

# Sauk Creek Corridor Plan Engagement Plan Feedback

CITY OF MADISON



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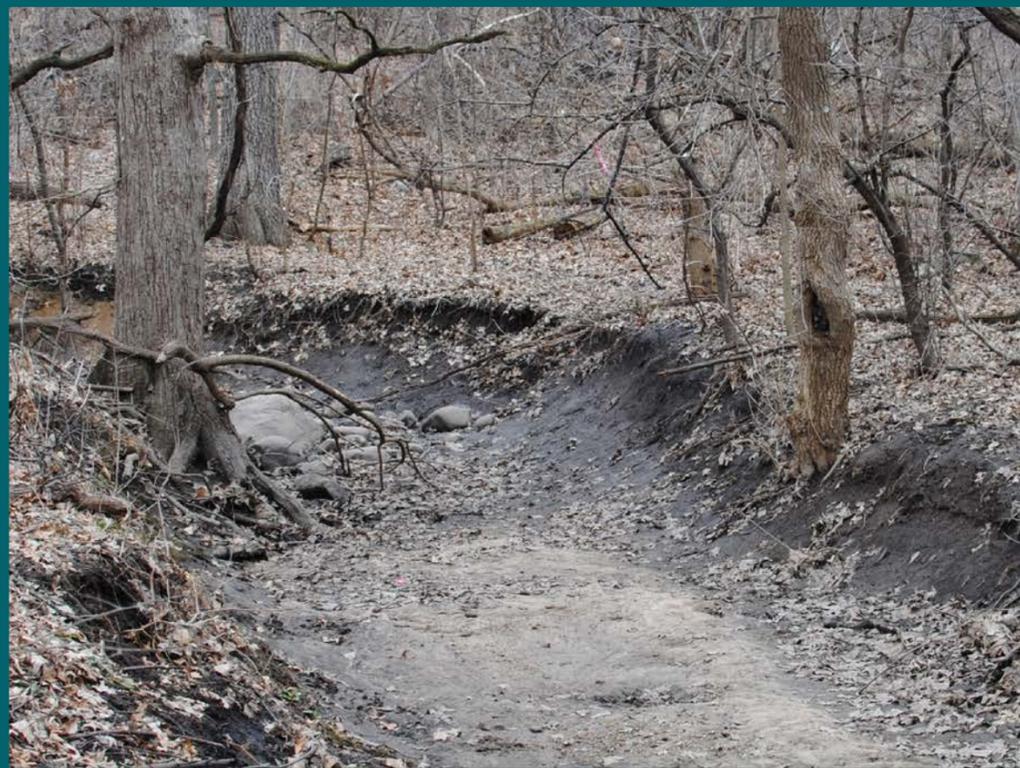


# Existing Greenway

- Purpose of stormwater land: safely convey stormwater, remove pollutants before entering lakes



- Clearly defined channel
- Eroding, unstable banks
- Cannot access most of the channel to clear log jams, repair channel etc.



# Plan Components

- **OVERALL CORRIDOR USE**
- **CHANNEL**
- **MAINTENANCE ACCESS PATH**
- **MOBILITY/ACCESSIBILITY**
- **VEGETATION**
- **EXISTING POND AREAS**



**EXISTING CHANNEL**

# What can you influence?



## As a neighbor

- Channel
- Maintenance access path
- Vegetation
- Existing pond areas



## As a neighbor, community, & City

- Overall use
- Mobility/accessibility (began with West Area Plan)

# Overall Corridor Use

## Community Input

- What are your values
- How do you currently use this space
- How do you want to use the space
- What should the goals be for corridor improvements



**CORRIDOR**

# Channel



**EXISTING CHANNEL**

## **Things we cannot change**

- Channel to be designed with flows from watershed study
- Proposed channel must be designed to be stable (non-erosive)
  - Protect downstream water quality
  - DNR/EPA permit compliance

## **Community input**

- Options of cross sections that would create stable channel (Channel Assessment)
- What types of trees are given priority to shift channel during design

# Maintenance Access Path



**SAUK CREEK CHANNEL LOG JAM**

## **Things we cannot change**

- Construction and maintenance access is needed the length of the channel
- Will overlap existing sanitary access path wherever possible to minimize impact

