The purpose of the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project is to thoughtfully plan short-term and long-term solutions to protect the corridor from flooding and erosion to improve public safety. As a community, we need to work together to come up with solutions that are both technically sound and responsive to community needs and values.

Camp Creek originates high above the city in a large watershed that was severely burned during the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. As a result, frequently occurring rainstorms can produce significant flooding and erosion as the Creek flows down Queens Canyon, through the Glen Eyrie property, Garden of the Gods, the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, and on to a commercial area at 31st Street and Colorado Avenue. The need to ensure public safety and protect private and public property by reducing flood risk and adding stabilization measures throughout this drainage corridor is urgent.

Even prior to the Waldo Canyon fire there were a number of concerns in the Camp Creek drainage. The existing channel lacks the capacity to handle a 100-year flood. A large number of houses and businesses located within the mapped floodplain are at risk of flooding during a large storm event. The concrete lining in portions of the channel in 31st Street is in poor condition and requires frequent repairs. Both the channel and about half of the bridges have been identified by the City as needing major maintenance or replacement.

The drainage corridor is also home to the Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site, a property on the National Register of Historic Places, and Garden of the Gods, a City-owned Park that is a National Natural Landmark with rich natural and cultural resources. The iconic Park property is treasured by local residents and world-wide visitors alike and requires flood protection that is sensitive to the Park’s special characteristics.

Make Plans Now to Get Involved

The City of Colorado Springs is inviting the help of all area residents working together to find the best solutions to this community challenge.

Please join us at a community meeting:
6 p.m. Tuesday, October 22
Coronado High School Cafeteria
1590 W. Fillmore St.*

Come find out about the project and upcoming community meetings, and - most important - let us know what’s on your mind when it comes to Camp Creek drainage improvements.

*These activities will take place on property that Wilson and Co. has licensed from Colorado Springs School District Eleven pursuant to Board of Education Policy KF. Our group has paid a full fee for the facility and, therefore, our rental of the facility is not supported by tax dollars identified for school use. Our use of a District facility represents neither agreement nor disagreement with our group’s goal, purpose, or statements by the Board, Administration, or the District.
Project Givens
The following are the non-negotiable parameters for decisions on the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project:

- Proposed solutions must conform to all relevant public property deed restrictions and to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- Solutions must recognize existing agreements and master plans.
- Drainage, bridge and road improvements in the corridor must be addressed as part of an integrated solution.
- Solutions will strive to honor values expressed by the community regarding impacted neighborhoods, Garden of the Gods, and Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site.
- The City of Colorado Springs will do its best to leverage federal, state and local funding for this project.
- The City encourages everyone interested in this serious problem to participate in the public involvement process for developing solutions.
- The City of Colorado Springs will make the final decision regarding short- and long-term solutions and phased implementation.

Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project
Project Milestones

September - October 2013
Community: Identify community issues, concerns, and priorities
- Interviews - Oct. 22 community meeting

October - November 2013
Project Team: Develop long-term and first-action alternatives based on technical analysis and community issues

December 2013
Community: Review and respond to long-term and first-action alternatives
- Community meeting in early December

December 2013 - January 2014
Project Team: Considering community response, further develop alternatives

January 2014
Community: Review and respond to long-term and first-action alternatives
- Community meeting(s) in January

January - February 2014
Project Team: Develop preferred long-term and first-action alternative(s)

February 2014
Community: Review preferred alternative(s), coordinate construction
- Community meeting

If you have questions about the project, please contact City Project Manager Mike Chaves at (719) 385-5408 or mchaves@springsgov.com.

To keep up-to-date on the project and how you can get involved, go to www.springsgov.com/campcreek or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/springsgov.