



a NEW vision for an OLD community park

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The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in collaboration with Recreation District 11, initiated and facilitated the study and development of the Master Plan for Air Base Park. Recreation District 11 is a political subdivision of TPCG and is managed by a Board of five members representing the local government.

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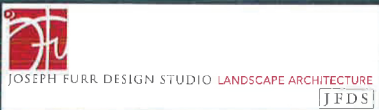
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DREAM

Originally conceived as only a soccer enhancement project the dream was to create a quality venue for recreational and travel soccer games. Before the actual design work could be completed, it was necessary to determine if the program design could be fulfilled on this site. This was accomplished by a substantial study of the recreational needs and demand, the potential site, and general purpose for the park. This was done to determine the feasibility and financial viability of the dream, to make certain that this new recreation area was in fact what the Parish needed and desired.

FEASIBILITY

Inclusive | Fair | Participative

This park strives to address the sports and recreational needs of everyone living in the Parish, not only the needs of youth sports and traveling teams, but also the needs of the people of the Parish in general. In order for the project to be feasible, it was determined early in the process that the park should enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish through outdoor recreation as identified in the Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update. The goal is that this park should be inclusive of many aspects of recreation and should be more diverse than simply soccer fields.

Economic Impact

It was recognized that the recreation industry and the ability to bring out-of-town “sports tourists” to this complex will create a significant economic impact for the Parish. This influx of out-of-Parish income will enhance the feasibility of the development and sustainability of the park.

Site Viability and Suitability

In order for the project to be viable on this site, the land needed to be appropriate for the proposed uses and had to be able to provide for a park that would meet the needs of the community. The land had to have appropriate access to infrastructure and access to public roadways, be of the appropriate acreage, and be compatible with the surrounding uses. The feasibility of the site and all items needed to be assessed before the Parish continued with a design.

GOALS

Trustworthy | Honest | Sincere

The Steering Committee conceived the Park Master Plan as a tool to provide strategic and visionary planning for the development of both programs and facilities within the Parish. The overarching effort is to create “top-notch” recreation programs and facilities that are integral to community life, and to build on the unique assets and character of Terrebonne Parish. The park will also provide a destination of quality for visitors through the reputation of the warm and friendly nature of the area.

PLANS

The plans developed as part of this project are responsive to the goals and the design program developed in the feasibility study phase of the project. Several different options were explored to completely study the feasibility of the land. These options were vetted with the Steering Committee, stakeholders, and the public, and then revised accordingly. Finally, the Master Plan was developed based upon the feedback from the Steering Committee, stakeholders, and the public.

OBJECTIVES

This document provides a guide for future developments in a manner that preserves the unique character and history of this community within Terrebonne Parish. Further improving the image and vitality of Recreation District II, the plan also includes leisure and recreation opportunities for community members of all ages and abilities. Recreation and leisure activities are closely linked with quality of life perceptions. The vision for the park will inspire pride within the community, encouraging long-term private sector investment and sustained economic development. This Master Plan is an adaptable tool for developing the park and working with local, state and federal agencies as partners in achieving the visionary goals of the Master Plan.

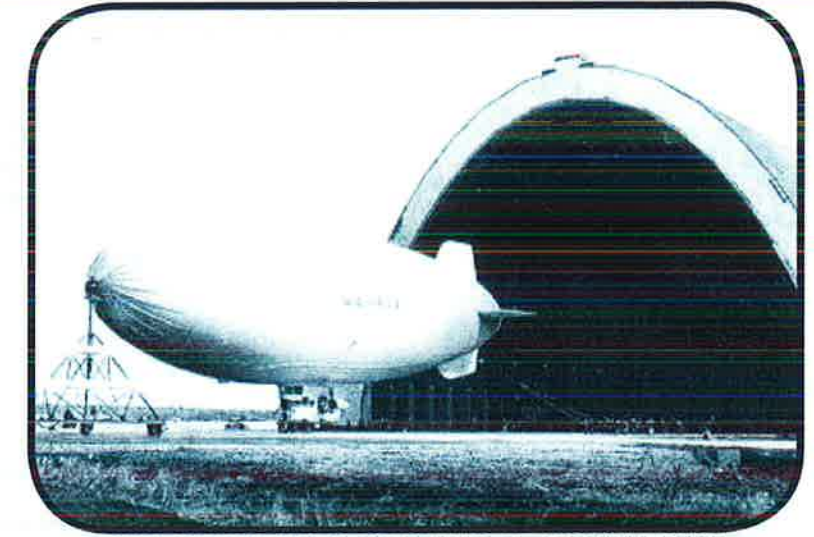




LOUISIANA COAST RELATION TO HOUMA



HISTORIC PHOTO OF MILITARY SIGNAGE



HISTORIC PHOTO OF BLIMP AT HOUMA BASE

As designers our goal is to enhance and incorporate the local history and features into our design. As we proceeded through the design phases we always kept the historical context of the area in our thoughts as a means of inspiration and contextual significance.

Once considered THE place to “pass-a-good-time”, over the years, this park had fallen out of favor for many. Random development, lack of forethought and funding have produced a segmented and rundown environment, but one of great potential. The site for Airbase Park in Houma, Louisiana, is a consolidation of three park properties and a contiguous open site to create one 123-acre community park in Terrebonne Parish.

Terrebonne Parish is a coastal Louisiana Parish, approximately 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, but situated on the northern edge of the coastal marshes, just west of the mouth of the Mississippi River. The natural resources of the coastal region with access to waterways and shipping channels as well as abundant seafood, cuisine and south Louisiana charm, are all a big part of the way of life “down ‘da bayou”. Another integral part of the culture and the economy is the oil and gas industry, which has greatly affected the parish both in population growth and the actual footprint of the Parish.

Most of the park property was dedicated to the city of Houma for use as a park in the late 1940's out of the original acreage of the US Naval Air Station, a base for Lighter Than Air (LTA) or blimps, which served anti-submarine warfare purposes for the Navy during the War. The park was a center for Houma recreation, community events, festivals and music for many years and is also known as Houma City Park or East Houma City Park.

In the 1950's city leaders lobbied and were successful to have the Houma Navigational Canal routed through the center of town, thinking it would maximize the economic impact the canal would have on the city. Like many cities of that era, major transportation infrastructure investments were constructed without considering the long-term effects these would have on the city plan, growth patterns and societal issues. In 1961, the canal was completed and what resulted was a water body dividing the town in half with only two vehicular crossings between the two. Since that time the city has, to a certain extent, been thought of as East Houma and West Houma. The western side, having geographic features, available land, and better highway access to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, has experienced much of the growth that has occurred over the last 50 years. This has created some income disparity, or at least the perception of so, between the two sides. However, the park

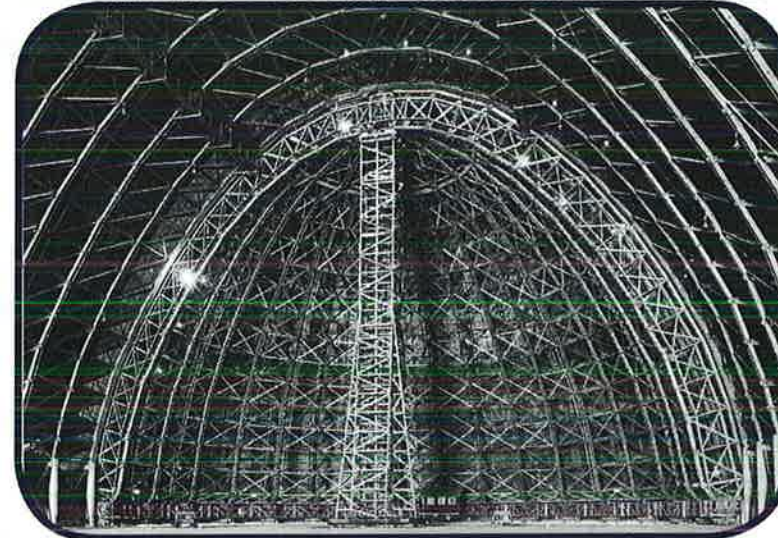
remained a central gathering area and center of recreation for many years after the division of the parish.

The parish consolidated government in 1984 and thus consolidated recreation throughout the parish. Public recreation is served by a parish wide recreation department, which provides programs for the entire parish. Facilities are provided for and maintained by 11 Recreation Districts (political subdivisions), which were established upon the consolidation of government. Each District has their own taxing authority and is responsible for maintaining the established millages and is responsible for those taxes for their constituents. There are 45 recreational properties managed by the 11 Recreation Districts. Prior to consolidation, many of the parks were city parks, which were developed and maintained by the various towns and communities in the parish. The boundary of Recreation District 11, includes most of the city of Houma, and has 16 recreation sites, 9 on the west side and 7 on the east side of the canal. City Park is on the east side of the canal as well as two other parks that are close by or contiguous to City Park - the Adult Softball Complex and The East Houma Gym and Pool Complex both of which are also in Recreation District 11.

