

**March 10, 2026**

***Colma Creek Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting***

**AGENDA**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
- III. Action to set the Agenda and Approve the Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting
- IV. Committee Appointments
- V. Updates on Colma Creek Flood Zone Projects and Maintenance Activities
- VI. 2026 Meeting Schedule: May 12, September 8
- VII. Adjournment

# Agenda Item I.

## Roll Call

Name	Designation
Helen Fisicaro, Councilmember (Chair)	Town of Colma Representative
Greg Wright, Councilmember	City of Pacifica Representative
Mark Addiego, Councilmember	City of South San Francisco Representative
Marty Medina, Councilmember	City of San Bruno Representative
Teresa G. Proaño, Vice Mayor	City of Daly City Representative
Gail DeFries	Member At Large, City of Daly City
Edward Bortoli	Member At Large, City of South San Francisco
Ryan Mayfield	Member At Large, City of South San Francisco
Lissette Morales	Member At Large, City of South San Francisco

**Agenda Item II.**  
**Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

## **Agenda Item III.**

**Action to Set the Agenda and Approve the Consent Agenda**

# Agenda Item IV.

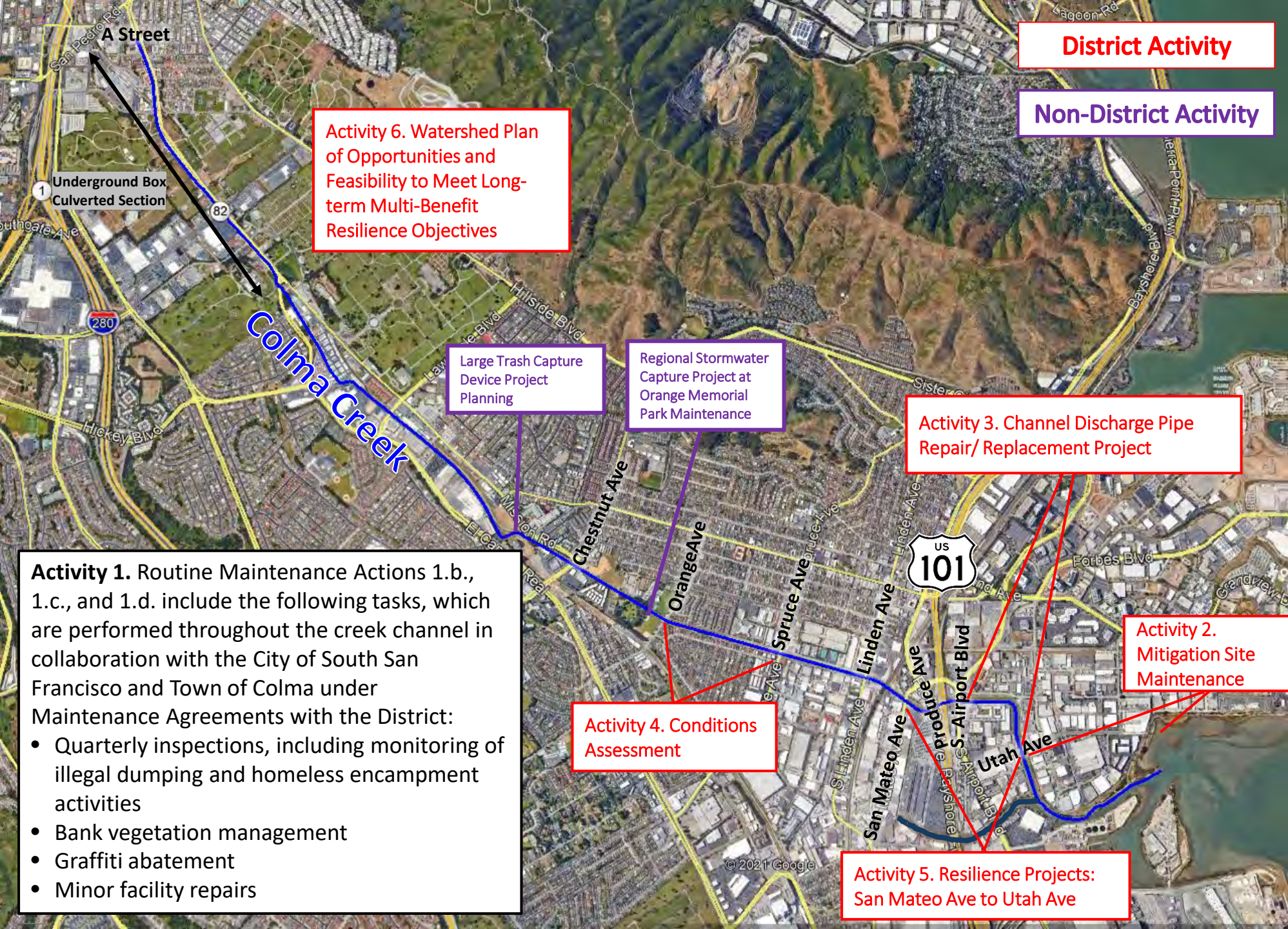
## Committee Appointments

Name	Designation	Term Expiration
Helen Fisicaro, Councilmember (Chair)	Town of Colma Representative	2026-12-31
Greg Wright, Councilmember	City of Pacifica Representative	2026-12-31
Mark Addiego, Councilmember	City of South San Francisco Representative	2026-12-31
Marty Medina, Councilmember	City of San Bruno Representative	2026-12-31
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Gail DeFries	Member At Large, City of Daly City	2026-03-31
Edward Bortoli	Member At Large, City of South San Francisco	2026-03-31
Ryan Mayfield	Member At Large, City of South San Francisco	2028-03-31
Lissette Morales	Member At Large, City of South San Francisco	2029-03-31

# Agenda Item V.

## Update on Flood Zone Projects and Maintenance Activities

Project/Activity	Status	Timeline
<b>1. Routine Maintenance</b>	Q1 walk completed February 24, 5-year permit applications ongoing	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>2. Stewardship</b>	Events planned March 14 and May 16	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>3. Channel Discharge Pipe Repair/Replacement between U.S. Highway 101 and Utah Avenue</b>	Notice of completion filed	<b>Complete</b>
<b>4. Conditions Assessment</b>	Boring and core work completed between Orange Ave and Spruce Ave, recommendations pending	<b>2026 Q2</b>
<b>5. Creek Resilience Projects: San Mateo Avenue to Utah Avenue</b>	Modeling and concept development ongoing	<b>Concept 2026 Q3</b>
<b>6. Watershed Plan</b>	Watershed model updates and compiling list of potential policy, projects, and programs	<b>2027 Q2</b>



