The South Platte River Greenway
Priority, Mid-term, and Long-term Projects

**Priority Projects (1-5 Years)**

**Overland Regional Park (Southern Platte Valley)**
- Provide widened bike route and adjacent walk path
- Increase access opportunities, including snow storage area across River from Pasquinel’s Landing

**Grant Frontier Park**
- Add River edge access and boat put-in on east side of River
- Undertake boating upgrades/ improvements
- Install native vegetation
- Create riparian/wetland riverbank/water quality enhancements

**Pasquinel’s Landing Park**
- Install native vegetation
- Create riparian/wetland riverbank/water quality enhancements
- Add backwater pool and emergent bench

**Ruby Hill Park**
- Improve River edge access and add boat put-ins

**Overland Pond Park**
- Close South Platte River Drive between Overland Pond Park and Aqua Golf Driving Range/Minature Golf
- Reduce/softer banks of the River wherever possible between W. Florida Avenue and Santa Fe Drive
- Install native vegetation

**Central Greenway Corridor**
- Provide widened bike route and adjacent walk path wherever possible along the River
- Enhance trail from Johnson-Habitat Park to Phil Milstein Park, including redesign of S. Jason Street south of W. Alameda Avenue

**Johnson-Habitat Park**
- Relocate W. Exposition Avenue to the south of current Denver Animal Shelter (future Parks Maintenance Facility) and connect to S. Huron Street
- Close/remove W. Exposition Avenue between Johnson-Habitat Park and current Denver Animal Shelter between S. Jason Street and Santa Fe Drive
- Connect S. Jason Street and Santa Fe Drive
- Reroute trail under Santa Fe Drive into Vanderbilt Park traveling down stream to Johnson-Habitat Park
- Connect Vanderbilt Park with Johnson-Habitat Park
- Improve landscaping/design of Vanderbilt Park and Johnson-Habitat Park
- Enhance Johnson-Habitat Park and Vanderbilt Park
- Undertake community-built project

**Southern Urban Greenway Corridor (Sun Valley)**
- Provide widened bike route and adjacent walk path wherever possible along the River
- Enhance Wew卤 Gulch/South Platte River Trail

**Proposed Sun Valley Riverfront Park**
- Create improved park and riverbank improvements adjacent to Sun Valley homes, including large community built playground
- Enhance existing DNA Sun Valley Riverfront Park
- Acquire additional land for Sun Valley Riverfront Park
- Undertake community-built project

**Central Platte Valley Event District**
- Provide widened bike route and adjacent walk path wherever possible along the River
- Undertake Confluence Park trail safety improvements
- Undertake Confluence amphitheater/real estate improvements

**Commons Park**
- Westside Trail
- Improve Westside Trail between 15th and 19th Streets

**Northern Platte Valley Corridor (Art Bridge)**
- Provide widened bike route and adjacent walk path wherever possible along the River
- Undertake work on riverbanks, including restoration, stabilization etc.
- Create riparian/wetland riverbank/water quality enhancements within the project site

**W. 31ST AVENUE TO W. 38TH AVENUE**
- Signature pedestrian bridge between 34th and 35th Avenue (TAXI development)
- Create new park space on both sides of River within project
- Relocate Ringsby Court away from the River wherever possible
- Relocate Arkins Court
- Proposed park within area between relocated Arkins Court and River Boardwalk east side of River

**Mid Term Projects (6-15 Years)**

**Overland Regional Park (Southern Platte Valley)**
**Grant Frontier Park**
- Move Platte River Drive to the west
- Add screening fence between industrial area and the River where possible
- Remove South Platte River Drive between W. Wesley Avenue and W. Evans Avenue and expand Grant Frontier Park to the west
- Construct major gateway structure at W. Evans Avenue bridge

**Pasquinel’s Landing Park**
- Create a community garden
- Construct pedestrian bridge across Santa Fe Drive and connect to park with trail constructed to new 12’ standard
- Install curb and gutter along Platte River Drive West, north of W. Evans Avenue across from Pasquinel’s Landing

**Ruby Hill Park**
- Install improvements to park as shown in adopted master plan
- Add new pedestrian bridge across River at W. Jewell Avenue
- Add drops with fish passage and remove diversion dam
- Construct major gateway structure at W. Florida Avenue bridge

**Sanderson Gulch Confluence**
- Complete missing segments of Sanderson Gulch Greenway between the River and S. lipan Street.

