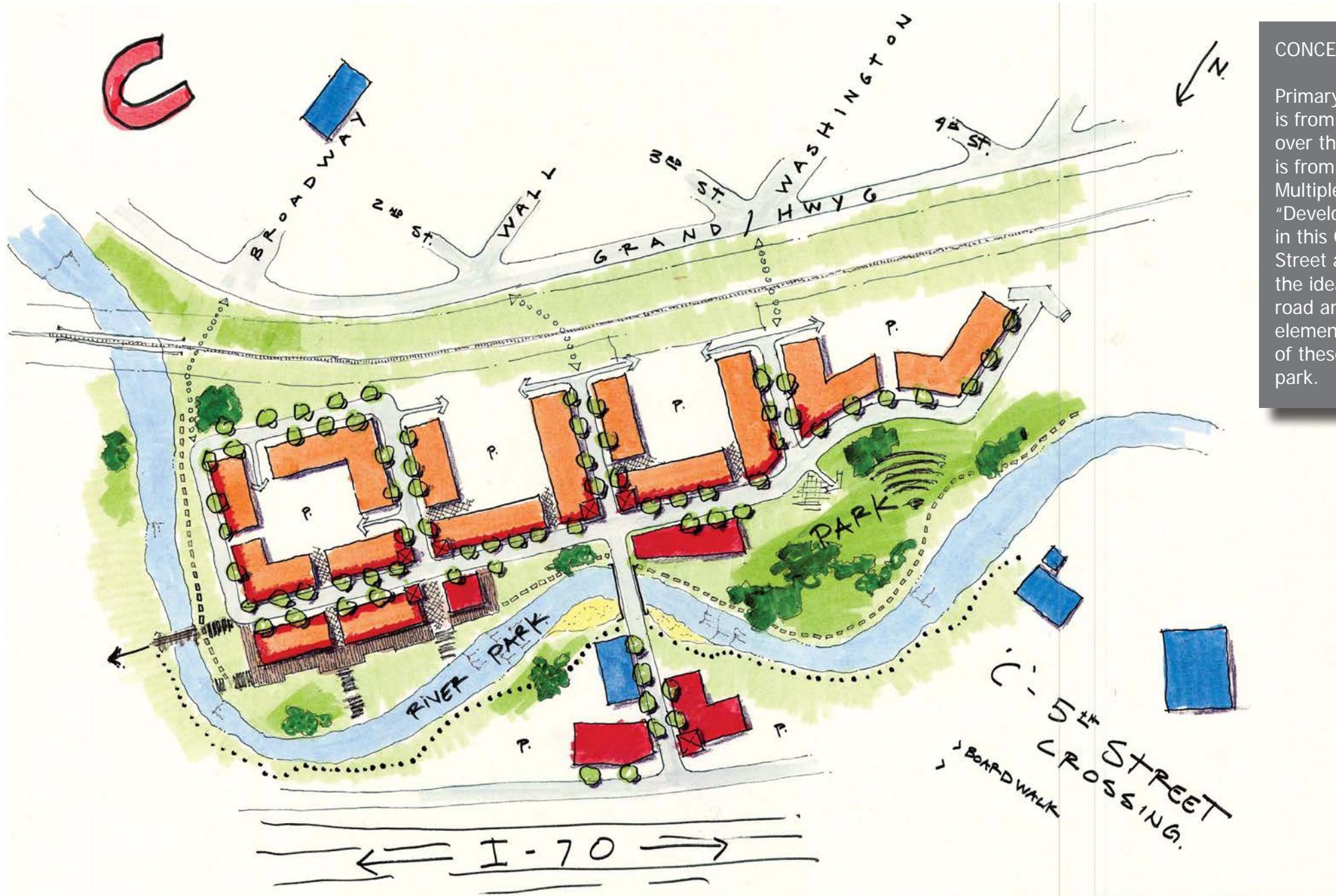
Primary vehicular access in Concept A extends Broadway across Highway 6 through the use of a roundabout. The Highway 6 curvature in the vicinity of Broadway and resultant sight distance constraints prevents the use of a standard intersection at this location. The roundabout would slow down traffic on Highway 6 and provide greater visibility of Broadway to the south. There may be need for additional right-of-way acquisition on the south side to accommodate a roundabout. Further study is needed.

