SUMMARY OF THE OUTREACH SURVEY

Responses as of December 12, 2019. There were 23 surveys received.

Should the land use adjacent to the Greenbelt be (check all that apply)
21 responses

- Mostly in an urban setting with retail…: 3 (14.3%)
- Mostly low density residential adjacent…: 1 (4.8%)
- Mostly natural, where there is little e…: 9 (42.6%)
- A mix of the adjacent land uses includ…: 17 (81%)
- I disagree with all of these statements: 0 (0%)

Which statements to you agree with related to access?
21 responses

- There needs to be more parking close to…: 7 (33.3%)
- There are too many access points to the…: 8 (38.1%)
- I am indifferent as access has increase…: 4 (19%)
- I developed areas of the city, there se…: 1 (4.8%)
- Let development determine…: 1 (4.8%)
- It seems about right ok as is: 1 (4.8%)


What are components of the Greenbelt or Nature Path that you would like to see more of? 11 responses

- Wooden areas with trails
- Bike maintenance stations, more doggy bag stations (esp around high density areas such as apartment sites), Parks along the greenbelt on the southside of the river in Garden City especially near apartments and planning for parks near river and Greenbelt in future development west of Glenwood.
- No motorized vehicles
repair to existing paths where roots have caused damage/erosion

Improve surface of existing greenbelt. It's a hazard now in many places. Setbacks are good. The City should not allow fences, walls or other improvements within a reasonable buffer zone; for example the Surfer's Paradise project is ridiculous--the City allowed walls and fences within 3' and then the developer builds closer than that and now the City may allow 2'? You don't need more restrictions if you're going to allow developers to do what they want and receive foregiveness.

A sense of more space and not crowded in by towering homes, buildings and people's private spaces.

Trees and natural wildlife areas

I like the natural areas

Greenbelt

I appreciate all of your efforts to maintain an enjoyable experience on the Greenbelt. Making the connection between about 50th street and the horse track would be a great addition.

Trees!
I ride that section to work nearly every day. The multiple sections of concrete are difficult to navigate safely. Users cannot distinguish which side to be on. Tires get caught in all the cracks. Artistic design and suggested directions for traffic flow. The path is maintained!

Okay but not overly so.

Too urban and stark

Too developed

It's fine given that it's wedged between the Riverside and the river. We're lucky there is a greenbelt there. Wider greenbelt, doesn't feel crowded. The finished look of the concrete greenbelt is nice. Keep it simple. Plain asphalt or cement is fine.
Nice but should not be required.
The uneven surface causes steering issues on bikes when crossing the sections.
The fence next to greenbelt and the separated/design center path does not appeal to me.
It's fine, it just doesn't appeal because the fence and residential? is so close. I love the appearance of the path but it may be a bit rough for skaters.
Too urban looking.
Mixed Use with access to restaurant
Nice mix of wide Bal + nature
Not natural. Difficult to maneuver.
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Too barren
Needs vegetation on the sides and repaired
Also acceptable while not as polished.
no buildings, see trees and the river, too
The gravel is ugly
Less developed
Open, view of water. Maybe some low bushes would help.
Nice to see the river and activity on the river.
Rock border can be a hazard. Soft surfaces should be adjacent to greenbelts to mitigate safety issues.
Large rocks or boulders could be dangerous when mishaps happen.
Being older, my balance isn't as good. Do not like to step off into rocks if congestion
Seems that asphalt doesn't hold up well to tree roots and heat from summer temps
I prefer the more natural setting with a combined view of the river and natural area (which could be grass or landscaped) on the opposite side.
You can see the river and you can see out.
section without homes and commercial
nice wide greenbelt with rim view + vegetation
Barren

This photo
22 responses

For that area the big wide concrete is nice
Also acceptable
In a city, it's a fact that there will be parking lots, etc. The path is maintained! The bikers are so dangerous! They simply need to SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!

Looks like a raceway

Easy attractive access

Good long lasting surface. Wide.

Okay in spots along the greenbelt, but wouldn't want to see too many parking lots all along the greenbelt. Prefer to see landscape space on both sides of the greenbelt.

