

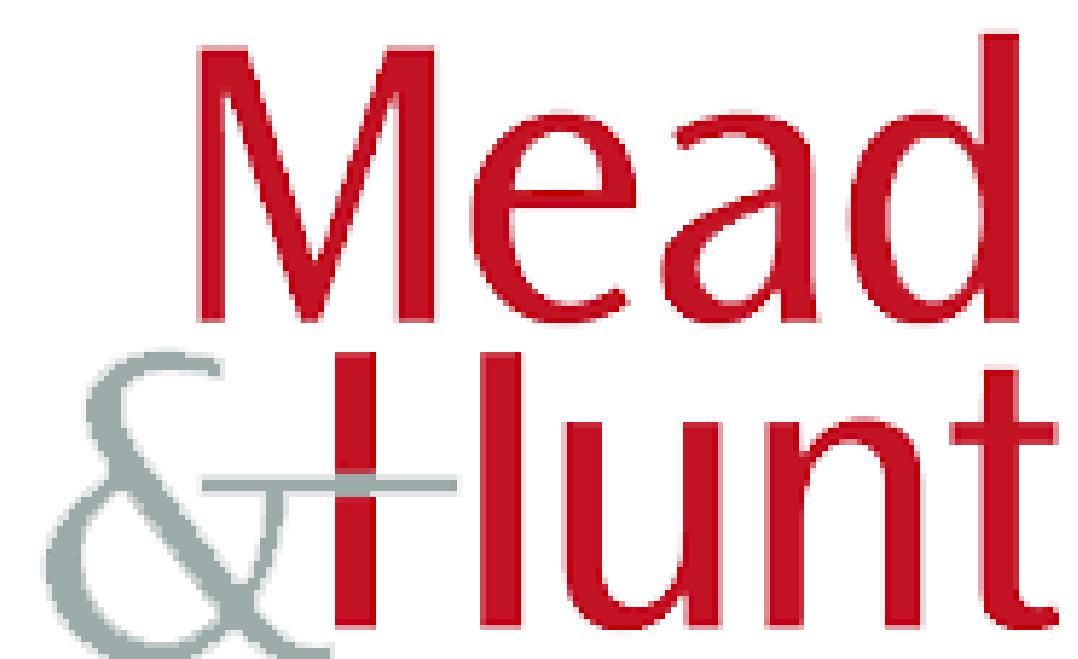
# CHARLES COUNTY RECREATION, PARKS, & TOURISM

PARK MASTER PLANNING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE  
FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2023





## CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPT. OF RECREATION, PARKS, & TOURISM



### DESIGN CONSULTANTS

- LA PLATA FARM PARK
- POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK

### DESIGN CONSULTANTS

- WALDORF PARK



# COUNTY WIDE PARK PLANNING PROCESS

## SITE SPECIFIC PARK MASTER PLANNING

LA PLATA FARM PARK

WALDORF PARK

POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK

BREAK OUT ROOMS

RECONVENE - Q&A



**WALDORF PARK**



**POPES CREEK  
WATERFRONT PARK**

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# COUNTY-WIDE PARK PLANNING



- PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES
- ACTIVE AND PASSIVE USES, LINEAR NETWORKS
- GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION
- DIVERSITY OF AMENITIES / PROGRAMS
- ATTENTIVE TO A SPECTRUM OF USERS AND THEIR PREFERENCES
- COUNTY IDENTITY AND VALUES; RESPONDS TO NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

## LAND PRESERVATION PARK AND RECREATION PLAN VISION STATEMENT:

CHARLES COUNTY IS A PLACE WHERE ALL PEOPLE THRIVE, AND BUSINESSES GROW AND PROSPER; WHERE THE PRESERVATION OF OUR HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT IS PARAMOUNT; WHERE GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ITS CITIZENS ARE PROVIDED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE; AND WHERE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS THE BEST IN THE NATION.

# PARK MASTER PLANNING PROCESS



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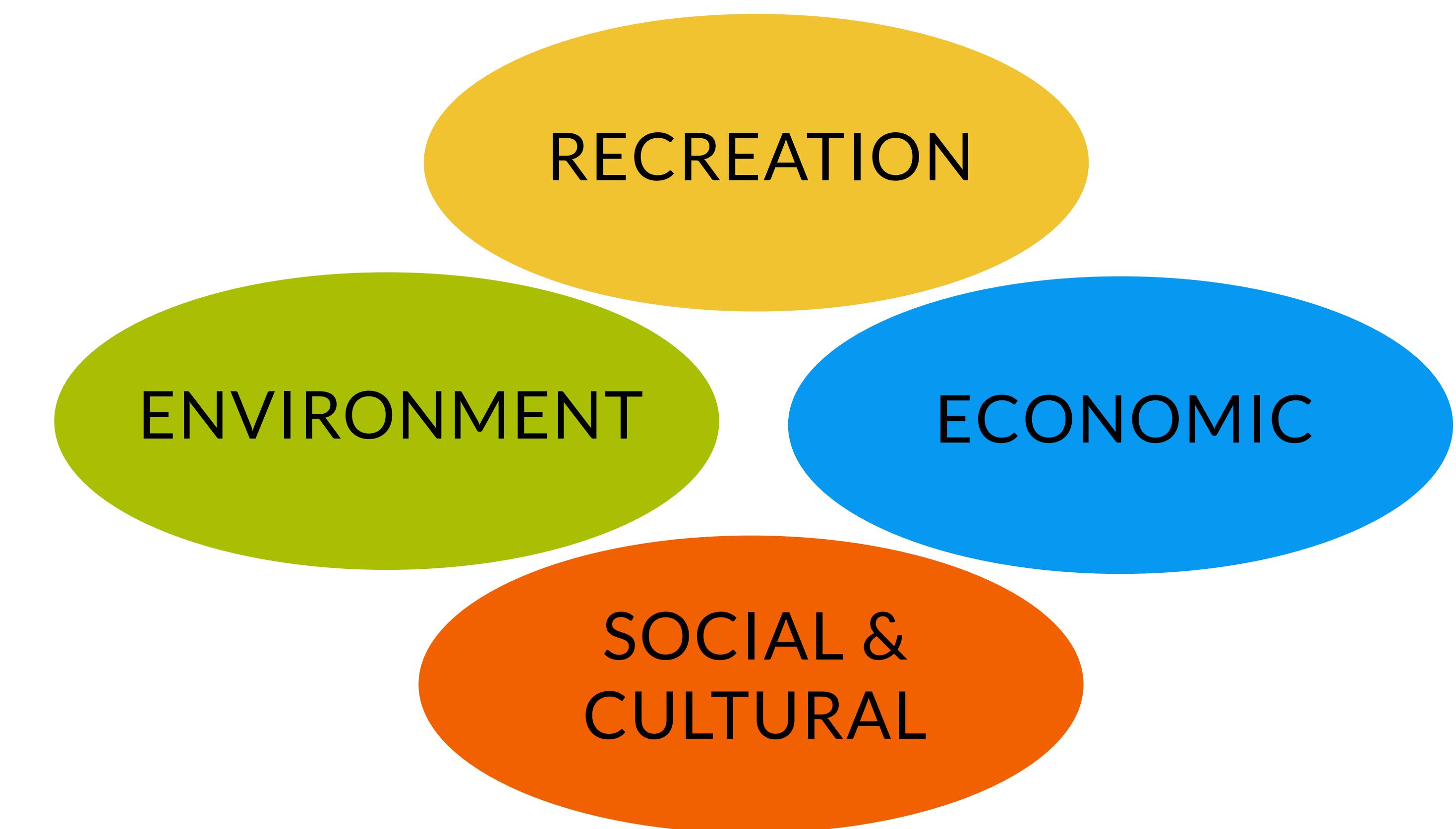
# PARK MASTER PLANNING PROCESS



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- UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT SITE
- ASSESS COMMUNITY VALUES, NEEDS, AND PRIORITIES
- ESTABLISH A VISION & THEME FOR EACH PARK
- DEFINE A SET OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT BECOMES A ROAD MAP FOR CONCEPT DESIGN



# QUALITIES OF GREAT PARKS



- SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL USERS
- POSITIVE, ENGAGING, AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES
- FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE
- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
- RELEVANT TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE
- MAINTAINABLE AND CARED FOR

