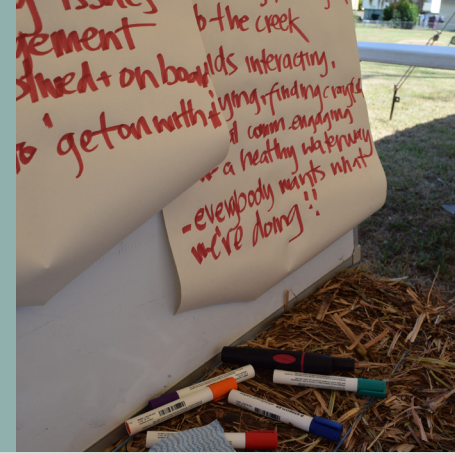


Thank you
for making **design
your
creek**
week a great success!



"I want to think
of this as a creek
and not a drain"
— Melissa



What happened?

Last month, we invited you and your neighbours to Design your Creek Week — a community workshop to contribute ideas and raise important concerns about living next to a creek.

5 days of public workshops at Poplar Street Park

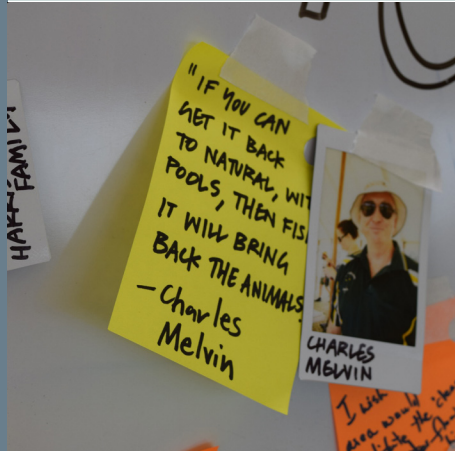
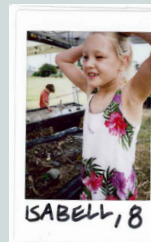
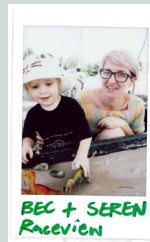
180+ visitors & online comments

61 bird species reported, plus many other animals & fish

78 Bremer State High School students in focus groups

30+ council maintenance staff from 3 specialist teams

340 sausages sizzled



After the final sausage was sizzled, a summary of ideas was captured in a concept plan that was presented to Councillors.

Take a look at the plan on the next page and see how we've addressed the questions you most frequently asked during Design Your Creek Week.



We heard many diverse thoughts and recorded all those conversations using sketches, notes, photographs or video footage. Having heard your stories we now know a great deal more about what's important to you and what you want to see as part of Small Creek's naturalisation.

Most people don't want things to stay as they are.

"I want to swim in
Small Creek"

— Luca, 10



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The plan provides:

- 1 Pathway connection to Bremer State High School.
- 2 Improved water quality flowing into Deebing Creek.
- 3 A shaded wetland that can be seen from Warwick
- 4 Road. Corridor requirements for future road.

- 5 Extensive tree planting for shade and habitat.
- 6 Integration with existing stormwater pipe inlets.
- 7 Places for a Yarning Circle and integrated artwork.
- 8 Space for a planned bikeway along the entire corridor.
- 9 Good visual connection along the creek.
- 10 Specific localised earthworks to manage floodwaters.
- 11 Well defined maintenance zones and access.
- 12 Space for community gardens.
- 13 Informal paths and trails for exploring.

Big Plans for small Creek

Your big concerns were:

Flooding

We had many conversations with you about different types of flooding and your experiences. We have done extensive flood modelling to work out what shape the new channel would need to be to maintain the current level of flood protection to homes.

Snakes and Mosquitoes

We spoke with the local snake catcher who responds to community calls. He told us that snakes already live in the area and this project will not increase the likelihood of people encountering snakes.

The best way to manage mosquitoes is to make sure we provide the right habitats for the animals that feed on mosquitoes, particularly fish, microbats and dragonflies, and also that we get rid of the existing stagnant pools along the drain. It's all about recreating a balanced ecosystem.

Maintenance

Projects like this work best when the community is involved. Many of you pledged to participate in working bees to help with planting and ongoing care of Small Creek.


Next steps?

This plan will be refined and the concept design phase finalised by the end of the year. Early in 2017 Council will commence the detailed design phase and undertake more consultation and coordination. The first stage of construction should start later in the year. Please stay involved...

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