Seems excessive if not in a high congestion area,

Smooth, clean looking as long as it holds up to tree roots

The parking area is too close to the greenbelt; the landscaped area should be larger with vehicles set back further from the greenbelt.

It's fine but the cars are WAY too close.

Parking visible from path.

No river view + adjacent to traffic
Nice mix of uses
Has a natural appeal
Looks like the traffic would be less
Natural
Prefer paths not along streets
As a bike greenbelt, obviously too narrow. Unsafe. As a walking path--great.
Love the nature path. It would be great if there were more areas along the river where walkers could feel safe from the mobilized users.
adequate for nature path
Moving vehicles are too close to the greenbelt with no trees or bushes to separate the greenbelt path.
The path may also be too narrow, unless this is a walking path only.
It is great for a sidewalk, but seems a bit narrow and too close to the road for a greenbelt.
Street visible from path.
I think this is the no-bike zone. Greenbelt should have all-access, walkers, runners, + bikes narrow path adjacent to traffic

This photo
22 responses

Appeals to me
95.5%
Does not appeal to me

Raised up to be protected from flood. Nice tree canopy
Nicely maintained and flat, with no tree roots causing an uneven surface.
No buildings, etc. Pretty trees, peaceful... Path is maintained! BIKERS SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Many trees
Undeveloped
Good surface. Shaded.
Love the feel of nature.
Smooth, clean surface as long as it holds up to tree roots and wear
More natural setting with trees/bushes on either side.
It is inviting. It is natural. It is wide enough to accommodate bikes and people.
variety of adjacent uses
narrow and dark
This looks inviting.

This photo
22 responses

72.7%
27.3%

Appeals to me
Does not appeal to me

Too close---you feel like you are intruding on someone's yard
Though I don't mind the urban feel of this particular area. Please no more it ruins the feels of the river.
Flat, even and safe but close to dwellings, less of a natural feel.
buildings, but, it is a city... and greenbelts will obviously pass by some buildings.
Overbuilt, congested. If the purpose of protecting the river and enhancing residents and visitors' enjoyment of it, this type of development does not convey either.

Houses too close and not green

Lack of vegetation; building too tall

Privatization of a public amenity

Townhouse buildings are far too close and too tall. Walls and fences likewise. What used to be fairly open is now converted into a canyon.

Massive buildings detract from feel of river corridor. Too close to the greenbelt.

needs more width for this highly congested area. Probably the most congested area.

Buildings too high and close to greenbelt. Oppressive feeling.

I like seeing both residential and commercial buildings along with untouched areas

Too urbanized next to the greenbelt; prefer a more natural setting. If structures are allowed, the set-back off the greenbelt should be greater and the height should be limited to two stories only.

Apartments are too close.

access to homes and restaurants

nice wide path and easy access

Intimidating to be next to
It's nice having Luciano's on the path. Just be careful to only do small pockets of these developments. I like to gather by the river. Having places as destinations along the greenbelt are fun and enliven the corridor.

The landscaping is done well. It is nice to ride a bike to a restaurant, sometimes. The path is maintained and pleasing.

With reservations. Restaurants can allow for additional enjoyment of the river but can cause congestion and further reduce access. The scope and design of the facility should be subject to stricter requirements than would otherwise apply. Careful study needs to be given to how far setbacks should be.

It's ok.

Essentially the same photo as #2.

Okay, but tall building in background not as appealing, but open air patios of restaurants and perhaps some retail is okay in some areas along the greenbelt.
Again rocks can be an issue
I like seeing both residential and commercial buildings along with untouched areas.
Same as above comments for Photo 7 regarding the large structure; the landscaped area in front of the dining area is preferred over the townhomes.
It looks inviting—a public place where you can stop and have coffee or a beverage. Landscaping is gorgeous. The apartment is too close.
well done commercial frontage
nice easy access + wide paths might be traffic?
The business is close but it is a part of the greenbelt experience

This photo
22 responses

Nice to see homes that have been along the river a long time still exist as they were. Not gentrified.
It is tolerable but think properties on the greenbelt should take care of their properties, like landscape, clean up and care on fencing.