## **Community input**

- What types of trees are given priority to shift path during design
- Cover type of path (gravel, vegetated etc)

# Mobility & Accessibility



EXAMPLE PATH/SANITARY CROSSING IN PHEASANT  
BRANCH CONSERVANCY (MIDDLETON, WI)

## Things we cannot change

- City providing “All Ages and Abilities” connections for the entire City
- Area plans are an opportunity to look at transportation connections
  - Input provided via West Area Plan to recommend transportation connections in area around Sauk Creek

## Community input

- Corridor Plan will look at recommended paths from West Area Plan and how to address community mobility/accessibility needs, design constraints, and community concerns

# Vegetation



**TREES WITHIN GREENWAY**

## **Things we cannot change**

- Some trees will be removed for channel stabilization and the maintenance access paths

## **Community input**

- Tree removals outside of construction limits as part of larger ecosystem improvements
- Replanting

# Existing Pond Areas



**EXISTING POND OFF HIGH POINT &  
OLD SAUK**

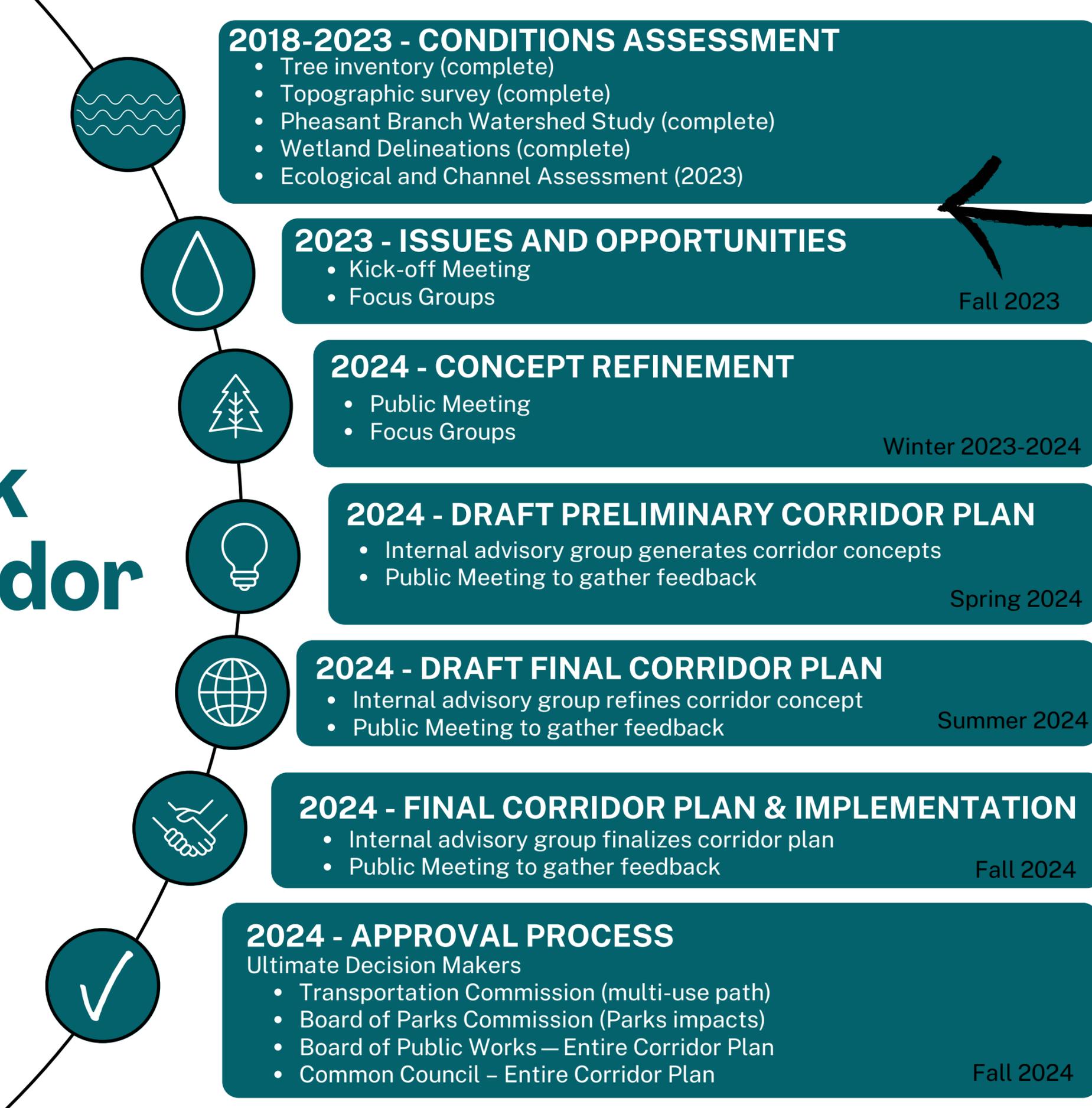
## **Things we cannot change**

- Ponds will treat stormwater from adjacent streets and neighborhoods
- Ponds will not treat stormwater directly from the channel (DNR preference)

## **Community input**

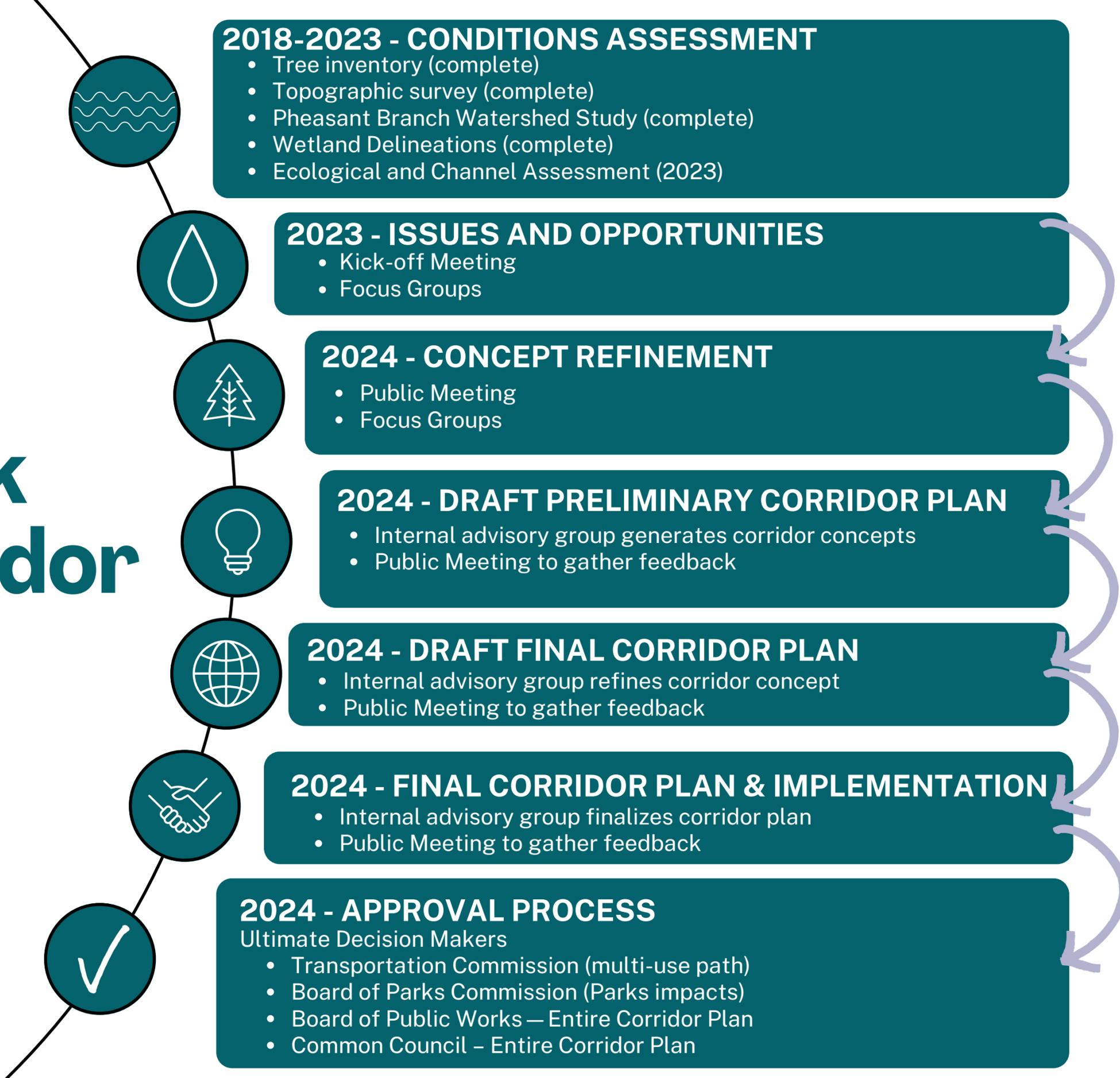
- Options to maximize stormwater treatment and minimize pond footprint
- How to use any "gained" open space