A CANAL DIVIDES THE CITY INTO TWO

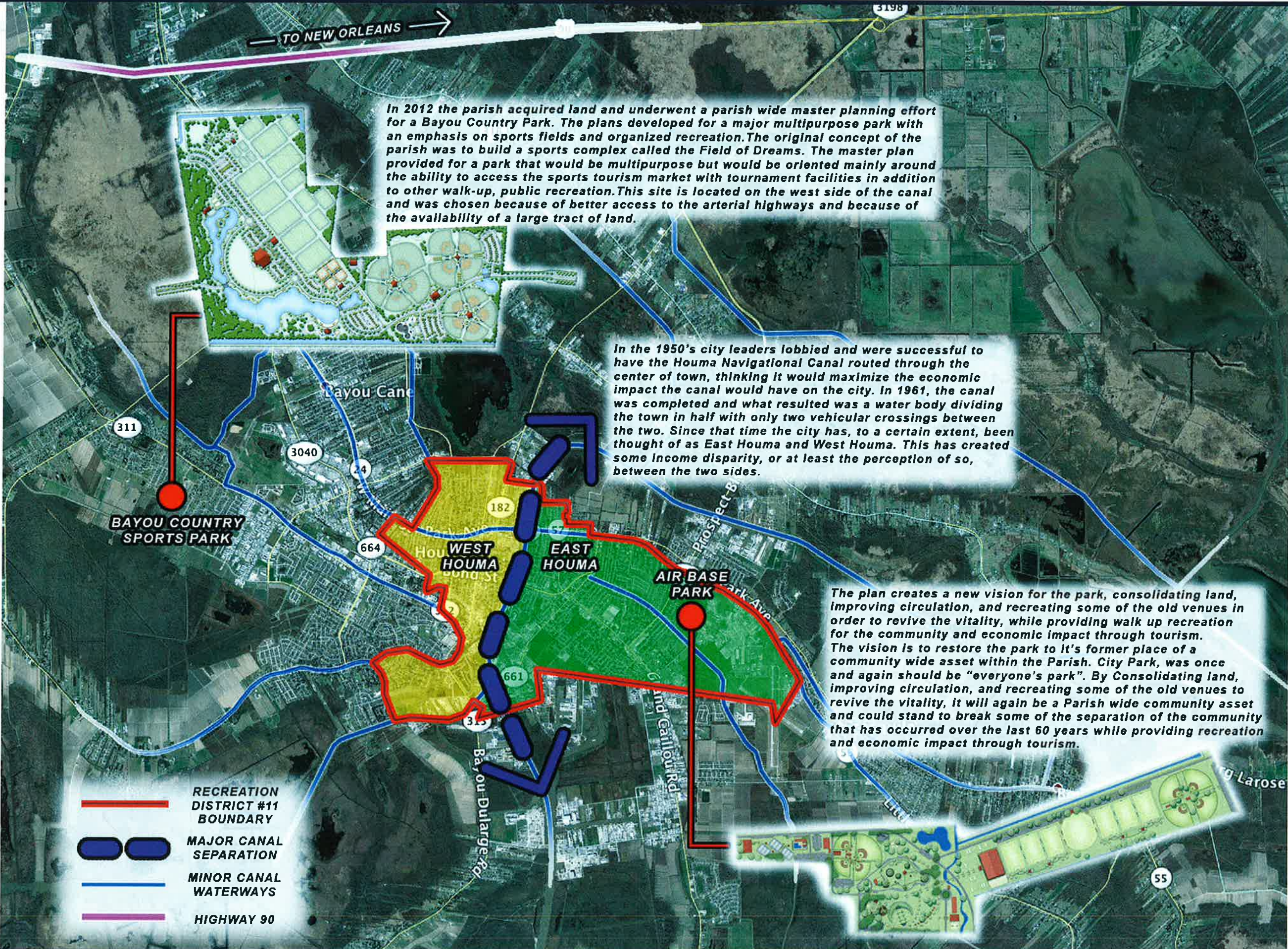


HISTORIC PHOTO OF BLIMP HANGAR AT HOUMA BASE



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In 2012 the parish acquired land and underwent a parish wide master planning effort for a Bayou Country Park. The plans developed for a major multipurpose park with an emphasis on sports fields and organized recreation. The original concept of the parish was to build a sports complex called the Field of Dreams. The master plan provided for a park that would be multipurpose but would be oriented mainly around the ability to access the sports tourism market with tournament facilities in addition to other walk-up, public recreation. This site is located on the west side of the canal and was chosen because of better access to the arterial highways and because of the availability of a large tract of land.

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The plan creates a new vision for the park, consolidating land, improving circulation, and recreating some of the old venues in order to revive the vitality, while providing walk up recreation for the community and economic impact through tourism. The vision is to restore the park to its former place of a community wide asset within the Parish. City Park, was once and again should be "everyone's park". By Consolidating land, improving circulation, and recreating some of the old venues to revive the vitality, it will again be a Parish wide community asset and could stand to break some of the separation of the community that has occurred over the last 60 years while providing recreation and economic impact through tourism.

- RECREATION DISTRICT #11 BOUNDARY
- MAJOR CANAL SEPARATION
- MINOR CANAL WATERWAYS
- HIGHWAY 90



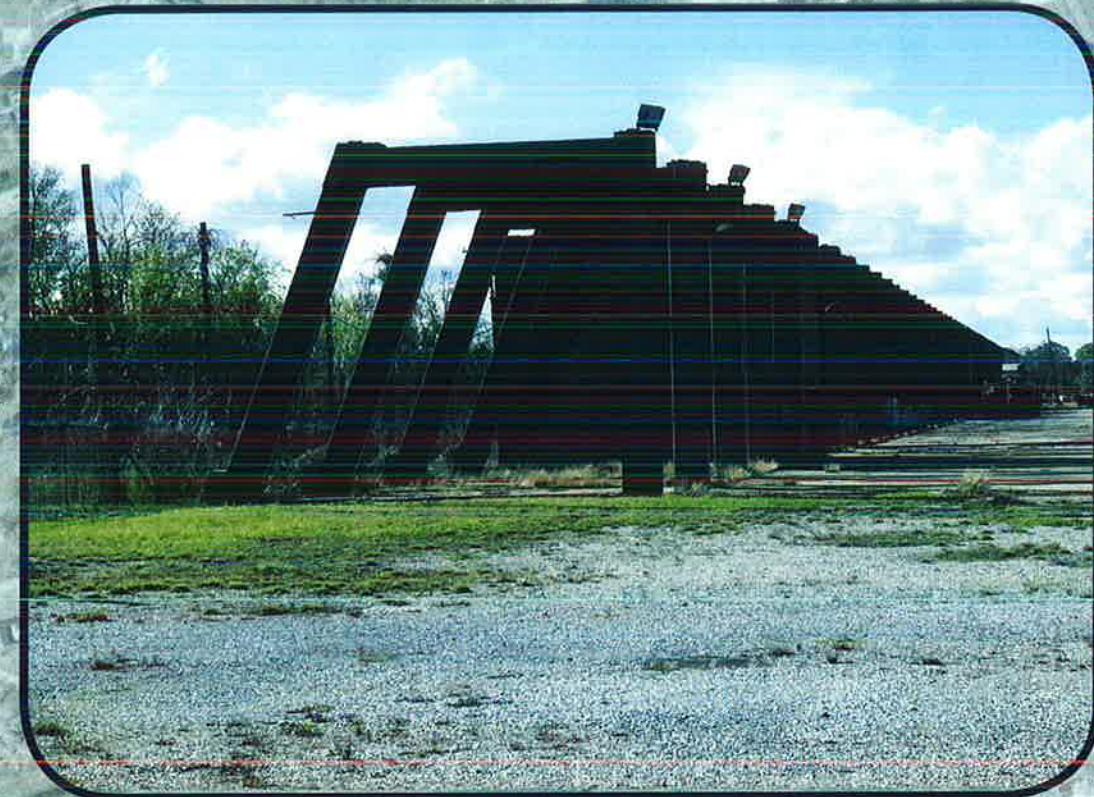
In developing this Master Plan, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Recreation District II have taken many steps to ensure that the planning effort reflects the community's commitment to improving the quality of life in the region. These steps have included interviewing and selecting the consultant team, creating a Steering Committee for the project, conducting a series of stakeholder meetings and public workshops. In order to determine the feasibility of the proposed property and the project, the recreational need and demand of the Parish and Recreation District had to be determined.

A facility inventory of Terrebonne Parish was completed prior to soliciting public input and prior to developing the Master Plan. The results of the facility inventory helped to identify recreational amenities of need within both the Recreation District and the Parish. The recreation sites within Recreation District II were analyzed for quality and quantity of existing facilities. This analysis indicated that facilities within the district were run down and in need of enhancement and renovation. However, consolidation of some uses into a single, more diverse destination for tournaments and greater use was needed. The study also indicated that most of the parks in the District were neighborhood-oriented. It became evident that there was a lack of destination-type recreation areas that provide many of the other facilities and programs that were desired as indicated in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), as well as the local study, Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update.

The proposed site was analyzed for location and access, context within the community, vegetation, drainage and visual quality. This analysis indicated that there were two major portions of land being divided by a drainage canal. While each portion was usable individually the idea of combining them for a greater usability warranted further study and would likely effect the value of those acres.

The site and recreational analysis was presented to a group of stakeholders in order to solicit input from groups that would be major users of the park or would be directly effected by its development. From this meeting and the analysis of the recreation in the Parish, a design program for the potential park was developed. The program includes the facilities and programs that need to be provided at the park.

Using the program, two schematic plans were developed to determine the potential for the property and presented to the Steering Committee as well as the public for input. A preferred plan was completed and deemed to be the most feasible. This plan was completed in a manner that would allow a functional park with the rerouting of the drainage canal. This produced the Preferred Plan and a Conditional Master Plan.

