

## Bozeman Creek Downtown Plan References

### 2019 Downtown Bozeman Improvement Plan

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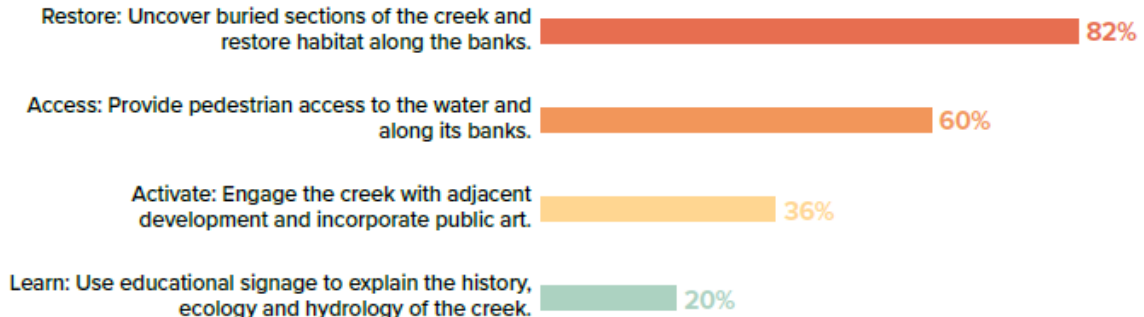
The Bozeman City Commission formally adopted the 2019 Downtown Bozeman Improvement Plan on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Chapter 7 “Connected to Nature and Culture” of the 2019 DBIP highlight opportunities and ideas for Bozeman Creek.

Natural Systems (p. 123)

- “The waterways- Bozeman Creek and Story Ditch-are wonderful resources that connect residents to the timeless flow of the valley...to often these priceless waterways are concealed, forced into pipes underground, held at arm’s length by fencing, walls and overgrown vegetation, and lacking a unified identity as part of the city’s essential natural heritage”.

### HOW SHOULD DOWNTOWN ENGAGE WITH BOZEMAN CREEK?



Ensure Downtown open spaces foster gathering, recreation, flexibility, programming and local identity (p.124). The third element of this section calls out the creeks: (3). To revitalize the creeks and drainage system for improved ecological health and community benefit.

- Revitalizing the Creeks (p.125) “The DBIP calls for strategic improvements to these systems to increase ecological health, better provide connectivity, celebrate natural heritage and integrate urban drainage systems. Recommendations are framed as restoration, interpretation, and activation projects.”

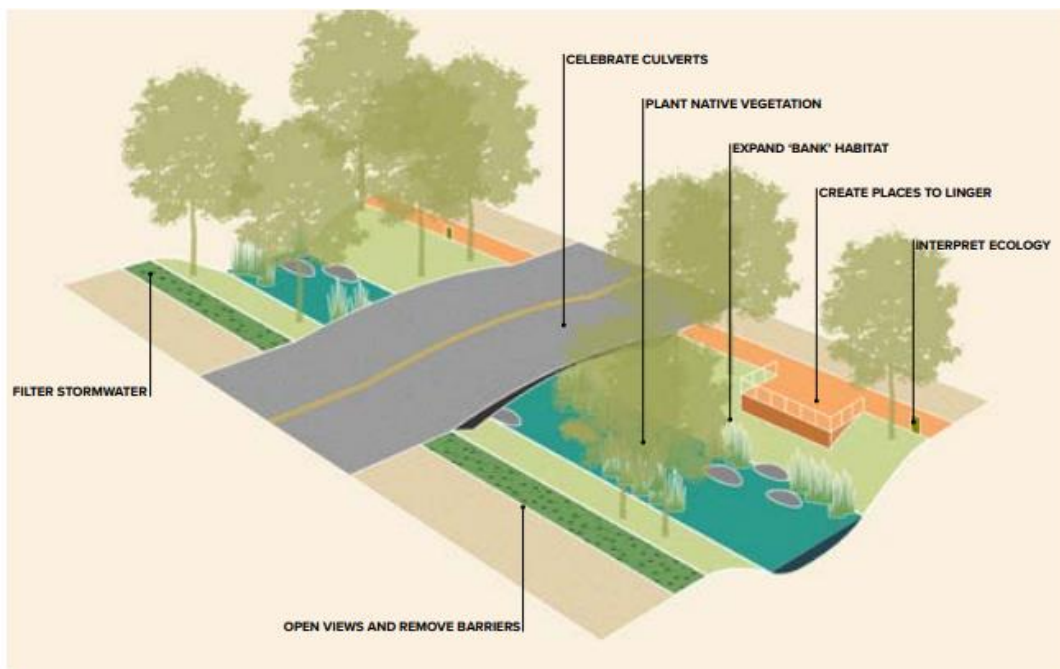
Highlight nature whenever possible, strengthening amenities that are unique to Bozeman. The water ways offer potential which can be taken in incremental steps. (p.130)

