

BURNT BRIDGE CREEK GREENWAY NEWS

Spring 2003

Trails, Habitat, and Improved Water Quality Proposed for Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway

What a difference a greenway can make for a community. A greenway can provide fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, natural water systems, environmental educational opportunities, a break in the urban landscape, and more. Vancouver's Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway is no exception. It is a "Green Jewel" in the heart of our city.

The Burnt Bridge Creek Regional Wetland Bank and Greenway Trails Project has been studying and preparing potential designs for the greenway. A project of the City of Vancouver Surface Water Management and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department, it is funded by Surface Water Management enterprise funds and an Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation grant.

Studies on greenway geology, hydrology, fish and wildlife, vegetation, wetlands, archaeology, and traffic are now complete. Community input has been collected at workshops, neighborhood presentations, and via mail and email. Draft plans showing possible locations for trails and loops, ponds, and other features have been prepared. The next step will be public review of the overall proposed master plan and the proposed Phase One improvements.

You are invited to a workshop and presentation on Thursday, April 24 at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School, 2921 Falk Road. The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. At 7:30

p.m., Terry Reckord, Seattle consulting landscape architect for the project, will present a slide presentation "What a Difference a Greenway Makes." He has designed dozens of trails and parks in the Pacific Northwest and is a recognized expert on trail design. Following the April 24 workshop, the master plan will be finalized and Phase One construction documents will be prepared. Also, the permitting process will start, followed by bidding and construction. Estimated time of completion for Phase One is the end of 2004.

When Phase One is finished, three new trail links will be complete—I-5 to Leverich Park, SR500 to Fourth Plain Blvd, and Devine Road to Burton Road. This will create an eight-mile trail stretching from Fruit Valley Road to Burton Road. Ultimately, the trail may extend from Frenchman's Bar to Lacamas Lake.

Proposed environmental changes during Phase One will include shrub and tree plantings to enhance wildlife habitat and shade the creek, water quality ponds and swales to detain and treat stormwater runoff, and natural wetlands to detain and treat floodwaters.

Your involvement with the Burnt Bridge Creek project is important. Attend the workshop or share your comments with David Sacamano, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department, Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668. His telephone number is 619-1118 and he may be reached by email at david.sacamano@ci.vancouver.wa.us