This concept also incorporates a pedestrian oriented street, where pedestrians would have the design priority, shown in the north eastern quadrant along the riverfront park (shaded and hatched). A public plaza is also incorporated in this concept in front of a commercial building and pedestrian alley ways in the adjacent block to the east.



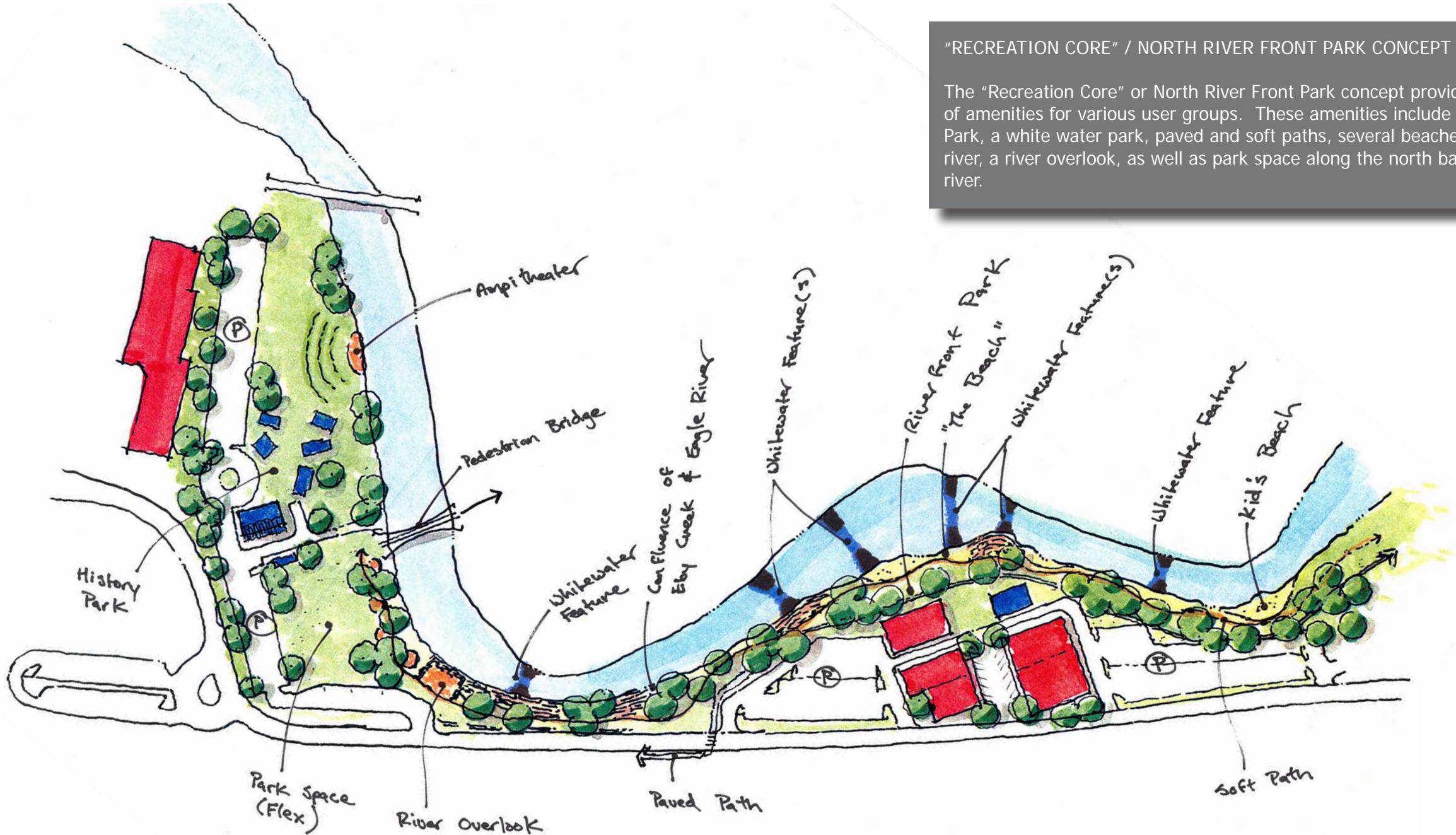
CONCEPT B

Primary vehicular access in Concept B is from a roundabout at 2nd Street. The development pattern of this concept is more responsive to the topography of the "Development Core" area. The concept introduces a limited number of commercial buildings between the road and the river at the eastern side of the "Development Core" and includes a more defined Town Plaza. In a similar manner to the roundabout proposed in Concept A, additional right-of-way may be needed.



