Protecting Our Local Watersheds

Request for Proposal for Riverwalk at Edwards Restoration Project in Edwards, CO

The Eagle River Coalition (ERC) is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for environmental and engineering planning and design for a streambank erosion stabilization and restoration project at the Riverwalk in Edwards, CO. This project aims to mitigate overly steepened banks caused by excessive erosion while restoring/supporting the ecological health of the surrounding area and providing sustainable river access. The selected contractor will be responsible for the following aspects of the project; data collection, design, permitting, some construction oversight, and developing a monitoring plan.

Proposals must be submitted as one, single electronic file (PDF). via email to Peder Franson at franson@eagleriverco.org on or before 5:00 PM MDT, Friday, November 1, 2024.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification of any aspect of this request for bid, please contact Peder Franson at franson@eagleriverco.org. He will address an initial round of questions until October 10. A second round of clarifying questions will be allowed from October 21 - 25. Responses to all questions submitted by consultants will be distributed by email to all parties and posted on the ERC website by Monday, October 28 2024.

Schedule	Deadline
Issue Request for Proposal	October 7, 2024
Questions/clarifications about RFP due	October 9 and October 25, 2024
Responses to questions emailed to all parties and posted on ERC's website (link will be provided in email)	October 28, 2024
Proposals Due	5:00 PM MDT, November 1, 2024
Select Consultant	By October 8, 2024
Issue Notice of Award & Begin to Finalize a Contract	October 11 - 15, 2024

Riverwalk at Edwards Restoration Project Background

The Riverwalk at Edwards is a commercial and residential property adjacent to the Eagle River in Edwards, CO. The site offers access to multiple forms of leisure and recreation along the river, including fishing, picnicking and a walking/biking path. Its popularity has led to abundant social trails and damage to native riparian vegetation. Water quality issues stemming from the impacted vegetation, erosion and lack of adequate pollution filtration are notable, and community education is needed. Areas of significant concern include the steep east and west ends of the project site, where the steep drop to the river allows soils to sluff easily and excessively. These edges also pose safety concerns for anglers and others seeking river access. A concept restoration plan has been created, including sustainable trails, vegetation installation and interpretive signs. Eagle River Watershed Council (ERWC) is collaborating with the Riverwalk Property Owners Association (POA) and other local partners to implement the plan.

The project goals for the final project design is to address the areas of significant concern. This will be achieved by stabilizing the overly steep streambanks at the east and west ends of the project site and making them more resilient to erosion during high flow events. Additional benefits would be to develop a design that aims to strategically manage the surrounding riparian zones to support resilient streambanks that have not yet seen dramatic erosion issues so sustainable access to recreation and viewing opportunities can remain.

Background of the Eagle River Coalition

Eagle River Coalition (Formerly Eagle River Watershed Council) has a mission to advocate for the health of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River basins through research, projects, and education. The Coalition strives to protect and enhance the high-quality natural, scenic, and economic values that our rivers and tributaries provide to the citizens, visitors, and wildlife of the Eagle River and Colorado River watersheds located in Eagle County.

Our organization has been working to achieve our mission since 1992, and has direct ties to the Eagle River Environmental Business Alliance which sought to improve water quality and river experiences following the Eagle Mine Spill in the late 1980s. Since then, we have achieved measurable progress in water quality throughout the watershed and grown as an organization to better serve our community.

Scope of Services & Deliverables

Task #1: Data Collection & Interpretation

- Work with ERC and other project partners to determine what available data is applicable and acceptable for developing a 100% project design.
- Conduct site visits to collect additional relevant data that will inform relevant models that will inform the final design.
- Analyze and interpret data as needed to inform Task #2.

Task #2: Natural Channel Design and Plan for Phased Construction

- Using data interpreted from Task #1 and existing concept design, develop 30%, 60% and 100% designs that meets the following objectives:
 - 1. Improve streambank stability reducing erosion and cohesively melding with present riparian habitat and floodplain function.
 - 2. Improve surrounding natural infrastructure to buffer against damage caused by various sources of erosion (High flows & foot traffic).
 - a. Maintain or improve surrounding hydrologic function using the bank stabilization design.
 - b. Identify areas in which fish habitat could be affected by hydrologic changes from the design and seek solutions to maintain or improve fish habitat.
 - 3. Provide solutions for sustainable river/riparian recreation access.

<u>Task #3: Provide Environmental Planning services to develop "NEPA ready" proposed action(s)</u>

- Work with ERC staff as to create a Purpose & Need document
- Using the concept designs created in Task 2, work with ERC staff to identify and conduct appropriate data and resource-level field surveys to develop the plan and allow the project to be "NEPA ready".
- Provide cultural resources support to ensure State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) compliance.

<u>Task #4: Provide 3rd party support during National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)</u> <u>environmental analysis, compliance, permitting, and planning.</u>

- Complete any additional fieldwork not completed during the development of the proposed action.
- Collaborate with ERC staff on the NEPA process.
- Collaborate with the ERC stakeholder facilitator to ensure the Stakeholder Group is engaged at key milestones during the NEPA process.
- Prepare necessary reports, data reviews, and other documents for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits to work within the stream, if necessary, based on the alternative chosen through either the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or Record of Decision (ROD).

