

Greenway Visioning Workshops

November 2023



BACKGROUND

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership (SCRGP) has been actively pursuing resources to welcome and engage nearby communities. In 2022, SCRGP received a **technical assistance grant** from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program for engaging community members that don't yet use the greenway. In the same year, SCRGP received a **planning grant** from the Colorado Health Foundation for physical greenway improvements that aims to infuse equity into the Greenway and provide enjoyment for current and potential users.

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOPS

Familiarize community members with the mindset and practice of co-creating enjoyable experiences together so they can build relationships and later co-create specific Greenway experiences together, including plans and designs.

OUTCOMES

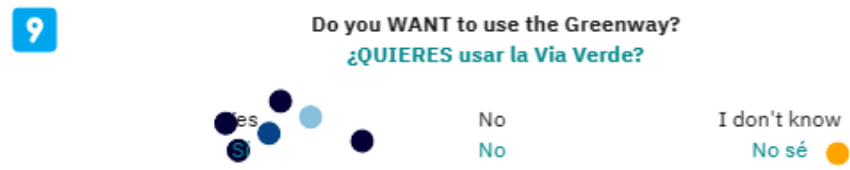
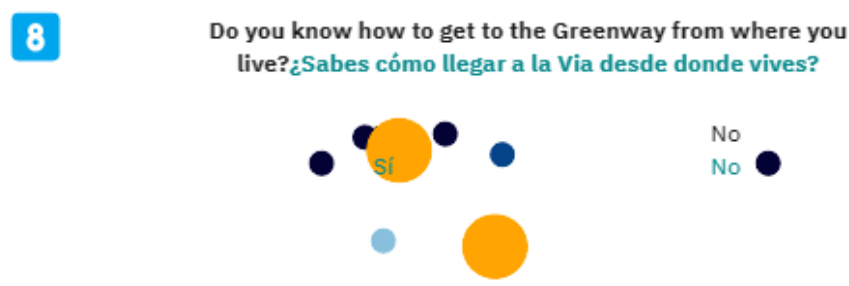
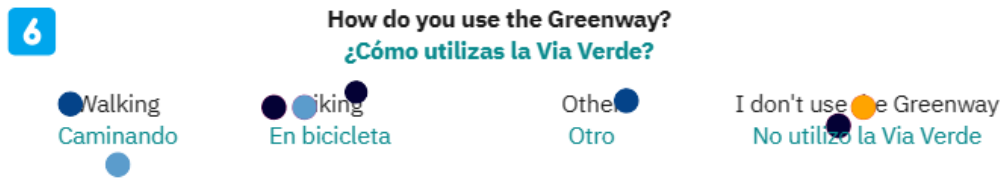
Desired	Actual
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A list of values and things that make nature, recreation, or a fun memory enjoyable to you.2. A list of ideas to inspire the Greenway's future design and experience.3. A map of "Point A's" - where you'd like to start your route to the Greenway.4. Stronger relationships among community members.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A list of Community Agreements (Nov 8)2. A list of 18 values and things that make nature, recreation, or a fun memory enjoyable to you.3. A list of 76 ideas to inspire the greenway's future design and experience.4. Stronger relationships among community members.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants in both workshops represented a diversity of communities, identities, experiences, and interests. Most had only been to the Greenway once or twice, or never. Those who had been to the Greenway usually go with family and friends, with some going by themselves. Most

who have been to the Greenway know how to get there from where they live. Nearly all participants want to use the Greenway.

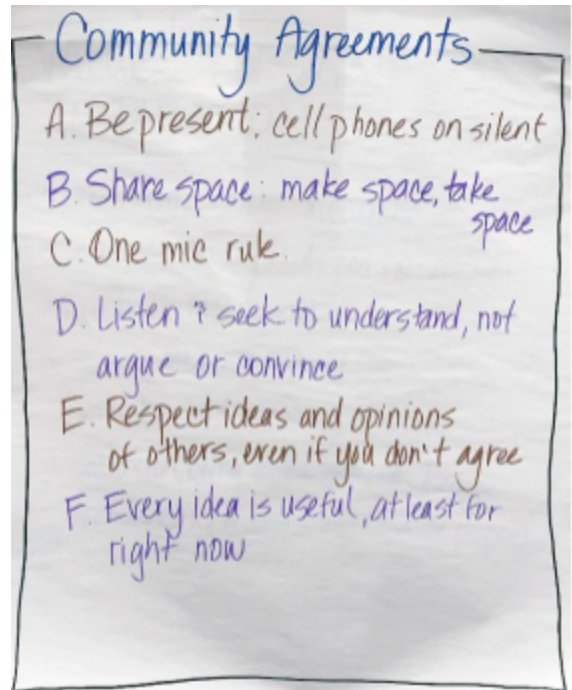
Workshop Date	# of Participants
November 8 - In-person	6
November 15 - Virtual	19
Total	25



COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

Community agreements are an aspiration for how we want to be in relationship with one another. They are developed and enforced by the group or community, and not by an external authority. The participants of the November 8 in-person session agreed on the following ways to engage with one another:

- A. Be present; cell phones on silent.
- B. Share space; make space, take space.
- C. One mic rule.
- D. Listen and seek to understand, not argue or convince.
- E. Respect ideas and opinions of others, even if you don't agree.
- F. Every idea is useful, at least for right now.



