

Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

September 17, 2024



Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
 - Robert Ramirez & Ana Sandoval, Committee Co-Chairs
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**, August 2024
- IV. **Calendar Items**
 - Yoga on the Creek – Monday's at 6:00pm – St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek Culture Park
 - Friday Night Hike – Friday, September 20, 8:00 – 9:00 PM – Trueheart Ranch Nature Park
 - Wild & Scenic Film Festival – Saturday, September 28, 6:30 – 10:00 PM – Confluence Park
 - Race the River Series: SASPAMCO – Saturday, October 5, 10:00 – 3:00 PM – Graytown Park – 1239 CR 125, Elmendorf, TX
 - **WSC 65% Design Information Session** – Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Maestro Entrepreneur Center – 1811 S Laredo St
 - **WSC 65% Design Information Session** – Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Alazán-Apache Courts – 1011 S Brazos St
 - **WSC 65% Design Information Session** – Thursday, October 10, 2:00 – 5:00 PM – Bazan Branch Library
 - Haunted Hike: Museum Reach – Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee – Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM – San Antonio River Authority Boardroom
 - Haunted Hike: Museum Reach – Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Haunted Hike: King William – Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- V. **General Manager Update**, Derek Boese, River Authority
- VI. **Project Status Update**, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- VII. **65% Design Draft Presentation Review**, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- VIII. **Citizens to be Heard**
- IX. **Miscellaneous Items**
- X. **Adjourn**

Public Participation:
Comments during the public comment portion are limited to three (3) minutes and we ask that time not be transferred to another individual.



Agenda
September 17, 2024
Westside Creeks Restoration
Oversight Committee
(WCROC) Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members

- On Monday, September 9th, the River Authority Board of Directors approved three new committee members
- Co-Chair Ana Sandoval
- Student At-Large Maia Woodall
- Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association
 - Reb Lopez



Roll Call

Organization Name	Member Name	Alternate
Co-Chair	Robert Ramirez	
Co-Chair	Ana Sandoval	
Alazan Resident Council	Christina Barbosa	
Avenida Guadalupe	Gabriel Velasquez	
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association	Jerry Lockey	Benjamin Coronado
Bexar Audubon Society	Rita Maria Contreras Avery	
Historic Westside Residents Association	Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez	
Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society	Rick Hernandez	
Martinez Creek Neighborhood Association	Reb Lopez	
Oppportunity Home San Antonio	Michael Lopez	Wilson Harpe
Our Lady of the Lake University	Brianna Salas	Adam Bynum
Prosper West	Melinda Gonzalez	Ryan Kuhl
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Jeremy Landin	Russell Felan
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank	Athena Santos
San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation	Rick Rodriguez	
San Antonio Conservation Society	Patricia Seidenberger	
San Antonio Independent School District	Anna Alicia Romero	Brooke Vasquez
San Antonio Wheelmen	Abel Ramirez	
St. Mary's University	William Buhrman	Evelynn Mitchell
Student At-Large	Maia Woodall	
TexasTejano.com	Kamala Platt	
University of Texas at San Antonio	Albert Salgado	
United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.	Erwin DeLuna	
Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association	Charles Oisten	
San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors	Lourdes Galvan	

Approval of the Minutes

August 20, 2024

Calendar Items

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- Monday's at 6:00 PM
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Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

- Tuesday, October 15th, at 6:00 PM
- San Antonio River Authority, 100 E Guenther St

WESTSIDE CREEKS



RESTORATION PROJECT

Information Sessions: 65% Design

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 ▶ **MAESTRO ENTREPRENEUR CENTER**
APACHE & SAN PEDRO CREEKS INFORMATION SESSION
1811 S LAREDO ST.
6:00 – 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 ▶ **ALAZÁN-APACHE COURTS**
ALAZÁN & MARTINEZ CREEKS INFORMATION SESSION
1011 S. BRAZOS ST.
6:00 – 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 ▶ **BAZAN BRANCH LIBRARY**
PROJECT OPEN HOUSE • 2:00 – 5:00 PM
2200 W. COMMERCE ST.



The project design for each of the four Westside Creeks is underway and has reached 65% completion. We invite you to come learn about the design plan for your neighborhood creek and meet with project staff from US Army Corps of Engineers, their design firm Michael Baker International – Huitt - Zollars, Inc., and the San Antonio River Authority. You can preview the presentations and submit comments/questions online at westsidecreeks.com. Join us for a community information session.

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Sesión de Información: 65% Diseño

- ▶ **MARTES 8 DE OCT. DE 2024** | 6:00 – 7:30 PM
MAESTRO ENTREPRENEUR CENTER • 1811 S. LAREDO ST.
- ▶ **MIÉRCOLES 9 DE OCT. DE 2024** | 6:00 – 7:30 PM
ALAZÁN-APACHE COURTS • 1011 S. BRAZOS ST.

Jornada de Puertas Abiertas

- ▶ **JUEVES 10 DE OCT. DE 2024** | 2:00 – 5:00 PM
BAZAN LIBRARY • 2200 W. COMMERCE ST.

El diseño del proyecto para cada uno de los cuatro arroyos del Westside está en marcha y ha alcanzado un 65% de su totalidad. Te invitamos a que vengas a conocer el plan de diseño para el arroyo de tu vecindario y a reunirte con el personal del proyecto del Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército de los Estados Unidos, su firma de diseño Michael Baker International – Huitt - Zollars, Inc., y la Autoridad del Río de San Antonio. Anticipadamente puedes revisar las presentaciones y enviar comentarios/ preguntas a westsidecreeks.com o llamar al 210-227-1373. Unete a una sesión informativa comunitaria.

