

Confluence Park Vision

The confluence of the South Platte River and Cherry Creek is the historic birthplace of Denver. The revitalization of the River began in the 1970's with the construction of Shoemaker Plaza, the regional trail and the cantilevered ramps.

These ramps do not meet current accessibility or trail standards. The proposed ramp project will remove the existing ramps and replace them with a single ramp which will meet current standards while improving maintenance access. New steps will also provide better pedestrian access from the plaza above the wall while minimizing pedestrian and bicycle conflicts. The steps will lead to a mid level overlook plaza which will have a "vista bar" and shade structure similar to the one across the River along 15th Street. Shoemaker Plaza will be retained with repairs to existing brick or pavements as necessary. In addition, both levels of Shoemaker Plaza will be outfitted with seating/table/umbrella structures like those across the River at the newer park site on the former Xcel Energy substation facility.

A planning study will be undertaken in the near future to look at the entire Confluence Park area. This study will encompass pedestrian circulation patterns, areas for special events, new mixed use development, waterway crossings, landscape and water quality improvements. The goal is to develop a cohesive plan for the entire Confluence Park area.

Estimated Costs

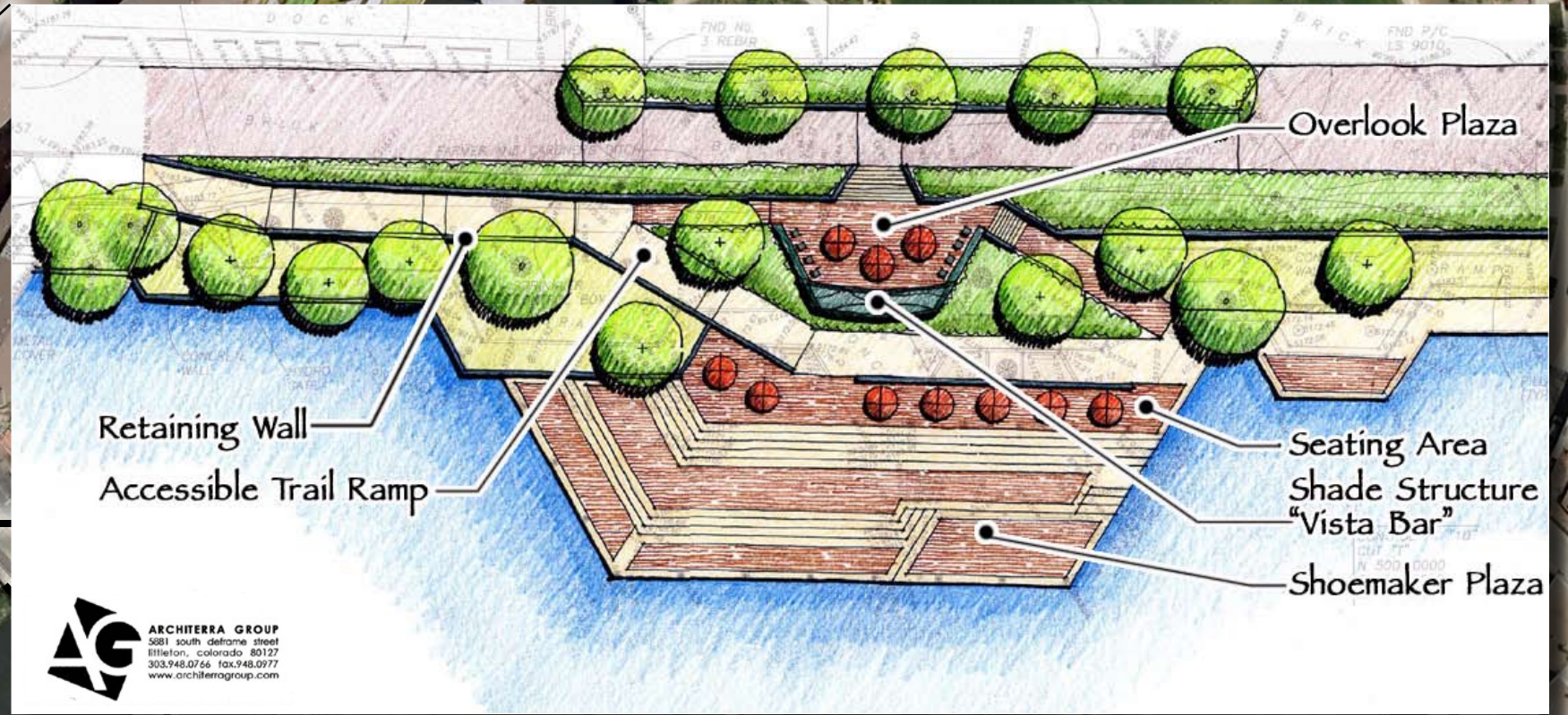
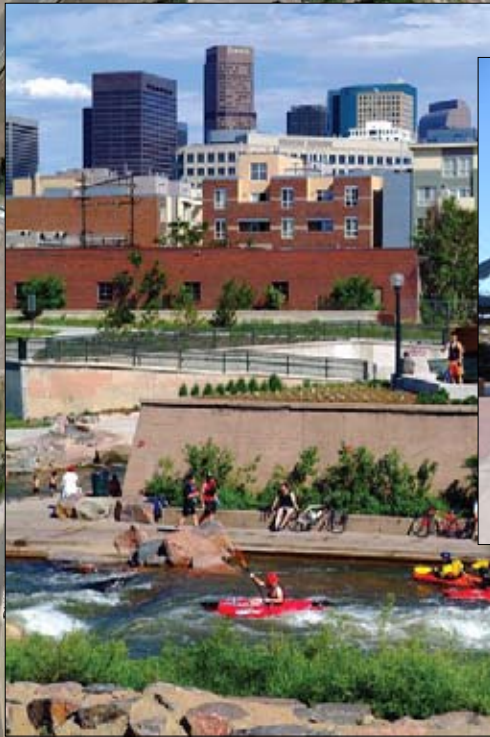
Confluence Park Ramp	\$1,089,113.00
South Platte River Trail	\$2,820,499.69
Subtotal	\$3,909,612.69
10% Contingency	\$390,961.27
TOTAL	\$4,300,573.95



Confluence Park- Shoemaker Plaza



Plaza



Future Project "The Confluence",
Mixed-use Development

Future Planning Area - Study Pedestrian
Circulation, Integration of all Improvements
into a Cohesive Plan

