

### C. Midland Greenway

While CDOT was planning for transportation improvements along US 24, it quickly became apparent that the many systems at work along the corridor provided an opportunity for a dynamic community amenity. This community amenity is the Midland Greenway.

The Midland Greenway is a conceptual greenway master plan that will intertwine the proposed highway improvements with the existing roads, shopping, neighborhoods, parks, open space and Fountain Creek. It is a multi-faceted plan that includes the addition of trails, natural water quality treatments, trees, fountains, places to play and areas to discover. Plus, the Greenway will also serve as an important watershed feature, designed to carry a 100-year flood and help protect surrounding homes and businesses.

Historically, in the Pikes Peak Region, Fountain Creek has been the east-west corridor connecting the plains and the mountains. The Greenway will be a focal point and an asset of Colorado Springs' Westside. This will create gateways to the mountains and the metropolitan area. The greenway will provide a buffer and recreation for neighborhoods.. By connecting local and regional destinations, the Greenway will make the Westside a truly "walkable community". The Greenway will also focus on Fountain Creek itself and provide a safe and fun environment for both residents and visitors. Improving Fountain Creek will enhance the area for residents, business owners and visitors.

The Midland Greenway will be a vital link in the trails and park system that runs throughout the Pikes Peak region, offering connections to some of the most spectacular routes and scenery the area has to offer.

- To the east, it will connect with America the Beautiful Park and the Pikes Peak Greenway, which runs north to the New Santa Fe Trail through the Air Force Academy, or south to Fountain Creek Regional Park in Fountain.
- To the west it will join the Ute Pass Trail that goes on to Woodland Park and beyond, or into the foothills where it ties into Barr Trail, climbing all the way to the top of Pikes Peak.
- Street connections to the south link the Midland Greenway with Bear Creek Park.
- Red Rock Canyon allows hikers and bicyclists access to Section 16 and the trails that lead to North Cheyenne Canon Park.

### The Greenway will be...

#### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

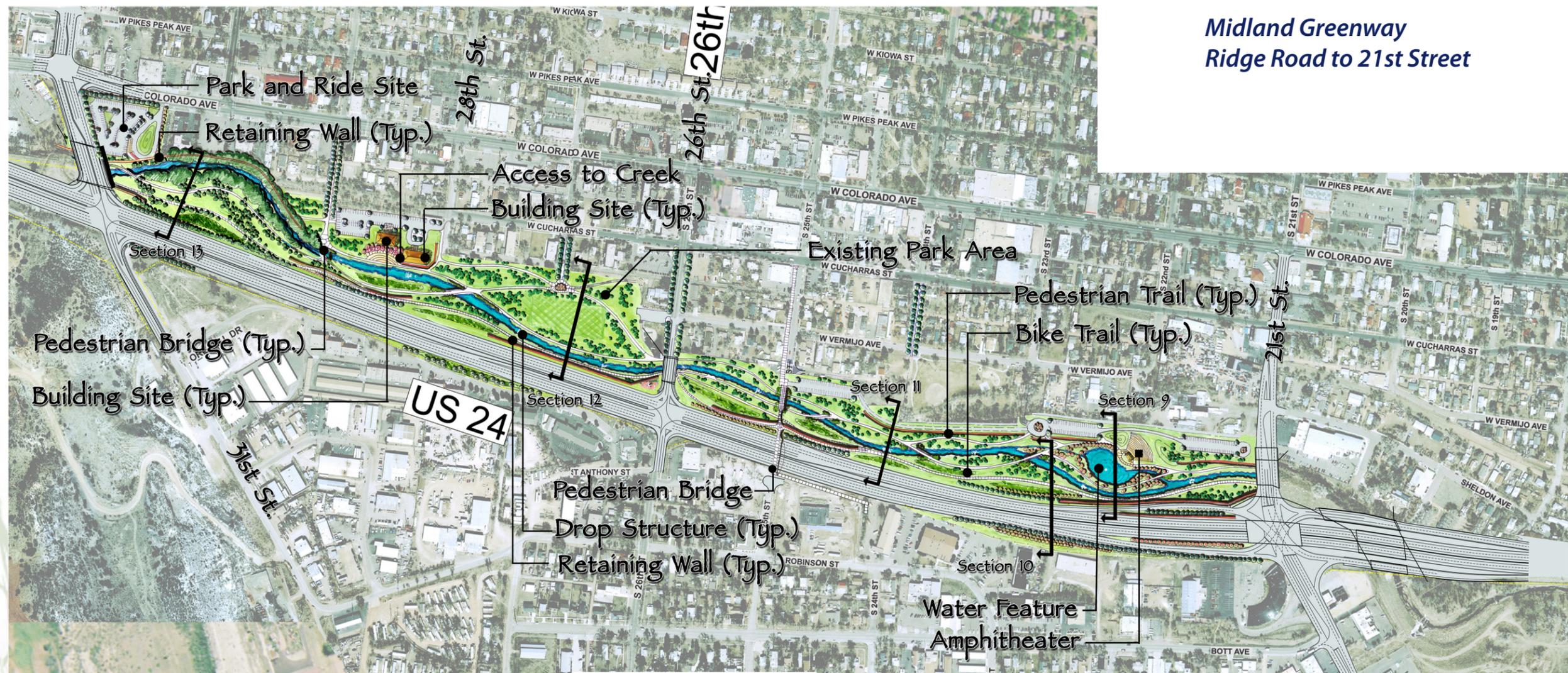
The Greenway will have active and passive uses. It will be a gathering place for many types and sizes of groups and it will include elements such as paths, trails, parks, recreational opportunities, interpretive opportunities and business opportunities.

#### A NATURAL PLACE

The Greenway will fit the area and blend in with its surroundings. Its appearance will change with the seasons and vary along its course. The natural design will make sustainability the first goal and will facilitate its role in improving water quality and managing the floodplain.

#### A GATEWAY

The Greenway will help to aesthetically define the West-



**Midland Greenway  
Ridge Road to 21st Street**