

Beaton Hill Park & Big Rock Park South Master Plan

BEATON HILL PARK

BIG ROCK PARK NORTH

BIG ROCK PARK CENTRAL

BIG ROCK PARK SOUTH

Public Workshop #3
January 26, 2023

Sammamish
Parks and Recreation

Context Map

Beaton Hill Park

Sammamish Commons

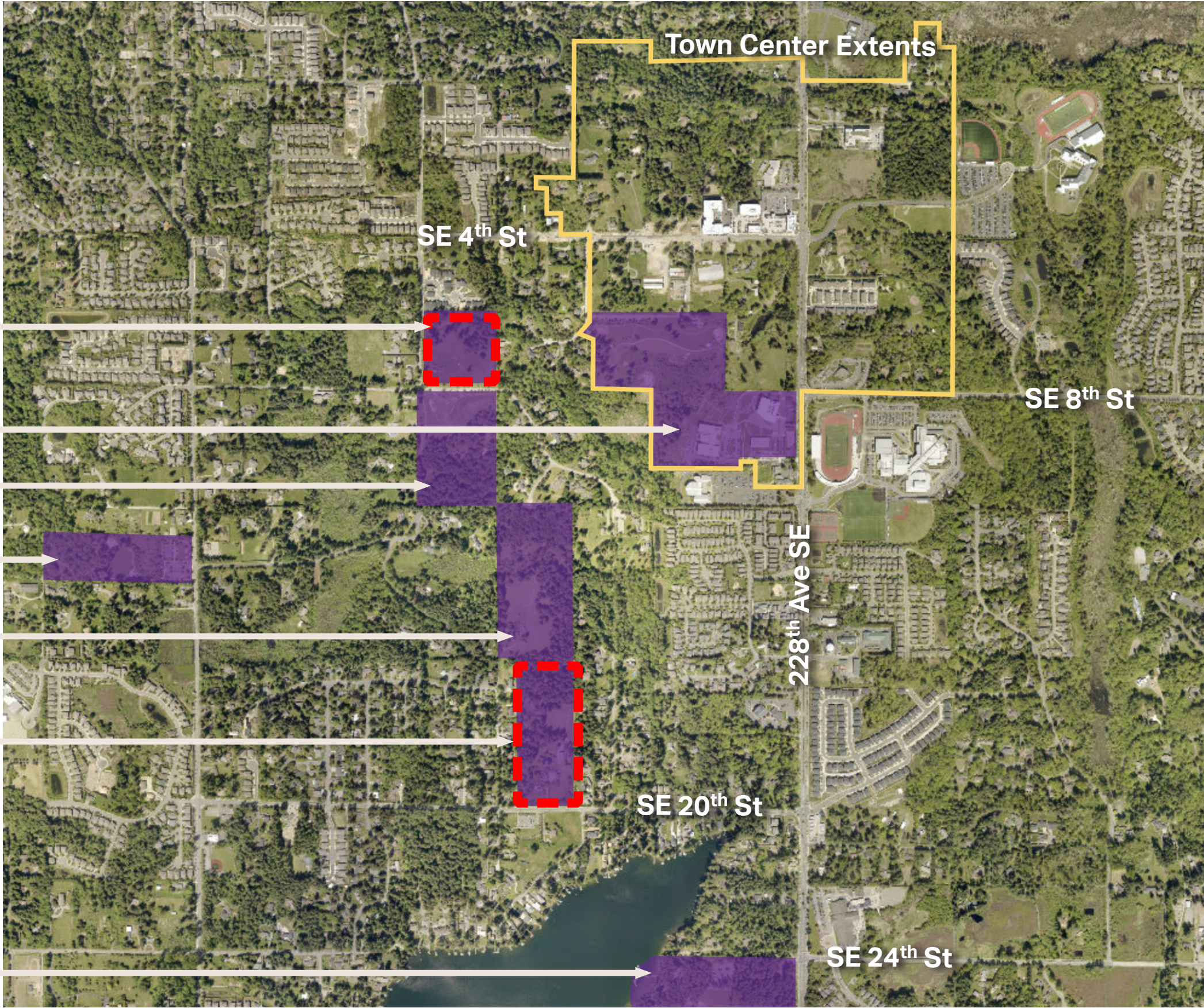
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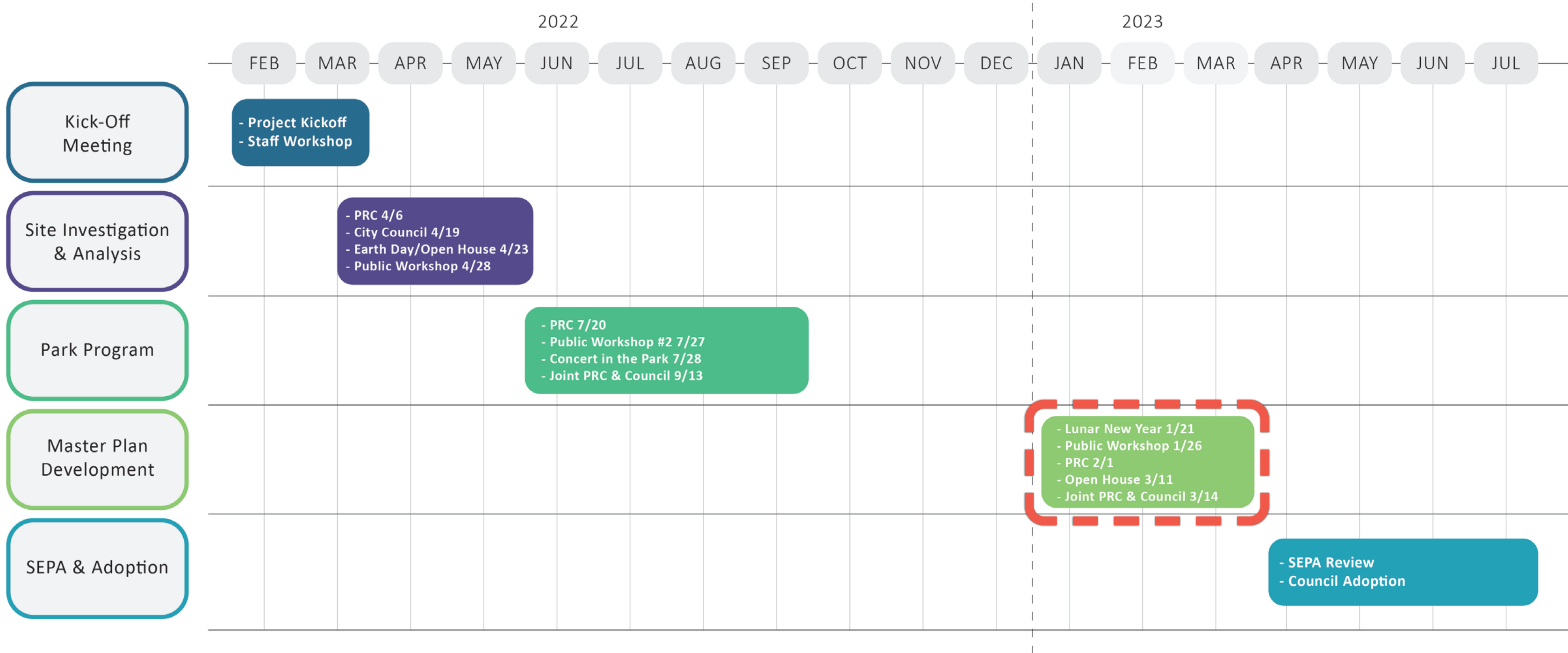
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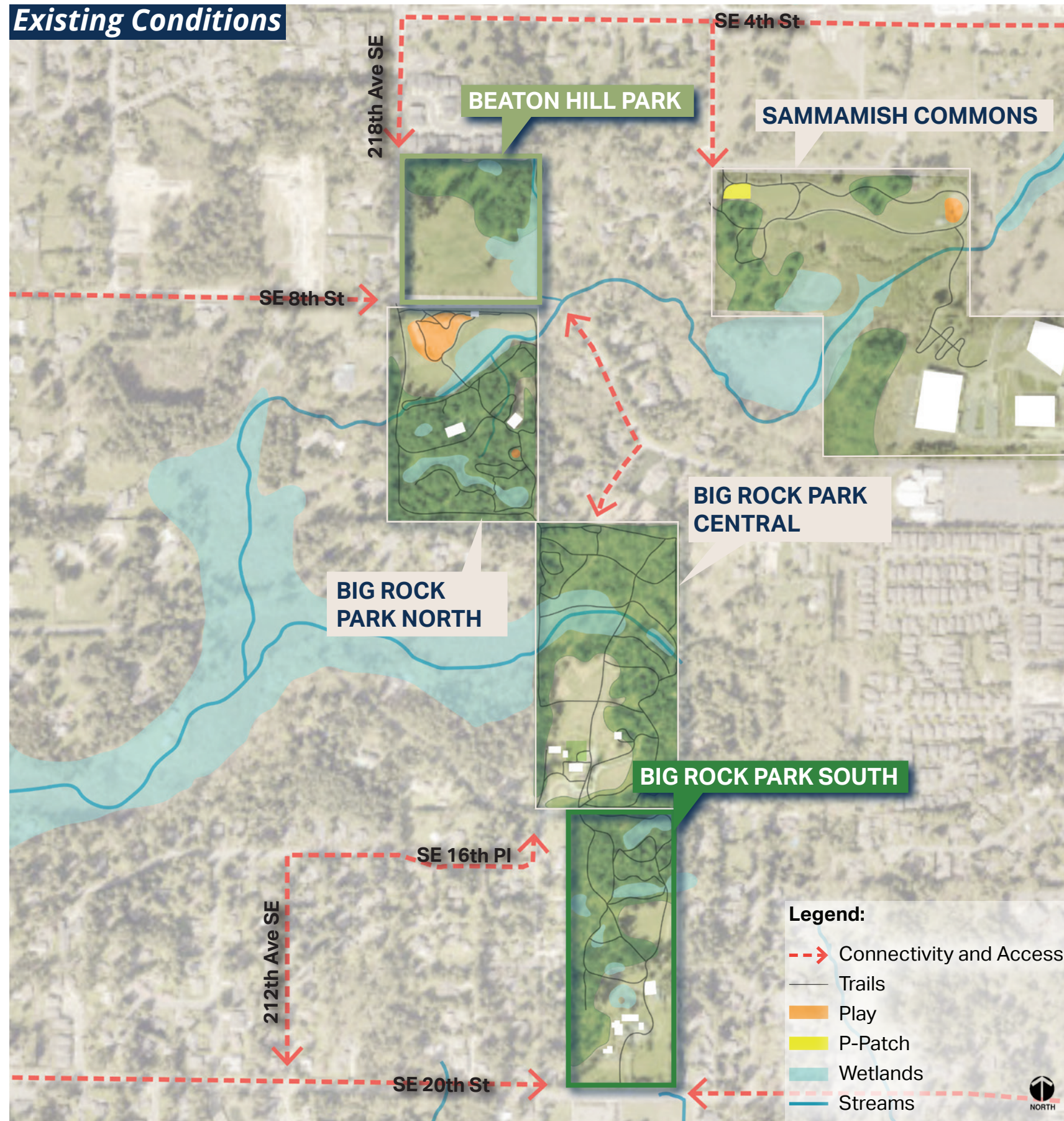
Pine Lake Park



