

Appendix G. Public Involvement

El Rio Antiguo

Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study

Public Scoping Meeting
November 13, 2001

US Army Corps of Engineers
and
Pima County Flood Control District



Summary Prepared by Novak Environmental, Inc.

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I. Introduction

On November 13, 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Pima County Flood Control District (PCFCD) held a Public Scoping Meeting to gather input from the public on the El Rio Antiguo Feasibility Study of habitat restoration on the Rillito Creek. The area to be addressed in the Study is comprised of the Rillito Creek and surrounding areas, from Craycroft Road to Campbell Avenue in Tucson, Arizona. The Feasibility Study will recommend solutions to the problems and concerns associated with habitat restoration, and to provide an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the study area.

The intent of the meeting, held early in the feasibility study process, was to solicit public input on significant environmental issues that may be associated with any future action that the study may propose. The public was encouraged to submit data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental, historic, cultural, and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis.

In attendance at the meeting were:

From the Phoenix Office of the USACE:

Carmen Lara, Administrative Assistant,
Kathleen Bergman, Physical Science Study Manager,
Joe Dixon, Chief of Water Recourses Planning

From PCFCD:

Carla Danforth, Project Manager and
Elizabeth Hill, Hydrologist

Soley Snyder and John Chinnock of Novak Environmental, Inc. facilitated the meeting. Sixty (60) members of the public signed in to the meeting, copies of the sign in sheets are found in Appendix A of this document.

This document summarizes the minutes of the meeting, as well as the comments and concerns expressed by the public during and after the meeting.

2. Meeting Minutes

El Rio Antiguo Feasibility Study Public Scoping Meeting

Date: November 13, 2001

Time: 6:10 pm - 8:00 pm

Place: First Evangelical Free Church

700 North Swan Road

Tucson, AZ

A. Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Soley Snyder who explained the purpose of the public scoping meeting, described the project area, and explained the agenda for the evening. All USACE and PCFCD personnel present were introduced. It was explained that after the formal presentations, the public would be divided into two groups and directed to the maps of the study area located on either side of the room. A representative from both the USACE and PCFCD would be available at both locations to answer individual questions. The smaller groups would then also be asked to make comments and mark sensitive areas on the maps.

B. Local Sponsor Support

Carla Danforth of the PCFCD introduced the feasibility study as a four year process that should be wrapped up by 2005. She then used slides to show the existing condition of the Rillito Creek in the study area. The existing conditions generally showed soil cement banks and a lack of mature, native vegetation in the river bed. She also showed slides of more natural washes in the county and reiterated the importance of habitat restoration.

C. US Army Corps of Engineers Process

Kathleen Bergman gave a short presentation outlining the USACE and their process.

She presented the USACE Points of contact and how to contact them. The contacts for this project included:

John Moeur - USACE

Kathleen Bergman- USACE

Carla Danforth- PCFCD

Kathleen then presented the Corps Missions:

- Navigation
- Flood Damage Reduction
- and Ecosystem Restoration

In explaining the process for the Feasibility Study, she described the four phases of USACE projects:

1. Reconnaissance- Paid for by the USACE
2. Feasibility Study - Cost Shared by USACE and Local Sponsor
3. Design - Cost Shared by USACE and Local Sponsor
4. Implementation - Cost Shared by USACE and Local Sponsor

She also explained the areas that would be evaluated in the Feasibility Study, which included:

Hydrology

Economics

Environment and Habitat

Geotech

Cost Estimating

Alternative and Conceptual Designs, and a
Comparison of Alternatives

It was reiterated that the NEPA process involves public input throughout the process. For this project the expected dates are as follows:

Draft Feasibility Study: April 2003

Public Hearing on Study: May 2004

Public comment periods will follow both of these steps.

Public input will be solicited through a variety of avenues including:

Newspaper Articles,

Public Information Mailings,

Coordination with Interest Groups,

Public Workshops,

Formal Public Hearings.

Ms. Bergman then encouraged the participating public to sign-in on the sign-in sheets and to complete the comment sheets provided.

