

Rebuilding Riverside Park

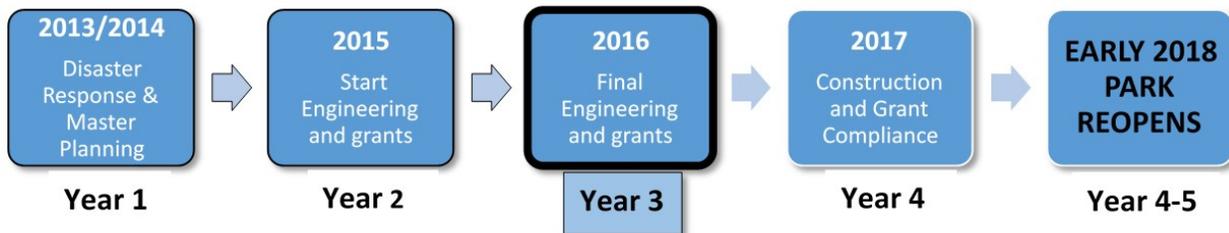
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Riverside Park is one of Evans' greatest assets. The multi-year effort to rebuild Riverside Park has required navigating many complex planning, funding and permitting steps. Many more steps will be needed before the Park re-opens.



Planning

A year-long planning process was undertaken during 2014 to learn how residents of Evans wanted to see the Park re-built and explore options for future uses. The location of the Park in the floodplain and an old landfill below the Park had to be studied. The year-long process affirmed the desire of residents to see the Park rebuilt. Because of the flood risk, the master plan called for restoring the floodplain, raising valuable park improvements out of the floodplain and removing landfill debris.



Grants

Grants will pay for most of the cost to rebuild the Park. Eight grants have been approved so far for over \$11.2M. This funding will only be enough for a part of the total cost to rebuild the Park and other grants will be applied for in the future. Most grants funds have not actually been received, the City must first go through a difficult and time consuming process to be reimbursed. Grants increase the time it will take to rebuild the Park. The City is required to provide a funding "match" of about \$760,000.

Riverside Park Funding Summary	
Funding Needed	\$14-16M
Funding Approved	<u>\$11.2M</u>
Shortfall	\$2.8-4.8M



Riverside Park Natural Area

Design, Engineering & Permits

This project will require detailed design and engineering.



Before 2013 Flood



After 2013 Flood

- **Preliminary Engineering:** This study found the Master Plan could be achieved with “no rise” in the 100 year flood. The study also provided a cost estimate cost to support the City’s \$5M CDBG-DR grant application, approved in mid-2015.
- **Final Engineering and Design:** A team of consultants including landscape design, environmental, water and civil engineers will design and engineer the site. This effort will result in detailed plans used to obtain permits and bids for construction.
- **Bidding and Construction:** Once plans are complete, the City will advertise for bids and enter into a construction contract. Construction will take at a full year and require a large amount of time to manage and ensure compliance with grant requirements.

Many agencies will review and regulate plans for rebuilding the Park:

- **EPA:** The Environmental Protection Agency prepared a study to document the extent and nature of buried debris and see if any hazardous material existed. The report concluded nothing was found to indicate hazardous conditions existed.
- **USACE:** United States Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction over the S. Platte River, including the river bank and wetlands inside the Park.
- **FEMA and City:** Federal Emergency Management Agency and the City regulate work in the floodplain.
- **CDPHE:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will review and approve a Waste Management Plan meeting requirements for the disposal of debris and capping of any debris remaining on the site to limit contamination of water.

Future Steps

Steps moving forward from now to re-opening of the Park are provided in the following flow chart.