| There are some places that just won't be beautified. It's ok. It's a walking/bike path! |
| This is a complete eyesore. If there are legal remedies this should be fixed. In no case should any future structures of this type be permitted. |
| Fence is ugly |
| Unmaintained fence |
| Ideally, solid fences should be avoided. |
| Looks unkept, closed off. |
| I like this location being closer to residence but the surface seems to hold up better if it is concrete |
| The fence is too close to the greenbelt and of poor design; a rod iron see-through fence would be more appealing and set-back off the greenbelt with landscaping in front. |
| The greenbelt looks great. The fence is really ugly, but you can't be too picky. It sure beats looking in their back yard and I bet they love the privacy. |
| Fence is too obtrusive. |
| prefer that greenbelt frontage properties be kept up |
| nice vegetation Good path |
| Fence is uninviting |
A few of these over priced dwellings are ok. But not what attracts people to the garden city river. A green space buffering housing and the greenbelt are more relaxing and retreat like.

It's a city. Buildings are a fact. The path is maintained. Bikers need to SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Conveys a picture of congestion. Any developments of this nature should be designed to a scale which does not impose itself on the area.

It's ok

Would not let me select ‘does not appeal to me’

Setback is ok. Building could have been staiestepped on 2nd and 3rd stories to allow for more sky and avoid a canyon effect.

Tall buildings on the greenbelt, not as nice, but as the landscape comes along, it might start to feel better.

I like seeing both residential and commercial buildings along with untouched areas

The grassy area and landscaping is larger, with the building set back further from the greenbelt.
The apartments are too close, but it actually looks fine and I love the fact that trees are planted. This is right near my house and though it is well done it shows how a flood would flow into the living room of any of the apartments. While it looks nice enough it is wrongheaded that may lead to a need for a significant levee to protect many homes in Garden City. There are a number of other similar problems along the Greenbelt/ water-path in Garden City that I've noticed as appealing to me. This is all very pretty but is dangerous for people who are living there. It also was good wildlife habitat which no longer exists. Deer, birds, and other terrestrial animals have been displaced. What used to come only my property no longer do. I find this tragic and more depressing than flood danger. What is done is done; but let's have no more of this kind of development.

nice path by river
I love this entry spot. Kudos to the plantation neighbors that allowed access.
The garbage can is tastefully camouflaged and green on the developed side of the greenbelt.
Landscaping is pleasing. Path is maintained. BIKERS SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Open space and green
Open. Good setback and landscaping. See through low fence.
Nice mix of residential, further away from greenbelt, giving the feeling of openness.
Access points and having trash cans close by is a plus
Natural setting with fence set-back off the greenbelt and landscaping.
It looks great and the garbage can is well hidden.
open spaces with vegetation
Great setbacks

This photo
21 responses

- Appeals to me
- Does not appeal to me
The purpose of the working draft of the proposed Boise River Natural Resource overlay states: "The Boise River imparts the unique identity of the City with a river running through it. It is the City’s most significant natural resource that is the source of many opportunities as well as threats for the City. The Boise River, with its adjacent pathways, green spaces, and habitats is also significant to the recreational enjoyment, economic well being, and health of city residents. This Article is intended to provide provisions to preserve, protect and enhance the river and associated resources as well as safeguard the public’s enjoyment and access to them."

Emphasis on green ways. Habitat and threat, threat of flooding. Please keep that in the forefront.
It is so important to preserve the current health of our river and the land that surrounds it, seeking to improve upon water quality, access, parking and quality of the path itself. It is important to balance the natural setting while guiding residential and business development and settings such as parks for family and friends to gather.

| Generally good but should also recognize private property protection. |
| The river and greenbelt are the city's biggest asset. Please don't clutter it with development that is too tall and/or too close to the greenbelt. |
| Increased access will negatively impact wildlife. |
| Keep Garden City Green with more open space and natural resources enjoyed by all. |
| I agree. |

with recent + projected growth some rules should be put in place to retain current access + standards of upkeep

only with the added statement "It also intends to protect and preserve the wildlife that live along the river."

