

Status of Public Projects in Downtown River Corridor Area

Includes Projects Related to the Downtown River Corridor Implementation Program

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Projects in Progress Sorted by Lead Department

Natural Resources		
1. Brownfields Assessment	The City of Fort Collins received a Brownfields Pilot Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Grant enabled the City to identify contaminants, inventory affected sites, identify responsible parties, and plan appropriate risk-based cleanups throughout the Corridor. The City received \$200,000 to apply to redevelopment areas and \$50,000 towards greenspace purposes.	Status: Project extended to provide a targeted brownfields assessment on Heritage Park to move to landfill closure and PR sheen source determination and cleanup.
2. Udall Nature Area Restoration	Restoration will improve wildlife habitat through revegetation, creation of shallow detention basins and other elements that will be incorporated into the stormwater treatment component of the Mountain Avenue storm sewer project. The project will include a water quality element, access and circulation through a trail system, and interpretation.	Status: Restoration planting work will be completed in 2004. Trail and interpretation features will be completed once the vegetation has been established, which will take several more years.
Parks and Recreation		
3. Kayak Course	As part of the Poudre River Enhancement Project, a kayak course may be developed on the Poudre River. The preferred location is the short stretch of river adjacent to the Old Power Plant. The City unsuccessfully sought a GOCO grant in 2003.	Status: A preliminary design has been prepared. Staff is investigating possible funding sources.
4. New Northside Aztlan Community Center	No final decision has been made on a location for the new Northside Aztlan Community Center. The present location is the preferred site for the new center but subsurface contamination problems may require the center to be located on an alternate site. The building would be approximately 40,000 square feet. The cost is estimated at \$10 million.	Status: A site analysis is being prepared for the existing Northside Aztlan Community Center site.
5. Pickle Plant Site Restoration	Site will be cleaned up and buildings removed. Native plantings and habitat restoration will take place on the site and adjacent river bank. Improvements will include a gateway entry feature at Mulberry/Riverside.	Status: Site will be leased until enough funds are available to begin restoration. Park Planning staff is working on conceptual designs.
Stormwater		
6. Flood Protection Improvements for Buckingham Neighborhood	Resolution 2000-71 identified the construction of the improvements to protect the Buckingham neighborhood as a high priority, and directed staff to pursue the design and construction of the necessary improvements as soon as reasonably possible. This project is identified in the Draft Poudre River Master Drainageway Plan and was incorporated in the Poudre River Enhancement Project.	Status: Final Design underway with construction of the levee and bike path relocation to be completed in the winter of 2004-2005.
7. Poudre River Enhancement Project (PREP)	This is a joint Stormwater, Parks and Recreation, Natural Resources and Advance Planning project on the Cache la Poudre River between Linden Street and Lincoln Avenue. The project will result in stabilization of the bank adjacent to the Ranchway-Feed mill, enhance natural habitat conditions within the River and along the banks, improve the bicycle trail and provide other recreation amenities, and improve the levee along the east side of the river to protect the Buckingham neighborhood from flooding.	Status: Design complete, staff is investigating possible funding sources.
8. Poudre River Floodplain Property Acquisition Program	Resolution 2000-81 directed the City Manager to actively pursue the acquisition of non-conforming structures and vacant land in the floodway, product corridor and floodplain on a "willing seller, willing buyer" basis. Priority is given to non-conforming	Status: Under implementation. 3 properties have thus far been acquired with combined funding by

	structures in the floodway and product corridor. Purchase is subject to the appropriation of the necessary funds.	Natural Resources and Stormwater funds.
9. Poudre River Master Drainageway Plan	This master plan of the Poudre River will identify areas where flood and stability hazards exist and measures to mitigate those hazards. A draft of the master plan is complete.	Status: Draft citywide Stormwater Master Plan is complete. Scheduled for Council consideration spring 2004.
10. Revisions to the Old Town Floodplain Regulations	Utilities staff is conducting a public process on possible revisions to the City's floodplain regulations. The review of the Old Town floodplain regulations will take place with the review of other basins.	Status: Scheduled for Council consideration in summer 2004.
11. Revisions to the Poudre River Floodplain Regulations	The East Mulberry Corridor Plan identified the need to review the City's and County's floodplain regulations for the Poudre River to see if there were opportunities to make the regulations consistent between the City and County.	Status: Project on hold pending completion of the Citywide floodplain regulations.
Transportation		
12. Downtown River District Improvement Project	This project will determine transportation and utility improvements to support existing conditions and to primarily provide a framework for future development.	Status: Project on hold pending funding for design work.
13. North College Avenue Improvements	Phase I includes design and construction of transportation improvements for highway traffic, pedestrians and bicycles from College/Jefferson to the Poudre River Bridge. The street overlay of Riverside/Jefferson between College and Mulberry is complete.	Status: Construction to be completed spring 2004.

Sorted by Status

Complete (since Downtown River Corridor Implementation Program was approved in July 2000)

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over Poudre River at Mulberry
- Downtown Railroad Track Consolidation Project
- Lemay/Lincoln Intersections Improvements/Widening of Lemay
- Lincoln Avenue Repaving between Willow and Lemay
- Oak Street (formerly Mountain Avenue) Storm Sewer Project
- Old Fort Site Cultural Resources Survey
- US 287/SH 14 Access Management Plan
- Vine Drive Paving
- Willow Street Paving and Re-Alignment of Willow/Linden Intersection
- Downtown Strategic Plan
- Gateway at North College

In Progress (Planning, Design, Financing or Construction)

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3. Kayak Course
4. New Northside Aztlan Community Center
5. Pickle Plant Restoration
6. Flood Protection Improvements for Buckingham Neighborhood
7. Poudre River Enhancement Project
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Indefinite or On Hold

12. Downtown River District Infrastructure Improvement Project
14. Lemay Avenue Levee
15. Habitat Restoration – Lincoln to Mulberry
16. Environmental and Cultural Interpretive Program
17. Off-Street Public Parking
18. Cache la Poudre River Trail Amenities
19. Gateways near Linden and Lincoln Bridges
20. Widening of Lincoln Avenue to 4-lane Arterial Street Standards (from Jefferson to Lemay), Including a New Bridge Over the Poudre River