

Exhibit 3: Site Photos

Photo 1



Santa Rosa Creek - Pierson Reach 2003

The picture above shows the existing conditions along the Pierson Reach. In response to severe flooding during the 1950s and 1960s, approximately 35 miles of creeks within the Santa Rosa area were channelized. Various creek channels were straightened, widened, denuded, and cemented. These actions resulted in decreased flooding within the urban area, but also caused degraded water quality conditions, negatively affecting steelhead trout, chinook salmon, other native fishes, and a variety of other wildlife dependent upon the creek corridors. Restoration efforts have been successful up and downstream from the project site. The Pierson reach is one of the last remaining stretches of concrete flood channel in the downtown area.

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Santa Rosa Creek - Downstream of Pierson Street Bridge 2003

The picture above shows existing downstream conditions adjacent to the project site. Although the creek has been straightened for flood control purposes, instream habitat along with overstory growth provides wildlife habitat for salmonids and other species.

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Photo 3



**Santa Rosa Creek - Prince Memorial Greenway Phase I
Upstream of Olive/Railroad Street, 2004**

Phase I restoration efforts along the Prince Memorial Greenway, which were completed in 2002, are taking hold in the picture shown above. The instream and riparian restoration efforts, along with trails and access have transformed the former flood control channel (see photo 1) into vibrant wildlife habitat and a community focal point in the center of the community's urban setting.

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Photo 4



Santa Rosa Creek - Upstream near Melita Road 2002

The picture above shows existing conditions along Santa Rosa Creek upstream from the project site. Instream habitat and a well developed under and overstory provide spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids.