



## **City of Abilene**

### **Parks and Recreation Board Agenda**

**Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of City of Abilene to be held on May 21, 2024 at 8:30AM at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INVOCATION**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

#### **PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **1. Service Awards (Discussion)**

- Marc Elizondo - Parks Crew Chief - 5 Year Service Award
- Mike McBride - Supervisor - 10 Year Service Award

#### **MINUTES**

##### **2. Minutes (Discussion and Action)**

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **3. Vote for Chairperson (Discussion, Public Hearing and Possible Action)**

##### **4. Vote for Vice Chairperson (Discussion, Public Hearing and Possible Action)**

##### **5. Lake Fort Phantom Master Plan (Discussion)**

##### **6. Carver Park Plat (Discussion, Public Hearing and Possible Action)**

##### **7. Aquatics Report (Discussion)**

- Splash Pad Updates
- Adventure Cove Updates
  - Opened May 18th (Weekend Only), May 25th (Regular Season)
  - Swim Lessons

##### **8. Parks Report (Discussion)**

- Splash Pad Shade Installations

- Landscape Projects

9. Recreation Report (Discussion)

- Summer Camp 2024
- Mother Son Dance
- Anime & Manga Art Class
- Coed Volleyball Summer League

10. Seniors Report (Discussion)

- Circuit Training
- Chair Yoga
- Donut Social

11. Zoo Report (Discussion)

- Animal Updates
- Zoo Upgrades
- Upcoming events

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 16th day of May, 2024, at 8:25 a.m.*

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*Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City  
Secretary, TRMC*



# Service Awards





# Vote for Chairperson







# Vote for Vice Chairperson



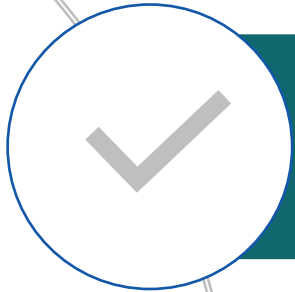


# Lake Fort Phantom Hill Park Master Plan



May 21, 2024

# Background



2009: Lake Fort Phantom Hill Land Use Plan Adopted



2023: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Adopted



Late 2023: Abilene Initiated LFPH Park Master Plan Project

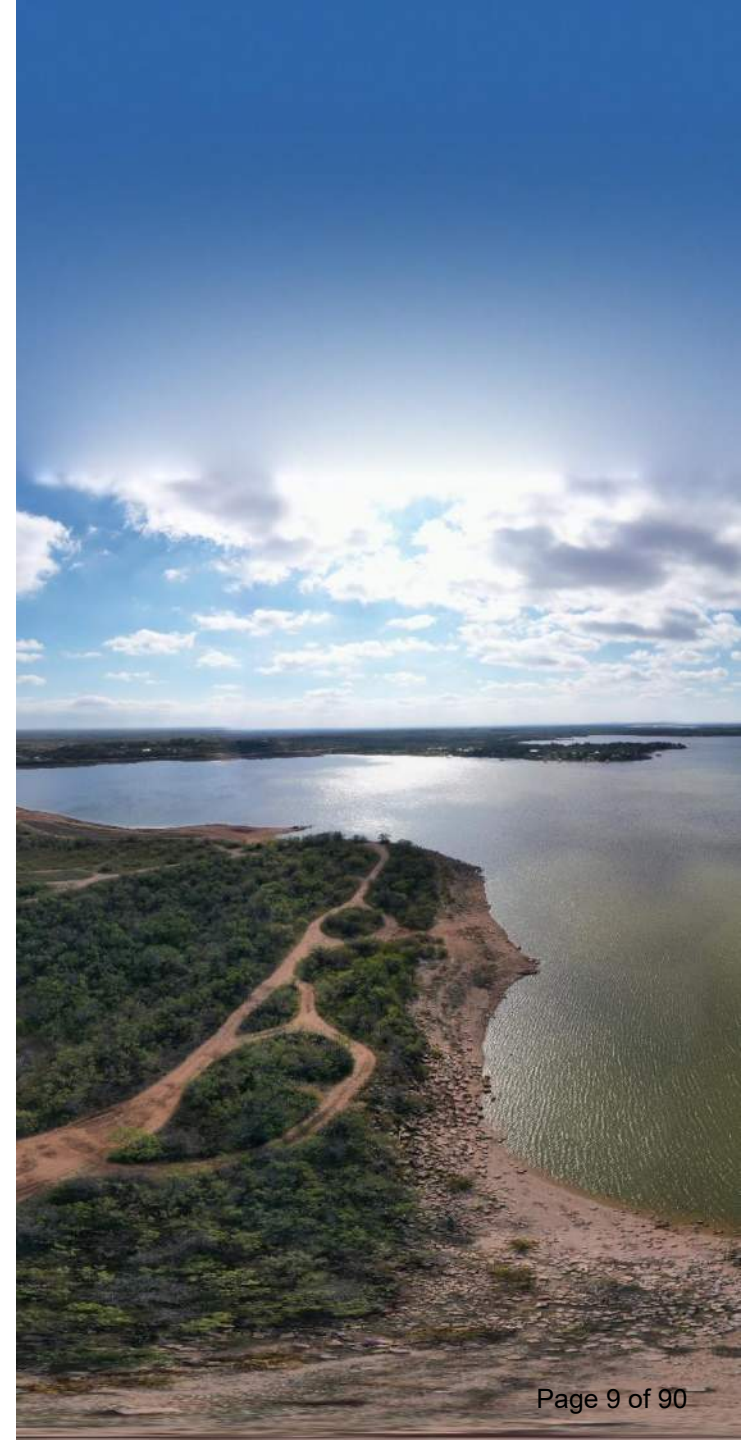
# Background





# Project Scope

- Site inventory and program analysis
  - *What was there in the past?*
  - *What is there now?*
  - *What could be there in the future?*
- Designs for each park site, illustrative imagery, and implementation strategies
- Lake Fort Phantom Hill Park Master Plan



# Planning Area

The Planning Area includes 8 City-owned/maintained locations around Lake Fort Phantom Hill.

These 8 Areas of Focus include:

A: Johnson Park Area

B: The Promenade

C: Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach

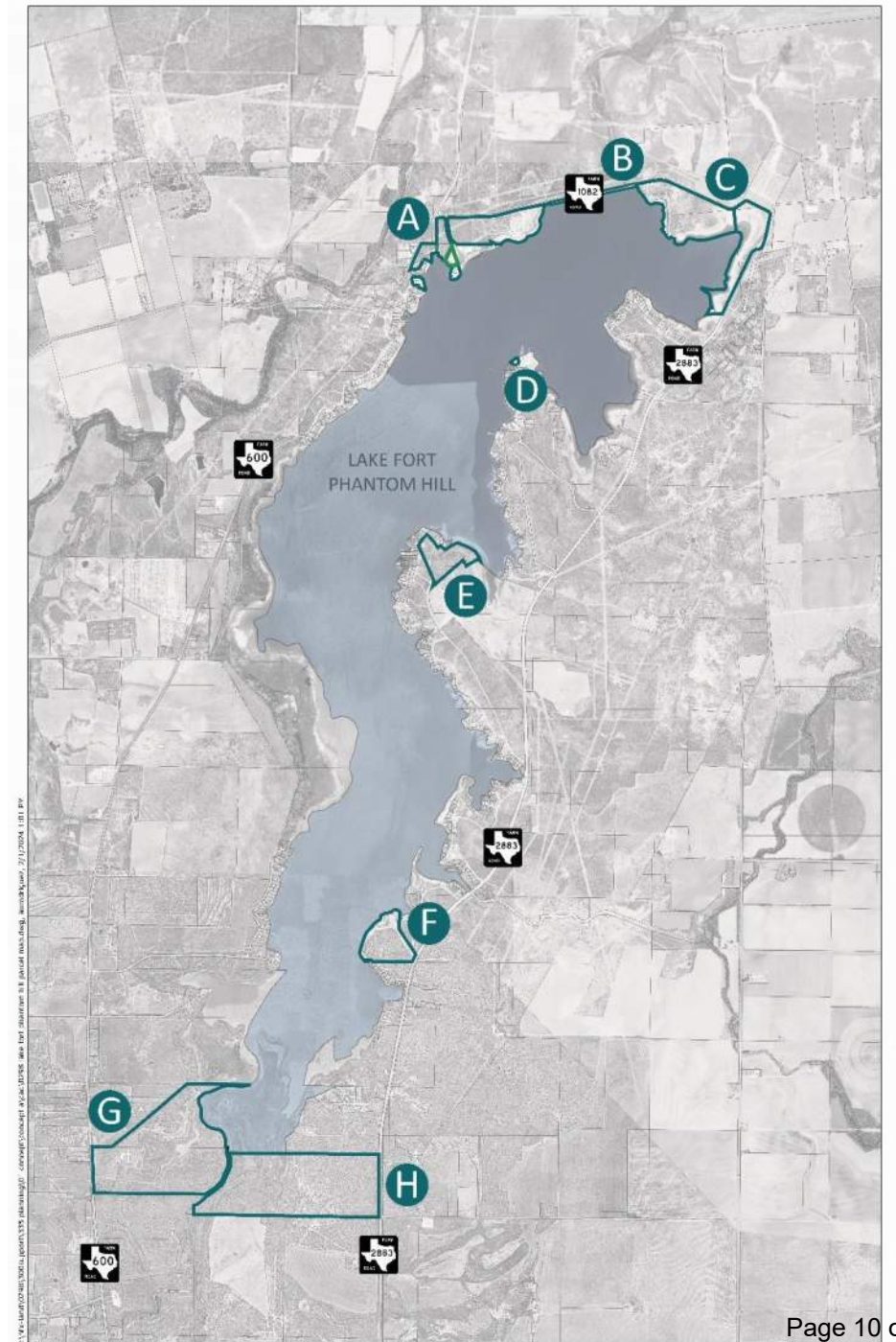
D: Northeast Boat Ramp

E: The Cove

F: Southeast Boat Ramp

G: Sea Bee Park Area

H: Red Dirt Trails



# Community Feedback

Over the course of several months the team has gained valuable insight into each area of focus through these methods of community engagement:

Community  
Survey



Stakeholder  
Interviews



LFPH  
Association  
Workshop



LFPH Public  
Design Studio



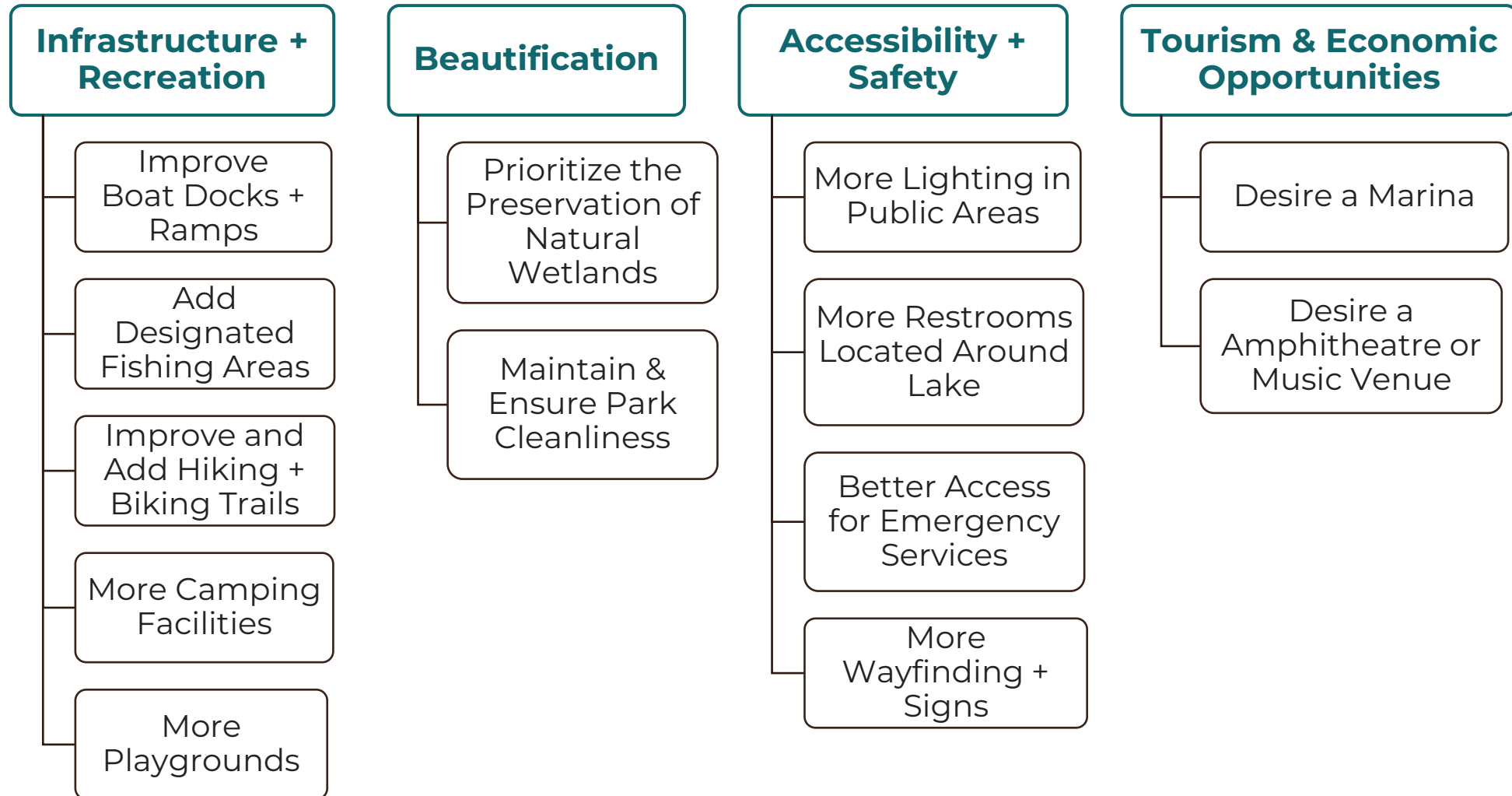






# Community Survey

## KEY TAKEAWAYS





# Stakeholder Interviews

- Discussed Lake Fort Phantom Hill's strengths, weakness, threats, and opportunities with each Stakeholder
  - Lake Fort Phantom Hill Association
  - Abilene Radio Control Society
  - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
  - Lake Fort Phantom Boat Rentals
  - Abilene Sailing Association
  - SUPAbilene
  - Wake Park
  - Abilene City Staff





# LFPH Association Workshop

- February 29, 2024
- Used interactive map stations to discuss each site and gain valuable insight from Lake residents







# LFPH Public Design Studio

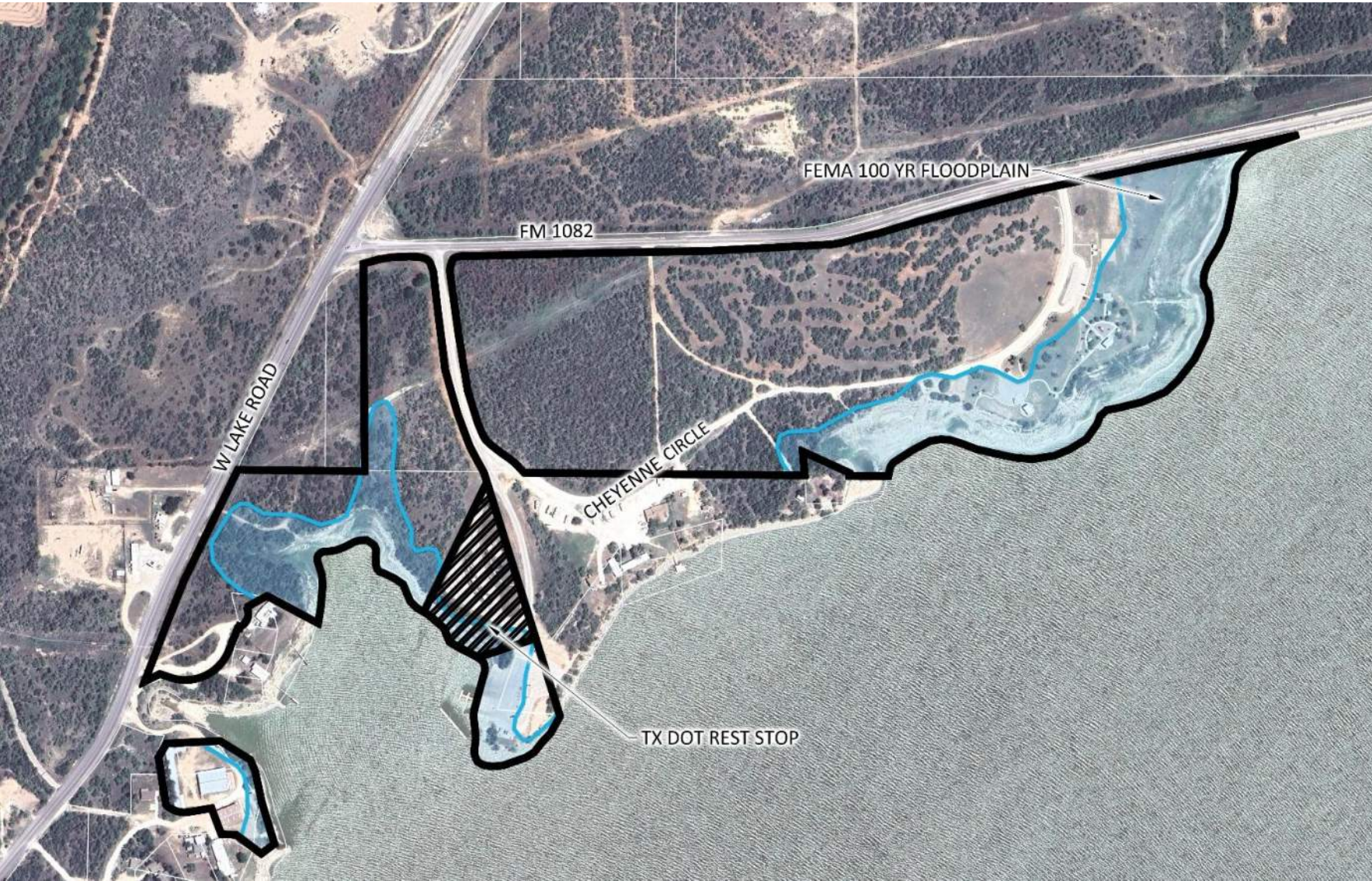
- March 28, 2024
- Takeaways:
  - The Cove Site is a sensitive location with adjacent residential
  - Marina is popular idea for the north side of the Lake
  - More restroom locations needed
  - Camping amenities, such as water, trash, and electricity are important considerations
  - Safety and access to emergency services is a priority for many







# Johnson Park Area: Existing Conditions







# Johnson Park Area: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 72 acres
- Heavily utilized
- Great views of lake
- Boat ramp
- Educational wildlife signage
- Decorative/functional boulders
- Dense “scrub brush, trees + cacti
- Picnic tables with canopies
- Pavilion
- Restrooms

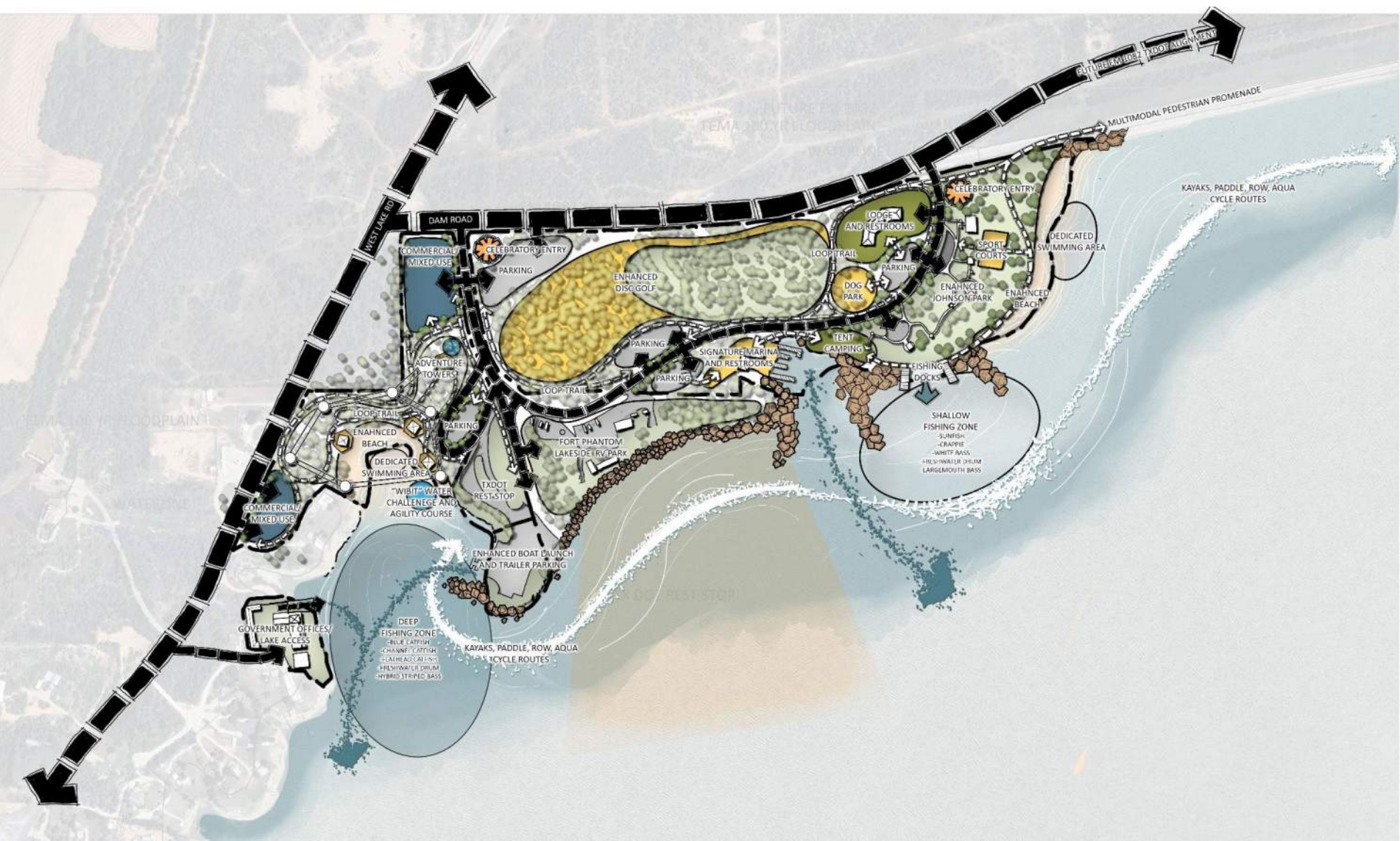
## Activities:

- Playground
- Sand volleyball and disc golf
- Camping
- Fishing
- Informal beach
- Boat ramp





