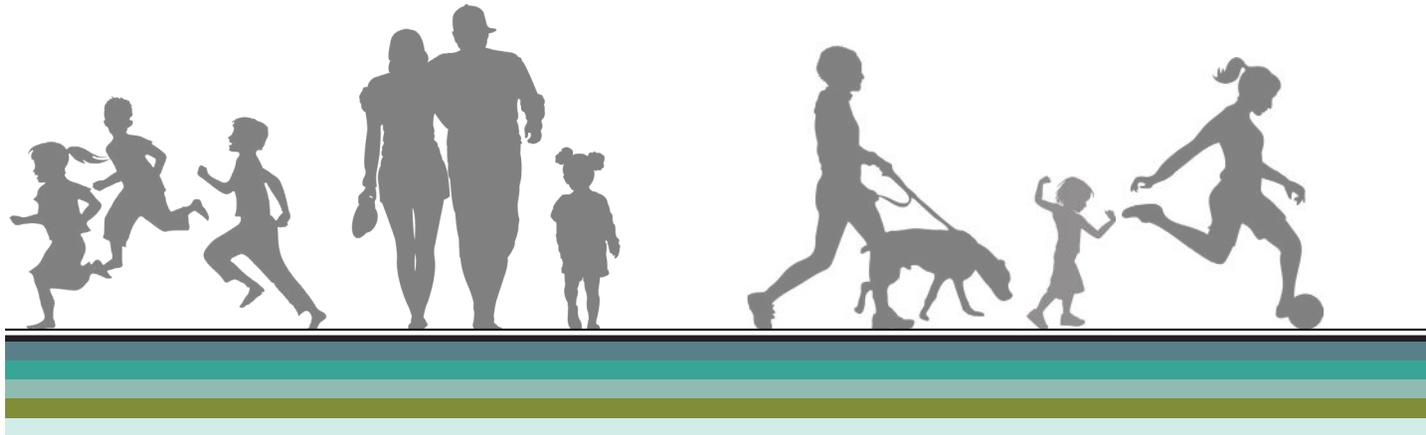


Harrisburg Park

Master Plan Presentation
Parks and Recreation Advisory Council
September 25, 2017



STEWART

Purpose

Presentation to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
to approve and recommend to Town Council



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- 1 | Analysis of Existing
- 2 | Identifying Programming
- 3 | Site Plan Development
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ANALYSIS OF EXISTING

