Apple Valley Restoration Project

Community Kickoff

December 1, 2025

Thank you project funders!

Meeting Outline

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Summary
- Project Process and Schedule
- Goals Discussion
- Next Steps and Questions

Introductions

- The Watershed Center
- Design-Build Team
- Property Owners
- Stakeholders/Funders

COLORADO
Department of Public Health & Environment

LEFT HAND EXCAVATING

Boulder County
Parks & Open Space

the Watershed Center

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Colorado Water Conservation Board
Department of Natural Resources

LOGANSIMPSON

Biohabitats
SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOREGION

WWE
WRIGHT WATER ENGINEERS, INC.

GEI Consultants

Otak

Proposed Project Area Map
Boulder County, CO

the Watershed Center

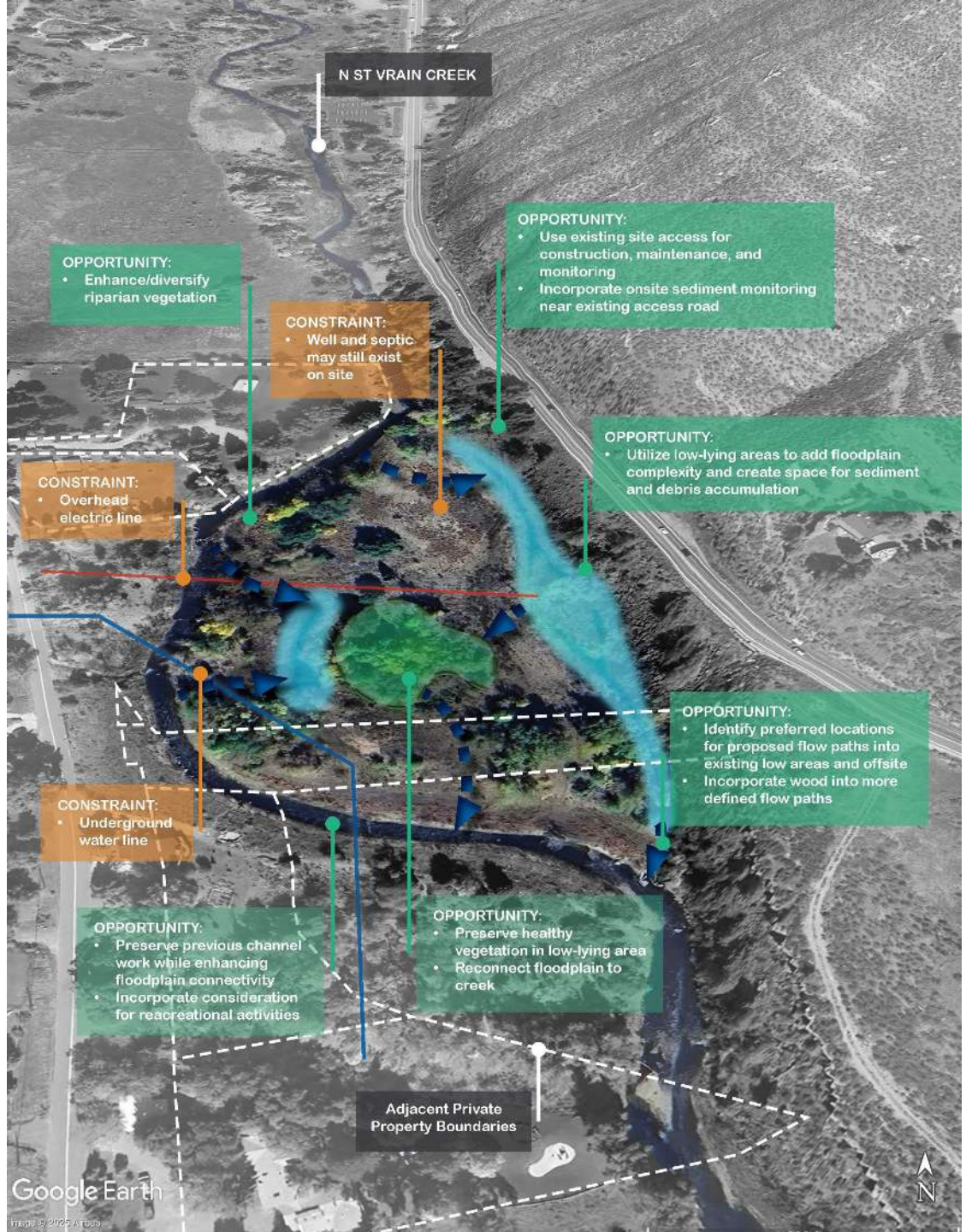
Project Summary

Project Goals

- Protect and improve riparian and wetland habitat within the open floodplain
- Improve fish population recovery following the 2021 tanker spill
- Improve resilience in the face of future flood, fire, and drought
- Improve overall ecological conditions for fish, wildlife, and water quality

Team Approach

- Everyone on board with a single plan
- Collectively formulate goals
- Open and honest communication to build trust.
- Participation is voluntary, but we need to know whether you are on board at critical junctures.


N ST VRAIN CREEK
OPPORTUNITY:
• Use existing site access for construction, maintenance, and monitoring
• Incorporate onsite sediment monitoring near existing access road
OPPORTUNITY:
• Enhance/diversify riparian vegetation
CONSTRAINT:
• Well and septic may still exist on site
OPPORTUNITY:
• Utilize low-lying areas to add floodplain complexity and create space for sediment and debris accumulation
CONSTRAINT:
• Overhead electric line
OPPORTUNITY:
• Identify preferred locations for proposed flow paths into existing low areas and offsite
• Incorporate wood into more defined flow paths
CONSTRAINT:
• Underground water line
OPPORTUNITY:
• Preserve previous channel work while enhancing floodplain connectivity
• Incorporate consideration for reacreational activities
OPPORTUNITY:
• Preserve healthy vegetation in low-lying area
• Reconnect floodplain to creek
Adjacent Private Property Boundaries
Google Earth
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Roles and Responsibilities

- **The Watershed Center**: center point of communication
- **Design-Build Team**: technical experts, lead design + construction
- **Landowners**: volunteer participation, allow access, input throughout
- **Stakeholders**: volunteer participation, project goal + design input

Open and honest communication is crucial and leads to project success!

Project Process and Schedule

- Two Main Phases: Design + Construction Phase

- Anticipated Timeline:
  - Design development: **November 2025 - June 2026**
  - Permit Acquisition: **February - August 2026**
  - Construction Ready Design Site Walkthroughs: **June - September 2026**
  - Pre-construction Community Meeting: **September 2026**
  - Construction Start Date: **October 2026**
  - Project Completion Date: **June 2027**

Opportunities For Input and Critical Junctures

- Two design drafts to review:
  - Design Draft 1 Review: **January 2026, Date TBD**
  - Design Draft 2 Review: **End of February 2026, Date TBD**

- Landowners:
  - Construction Ready Plan Site Walkthrough: **June - September 2026**
  - Pre-Construction Community Meeting: **September 2026**
  - Participation Agreements for Design (done!), then Construction (by September 2026)

Project Goals Discussion

Fill out project questionnaire *+ take a look at the project aerial imagery and consider the following…*

- What are your priorities for the project?
- Any goals that we've missed?
- What are any constraints we should be aware of such as utilities?

…We will convene in 15 minutes to discuss.

Next Steps and Questions?