Community Agreements on November 8

VALUES + THINGS THAT MAKE AN ENJOYABLE MEMORY

Participants were asked to think of an enjoyable memory, either on the greenway, in nature, or anywhere else, and identify what made that memory enjoyable. Responses varied greatly, ranging from environmental and natural, to connectedness and seclusion, to artistic and new.

Values shared multiple times included:

- Family time
- Fresh air
- Animals - pets and wildlife
- Nature - seclusion and stillness
- Experiencing something for the first time; out of my norm
- Connectivity to spaces and community
- Arts - music, visual



Values on November 8, 2023



Values on November 15

GREENWAY DESIGN IDEAS

Participants then used the Values list to brainstorm initial design ideas for the greenway, inclusive of built environment improvements, activities, and programs.

Number of Ideas by Type

- Built Environment (23)
- Activities (19)
- Programs (16)

Most Common Ideas

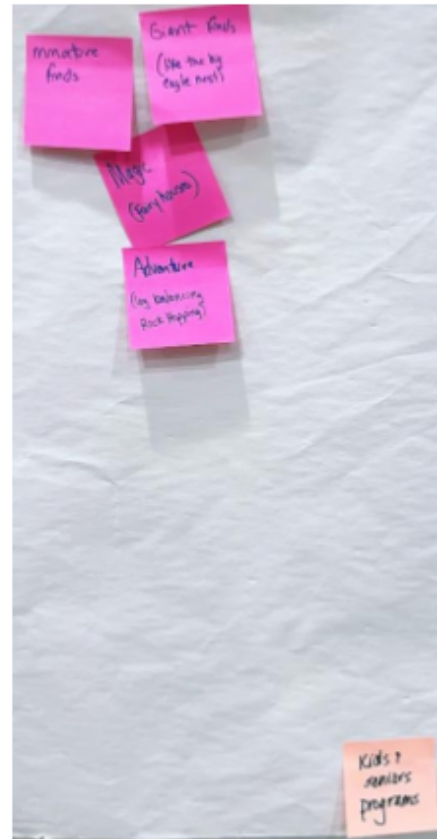
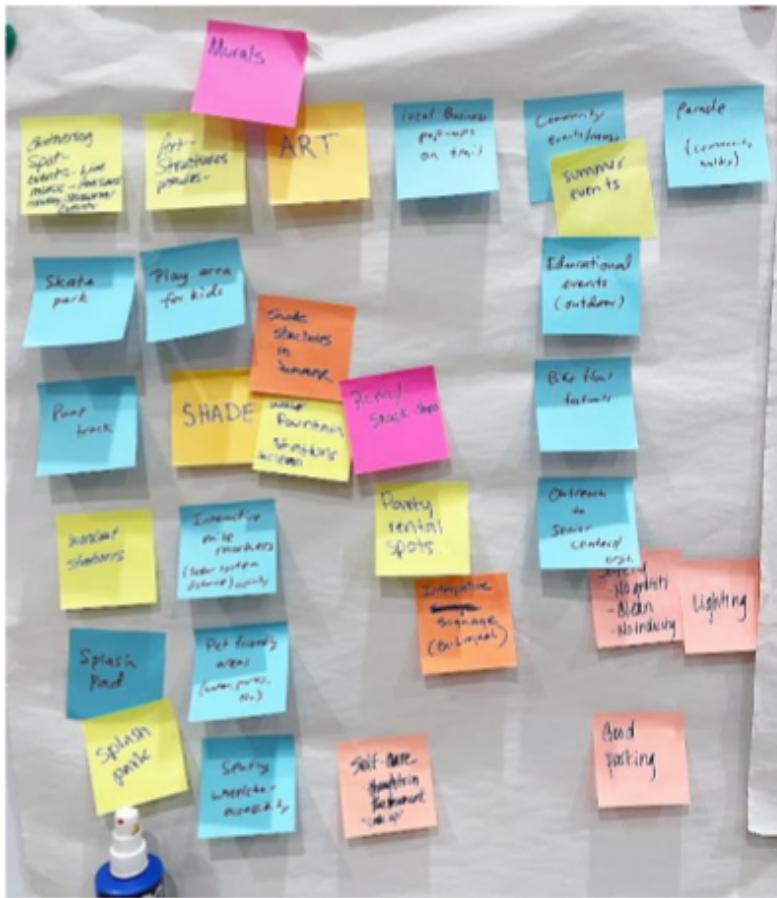
- Community and family events (9)
- Safety (7)
- Shade (6)

Specific Ideas by Category

Ideas may overlap and appear in multiple categories.