I want to see the Greenpath preserved and protected

The river and greenbelt should be for everyone not just the adjacent homes. The natural environment needs to be thought about.

The greenbelt is Boise's crowning jewel. What an achievement!
Again, all the emphasis here is on public interest. That is fine and desirable but some nod or recognition that there are valid and existing private interests that must be balanced or recognized and protected is needed.
With reservations that the goal is to displace private property ownership and rights.
Number 3 should supersede public connectivity and access.
All admirable goals/objectives - once it's gone it won't come back so these areas need to be protected now.
They are perfect except for the word "critical" in objective 3. What is critical? I think we need to protect all the wildlife and fisheries habitats. Either delete "critical" or define it.
It is inclusive

Please provide any comments that you may have related to the diagrams.

Keep building further back. I worry the more building close to the river the more risk of flood for all of us.
Keep it wild along the river. Big trees and plants buffering any new buildings.
Personally, I would like to see greater than a seventy foot setback from high water mark.
I don't understand them
There are so many variations of the river channel and side channels, location of OHM, location of floodway, location of greenbelt and location of existing development and structures, that using these diagrams as a regulatory guide can be problematic. For example, in some areas the greenbelt is quite a ways from the river and there is private land, structures and uses between the river and the greenbelt; lumping all that area into the very restrictive "river zone" will be problematic. It could even constitute a "taking" in some areas. The two diagrams show the "river zone" extending toward the river to the OHWM. Why? Seems like both should extend to the OHWM since the City cannot regulate below the OHWM.
Hard to understand and read.
25' river zone is not acceptable nor is the 50' setback for private property owners in these areas.
Defining a new zone which infringes/encroaches on private property rights in so many ways should not be approved. If the greenbelt already exists then improve those areas first and foremost before it is too late.
Then as improve the area between the river and greenbelt develops.
I think it looks good considering everything.
why necessary?
The definition of "River Zone' is: "All land between the Greenbelt or Nature Path and the Boise River or 25’ from the ordinary high-water mark whichever is greater; or where there is no Greenbelt or Nature Path the River Zone shall be considered the floodway as designated by the affective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and 25’ from the ordinary high-water mark (6500 cfs)."

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Should be larger
This is critical
Compared to what definition?
Not big enough
Again, extending the "river zone" to the river rather than the OHWM suggests that the City is imposing restrictions below the OHWM. Regulation of that area is within the jurisdiction of the state and federal governments. Also, since the greenbelt can be located quite a long ways from the river, in some instances the "river zone" will incorporate private lands with existing development, structures and uses.
Maybe you need a "greenbelt zone" where the the river and the greenbelt are not in proximity.
Should align with floodway as defined in map
I am not sure I have thought through it enough to make an informed judgement.
Add riparian area
not big enough

The objectives of the River Zone include: Objective 1. Provide riverbank stabilization that includes a strong plant root structure to limit erosion and reduce scouring during times of inundation. Objective 2. Encourage plant species capable living through times of inundation. Objective 3. Reduce water runoff and pollution. Reduce velocities during times of inundation. Objective 4. Reduce damages during times of flood inundation. Objective 5. Provide ample shade to cool the river
to protect against algae blooms, sewer treatment costs, and enhance fisheries habitat. Objective 6. Provide both aquatic and terrestrial habitat and food sources. Objective 7. Provide ample shade trees and vegetation to provide a cooling effect for Greenbelt and Nature Path users. Objective 8. Enhance the natural environment with requirements for appropriate native landscaping, planting and landscape maintenance techniques.

In the proposed River Zone, structures that are not required for public necessity (for example, bridges or water pumps), for public recreation (for example, the greenbelt, controlled access points to the river, or river viewing platforms), or for wildlife habitat improvements (for example, vegetation, nesting structures) are restricted.
Keep in natural as possible
This preserves the natural beauty of the river corridor.
Some areas within your existing definition of "river zone" are private properties with existing development, structures, uses and rights. Restricting to public interests as proposed is unfair and likely a "takings" in many instances.
Punitive to private ownership - which often provides a quieter environment for wildlife
Private homes are less invasive that greenbelt owners. Allow private structures not tied to public use or necessity. Fences must be allowed to protect private property from unleashed dogs and people who feel free to invade private spaces.
The more natural the better. Need to preserve and protect the river zone.
It sounds reasonable. However, you may want to leave an "out" (requiring approval) for unanticipated structural needs.

