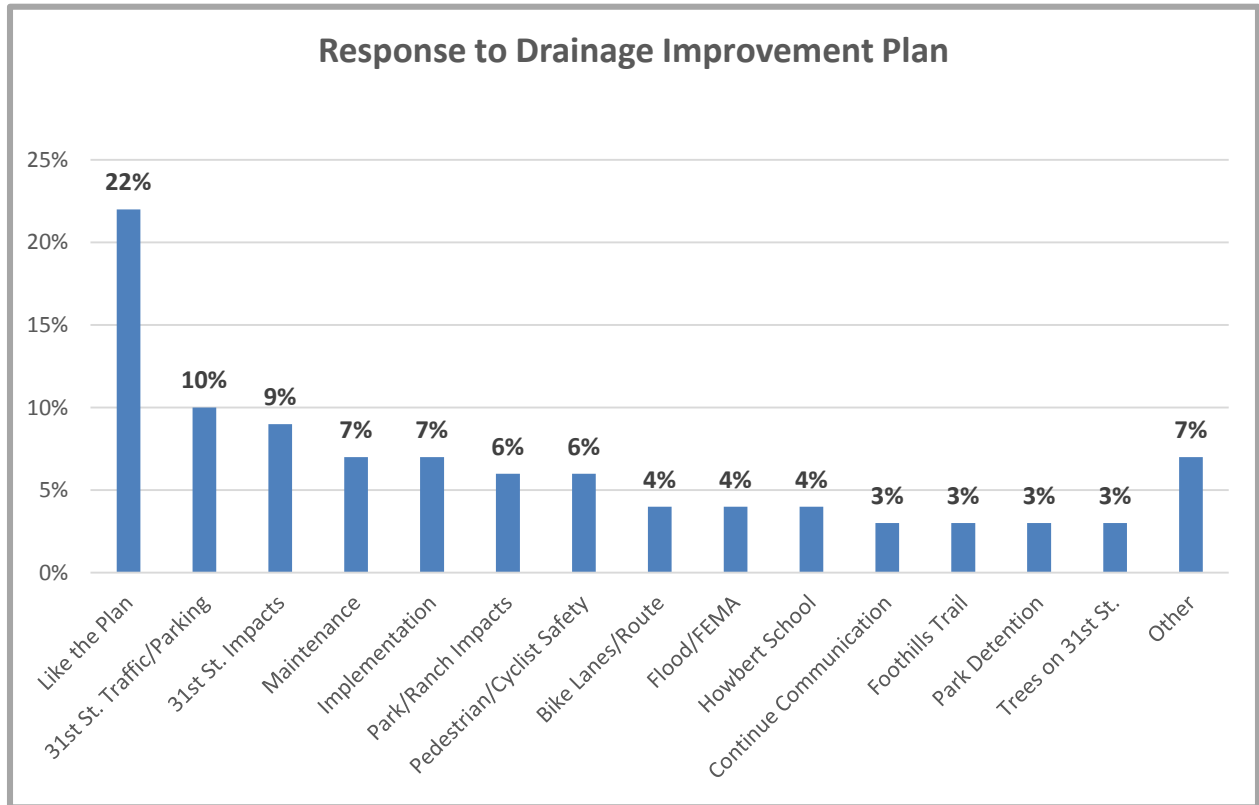


Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project
 Community Meeting #4
 April 29, 2014

Response Form Comments by Category

Is there anything you would like the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project Team to know and understand about the Recommended Plan?



Like the Plan / Plan Elements (25 mentions)

- I approve of the planned project. I agree the detention pond should be a priority to reduce flooding in Rock Ledge Ranch and Pleasant Valley. The appearance of “the ditch” along 31st Street will be appreciated.
- We are very excited about the Recommended Plan! We hope that Plan #2 works as drawn.
- **I LIKE THE PLAN!**
- Alternative #2 is the best! I believe that the water in Camp Creek is beautiful; however, it needs to have a big enough channel to hold water. I love the idea of making it landscaped with rocks and grass! Let’s make Pleasant Valley a place to come! Alternative #2 with the paved walk / bike path is **KEY!** Love grass and rock-lined channel with multi-use trail idea!
- Fantastic planning and programming. Thank you for creating a gateway for GoG and Highway 24 to the mountains. It’s appreciated!