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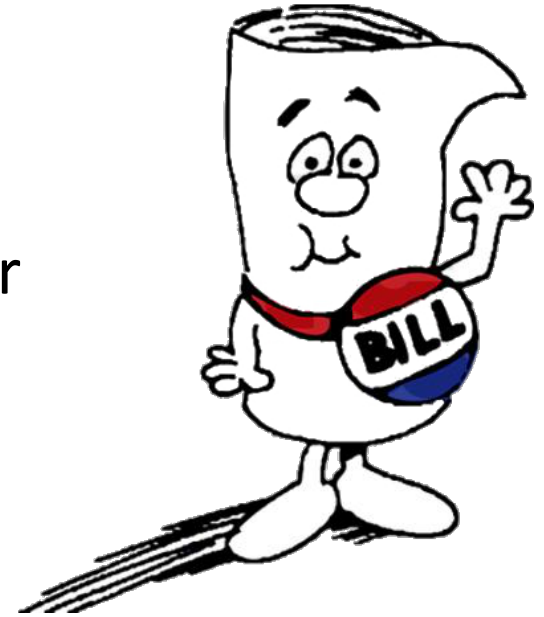
General Manager Update

Derek Boese, River Authority



Water Resources Development Act

- The bill has passed both the House and the Senate
- We continue to work with the House and Senate to keep the favorable language from the House version of the bill
- Delegation from the House submitted a joint letter to the Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works



River Authority's Supplemental Oral History Project

- River Authority will conduct an auxiliary Cultural and Oral History project to supplement USACE's Cultural Resources Study to transcribe the oral history of the Westside
- River Authority is reviewing consultant draft task order
- River Authority has provided Talk Strategy with initial list of interviewees
- Coordinating with Avenida Guadalupe and Talk Strategy for use of recording studio and future interview schedule

Questions?

Project Status Update

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



WSC ER: **Design** Activity Update

- We've made it to 60% Design!
 - Sneak preview tonight
 - More natural channel design features than expected
 - Martinez Trail proposed alignment
 - Placement of woody vegetation balanced with flood control
- Response for Betterments/Additional Work
pending USACE approval
- Cultural Resources targeted field work completed
- Martinez Trail Extension to Farias Park – design in progress and alignment options pending feedback from USACE



WSC ER: **Design** Activity Update

- Real Estate Acquisitions – ongoing through Summer 2025
 - Coordinating with City agencies for project lands
 - Opportunity Home, SAISD, CoSA
 - Land use agreements with VIA, SAWS, CPS and other utility owners
 - **Good news!** Coordinating with TxDOT
 - Title and land survey needed for acquisition
 - Highway ROW - Martinez, Apache, San Pedro Creeks



Making steady progress!

WSC ER: **Schedule** Update

65% Design

- Public information sessions confirmed - [please share](#)
 - Tuesday, October 8th 6-7:30 PM San Pedro and Apache Creeks
 - Wednesday, October 9th 6-7:30 PM Alazán and Martinez Creeks
 - Thursday, October 10th 2-5 PM All Creeks – Posters

Project Team attending:

- LULAC Family Health Fair– Sat., September 21st
- Rosedale Park 9 AM – 3 PM



WSC ER: Apache Creek Remediation Update

- Working with CoSA on Task Order for construction funding
- Construction solicitation est. November 2024
- Construction - Summer 2025
- Project complete before start of Apache Restoration



Questions?

65% Design Draft Presentation Review

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



Introduction to Draft Presentation

- This item is a preview of the **draft** slides from the presentations to be given at the public information sessions in October
- These slides are actively under construction and will feature renderings, updated images, and simplified messaging
- The purpose of this item is to provide committee members with an understanding of the material that will be presented to the community

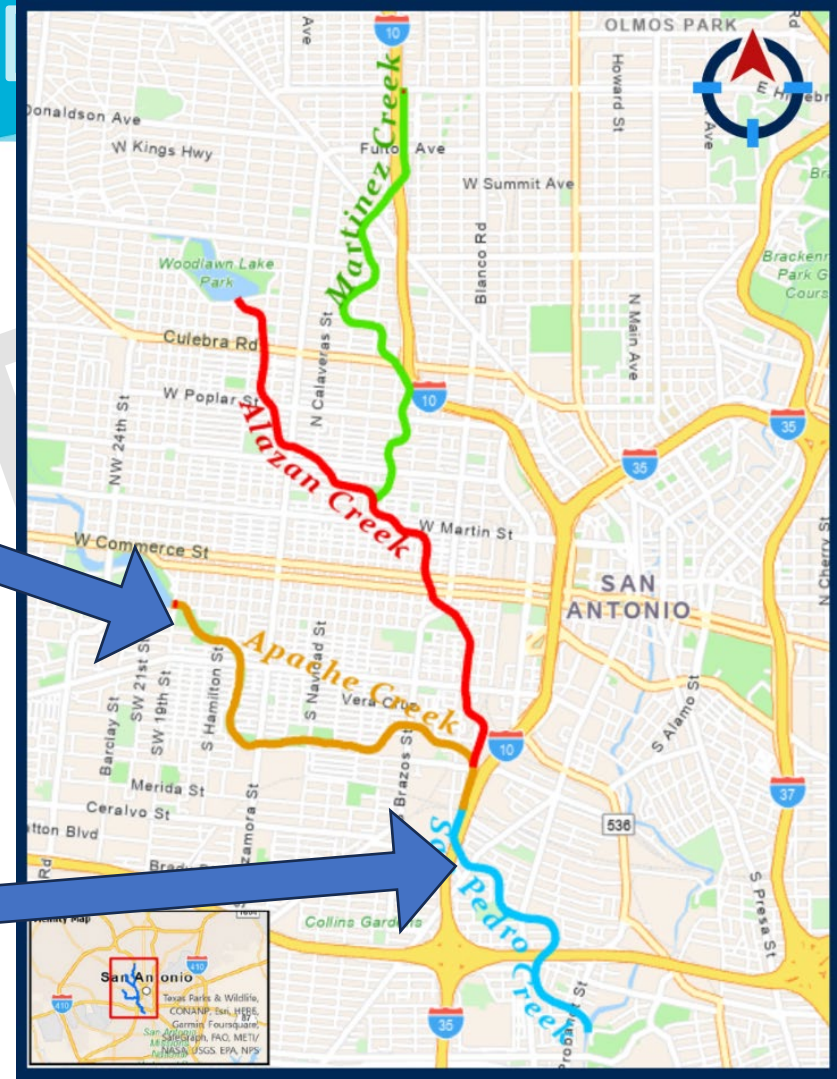
Design Overview

Apache Creek

- 2 acres Riparian Woody Vegetation
- 46.6 acres of Riparian Meadow
- 0.85 miles of pilot channel
- 18 pool-riffle complexes
- 18 slackwater areas