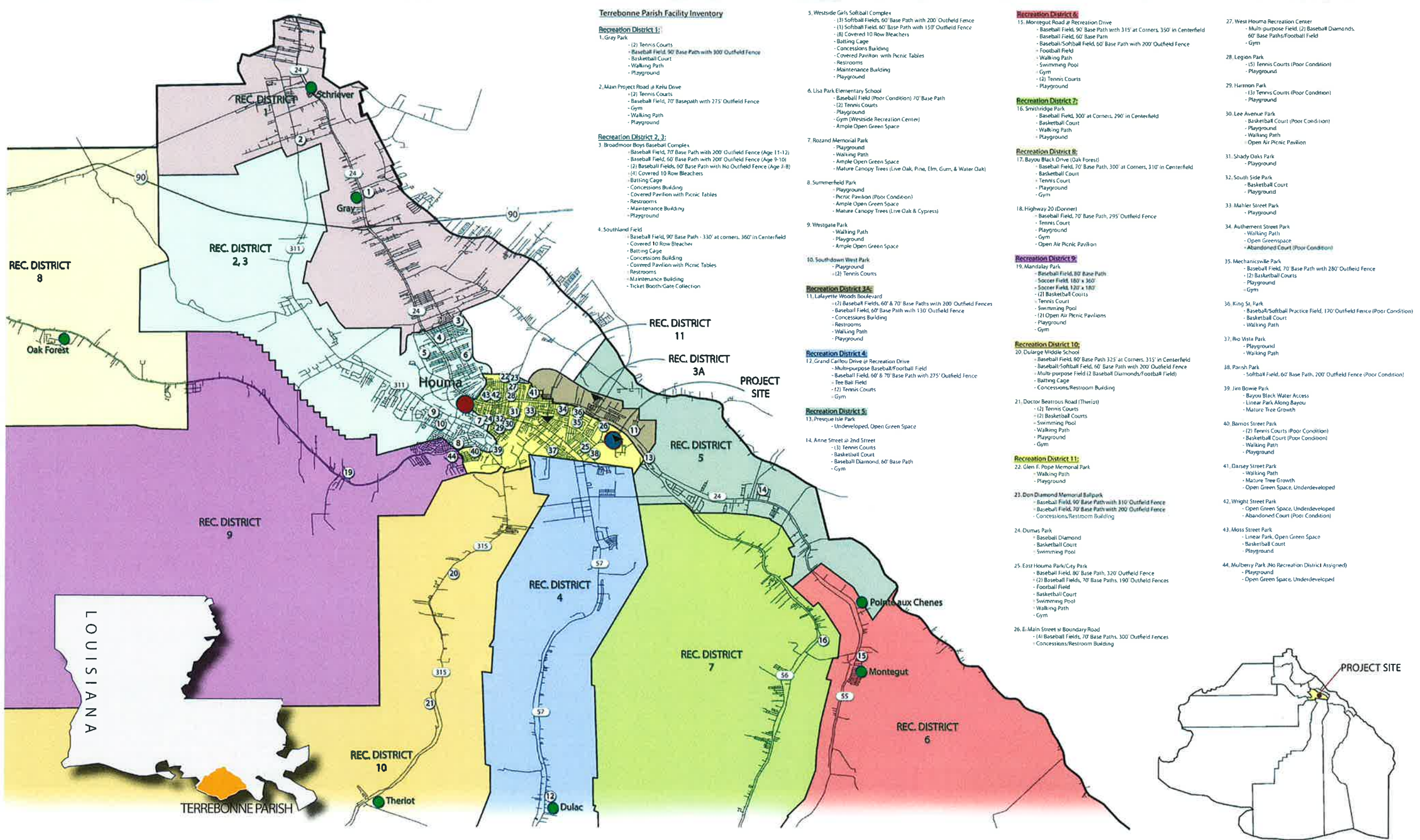


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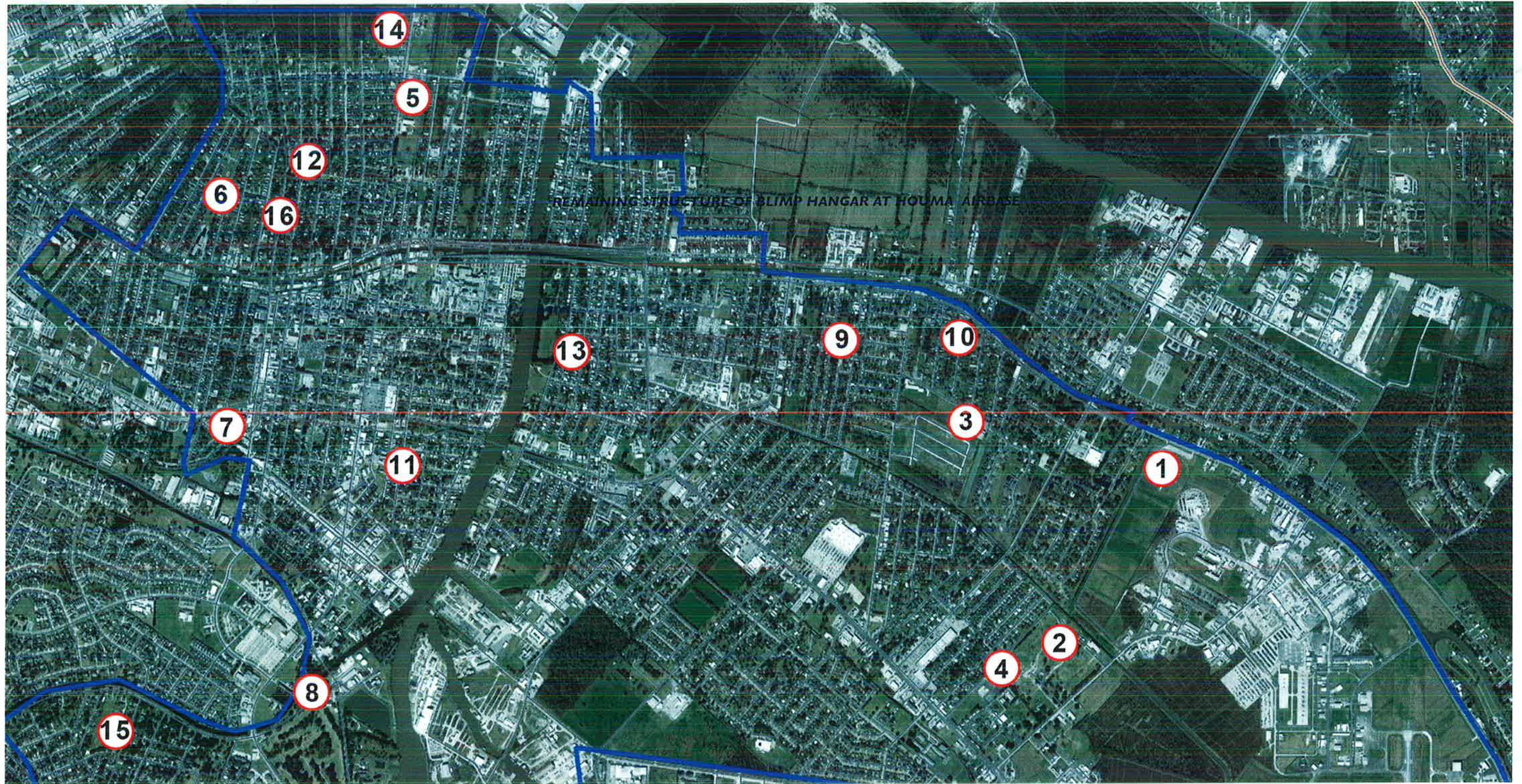




While the economic level of the area is not particularly low compared to other regions, it is fast growing and under-supplied with recreation amenities. Even though Recreation District 11 has several parks under their management, the sites are spread out and generally are small neighborhood playgrounds. This park will better serve the entire Parish with a consolidated multipurpose recreational facility. With many new families and children in the parish, as well as some retired professionals, there is significant need for this expansion of the park.

This site is large enough to also provide a recreation tourism draw and economic impact for the Parish. While this is a good goal for providing recreation, two things are important to consider. The access of public recreation to the citizens of the recreation district and developing facilities that complement, not compete, with other facilities in the Parish. Particularly Bayou Country Sports Park in Rec District 2-3.





1) ADULT SOFTBALL COMPLEX

SIZE

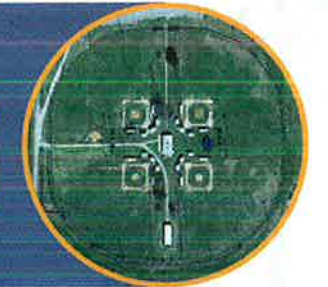
ACERAGE : 16

FACILITY INVENTORY

- (4) SOFTBALL FIELDS
- OPEN GREEN SPACE
- PLAYGROUND
- PAVILION

ECONOMICS

2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$92,434.34
 16 ACRES / \$92,434.34 = \$5,777.15 AN ACRE



2) CITY PARK & TONY CAVELLO

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS				
ACERAGE : 39.1	(3) BASEBALL FIELDS WALKING PATH FOOTBALL FIELD OPEN GREEN SPACE BASKETBALL COURT PLAY HILL	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$66,248.79 39.1 ACRES / \$66,248.79 = \$1,694.34 AN ACRE				

3) MECHANICVILLE GYM & BALLPARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS				
ACERAGE : 9.2	BASEBALL FIELD GYM BUILDING (2) BASKETBALL COURTS OPEN GREEN SPACE PLAYGROUND	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$302,591.43 9.2 ACRES / \$302,591.43 = \$32,890.37 AN ACRE				

4) EAST HOUMA GYM & POOL

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS				
ACERAGE : 9.2	SWIMMING POOL TENNIS COURTS (ABANDONED) GYM BUILDING BASKETBALL COURTS (ABANDONED) OPEN GREEN SPACE	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$71,395.82 9.2 ACRES / \$71,395.82 = \$7,760.42 AN ACRE				

5) WILLIAMS AVENUE GYM & PARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS				
ACERAGE : 5.3	(2) BASEBALL FIELDS GYM BUILDING OPEN GREEN SPACE	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$69,925.04 5.3 ACRES / \$69,925.04 = \$13,193.40 AN ACRE				

6) MOSS PARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS				
ACERAGE : 6.1	OPEN GREEN SPACE WALKING PATH BASKETBALL COURT PLAYGROUND	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$34,239.85 6.1 ACRES / \$34,239.85 = \$5,613.09 AN ACRE				



7) DUMAS PARK & POOL

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS
ACERAGE : 5	BASEBALL FIELD (2) TENNIS COURTS ABANDONED	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$125,036.23
	BASKETBALL COURT PLAYGROUND	5 ACRES / \$125,036.23 = \$25,007.25 AN ACRE
	SWIMMING POOL BUILDING	



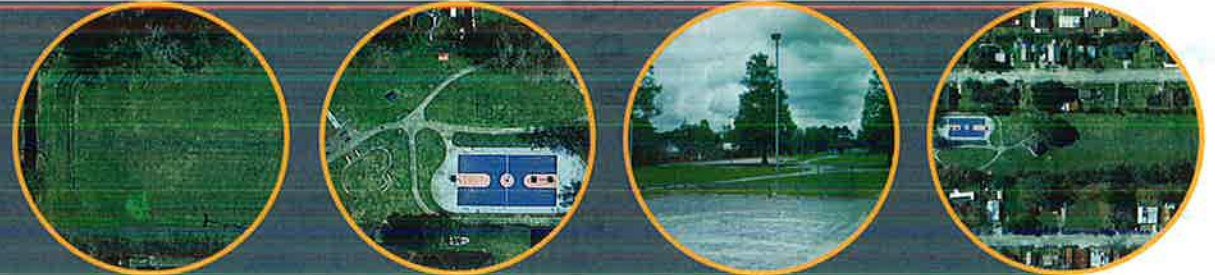
8) JIM BOWIE PARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS
ACERAGE : 3.6	WALKING PATH	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$2,919.67
	OPEN GREEN SPACE	3.6 ACRES / \$2,919.67 = \$811.02 AN ACRE



9) AUTHEMENT PARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS
ACERAGE : 3	WALKING PATH PAVILION	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$12,294.36
	OPEN GREEN SPACE PLAYGROUND	3 ACRES / \$12,294.36 = \$4,098.12 AN ACRE
	BASKETBALL COURT	



10) KING STREET PARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS
ACERAGE : 1.5	BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FIELD PLAYGROUND	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$60,632.68
	BASKETBALL COURT OPEN GREEN SPACE	1.5 ACRES / \$60,632.68 = \$40,421.79 AN ACRE
	WALKING PATH	



11) LEE AVENUE PARK

SIZE	FACILITY INVENTORY	ECONOMICS
ACERAGE : 1	BASKETBALL COURT PAVILION	2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$22,762.70
	PLAYGROUND OPEN GREEN SPACE	1 ACRE / \$22,762.70 = \$22,670.70 AN ACRE
	WALKING PATH	



12) MAPLE STREET PARK

SIZE

ACERAGE : 3.25

FACILITY INVENTORY

WALKING PATH
OPEN GREEN SPACE

ECONOMICS

2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$26,084.18
3.25 ACRES / \$26,084.18 = \$8,025.90 AN ACRE



13) MAHLER STREET PARK

SIZE

ACERAGE : 1

FACILITY INVENTORY

PLAYGROUND
OPEN GREEN SPACE

ECONOMICS

2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$24,404.26
1 ACRE / \$24,404.26 = \$24,404.26 AN ACRE



14) GLENN POPE TRACK

SIZE

ACERAGE : 9.8

FACILITY INVENTORY

WALKING PATH
PLAYGROUND
OPEN GREEN SPACE

ECONOMICS

2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$51,274.34
9.8 ACRES / \$51,274.34 = \$5,232.08 AN ACRE



15) BARRIOS TENNIS

SIZE

ACERAGE : 2.9

FACILITY INVENTORY

(2) TENNIS COURTS BASKETBALL COURT
PLAYGROUND OPEN GREEN SPACE
WALKING PATH

ECONOMICS

2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$11,150.00
2.9 ACRES / \$11,150.00 = \$3,844.83 AN ACRE