3. Public Input

The attending members of the public were invited to split into two groups on either side of the room. At each meeting area, there were maps of the study area, one showing the study area over an aerial photograph of the area, and another showing the land ownership of parcels in the study area. A representative from the USACE and the PCFCD were available at each map. Participants were encouraged to ask questions of the representatives and to indicate their concerns and desires for the project by adding their comments to the comment sheets, placing labeled dots on the maps, and recording their comments on paper. A team member from Novak Environmental, Inc. was also available at each station to facilitate the session.

A. General Public Comments

Three overlying themes stood out in the comments, Recreation, Restoration and Development.

1. Recreation:

- Many people indicated that they wanted to see the trail system that is found west of Campbell continued, including the trail amenities like parking lots, drinking fountains, equestrian access points, etc.
- People like that the North bank has paved trails for bikes, etc. and the South bank has unpaved trails for pedestrians. They would like to see this continue.
- Equestrian access was a major point, many people use the river bed to ride their horses and are very concerned that this be allowed to continue.
- Equestrian access is desired from both the north and south banks, at many locations throughout the study area. Equestrians also indicated that for safety reasons, equestrian access (official and unofficial) is needed frequently so riders are able to get out of the river in the case of a flood.
- Several people indicated that they did not want to see soccer fields and other lighted sports fields developed within the study area. Many people indicated that they wanted to see the area stay as “natural” as possible.
- People requested that shaded recreation areas be provided in the design- specifically trees that would shade the pathways and rest areas.
- Neighbors were concerned that access to the study area

Recreation

A. General Public Comments Continued

be provided from nearby neighborhoods, and that both vehicular, pedestrian, and equestrian access be addressed.

2. Habitat Restoration:

- Mesquite bosque and grassland restoration, both in the channel bed and the overbanks was considered desirable.
- Though most people gave a general acceptance of the existing bank protection; understanding the need for existing flood control, but would like to see other bank options explored in future projects. Suggestions included planting banks with cottonwood, bioengineering, etc.
- People wanted to know if water would be put back in the river?
- People also asked about groundwater recharge in the river. Some expressed that they would like to see more of this. However, equestrians wanted the recharge areas to be clearly marked because the soft ground in these areas can be dangerous to horses.
- There were suggestions made that some areas be turned into wetlands, to facilitate groundwater recharge and provide wildlife habitat.
- Several people suggested that storm water in the channel needs to be slowed. The channelization of the creek has increased water velocities, preventing the water from pooling or ponding and creating the temporary wetlands/recharge areas that historically formed in the channel. (Possible detention areas or areas of open water in channel?)
- There were also concerns raised about tributary channels and the maintenance and restoration of these channels as well.
- There was a general concern that vector control be addressed in any areas of open water.

3. Existing and Future Development

- There was concern that the planned changes to River Road will impact the study area and this should be addressed and coordinated within the Feasibility Study.
- Several people indicated that they did not want to see commercial development along the river.

Restoration

Development

It was also expressed by several people that they would like to see local, Tucson consultants working on the Feasibility Study and the Design and Implementation of this project. The public is concerned that people from outside the area (California) are not familiar with the Rillito, the local ecosystems, plants, and desires of the residents of Tucson. They felt that local consultants could be more responsive and better understood the unique hydrology and ecology of the Rillito. This was also expressed in an E-mail response which can be found in Appendix B of this document.

B. Specific Workshop Comments

These comments were placed on the maps and comment boards provided.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS GENERATED FROM MAP WORKSHOPS

- Keep south bank pedestrian (unpaved)
- Keep equestrian access from both north and south banks
- Provide equestrian access from the south bank
- Indicate locations of recharge areas for equestrian users
- Do not reduce access points for equestrians - Safety during floods
- Provide shaded recreation areas—trees along pathways, etc.
- Water in the channel at specific points
- No further narrowing of bed and floodplain
- Slow water down
- Explore alternatives to soil cement banks
- Try to get back to 50 years ago
- Look at effect of powerlines and wildlife habitat
- No reclaimed water
- Detention areas to slow water / provide habitat
- Address flooding at the bend in River Road
- Maintain Equestrian access
- Vector control throughout project
- Maintain channels and tributaries
- Restore Grasslands/ riparian vegetation
- Extension of recreation facilities (trails, water fountains, rest rooms, parking lots, etc.) like west of Campbell
- No parking lots
- No soccer fields

