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OPEN HOUSE #1 – PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

#1 General Comments:

None

Top 3 Priorities:

- 1) River and Habitat Restoration
- 2) Trails and Access
- 3) Community Activities (Open space parks)

Like/Change:

With the limited flows, it seems to make sense to not focus on the White Water Park. Focus instead on trying to return the river to a natural state while providing access for people to enjoy as they see fit. (hiking, biking, fishing, picnics, etc.)

#2 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) A healthy, attractive river with environmental enhancements.
- 2) Convenient and multiple ways to access and enjoy the river.
- 3) Not overloading the river with too many people.

Like/Change:

I would prefer to not have a whitewater park because of concerns about overuse. If a whitewater park is built I would like to have it east of College.

#3 General Comments:

The full blown Whitewater Park does not seem feasible to me. I don't want the City to invest a ton of money into something that gets used 30-40 days of the year. Sometimes less on low water years. Take the money and invest it in natural areas or parks that a larger segment of the population can enjoy not just the Kayakers.

Top 3:

- 1) Retain and enhance the natural Areas making them more continuous.
- 2) Improved access to Shields street.
- 3) Having the river be Floatable on a tube and making more habitat for fishing the river.

Like/Change:

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I like the idea of a side channel for children to play in but don't like the idea of a full fledged kayak park. Not opposed to SOME features for kayaks but just don't believe a whitewater park fits that area, due to amount of available water and relationship with the other current uses.

#4 General Comments:

Please consider a WW Park in your design!

Top 3:

1) Playpark

Like/Change:

No comment made.

#5 General Comments:

Please consider a playpark. It offers economic and community benefits.

Top 3:

Playpark

Like/Change:

No comment made.

#6 General Comments:

I'm glad the Poudre River is getting the attention it deserves....the jewel not every town can own! Your plans are thoughtful ...can hardly wait to see them implemented.

Top 3:

1) Enough water...No Glade Reservoir!!!

2) Maximize trails. Sunday afternoon Martinez Park Trail gets crowded...dangerous with walkers, bikes, baby carriages, skate boards.

3) River access, beaches.

Like/Change:

Like the offerings which came together with much thought!

#7 General Comments:

None

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Top3:

- 1) Limited closures of the trail. I run/bike on the trail daily.
- 2) Maintaining environment/habitat.
- 3) Improved access/beach areas/potential kayaking.

Like/Change:

Excited about the recreation projects but concerned about the additional draw this may have and the impact “extra” people have on the tranquility of the Poudre River today

#8 General Comments:

This is an extremely managed system, with many constraints, and many opportunities

There should be considerable ability to please almost everyone, as long as everyone is reasonable. What do we want it to be? A kayak park is a reasonable, valuable use of the river in the right area- Area 3.

Top 3:

- 1) Balanced approach between recreation and restoration.
- 2) Use the opportunities that a managed river system provides to meet many needs/wants.
- 3) None

Likes/ Changes:

No comment.

#9 General Comments:

How do you take into effect the wild variation in daily/hourly flow of the river? For example a range from 10 to 350 cfs in one day.

Top 3:

- 1) Preserve aquatic integrity.
- 2) Let the river keep its natural meandering path.
- 3) Keeping it multi-modal and safe for all users.

Like/Change:

I think the key terms of habitat, recreation, preservation are all being featured in which is green. Also, I enjoy the public process involved.

#10 General Comments:

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It seems like a very well rounded project. With most of the proposed actions based on current river flows, how do you plan to manage for the variability in river flow based on future water demands?

Top 3:

- 1) Creating healthy resilient ecosystem.
- 2) Keeping river and riparian systems functioning as naturally as possible.
- 3) Healthy fish populations.

Like/comments:

I would like to hear more about long term ongoing management based on future water flows, changes in public interest, and growing demand for water.

#11 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Improve bike access to Northern community/more access to Vine.
- 2) Ecological benefits
- 3) None

Like/Change:

Improve connection to ecological benefits.

