

CAMPUS PLACEMAKING: CAC WORK SESSION

August 23, 2018

AGENDA

- Public Realm Framework Overview & Discussion (~20 minutes)
- Health & Wellness Report Overview & Discussion (~15 minutes)
- Riverfront Update & Discussion (1 hour 20 minutes)
- User Experience Overview & Questionnaire (~5 minutes)

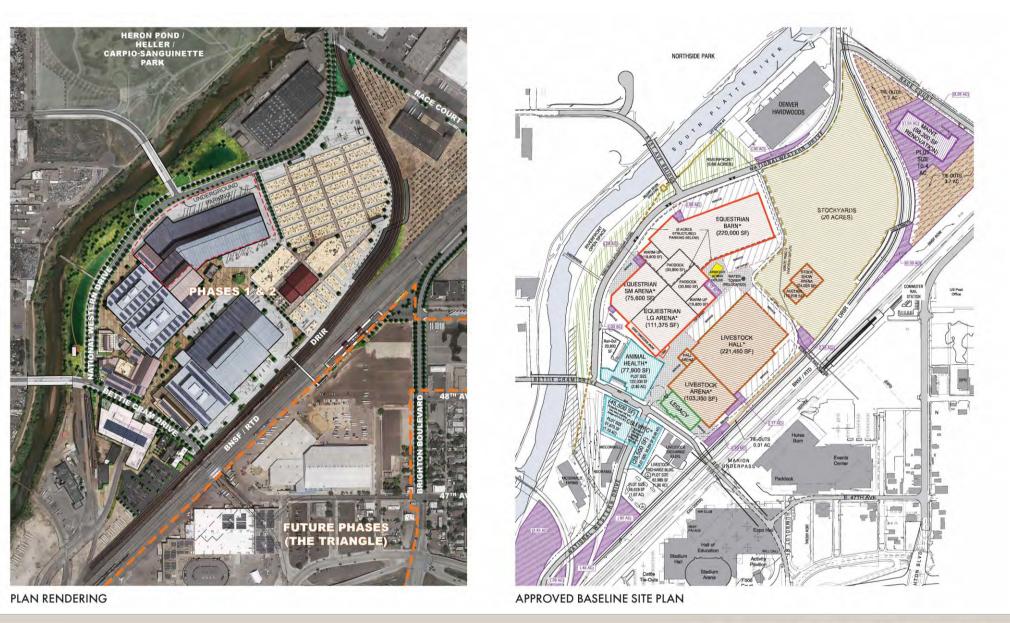


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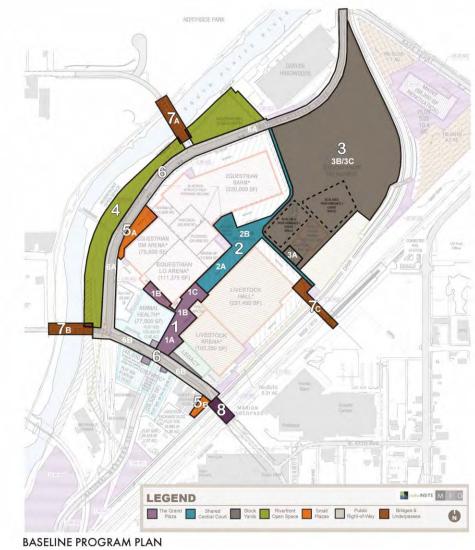


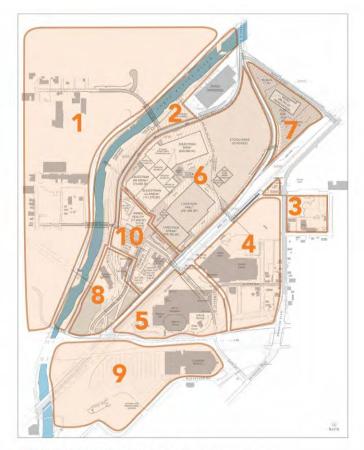


PUBLIC SPACE DIAGRAM / CHARACTER AREAS

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CHARACTER AREAS Defining Campus Features and Uses



3D Working Model





BETTIE CRAM DRIVE BRIDGE LOOKING NORTHEAST



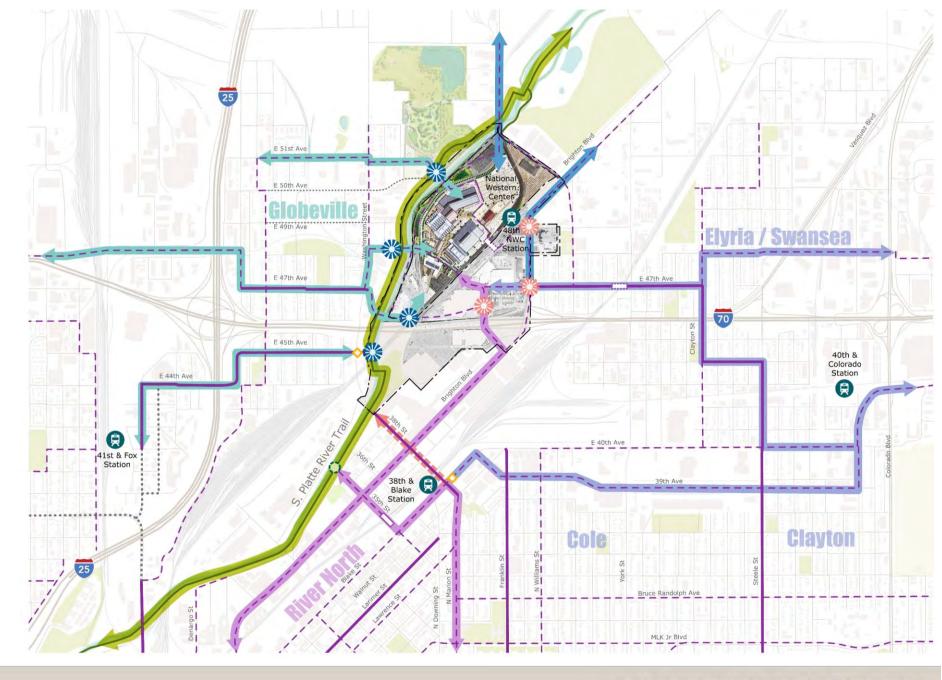
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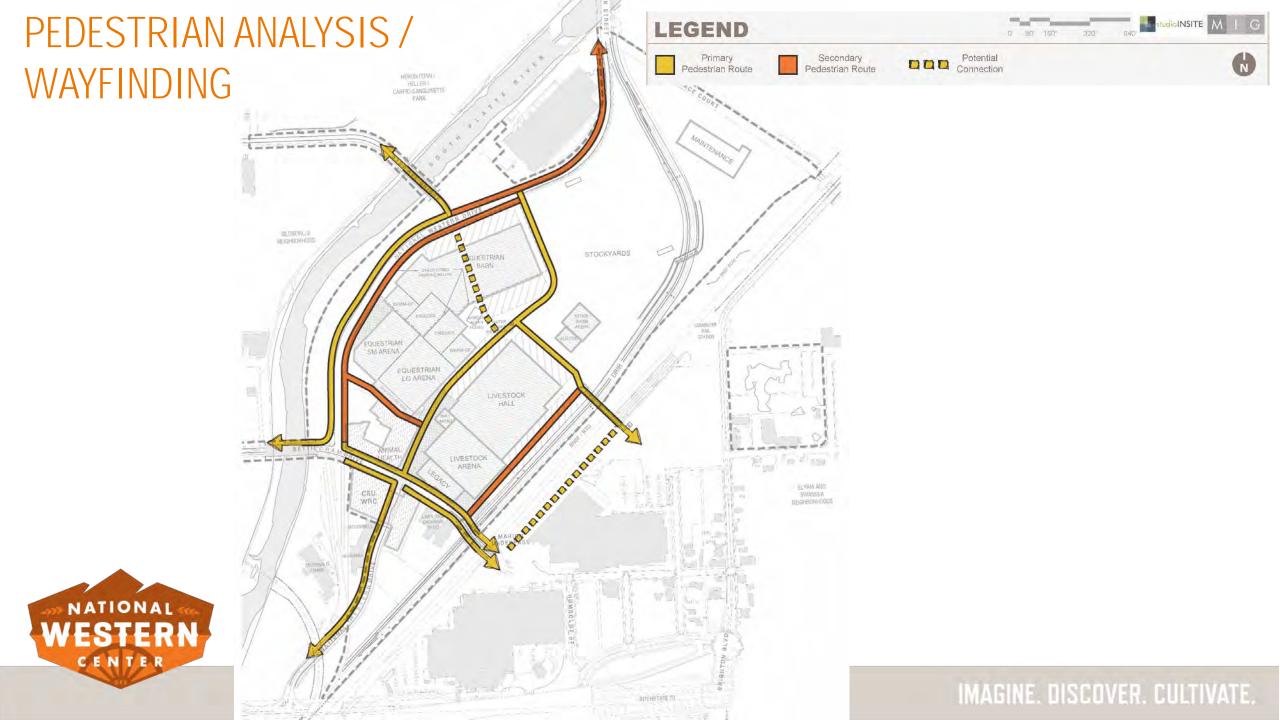


AERIAL LOOKING SOUTH

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS





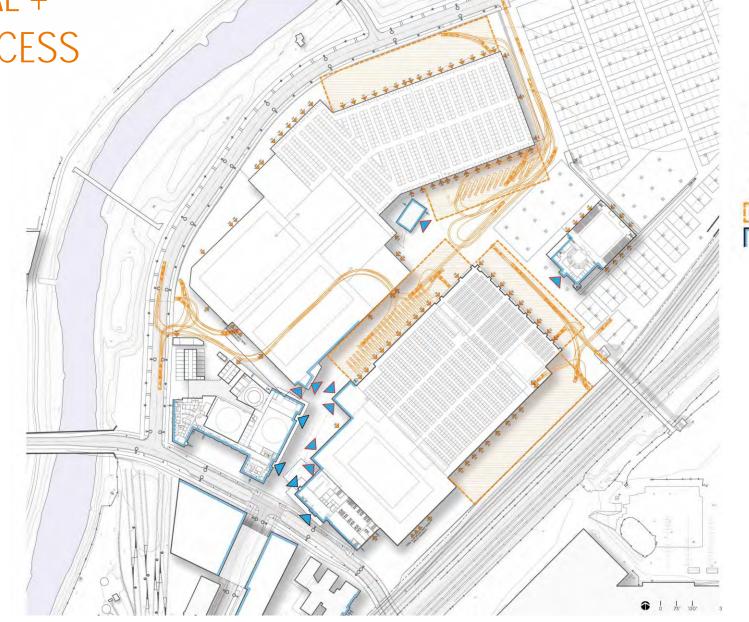


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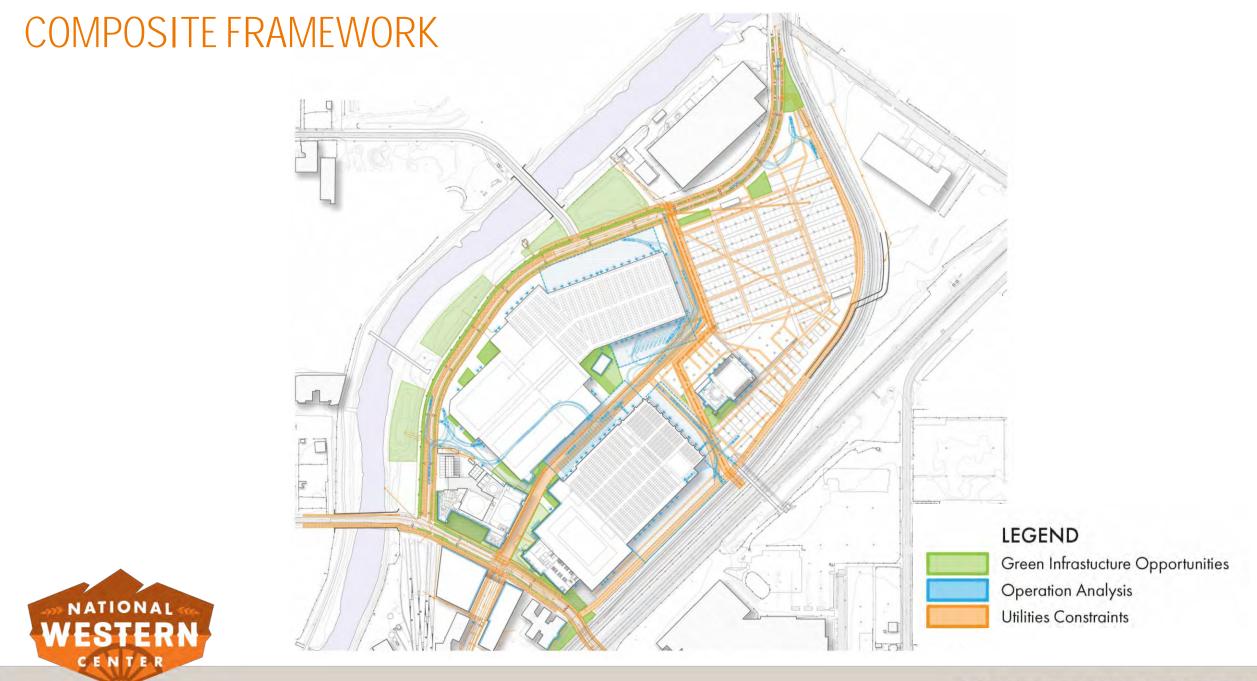
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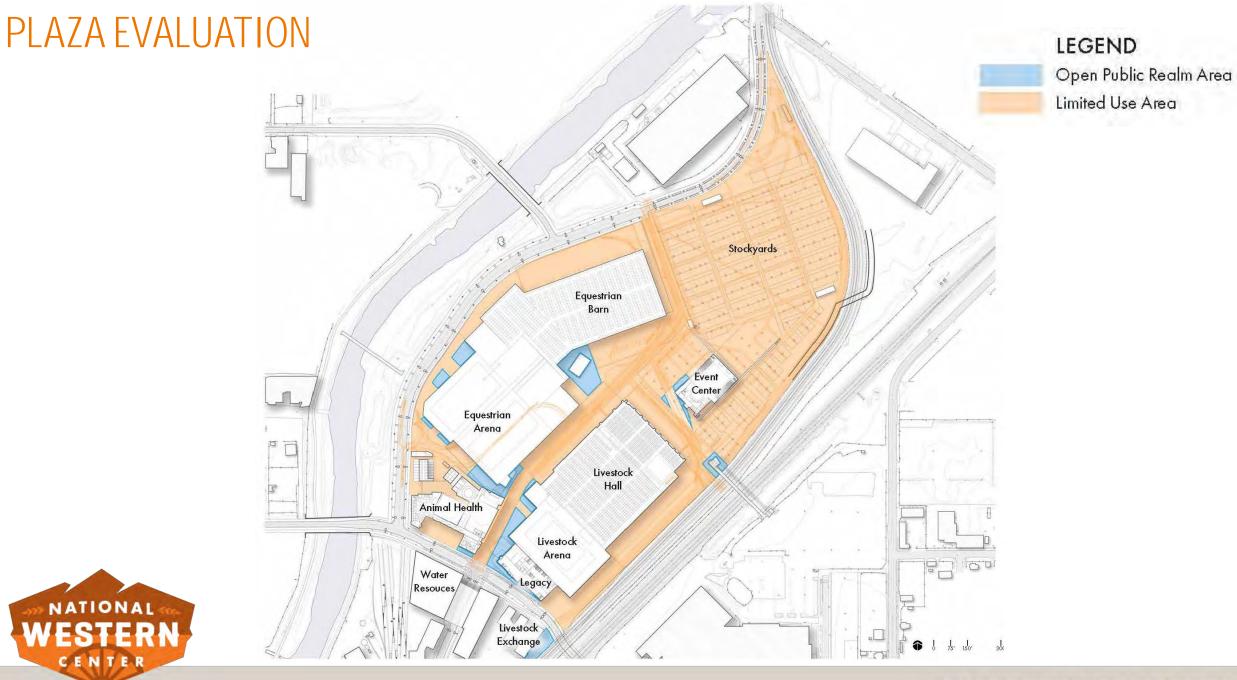
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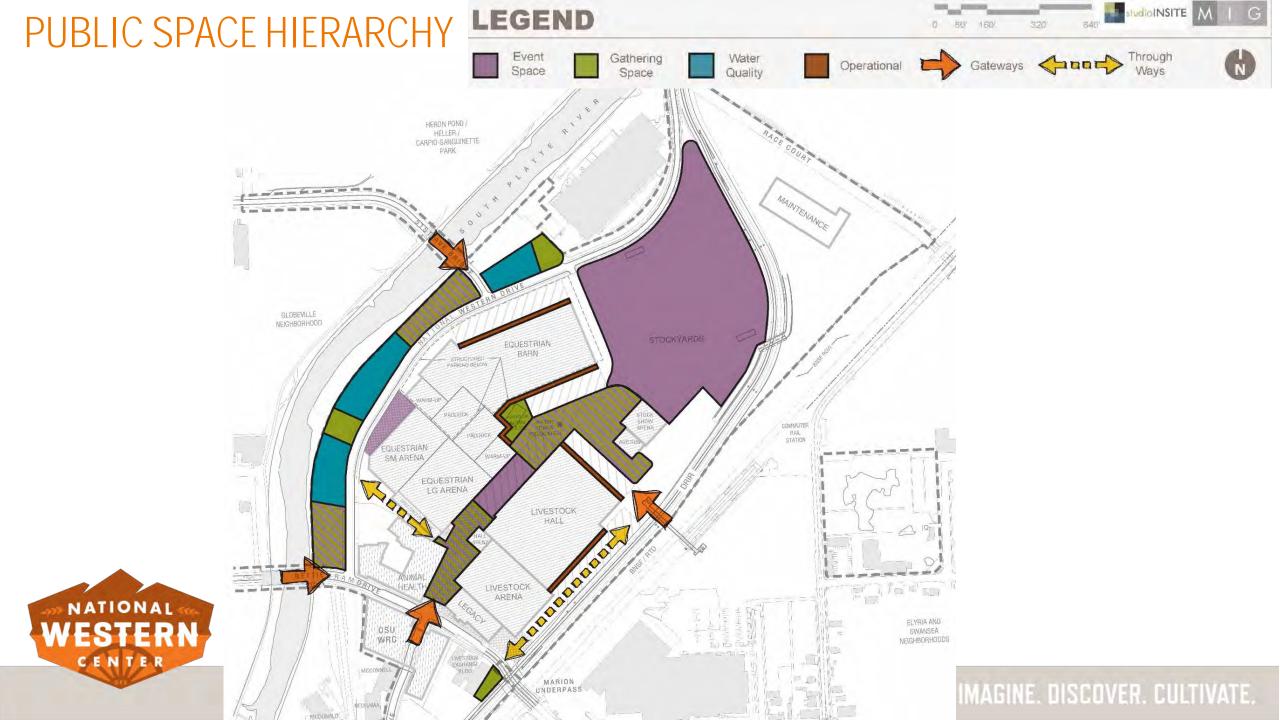
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Denver Water - 30' Exclusive
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Regional Stormwater
Xcel
Streetscape Utilities

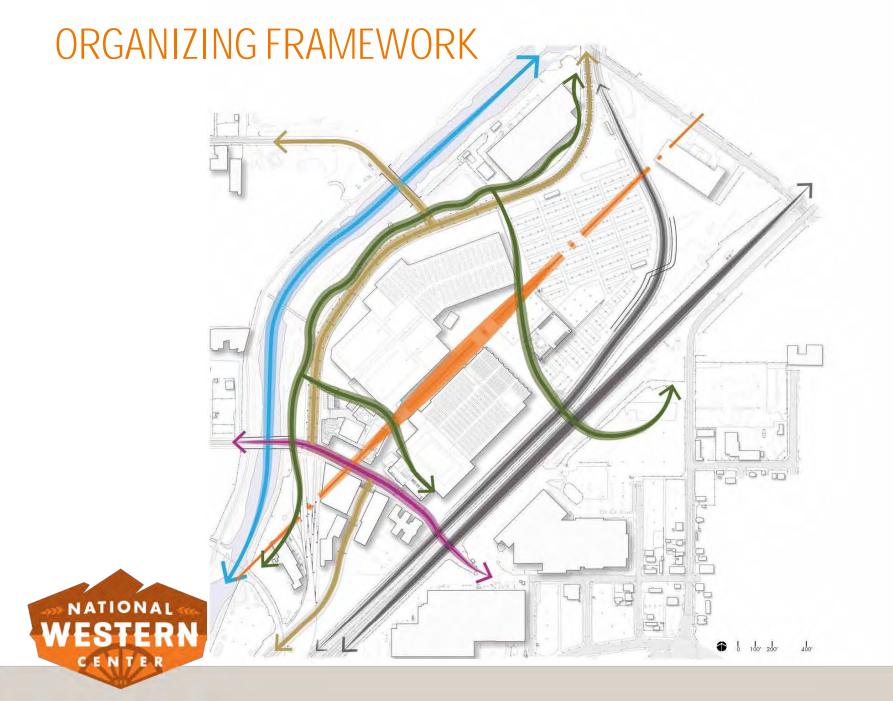
UNDERSTOOD CONSTRAINTS

Utility	Sizing and Offsets	Other utilities	Turf/Small Planting (Roots <18" at Maturity)	Larger Plantings	Trees	Curbs	Site Furnishings, Signs, Fencing	Light poles	Specialty Paving
Denver Water	50' Non-Exclusive	Yes (~10' clr)	Maybe	No	No	Maybe	No	Maybe	No
Denver Water	30' Exclusive	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Private Storm, Sanitary, Water	No Easement, 5' offset	No	Yes	Yes (confirm cover)	No	Yes	Maybe	No	Yes
Communications	No Easement, 5' offset	No	Yes	Maybe	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Excel	10' Easement	No	Yes	No	No	Maybe	No	No	Maybe
Regional Stormwater Pipe	40' Easement	Yes (~10' clr)	Yes	No	No	Maybe	No	No	Maybe
District Energy	No Easement, 5' offset	No	Yes	Maybe	No	Yes	No	No	Yes