Contents of Proposals

Responses to the RFP should include a description of the following:

- 1. **Understanding the Work**. Demonstrate an understanding of the work and present an overall summary of what the Consultant determines is necessary to accomplish the goals of the project
- 2. **Project Approach.** Description of how the firm plans to complete these services (i.e. the approach), including any recommended changes or additions to the Scope of Services above. Provide any proposed strategies based on additional insight, capabilities, or perspectives of the Consultant. Clearly describe how the proposed Project Approach meets the goals of the project.
- 3. **Project Team**. Propose a project team including Consultant staff and subconsultant(s). Include resumes for individuals from all associated consultant(s) and any additional subconsultants. The resumes should emphasize recent experience of the project team and should include the following information:
 - a. Geographic location of the office to which the individual is normally assigned
 - b. Proposed responsibility and function on the team
 - c. Estimated percent of time and duration assigned to this project
 - d. Background, relevant experience, and education
- 4. **Anticipated Schedule.** The work is anticipated to start as soon as possible. Funding for construction is available through December 2028, but we would like to aim to complete this project by 2027 or earlier. However, the NEPA permitting process will likely be the factor that informs the timeline. Though we have provided a preferred schedule for task completion outlined above, we will consider adjusting this timeline, per the recommendation of the project partners and Consultant. To this end, we request that the Consultant submit a project schedule for consideration illustrating when each task will be accomplished.
- 5. **Estimated Costs**. Although the selection of a consultant will not be wholly based on cost, an estimate of costs for each task in the Consultant's Scope of Work must be included. We have currently secured \$30,000 for Project Design and Permitting. For Task 4, please include a base price and then a price option for a Catex, an EA and a price option for an EIS, as at this time we are unsure which level of NEPA will be required. This cost estimate, at minimum, shows the hourly rate of all team members, the estimated hours by task for each member, subconsultants costs by task, and other direct costs including proposed markups.
- 6. **Consultant Qualifications**. This section of the proposal should summarize the recent experience of the Consultant in performing related work. A maximum of five

projects, completed within the last five years, may be included. For each related project, please include the following information:

- a. Name of client
- b. Name and current contact information of primary client contact.
- c. Date pertinent work was completed.
- d. Specific role of the firm on this project.
- e. Initial Consultant contract amount and initial completion date.
- f. Final Consultant contract amount and final completion date.
- g. Involvement of staff proposed for Eagle River Coalition's project.

Information on projects completed by the firm that did not actively involve members of the proposed project team should be minimized. The above clients will be considered references by Eagle River Coalition that may be checked for finalists of this project.

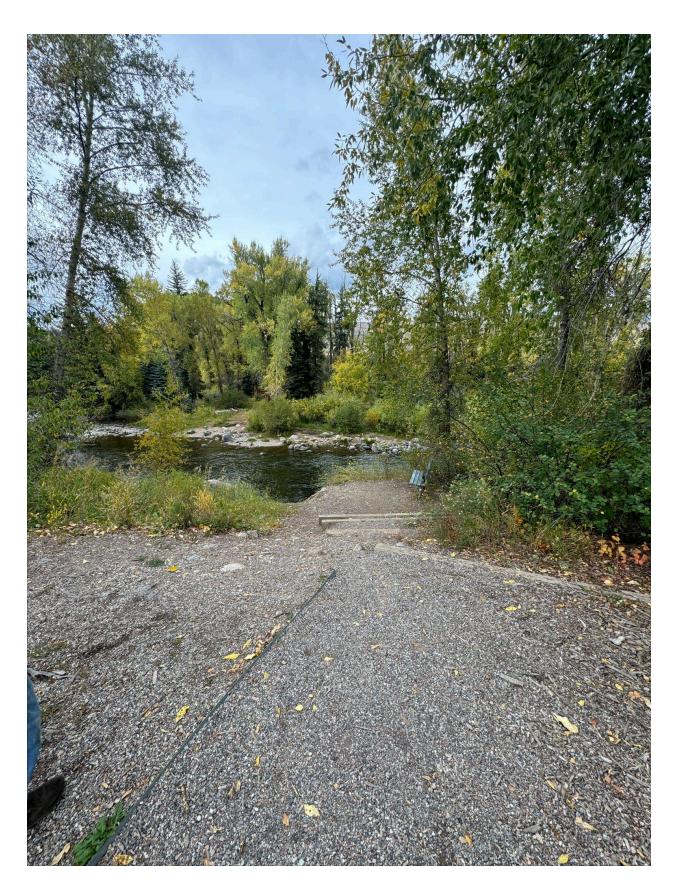
- 7. **Project Management Plan**. The Consultant shall provide a brief project management plan for the work. The plan shall demonstrate the following:
 - a. Scope, progress measurement, and reporting
 - b. Schedule measurement and reporting
 - c. Staff and subconsultant team management