- Captured the conversation of the prior meetings! Thank you for the renderings. Extremely helpful to show what's coming.
- I am very pleased by the final project proposal that you are presenting this evening. The large retention pond in the North Garden is the solution that our GoG team hoped for as well as the moderated Gateway Road solution. I love the landscaping of the Creek path through Pleasant Valley. Trail modifications in GoG look good. Dakota Trail over the dam will be fun. Gateway Trail moved away from the road is an improvement. Thank you!
- I support the Recommended Plan and feel it incorporates most of my thoughts and concerns expressed during the meetings.
- Good plan – well staged over the past year.
- This is all about the trail or route that starts in the Garden of the Gods and then continues on to 31st Street. Option 2 is a great concept for trail / route users.
- Everything else (except speed bumps) sounds great!
- Final concept is well thought out. I am pleased.
- I think everyone involved has done a great job!
- I like Concept 'C' or Alternative #2 with a more natural appearance for 31st Street channel than Concepts 'A' and 'B'.
- I really like this plan – you've done a very good job in dealing with all the issues. I especially like the planned walkway and improved channel flow at the White House Chapel (north 31st).
- Like the plan. Look forward to finding funding and completing all the improvements.
- The plan you have put together is aesthetically pleasing.
- A-OK.
- I love the idea of the retention pond by Glen Eyrie.
- I like the final plan very much. I had thought of this concept many years ago. The spring waters need to be kept running in the Creek!! There have been ducks and other animals in there for years and they need to stay. Watercress grows and is harvested so this is habitat and scenery. Thanks, good job.
- I love the design.
- My greatest value is how it looks. I think that if we are going to make such substantial changes, it should also impact its appearance – shrubs and grasses all the way!
- Final decision was smart.
- I agree with the final accepted plan.
- I think that all parties including the residents of Pleasant Valley will be very pleased with the proposed outcome.

Traffic / Parking on 31st Street (12 mentions)

- Will the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph on 31st and increased in the inner neighborhood to 40 mph? Maybe this would move excessive speeders off 31st Street.
- Since the street is going to be considerably more narrow, will delivery trucks, trash trucks, etc., block the flow of traffic since the room to park in the street is no longer there?
- It moves traffic closer to the front doors of the houses along 31st Street. This is particularly troublesome for houses south of Fontanero.
- I prefer not to have speed bumps.
- I suggest coordination with Traffic Engineering to promote decreased traffic on 31st Street between Highway 24 and Fontanero Street. Teller County residents who commute to north Colorado Springs use this route and more narrow roads will only increase problems.
- The change to 31st Street – will there be any impact to emergency vehicles?

- Concerns for the bump outs on 31st – will homeowner get a choice of options – on-street parking is important – walkers, visitors, etc., use 31st as parking for daily use as well as special events.
- No speed bumps – that’s ridiculous if you ask me; speed limit is already slow now.
- Traffic / noise issue should be more of a topic to address or provide answers to community. It seems that traffic lane width has some impact on traffic flow design. Also, restricting type of traffic, i.e. truck and large vehicle restrictions, possibly need to be addressed.
- Remember the speed humps on 31st Street. They work.
- At the Water Street and Fontanero intersections, please put roundabouts / traffic circles. They look great. They have enhanced the Broadmoor area. Cars constantly run the stop sign at 31st Street going north when they turn east onto Fontanero. A designated right-turn lane would help. The roundabout would help slow traffic for bikes to cross over, too.
- West side driveway and curb study for truck traffic into drive.

31st Street Impacts / Suggestions (10 mentions)

- Access / parking for pool during summer months!
- Bridges seem a bit sterile aesthetically. Suggest 4 -5’ high stone veneer columns are placed at railing corners, incorporating low-lux lighting for pedestrian and traffic cues.
- Although most of the people in Pleasant Valley like the plan, I think the people most affected (along 31st Street) don’t particularly like it. A lot of lost parking and potential traffic hazards.
- Try to keep the proposed vegetation in the “ditch” to “natural” planting as much as possible, i.e. no bluegrass.
- The plan should include street lamps / lights.
- Are there any plans for the entry garden into Pleasant Valley? Changes, etc.?
- Lighting.
- Fiber optics.
- Design new ditch to irrigate itself.
- Short stone pillars located at corners of bridge railing like the Uintah Bridge. Solar lighting for bikes and pedestrian walkways. New fire hydrants.