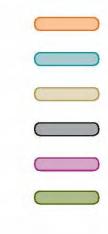




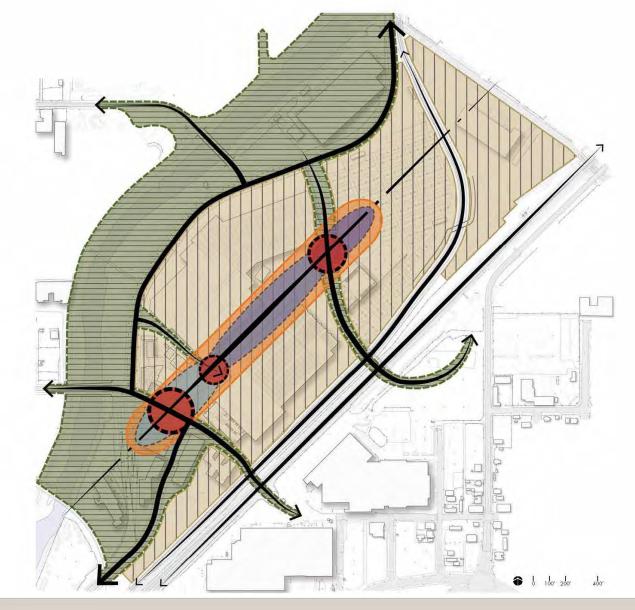


CIVIC RIVER PROMENADE RAILROAD CORRIDOR

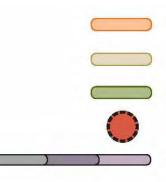
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SPATIAL CONVERGENCE DIAGRAM

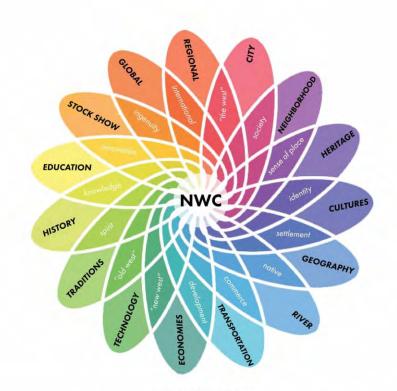


CIVIC CAMPUS RIVER JUNCTION LINK





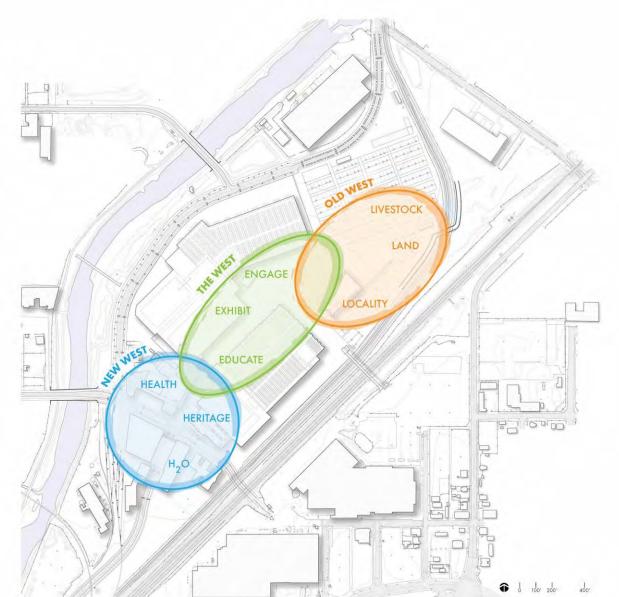
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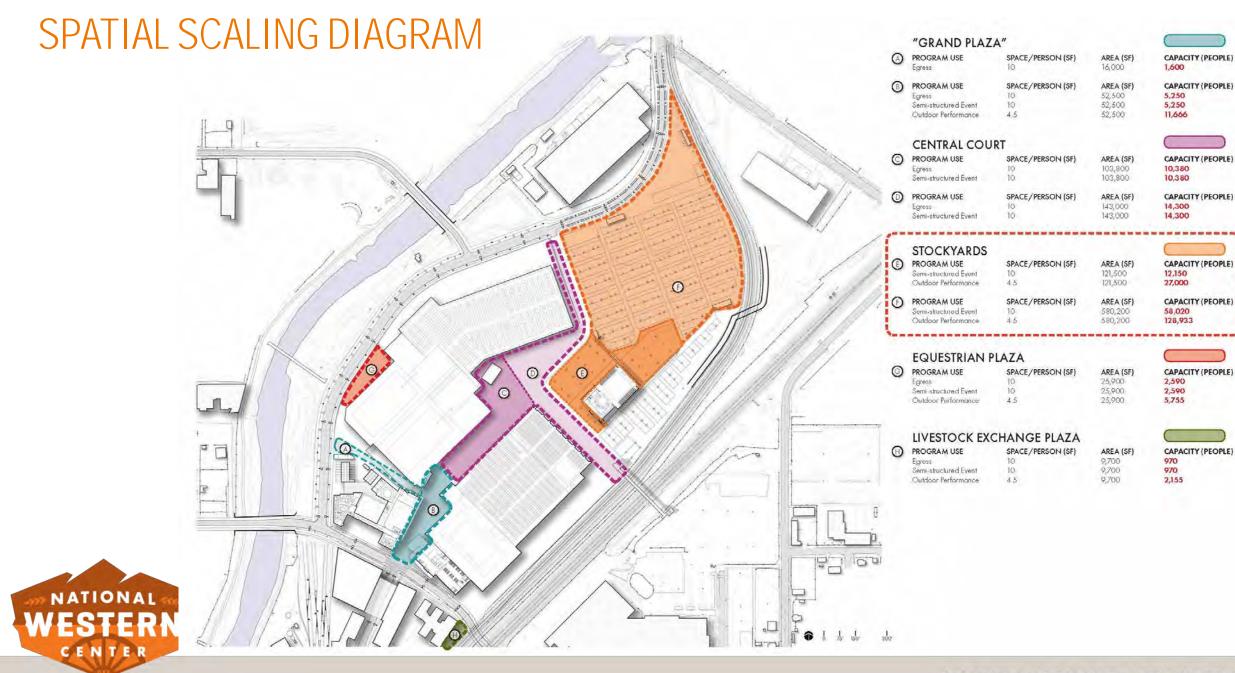




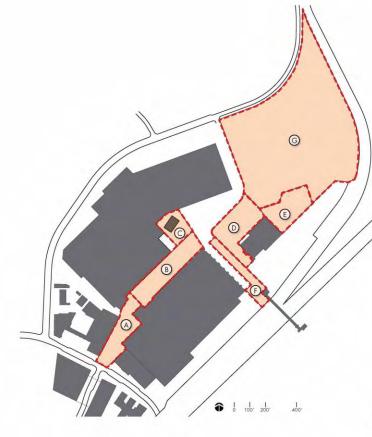
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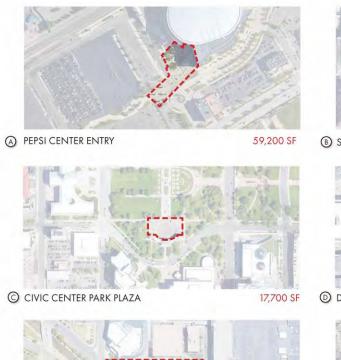
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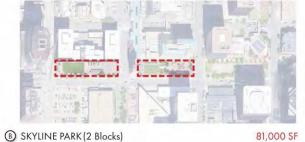


PLAZA SCALE COMPARISON



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(A) "Grand Plaza"	51,600	SF
B Central Court - NWC Promenade	67,800	SF
C Central Court - Armour Plaza	24,500	SF
D Stockyard Event Center - West	69,600	SF
E Stockyard Event Center - North	51,900	SF
(F) Central Court - Connector	32,100	SF
© Stockyards	568,200	SF





DENVER UNION STATION PLAZA 68,600 SF

D+ DENVER PERFORMING ARTS SCULPTURE GARDEN 132,900 SF



(F) COMMONS PARK WEST AT HIGHLANDS BRIDGE 31,300 SF



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Summary

One of the nine Guiding Principles from the National Western Center Master Plan

"Inspire Health and Wellness", aims to inspire a healthy and vibrant way of life, promote recreational opportunities, multi-modal connections and access to healthy food for all populations

A public realm study was conducted to identify specific design elements or site features to help meet the Master Plan Health and Wellness goals



The study explores active design elements and programming opportunities in public spaces

BIG IDEAS

- Improve Access to and Health of the South Platte River
- Foster Regeneration
- Flexible, Year-Round Programs to Drive New Tourism
- Provide New Connections
- Provide Partnership Opportunities

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Community & Neighborhood Integration
- Engage the River & Nature
- Celebrate Western Heritage
- Inspire Health & Wellness
- Build Cultural Crossroads
- Be Pioneering: Break Trail and Foster Innovation
- Create Fun and Entertaining Experiences
- Grow Local, Regional, and Global Intelligence
- Embrace an Ethic of Regeneration
- Farmers' Markets

INSPIRE HEALTH & WELLNESS

Inspiring and supporting healthy lifestyles is an important role of the NWCC. The National Western Center will:

- In conjunction with surrounding neighborhoods inspire a healthy and vibrant way of life locally, regionally and nationally through a demonstrated mix of housing, parks and open space, jobs and range of services, all of which consider active design principles.
- Promote recreational opportunities, multimodel connections and access to healthy food for all populations.
- Use assets at the NWCC to teach about human and animal health.



Inspire Health & Wellness (IHW) Goals

Example Goal #1 - IHW 1.1

INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE FOOD SOURCES, IDEALLY YEAR-ROUND, EITHER ON SITE OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SURROUNDINGBUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

Example Strategies

Provide places for local food production on the campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods, including community gardens, agricultural gardens, teaching garden and edible landscape.

Grow culturally appropriate food and plants for use by the local community (chilies, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, tomatillos, potatoes, etc.)





