



Smoky Hill River Renewal

Salina, KS

Public Open House

Thursday, June 22, 2017
Open House from 4 - 7 p.m.
Presentation at 5:30 p.m.
Tony's Pizza Event Center
The Heritage Hall
800 The Midway
Salina, KS 67401

Take the Survey

To take the Smoky Hill River Renewal Project survey, visit www.salina-ks.gov/riverrenewal. The survey will be available June 22 through July 7, 2017.

For More Info...

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All project information, including an online survey, can be found at: www.salina-ks.gov/riverrenewal



2010 Smoky Hill River Renewal Master Plan

The Old Smoky Hill Channel winds 6.8 miles through the City and was isolated in the 1960s by construction of a flood control levee and bypass channel. The original river alignment (old river channel) has no sustained base flow of water and has accumulated sediment and urban debris. The old channel continues to receive stormwater flows from approximately 75 storm sewer outfalls.

Community meetings were held to allow the public to offer opinions and ideas on how the Master Plan could best address a variety of public and private improvements. The Master Plan identifies improvements, locations, general costs, potential funding sources, recommended phasing, and operation and maintenance costs.

In August 2010, the City Commission accepted the Smoky Hill River Renewal Master Plan. For more information, visit www.smokyhillriver.org. In May 2016, voters approved a sales tax increase from 8.4% to 8.75% that will be in place over 20 years. A portion of these sales tax funds will be used for Smoky Hill River Renewal projects and will allow restoration efforts to move forward.

Smoky Hill River Renewal Current Status

The City has obtained a water right to divert a portion of the Smoky Hill River base flows into the old channel. However, due to sedimentation and undersized culverts, a restoration effort is needed before water will move through the system as it historically did. In addition to restoring the base flow, an Urban River Walk is desired for a portion of the channel near downtown that will consist of public amenities and water taxis. HDR was hired in the spring of 2017 to develop preliminary design of in-channel features and the greenway trail shown in the Master Plan. Additionally, HDR will be working with the City and public to obtain input on areas within the Master Plan that require refinement due to existing or changed conditions and budget constraints.

On February 17, 2017 the City initiated the first step in applying for federal funding that may cover up to \$10 million of the construction costs in the natural channel areas (75% federal/25% local cost share). Public meetings, surveys, design charrettes, and a steering committee will provide citizens with multiple opportunities for engagement and input. The City of Salina is committed to transparency. All project information will be housed on the City's website: www.salina-ks.gov/riverrenewal.

Steering Committee

A steering committee will be formed that will work closely with City staff and HDR. Interested citizens may complete a brief application and commit to 11 steering committee and three public meetings. The City will select approximately 20 citizens to serve on the committee that will reflect a wide range of community interests. Applications will be available at this public meeting and can be found on the City's website: www.salina-ks.gov/riverrenewal.

Anticipated Schedule

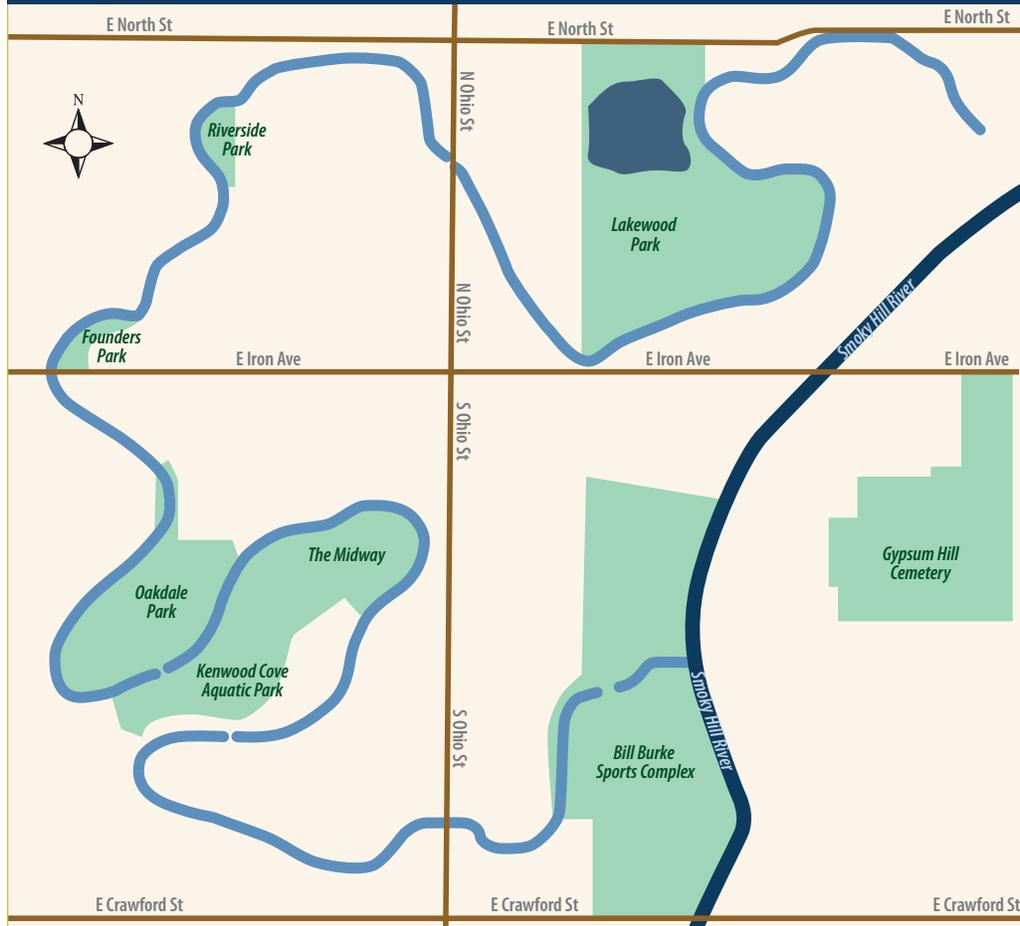
Public meetings are scheduled to occur in June, July and September 2017. Following these meetings, the project team will advance desired concepts into preliminary designs. This process is expected to take just over one year. Following preliminary design, an additional public meeting will be held in the fall of 2018, prior to design. Multiple federal, state and local permits will be needed and construction may start as soon as 2020.