**Overland Pond Park**
- Construct illumination pathways to W. Florida Avenue between Platte River Drive West and Santa Fe Drive
- Construct parallel parking area for five cars along existing trail downstream of S. Huron Street

**Central Greenway Corridor**
- Line River banks with canyon-like walls between Santa Fe Drive overpass and Phil Milstein Park
- Improve water quality/access to lake within Vanderbilt Park
- Construct major gateway structure at W. mississippi Avenue and W. Alameda Avenue bridges
- Improve water quality, aquatic habitat and whitewater recreation opportunities in River channel

**Johnson-Habitat Park**
- Construct future Parks maintenance facility
- Add improved boat put-in(s) at Johnson-Habitat Park

**Valverde Park**
- Formalize and narrow South Platte River Drive between W. Alameda Avenue and W. Bayview Avenue
- Improve water quality and aquatic habitat

**Denver Public Works Central Campus and Denver Wastewater Building**
- Remove current trail between existing bridge and Fountain bridge adjacent to I-25 and construct new trail on west bank of River adjacent to the Central Campus site
- Relocate existing bridge to north edge of Denver Wastewater building

**Southern Platte Valley Corridor**
- Create major gateway structures at W. 6th Avenue
- W. 8th Avenue, W. 13th Avenue and W. Colfax Avenue

**Phil Milestein Park**
- Redesign drop structure upstream towards Canyons to enhance boat passage and provide whitewater recreational opportunities
- Improve water quality and aquatic habitat

**Frog Hollow Park**
- Enhance upland habitat
- Improve River access
- Install native vegetation
- Create emergent bench

**Weir Gulch Marina Park**
- Improve River edge access and boat put-in
- Expansion Sun Valley Riverfront Park
- Close W. 11th Avenue east of Aciotti Way
- Create community gardens north of W. 11th Avenue
- Add architectural improvement to neighborhood gateway

**Lakewood Gulch**
- Realignment and trail improvements (under construction)
- Complete new Xcel Energy diversion structure
- Complete underpass as part of improvements by UDFCD and CDPHE

**Central Platte Valley Event District**
- Create major gateway structure at 15th Street and the River
- Proposed multi-use Platte River Trolley Facility
- Proposed Gateway Park to Invesco Field at Mile High

**Long-Term Projects (16+ Years)**

**Overland Regional Park (Southern Platte Valley)**
- Overland Golf Course
- Plan future regional park and renovated nine-hole, Audubon-certified golf course

**Central Platte Valley Event District**
- Potential large events park on current site of Elitch Gardens Theme Park
- Potential mixed-use entertainment development including whitewater course & new pools

**Northern River Event District**
- DENVER COLISEUM
  - Water quality feature
  - Amphitheater
  - Parking structure

**Northern Platte Valley Regional Park**
- Currently home to National Western Complex, a trade and event complex (and when this site is redeveloped)
- Proposed pedestrian trail connection under I-70 at Globeville Landing Park
- Proposed multi-use parks
- Proposed regional park to complement anticipated mixed-use development
- Open water feature
- Community gathering area

**Gates-Crescent Park**
- Proposed Outdoor Children’s Exploration Park including potential community built playground
- Multi-Use community entertainment center and transit museum

**Fishback Landing Park**
- Pedestrian Plaza bridge connecting to potential large events park

**Confluence Park**
- Modify drops to form signature wave features and improve channel to enhance boat passage for white water recreational opportunities
- Proposed Platte River Trolley improvements

**Commons Park**
- Channel improvements to enhance boat passage for whitewater recreational opportunities south of City of Cuernavaca Park

**Northern Urban Greenway Corridor**
- City of Cuernavaca Park to Park Avenue
  - Stormwater wetland filtration basin
  - Backwater wetland
  - Proposed uppers Pennys improvements at I-25 and Cuernavaca Park

**Park Avenue at I-25 Street**
- Stormwater wetland filtration basin
- Backwater wetland
- Retaining wall
- Scored pavement at I-25 Street to indicate River gateway from Brighton Blvd. to the River

**W. 31ST AVENUE TO W. 38TH AVENUE**
- River Plaza
- Stormwater wetland filtration basin
- Backwater wetland

**Northern Platte Valley Regional Park**
- Park Improvements

**Northern River Event District**
- Regional Park
  - Northside Park
  - Park Improvements
  - Acquire land for new gateway at southwestern end of park along River

**Huron Pond Natural Area**
- Proposed parking area
- Boardwalk
- Wetlands

**River Corridor through Denver**
- Provide widened bike route and adjacent walk path wherever possible along the River
- 50-foot riparian buffer conservation easement

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