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Health and Wellness Public Realm Study



Example of community garden



Example of small garden plot



Example of vertical edible landscape





Example of formal community garden Ex integrated into a plaza, public space and streescape

Example of urban food forest



Example of small garden plots in plaza



Inspire Health & Wellness (IHW) Goals

Example Goal #2 - IHW 2.1

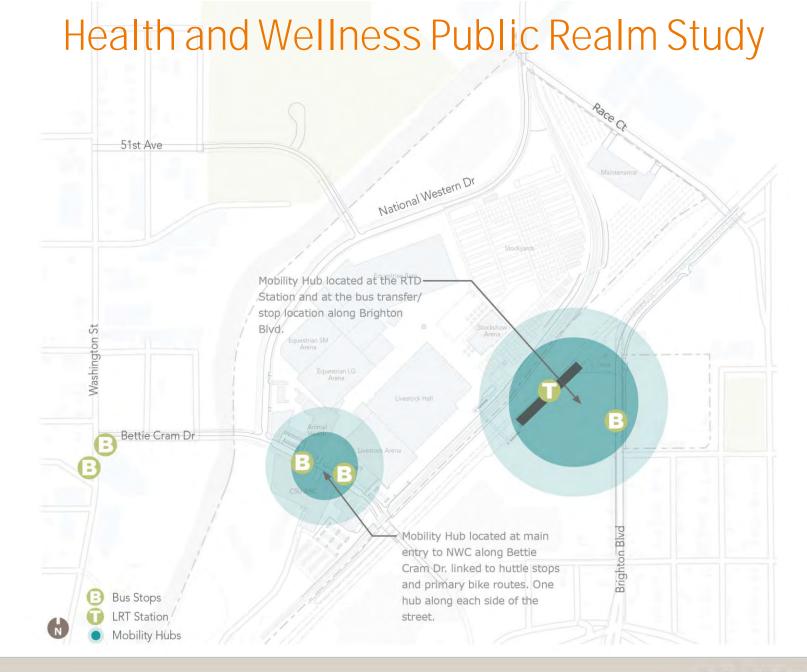
PROVIDE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS, PARTICULARLY TO MAJOR TRANSIT STOPS, NEIGHBORHOODS, EMPLOYMENT CENTERS, PARKS, AND OTHER DESTINATIONS

Example Strategies

Locate transit/bus stops in highly visible locations and near main entries and destinations. Provide recognizable mobility infrastructure that provides protection from the weather and is comfortable for all users, including elderly and people with disabilities.

Provide bicycle parking by transit stops/stations and key destinations on campus





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Example of transit station and bike parking



Example of identifiable bus shelter



Example of combined bus shelter and bike share location





Identifiable bike station



Marked mobility wayfinding for ease of use



Architecturally defined bike shelter and depot

Inspire Health & Wellness (IHW) Goals

Example Goal #3 - IHW 2.2

DESIGN THE SITE FOR EXTENSIVE ACTIVE USE (E.G., BIKING, RECREATION, WALKING)

Example Strategies

Include smaller active recreational facilities in open spaces or plazas such as playgrounds or exercise facilities to encourage active uses, and co-locate physical activity spaces for children and parents or guardians to simultaneously promote physical activity in different age groups

Design open spaces and plazas to accommodate a range of age groups and abilities, including children, parents, elderly persons and people with special needs



Create children's play areas/features that provide outdoor spaces for moderate to vigorous physical activity among children







Example of natural play areas to promote climbing and physical activity



Example of playful element in a plaza or streetscape



Example of playful and movable/flexible seating for plaza areas in the center of the campus





Example of exploration play in public spaces using natural rock and water



Example of integrated play elements in plazas and public spaces



Example of small climbing and play elements that can be dispersed throughout the campus





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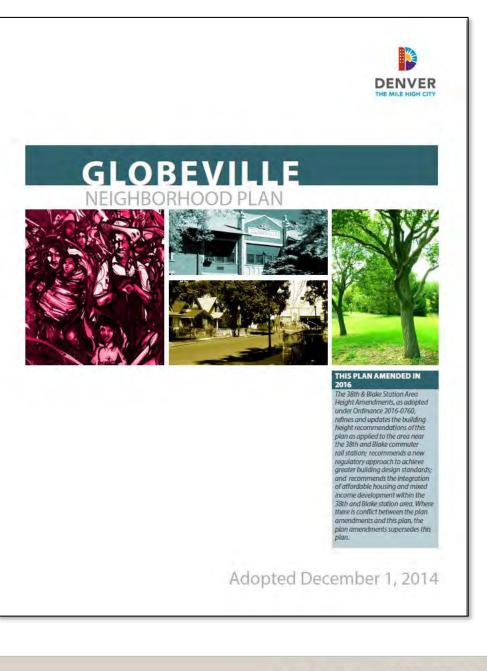


OVERVIEW

- Neighborhood Vision
- Foundation in Master Plan
- River Corridor and Park Context
- Implementation Opportunities and Constraints
- Refined Programming and Preliminary Concepts



GLOBEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN





RECOMMENDATION 3: An Integrated, Complete, and Diverse Park System

SYSTEM OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE



RECOMMENDATION 3: An Integrated, Complete, and Diverse Park System



The South Platte River Trail



Northside Park

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B10. EMBRACE THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER.

By embracing the South Platte River, Globeville can maximize the benefits of many of its existing green space assets.

- B10A. Create a Waterfront Destination. Create a waterfront destination along the South Platte River that reflects the community and its unique character, provides a diversity of activities and events throughout the year, and is welcoming and safe.
- B10B. An Activated Waterfront Plaza. Consider creating a waterfront plaza amenity close to the South Platte River for year-round activities with opportunities for synergy with the proposed National Western Center. Ensure that the plaza is well-connected to nearby green space, the South Platte River Trail, and the local street network.
- B10C. Integrate Regional, Sub-Regional, and On-Site Water Quality and Green Infrastructure. To ensure that the South Platte River and amenities along the river are safe for the public and support habitat, water quality facilities should be incorporated into new parks.
- B10D. Create a Regional Open Space Amenity. Create a large, regional, and consolidated park amenity by integrating Heller Open Space, Heron Pond, portions of Northside Park, and a portion of new acreage known as 52nd Avenue and Emerson Street and re-designing the area primarily as a natural area with educational and passive recreational activities.

ELYRIA & SWANSEA NEIGHBORHOODS PLAN



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Adopted by Denver City Council

2/23/15 THIS PLAN AMENDED IN 2016

The 38th & Blake Station Area Height Amendments, as adopted under Ordinance 2016-0760, refines and updates the building height recommendations of this plan as applied to the area near the 38th and Blake commuter rail station; recommends a new regulatory approach to achieve greater building design standards; and recommends the integration of affordable housing and mixed income development within the 38th and Blake station area. Where there is conflict between the plan amendments and this plan, the plan amendments supersedes this plan.

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B.16 EMBRACE THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER

The redevelopment of the NWC creates an enormous opportunity to connect to, enjoy and embrace the South Platte River. The following recommendations should be incorporated within the National Western Center Master Plan:

- Encourage a variety of riverside conditions and experiences that further activate and attract visitors to the riverfront and existing parks. These include passive and active recreation experiences, natural and developed edges, public gathering spaces, and destinations to attract regional visitors.
- Encourage the design of a new street along the east bank of the river that will improve visual and physical access with sufficient set back from the river bank to allow for vegetated areas and parks. These may include rain gardens that would infiltrate pollutants from the street and new development to enhance water quality before it flows into the river.
- Create public access between the river and new development with lighting to promote extended hour use and increase the perception of safety and security along the river corridor.
- Encourage new buildings to be oriented to the river with public access provided between building entrances and a public realm along the river. Building facades should contribute to a quality interface between private development, and the public realm and the river.
- Explore funding opportunities to bury the Delgany Interceptor, a large sewer line, that is currently visible as an above-grade pipe along the river.

B.18 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDIBLE LANDSCAPING OF OPEN SPACES.

Some open spaces may be appropriate places to introduce edible landscaping as part of a more broadly-focused food innovation district (see B.24). Water sources should be secured to assure sufficient irrigation and maintenance of landscaping. Open spaces to be considered for edible landscaping may include natural open space areas, open space for water quality / detention purposes, open channels, or open space along green trail or pathway corridors.

B.15 PROMOTE WATER QUALITY THROUGH BEST PRACTICES

Water quality can be addressed via an array of sustainable technologies. Some of these can be implemented in public right-of-way, park or open space areas, while others can be integrated with individual projects or developments. Impervious surfaces, and streets in particular, are one of the largest contributors of pollutants in Denver's urban streams. However, streets also represent one of the greatest opportunities for the use of green infrastructure.

- Explore opportunities to employ green infrastructure on public open space.
 - Balance open space and park programming needs with water quality opportunities
 - Explore opportunities for green infrastructure within the open space along the South Platte River (see the Parks recommendations in this section and the National Western Center Character Area).
 - As new street connections are made, or existing streets are reconstructed, look for opportunities to incorporate green street strategies in the street design. Green street strategies include permeable pavers, streetside stormwater planters, curb extensions, tree trenches, and/or green gutters.

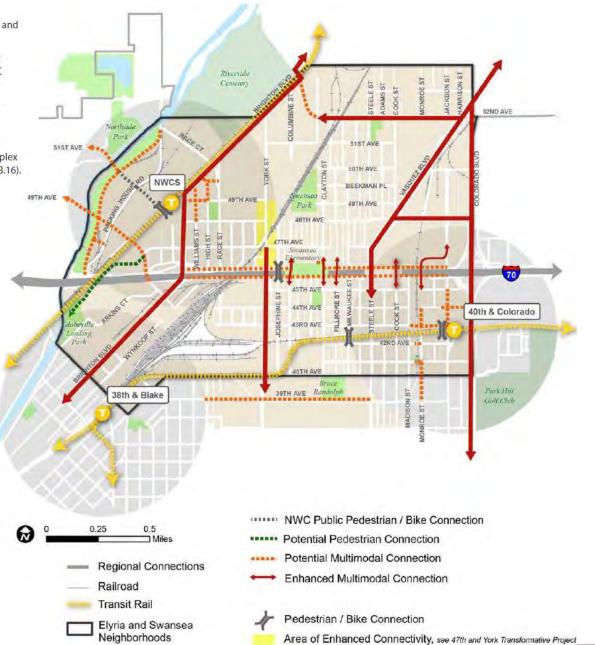
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E.34 IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS AND MOBILITY TO THE NWC AND TO THE RIVER

To better connect the Elyria, Swansea and Globeville neighborhoods to the NWC and Station Area.

- Explore the consolidation of the Denver Rock Island Rail, which will allow for feasible connection over the South Platte River and to and through the NWC site.
- Explore burying or relocating the Metro Wastewater Delgany Interceptor to improve visual and physical access to the South Platte River.
- Introduce direct connections to the station from Globeville.
- Provide publicly accessible open space and plaza areas throughout the complex for use by visitors and neighborhood residents (see page 42 Introduction & B.16).