Section One Evolution of Harrisburg Park Master Plan

Existing Site Imagery



Small Pavilion



Multi-Purpose Field



Horseshoe Courts



Large Open Air Shelter



Harrisburg Library



Playground



Restroom Building



Parking Area



Compacted Gravel Trail



Scorekeeper and Concessions Building



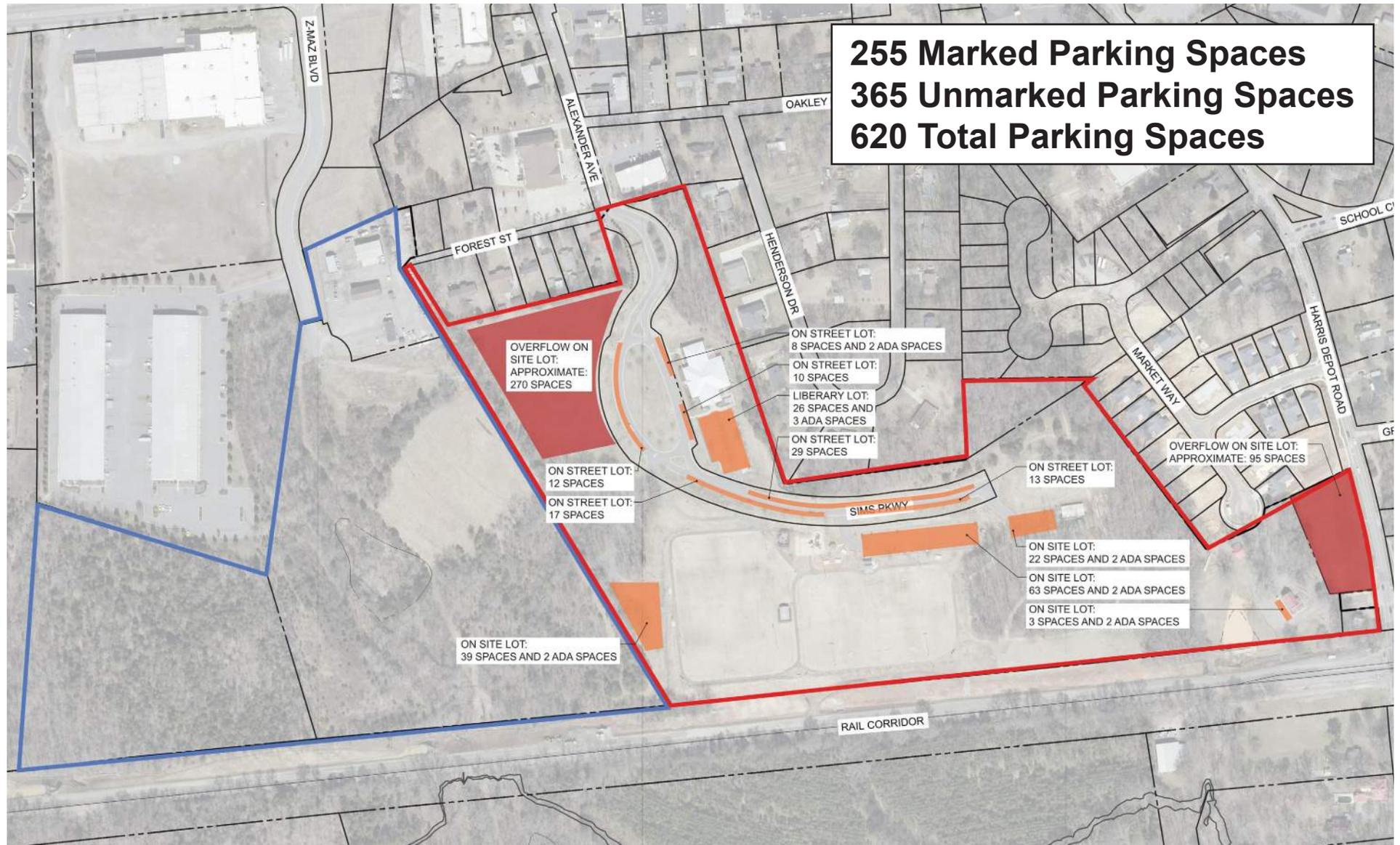
Eagle Scout Built Fitness Station



Hillside Erosion / Maintenance Issues

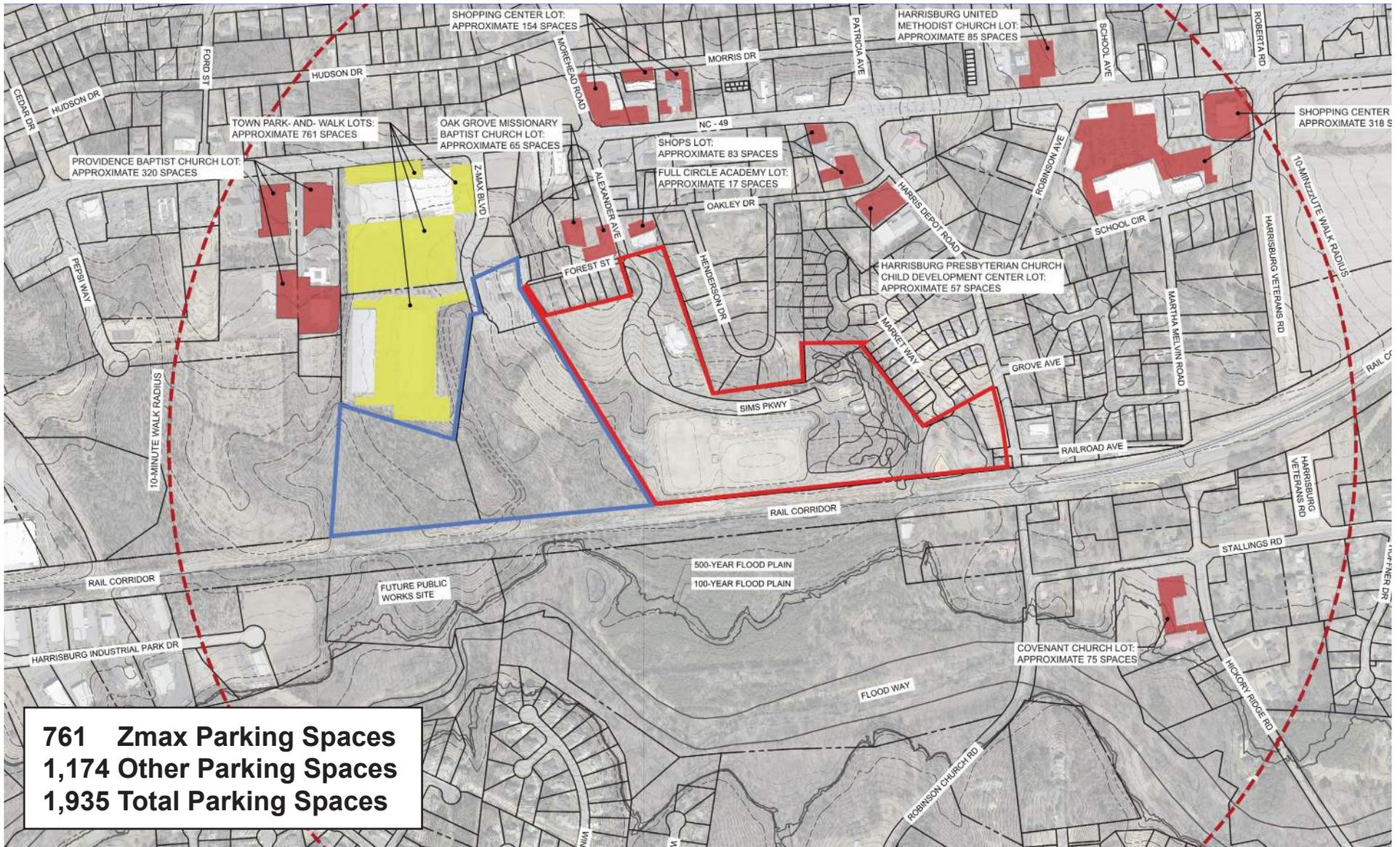
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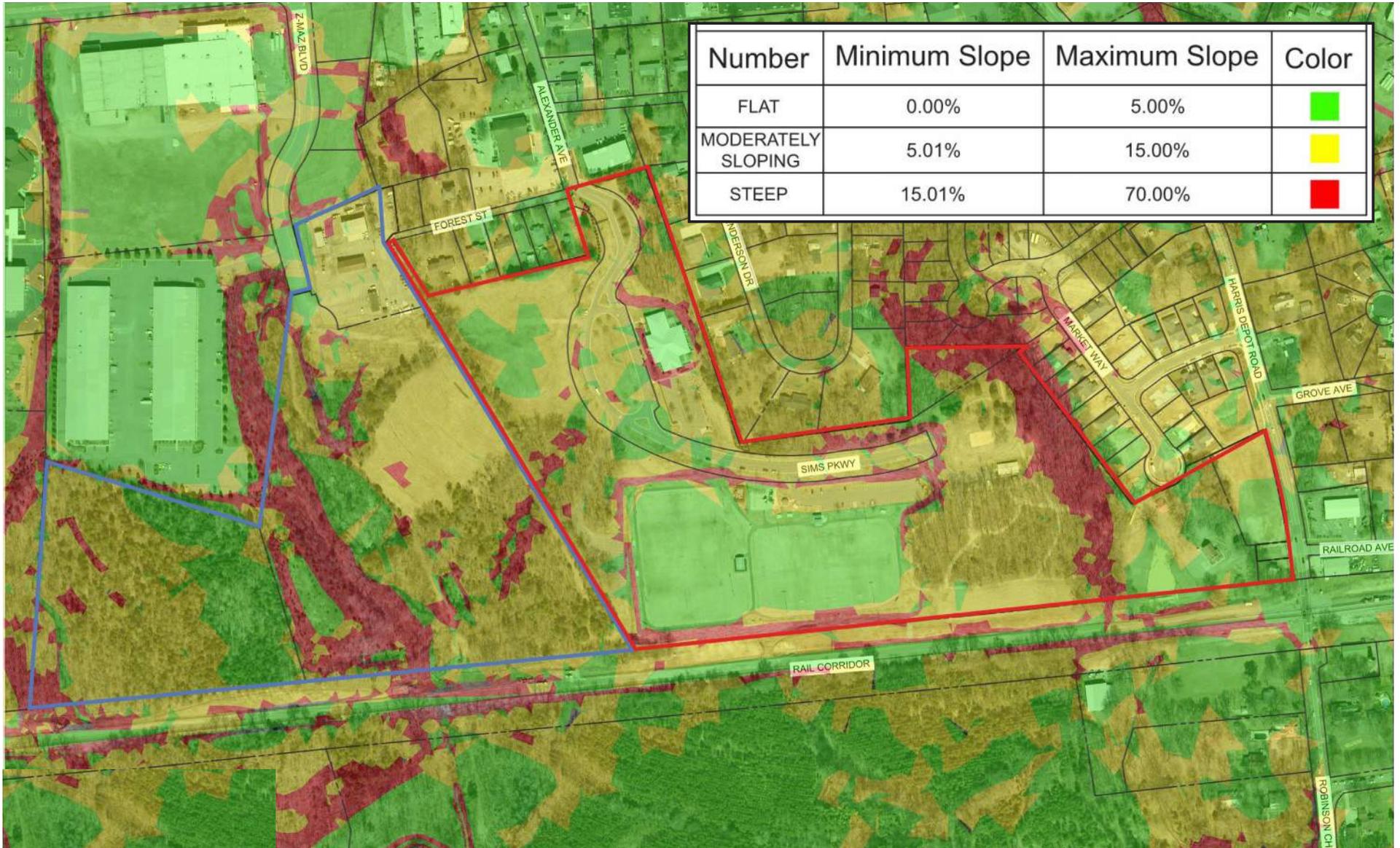


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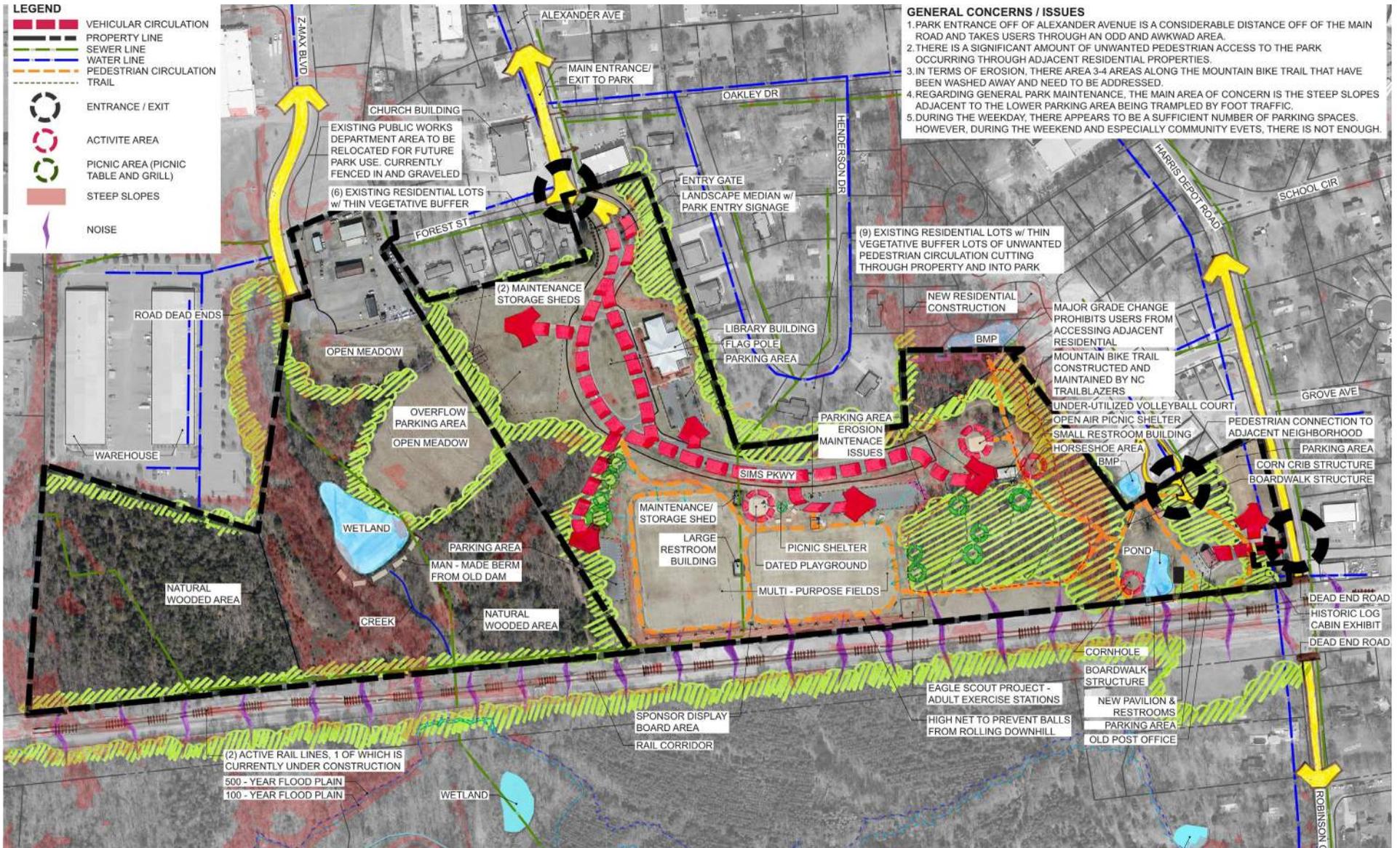
Surrounding Project Area