#12 General Comments:

I would like the city of FTC to build a whitewater play park as part of this project.

Top 3:

- 1) White water play park
- 2) Recreational access for river viewing, walking, non-water use.

Like/Change:

No comment.

#13 General Comments:

After 20 years of watching the topic of a whitewater recreation project come up and down, I finally feel that the timing of the downtown river corridor project can see it through to completion. This is

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a multi-use community design/restoration project that is not just about the WW kayak design however a great place for the community to rediscover the lifeblood of our city-Cache La Poudre.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater river enhancement project.
- 2) Removal of all dams that are within city's corridor and either replaced with drop structures or boat chutes.
- 3) Bringing the community to the river!

Like/Change:

Playparks are good for communities. I encourage the City Council members to familiarize themselves with other Colorado playparks and parks in cities such as Casper, WY, Charles City, IA., Farmington, NM.

#15 General Comments:

All the presenters did a great job explaining the different phases of the project.

Top 3:

- 1) A fun and safe whitewater Park.
- 2) A more natural and friendly bank system.
- 3) Move river access points.

Like/Change:

No comment

#16 General Comments: Need to see drawing

Use the site for the kayak course with fish passage integrated into the channel , it will provide the best benefits for flood reductions for the cost.

Excavate and or reconnect the meander scroll south of the river, west of the UP trestle, and NE of Lee Martinez Park: remove the old "tree dump and create an area to regenerate a "cottonwood jungle" for habitat 5, 10, 50 and 85 years from now. If there is low flow, let it be beaver habitat and fish passage.

Top 3:

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- 1) Habitat
 - 2) Interpretation , environmental education
 - 3) Flood (hazard) control
 - 4) Kayaks
- Like/Change:
Drawing mention in General section included

#17 General Comments:

In Reach 3 - big vote “Yes” on proposed park and trail infrastructure between Vine and river, east of College. Extend and improve Gustav natural area west to College and create trail connections from Old Town North neighborhood south to natural area. DEFINITELY create a small, safe access to bike path on east side of College...it’s a beat up trail now.

Top3:

- 1) Improve and expand park/trail/natural area from Gustav east to College.
- 2) Reduce flood potential on east Vine and promote commercial retail business development on east Vine to Lemay/future Woodward site.
- 3) Promote commercial/ retail connecting from Maple to Conifer to better connect social, economic, and ecological values of the downtown river area.

Like/Change:

No comment

#18 General Comments:

We really love floating the “town run”. Very much appreciate the city working to remove diversion structures that have to be portaged around. Thanks for taking all of this on!

Top 3:

- 1) Wide bike trail
- 2) Fish
- 3) Trees

Like/Change:

I saw boat access points, but it was unclear where you would park once you dropped your boat.

#19 General Comments:

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None

Top 3:

- 1) Promote visibility of river from downtown.
- 2) Restore natural areas/features.
- 3) Enhance recreation along/in the river with improved signage and clarity on trails.

Like/Change:

Impressed by the collaboration and plan. Eager to support and keep track of the project's many phases.

#20 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Restoration
- 2) Increased waterflow
- 3) Improved swimming opportunities (while protecting vegetation)

Like/Change:

I like the restoration opportunities and I would like to see more restoration action. Filtration and increased vegetation along banks via established swimming beaches.

#21 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Boatable without portages
- 2) Fishing access
- 3) Safe walking paths

Like/Change:

No comment

#22 General Comments:

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There is so much potential for recreation here. Improved access, parks, beaches and bridges.

The area has TONS of potential.

Top 3:

- 1) Boating - either whitewater park or improved town run
- 2) Friendly river access for families/kids
- 3) Bike Path

Like/Change:

I want to see friendly portages around diversion dams and coy ditch. Hauling a 40 lb. boat up a steep rocky bank is no fun. Also, if boating/tubing is a goal, the river hazards need to be managed from a RECREATION stand point as well as a FLOOD stand point.