In the proposed River Zone, the application of chemicals is restricted.

No chemicals
Very important to decrease the amount of chemical exposure to people and pets and to decrease chemical contamination of the waterways.
Chemicals hazardous to plant, wildlife and humans
Your proposed example is too restrictive. Application of herbicides in some areas and situations may be needed to control weeds, invasives and undesirable vegetation. Application should be allowed in accordance with federal and state law, specifically, label requirements and should not require a licensed applicator except where that is required for that particular chemical. Also, there are existing grass areas
between the greenbelt and river, and sometimes quite a distance from the river, where fertilizers can be safely applied.

Must protect the watershed. Don't like the use of Roundup along the Greenbelt.

Allow approved chemicals from reputable nurseries.

Allow chemicals that will enhance the landscaping and are aquatic approved.

Need to protect water quality and wildlife.

Define chemicals. There should be a strict prohibition of pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, etc.

However, there could be a reason to apply some chemical for some important reason.

In the proposed River Zone, landscape work requires a permit, unless for the removal of invasive species, and requires native trees, shrubs, or other plants adapted for survival and growth in the river environment to be the predominant landscaping material. Improved access to the Boise River is prohibited if not approved through an entitlement process and shall only be granted for the use by public.

Oversight of the above concerns is necessary to standardize management of vegetation along the river and prevent extreme removal of rooted plants that prevent erosion.

It doesn't make sense

Keep the area as native as possible

Again, there is existing landscape improvements and private properties where such landscaping is a right and maintenance will be required. Likewise, there is existing private improved access to the river.

The removal of vegetation for the benefit of a view can cause impacts downriver, bank destabilization and wildlife impacts.

Allow property owners to improve landscaping based on guidelines without a permit.

Landscaping which will improve the area or maintain the area should not require permits when following guidelines for plants and trees.

The average individual would not know an invasive species if it bit them on the ankle. This should require a knowledgeable person to identify any plants to be removed and should clearly state who might be authorized to remove a plant.

Natural Resource Protection Standards
The objectives of the natural resource protection standards include:

Define a wetland
Keep natural habitats as much as possible
Protecting access does not mean unfettered access.
Once they are gone, they are never coming back so there is a definite need to protect these areas now.
As long as the objections are further defined by legal tools to give teeth to them lofty goals

Stormwater swales that cannot be utilized for purposes other than drainage are discouraged adjacent to the Greenbelt.

I don’t know what this means or what the purpose is? What’s wrong with swales? Most of them appear to be nice green, natural looking open space.
I don’t know what this means.
I don’t understand the reason for this limitation. An explanation of why would be very helpful.
This should be supplemented with pictures as an example of what you are referring to.

**Waterways:** 1. Any waterway that is tiled must mitigate the loss of potential habitat area to be mitigated by providing usable habitat for pollinators, native aquatic species, or native animals equal in size to that which is tiled. 2. A side channel with a width of less than 15’ in width or flow of less than 5 c.s.f. shall require a minimum setback of 20’ from the channel. 3. A side channel at least 15’ in width with a flow of 5-150 c.f.s. shall require a minimum setback of 25’ from the channel.

**Difficult to assess without some definitions. What is a "side channel"?**
Not sure what this means, but if a developer removes natural habitat, it should be replaced somewhere else on the property in the city.

**Excessive setbacks.**
I don't understand #2 and #3. In #2, please change "csf" to "cfs." Why do side channels require setbacks from channels? I think we need more explanation or a diagram to illustrate the intent.

This should be supplemented with an example of a tiled waterway for clarity.
It is unclear why this provision is needed and how it might be applied. Please clarify.