Master Plan Timeline



Project Goals



The **Beaton Hill Park** and **Big Rock Park** system serves as an oasis of nature in the city. The master plans for each park should:

- Continue to be the **place of respite**, contemplation, and exploration of the natural environment it is today, protected for future generations.
- **Connect, educate, and inspire** people of all ages and abilities to discover more about each other and our surroundings.
- Provide **safe access to everyone** of all abilities to the amazing places and experiences throughout the parks.
- Allow everyone the **flexibility** to be active or passive in how they choose to recreate, providing opportunities for both in a way that respects and fits into the context of the site.



Public Workshop #2 Summary

Beaton Hill Park

Concept 1:
Gradient of Activities



- Hillside play
- Open lawn
- P-patch
- Parking mostly on-street
- Wetland boardwalk

Concept 2:
Whimsy and Discovery



- Accessible play
- Pickleball (2 courts)
- Open lawn
- Amphitheater
- Small parking lot

Concept 3:
Playful Space for Everyone



- Hillside play
- Dog park
- Pickleball (4 courts)
- Open lawn
- Large parking lot

Big Rock Park South

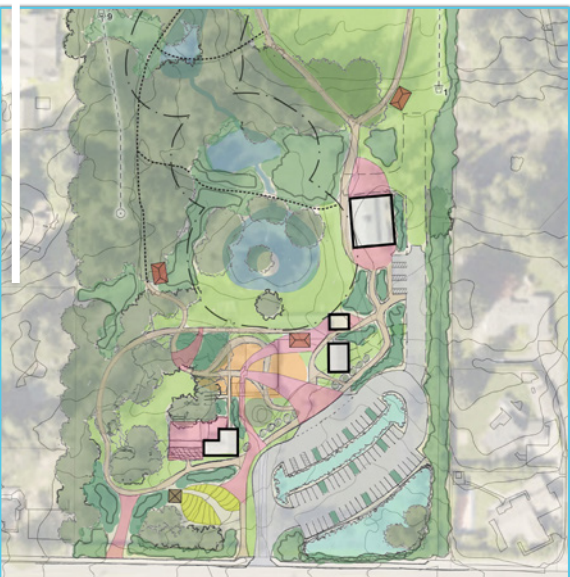
- Small parking lot
- Older garage removed
- Gardens
- 9 hole disc golf



- All buildings remain
- Universal play
- Large parking lot
- 9 hole disc golf



- Older garage removed
- Residence removed
- Large, concentrated parking lot
- Expansive universal play
- P-patch
- 9 hole disc golf



Public Workshop #2 Summary

Overall Comments

Support for:

- Nature trails and trail connections
- P-patch with slightly more support for Beaton Hill location
- Plazas and gathering with additional support for covered gathering spaces
- Disc golf (evenly supported and opposed)
- Open space
- Nature preservation



Beaton Hill Park

Support for:

- Pickleball courts, with additional support for 4 courts rather than 2 courts
- The hillside amphitheater
- Hillside play
- Off-leash dog area

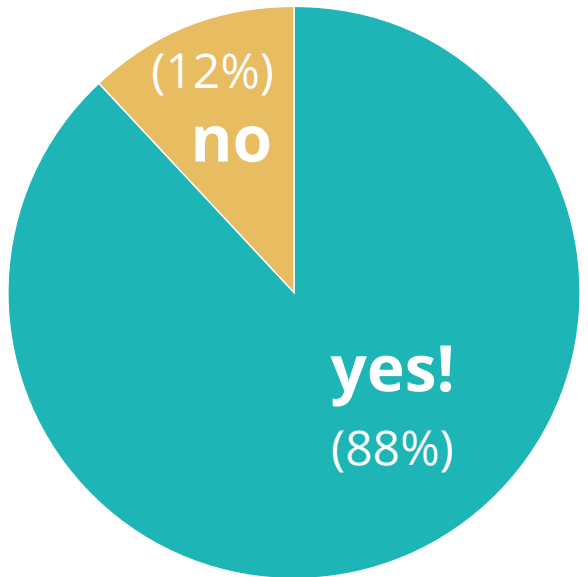
Big Rock Park South

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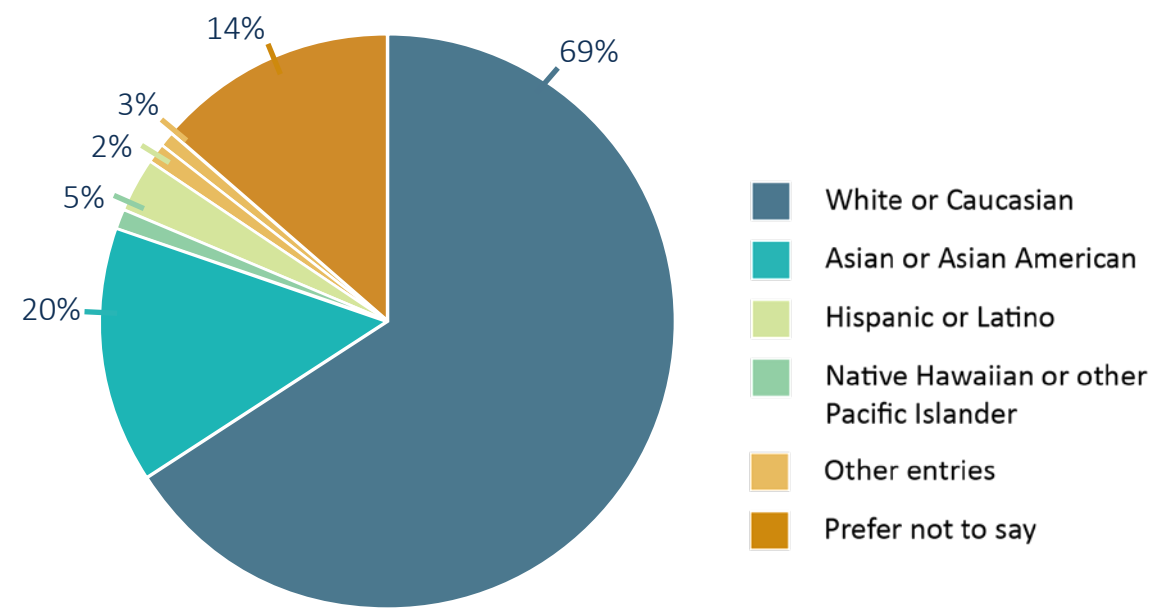
- Universal play
- Retaining all buildings except old garage
- Building use for community events, indoor recreation, and event rental

Community Survey #2 Summary

Have you ever visited Big Rock Park?



