



Citrus Heights Creek Corridor Trail Project Trail Advisory Group Field Trip #1

May 29, 2013

9:00 – 11:00 am

Trellis Hall, Citrus Heights

Project Overview

The City of Citrus Heights is studying the feasibility of establishing a multi-use trail system within the City's 26 miles of creek and SMUD corridors (the Study Area). The study will identify existing conditions, constraints, opportunities, alignment options, phasing options, and cost estimates for a network of multi-use trails for use by bicyclists, walkers, joggers, wheelchair users, and other non-motorized uses.

The City's goals for this project include:

- Improve Mobility
 - *Create new ways to get between local destinations*
- Provide Connections to Complete Streets
 - *Design roadways for all users (pedestrians, bicycles, and cars)*
- Become More Sustainable
 - *Improved air quality*
 - *Reduced greenhouse gases*
 - *Reduce automobile traffic*
- Improve Recreation Opportunities
- Enhance Natural Environment
 - *Improve water quality*
 - *Reduce flooding risks*
 - *Improve access to natural areas*
- Improve Public Health

Attendees

Representatives from ten of the Trail Advisory Group (TAG) stakeholder organizations attended the first Trail Advisory Group Field Trip for the Citrus Heights Creek Corridor Trail Project. The attending TAG organizations were:

- Area 4 Agency on Aging
- Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Citrus Heights Collaborative
- Neighborhood Watch
- Reach - Quadrant A (areas 1, 2, & 3)
- REACH - Quadrant B (areas 6, 7, & 8)
- REACH - Quadrant C (areas 4 & 5)
- REACH - Quadrant D (areas 9, 10, & 11)
- San Juan Unified School District
- Sacramento Area Creeks Council

Meeting Goals

- View different Creek and utility corridors around the City
- Develop a shared understanding of existing conditions
- Discuss potential opportunities and constraints

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Field Trip Route

The field trip began at Trellis Hall where Kate Kirsh (Project Manager, Foothill Associates) provided an overview of the Study Area (Cripple, Arcade, and Brooktree Creeks and SMUD corridor), the field trip route, and stop locations. TAG members were given a comment form that provided a map of each stop as well as some existing opportunities and constraints to consider, TAG members were asked to provide any additional feedback or observations on the form. TAG members provided input and comments on each stop as follows:

Stop 1: Shadowcreek Park

- Existing trail in public park
- Adjacent private property
- Creek crossings

TAG comments:

- Beautiful place for trail – invasive species are a problem. Would like to have seen the opposite end of the trail. When would it connect?
- Culvert crossing would be very difficult for handicapped.
- Great open space. Already used. In flood plain.
- Are there legal connections/easements upstream and downstream? Not downstream? Upstream to Park Oaks? Variable width corridor.
- Past history of neighborhood resistance to general use.
- 17 acres. No development just trails – creek. Some non-indigenous trees. No parking.
- Creek crossings will be expensive to mitigate, however would add a great experience.
- Move trail further away from creek for less impact on habitat and to leave opportunity to restore incised bank to more gentle slope. Remove turf- no need – not an active use area and better for oaks. Educate north side neighbors about invasive plants – arundo, catalpa, palms, etc. Need to address arundo asap! Ivy is killing oaks.
- Very nice area.

Stop 2: Park Oaks Drive and Brooktree Creek

- Narrow corridor
- Eroding bank
- At-grade crossing and bike lane

TAG comments:

- Would be interested in how they would stabilize the bank.
- Narrow – nice park. Grade crossing fine.
- Very narrow right of way, deeply incised creek.
- Very narrow access next to house. No parking.
- Beautiful site. Needs a trail like Crosswoods.
- Problem area – too narrow.

Stop 3: Sylvan Oaks Library

- Existing paved trail in public park
- Wide corridor/natural area
- Private neighborhood setting

TAG comments:

- Trail could be widened. Not sure about the other section after the culvert.

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- Grade issues for ADA.
- Corridor from Crosswoods Park to Stock Ranch is publicly owned by SPRD, however, closely bounded by private development. Could serve as an alternate east-west route for students attending Sylvan MS, attenuate to Auburn.
- Like the rocks stoning up the creek bank. Great location for a trail – like the wide open space.
- Beautiful area.
- Invasive plants.

Stop 4: Oak Avenue / SMUD Corridor

- Encroachment into easement/park
- Existing trail
- Main arterial crossing

TAG comments:

- SMUD – good opportunity for a trail – joint partners? Could save City dollars.
- Fences in easement. Great opportunity for improved trail.
- Private property with SMUD and trail easement at far end – 50’ wide.
- Could create access along east side of Woodside campus to access park and eventually SMUD corridor. Maybe a formal path with low fence would work.
- Nice wide area for a trail.
- Much needed arterial connection.

Stop 5: Villa Oak / SMUD Corridor

- Utility easement
- Backyard locations

TAG comments:

- Going south is there room for a trail?
- Narrow easement, on north side, narrow fenced corridor though easement is wider.
- Private property with SMUD and trail easement. 30’ wide. NO creek back to back property lots.
- Near Woodside Elementary.
- Take easements back for public use.

Stop 6: Twin Oaks Open Space

- Wide corridor
- Discontinuity of Corridor
- On-street connection

TAG comments:

- Should be a priority. Looks easier to complete.
- City and SPRD ownership, completely appropriate long distance corridor on Cripple Creek.
- Old Auburn at Teva Oaks. Construction starts on trail this summer.
- Nice area for a trail – lots of open space – quiet area.
- Good opportunity – wide – existing users.

Stop 7: Arcade Creek Park Preserve / Sayonara Drive

- Trail to street grade challenges
- Street crossing and visibility
- Recreation value for neighborhood

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TAG comments:

- Change name of Sayonara.
- SPRD putting in multi lane in Arcade Preserve from Sayonara to Sunrise next year. Downstream of Sayonara, what is the ownership?
- Change name of street.
- Steep grade however provides for an exciting trail and landscape conflicts to Arcade Creek Park.
- Would add legitimate uses to the riparian area. Nice fit with new park.

Stop 8: San Pablo Drive / Channelized Creek Crossing

- Channelized creek
- Backyard locations

TAG comments:

- Concrete side not feasible.
- No good for trail.

Next Steps:

- Project information is available on the project website at www.chcreektrails.net
- Next TAG meeting - July