C. Specific Mapped Comments

FROM DOTS ON MAPS

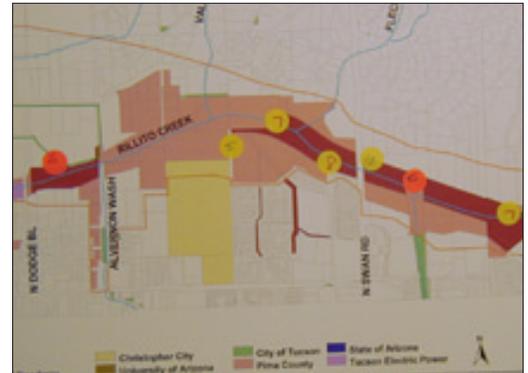
- Currently significant soil and hill erosion on north side of river walkway- needs to be reversed soon, with permanent solution for final design. Growing cottonwood trees off the sidewalk would help. (At bend in Rillito west of Country Club Rd.)
- Christmas wash is being degraded because it is being used as a 'default' parking lot near the river. As a protected wash, it is important to restore this area also. (At Christmas Wash and the Rillito)
- Craycroft wash traditional trail connects to Rillito - Request it remains open - important for equestrian usage, as there is very little access remaining for horse riders elsewhere. (West of Craycroft)
- Don't let "liability issues" prevent a quality solution
- Need to study effect of any increased infiltration upstream of Columbus landfill mobilizing contaminants, i.e., creating leachate that would impact groundwater. (At Columbus Road, south of the Rillito)
- Equestrian access along entire wash (East of Swan, West of Alvernon, East of Christmas Wash)
- Equestrian paths along river
- Concrete berms for water recharge - more or less? (East of Country Club where river bends to North)
- It's oddly mis-prioritized to run Colorado River water down the Rillito River
- Maintain culverts better. Swan and Craycroft and elsewhere, and enlarge if necessary (At Swan and Craycroft)
- Affect on tributary going into River such as Christmas Wash as it goes through Winterhaven (On Christmas Wash, south of study area)
- Formation of an earthen dam for recycle of natural water as it is formed by lake (Between Dodge and Country Club near TEP property)
- Equestrian Paths / Access throughout between Craycroft and Swan
- Water in River between Swan and Alvernon.
- No Soccer Fields (Undeveloped area south of the river between Swan and Alvernon)
- Restore destroyed trees and grasses (Undeveloped area south of

C. Specific Mapped Comments Continued

- the river between Swan and Alvernon)
- Clean up and Plant (North of the river, east of Valley View wash and south of River Road)
- Keep South bank pedestrian (throughout study area)
- Bridge crossing Rillito at Alvernon (At Alvernon)
- No bridge at Alvernon
- Equestrian access (at Alvernon - north of the river)
- Horse access (on north bank between Dodge and Country Club)
- No commercial development (north of River road at bend in road)
- No additional development (near the bend in the Rillito, between the Rillito and River Road)
- Already too much noise (On River Road between Country Club alignment and Christmas Wash alignment)
- Horse access (On north bank east of Christmas Wash alignment)
- Keep Open (Park) (Undeveloped area owned by City of Tucson, south of the Rillito, east of Christmas Wash)
- Horse properties (South of study area, east of Christmas Wash)
- Restore/Revegetate Christmas Wash (On Christmas Wash)
- U of A Extension Farm (East of Campbell, south of the Rillito)

Participants in the meeting were encouraged to write comments on colored dots and place them on the maps provided. To ensure comments were recorded completely and accurately, they were also recorded on large paper near the maps.

