



Joint Work Session  
City Council  
&  
Parks and Recreation Board

October 12, 2022  
6:30 P.M.



**AGENDA  
CROWLEY CITY COUNCIL &  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
JOINT WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 12, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Crowley City Hall  
201 E. Main Street  
Crowley TX 76028**

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**WORK SESSION – October 12, 2022- 6:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL / ROLL CALL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PARKS AND REC BOARD / ROLL CALL**

**III. DISCUSSION**

- 1. Review and discuss the proposed Bicentennial Park Master Plan Design.**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

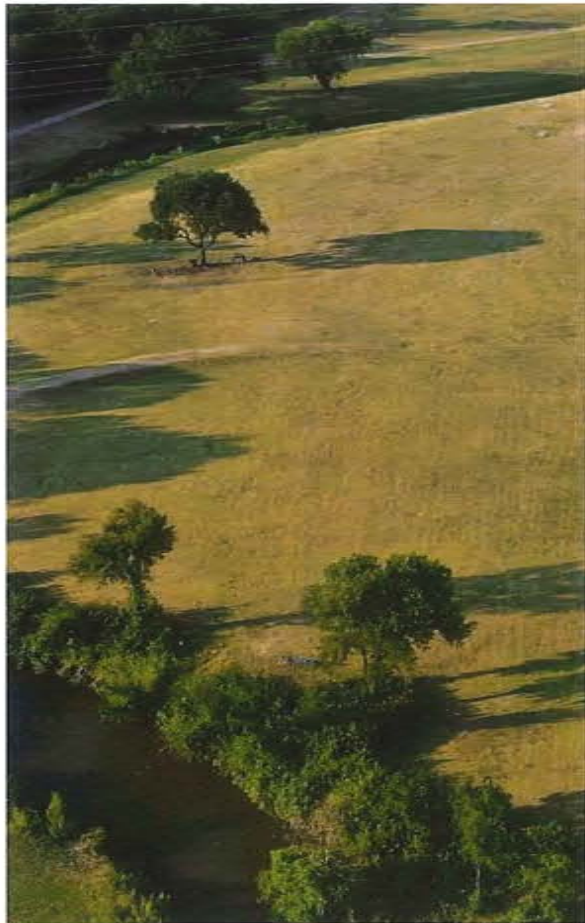
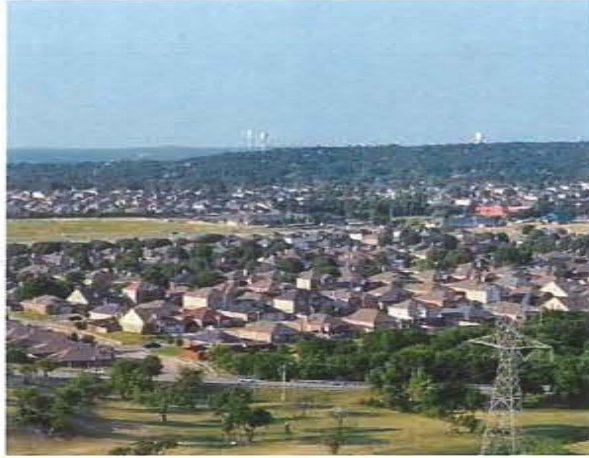
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Carol C. Konhauser, City Secretary

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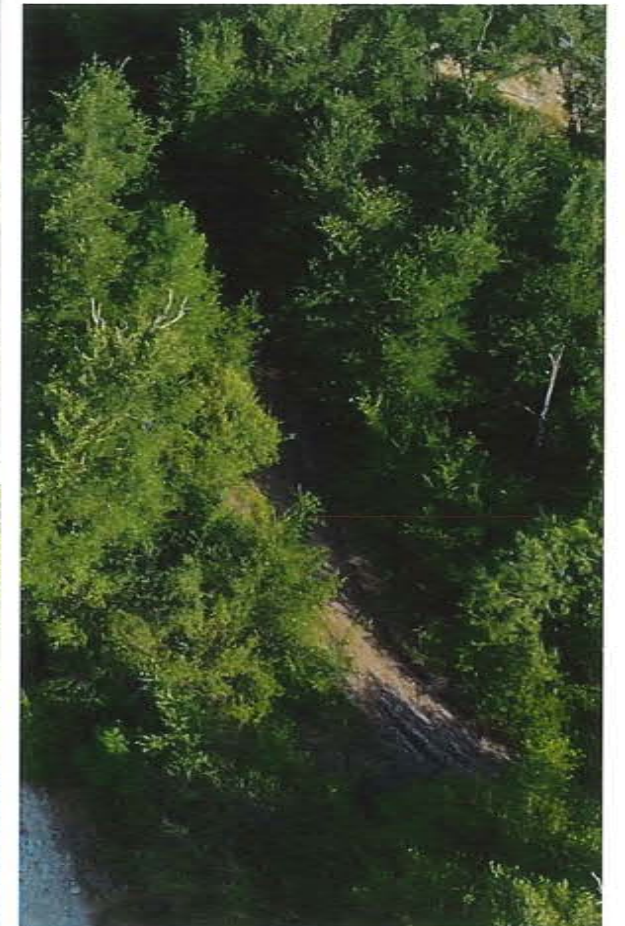
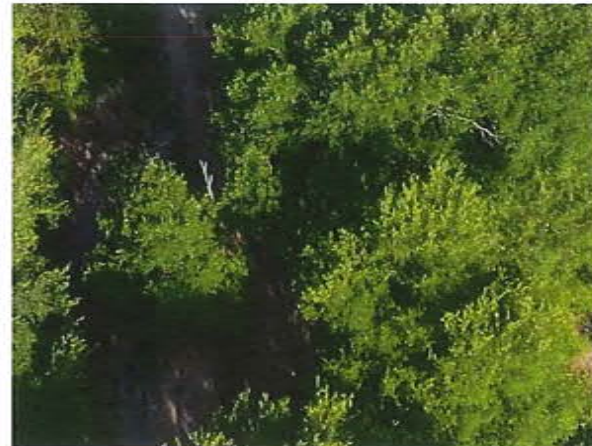
Biohabitats  
SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOREGION

## Bicentennial Park Master Plan

framework master plan options

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## site inventory recap

- local context
- site context + inventory
- existing site program
- opportunities + constraints

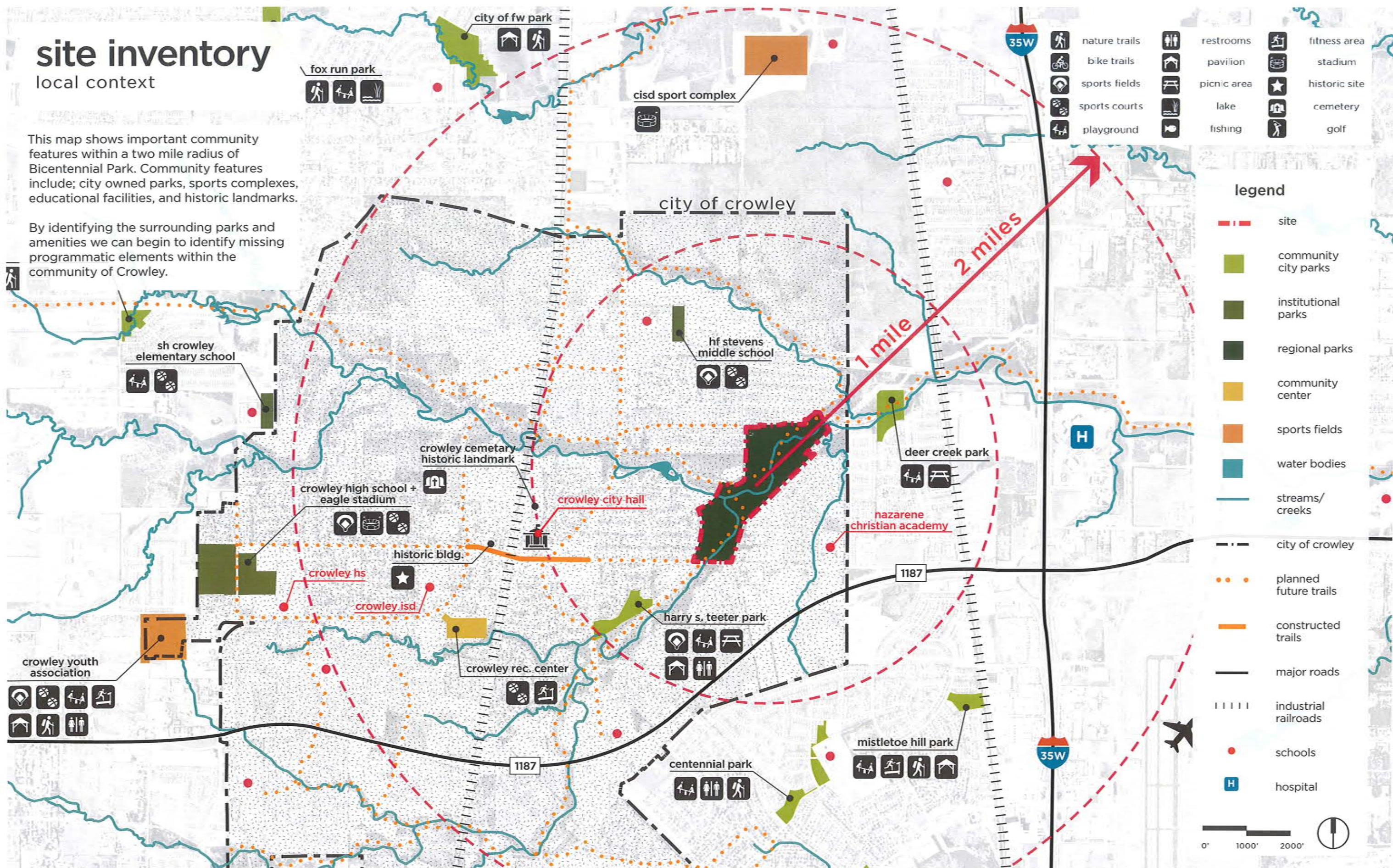


# site inventory

## local context

This map shows important community features within a two mile radius of Bicentennial Park. Community features include; city owned parks, sports complexes, educational facilities, and historic landmarks.

By identifying the surrounding parks and amenities we can begin to identify missing programmatic elements within the community of Crowley.

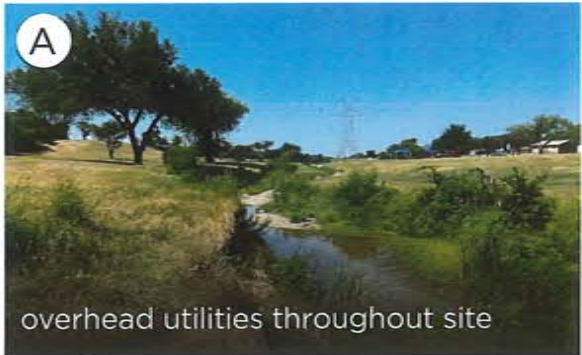




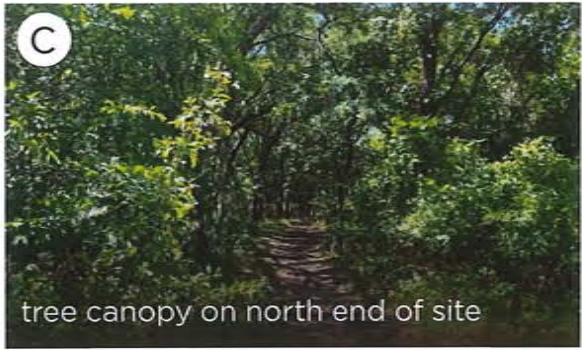
# site inventory

site photos + initial findings

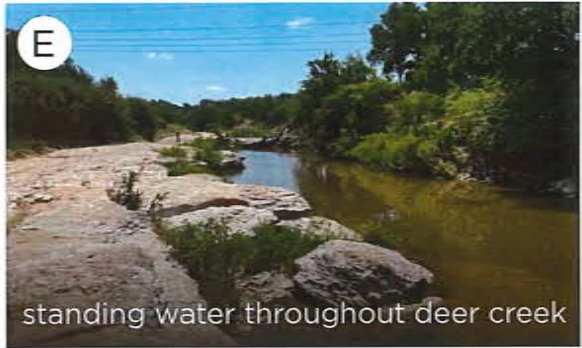
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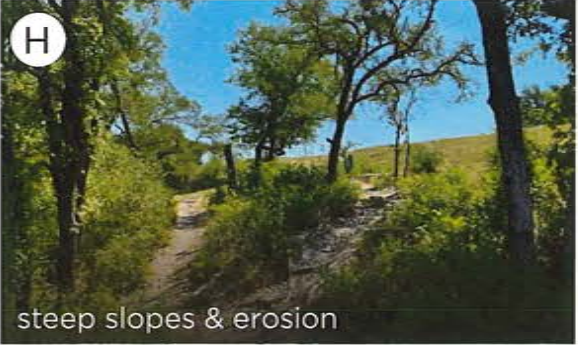
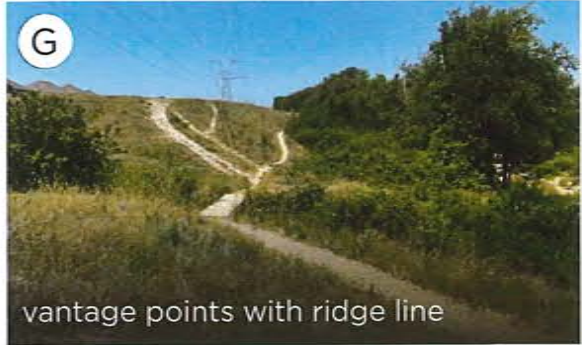
## FOREST