**Activity 6. Watershed Plan of Opportunities and Feasibility to Meet Long-term Multi-Benefit Resilience Objectives**

**Activity 1. Routine Maintenance Actions 1.b., 1.c., and 1.d. include the following tasks, which are performed throughout the creek channel in collaboration with the City of South San Francisco and Town of Colma under Maintenance Agreements with the District:**

- Quarterly inspections, including monitoring of illegal dumping and homeless encampment activities
- Bank vegetation management
- Graffiti abatement
- Minor facility repairs

Large Trash Capture Device Project Planning

Regional Stormwater Capture Project at Orange Memorial Park Maintenance

**Activity 3. Channel Discharge Pipe Repair/ Replacement Project**

**Activity 2. Mitigation Site Maintenance**

**Activity 4. Conditions Assessment**

**Activity 5. Resilience Projects: San Mateo Ave to Utah Ave**

**District Activity**

**Non-District Activity**

# Agenda Item V.

## Update on Colma Creek Flood Zone Projects and Maintenance Activities

Map of Colma Creek Flood Zone Projects and Maintenance Activities

# 1.a. Regulatory Permits

2026 routine maintenance to be completed under current permits

Working to submit permit applications for renewed 5-year routine maintenance permits

- USACE 404 and Regional Board 401 applications prepared
- CDFW underway
- BCDC jurisdictional determination pending

Routine Maintenance Activities			
Maintenance Activities	Creek Segment		
	Reach 1: A St/ El Camino Real downstream to Spruce Ave	Reach 2: Spruce Ave downstream to Produce Ave	Reach 3: Produce Ave downstream to Creek Mouth
Sediment removal on channel bed		X	
Vegetation management on channel banks and bed	X	X	X
Repair or management of concrete/hardened channel banks, bed, and culvert outfalls	X	X	X
Install and maintain small trash capture devices	X	X	X
Removal of obstructions (debris)	X	X	X
Installing and maintaining fences on channel banks	X	X	X
Repair access roads	X	X	X
As-needed graffiti abatement	X	X	X

## 1.b., 1.c., and 1.d Routine Maintenance

- Quarterly inspection conducted February 24  
OneShoreline, Joe Hill Consulting, and South San Francisco staff
- Only one active encampment observed
- Trash from sources including storm drains and illegal dumping is ongoing concern



# 3. Channel Discharge Pipe Repair/Replacement Project

Notice of completion filed and processed



# 3. Stewardship

San Mateo County Public Works in partnership with OneShoreline and County Sustainability hosting creek clean up events

- March 14 School Event
- May 16 National River Cleanup Day

## COLMA CREEK VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP

### Saturday, March 14, 2026

### 9AM – 12PM



**Volunteers needed!** Come join OneShoreline and County of San Mateo's Public Works and Sustainability Department to pick up trash and create a healthier and more beautiful environment. Great opportunity for student volunteer hours! **Help clean up Colma Creek!**

**LOCATION:**  
Meet along the Bay Trail at the Public Shore parking lot near Littlefield Ave.

Scan QR code for meetup location

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
Wear comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes that you don't mind getting dirty! Dress in layers.  
All tools and equipment (gloves, trash pickers, etc.) will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own if you'd like!  
Refreshments will be provided







**Please RSVP contact:**  
ralbanese@smcgov.org

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**LOCATION:**  
Meet at Utah Ave bridge, at the intersection of Utah and Harbor Way, near 180 Utah

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
Come prepared to be outdoors for three hours. The following should be on your packing list:

- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are required (ones you don't mind getting dirty!)
- Dress in layers; long pants are recommended
- Sun protection such as a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Full reusable water bottle

Gloves, pickers, bags, and refreshments will be provided!!