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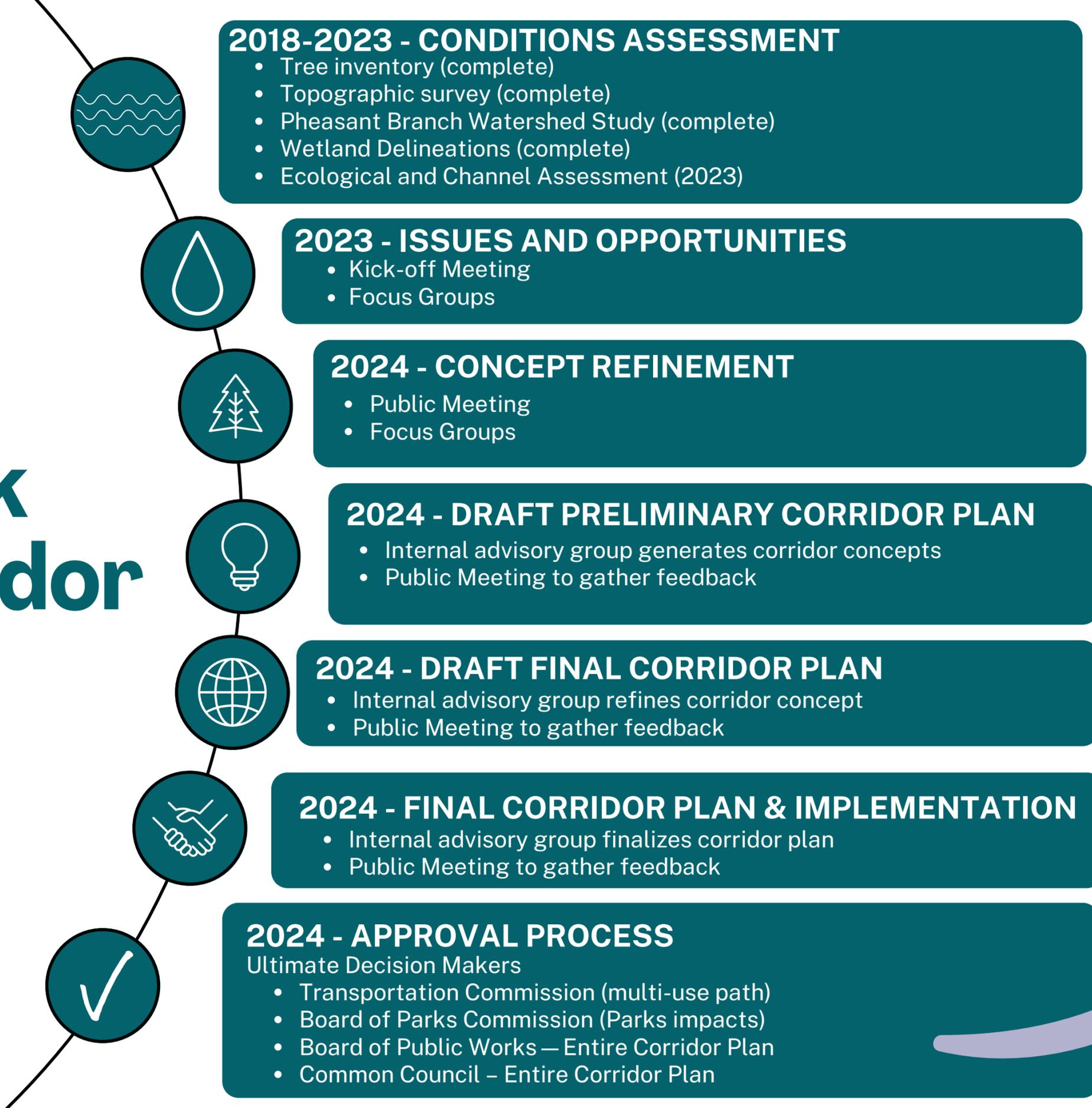