## CREEK



## RIDGE





# site inventory

existing site program



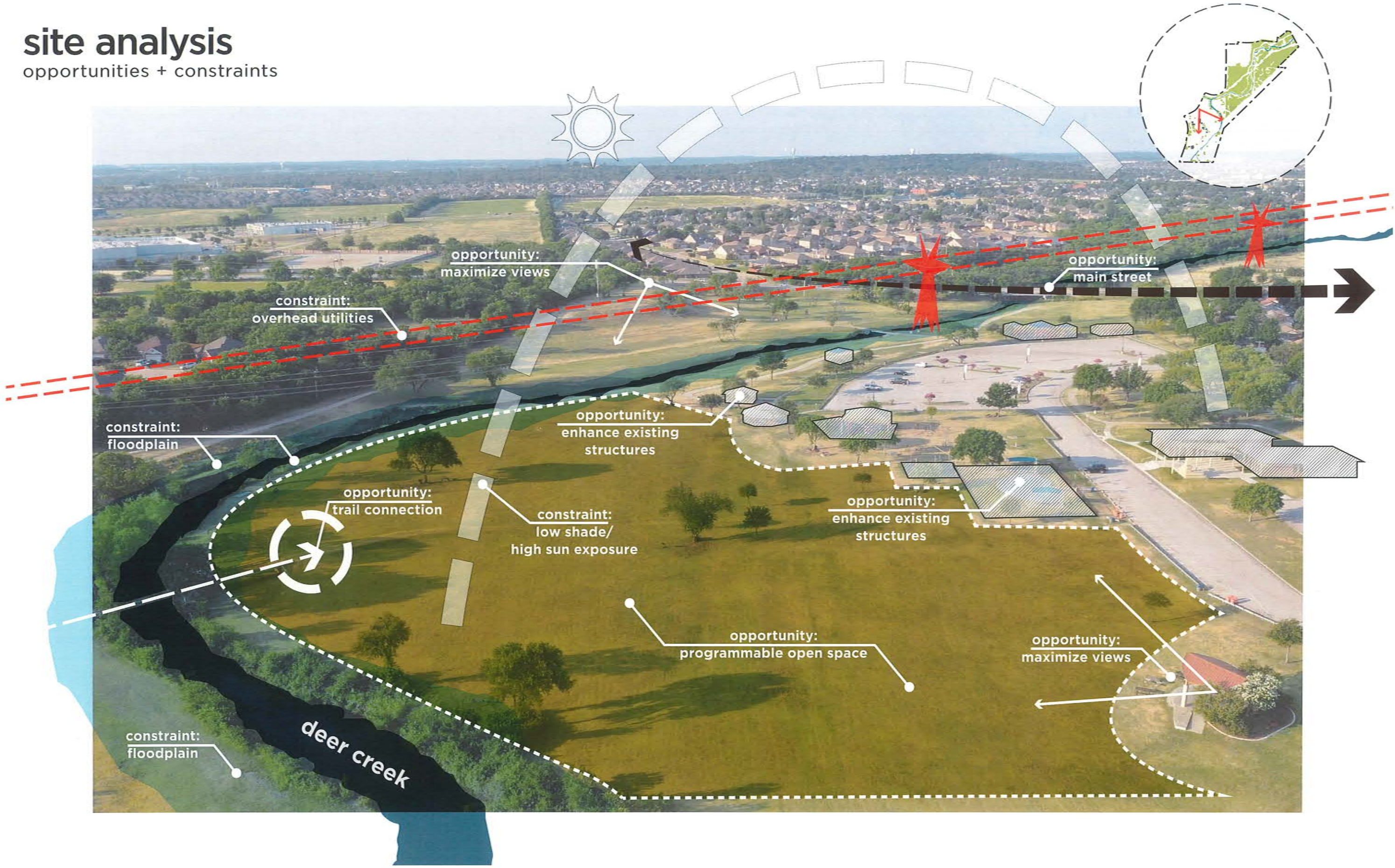
## legend

- existing buildings + structures
- land-use (open space)
- land-use (forested)
- land-use (parking)
- land-use (industrial)
- deer creek
- flood way
- overhead utilities
- paved trails
- unpaved trails
- future planned trails
- water crossings
- outflows
- trail heads
- vehicular entries
- vehicular circulation
- maintenance access



# site analysis

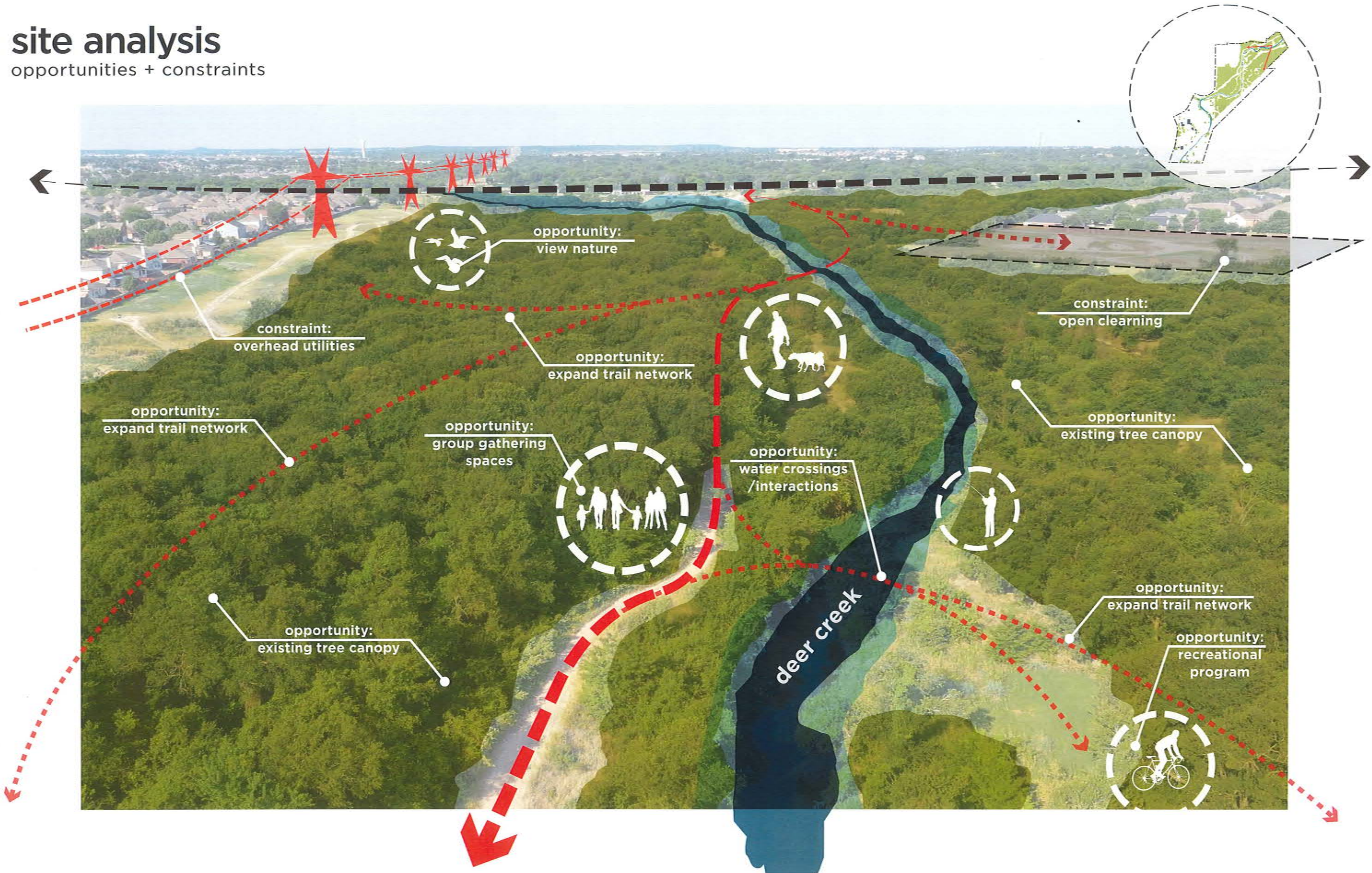
opportunities + constraints





# site analysis

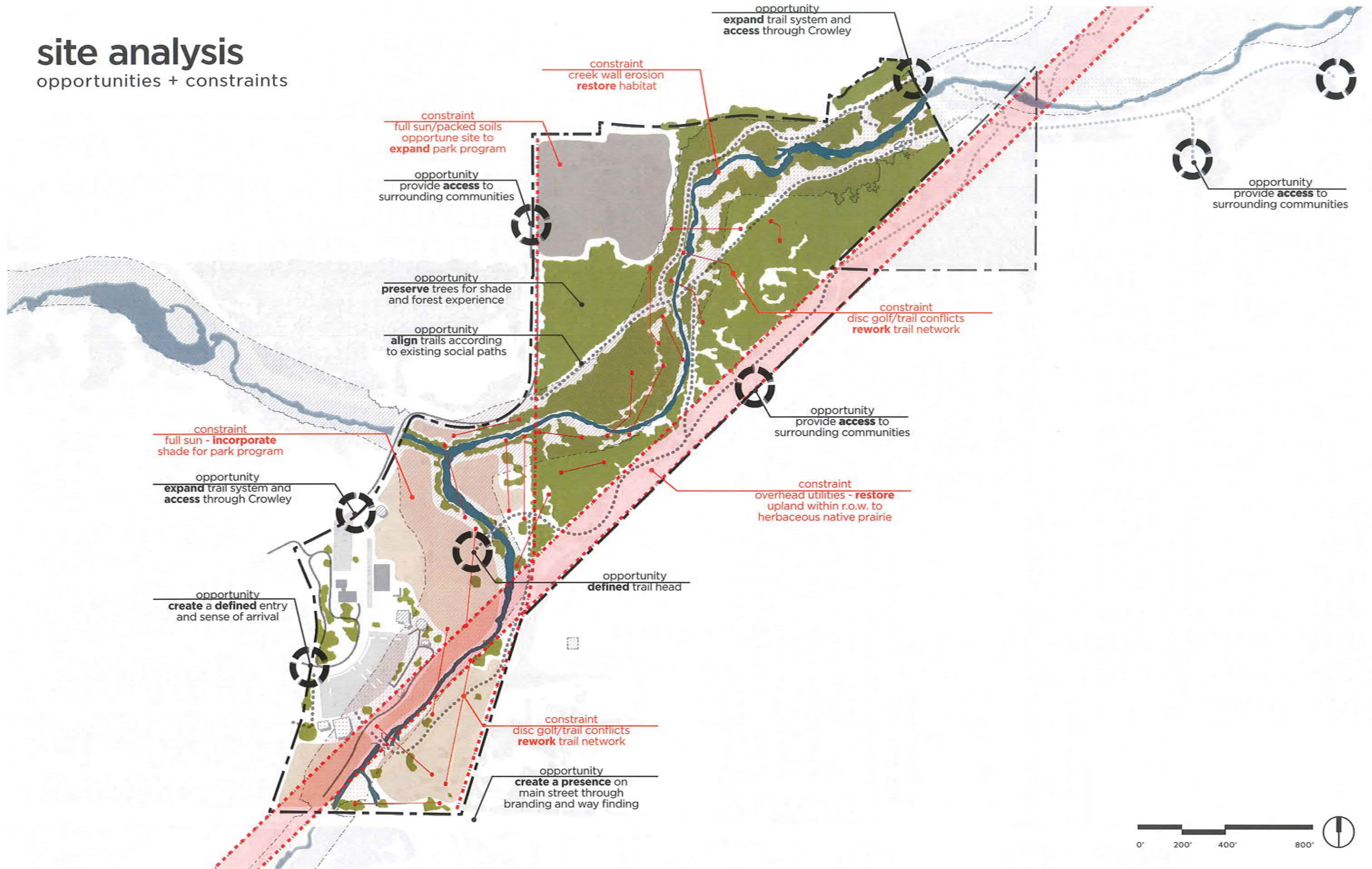
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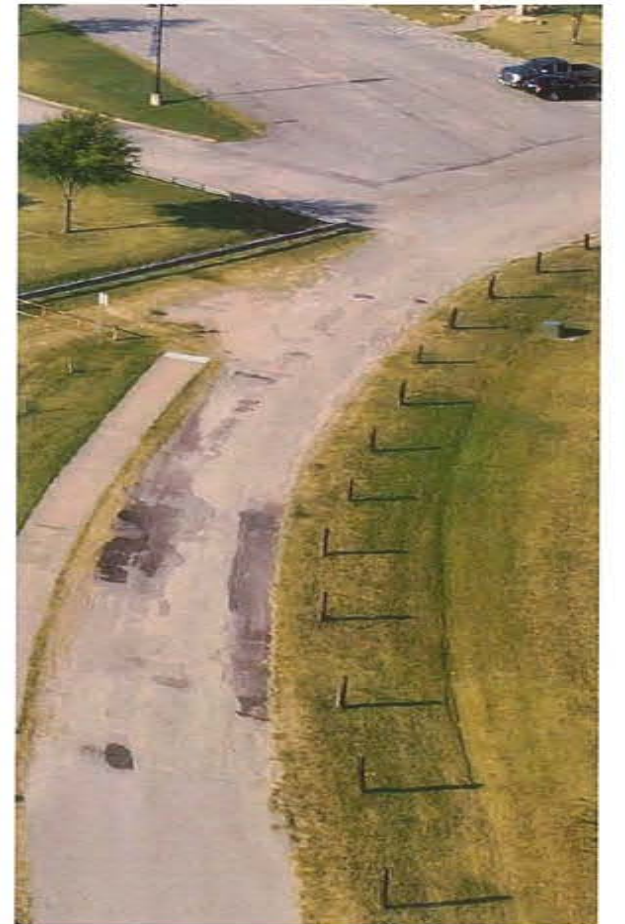
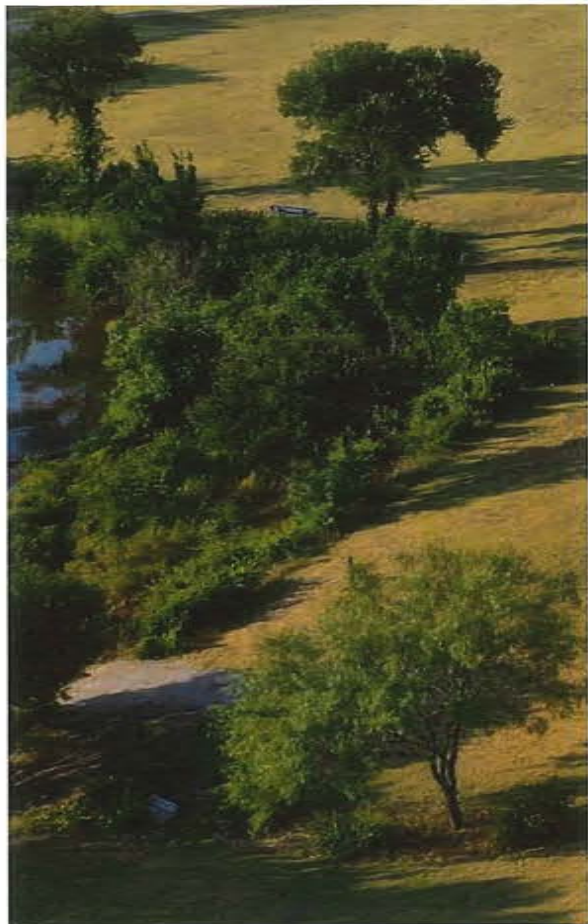


