



Emerald Ribbon Action Plan

City Council Update - September 17th, 2024



Creating a Community Vision

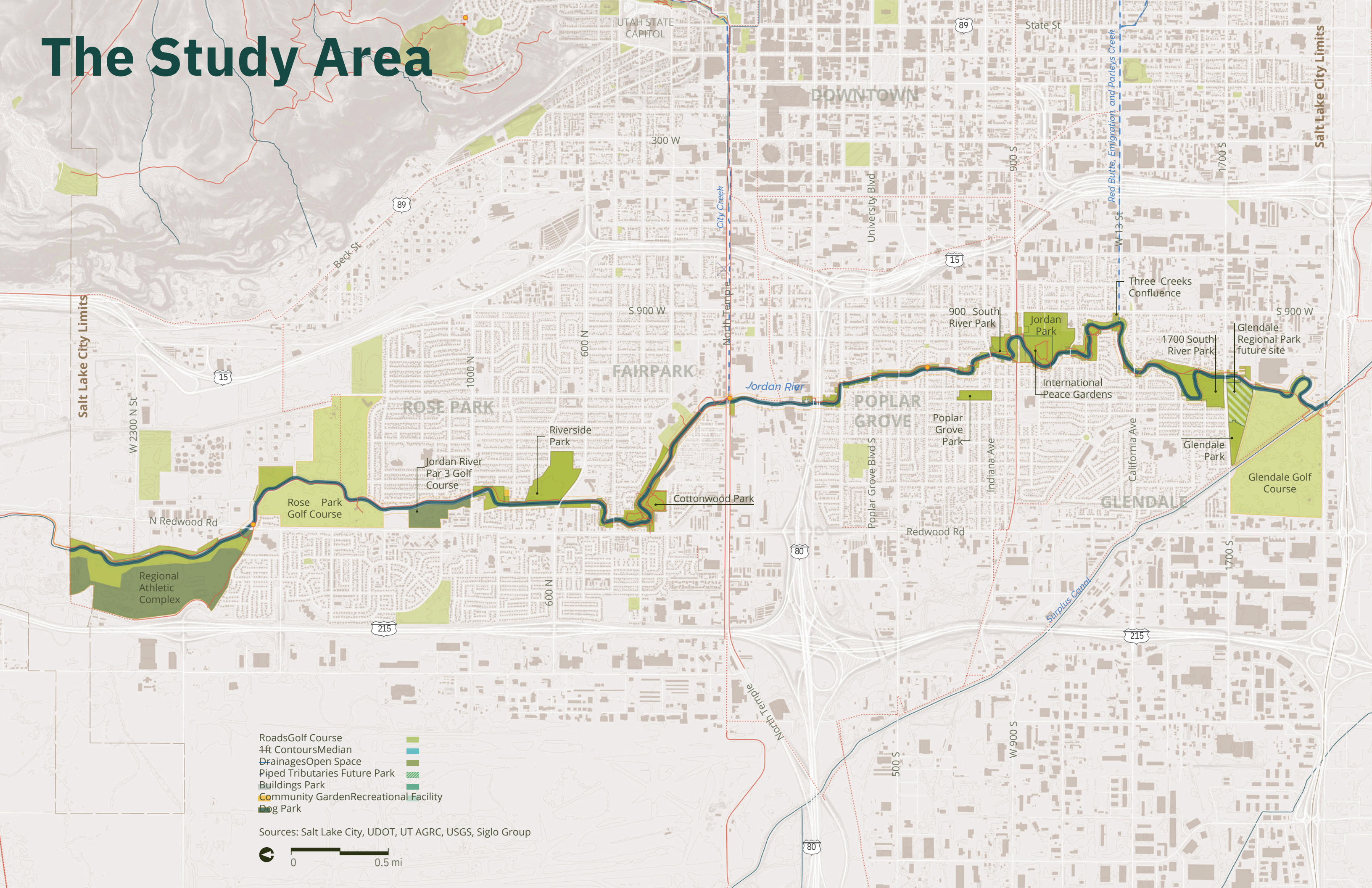


Determining Key Projects for Bond Funding



Establishing Maintenance Guidelines

The Study Area



- Roads
- Golf Course
- 4ft Contours
- Median
- Drainages
- Open Space
- Piped Tributaries
- Future Park
- Buildings
- Park
- Community Garden
- Recreational Facility
- Dog Park

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



The Process

PHASE 1 Begin the Journey

Summer - Fall 2023

- Understand past plans, data, maps
- Visit and assess the corridor's current conditions
- Understand how the community views the river today

PHASE 2 Dream Big

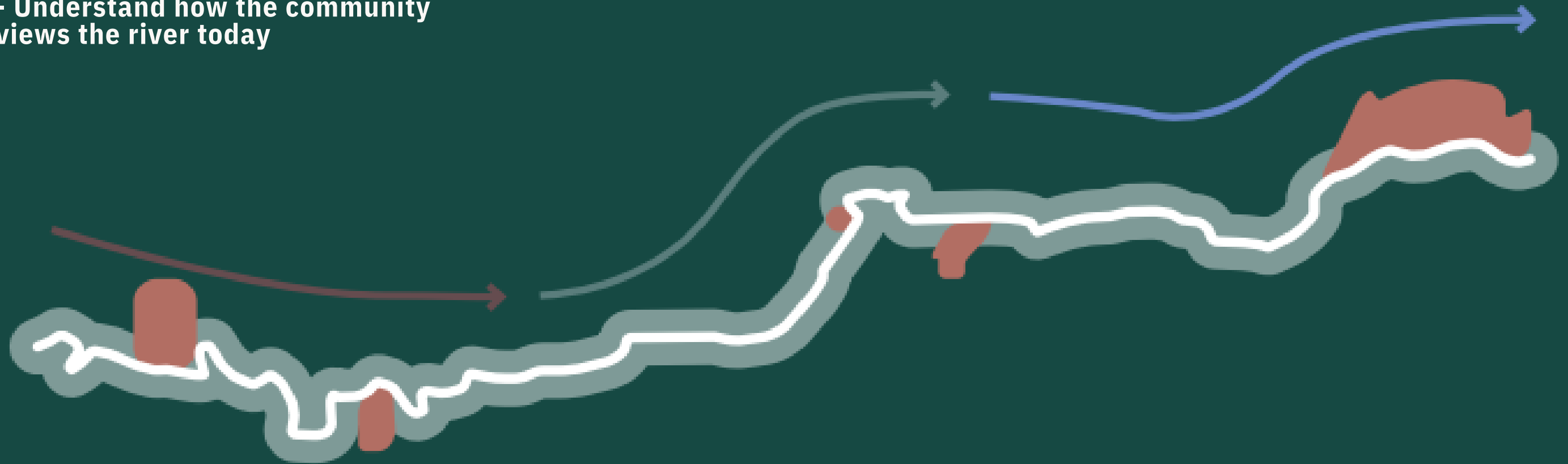
Winter - Spring 2024

- Collaborate around a framework
- Develop guiding principles
- Share concept alternatives
- Workshop the vision and ideas!

PHASE 3 Create a Road Map

Summer - Fall 2024

- Finalize the corridor concept plan
- Develop a stewardship strategy
- Draft concept plans for five key sites
- Create an implementation plan



Summary of Engagement



Phase 1 Engagement

Thank you to the over 350 community members and stakeholders who have provided their ideas so far!

30
Community
Advisory Group
Members

10+
Stakeholder
Interviews

51
Stakeholders in
Focus Groups

50+
Westside Residents
in Focus Groups

140+
Participants in public
workshops

100
People at Dinner
on the River

3
Hotline
Hits

30
Technical
Advisory Group
Members

Your dreams and goals for the future of the Jordan River will inform the concepts developed during the Dream Big phase!

Based on community feedback themes, the Salt Lake City community is dreaming of...

based on data collected from 6 focus groups completed in October 2023, 2 public open houses, and online comments.



