

## **Annie's Glen--Problems and Solutions**

### **Problems**

Disconnected from Lower Park by Pine/Mangrove road and bridge  
Disconnected from downtown by Camilla Way Bridge and busy intersection  
Doesn't get enough foot and bicycle traffic to discourage undesirable behavior  
Drug dealing  
Alcohol use  
Overnight sleeping & camping  
Used as bathroom  
Trash dumping  
Trash accumulating in creek by bridge  
Uninviting entrances discourage use by general public  
Missing signs identifying as part of Bidwell Park and listing park rules  
May not be regularly maintained by Park Dept. due to maintenance staffing constraints  
Riparian vegetation (native and non-native) reduces visibility of creekside area  
Long driveway adjacent to area reduces surveillance ability from Orient St.  
Vegetation along long driveway reduces surveillance by adjoining neighbors  
Lack of water fountain, portable toilet, benches, picnic tables and barbeques discourages use by public (but also discourages undesirable behavior to some degree)  
Vandalism of signs  
Not visible from the other side of the creek, reducing surveillance from Vallombrosa  
Invasive plants, especially star thistle  
Doesn't appear to have an irrigation system  
Not landscaped  
Difficult to access from Pine St. side due to steep bank and poor visibility  
No lighting (although, in general, nighttime lighting of the park is discouraged as wildlife habitat protection)

### **Current positive aspects**

City considering Pine/Mangrove bike tunnel and bike path through the area  
Kids & Creeks has removed much of the invasive vegetation  
Good location near downtown and parking  
Manageable size  
Possible help from adjoining residential neighborhood  
Possible help from nearby businesses  
Possible help from Bidwell Park Centennial publicity

### **Who might help?**

Bidwell Park 2005 Centennial Committee  
Bidwell Park and Playground Commission  
Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance  
California Native Plant Society, Mt. Lassen Chapter  
California State University, Chico  
California Water Service (owns nearby properties)  
CSU, Chico Recreation & Park Dept, Planning and Geography Dept, Botany Dept.  
Chico Chamber of Commerce  
Chico Community Shelter Partnership and other homeless advocacy organizations  
Chico Junior High School  
Chico High School

Chico News & Review  
Chico Park Department  
Chico Police Department  
Chico Velo  
City of Chico  
Downtown Chico Business Association  
Floral Native Nursery  
Friends of Bidwell Park  
Garden Clubs  
Heritage Partners  
Kids & Creeks  
Master Gardeners  
Neighbors of Annie's Glen  
Park Watch  
Paul Maslin  
Sierra Club Yahi Group  
Streaminders

### **Possible Funding Sources**

Alternative transportation grants  
Cal-Trans alternative transportation funding  
Chico's bike transportation fund  
Community donations esp. for picnic tables, benches, landscaping  
Riparian restoration grants

### **Short Term Help**

Weekly trash cleanup and invasive plant removal by FOBP and neighborhood volunteers  
Frequent rousting of campers by park rangers  
Post a sign with Police Dept # for reporting drug and alcohol violations  
Post a sign with Park Dept rules  
Park Commission agenda item with associated committee discussion  
N&R article  
Ask homeless organizations to spread the word that this area is now off-limits  
Evaluate and clear some understory vegetation up to creek bank and along south property line  
Contact neighbors on north side of East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. asking for their advice and help and asking them to report problems to police and/or park dept.  
Contact nearby businesses asking for their advice and help  
Ask Park Watch volunteers to include this in their patrolling area

### **Long Term Help**

Ask Bidwell Park 2005 Centennial Committee to make this a restoration site as part of Centennial celebration  
Continue to pursue bike underpass and bike path  
As part of Bidwell Park Master Management Plan update, develop and implement a plan for this area  
Pursue bike connectivity through Lost Park area