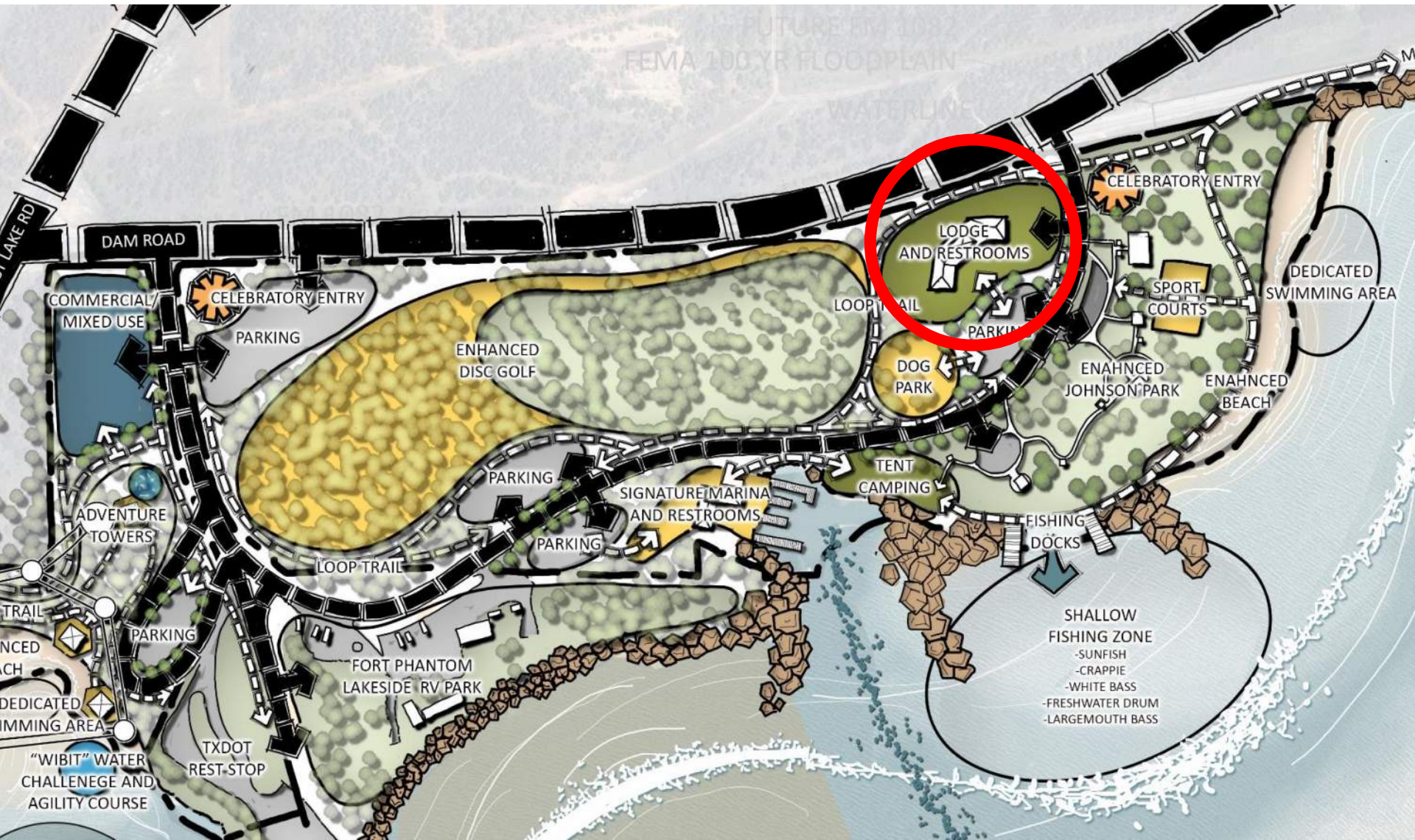
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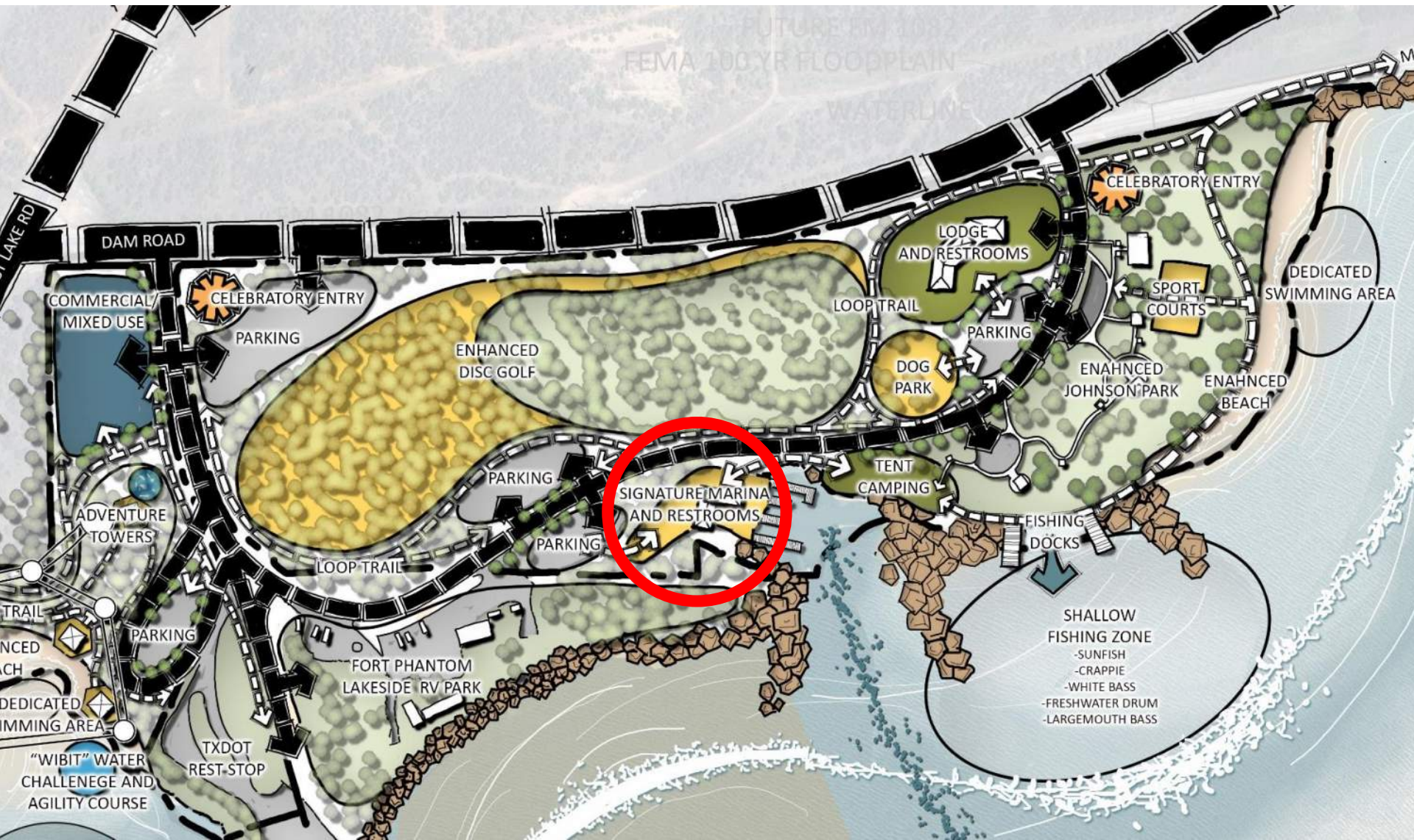
## The Lodge

- restrooms
- lodging + banquet and reception spaces
- restaurant and bar
- biergarten + yard games
- themed miniature golf course
- indoor fitness + spa and sauna
- gift shop





# Johnson Park Area: Concept Plan



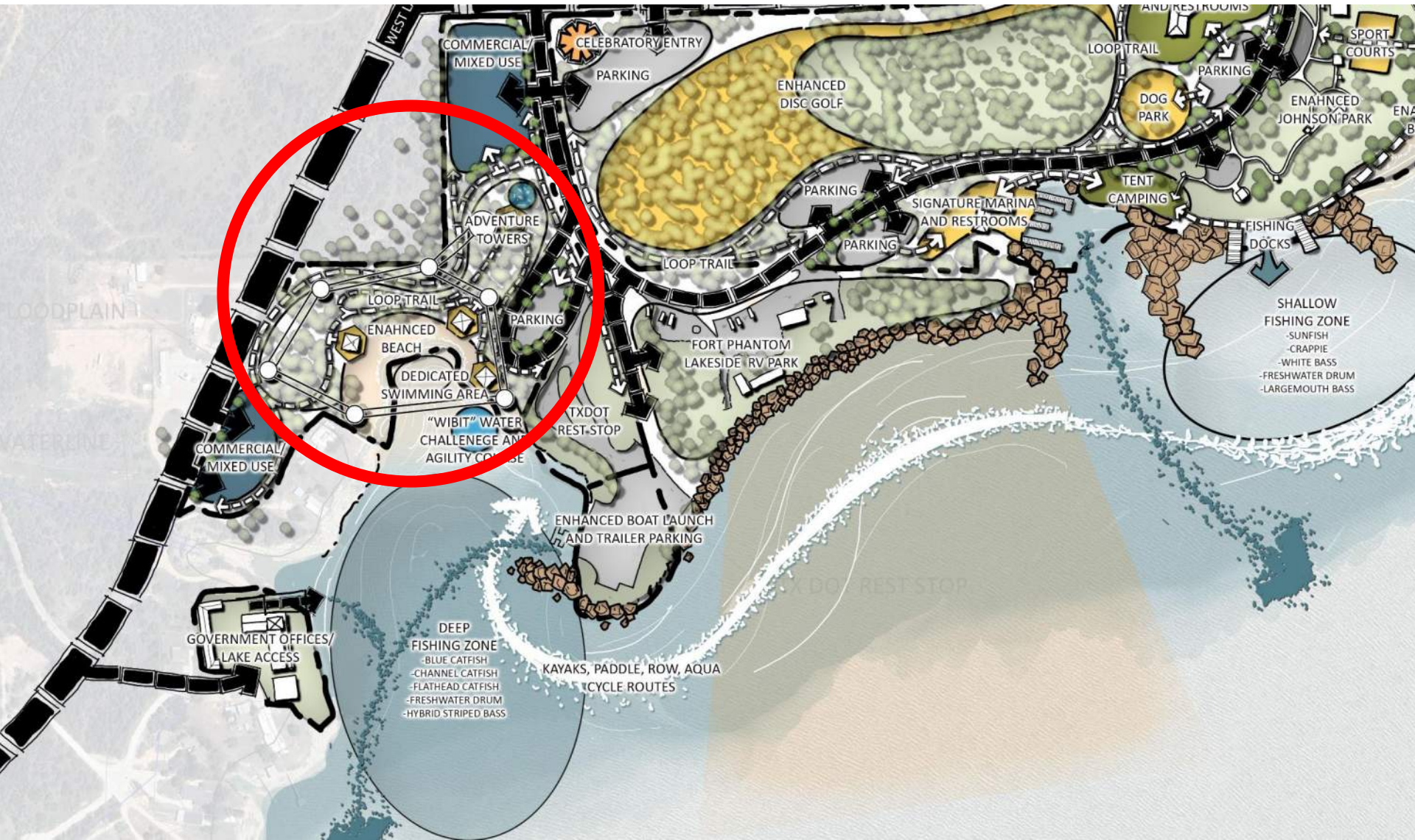
## Signature Marina

- pro shop + apparel
- boat storage
- fishing tours
- restrooms
- rentals (boats, tubes, paddle, water sports, kayak, row, aqua cycles)
- convenience store
- restaurant





# Johnson Park Area: Concept Plan



## Adventure Towers

- controlled access for fee
- climbing hills + slides
- all inclusive, multi-age themed playgrounds
- adult swing sets
- themed ropes challenge course
- adventure zip line course
- water play / mist zone
- fitness and agility course
- restrooms





# The Promenade: Existing Conditions





# The Promenade: Existing Conditions

## **Physical Characteristics:**

- +/- 8 acres
- Paved Dam Road (FM 1082)
- Rocky shoreline
- Great views of Lake
- Connection between east and west sides of Lake