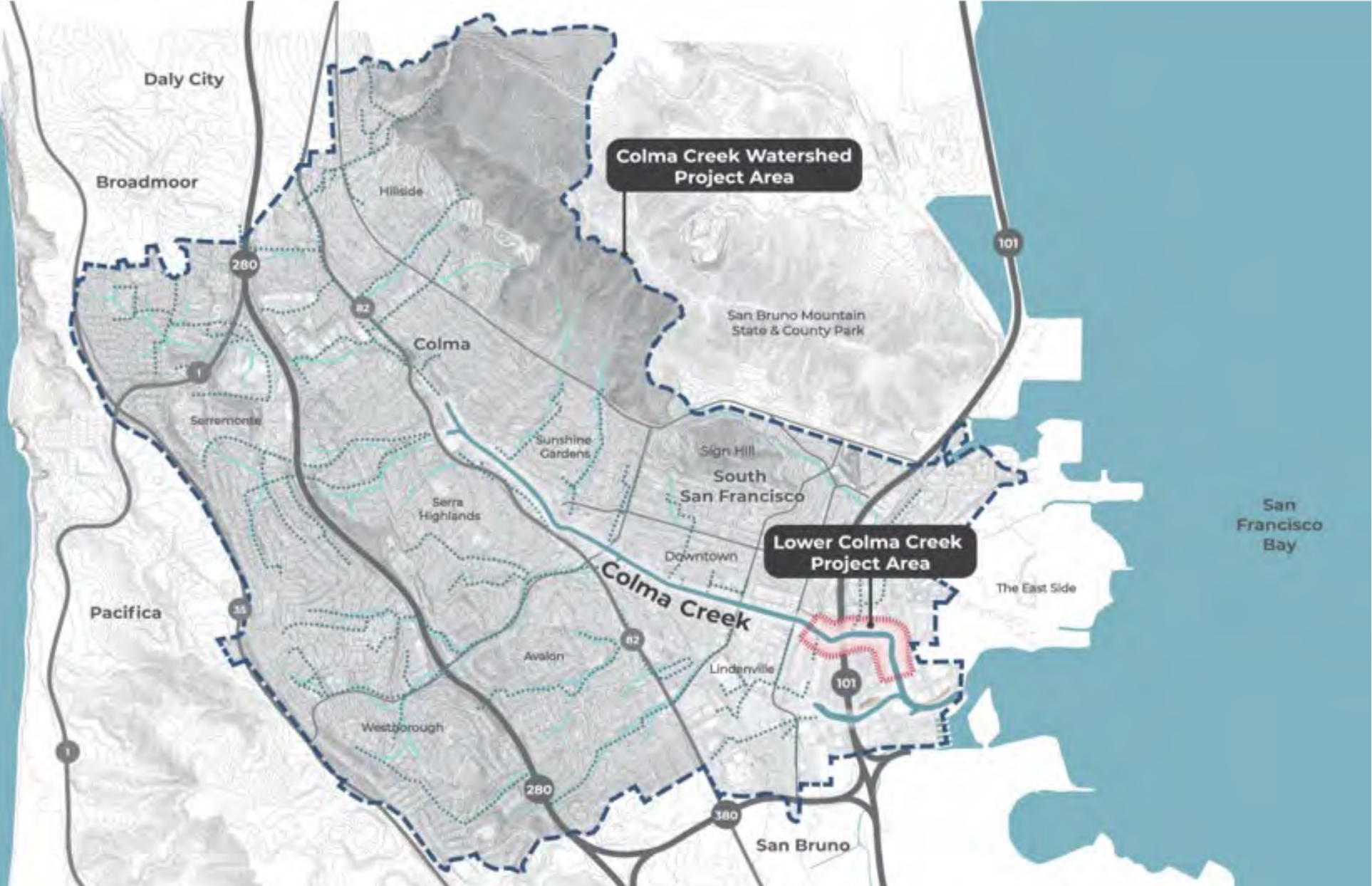
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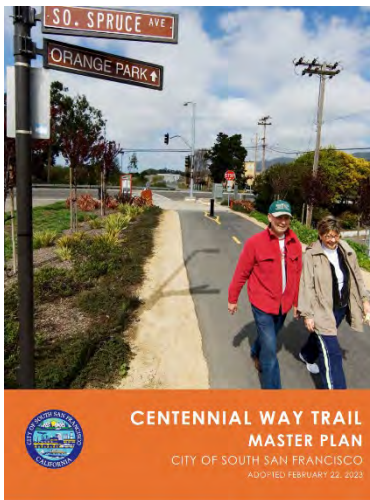
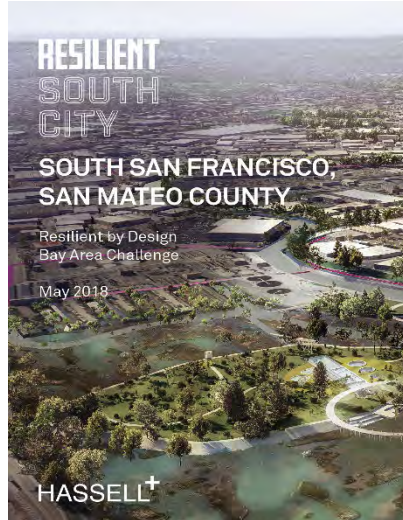
# 4. Colma Creek Condition Assessment

- Between Orange Memorial Park and Spruce Avenue voids located under wall, pending engineer recommendations
- Previous work: borings and cores fall 2025, radar survey 2024, initial study fall 2023



# 5. and 6. Lower Creek Resilience Projects and Watershed Plan





## Considering Diverse Benefits and Funding Opportunities



SAN FRANCISCO BAY  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY



Coastal  
Conservancy



Caltrans®



FEMA





## Community priorities shared:

- **New parks and open space**, spaces to gather
- **Increased visual and mobility access and recreation** along Colma Creek
- Transformation of Colma Creek to **support ecology & connection to the Bay**
- **New bike and pedestrian paths**
- Preserve **legacy of industrial uses** and **current business operations**
- **Community engagement** needs, including in person, on site events or activations