San Pedro Creek

- 5.5 acres of Riparian Woody Vegetation
- 28.7 acres of Riparian Meadow Vegetation
- 1.78 miles of pilot channel
- 26 pool-riffle complexes
- 25 slackwater areas



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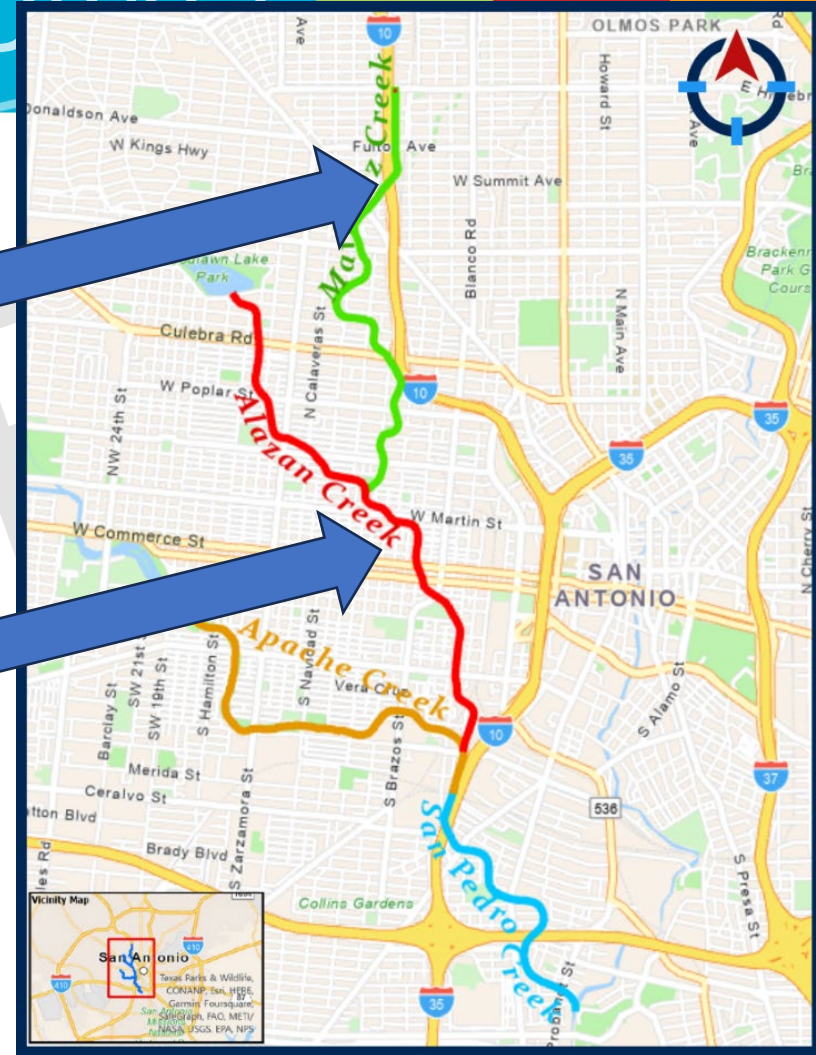
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Martinez Creek

- 44 acres of Riparian Meadow
- 2.4 miles of existing creek channel

Alazán Creek

- 6.3 acres of Riparian Woody Vegetation
- 46.6 acres of Riparian Meadow
- 3.3 miles of pilot channel
- 86 pool-riffle complexes
- 52 slackwater areas



- Food for wildlife
 - Nectar, foliage, pollen, seeds, nuts, fruits, etc.
- Shelter for wildlife
- Soil and creek bank stabilization
- Filtration for water quality
- Shading
- Higher tolerance of heat, drought, and flooding



BALD CYPRESS



EASTERN GAMA GRASS

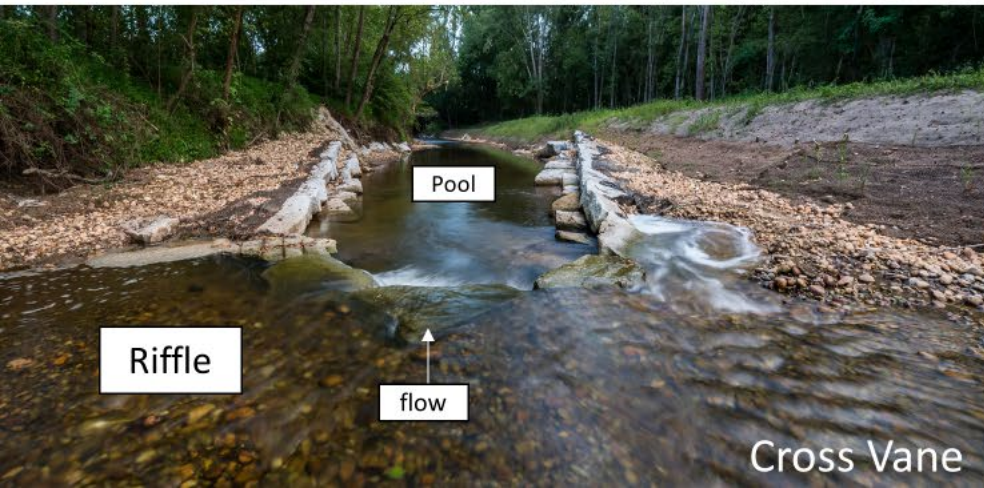
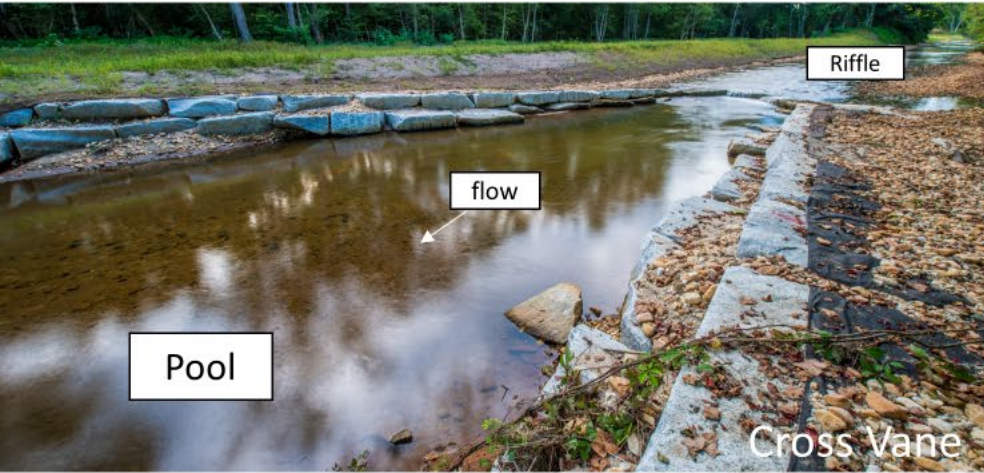