CONCEPT C

Primary vehicular access in Concept C is from Fairgrounds Road via a bridge over the Eagle River. Secondary access is from Brooks Lane / Highway 6. Multiple pedestrian connections from the "Development Core" area are incorporated in this Concept at Broadway, 2nd Street, 3rd Street and 5th Street. Concept C expands the idea of placing buildings between the road and the river and introduces the element of a "boardwalk" on the north side of these buildings facing a wider riverfront park.



"RECREATION CORE" / NORTH RIVER FRONT PARK CONCEPT

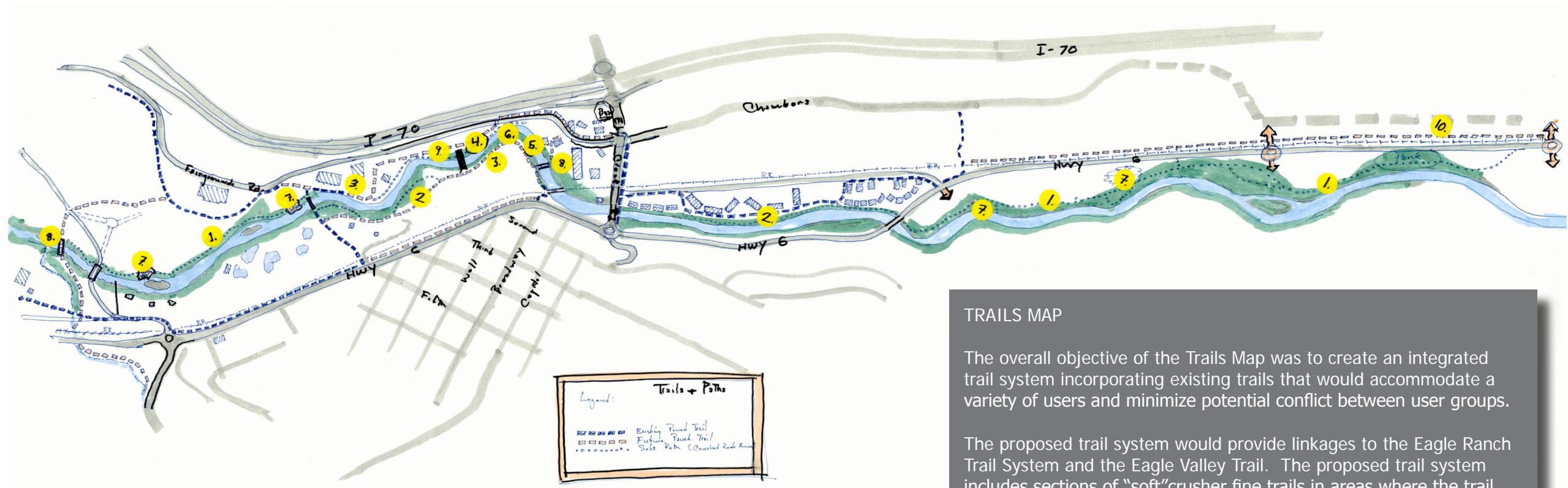
The "Recreation Core" or North River Front Park concept provides a variety of amenities for various user groups. These amenities include a History Park, a white water park, paved and soft paths, several beaches along the river, a river overlook, as well as park space along the north bank of the river.



BROOKS LANE / 5TH STREET CONCEPT

The “Development Core” area extends along the bench approximately 700 feet to the west of the pedestrian path to the “Fishing is Fun” Bridge over the Eagle River as shown on the Concept Map. All three Development Concepts discussed previously incorporate a secondary access from a realigned 5th Street and Brooks Lane intersection with Highway 6. The proposed 5th Street Neighborhood includes a short new alignment of Brooks Lane intersecting with a new east-west street providing secondary access to the development proposed to the east.

Residential development in this area is proposed as multi-family at densities lower than that proposed for that portion of the “Development Core” area to the east.