**Wetlands and critical habitat.** 1. No wetlands, black cottonwood riparian plant community, riparian forests, scrub-shrub wetlands, emergent wetlands within the floodplain, trout spawning waters, or other critical wildlife habitat areas shall be reduced in size. 2. Exterior lighting shall not trespass on critical habitat that may be sensitive to light. 3. Relocation of wetlands and, or critical habitat may occur on site if the relocation enhances the wetlands and, or critical habitat. 4. Riparian areas shall not be relocated.
Protect the habitat
No definitions provided
Hard to comment without some definitions.
Exterior lighting is required for protection of private property.
Exterior lighting should be allowed where there is access to river bottom and accretion areas as often
higher traffic area in evenings and nights.
Need to protect and preserve wetlands and natural habitat for wildlife.
I think this is so important. You just should not mitigate these wetlands. In #3 change "and, or" to "and/or."
As the size of wetlands change with the ebb and flow of water this statement should be clarified with a
specific list of those areas that meet this criteria and perhaps survey plats that clearly define those areas.
If amended to delete # 3 and add "wetlands and critical habitat to #4

Design Standards

Setbacks: 1. Require a setback of fences and walls to be 5’ or more from the Greenbelt. 2. Require a setback of structures fronting onto the Greenbelt to 15’ of the Greenbelt. 3. Require rear and side setbacks to 30’ from the Greenbelt. 4. Setbacks to wetlands at least 50’ or as determined by Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Water Resources, United States Army Corp of Engineers, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game. 5. Setbacks to Great Blue Herron rookeries 300’ or as determined by Idaho Department of Fish and Game. 5. Setbacks to eagle nesting, feeding, and loafing areas 200’ or as determined by Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
These setbacks do not go back far enough
I don’t have adequate knowledge or information to answer
No definitions, where are the areas these cover, does this apply to 100% developed low density residential
Seems fine for new structures.
As a user of the greenbelt the setbacks seem reasonable. Would like it to be more for front setback. However, how would the setbacks affect private property rights especially at 30’?
50’ setbacks, 300’ setbacks, and 200’ setbacks are excessive and should simply follow IDF&G guidelines
For new development only. Already existing areas have less than 50’, 300’ and 200’ setbacks. 50’ is not necessary next to accretion areas. Use Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game guidelines for redevelopment only.
In order to protect and preserve natural areas and habitat, set-back for fences and walls should be at least 10-15 feet back from the greenbelt and structures should be 20-25 feet.
I think structures should be set back at least 30’. In #4, #5, and #6, add the word "Require" at the beginning. Correct spelling of heron in #5.
Please add setbacks to protect osprey nests along the river

Fences and Walls: Within 5’- 15’ of the Greenbelt and Nature Path shall have the following characteristics: 1. Fences may separate but not hide spaces. An example material that would achieve this characteristic is wrought iron. 2. Provide separation while encouraging interaction between private property and greenbelt users. 3. Be designed, fabricated with materials or setback so as not be a safety hazard to Greenbelt and Nature Path users. Also, opaque fences and walls greater than four feet (4’) in height must be screened from view from the Greenbelt or Nature Path with either landscaping or a building.
Unless existing
Last sentence is unclear to me
And why exactly is "interaction between private property and greenbelt users" necessary?? Not a necessity!!!!

Sometimes the area behind fencing has a right to be private or screened.

Only disagree with the set-back requirements should be greater as mentioned in the previous comment.

I don't think you should prohibit fences from screening. I do not want to look into people's yards and I really don't want to look into many uses such as storage yards, junk yards, industry, etc. Many of these uses were here first and I think they have a right (and obligation) to screen their mess from the general public. The last sentence makes no sense--opaque fences within 5-15' of greenbelt must be screened with a building? Really? That's one skinny building, which I am sure would not meet code. Buildings should be prohibited within 15' (and I think they should be setback further). Am I missing something? I think we need to relook at fences and walls. They can range from utilitarian to an art form. Quite frankly, I would much prefer looking at an ugly fence than at a yard full of plastic toys and crap.

Buildings fronting the Greenbelt shall have the same pedestrian architectural elements as retail in other portions of the City.