**WALDORF PARK**

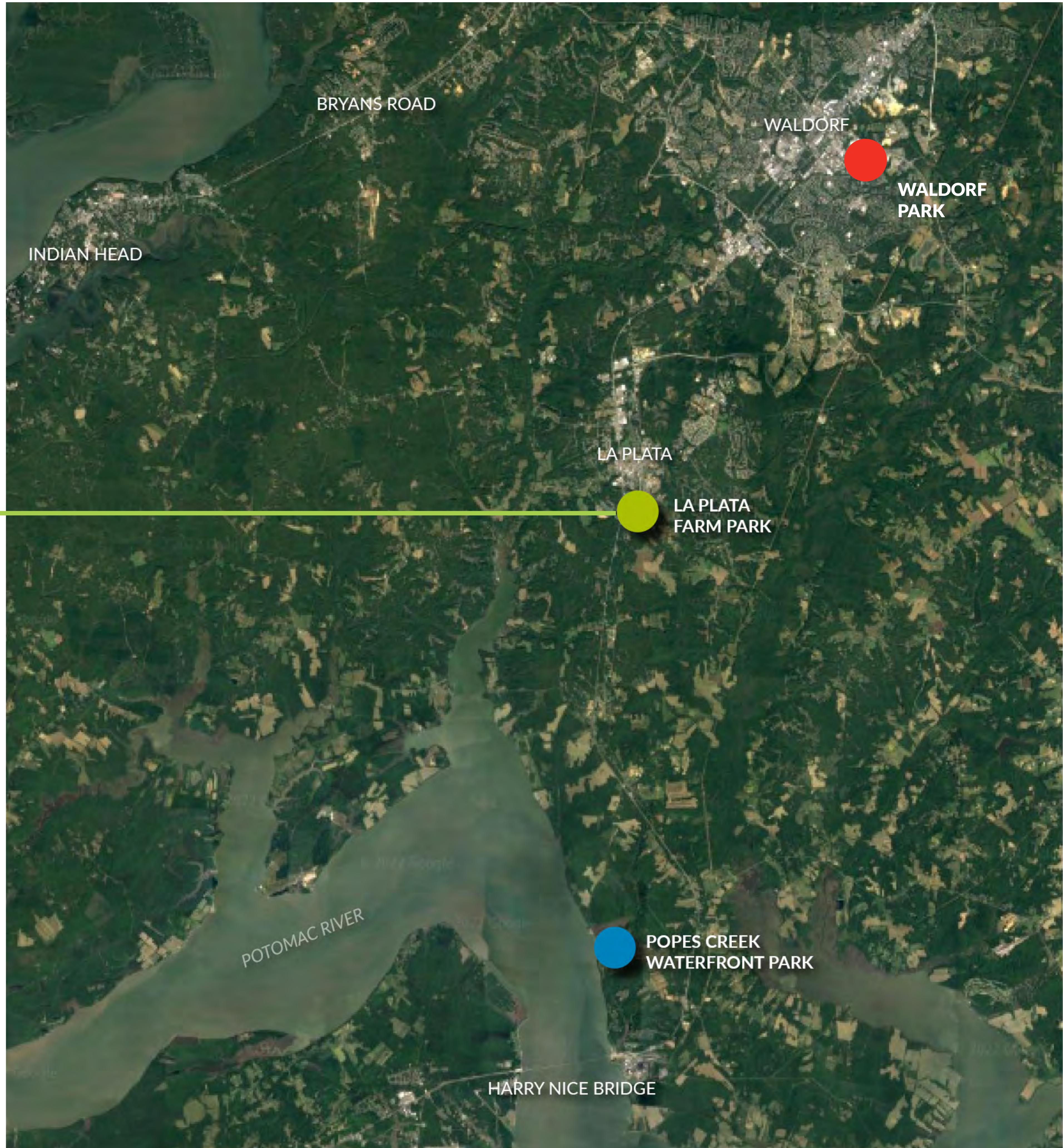


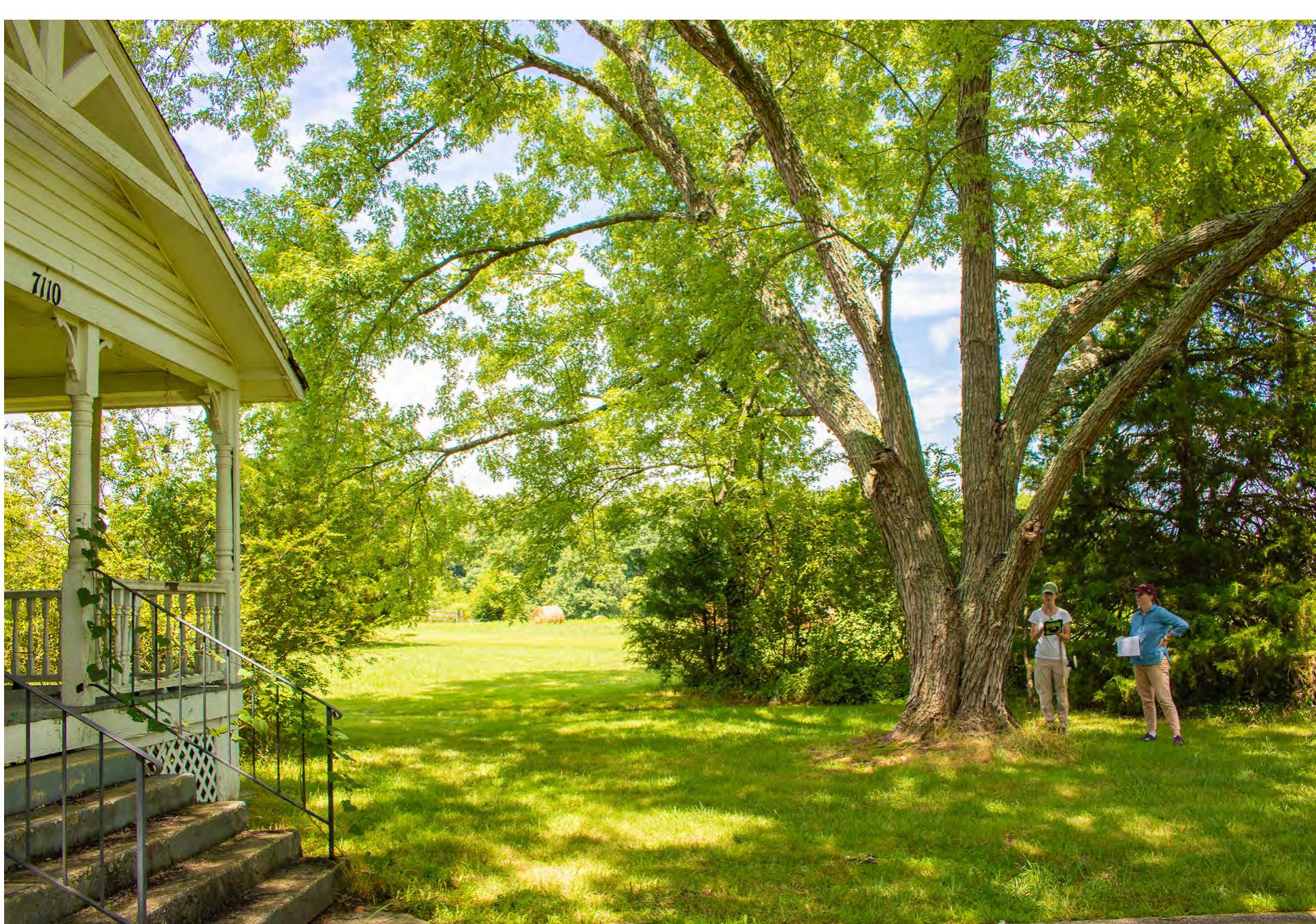
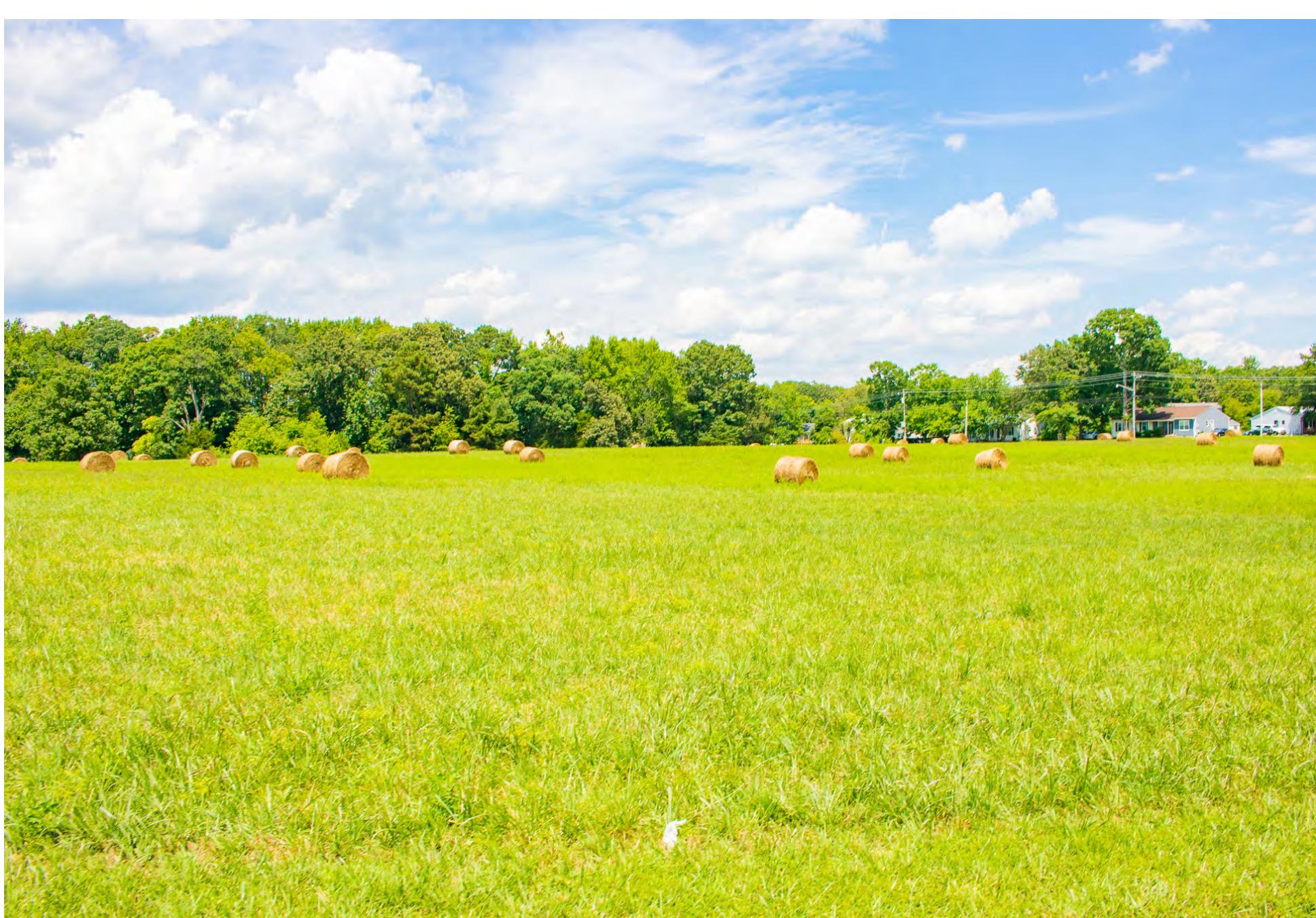
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## LA PLATA FARM PARK