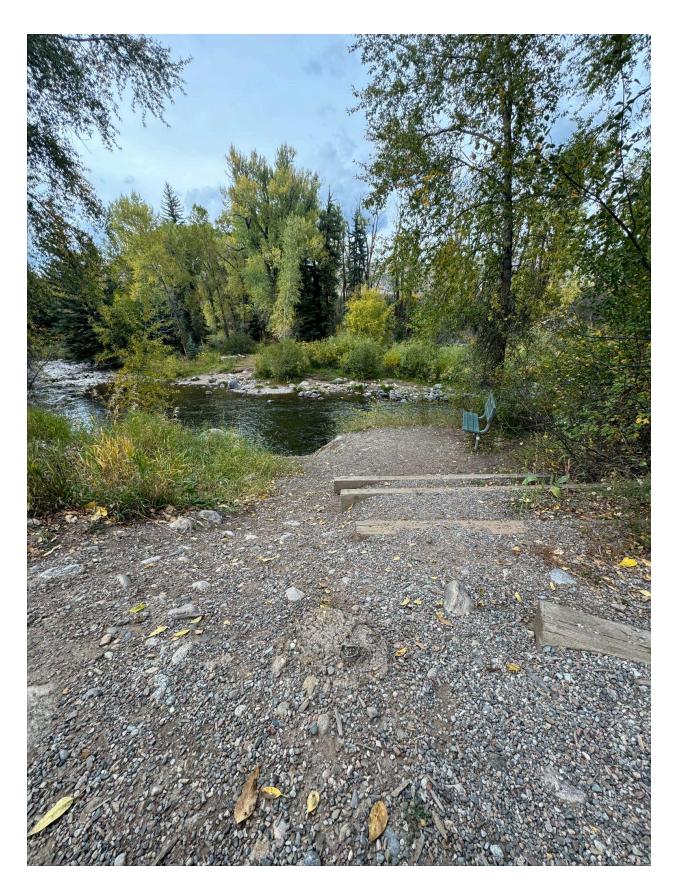
Selection Procedure

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by Eagle River Coalition staff and board. This will be a selection process designated to identify the "best fit' of Eagle River Coalition and the Consultant, taking into consideration a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, the following:

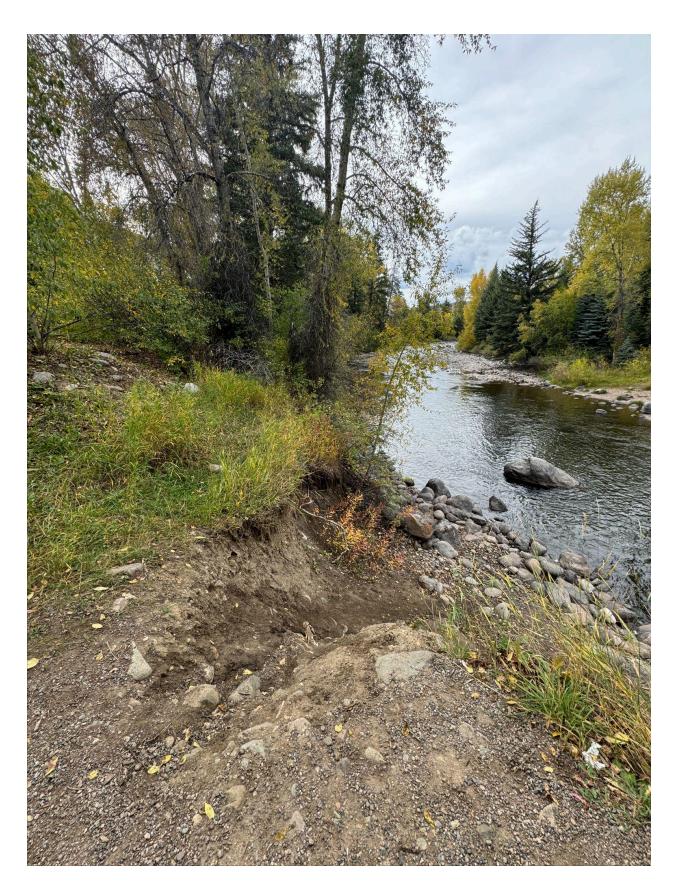
- 1. Qualifications and experience (1 25 points)
- 2. Project team (1 10 points)
- 3. Project approach (1 20 points)
- 4. Ability to meet project schedule (1 5 points)
- 5. Past project references (references may be contacted during the review process) (1 10 points)
- 6. Quality of proposal (1 10 points)
- 7. Consultant fee (1 10 points)

