BARBER VALLEY PLACEMAKING

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INTRODUCTION

The intention of this Placemaking plan was to outreach and workshop with Barber Valley residents, property and business owners to better understand the valley and look at opportunities for making better places within the valley. The plan takes the ideas and desires heard throughout the public planning process and brings them together in a vision to identify the many places people want, and help enable the Barber Valley to become the unique place it strives to be. The process not only helped identify what people want and where, but it brought forward tensions around some places that the many partners in this document and others will need to address as the plan is implemented - for example: what to protect and where? How to provide access to and education about the natural places without compromising them? Should there be a dog park and where should it be? This plan cannot answer all the questions but identifies some opportunities and begins to prioritize what might go where so the whole vision is achieved.

Refinement of the vision and implementation of the plan will require partners to collaborate and communicate. Who should take the lead on this effort? Should there be a steering committee made up of many stakeholders? The plan identifies multiple opportunities for interpretive displays and experiences (see list of themes below) but is not definitive, leaving questions unanswered such as where should education about the natural and human history occur? Ideally one wayfinding system should be developed for the entire valley - how can this be accomplished? The purpose of this plan is to provide a starting point to facilitate collaboration.

Funding for the individual projects is not specified but will need to be pursued by the project partners. For the locations where public agencies own or will eventually own the properties, some projects may be directly funded by the agency but many others may need private funding or Neighborhood Association applications and funding matches to the agencies.

The plan contains a map of the Barber Valley, a list of potential partners, pages of locations identifying existing facilities and actions & opportunities suggested in the workshops.

INTERPRETIVE THEMES FOR EXPLORATION

History
- Geographic
- Geologic
- Human inhabitation and migration
- Lumbering
- Railroads
- Ranching
- Mining
- Irrigation
- Dams and power generation
- Industry
- Theater and the arts
- New development

Natural Environment
- Rivers, streams, and geothermal springs
- Barber pools
- Wildlife/Fauna - history and present
  - Mammals and Birds
- Flora Natural - history and present
  - Native plants
  - Hackberry trees
  - Cottonwood trees
  - Black Locust trees
The adjacent list represents potential partners for the projects on the following pages. Generally the underlying property owner is the ‘Lead’ as indicated on the project page, and would lead the project and select partners. A property owner may give consent for another entity to lead the project. All decisions for projects would need to be approved by the property owner.

This list does not include the many individuals who have indicated willingness to participate. Some of these are noted in the locations as potential partners.

AC  Ada County
ACHD  Ada County Highway District
ACP&W  Ada County Parks and Waterways
BA&H  Boise City Arts and History Department
BP&R  Boise City Parks and Recreation Department
BPL  Boise Public Library!
BSD  Boise Public School District
BVNA  Barber Valley Neighborhood Association
BREN  Boise River Enhancement Network
BC  Brighton Corporation
HOA's  Home Owners Associations in the Barber Valley
HR  Harris Ranch
HRWMA  Harris Ranch Wildlife Mitigation Association
IBO  Intermountain Bird Observatory
IAS  Idaho Archeological Society
IF&G  Idaho Fish and Game
IF&W  Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation
IF&P&L  Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
IHM  Idaho Historical Museum
IPCO  Idaho Power Company
IRU  Idaho Rivers United
ISF  Idaho Shakespeare Festival
MNA  Mesa Neighborhood Association
RIBS  Riverstone International Baccalaureate School
RR  Ridge to Rivers.Org
SENA  South East Boise Neighborhood Association
SHRA  Stevens Historical Research Associates
SSPS  Smart Start Pre-school
TT  The Terraces
### BARBER VALLEY PLACE TYPE DEFINITIONS

**Social Gathering** - places for informal and formal gathering, from coffee houses to meeting rooms to outdoor picnic areas or indoor event space;

**Interpretive/Public Art** - historic/natural interpretive trails or signage;

**Active** - places to play and explore, exercise, individual and group activity;

**Contemplative/ Quiet** - places to be quiet, alone with few people. Places where one might walk or sit, read, draw, etc.;