Foundation in the Master Plan

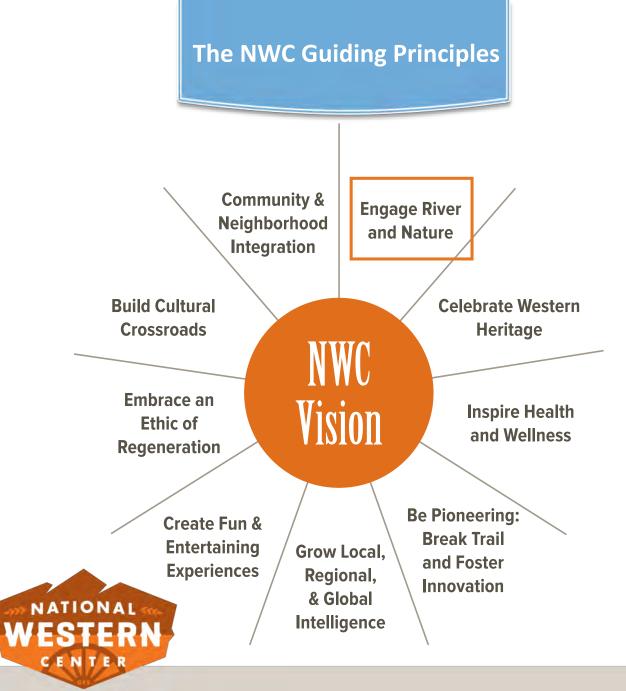
Master Plan Big Ideas

Improve Access to and Health of the South Platte River

- Move rail from river's edge and consolidate to center of site
- · Bury or move the Delgany Interceptor sewer lines
- Relocate National Western Drive to allow for better river and Event Pavilion access
- $\cdot\,$ Improve river habitat and health
- Create recreational trails and educational areas along the river







Engage the River and Nature

The importance of embracing the South Platte River with its historic and ecological attributes creates a key framework for how people will experience the NWCC. The National Western Center will:

- Recognize the historic, ecological, and future value of the site's proximity to the South Platte River as a key component of the NWCC experience.
- Celebrate and respect the natural world by promoting the restoration of the river's ecosystem, water quality and animal habitat.
- Build on current successes and recreational activity along the river, establishing a river-focused urban environment that is healthy, habitable and connected.
- Enhance the safety of the river corridor and the surrounding region, serving as an integral connector of the adjacent neighborhoods.
- \cdot Serve as one of several new gateways into and out of the NWCC.

Engage the River and Nature (ERN)

- ERN 1: Create safe, intentional connections to the river and natural areas
 - ERN 1.1: Provide diverse yet focused visual and physical access to nature and the river
 - ERN 1.2: Create series of green spaces on site that connect to one another and to nearby green spaces, trails, parks
- ERN 2: Use nationally or internationally recognized rating system for landscape design and maintenance, favor the use of native plants, and integrate with water use goals (EER 3)

ERN 3: Replace or integrate physical infrastructure with natural systems and/or incorporate functional biomimicry and biophilic (green infrastructure) design principles wherever possible

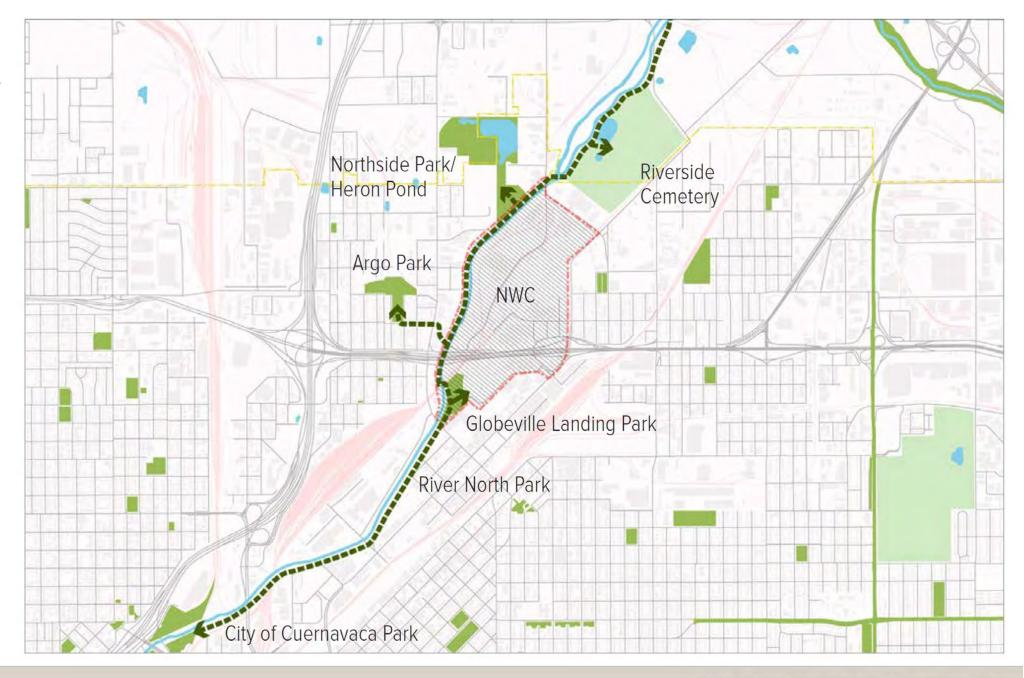
 ERN 3.1: Treat stormwater onsite, using various methods throughout the site, to create net zero or net positive impact on stormwater quality and quantity entering the South Platte River ERN 4: Provide education and outreach on site related to the South Platte River and its watershed and include educational components in water quality features, wastewater treatment, and water conservation measures

ERN 5: Consider impacts to the South Platte River watershed during all stages of decision making (design, construction, operations, etc.) to support the river containing swimmable, fishable water

• ERN 6: Habitats along the river meet key diversity and health indicators and provide appropriate biological corridors linking to other habitats in surrounding areas

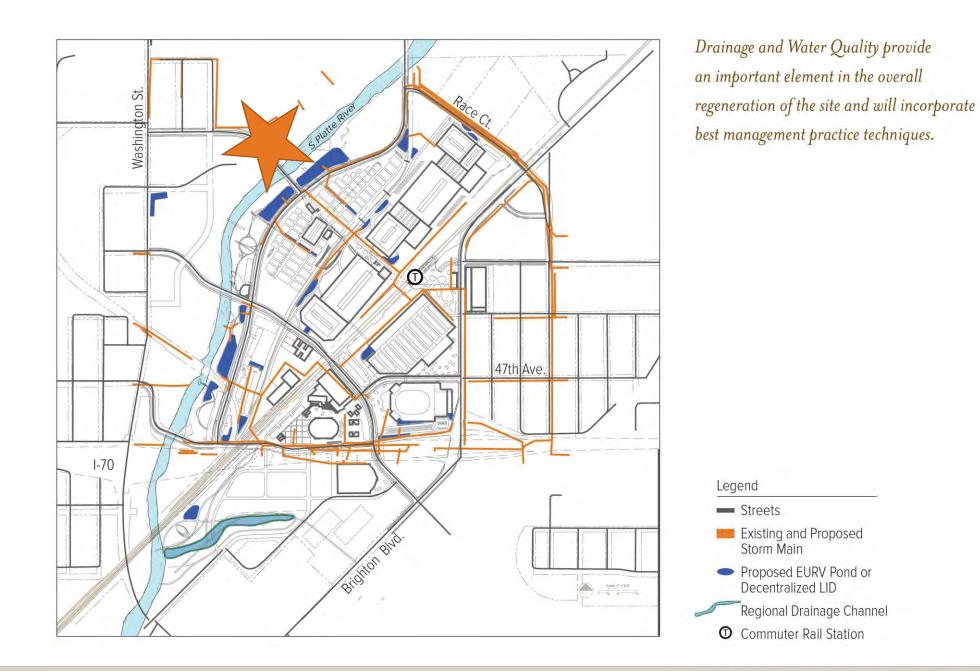


Connections to Large River Corridor





Water Quality in Master Plan

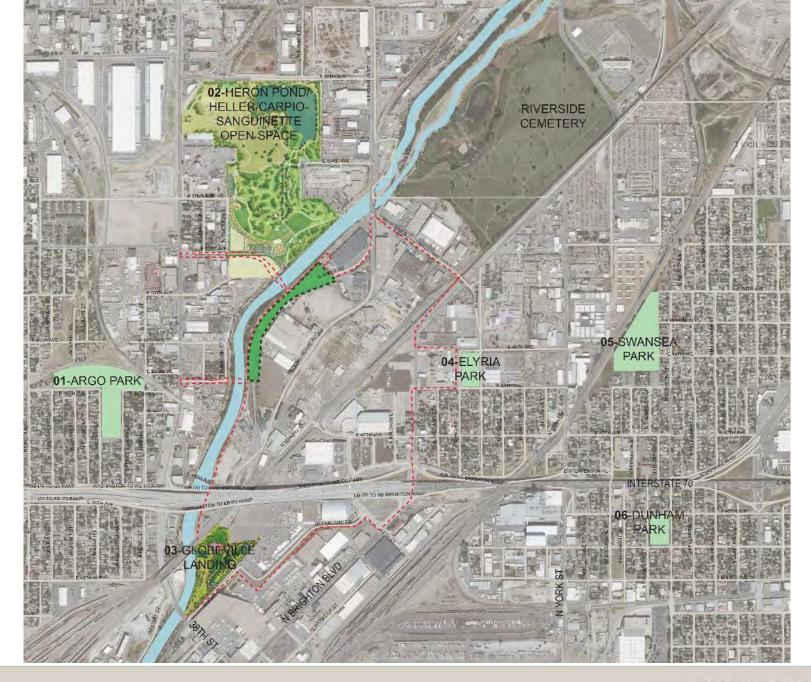






River Corridor and Park Context





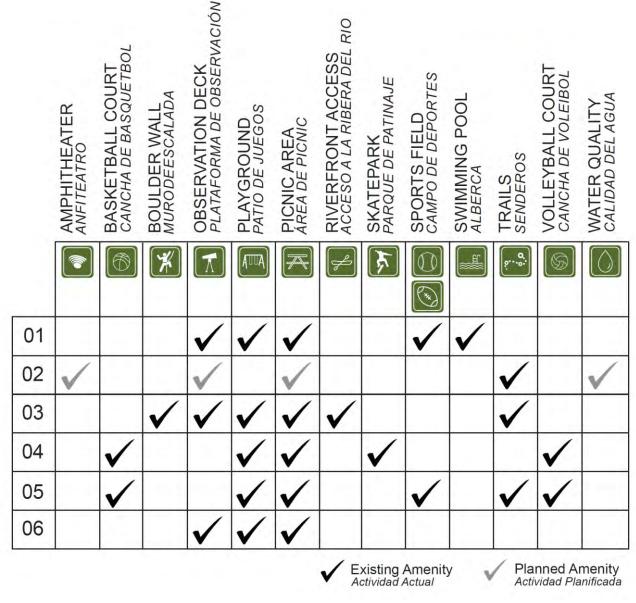




KEY

- 1. ARGO PARK
- 2. HERON POND / HELLER / CARPIO – SANGUINETTE PARK
- 3. GLOBEVILLE LANDING
- 4. ELYRIA PARK
- 5. SWANSEA PARK
- 6. DUNHAM PARK





Public Meeting #1

- Input on:
 - Community uses
 - Riverfront program
 - Events





Public Meeting #1







WHAT USES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ON THE CAMPUS? ¿QUÉ USOS LE GUSTARÍA VER EN EL RECINTO?