#23 General Comments:

This to me is a no brainer. Generates money for community and cleans up river and banks, while also making some GREAT recreational activities available. Go check out Salida and/or Golden.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater park
- 2) “ “
- 3) “ “

Like/Change:

I like all concepts. Flood mitigation, habitat and recreation are all important. These are all things that are good for Fort Collins.

#24 General Comments:

2015 couldn't be any sooner! This is something many of us have waited 20 years for

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) Access
- 3) Bank improvement

Like/Change:

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Kayak presentation was excellent. This is a great opportunity for Fort Collins.

#25 General Comments:

Good for the city of fort Collins...for finally focusing on the jewel of this region the Poudre River! The proposed whitewater Play Park will be a unique opportunity to show case our active community that cherishes boating. Please don't let this project fail our community and families. Will use this for decades to come!

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) 2) “ “
- 3) 3) “ “

Like/Change:

I hope the city council members will visit towns such as Salida and Buena Vista to actually witness the wonderful environment to white water parks provide. Small children up to centurions partake in the fun and activities these places provide. It is truly an opportunity for our community to have an amazing experience.

#26 General Comments:

Feedback on Woodward area trail realignment: please make it a priority to limit the closure of the current trail, it seems very possible to keep the existing open while the realignment is built.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater recreation
- 2) Enhanced river corridor
- 3) Increased usability balanced with sustainability.

Like/Change:

No comment

#27 General Comments:

Thank You!

Top 3:

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- 1) White water Park
- 2) Habitat improvement/for other recreational purposes such as fishing
- 3) The functionality of connecting/improving bike paths.

Like/Change:

I think the right measures and considerations for all parties affected are being taken and/or looked at. I am a native of Fort Collins, have grown up on ranch land here so I understand the sensitivity of water locally. I'm also a kayaker and to think of the possibility of a whitewater park locally keeps me in a town I love!! Thank You.

#28 General Comments:

It is important for the community to have a white water park. Kayaking is a small part of the use of the park. This will change the down town river area from a haven for trash and homeless people to a beautiful place of recreation for families.

Top 3:

- 1) Recreation ...tubing, kayak, fishing, swimming
- 2) Habitat
- 3) Fun for families

Like/Change:

I like the idea of the College Ave. feature that area sees so much traffic, and it is currently an eye sore. I would change the timeline. This needs to happen ASAP. Thank you for making dreams come true. 😊

#29 General Comments:

I love the idea of creating a community focused river corridor. The Poudre is the heart of our city and the concepts presented all appear to enhance this great treasure of ours. Thank You!

Top 3:

- 1) Community Area
- 2) Habitat Restoration
- 3) Whitewater Park

Like/Change:

No comment

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#30 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Enhance the Fort Collins experience with a water park (whether white water or not)

Like/Change:

I would like to see the city council visit at least 3 existing white water parks in Colorado and get feedback from those city council members about the pro's and con's of deciding to build their respective parks.

#31 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) APA access
- 2) More Parks...access to river at Buckingham neighborhood
- 3) Safety....river tubers, lights on trails, etc.

Like/Change:

People on the river....more active, main gathering areas

#32 General Comments:

I'm very excited about this effort to integrate the Poudre into the Ft. Collins Community.

Top 3:

- 1) Restore the river's health...restore processes.
- 2) Improve access and integration
- 3) Make the Poudre as big a center piece of FoCo as Old Town!

Like/Change:

I know it's difficult to address (to say the least) but I'd like to see some acknowledgement of the impact of water withdrawals on the Poudre in town to educate and possibly generate more public support to mitigate these.