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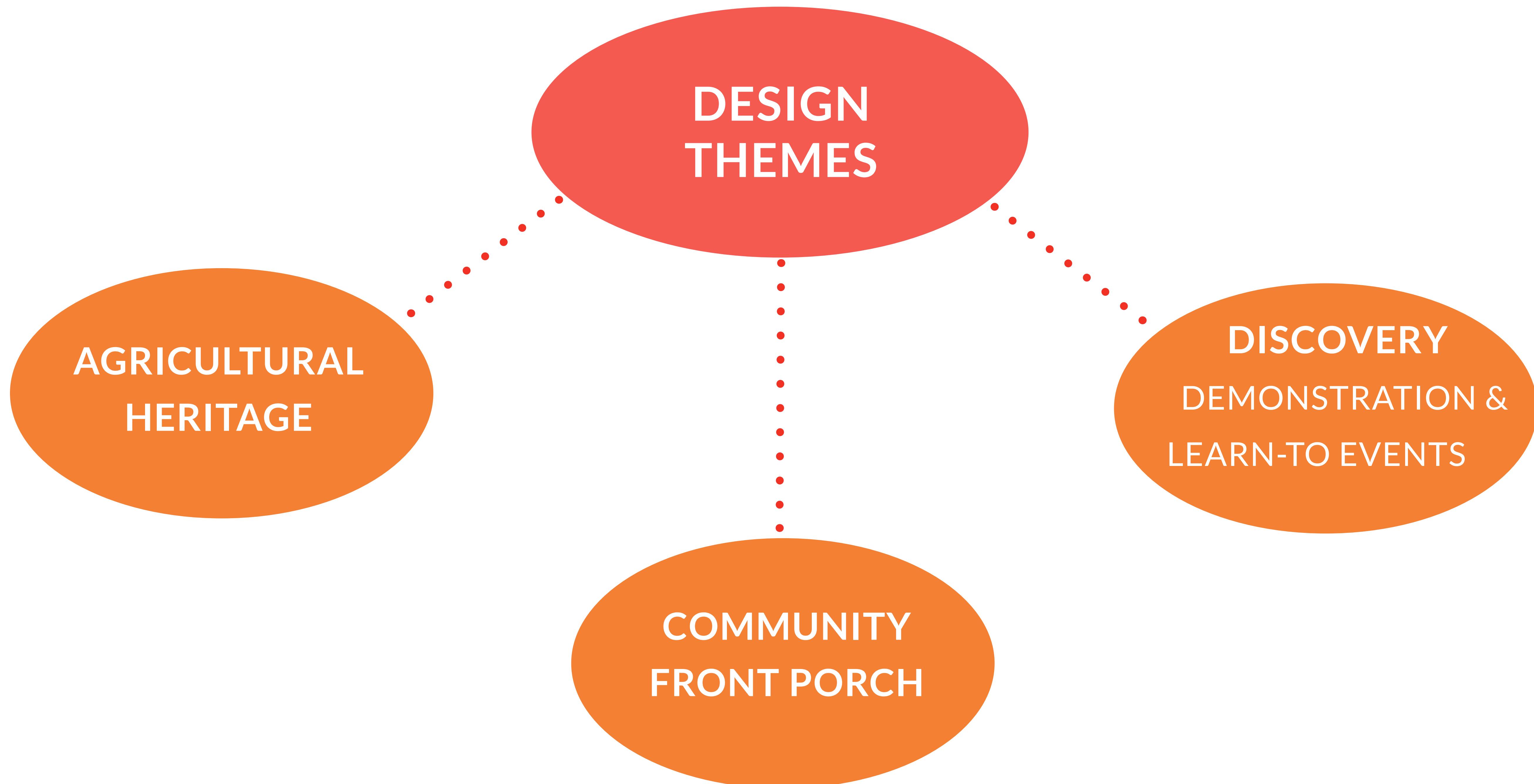




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# LA PLATA FARM PARK - DESIGN THEMES



# LA PLATA FARM PARK - TASK FORCE IDEAS

- A BALANCE OF ACTIVE & PASSIVE RECREATION
- EMPHASIS ON PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES
- INTEGRATE OPTIONS FOR REVENUE GENERATING ACTIVITIES
- SOCIAL CONNECTIONS WITH GARDENING & FARM BASED ORGANIZATIONS
- PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS TO WILLS MEMORIAL PARK



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# LA PLATA FARM PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



