

Elmer's Twomile Open House  
March 8, 2004  
Phase 1, Alternative 1 Comments

1. I prefer alternative one over two. I expect it will be a better user experience. Alternative three should not be done.
2. I prefer the additional width of the underpass at Valmont in conjunction with the wider greenway proposal in phase two.
3. For phase one, alternative one is the best. Alternative two is second best. The underpass under Valmont is a great idea. Something to consider is where the roughly 60 cars that park at Shady Hollow East each night are going to park during construction.
4. At grade trail at white rock ditch not necessary in alternative one and two. Alternative three preferred except at grade trail over Valmont. Great idea to carry 100 year flood underground culvert preferred such as alternative one and two.
5. First choice is alternative one, then two. Please don't use alternative three.
6. Provide access from SE side of shady hollow without needing to go to Valmont to get on the path. Please provide access directly to the path from Shady Hollow.
7. Connection to eastbound Valmont gives little value for the length and probable cost of the connection. Consider not putting that in, or adding it later when villa shopping center redevelops at some future time.
8. Alternative one combined below-grade crossing of Valmont is by far the best and most appealing. Alternative two is better than nothing. Three seems very destructive, not people friendly, not good for the habitat. Many birds use the trees that would be removed as a nesting and feeding area.

Phase 1, Alternative 2

1. The access ramp on the south side of Valmont doesn't seem to be necessary. It's a short distance from the existing ramp at goose creek and 28<sup>th</sup> street, or from the overpass through the trailer park to the west. Omitting this ramp would save a lot of trees and money.
2. Prefer either separated grade alternative, from a user's point of view. Let adjacent neighbors decide which has least negative impacts. Provide connections to neighboring residences and businesses (Goose Creek between 30<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> is not a good model).
3. Is there some way to provide access from the Goose Creek trail to the east side of 30<sup>th</sup>? Currently, it's very difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross 30<sup>th</sup> street. It makes the path almost un-usable. There needs to be a connection from Elmers/goose creek to CU and the Boulder Downtown area (south and west) without having to go so far east or ride in traffic on busy streets. Please provide a way to get from Shady Hollow to the trail without having to a) wade across the ditch b) wade through the mud to

get to the goose creek trail, then go north again c) walk way around on Valmont.

#### Phase 1, alternative 3

1. Please don't do this. The crosswalk will be dangerous.
2. Valmont grade crossing is silly. Alternative one or two is to be preferred and will be safer.
3. Please do not consider a pedestrian crosswalk on Valmont. It is too dangerous.

#### Phase 2, Alternative 1

1. Willow Brook would like to preserve the willow trees at the NE corner of the property. It would be more desirable to move channel further to the east to preserve the backyards of Willow Brook residents. This is a quality of life issue.
2. Move retaining wall towards the east to give more space at Willow Brook town-home backyards.
3. Possibly consider\* a foot bridge across the channel from east end of Eastwood Court in Willow Brook. Townhomes to parking area behind Tebo\* Plaza. Possibly tie it in with access to the bridge form Eden East.

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#### Phase 2, Alternative 2

1. The wider path is preferred.
2. Good plan- would like to see widening of the greenway.
3. Prefer this configuration, it's more open and will flood less often.
4. This area is so narrow that any widening of the greenway would be a huge improvement. Eden East HOA supports this plan unanimously.
5. Include a wider trail and two foot shoulders if possible.

Greenways Core Group  
Elmer's Twomile CEAP Alternative Comments  
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The Greenways staff group had the following comments:

Phase I Goose Creek to Valmont

- Preferred Alternative 1 (Combined Creek and Trail Underpass)
- Based on the comments from the Open House the Greenways staff group recommended an alternative at grade connection to Valmont Road from the south. (The consultant will evaluate alternative connections to Valmont and provide a separate drawing.)
- Based on comments from the Open House, the group recommended a connection to the path from Shady Hollow be added. (It appears that this can best be accomplished between the two existing carports. Consultant will evaluate.)
- Recommended looking at reducing the underpass width to allow path flooding at the 2 year flood level instead of the 5 year flood level to see if this significantly reduces the cost. (Consultant will evaluate.)
- On the descriptions of Alternatives 1 and 2 add the following disadvantage "Elmer's Channel is buried in underground pipe." (Annie will add to text in CEAP.)

Phase II North of Valmont to Glenwood

- Preferred Alternative 2 (Wider Channel) with the understanding that the width of the channel and the transition from the south section to the north section needs to be flexible to take into account the affect on adjacent properties and the city's ability to negotiate easements with adjacent property owners. (Annie will request that this be considered as part of the GAC recommendation.)
- Staff recommended including the pedestrian underpass at Glenwood in the CEAP since it is shown in the Greenways Master Plan. (This will be added to the CEAP document).