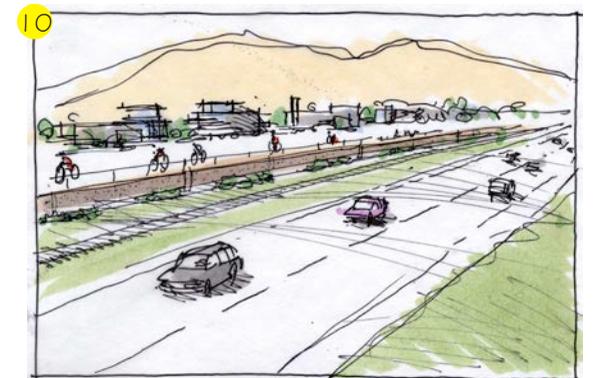


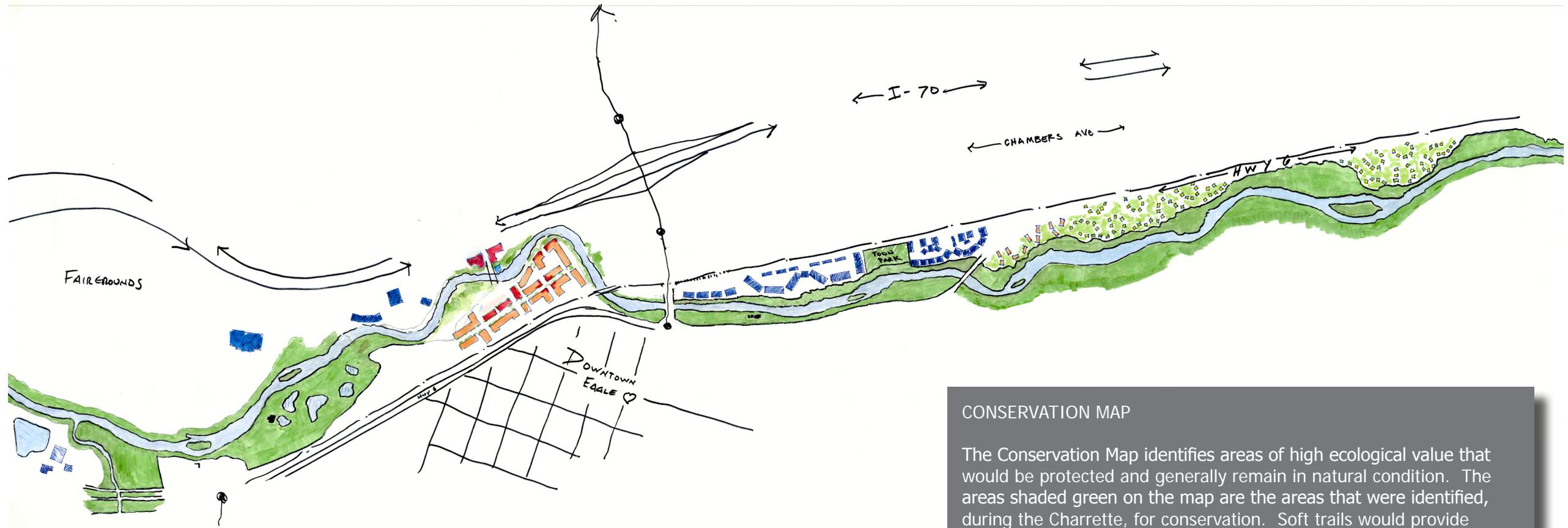
TRAILS MAP

The overall objective of the Trails Map was to create an integrated trail system incorporating existing trails that would accommodate a variety of users and minimize potential conflict between user groups.

The proposed trail system would provide linkages to the Eagle Ranch Trail System and the Eagle Valley Trail. The proposed trail system includes sections of “soft”crusher fine trails in areas where the trail is closer to the Eagle River and paved sections in other locations. A variety of places, with shade, to relax and socialize would be provided at key locations. Looped sections of trail in the vicinity of the Central Business District would provide several access options close and enable folks to enjoy a shorter walk along the river.

The numbered, yellow circles shown on the Trails Map correspond to the sketches on the following page. The sketches were developed, during the Charrette, in order to help provide a sense of the what different places along the river corridor might look and feel like.





CONSERVATION MAP

The Conservation Map identifies areas of high ecological value that would be protected and generally remain in natural condition. The areas shaded green on the map are the areas that were identified, during the Charrette, for conservation. Soft trails would provide access to some of these natural areas while other conservation areas would have no trail access.