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#33 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Wildlife and plant habitat / clean up old debris
- 2) Naturalize river corridor as much as possible include flood plains.
- 3) Access for biking, walking , birding

Like/Change:

MINIMIZE parking lots, asphalt ; concrete structures/surfaces along the corridor....people need further exercise, let them ride/walk further to access the corridor. (Except for vehicles of handicapped)

#34 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Restoration of Habitat
- 2) “Natural nature watching”
- 3) Slowing down bike traffic on Poudre Trail

Like/Change:

No performing arts center....enough of that

#35 General Comments:

I think it is a good start. Remove all concrete in the riverbanks and flatten bank “whitewater” feature, great even at low flows...would like to see this as priority.

Top 3:

- 1) Improved habitat
- 2) White water park
- 3) Access to river and amenities (parking, bathroom , etc.)

Like/Change:

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No comment

#36 General Comments:

None

Top 3:

- 1) Habitat restoration
- 2) Recreation

Like/Change:

Habitat restoration is a priority. Community benefit secondary (recreation). No water park if habitat can't be healthily maintained.

#37 General Comments:

It may be helpful to have a representative from Woodward to help explain their part of the project.

Top 3:

- 1) Habitat Restoration
- 2) Natural flood control
- 3) Recreation opportunities.

Like/Change:

No comment

#38 General Comments:

Great project...increased awareness of river as a resource and amenity to be cherished by all residents and visitors to the community. Improvements need to balance benefits related to flood damage/safety, public parks and recreation opportunities and river function (aquatics and wildlife)

Top 3:

- 1) Natural river emphasizing aquatic community riffle-pools, etc.
- 2) Recreation opportunities, park facilities, education opportunities
- 3) Risk reduction through flood control improvements.

Like/Change:

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If a kayak park is planned, keep a reasonable separation from park to reduce risk of injury to small children.

#39 General Comments:

Make canoe put-in and take-out places readily accessible by auto near major road intersections. Encourage family canoeing by rebuilding dirty dams that now require portaging. Especially restore access near Mulberry St, Prospect Road, Shields St. and (with CDOT) Interstate 25.

Top 3:

- 1) Make family canoeing through Ft. Collins to I-25 a first priority.
- 2) Restore and add put-in and take-out sites, with room to remove or put canoes on auto's.
- 3) Remove obstacles to canoeing. Make dams easy to canoe over.

Like/Change:

Need to learn more, thanks! Driving past 10 years most put-ins and take-out places have been removed.

#40 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Properly working eco-system with minimized pollution.
- 2) Recreational (Whitewater and biking)
- 3) Aesthetics - make it look sleek (I think Greenville, SC did a great job with river aesthetics)

Like/Change:

I like the idea of an iconic bridge that will bring people and make downtown an even better place to be. I want a white water park.

#41 General Comments:

It is important to provide timelines so people realize this won't happen tomorrow...maybe include standard permit times from the CORPS of Engineers to help set expectations.

Top 3:

- 1) Maintain year round flow of H2o

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- 2) Multiple recreation uses
- 3) Quiet spaces

Like/Change:

The projects are a good start, but there are more miles of the river in town to connect with also. Having a kayak park will encourage more boaters to checkout Fort Collins instead of just going up the Poudre and staying there. Providing multiple access points to cross the river by foot or by bicycle is also important. A swimming hole rope swing location(s) should be added.

#42 General Comments:

Overheard: They are moving the trail away from the river! It's going to be the plains trail not the river trail!

Top 3:

- 1) Habitat
- 2) Habitat
- 3) Recreation (land based)

Like/Change:

Do Not clear vegetation for "Views"!! Increase (not decrease) riparian vegetation.

#43 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) See that the water level does not go lower than it already is.
- 2) Make this area of the river beautiful with MANY natural areas.
- 3) NO noisy retail operations on river (especially chain restaurants and outlets)

Like/Change:

No comment

#44 General Comments:

No comment

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Top 3:

- 1) Habitat Restoration
- 2) Recreation
- 3) Natural areas that are untrammeled

Like/Change:

I would really like to see habitat restoration as a top priority.

#45 General Comments:

Multiuse to promote habitat for fish, birds and inverts as well as recreation is a must....balance must be achieved. More water in stream is needed for all things.