Questionnaires, mail-in cards, and E-mail were also used to gather additional comments.



Land Use Workshop Map



Aerial Workshop Map

D. Questionnaire Responses

At the meeting, a questionnaire was distributed and members of the public were encouraged to fill them out and either return them that night, or to send them back in the provided postage-paid envelopes. Twenty seven response letters were received from members of the public. Copies of the actual responses are included in Appendix B of this document.

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

The overwhelming response to this question were recreation related activities. The most popular recreation related activities included walking on the trails and horse riding.

Recreation: 81% - (22 of 27)

Habitat or Wildlife Corridor: 37% - (10 of 27)

Flood Control: 11% - (3 of 27)

Transportation: 4% - (1 of 27)

Property Values: 4% - (1 of 27)

Hlstory: 4% (1 of 27)

**The total percentage equals more than 100% because some responses included more than one role.*

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

The predominant responses to this question related to habitat restoration.

Habitat Restoration: 41% - (11 of 27)

Additional trails/ Connections: 19% - (5 of 27)

Landscaping: 11% - (3 of 27)

Provide Buffer to Urban Areas: 7% - (2 of 27)

Public Input: 7% - (2 of 27)

Coyote Control: 4% - (1 of 27)

Allow unleashed dogs: 4% - (1 of 27)

Water in River: 4% - (1 of 27)

Erosion Control: 4% - (1 of 27)

Keep vehicles Out: 4% - (1 of 27)

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes: 81% - (22 of 27)

Yes, but concerned about cost: 8% - (2 of 27)

Yes, but concerned about equestrian access: 4% - (1 of 27)

Unsure what restoration entails: 8% - (2 of 25)

E. Written Comments/Postcard Responses

After the meeting, members of the public submitted additional comments on the postcards that were provided at the meeting, and through E-mail. These comments are summarized below and copies of the actual responses are included in Appendix B of this document.

POSTCARD RESPONSES

My visions/concerns for this project:

- Encourage natural wildlife to co-exist, indigenous landscaping and safety of users.
- Equal opportunity for everyone interested to help plan and use the river area.
- Restore the corridor so that it can support the birds and wildlife it used to.
- Hope this is actually done and a blueprint for other projects.
Would live to see a hydrogen clean fuel cell power plant at the Columbus Landfill using methane gas to power the plant. Tokyo, Japan uses such power plants at their landfills.
By-product water.
- Revegetation of Rillito with Cottonwoods and other natural trees.
This could slow the water flow when river is full and prevent down-river flooding. Prevent zoning changes north of river.
- Restoration of riparian habitat (really rehabilitation) e.g. mesquite bosque okay. Cottonwood-Willow probably not feasible without additional water.
- Unpaved riverside trails for pedestrians as well as paved for bikes.
Access to river trails after sunset for owling, etc.

E-MAIL RESPONSES

Features I would like to see...

- Additional landscaping with native vegetation...
- Clean up of adjacent trash..dumping near path...river bottom... removal of graffiti...
- Pave north path
- Add bike lanes to Dodge Blvd. from Ft. Lowell to River Rd.
make accessing the river park safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Winding, linear dirt path parallel to river park for mtn. bikers and trail runners.

F. Government Agency Response

One letter was received from the invited governmental agencies. This letter, from John M. McGee - Forest Supervisor for the USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, stated that this project will not affect National Forest Service lands administered by the Coronado National Forest.

4. Summary

The public scoping meeting was well attended and comments were generally positive toward the project. Valuable comments were made both during and after the meeting. The public was encouraged to give input into the project in several ways, through verbal comments at the meeting, questionnaires, writing in on postcards, and submitting E-mails to the project managers. Providing a variety of formats and opportunities for comments allowed over half of the attending public to submit comments in writing.