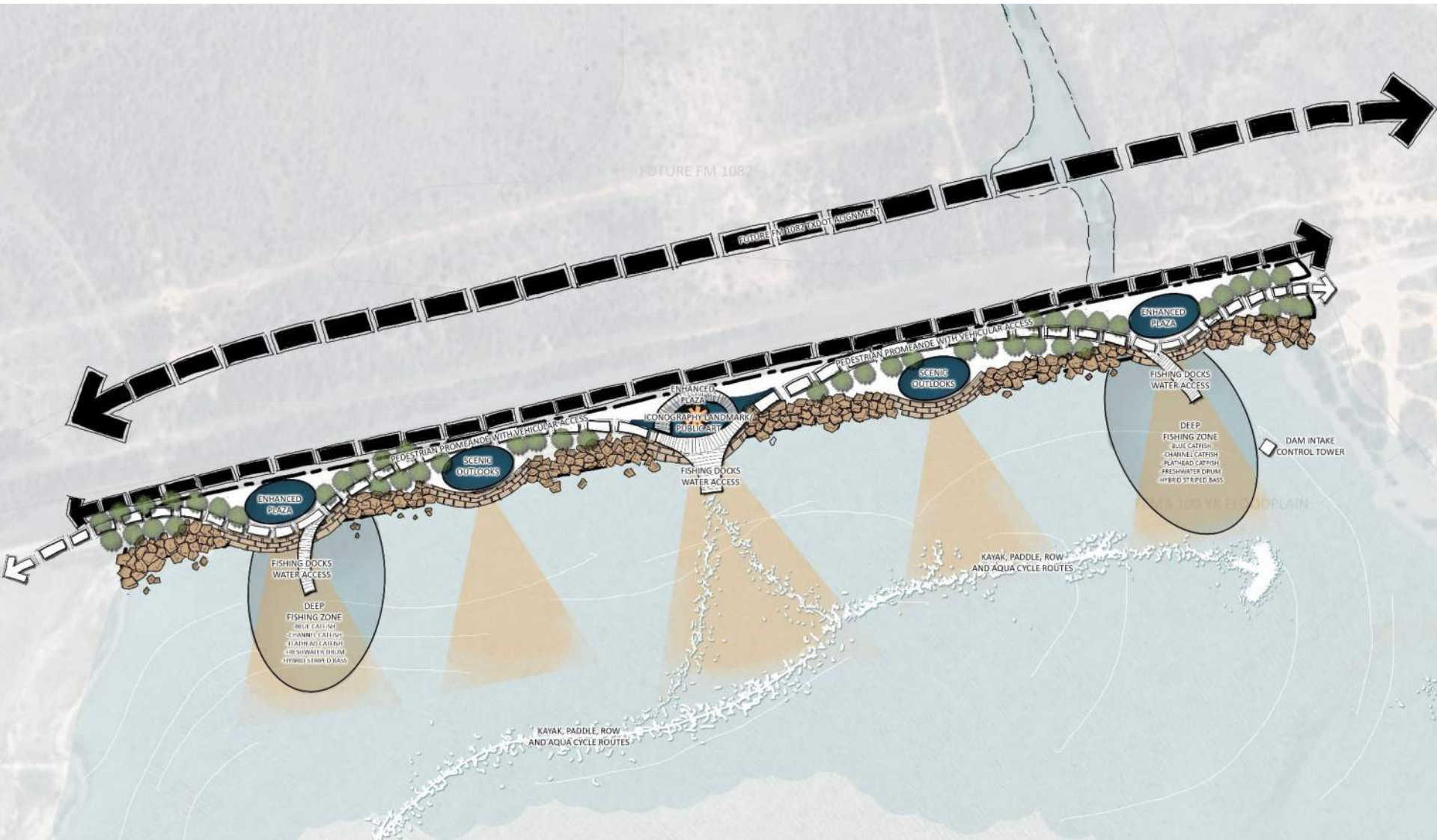
## **Activities:**

- Car access





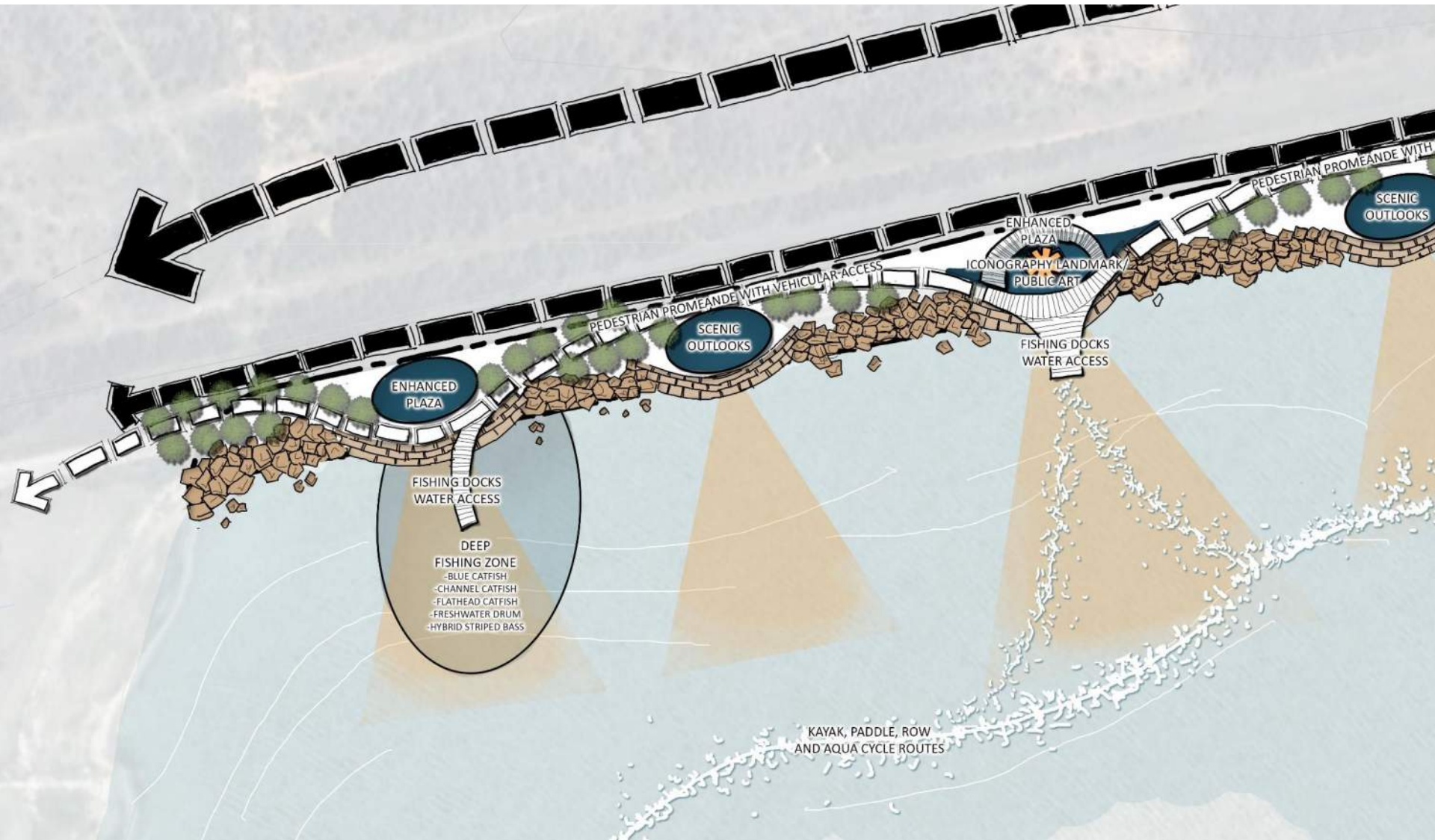
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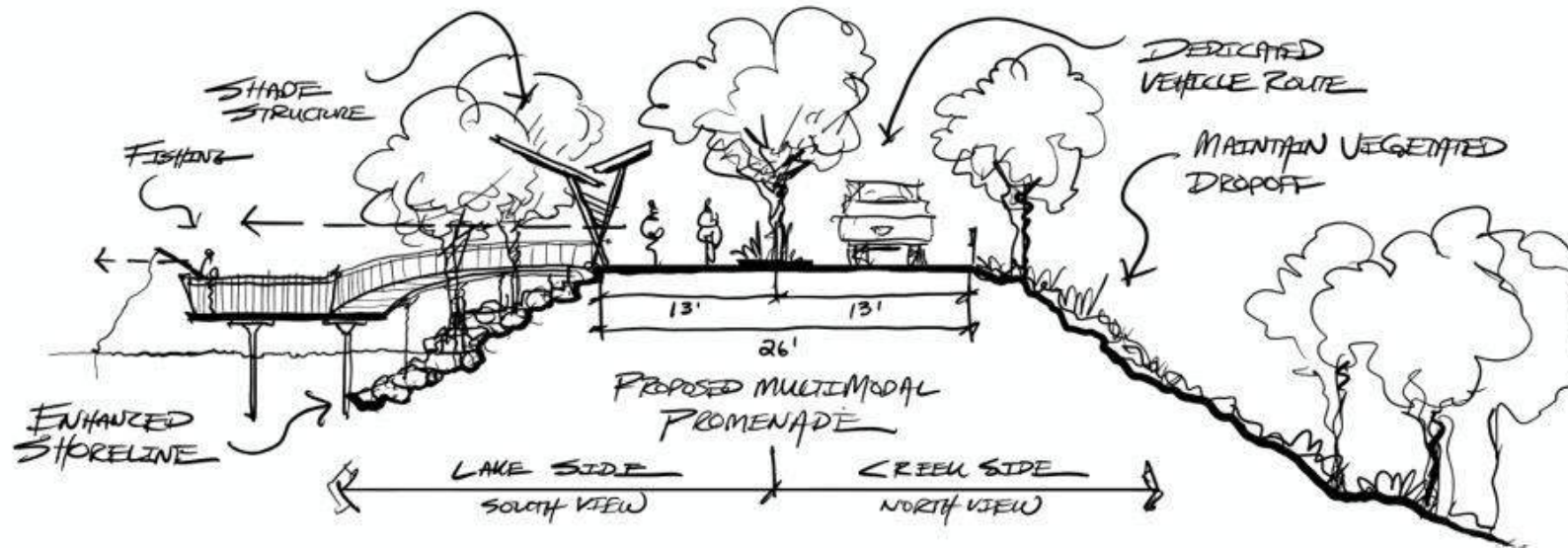
# The Promenade: Concept Plan







# The Promenade: Street Section







# Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach: Existing Conditions







# Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 120 acres
- No defined entry from Dam Road (FM 1082)
- Unpaved, dirt roads and trails
- Dense “scrub” brush, trees, + cacti
- Makeshift campsites + fire pits
- Steep, rocky coastline in west
- Sandy beach/spillway in east
- Views and water access
- Bird habitat

## Activities:

- Informal camping
- Boat ramp
- Fishing

## Note:

TxDOT will be adding four to six feet of fill dirt on this site, in association with the road improvement in the area, which will make it more level.



# Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach: Concept Plan







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## Signature Play

- all inclusive, multi-age themed playgrounds
- themed ropes challenge course + themed towers
- adventure zip line course
- water play + mist zone
- music garden
- themed fitness and agility course





# Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach: Concept Plan



## Clubhouse

- restrooms
- pro shop + apparel
- water play
- rentals (golf carts, bikes, paddle, kayak, row, aqua cycles)
- service (Warden, TXDOT, Emergency Maintenance)





# Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach: Concept Plan



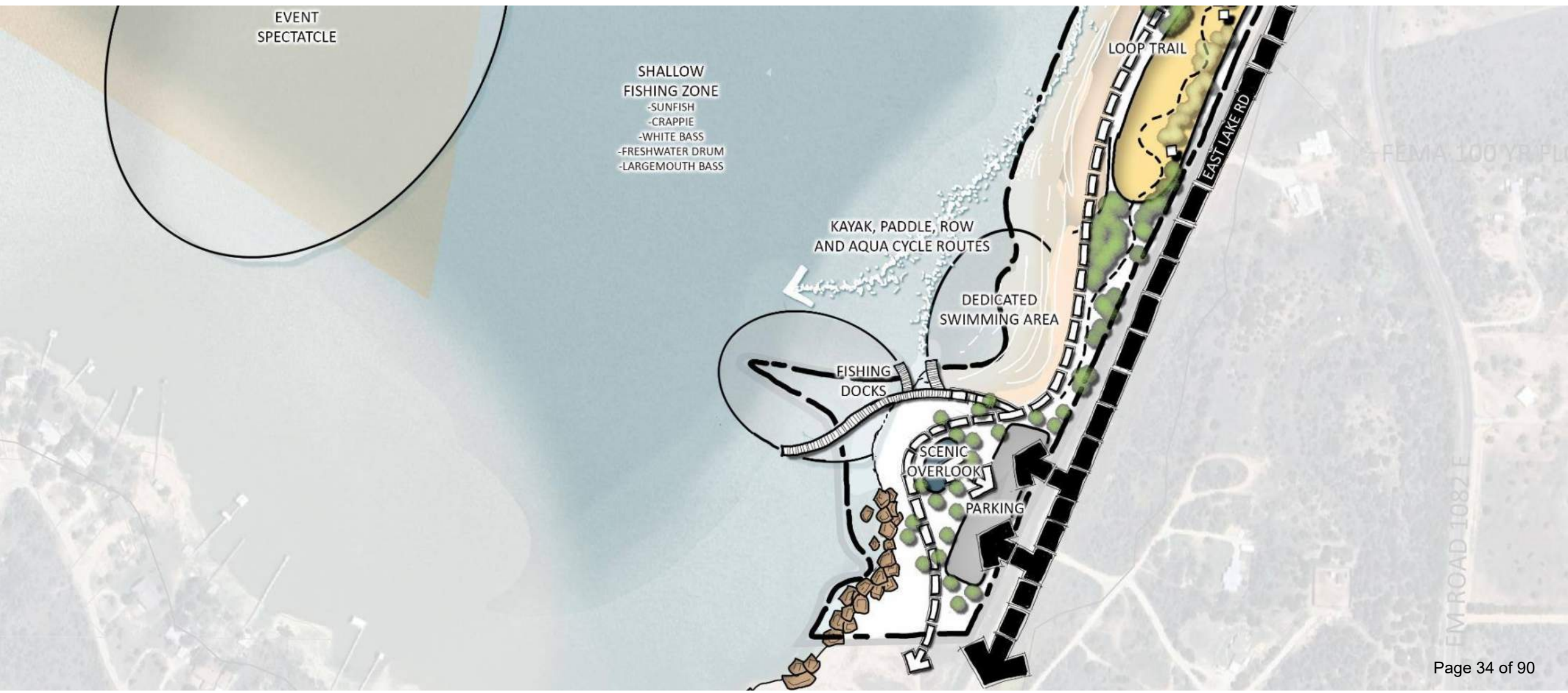
## Preserve Zone

- primitive camping
- hiking / nature trails
- bird watching
- habitat preservation