16) WRIGHT AVENUE TENNIS

SIZE

ACERAGE : 1

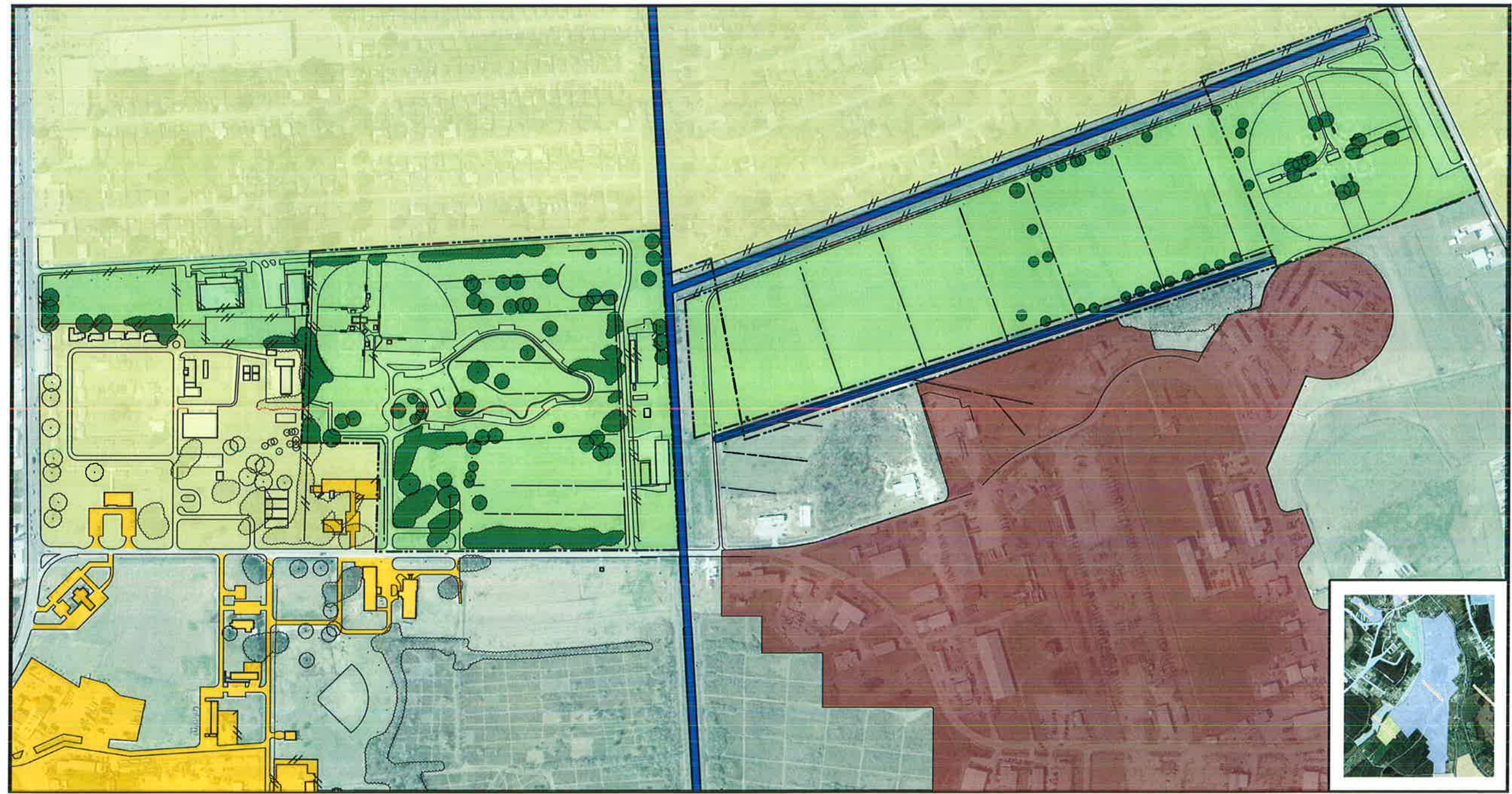
FACILITY INVENTORY

OPEN GREEN SPACE
TENNIS COURT
PLAYGROUND

ECONOMICS

2012-2017 EXPENDITURES: \$3,250.00
1 ACRE / \$3,250.00 = \$ 3,250.00 AN ACRE

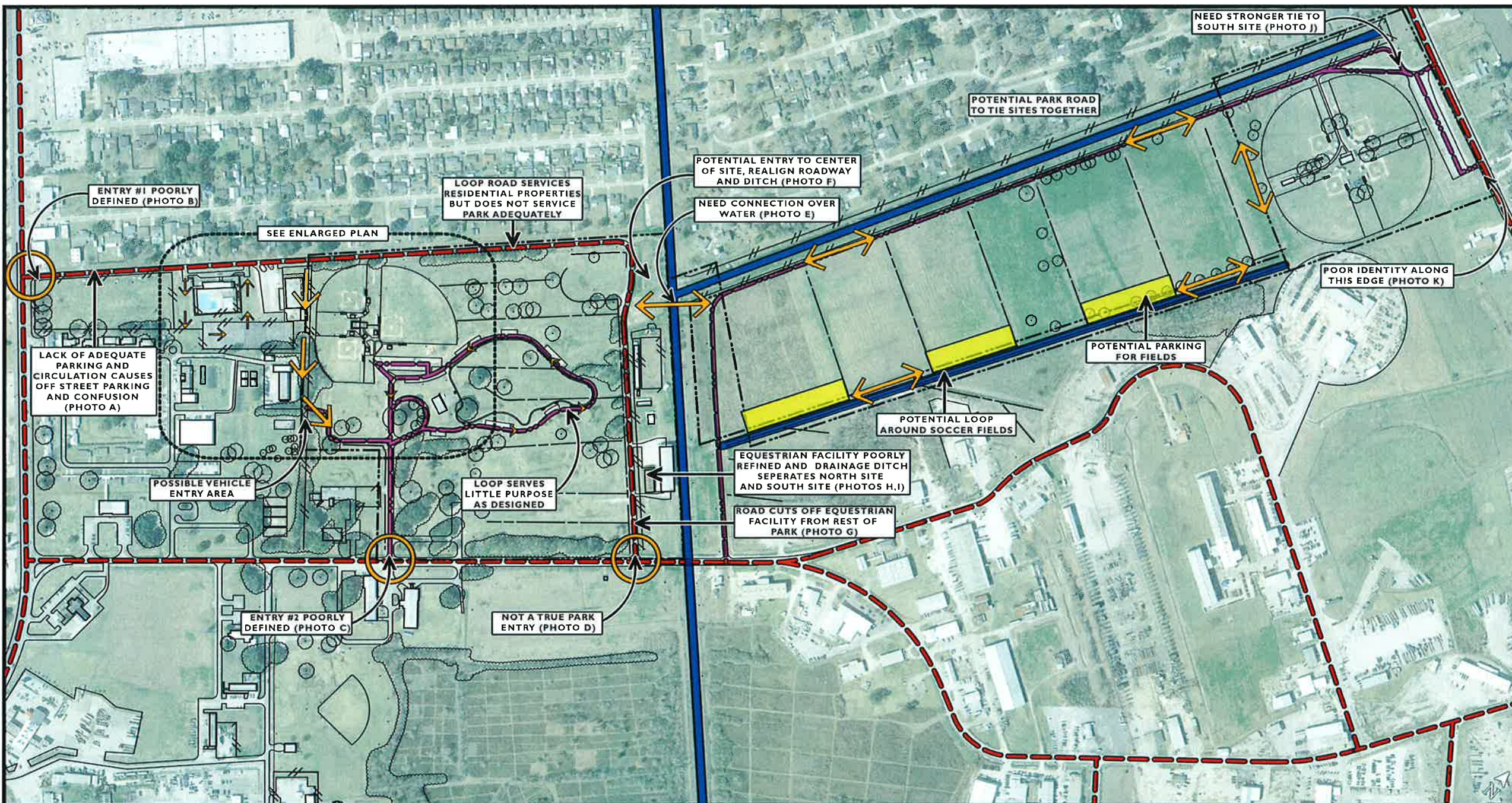




- PROJECT SITE AREA**
- RESIDENTIAL AREA**
- COMMERCIAL AREA**
- LARGE TREES ON SITE**
- INDUSTRIAL AREA**
- WATER AREA**

A field inspection of the property revealed little to no outstanding existing site features. The existing acreage studied is comprised of previously cultivated agricultural land. Outside of a handful of semi-mature Live Oaks, all other plant and vegetation growth consists of early succession plant material. Generally speaking, the site slopes from Northwest to Southeast, and the property drains into existing drainage ways along the east and west sides of the park via drainage ditches that were used to drain the previous agriculture field as well as a major drainage canal in the middle. The site is bounded by residential development on the North and West sides, commercial development on the South side, and the historic airport on the East. The highest and best use for this acreage is outdoor recreation.





An analysis of all existing entrance points to the site was conducted. As well as all vehicular and pedestrian circulation within and around the site. It was established that the site is quite segmented due to sporadic growth and construction projects with no real master plan. New circulation, entrance points, parking and connection of the two large portions of the park by redirecting the drainage canal were suggested and incorporated in the subsequent preliminary and preferred master plans.



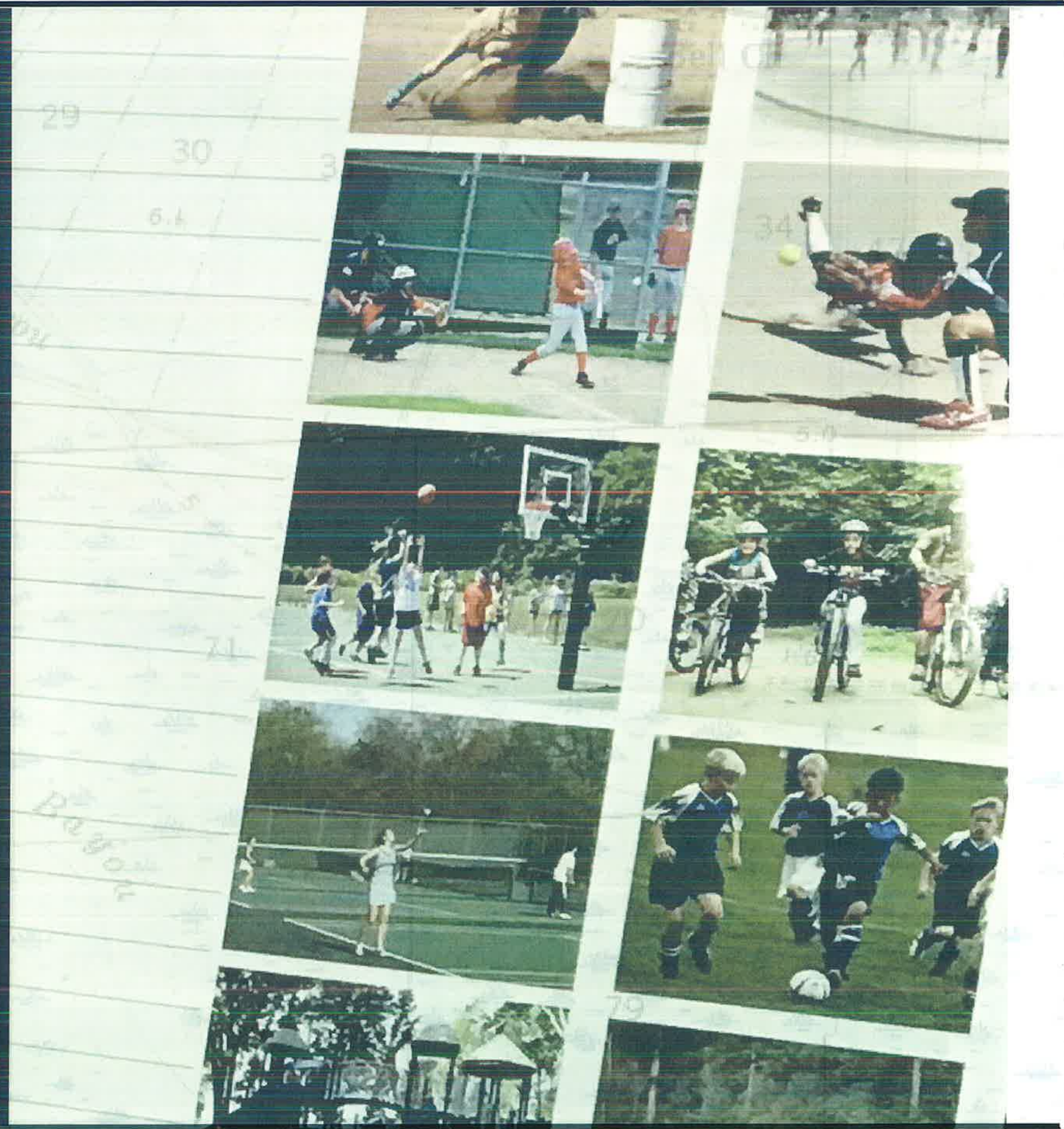
An integral part of the planning process is mobilizing the public in creating a collaborative vision for the development of a long-term recreation plan. The first public workshop provided a forum for moving individual ideas forward and developing collective solutions to the problems and opportunities unique to Air Base Park. At the workshop, fragments of ideas and solutions were pieced together, with the designer bringing experience from other locations and situations to form solutions to local problems in a local context.

