

Dry Creek Greenway East Project: Meadow Gate Open House

The City of Roseville is continuing to plan for the Dry Creek Greenway East trail project, a proposed Class I paved multi-use trail along Dry, Cirby, and Linda Creeks. The trail would begin near Darling Way/Riverside Avenue and continue east to the City limits past the Old Auburn Road/South Cirby Way intersection, a distance of about 4.25 miles. The greenway is envisioned as a multi-used paved, off-street trail that will provide residents a place for bicycling, walking, running, and dog-walking for fun, education, recreation, and transportation.

The trail is a vital component of the City of Roseville bikeway and trail system because it will provide a safe, comfortable, convenient, and highly connected bike route as an alternative to using city streets. The Dry Creek Greenway trail will also connect schools and businesses to residential neighborhoods. The trail will provide important region connections as it is part of a series of existing and planned trails that will form a loop around the greater south Placer/Sacramento area.

After years of input from the public dating back to stakeholder and public meetings in 2008, a preferred trail alignment for the Dry Creek Greenway East was approved by City Council in 2019. The first phase of the project from Darling Way to Rocky Ridge Drive entered the final design stage in April 2020 and is expected to continue through 2022. Construction is estimated to begin in 2022-2023.



Dry Creek Greenway Project Map



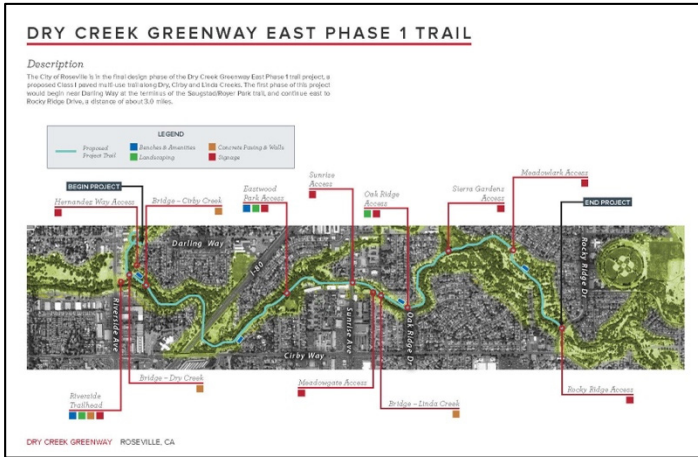
Community members discuss the project with team members at the Open House

Open House Format

On July 7, 2022, the City of Roseville hosted an open house for the Meadow Gate Neighborhood to share information about the project and access from the trail to the resident's neighborhood. This event was hosted at the Maidu Community Center from 5-7:00 pm and welcomed approximately 41 community members and gave the public an opportunity to meet with the project team, get project updates and discuss any questions they had about the trail. An open house-style event allowed guests to walk around freely and observe project materials at their own pace. The project team was present and available for people to ask questions and voice their concerns.

The open house had four types of displays. Station areas included:

- Project and Engagement Timeline
- East Phase 1 Trail Access Points
- Meadow Gate Neighborhood Access Points
- Project Fact Sheets



Two Open House display boards showing trail access and previous engagement activities

By 7 p.m., the crowd had dissipated, and the project team cleaned up the venue, collecting all comment cards and project posters.

Open House Comments

Comment cards were made available for community members who wished to submit an official comment to the project team. A total of 5 comments were submitted. These comments are provided below.

- I am happy that the trail is being continued. I do hope you will address my neighbors concerns about parking and access at Meadow gate. Thanks for the opportunity to discuss this. - Donna
- I live at 1117 Meadow gate, right next to the opening to the creek. We want a gate with a code for resident access only- concerns are traffic and homeless. I have a concern, the city put me in a flood zone and cannot reinforce the embankment to better house. – Mary
- Gate with code for all residents that would access the Bridge and Creek
- Noise during construction. Parking in the Meadow gate neighborhood is a concern. – Melissa
- Concerns: Safety from traffic: in and out of circle, Parking in front of driveway/residents homes, environment to creek, noise during construction – Joanne



