

Creekview Update (3/6/16)

I've had a few discussions with City and P&R about what can and should be done, with an eye toward 'prepping' the site for future public access and P&R 'take-over'. The aim has been to plan around in-stream and streamside 'natural' restoration, to the extent possible, while considering public access safety, ease of maintenance and the fact that there are limitations related to this 'greenway' being within an urban area.

P&R is in agreement with our efforts to remove invasive species and promote return of natives and has offered to help the process via man/equip. hours and potentially some plants. We're also working on the issues of public safety and future maintenance, which I can 'fill you in on', as desired. Essentially, we are looking to do some 'fill' work, to both level some areas for ease of maintenance and help 'support' some spots where the hillside is collapsing(to reduce chances of large rocks & dirt falling on someone).

Over the last several weeks:

I asked the City to dig out a couple of rock/dirt piles, which were used for some 'fill', as well as 'lining' the inside of the cul-de-sac with boulders(to segregate, as well as keep vehicles out). I'm using some of the rocks to re-build parts of the rock wall near the vehicle bridge.

I have been falling most all small Locust trees, to open some areas for planting of some other native trees & shrubs.

Also been working on the 'bench' area near south end of pipe-bridge. Pruning/thinning trees & brush, as well as removing/treating some blackberry & ivy sites. Have weedwacked some areas where we will do some plantings at our upcoming workparty.

March 19 workparty 'tentative' plan:

We will have a variety of trees & shrubs to plant. I am looking at putting some shrubs along the streambank, a few shrubs on some of the 'flats', pines & shrubs on hillside and some shrubs along the top of areas where slope is 'falling away'(to help support w/more 'root systems').

Not sure who or how many folks will attend the workparty, but would be nice to have some 'planting experienced' people, so we can tackle several different areas and provide help for any inexperienced attendees.

Future plans:

The City will be doing some 'fill' in some areas this fall. Will include leveling some areas, as well as providing some support for crumbling portions of hillside. We will follow this up with some more plantings, mainly 'groundcover' grasses & shrubs. We're also considering some ideas to 'develop' the inside of the cul-de-sac, which we've kind of envisioned as a 'native plant garden'. More to come on this.

That's all for now. Feel free to offer comments and/or ask questions at TDWC Mtg.(or contact me). Hope to see you at Saturday, March 19th Workparty.

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