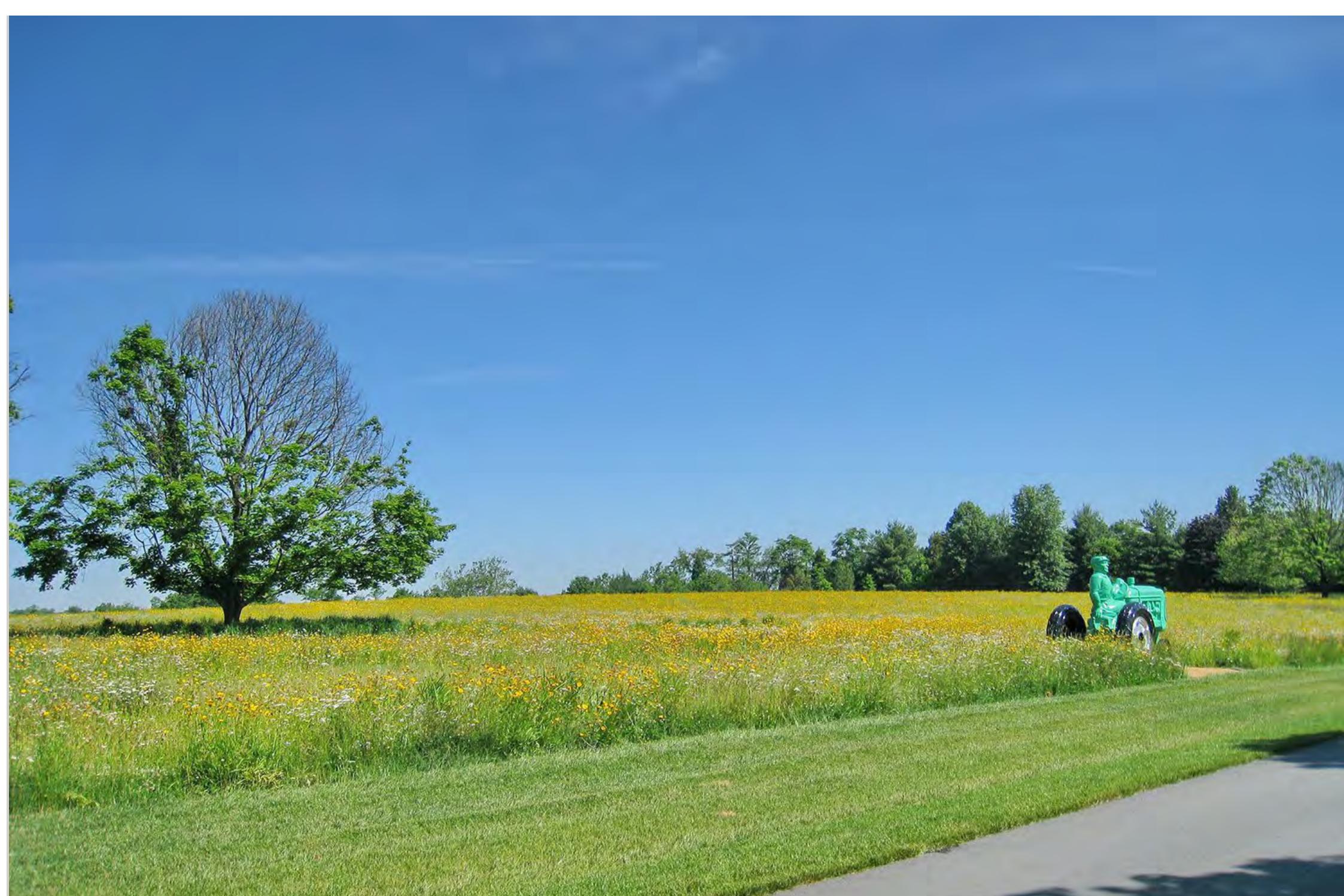
RENOVATED BARN + EDUCATION CENTER



EVENT LAWN



RAISED GARDEN BEDS



MEADOW + APIARY



GREENHOUSE + CULINARY GARDEN



COMMUNITY TABLES

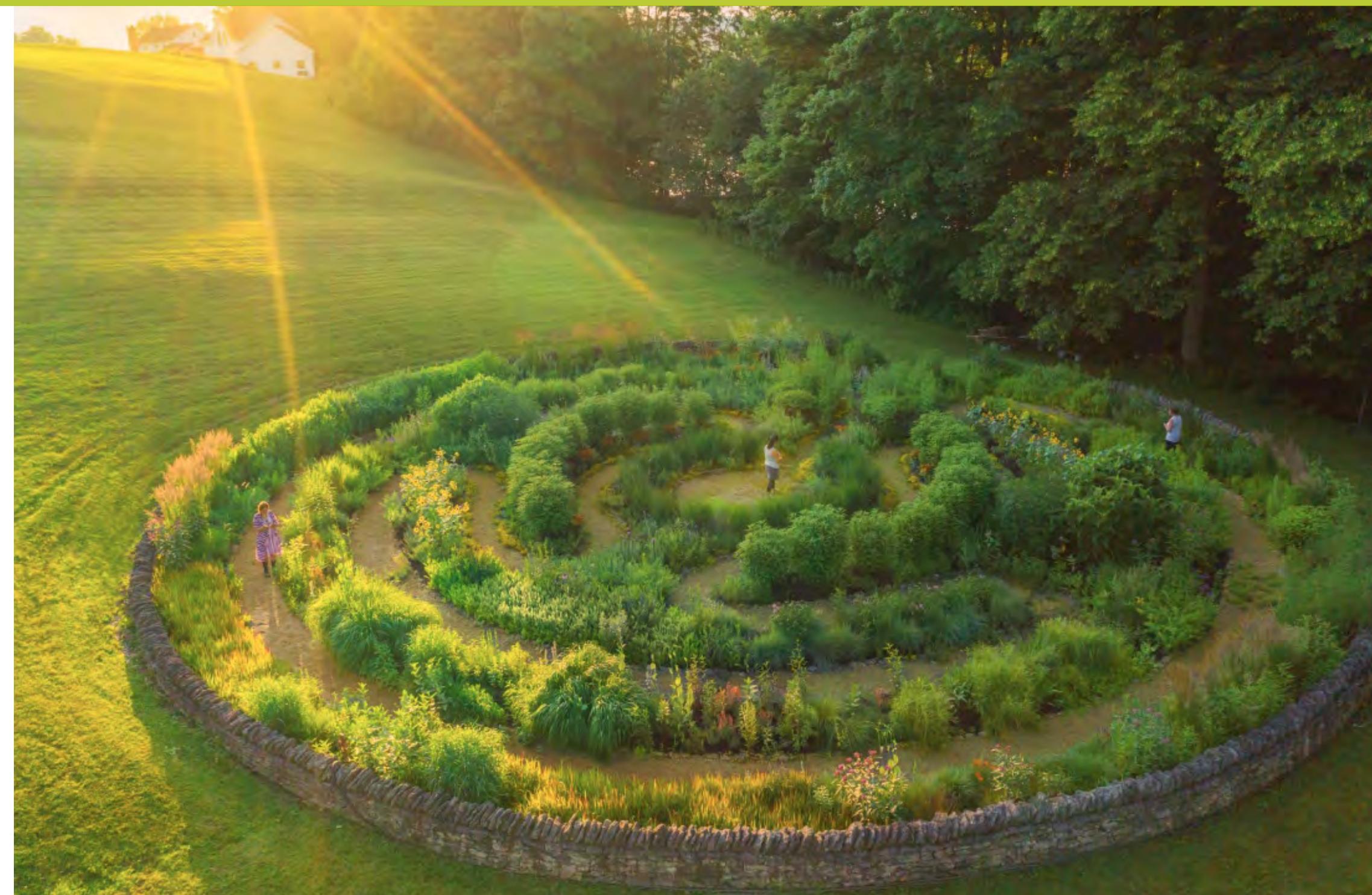
# LA PLATA FARM PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



PICNIC GROVE



TRAILS



LABYRINTH



SUNFLOWER FIELDS



DOG PARK



PAVILION

# LA PLATA FARM PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



DESTINATION PLAYGROUND



HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY



FARM THEMED SPLASH PAD



MEADOW MOUNDS + TRAILS



SKATE SPOT

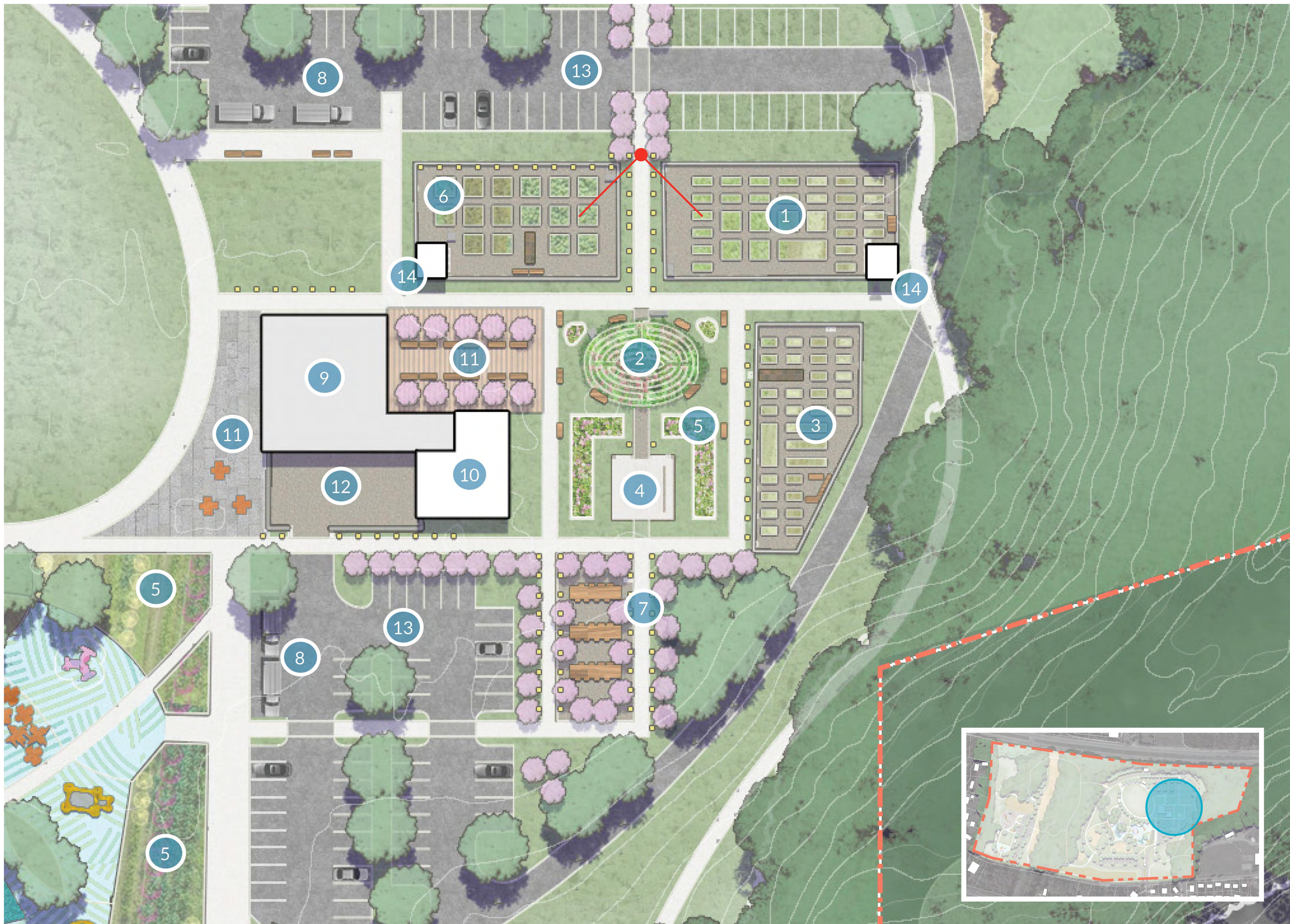


BIKE PUMP TRACK

# LA PLATA FARM PARK - CONCEPT PLAN



# LA PLATA FARM PARK - GARDENS + EDUCATION CENTER



# LA PLATA FARM PARK - GARDENS + GREENHOUSE



# LA PLATA FARM PARK - DESTINATION PLAY



## KEY ELEMENTS

- 1 EVENT & EXHIBIT LAWN
- 2 5-12 YEAR OLD PLAYGROUND
- 3 2-5 YEAR OLD PLAYGROUND
- 4 FARM-THEMED SPLASHPAD
- 5 PAVILION
- 6 DEMONSTRATION GARDENS
- 7 RENOVATED HOUSE & COMFORT STATION
- 8 FOODTRUCK PULLOFF
- 9 RENOVATED BARN & VISITOR CENTER
- 10 COMMUNITY KITCHEN
- 11 PLAZA
- 12 BARNYARD & SERVICE LOT
- 13 PARKING
- 14 MEADOW MOUNDS
- 15 HOLIDAY DISPLAY AREA
- 16 PICNIC TABLES
- 17 PUMPHOUSE