**...a well-maintained
natural and cultural
sanctuary**



**...a vibrant community
destination**

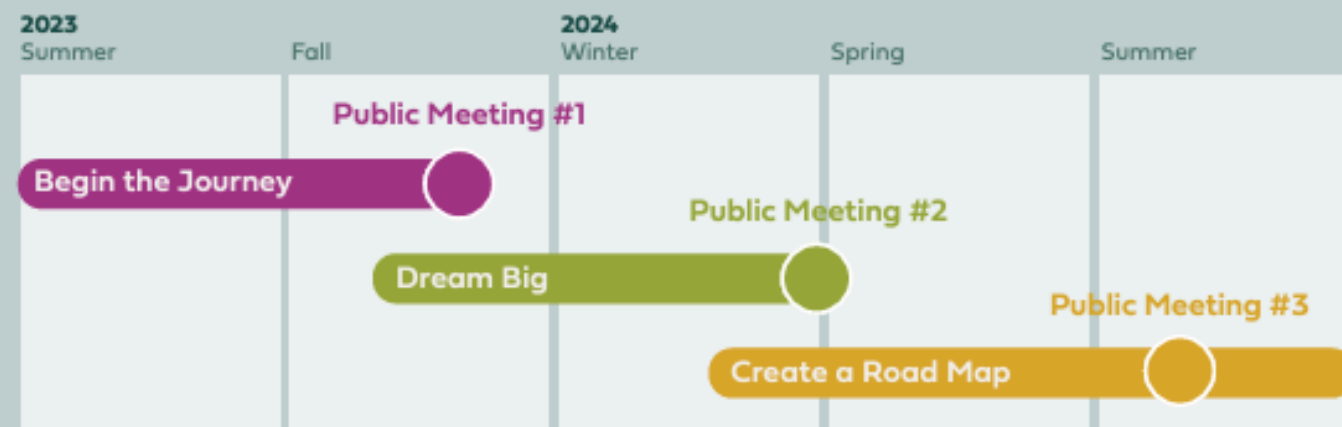


**...a place that
fosters long-term
multigenerational use**

Emerald Ribbon Existing Conditions Report Snapshot

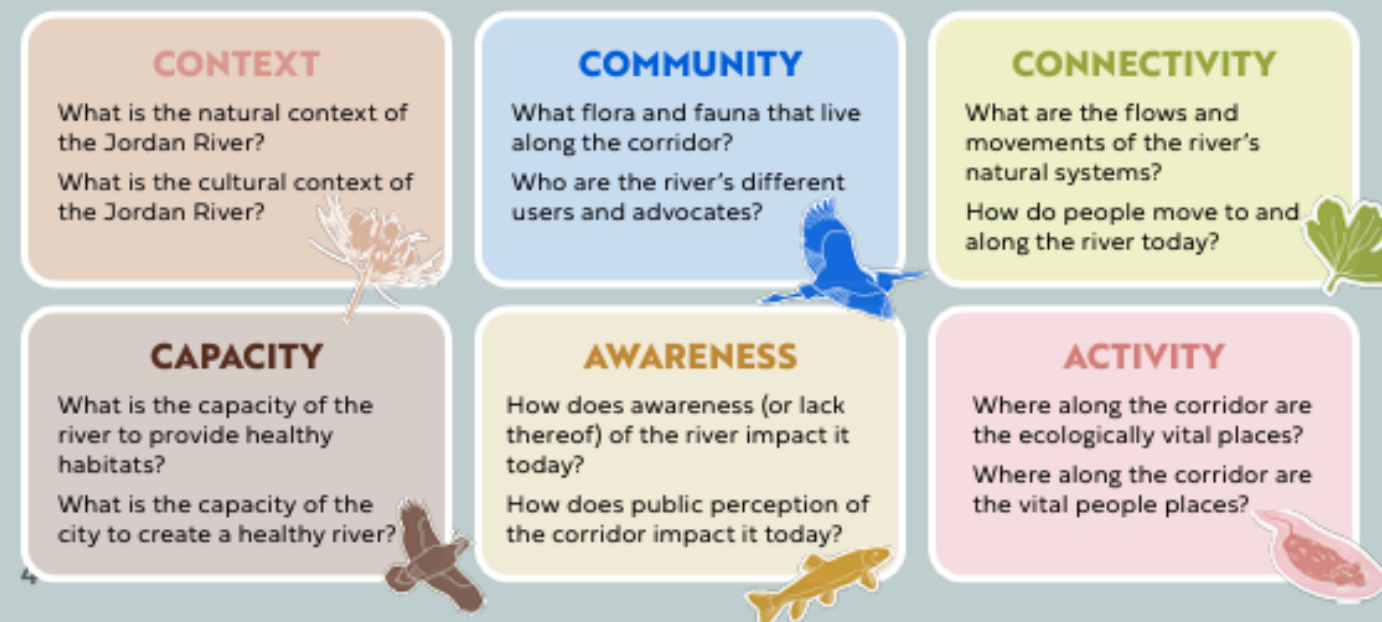


The Emerald Ribbon Action Plan is an effort by Salt Lake City to help achieve a healthy, thriving, and community-centered Jordan River Corridor. The river plays a critical role in the lives of Salt Lake City residents, the Great Salt Lake, and all the plants and animals that call it home. The Emerald Ribbon Action Plan will determine a community vision for the Jordan River corridor, and it will also provide a roadmap for Salt Lake City to achieve that vision. This includes recommendations for policy, guidelines for maintenance, and a list of projects over the next decade. The planning process kicked off in July 2023, and over 350 people have provided their input thus far. This report represents key findings from our research in phase one and focuses on the existing conditions of the site. The final plan will be completed in late 2024.



What we have learned

The Emerald Ribbon is tied together by both nature and culture. See below and on the next page for a summary of key questions and takeaways from the project so far. They are organized in the following topics: Context, Communities, Connectivity, Capacity, Awareness, and Activity.



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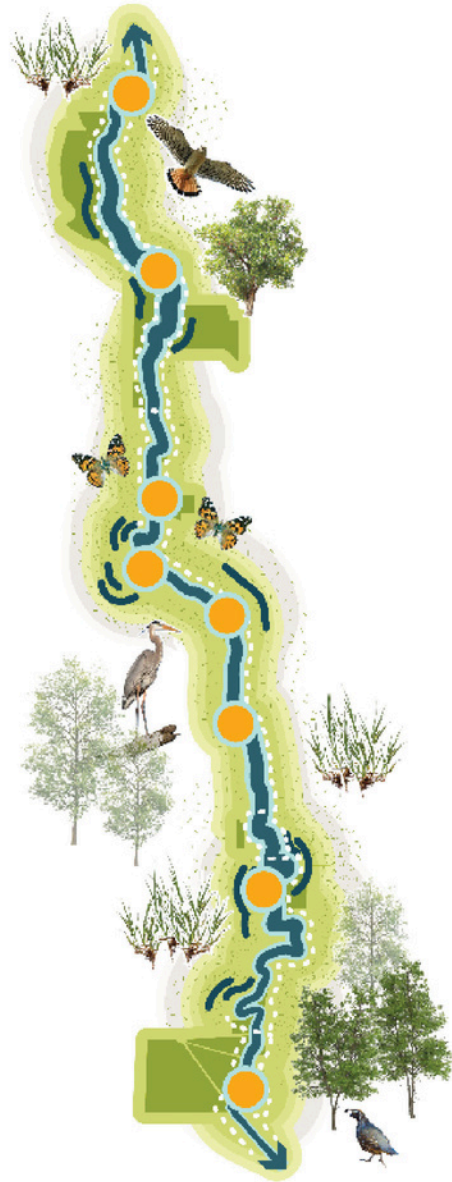
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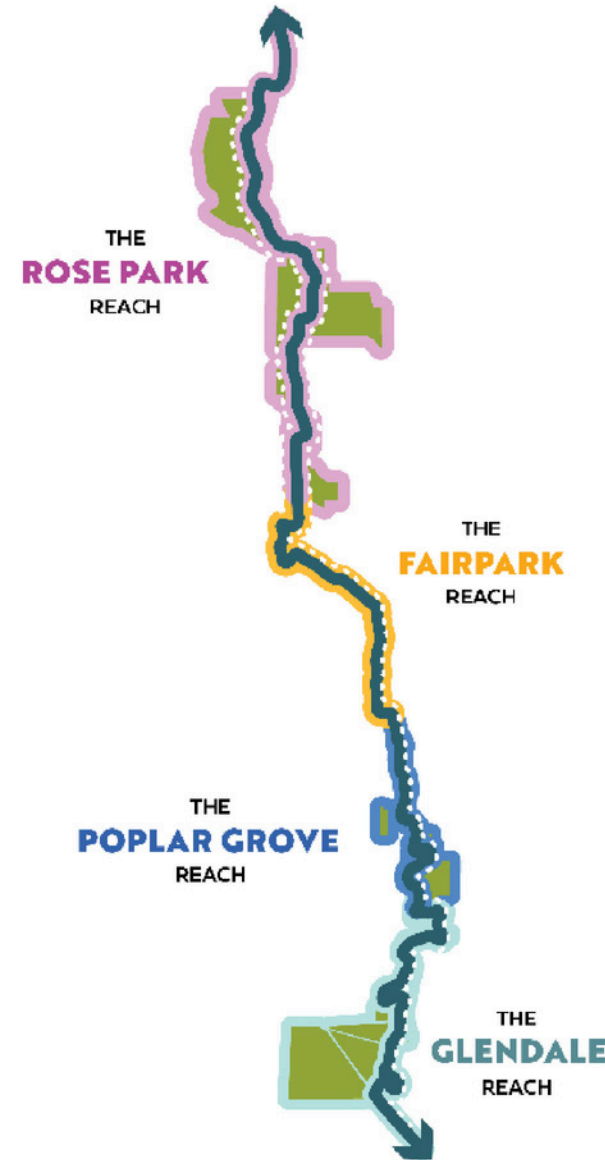
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Three Concepts for the Future of the Emerald Ribbon