# Boulder Bay + Northeast Beach: Concept Plan







# Northeast Boat Ramp: Existing Conditions







# Northeast Boat Ramp: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 1 acre
- Boat ramp
- Parking
- Trees
- Shed

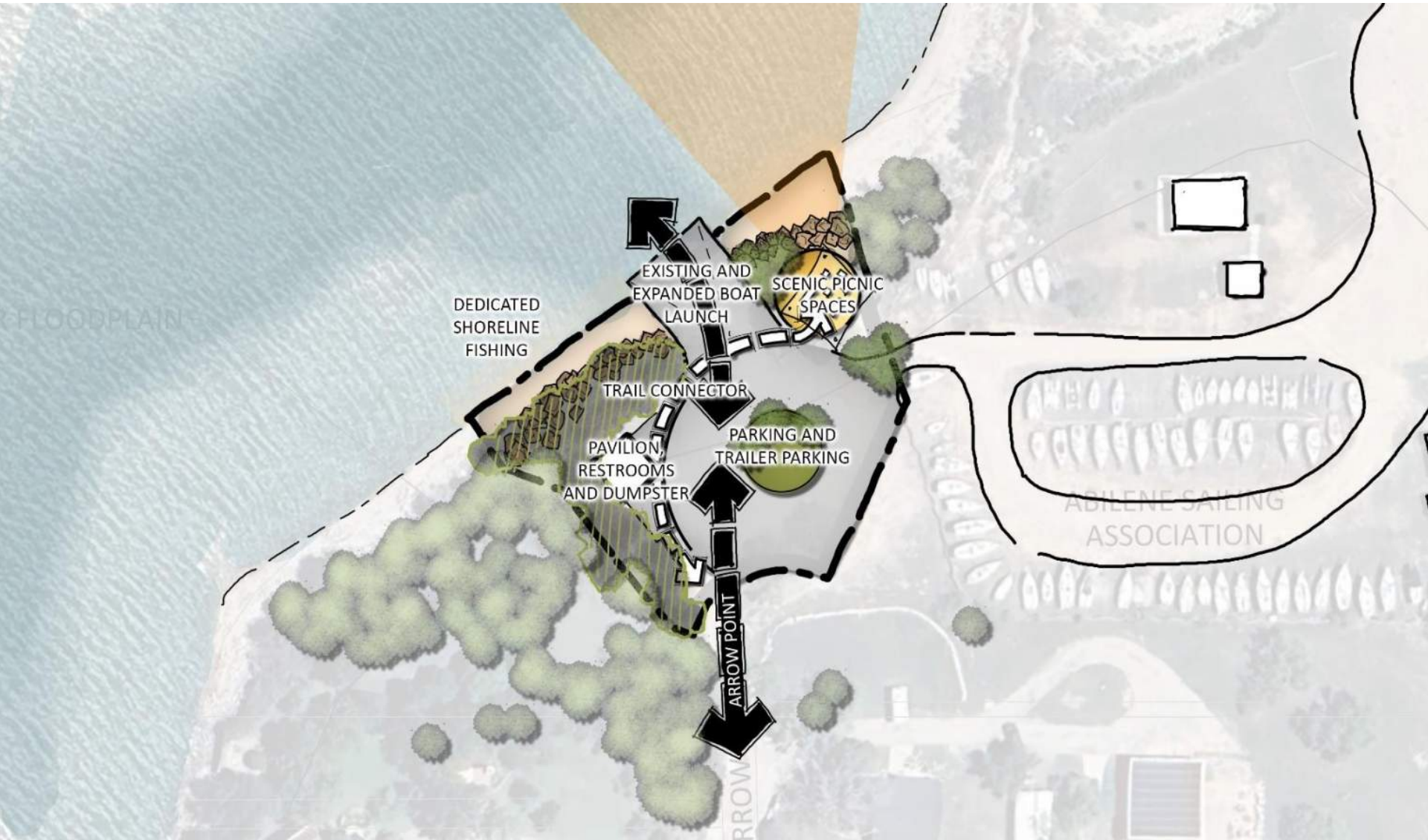
## Activities:

- Boat ramp
- Fishing





# Northeast Boat Ramp: Concept Plan







# The Cove: Existing Conditions







# The Cove: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 28 acres
- Dense “scrub” brush, trees + cacti
- Informal foot trails
- Residential adjacency

## Activities:

- Informal beach access



# The Cove: Concept Plan







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# The Cove: Concept Plan







# Southeast Boat Ramp: Existing Conditions







# Southeast Boat Ramp: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 37 acres
- Dense “scrub” brush, trees + cacti
- Informal campsites
- Informal beach
- Boat ramp

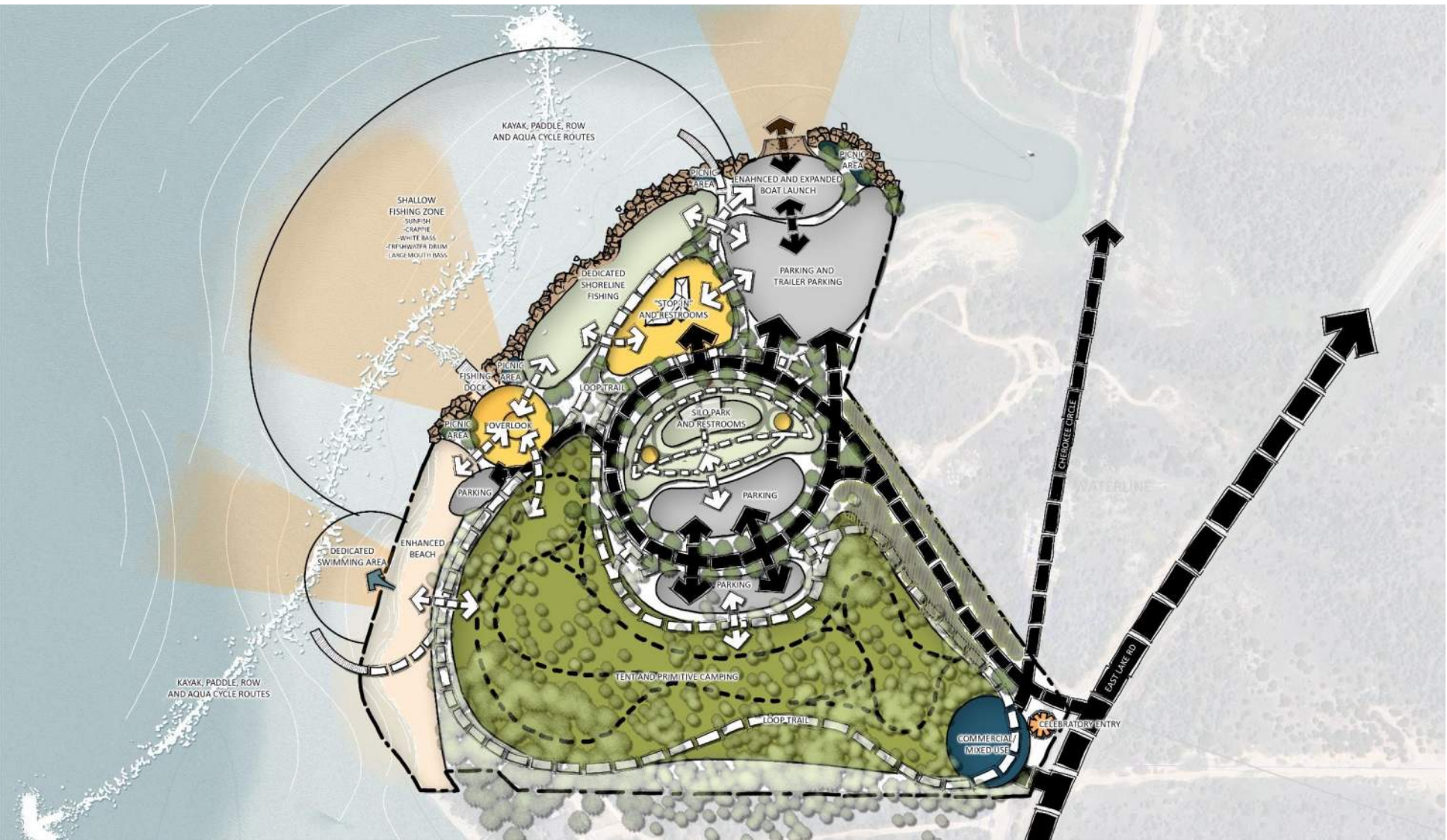
## Activities:

- Informal camping
- Fishing
- Boat ramp





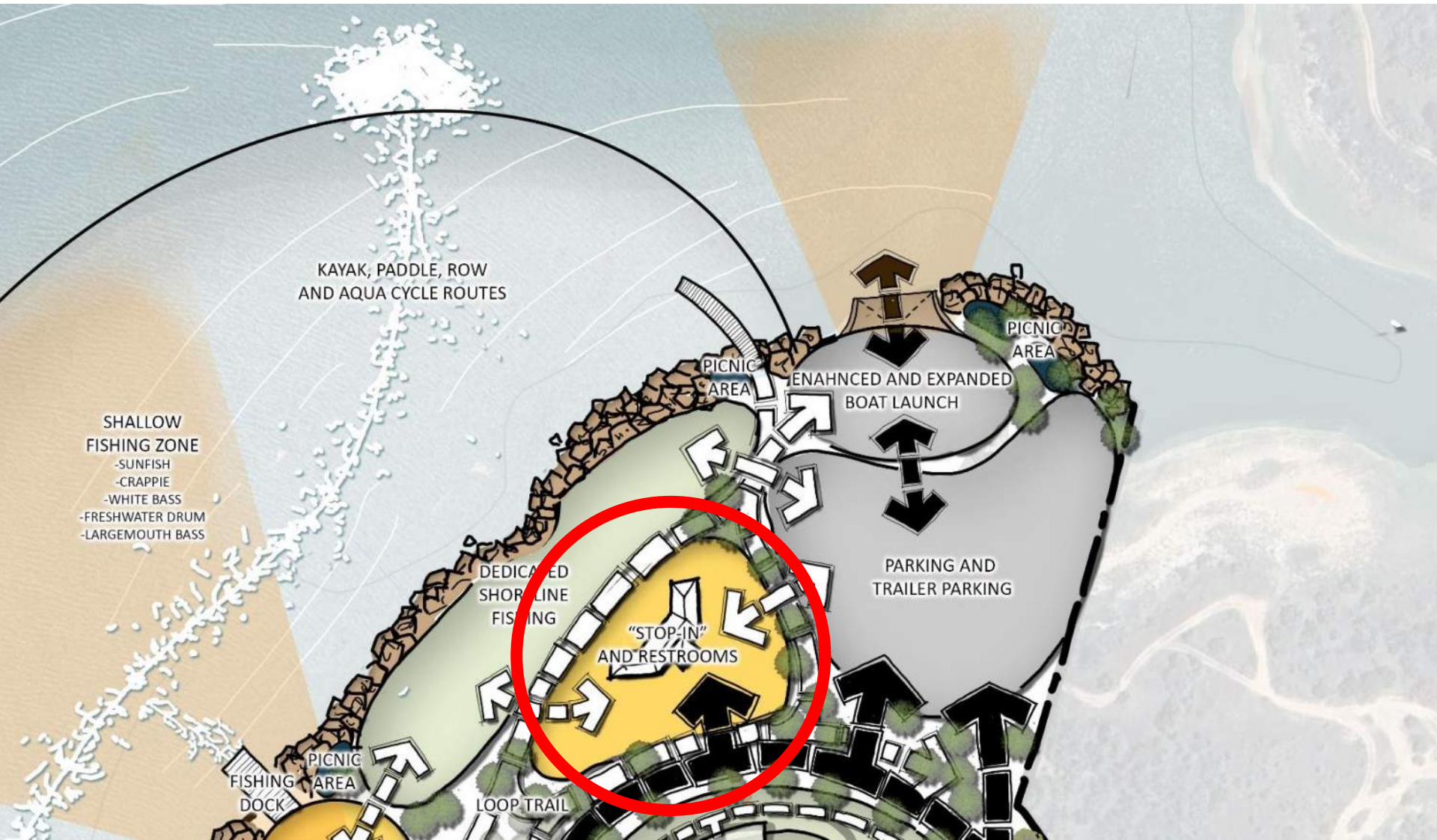
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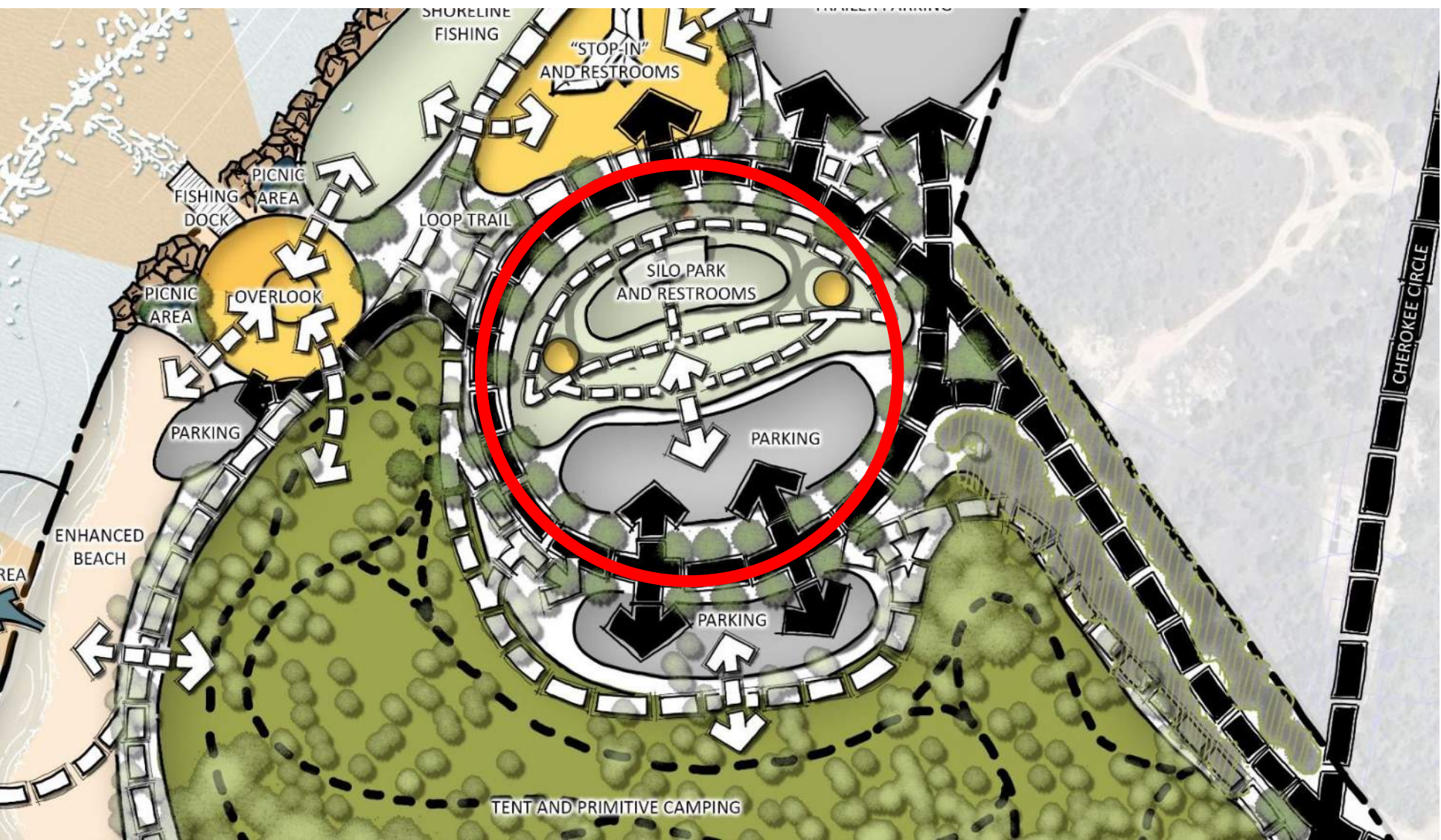
## “Stop-in”

- Restrooms
- convenience store
- pro shop / apparel
- rentals (tubes, paddle, kayak, row, aqua cycles)
- service (TWP, warden, TXDOT, emergency, maintenance)





# Southeast Boat Ramp: Concept Plan



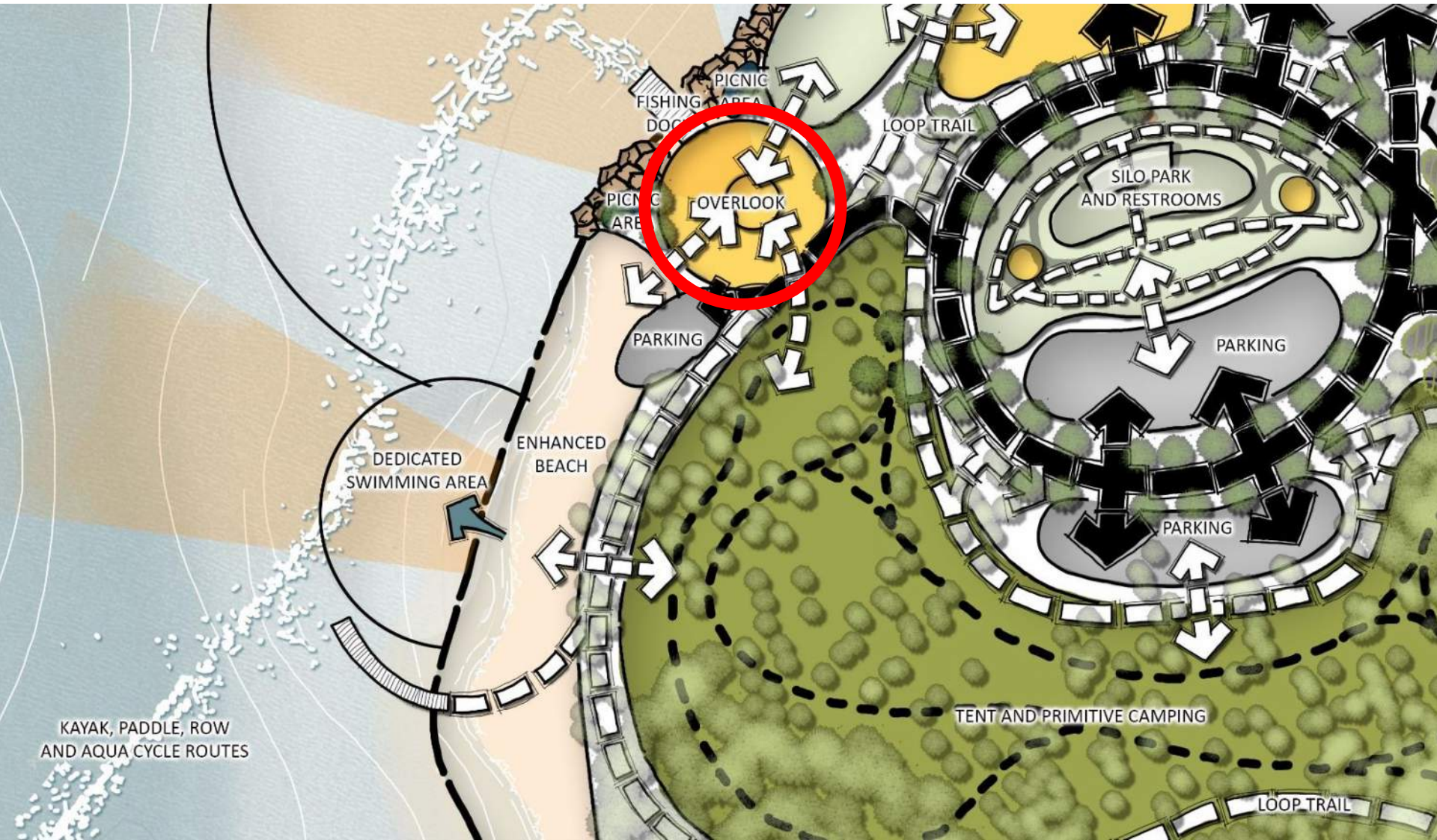
## Silo Park

- educational and historical plaza / interactive exhibits
- all inclusive, multi-age themed playgrounds
- central pavilion
- open / flex space
- mounds and hills





# Southeast Boat Ramp: Concept Plan



## Overlook

- themed observation tower
- respites and refuge





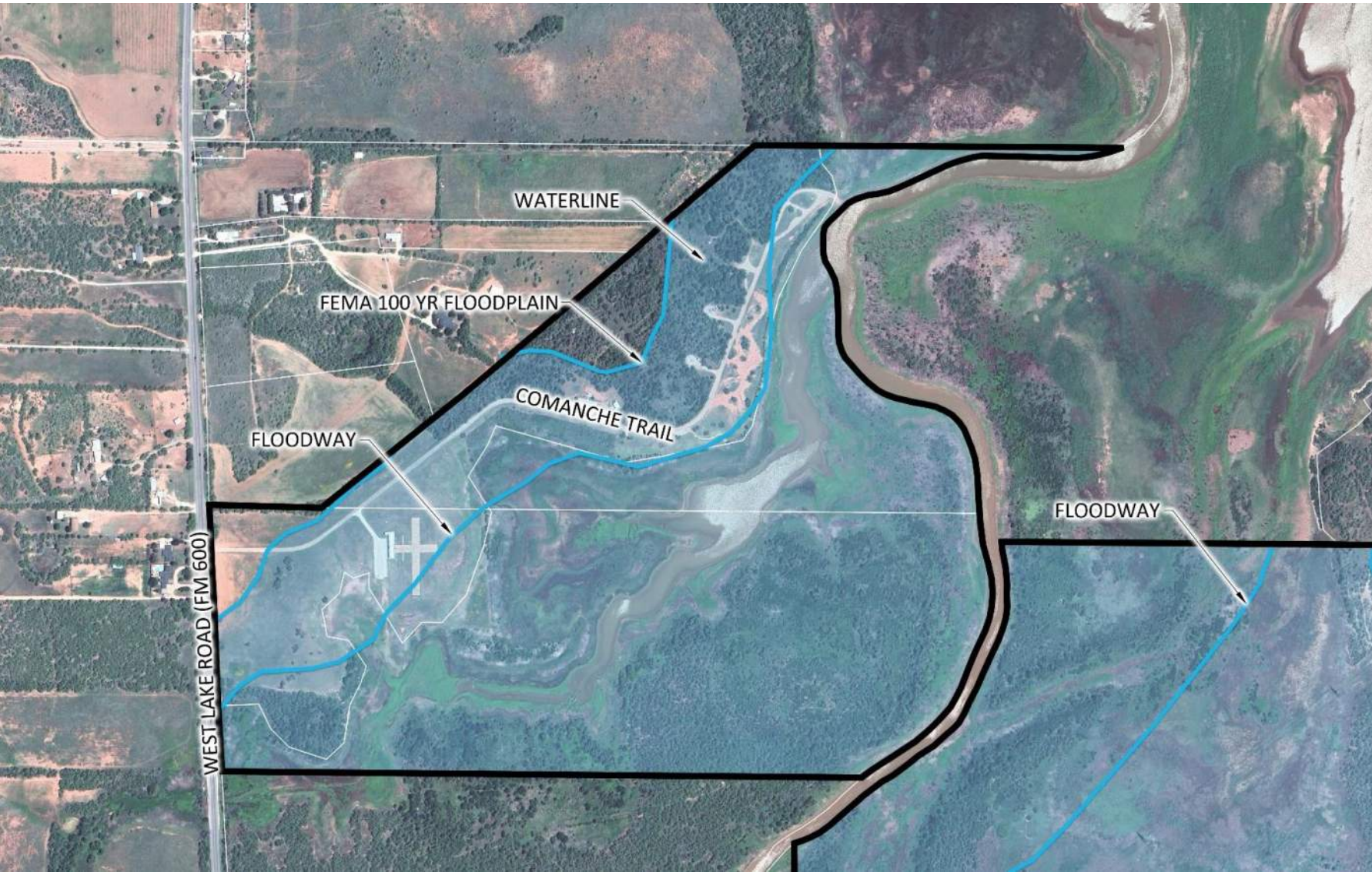
# Southeast Boat Ramp: Concept Plan







# Sea Bee Park: Existing Conditions







# Sea Bee Park: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 200 acres
- Radio control (RC) aircraft runway
- Water fluctuates
- Wetlands and habitats
- Small pavilion
- Restrooms
- Picnicking off-spots
- Boat ramp

