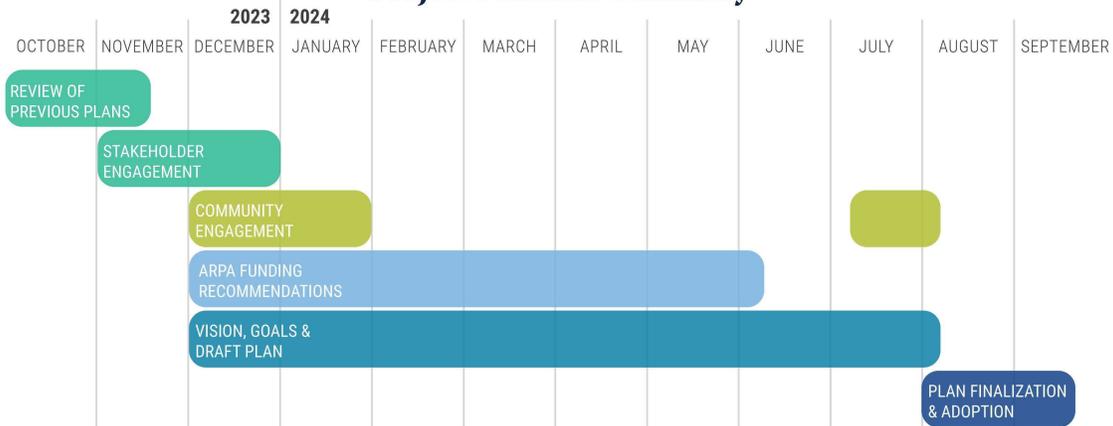


# Truckee River Vision Plan

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Project Schedule Summary



### Stakeholder Interview Themes

#### PROMOTE DESIRED USE

Encouraging appropriate and authorized activities along the Truckee River corridor. This includes fostering activities that align with regulations, respect the environment, and contribute positively to the community.

#### CREATE A DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Develop a comprehensive plan with actions, timelines, and responsible parties for executing recommendations identified in this plan.

#### COHESIVE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

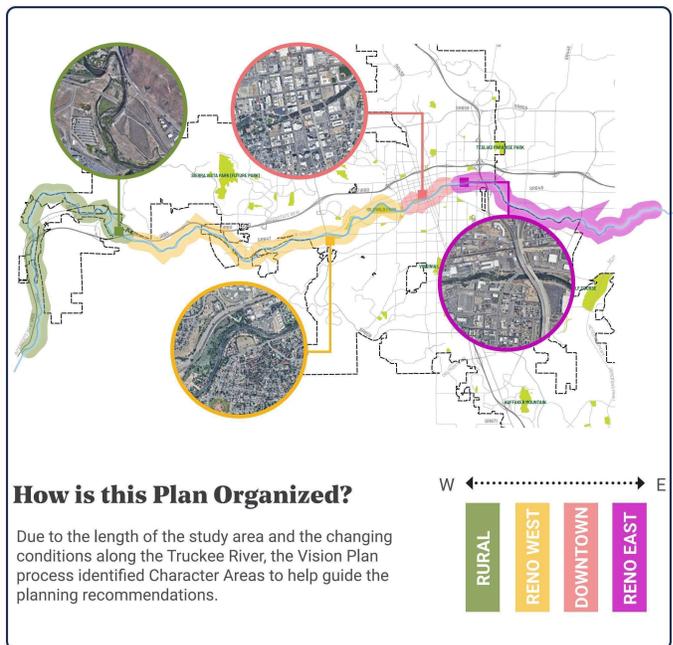
Establish a unified approach to the design, upkeep, and management of the environment and infrastructure along the Truckee River Corridor.

#### PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER QUALITY IN ALL ASPECTS

Emphasize water quality considerations across all activities and decisions involving the Truckee River watershed paired with raising awareness of the importance of preserving and improving water quality.

#### HONOR THE HISTORICAL PURPOSE AND BRING THE PEOPLE BACK TO THE RIVER

Acknowledge the historical significance of the river and promote activities that reconnect people with its natural beauty and recreational opportunities, fostering a sense of pride and stewardship among local communities.