We want to hear from you!

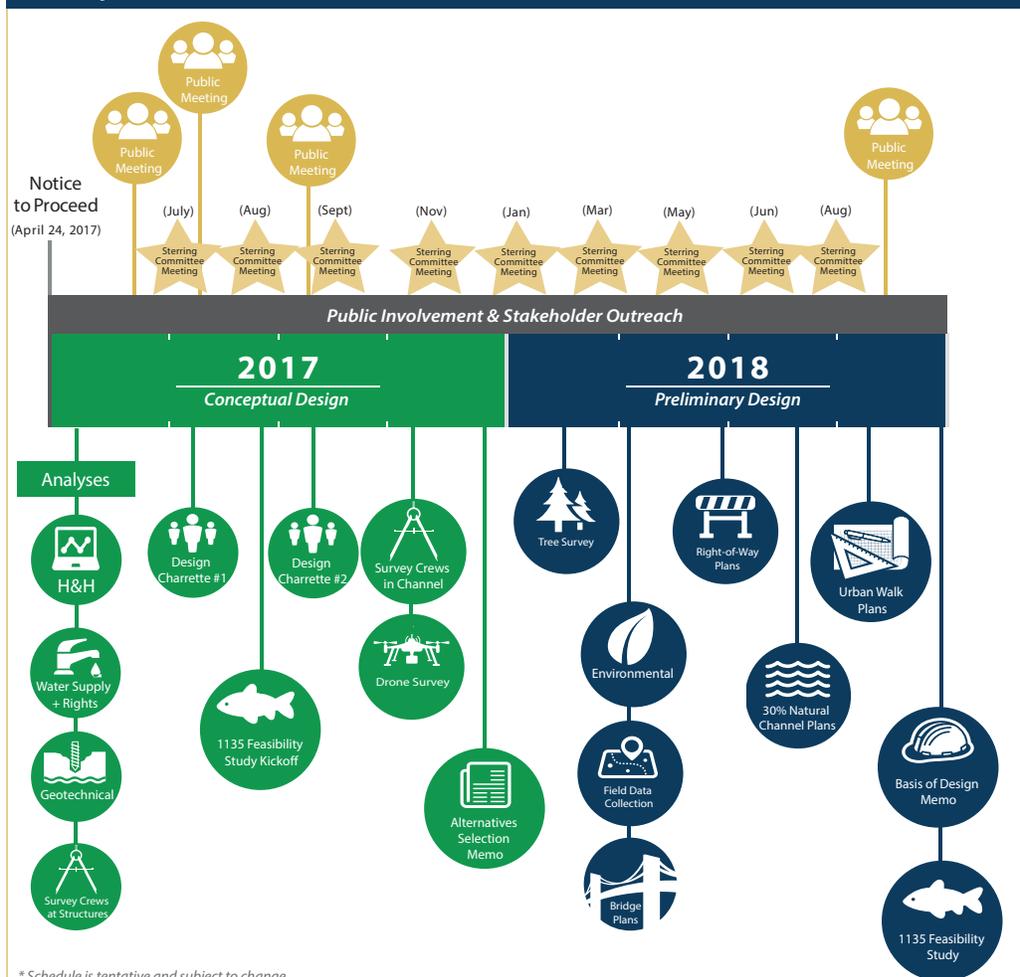
The public is invited to provide input and comments at any stage during project development. However, feedback is most useful now - before design decisions are made. In addition to this public meeting, an online survey will be available from Thursday, June 22, 2017 through Friday, July 7, 2017. This survey will help the project team understand community preferences and priorities for the project. A link to the survey can be found at www.salina-ks.gov/riverrenewal and will be promoted through social media to maximize input.



Project Area



Project Schedule



* Schedule is tentative and subject to change.