Slope Analysis



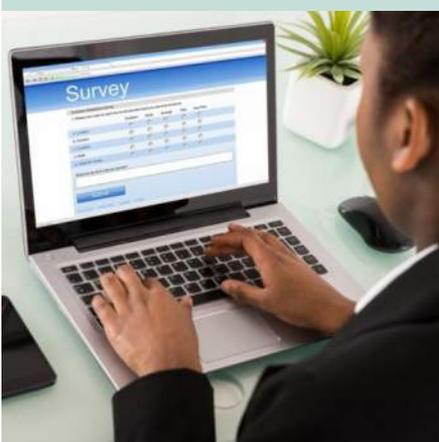
Site Analysis



IDENTIFYING PROGRAMMING

Section Two Evolution of Harrisburg Park Master Plan

Gathering Community Input



Online Survey

Spring 2017

581 Surveys filled out

Developed by Harrisburg
Parks & Recreation
Department



Park Users Poll

Poll #1

Weekend Soccer Game

May 20, 2017

27 surveys filled out

Poll #2

Public Input Meeting

June 1, 2017

15 surveys filled out

Poll #3

Farmers Market Event

July 17, 2017

3 surveys filled out



Stakeholder Discussions

Group #1

Parks & Recreation Staff

Group #2

Parks & Recreation Advisory
Board

Group #3

Athletic Coordinators

Group #4

Library Staff & Trustees



Public Input Meeting

June 1, 2017

26 Attendees Signed In

Approximately 35-40

Residents Attended

Stations

1 - Project Overview
& Sign In

2 - Existing Conditions
Understanding

3 - History / Process

4 - Programming Image
Boards

5 - Discussion Sketches

6 - Next Steps

Community Input Results

Spring 2017 Online Survey

Are you a resident of Harrisburg?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YES	94.49%	549
NO	5.51%	32

Have you utilized any Parks & Recreation programs or facilities in the last year?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.02%	449
No	22.98%	134

Please rate the following Parks and Recreation facilities:

	GREAT AS IS	GOOD, BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT	NO OPINION	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Harrisburg Park	32.00% 184	50.26% 289	6.43% 37	11.83% 68	575
Stallings Park	29.67% 170	34.90% 200	6.63% 38	29.32% 168	573
Pharr Mill Park	32.45% 184	23.10% 131	3.53% 20	41.27% 234	567
Park Restroom Facilities	19.93% 113	40.04% 227	10.23% 58	30.16% 171	567
Park Shelter	30.51% 173	33.51% 190	6.17% 35	30.16% 171	567
Park Playground Areas	31.87% 182	41.16% 235	5.78% 33	21.54% 123	571

Community Input Results

Spring 2017 Online Survey

Parks and Recreation offers a variety of programming and facility options for our citizens. However, there are opportunities to do more.

To what degree would you support or oppose funding each of the following amenities with new taxes?

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Outdoor Athletic Space (ball fields, multi-purpose fields)	32.81% 188	38.22% 219	13.96% 80	8.55% 49	6.98% 40	573
Indoor Athletic Space (gymnasium, fitness, track)	41.43% 237	33.04% 189	11.19% 64	7.34% 42	7.87% 45	572
Outdoor Community Space (splash pad, amphitheater, dog park)	53.75% 308	31.06% 178	5.76% 33	5.58% 32	4.01% 23	573
Indoor Programming Space (cultural arts, events, etc.)	33.33% 191	39.62% 227	10.99% 63	8.55% 49	7.50% 43	573
Indoor Community Space (meeting rooms, dining hall, etc.)	20.95% 119	37.50% 213	19.37% 110	11.44% 65	10.92% 62	568
Expanded Sports Programming (lacrosse, field hockey, etc.)	25.57% 146	36.08% 206	14.19% 81	9.63% 55	15.06% 86	571
Greenways and Trails	59.09% 338	27.80% 159	5.59% 32	3.85% 22	4.02% 23	572
Senior Center and/or Senior Programming	36.09% 205	39.61% 225	7.04% 40	3.87% 22	13.91% 79	568
Additional age specific playground sets	33.63% 191	34.68% 197	11.27% 64	5.11% 29	15.49% 88	568

Community Input Results

Park Users Poll

What other passive elements would you and/or your family use if they were in the park? Select your top 2.

	Poll 1, May 20	Poll 2, June 1	Poll 3, July 17	TOTALS
Additional natural surface trails	14	5	1	20
Additional paved walking trails	11	8	0	19
Additional picnic areas / shelters	8	2	0	10
Outdoor dining areas	7	3	0	10
Community garden plots	4	3	0	7
Art installations	5	1	0	6
Additional open space (flat, cut grassed area)	4	1	0	5
Rain gardens	3	2	0	5
Other	Splash pad, Sand box, Fixed soccer field, Tennis court, Mountain bike trails	Native plants and wildflower landscape	Covered farmers market	n/a

What other active elements would you and/or your family use if they were in the park? Select your top 2.

	Poll 1, May 20	Poll 2, June 1	Poll 3, July 17	TOTALS
Water spray ground	15	4	1	20
Newer playground	9	4	1	14
Fenced dog park	6	6	0	12
Basketball courts	6	5	0	11
Tennis courts	5	1	1	7
Additional multi-purpose fields	4	1	0	5
Other	Community garden, Mountain bike trails, Badminton Court, Splash pad, Natural playground area similar to Ready Creek Nature Museum play area	Cricket 5	n/a	n/a

Community Input Results

Park Users Poll

What is your (or your family's) reason for visiting? Select your top 3 choices.

	Poll 1, May 20	Poll 2, June 1	Poll 3, July 17	TOTALS
Watch kids play a sport	22	7	0	29
Personal exercise (walking loop or biking trails)	13	8	2	23
Use the playground	12	8	1	21
Go to the library	11	9	0	20
Attend a community event (movie night, farmers market, holiday celebration, etc.)	13	6	0	19
Use the small / large picnic shelter	5	3	1	9
Play volleyball or horseshoes	2	1	0	3

**What do you think are the biggest issues at Harrisburg Park?
Select your top 2 choices.**

	Poll 1, May 20	Poll 2, June 1	Poll 3, July 17	TOTALS
Lack of restroom facilities	7	5	0	12
Lack of parking	9	3	1	13
Lack of paved / natural surface trails	5	4	1	10
Lack of community events	5	0	0	5
Lack of general maintenance / upkeep	4	0	1	5
Lack of accessible facilities	2	2	0	4
Other	Farmers, Market, Art, Community involvement, Basketball court, Equipment for sports	Shortage of fields for soccer; Parking that is not a dead end	Overuse and general wear/tear by public	n/a

Community Input Results

Public Input Meeting

Passive Elements

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTALS
Additional Paved Walking Trails	9		3	4	16
Additional Open Air Pavilions	1	5	4	1	11
Community Garden Plots		4	6	1	11
Outdoor Stage/ Amphitheater	1	5	2	1	9
Additional Natural Surface Trails	2	3	1	1	7
Rain Garden	4			2	6
Shade Trellis				3	3
Outdoor Classroom	1		1		2
Natural Play Areas				2	2
Hammock Grove		1		1	2
Art Installations	1				1
Additional Picnic Areas				1	1
Additional Open Space					0

Community Input Results

Public Input Meeting

Active Elements

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTALS
Sprayground	4	4	4	3	15
Fenced Dog Park	2	3	1	2	8
Obstacle Course	1	3		4	8
Additional Multi-purpose Fields	1	1	2	2	6
Playground	2	1	2	1	6
Basketball Courts	1		3	2	6
Low Bouldering Wall	1	1	2	2	6
Baseball / Softball Fields		2	1	1	4
Skateboard Park	1		2		3
Disc Golf Course	2		1		3
Archery		1		1	2
Additional Fitness Stations		1		1	2
Tennis Courts		1	1		2
Wall Ball Courts			1		1
Multi-sport Game Courts (Basketball, Soccer, Roller Hockey)	1				1

Community Input Results

Compiled

Recommended Action According to the 2010
Town of Harrisburg Parks and Recreation
Master Plan

Comment Responses

2017 Town of Harrisburg Park and Recreation
Advisory Board & Stakeholder Wish List

2017 Community Input Results
(Top Picks Only)

Explore opportunities to acquire property to the west of the park and south of the railroad tracks.



Two adjacent parcels west of the park have been acquired. Public Works will be relocating and this land will become part of the park. The parcel south of the railroad tracks was not able to be purchased due to cost.

Additional Bike Trails
Bike Pump Track

Paved Walking Trails
Natural Surface Trails

Use this land to construct a community center, outdoor pool, and splash pad on the existing parcel and baseball and multi-purpose fields on adjacent property to effectively transform Harrisburg Park to meet the classification of a District Park.