Ethnic Background

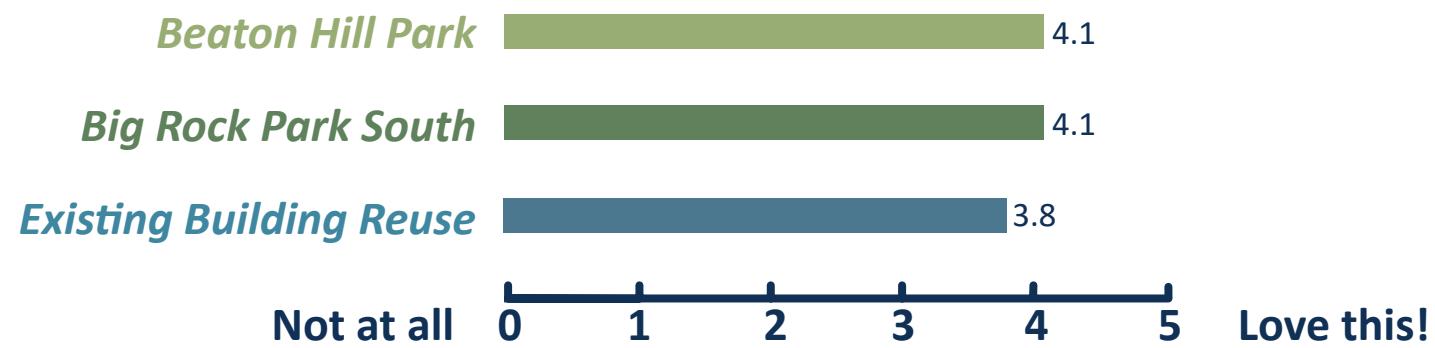


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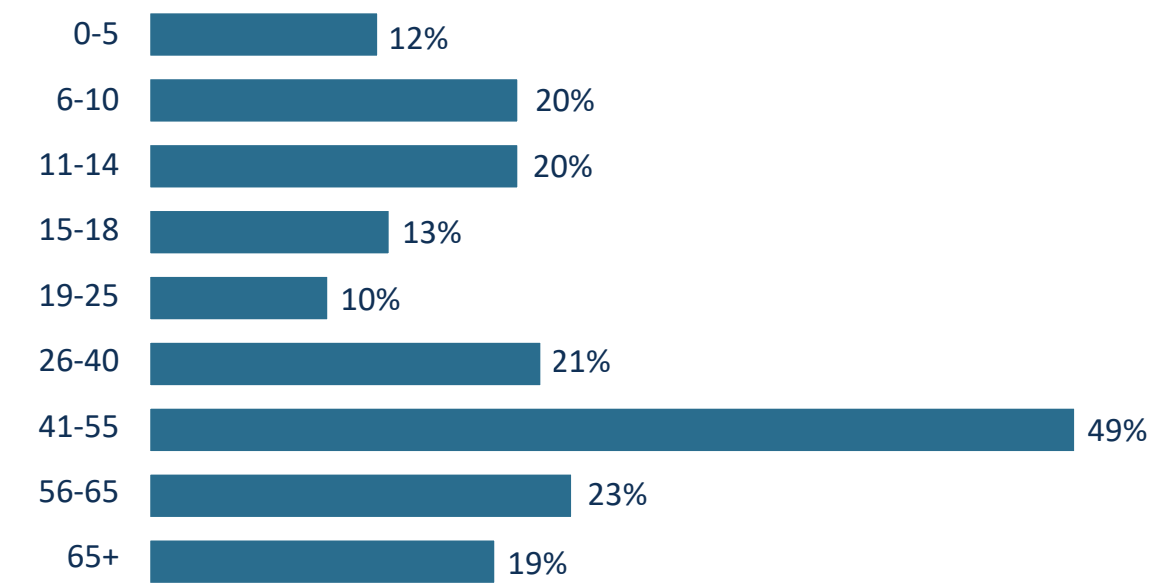
38% live within 1 mile of the parks

88% live in Sammamish

How well does the park program shown meet your hopes and dreams for park improvements?

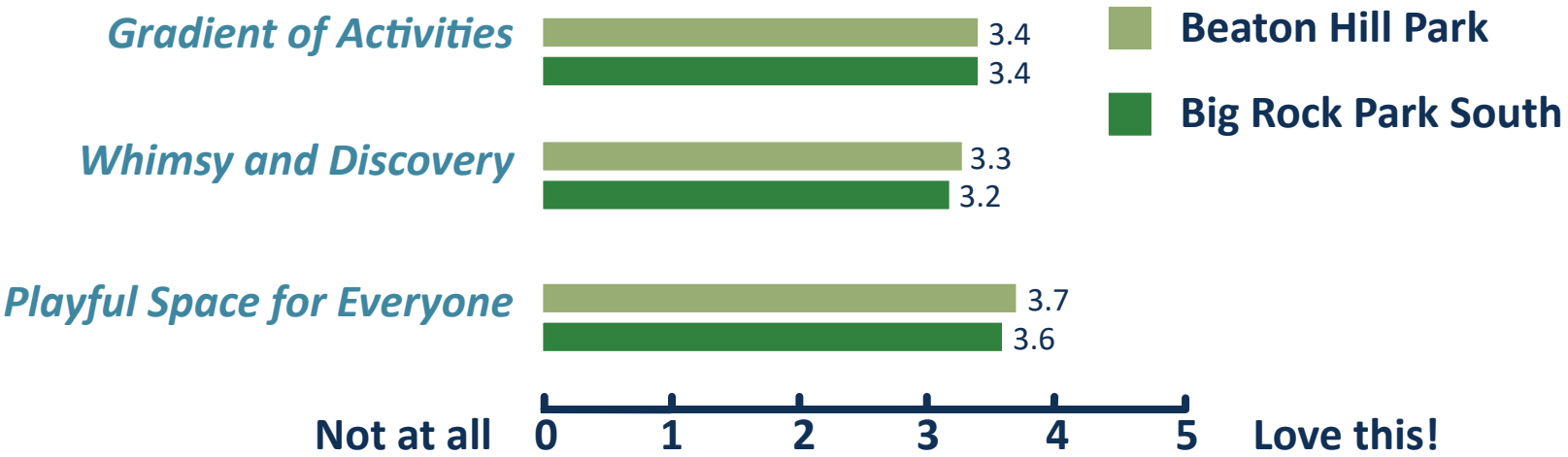


Age Range



Community Survey #2 Summary

How well does each concept meet your hopes and dreams for park improvements?



I'd really like to make sure that all trails are handicap accessible. Can a child in a wheelchair get around?

Beaton Hill and Big Rock Park system is the true "green spine" of Sammamish. Please keep it green and passive use.

Overall Comments

Support for:

- Connected trails and open space.
- Passive engagement
- Preservation of natural areas
- Whimsical elements with some concern for maintenance
- Integrating educational and interpretive elements
- Considering all ages and abilities

Beaton Hill Park

Support for:

- Dog park with some concerns
- Pickleball with additional support for lighting
- Amphitheater, suggested at a different location in the city
- P-patches
- Hillside play

Big Rock Park South

Support for:

- Disc golf (slightly more supported than opposed)
- Additional gardens (native, pollinator, educational, etc.)
- Reuse of buildings
- Indoor spaces for community groups
- Universal play

Love the dog park! We need more places for our furry friends to run and play safely!