## Working Group 4

February 9

### Long-Term Vision + Preliminary Concepts

Lower Colma Creek Resilience Projects

### Outcomes:

- Identifying opportunities and limitations
- Informing concept iteration

## Working Group 5

April 22

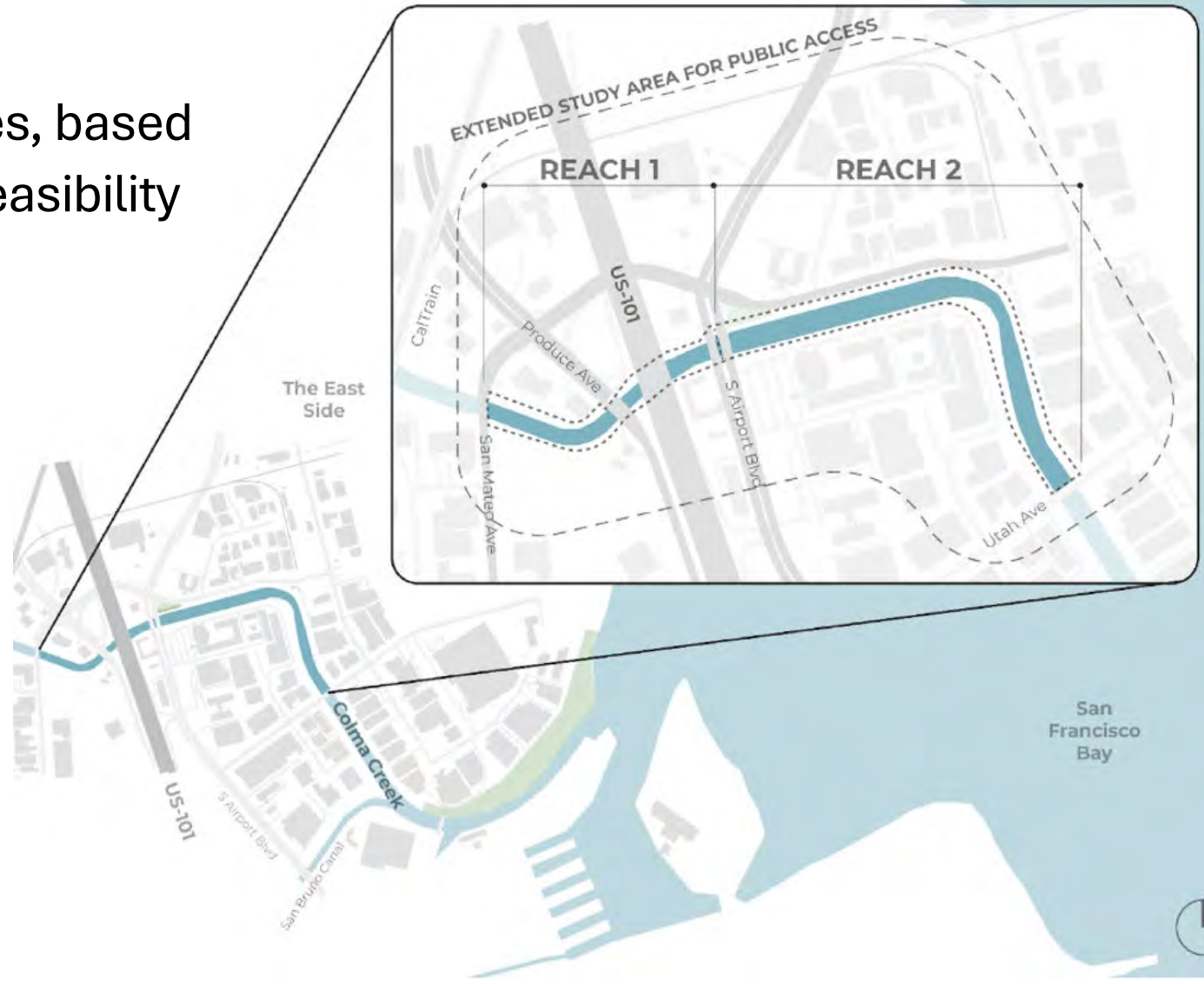
### Preliminary Project Concepts

Colma Creek Watershed Plan

# 5. Lower Creek Resilience Projects: San Mateo Ave to Utah Ave

## WHAT:

Develop conceptual plans for two reaches, based on established hydraulic and structural feasibility





**Manage flood risk** and build adaptability to sea level rise through resilient infrastructure along Colma Creek.



**Protect and enhance native species habitat** to improve ecological functions and resilience to the changing climate.

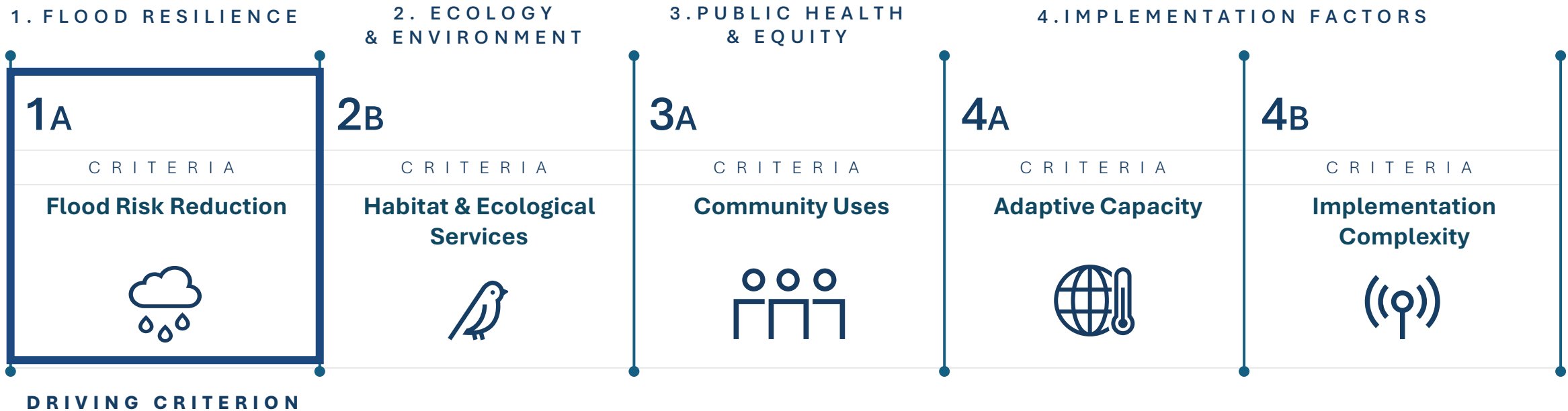


**Connect Colma Creek** to surrounding communities through expanded public access and enhanced safety.

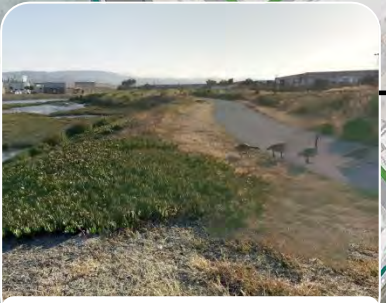


**Leverage investments** to transform Colma Creek into a regional amenity that supports community vitality and sustainable economic development.