# site analysis

opportunities + constraints







## community engagement

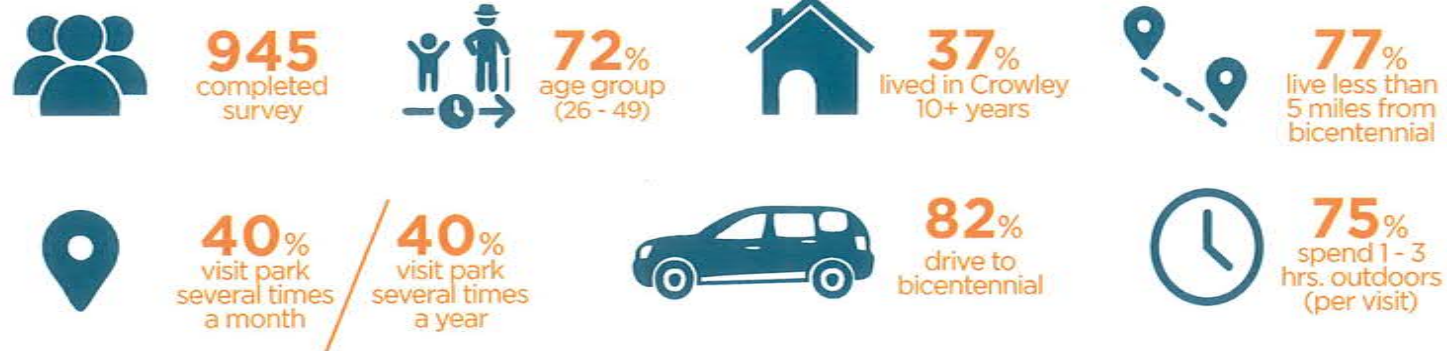
- feedback
- analysis
- goals
- sustainability



# community

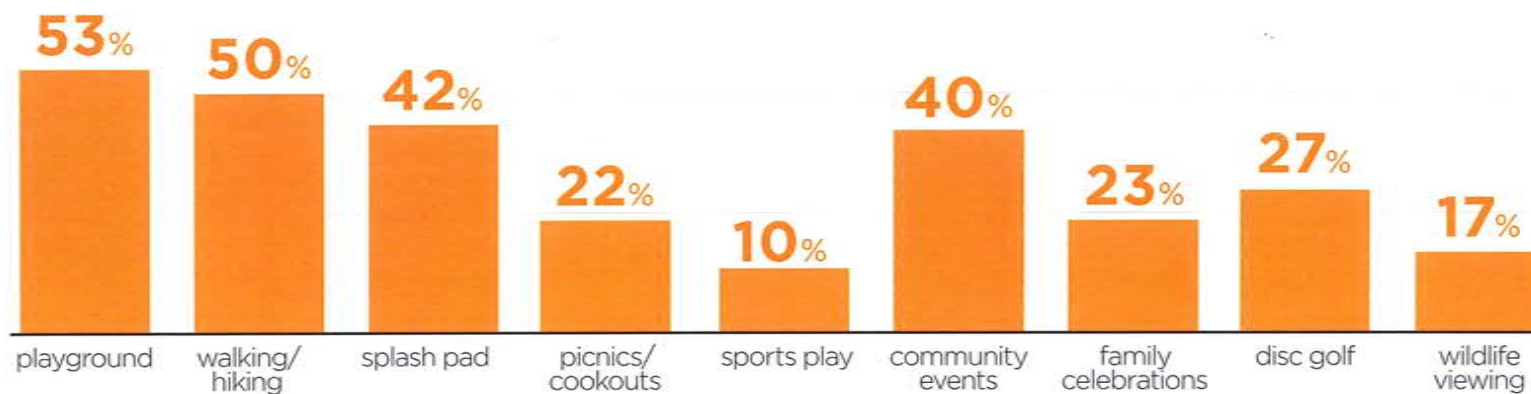
feedback + analysis

## respondent profile

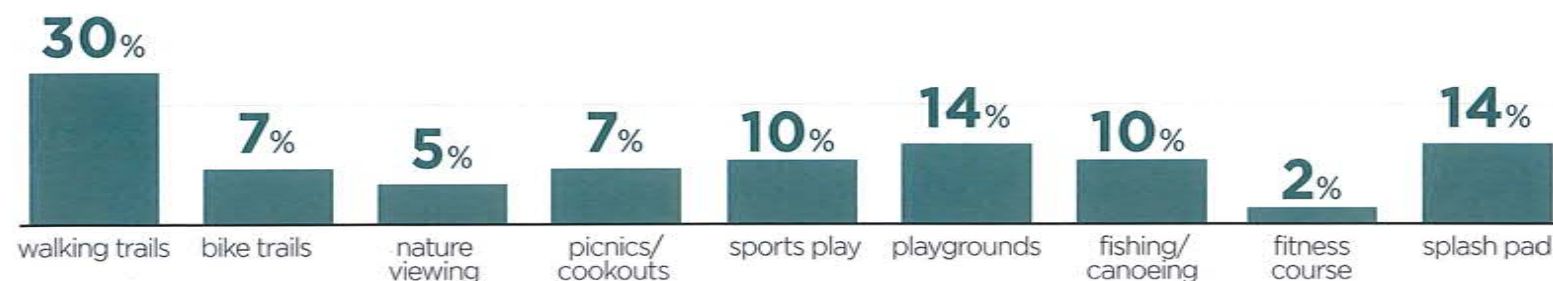


Bicentennial Community Park Master Planning process is grounded in community engagement where neighbors have a voice in creating a dynamic community space and informing programming activities. The goal is to create a community space that reflects the values of Crowley and the people who live and visit there.

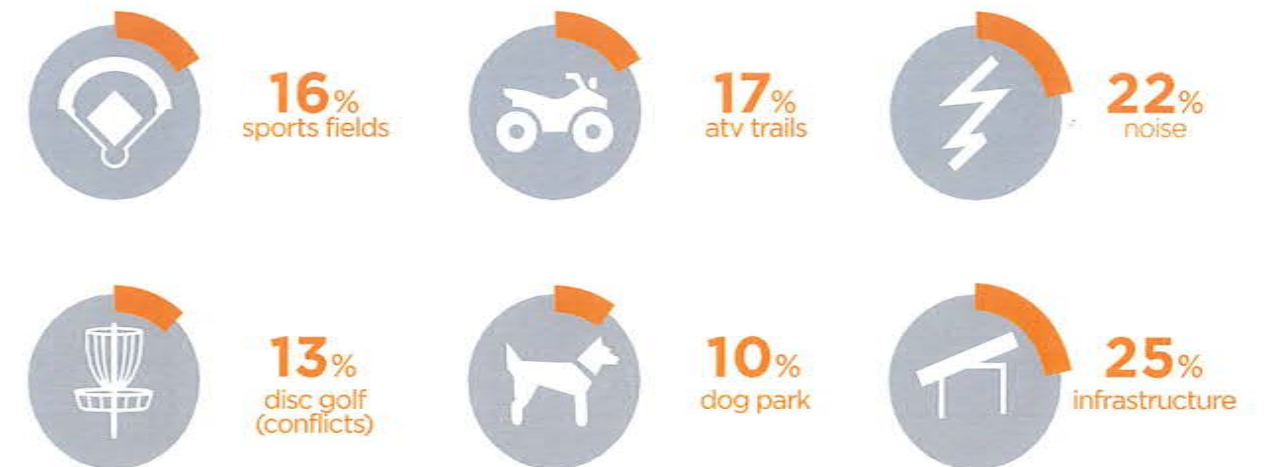
## why people visit bicentennial park



## favorite outdoor activities



## activities people would NOT like to see



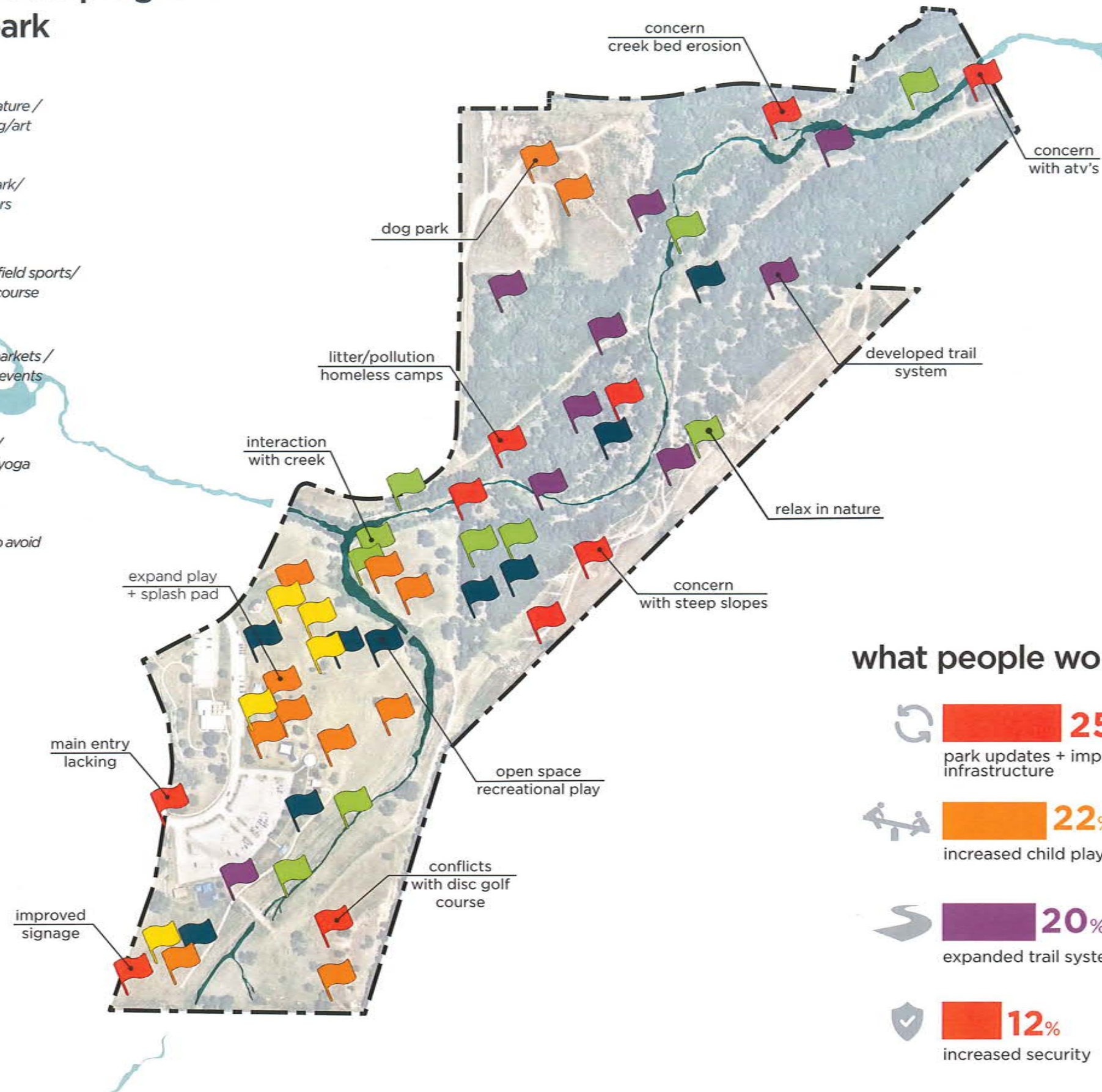
## concerns regarding bicentennial park



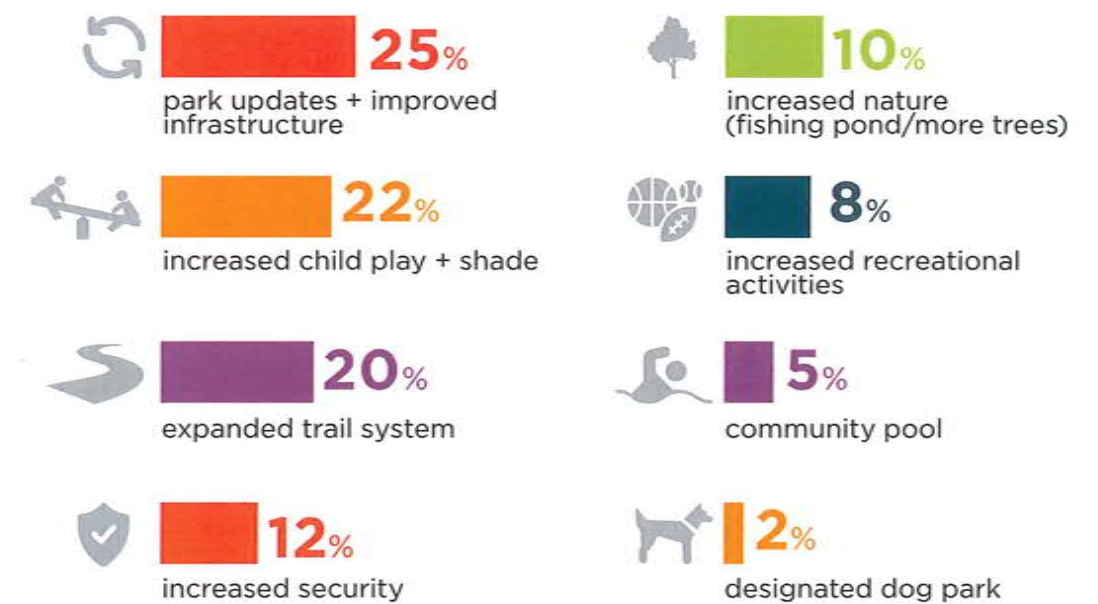


## how people would program bicentennial park

-  **relaxation**  
bird watching/relax in nature /  
reading/kayaking/fishing/art
-  **social**  
play date/picnics/dog park/  
edu. classes/get-togethers
-  **recreation**  
field day/disc golf/open field sports/  
court sports/adventure course
-  **seasonal**  
concerts/celebrations/markets /  
outdoor movies/holiday events
-  **wellness**  
hiking/walking /jogging/  
cycling /fitness courses/yoga
-  **concern**  
areas of improvement/  
areas of concern/places to avoid