Top 3:

- 1) Improve fish habitat by taking out diversions.
- 2) Most use for most people.
- 3) More water!!

Like/Change:

No comment

#46 General Comments:

Like the proposed bike trail realignments west of College to Mulberry

#47 General Comments:

Looking forward to the project! It's about time.

Top 3:

- 1) White water park!
- 2) Natural vegetation in riparian zone
- 3) River "health", "integrity" or whatever you want to call it.

Like/Change:

I like the integration and "systems approach"

#48 General Comments:

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I believe a whitewater park is a general community asset. I strongly request that this be made a primary component of the restoration development project.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) Ecological health of river corridor
- 3) Lots of non-motorized vehicular connectivity.

Like/Change:

No comment

#49 General Comments:

Excellent presentation and my questions were answered thoroughly.

Top 3:

- 1) Have it remain a “Wild” area...a place to get away from city environment.
- 2) Cleaning up the river of trash.
- 3) Somehow insisting that homeless do not live under bridge Poudre trail goes under.

Like/Change:

I’m concerned about having permitted so close to trail where the trailer park once existed.

#50 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) White water park
- 2) Sense of community
- 3) Habitat

Like/Change:

I like the emphasis on community and appealing to a wide audience. I like the idea of working to restore current habitat.

51 general Comments:

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I support the development of a whitewater park and natural area improvements for BOTH Recreation and Riparian and fish habitat. I would rather see increase in quality of life and tourism dollars than fracking economic activity. This park seems to be in sync with Fort Collins way of life!

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) Riparian habitat
- 3) Fish habitat/water quality

Like/Change:

Looks Good! Let's Do IT!

#52 General Comments:

Whitewater Park is an excellent idea whose day has come! Excellent for kayaking and tubing and picnicking and spectators and huge positive economic benefit for city.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater park
- 2) Inviting banks for children, water play, fishing, spectators
- 3) Improve natural and fish habitat

Like/Change:

Excellent concept, don't change, be inclusive in process and goals (of various interest groups)

#53 General Comments

Can be center of attraction for Old Town

Top 3;

- 1) White water/ kayak park
- 2) Seating/picnic area nearby
- 3) Ecosystem restoration

Like/Change:

Good range of ideas.

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#54 General Comments:

Like the Golden, Co water park near this library, this could be a great public draw. (Fun too!)

Top 3:

- 1) Water park
- 2) Eliminate overtopping
- 3) Reconnect river to its flood plain

Like/Change:

I'm so impressed by number of people who came. You're doing the right thing! (MaryEllen Holmer)

#55 General Comments:

I am concerned where the city stands on NISP. NISP seems to be a tragic project for the Poudre river in Fort Collins. Bad and sad news.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater/ Float Park
- 2) Restoration of natural state of river- not limited to miniscule "Nature Areas" i.e. Gus Swanson
- 3) Encourage community interaction/use of the river and river corridor. Connection to our natural environment.

Like/Change:

Would like to see the removal of dams, "Naturalize" them.

#56 General Comments:

Would like to see a whitewater park with adjacent bike path.

Top 3:

- 1) Flood mitigation as outlined in project goals.
- 2) Habitat " "
- 3) Recreation " "

Like/Change:

No comment

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#57 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Maintaining existing amenities
- 2) Keep a peaceful section
- 3) Parking ...possibly keep kayak movement to one side of the river (the North)

Like/Change:

A designated trail for horses

#58 General Comments:

Consider ways for H2O drainage at utilities to irrigate farm.

Top 3:

- 1) Keep area for farm trail rides
- 2) Add horse only rides

Like/Change:

Pickle ball courts (fastest growing sport for 40 +)

#59 General Comments:

Love the whole picture plan. This town sorely needs a revitalized river corridor for ALL, kayakers and non-kayakers

Top 3:

- 1) A nice place to train during the off/ shoulder seasons May, June, August, Sept. (Flatwater, slalom, playboating)
- 2) Accessible
- 3) A place to teach beginner kayakers to roll and play and do eddy turns.