### Community Engagement Methods & Total Engagements

SOCIAL PINPOINT WEBSITE	7,973
COMPLETED SURVEYS	769
SOCIAL MEDIAL CHANNELS	9,175
E-MAIL MARKETING	13,894
<b>TOTAL POINTS OF CONTACT*</b>	<b>31,811</b>

### What We Heard

#### What amenities are essential for a thriving riverfront community?

89%

Ranked **Parks & Open Space** 'extremely important'. Placing it at the top of the list, by far.

#### What keeps you from using the river currently?

The TOP 3 Answers, in order, were:

- 1. CLEANLINESS AND AESTHETICS**
- 2. SAFETY CONCERNS**
- 3. LACK OF TRAIL CONNECTIVITY**

### Truckee River Vision Statement:

The Truckee River Corridor will be a safe, clean, and vibrant source of joy and inspiration for the Reno and Washoe County community.

The river will serve as the heartbeat of the region, providing equitable access to all for recreation and enjoyment, ecological benefits to humans and wildlife alike, and acting as the front door to neighborhoods.

### Truckee River Vision Plan Goals:

- Goal 1: Encourage A Clean And Safe River**
- Goal 2: Build A Connected River**
- Goal 3: Implement A Cohesive Plan For Consistency In Design And Maintenance**
- Goal 4: Celebrate The River As A Recreational Asset**
- Goal 5: Prioritize The Ecological Function Of The River**

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# Truckee River Vision Plan

SAFETY, WATER, & ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

## Safety, Water, & Ecological Systems Key Recommendations



### PROMOTE DESIRED RIVERSIDE USE

- Install Vandal Resistant, Ecologically Sensitive (Dark Sky Compliant) **Trail Lighting**.
- **Enhance River Visibility** through long term vegetation management strategies and funding.
- **Improve Cleanliness and Sanitation** including the installation of new animal resistant trash receptacles.

### COLLABORATIVELY STEWARD THE TRUCKEE RIVER

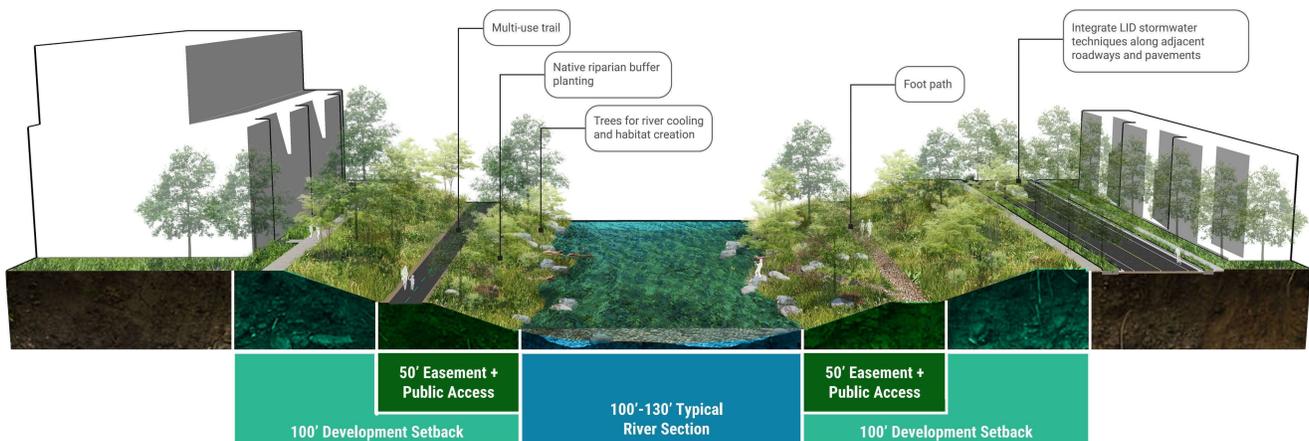
- **Improve Water Quality** through the Truckee River Overlay Zone District Standards and implementation of Green Infrastructure strategies within City Parks.
- Quantitatively Prioritize **Bank Stabilization and Revegetation Projects**
- Identify Multi-beneficial **Flood-Mitigating Restoration Projects**
- Support and Fund the Preservation and Improvement of the quality of source water entering the Truckee River



### IMPROVE IN-RIVER SAFETY

- **Design, construct, and maintain proposed new river access points**, including access points for Reno Fire Department Swift Water Entry Team.
- Identify opportunities to **create in-river recreational features**.
- **Analyze and Remove in-river hazards**, including the detailed analysis of six existing low head dams.