## what people would change





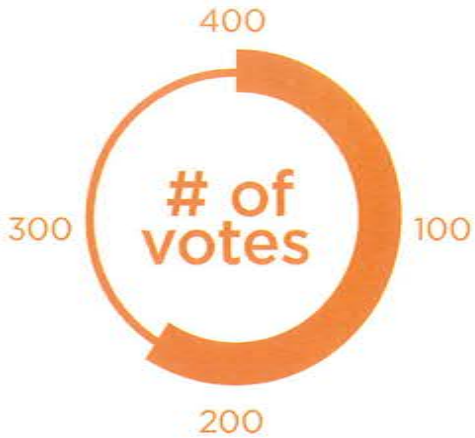
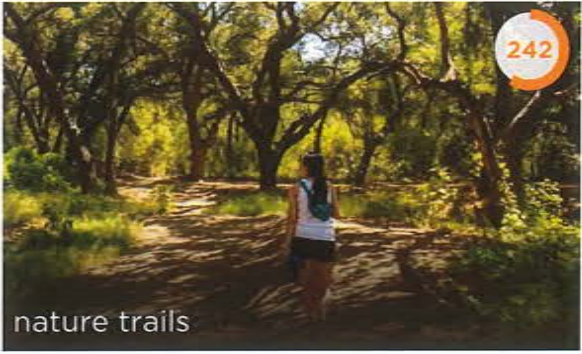
# park program

community selections

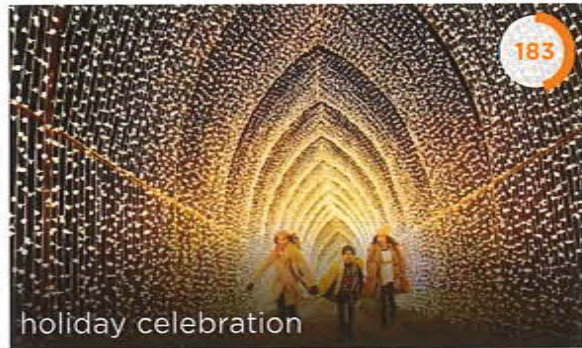
## nature areas



## trail typologies



## park program





the **HIGHEST** priorities in bicentennial park  
for the community

**TOP (6) MASTER PLANNING  
THEMES FOR THE PARK**



**SAFE**  
a secure  
park to enjoy  
all day and  
year round



**ACTIVE**  
increased  
park program  
& amenities for  
visitors



**NATURAL**  
preserve +  
celebrate the  
sites ecological  
beauty



**CLEAN**  
deter litter +  
pollution to create  
an engaging  
environment



**INCLUSIVITY**  
a park that  
welcomes all  
and accessible  
to all visitors



**CONNECTIVITY**  
improved  
circulation and  
access within and  
to the park





# sustainability

vision + goals



## VEGETATION, HABITAT, AND SOIL

- **preserve existing forest** + wetland areas
- establish **native planting along stream** + allow wetland vegetation to mature
- **restore** low-maintenance **prairie** in upland areas
- **restore habitat** for monarch butterfly + whooping crane
- use **dark-sky friendly** lighting
- create **soil management** plan
- align new trails to existing social trails
- **fire-wise** landscaping



## WATER MANAGEMENT

- establish **natural buffers** for streams + water bodies
- manage 100% of **runoff** from impervious surface + altered terrain
  - minimize new **impervious surface**
- retrofit parking + structures with **green stormwater infrastructure**
- **reduce water use**



## ENERGY, MATERIALS, AND RESOURCES

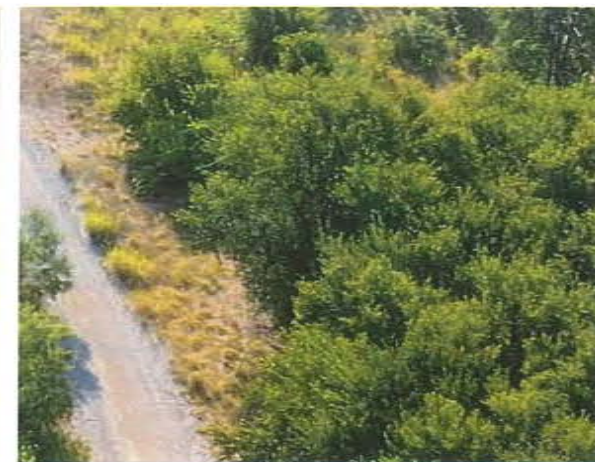
- use salvaged, regional, and/or recycled-content materials
- reduce outdoor **energy consumption**
- target on site solar **energy production** for 50+% of outdoor site electricity
- **waste management plan** for park area
  - initial **o+m** plan
- plan to minimize or re-purpose **construction materials**



## SOCIAL WELLBEING + QUALITY OF LIFE

- **maximize shade** on site and preserve existing shade
  - secure, convenient **bicycle parking** + maintenance station
- create environmental **education opportunities**
- **community garden** area
  - outdoor spaces that encourage **social connection**
  - design and program support outdoor **physical activity**
- create **accessible, legible, safe** outdoor spaces





## master plan framework

- master plan concept options
  - c.o.r.e.
  - unearthed
- signage & wayfinding
- zoning

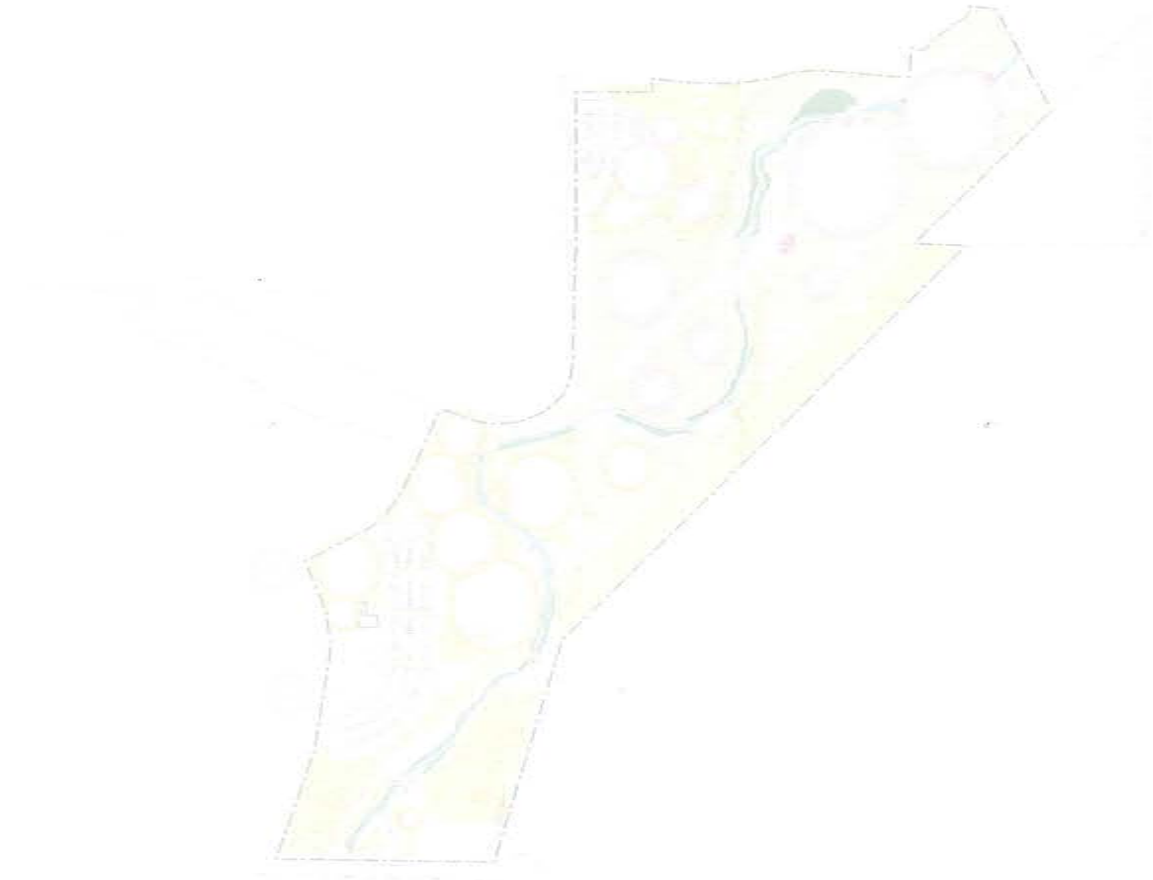




# master plan framework options

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# C.O.R.E.

master plan option

## themes

The **C.O.R.E** master plan looks to re-engage Bicentennial Park through a defined **experiential system** that begins at the south end of the park and travels up to the northern end of the site. As the user **traverses** through this experiential system, different themes are identified that correlate with each evolving **programmatic** element.

## programming

Each zone of the C.O.R.E master plan has distinct program elements that correlate to the districts identity for users as they experience the site. The south end of the site predominately focuses on a centralized notion where users can gather and participate in group activities. As the user travels north, the center of the park is rooted around outdoor and recreation themes from adventure parks to nature play that start to blend natural and built environments. Towards the tail end of the park, defined programmatic elements are limited and are more up to interpretation. Thus, encouraging user to explore at their own will.

### C 'centralized'

*The communal hub or front door of the park where social gathering activities take place. This south end of the project incorporates a variety of defined programming that ranges in size.*

- Flex / Program Lawn
- Play Park + Splash Pad
- Visitor Amenity Center (with Restrooms + Changing Stations)
- Expanded Mesquite Grove
- Informal Gathering Spaces (Grills + Pavilions)
- New Park Entrance off of Main Street

### O 'outdoor'

*The threshold of the built programmable environment to the natural experiential environment. Program spaces begin to take on a natural feel in both form and activity.*

- Nature Park (Older Kids)
- Stream Crossings + Interactions
- Lookout Points
- Small Gathering Nodes

### R 'recreation'

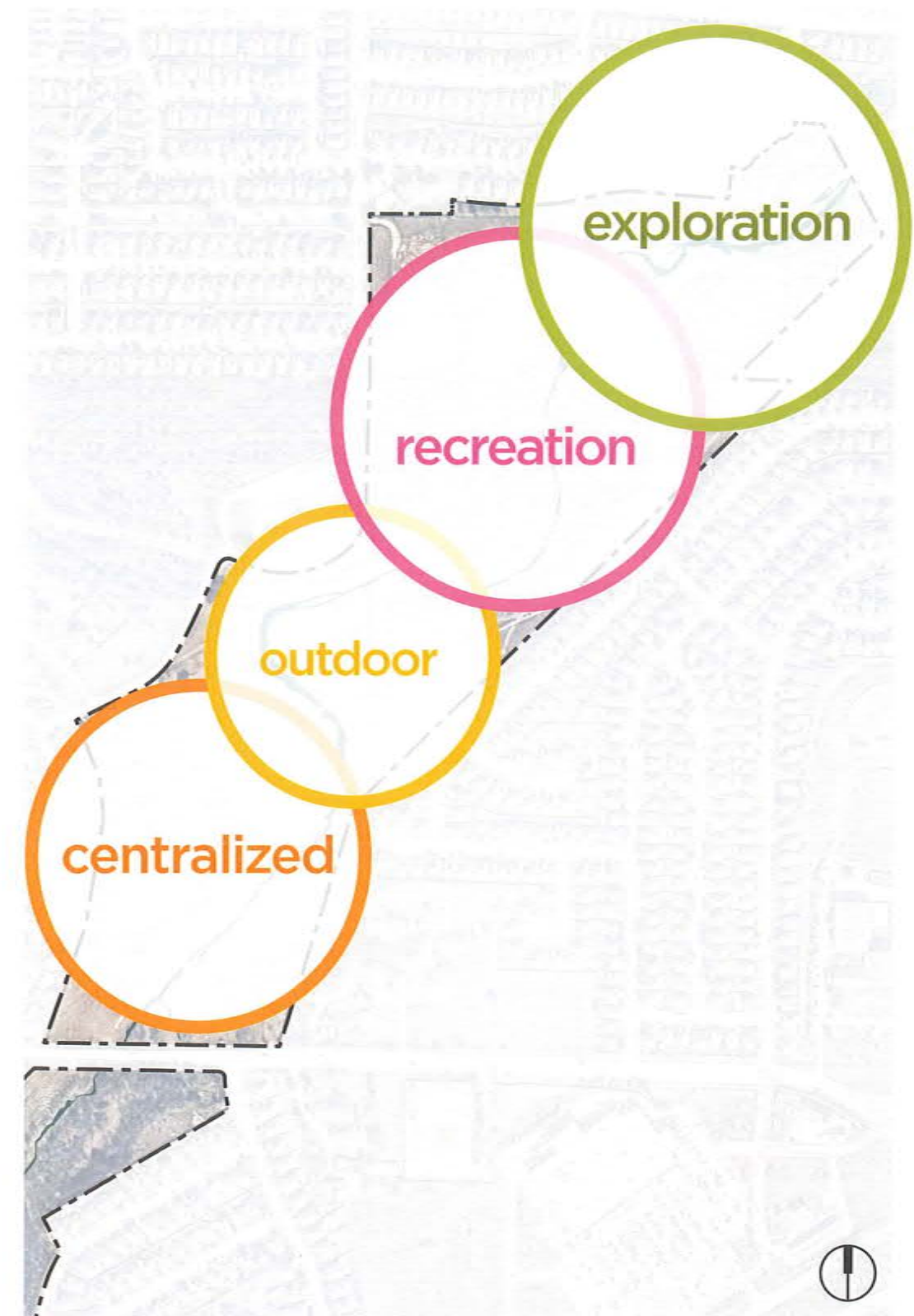
*The heart of the site where guests can immerse themselves in active or passive recreational program within the natural beauty of the landscape.*

- Adventure Park
- Dog Park
- Disc Golf
- Community Garden
- Trail Network + Nodes

### E 'exploration'

*The north end of the site where the natural environment is the showcase. Programmable activities are limited here to encourage visitors to enjoy the existing diversities of the park.*

- Diverse Trail Network + Typologies
- Fishing Holes
- Trail Nodes
- Informal Small Gathering





