



Workshop #3 Summary

Downtown River Revitalization Plan



A “Vision” is a general description of what the community wants to be and how it will appear at some point in the future.

Summary of March 31, 2005 Design Workshop

This workshop was designed to be a hands-on, participatory experience, for community representatives to comment on design concepts that have been generated for the Downtown River Revitalization Plan. Citizens also discussed implementation strategies for the improvements along the river. The following assignment was given:



Assignment: Truckee Downtown River Revitalization Plan Implementation Priorities

The team assignment was to chart key projects indicating their priority in the overall plan and the benefits they would bring. The key projects were located in three major activity nodes located along the river: West River, Central River and East River.

Individual Team Summary Notes

For each major activity area a priority project was identified as well as the potential environmental, economic and social benefits of that project.

Team 1

Overall Priority: Site Area C

West River Node Priority

Arnold Property

- Relocate existing industrial
- Redevelop hotel/restaurant

Benefits

Environmental:

- Relocate negative effects
- Environmental improvements

Social:

- Improve river access for citizens

Economic:

- Provide improved industrial sites for economic center: hotel, restaurant and retail

Overall Project Summary

The Town of Truckee has undertaken the development of a Downtown River Revitalization Plan. The plan for the river is an important step in implementing the town’s vision for the heart of the community.

The plan will build on the accomplishments already in place, including those documents that contribute to the policy base for river enhancements, e.g. General Plan, Downtown Specific Plan, and the Downtown Design Guidelines. In this project more specific policy will be written and a vision for the character and scale of development will be created. This will include developing visions for the Downtown River design framework, sketch plans for opportunity sites and infrastructure design concepts for trails, overlooks, bridges and parks. The plan is being developed through a series of public workshops. The workshops provided hands-on opportunities for citizens and business owners in the Town of Truckee to develop a revitalization plan for the riverfront area.

Community participation is a fundamental principle of this planning effort.

The following is a summary of the design workshop that was held on March 31st.



Team 1

Central River Node Priority

Site Area E & D - Central Plaza/Bright Property West

Benefits

Environmental:

- Open space/view shed
- Education
- Provide parking and access in already disturbed areas

Social:

- Central gathering place
- Improved community access from Central Plaza
- Interpretive trail
- Highlight historical past
- Residential development

Economic:

- Pedestrian access provides easy connection between Town, Central Plaza and Open Space
- Bring people in: restaurant, shopping & parking (old county corp yard)

East River Node Priority

Site Area F - Trout Creek Confluence

Benefit

Environmental:

- Create buffer for confluence
- Healthy River = Healthy Community & Economy

Social:

- Tie to Civic Center-Railyard

Economic:

- Access to river and green spaces increases economic potential

Issues Realized

- May not be able to sequence priorities. Economics or environmental needs may affect.



Team 2

Team 2

Overall Priority: Site Area C

West River Node Priority

Site Area C - Arnold Property

- Relocate existing industrial
- Redevelop hotel/restaurant

Benefits

Environmental:

- Improve environment with clean-up

Social:

- Provides gathering place

Economic:

- Economic gateway

Central River Node Priority

Site Area E-4

Benefits

Social:

- Connects people

East River Node Priority

Site Area F - Trout Creek Confluence

- East River habitat restoration
- East River Park

Team 3

Overall Priority: West & Central Nodes and the "Integrity of the Figure 8 Concept"

West River Node Priority

Site Area B - Industrial Mixed/Use

- Relocate existing industrial
- Redevelop hotel/restaurant

Benefits

Environmental:

- Bridge is integral element
- Environmental interaction on south side
- Access and restoration

Social:

- "Where people and the environment come together"
- Multi-use, live/work, destination

Economic:

- Vibrant, multi-use business core (economic engine)
- Access to college



Team 3

Central River Node Priority

Site Area E-4 - Civic Plaza and the hub of "Figure 8"

- Building
- Parking
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Riverbank enhancement & sidewalks

Environmental:

- Access to open space & south river trail system/pedestrian bridge
- Provides habitat restoration

Social:

- Civic Plaza
- Education Node "Where downtown meets the river"
- Buildings should be designed to be pedestrian friendly
- Retail business-bring people to river

Economic:

- Economics in maintenance yard

East River Node Priority

Trout Creek Confluence (low priority)

- Coordinate plans for this end with future Railyard Development

Team 4

Overall Priority: Site Area E

West River Node Priority

Site Area A-1 - Fish & Game

- Provide bridge connection upstream along HWY 89
- Preserve Fish & Game site

Central River Node Priority

Site Area E-4

- Visual clean-up
- Focal point for area
- "Free form" approach

Benefits

Environmental:

- Clean-up old county corp yard

Social:

- Heart of the town

Economic

- Attract business; tourism

East River Node Priority

Trout Creek Confluence

- Conservation of confluence high importance
- Tie into railyard

Opportunity Sites Area Map

The area map shows the general locations of the opportunity sites that were discussed. For more detailed information please see Chapter 3 Opportunity Sites that is posted on the town's web site (www.townoftruckee.com).



Team 4

