



Concept Master Plan

Concept Plan Overview

The concept plan on this board and the concepts on the following boards are based on input received from Riverside residents and bring together their ideas, goals, and visions for community enhancements. The goal of the concept plan is to integrate the conceptual designs for the various priority areas into a cohesive plan that can be implemented over time as funding and other resources become available.

After reviewing the results of the inventory and analysis of community resources and focus groups (refer to boards 2a through 2g and boards 3a through 3c), the Riverside steering committee members set goals to help realize their community visioning. Following the goal-setting process, the design team facilitated a conceptual design workshop to provide community members with concept visualizations and the opportunity to interact with, and provide feedback to, the design team and steering committee in developing the proposed enhancement concepts. Based on the comments received, the design team refined and prepared additional concepts, which are illustrated in this board set, and address the primary goals set by the steering committee.

Connectivity: Extend the existing recreational trail within Riverside to various community amenities and public destinations including the Riverside Casino, as well as to other nearby communities. This trail expansion will enhance the quality of life of residents as well as attract visitors. See board 7.

Safety: Complete missing sidewalk segments, replace sidewalks that are in disrepair and/or are inaccessible, and provide sufficient and accessible downtown parking. Address vehicular circulation patterns and intersection layouts in key areas, such as at Riverside Elementary School and at the Ella Street five-way intersection, and implement traffic-calming measures in areas where needed. All of these projects will aid in enhancing the experience of the motorists and pedestrians. (See boards 8a, 8b, and 8c).

River Access: Remove overgrown vegetation, construct adequate and accessible vehicular parking and pedestrian access, and improve identity signage to make the access point known to visitors. Enhance the usability and aesthetics of the site by renovating the boat ramp, dredging the area to accommodate boat launching, and adding amenities such as terraced seating, shade trees, interactive play areas, and a universally accessible pavilion with picnic tables. These enhancements will not only provide more recreational opportunities for the residents but will also help attract visitors and will improve the users' experience and comfort. (See board 9)

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