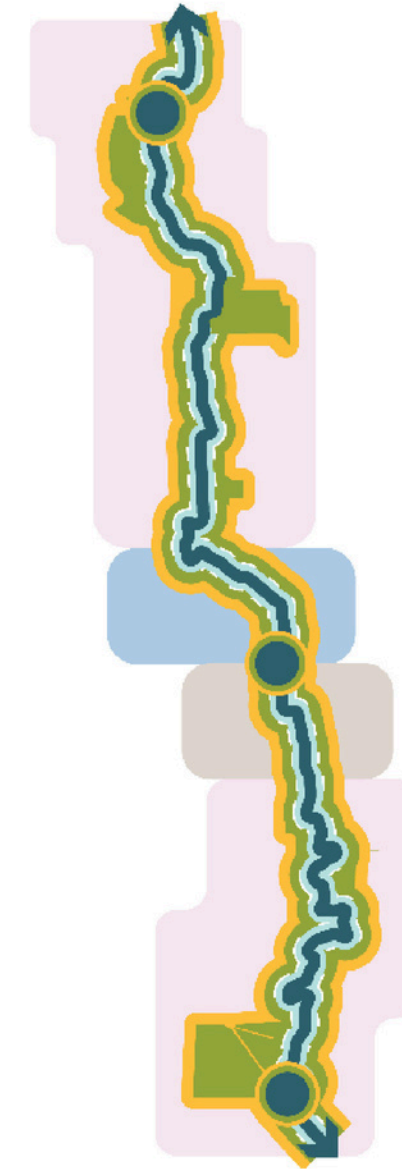
Meandering Moments

A restored nature education and recreation corridor with hubs of activity at parks



Dynamic Districts

A vibrant, ever-changing corridor that celebrates the diversity of West side neighborhoods



River Ribbons

A mobility-focused corridor with unique spaces for passing through, spending time, and enjoying the water

The Action Plan will be structured on our guiding principles:

The Emerald Ribbon should...

Celebrate the rich ecological and cultural diversity of the corridor.

Connect the corridor into surrounding streets, trails, and waterways.

Cultivate collective care of the corridor.

Restore and enhance the river ecosystem as a peaceful refuge.

Activate the corridor to create a safe and vibrant destination.

Phase 2 Engagement

March workshops and online survey collected feedback on our concept designs

25+
collage
designs

500+
post-it
comments

2900+
online
comments

1250+
votes
on board

1160+
online
votes

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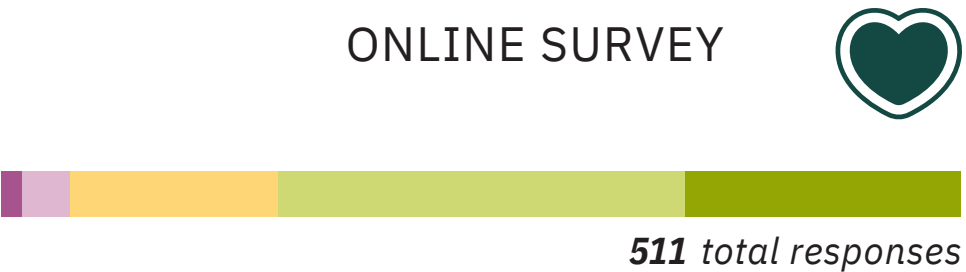
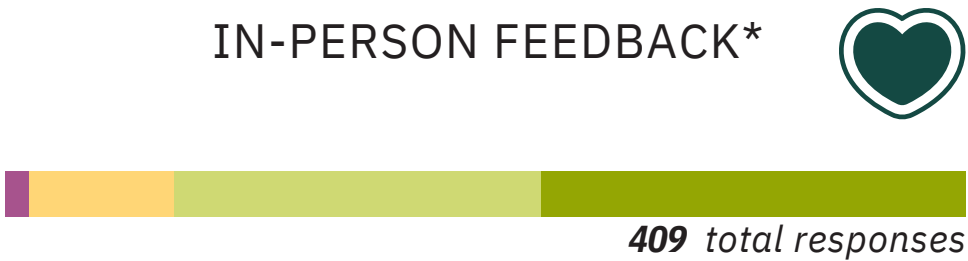
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Overall response to 3 design concepts

CONCEPT #1:
MEANDERING MOMENTS

Concept #1 is most well-loved among all!



CONCEPT #2:
DYNAMIC DISTRICTS



CONCEPT #3:
RIVER RIBBONS



Not Very Well



Moderately well



Fairly Well



Very Well



**reflecting the total number of votes received from both public meetings, CAG, and TAG*

Key takeaways based on community feedback

Data collected from both Sorenson and Mestizo Public Meetings, Community Advisory Group, and Technical Advisory Group conducted in March 2024



People **prioritize care for nature** to promote enjoyment for humans while preserving wildlife habitats.



