West Park/Riverbend Corridor

Interim Project

Special Opportunities on the River

- River-based recreation (canoeing, rafting, kayaking, fishing)
- Bicycling, walking trails (linear)
- Wildlife/Native vegetation (opportunity & constraint
- Adjacent – picnic, wading, scenic values
- Community river frontage – connection of historic sites

The Site

- Riverbend Park is located along scenic stretch of Feather River near the heart of Oroville
- The park is strategically located at the Montgomery street interchange leading to downtown Oroville
- The gradual slope down to the river, rather that a steep levee provides excellent access to River
- The site is publicly owned, with some initial park improvements, and it has a history of public use and boat launching into river

History

- Site Considered for park development – 1973 & 1976 legislation
- City transferred ownership to Park District (FRRPD)
- FRRPD Master Development Plan for Riverbend Park (1993)

Community Needs

- Restores Historic community use of river
- Need is demonstrated through visitation jump following minimal improvements
- City of Oroville Goal (Public Facilities Element): 3.8 acres/1,000 population (Oroville currently has 2.7 acres/1,000

Riverbend Park Broad Objectives

- River oriented, regional type park serving both community and visitors
- Connection from existing Bike Path to wildlife area
- Area left for potential visitor center or possibly concession
- Appropriate to site – take advantage of sloping land, reflect urban character,utilize land that is already disturbed, adapted to projected flood levels

FRRPD 1993 Master Development Plan for Riverbend Park: Proposed Facilities

- A natural area/riparian enhancement project
- Open space/landscaped areas
- Picnic areas
- A bicycle staging area
- Walking, jogging, and bicycle paths and roads
- A museum/nature/recreation center
- A special use area consisting of commercial concessions to enhance visitor experience and provide revenue to support the leisure and recreation opportunities provided at the park

The Interim Project Proposal
Nine Components

- Revegetation/Irrigation/Landscaping
- Day Use Facilities (picnic/group)
- Bicycle improvements between Highway 70/162 bridges
- Parking Facilities
- Public Restrooms
- Temporary visitors facility for Chamber of Commerce
- Utilities (water, electricity, sewer connection)
- Re-contouring/Restoration/Revegetation – adjacent land
- Operation support – start-up and ongoing

How Project Will Meet Environmental Requirements

- Project avoids sensitive areas/resources
- No known opposition
- Two environmental studies have covered area in past and these documents will be used as a resource
- New reviews and appropriate environmental documents to be prepared

Widespread Community Support

- Service Clubs: Kiwanis (Fishing Derbys, oak grove, bench) Sunrise (disc golf) Noon-time Rotary Clubs (cardio par courses), Butte Sailing Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Ranked top priority out of 37 proposed interrim projects by Interim Project Task Force

Regulatory Compliance

The interim enhancement project is consistent with the following:

- The Recreation Element of the Butte County General Plan
- The Open Space Element, Public Facilities Element, Land Use Element, and Circulation Element of the City of Oroville General Plan
- FRRPD Master Development Plan for Riverbend Park

Proposed Project Phases

- Wildlife Conservation Board Improvements
- Temporary Modular Visitor's Center, bike trails, utilities, parking
- Irrigation, revegetation, day use, restrooms
- Recontouring/revegetation, boat launching ramp

Cost Estimate Summary

• Day Use Items:	$794,822
(Picnic areas, paths, landscape etc.)	
• Infrastructure: on/off site	$283,000
• Temporary Visitor's Center	$280,000
• Misc./Overhead	$766,000
• Architecture and Engineering	?? $ 80,000+
• Environmental documentation	$80,000
Subtotal:	$2,203,822
• DFG/WCB Grant items	$250,270
• DBW Boat Ramp items	$917,000
Total:	$3,371,092

Local & Grant Funds

Confirmed

- City of Oroville RDA $100,000
- Prop 12 FRRPD per capita $100,000
- Chamber of Commerce $100,000
- Wildlife Conservation Board $250,270
- Department of Boating and Waterways $917,000
- Total: $1,197,270

Proposed & Pending

- USDA Community Facilities Grant $100,000
- Packard Foundation $100,000
- Prop 12 Butte Co.$100,000
- Department of Water Resources $
- Continue to seek others

Potential Implementation Mechanism

- DWR contract with Park District
- District utilizes private consultants for A & E project administration

Relationship to FERC re-Licensing

- Site is outside of FERC boundary, but affected by FERC operations
- Recognized by community as part of settlement of overall FERC re-licensing issue