

The StreamWISE project team recently completed the Series 1 meetings for the StreamWISE implementation plan process. Participants at these meetings proposed criteria for evaluating and prioritizing the proposed project concepts in the SMMP. We thank everyone who attended these meetings and provided their expertise and opinion.

The StreamWISE stakeholder meetings are tailored to Agriculture, Business, Environmental, Government, and Recreation interests, to enable participants to focus on discussion within their area of expertise. Everyone, however, is invited to attend any of the meetings.

The table below summarizes the common criteria, and identifies the interest group(s) that listed the criteria as particularly important. Also incorporated in this summary are the criteria described by stakeholders who are residents of the lower Arroyo de la Laguna (LADLL), who met with the StreamWISE project team at about the same time as the Series 1 meetings.

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Interest Group(s) Concerned</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Enhance Aesthetics/Quality of Life	Agriculture, Business, Environmental, Government, Recreation	Projects that restore channels to a more natural state or improve the community's ability to enjoy our streams.  Projects that support an agricultural landscape.
Promote/Sustain Economic Vitality	Agriculture, Business, Government	Projects that support the ability of our local agriculture, business, and cities to remain prosperous.
Compatibility with Existing Plans, Plans in Current Development, and Existing Facilities	Business, Government, Environmental, Recreation, LADLL	Ensure that proposed projects do not conflict with other entities' plans and existing facilities.  Promote common understanding of flood control objectives; reconcile level of protection called for by new models compared to past models.
Trail Gap Closures/Connectivity	Government, Recreation	Projects that connect existing trails along streams and/or connect to regional trail systems.
Multi-Use Trails	Agriculture, Government, Recreation	Projects that provide for multiple trail uses, including appropriate facilities, and provide commute alternatives.
Greatest Net Benefit	Agriculture, Environmental, Government, Recreation	Projects that provide for the most cost-effective, greatest net benefit, including regional, cross-jurisdictional, and across multiple purpose benefits [i.e., recreation, flood control, commute alternative, restoration].

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Impacts to Downstream Properties and Facilities	Business, Government, Recreation	Review sequencing of projects so that downstream impacts are identified. Clarify process for impact identification.
Availability of Funds	Business, Government, Recreation	<p>Projects for which funds have already been allocated or identified, or projects which are eligible for grant/bond monies.</p> <p>Funding should be shared appropriately and should not disproportionately affect specific sectors or downstream entities/individuals.</p>
Partnering Opportunities	Agriculture, Business, Environmental, Government, Recreation	Projects that benefit multiple agencies or organizations and that are appropriate for shared investment.
Public Information and Education	Agriculture, Business, Environmental, Government, Recreation	Projects that increase public awareness of a facility or issue, provide opportunities for school participation, or encourage stewardship. Promote understanding of flood risk and options and cost.
Species Protection	Agriculture, Environmental, Government	Projects that protect native species, especially plant communities and listed species, and guard against or remove invasive species.
Vision	Environmental, Recreation	Projects that fit into an overall vision that includes (1) shared responsibility and benefits; (2) whole-reach approach; and (3) environmental analysis, including mitigation approaches.
Realistic but Innovative	Agriculture, Environmental, Government	Projects that are realistic and implementable, given issues of land ownership, funding, jurisdiction, and state of science; but that may also encourage and stimulate innovative approaches [e.g., use of conservation easements to protect streams or coordination between ag landowners and agencies for mitigation costs] or technologies.
Community Support	Recreation	Projects that have the support of significant sectors of the community.

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Water Quality/Supply	Environmental, Government, LADLL	Projects that protect the quality of water and water supply for human use and for the environment [e.g. sediment removal/controls].
Damage to Property	LADLL	Projects that reduce the vulnerability of public and private property.
Flood protection/control	LADLL, Business, Government	Projects that demonstrate upstream recognition of downstream impacts. Promote greater understanding of cost/benefit. Ensure clarity about compatibility of non-flood control projects vs. need for flood control projects.
Natural stream channels	LADLL	Projects that respond reduce flow to improve more natural settings.

The organizations that were represented at the Series 1 and LADLL meetings are the following:

- Alameda County Agricultural Commission
- Alameda County Resource Conservation District
- Alameda County Surplus Property Authority
- Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Alameda County Water District (ACWD)
- Assemblyman Alberto Torrico's office
- California Native Plant Society
- California Invasive Plant Council
- City of Dublin
- City of Livermore
- City of Pleasanton
- City of Pleasanton Trails Ad Hoc Committee
- Dublin Parks Commission
- East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD)
- East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) Park Advisory Committee
- Friends of the Arroyo

- Friends of Springtown Preserve
- Quarry operators
- Hacienda Business Park
- League of Women Voters
- Livermore Area Recreation and Parks Department (LARP)
- Tri-Valley Business Council,
- Private individuals
- Residents of the lower Arroyo de la Laguna