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

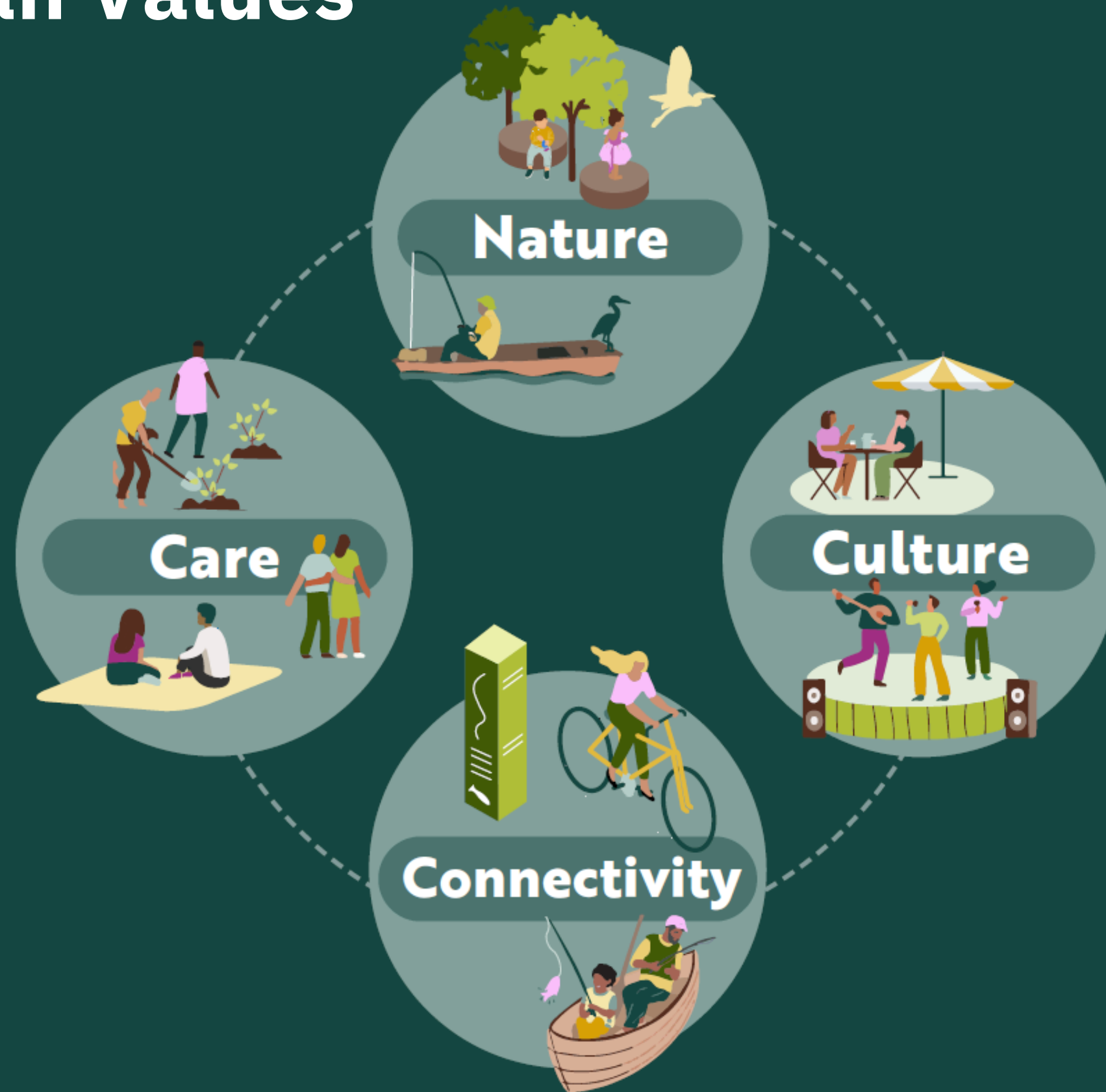


People would love to see a trail system with **enhanced connectivity, safety, and experience** along the river corridor.



People **feel unsafe along the corridor** due to physical conditions as well as the presence of the unhoused community.

Action Plan Values



Phase 3 Engagement

July workshops and an online survey asked participants to prioritize strategies and improvements and weigh in on five site concepts

