

Environmentalists:

1. How to encourage access yet keep it wild?
2. If connection to Otterson is necessary, minimize impact to the creek. As little pavement as possible, minimize bike paths but have them for sure.
3. Valuable rich riparian area- diverse ecosystem much wildlife-protect habitat in planning process.
4. Only a fraction of the great valley riparian woodlands remain. This is a rare chance to create a preserve of valley oak habitat.
5. Owl (raptors) are nesting in winter. A review done in September would not have found any nesting birds, so it was not a biologically sensible time to do the assessment.
6. Creating places for people, better to direct folks than have them running all over the place.
7. Eventual acquisition of 100' set back along north side of creek.
8. Does the city already have water-monitoring sites along this stretch of creek.
9. Minimal development to preserve the beauty though with bike bridge some impact will occur.
10. This area is so perfect to keep natural/wild/intact- to teach children about bio-diversity the rich world therein; it also tags into the "tree farm" which is also a great teaching idea.
11. The perfect urban interface, neighborhood/business/natural environment.
12. Mixed use access to creek.
13. Give the creek a set back, create Lower Bidwell Park feel.
14. Consider 100' setback on north side of creek, model use of property after 5mi and Upper Park.
15. The passive aspect of the park would minimize impacts so the wildlife will stick around.
16. Keep area safe for wildlife first, this creates human-outdoor connection. Natural world enhances human life.
17. Provide wildlife corridors through commercial areas.
18. Creating a learning environment along with areas of diverse access.
19. Great open spaces or long views of creek or tees. Plan areas where people can use pathways without damaging the environment.
20. Protect water quality and/or sensitive areas.
21. Area should be available to population, runners/bikers/hikers.
22. Park safe for people, not just animals and bugs.
23. Creek access for walking/biking. Keep riparian areas.
24. Don't so protect the creek that we who live there cannot use it for recreation.
25. Need money for maintenance not just initial costs.
26. Do we want this to be like Lower Bidwell Park?
27. Restrooms?
28. Organized trash removal.
29. Connection access for users, user-friendly park, restore native species.
30. Occasionally, less is more.

31. Creeks can be crossed in a responsible manner and create opportunities for many uses.
32. Year-round creeks and waterways have intrinsic value as wild spaces. There aren't many such places in Chico. What ever happens to Comanche Creek, this needs to be respected.
33. Introducing habitat that could impact the purpose of the creek irrigation water.