**Protected** - places where we want to keep human activity to a minimum or restrict entirely;

**Connectors** - infrastructure & wayfinding that connect the community, i.e., pathways,

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1. ALTA HARRIS PARK

Alta Harris Park has been planned as a public community park to be located south of Eckert Road and just north of the Boise River. As the final large city park to be developed in the Barber Valley, the 28 acre Alta Harris Park will have many demands on it - not all may be possible. With the future greenbelt alignment passing through the park, it seems this park will be an active community destination. Protecting the river’s edge and the trout spawning stream are important, and perhaps providing contemplative, low use access to the river at specific points. Initially planned by the City as a park with sports fields years ago, Boise Parks and Rec Department will hold meetings for public input about current thinking.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Create formal and informal play spaces; the trout stream invites educational and interpretive opportunities; interpretation along the greenbelt
Lead: Harris Ranch, City Parks & Recreation
Potential Partners: BVNA, MNA, TU, Satterwhites
2. BARBER DAM

Some love the dam, its history, as a place to fish and access the river, and how it has expanded the Barber Pools, while some believe it should be removed. The future of the dam is beyond this project which only seeks to identify what role the dam can play in creating ‘place’.

EXISTING
- Controlled access
- Power generating dam
- Remnants of previous Barber Mill
- Limited river access but there is a portage route to carry boats around the dam
- Fishing
- Natural habitat for birds/small mammals

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Historic interpretation of dam and Barber Lumber Mill; educational displays about river impacts of dams, native habitat; formalized river access.

Lead: Ada County
Potential Partners: Enel Green Power, BREN, IPFL, Historians, Ada County Parks and Waterways, Riverstone School

INTERPRETIVE

CONTEMPLATIVE
3. BARBER PARK

Barber Park is the only location to date on the Boise River that invites high levels of activity as the primary access for people floating and boating the river. The park is many things with interpretive trails, greenbelt connections and a place to play and be outdoors. It also holds one of the few large indoor gathering places in the valley.

EXISTING
- Natural and groomed outdoor areas
- Pathways
- Meeting areas
- Event center
- County Park offices
- River access with raft & tube rental
- Storage and vehicle storage
- Viewing tower
- Parking lots
- Greenbelt & other connections

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
More interpretive & education activities, trail wayfinding, collaborate with BREN, IRU, and others to develop educational opportunities about the river and its habitat.
Lead: Ada County Parks & Waterways
Potential Partners: BREN, IBO, IRU, SENA
4. BARBER POOL CONSERVATION AREA

Barber Pool Conservation Area is a Boise Heritage Site held in perpetuity by Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands since 1978, donated by Boise Cascade Corporation. The area, with its acquired conservation easements, totals close to 700 acres. Nominated as one of the top 12 ecosystems in the state of Idaho “The Pool” is the impetus for setting a precedent for the continuing enhancement of wildlife areas and quality of life for our great state. The Foundation likes to call this property “The Anchor” for wildlife and humanity at the top of our great metropolitan area. The priority for this area, for the most part, is to keep people and dogs away to allow nature to thrive. Many residents of the Valley have indicated they appreciate and support the need to keep some places more natural and off-limits as part of the value of living in this place.

EXISTING
The pools created by Barber Dam are turning to a more natural state with wild life and habitat. There are today some passive viewing areas and natural history interpretation on the Shakespeare grounds that allow people to quietly be on the edge of this place and learn about it.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Work with BREN to develop educational programs around the pools; create passive viewing blinds.

Lead: Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands & Idaho Shakespeare Festival
Potential Partners: BREN, HRWMA, BVNA, Ada County Parks and Waterways, Riverstone International School

- PROTECT
- INTERPRETIVE
5. BARBER STATION

As a planned mixed-use node currently in the development process, Barber Station should strive to become another social gathering place with an emphasis on places where employees can easily walk to lunch or exercise on the greenbelt, and where residents can walk to in the evenings and weekends. Careful attention to quality bike parking and pedestrian facilities are important here. Barber Station is a crossroads and plays a key role in connecting people to the Boise River and Marianne Williams Park. It should develop with excellent access to and from the greenbelt. It sits as a gateway to the Barber Valley as well. This combination creates the perfect place for wayfinding and interpretive work.

ADOPTED PLANS include:
- Commercial/Retail/Restaurant/Office
- Residential

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Gateway wayfinding, good location for native and lumber historic interpretation
Lead: Brighton Corporation
Potential Partners: Boise Parks and Recreation, Neighbors, Boise City Arts & History, Historic Societies, Beth Burgess
6. BOISE RIVER

As the river runs through the valley it takes on various types of places from highly ‘Active’ to ‘Protect’ but there is general agreement that the river is most valued for its qualities of providing clean water and important habitat to a multitude of wildlife. It provides solace and retreat places for human, yet we know too much visitation can harm it. Therefore it primarily is a place to protect. Clearly defined access and use that is well signed, combined with education about protection is needed for the river to become the place people want it to be. Providing limited controlled access for quiet enjoyment will protect the river best.