## Recommended Development Section



# Truckee River Vision Plan

LAND USE & DESIGN

## Land Use & Design Key Recommendations



**CREATION OF A TRUCKEE RIVER OVERLAY ZONE DISTRICT.**  
Work with staff to create a river overlay zone district within the City of Reno that encompasses parcels within 200' of the Truckee River's edge to guide future development, redevelopment and adaptive reuse.



**INCENTIVIZE REDEVELOPMENT** of catalytic properties to create energy along the river corridor and illustrate the new river overlay zone design guidelines and standards.

### Overlay Zone Design Guidelines

#### Massing & Orientation

1. Require ground floor activation along all Truckee River frontage.
2. Minimum 100' no-build zone from Truckee River's edge.
3. Maximum 50' building height at Truckee River frontage.
4. Minimum horizontal 25' building step-back from Truckee River frontage for all portions above 50' height.
5. Allow greater building heights in exchange for affordable housing.

#### Materials & Design

1. Consistent site furnishings and special paving throughout Truckee River Overlay Zone.
2. Special high-quality paving at river bridge landings and in pedestrian/bicycle priority zones.
3. Consistent, pedestrian-scaled lighting along all river trails, streets, and on perpendicular connections to the river.

#### Access & Parking

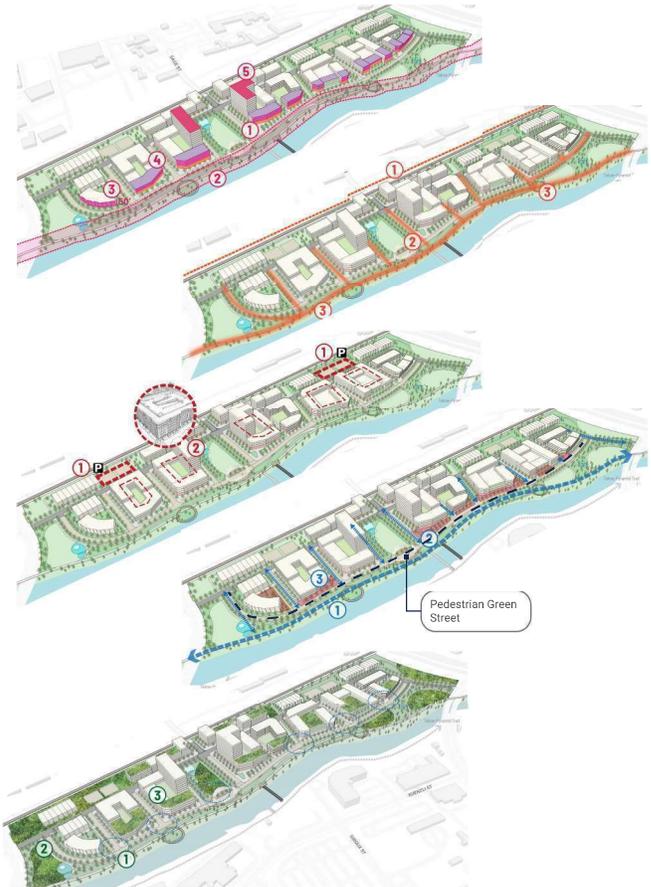
1. No parking areas along the Truckee River frontage.
2. Parking garages must be wrapped or screened.
3. Surface parking lots must provide pedestrian-scale screening along public rights-of-way.

