



Project Givens

Every alternative must meet the project givens:

- ◆ Proposed solutions must conform to all relevant public property deed restrictions and to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- ◆ Solutions must recognize existing agreements and master plans.
- ◆ Drainage, bridge and road improvements in the corridor must be addressed as part of an integrated solution.
- ◆ Solutions will strive to honor values expressed by the community regarding impacted neighborhoods, Garden of the Gods, and Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site.
- ◆ The City of Colorado Springs will do its best to leverage federal, state and local funding for this project.
- ◆ The City encourages everyone interested in this serious problem to participate in the public involvement process for developing solutions.
- ◆ The City of Colorado Springs will make the final decision regarding short- and long-term solutions and phased implementation.

Design Criteria

Criteria	Evaluation Elements
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimizes potential for life safety issues due to floodwater • Improves emergency access to Garden of the Gods & Rock Ledge Ranch • Improves emergency access to Pleasant Valley neighborhood • Improves traffic safety • Improves pedestrian safety • Improves bicyclist safety
Flood Risk Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces flood damage risk to private properties • Reduces number of private properties in the 100-year floodplain
Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attractive appearance
Neighborhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserves private property values • Maintains character of the neighborhood • Minimizes impacts to neighborhood parking
Cost/Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economical to construct • Economical to maintain • Construction can be funded and phased over time

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<p>Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimizes visual impacts • Mitigates future channel erosion • Facilitates management of sediment deposition • Minimizes impacts to either property • Improves safe public access during flood events • Protects cultural and historic resources
<p>Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturalistic channel elements in Pleasant Valley Neighborhood • Naturalistic channel through Garden of the Gods & Rock Ledge Ranch
<p>Pedestrian/Bike Access and Trails</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides ADA accessibility • Provides on-street bike lanes • Creates opportunity for trail along 31st Street or in channel • Minimizes negative impacts to existing trails in Garden of the Gods • Maintains current school access
<p>Community Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects information received at community workshops