

CRITICAL PATH STRATEGY #7

RELATED GOALS



Create a management plan for the Whitewater River and Whitewater Valley Gorge Park.

Action Steps	Parties to Involve	Time Frame	Estimated Cost
<p>Determine if the City will complete this project in-house or hire a private consultant.</p> <p>If hiring a private consultant, develop and issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a consultant, or team of consultants, to assist in the development of the management plan.</p> <p>Assemble an advisory or steering committee to guide the development and implementation of the Management Plan.</p> <p>Establish a public engagement strategy to ensure that the City's key stakeholders and the general public are included within the planning process.</p> <p>Working with the advisory group, identify the specific vision and goals for the project area.</p> <p>Working with the advisory group, complete a SWOT analysis and an inventory of current conditions</p> <p>Working with the advisory group and relying on public comment, determine strategic steps to protecting and preserving the nature features while capitalizing on the recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Adopt and implement the Whitewater River and Whitewater Valley Gorge Management Plan.</p> <p>Review the Plan annually and perform a comprehensive update every five years.</p>	<p>City of Richmond Infrastructure and Development Dept.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Dept.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Board</p> <p>Plan Commission</p> <p>Common Council</p> <p>Whitewater Valley Gorge Alliance</p> <p>Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p>Professional Consultant</p> <p>General Public</p>	6-12 months	Medium - High

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