



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: August 24, 2021
Agenda Item: 6A
To: Planning Commission
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
Subject: Calder Creek Naturalization Project
Recommendation: Receive presentation and Provide Feedback

Introduction:

The approved Ives Park Master Plan includes the concept of naturalizing Calder Creek as it runs through the Park.

The approved Capital Improvement Plan includes funding for a hydrology study and creek naturalization concept to move this project forward. While the hydrology study and associated work will be done by GHD, one of the Planning Department's on-call consultants, the City was approached by the WRI (Waterway Restoration Institute), which received a grant from the Switzer Foundation to support a Fellow to do a specific project (<https://www.switzernetwork.org/>) to work with the City to help envision what the naturalization of Calder Creek could be, both within Ives Park, as part of the Master Plan, as well as up- and down-stream.

This item is the "kick-off" presentation and input session for this effort. WRI and the Switzer Foundation will be presenting to the Planning Commission and Community at the meeting, and asking for input from both the Planning Commission, as the City's Park Commission, as well as the public in attendance.

The project would be supportive of GHD's work on the creek naturalization, with GHD doing the technical studies (hydrology studies, etc.) and follow-up design work.

Public Comment:

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

Recommendation:

Receive the report and provide direction to staff and the consultants.