Like/Change:

Site 1 would be perfect to focus on flatwater and stand up paddle boarding. Provide access to lakes to roll also interested in big lake not currently in plan for flatwater training.

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Site 2 perfect for slalom/river run without large WW play features, put in upstream and take out downstream.

Site 3 Awesome and have a bigger surf play spots.

#60 General Comments:

As a member of the Fort Collins community I can see a white water recreation park being a benefit to our community. Having visited other cities that have created whitewater parks, I know first-hand how they can transform a city river corridor for the better, and make a good place to live even better and more appealing. Having a whitewater park would directly influence my decision to stay in Fort Collins long term and purchase a home here.

Top 3:

- 1) Environmental restoration, including river restoration and surrounding areas
- 2) Whitewater park and float area.
- 3) General beautification of the area to make it more of an inviting area to recreate and appreciate.

Like/Change:

No comment

#61 General Comments:

Growing up in Fort Collins, I spent lots of time playing in the Poudre River, both in town and in the canyon. I wish you had completed this when I was a kid. A whitewater park in particular would be awesome.

Top 3:

- 1) River Park access for fishing and family get togethers.

#62 General Comments:

Please respect our interest in a park the way we're respecting your process.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) NOW
- 3) Please

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Like/Change:

Guarantee a comprehensive park please. There are hundreds of us spending a lot of our free time begging to be heard for years. Please build us a Park!

#63 General Comments:

Build itwe're already here!

Top 3:

- 1) White water play park where we'll be able to teach our kid kayaking skills.
- 2) Accessibility for people of different abilities.
- 3) Sustainability of the river around the park.

Like/Change:

I like the possibility of having features spread out over 2-3 different sections of the river. (Option 1 & 2)

#64 General Comments:

Build it....we want to use it.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater play park
- 2) White water play park that runs at low flows
- 3) Slalom course

Like/Change:

Different sections could be developed for different uses.

#65 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater play park
- 2) Fishing

Like/Change:

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Whitewater play park East of College.

#66 General Comments:

Check out the “dams and chutes” at the town of Chesky Krumlou, Czech Republic. Basically a series of low dams (cross section) that span the river with a chute along one side (wide enough for a 4-person raft). At high water, the dam is easily flowed over.

Top 3:

On Google maps, it appears there are several of the structures up stream and downstream from the city. A lot of fun for us tourists to enjoy a short canoe ride.

Dale Grit grit@cs.colostate.edu

#67 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Recreation (Whitewater specific)
- 2) Environmental/habitat
- 3) Non-water use (trails, non-water parks)

Like/Change:

I like what is being currently presented regarding the whitewater park potential. I think the city decision makers should move forward to approve it.

#68 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater park that would attract people of all ages.
- 2) Boaters, in high flows but families and picnickers in low flows.
- 3) Create an area that attracts people to the Poudre River.

Like/Change:

Downtown and really develop a love for the awesome river.

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#69 General Comments:

A multiuse/kayak park would be a tremendous addition to the downtown area and add huge value to Ft. Collins.

Top 3:

- 1) Kayak Park
- 2) Bike/walk path
- 3) Keep a natural feel

Like/Change: Thanks

#70 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Protect river habitat to improve the nature experience
- 2) Provide limited river access with limited tubing/boating
- 3) Enhanced experience for trail users, families, and people wanting a quiet place to go in the heart of the City.

Like/Change:

Prefer NO whitewater park...seems like it will provide a limited opportunity for a very small segment of the community. No large event area.

#71 General Comments:

There is nothing holding you back, make the park. White water parks are great for everyone and safe NISP flows will be good enough.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater features
- 2) Outdoor amphitheater
- 3) Fishing area designation

Like/Change:

Make it very large to accommodate a lot of people, make the whole stretch.