Preferred Master Plan | BEATON HILL PARK



The preferred master plan for **Beaton Hill Park** is designed to highlight the expansive view from the north end of the park and create a unique and accessible experience moving through the park. In addition to trails, picnic areas and gathering areas, proposed park improvements include:

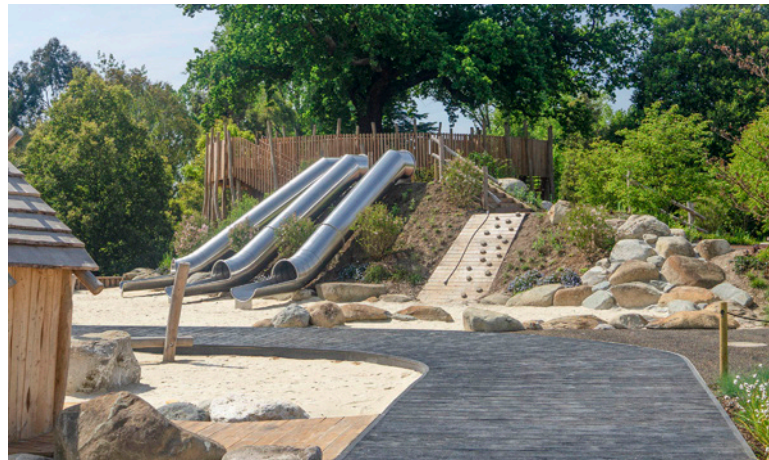
- Parking lots on site (44 stalls total)
- P-patch with seating and tool shed (40 plots)
- Pickleball (4 courts with lighting)
- Off-leash dog park (separate areas for small & large dogs)
- Accessible hillside play area
- Interpretive signage to highlight the natural environment and/or history of the site
- Wetland boardwalk and overlooks

Parking on SE 8th Street would be reconfigured to back-in angled parking to create safer traffic flow and allow the parking lot at Beaton Hill Park to serve as the natural turn-around for vehicles coming to and from the parks.



Hillside Play

Integrates plays features into the hillside with a combination of natural and structured elements.



Whimsical Elements

Sculptural elements that provide a sense of discovery throughout the parks; may be along trails or set apart in the landscape.



Dog Park

Separate areas for large dogs and small (or shy) dogs. Drinking water, seating areas, accessible path and a covered picnic area are also included.



P-Patch

Enclosed garden plots and shared garden areas for the community to use, learn from and connect with each other.



Wetland Boardwalk

Provides connection and overlooks into the restored wetland with informational signage for education and discovery.

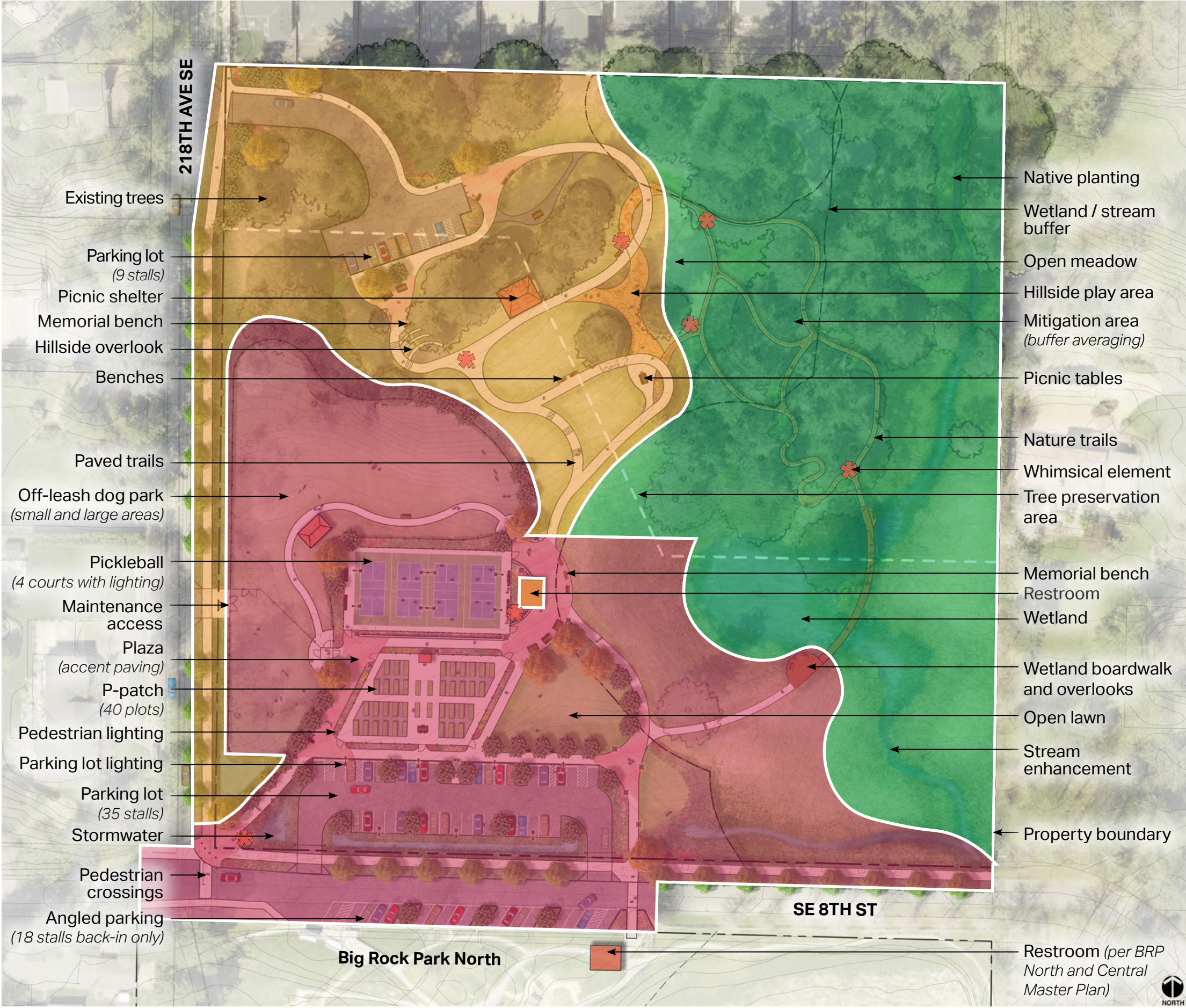


Pickleball

Four pickleball courts with lighting and benches on both sides for those who are resting or waiting for a court.



Potential Phasing Plan | BEATON HILL PARK



South Park Improvements

- South parking lot and stormwater
- SE 8th Street frontage improvements
- Off-leash dog park
- Pickleball courts
- P-patch
- Wetland overlook and restoration
- Walkways and trails

North Park Improvements

- North parking lot and stormwater
- 218th Ave SE frontage improvements
- Picnic shelter
- Walkways and trails
- Restroom
- Hillside play area

