

Watson 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, resulting 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 and 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

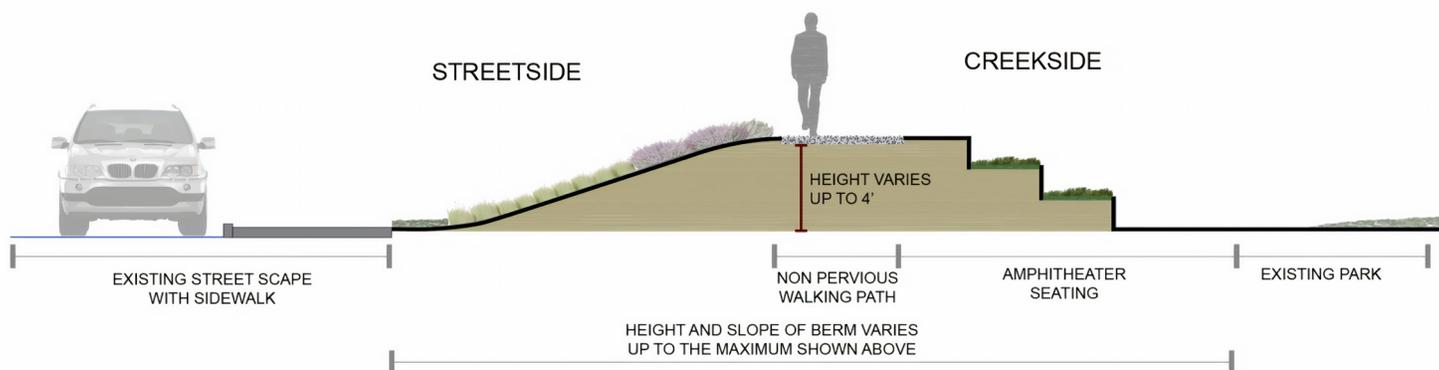
had to be expedited to be in place by December 2023 to coincide with operations of ADTP. These measures are now referred to as the Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project (CCFMMP). The CCFMMP measures include all elements of Reach 5 and select elements of Reaches 6 and 7 of the CCFPP.

The remaining 60% of the original CCFPP will be completed within its original schedule and coincide with the completing 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.

Who owns the creek and is responsible for maintaining it?

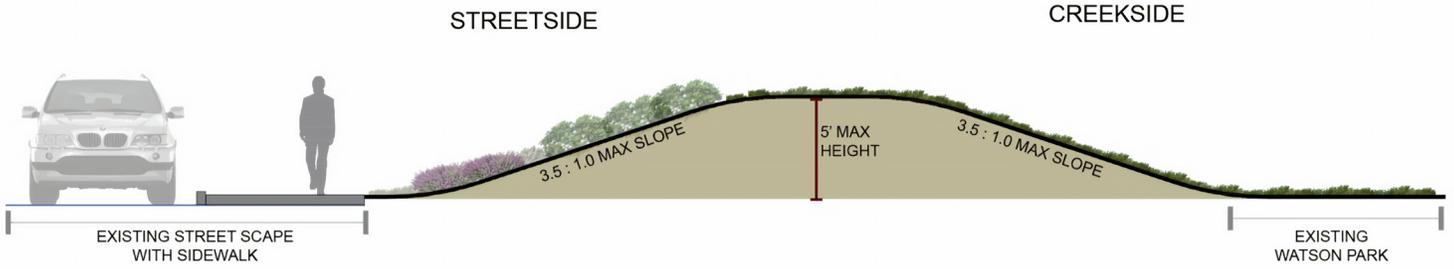
The mid-reach of Coyote Creek is owned by both the City of San José and private landowners, while the upper reach between Tully Road and Anderson Dam is owned mostly by the County of Santa Clara and some private landowners. Property owners whose land extends into the creek have the primary role in maintaining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

Conceptual Berm-Terraced Seating



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Conceptual Berm-Sloped side



Passive Barrier



Rendering of a barrier embedded in a road and sidewalk.



Rendering of a barrier in active condition.



Image of an actual barrier installed in the embedded condition.



A passive barrier in the process of opening.

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