Community (Rec) Center = desired, pending bond ballot
Outdoor Pool = no longer desired, due to overall cost and ongoing maintenance costs
Splash Pad = desired, pending bond ballot
Baseball Fields = no longer desired at this location
Multi-Purpose Fields = strongly still desired



**Community (Rec) Center
Splash Pad
Multi-Purpose Fields**



**Community (Rec) Center
Splash Pad
Multi-Purpose Fields**

Create grade separated connection over/under railroad for connectivity to the additional parcel.



At-grade crossing is not feasible due to railroad restrictions and over/under connection is too costly.

Better Restroom Facilities

Restrooms Facilities

Construct universal accessible trail between existing fields and the Farmer's Market.



Still applicable.



Construct Primary Accessible Route

Open Air Pavilions

Explore opportunities to acquire adjacent property to the east and temporarily utilize existing structures as classrooms and meeting rooms.



Not applicable.

Stage / Amphitheater

Stage / Amphitheater

Renovate existing fields with synthetic surface for multi-purpose use and enhance playability and safety.



Synthetic surfacing is very expensive and will not do well during major community events with heavy vehicular loads sitting on-top and oil/grease dripping below. Not applicable.

Senior Programming Elements

Obstacle Course

Add parking to accommodate expanded facilities and programs.



Still applicable.



Additional Parking



Additional Parking

Provide an area for Community Garden contiguous to the Farmer's Market.



Still applicable, pending community interest.



Community Garden



Community Garden Plots

Add a Dog Park.



Still applicable, pending community interest.



Fenced Dog Park



Fenced Dog Park

Final Programming

Additional Multi-Purpose Fields

Additional Parking

Community (Rec) Center

Stage / Amphitheater

Splash Pad

Paved Walking Trails

Natural Surface Trails

Additional Restrooms Facilities

Additional Open Air Pavilions

Community Garden Area

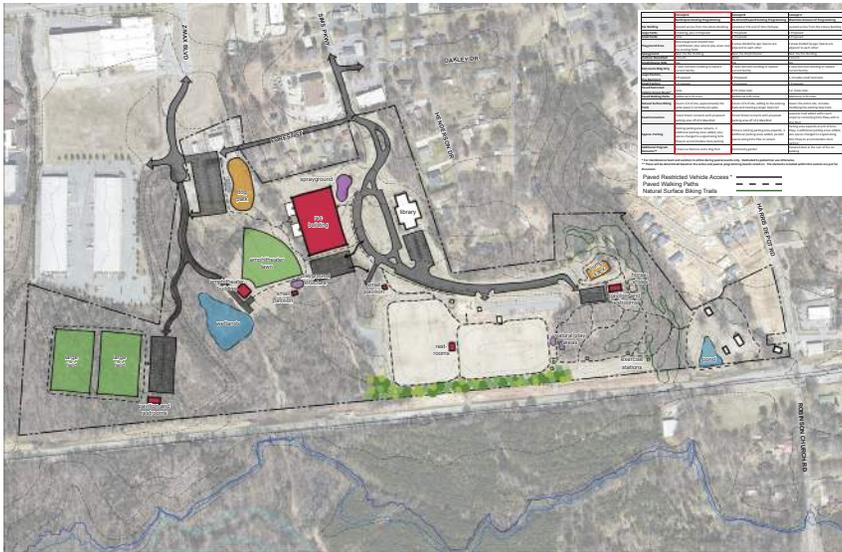
Fenced Dog Park

SITE PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Section Three Evolution of Harrisburg Park Master Plan

Plan Refinement

June 2017 Progress



Discussion Sketch - Concept A
Harrisburg Park | Harrisburg, North Carolina



	Concept A	Concept B	Concept C
	Build Upon Existing Programming	Re-Orient/Expand Existing Programming	Maximize Amount of Programming
Rec Building	Located across from the Library Building	Located at the end of Sims Parkway	Located across from the Library Building
Large Fields	2 Existing, plus 2 Proposed	7 Proposed	4 Proposed
Small Fields	none	1 Proposed	8 Proposed
Playground Area	New playground located near amphitheater plus natural play areas near the existing fields	2 areas divided by age, Spaces are adjacent to each other	2 areas divided by age, Spaces are adjacent to each other
Sprayground	Near the Rec Building	Near the Amphitheater	Near the Rec Building
Outdoor Basketball	2 Courts	None	2 Courts
Amphitheater Bldg	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restrooms Bldg Only	1 new restroom building to replace current facility	1 new restroom building to replace current facility	1 new restroom building to replace current facility
Large Pavilion, Plus Restroom	2 Proposed	1 Proposed	1, includes small restroom
Small Pavilion	2 Proposed	3 Proposed	1 Proposed
Paved Restricted Vehicle Access Route*	none	0.75 miles total	1.2 miles total
Paved Walking Paths	Additional 0.70 miles	Additional 0.95 miles	Additional 0.70 miles
Natural Surface Biking Trails	Covers 1/3 of site, approximately the same space it currently occupies	Covers 2/3 of site, adding to the existing trails and creating a larger loop trail	Covers the entire site, includes modifying the existing loop trails
Road Connection	Forest Street connects with proposed parking area off of Z-Max Blvd	Forest Street connects with proposed parking area off of Z-Max Blvd	Separate road added within park property connecting Sims Pkwy with Z-Max Blvd
Approx. Parking	Existing parking area remains, 3 additional parking areas added, plus spaces changed to angled along Sims Pkwy to accommodate more parking	Primary existing parking area expands, 3 additional parking areas added, parallel spaces along Sims Pkwy to remain	Parking area expands at end of Sims Pkwy; 3 additional parking areas added, plus spaces changed to angled along Sims Pkwy to accommodate more parking
Additional Program Elements**	5 Exercise Stations and a Dog Park	Community garden	Elevated deck at the rear of the rec building



Discussion Sketch - Concept B
Harrisburg Park | Harrisburg, North Carolina



Discussion Sketch - Concept C
Harrisburg Park | Harrisburg, North Carolina



Plan Refinement

July 2017 Progress



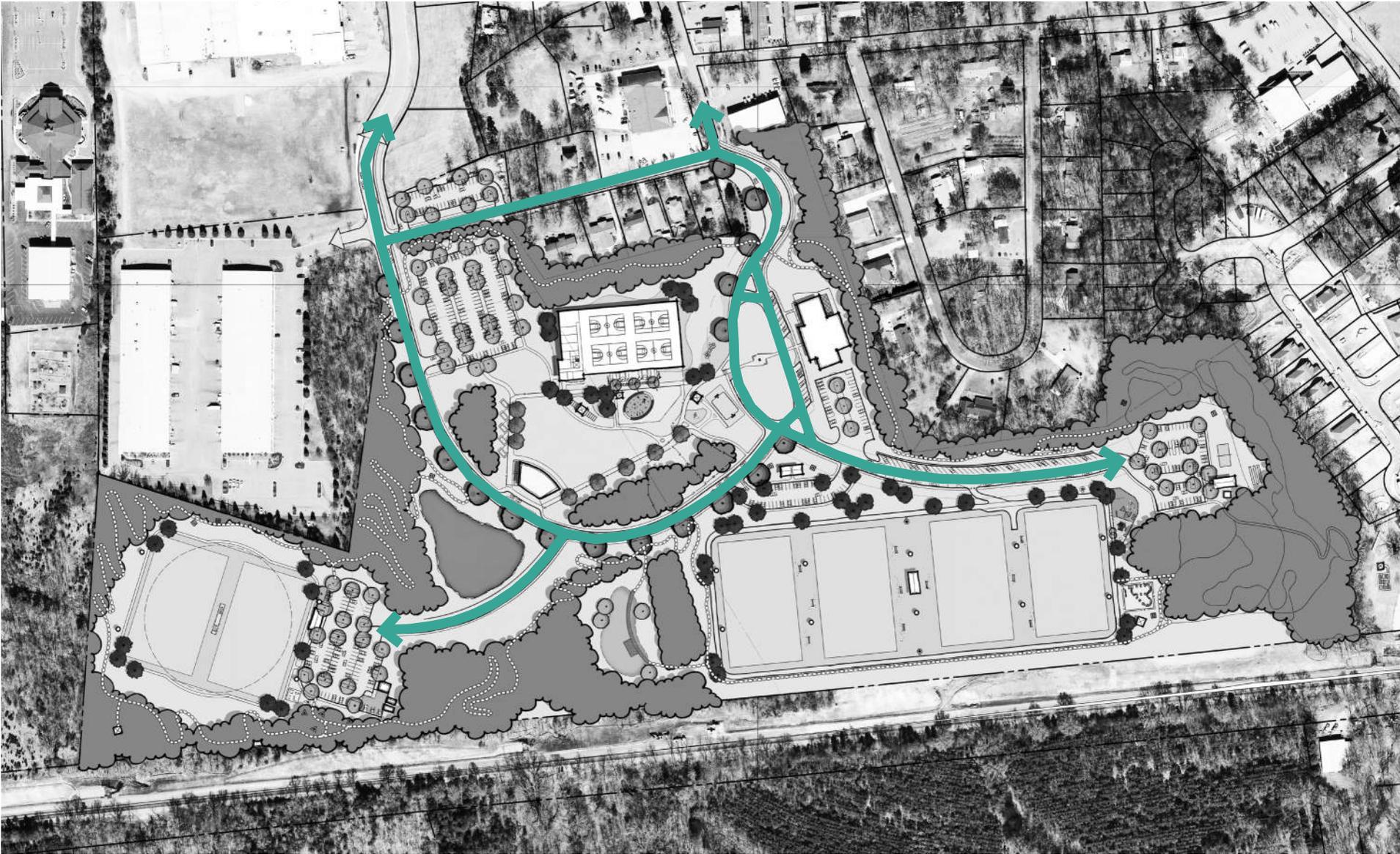
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Plan View Illustrative