Taking place at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum in January 2017, the workshop had approximately 50 participants. This type of public forum has the dual advantage of giving the designers and the Steering Committee immediate feedback and input on the items presented, while at the same time including the participants in the authorship of the Master Plan.

First the process to date was presented, along with the presentation of the benefits of parks to the community. The value of public recreation, economic impact, and quality of life were outlined to the participants. The study of the feasibility and the recommendations to date were publicly displayed, along with the plans that indicated the feasibility of the site.

After the presentation, there were opportunities in small groups for input and "dot polling" of facilities and programs desired. Paper surveys were distributed at the meeting, as well as online and through mail-outs, in order to provide statistical data for use in the preparation of the Final Master Plan. The Parish Planning Department created a project webpage to display plans and allow for public comment.

All questions and comments were answered and noted for the next phase of design.



DISTRICT-WIDE SUMMARY SCORP

Health and wellness are central concerns for all residents of Louisiana and are the prime reasons for recreational activities. The top recreational activities are fitness focused - walking, bicycle riding, swimming, and running or jogging. These activities accounted for 51 percent of all the recreation occurrences in Louisiana from 2002 to 2004, according to the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Program (SCORP). Louisiana has a high population of residents and visitors who enjoy outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting, along with wildlife watching. According to a 2003 survey by the SCORP, 54 percent of the population participated in wildlife-associated recreation, while 20 percent is the national average. The SCORP also surveyed the top ten recreation activities enjoyed by Louisiana residents which included attending outdoor events, walking for pleasure, swimming in a pool, freshwater fishing, picnicking and many other non-programmed sports activities. This suggests that while Recreation District II currently provides for active youth-based recreation, the need to plan for more passive recreation must reflect the real activities desired by the majority of residents as outlined in SCORP and in the Parish's Vision 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update.



The region is attractive to families with young children, suggesting the need to strengthen the traditional youth sports-related programs and facilities and explore how these facilities may have a shared use of restrooms and other amenities.

The Bayou Country Sports Park operates as this type of shared-use facility, with the restrooms and picnic facilities to be used by both youth activities and by the more passive recreation activities of walking, biking and wildlife watching provided along the trail system.

SPORTS /CULTURAL TOURISM

The new and growing trend of traveling youth and adult sports teams has in many cases become a cottage industry for economies throughout the South. Traveling teams from out of town bring outside dollars into local economies on a staggering level. The opportunity to compete in this marketplace is directly related to the facilities that are provided. The preferred tournament venues include basic layout requirements of clustered fields and, most importantly, well drained, high-quality playing surfaces. In addition, ample and clean restrooms and well-stocked concessions areas are important to tournament directors. Other on-site amenities, such as splash pads, gathering pavilions and playgrounds are added advantages for these venues. Other cultural activities such as entertainment venues for music or food festivals are potential tourism draws. Ultimately, it is important to understand that facilities for action sports, baseball/softball and soccer, endurance sports, and beyond, are all potential engines that can help add to the local economy. The key is to design a facility that first satisfies the recreational needs of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish, and that also creates a venue that will draw these tourism dollars.





**Air Base Park
Community Input Session**
January 25, 2017

Information from this survey will help us in developing the programs and facilities that will meet the needs and expectations of the community. Thank you for your time and input, it is greatly appreciated.

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is committed to the quality of life within our region and an integral part of our mission is to improve recreation opportunities. The programs and facilities to be provided will be designed for residents of all ages and offer a variety of recreational activities.

Parish Wide Facilities and Programs

1. Listed below are some of the **facilities** and/or amenities that could be provided within Terrebonne Parish. Please circle all of the amenities you would like to see in your community:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| a. Picnic Pavilion | r. Parking |
| b. Dog Park | s. Spray Ground / Splash Pad |
| c. Soccer Fields – Renovate / Expand | t. Kayak / Paddle Board Rental Area |
| e. Outdoor Basketball Courts | u. Covered Rodeo Space |
| f. Bandstand / Entertainment Venue | v. Biking/Running Trails |
| g. Indoor Classroom Space | w. Baseball – Renovate / Expand |
| h. Playground – Renovate / Expand | x. Festival Area |
| i. Sand Volleyball Court | y. Rental Pavilion |
| j. Wellness Station / Fitness Trail | z. Community Garden |
| k. Outdoor Games Area (Bocce Ball, Horse Shoes, Shuffle Board) | aa. Open Green Space |
| l. Tennis Courts – Renovate / Expand | bb. Better Circulation |
| m. 4-H / Rodeo – Renovate/Expand | cc. Other _____ |
| o. Outdoor Museum Event Space | dd. Other _____ |
| p. Concessions/Restrooms | ee. Other _____ |

2. Listed below are some **programs** that are currently offered and some that could be provided. Please circle all of the programs you are interested in within your community:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Walking / Running | i. Soccer |
| b. Livestock Shows | j. Adult Recreation Leagues |
| c. Kayaking/Canoeing/Paddle Boarding | k. Cultural Events |
| d. Youth Baseball/Softball League | l. Biking |
| e. Workshops / Meetings | m. Picnic Ability |
| f. Rodeos | n. Volleyball |
| g. Fairgrounds | o. Basketball |
| h. Music Festivals / Concerts | p. Fitness |
| | q. Tennis |
| r. Community Garden Programs | w. Horse Riding (Competitive, Show) |
| s. Trail Connections | x. Other _____ |
| t. Outdoor Concerts | y. Other _____ |
| u. Family / Recreation Programs | z. Other _____ |
| v. Farmers Market | |

Recreation District 11 – Air Base Park

The proposed park site sits on roughly 134 acres of land. Bounded to the North by East Main Street and Grand Caillou Road to the South. A drainage canal separates the park with the adjacent property to the West being residential neighborhoods and industrial areas to the East. Development of this park presents residents with an opportunity to strategically plan for the recreation programs and facilities to be provided at this location.

3. From the list of **facilities** in question one, what are the five additional facilities and/or amenities you would like to see provided at the Air Base Park location? Please write the corresponding letter in the spaces below:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
 other _____

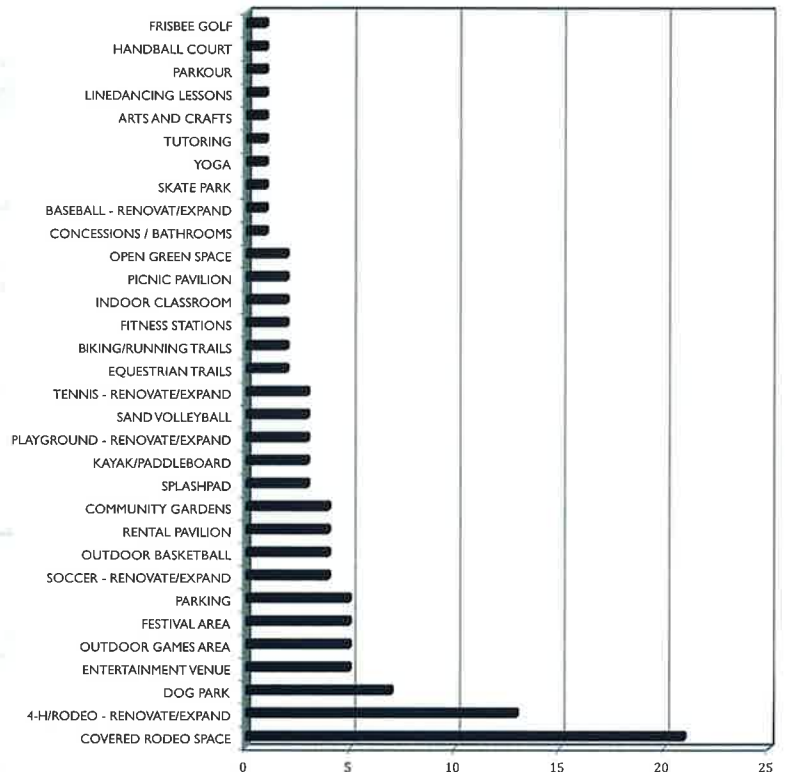
4. From the list of **programs** in question two, what are the five programs you would like to see provided at the Air Base Park location? Please write the corresponding letter in the spaces below:

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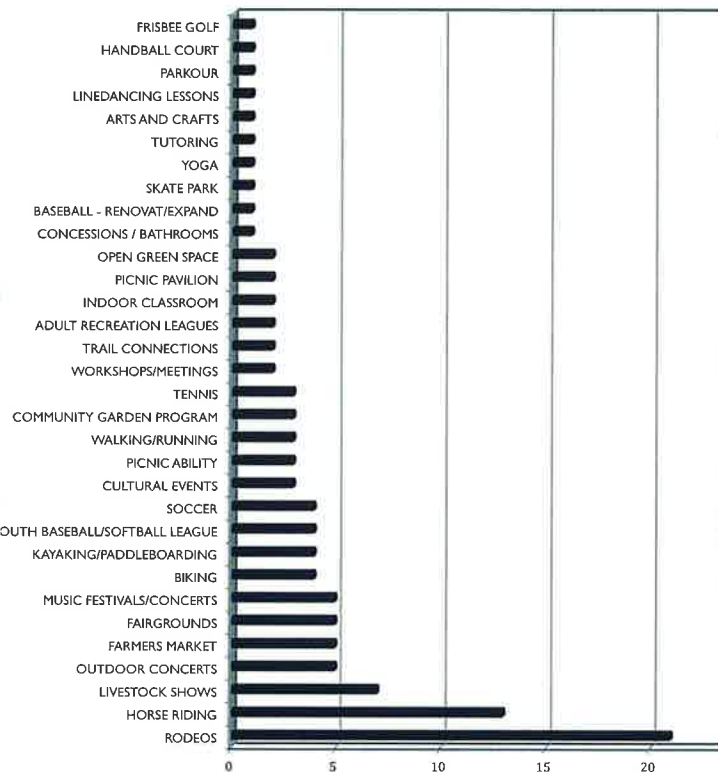
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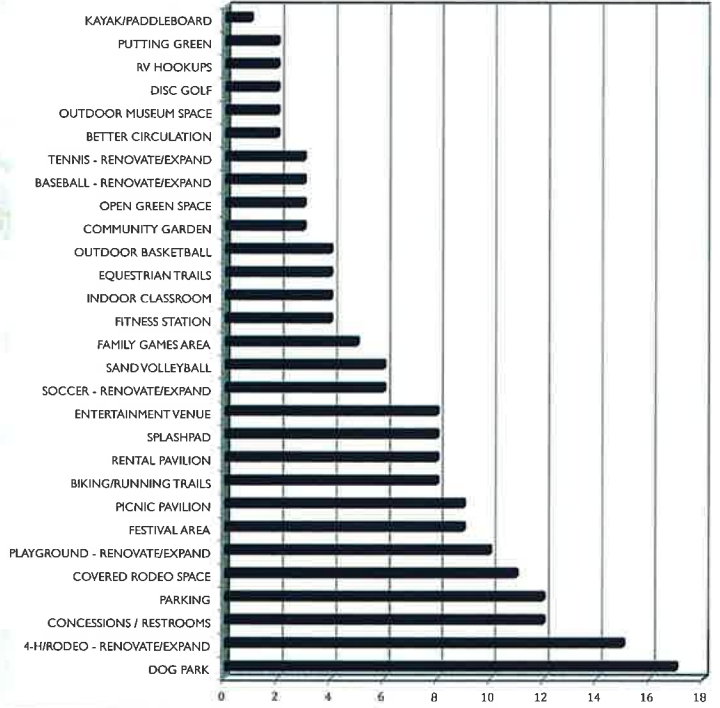
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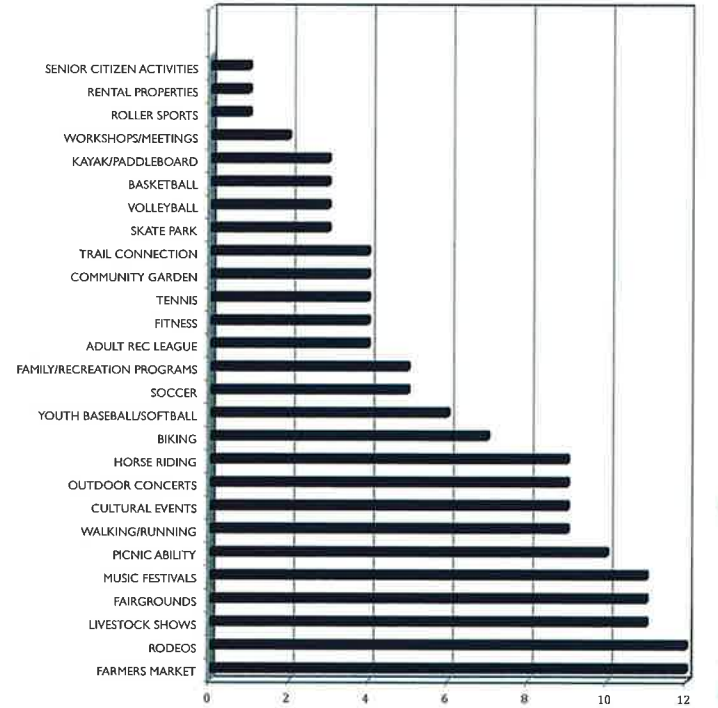
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SURVEYS - FACILITIES