The public comments were generally supportive of the project, as both a restoration and recreational opportunity. Local citizens use the river park for recreation and recognize the value of the Rillito River as a wildlife habitat corridor, as well as a potential transportation corridor for equestrians, pedestrians and bike riders. Improvements to trails and recreation, along with native landscaping has been completed on reaches of the Rillito west of the project site. These areas are very popular with local citizens, who would like to see a similar, more restoration based, project continue on the River. Equestrian users of the Rillito River were a vocal group, calling for continued, safe access to the river bed for horse riding.

There was little to no mention of any economic, cultural, or archeological issues in any of the comments. Some members of the public did address the need for continued flood control, though many of these comments indicated that the public would like to see more 'alternative', biological methods of flood control incorporated into the project.

Based on the feedback and comments gathered at and after the meeting, this project will be well supported by the Tucson community if the project is able to balance habitat restoration and the recreational function of the Rillito River. These goals are not mutually exclusive, as each will enhance the other.

Appendix A
Sign-in Sheets

El Rio Antiguo
Habitat Restoration Feasibility
Study Public Scoping Meeting



El Rio Antiguo Feasibility Study
Public Scoping Meeting - November 13, 2001

Sign Up Sheet - Please Print Legibly

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Sign Up Sheet - Please Print Legibly

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49 Susan-to Miller	3801 N SWAN RD	85718



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Sign Up Sheet - Please Print Legibly

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Appendix B
Written Comments

El Rio Antiguo
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Study Public Scoping Meeting

PIMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

November 13, 2001

Elizabeth
for your file
+ pls FAX to
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El Rio Antiguo
Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study
Questionnaire

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

It is a wildlife corridor, place to hike, be quiet, watch
owls and hawks. It's very important to us and to animals

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

yes. keep motor vehicles out of wash and
side canyons. They knock down barriers and tear up the
wash while disturbing everything and everybody around.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

yes.

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
- Other

Comments:

The Rillito has been urbanized along with the rest of
our neighborhood. People are ok, but keep ATVs and 4-wheelers
OUT!

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El Rio Antiguo
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Questionnaire

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Flood control, restoration, aesthetics, habitat

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Restore vegetation/habitat of adjoining/flooded washes.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
- Other

Comments:

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El Rio Antiguo
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Questionnaire

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

recreational use for residents + tourist/visitors

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

allow unleashed dogs in certain areas of the wash. This is what the people want!

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

*only in a time of economic surplus!
The benefits of the current project are not worth*

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

(in my opinion) the inevitable disruptions in the use of the river walks.

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
- Other

Comments:

I'd rather see the existing wash ecosystem left as is and the federal \$ money used to extend the river walk further east from Craycroft bridge.

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Questionnaire

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

RECREATION (biking, walking, etc) (BIRD-WATCHING) (HORSE & MOTORCYCLE RIDE
IN BED)
PROVIDES LINK FOR ANIMALS & PEOPLE UP & DOWN STREAM

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

~~NO~~ YES, RECONFIGURE BANKS & TRIBUTARIES TO PROMOTE
STORMWATER HARVESTING, WILDLIFE LINKS TO MORE NATURAL
AREAS UPSTREAM (CATALINAS, PINON)

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

YES, IF DONE PROPERLY & NOT RELYING ON POLITICAL
DECISION MAKING

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
- Other

Comments:

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El Rio Antiguo
Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study
Questionnaire

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

It obviously plays a major role in runoff drainage during storms, but beyond that, it has become a major recreational center in our neighborhood near Tucson Blvd.

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

By restoring vegetation along the Rillito and the washes that feed the Rillito, the aesthetics and functionality will be improved.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes indeed.

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
- Other

Comments:

The side-washes feeding the river are a very important part of this restoration project

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Questionnaire

5/04 End of Study Pd

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Majo Recreation Areas on North Side from Campcroft
West to 29

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Yes
Continue the Walk Paths
& Rec Areas as far in each direction as possible

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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- Other

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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Very important. I live at the end of Columbus, just south of Greenlee.

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Yes, by landscaping

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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Substantial! I ride my horse in it every week. It is also the reason I live in Tucson! It is beautiful, interesting & adds character.