Wetland Bank & Greenway Trails Project

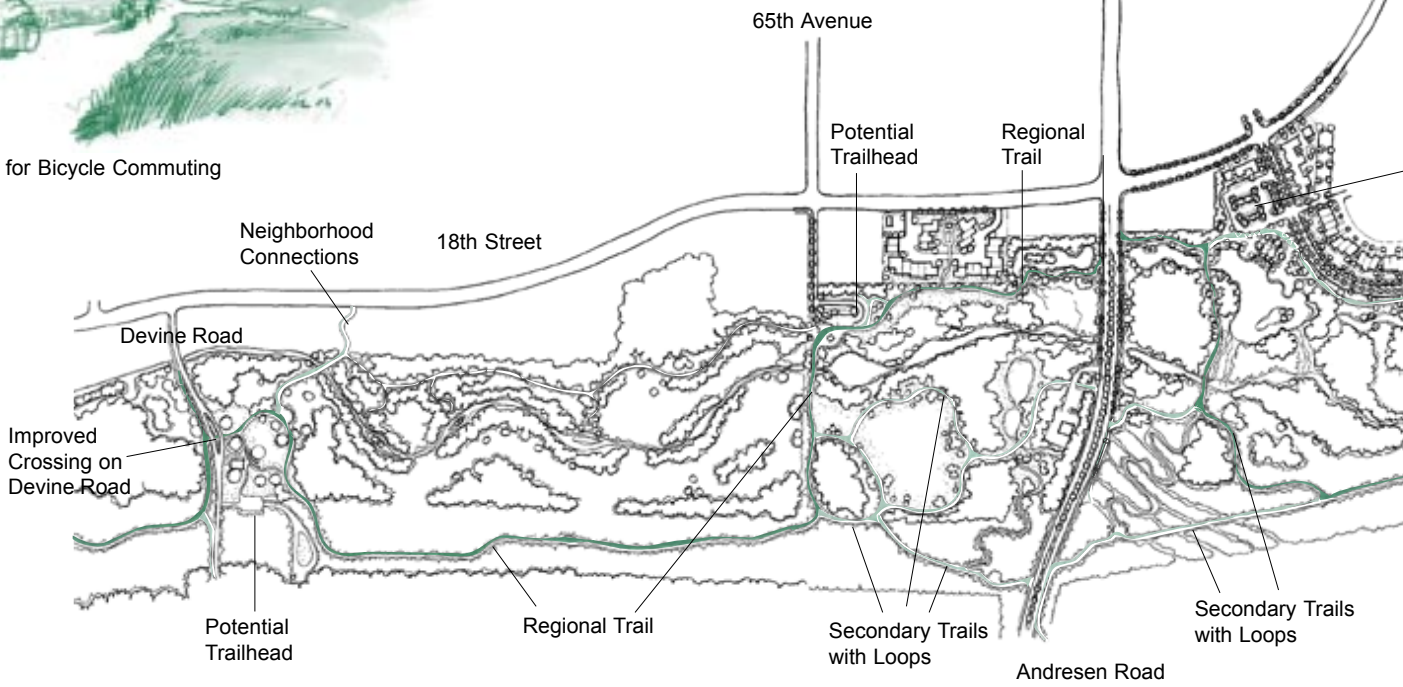


Community Partnership



PROPOSED RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Opportunities for Bicycle Commuting



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PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS

Burnt Bridge Creek Project Vision

Enhance the Burnt Bridge Creek Corridor to become a

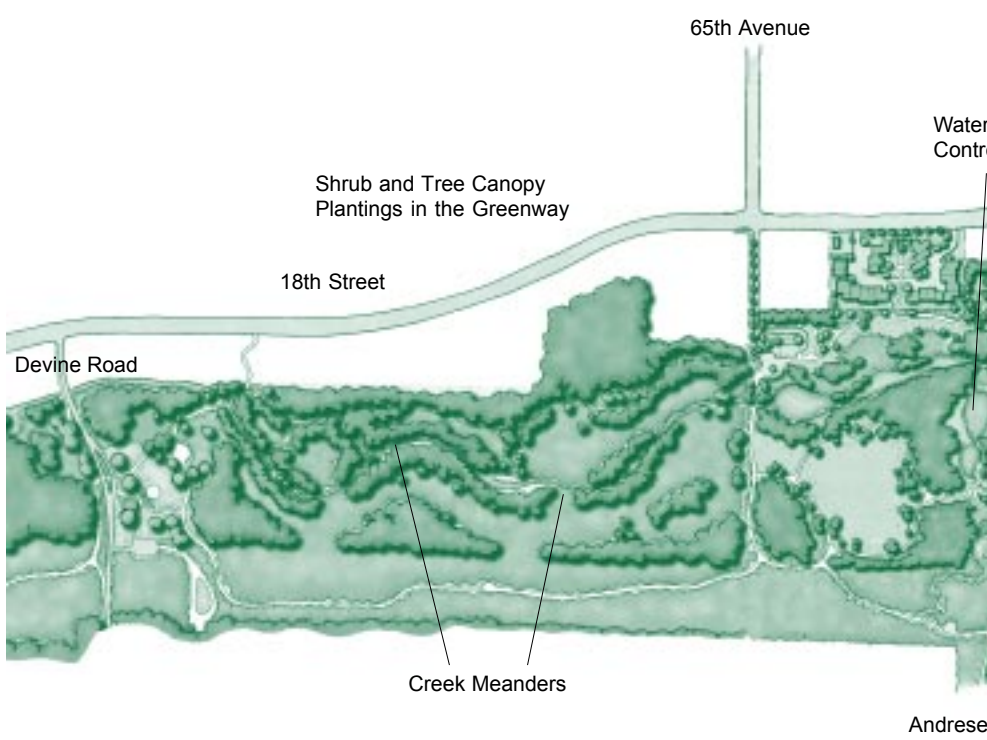
GREEN JEWEL in the heart of our City.

Clean, cool water will support a healthy fish population.