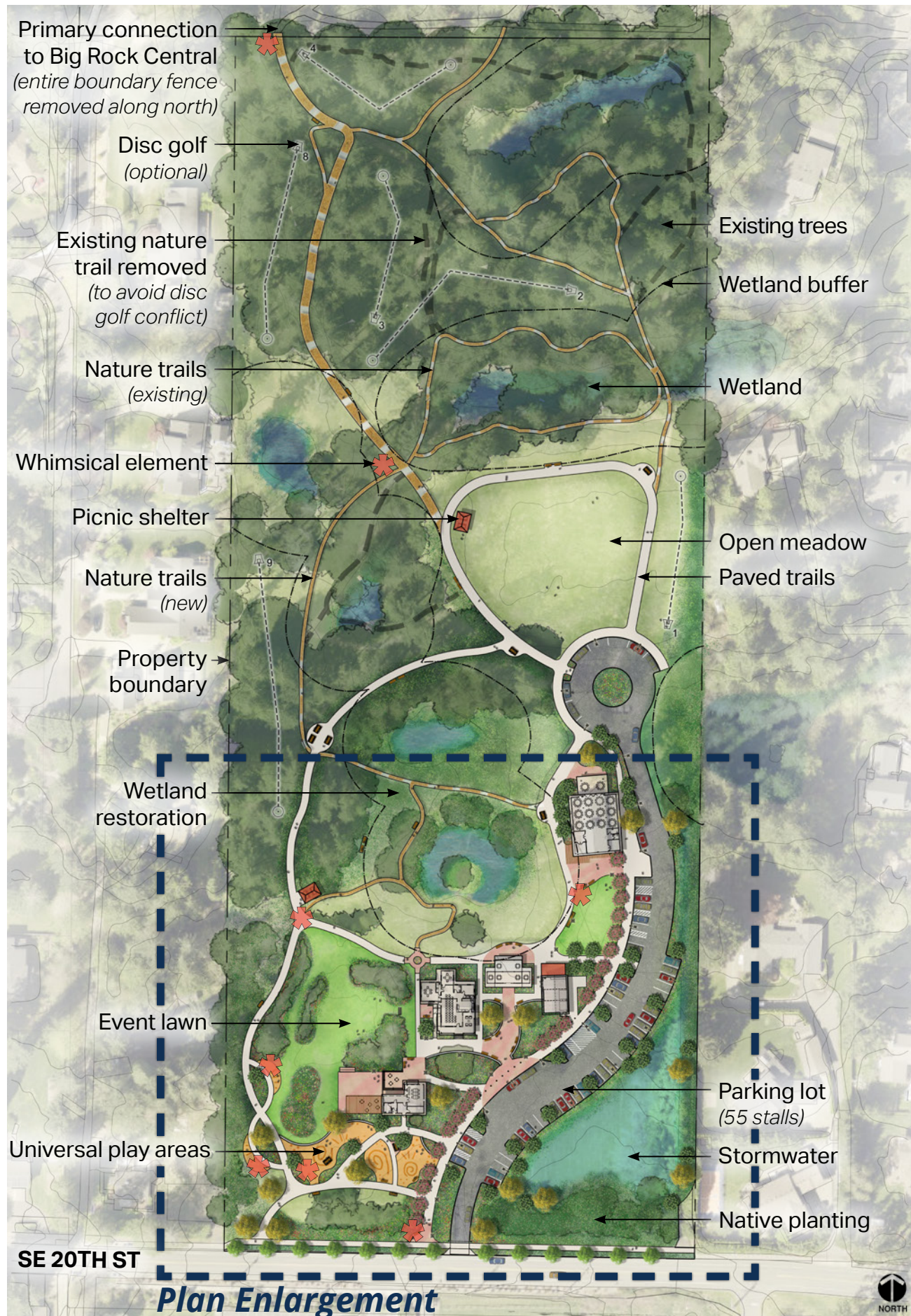
Nature Trails

- Soft surface trails
- Wetland boardwalk and overlook
- Stream and wetland restoration

Total Construction Costs

\$12 - \$15 million
(estimated all phases)

Preferred Master Plan | BIG ROCK PARK SOUTH



The preferred master plan for **Big Rock Park South** is designed to reinforce the passive, natural environment of the existing property while allowing more flexible uses for all ages and abilities. In addition to trails, picnic areas and gathering areas, proposed park improvements include:

- Parking lot (55 stalls)
- Universal play areas (accessible and inclusive play elements)
- Open meadow for flexible events, lawn games, etc.
- Optional space for a 9-hole disc golf course (with 3 holes integrated into Big Rock Park Central)
- Garden areas to highlight botanical names and plant characteristics (pollinators, natives, etc.)
- Adaptive re-use of existing buildings and unique site features (i.e. chicken coop as whimsical element)
- Central picnic pavilion (old garage removed)
- Interpretive signage to highlight the natural environment and/or history of the site



Universal Play

Includes a combination of natural elements, site furnishings and play features to appeal to all ages and abilities; often a combination of plazas, play, nature, and art elements.



Garden Areas

Engage all the senses through fragrance, movement, textures, and wildlife attractants. Could include sensory gardens, pollinators, native plants, education, etc.



Whimsical Elements

Sculptural elements that provide a sense of discovery throughout the parks; may be along trails or set apart in the landscape.



Disc Golf (optional)

9-hole course, developed with fairways away from trails to avoid user conflicts. Potential layout to be studied further prior to any improvements.



Picnic Pavilion

The old garage, currently in the wetland buffer, will be removed. A new picnic pavilion will overlook the central pond and be developed to allow for larger group gatherings and events.





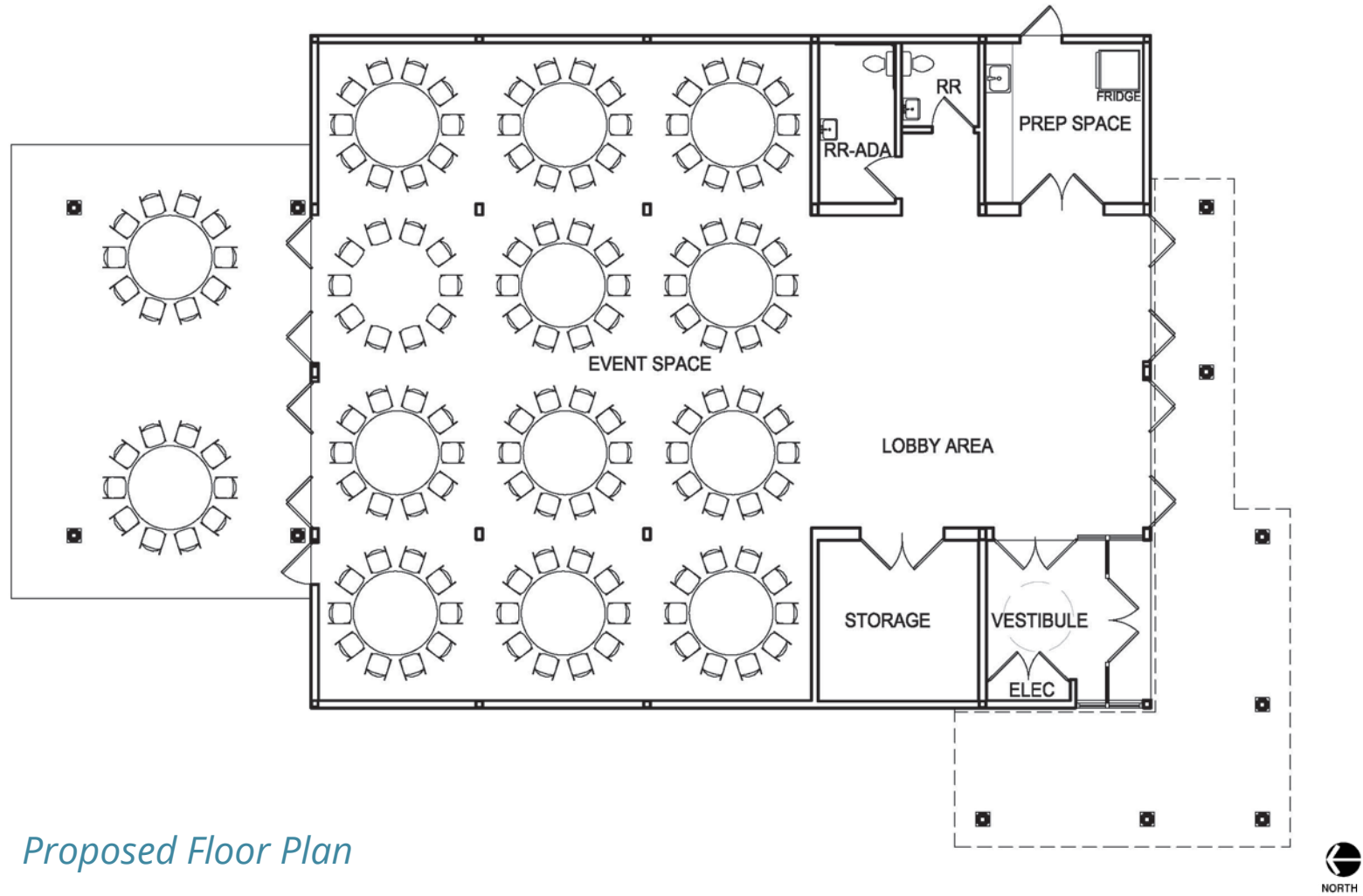
Barn

Combination of small or larger community gatherings, weddings, reunions, classes, or events. Overflow or partnership with nearby off-site parking would be needed for any larger events.