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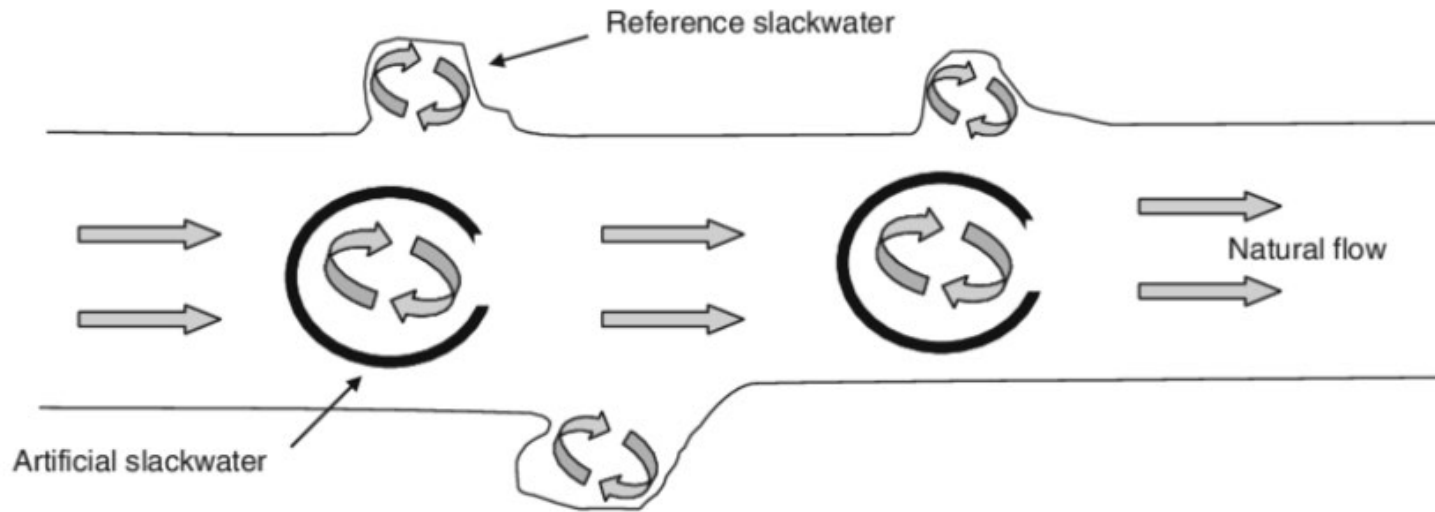
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Examples of Cross Vanes, J-Hook Vanes, Vanes and Geolifts



**For creeks with full restoration

- Slackwater areas are portions of the creek with low velocities and shallow depths
- Important habitat area for aquatic organisms



**For creeks with full restoration

- Interpretive and wayfinding signs
- Shade structures
- Benches
- Water fountains
- Picnic tables
- Trash receptacles