Centralized



Outdoor



Recreation



Exploration

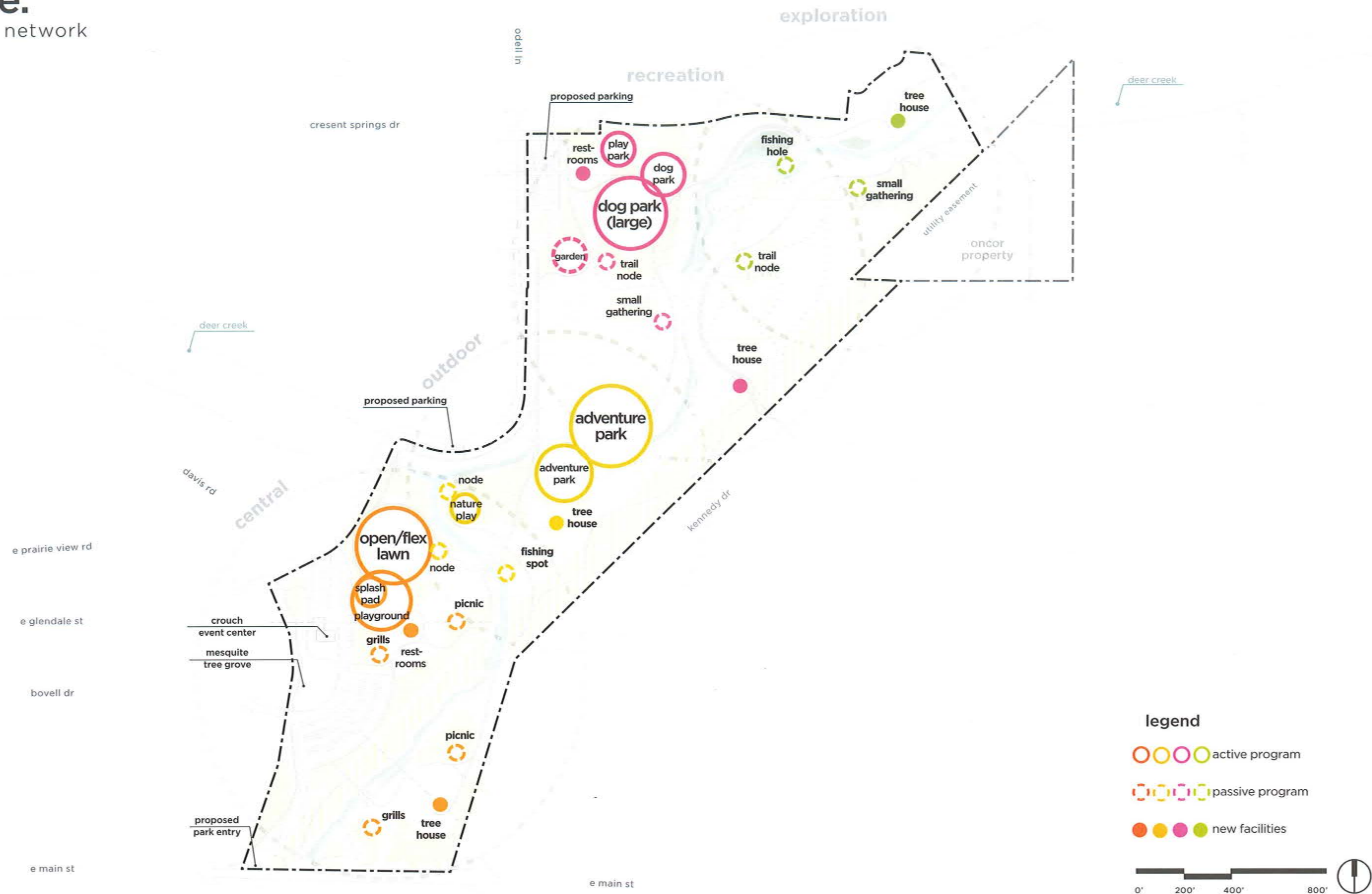




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overall master plan









## program matrix

### active program

- open/flex lawn: 150,000 sqft. or 3.5 acres
- playground (early childhood): 55,000 sqft. or 1.25 acres
- splash pad: 15,000 sqft.
- nature play (school age play): 15,000 sqft.
- adventure park (teen & adult): 150,000 sqft. or 3.5 acres
- dog park (large): 75,000 sqft. or 1.7 acres
- dog park (small): 30,000 sqft.

### passive program

- designated grill areas (2): 5,000 sqft.
- picnic areas / small gathering (2): 5,000 sqft.
- creek interaction points (2): 5,000 sqft.
- fishing holes (2): 2,500 sqft.
- trail node / small gathering (4): 5,000 sqft.
- community garden: 20,000 sqft.

### new facilities

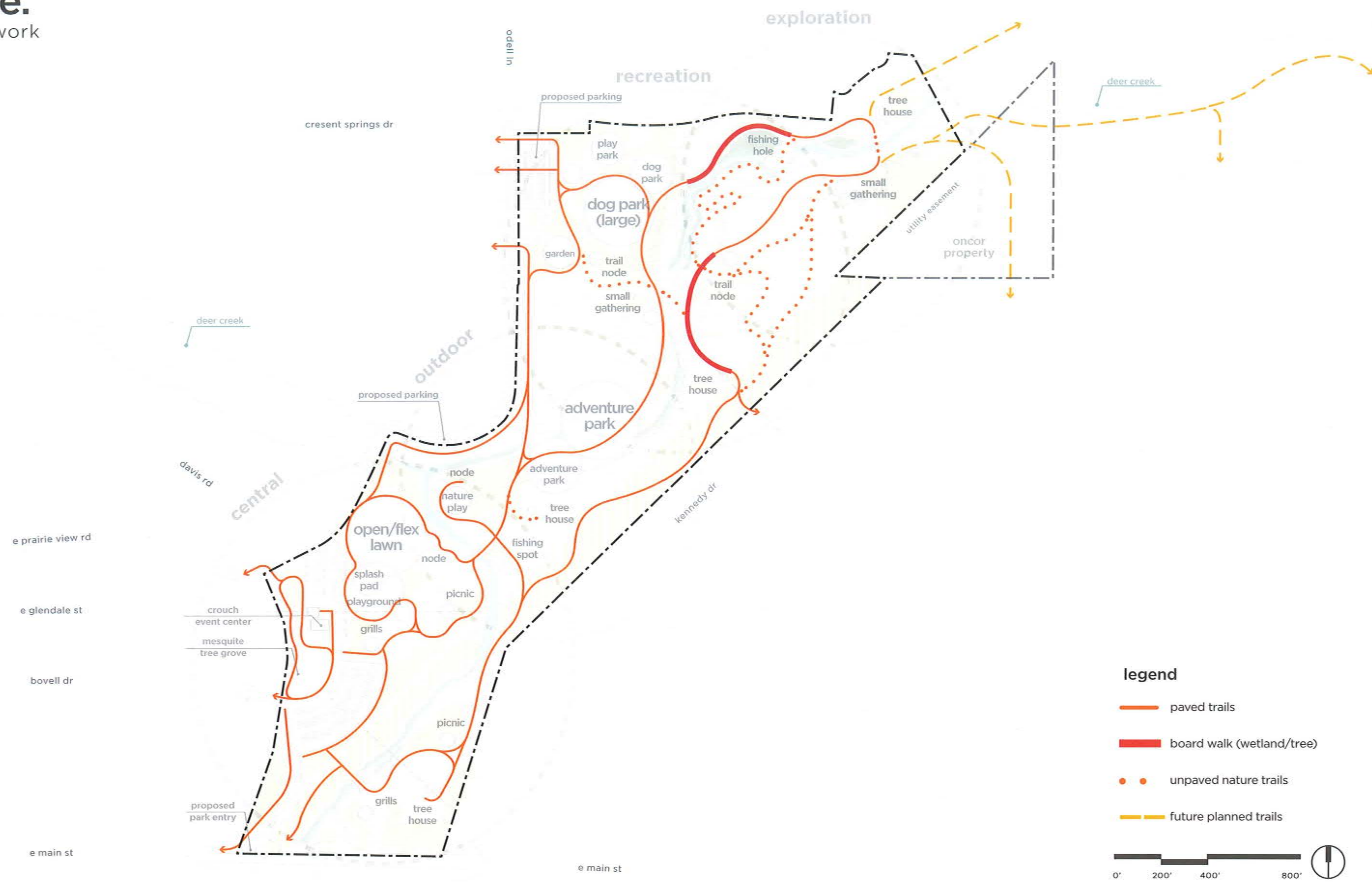
- park amenity building (restrooms / changing stations)(2): 8,000 sqft.
- treehouse / pavilion (4): 1,500 sqft.

### additional parking

- current parking spaces: ~250
- additional parking spaces: 80









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trail network

trail matrix

paved trails

- hardscape typology (concrete): 16,600 lf. or 3.2 miles

boardwalk

- elevated trails (wood): 1,200 lf. or .04 miles

nature trails

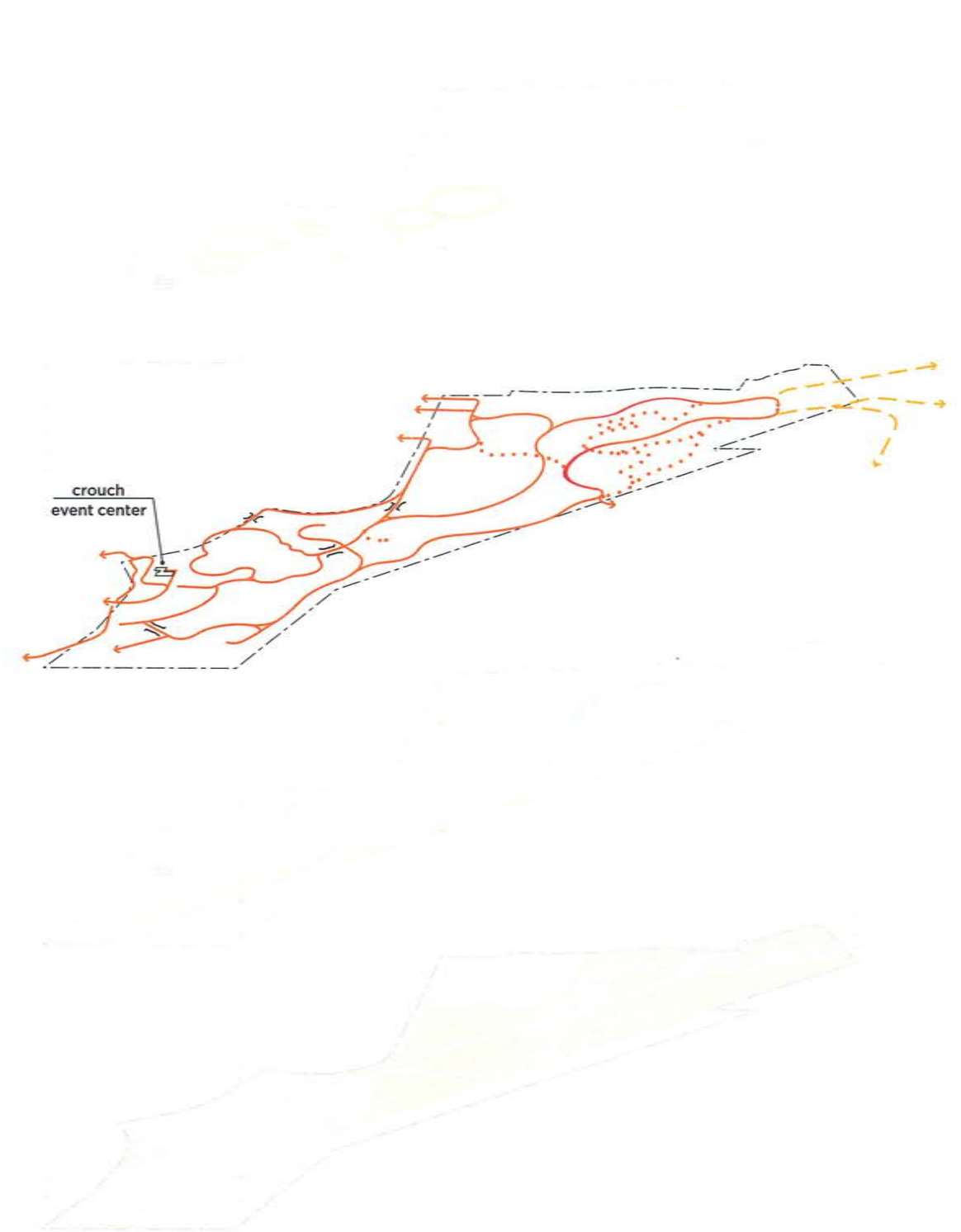
- unpaved typology (mulch or dirt): 4,200 lf. or .75 miles