EXISTING
- Dammed and channelized river with irrigation diversions
- Fishing
- Tubing
- Boating
- Riparian habitat

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Determine where human interaction should occur and at what level. Identify locations for formalized access; provide abundant interpretation about the history of the river and why we want to protect it; Provide access to BREN’s Mobile River Trail; Determine if and where people can let their dogs play in the river.

Lead: Boise River Enhancement Network might be an excellent choice for this.
Potential Partners: City Parks and Rec Ada County Parks/ Waterways, BREN, HRWMA, IRU, BVNA, Riverstone School, IBO, IFPL, Property owners
7. BOWN CROSSING

Bown Crossing is a successful mixed use and social gathering place. The addition of the public library will enhance the sociability of the area. Safe, reliable connections across the river that allow neighbors and employees to readily access the destinations in Bown Crossing and Riverside Elementary School make this a priority ‘Connections’ place with safe, easy access for people walking and biking.

EXISTING
- Restaurants, cafes, taverns
- Commercial/ Retail/ Offices
- Connections
- Residential
- Riverside Elementary School
- Bown House
- Plans underway for public library

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
As development of Bown Crossing is completed, it should ensure that people can readily walk or bike there from all directions.
Lead: Developer, Property Owners & businesses, Boise Public Library
Potential Partners: Neighbors, Elementary School & School District, SENA, ACHD

http://tours.tourfactory.com/tours/media/scene/big2/00/20/88/47/20884767.jpg

BOWN CROSSING LIBRARY PLAN

BOWN HOUSE AT RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

‘FOUR CORNERS’ INDOOR/OUTDOOR DINING
8. COMMERCIAL AREA AT EAST END OF VALLEY

At the east end of the valley, as Warm Springs Avenue bends, there is a commercial node. This is also historically where Native Americans met and bartered. Now that the legendary Crow Inn will be closing, the neighborhood wants a social gathering place that is walkable. The area has also provided an important access point at this end of the valley to the greenbelt; with additional development in the area, this connection will become increasingly important.

EXISTING
- Commercial
- Residential

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Work with developers and property owners on impending development to continue to provide the opportunity for a restaurant and or parklet in this area; ensure and improve greenbelt connection through this property all the way to Warm Springs Ave. and create street crossings to improve access and safety for people walking and biking; create interpretive signage about the history of the place.
Lead: Developers, owners & Boise City
Potential Partners: Ada County Parks and Waterways, City Parks and Recreation, City Arts & History, BVNA, HOA’s in the area

Example of interpretive signage
9. DALLAS HARRIS LEGACY RIVER WALK

The Dallas Harris Legacy River Walk is an excellent example of a contemplative place. The purpose of this trail was to commemorate Dallas Harris’ love of the Barber Valley and the Boise River. It allows low impact viewing and access to the river. It will be important over time to ensure it remains a gently used, quiet place.

EXISTING
- The River Walk is a ‘foot traffic only/no bikes’ gravel pathway near the river with some seating.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Consider providing more places to sit.
Lead: Harris Ranch
East Jr. High is located on Warm Springs Avenue, while the new Harris Ranch Elementary School has yet to be sited. Schools are by nature social gathering places and the goal for these two schools is to become places that are part of the community and available for uses outside the school day. Schools provide great meeting places for youth groups, clubs and other community organizations. School grounds provide outdoor play space for the surrounding neighborhood. Schools are a rich resource of ideas and energy when the surrounding community partners with them and they should be invited to help with implementation of this plan.

EXISTING at East Jr. High School
- Meeting rooms
- Field and Play space
- Open/ green space
- Pathway connections

ACTION & OPPORTUNITIES:
Create partnerships with each school to involve students with interpretive work. Establish school grounds as community gathering and active places after school, weekends and summer. Utilize the unused open space in front of East Jr. High School for small neighborhood park/playing areas along Warm Springs.

Lead: School (staff, parents, students) and School District
Potential Partners: Boise City, Parks & Rec, BVNA, Harris Ranch, Residents, Terraces
11. ECKERT ROAD & WARM SPRINGS AVENUE INTERSECTION AREA

There is clear desire for the Eckert Road & Warm Springs intersection area to continue to grow into a social gathering place with increased opportunities for “hanging out” and expand on what Lucky 13 and Ranch Market have started. The goal should be a place where one sees youth, families and others enjoying a warm morning/afternoon or an evening meal. As an important crossroads, this location should provide good connections to the greenbelt and include wayfinding.