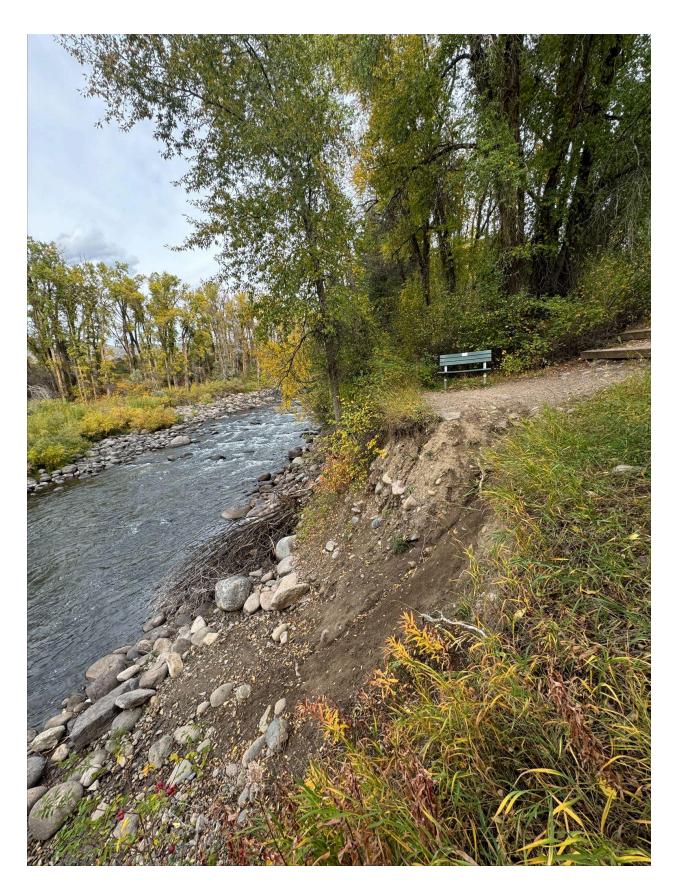
Appendix A: East End StreamBank Erosion Photos (Context and orientation of photos can be extracted from the Concept Design)

