

### MERCED RIVER PLAN GOALS

THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE MERCED RIVER PLAN IS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE VALUES FOR WHICH THE RIVER WAS DESIGNATED WILD AND SCENIC, LEAVING THE RIVER UNIMPAIRED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

#### ECOLOGICAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE VALUES

PROMOTE THE RIVER'S ABILITY TO SHAPE THE LANDSCAPE, REDUCING IMPROVEMENTS TO FRESH FLOW, IMPROVING GEOLOGIC/HYDROLOGIC PROCESSES, RESTORING FLOOD PLAINS AND MEADOWS, AND PROTECTING WATER QUALITY.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIRECT CONNECTION TO RIVER VALUES

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOP DIRECT CONNECTIONS TO THE MERCED AND ITS UPLAND VALLEYS AS A PLACE OF CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, EDUCATION, RECREATION, REFLECTION, AND INSPIRATION.

#### VISITOR-USE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

INSTITUTE A VISITOR-USE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT BALANCES THE PROVISION OF HIGH-QUALITY, RECREATION-RELATED VISITOR USE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RIVER CORRIDOR WITH THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RIVER VALUES TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE.

#### LAND USES AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENTS

PROVIDE CLEAR DIRECTION ON LAND USES AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RIVER CORRIDOR, ALLOWING FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF RIVER VALUES.

#### MEADOW RESTORATION ACTIONS

ANY COMBINATION OF THESE ACTIONS WOULD BE USED WHERE APPROPRIATE TO INCREASE MEADOW CONNECTIVITY AND IMPROVE ECOLOGICAL INTENSITY.

- REMOVE OLD ROADS, SOCIAL TRAILS AND ABANDONED INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE HYDROLOGY AND REVEGETATE WITH NATIVE MATERIAL
- FILL IN IRRIGATION DITCHES AND REVEGETATE WITH NATIVE MATERIAL
- INSTALL BOARDWALKS OR DELINEATE WALKWAYS TO PROTECT MEADOWS

#### RIVER PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACTIONS

- ESTABLISH A RIVER PROTECTION ZONE ALONG THE BANKS OF THE MERCED RIVER
- RESTORE RIVER CHANNEL FROM CLAWNS BRIDGE TO SENTINEL BRIDGE
- REMOVE RIVER RIP RAP WHERE APPROPRIATE AND INCORPORATE WOODY MATERIAL INTO RIVERBANKS AND CHANNELS
- FACILITATE RIVER RESTORATION BY REDIRECTING BOAT USE TO MORE STABLE RIVER ACCESS POINTS