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The planning process yielded a more comprehensive approach to outdoor recreation than the original idea to have the park serve as a baseball and softball facility. The new park will be more than simply a sports park, but will be a multipurpose, complete recreation area.

What was learned from the public feedback, along with feedback from the committee members and stakeholders, was that residents want to focus on rodeos, community activities such as farmers markets, dog parks, outdoor usability as well as other leisure and recreational activities.

The highest priority was for rodeo facilities that will support the ability to attract state and national events to the parish as well as dog park availability.

Also desired, but less of a priority, were parking, children's playgrounds, picnic pavilions, tennis, open green space, walking and biking paths and adult recreation opportunities.



After meetings with the Steering Committee and stakeholders, the design team studied the feasibility of the property and determined the areas to be developed. Two options were created. These potential layouts proposed the desired programs and facilities that were indicated in the design program. These were presented to the Steering Committee and designs were further revised into a third preferred plan.

Option A was presented as keeping the existing drainage canal as is while renovating the existing rodeo barn, adding two additional baseball fields, the existing new soccer fields, relocated football field, new tennis complex, amphitheater, new playground, enhanced roads, enhanced walkways and new pond area to paddleboard and canoe.

Option B was presented as redirecting the drainage canal to allow for better flow through the site. The same concepts as Option A were incorporated, just in different locations and orientations.

These options were presented with the understanding that neither was a complete option and that portions of each would most likely be used in the final preferred plan according to final public input.



PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

This multi use building would provide an area for all of Terrebonne Parish to gather for everything from socials, to dance classes to community plays. Potential amenities could include a conference/meeting room which could be reserved for public meetings, restrooms, and storage. In an effort to consolidate buildings on the site, depending on the location of the building, it could also serve as the main cooking kitchen and cold storage facility.

TENNIS COURTS

The proposed tennis complex would include 9 tennis courts, court lighting, shade pavilions, restrooms, concessions and amenities.

WIDENED BOUNDARY ROAD

Current road width and configuration is not suitable for recreational vehicles or large vehicles pulling trailers. Widening and properly aligning this road would provide proper accessibility for these types of users.

PARKING

National recreation standards advise that 50-60 parking spaces be provided per athletic field. However, overflow parking can be utilized at other venues on the property as long as there are no scheduling conflicts and the sports don't overlap. Additionally, fiber reinforced turf parking can be utilized as overflow for large events. Reinforced turf parking allows for a greener park and also drastically reduces the amount of impervious paving and helps reduce runoff.

BASEBALL FIELD

The proposed baseball field would be of the same size and type as existing fields. Adding a new field would complete the baseball complex to a more traditional quadplex.

POND (PADDLEBOARD / CANOE)

The proposed pond on site would not only help to beautify the area, and provide additional storage for storm water runoff, but provide also provide additional recreational amenities within the park including canoeing, paddle-boarding and fishing. Piers will be included along the ponds edge for fishing and launching canoes. A small storage building for canoes, etc. should be considered.

SKATE PARK

The proposed skate park would give an approved and encouraged area for those to participate in this rapidly growing sport.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

A designated area with 2 sand volleyball courts, underground drainage and a small shade pavilion is included in the Master Plan.

WALKING / BIKING PATH

A series of proposed paths around the site make it easy for park users to access various sports complexes and other proposed site amenities. Additionally, it will serve as a combination walking, running and biking path.

DOG PARK (WORKOUT STATIONS)

A fenced area with ample space for dogs to roam will include a central shade pavilion with restrooms, small and large designated dog areas, bench seating, workout pods and walking paths for visitors.

FAMILY GAMES AND PICNIC AREA

The proposed family games and picnic area would include specified areas for horse shoes, bocce ball, shade pavilions, new concrete and aggregate walking paths and string lights for night use.

EXPANDED PLAY HILL

The current play hill known as "monkey hill" on site is a local favorite. Enlarging it to be used by more visitors will be a positive as well as using it to form part of the proposed amphitheater.

AMPHITHEATER

The proposed amphitheater will provide an area for local and abroad talent to perform in an outdoor setting that is lacking in the parish. Amenities will include restrooms, shade pavilions, performance stage, string lights for night use, stepped seating lawns for greater viewing ability, enhanced site lighting and new walking paths made of concrete and aggregate for seating.

COMMUNITY LAWN / FESTIVAL AREA

Day to day, the community lawn would serve as large open green space within the core of the park. The community lawn would also serve as a multipurpose amenity within the park, with the ability to serve as overflow parking if needed. Additionally, the community lawn could also accommodate a large-scale planned event such as a festival, or serve as a gathering space for local school, church, or youth organizations.

ADMINISTRATION PAVILION

This building would house offices for the local 4-H chapter, as well as an office for Recreation District 11. Potential amenities could include a conference/meeting room which could be reserved for public meetings (25-75 people), restrooms, and storage.

KREWE OF HERCULES PAVILION

The existing pavilion on site is owned and operated by the Krewe of Hercules. The master plan incorporates leaving the pavilion under their ownership while the parish would work with the krewe on using and leasing the space.

PLAYGROUND AND SPLASH PAD

The proposed playground and splash pad will be located near high-use areas such as baseball, softball or soccer complexes and convenient to nearby parking. It will also be incorporated into the family games and picnic area to allow users of all ages to have an activity to participate in.

REALIGNED CALLOWAY ROAD

Current road width and configuration is not suitable for recreational vehicles or large vehicles pulling trailers. Widening and properly aligning this road would provide proper accessibility for these types of users. The proposed realignment also allows the road to cross the realigned drainage canal for better site accessibility.

REROUTED DRAINAGE CANAL

Rerouting the existing drainage canal allows us to tie the two currently separated portions of the site into one large and usable space.

REFURBISHED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

When the drainage canal is rerouted it will allow us to align a walkway down the central axis of the entire park. In order to connect the two sides of the canal we propose using a refurbished bridge that is currently owned by the parish. This will allow the feel of the parish to continue through the park as well as limiting new bridge costs.

REINFORCED TURF TRAILER PARKING

The proposed reinforced turf parking could happen at various areas throughout the site. Fiber reinforced turf parking can be utilized as overflow for large events. Reinforced turf parking allows for a greener park and also drastically reduces the amount of impervious paving, thus lowering the cost, and helps reduce runoff.

COVERED RODEO ARENA

The ultimate design for the rodeo arena is to move the existing bleachers, provide a new state of the art arena fencing, as well as provide a covered portion for rain or shine events. With a state of the art rodeo arena the parish will be able to not only attract state wide events, but also compete nationally.

SOCCER FIELDS

A large area of field space will be devoted to soccer, with room allowed for future expansion. Field layout will be multipurpose in nature and allow different age groups to play on an individual field, depending on how the field is striped. Also, a multipurpose field layout offers tournament organizers greater flexibility, depending on age groups participating in the tournament.

FOOTBALL FIELD

Moving the existing soccer field allows for improvement in field technology, better placement on the site and with a striping variation could easily be turned into an Australian rules football field or even rugby, both of which are rapidly growing in this country.



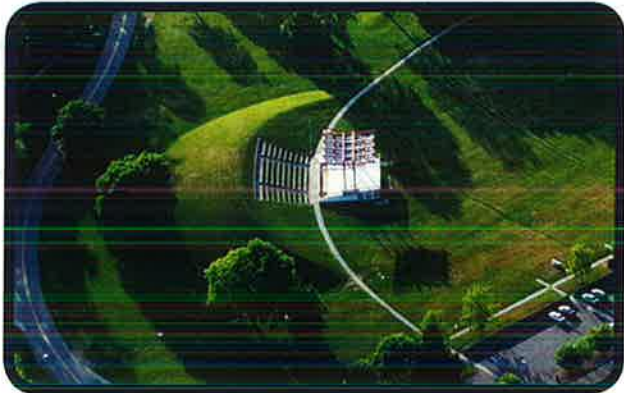
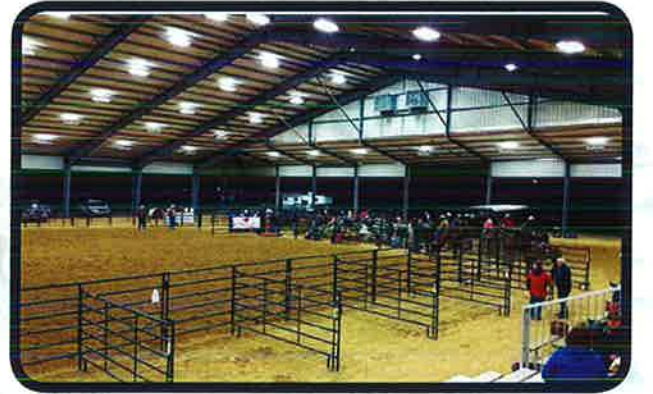
OPTION A

OPTION B

DESIGN PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS



PREFERRED PLAN INVENTORY IDEAS





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The Master Plan responds to the needs and desires of the Steering Committee, the stakeholders, and the community as determined by the series of meetings, surveys and interactive public planning. The focus of the plan is family-oriented activities such as youth sports, playgrounds and family use areas, entertainment venues, and walking and biking trails. In addition, the plan supports nature-based passive recreation as well as the ability to attract rodeo events state and nationwide. There is also great potential as a stormwater mitigation site for the nearby drainage canal.