EXISTING
- Restaurant / Ranch Market & Gas Station
- Commercial/Office
- Pre-School
- Residential

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES:
Continue building out the area as planned. A new mixed use building is under construction with retail/office space and housing above. Harris Ranch will make decisions when business opportunities appear. The neighborhoods can support the businesses that establish here. There are many historic interpretive opportunities nearby - the Golden Dawn neighborhood was once home to Barberton Company town. Mill Station has a roundabout with a sculpture of ‘teepee burner’ that needs interpretive signage.

Lead: Harris Ranch
Potential Partners: Businesses, BVNA, Residents, City Arts and History Department, Schools

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12. GOLDA HARRIS NATURE PRESERVE

This place has been established to be a contemplative place and all ideas and actions should complement and secure this purpose. This quiet, undeveloped river land, at the farthest west end of the valley will provide valuable plant and animal habitat into the future while inviting people into it to listen and learn.

EXISTING
- Natural areas
- Greenbelt connection

PLANNED
- Pathways and wildlife viewing areas

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Create public art and interpretation about plants and wildlife dependent upon riparian habitat and/or about the river, water quality, etc.

Lead: Thelma Lee (Golda Harris’ daughter) is working with Boise City Parks & Recreation

Potential Partners: BVNA, BREN, MNA, IBO, Mike Reineck

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CONTEMPLATIVE
CONNECTORS
INTERPRETIVE

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http://somerbyslandingsculpturepark.org/slsp10_i/wk_sculp2.jpg
http://static1.squarespace.com
13. GREENBELT

The Boise River greenbelt serves active recreation and transportation making it primarily an active and connector place. However, many users would like to include interpretive elements as well as places to sit/pause and be contemplative. As a key connector it is necessary to have good connectivity to and from the various neighborhoods and areas throughout the valley.

EXISTING
- Paved Greenbelt path
- Some seating
- Self-repair bike station
- Greenbelt path map & wayfinding signage

PLANNED
- Pathway surface improvements, safety signage, and widening

**ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

1) Ensure safe and convenient access from all residential areas to the greenbelt. Provide seating and shaded areas.

2) Barber Valley should be included in the County and City Parks’s greenbelt wayfinding plans and an effort should be made to integrate this wayfinding with any additional places the wayfinding partners in the Valley decide to develop.

3) The greenbelt provides a great opportunity for both historic and natural interpretive signage and information. The County and City should work with partners to determine the best role for the greenbelt in supporting interpretive places in the valley.

Lead: County Parks & Waterways and City Parks & Recreation
Potential Partners: BVNA, developers and property owners, City Arts and History, IBO, Beth Burgess/Idaho Archeological Society, SHRA, Historical Museum, BREN
14. HARRIS RANCH HERITAGE HOMESTEAD

The Harris Ranch Heritage Homestead is currently home to Harris family members and closed to the public. Concepts by the Harris Family for change in the far future may be for it to become a ‘living museum’ and interpretive center, providing an excellent opportunity for residents and visitors to ‘experience’ the ranching history of the Valley.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES
Create an educational place about ranching; a place where schools and others could visit and learn about this history and be an active ranch/homestead that serves as a living museum where people could experience a small slice of history.

Lead: Harris Family
Potential Partners: Boise City Arts & History, SHRA, Beth Burgess/Idaho Archaeology Society, BVNA, Historical Museums
15. HARRIS RANCH ‘MAIN STREET’

The Harris Ranch ‘Main Street’ has been planned to become part of a mixed-use social gathering place with an active street scene. A place with multiple destinations as well as a ‘main’ street that terminates in the Village Green. There should be many accessible and comfortable places to just hang out in. Outdoor dining on the sidewalks, entertainment and shopping will activate the ‘main’ street, supported by housing above and Barber Valley neighborhoods.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Provide restaurants and coffee shops with outdoor dining, wide sidewalks with moveable tables and chairs and plenty of shade. Provide quality access for people walking and biking. Provide quality bike parking. Hold events such as a farmer’s market, street fair, and other events where street closures can be held.

Lead: Harris Ranch
Potential Partners: BVNA, businesses, HOA’s

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ADOPTED PLANS

Harris Ranch Design Guidelines
The irrigation ponds at Harris Ranch at the west end of the valley provide a pastoral view of the valley plus foothills views when arriving from the west. The area is intended to be a contemplative space with quiet walking paths and seating to sit and observe nature and the views. People and dogs are not allowed in the water.