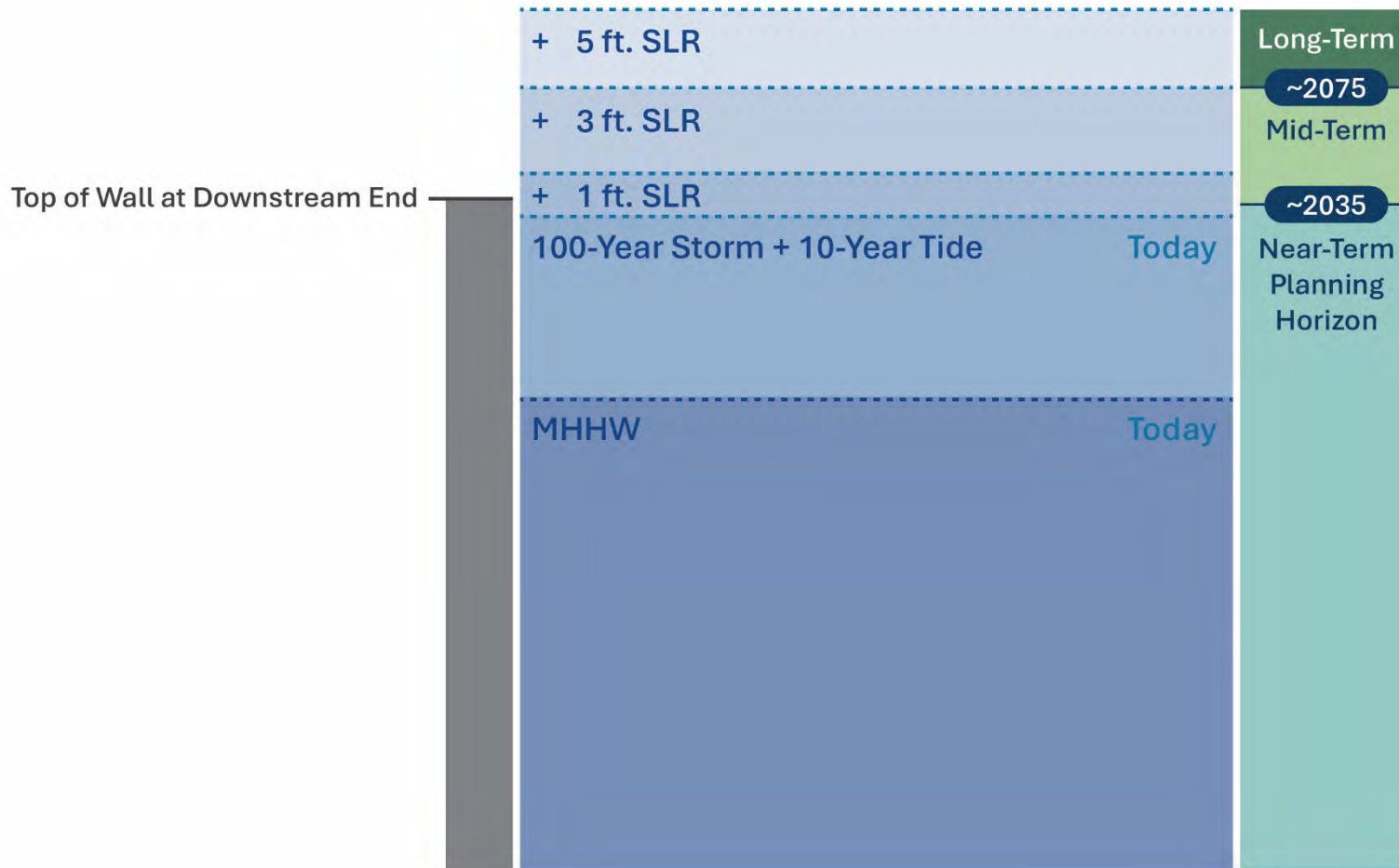
# Preliminary Alternatives Evaluation Criteria



# Proposed Long-Term Open Space + Connectivity



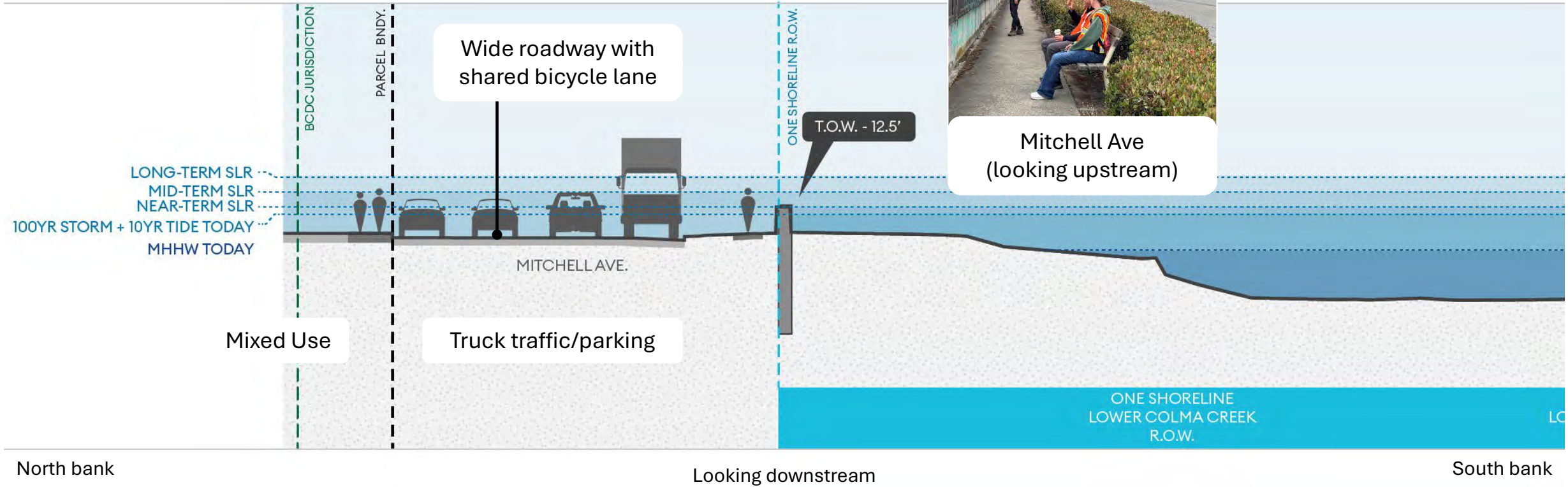
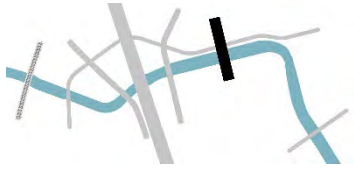
# Considerations for Adaptation Planning



- Raise other bridges or install tide gate?
- Land use changes? Plan implementation?
- Raise Utah Ave. bridge?