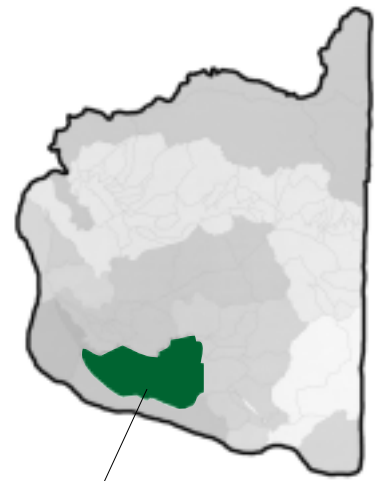
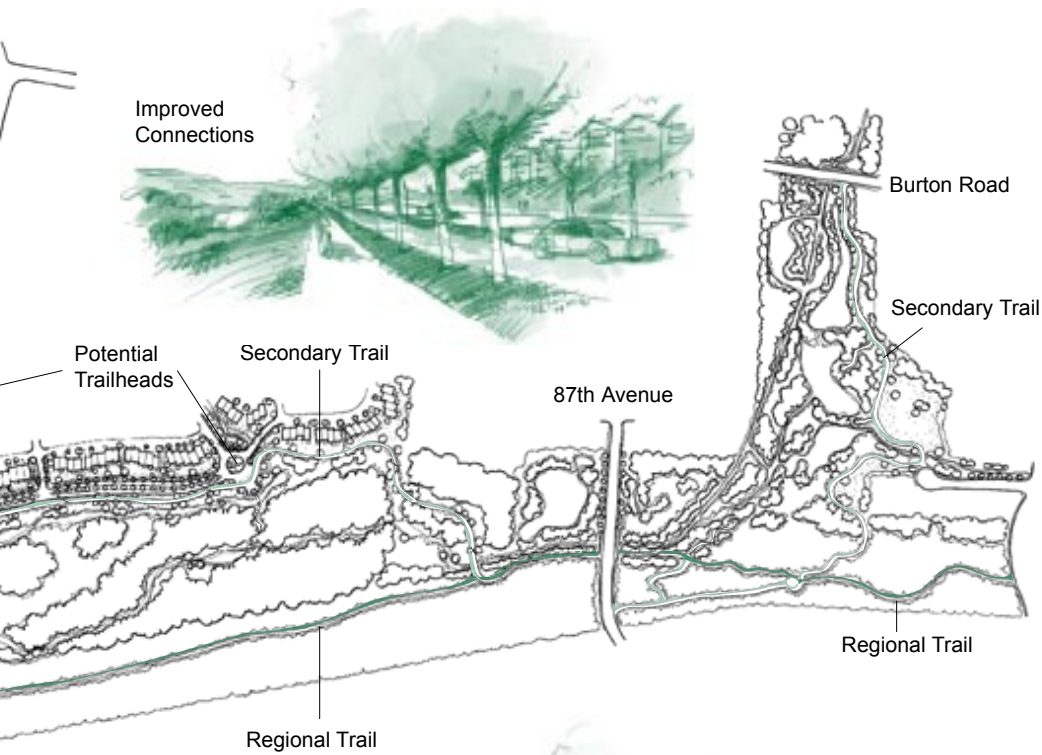
Tree and shrub canopies will provide rich habitat for wildlife.

A recreational trail will welcome urban visitors and bicycle commuters with a nature experience, interpretive educational vistas, and a high quality of life for the community.

Adjacent neighborhoods as well as adjacent commercial properties will reflect this new prosperity with a rise in economic value and economic opportunity.