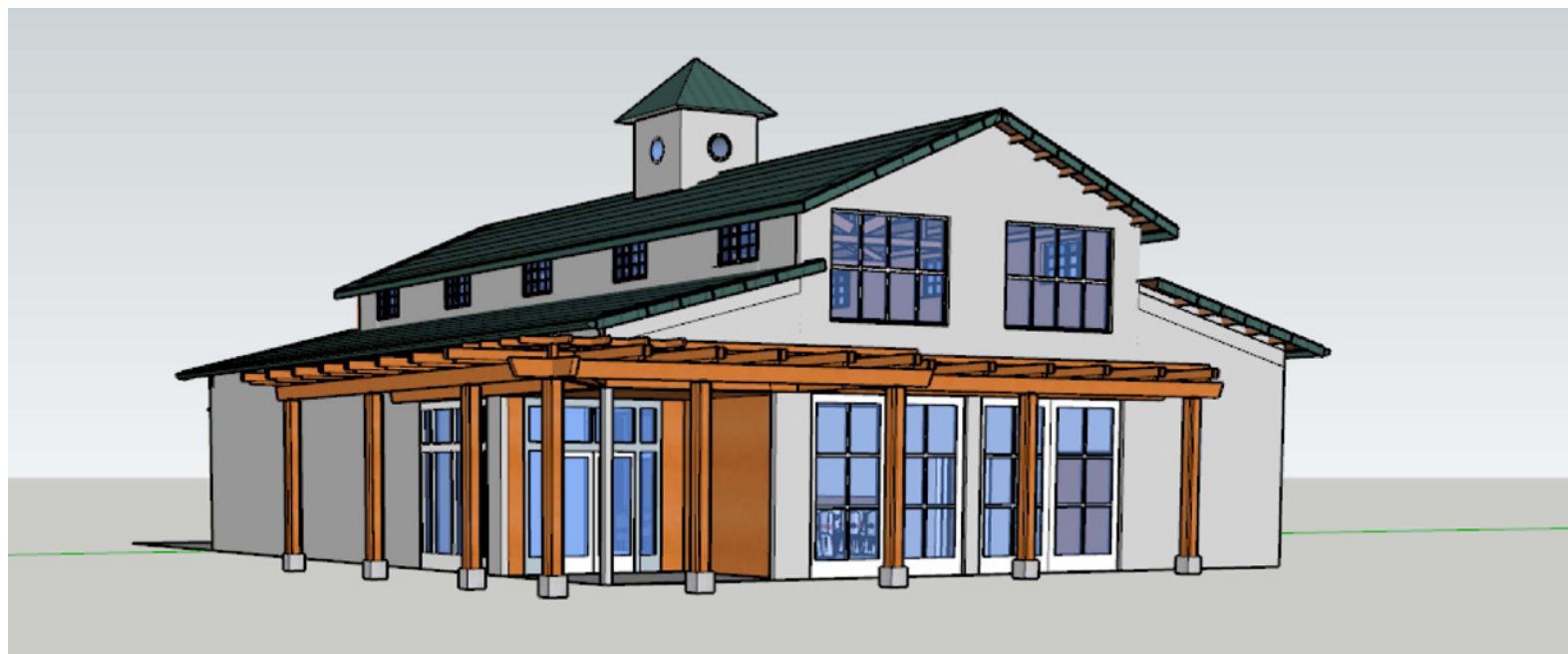
- 100-150 people capacity
- Accessible restroom
- Open, flexible space
- Re-purpose stained glass from chicken coop into new whimsical element



Existing Building



Proposed Floor Plan



Concept Rendering Looking North



Example Images



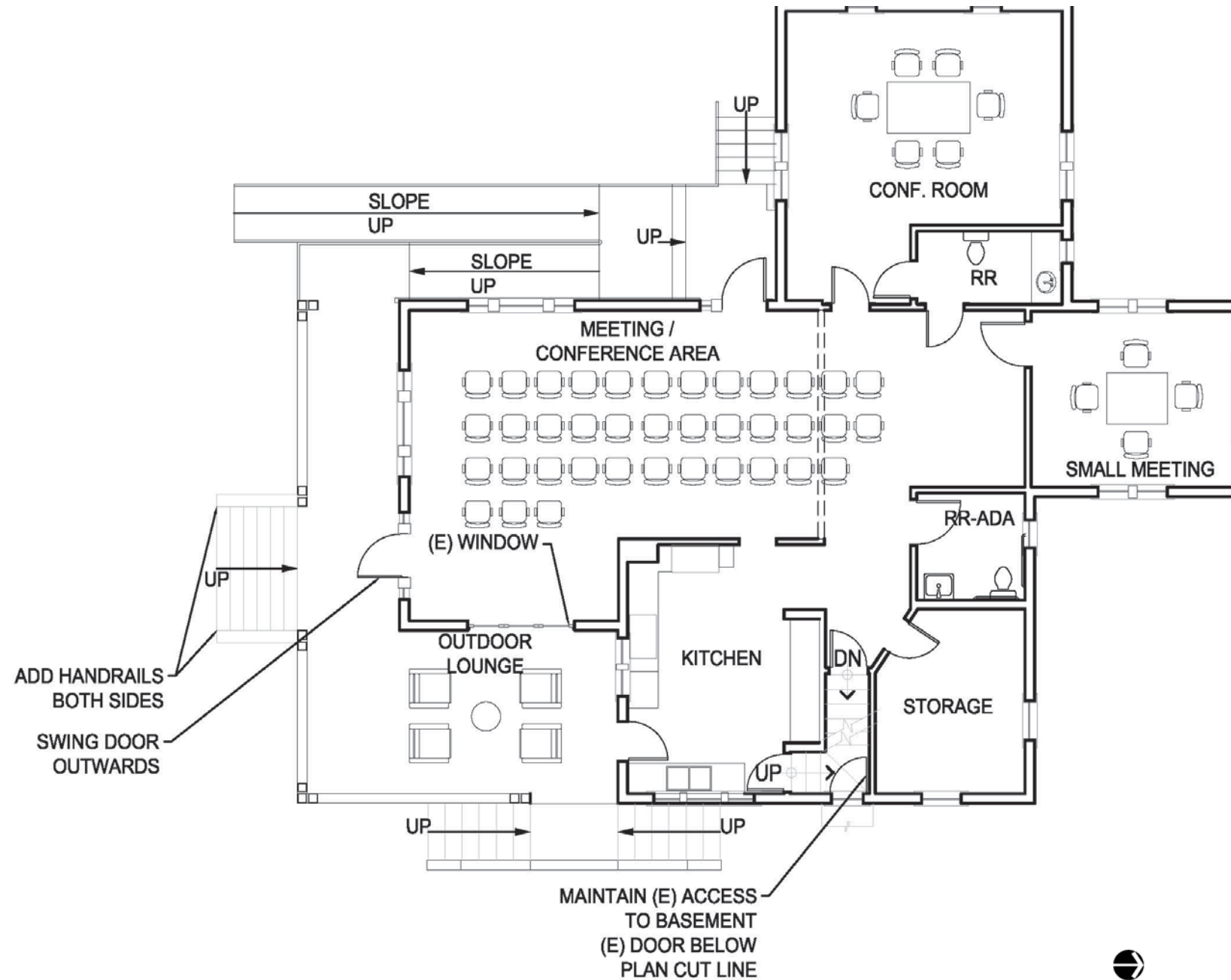
Residence

Small community gatherings, meetings, classes and events.

- 50-100 people capacity
- Accessible restroom
- Accessible kitchen
- Second floor storage to support events



