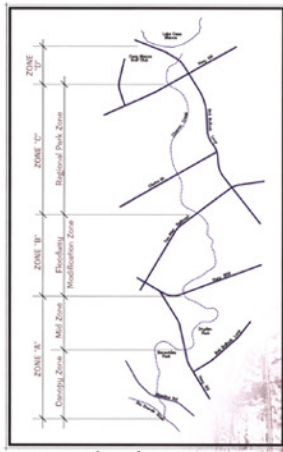


**Legend:**

-  **Intermodal Node**
-  **Pedestrian Node**
-  **Trail Access (10' Conc.)**
-  **Existing Wetlands**
-  **Proposed Wetlands**
-  **Neighborhood Park**
-  **Limits of Improved Floodplain**
-  **Limits of Exist. Floodplain**



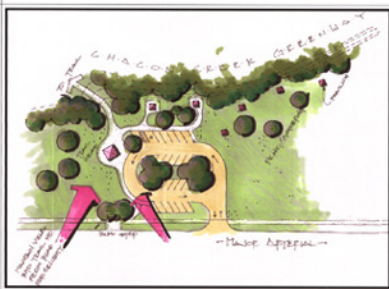
"Zones" Identification Map



Continuity Through Signage . . .

**FLOOD MITIGATION ZONE:**

This area defined by significant change in order to reduce upstream floodplain. The proposed section will include a benched cross-section with upper and lower areas. The trail will be continued on the upper bench with facilities such as practice fields and driving ranges can be built on the lower area.



Schematic of Intermodal Trail Access

Existing Americas Little League Fields

Small Check Dams create impoundments that harbor Wetlands, create visual interest, cool the micro-climate, and are also a draw for trail users.

Existing Benavides Park

Remove pollution potential of the Transfer Facility for the overall health of the Creek corridor as well as it's users - the citizens of Laredo.

Proposed Eastwood Parks Parcel

Future potential trail opportunity

Limits of Existing Floodplain

Limits of Proposed Floodplain

**PROPOSED METROPOLITAN PARK:**

The large floodplain & Creek corridor offer a tremendous opportunity to develop a unique enhancement to Laredo's quality of life. Central to this Park is a large lake which serves as an irrigation source in addition to an amenity.

A soccer complex and a baseball/softball complex fulfill part of the recreation needs stated in the Parks & Open Space Masterplan. A linear neighborhood Park w/ active recreational facilities/picnic areas dot the shoulder of the north portion of the Lake.

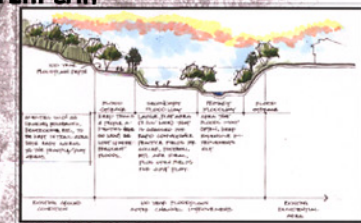
Shallow portions of stream corridor allow ample opportunity for enhanced/created wetlands.

Proposed On-street designated bike routes provide access into the Creek corridor

Neighborhood scale parks w/ picnic areas, parking, bus stops, and ADA compatible trail access all combine provide a way for the citizens of Laredo to get into the Chacon Creek corridor.

Depending upon location, smaller scale recreation facilities such as playscapes and necessary amenities like restrooms could be provided as well. These nodes will also accommodate emergency vehicular access to the trail.

**EXHIBIT 7...POND AT THE BEND CONCEPTUAL MASTERPLAN**



Conceptual Cross-section of Improved Floodway

Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Access Allow access from adjoining neighborhoods

**"POND @ THE BEND"**

This existing low area inside a bend in the creek could be a clue to a past change in the Creek channel. Converting this area to a wet pond resembles the Rasacas that are prevalent along the Rio Grande River.

**EXISTING DRYDEN PARK**

Restore Picnic Area under existing "Mesquite Bottoms" area & Preserve existing Wildflower Meadow.

**CHACON CREEK TRIBUTARIES**

Provide future opportunity to extend the Open Space influence to a greater number of residents.

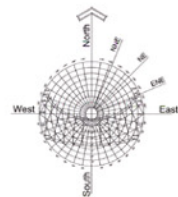
**RIO GRANDE RIVER CONFLUENCE**

This area presents a great opportunity for Birdwatching and Environmental Education.

Created Wetlands and Wildlife Observation opportunities are terrific for young and old alike. Aviaries and treated Boardwalks that can be flood-proofed to some degree can be important elements.

**The "Top Ten" Design Issues:**

1. Secure Funding
2. Floodway Improvements
3. Remove/Encapsulate Trash & Debris
4. Policy & Behavior Modification/Enforcement
5. Constant Water Flow & Water Impoundment
6. Native vs. People Friendly Habitat?
7. Security
8. Attract Users into Corridor
9. Access
10. Continuity of Design



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