# LA PLATA FARM PARK - EVENT LAWN

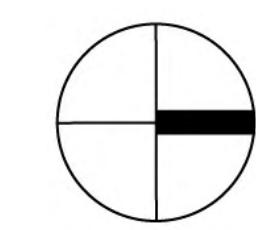


# LA PLATA FARM PARK - ACTIVE RECREATION



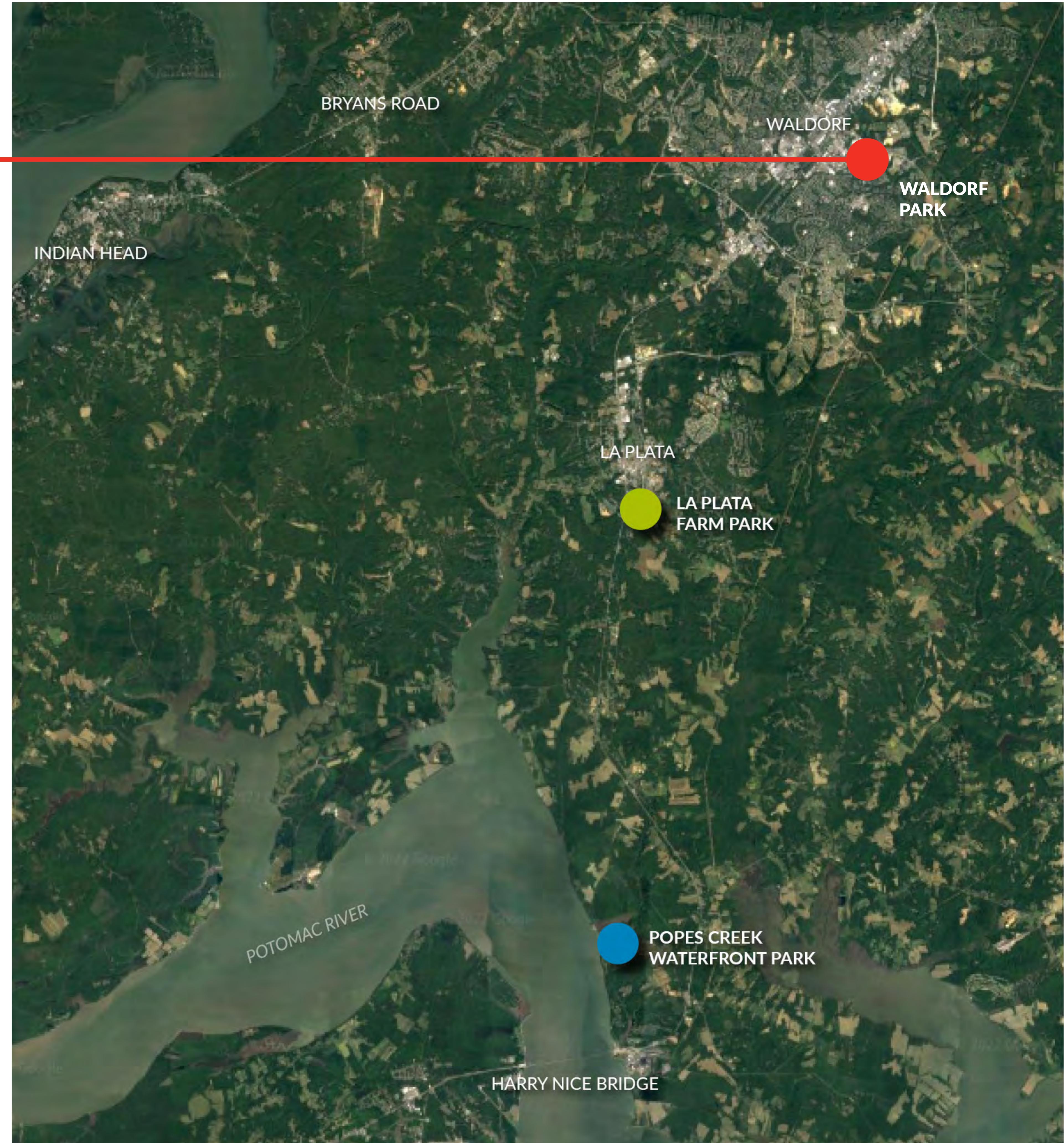
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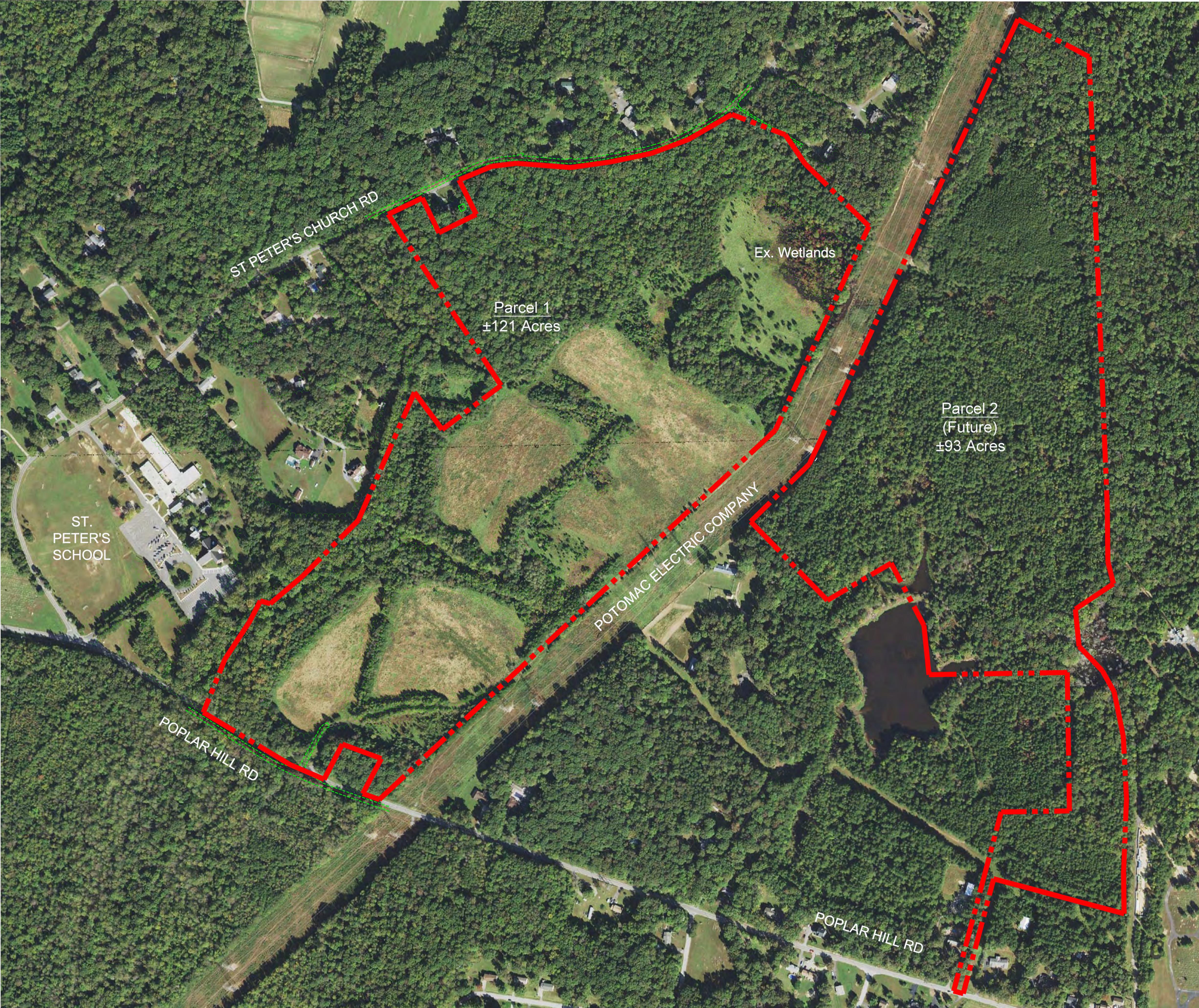
- 1 DOG PARK
- 2 BIKE PUMPTRACK
- 3 SKATE PARK
- 4 PLAZA
- 5 PAVILION
- 6 PLAYGROUND
- 7 LAWN
- 8 FOODTRUCK PULLOFF
- 9 PARKING
- 10 BOARDWALK TRAIL
- 11 FOREST PATH
- 12 SUNFLOWER FIELD
- 13 SIDEWALK
- 14 COMFORT STATION
- 15 PICNIC TABLES



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## WALDORF PARK

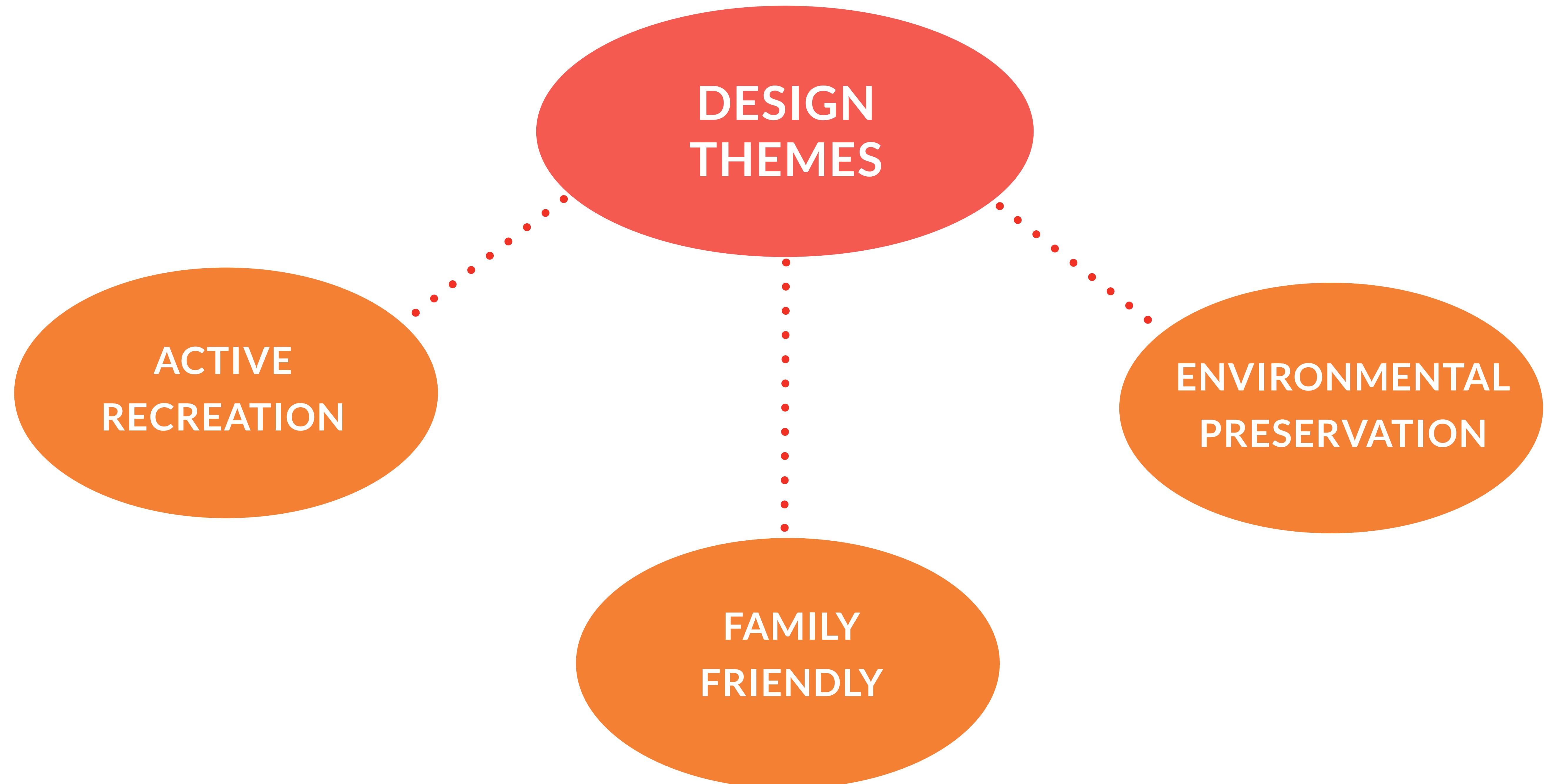




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# WALDORF PARK - DESIGN THEMES