A) AMPHITHEATER AND DOG PARK

IN THIS VIEW YOU SEE THE OVERALL VIEW OF THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARK INCLUDING THE REROUTED DRAINAGE DITCH, PROPOSED 4-H BUILDING, DOG PARK, AMPHITHEATER, BASEBALL QUAD AND COVERED EVENT SPACE.

C) FAMILY GAME AREA AND PLAGROUND/SPLASHPAD

IN THIS VIEW YOU SEE A PROPOSED FAMILY GAME AREA AND PLAYGROUND / SPLASHPAD. THE AREA IS UNDERNEATH A GROUP OF LARGE TREES THAT WILL PROVIDE NICE SHADE FOR HOT LOUISIANA DAYS.

E) TENNIS COMPLEX

IN THIS VIEW YOU SEE A PROPOSED TENNIS COMPLEX WITH FUTURE MULTIUSE BUILDING IN THE BACKGROUND

B) COVERED RODEO AND SOCCER COMPLEX

IN THIS VIEW YOU SEE THE OVERALL VIEW OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK INCLUDING THE RELOCATED RODEO ARENA WITH DONATED COVER, REINFORCED TURF PARKING, SOCCER COMPLEX AND PARKING.

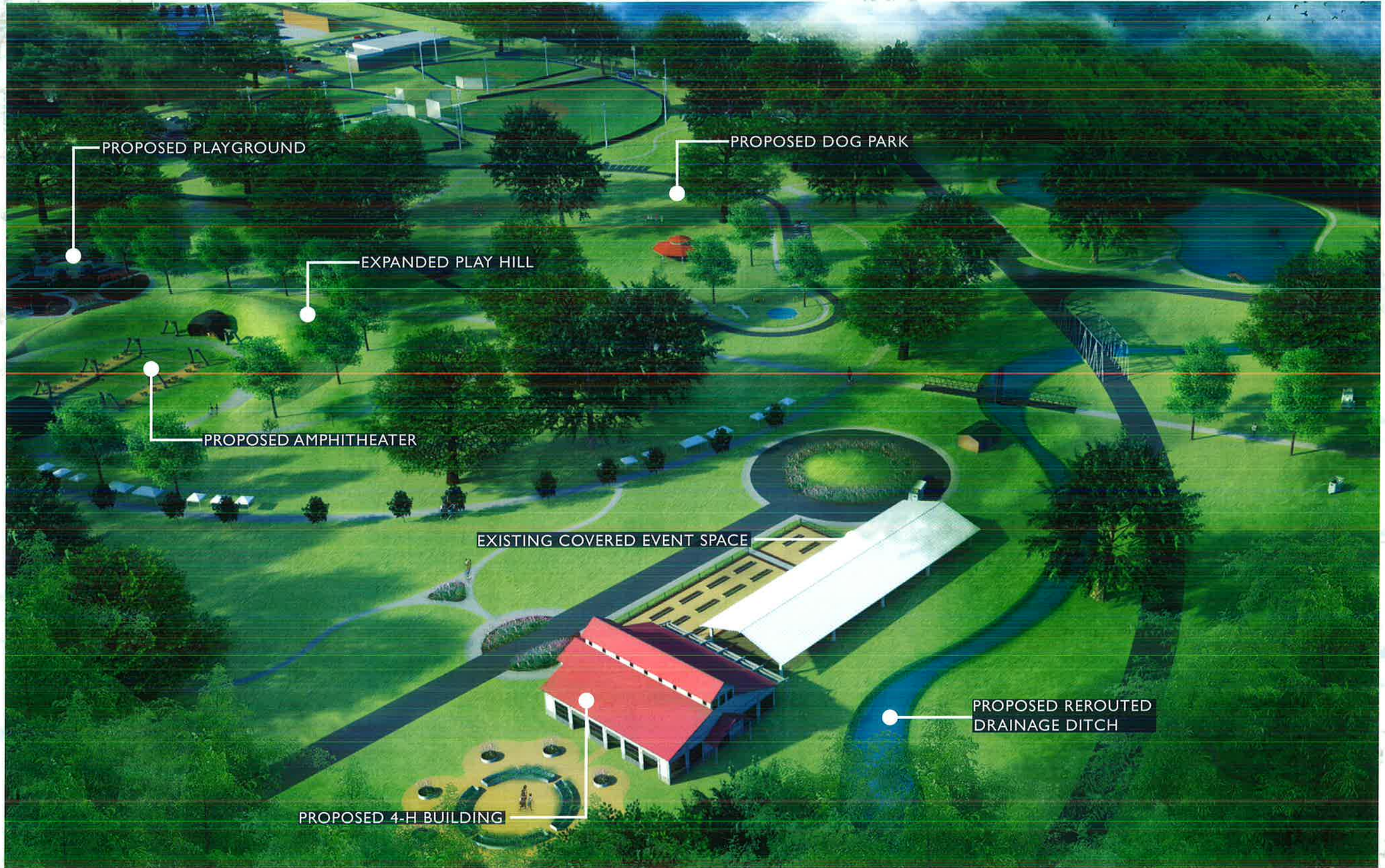
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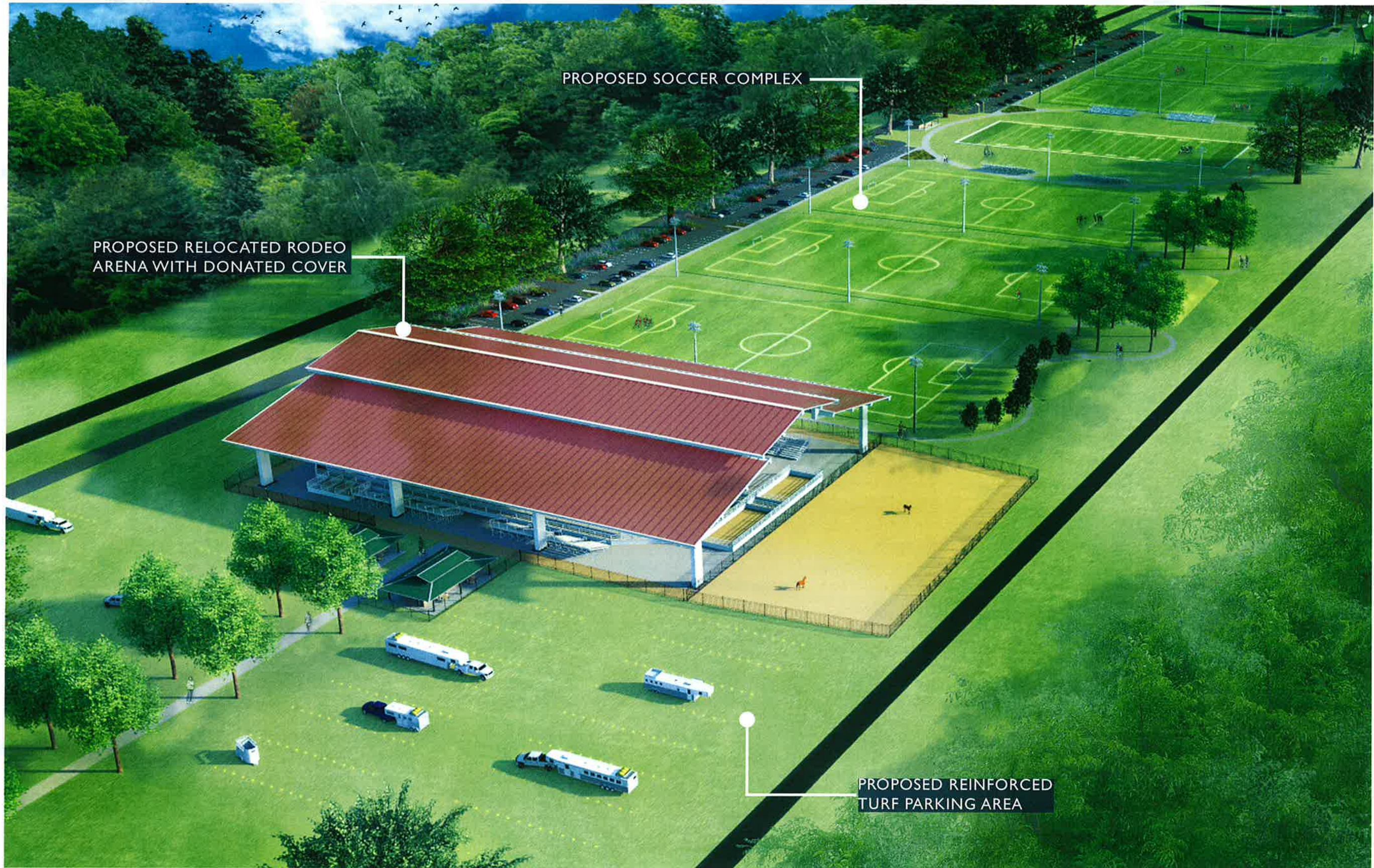
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VIEW OF PROPOSED WEST SIDE OF PARK