I'm not in favor of more building along at super close the Greenbelt. Looks terrible and increased flooding
Vague

I want green space next to the greenbelt

What other parts of the city are we referring to. Retail along Chinden or Glenwood isn't so great.

Really? Definitely not.

Stepford wives town? Not really!! Change and diversity should be encouraged not discouraged.

Too vague. I have no idea what this means.

This is entirely too vague as to be enforceable. This should refer to documents detailing specifics of this requirement.

Upper story facades should be set back an additional ten feet (10'') for every additional 15’ in height over the first 20’ in height where the location is adjacent to a residential district or the Greenbelt.

Prevent encroachment on the greenbelt.

How many stories

I semi-agree because I believe height setbacks are important and provide greater design interest and can allow for more height without creating the overpowering towering feel. However, we're not talking about the elephant in the room and that's how tall is the city willing to allow along the river and does it have the zoning tools to limit height? For example, would an eight story building need to have 5 or 6 step backs, or should a building that tall even be allowed? I heard a recommendation that buildings shouldn't be taller than the trees along the river.

Only disagree with set-back requirements which should be greater.

Sounds reasonable, but I have not studied it.

Building Orientation: Buildings and site design should provide inviting entry orientation. Buildings should interact with the public realm and should amplify the pedestrian experience when on or in the street, gathering places, parks, Greenbelt and Nature Path.
Seems subjective
For buildings that are public spaces. Not so much for residential

Does this include private homes??
Only if you are referring to urban/commercial entrances.

This seems entirely to "touchy/feely" and vague. If there is an expectation that it would be enforceable it needs to use the word "shall" instead of "should". It should also indicate who would be deciding if it met that criteria.

Parking area shall be screened from view of the Greenbelt and Nature Path with landscaping that is at least four feet (4') in height at maturity or a structure.

Aesthetic character/
Totality is not necessarily good. Allow some variation. A car park with adequate landscaping does not need to be completely obscured from view.
No parking areas shall be allowed within 15’ of the Greenbelt or Nature Path travel way except at the terminus of public streets.

Promote natural setting.
Never say never!
It seems like overkill. As long as it is screened, who cares?
The greenbelt should feel natural

**Greenbelt Standards**

The improved travel way (paved portion) for new or redeveloped Greenbelt shall be a minimum of fifteen feet (15’) in width, and the Nature Path improved travel way shall be a minimum of twelve feet (12’) in width.

These sizes are great
I think wider paths just validates that the bikers can go at faster speeds. They need to SLOW DOWN!!!!
It just encourages people to go faster on their bikes
Existing easements limit width in some areas. Need to recognize that fact. Where possible, wider is better.
I agree with the standards, but continue to be concerned about whether the city may impact private property rights. What P&Z tools does the city have to get property owners to do this? Or what resources does the city have to purchase wider easements if it comes down to that?

10’ or 12’ are perfectly agreeable in some areas.

**Define width to fit purpose area**

The current width of paved path appears to be about 10 feet which seems sufficient. A Natural Path should be designated as pedestrian only and could be much less than 12’ in width.

The Nature Path does not need that width. The original reasons stated for its designation included that it could not meet Greenbelt standards due to constricted areas. Leave it natural.

In congested areas or high activity, a secondary separated parallel pathway a minimum of 5’ in width or increased pathway width of a minimum 20’ may be required to reduce bicycle and pedestrian conflicts.

Good for safety

What is the definition of congested?

NOOOOOOOO! No additional path

Making the path wider encourages aggressive bicycling

In those areas, you probably can't accomplish this requirement. There simply isn't room or a public easement; Example: Riverside Hotel.

The damage is already done at the white water park. This is make do proposal. Move fast moving bikes and scooters out to a neighborhood bike path for a few blocks if necessary

White water park is almost a disaster already. Route bikes, electric bikes and/or scooters as necessary on the street bike paths as necessary for poor planning.

This has become a major problem. Great solution.

As worded, this statement seems to only allude to vague intent and does not define a method to identify who is responsible for identifying such areas.

No public access to the Greenbelt or Nature Path shall be gated from public streets.
Access should be free flowing and accessible to all. If there was a gate to enter or exit, I think it would be safer. Makes people slow down and be careful entering a public street.

