

FISH LADDER PARK

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLAN

Fish Ladder Park has been identified as an important community gathering spot and the structure is an iconic piece of functional art. Following removal of the 6th Street Dam, the Fish Ladder structure will be modified to continue to provide fish passage, and the surrounding park will become a the primary destination for whitewater competition spectators, as well as a hub for boaters and fishing access.

- ① An upper-falls trail deck is located in the existing tree canopy north of the Fish Ladder.
- ② The existing fish ladder structure will remain for rapids viewing and fish observation.
- ③ The existing pump station is operated by City Environmental Services and will remain onsite.
- ④ A small changing room, restroom, and fish cleaning station provide services for river users and screen the pump station maintenance court.
- ⑤ A flexible plaza and adjacent parking area can accommodate small seasonal farmers' markets or other events.
- ⑥ A series of picnic groves are located near the parking lot to provide shaded seating.
- ⑦ A sloped event lawn next to new trees that are planted on the high point of the existing berm to provide shade.
- ⑧ An overlook deck screens an existing outfall.
- ⑨ River seating terraces allow viewing and lounging at the water's edge.
- ⑩ Emergency boat ramp provides river access.
- ⑪ Upper viewing perches on the embankment link Scribner Avenue to Fish Ladder Park, provide small lounging pockets, and expand spectator areas.
- ⑫ A high-water trail connection and stepped walkway creates a critical year-round trail connection for the west bank of the Grand River.
- ⑬ Angling and wading access steps link the River Trail to the bank below the rapids.



PRECEDENT IMAGERY - DESIGN & PROGRAM INTENT



① Upper falls trail deck in tree canopy



② Existing fish ladder (to remain)



⑦ Sloped event lawn next to new trees



⑧ Overlook deck



⑨ River's edge seating terrace



⑬ Angling and wading access steps



Conceptual rendering of Fish Ladder Park



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