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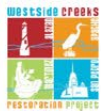
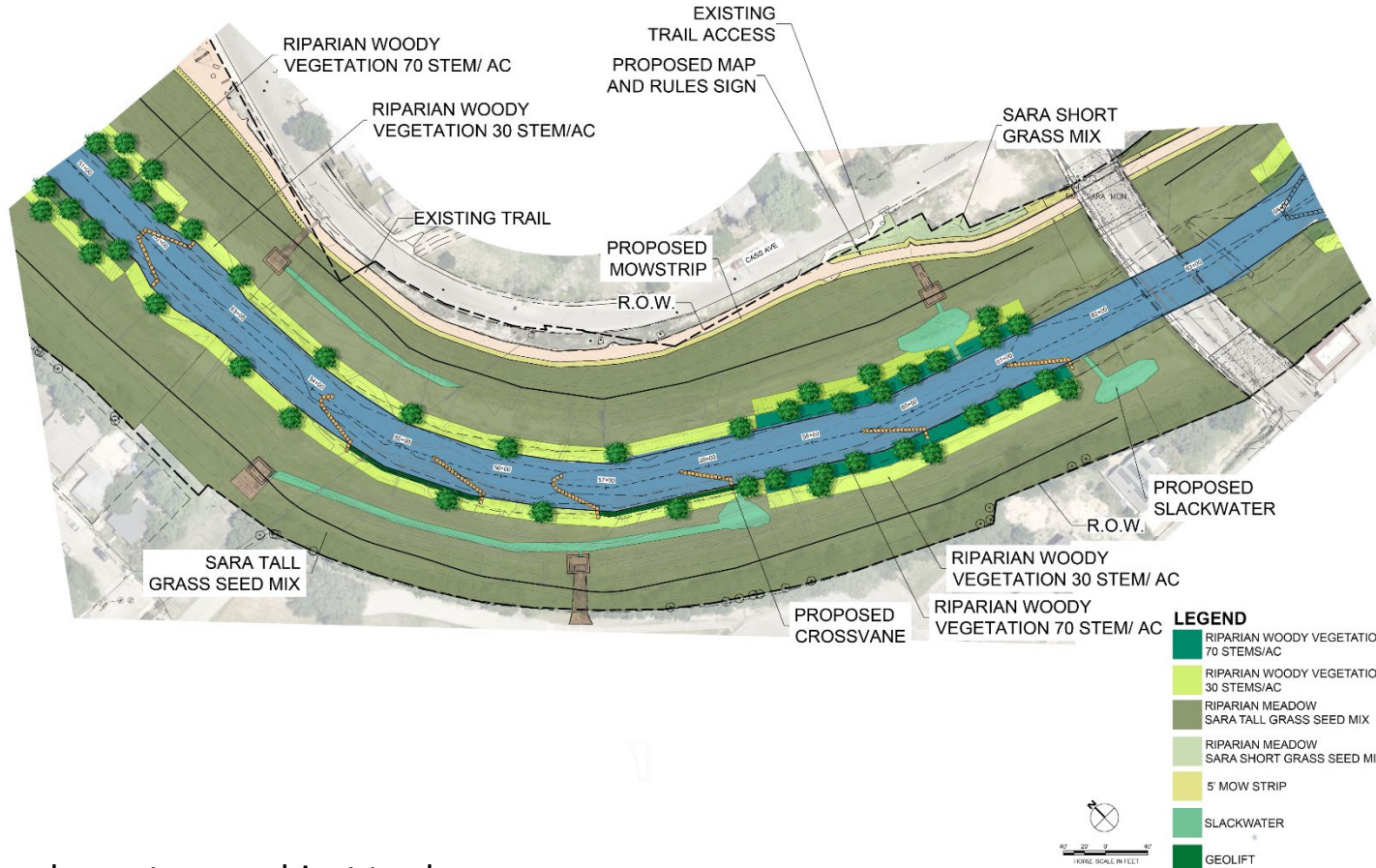
Design Considerations

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- Railroad and/or highway crossings
- Existing low water crossings
- Existing pedestrian bridge crossings
- Street bridge crossings
- Existing underground utilities

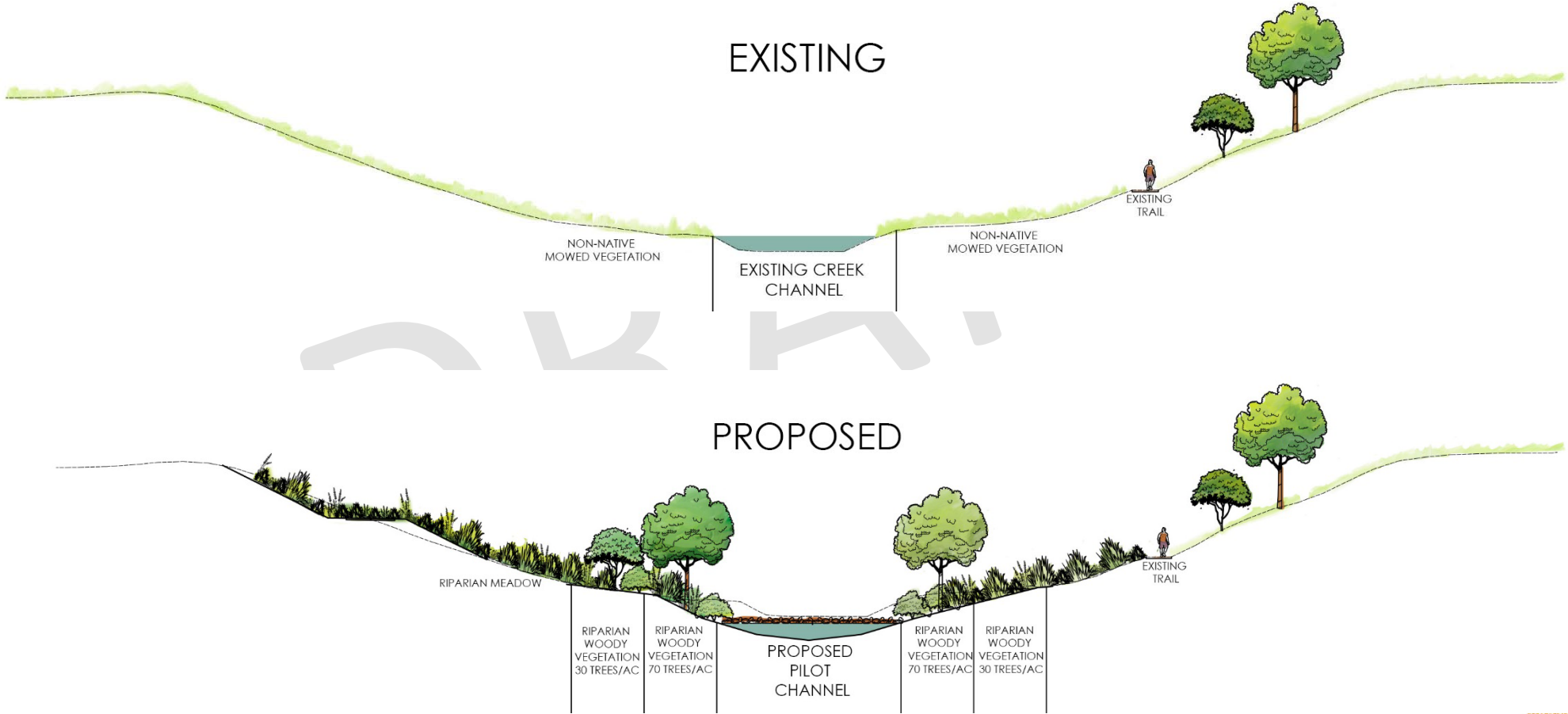


Proposed San Pedro Creek Layout DRAFT



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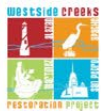
Typical San Pedro Creek Sections DRAFT