EXISTING
- ACHD and HR irrigation ponds
- Walking path
- Natural plantings
- Wetlands
- Maintenance/irrigation equipment barn
- Relocated old Harris Ranch silo
17. **HARRIS RANCH VILLAGE GREEN**

Initially conceived as a green active space with gathering spaces and a restaurant, the Harris Ranch Village Green has not yet been finally designed. As planned, it will be surrounded by streets, wide sidewalks, and mixed use buildings. It has much potential to fill some gaps for social gathering and activity.

**ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

Consider a grassy area with amphitheater for concerts, plays, events, shared playground with elementary school; a place for a Farmer’s Market or other large outdoor gatherings such as movie nights; and interpretive history of the valley. Explore safe pedestrian and bicycle connections to the greenbelt to the south.

Lead: Harris Ranch

Potential Partners: BVNA, HOA’s, Boise City Arts and History Dept.

**ADOPTED PLANS**

- Social Gathering: tavern-on-the-green.com
- Active: 9678football-game-town-green.png
- Connector: https://www.tripadvisor.com/LocationPhotoDirectLink-g58350-d4003878-i86514727-Fairhaven_Historic_District-Bellingham_Washington.html

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**MAPS**

- Village Green, Farmer’s Market & Restaurant
- Main Street Development
- North Main Street Corridor
- Fourth St.
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18. HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION PRIVATE COMMUNITY CENTERS

The Home Owner Association (HOA) private community centers in the Barber Valley are fairly well defined and actively used by their members for play and social gathering.

EXISTING
- Swimming pools
- Gathering places
- Postal pavilions
- Exploratory play areas

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Consider planning and coordinating with interpretive partners to make these spaces available for educational programs; add interpretive displays of interest to the HOA’s.
Lead: HOAs
Potential Partners: BVNA, residents, Wildlife mitigation associations, BREN

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19. IDAHO FOUNDATION FOR PARKS & LANDS ‘12 ACRE’ EXPANSION OF BARBER POOL CONSERVATION AREA

The Idaho Foundation for Parks & Lands ‘12 Acre’ expansion of the Barber Pool Conservation Area is in the planning stages. Located behind Riverstone School, it is intended for contemplation and nature observation. A greenbelt connection is being considered through the property with a ‘rest stop’ and interpretive signage.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
1) Improved greenbelt realignment from the west providing better access.
2) Viewing decks of Barber Pools to watch animal life without disturbing it, helping people experience the ‘pools’ without direct access, while also learning why they are protected.
3) Provide interpretive signage.
Lead: IFPL & Idaho Shakespeare Festival
Potential Partners: Ada County Parks and Waterways, Boise City Parks and Rec, BVNA, BREN, HRWMA, IRU, Idaho Fish & Game

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20. IDAHO POWER CORRIDOR

The 750’ wide Idaho Power Corridor with its two high transmission lines runs from the Boise River north into the foothills through Harris Ranch with several roads crossing it.

EXISTING
Grazed and natural land under power lines with some street crossings, Boise River Greenbelt crossing and informal pathways.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES:
Protect natural habitat; Provide walking paths through the corridor connecting to the greenbelt and the proposed greenbelt extension through Alta Harris Park; Provide interpretive signage about wildlife, wildfire, and power distribution; Work with IPCO to consider a dog park in the area.
Lead: Idaho Power Company and BVNA
Potential Partners: Ada County Parks and Waterways, Boise City Parks and Rec, HOA's

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21. IDAHO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival is truly a gorgeous gem of a place, unique in its setting and what it provides on site. The Festival has done so much to integrate itself into the Barber Pools setting with views of the foothills and the sounds of nature.

EXISTING
- Outdoor theatre
- Small outdoor amphitheatre
- Meeting rooms & Event Center
- Natural areas with paths & seating
- Barber Pools viewing areas
- Interpretive signage
- Shared parking lot
- Employment

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
The Idaho Shakespeare Festival already includes so many social gathering, interpretive, and contemplative spaces. There may be additional opportunities: add a Barber Pools viewing platform somewhere nearby with more interpretive displays about nature and the importance of protecting it; increase interpretative trail information; increase more utilization of these facilities by others in the Valley, especially off-season play season.

