



## City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 26, 2021  
Agenda Item: 6B  
To: Planning Commission  
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director  
Subject: Calder Creek Naturalization Project - Design Basis and Discussion  
Recommendation: Receive presentation and Provide Feedback

### **Background:**

The approved Ives Park Master Plan includes the concept of naturalizing Calder Creek as it runs through the Park. The City is working with WRI (Waterway Restoration Institute) and a Switzer Foundation Fellow 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 agenda item is the second presentation in a series of four meetings with the Planning Commission, which serves as the City's Parks Commission, to review and provide input on the naturalization project.

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.

### **Discussion:**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a common base of information about restoration approaches and common issues encountered, and to identify how this relates to Calder Creek. WRI will present "lessons learned" for urban stream restoration and describe the physical features and processes of streams that are characteristic of successful restoration projects. Typical vegetation and its relationship to the stream will also be described.

The presentation will close with a discussion of the Master Plan and seeking input about plan elements as they relate to the stream.

Additional Information, including the Ives Park Master Plan, can be found on the City's Parks Planning page:

<https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/City-Government/Departments-Services/Planning/Parks-Planning>

### **Next Steps:**

Future presentation dates include:

December 14 - Calder Creek Naturalization - design alternatives presentation  
January 11 - Calder Creek Naturalization - concept plan presentation

**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.