



OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

- ① **Pollinator Knoll & Overlook**
 - Native meadow / upland prairie
 - Terminus of 8th Avenue view corridor
 - Publicly accessible overlook with river views
 - Viewing shelter at top of knoll
 - Picnic grove / berry-picking patch at base of knoll
- ② **Urban Agriculture**
 - Community gardens
 - Community orchards
 - Potting sheds and garden storage
- ③ **River Overlook**
 - Terminus of 8th Avenue Great Street
 - Beautiful views across and upriver / interpretive site
 - Potential bike/ped bridge to Alton Baker Park
- ④ **Green Extensions / Wetland Open Space**
 - Natural systems at work
 - Stormwater cleansing wetlands
 - Native plants
 - Walking paths, seating and viewing decks
 - Potential connection to Millrace at Millpond Swale
- ⑤ **Adventure Play Area**
 - Children's play area and overlook to wetland
 - Water play to drain into wetland
 - Natural play structures
- ⑥ **River Boardwalk**
 - Public promenade overlooking river
 - Seating terraces
 - ADA connections to continuous bike path & nature trail along top of bank
 - Connection to Restaurant Row patios and terraces

- ⑦ **Pedestrian-Oriented Green Streets**
 - Rain gardens and bioswales
 - Street trees and native plantings
 - Active frontages with "eyes on the street"
 - Special paving at feature areas
- ⑧ **Riverfront Park**
 - Native meadow that can be mown for festivals
 - Native plants and trees
 - Informal seating & paths
 - Stormwater cleansing and collection
- ⑨ **River Overlook**
 - Educational aspect / interpretive site
 - Variety of seating opportunities
 - Rain shelter
 - Provides views up and down river, and overlooks enhanced riparian zone

- ⑩ **Riparian Enhancement / Interpretive Sites**
 - Nature trail at top of bank
 - Seating areas along nature trail
 - Educational aspects / interpretive sites related to river, natural systems, cultural history, public art, etc.
- ⑪ **5th Avenue Plaza**
 - Public gathering place / event location
 - Kinetic water feature
 - Festival street that can be closed to traffic
- ⑫ **Informal Seating Terrace**
 - Informal stone seating on blocks interwoven with native vegetation
 - Overlooks riverfront open space
- ⑬ **EWEB Water Plaza**
 - Existing Plaza and river overlook
- ⑭ **Train Whistle Plaza**
- ⑮ **Private Open Space**
- ⑯ **Riverbank Trail System**
- ⑰ **Water Intake / Interpretive Site**
- ⑱ **Public Access to Riverbank Trail System**



FIGURE 4-26: DESIGN GUIDELINES - CULTURAL LANDSCAPE & OPEN SPACE

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE & OPEN SPACE

Eugene’s downtown riverfront is a place that we share, making it an ideal landscape for community education and lessons from history. The overarching open space proposal is for a Cultural Landscape along the river—a community trove of green space, interpretive sites, public art, vistas and historic structures that teach about the history and culture embedded along the riverfront site. The intent is to use the riverfront landscape to teach and inspire inquiry into our community’s history, in a variety of ways and at a variety of scales.

The ecological design of the open space was influenced by the Riverfront Ecological Analysis and Design Report as well as extensive input from the public meetings, numerous stakeholder interviews, relevant precedents throughout the Pacific Northwest, and the professional experience of the design team. Through this work and additional research, environmental education and habitat enhancement were identified as two primary ecological objectives of the open space design.

The Appendix includes a preliminary list of recommended interpretive site topics for the Cultural Landscape. The design guidelines on the pages that follow direct the design and construction of Cultural Landscape and Open Space areas.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

The design guidelines specified on the page that follows shall be used to direct the design and construction of Cultural Landscape and Open Space areas conceptually shown in the Downtown Riverfront Special Area Zone (S-DR) and in Figures 4-23, 4-24, and 4-26. For the purposes of these guidelines, the phrase “to the extent practicable” means that the guideline as described will be met to the extent possible while also allowing the design to: meet safety requirements, ensure compatibility between adjacent park and open space features, meet state and federal regulatory requirements including ADA accessibility requirements, stay within the construction and maintenance budget of the land managing agency, and ensure that the facilities can be sustainably maintained over their lifetime. This will require, in some cases, that the guidelines below will be met to a lesser degree in order to meet other requirements including those listed above.