future trails

- paved or unpaved typology: tbd

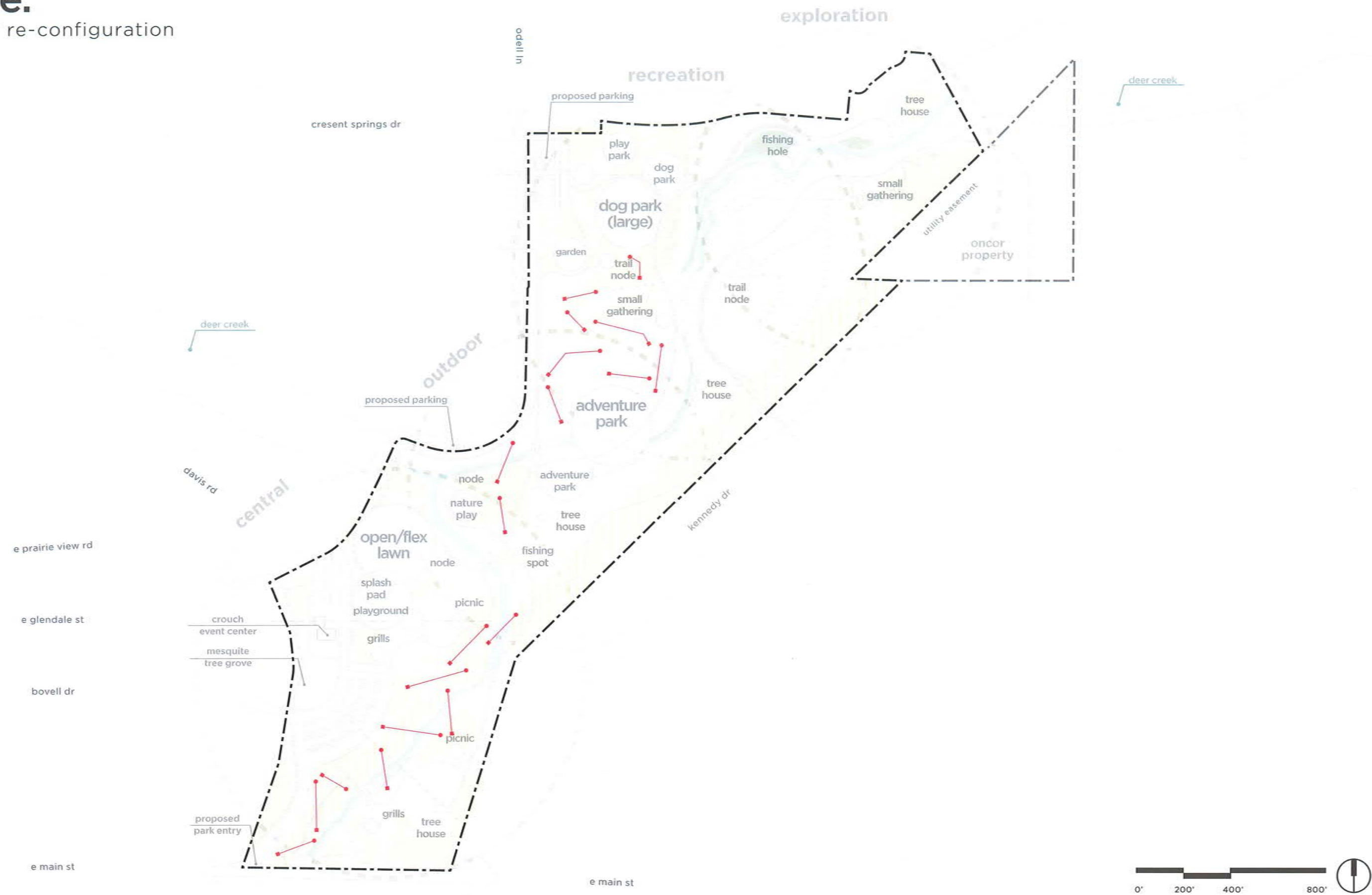
bridge

- proposed water crossing (new or improved crossings): 4





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disc golf re-configuration









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habitat restoration

vegetation matrix

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reforested areas

- new tree growth: 625,000 sqft. or 14 acres

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meadow/grassland

- small shrubs, grasses, flowering perennials 450,000 sqft. or 10 acres

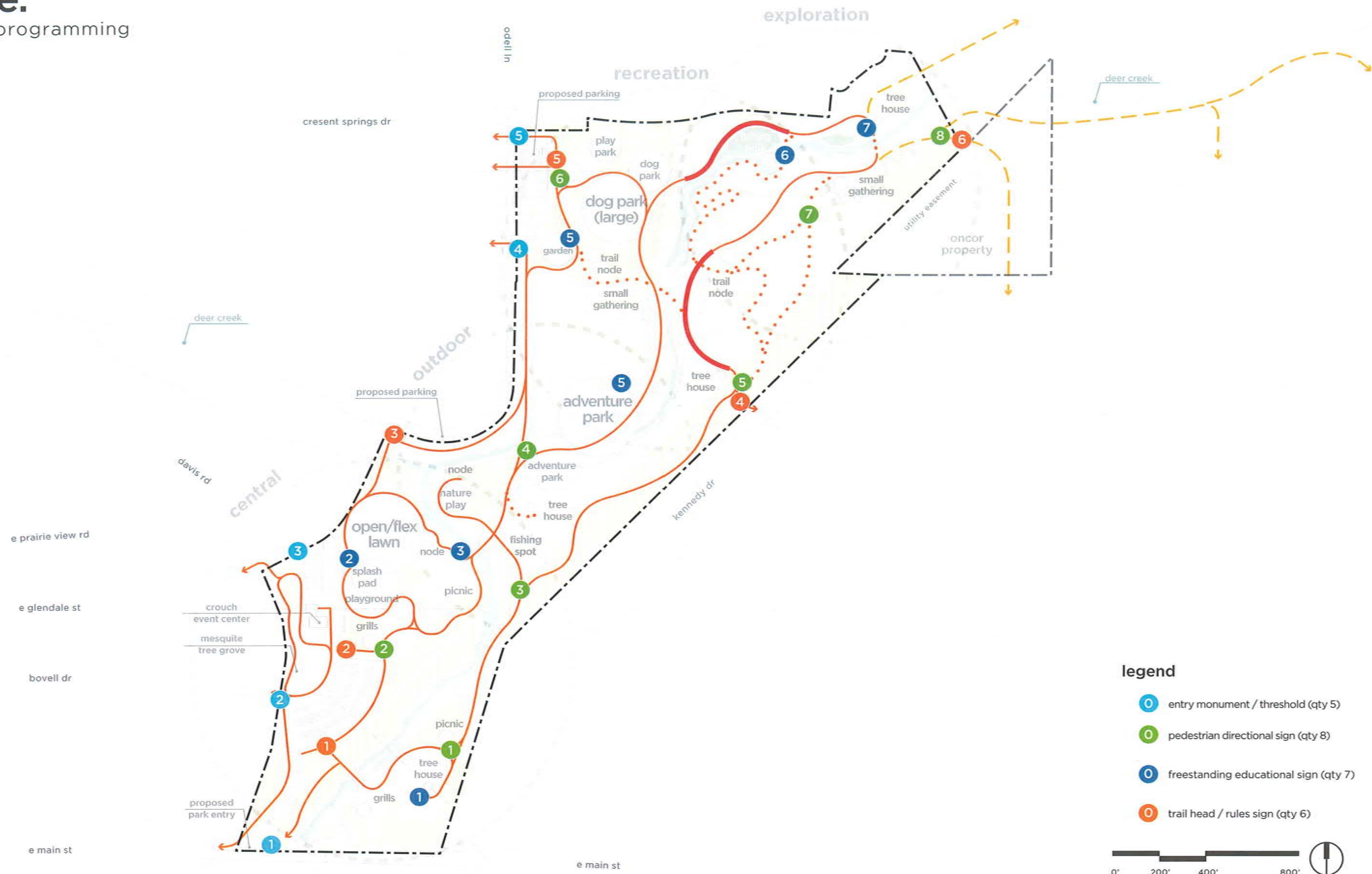
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riparian / creek edge restoration

- small shrubs, wetland vegetation: 55,000 sqft. or 1.25 acres

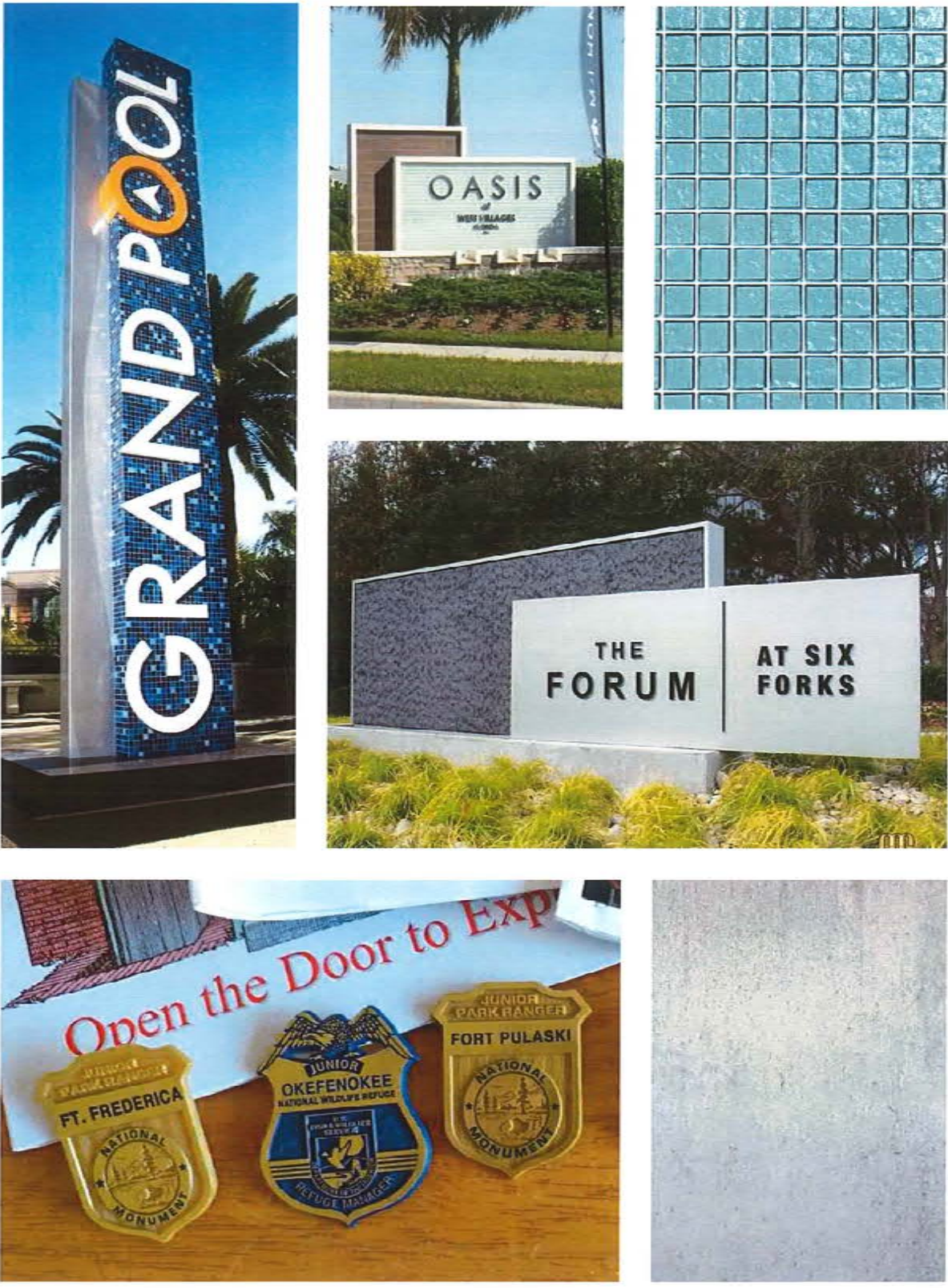








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signage concepts &  
reference imagery





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cost matrix

ZONE	LOCATION	SIZE OF AREA (ACRES)	PROGRAM INCLUSIONS	COST EVALUATION	PRIORITY
A	Southeast Corner (Main St)	5.26 ac.	seating areas overlook structure hike / bike trails	\$\$\$	moderate
B	Deer Creek (South - Northwest)	18 ac.	disc golf course riparian buffer landscape clearing drive improvements	\$\$	low
C	Southwest Corner (Main St)	5.29 ac.	entry drive street parking existing parking lot improvements	\$\$\$	high
D	West End	5.36 ac.	seating at existing mesquite grove existing landscape improvements	\$	low
E	West Central	10.19 ac.	drive improvements parking lot hike / bike trails splash pad playground pavilion restrooms amphitheater / event lawn seating area creek interaction	\$\$\$\$	high
F	Central Woodlands	6.13 ac.	adventure course landscape clearing	\$\$	low
G	East End (oncor easement)	17 ac.	hike / bike trail neighborhood access landscape improvements	\$	moderate
H	North Woodlands	24.55 ac.	hike / bike trails fishing holes seating areas boardwalks	\$\$\$	moderate
I	Northwest Industrial Site	9.56 ac.	parking lot playground dog park (l/sm) restrooms community garden hike / bike trail	\$\$\$\$	high



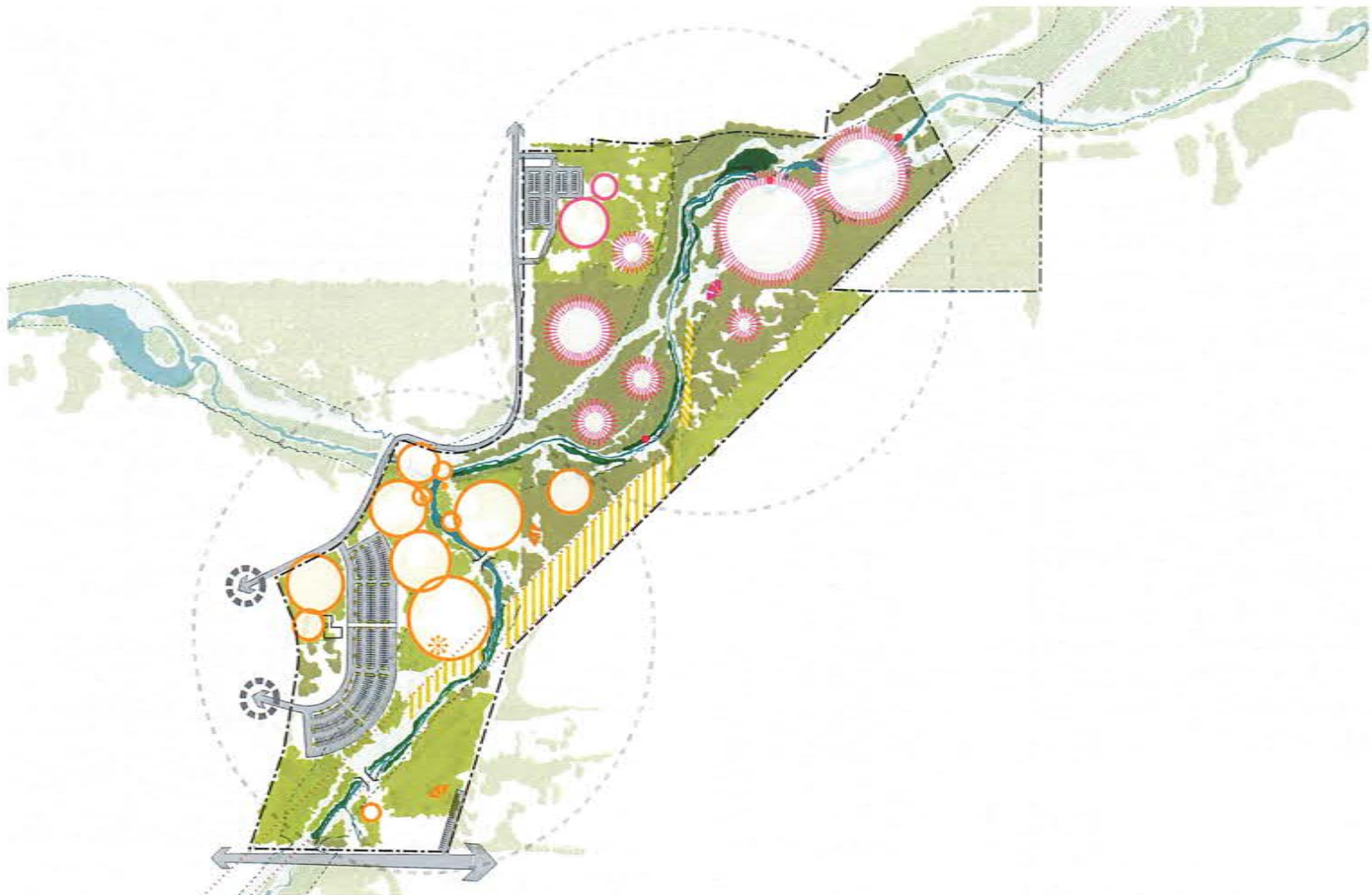


# master plan framework options

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# unearthed

master plan option

## themes

The **Unearthed** master plan aims to **re-engage** Bicentennial Park through a **naturalistic exploratory system** that moves from the park's south point to its **undisturbed** north point. The users are able to **interact with nature** and its programs by simulating the **Texas terrain**.

Emphasizing the journey between the “discovered” and undiscovered” areas, programs are dispersed throughout the site and connection by multi-modal trails.

## programming

Discovered and Undiscovered zones make up the Unearthed master plan. Each area offers a distinctive identity and an engaging experience for users through active and passive activities to promote movement. The south side (Discovered zone) concentrated on creating a more communal social centre for the use of the residents.

