



(Before) Above image shows an existing area within one of the FEMA buyout lots located along the Shell Rock River. Maintenance is needed along the bank on many of the FEMA buyout properties. Understory brush should be cleared but care should be taken to save overstory trees along the bank.



(After) Above image shows the conceptual design for treatment of the riverbank. Large stones armor the riverbank alongside a proposed canoe/kayak launch. A trail along the river connects to the canoe/kayak launch area.

Legend

- 1. Parking Area
- 2. Shelter House
- 3. ADA-Accessible Playground
- 4. Canoe/Kayak Launch
- 5. River Recreational Trail
- 6. Updated Sidewalk
- 7. Canoe/Kayak Launch
- 8. Campground
- 9. Tree Plantings
- 10. Highly Visible Crosswalks
- 11. Small-& Large- Breed Dog Park
- 12. Basketball Court
- 13. Community Garden Space
- 14. Updated Sidewalk with Highly Visible Crosswalks

FEMA Lot Opportunities

Floods in 2008 and 2016 caused serious property damage in Greene and prompted a series of federal residential buyouts near the Shell Rock River, primarily downstream from the dam on the east side.

Riverside property is highly valued for recreational uses in Greene and these properties, now owned by the city, create a unique opportunity. The following list of buyout property uses were voiced by the community: riverside trails, water/fishing access, basketball court, camping, skateboard park (likely not a permitted use in the floodplain), community event/gathering space, public gardens, plantings, and a ADA-accessible playground.

The series of adjacent properties along the river presents the opportunity for developing a riverside trail in conjunction with access to the shoreline for fishing, kayaking and tubing.

To support these day- use activities the plan calls for a picnic shelter and ADA-compliant playground. A riverside campground is possible at the other end of the property with a large community green space in between. Shade trees and other plantings will be welcome where appropriate.

Across the street the other properties are available for a basketball court, dog park, and public gardens as shown.

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