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Providing sage equestrian access into the Rillito & the Pantano ^{at the Pantano} places to tie horses & provide water ^{at key points} at key points.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Not certain: It would be a good addition if the equestrian access is preserved & improved.

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

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Please include Pima Trails Assoc. as 1 of the special interest groups involved.

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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

It is a chance to view uncommercialized areas where wild life can still thrive

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Yes - revegetate with native plants (trees). This would enhance the riparian aspect of the Rillito.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Absolutely

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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Comments:

What is happening with the feasibility study? When does the riparian CAP water in the Rillito?

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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Restoration along banks

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

yes water in river

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

yes

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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WALKING, HORSEBACK RIDING IN DRY RIVER BED

WALKING, BIKING ON PAVED TRAILS ALONG RIVER

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

YES. AT PRESENT RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS A COMBINATION OF
SOME NATURAL VEGETATION AND SOME PLANTED TRAIL SIDE VEGETATION

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?
I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE MESQUITE BOSQUES OR THE LIKE IN LESS
LANDSCAPED ARRANGEMENT TO PROVIDE WILDLIFE HABITAT AS WELL AS
PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY.

YES.

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?
BUT PLEASE - NOT SOCCER OR BASEBALL FIELDS, HIGHLY LANDSCAPED PARK
- KEEP IT NATURAL & WILD AS POSSIBLE.

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
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Comments:

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE RIVER, TRAILS, MESQUITE

BOSQUE OPEN AFTER SUNSET - NOT JUST DURING DAYLIGHT -
SO OWLERS AND OTHERS WANTING TO SEE WILDLIFE AT NIGHT CAN DO SO

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It's a common area for outdoor exercise - fresh air. It should be safe, attractive, useful

1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

It should be a focal point, ideal place to revegetate, restore habitat, ecosystem, and act as buffer between urban areas

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

We don't have enough natural space left in Tucson; we need a refuge for wildlife that has lost habitat

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes!

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

new exercise area, property values, history

Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Careful planning and lots of meetings & public input

Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

yes

Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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Thank you

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"Honoring"/enhancing use of Rillito represents the value of respect for nature. A good thing

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Enhancement of Rillito to its former natural state is good for us all.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Restoration of the Rillito benefits the entire city (even if only indirectly)

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

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HUGE! 2-3 family members walk ^{more} on the
linear parks every day - also many animals
travel + live in the

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Will life needs to be preserved through
habitat preservation

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Unclear as to what "restoring" means to you!

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Use the bike path for exercise + enjoyment.

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Yes

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes especially beautification

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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- Other

Comments:

would like to see park added (ie: specifically dog friendly)

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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Recreation, Ecological Balance, Foot TRANSPORTATION to NEARBY
 Shops & Restaurants, Safe Place to Bivouac or Walk Dogs

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Absolutely. Especially in relation to PRESERVE
 The Ecosystem & prevent further EROSION

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Absolutely - we need to balance development (River Rd
 widening) with better parkspace

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
- Website/email/neighborhood newsletter
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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

Recreation, respite from urban environment, ecology
center, water recharge area

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Yes - don't permit encroachment of building on flood
plain; prohibit dumping of trash; encourage developm
of proper cross-town "freeway" along River Road

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

What does this mean?

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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Comments:

The Rillito ecosystem depends greatly on "up-stream"
areas. These need work too -

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RECREATION

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

YES, ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN WAYS, BIKE PATHS,
AND BRIDAL PATHS... SEPERATED FROM ONE
ANOTHER AS POSSIBLE W/ DESERT VEGETATION.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

MOST DEFINITELY

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
 Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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1. What role does the Rillito River play in your community?

A place to walk

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

Yes! Clean up areas along the river - plant trees and bushes. Make it a pretty place to be.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes! Anytime an area is taken care of and maintained, it adds to the whole community.