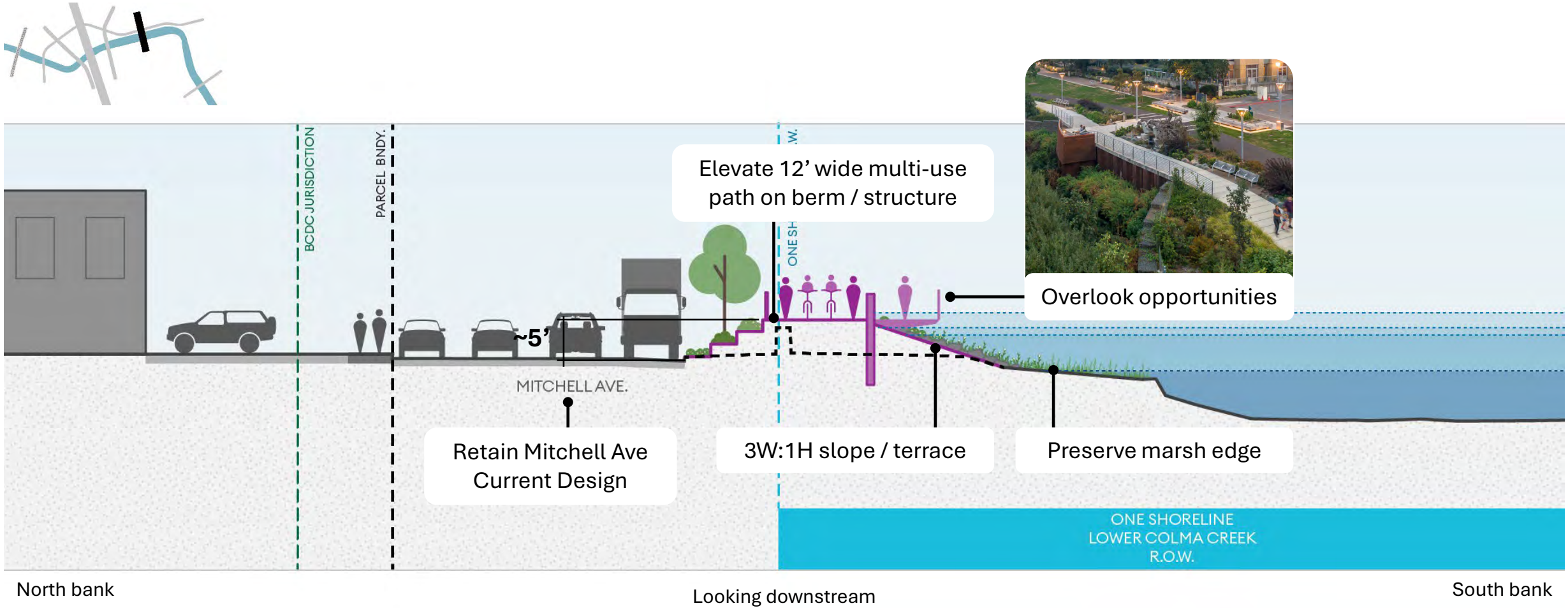
# Reach 2: Mitchell Ave – Existing Conditions



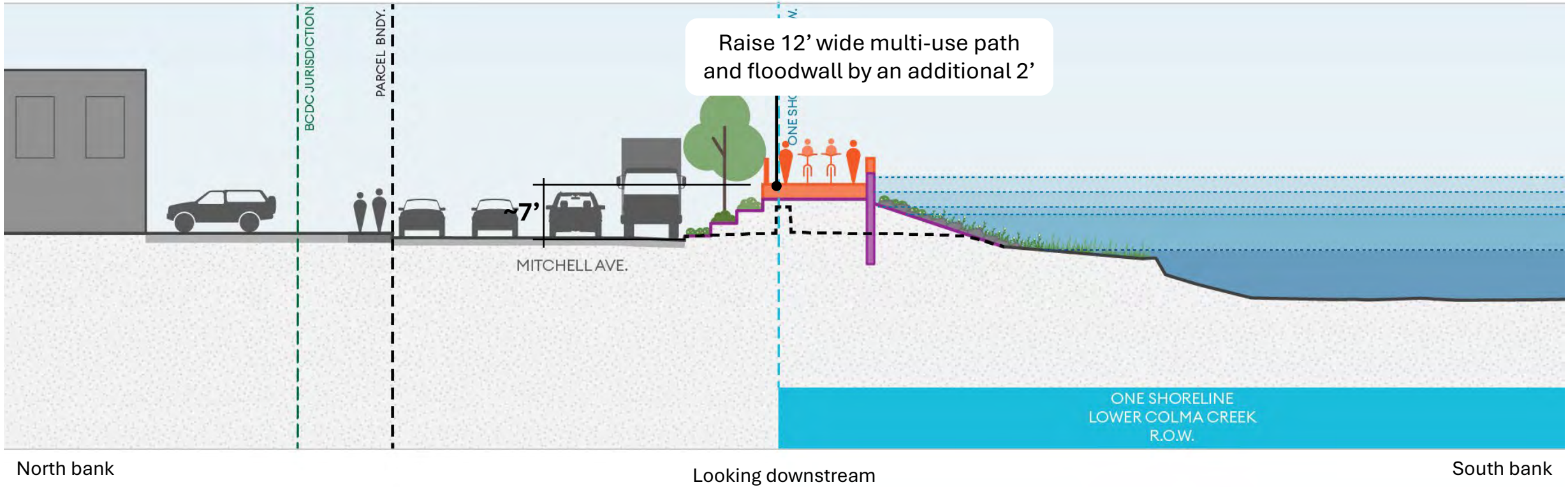
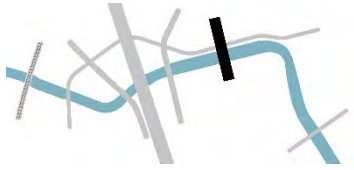
Mitchell Ave (looking upstream)