WHAT TYPES OF RETAIL ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CAMPUS? ¿QUÉ TIPOS DE VENTA MINORISTA SON ADECUADOS PARA EL RECINTO?

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WHAT EVENTS WOULD YOU ATTEND AT THE FUTURE NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER?



Open House Boards Highlights

Highlights:

Desire for:

- Riverfront Access
- Picnic Areas
- Outdoor classrooms
- Trails
- Food/Drink/ Coffeehouse
- Trailhead
- Observation Deck
- Interpretive Signage
- Water Quality







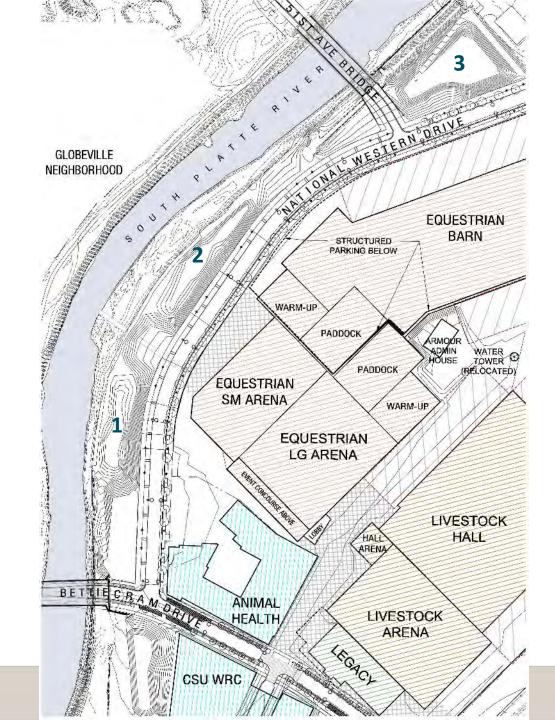
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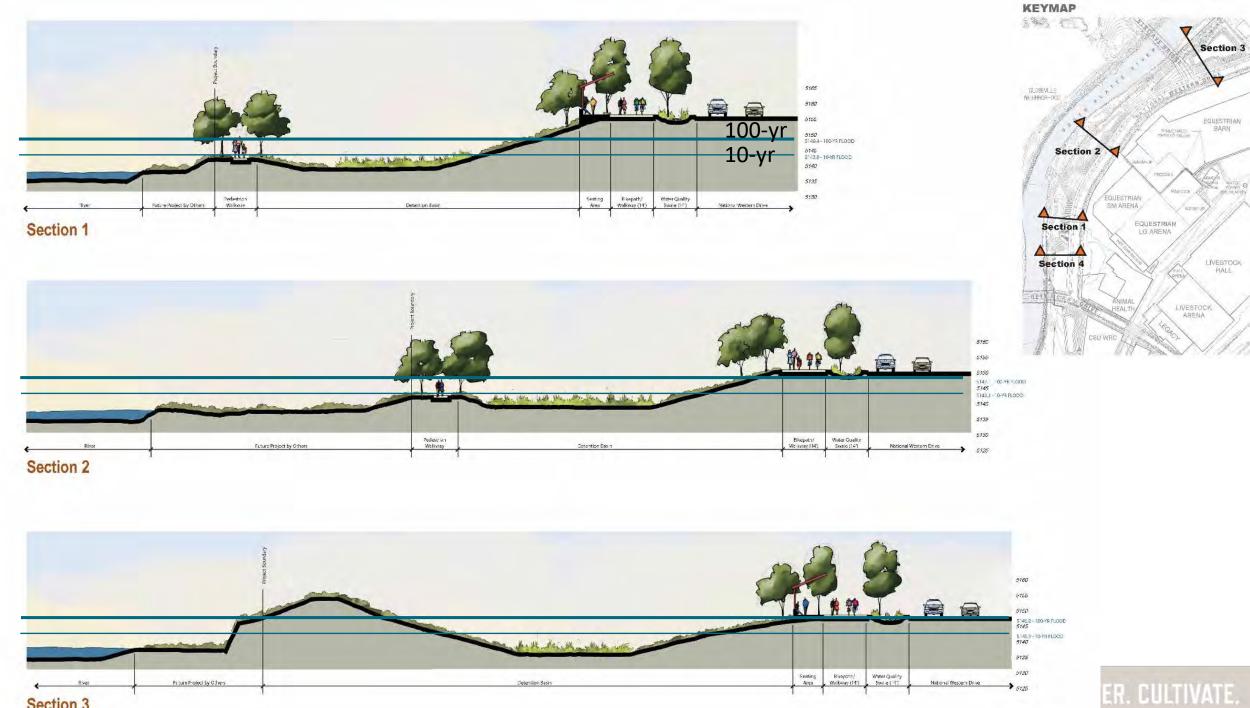




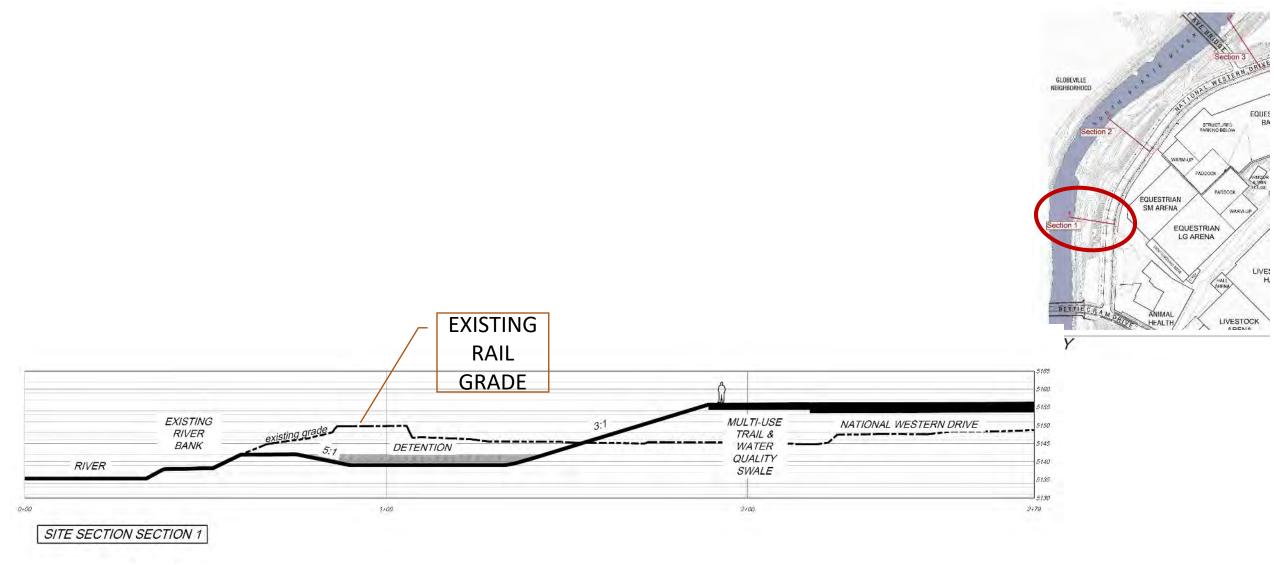




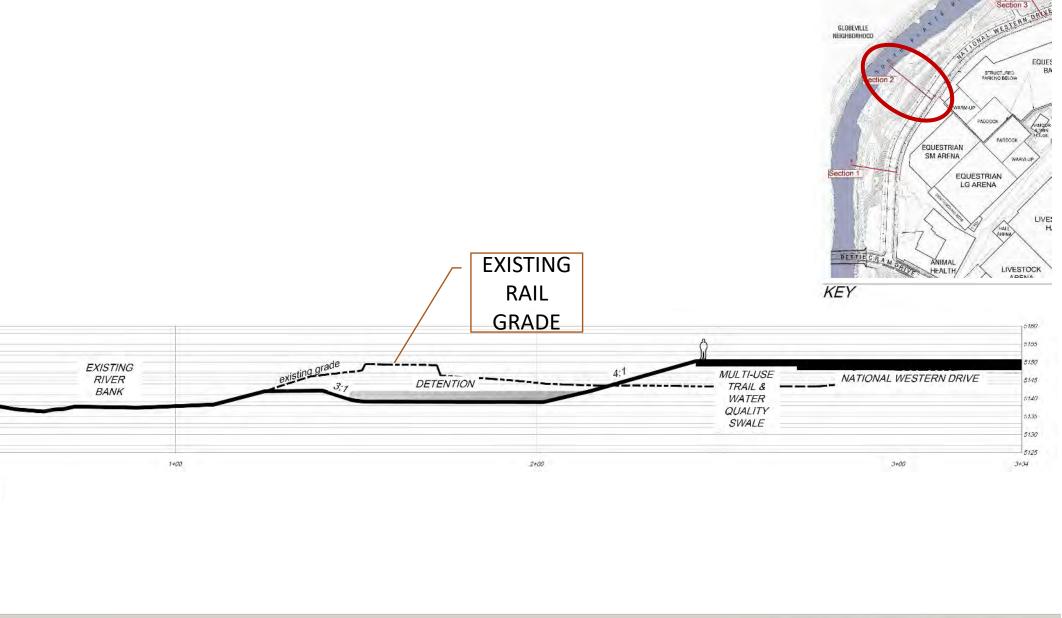




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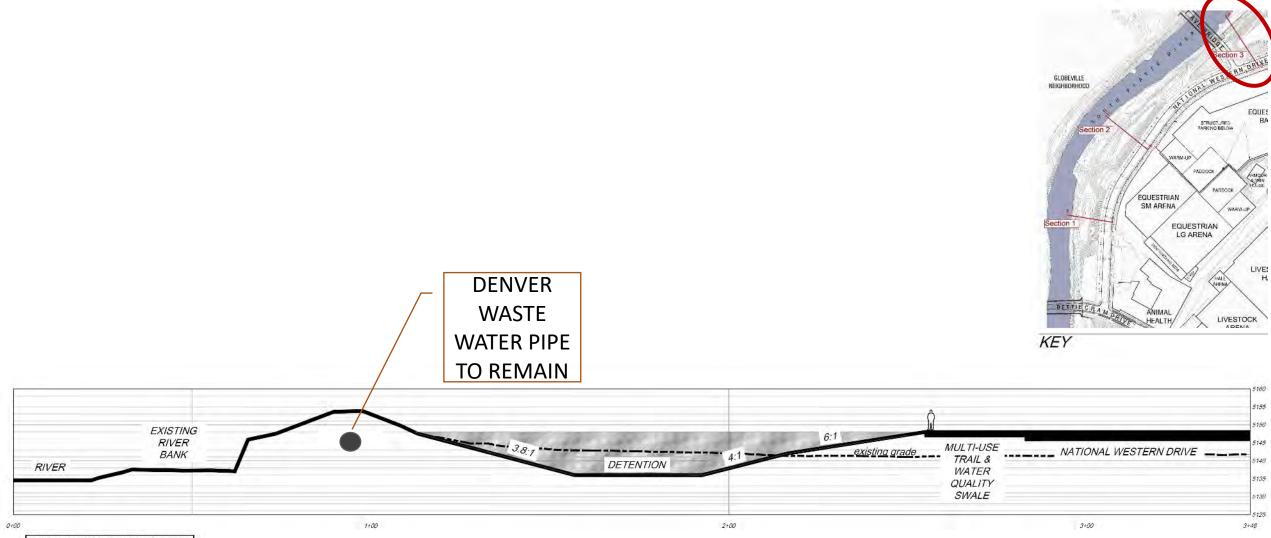