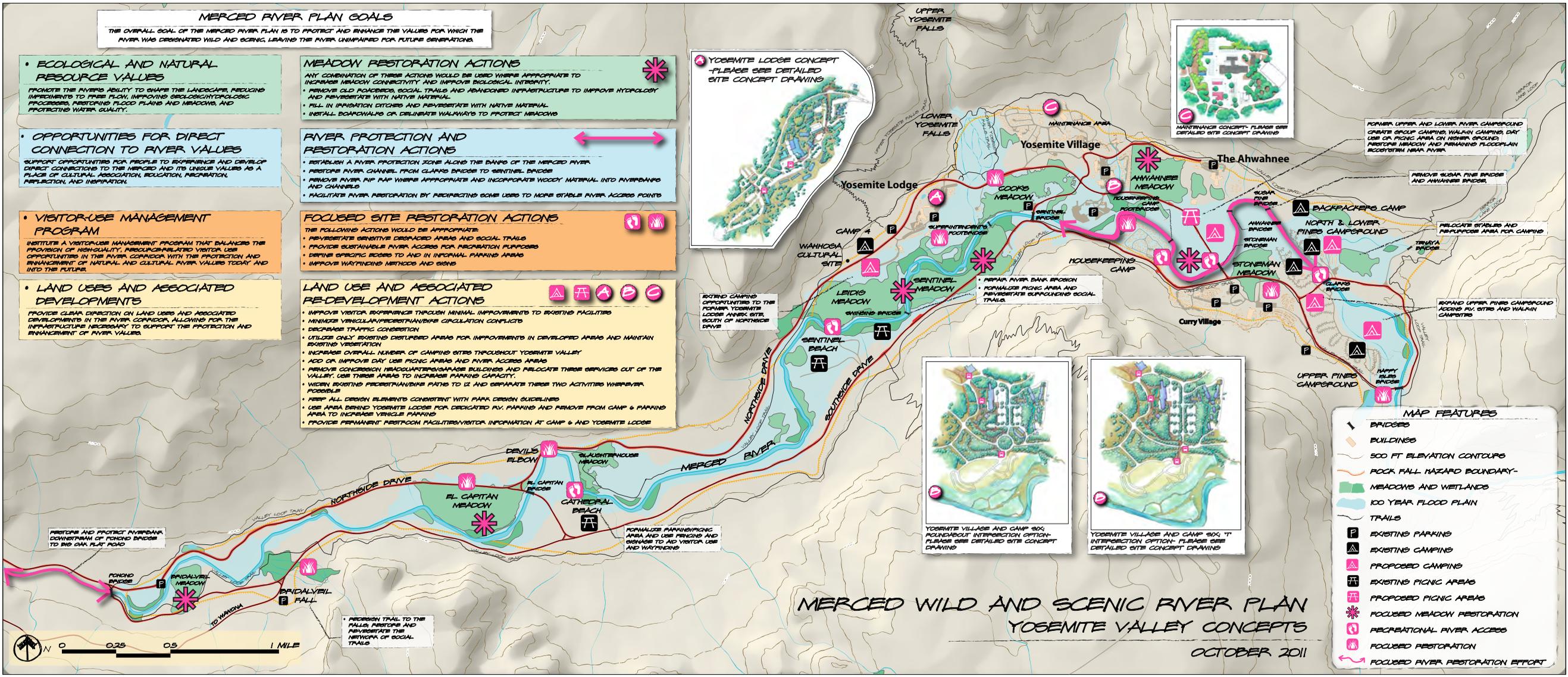
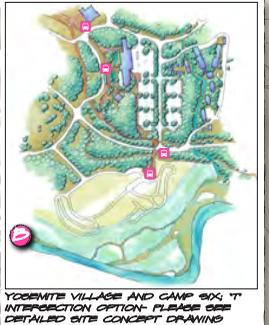
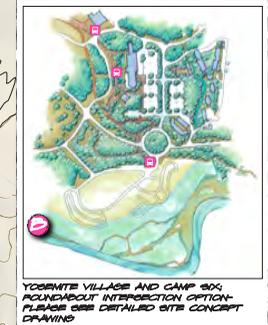
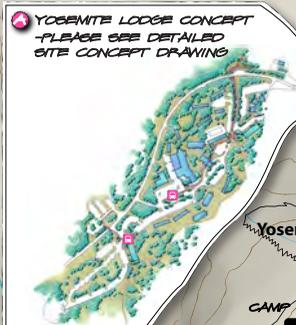
#### FOCUSED SITE RESTORATION ACTIONS

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE:

- REVEGETATE SENSITIVE DEGRADED AREAS AND SOCIAL TRAILS
- PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE RIVER ACCESS FOR RECREATION PURPOSES
- DEFINE SPECIFIC EDGES TO AND IN INFORMAL PARKING AREAS
- IMPROVE WAITING METHODS AND SIGNS

#### LAND USE AND ASSOCIATED RE-DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS

- IMPROVE VISITOR EXPERIENCE THROUGH MINIMAL IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES
- MINIMIZE VEHICULAR/PEDESTRIAN/BIKE CIRCULATION CONFLICTS
- DECREASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION
- UTILIZE ONLY EXISTING DISTURBED AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DEVELOPED AREAS AND MAINTAIN EXISTING VEGETATION
- INCREASE OVERALL NUMBER OF CAMPING SITES THROUGHOUT YOSEMITE VALLEY
- ADD OR IMPROVE DAY USE PICNIC AREAS AND RIVER ACCESS AREAS
- REMOVE CONCRESSION HEADQUARTERS/SHARPS BUILDINGS AND RELOCATE THESE SERVICES OUT OF THE VALLEY; USE THESE AREAS TO INCREASE PARKING CAPACITY
- WIDEN EXISTING PEDESTRIAN/BIKE PATHS TO 6' AND SEPARATE THESE TWO ACTIVITIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE
- KEEP ALL DESIGN ELEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH PARK DESIGN GUIDELINES
- USE AREA BEHIND YOSEMITE LODGE FOR DEDICATED RV, PARKING AND REMOVE FROM CAMP & PARKING AREA TO INCREASE VEHICLE PARKING
- PROVIDE PERMANENT RESTROOM FACILITIES/VISITOR INFORMATION AT CAMP 6 AND YOSEMITE LODGE



#### MAP FEATURES

	BRIDGES
	BUILDINGS
	500 FT ELEVATION CONTOURS
	ROCK FALL HAZARD BOUNDARY
	MEADOWS AND WETLANDS
	100 YEAR FLOOD PLAN
	TRAILS
	EXISTING PARKING
	EXISTING CAMPING
	PROPOSED CAMPING
	EXISTING PICNIC AREAS
	PROPOSED PICNIC AREAS
	FOCUSED MEADOW RESTORATION
	RECREATIONAL RIVER ACCESS
	FOCUSED RESTORATION
	FOCUSED RIVER RESTORATION EFFORT

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