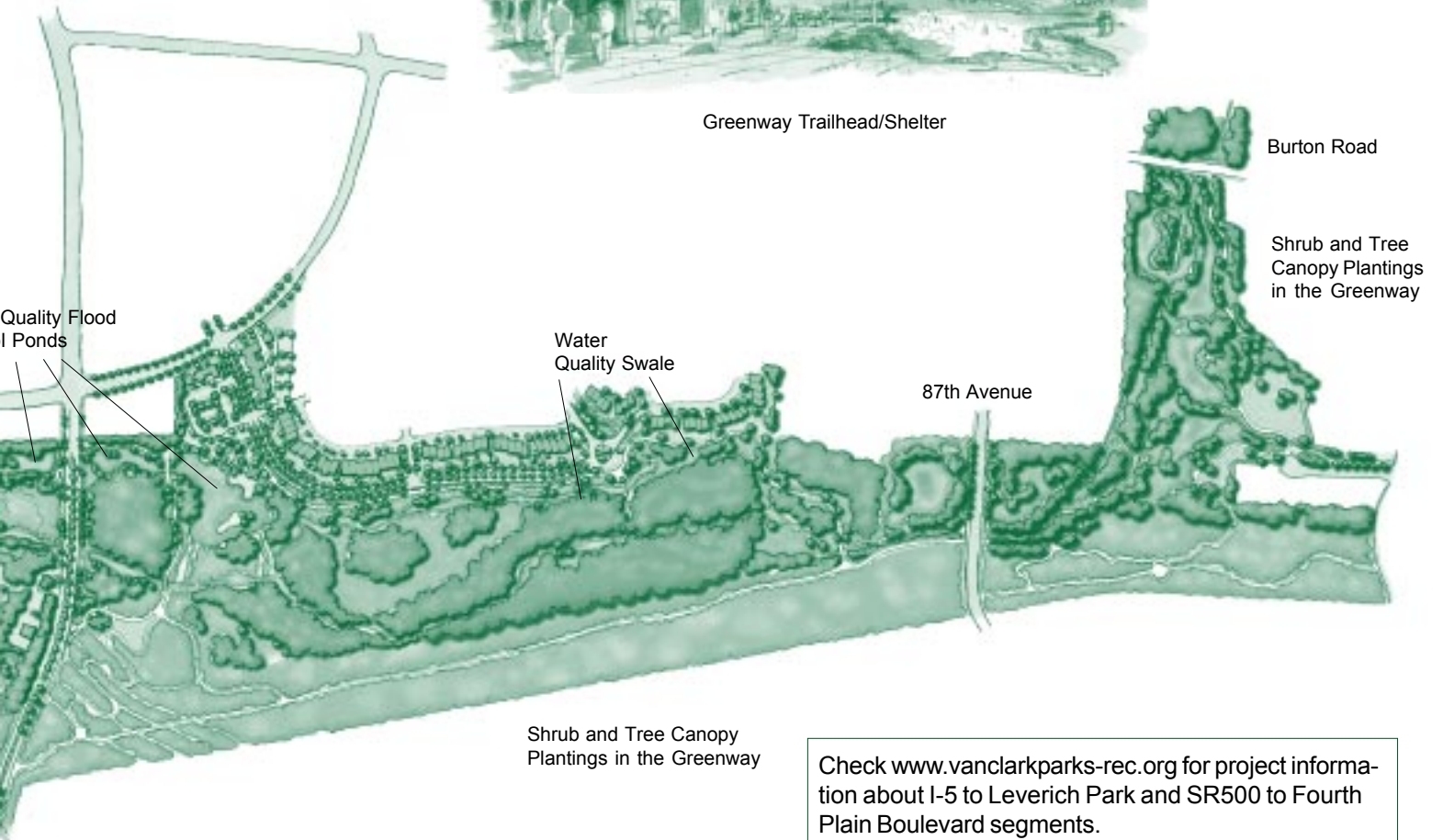
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The Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed is one of 14 Clark County watersheds in the lower Columbia basin



Greenway Trailhead/Shelter



Shrub and Tree Canopy Plantings in the Greenway

Check www.vanclarkparks-rec.org for project information about I-5 to Leverich Park and SR500 to Fourth Plain Boulevard segments.

Burnt Bridge Creek Regional Wetland Bank & Greenway Trails Project

PUBLIC WORKSHOP & PRESENTATION on "What a Difference a Greenway Makes"

Thursday, April 24, 2003

WORKSHOP — 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Review Design Options for the Greenway and Trail

SLIDE PRESENTATION — 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

with Terry Reckord, Project Landscape Architect and
Project Manager for the Seattle area Burke Gilman Trail
and numerous other Northwest trails and greenway

In conjunction with International Discovery Walks Festival

You are invited!

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School, 2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

For more information, visit www.vanclarkparks-rec.org or

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