Designs for development of any land that will be owned or managed by the City shall be reviewed and approved by the Eugene Parks and Open Space division prior to application for land use approvals and building permits.

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE & OPEN SPACE DESIGN GUIDELINES

PARKS + TRAILS + AREAS

Riverfront Park. To the extent practicable:

- The riverfront park surface shall be graded to slope downward from the relocated Riverbank Trail towards the Willamette River while retaining required coverage over existing buried infrastructure.
- The riverfront park shall include multiple clusters of trees. Trees may not be planted within view corridors shown in Figure 4-26.
- The riverfront park shall include accessible path connections from the relocated Riverbank Trail to the nature trail located near the top of bank.
- The riverfront park shall include one or more informal seating areas.
- The riverfront park shall include interpretive facilities that feature educational information related to the river, natural systems, cultural history, public art, or similar content.

Pollinator Park. To the extent practicable:

- Plantings within the pollinator park shall be comprised of a diversity of native grasses and wildflowers that provide pollen and nectar for adult insect pollinators, as well as larval host plants that provide food for caterpillars. The number and variety of species, their relative abundance, and their spatial organization shall be developed in conjunction with local native plant and pollinator experts and reviewed by City of Eugene Parks and Open Space staff.

Riverbank Trail. To the extent practicable:

- The Riverbank Trail shall be relocated and constructed as conceptually shown in Figure 4-26.
- The Riverbank Trail shall be about the proposed pedestrian boardwalk but at a lower elevation than the boardwalk. Grades for both trails shall be adjusted to provide functional separation appropriate to the site.

Adventure Landscape Area. To the extent practicable:

- The adventure landscape area shall include natural elements related to the river landscape or green infrastructure, such as rocks, boulders, logs, or recovered industrial artifacts.
- The adventure landscape area shall be located adjacent to green infrastructure.
- The adventure landscape area shall be designed to be compatible with adjacent uses.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Green Infrastructure

- Green infrastructure may include, but is not limited to, vegetated stormwater facilities that are designed to treat stormwater from adjacent streets and development.

- Green infrastructure may incorporate walking paths, accessible seating, and viewing boardwalks.

PUBLIC PLAZAS

5th Avenue Plaza. To the extent practicable:

- The plaza shall be designed to function as a public gathering space and/or event location.
- The plaza shall include a surface-grade kinetic water feature, interpretive display, or art feature.
- The plaza must be constructed of a hard surface material.
- Asphalt surfacing is prohibited.

OVERLOOKS + INTERPRETIVE SITES

Interpretive Sites and Overlooks. To the extent practicable:

- Two overlooks shall be provided in locations conceptually shown in Figure 4-23. River overlooks shall be designed to provide views upriver and downriver.
- Interpretive sites shall include: educational displays and materials related to the river, natural systems, cultural history, public art, or similar content; and seating.

Suggested interpretive facility locations include:

- At the east end of the green infrastructure system north of the Great Street/Festival Street.
- Near the Wiley Griffin historic home site near the intersection of 5th Avenue and Mill Street.
- Near the proposed recreational landscape area and green infrastructure systems.
- Near the existing water intake structure.

Additional optional guidelines for the construction and location of river overlooks and interpretive sites are included in Appendix B of the Downtown Riverfront Specific Area Plan.

HABITAT ZONES + NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT Management Guidelines

- To ensure long-term fulfillment of cultural landscape and open space areas, management plans for public park and green infrastructure areas must be approved by the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division, and implemented as specified in the approved plans.
- Standards for the evaluation of management plans shall be based on reasonable, sustainable and cost-effective methods to maintain habitat values of the different zones per current best management practices, taking into account the impacts of planned human uses of these areas. Management plans shall include suggested performance targets for the control of invasive plant species and for native species diversity and cover, as well as sustainable and cost-effective management practices consistent with maintaining important habitat elements and structure.