

**INITIAL GREENWAY CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES
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All alternatives would address water quality and flood plain issues. They also would provide a non-motorized system of access and mobility to complement the motorized system.

Restoration

Restore the creek as open space, which will provide a buffer along U.S. Highway 24. Create a true “green space”. The greenway would be subtle and integrated into the neighborhood. The landscape would be natural with very little manicured landscape. The major aesthetic goal would be to preserve existing trees and to maintain the natural appearing creek edges. Also, vegetative solutions would be used in lieu of architectural or engineered solutions. The focus of the greenway would be towards local residents and toward passive uses like pocket parks, nature hikes and small intimate spaces. An emphasis would be placed on making local connections to existing business districts, local attractions, and parks and open spaces. Since the greenway would be more of a big back yard for west side residents, there would not be a lot of parking opportunities.



Gateway

The greenway would aesthetically define the west side, as well as announce a gateway to the community and to the mountains. It would convey to travelers on U.S. Highway 24 that this is a place (Place Making), not just a passageway. A hierarchy of gateways would be created, regional, local and neighborhood. Very dramatic arrival sequences would be developed and occur between 21st Street and 31st Street and then again at Manitou Avenue. View corridors and access corridors to existing regional destinations would be prioritized. Also, new destinations would be provided in the form of large scale public spaces, such as an amphitheater. Parking and connections to regional mass-transit would be prioritized. To highlight the different gateways, manicured landscape and architectural elements would be juxtaposed against native creek landscaping.



Creekwalk

The creek would become a very urban corridor and would be contained in a very architectural channel. The intent would be to maximize usable ground by minimizing the creek footprint. This usable ground would be used for both public and private uses. The plan would be to orient adjacent land uses to the creek. The creekwalk would accommodate very active uses, such as athletic complexes, entertainment venues and new business districts. The landscaping, while there would still be riparian areas for water treatment, would be more manicured.