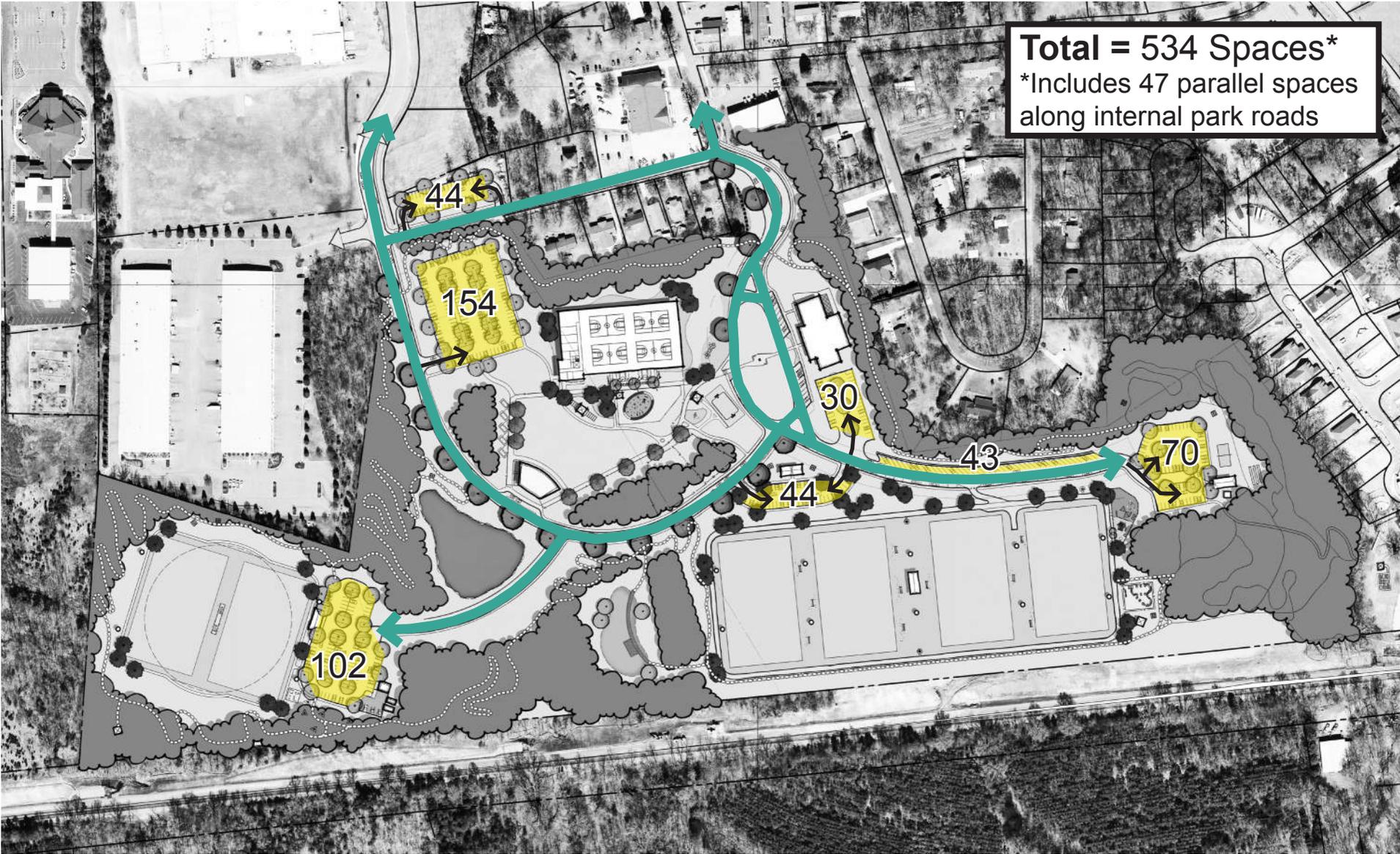
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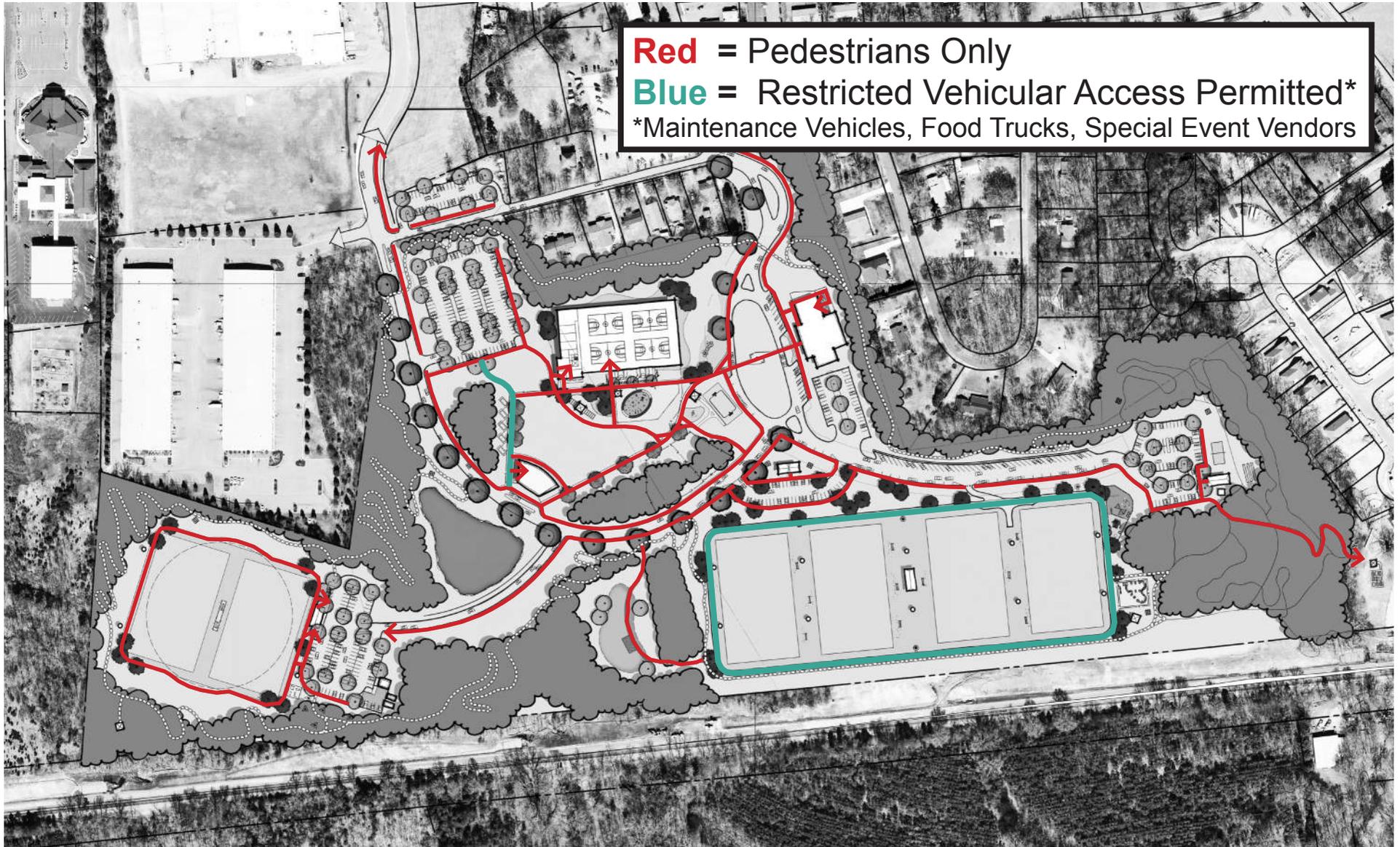
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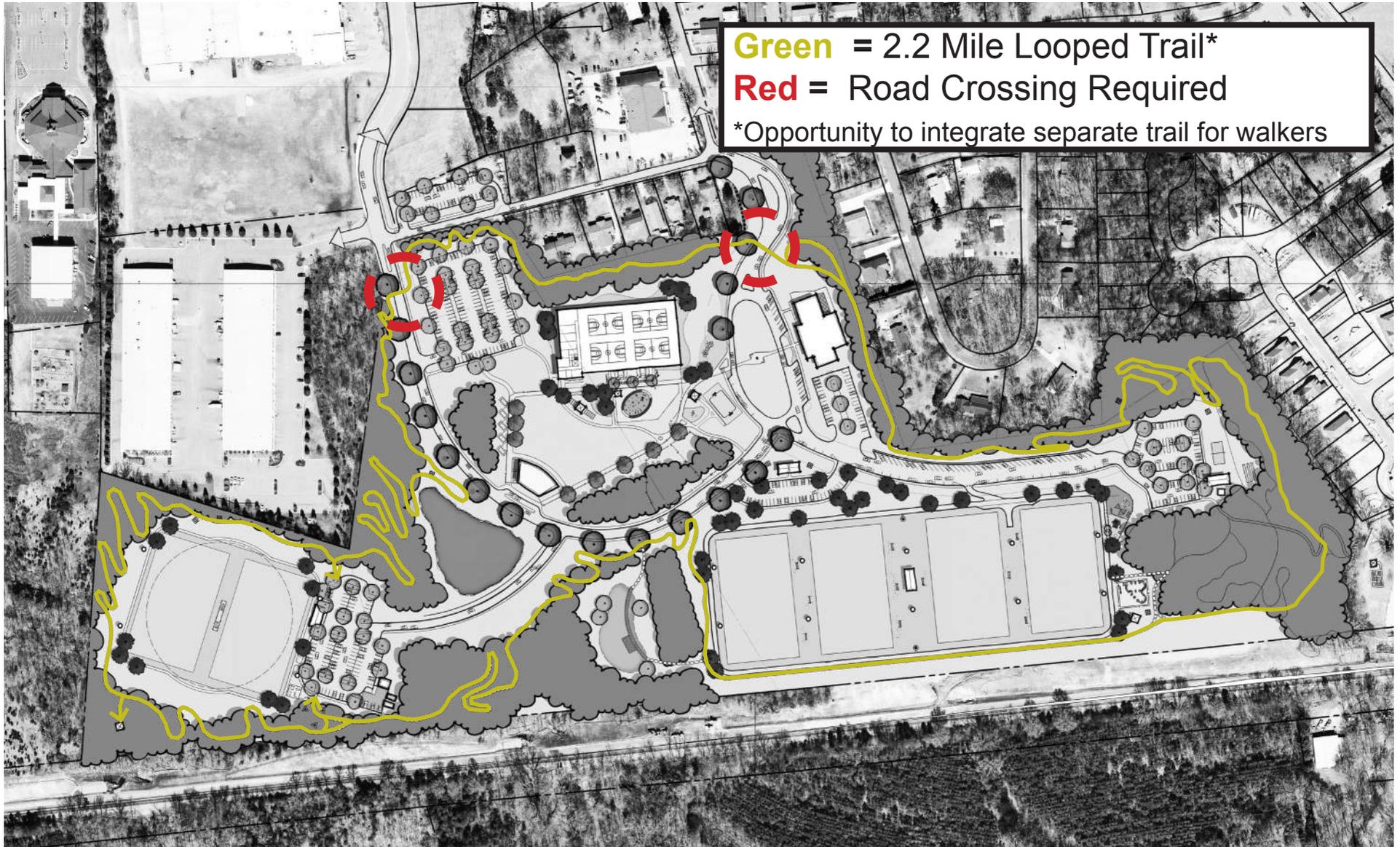