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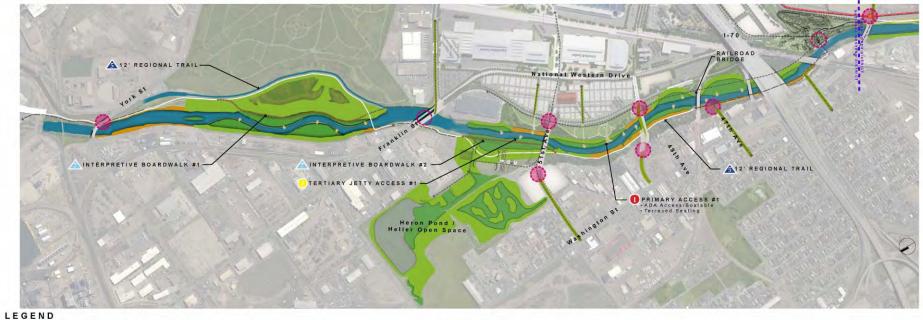
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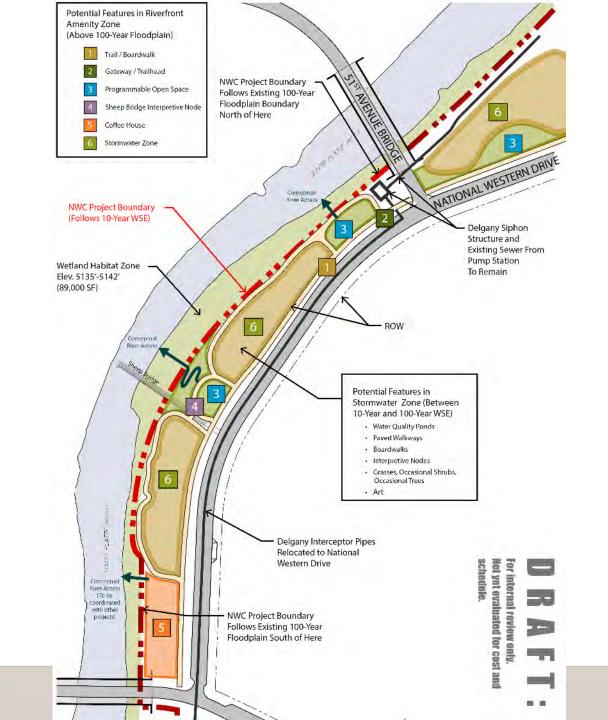
Primary Access

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER - URBAN WATERWAYS RESTORATION STUDY

National Western District Recreation & Vision Plan



Refined Programming and Preliminary Concepts





THE RIVER

The river made possible human activities that grew up around it; its water and regenerated habitat will help sustain us as we move into the future.





NATIVE AMERICANS

"Denver was a gathering place for the Southern Arapaho nation long before white settlers arrived. They set up camp every winter where the South Platte River meets Cherry Creek."

Source: Denverite

"The land belonged to the Arapaho tribe under the 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie, State Historian William Convery said. Gold was discovered there in June 1858—nine years after the famous gold rush in California—triggering a stampede of 100,000 people, but those seeking fortunes trespassed on Indian land to get it." Source: Indian Country Today

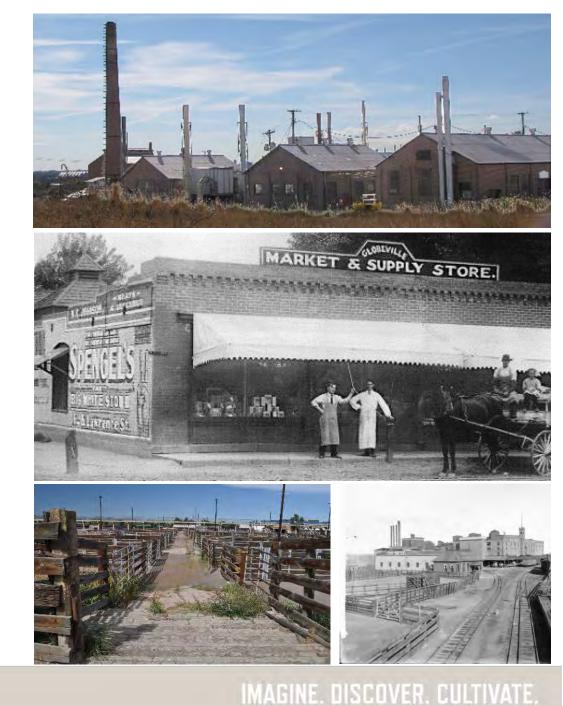




Red Pipe, Арапахо. Период 1890-1920. Denver Public Library.

INDUSTRY

Smelters, meatpacking plants, and stockyards paved the way for other businesses and entertainment on this site – now it will be an inspiring setting for technology, art, education and leisure activities.





CONVERGENCE

People have always brought and shared ideas, goods, culture, art, and technology here.

Convergence of:

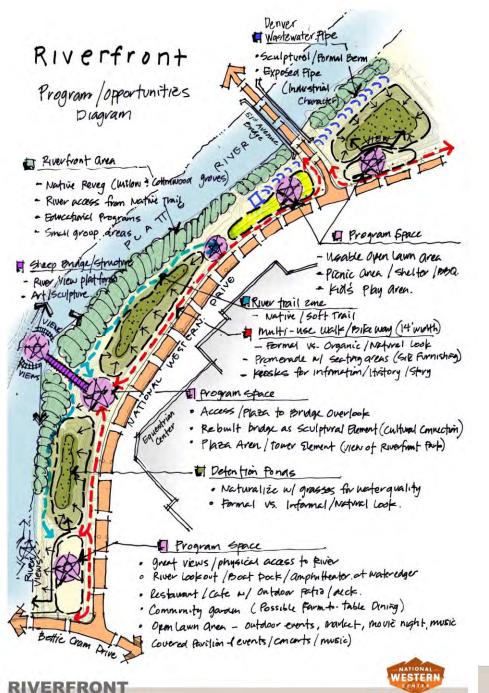
- Urban and rural
- Production and consumption
- New and old