# WALDORF PARK -TASK FORCE IDEAS

- HUB FOR ORGANIZED SPORTS AND SUPPORTING USES
- FAMILY ORIENTED INCLUDING RECREATION OPTIONS FOR VISITORS NOT PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS
- PASSIVE RECREATION THAT COMPLEMENT NATURAL RESOURCES



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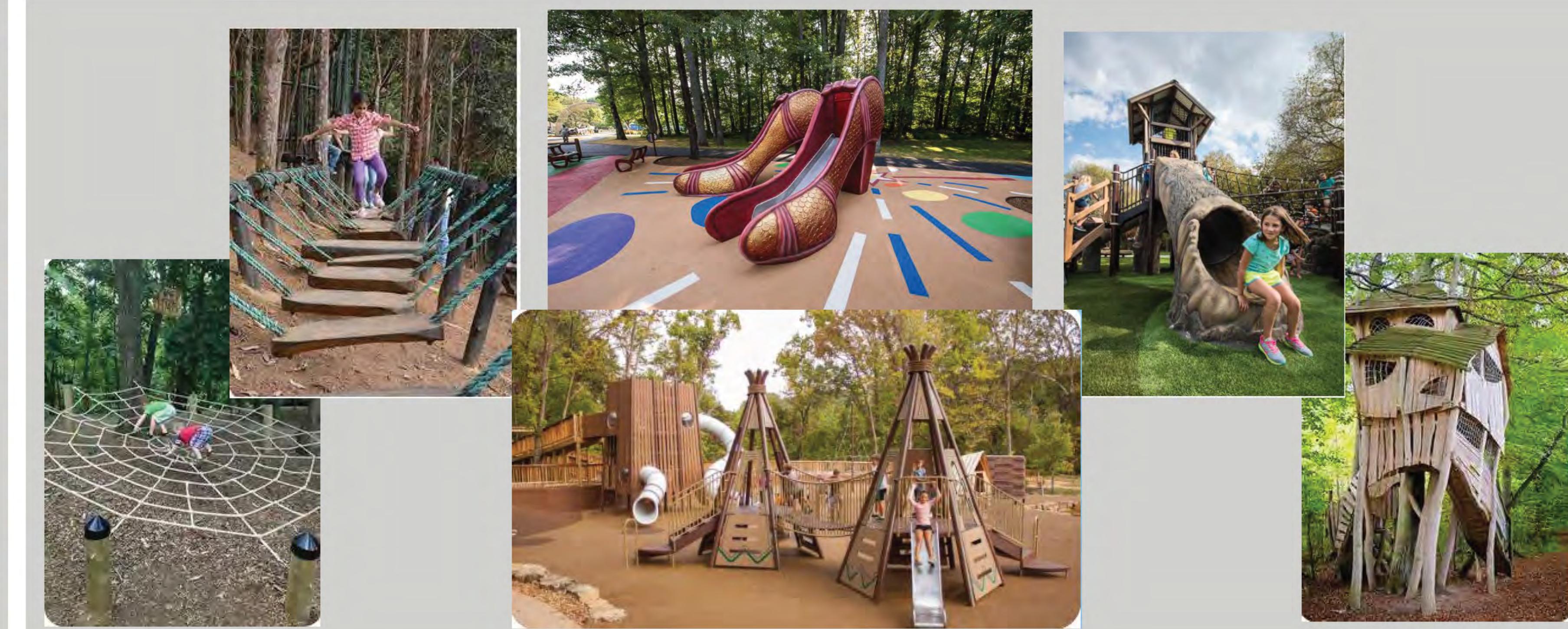
# WALDORF PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



