

Park Vista Drainage Improvements Design Study and Annexation FACT SHEET



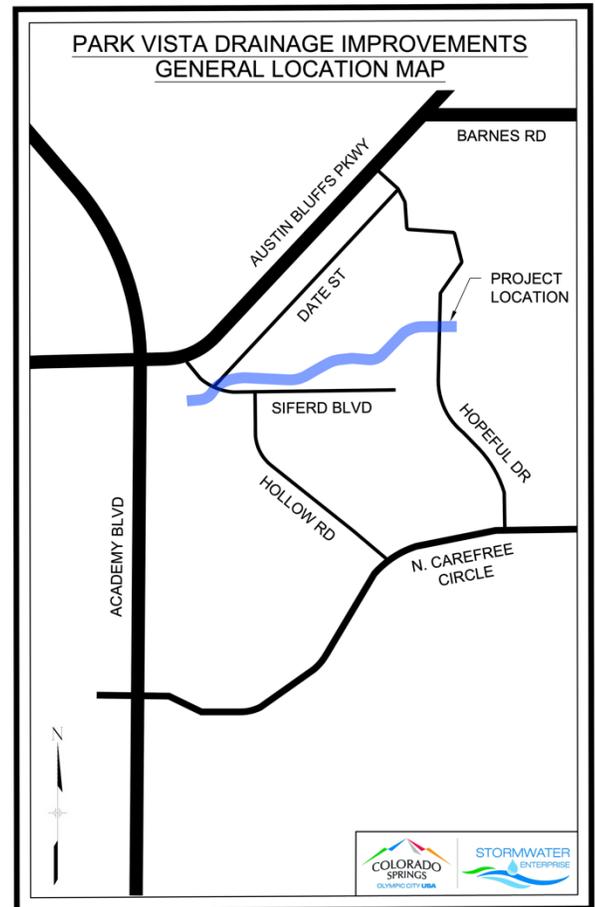
The City of Colorado Springs Stormwater Enterprise, in cooperation with El Paso County, is developing a plan to improve storm drainage in the Park Vista South Neighborhood. The improvements will address drainage and flooding issues that have historically impacted the Templeton Gap Floodway.

El Paso County transferred ownership of the Park Vista South to the City of Colorado Springs. This transfer allows the City to streamline maintenance and flood mitigation efforts.

The project's anticipated cost of \$11 million (design and construction) is funded through a combination of El Paso County's ARPA funds and Stormwater funds from the City of Colorado Springs.

// KEY DATES

- Preliminary Design: Spring 2023
- Final Design: Late 2023
- Construction bidding: 2024



// STAY INFORMED

A public meeting has been scheduled to discuss both the annexation process and the drainage improvements design study.

- Thursday, Oct. 19: Open House starts at 6 p.m., Presentation and Q&A starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Lighthouse Baptist Church
- 4280 Hopeful Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

To receive project update e-newsletters, send an email to ParkVistaCOSInfo@gmail.com requesting to be added to the distribution.

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// STORM DRAINAGE BACKGROUND

Templeton Gap Floodway needs stabilization to prevent further erosion of the creek bottom. Additionally, the creek flows cause a major safety concern for the traveling public.

Most of this area is currently within El Paso County but is surrounded by the City of Colorado Springs. The drainage is not capable of handling current use.

The City is completing research to determine the opportunities and constraints in the project area to develop the design for impacted property owners and agencies.

The scope of this study is to improve storm drainage and safety improvements along this reach of Templeton Gap. The low water crossing will be studied to improve the safety in the area.

Storm drainage/safety improvement elements will include:

- Channel improvements that reduce flooding, increase water quality, minimize further erosion that could damage downstream infrastructure and mitigate creek flow;
- Safety improvements to the intersection of Siferd Boulevard and Date Street;
- Protections for the utilities located beneath Siferd Boulevard and Date Street intersection and along Templeton Gap;
- Easement documents, where necessary, for drainage easements; and
- Remapping of the outdated FEMA floodplain in the area.

// ANNEXATION BACKGROUND

An Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and City will:

- Transfer ownership and maintenance of the Park Vista South area to the City of Colorado Springs;
- Contribute \$5.5 million of ARPA funds to the City's Templeton Gap Channel Improvements Project to address stormwater and drainage improvements in the Park Vista South area.

El Paso County staff will work with the City's Planning Department to help facilitate annexation discussions in the area.

The City will annex all the street right-of-way's into the City and all individually City owned lots in the Park Vista South neighborhood. The City will be offering any property owners currently in the County the option to annex with the City leading the annexation for the owner. No property owner will be required to annex into the City with this effort.