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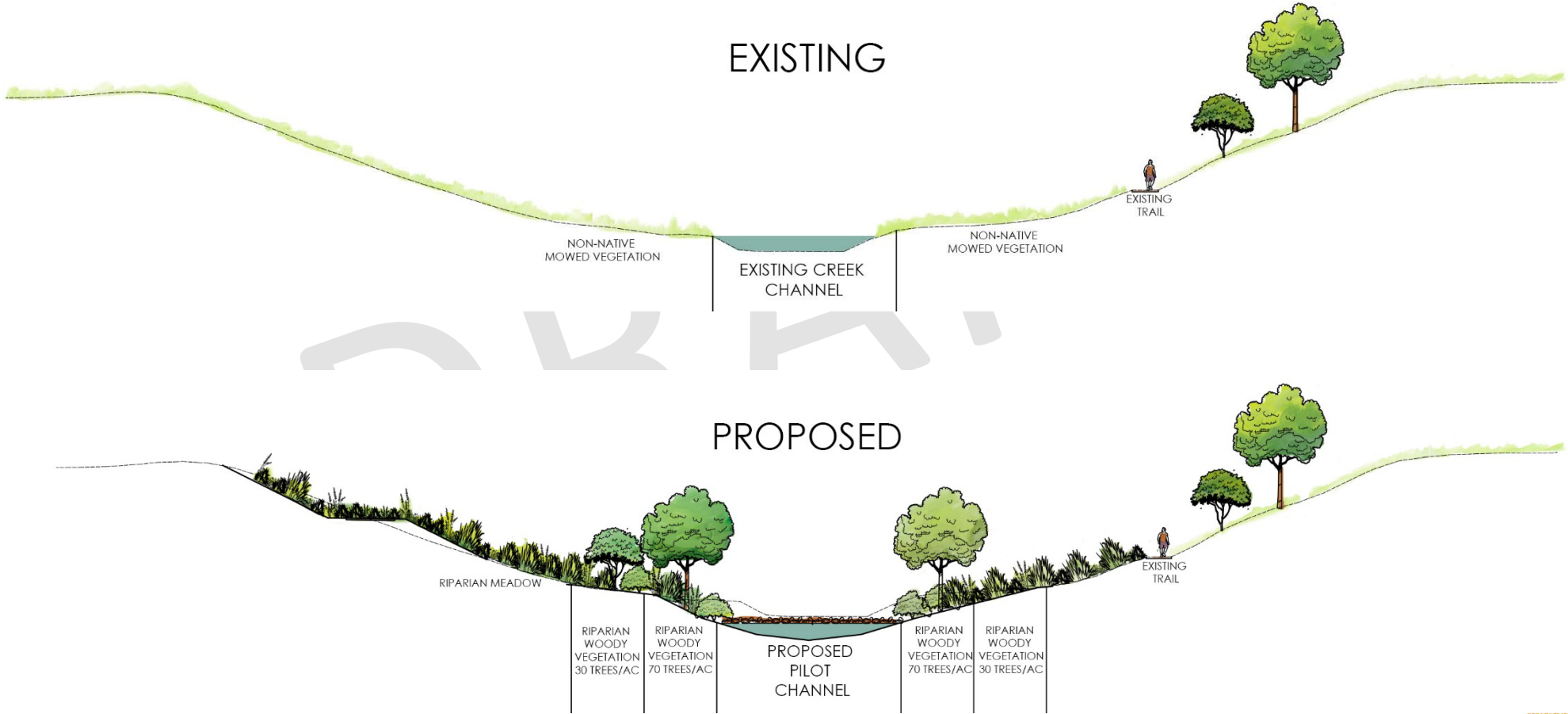
Proposed Apache Creek Layout DRAFT



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Typical Apache Creek Sections