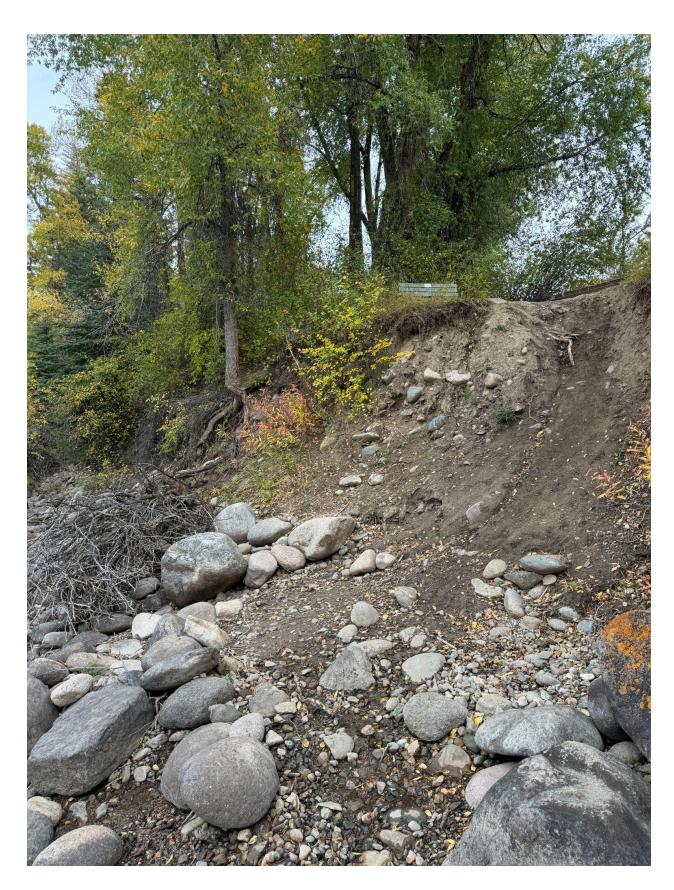




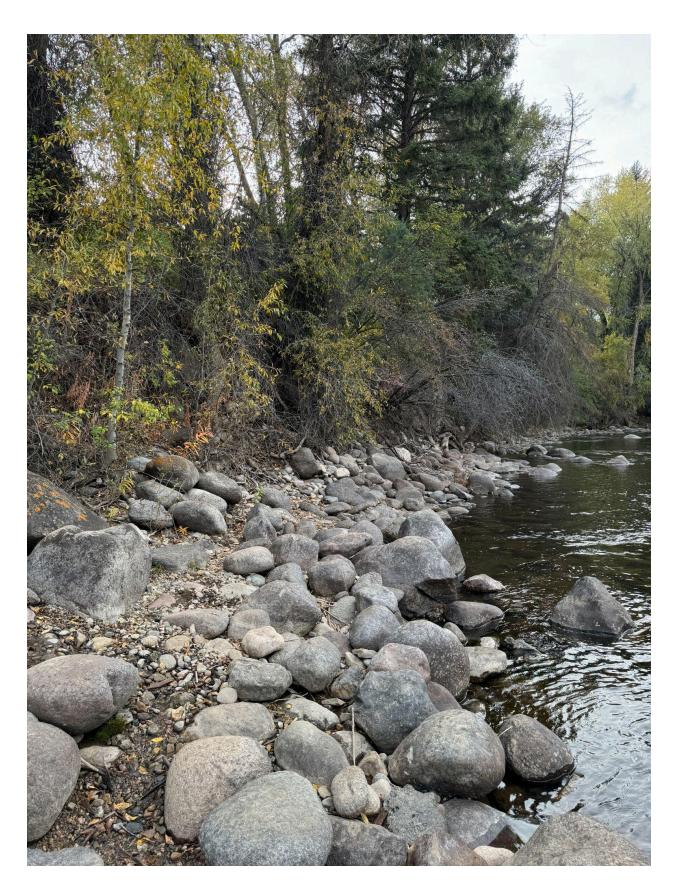




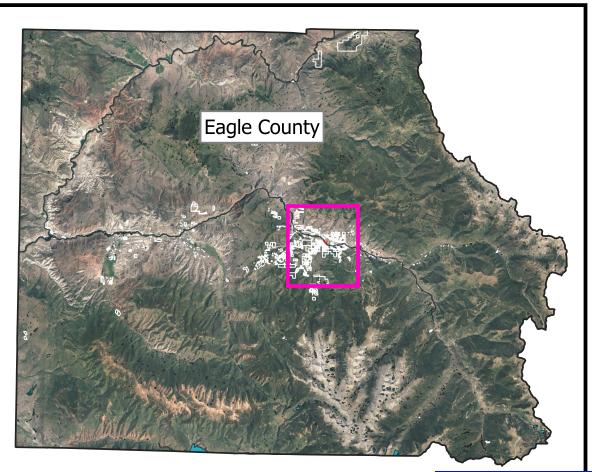








Appendix B: Concept Design by AloTerra



Riverwalk at Edwards Restoration Project

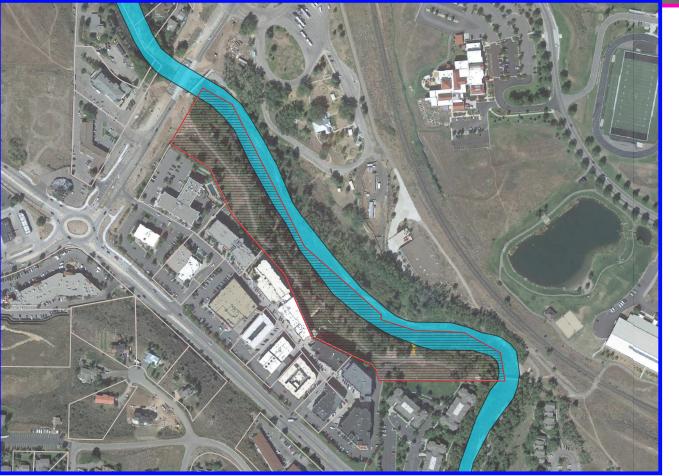
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Project Coordinates (Lat/Long):
Upstream:
39.6458°/-106.5921°
Downstream:
39.6424°/-106.5873°





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PREPARED BY:



Restoration notes

Soils

- All soil applied to the site must be free of Colorado state noxious and Colorado a and b listed weed
 propagules and shall not contain more than 0.01% by dry weight of cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*),
 smooth brome (Bromus inermis), or Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvensis*). Project engineer or their
 representative shall approve all imported soil and fill for weed content before material is purchased.
- 2. A soil test shall be required for any imported soils, the results showing the following characteristics are not exceeded in soils that receive revegetation treatments, soils used in bioengineering treatments, or soil installed between or over riprap:
- A. Soil ph shall be between 5.5 and 7.8
- B. Sodium absorption ratio shall be less than 8.
- C. Soil organic matter shall be between 4% and 10% by dry weight, except where indicated in the plan set or in other restoration notes. The desired portion of recalcitrant organic matter (e.g., wood chips, pine needles, twigs, etc.) should not exceed 40% of the total organic matter by dry weight.
- D. In general, nitrogen amendments are not recommended for native plant revegetation, except in very small quantities when a deficiency in native or imported topsoil is noted. Based on the soil test, nitrogen additions may be required by the project engineer or their representative.
- E. Soil amendments may be provided for seeded areas on river-right floodplain (Check with Debbie Elay) by city contactor.
- 3. In seeded areas, if imported topsoil is deficient in nitrogen and low in organic matter, soil amendments used shall include biosol or richlawn or similar slow-release organic fertilizer and humate or similar as indicated in the plan set. Compost may also be incorporated with native soil to meet organic content requirements, if the resultant topsoil meets the above soil chemistry criteria.