PROPOSED RELOCATED RODEO
ARENA WITH DONATED COVER

PROPOSED SOCCER COMPLEX

PROPOSED REINFORCED
TURF PARKING AREA

VIEW OF PROPOSED EAST SIDE OF PARK



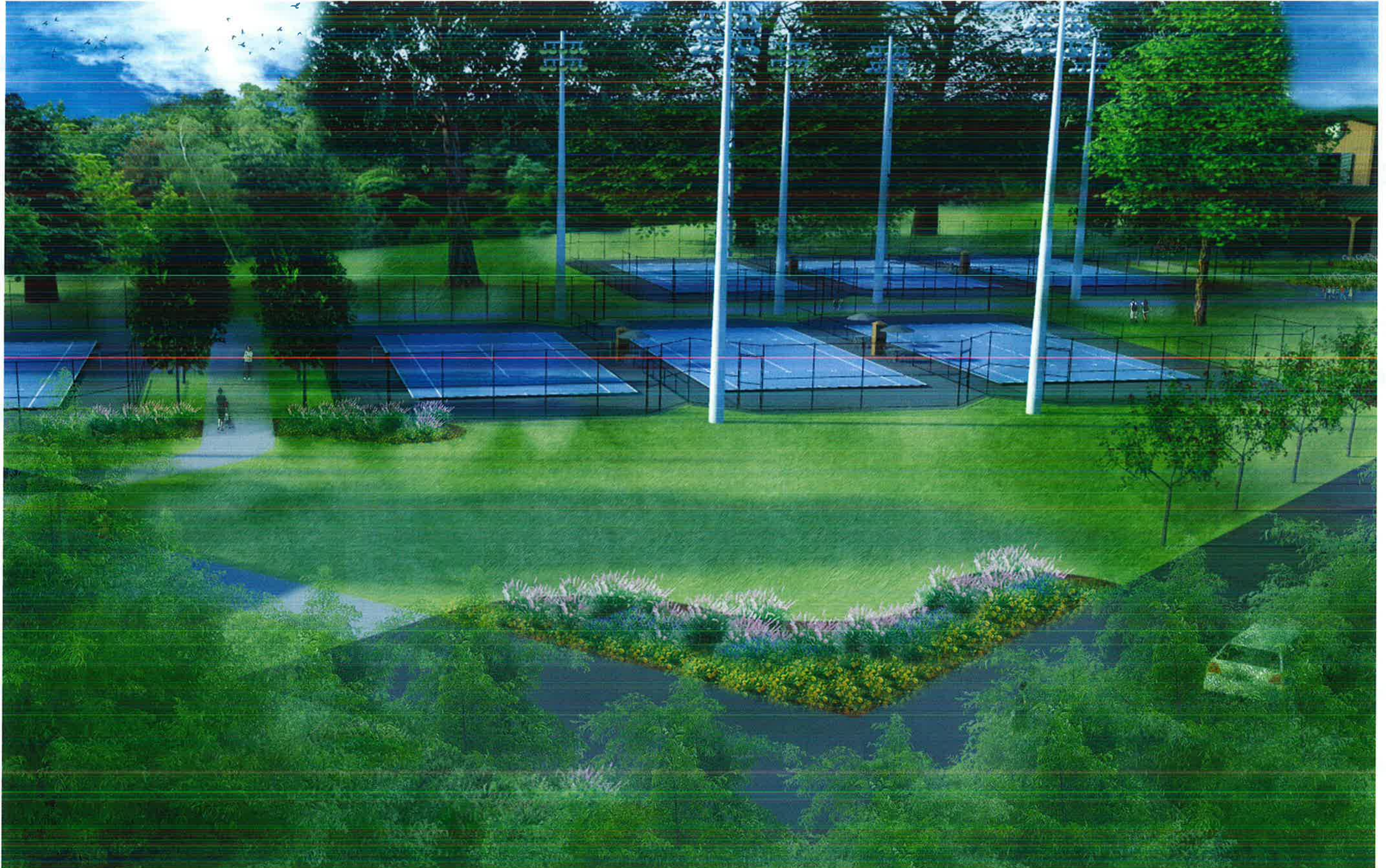


VIEW OF PROPOSED FAMILY GAME AREA AND PLAYGROUND/SPLASHPAD



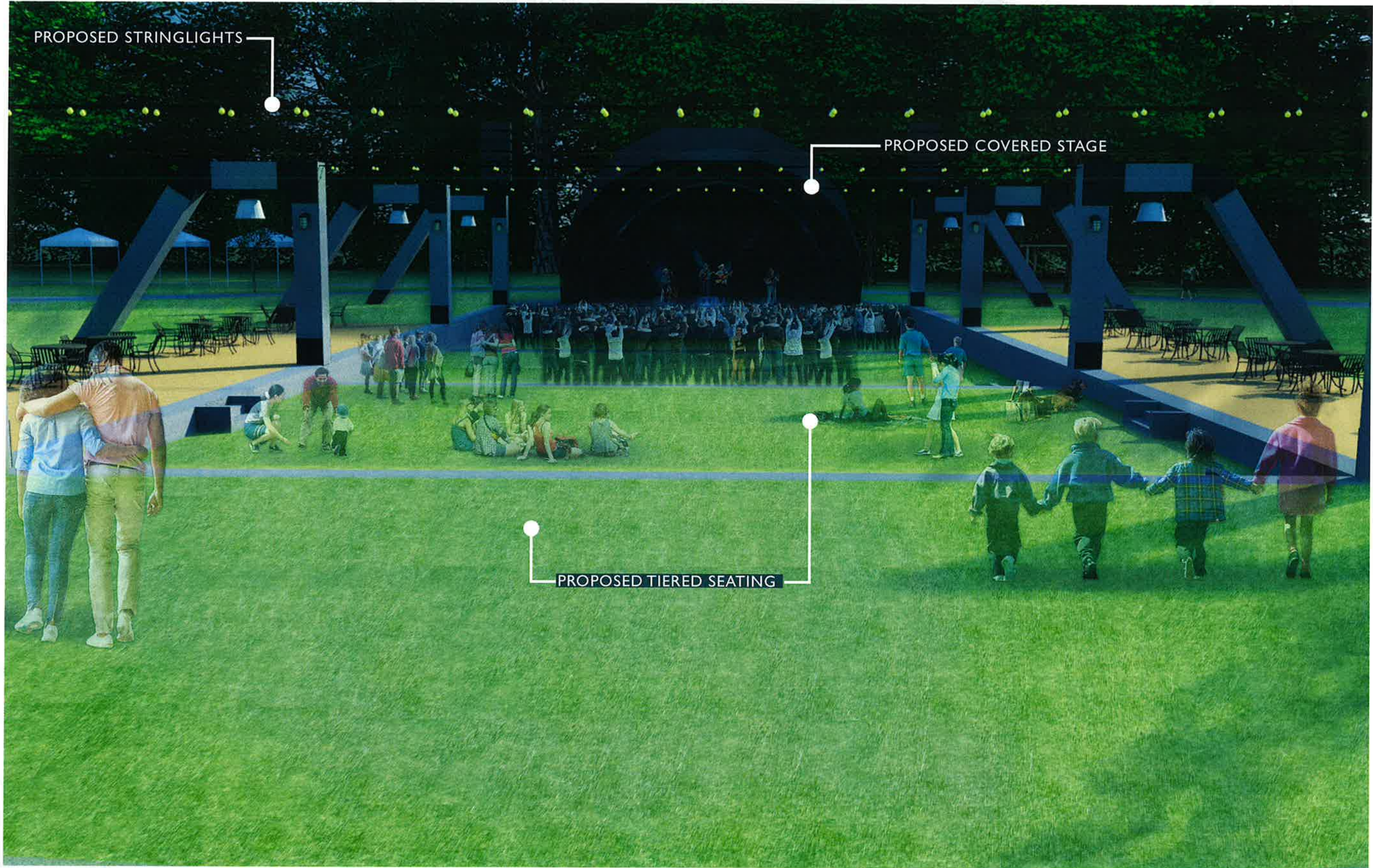
VIEW OF PROPOSED EXPANDED PLAY HILL AND AMPHITHEATER





VIEW OF TENNIS COMPLEX





PROPOSED STRINGLIGHTS

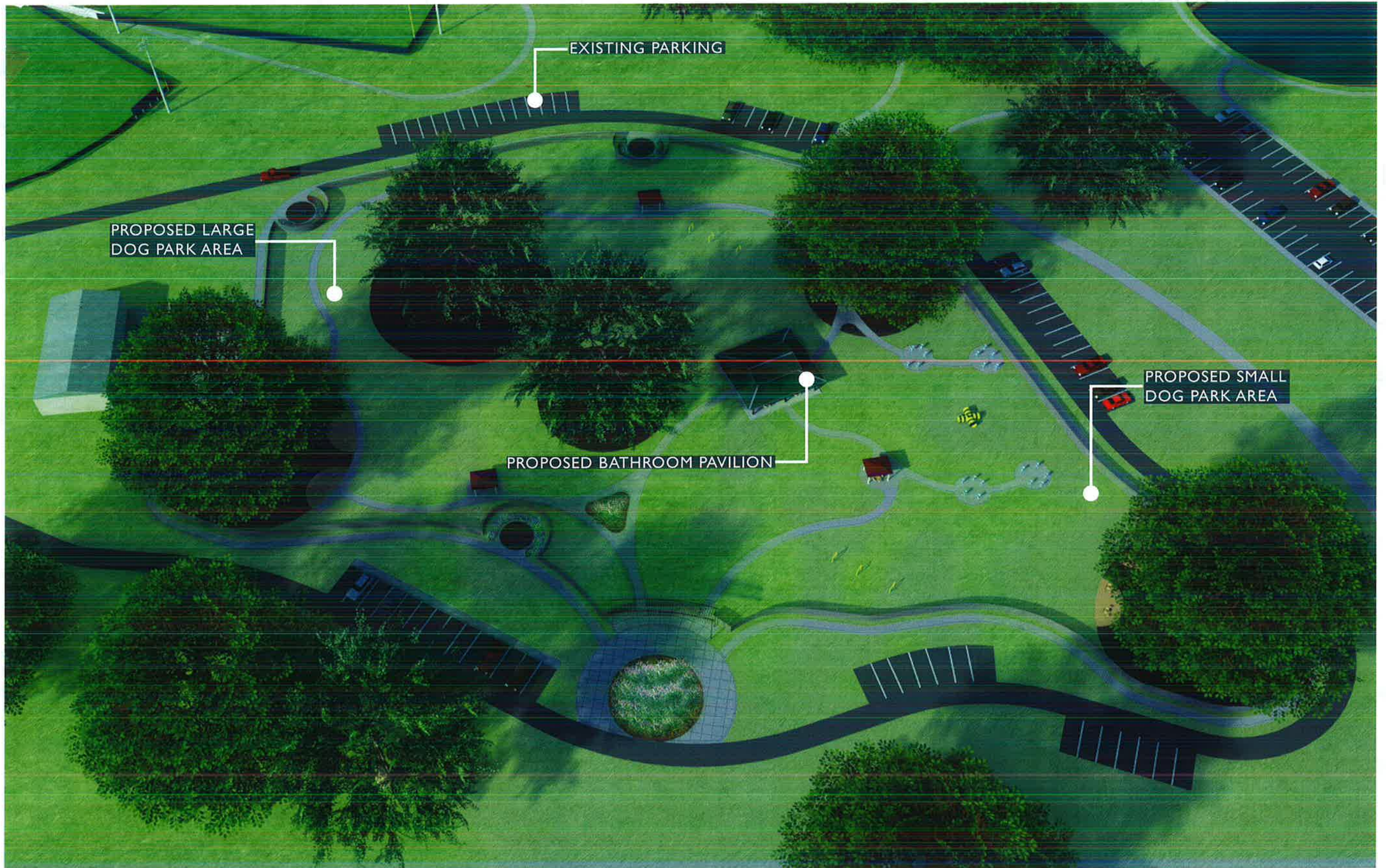
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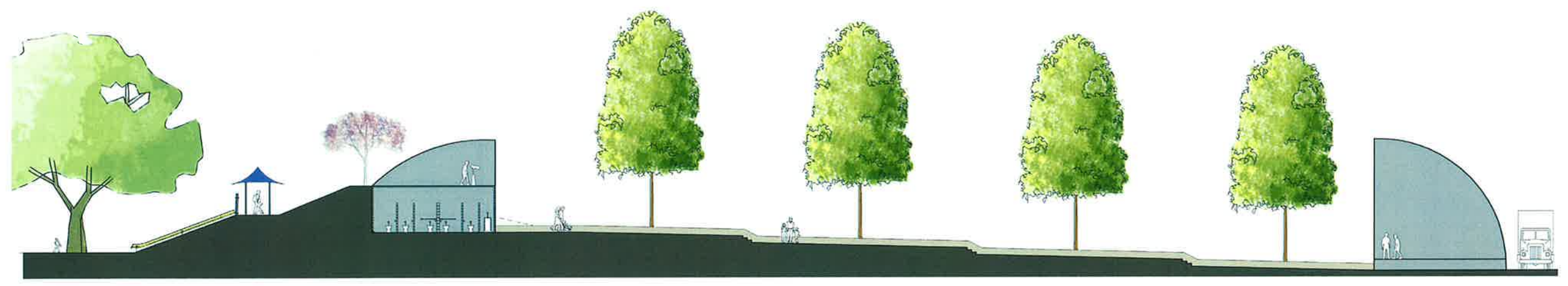




VIEW OF PROPOSED DOG PARK



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SECTION OF AMPHITHEATER





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