**Internal advisory group will meet between each phase to review input:**

- Stormwater Utility
  - Stormwater engineers
  - Landscape architect
  - Greenway Vegetation Coordinator
- Transportation Engineering
- Traffic Engineering
- Forestry
- Parks
  - Operations
  - Conservation/Restoration
  - Landscape Architect, Planning

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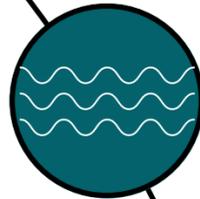
**After Corridor Plan is approved:**

- Each phase will have it's own design process for the detailed design effort, prior to construction
  - Will use corridor plan as guide for design
  - Will bring to community for feedback prior to completing plans to bid for construction



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## Engagement Opportunities



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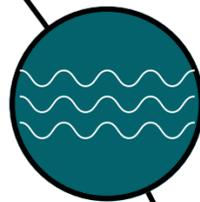
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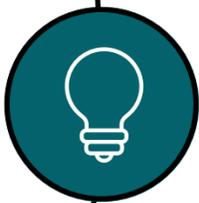
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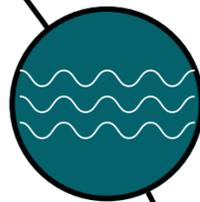
- Corridor condition and history
- Corridor Plan process

### Community input on:

- Values
- Project goals
- Corridor Use

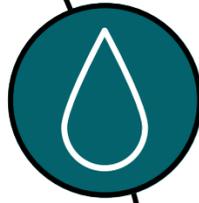
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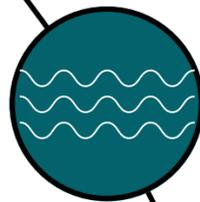
- Park users
- Apt residents near Haen Family Park
- Schools/students/crossing guards
- After school programming
- Lussier Community Center
- Residents South of Mineral Pt – West Towne
- Residents North of Old Sauk Rd

**Goals:**

- Get general feedback to guide corridor plan from wider audience impacted by regional decisions
- Get more folks involved in planning process
- Increase awareness of public space

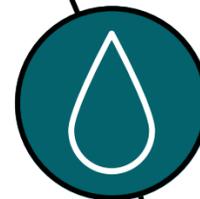
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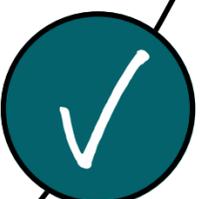
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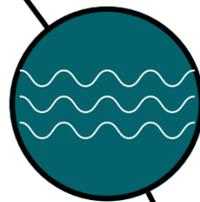
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- Channel design options
- Any paths recommended in West Area Plan



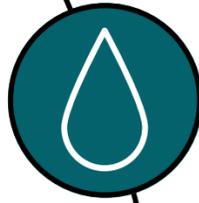
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### Groups:

- Residents that are closest to different sections of greenway to give input on vegetation
- Sections will be divided geographically and based on the results of the Ecological Assessment

### Goals:

- Hear more localized input about vegetation, channel, and maintenance access

# Corridor Plan Creates Enhanced Engagement Opportunities



## Typical Greenway Design

This is was the proposed process in 2018, but we will *\*not\** be following this format:

- Meeting 1: Introduce the reason for project and get community feedback
- Meeting 2: Bring draft design for comment
- Meeting 3 (sometimes): Bring final plan

## Corridor Plan

This is the special process we've developed for the Sauk Creek Greenway:

- Meeting 1: Issues and Opportunities
  - Focus Groups
- Meeting 2: Concept Refinement
  - Focus Groups
- Meeting 3: Draft Preliminary Corridor Plan
- Meeting 4: Draft Final Corridor Plan
- Meeting 5: Final Corridor Plan
  
- + Meeting(s) for each phase of design