Plant material

- 1. Container shrubs and trees shall be protected from rabbits and other wildlife using the "plant protection" detail in plan set (verify this in next design phase), only where plants are located above the bankfull elevation.
- Containers (herbaceous and woody) shall be planted as specified in the typical details within the plan set, and in locations (hydroseres/zones) indicated in the plant palette and in plan view revegetation sheets
- 3. Each plant container must contain a label identifying the species in the container. Labels shall be left with the plant and be available for inspection by the project engineer or project ecologist prior to installation, and must be kept in the ground following transplanting, for follow-up identification.
- 4. Ecotypic (i.e., Sourced from genetically local populations) plant materials are required when available. Refer to the plant materials yellow pages (www.Southernrockiesseed.org) for a list of vendors who carry ecotypic plant materials in Colorado. When ecotypes are not available, site adapted cultivars may be approved by the project engineer or project ecologist if they are suited to the unique conditions of the site. For the purposes of this project, ecotypes are those whose origin (cuttings, seeds, or berries) meets the following criteria: material is sourced not more than 1,000 feet higher or lower (and preferentially not more than 500 feet higher or lower) in elevation than the work site, and not more than 100 miles north or south of the work site.
- 5. Shrubs and trees planted as container stock or bare-root stock shall be encompassed by a 2" deep irrigation depression, including an irrigation berm, 18" in diameter from berm to berm.

- 6. Due to the poor condition of substrate in which container stock will be installed, amended backfill (approved loam soil mix with 30% organic matter by volume) shall be placed around root balls to a width at least twice the diameter of the root ball and to a depth of at least one quarter the depth of the root ball. Amended backfill shall be tamped moderately to remove air pockets and watered thoroughly while backfilling around the root ball. Roots shall not be exposed to air or air pockets at the surface or on any sides of the rootball.
- 7. Willow and/or cottonwood cuttings shall be installed within hydroseres (hydrologic zones) indicated in the plan set. These locations are generally at or near bankfull elevation, or in areas where the bottom 6" of a 4' cutting can be installed below the low season groundwater. Cuttings shall be those species specified listed in the plant palette of this plan set and installed at spacing listed in the plant palette. Harvesting and installation of cuttings (willow/cottonwood) shall follow the "field guide for harvesting and installing willow and cottonwood cuttings" (www.Southernrockiesseed.org). Cuttings shall be ecotypes harvested from native populations or sourced from nurseries whose chain of custody verifies the stock is of ecotypic sources (as defined in these notes).
- 8. All seed must be inspected by the contractor prior to installation, and all tags/labels must be maintained for documentation. All seed must be labeled as "certified" by the Colorado seed growers association and shall not include the presence of noxious or invasive species prohibited under the Colorado seed act. Seed must be free of Colorado state noxious and Colorado a and b listed weed propagules and shall not contain more than 0.01% by dry weight of cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*), or Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvensis*). Project engineer or their representative shall approve all seed mixes for weed content and substitutions before seed is purchased. Seed identification and certification tags shall be provided to the project manager for review and approval prior to use.
- An ecologist should be consulted when reviewing weed-free seed, soil, and soil
 amendment products, including the list of potential weeds present in the product in
 question.
- 10. Seeding shall be broadcast at rates listed in seed mixes, raked into the soil surface to a depth of between 0.25 and 0.5 inches deep. If drill seeding is to be used, cut the seeding rates in half. The designated seed mixes shall be applied to areas as shown in the plan set.