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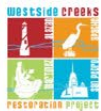
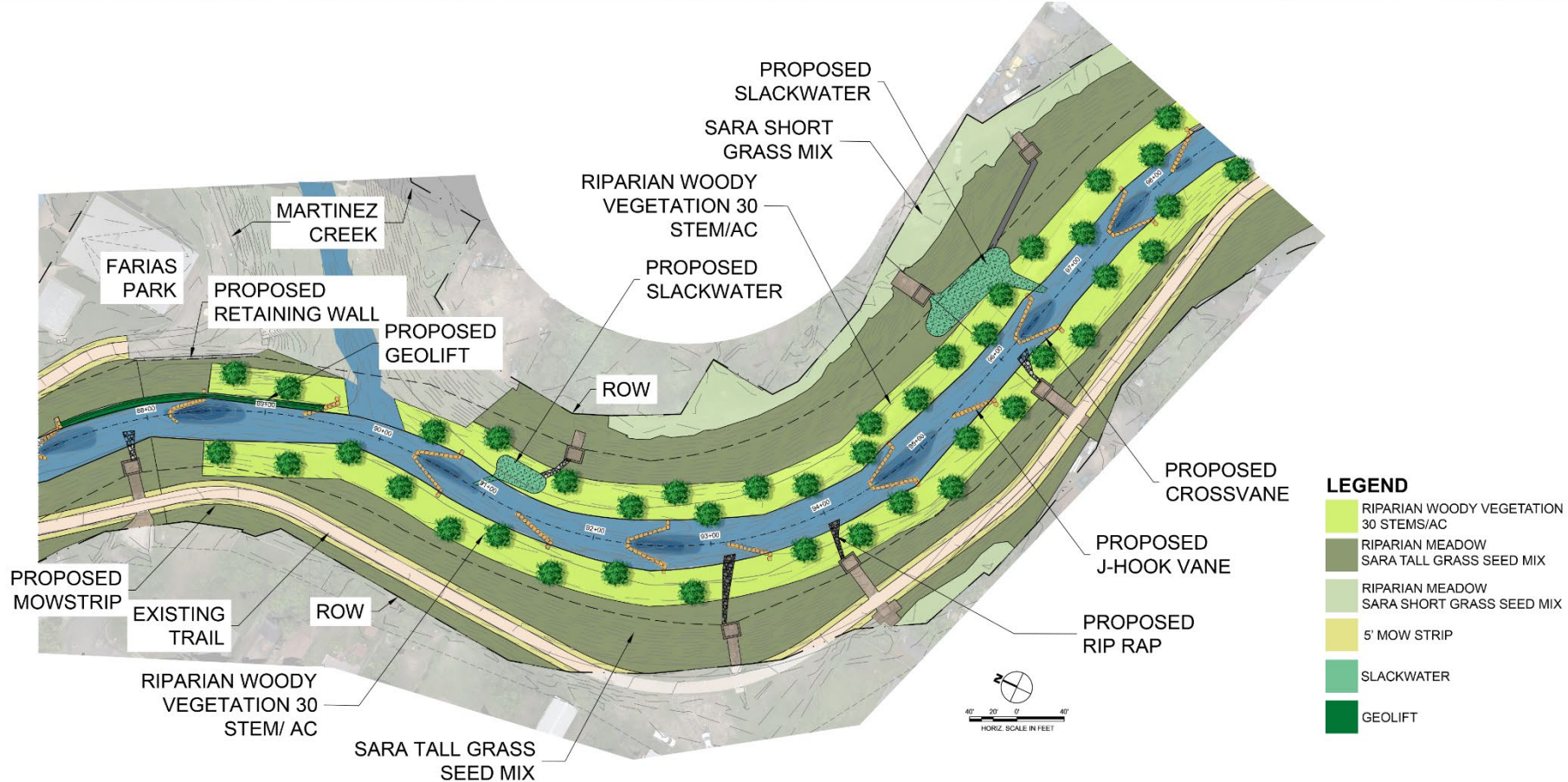


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Proposed Alazán Creek Layout

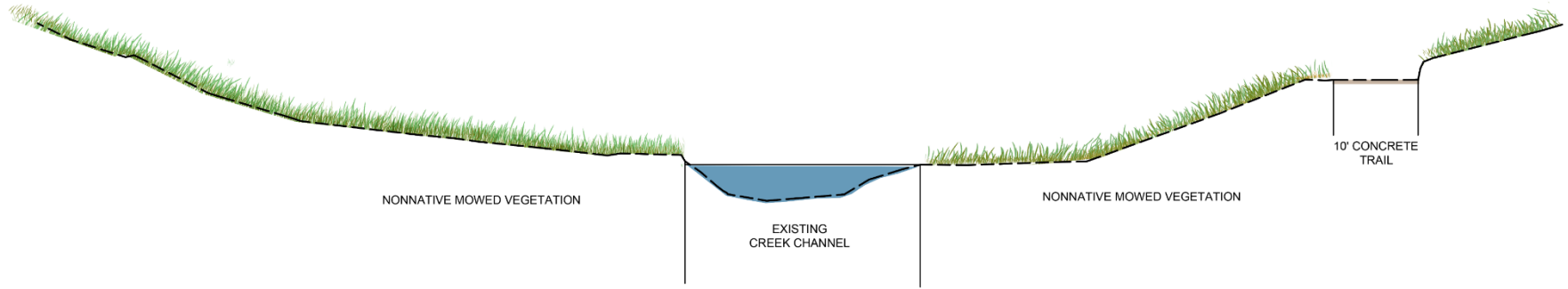
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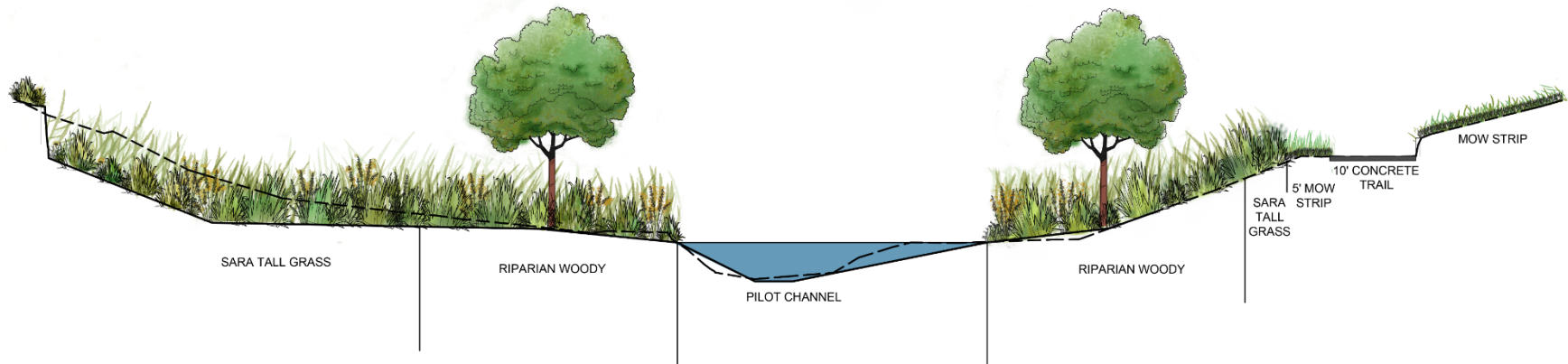
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Typical Alazán Creek Sections

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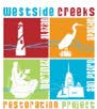