#### Connections & Open Space

1. Require publicly-accessible riverside path along length of property that connects to other public rights-of-way.
2. Provide pedestrian and bicycle connections perpendicular to Truckee River every 300 linear feet.
3. Provide a minimum of 10% of parcel as publicly-accessible open space linked to the river and riverside paths.
4. Incentivize river bank re-establishment as part of redevelopment of any parcels fronting the river.
5. Establish 10' wide minimum native habitat corridor along the river in open space setbacks.

#### Green Infrastructure

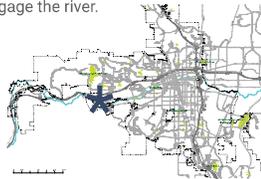
1. Implement streetside stormwater quality measures where possible within rights-of-way, especially on perpendicular streets, connections, and immediately parallel to Truckee River.
2. Establish a standard, low-water use, native/adapted plant palette for overlay zone development.
3. Require 20% impervious surface coverage, which may be accomplished through green roofs or surface treatments.
4. Implement stormwater detention and treatment within parks open and space along the river.



### Catalytic Sites

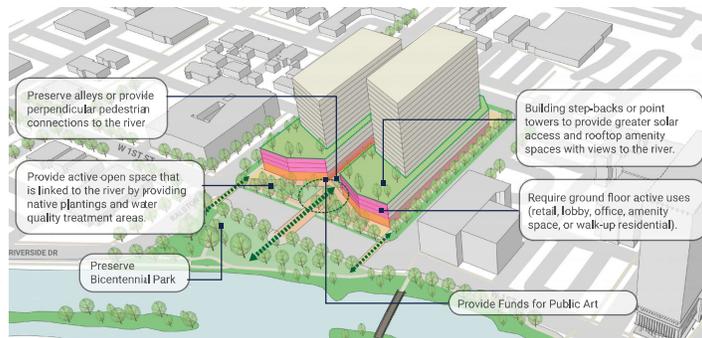
#### Mayberry Park

The area adjacent to Mayberry Park could transition over time to a greater mix of uses, including a variety of housing types suitable to the Reno West Character Area - townhomes, rowhomes, and walk-up apartments, and encourage adaptive reuse of existing warehouses to community and retail functions that actively engage the river.



#### Bicentennial Park / Former Greyhound Site

This key downtown site presents an opportunity to explore how the overlay zone can guide redevelopment in an urban context. Future development in the Downtown Character Area should maximize access and views to the river, prioritize the pedestrian experience, and create new, active public spaces.



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MOBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

## Mobility and Connectivity Key Recommendations



**DEVELOP A DISTINCT AND CONSISTENT PATH DESIGN** including standard trail widths, materiality, directional pavement markings, signage, and wayfinding to unify the TPT.



**DEVELOP A BLUEWAY PLAN** to create additional connections to the Truckee River from the TPT. This plan should assist with river-based signage and wayfinding by providing a map and information on put-in and take-out locations, ramp accessibility at launches, adjacent park amenities (restrooms, picnic tables, etc), hazards to be aware of at various water levels, portage options, and areas of interest.