# Reach 2: Mitchell Ave – Concept A | Mid-Term Option

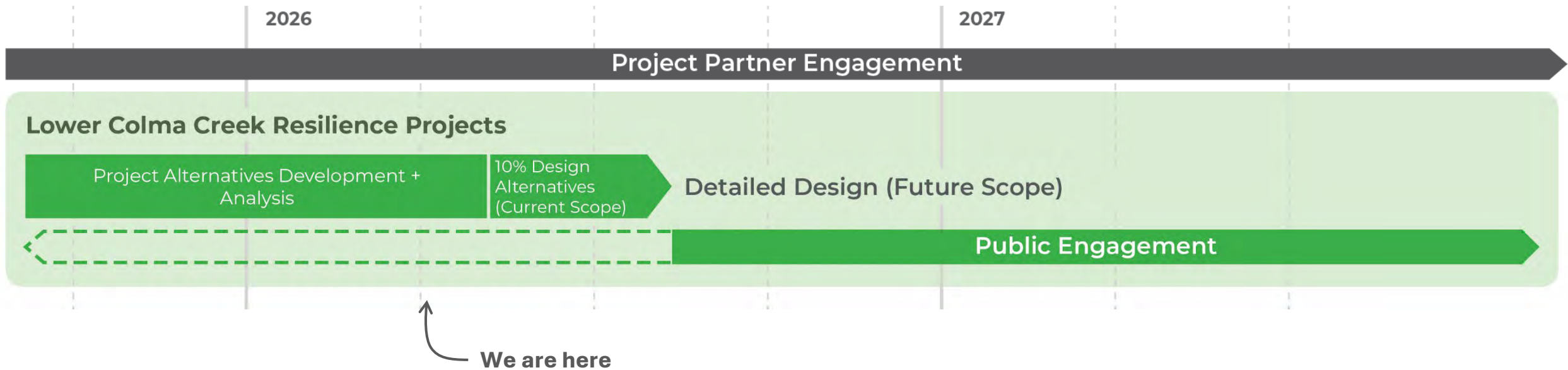


# Reach 2: Mitchell Ave – Concept A | Long-Term Option



Mid-term project      Future adaptation





# 6. Watershed Plan

## WHAT:

A long-range, visionary blueprint that prioritizes projects, programs, and policies that improve public health and safety, enhance habitat, support water quality and supply, and increase public access and connection to the Creek.





## Reduce flood risk

Reduce flood risk through multi-benefit watershed solutions across the Colma Creek Watershed.



## Create long-term resilience to climate change

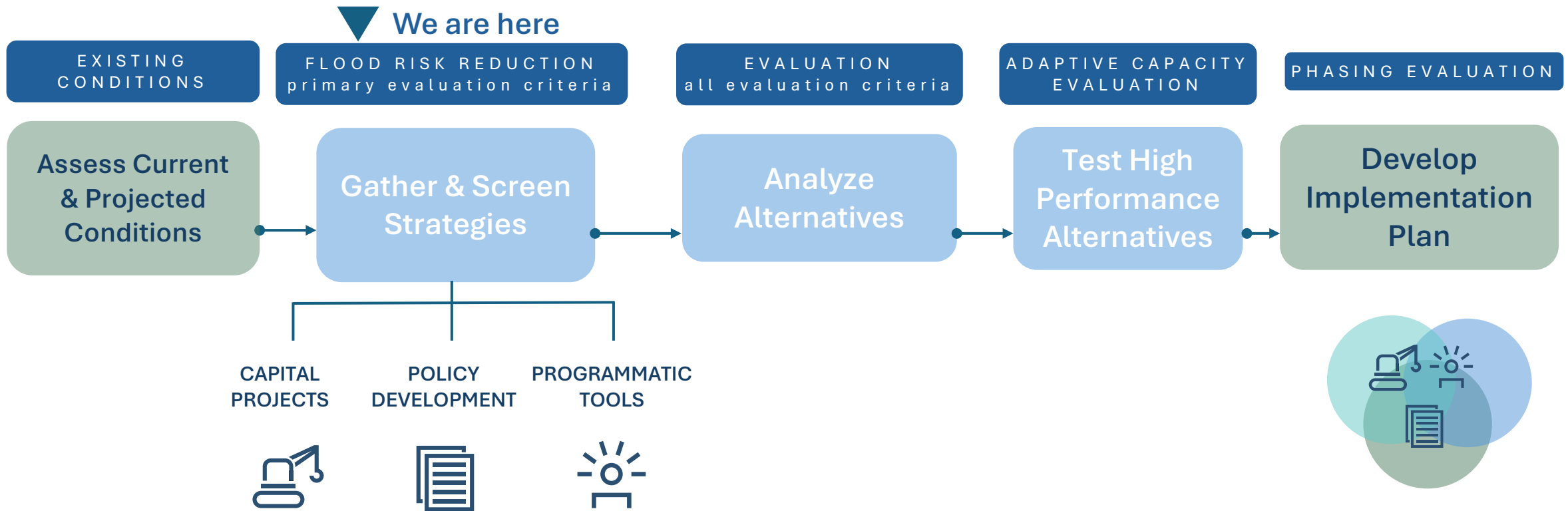
Create long-term resilience to climate change and improve water quality through policies, programs, and infrastructure that prioritizes nature-based solutions.



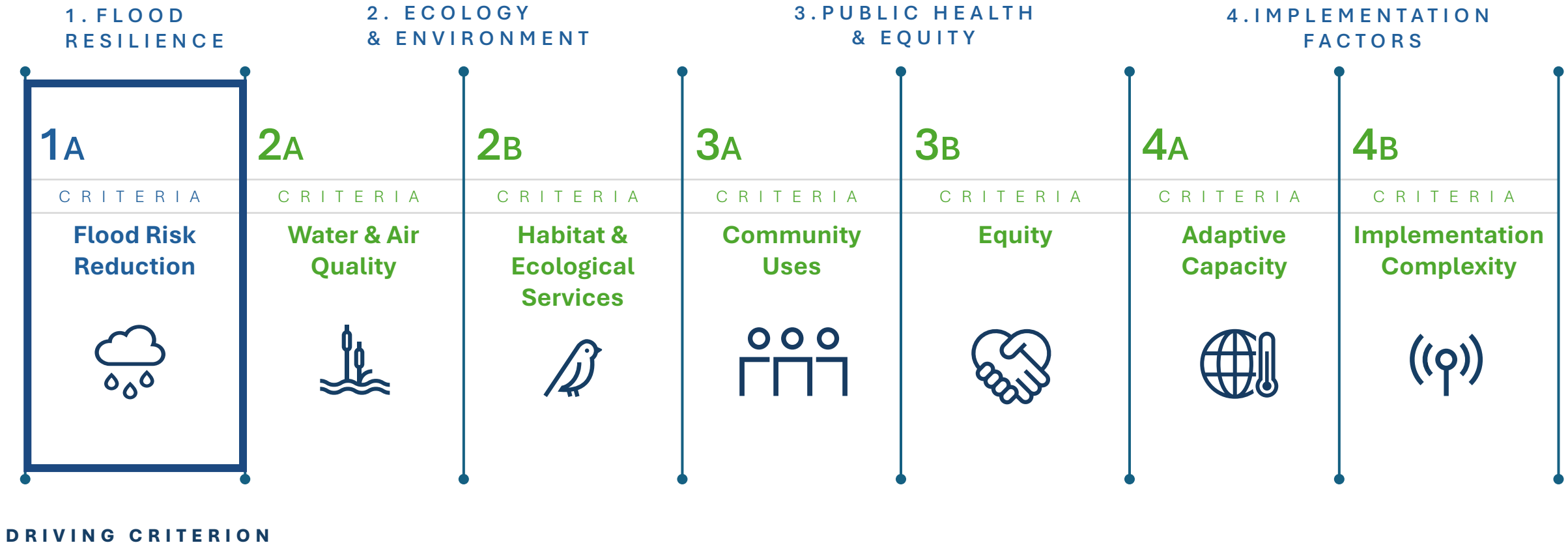
## Connect Colma Creek to Surrounding Communities