- Restoration and Access- Ecological restoration helps protect and revitalize urban waterways while fostering advocacy.

- Interpretation- “In addition to physical signs, maps, design and digital tools that highlight urban natural resources, interpretation can also take the form of public art, both temporary and permanent.”
- Activation- Create points of access for viewing and seating, bring people to the creek with events and art.

#### Existing Bozeman Creek and Proposed Bozeman Creek (p.132-133)

- Existing creek is hard to engage with as it sits behind barriers making it difficult to make a connection with people. There are other issues such as no treatment of stormwater run-off and flooding.
- Proposed creek opportunities allow the creek to be revealed in creative ways through placemaking, native plantings and improved flooding mitigation.



#### 2009 Downtown Bozeman Improvement Plan

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The Downtown Bozeman Improvement Plan, adopted in 2009, serves as a broad planning tool to ensure the long-term economic health, historic character, and cultural vitality of Bozeman’s downtown urban center.

Create a Network of Open Spaces (p.22) mentions downtown benefitting from plazas and courtyards, and pocket parks along Bozeman Creek.

## Open Up Bozeman Creek (p.25)

- Bozeman Creek should be revealed and made a centerpiece of downtown's open space system. Where the creek cannot be exposed, it should be highlighted with public art or surface treatments. When space is available, public open space and seating should be provided.



Current creek condition

Preliminary Next Steps (p.44) calls out for a “Greening Downtown” Plan to “better identify opportunity to green the alleys, establish pocket parks, and enhance Bozeman Creek.”

### **1998 Downtown Bozeman Improvement Plan**

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The primary goal of this plan is to foster an economically thriving downtown that attracts investment, stabilizes and strengthens the tax base and supports the vitality and diversity of the Gallatin Valley as its social and cultural center.

Parking Lot Improvements (p.32) suggests installing landscape buffers and planting areas, including along Bozeman Creek.

Bozeman Creek Enhancement (p.43): “This plan recommends “rediscovering” Bozeman Creek and utilizing it in a way to promote interested and provide a new Downtown amenity.” The improvements would include green spaces and seating areas, stream cleanup, educational displays and artistic elements.

History Setting, Bozeman Creek, and Future Plans (p.48) says that the creek is a valuable Downtown resource and if it is not maintained it will dramatically change Downtown's future. “Rediscovering and making use of Bozeman Creek. Bozeman Creek, as a simple natural waterway, has the opportunity to be a major Downtown amenity. Future planning efforts should be initiated now to define ways to restore the creek and use it as a feature in a revitalized Downtown”.

## **1995 Downtown Urban Renewal Plan**

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Established a framework and direction to alleviate downtown's obsolescence and deterioration and provided for its growth and increased prosperity.

Principle 3: Improve the Safety, Security and Health of the District (p.10)

Implementation Actions:

12. Develop storm water management techniques to protect Bozeman Creek.

Principle 8: The Image of Downtown Shall Be Continuously Improved (p.12)

Implementation Actions:

10. Enhance the appearance of and accessibility to Bozeman Creek.

Vision to Reality (p.14): "Consideration might even be given to uncovering Bozeman Creek just enough so people strolling Main Street would know of its presence...."

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