400+
votes
on board



60+
post-it
comments



500+
online
comments

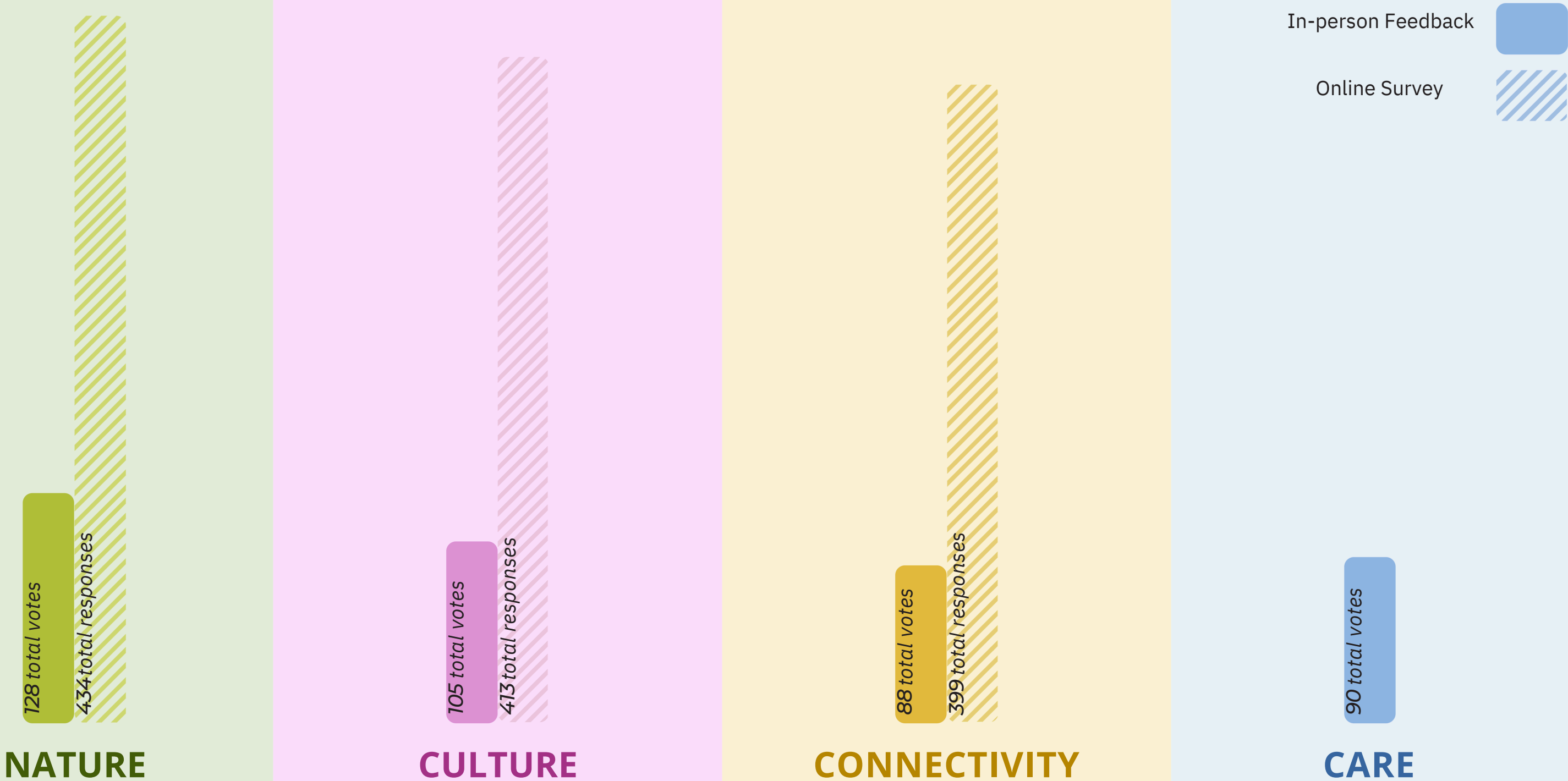


450+
survey
responses

*Based on engagement input by the date of 2024/07/23

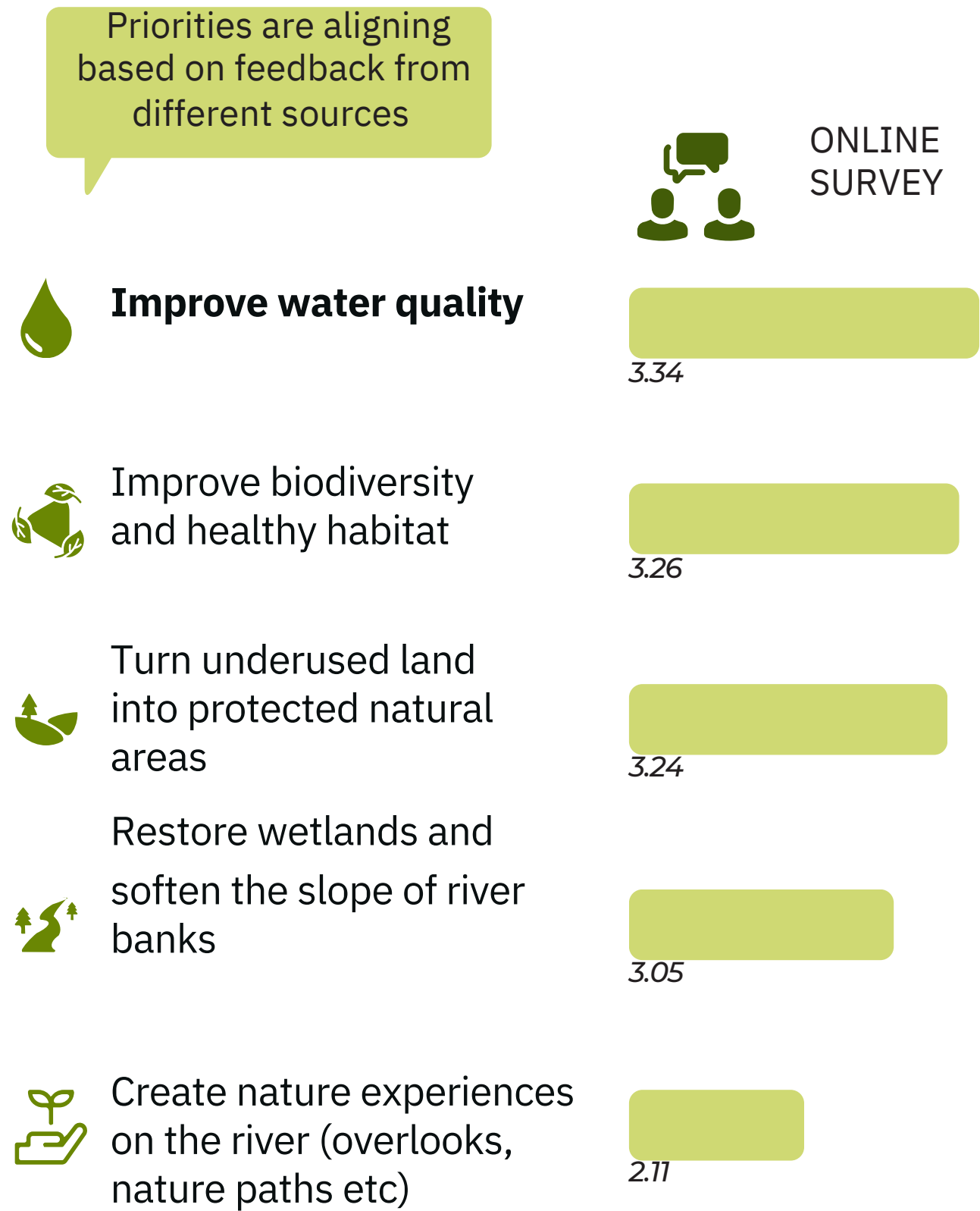
Overall response to themes

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

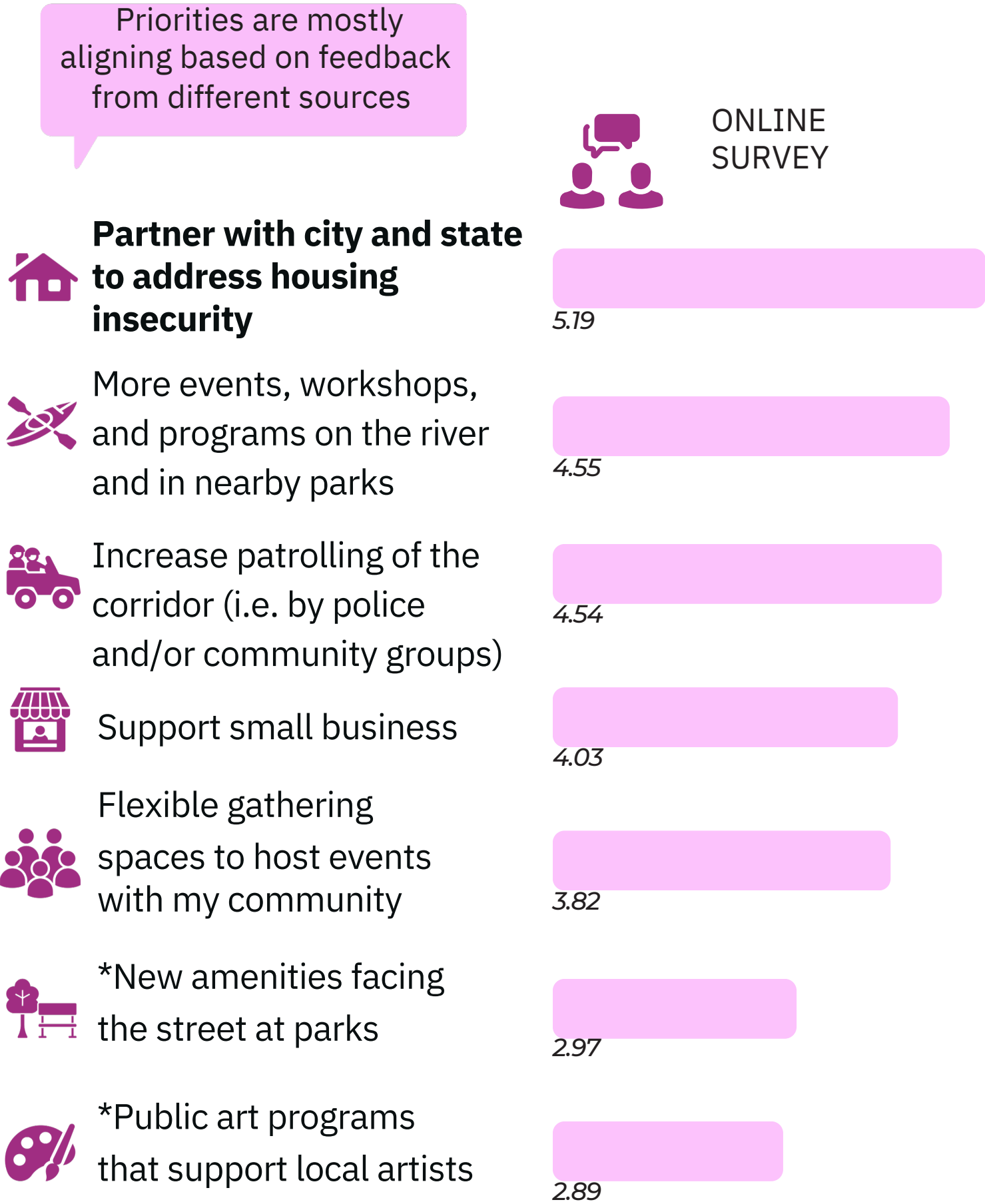


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NATURE theme

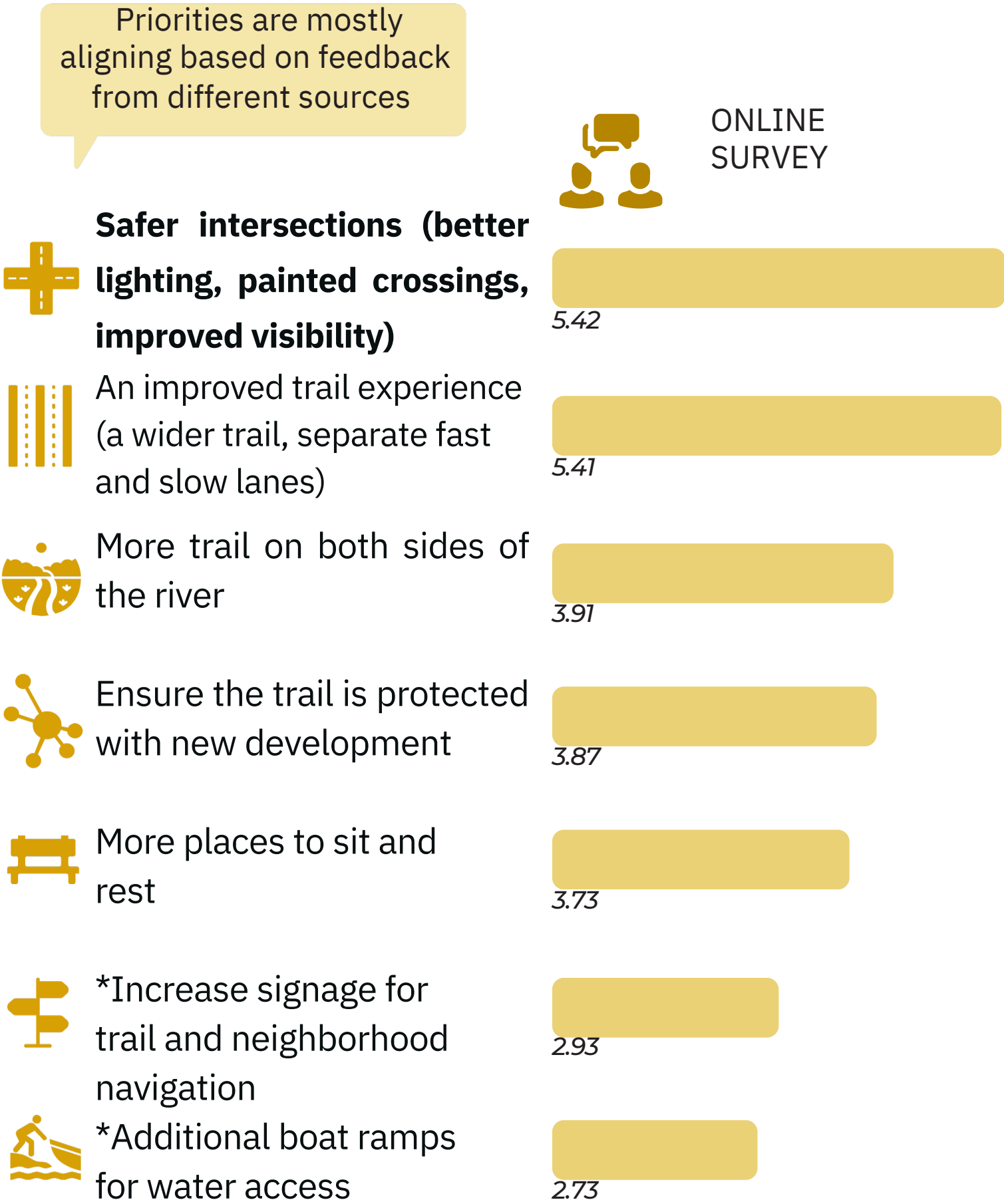


CULTURE theme