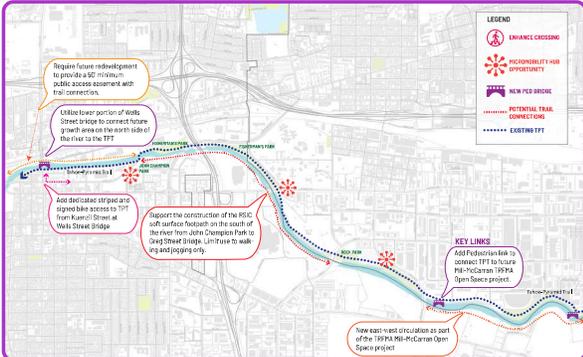
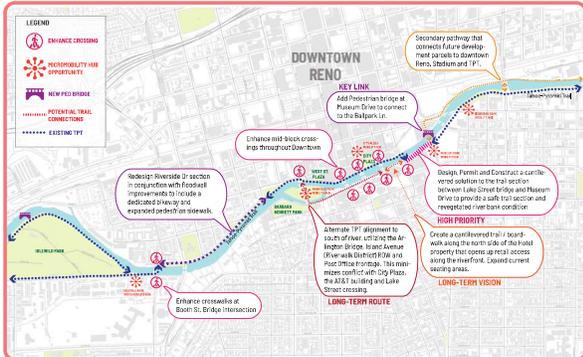
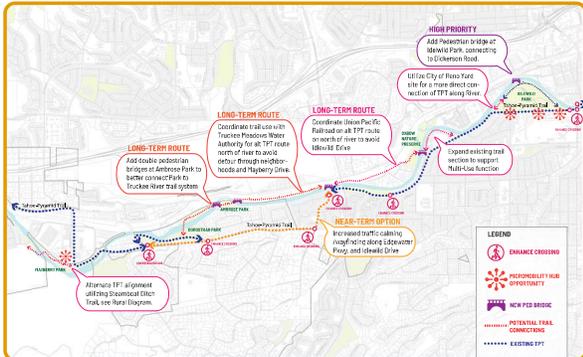
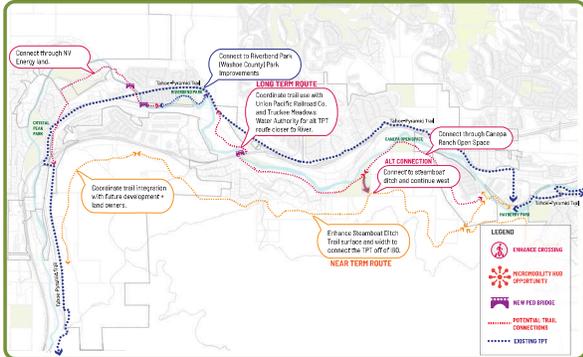
**CREATE ADDITIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS** to achieve a continuous TPT along the Truckee River.



**IMPLEMENT QUICK-BUILD IMPROVEMENTS** including pedestrian crossing enhancements at critical trail locations and on-street trail improvements at critical segments.



**INSTALL MICROMOBILITY HUBS** at existing RTC bus stops adjacent to the Tahoe Pyramid Trail that would connect nearby trails, existing and planned bikeways, and bus routes.



# Truckee River Vision Plan

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

## Parks and Open Space Key Recommendations



**ESTABLISH A SPECIAL PARKS DISTRICT** for long term management and funding for the Truckee River Corridor.



**PROVIDE NEW COMMUNITY AMENITIES IN EAST RENO NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS** including new nature center / recreational kiosk and community garden at Brodhead Park, a new nature playground at John Champion Park and expanding and amenitizing Fisherman's Park I and II.



**INVEST AND TRANSFORM (REDESIGN) KEY CIVIC SPACES** along the river corridor including City Plaza, West Street Plaza and Riverwalk District.

