

# William Street Park and Selma Olinder Park

Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project and  
Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project (ADTP), Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Compliance Projects (FOCP) affect the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (CCFPP)?**

In 2017, a 5 to 10-year storm event combined with flows coming from Anderson Dam, resulted in a flow in Coyote Creek equivalent to a 20-year event. The 2017 event led the Valley Water Board of Directors to modify the original Mid-Coyote Creek Project's goals, accelerate its schedule and direct staff to continue with the modified project known as the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project.

On Feb. 20, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directed Valley Water to expedite implementing the Anderson Dam diversion tunnel system, otherwise known as the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project (ADTP). A contractor was selected for this project, and work started summer 2021.

To manage the flows that would be generated in Coyote Creek by the ADTP, approximately 40% of the flood risk mitigation measures planned for CCFPP had to be expedited to be in place by December 2023 to coincide with operations of ADTP. These measures are now referred to as the Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project (CCFMMP). The CCFMMP measures include all elements of Reach 5 and select elements of Reaches 6 and 7 of the CCFPP.

The remaining 60% of the original CCFPP will be completed within its original schedule and coincide with the completion of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project's diversion tunnel. These measures

are still referred to as the CCFPP, which includes Reaches 4 and 8, along with the remaining elements of Reaches 6 and 7. For more information on both CCFMMP and CCFPP please visit the project page: [valleywater.org/coyote-creek](https://valleywater.org/coyote-creek).

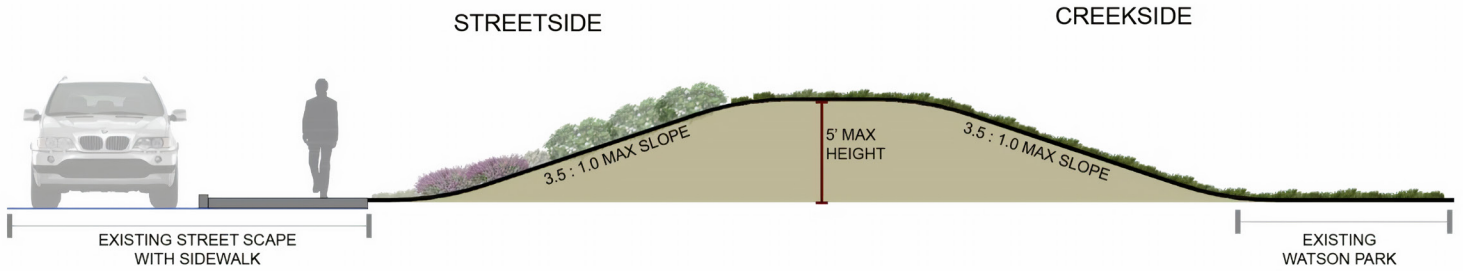
### **Is security among the selection criteria for the alternatives? The berm along the west side of William Street Park can create a public safety issue since the police can not see into the park from the street.**

Safety and security were factors considered during the alternatives analysis. Several factors prohibited passive barriers along the west side of William Street Park, including cost and logistics due to the layout. Additionally, Valley Water considered input from the community, which resulted in the vegetated berm being the preferred alternative. Since the berm will be up to 4-feet tall at its maximum height, it will allow a direct line of sight into the park from the roadway. Vehicle access can also be incorporated into the berm to provide access to the park's interior for City of San José police inspections.

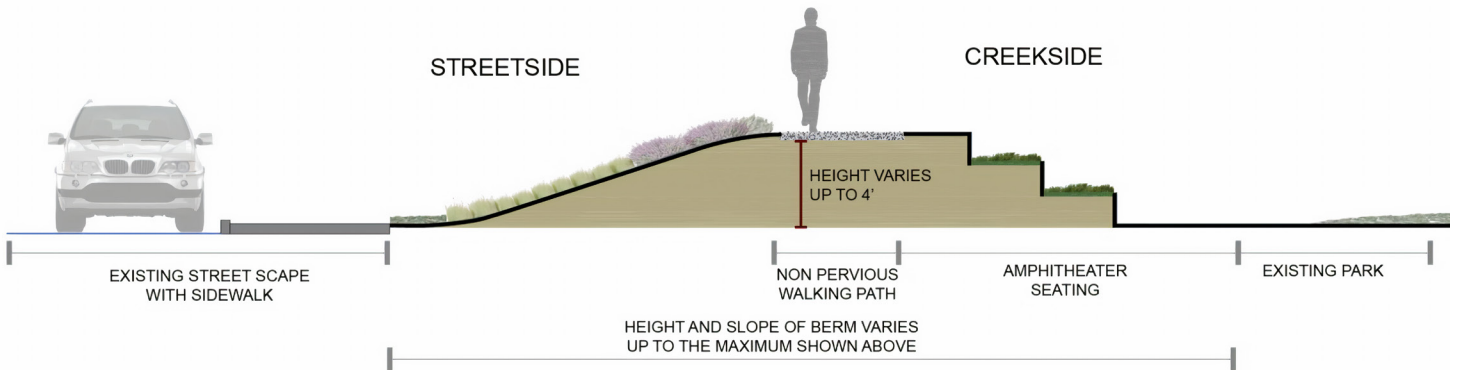
### **Who owns the creek and is responsible for maintaining it?**

The mid-reach of Coyote Creek is owned by both the City of San José and private landowners, while the upper reach between Tully Road and Anderson Dam is owned mostly by the County of Santa Clara and some private landowners. Property owners whose land extends into the creek have the primary role in maintaining the creek sections on their property. As such, Valley Water only owns a fraction of Coyote Creek.

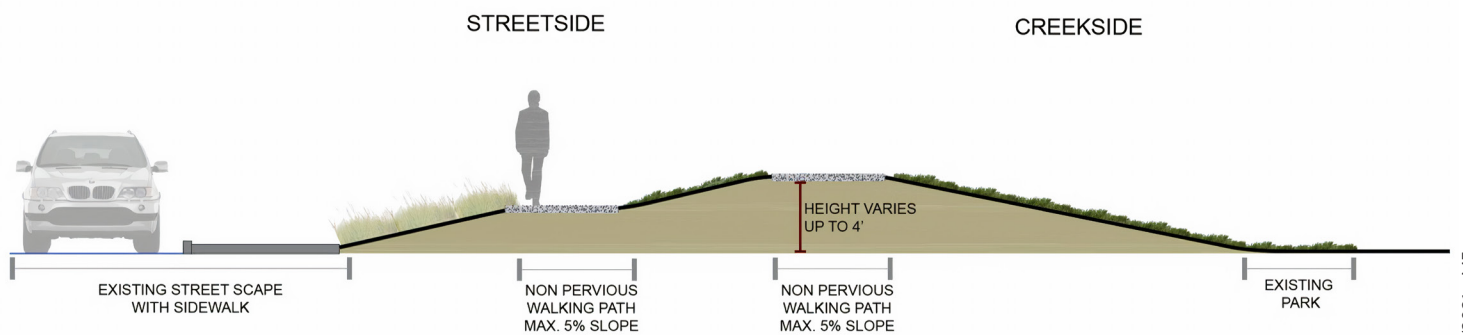
## Conceptual Berm-Terraced Seating



## Conceptual Berm-Sloped side



## Conceptual Berm-Access Path



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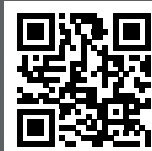
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