*Multiple-choice option available only in the online survey

CONNECTIVITY theme



*Multiple-choice option available only in the online survey

CARE theme



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



Rose Park Nature Area

**Cottonwood
Park**

Fairpark Urban Core

Modesto Park

Glendale Oxbow

Jordan River

Rose Park

Fairpark

Poplar Grove

Glendale

**Transformative
Projects**

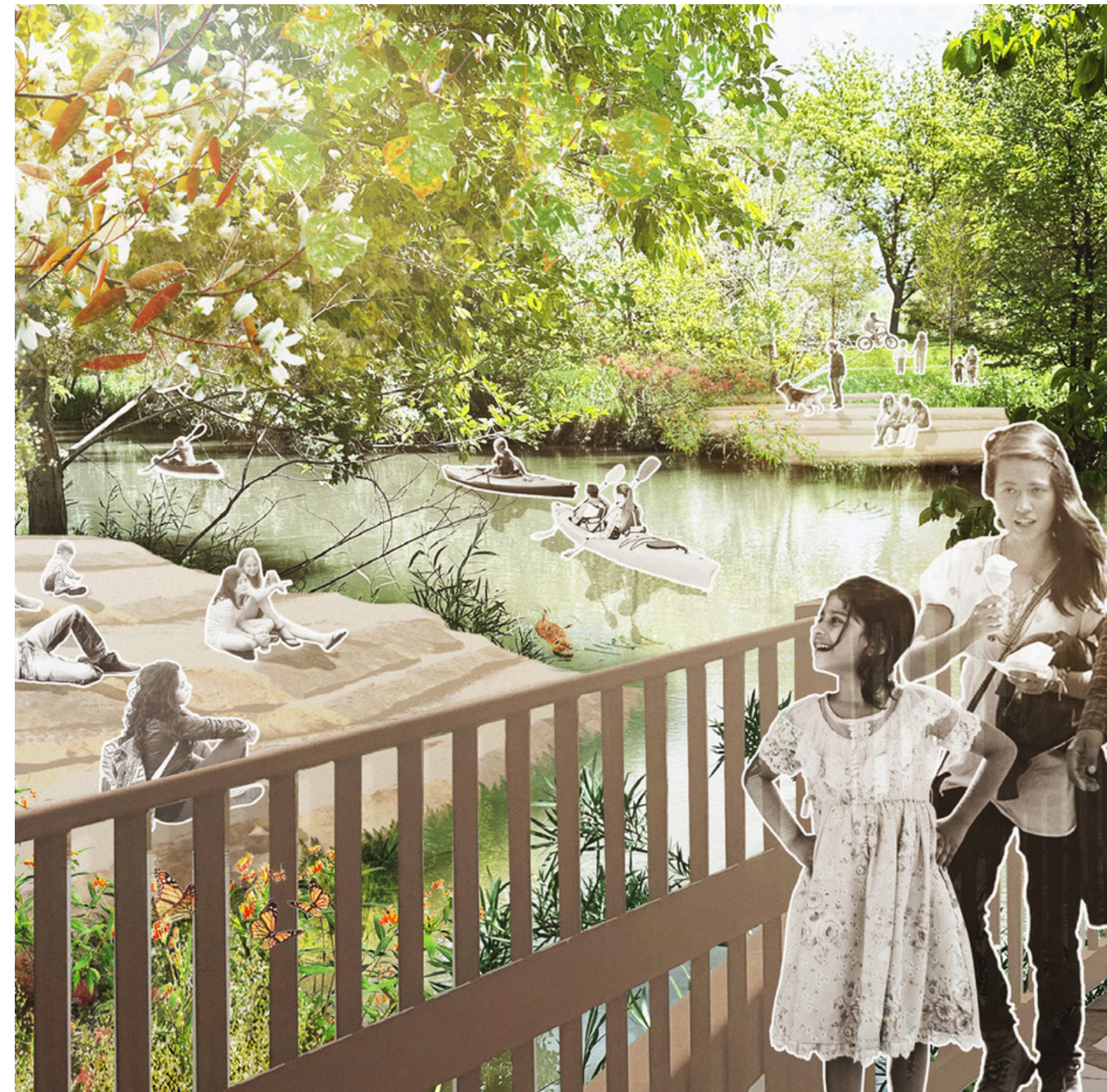
ROSE PARK NATURE AREA

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.



