WEAVE

WEAVE is a bold and dramatic intervention to affect positive change. Working in concert with the Jordan River, it weaves together a variety of communities, balancing nature and responsible urban growth, through the creation of multi-use connective tissue. WEAVE assimilates layers of connective tissue – the warp and weft of the urban fabric – to provide and promote organization, activation, connectivity, conservation and prosperity.

Existing Challenges
With WEAVE, our team chose to directly address what we consider the five largest challenges associated with the Jordan River’s current conditions: safety; development which ignores the river; access; effective programming and environmental conditions associated with water quality and invasive plant species. These conditions are the cumulative results of many factors over many years; no single entity is responsible, yet we all share in a responsible remedy.

Competition Challenges
Our team readily embraces the competition challenges outlined in the solicitation documents. It is time for a more intentional, thoughtful and comprehensive approach. WEAVE is the catalyst for responsible development, promoting unlimited opportunities, at multiple scales, which exist at the dynamic intersection of the public | private realm.

WEAVE focuses on accomplishing five primary objectives: organization; activation; connectivity; conservation and prosperity

1. Organization: In order to create a more cohesive solution, the river corridor requires organizing elements which provide a roadmap for implementation and growth. With major vehicle arteries at its northern and southern ends, WEAVE proposes a new, permeable eastern and western edge, which organizes urban growth along it, but also protects the river corridor.

2. Activation: WEAVE is about placemaking; creating intentional destinations mixed with opportunities for casual social interaction. It creates spaces for diverse, year-round activities and allows for a variety of recreational programming; from lounging and relaxing with families, to large scale public gatherings and events, to organized sports and club activities. Providing a variety of scales for activities achieves a higher frequency of use and affords a continual energy.

3. Connectivity: Perhaps one of the most important aspects of WEAVE is in its success of achieving connectivity between the cities and communities bordering the Jordan River. This connectivity objective serves to cultivate the communities’ ties to and sense of stewardship with the river corridor. The solution affords connections to existing roadways and proposes new secondary road construction to provide parity and equity for all. On a larger scale, WEAVE works with the existing Trax line and proposes an extension of the successful S-Line, connecting people from outside the district to this new, realized amenity.
4. Conservation: A project mandate, in our opinion, goes beyond the idea of protecting the river. WEAVE’s objective is to enhance and revitalize the river so that is appropriately respected and revered as the heart of the parkway. Implementing the proposed solutions provides the long-term protection of the waterway as WEAVE carefully considers natural habitats, the hydrological cycle, watershed patterns, invasive species control and adequate buffer zones. The entire project should become a source of education for the occupants, encouraging awareness of and education about our natural resources.

5. Prosperity: WEAVE creates opportunities for the strategic public/private partnerships necessary to make the river corridor successful. While WEAVE sets the framework for success and becomes a catalyst for activation, it relies on a mix of commercial, retail and residential uses from the private sector.

WEAVE | THE BIG IDEA
An integrated, comprehensive development strategy linking residents and visitors to an ecological corridor and recreation destination, setting the stage for long-term community health and economic stability.

WEAVE | THE COMPONENTS

LEVERAGE - *Leverage the existing river into an interconnected, vibrant community asset*

DEFINE - *Define the edge of the river, controlling development and bringing people and eyes into the corridor.*

The couplet road defines the boundary of development to create a buffer between urban growth and an active, protected natural corridor. The river trail system WEAVES across the river with multiple connection points at the couplet road to allow for multi-use recreation opportunities such as biking, running, walking and lounging. Connecting communities to each other and directly to the river, the couplet road and river trail system engages the established street grid to provide unity and equity on each side of the river. The couplet road is an active amenity. One-way traffic patterns provide organization and control while maximizing the visitor’s experience. Conceived as an old-world cobble street, the couplet road is porous in its material and permeable in the way it affords river access and pedestrian-first movement.

RESTORE - *Restore ecological systems to strengthen biodiversity, resiliency and stability of the corridor*

ELEVATE - *Elevate the quality of the natural + human experience through an iconic river trail system*

A new, dynamic river trail system provides a unique experience. A man-made foil to the river, the trail WEAVES back and forth across the river, undulating up and down to afford varying vantage points, dramatic energy and respect for existing amenities. This
trail adjoins the couplet road at multiple locations to provide easy access and equity from east to west. It takes visitors to and through the Redwood Nature Preserve as an elevated experience, connecting that natural amenity to a proposed new Tracy Aviary facility. This new trail system engages with and brings people to the community nodes, connects to existing Trax and new S-Line transit stations, and provides recreational opportunities.

**ACTIVATE** - *Activate the corridor through community nodes that serve as community hubs promoting social interaction*

The creation of three active nodes—living, cultural, and commerce—serves to both protect and activate the river corridor. Each node proposes responsible growth, connecting and engaging cities on the east and west banks of the Jordan River. These nodes seek strategic partnerships between public entities and private developments to provide vibrant activation of the shared public-to-private realm.

**INHABIT** - *Inhabit the corridor by attracting high-quality development which fronts onto and engages the river to create an active, vibrant and safe public amenity*