Maintenance (8 mentions)

- The main concern is operation and maintenance of the channel, but I would have that concern regardless of the option chosen.
- The maintenance of Camp Creek? How will this be accomplished since Parks Department funding is in question yearly?
- Concern: maintenance for the trail that will have a grade below the road service. It will need to be cleared especially if there is flooding that silts the trail from the banks or the main flow. To pretend there is no maintenance aspect is naïve.
- Will the City maintain the new plantings and water? The City now can’t maintain current parks and parkways.
- Concerns for the vegetation along sides of Creek – maintaining it (water, mowing, weeding, etc.); who will maintain? City has not maintained ditch for many years – why would this be different? Why not just use rock on the sides of the ditch?
- I am concerned about maintaining the landscape – who will do it?
- Want to make sure the maintenance dollars are there to keep it looking good in the future after it is built.
- Keep the vegetation natural and limited to reduce maintenance and cost.

Implementation (8 mentions)

- You should cooperate with the Stormwater Task Force. All this should be regionally coordinated.
- Please make sure drinking water purity is monitored during construction. Thank you!
- Include this as one of the projects in the stormwater master plan. It is critical that this project is identified as one of the projects that would be funded if the stormwater fee passes.
- Continue sensitivity of Rock Ledge Ranch and cultural understanding of Native Americans.
- Identify the true disruption of the project (to property and business).
- Cost estimates need to be real in terms of actual construction schedule (inflation).
- It feels like a “wish list” at this point. I have serious concerns how this information will be “processed” by current City management, and how it will look if and when it is funded and completed.
- Don’t tax current residents for improvements!

Garden of the Gods / Rock Ledge Ranch Impacts (7 mentions)

- The loss of habitat north of Gateway is not fully shown in presentation.
- The drop structures along the upper portion will cause tremendous damage to the upper valley.
- The channel from the bridge under Gateway needs to be diverted out east farther and continued down to 31st Street.
- I object to any boulders and riprap put in the old creek channel. It will exacerbate the problem through the Ranch.
- Arched bridges [at Rock Ledge Ranch] should be installed; they would be safer.
- Thanks for protecting the Gateway Road entrance to the Garden of the Gods and not screwing up the view!
- Keep cottonwood tree STANDING on the side of Gateway Road.

Pedestrian / Cyclist Safety (7 mentions)

- Safety of bikers during construction; safety of walkers / pedestrians.
- To solve issue of bike path across Fontanero, consider a roundabout at intersection.
- The bike lane crossing the middle of intersection(s) is questionable.
- [Concerned that] the bike path will constantly wash out.
- Concern: pedestrians and cyclists will be in the middle of 2 driving lanes when the open stream and path end. I believe that will be where the water will go underground. Those non-motorized users will not disappear at that point. In fact, if there is a lot of use there may be several walkers and bicycles. There needs to be a well-planned and large collector for those folks as they want to cross to the side. A good well-marked and even possibly electronically controlled crossing needs to be engineered for safety and comfort of users.
- Concern for the street crossing coming off of Garden of the Gods into the path in the middle of the 2 drive lanes. Needs to be a well-constructed controlled crossing.
- With the work being done, has there been any consideration for street lights: 30th and Water; 31st and Water; 31st and Fillmore? Would definitely help with foot and bike traffic across Fillmore.

Bike Lane / Route (5 mentions)

- One concern at this time is the rerouting of the bike route lanes to 30th Street since it is dependent on city transportation plan and changes. This is a popular route and 30th Street is narrow and hazardous for bikes now.
- Removal of bicycle lanes from 31st Street before their incorporation on 30th Street should not be considered.

- Work to complete the trail / route to connect to Midland Trail at the time of this project.
- This project is a perfect time (once completed) to no longer allow bikes on 30th!!
- Do you have plans or details for connecting the trails systems?