## Activities:

- Fishing
- Camping
- Bird watching
- Radio control (RC) aircrafts
- Off-road vehicles
- Scenic overlooks





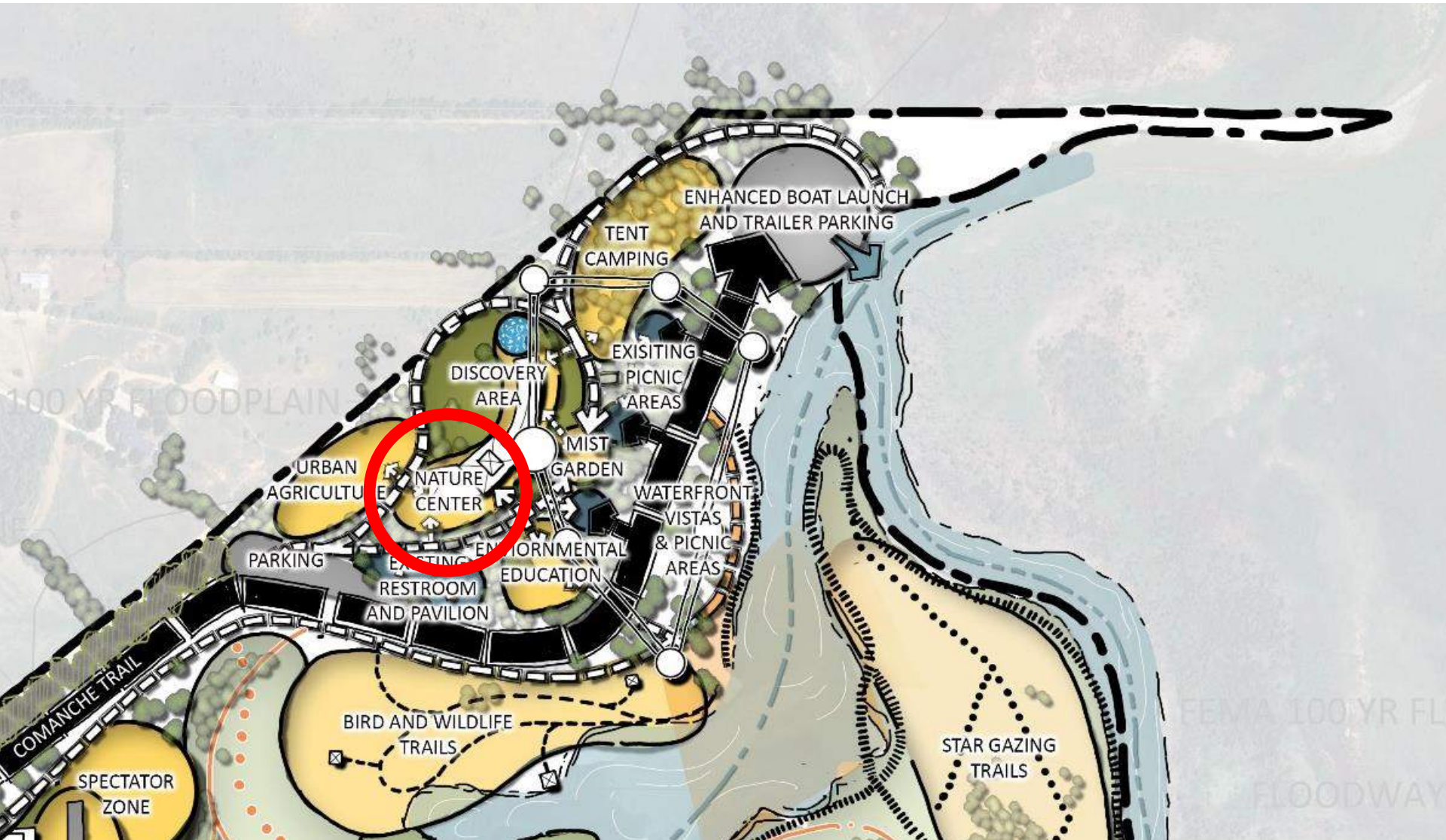
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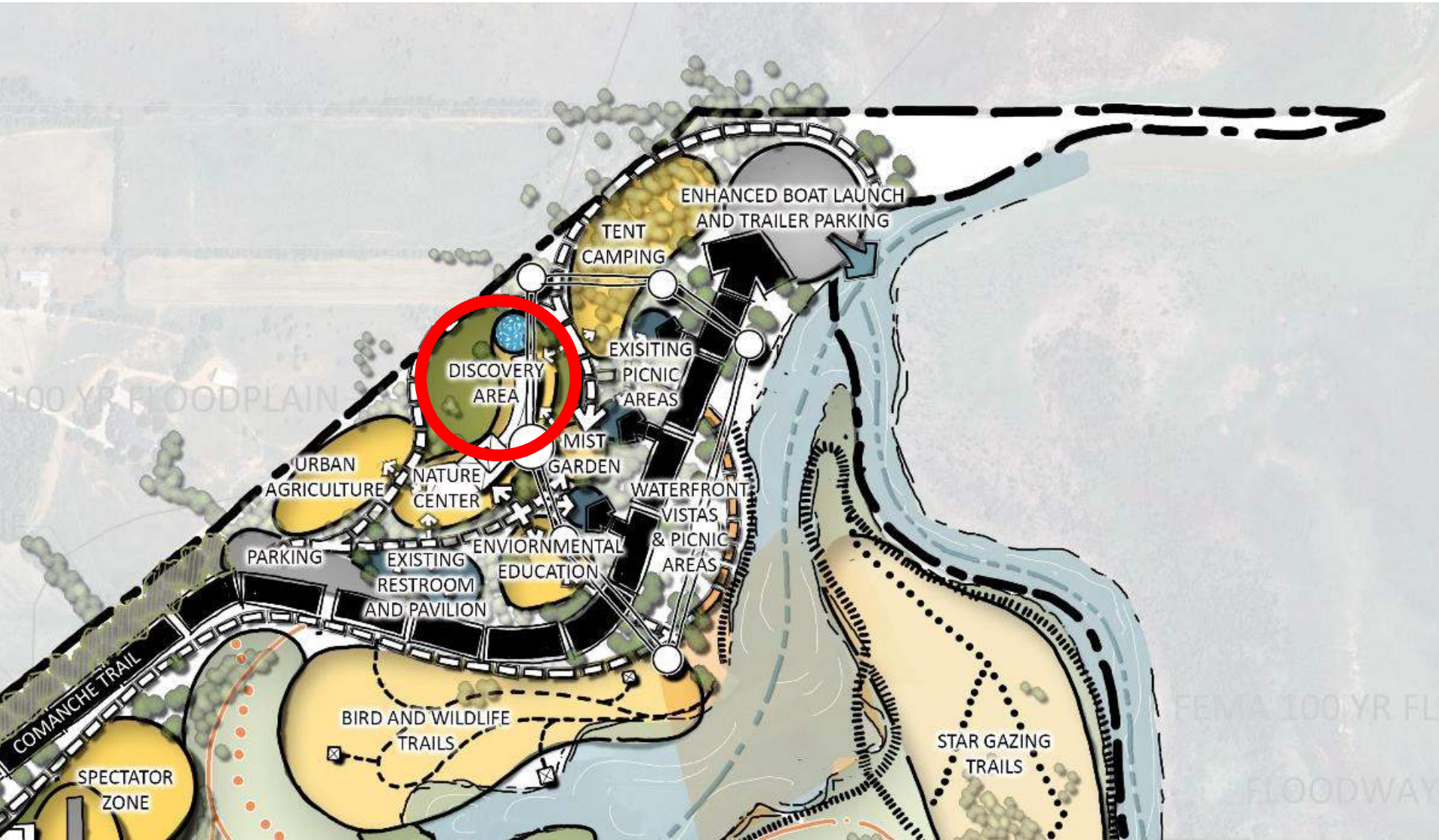
## Nature Center

- classrooms + college partnerships
- rentals (golf carts, bikes)
- pro shop
- photography
- gift shop + apparel
- service (TWPD, Warden, emergency, maintenance)





# Sea Bee Park: Concept Plan



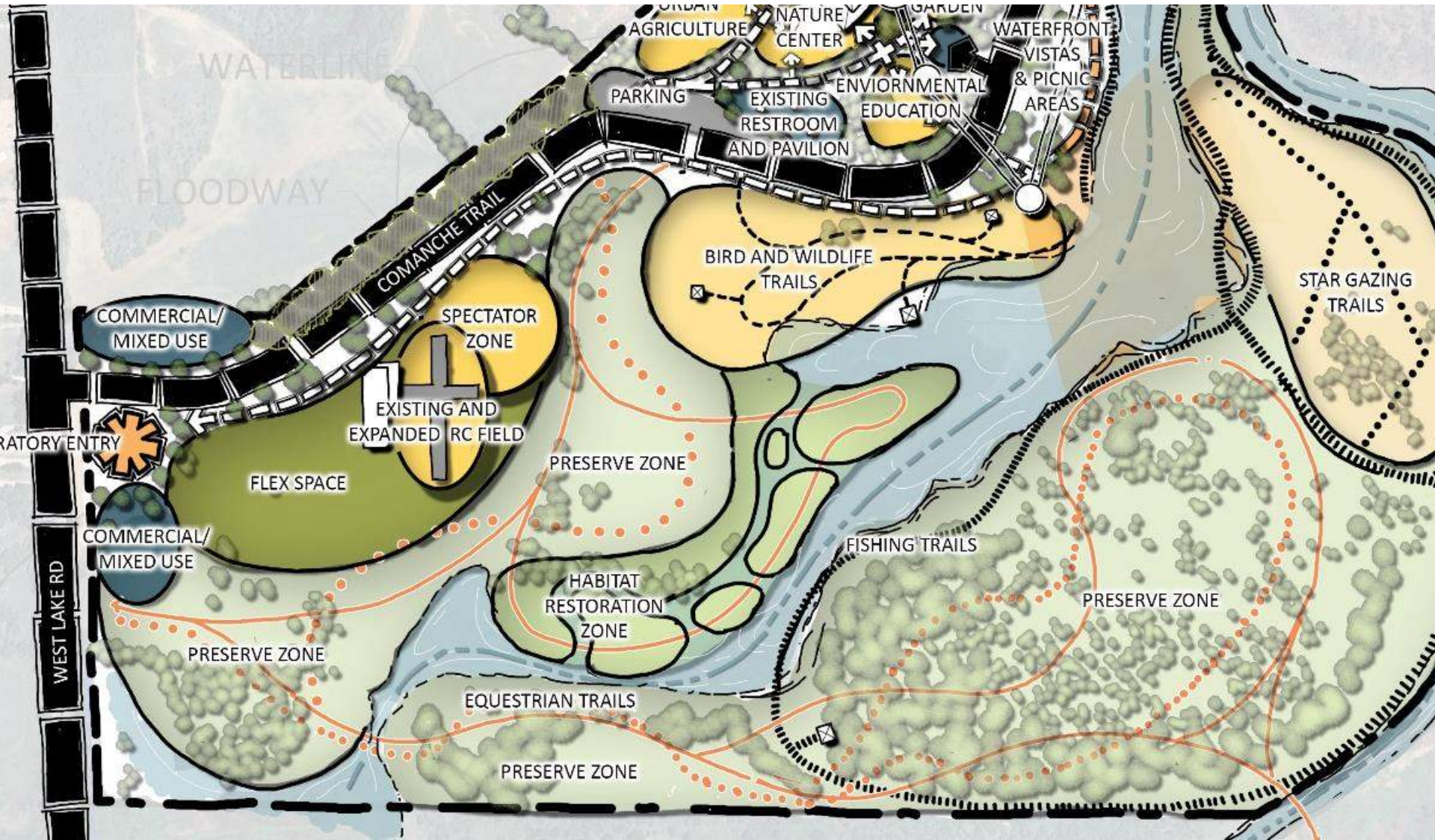
## Discovery Area

- demonstration garden
- botanicals + themed play
- venue + outdoor kitchen
- sculpture garden
- mist garden