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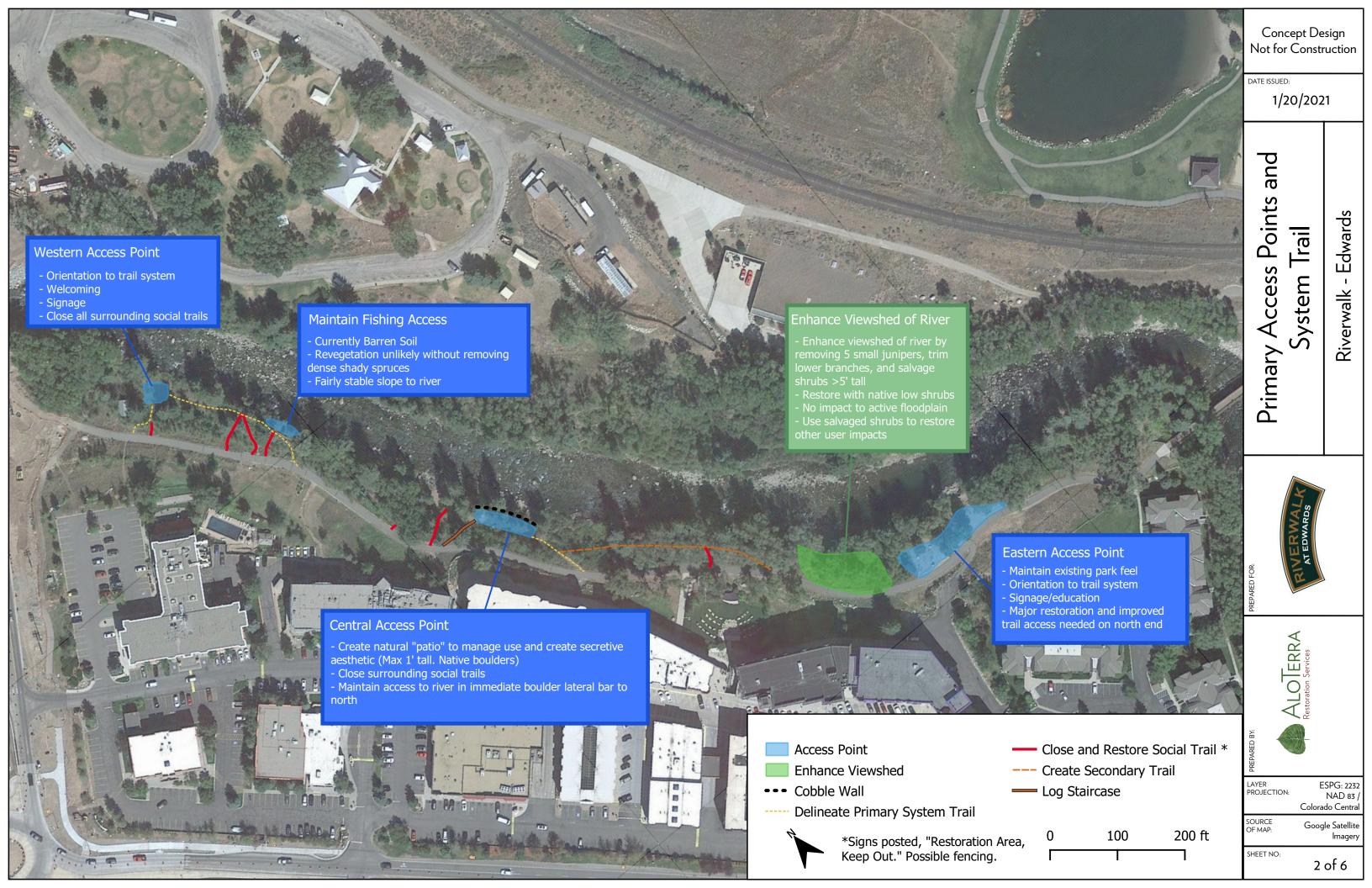
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			Estimated Acreage by						Hydrosere		
					Hydror	iparian	Mesor	iparian	Xerori	parian	
					Area (ac)	0.25	Area (ac)	0.5	Area (ac)	0.5	
Wo	ody Containers				Feet on Center	20	Feet on Center	15	Feet on Center	15	
					Plants/ac	108	Plants/ac	193	Plants/ac	193	
Туре	Scientific Name	Common Name	Life History	Qty All Reaches	% in palette	Qty	% in palette	Qty	% in palette	Qty	
D60	Acer glabrum	Rocky Mountain maple	NS	10	0	0	5	5	5	5	
D60	Alnus incana ssp. tenuifolia	thinleaf alder	NS	11	40	11	0	0	0	0	
D60	Amelanchier alnifolia	Saskatoon serviceberry	NS	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	
D60	Betula occidentalis	water birch	NS	11	40	11	0	0	0	0	
D60	Cornus sericea	redosier dogwood	NS	15	20	5	10	10	0	0	
D60	Crataegus rivularis	river hawthorn	NS	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	
D60	Crataegus succulenta	fleshy hawthorn	NS	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	
D60	Ericameria nauseosa	rubber rabbitbrush	NS	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	
D60	Prunus virginiana var. melanocarpa	black chokecherry	NS	48	0	0	20	19	30	29	
D60	Rhus trilobata	skunkbush sumac	NS	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	
D60	Ribes aureum	golden currant	NS	39	0	0	30	29	10	10	
D60	Ribes cereum	wax currant	NS	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	
D60	Rosa woodsii	Wood's rose	NS	19	0	0	0	0	20	19	
D60	Sambucus nigra spp. caerulea	blue elderberry	NS	10	0	0	10	10	0	0	
D60	Sambucus racemosa	red elderberry	NS	10	0	0	10	10	0	0	
D60	Symphoricarpos occidentalis	western snowberry	NS	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	
			totals:	220	100	27	100	97	100	97	

				Hydroriparian		Mesoriparian		Xeroriparian		
					Area (ac)	0.25	Area (ac)	0	Area (ac)	0
Willow Cuttings				Feet on Center	10	Feet on Center	0	Feet on Center	0	
					Plants/ac	502	Plants/ac	0	Plants/ac	0
Type Scientific Name	Common Name	Life	Qty All	% in	Otro	% in	Ot.	% in	Ott	
	Scientific Name	Common Name	History	Reaches	palette	Qty	palette	Qty	palette	Qty
5' cutting	Salix exigua	narrowleaf willow	NS	50	40	50	0	0	0	0
5' cutting	Salix lucida ssp caudata	shining willow	NS	38	30	38	0	0	0	0
5' cutting	Salix ligulifolia	strapleaf willow	NS	38	30	38	0	0	0	0
				126	100	126	0	0	0	0

