

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Cattail Creek Park and Anchor Route Master Plan Presentation

**MEETING DATE:** December 3, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Plan/Report/Study

**RECOMMENDATION:** Cattail Creek Park and Anchor Route Master Plan Presentation

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

**BACKGROUND:** The primary purpose of the Cattail Creek Park and Anchor Route park master plan is to further refine the 3.25-mile paved pathway planned to run from E. Valley Center Road to Bozeman Pond Park. This is one of the Anchor Routes described and conceptually depicted in the 2023 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Active Transportation Plan (PRAT Plan). The Cattail Anchor Route will primarily fall within existing parks but alternative on-road segments have been chosen where constraints, such as park width or the proximity to the creek, preclude installation of the 10- to 12-foot paved pathway.

The Park Master Plan plots the general location of the pathway considering sensitivity to natural resource areas, coinciding with existing creek crossings where necessary, and in order to provide a solid boundary between areas of irrigated lawn and native grasses and tree groves.

The master plan will included concept-level placement of active and passive recreation throughout the park system and will advance the main themes of the PRAT plan including park equity and balance.

The plan is being creating in conjunction with ongoing partnership projects including the east-west Raptor Route that the City is working with GVLТ to complete and Branch Out Bozeman's riparian plantings. Investments in this corridor will be amplified by these community partners and other grants in the near future and will be the guide for development of the corridor for approximately the next 10 years.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** NA.

**ALTERNATIVES:** NA.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** NA

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