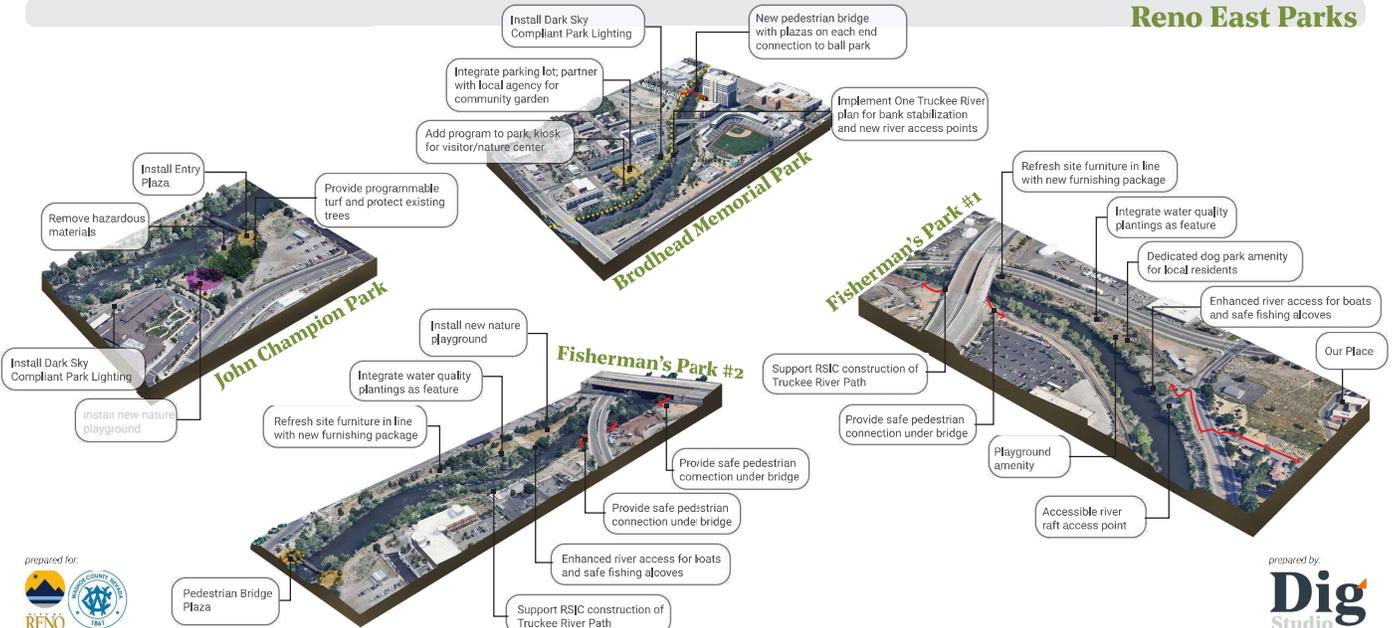


**EXPAND PARK LAND:** Identify opportunities to expand dedicated park land along the Truckee River Corridor.

## Downtown Parks Concept Visualization



## Reno East Parks



# Truckee River Vision Plan

PUBLIC ART

## Public Art Key Recommendations



**Create an icon or symbol for the river** to use as a wayfinding tool throughout the trail system. It can be incorporated into murals, sculpture, signage, educational materials, benches, bridges, bike racks, etc. This will allow for users of the trail system to know they are on the right path when connectivity is fractured.



**Use art work to spark joy, curiosity, and a sense of discovery** while also ensuring a welcoming and safe space in underpasses. Lighting is particularly important in these areas for the evening and winter months.



**Incorporate functional art along the trail system** such as gateways, fence lines, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, and shade structures. Functional art helps create a sense of place and pride for the community while also serving a practical purpose for the public. It is a great tool for incorporating educational moments as well.



**Allocate 1% minimum of project costs** of projects within the Truckee River Overlay Zone to ensure funding for public art within this corridor. As infrastructure improvements unfold along the Truckee River, it is crucial to prioritize the integration of public art into the plans from the outset, ensuring seamless cohesion and allowing ample time for thoughtful incorporation into the revitalized landscape.

## Public Art Typologies

### ICONIC

Iconic artwork is defined as being large scale (greater than 6'H) and clearly reflective of the characteristics of the project. Iconic artwork is best suited to well trafficked spaces indicating an arrival, or points in the journey inviting reflection and pause.



### TEMPORARY

Temporary artwork is defined as artwork exhibited for a limited amount of time. Temporary artwork should be limited to 1-2 locations at any given time, and can range anywhere from 1 day to monthly, quarterly or yearly in life span. Locations can be pre-designated as such, allowing for preparation and fluidity.



### MURAL

Mural artwork is defined as artwork directly painted or applied to a wall surface or other substrate. Mural artwork should be used on buildings (non-historical), bridges, and gathering places, including the ground plane.



### DISCOVERY

Discovery artwork is defined as artwork that is unexpected and surprises the viewer when they move through the site. Discovery artwork should be incorporated throughout pedestrian friendly paths and sites of gathering. The artwork medium will vary.



### FUNCTIONAL

Functional artwork is defined as artwork that also serves a utilitarian purpose. Functional artwork should be used throughout the site where gathering takes place, as well as on sidewalks.