<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No graffiti ● Cleanliness ● No industry ● Lighting ● No sketchy sections or people ● Safety from wild animals on trail ● Bolted Bike racks ● Signage to warn folks about animals on trail & what to do when you encounter them 	<p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community & family events - artisans holiday/seasonal ● Water feature ● Art - murals, structures, pictures, etc. ● Local art for sale or making art on the trail ● A space good for filming or public projects ● Community art wall
<p>Comfort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Splash pad/park ● Water feature ● Shade ● Water fountain stations, clean 	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interpretive signage - bilingual ● Community history (using the names of landmarks to help convey this, like renaming trailheads)
<p>Cleanliness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean water fountains ● Clean bathroom with changing table ● Cleanliness - clean water 	<p>Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adjacent sports fields (soccer, football) ● Skate park ● Pump track ● Workout stations/physical fitness equipment ● Clean water fountains
<p>Fitness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adjacent sports fields (soccer, football) ● Skate park ● Pump track ● Workout stations/physical fitness equipment ● Group exercise (zumba or dance) 	<p>Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Splash pad/park ● Water feature ● Shade ● Giant finds, like the big eagle nest ● Magic - fairy houses ● Adventure - log balancing, rock hopping

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aerobics) ● Walking and biking ● Yearly competitions - races, athletic, calisthenic challenges ● Kayaking ● Bolted bike racks ● River surfing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Playdates ● Horseshoes ● Tic-tac-toe ● Playground ● River surfing ● To fly a kite and enjoy the sun and beautiful weather.
<p>Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Botanic Identification, Plant ID (good for both Adults and children) ● Trees and plants ● Nature classes ● Nature Experience ● Enjoy bird watching ● Simplicity of nature ● Crowdads ● Listening to nature 	<p>Wildlife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signage to warn folks about animals on trail & what to do when you encounter them ● Enjoy bird watching ● Crowdads
<p>Accessibility & Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seating wheelchair accessibility ● Interpretive signage - bilingual ● Good parking; easy access - parking/trailheads ● Wayfinding ● Commute to different parks around the neighborhoods. ● Using street names to name access points 	<p>Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interpretive signage - bilingual ● Wayfinding ● Using street names to name access points ● Signage to warn folks about animals on trail & what to do when you encounter them ● Community history (using the names of landmarks to help convey this, like renaming trailheads)
<p>Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Picnic/Snack shops ● Local business pop-ups ● Vendors 	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pet friendly areas (water, parks, bags, etc.)



Design Ideas on November 8

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Pavilion, shaded picnic tables

A space good for filming or public projects

Also Shade

Getting people together

Doggie bags / water stations

water feature

Bolted Bike racks

Out instruction or concert space

Good parking

Shade

local art for sale or making art on the trail

"themed" spaces, Hideaway

horsetables

adjacent sports fields (soccer, football)

clean water fountains

Clean bathroom with changing table

clean water feature

outdoor exercise machines

Clean water

physical fitness equipment

picnic tables/area with shade

Pavilion, shaded picnic tables

Playground

CLEANLINESS

CLEAN WATER

Party rental area

play/dates

I enjoy the greenbelt to have walks and bike rides with my family.

Yearly competitions - races, callisthenic challenges

GROUP ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Commute to different parks around the neighborhoods.

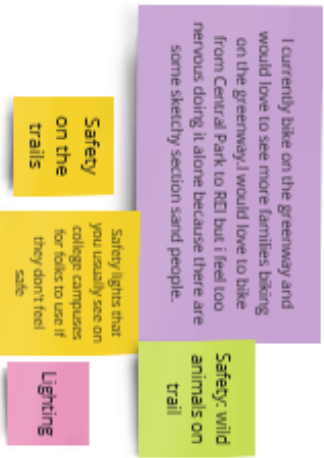
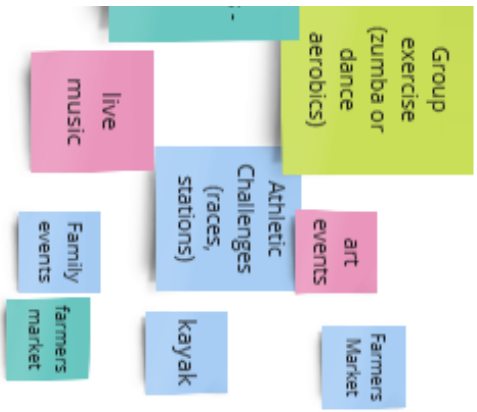
Easy access - parking/ trailheads

Wayfinding using street names to name access points

Community history (using the names of landmarks to help convey this, like remaining trailheads)

Signage to warn folks about animals on trail & what to do when you encounter them

WAYFINDING / INFORMATIONAL



NEXT STEPS

These November workshops focused on brainstorming and opening up the dialogue for Greenway designs. SCRGP will eventually need to narrow options and engage community members closer to the decision of what ideas to implement.

Additional community workshops will take place in early 2024 to prioritize needs and relevant design ideas.