# Sea Bee Park: Concept Plan



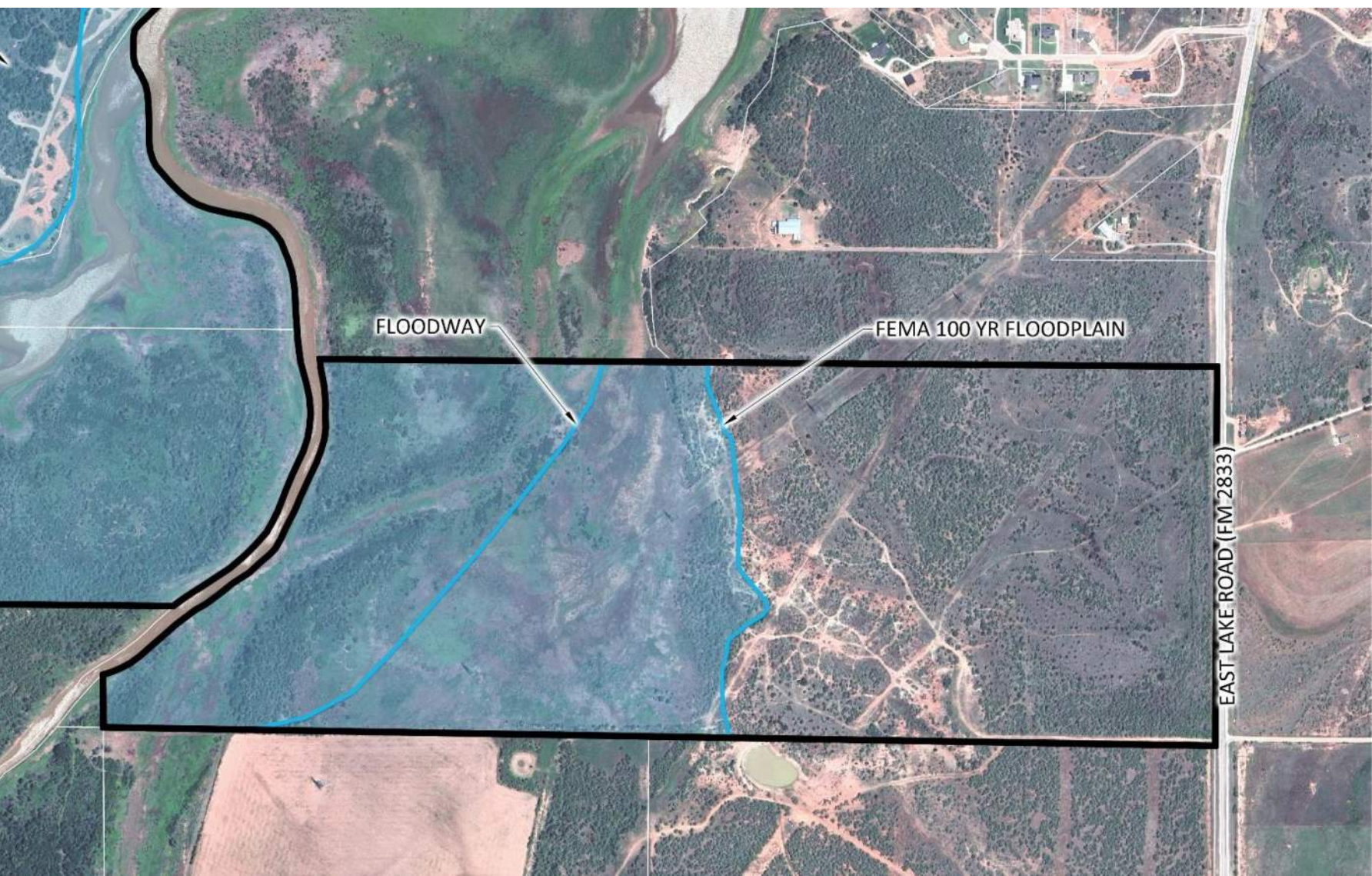
## Preserve Zone

- primitive camping
- hiking / nature trails
- bird watching
- habitat preservation





# Red Dirt Trails: Existing Conditions







# Red Dirt Trails: Existing Conditions

## Physical Characteristics:

- +/- 200 Acres
- Overhead Utilities and Easements
- Inside the floodway and floodplain
- Water fluctuates, dry most of the time

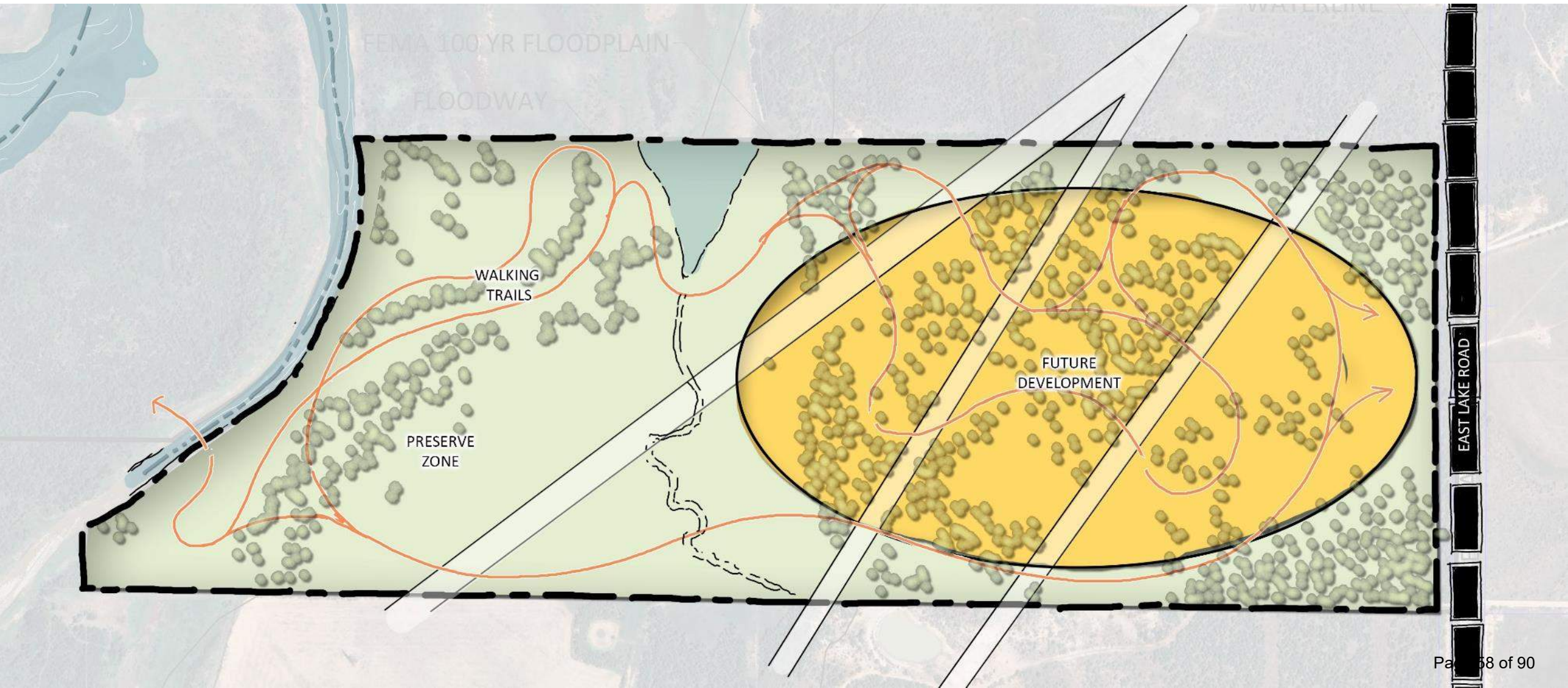
## Activities:

- Informal Walking paths





# Red Dirt Trails: Concept Plan







# Feedback Tonight

- From a parks perspective:
  - Do you think these concept plans align with the future of Lake Fort Phantom Hill/Abilene?
  - Is there something missing on any of these concept plans?





# Next Steps

- Finalize concept plans per staff and park board feedback
- LFPH Public Open House June 11, 2024
  - Gain public insight into draft concept plans
- Park Board consideration July 16, 2024 for Lake Fort Phantom Hill Park Master Plan with refined draft concepts and plan highlights
- City Council consideration July 25, 2024 for Lake Fort Phantom Hill Park Master Plan





Thank you







# Carver Park Plat





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# Aquatics Report





# Splash Pads

- Opened May 4th
- Valentine Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting /Opening Coming Soon!





# Adventure Cove

- Reopening May 18th  
(weekend only)
- Regular Season Starts  
May 25th



## SWIMMING LESSONS AT

### 4-Week Sessions

TUES & THURS OR WED & FRI

#### Class Times

- 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
- 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
- 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

#### Session 1

Jun 4<sup>th</sup> – Jun 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Session 2

Jul 9<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### 4 Skill Levels

- Preschool
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3

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## Adventure COVE



### \$75 PER PARTICIPANT PER SESSION

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# Parks Report



# Splash Pad Shade Installations





# Splash Pad Shade with Picnic Tables



# Landscape Crew Projects





# Landscape Crew Projects





# Recreation Report





# Summer Camp 2024

- June 3 - August 9, 2024
- 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
- \$85 per session
- Registration is open



# Mother Son Dance





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# Anime & Manga Art Class - Beginner

- May 23 - June 27, 2024
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- \$105
- Registration is open





# Coed Volleyball Summer League Nights

- June 4 - July 23, 2024
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- \$45 per session
- Registration is open



**COED VOLLEYBALL  
SUMMER LEAGUE NIGHTS**

**Can't take the heat?**  
*BRING THE SUMMER FUN INDOORS!*

**June 4<sup>th</sup> — July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tournament July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**\$45 per player**

Rose Park Rec Center  
2605 S 7<sup>th</sup> St  
**6:00 PM — 9:00 PM**  
Registration Open  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> — May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Ages 18+

*FOR QUESTIONS, CALL  
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The poster features a stylized illustration of a volleyball player in a black jersey and white shorts, jumping to hit a volleyball. The background is a mix of orange, yellow, and maroon. The text is in various fonts, including bold sans-serif and script.



# Seniors





# Circuit Training Class

- Starting May 7, 2024
- Tuesdays
- 5:15 - 6:15 AM
- Rose Park Senior Center

This class, led by a professional physical therapist, will use a mix of cardio, strengthening, and balance for seniors over the age of 55.

A colorful poster for a Circuit Training Class. The top has a red banner with the title 'CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASS' in white. Below is an illustration of six diverse seniors performing various exercises: three standing in a line doing lunges or squats, and three sitting on the floor or on exercise balls doing yoga or stretching. Two small inset images show a person doing a lunge and another in a yoga pose. A large dark blue circle on the right contains the text 'JOIN US', 'Tuesdays', '5:15 PM — 6:15 PM', 'STARTING May 7th', and 'FREE!'. At the bottom, a red banner says 'ROSE PARK SENIOR CENTER • 2625 S 7TH ST'. The bottom right corner features the logo for 'PARKS & RECREATION CITY OF ABILENE TEXAS'.

# Chair Yoga

- Wednesdays
- 11:00 AM - 11:18 AM
- Cobb Park Senior Center



**Chair YOGA**

*Get fit with  
only 18  
minutes  
every  
Wednesday  
in the  
comfort  
of your own  
chair. Get  
some deep  
stretches in  
to help with  
balance  
in your life !*

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Cobb Park  
Recreation  
Center  
2302 State St*

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# Donut Social

- May 29th
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Cobb Park Senior Center







## Animal Updates: Secretary Bird chick





## Animal Updates: Red River Hog piglet





## Animal Updates: New Female Giraffe, Pelé





# Zoo Upgrades - New Sidewalk





# Zoo Upgrades - New Sidewalk





**SUMMER ZOO HOURS**

**8:00AM - 4:00PM**

**JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31**





## Upcoming Events



Friday, June 14