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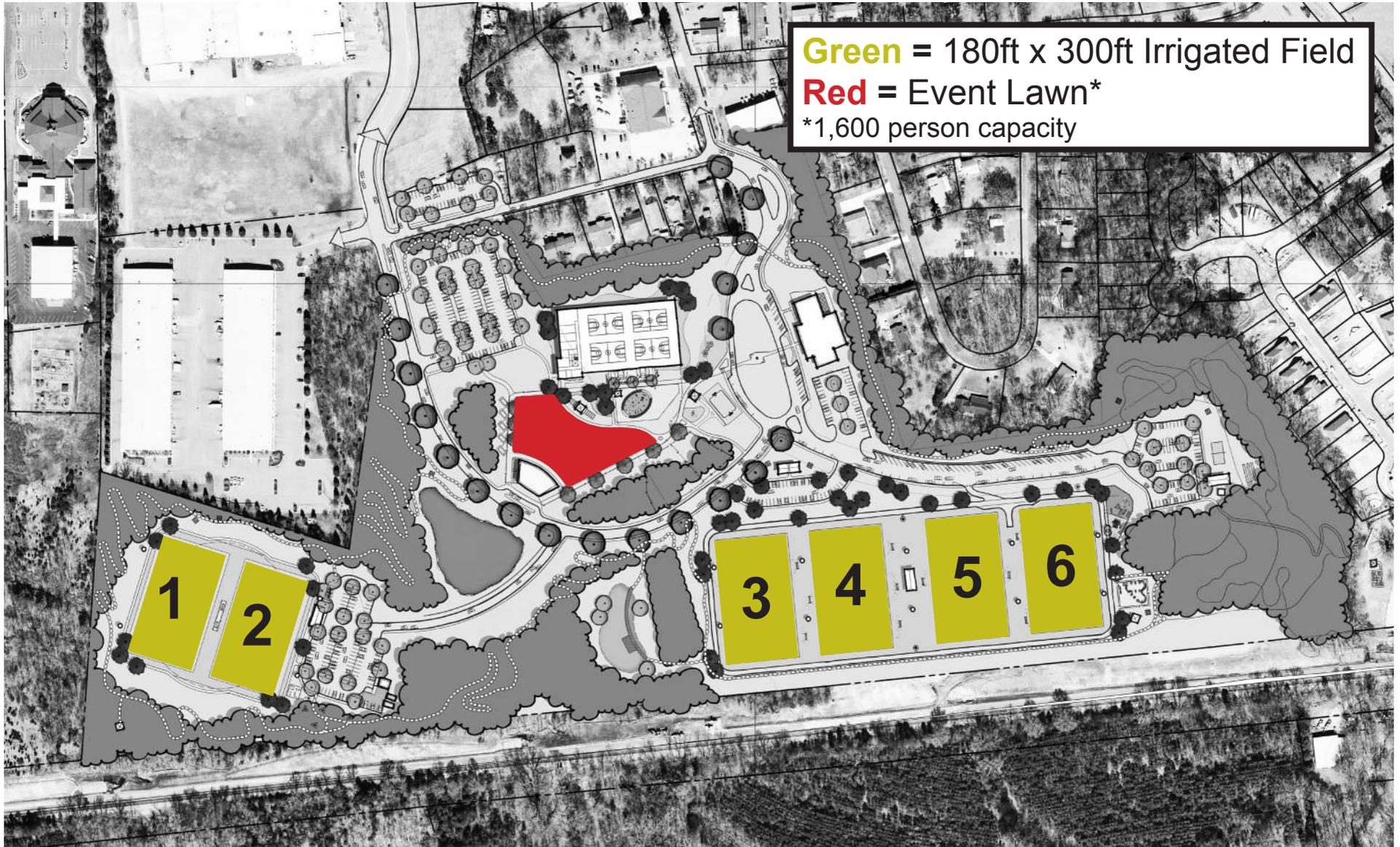
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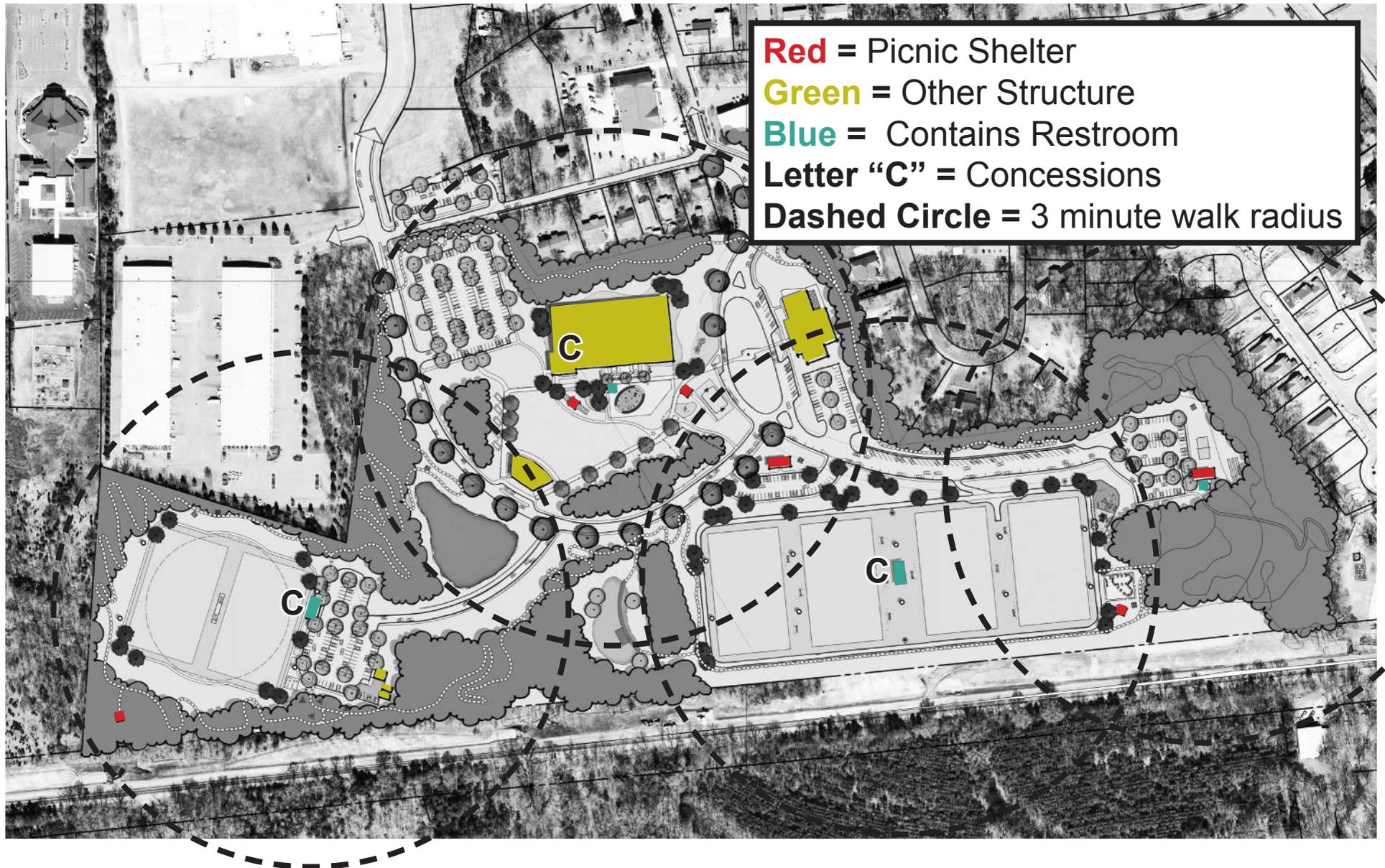
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Multi-Purpose Fields