Existing Building



Proposed Floor Plan



Example Images



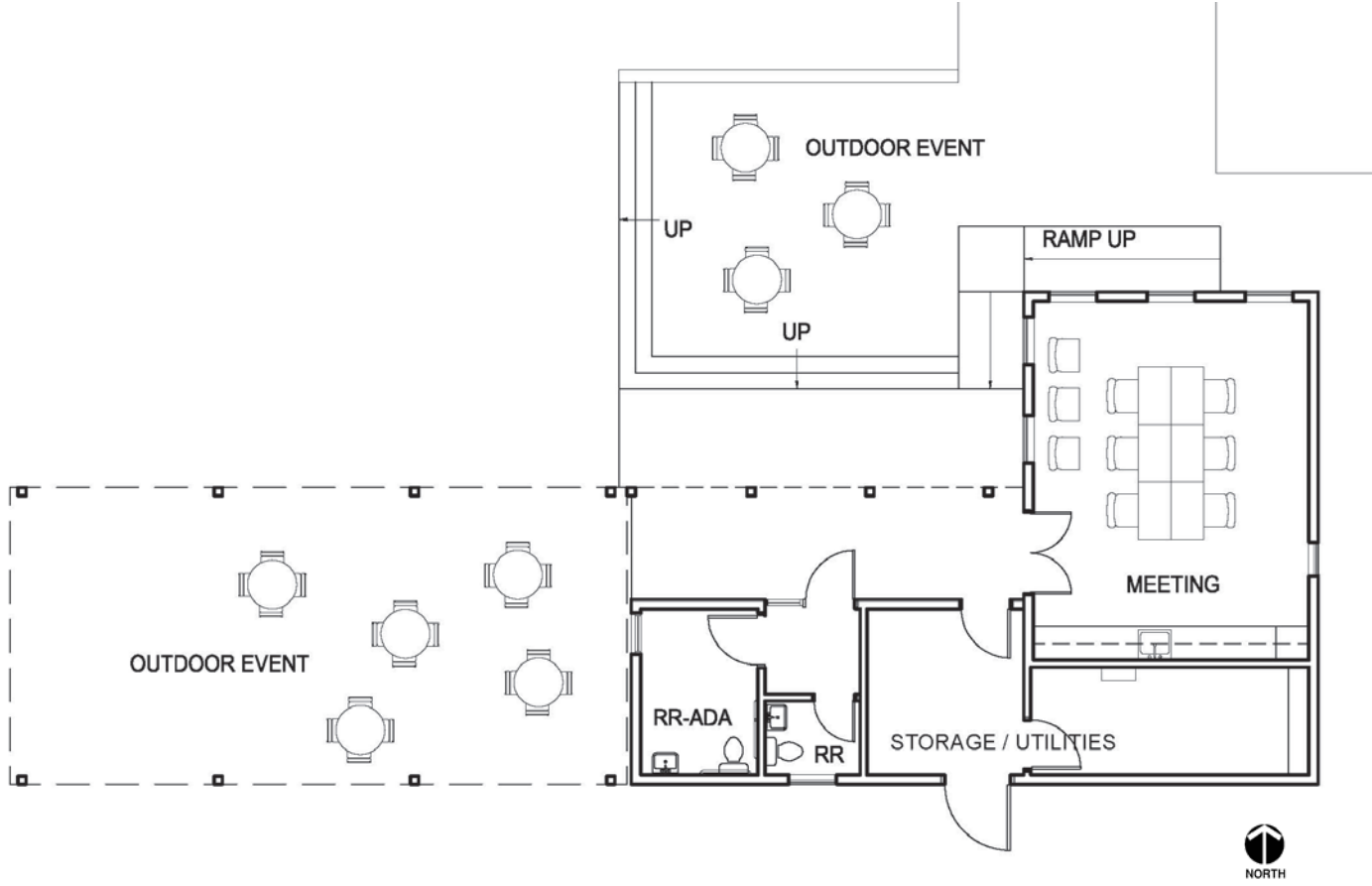
Pool house

Small community gatherings, meetings, classes and events.

- 15-20 people capacity
- Accessible restroom



Existing Building



Proposed Floor Plan



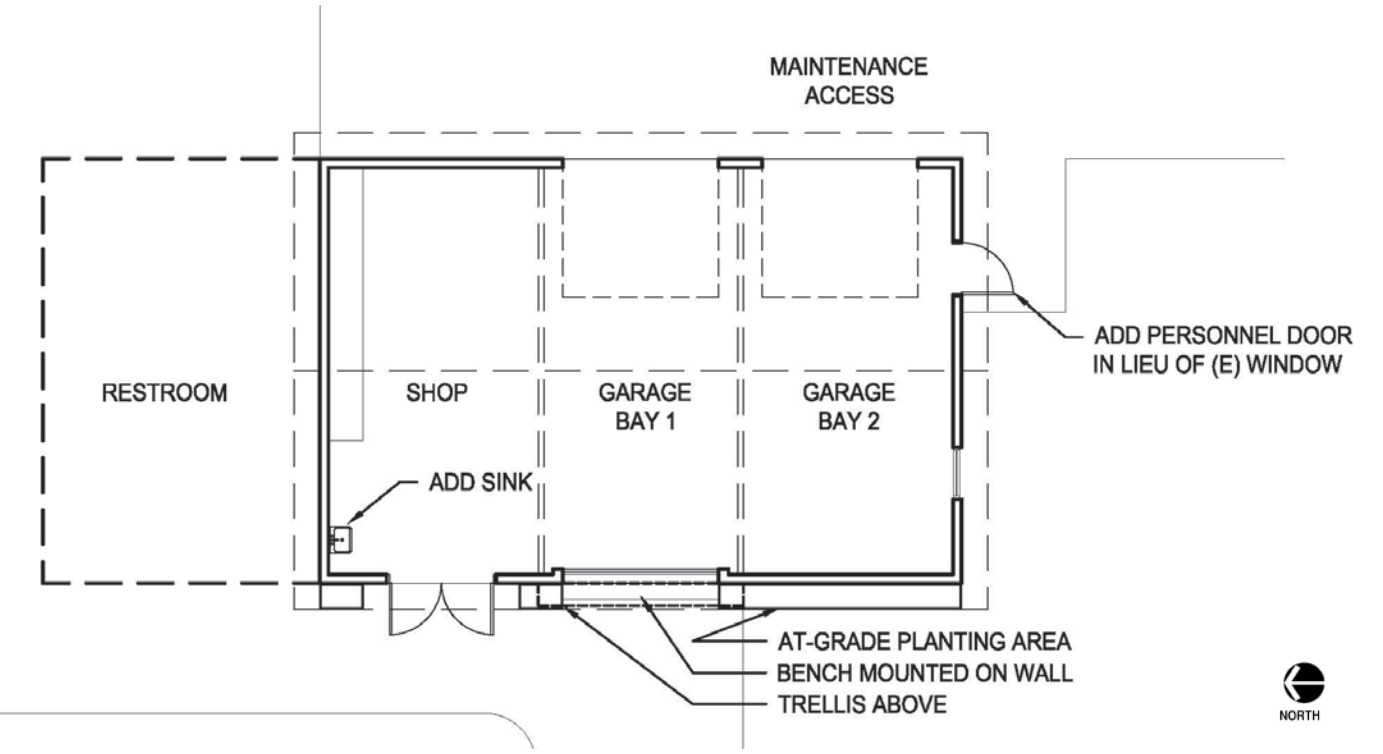
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New Garage

Parks maintenance use for small equipment storage and shop area. New restroom built adjacent to the garage.