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Plant Palette

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Mesic Meadow/Me	esoriparian See	ed Mix					
Scientific Name (USDA)	Common Name (USDA)	Cultivar or Ecotype	Life History	% Mix	Pounds PLS Needed	Price Per Pound (Est.)	Total Price/Proj (Est.)
Agrostis scabra	rough bentgrass	CO Ecotype preferred	NPG-L	4	0.031	22.00	0.690
Asclepias speciosa	showy milkweed	CO Ecotype preferred	NPF	2	1.089	175.00	190.575
Bromus ciliatus	fringed brome	CO Ecotype preferred	NPG-L	8	1.329	30.00	39.868
Calamagrostis canadensis	bluejoint	Soughtdough	NPG-L	8	0.079	250.00	19.850
Carex nebrascensis	Nebraska sedge	0	NPG-L	7	0.514	150.00	77.072
Carex pellita	woolly sedge	0	NPG-L	8	1.005	170.00	170.848
Carex praegracilis	clustered field sedge	0	NPG-L	6	0.354	85.00	30.071
Elymus canadensis	Canada wildrye	Mandan	NPG-L	6	2.063	12.00	24.760
Elymus lanceolatus ssp. lanceolatus	thickspike wheatgrass	Critana	NPG-L	7	2.033	10.00	20.328
Geum macrophyllum	largeleaf avens	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	2	0.099	320.00	31.612
Glyceria grandis	American mannagrass	CO Ecotype preferred	NPG-L	6	0.184	65.00	11.945
Glyceria striata	fowl mannagrass	CO Ecotype preferred	NPG-L	4	0.922	100.00	92.245
Helianthus nuttallii	Nuttall's sunflower	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	2	0.523	100.00	52.272
Heracleum maximum	common cowparsnip	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	1	0.824	50.00	41.208
Iris missouriensis	Rocky Mountain iris	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	1	1.964	50.00	98.216
Juncus arcticus ssp. littoralis	arctic rush	CO Ecotype preferred	NPG-L	9	0.034	200.00	6.721
Juncus torreyi	Torrey's rush	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPG-L	5	0.016	150.00	2.390
Mentha arvensis	wild mint	0	NPF	2	0.016	800.00	13.068
Mimulus guttatus	seep monkeyflower	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NAF	3	0.029	320.00	9.409
Poa palustris	fowl bluegrass	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPG-L	6	0.124	14.00	1.733
Solidago canadensis	Canada goldenrod	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	2	0.017	640.00	10.909
Thermopsis divaricarpa	spreadfruit goldenbanner	0	NPF	1	0.051	0.00	0.000

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Achillea lanulosa var. occidentalis	common yarrow	Eagle or Yakima	NPF	1	0.017	28.00	0.471
Achnatherum hymenoides	Indian ricegrass	White River	NPG-L	6	2.039	7.00	14.273
Adenolium lewisii (CO native only)	Lewis flax	Grove (several native collectcions from	NPF	2	0.325	25.00	8.121
Artemisia frigida	prairie sagewort	CO Ecotype preferred	NPF	2	0.021	70.00	1.490
Asclepias speciosa	showy milkweed	CO Ecotype preferred	NPF	2	1.331	175.00	232.925
Balsamorhiza sagittata	arrowleaf balsamroot	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	2	1.640	45.00	73.795
Bromus ciliatus	fringed brome	CO Ecotype preferred	NPG-L	6	1.218	30.00	36.546
Bromus marginatus	mountain brome	Cold Springs Ecotype	NPG-L	8	4.563	4.50	20.535
Chamerion angustifolium	fireweed	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NPF	2	0.014	640.00	9.019
Cleome serrulata	Rocky Mountain beeplant	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NAF	2	0.844	24.00	20.264
Elymus canadensis	Canada wildrye	Mandan	NPG-L	7	2.942	12.00	35.307
Elymus elymoides	squirreltail	Pueblo or Wapiti	NPG-L	7	1.747	15.00	26.204
Elymus lanceolatus ssp. lanceolatus	thickspike wheatgrass	Critana	NPG-L	4	1.420	10.00	14.197
Elymus trachycaulus	slender wheatgrass	San Luis	NPG-L	6	1.983	5.00	9.914
Festuca arizonica	Arizona fescue	Redondo	NPG-L	6	0.598	20.00	11.967
Gaillardia aristata	blanketflower	Meriwether	NPF	2	0.514	35.00	17.991
Grindelia squarrosa	curlycup gumweed	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NBF	2	0.240	65.00	15.573
Helianthus annuus	common sunflower	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NAF	2	0.833	18.00	15.000
Monarda fistulosa	wild bergamot	CO Ecotype preferred	NPF	3	0.103	200.00	20.535
Oenothera villosa	hairy evening primrose	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NBF	1	0.023	160.00	3.651
Pascopyrum smithii	western wheatgrass	Rosana	NPG-L	7	2.946	6.00	17.678
Poa secunda	Sandberg bluegrass	Sims Mesa or High Plains	NPG-L	7	0.320	10.00	3.204
Pseudoroegneria spicata	bluebunch wheatgrass	Anatone	NPG-L	7	2.867	12.00	34.401
Rudbeckia hirta	blackeyed Susan	CO Ecotype (or VNS)	NBF	2	0.061	25.00	1.521
Symphyotrichum laeve	smooth blue aster	0	NPF	2	0.109	0.00	0.000
Thermopsis divaricarpa	spreadfruit goldenbanner	0	NPF	2	0.123	0.00	0.000

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