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Buildings / Structures



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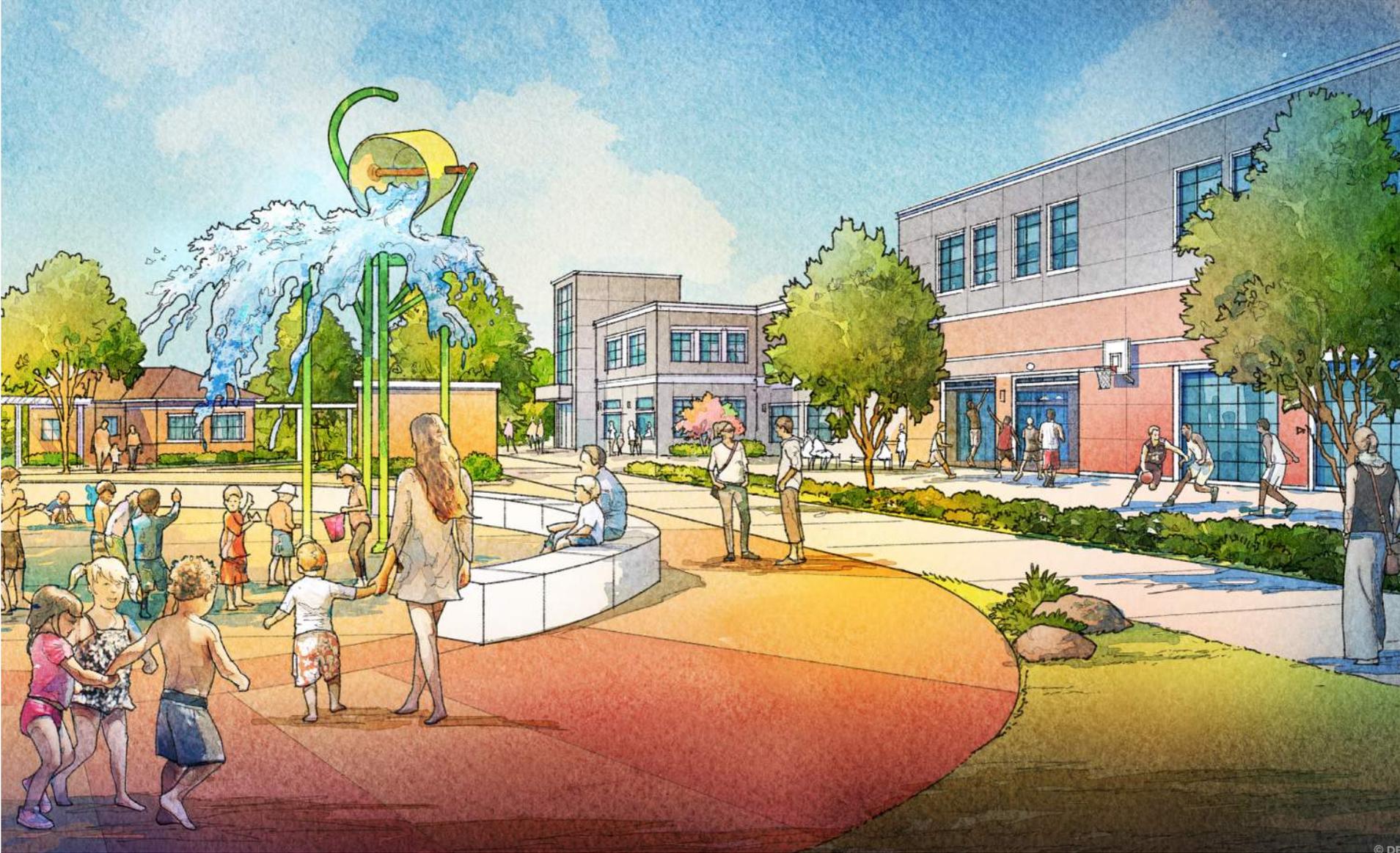
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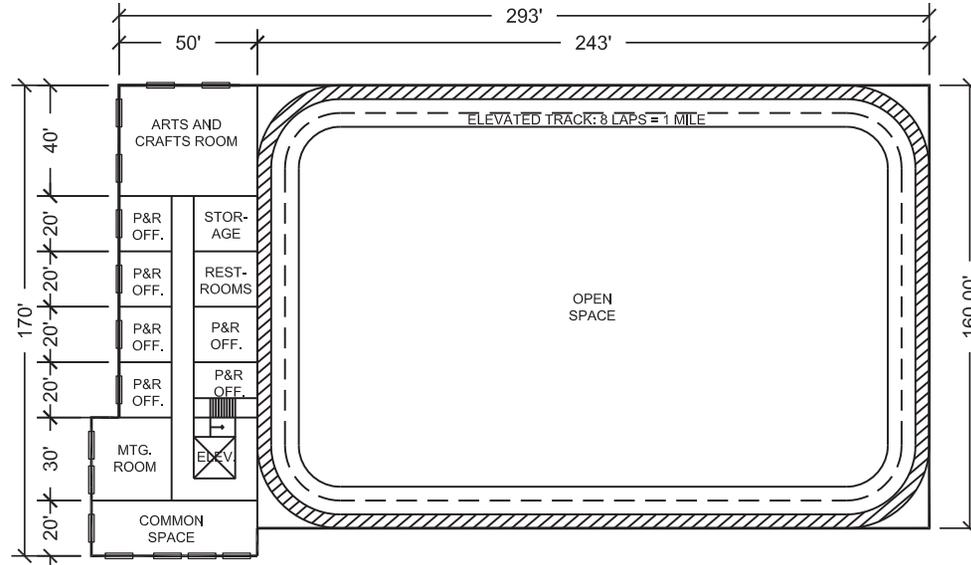


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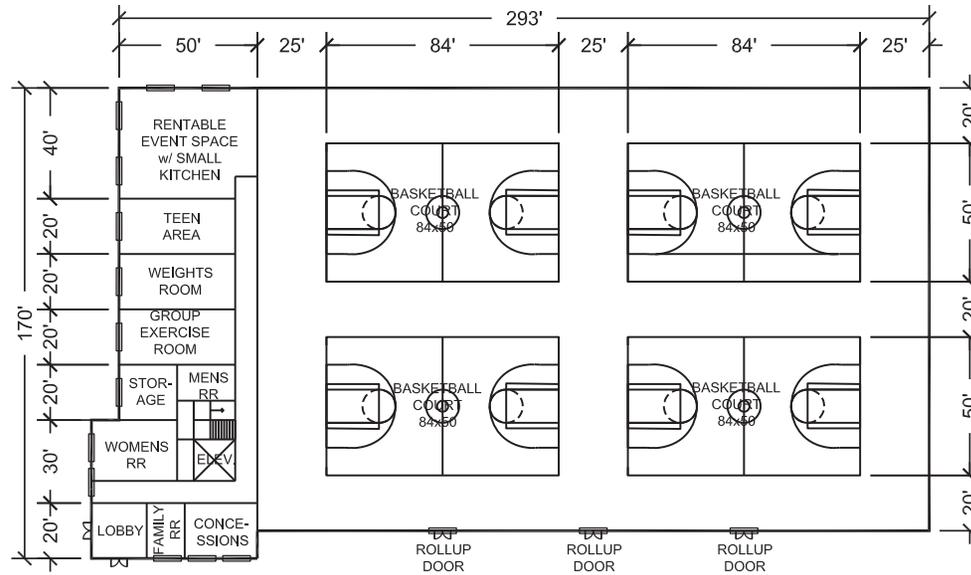
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Community Center Building