Two community members discuss the exhibits during the Open House

During the July 7, 2022 [Dry Creek Greenway East Trail](#) (DCGE) Open House, residents of the Meadow Gate neighborhood brought the following concerns regarding the trail's construction to City staff's attention:

Parking and Neighborhood Access - The DCGE Project includes the construction of a new, 36-stall public parking lot located at the Riverside Avenue Trailhead. Trail users will also have access to the abundant parking located at Maidu Park. Given the availability of parking at the new Trailhead and Maidu Park, and the City's experience with similar areas near trails, parking on the neighborhood streets is not anticipated to be an attractive option for trail users.

Minor trail entrances, such as the existing pedestrian access located at the north end of Meadow Gate Court, are not advertised as trail entry points or identified as parking facilities on the City's trail map. In the event that trail user parking should become an issue after the trail is open, the City can post appropriate parking signage as warranted.

It was also suggested that the City consider installation of a private gate at the existing access path. This access was granted to the City as a pedestrian access easement when the subdivision's Final Map was recorded. Since this is a public access path, the trail project cannot install a gate to restrict the access for resident use only. City staff is currently researching whether the existing public easement can be dedicated to the Meadow Gate Homeowners Association (HOA) as a private easement so that the HOA can install and maintain a gate for use by Meadow Gate residents.

Unsheltered Population - Safety on the City's trails is a top priority. The City of Roseville has approximately 40 miles of trails located within over 4,000 acres of open space. The City of Roseville's experience, including that of Roseville Police Department, is that the presence of the trail will not increase activity by unsheltered populations and could help the situation because:

- Unsheltered population typically want to be unnoticed and in areas without public viewing.
- Responsible trail users observe, report, and help deter unwanted/illegal activities.
- The trail will facilitate public safety response and proactive police patrols in the open space.

Roseville Police Department encourages citizens to call the Code Enforcement Complaint Line at (916) 774-5501 to make complaints on any suspicious activity in their area, whether it is the open space or on private property, this includes trash dumping, unauthorized activity, and camping. If there is an emergency, homeowners should call 9-1-1. [Find out more.](#)

Noise - Noise is expected with any construction project. In accordance with the City of Roseville's noise ordinance, the hours of project construction shall be limited to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. In the event weekend or holiday work is proposed, the construction hours are limited from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Trail Bridge - Concerns were raised regarding visibility of the bridge and privacy for nearby residents. The City's project team is identifying areas near the bridge where landscaping may be planted to help provide screening for neighboring lots to mitigate visibility into residential backyards. The Project's plans and specifications (currently under development) will include these measures.

Floodplain - The City of Roseville does not create FEMA floodplain or floodway maps; FEMA does. After FEMA goes through the extensive engineering and scientific process of determining the right hydrology and hydraulics and develops and publishes the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study, as a National Flood Insurance Program community, the City adopts and enforces them.

Although good, the data supporting the FEMA maps is not perfect. Home owners may hire a surveyor to survey the ground around their home to get exact data, develop an Elevation Certificate, which they may provide to FEMA to possibly show that their home (including the “Lowest Adjacent Grade”) is higher than FEMA’s Base Flood Elevation. If that is the case, FEMA will remove the structure from flood insurance requirements.

Creeks and rivers are active in that with heavy winter storm flows, erosion of embankments occur and sediments deposit downstream (e.g. in new sandbars). If property owners believe that the creek embankments near their homes need to be fortified to protect their home/investment, home owners may do so. The City of Roseville may own the creek property; however, the City cannot use city funds in this manner unless it is protecting city facilities or if city infrastructure caused the embankment erosion. Please visit [this webpage](#) to learn more about the topic, including about required permits.

For more floodplain information, visit roseville.ca.us/floodplain.

Additional questions

If residents should have any other further concerns regarding the Dry Creek Greenway East Project, please contact the Public Works – Alternative Transportation Division at: **(916) 774-5293** or transportation@roseville.ca.us.