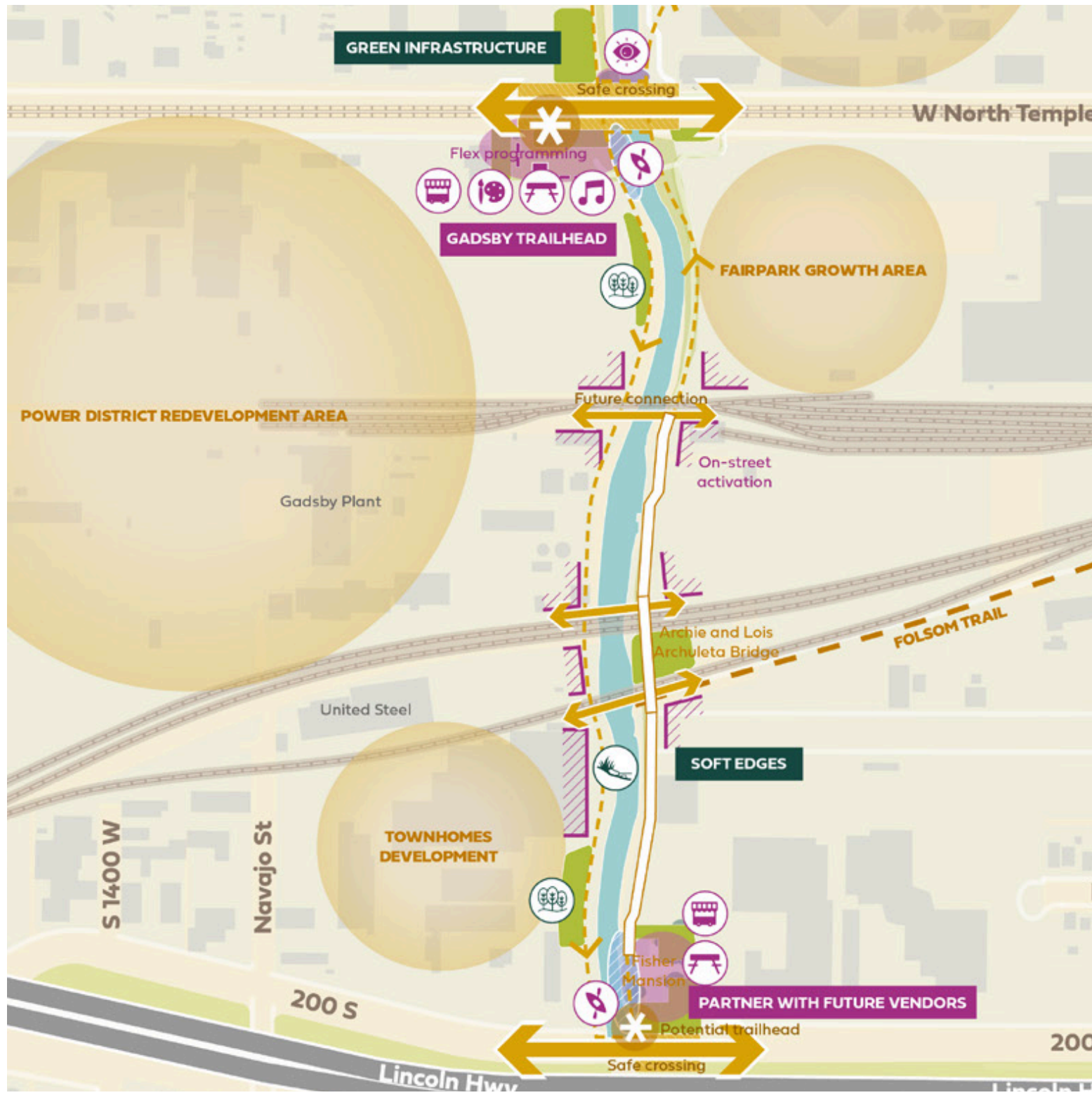
COTTONWOOD PARK

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.



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.



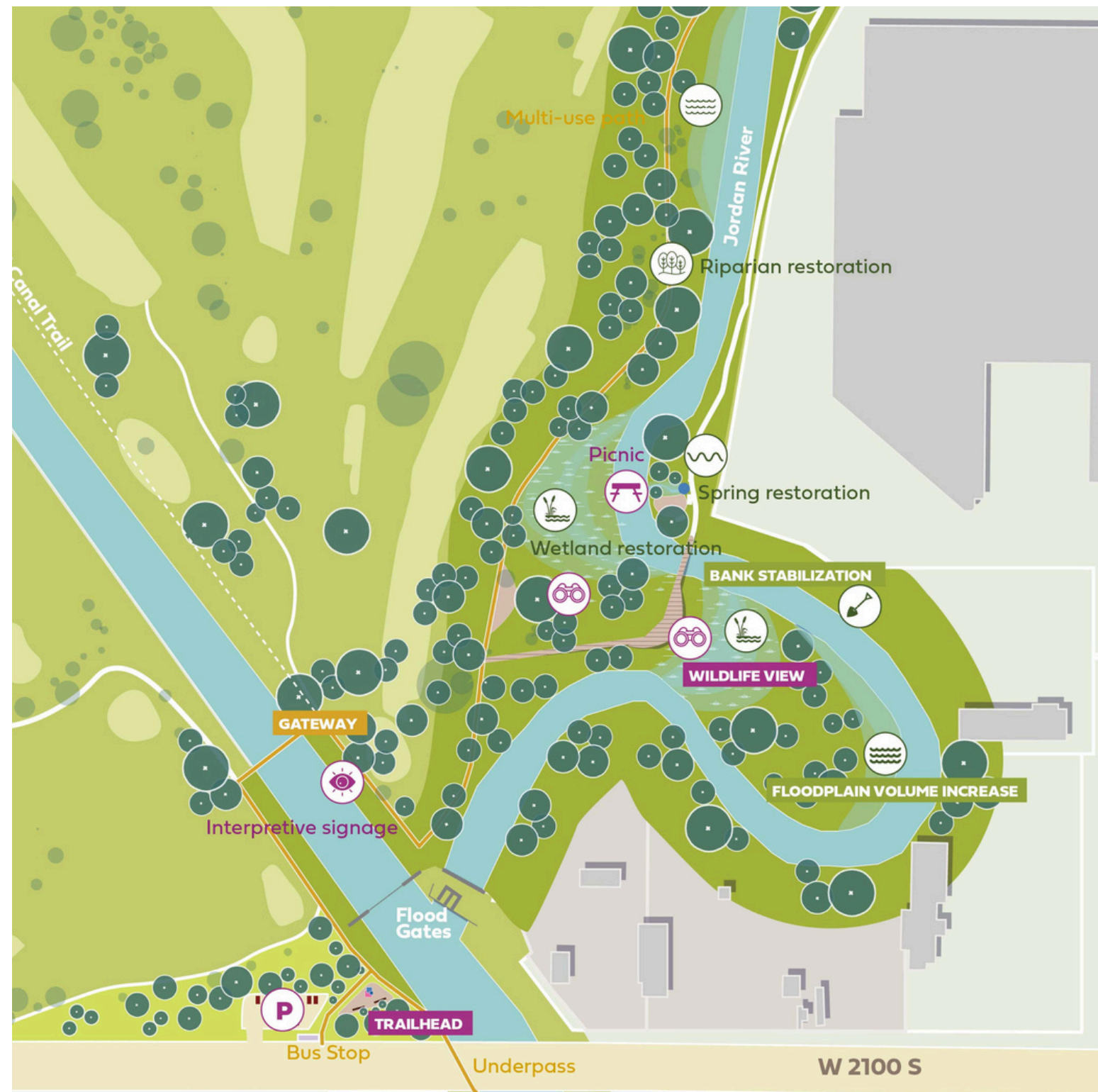
MODESTO PARK

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.



