

BRUSH CREEK WATERSHED FEASIBILITY STUDY
November 15, 2010 Bi-State Reach Workshop
General Comments

What is the value of the Brush Creek Ecosystem?

- Keep natural areas in urban areas as much as possible with long corridors and connections.
- Quality of life for the community; quality of our environment—water, air, land.
- Preventing flooding, clean water, prevent pollution, natural beauty, public use of park.
- Access to nature (potentially); inherent value of water as an element; it should provide riparian habitat and filtration.
- Natural waterway with some need for stabilization of banks near Ward Parkway—concrete is not appropriate here; stonework is.
- You can show children nature at its best.

What natural resources do you feel are important to consider when developing projects in the Brush Creek Watershed? What are these resources and why are they important to you and/or your community?

- Water quality
- Riparian areas and habitat
- Green areas and trees
- “While Brush Creek is hardly a natural habitat, it is home to a variety of wildlife. Introduction of some native plants here and there could be both visually attractive and may provide cover for some wildlife species. On the other hand, encouraging a large wildlife population in the middle of a densely populated urban area is probably not in anyone’s best interest, particularly not the animals’.”
- “Why? Heat island effect (shade), character, property values.”

What other issues, concerns or suggestions should be considered as plans for the Brush Creek watershed and the Bi-State Reach are being developed?

- Bike and walking trails and safety (including lighting), especially if it is possible to extend such trails east past Belleview and Roanoke so they connect to the walkways that run through the Plaza and beyond.
- Educating and promoting with the public native plantings, rain gardens.
- Flooding and water quality. “Improving water quality should be a primary goal.”
- Future sewer development.

What is your vision for improving the Brush Creek watershed? What conditions and features would be present?

- Natural stream way with BMP/eyebrows. More natural edge
- Near stream and in stream habitat restoration.
- Community access to the creek and more public events.
- Trails, beautification, walkways, rain gardens
- Install small lake near the Plaza area.
- “...between Belleview and State Line, the flood control aspect could be best addressed by removing the old concrete creek bed and center culvert, deepening and widening the creek bed somewhat, and by replacing the bridge at State Line with one that does not impede or constrict the water flow.”
- Prefer stacked stone method of erosion control along the creek bank. Much more appealing than the rip rap that exists east of Belleview. Giving the creek channel a more natural “Meandering” form may also be appealing.

How could we have improved this workshop?

- Provide individual map of actual creek area.
- Add specifics of water quality in the matrix of potential approaches.
- Brief intro comments to outline objectives of workshop.
- Hummus and chips—something besides cookies! ☺