Lead: Idaho Shakespeare Festival
Potential Partners: Schools, BVNA, IFPL, ACP&W
22. INTERMOUNTAIN BIRD OBSERVATORY

The Intermountain Bird Observatory area at the far east of the valley near the Highway 21 bridge is newly acquired along with agreements with Idaho Department of Transportation to use the area under the bridge for wild bird education. The greenbelt is close by.

ADOPTED PLANS
- Research, education and ‘hands on science’ facility for BSU students, visiting school children, and Treasure Valley citizens - with controlled access to habitat
- Interpretive displays about birds, habitat, bird migration and flyways
- ‘Outdoor laboratory’ space
- Pathways and wildlife viewing
- Places to enjoy nature, relax, and recharge
- Indoor and outdoor meeting spaces

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Education and interpretive displays about birds and their habitat; education about preservation and the specialness of the Barber Valley; greenbelt connections.

Lead: IBO
Potential Partners: BREN, BVNA, County Parks & Waterways, Schools, HRWMA, IPLF, IP&R
23. MARIANNE WILLIAMS PARK

This wonderful new park provides Barber Valley residents with a place to actively enjoy the outdoors to gather and play. It provides both formal and informal gathering spaces. It plays an important role in providing connections through greenbelt and other trails.

EXISTING
- Passive park with natural and grassy spaces (no dogs allowed)
- Greenbelt through park
- Gazebos for gathering

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES:
Create additional interpretive opportunities on the trails through and around the park; ensure connections through Barber Station and to the north.
Lead: City Parks & Rec
Potential Partners: Brighton Corporation, BVNA, HRWMA, Mesa NA

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CONCEPTS FOR POTENTIAL DISPLAYS AND PUBLIC ART
24. PARKCENTER BOULEVARD & EAST WARM SPRINGS CORRIDOR

EXISTING
In the west end of the Barber Valley, the corridor has been designed with pedestrians and cyclists in mind but the east end still needs some improvements.

PLANNED
A Barber Valley coalition has created a vision and goals to reduce vehicle trips by promoting close destinations and quality, safe transportation options for the corridor. The coalition is currently working with ACHD on a plan to achieve their vision. Currently planned are greenbelt pathway surface improvements, safety signage, and widening of the greenbelt pathway between Warm Springs Golf Course and East Parkcenter Bridge.

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Improve connectivity and safety by creating pedestrian crossing up and down the corridor to provide convenient and safe access for residents to all valley destinations; continue working with community to identify gaps and barriers such as access for Mesa residents to the Greenbelt across Warm Springs; address the barrier for accessing the greenbelt the new road has created.

Lead: ACHD & BVNA
Potential Partners: Ada County Parks and Waterways, City of Boise, Mesa NA
25. PARKS & RECREATION OFFICES (STATE)

The Idaho State Parks and Recreation office on Warm Springs has ponds on its property that they hope to expand in order to provide private fishing classes.

EXISTING
- Shared parking lot
- Material storage
- Employment
- Ponds and nesting bird platforms
- Employee walking paths
- Meeting Rooms

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Greenbelt connection through or around facilities from Shakespeare Festival; recreational education; explore ideas for utilization of the shared parking lot for outdoor fairs, events, etc.

As one of the few large employers in the valley, they can help support new local business desired by residents; develop a relationship with these employees as potential volunteers and supporters of implementation projects;

Lead: IP&R
Potential Partners: IPLF, Shakespeare

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26. RIVERSTONE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

The private Riverstone International Baccalaureate School generously makes its space available for various community meetings. The community also has access to their grounds after school hours and on weekends.

EXISTING
- School with central great hall with display space
- Meeting places
- Gym
- Play fields
- Overflow event parking

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Through capstone projects and other student projects, the school wants to help with implementation of this plan; Valley partners need to reach out to the school on a regular basis and find out what they might be interested in doing; Ensure access to greenbelt when/if it is realigned. Lead: Riverstone Potential Partners: BVNA and other partners

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27. TRAILHEADS

There are several existing trailheads in Barber Valley to the foothills that could be better supported with maps, behavioral guides, and interpretive signage.

EXISTING
- Ridge to Rivers trailheads and publicly maintained trails network
- Some trail maps

ACTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Utilize trailheads to educate foothill users about the importance of habitat and wildlife preservation and their role in it, and about staying off muddy trails and at times of year that may be sensitive for certain species; Provide Ridge to Rivers map.
Lead: Ridge to Rivers
Potential Partners: City of Boise, Fish & Game, HRWMA, BVNA, Foothills user groups such as SWIMBA

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