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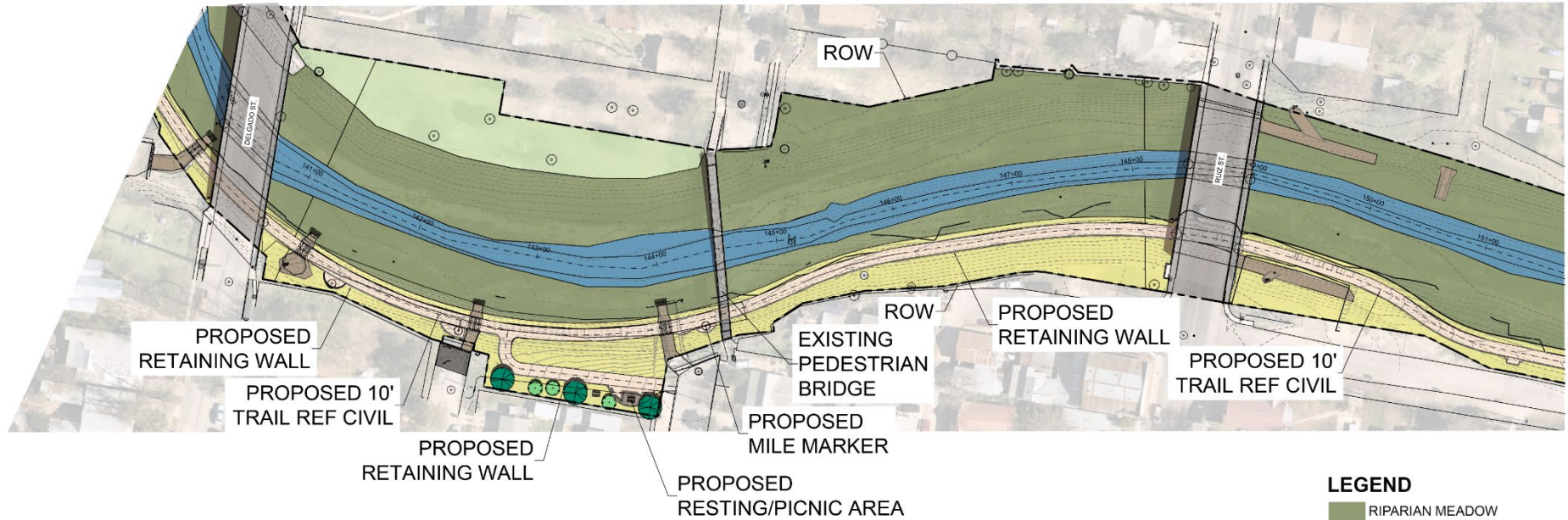
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Proposed Martinez Creek Layout DRAFT



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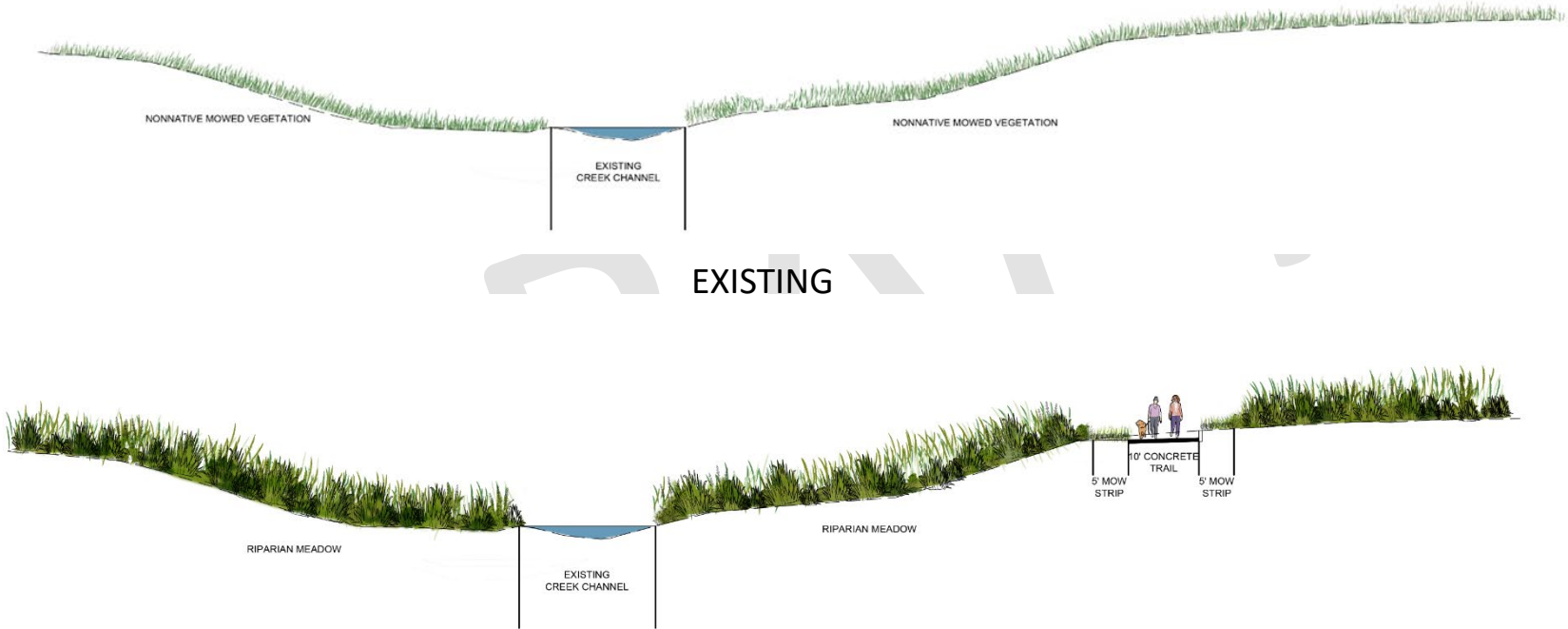
-  RIPARIAN MEADOW
SARA TALL GRASS SEED MIX
-  RIPARIAN MEADOW
SARA SHORT GRASS SEED MIX
-  MOW STRIP



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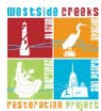
Typical Martinez Creek Sections

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Placeholder for sketch
of proposed trail

Questions?

Citizens to be Heard

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Miscellaneous Items

Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 15th