WAYPOINT SIGNAGE/ART WORK

FULL COURT BASKETBALL

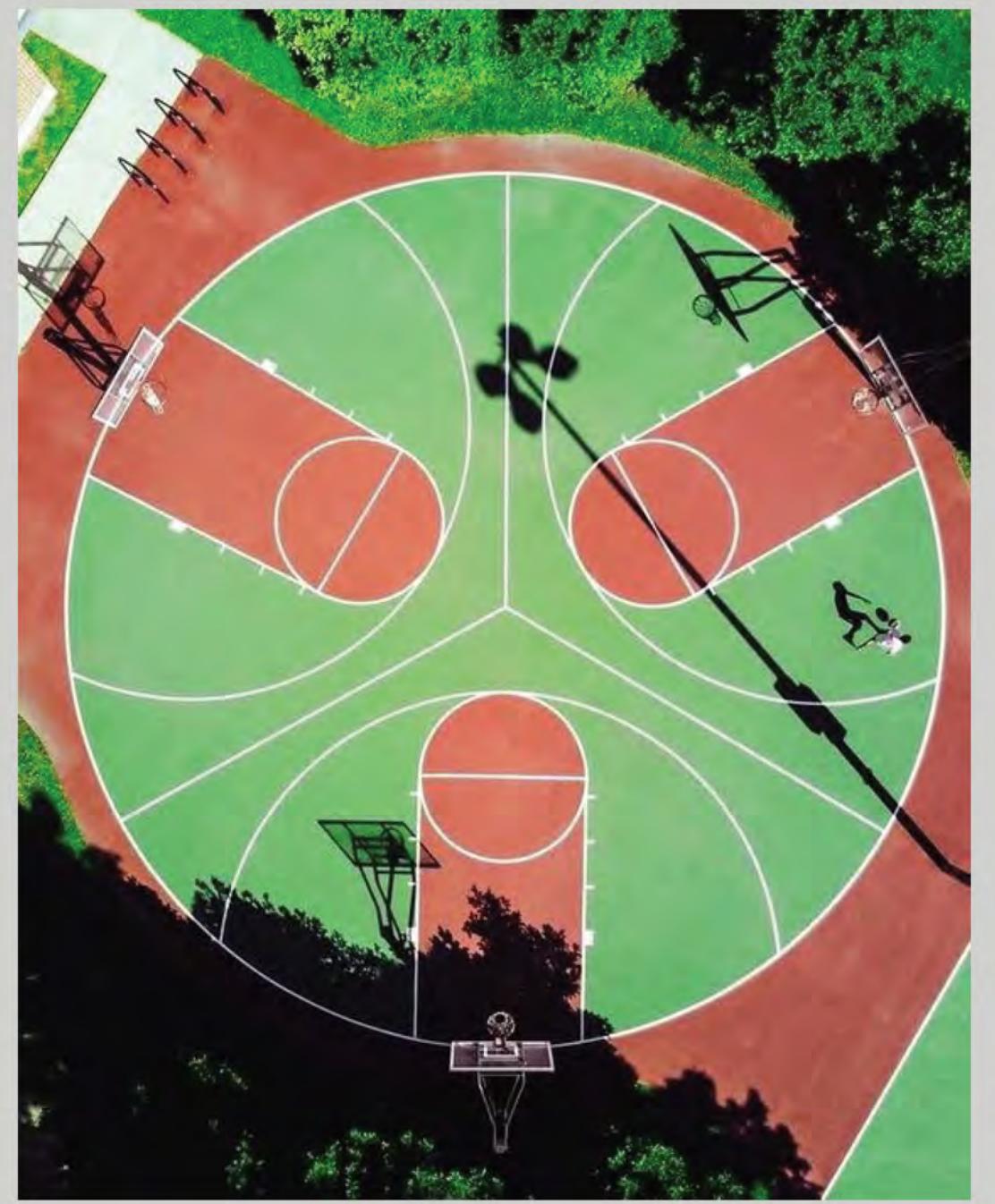
FOOD TRUCK AREAS



PICKLE BALL COMPLEX

PLAYGROUND AREAS

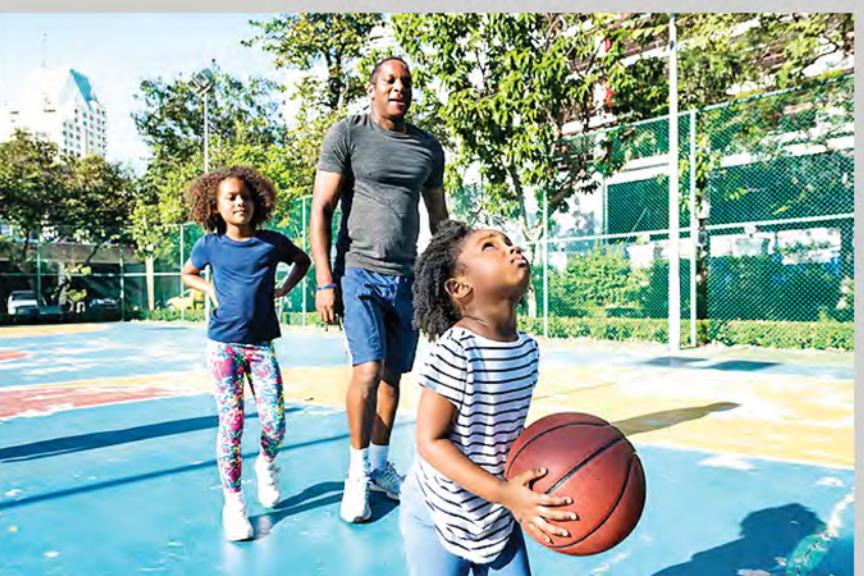
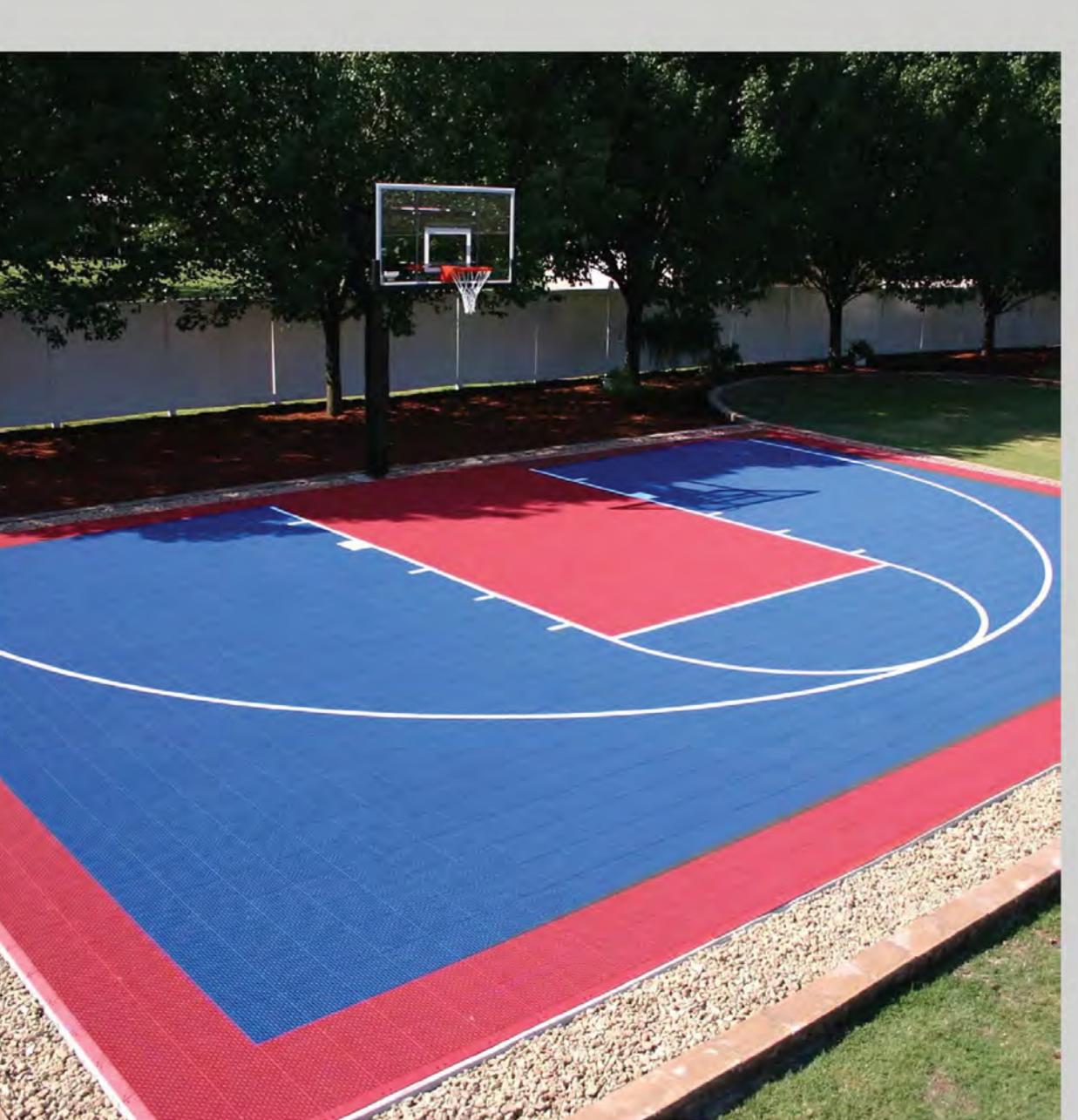
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3v3 BASKETBALL COURTS



MULTIUSE FIELDS



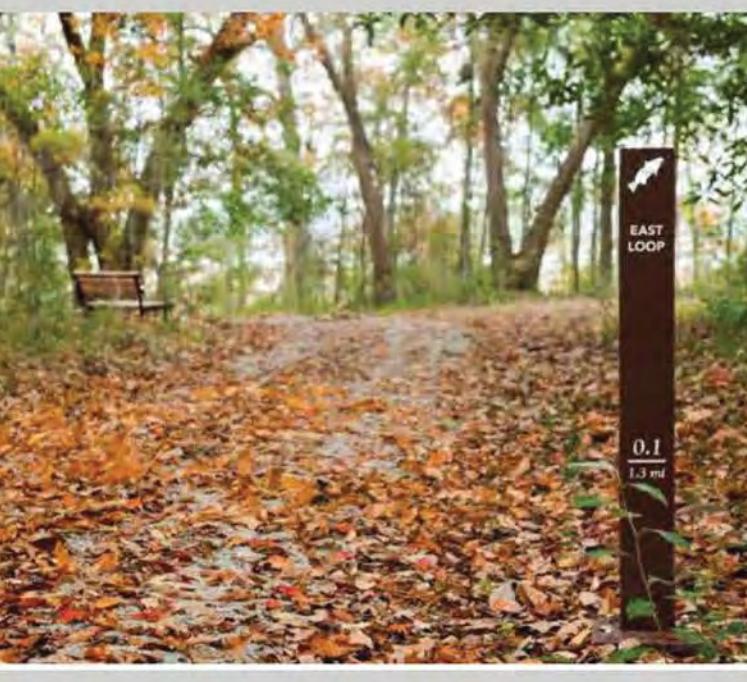
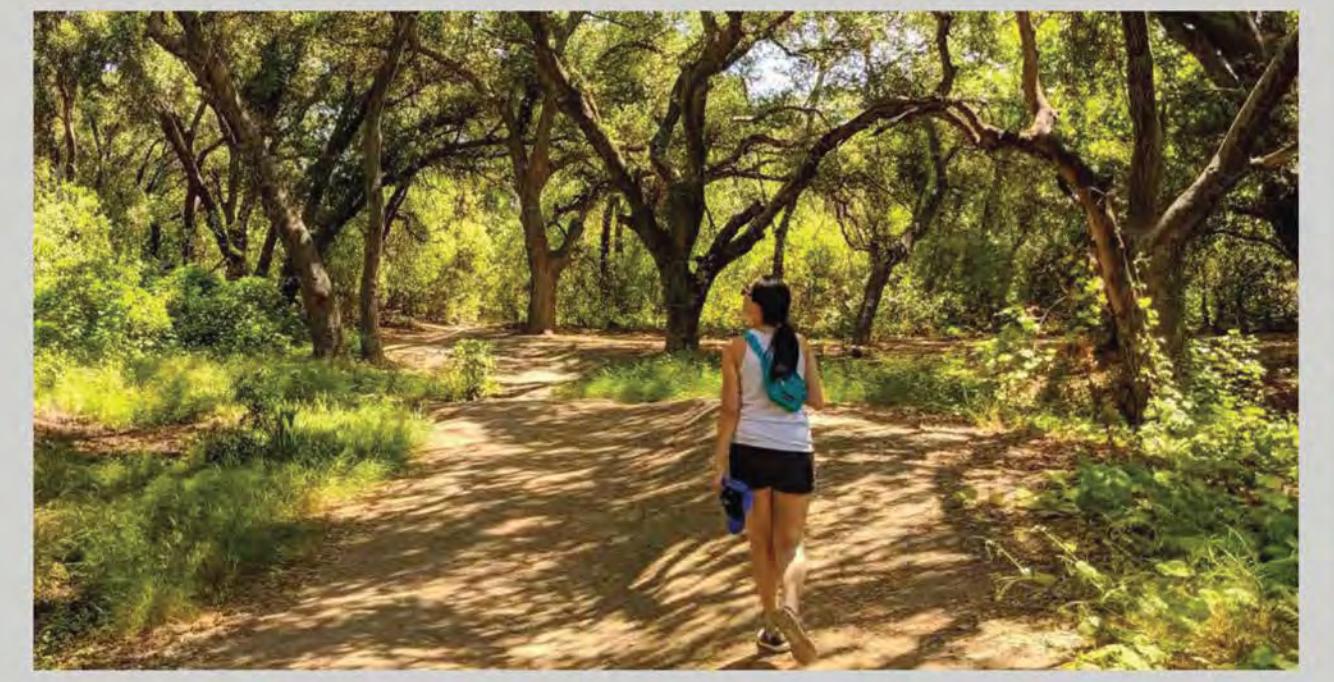
CHILDREN'S HALF COURT BASKETBALL