Flood Mitigation / FEMA (5 mentions)

- Accelerating the change (replacement) of the Fontmore to Water Street bridge from 2018-19 timetable to 2017-18 time frame. Rationale – this is a major restriction of flow through ditch and most probable restriction causes flooding from the bridge south to Colorado – and damage to all homes in that area if flood exceeds 1,500 cubic feet / second.
- Please concentrate on protecting us from flood damage. Beautification is nice but should be secondary.
- The FEMA issue is questionable due to speculation that the flood plain will be eliminated. Is there a cost for that?
- As a homeowner, I would like very much to be kept informed as to the dealings with FEMA. As an original homeowner back in the '60s, I was never told about FEMA's flood plain designation for Pleasant Valley. Now, I would appreciate knowing what the outcome of the flood plain "redesign" consists of, i.e. it would be great to see a map published showing the flood plain boundaries. Thanks.
- How many homes / commercial properties were in the original FEMA 100 year flood plain, the revised flood plain, and upon completion of this project?

Howbert Elementary School Impacts (5 mentions)

- At the Howbert bridge, I would like a speed hump to bring the street level up for the kids to bridge level. A wider bridge. When a bicycle or stroller crosses, everyone has to stop.
- School cross-walk bridge doesn't show as being replaced. Is this being updated?
- Parking near the school is already an issue and should be considered with the finer details are put into place.
- Can Water Street be changed to "no through" traffic to protect the kids in the street by the school?
- School parking [is] a concern with cutting back on size of street!!

Continue Involvement / Communication (4 mentions)

- Continue to listen to our concerns stated tonight. Work with us and we will work with you. Thank you.
- Can the Pleasant Valley neighborhood be included when the finer details are created?
- I would like to have some idea of when and how this plan will be implemented, i.e. phasing proposals – what comes first, etc.
- It would be nice to know how things are progressing in terms of money available and work to be accomplished.

Foothills Trail (4 mentions)

- Foothills Trail through Rock Ledge Ranch should be paved to keep road bicycles from heeding to use 30th Street.
- Don't let Foothills Trail get too close to the road. Walkers get uncomfortable too close to traffic! Maybe it could loop around the high embankment.
- Foothills Trail – uncomfortable with how close it comes to 30th Street. Could you do a loop to the west out along the 25' berm and back? Views would be great to the south, too!
- Adjusting the Foothills Trail to go through the dog park and closer to 30th Street. If you pave that section, the cyclists would have a safe alternative.

Garden of the Gods Detention Pond (4 mentions)

- I thought the detention pond construction would start in 2014. I understand you need the funding. Thanks for addressing the various completion years for each segment of the project.
- I wish the detention / sediment pond could be constructed before the upcoming flood season.
- The proximity of the retention pond north of Gateway to the GoG entrance mandates a positive visual effect. Vegetation of some reclamation is required.
- My #1 priority is the retention pond upstream. I know it's to hold back sediment; however, it holds water, too – and lots of it. Biggest bang for the buck.

Trees on 31st Street (4 mentions)

- If trees along the existing parkway are removed, I would like to see an option for new trees to be planted. Also, the sketches showing trees / shrubbery along the creek are very nice.
- Concerns for loss of trees, bushes, etc., the homeowners have planted in the cutouts on 31st.
- Keep the trees!
- I would be concerned if the hump to save trees would not be consistent.

Other (8 mentions)

- Less \$, more safety, less aesthetics.
- I know it's on Forest [Service] land and not City. But it would be nice if something extra could be accomplished upstream of Glen Eyrie property.
- Rock Ledge Ranch doesn't show up in the plan.
- Why not cover the Creek from Fontanero to the Garden? Or cover the Creek from Water Street to the Garden? A) It will make more parking space; B) it will provide more walking and biking trails.
- Be sure to check alternatives for the water from the Mesa down to our ditch. Isn't there somewhere / some other drainage option? That changed the total water flow capacity of the ditch.
- Pleasant Valley would like the opportunity to have new infrastructure added, i.e., Internet, fiber, etc., PCISys.net or Comcast, etc. (PV is researching this).
- I don't think we should wait for a disaster to happen before making future improvements.
- Consider springs that flow from Westmoor Park through to current creek. One located about 828 / 830 (street address) area.