Upper Level



Lower Level

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Amphitheater & Event Lawn

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Enlargement #2



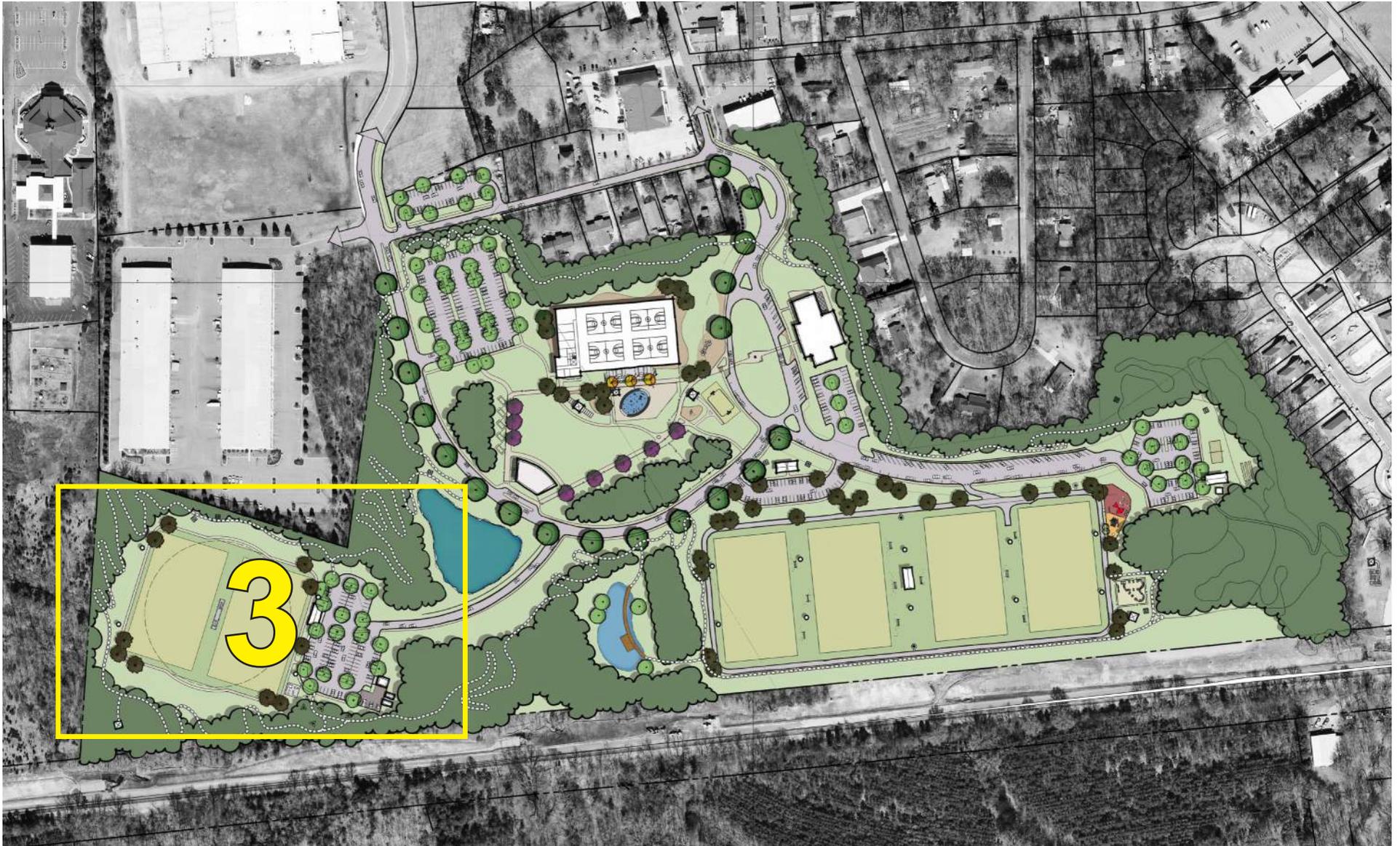
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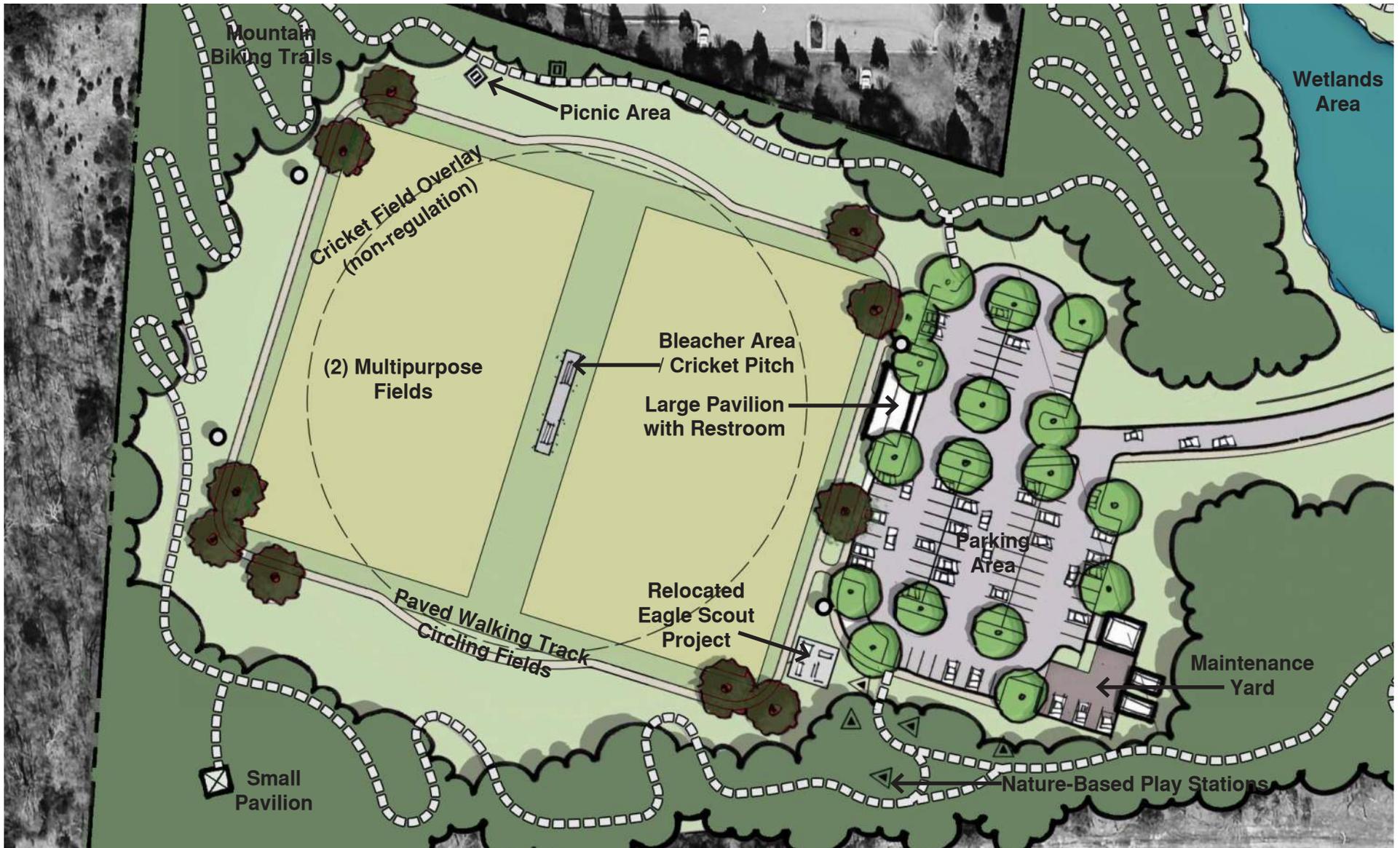
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NEXT STEPS

Section Four **Evolution of Harrisburg Park Master Plan**

Today

Action Needed to Approve Plan and Recommend to Town Council

October 9

Presentation to Town Council

Harrisburg Park Master Plan

Overall Illustrative