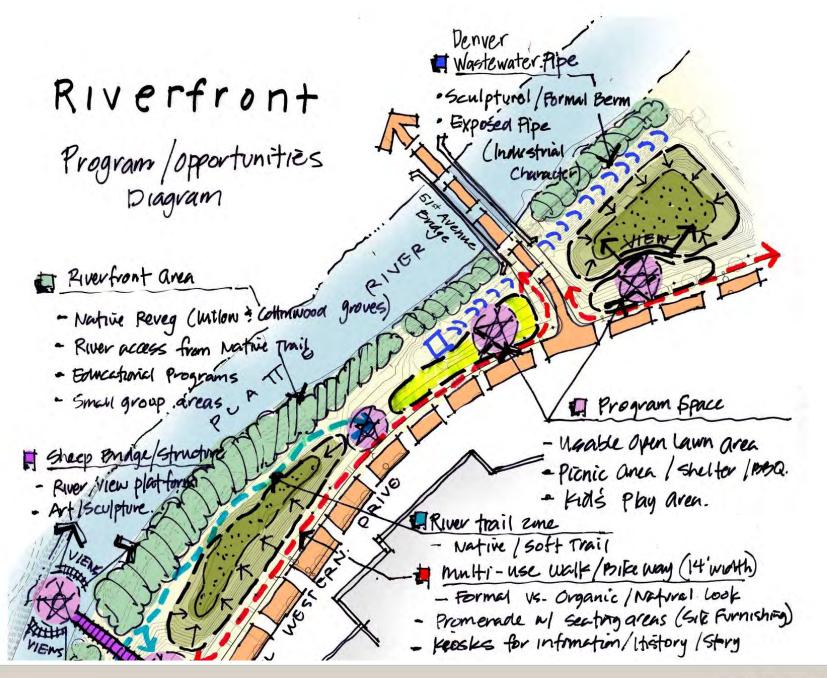






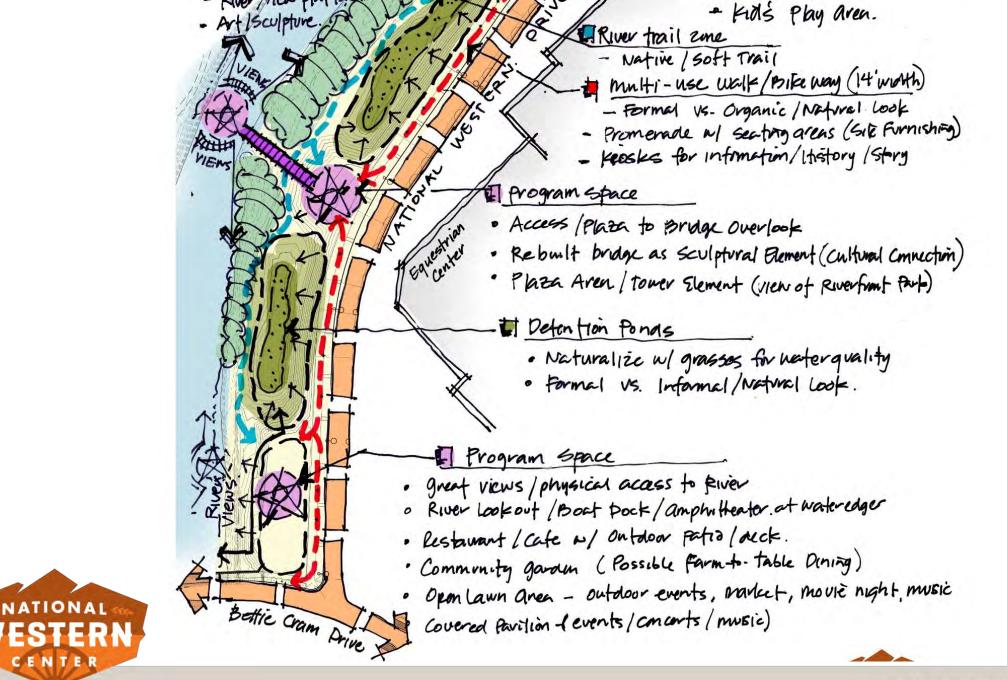


PROGRAMS / OPPORTUNITIES







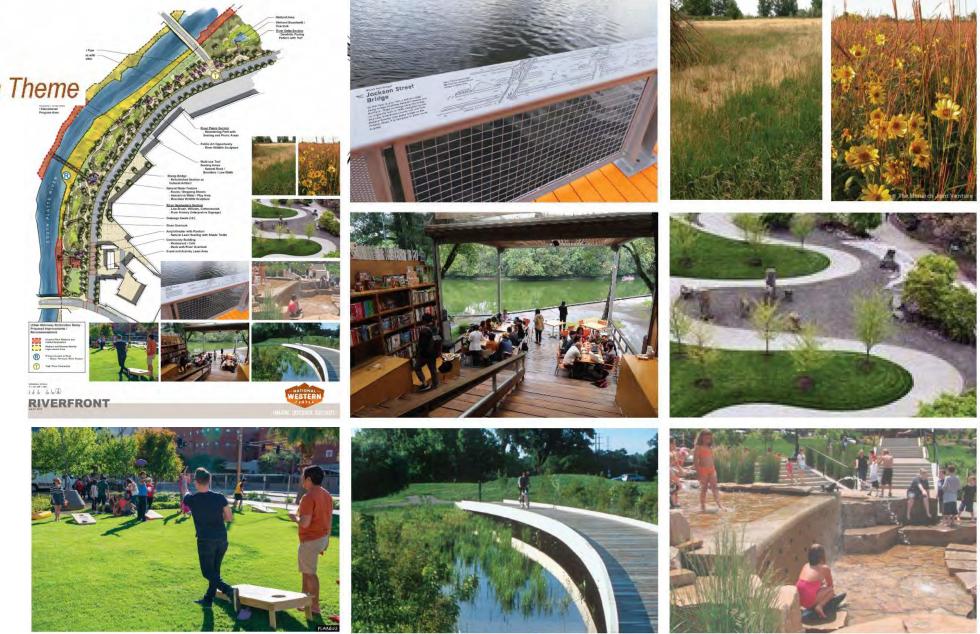






CONCEPT #1 THE RIVER:

a 'River-Inspired' Design Theme



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CONCEPT #2 AGRARIAN THEME: *the Origins of Water*



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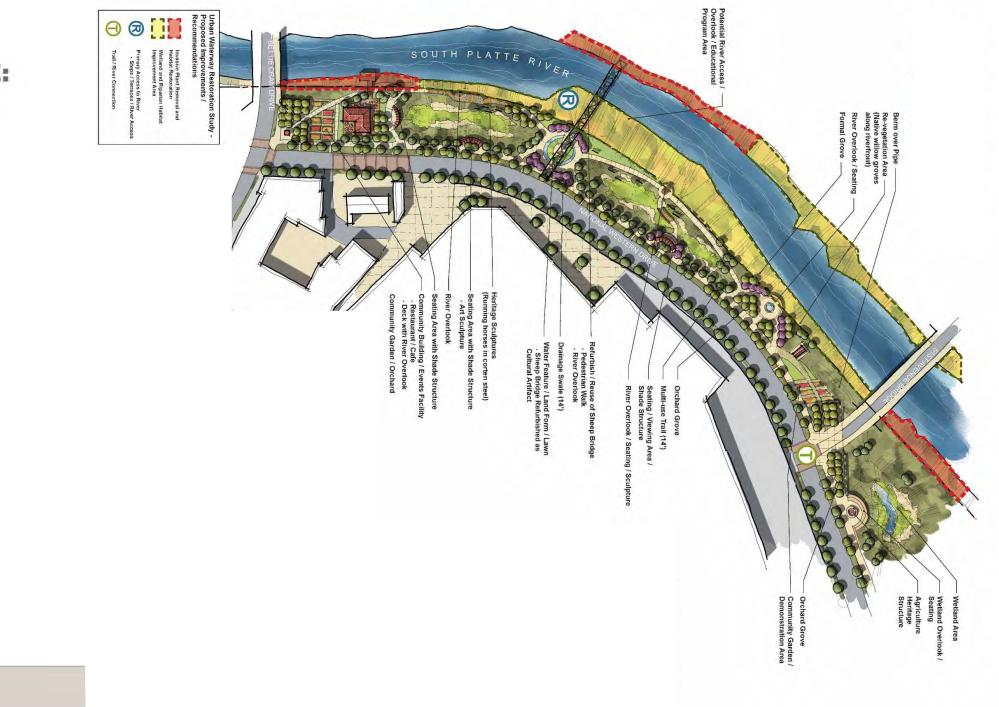


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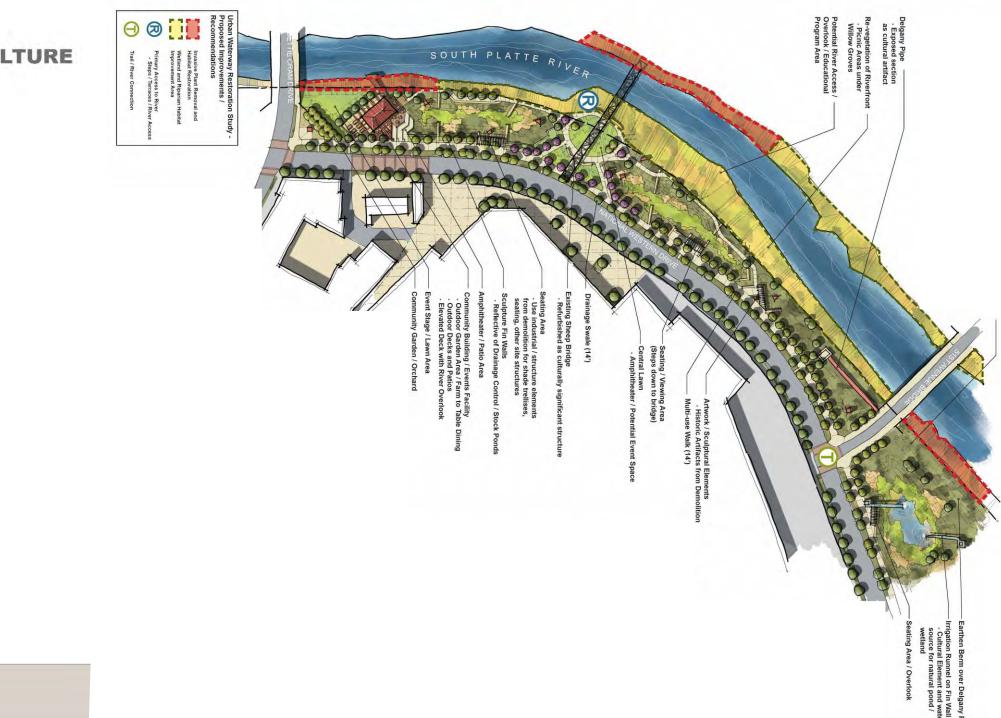


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CONCEPT #3 INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE the Story of Control





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Task 3.4 User Experience: Purpose & Goal

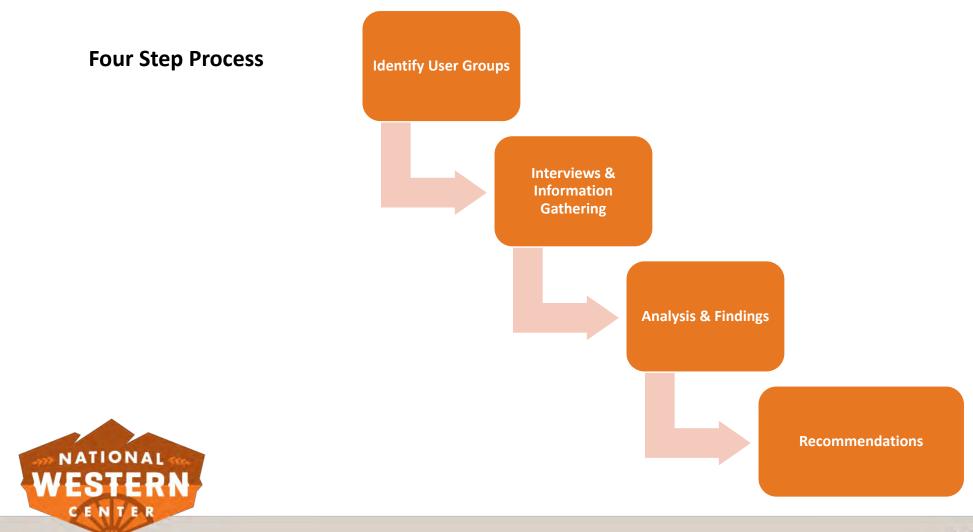
The overall purpose & goal is to:

- 1. Develop an understanding of how people will use the campus
- 2. Understand what should be considered in the design and programming of the campus spaces to enhance the user experience





Task 3.4 User Experience : Process



Task 3.4 User Experience : User Groups

10 Categories of User Groups (existing & future users)

- 1. Visitors & Patrons
- 2. K-12 Students
- 3. Students (non K-12)
- 4. Exhibitors, performers, and event operators
- 5. Daily users & employees (WSSA, Denver Water, CSU)
- 6. Temporary and Part-time employees (or volunteers)/residents
- 7. Adjacent neighborhood residents
- 8. Regional residents
- 9. Other neighboring businesses & property owners
- 10. Citizens Advisory Committee



Task 3.4 User Experience : Analysis & Findings

Capture interview summaries and key take-aways

Analyze data and look for any common themes

Develop summary of findings for each user group

- Wants and needs
- Concerns and frustrations



Task 3.4 User Experience : Recommendations

The findings will inform the final recommendations for each user group.

Based on the information gained during interviews, each user group will have a specific set of:

- User wants & needs
- Goals
- Strategies





Common themes may emerge and inform some general user recommendations

User Experience : Questionnaire for CAC

Format

One-page questionnaire with open-ended questions.

- What could make your biking, walking, transit, or driving experience better?
- What would make you stay on the campus longer?

Answer the questions as a future user of the site.





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