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

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WALKING ON RIVERWALK, FLOOD CONTROL

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

RIPARIAN AREA STREAMSIDE WOULD ALLOW
MUCH MORE OF PLANTS, ANIMALS & BEAUTY
IN GENERAL

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

YES — IF COST IS NOT UNREASONABLE

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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Comments:

WATER RETENTION BASINS COULD GREATLY
BENEFIT WILDLIFE AND RECHARGE

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2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

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R.R. PARK PROVIDES REC. OPPORTUNITY

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

YES. BY CONNECTING IT TO THE EXISTING S.F.A. CRUZ
RIVER PARK AND FUTURE PANTANO WASH TRAIL.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

YES. OF COURSE. RESTORATION IS SEEMINGLY OUT OF THE QUESTION,
THOUGH, GIVEN THE LEVEL OF GROUNDWATER. BRING BACK COTTONWOODS & WILLOWS w/
RECHARGE.

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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 Other

Comments:

THE EXISTING RIVER PARK IS SEEN TO BE
SUCCESSFUL. LETS EXPAND THAT MODEL SO WE CAN BEGIN TO USE
IT FOR COMMUTING.

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The walk between Swan & Craycroft is used daily - with
joy by the members of the old Ft. Lowell Assoc. & neighbors.
A great meeting area for neighbors.

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

can the coyote influx be controlled? There were
20 by actual count roiling in the river a month
ago about 6:AM. Seven live continually on our
land.

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

Yes. The walk alone has been a tremendous "mingler."
As the planting grows, it'll be better

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

- Future public meetings/workshops
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 Other - your existing photographs are poor. As I live just

Comments: south of the river and am a professional photographer,
I have a variety of "Before", "During" & "After" shots -
particular of the Alamo Wash. Also river in
full flow including Swan crossing in 1968 flood

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Connection From East to West side of town
from a CAPACION ASPECT what it use to be

2. Can and/or should these roles be enhanced? How?

looking and providing ecological restoration
is practice and feasible since mans intrusions
to not take natural consideration into the equation

3. Would restoring the Rillito River be a notable addition to your community?

YES, could provide a backdrop for future
restorations here and around the state

4. Would you like to participate in the planning process for Rillito River ecosystem restoration? If so, how?

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Comments:

I would love to work in the actual ground work
since I am passionately into environmental ideas

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My visions / concerns for this project: Restore the Corridor

So that it can support the birds and
wildlife it used to.

I would like to participate in the planning process

- Future public meetings/workshops
- Technical or policy-based subcommittees
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My visions / concerns for this project: Hope this is actually
done and a blueprint for other projects. I
would love to see a hydrogen clean fuel cell
power plant at the Columbus landfill using methane
gas to power the plant. Toyota, Japan uses such
power plants at their landfills. BYPRODUCT WATER!
No more oil from middle east!

- I would like to participate in the planning process
- Future public meetings/workshops
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My visions / concerns for this project: it mailed
survey sheet as well.

it would like to encourage natural
wild life to co-exist, indigenous
landscaping and safety of users.

I would like to participate in the planning process

- Future public meetings/workshops
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My visions / concerns for this project: Equal opportunity
for everyone interested to help
plan and use the river area.

I would like to participate in the planning process

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My visions / concerns for this project: re negotiation
of Riparian with cottonwoods & other
Native trees. This would slow the
water flow when river is full &
prevent down-river flooding.
Prevent zoning changes north of river



I would like to participate in the planning process

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My visions / concerns for this project: _____
1. RESTORATION OF RIPARIAN HABITAT (REALLY
REHABILITATION) EG. MESQUITE BOSQUE OR
COTTONWOOD-WILLOW PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE W/O
ADDITIONAL WATER

UNPAVED
2. RIVERSIDE TRAILS FOR PEDESTRIANS AS WELL AS
PAVED FOR BIKES -
ACCESS TO RIVER TRAILS



I would like to participate in the planning process

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Dear Elizabeth-

I have listed some of the features I would like to see in any further expansion of the river park system from Campbell to Craycroft...

Additional landscaping with native vegetation, similar to what has been installed west of Campbell. The eastern section of the facility has the appearance of a wasteland now, with few trees and cactus for the park users to enjoy.

