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Our fundamental aim in designing and building Meriam Park is to create a great place over the long haul, a place that achieves both long-term economic vitality and environmental sustainability, a place that holds our attention, captivates our imagination, and over time earns our affection. As urban designers and builders, what we do leaves a long-term imprint, and we make every effort to do our work thoughtfully. This section briefly describes the steps we have taken in planning Meriam Park.

- **Chico's Heritage.** The vision for Meriam Park incorporates the community values and adopted principals and objectives contained in the 1994 Chico General Plan.
- **Guiding Principles.** The plan for Meriam Park comes from the tradition of great American neighborhoods. With thoughtful design, the values of environmental protection and economic vitality can be successfully integrated.
- **Charrettes & Public Engagement.** All planning work benefits from the interaction of local citizens and nearby neighbors. Over a 3-year period, in meetings and workshops large and small, we have worked with interested members of the community to make our work better.
- **LEED-ND.** We are seeking certification of Meriam Park in accordance with an emerging standard for green development practices. Learn about the new standard for sustainable neighborhood development, known as "LEED-ND", developed by the US Green Building Council.