Numerous active routes for jogging, mountain biking, and strolling on the north side (Undiscovered zone). It provides users with immersive outdoor activities.

## discovered

*The project's southern portion includes a variety of structured programming that is geared primarily toward passive activities and for the youths.*

- Expanded mesquite grove
- Amphitheater / Program Lawn
- Adventure & Fitness Course
- Nature Play with splash pad
- Visitor amenity center (with Restrooms)
- Formal gathering spaces (grills + pavilions)
- Tree house lookout
- Fishing spots
- Dog parks

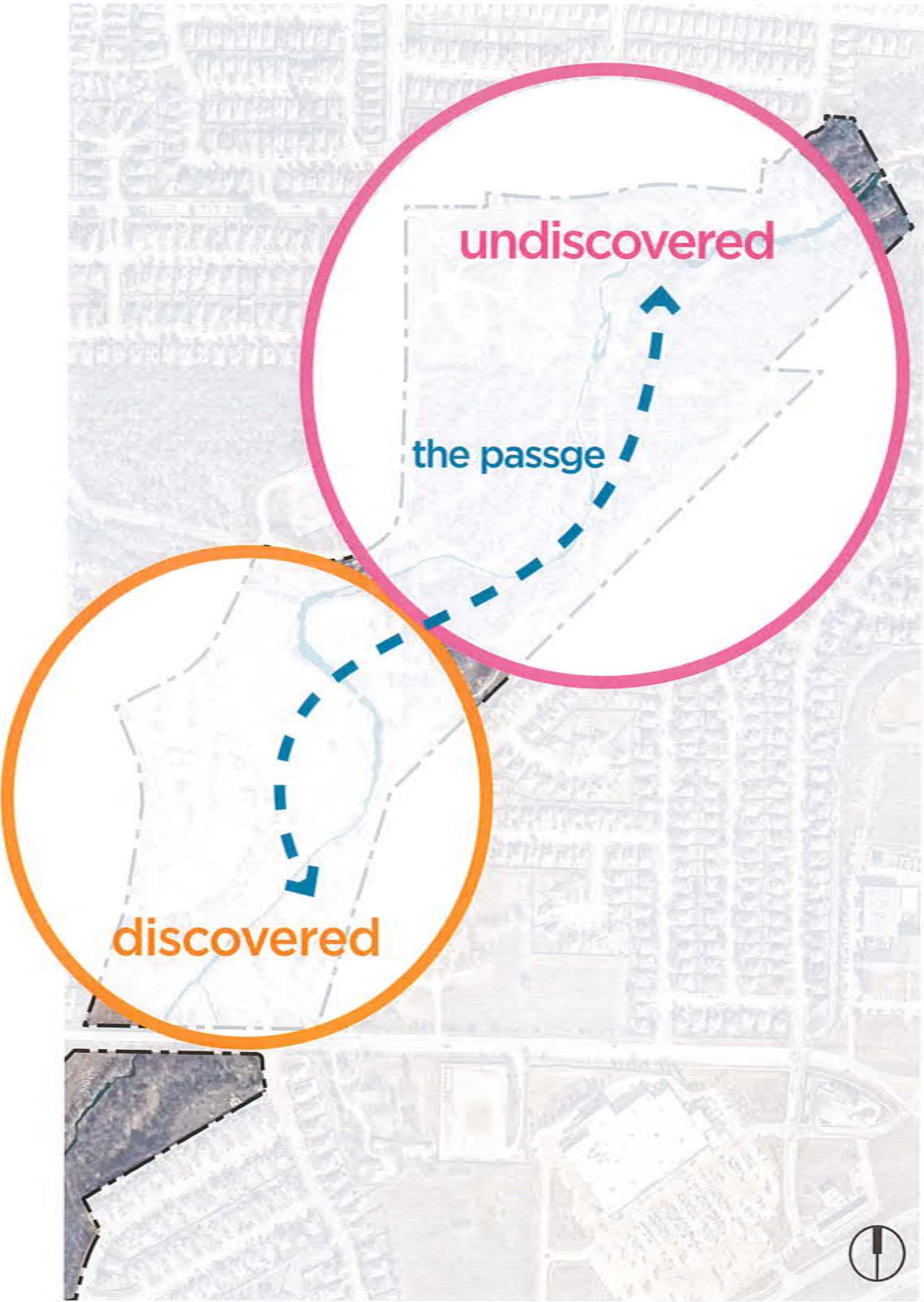
## the passage

*Multi-modal trails are dispersed across the site, allowing visitors to meander and discover the*

## undiscovered

*Program spaces begin to take on a natural feel in both form and outdoor recreational activity.*

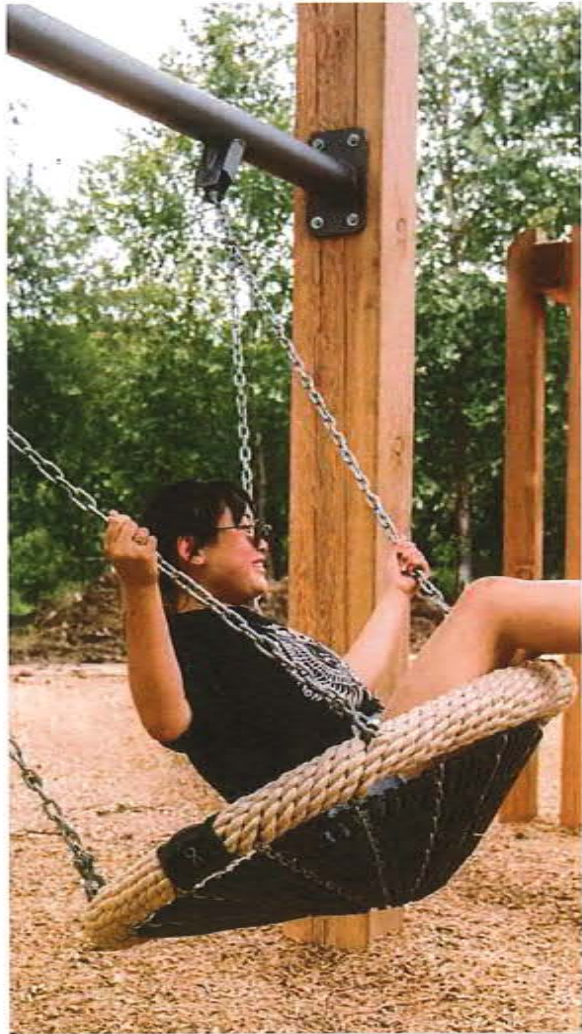
- Mountain biking
- Camp site
- Rock climbing
- Hammock
- Community garden / Education center
- Art installment to honor Crowley's history
- Tree house lookout
- Informal gathering spaces (grills + seating)
- Prairie meadow trail
- Fitness course (adults)





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discovered



undiscovered



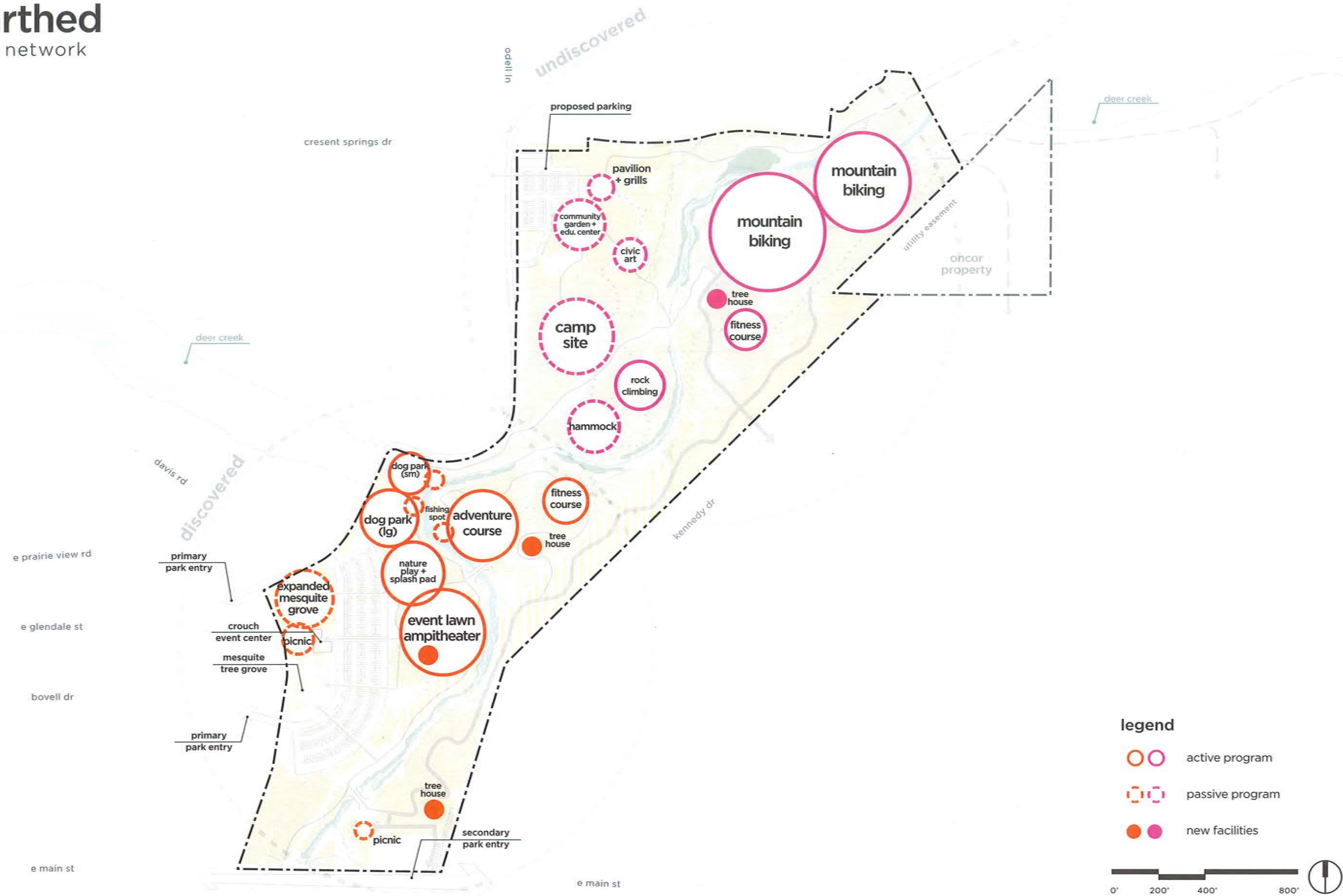


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overall master plan









program matrix

active program

- event lawn & amphitheater: 100,250 sqft. or 2.30 acres
- fitness course (2): 20,000 sqft.
- mountain biking: 270,000 sqft. or 6.20 acres.
- nature play with splash pad (school age play): 15,000 sqft.
- adventure course (teen & adult): 70,200 sqft. or 1.61 acres.
- rock climbing: 30,000 sqft.
- dog park (large): 55,000 sqft. or 1.2 acres.
- dog park (small): 26,000 sqft.

passive program

- pavilion cook/seating area: 8,000 sqft.
- picnic area (large): 15,000 sqft.
- picnic area (small): 5,000 sqft.
- hammock: 32,000 sqft.
- fishing spots (3): 1,000 sqft.
- seating/rest stops (3): 500 sqft.
- community garden with education center: 35,000 sqft.
- campsite : 80,000 sqft. or 1.84 acres.
- mesquite groove : 55,000 sqft. or 1.19 acres.

new amenities

- civic space/art installment: 28,000 sqft.
- treehouse (3): 500 sqft.

parking

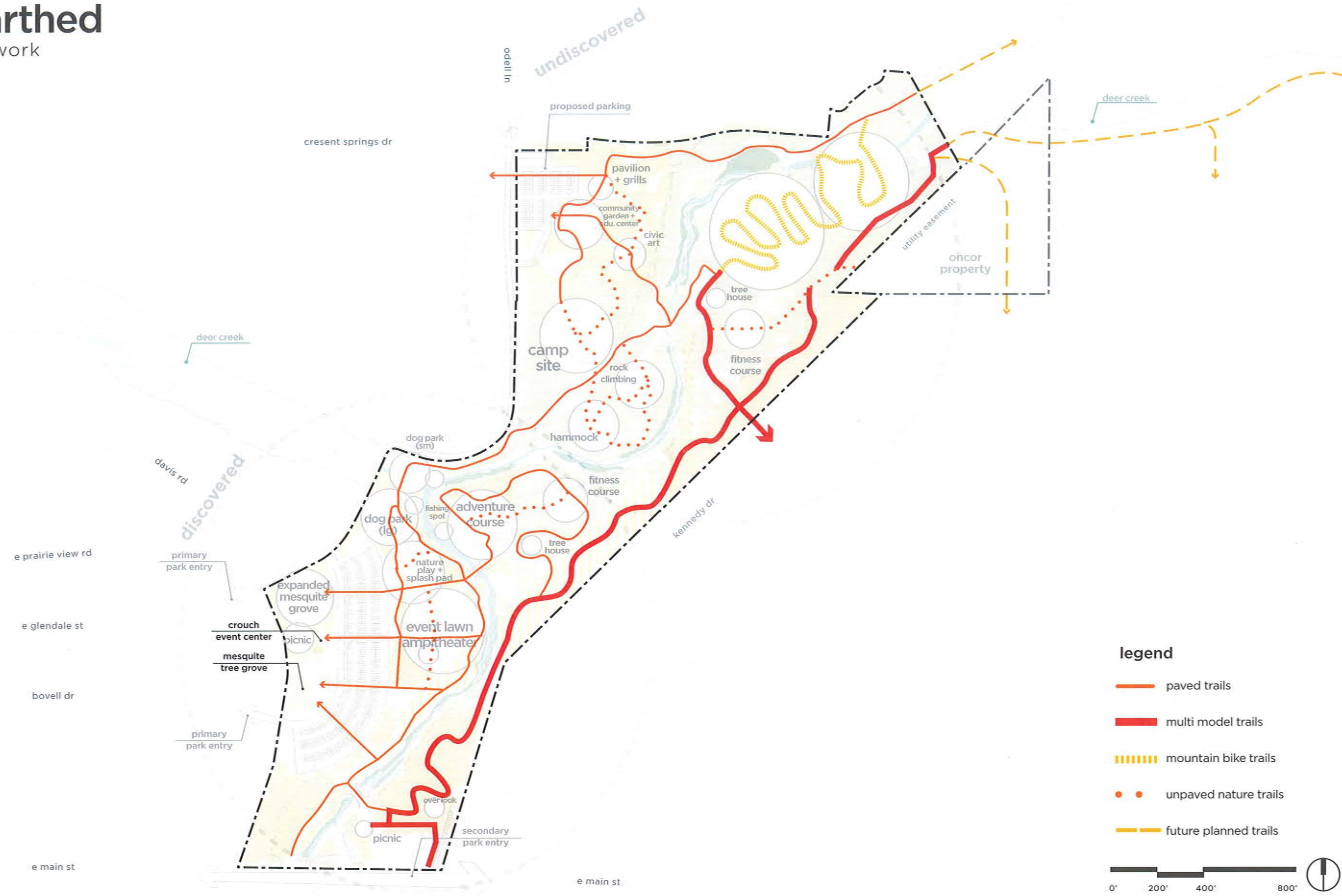
- current parking spaces: 170
- additional parking spaces: 341