Cleanup of property owner's trash that is visible from the north bank of the River Park. Landscaping debris and broken concrete has been dumped on the slope next to the path and is ugly to look at. Shopping carts, and other debris should be removed from the river bottom. Allow for funding of continuing graffiti abatement programs for the park. Several bridges west of Campbell have been 'tagged'.

Pave the northern side of the river path, comparable to the existing facilities to the west.

Add bike lanes to Dodge Blvd. from Ft. Lowell Road to River Rd. to make accessing the river park safer for cyclists, and pedestrians.

Improve access to the Country Club bridge through the Racquet Club.

Consider designing a winding, linear dirt path that parallels the river park for mountain bikers and trail runners.

Connectivity! Find a way to build links with river paths further east and south from Craycroft, or tie into the existing bike path system.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynda Canfield [mailto:real_canfield@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2001 5:20 PM
To: Carla Danforth
Subject: RE:

Thank you Carla! And excuse me - I must have misunderstood that the cement was already in place from before. I am so glad you feel this way about it and thanks again for your prompt response.

Lynda

--- Carla Danforth <cdanforth@dot.co.pima.az.us>
wrote:

Hi Lynda,
El Rio Antiguo project encompasses the Rillito between Craycroft and Campbell. This reach is already soil cement, we are not proposing to do more. Soil cement is no longer the preferred method of flood control from the Flood Control District's viewpoint. This is a feasibility study to look at opportunities to restore native vegetation and riparian habitat along the Rillito and major tributaries.

I agree soil cement is ugly and detrimental to the river ecosystem. Our goal is help restore some of the habitat lost. Thanks for your input, we are asking the community to be involved in this study and your participation is important.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynda Canfield
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Sent: Friday, November 16, 2001 9:49 AM
To: cdanforth@dot.co.pima.az.us
Subject:

Hello Carla,

I just read Laura Cooper's report back to us from attending the Army Corp of Engr Rillito project. She was generally positive and hopeful, but expressed the disappointment felt by all of us over another "soil cement" project. why not try something more attractive, like Ann Hadley's landscaping method.

Perhaps it would be better if it involved more Tucson folks who have to live with the ugliness of soil cement instead of Phx and L.A. engineers who can just go home. Please reconsider these methods, especially before doing anything further with our once beautiful Rillito and Santa Cruz River areas.

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More Comments

Dear Carla,

Thank you for your presentation and informal aftermath. The whole project sounds very exciting and I, for one, would like to participate in bringing back our section of the Rillito. Following are my responses to your questionnaire.

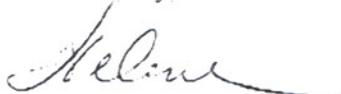
1. The Rillito is an integral part of my life and plays a huge role in my community. Flecha Caida Ranch Estates # 3 is one of the few close-in neighborhoods that has retained a feeling of wilderness. We have large populations of wildlife, such as hawk, owls, rabbits, squirrels, gophers, coyotes, bobcats that make their home in and around the wash. I own two parcels, each 4 acres, which come within 30 feet of the Rillito. A great percentage of my acreage is covered with mesquite bosque and desert willow. I gingerly trim only the most obvious dead wood each year and encourage my neighbors to keep their trees and any other natural characteristics that make our neighbor unique.

I ride my horse in the wash and on the surrounding trails that meander through the mesquite and cottonwood. I walk my dog and ride my bike along the river walk and get up every morning and smell the clean, cool air generated by all of the foliage.

2. I believe that we should preserve and do whatever can be done to bring this area back, as closely as possible, to what it may once have been. It can only improve my lifestyle and the quality of life of future generations.
3. Restoring the Rillito would definitely improve our community. It would control dust, create opportunities for leisure, increase our property values and create opportunities for commerce. It would also preserve the unique character of Tucson and save us from catastrophic mistakes made by neighboring cities.
4. I **would** like to participate in the planning process. My back round is in sales promotion, which included, public speaking, public relations, advertising, creative writing and I am currently a realtor. I will be happy to work in any area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,



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