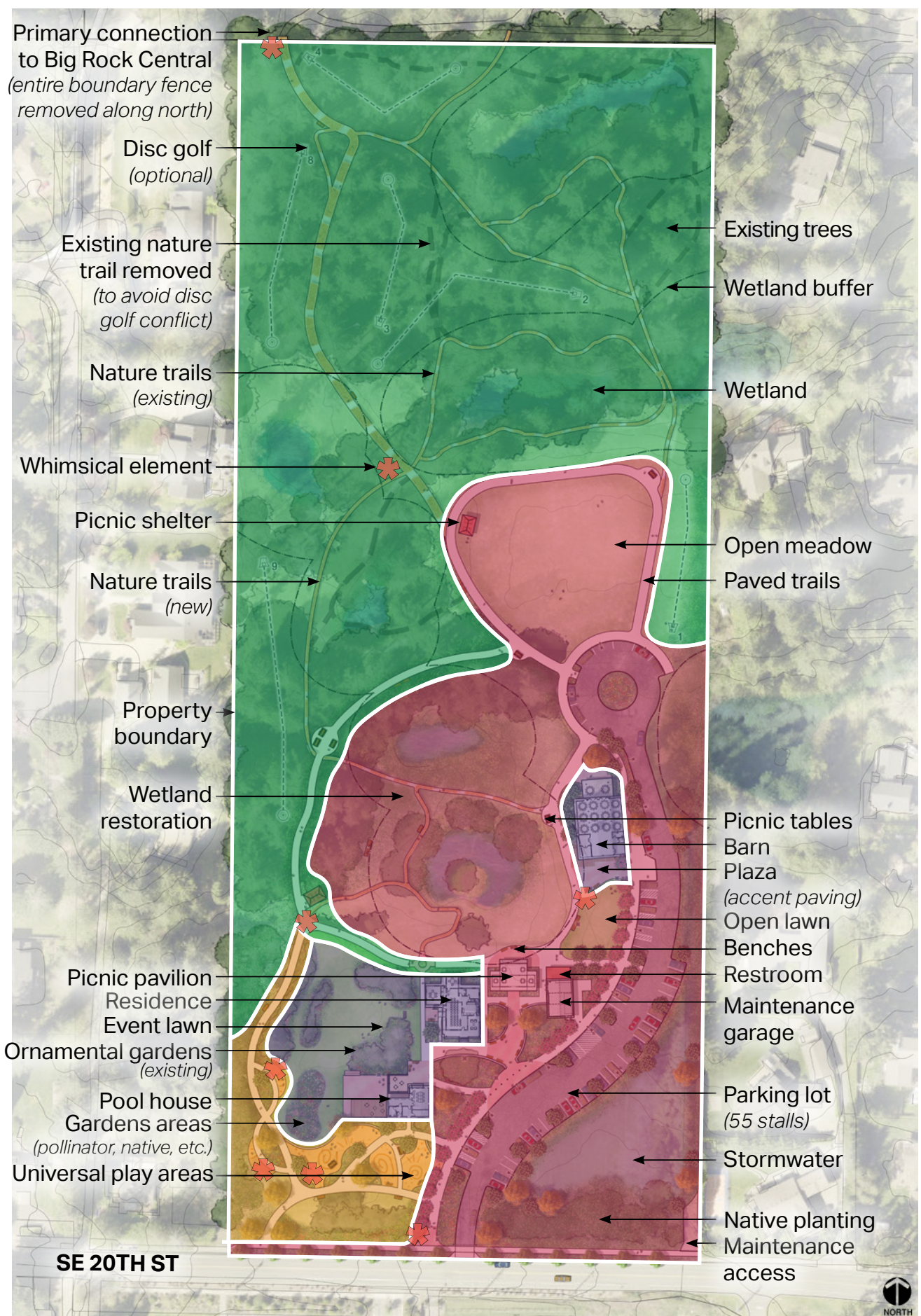
Existing Building



Proposed Floor Plan



Example Image



Central Park Improvements

- Parking lot and stormwater
- SE 20th Street frontage improvements
- Picnic pavilion
- Maintenance building
- Open meadow
- Walkways and trails

Universal Play

- Universal play areas
- Walkways and trails
- Whimsical elements

Trails and Restoration

- Trail removal in wetlands
- Flooding improvements
- Walkways and trails
- Picnic shelters
- Disc golf

Total Construction Costs

\$15 - \$18 million
(estimated all phases)

Meeting & Event Areas

- Residence
- Gardens and event lawn
- Barn and plaza space
- Pool house and plaza space

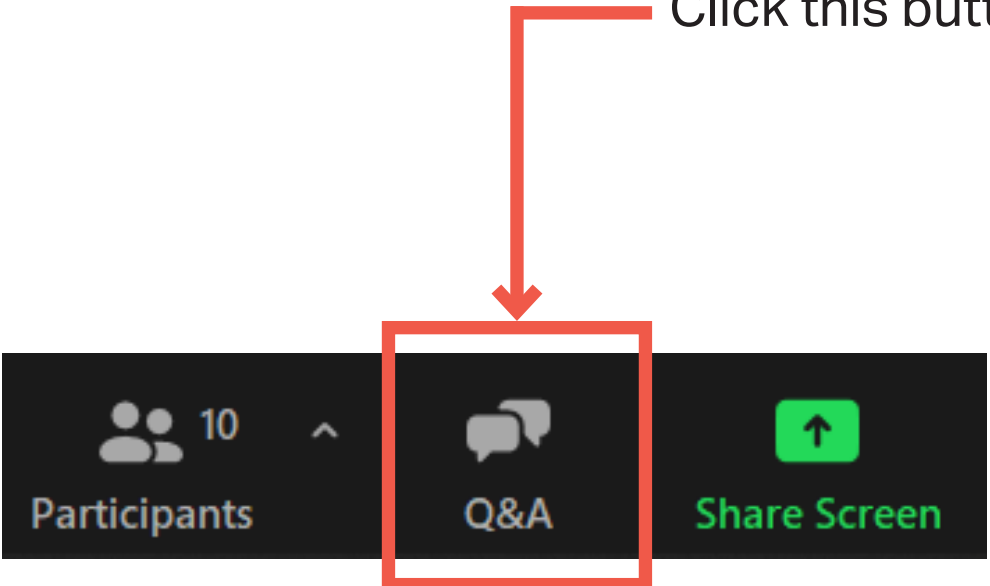
Q + A / Comments



Questions?
We would like to hear from you.

Participate patiently, gracefully, and respectfully – we’re all coming into this conversation from different places.
All ideas matter – allow space for others to share – build on each other’s ideas – no judgments.

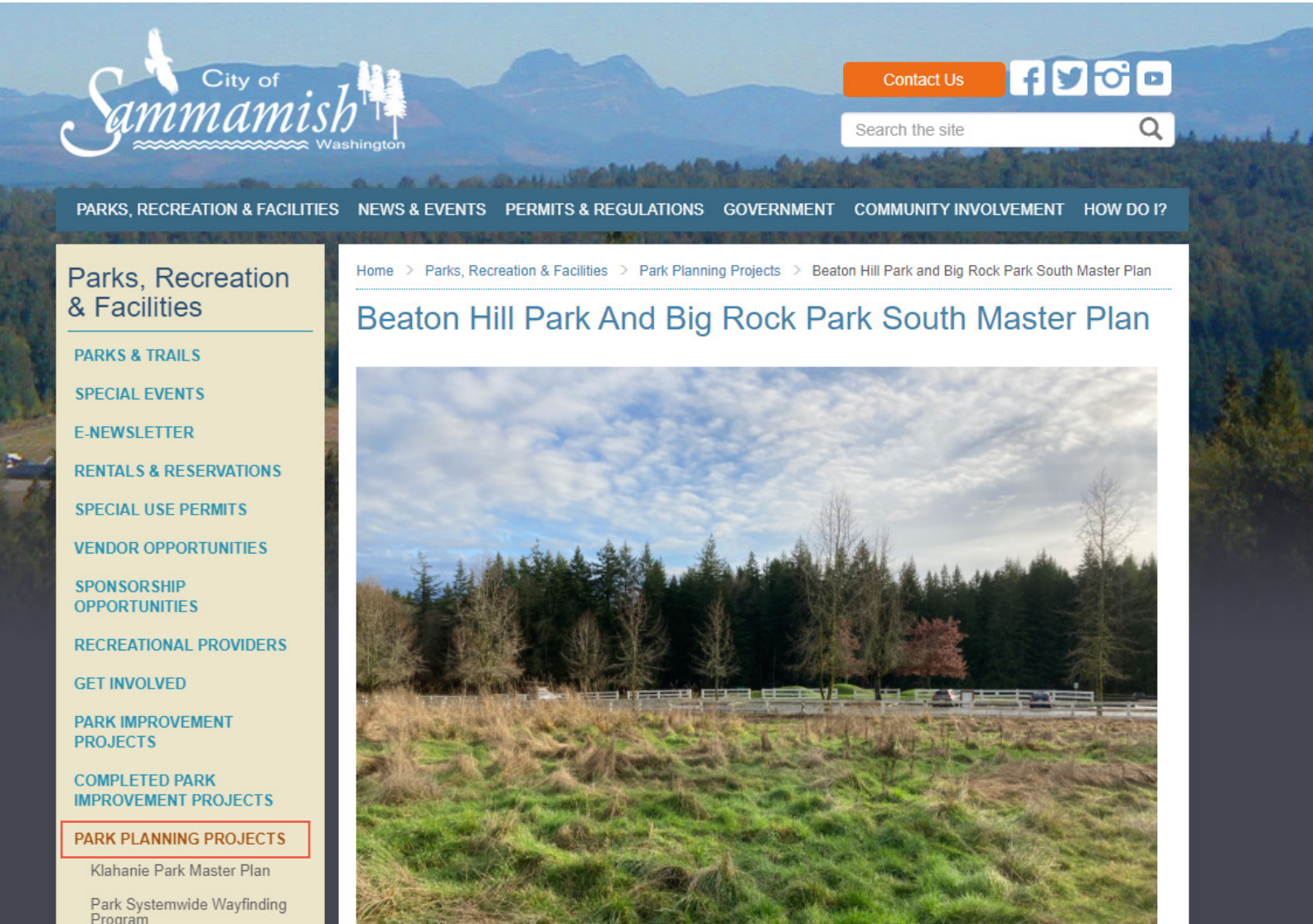
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