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#72 general/Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) Fishing
- 3) Bike Path

Like/Change:

More scenic, less trails

#73 General Comments:

This project is long overdue

Top 3:

- 1) Reduce flood plain by making fixed weirs adjustable.
- 2) Increase summer flows near downtown by local pumping or by letting Greeley divert in Greeley (modern water treatment technology makes running the river underground in this century indefensible)

Like/Change:

NISP can be part of the solution, especially for eliminating zero flows.

#74 General Comments:

I am from Denver, and am part of a large contingent of Kayakers that visit the Poudre canyon every summer for most part we visit the canyon and bypass the city of Fort Collins. The Park is an excellent way to draw kayakers into the City. Once in the City the benefits to local restaurants and businesses will be huge.

Top 3:

- 1) Kayaking freestyle features
- 2) River Bank Restoration
- 3) Low flow features

Like/Change:

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I would focus on kayaking. Kayakers will visit the park from other areas, and will bring in outside money. Tubers are generally already in the city, and won't travel far for tubing.

#75 General/Comments:

I support a whitewater park. I think it will encourage more money for tourism and enhance the local scenery.

Top 3:

- 1) Kayaking
- 2) River Bank Restoration
- 3) Enhance fish Habitat

Like/Change: No Comment

#76 General/Comments:

"Build it and people will come."

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater Park
- 2) Shields to Mulberry navigability
- 3) In-stream flow consistency

Like/Change:

I like that there are possibilities for whitewater park locations. I like the comprehensive integration of flows, recreation, and habitat management. I would encourage the installation of play features of each of the location choices.

#77 General Comments:

Love kayak park, floating doesn't contribute to athleticism, stewardship or uniqueness of our town.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater park
- 2) Conservation/preservation
- 3) Habitat

Like/Change:

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Man! Can I get more information? There is so much here.

#78 General Comments:

No comment

Top 3:

- 1) Rehabilitation
- 2) Bird watching
- 3) Fish Friendly

Like/Change:

None

#79 General Comments:

The concept of WWP is unique and wonderful opportunity to consider the effects of WWP's on fish passage and habitat for the benefit of the Park and the aquatic ecosystem. CSU is conducting this research in Lyon's and the Poudre is an extremely valuable opportunity to continue this research and contribute to our understanding of the subject.

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#80 General Comments:

I want to see Glade Rez feed water year round for this project.

Top 3:

- 1) Handicap access
- 2) Parking for everyone. This means automobiles too!

Like/Change:

I'm very much in favor of the water park in Old Town. I want restaurant development to the Downtown portion of the river.

#81 General Comments:

This looks like a well planned out and well-coordinated planning effort. It is time that Fort Collins celebrates one of its best asset - The Poudre! I am raising 2 kids here and would much rather sign

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them up for a youth paddle sports league than other sports. Thanks for balancing recreation with wildlife with water quality with habitat with flood conveyance.....

Top 3:

- 1) Access
- 2) Family friendly
- 3) Whitewater park
- 4) Arts
- 5) Scenery
- 6) Entertainment

Like/Change:

I like the emphasis on Floodplain reclamation that leads to better everything else. People here vote for better public facilities and all of this meets that criteria.

#82 General Comments:

LOVE it. Thank you...keep going. Would love some swimming holes, cater to kayakers AND families

Top 3:

- 1) Multiuse water activities: tubing, wading, fishing, swimming, kayaking
- 2) Protect the river bed and banks
- 3) Infrastructure for events along the river

Like/Change:

Honestly, I LOVE it. I wish we could stop NISP

#83 General Comments:

I strongly support river bank improvement for recreational use, including whitewater and tubing access.

Top 3:

- 1) Whitewater park
- 2) Eddy construction
- 3) Nicer banks for wading/kayaking instruction

Like/ Change: No comment

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#84 General Comments:

Can the whole section between Shields and Mulberry be usable for tubing?

Top 3:

- 1) Tubing
- 2) Tubing
- 3) Tubing

Like/Change: No comment