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trail network





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trail network

trail matrix

paved trails

- harscape typology (concrete): 11,536 lf. or 2 miles

multi-modal

- elevated trails (wood): 5,390 lf. or 1 mile

nature trails

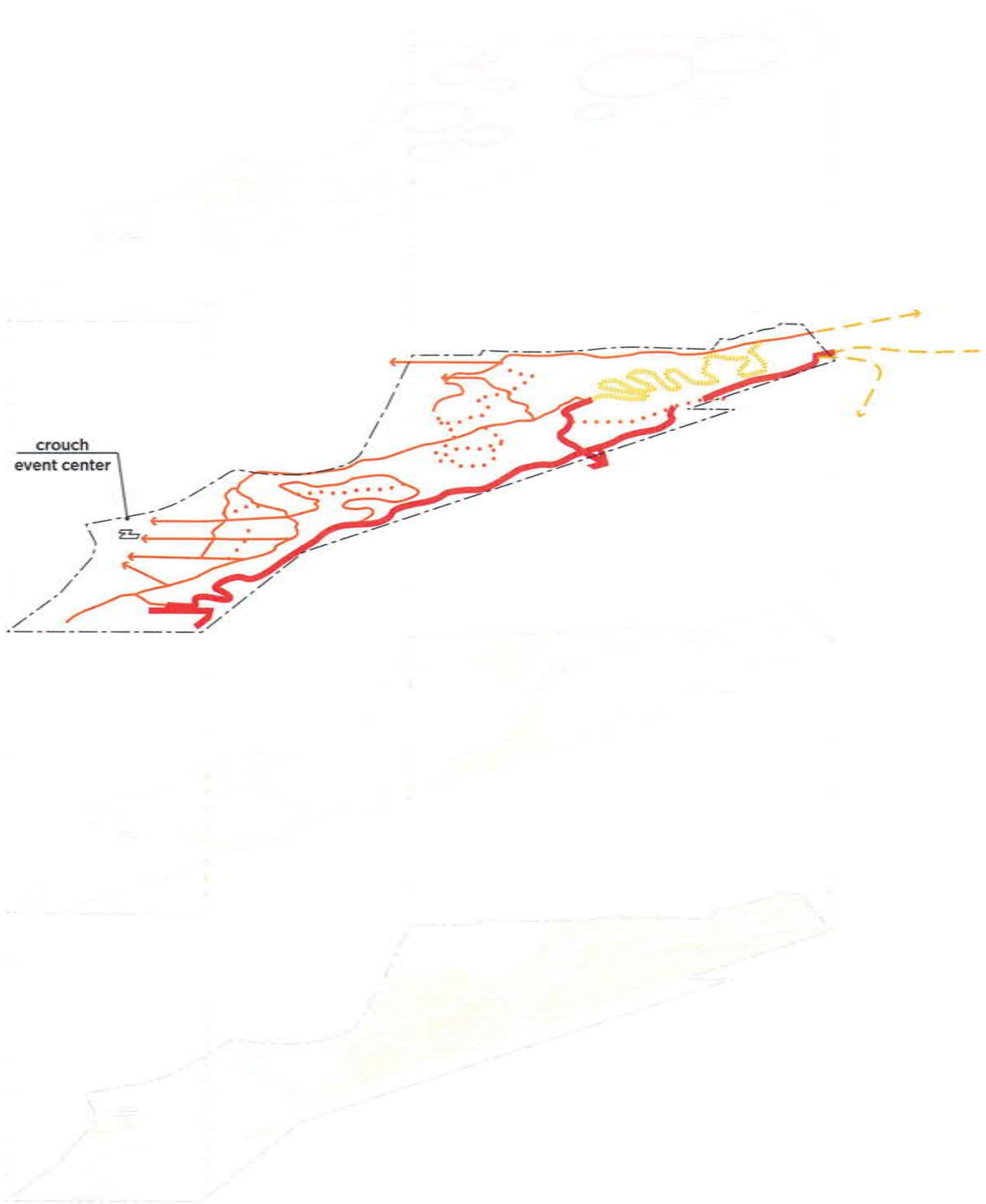
- unpaved typology (mulch or dirt): 4,609 lf. or 1 mile

future trails

- paved or unpaved typology: tbd

mountain bike

- mix between hardscape and softsacpe: 3,164 lf. or .5 miles







**legend**

- forest restoration
- meadow/grassland restoration
- wetland/creek edge restoration









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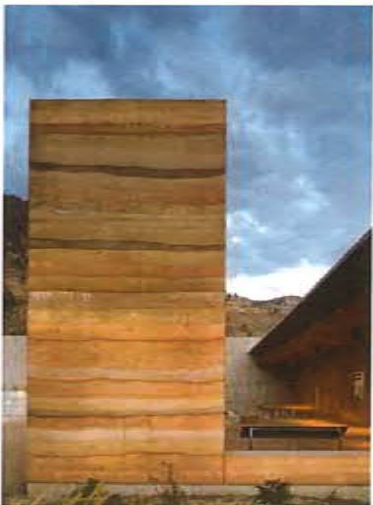
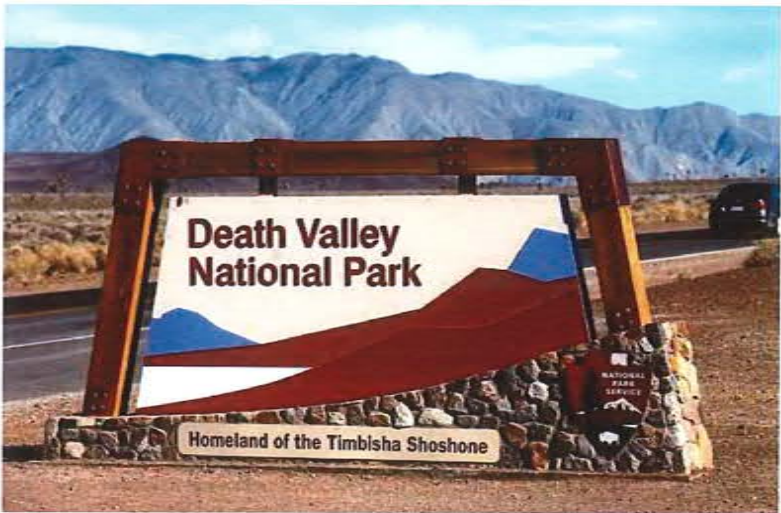
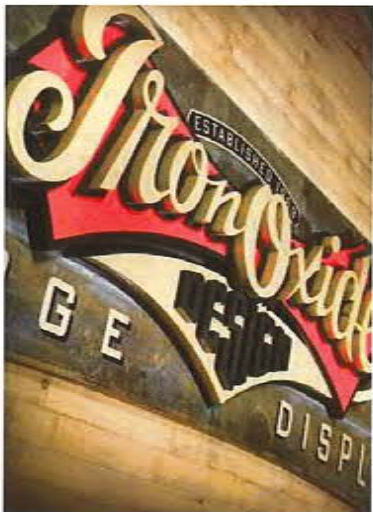
signage programming





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signage concept & reference imagery



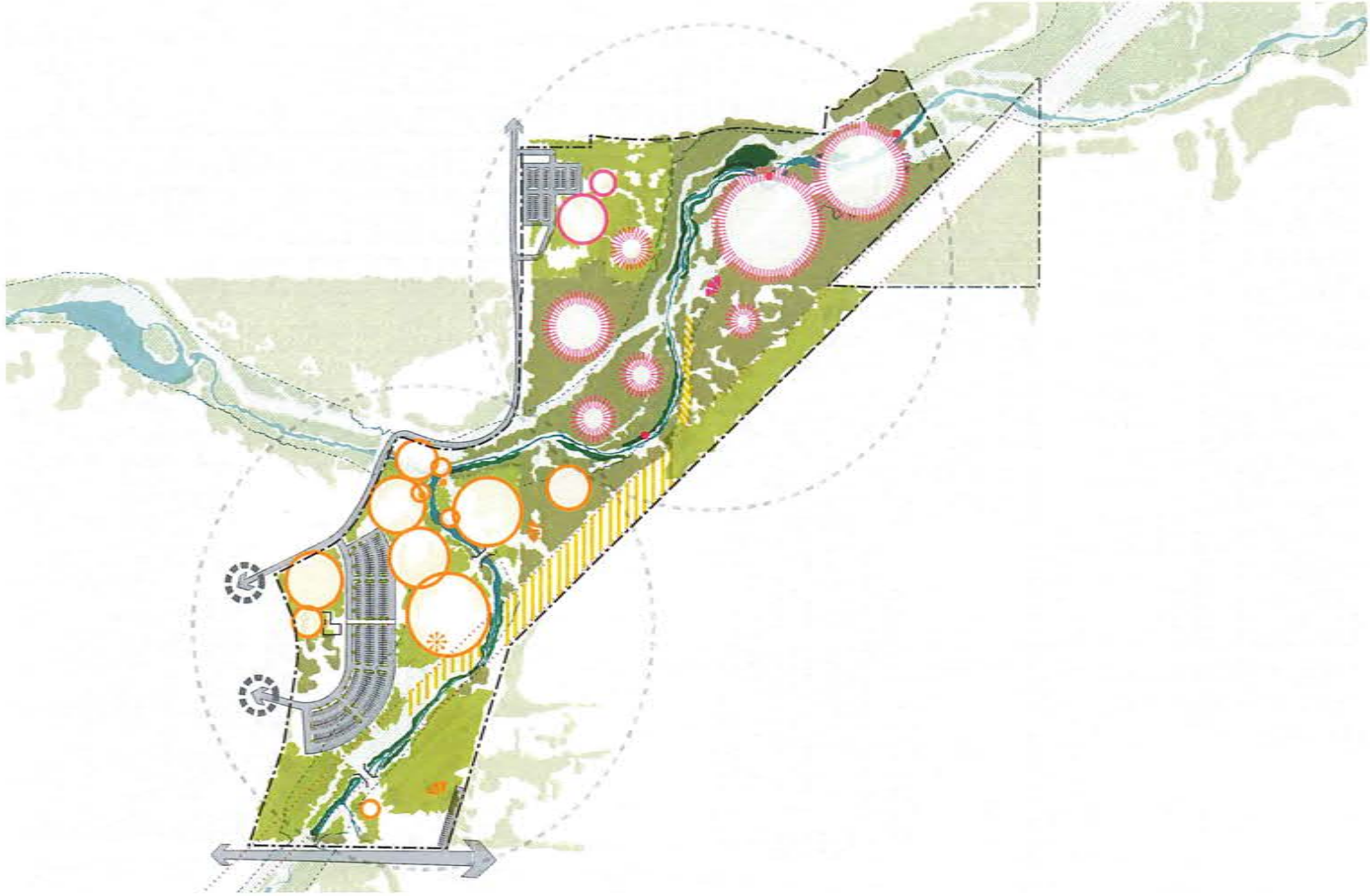


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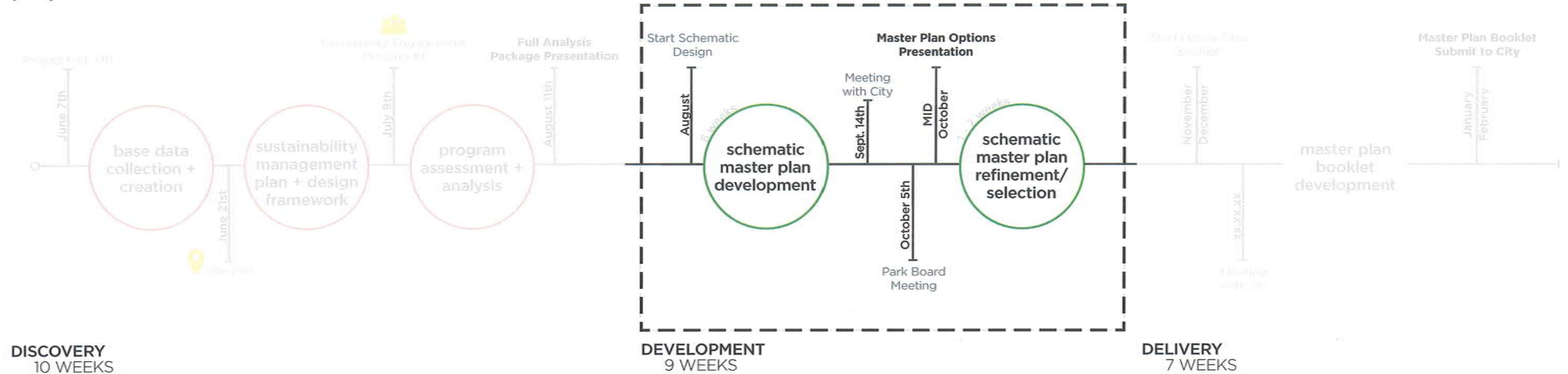
# next steps

framework master plan

## Bicentennial Park

Project Timeline

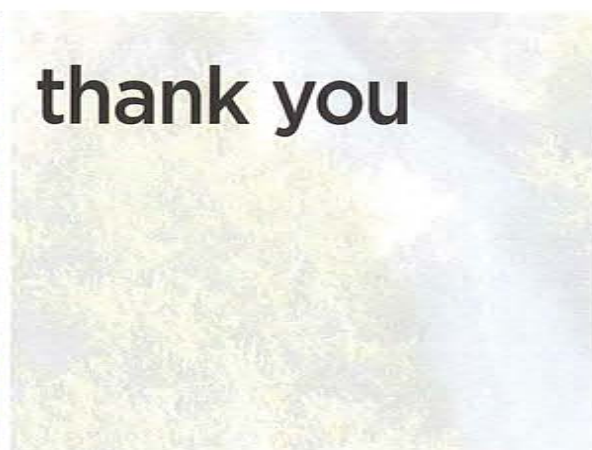
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### next steps:

- community engagement #2
- city to provide feedback on master plan framework options
- take any feedback from this meeting and implement for Parks Board Meeting on Oct. 5th





thank you