Connect Colma Creek to surrounding communities by increasing public access, recreational opportunities, and livability while improving public safety.

# Major Planning Steps



# Draft Planning-Scale Evaluation Categories



# Project Example: In/Adjacent to the Creek

## Resilient By Design – Lowered Sister Cities Park & Greenbelt



# Project Examples: Green Schoolyards and Other Large-Scale Projects

## Cemeteries



Bunurong Memorial Park,  
Melbourne Australia

## Schools



SUDS in  
Schools  
Program, UK

Residential  
Cloud Burst Park,  
Copenhagen

## Golf courses



## Carparks



# Project Examples: Blue/Green Corridor Concepts

Green



Green/Blue



Floodable Streets



# Project Examples: Policies and Programs



*Flood-proofed Homes, NYC*



*Flood-proofed Building, Pier 17, Brooklyn*



*Flood-Proofed Building, Boston Waterfront*

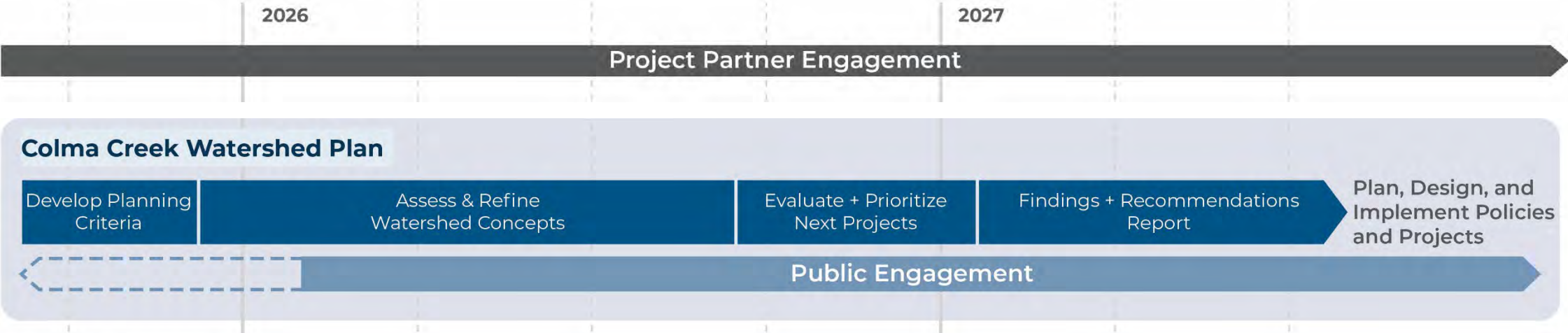


*Flood-proofed Building, South End, Boston*



*Flood-proofed Subway Entrances, NYC*

# Next Steps



# Budget

		2017-18 through 2021-22 (Actual)*	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Actual)	2024-25 (Actual)	2025-26 (Budget)	2025-26 (Actual YTD)
<b>Revenue</b>							
	Total Revenue	\$ 25,368,202	\$ 6,688,700	\$ 8,534,415	\$ 8,993,211	\$ 6,643,652	\$ 5,947,469
<b>General Administration of Flood Zone</b>			\$ 109,470	\$ 127,453	\$ 236,913	\$ 383,933	\$ 108,414
<b>Project Expenditures</b>							
Activity Number	Activity Name						
1	Routine Maintenance	\$ 3,370,295	\$ 196,711	\$ 246,401	\$ 492,258	\$ 730,000	\$ 167,993
2	Stewardship	\$ 400,148	\$ 11,554	\$ 719	\$ 444	\$ 50,000	\$ 476
3	Channel Discharge Pipe Repair/ Replacement	\$ 244,539	\$ 347,108	\$ 200,798	\$ 794,764	\$ 165,236	\$ 92,664
4	Conditions Assessment				\$ 27,699	\$ 92,312	\$ 38,844
5	Resilience Projects: San Mateo Ave to Utah Ave				\$ 47,793	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 347,295
6	Watershed Plan					\$ 600,000	\$ 179,375
	Prior Completed Activity Expenditures	\$ 5,319,990					
	Total Project Expenditures/Estimates	\$ 10,110,720	\$ 902,481	\$ 648,716	\$ 1,335,259	\$ 2,843,048	\$ 826,647
<b>Other Expenditures</b>							
	General Liability Insurance		\$ 6,286	\$ 7,091	\$ 8,447	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,925
	Debt Service on Bond		\$ 1,499,125	\$ 1,498,875	\$ 1,496,625	\$12,510,000	\$12,504,915
	Total Other Expenditures		\$ 1,505,411	\$ 1,505,966	\$ 1,505,072	\$12,522,000	\$12,515,840
	Total Expenditures/Estimates	\$ 10,110,720	\$ 2,407,892	\$ 2,154,682	\$ 3,662,794	\$15,365,048	\$13,342,487
<b>Estimated Fund Balance at End of Fiscal Year</b>			\$ 34,864,652	\$ 41,143,496	\$50,782,415	\$36,245,664	\$40,423,316

\*Expenditures before FY20-21 do not include staff time

## **Agenda Item VI. Meeting Schedule**

**May 12 Tuesday 3pm**

**September 8 Tuesday 3pm**



**Next scheduled Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

**3:00 p.m.**