GLENDALE OXBOW

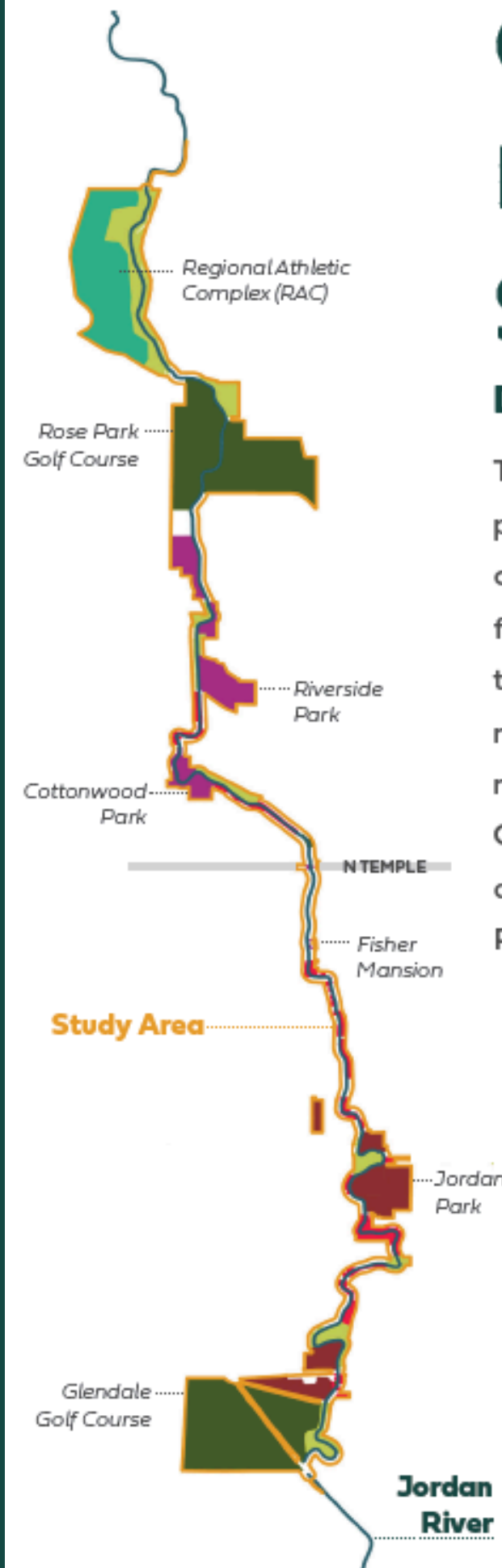
People support the emphasis on nature and are eager to see enhanced access and connectivity especially on 2100 S, informative signage, and cultural representation.



Operations and Management Plan

The O&M Plan will:

- Establish goals for care of the Jordan River
- Set new guidelines to standardize care of the natural areas in the corridor
- Identify pilot projects for restoration and multi-year strategies for implementation
- Set metrics for success

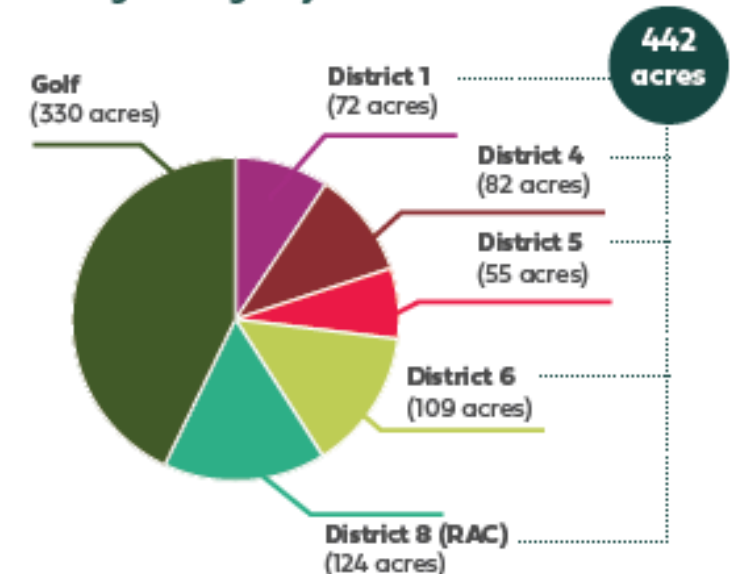


OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

DISTRICTS 1, 4, 5, 6, & 8 (RAC)

These districts are responsible for the traditional parks, greenbelts, and nature based parks within the corridor (442 acres). Districts 1 and 4 are responsible for traditional parkland, District 8 is responsible for the RAC, and Districts 5 and 6 are responsible for natural areas and greenbelts. This assessment does not include Golf areas that are owned by Salt Lake City (as they are independently managed) or other areas in the corridor not owned by Salt Lake City Public Lands.

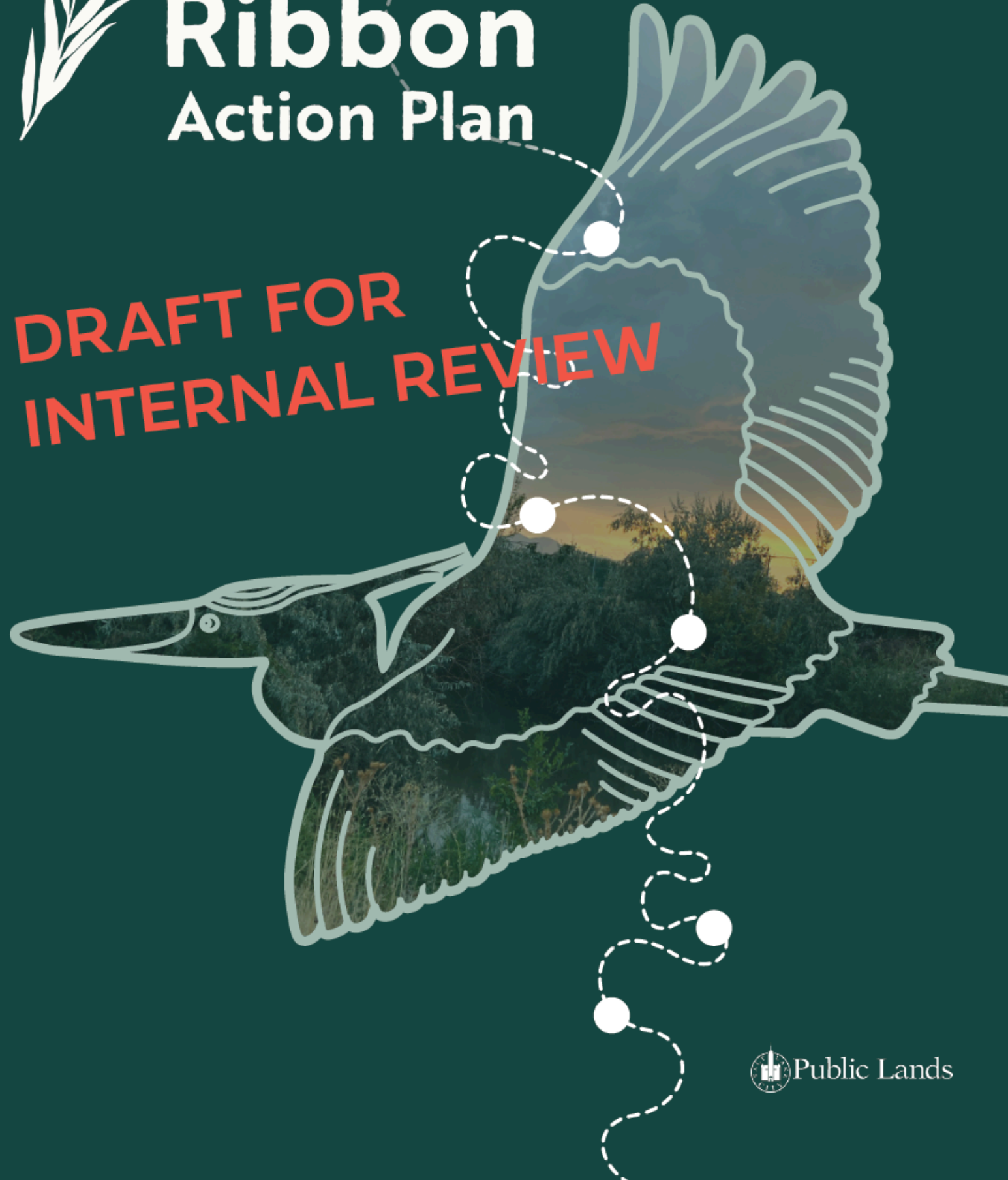
Acreage Managed by Districts:





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**DRAFT FOR
INTERNAL REVIEW**



**Final Draft Anticipated
in October 2024**