Might be some examples where a gate would make sense for safety—so a runner, biker, skateboarder or whatever doesn't enter the greenbelt and existing traffic at a high rate of speed.

As long as you're referring to what is already open and this in no way implies that areas that are privately owned and have not provided access today would be required to do so. If there is an exception to this, what would it be?

In congested areas during certain times of day or week, minimize the access bottlenecks.

Some areas are not safe at night. What is wrong with dawn to dusk in some areas?

How does this address public access from public streets in gated communities?

Very important.

The existing street grid pattern east of Glenwood shall be extended to the Greenbelt to provide maximum public parking on both sides of the street. Should the right of way be vacated, public parking for Greenbelt access shall be provided at two (2) stalls per nine lineal feet (9') of vacated right-of-way. Public parking required for Greenbelt access shall not be counted as part of the development’s required parking.
I would need to do much more study.
I don’t understand what this means.
What happens on Streets that have already been vacated?
Only where the width of the street allows for congestion.
Only on some streets, not all streets.
East and SOUTH of Glenwood.
This makes no sense. Perhaps it is taken out of context? We need far, far more explanation of the location, background, and intent.
This should be supplemented with a map of the area and perhaps a picture of the area.

Use Standards

Setbacks were proposed for animal enclosures and sheltering such as for agricultural uses and animal care facilities.
20 responses

Setback were proposed for outdoor storage areas and industrial activities.
21 responses
Anything Else?

No motorized vehicles. Add a speed limit or speed bumps to slow down speeding cyclists. How do we get the south side of the river changed to a nature path? Either allow bikes and motorized vehicles on both sides or on neither. Finish the Greenbelt south of the river and east of Glenwood.

1. I appreciate the Committee and City efforts in developing this proposed ordinance. It's obviously a lot of good hard work. I think the Committee and City should carefully consider the comments made by the public and then revise the proposed ordinance and provide it back to the public for review and comment prior to proceeding through the formal design review, P and Z and City Council processes. The public, like me, has really only had the draft for a short period of time and this has been the only opportunity to comment. The City's current schedule looks like a forced march and doesn't appear to provide an opportunity to carefully consider and utilize public comments. The formal process is also scheduled during the holiday period when public participation is challenging.

2. Express recognition and exemption for existing private property rights, greenbelt easement and conservation easements is needed. Also this survey didn't inquire about the proposed restriction of signs and fences on the river side of the greenbelt ("river zone"). Private property signs and, in some instances, fences are necessary and reasonable to inform and exclude the public from entry on private properties.

All of this sounds good, but not being an expert, does or how much of this could impact private property rights and does the city have the resources to buy easements, or have avenues for seeking resources?

Side Channels vs main channels should be looked at differently.

The neighborhood meeting brought up the difference between side channels and main river channel areas should be treated differently. When people with dogs enter river bottom areas and/or accretion areas, they invariably unleash their dogs which immediately harass any and all wildlife in the area.

FENCES for private property is a must!

I believe that all residence locations are unique and should be looked at individually when it comes to requiring setbacks and future building.

1. Will the "Plantation" Island property be addressed separately? The island should remain natural with no development allowed.
2. The overlay zoning districts as described (FH, WLC, NCN, etc.) should be
shown on a map (or on the current zoning map). 3. Under 8-2B-3 Form Standards - all districts should have height standards. 4. Under 8-4A-3 there are two section "D's". The second "D" section contains a typo in #1 ("that so not to be"). 5. Under Article B, Section B (pae 5) contains a typo (8 x 10 "SPACE" shall be provided). 6. One objective mentioned is to consider a Length of Leash law for which I disagree; as long as the dog is under the owners control and on a leash, such as an Expando Leash which may stretch out 20 feet, it should be allowed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Good work by the committee and staff!

As worded, many of these statements seem vague and very difficult to enforce effectively. How will the goals/objectives in the Boise River Natural Resource Ordinance be met when there is a difference of opinion about, lets say, critical habitat for Great Blue heron, Osprey, or cormorant. What specific rules must be met? Are there any?