ADULT NINJA/OBSTACLE COURSE

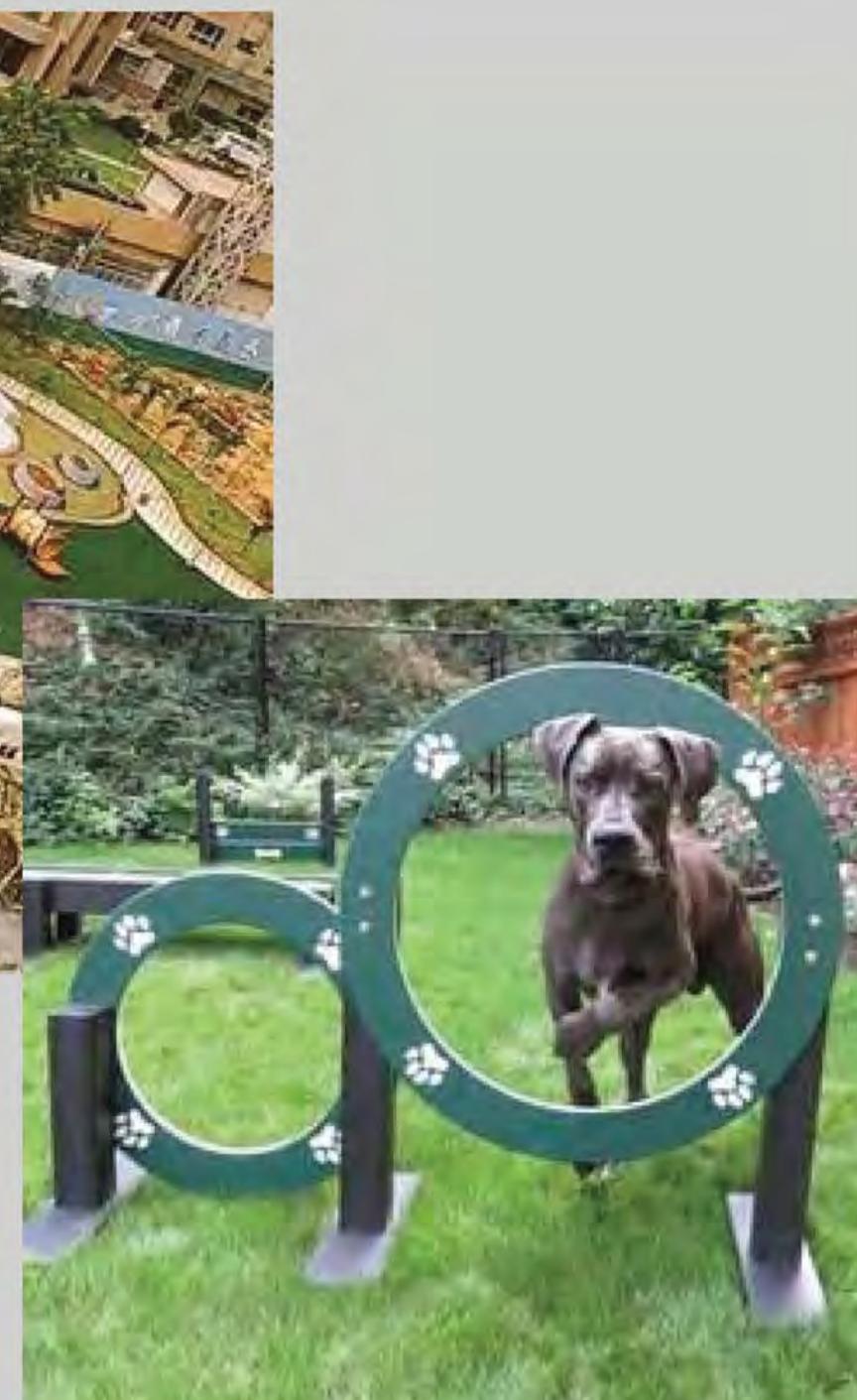
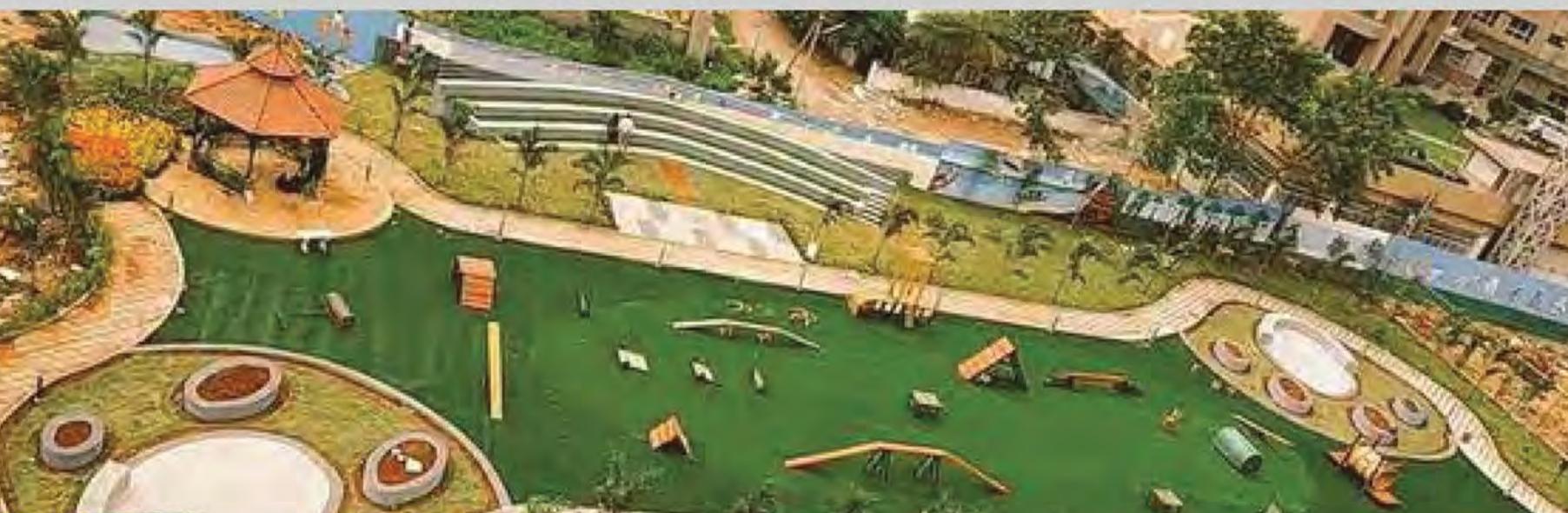
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSINGS

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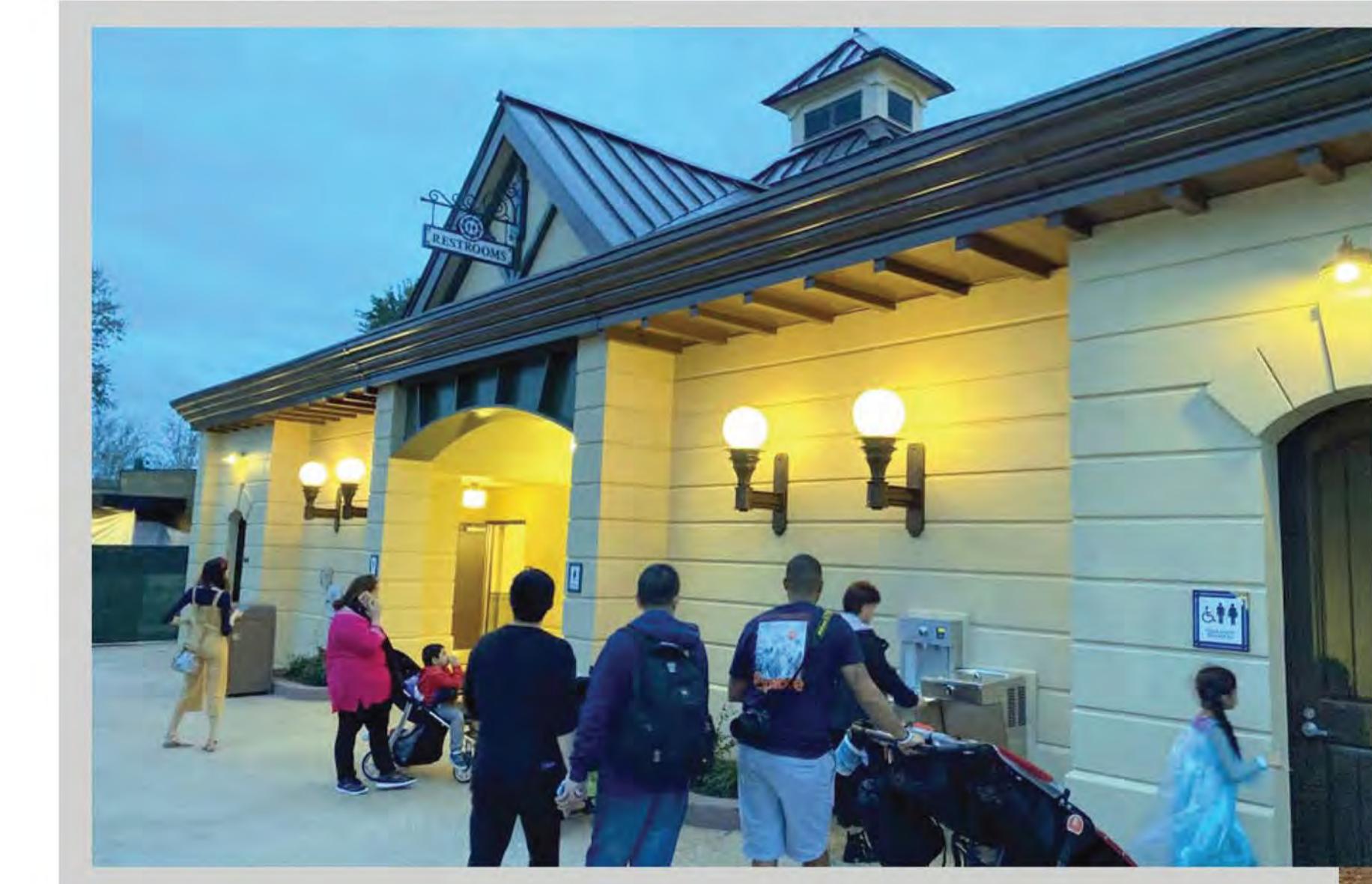


WALKING/HIKING WITH POSSIBLE EXERCISE STATIONS

PAVILLIONS / SHADE STRUCTURES



SMALL, LARGE AND ALL BREED DOG PARKS



RESTROOM FACILITIES

# WALDORF PARK - CONCEPT PLAN



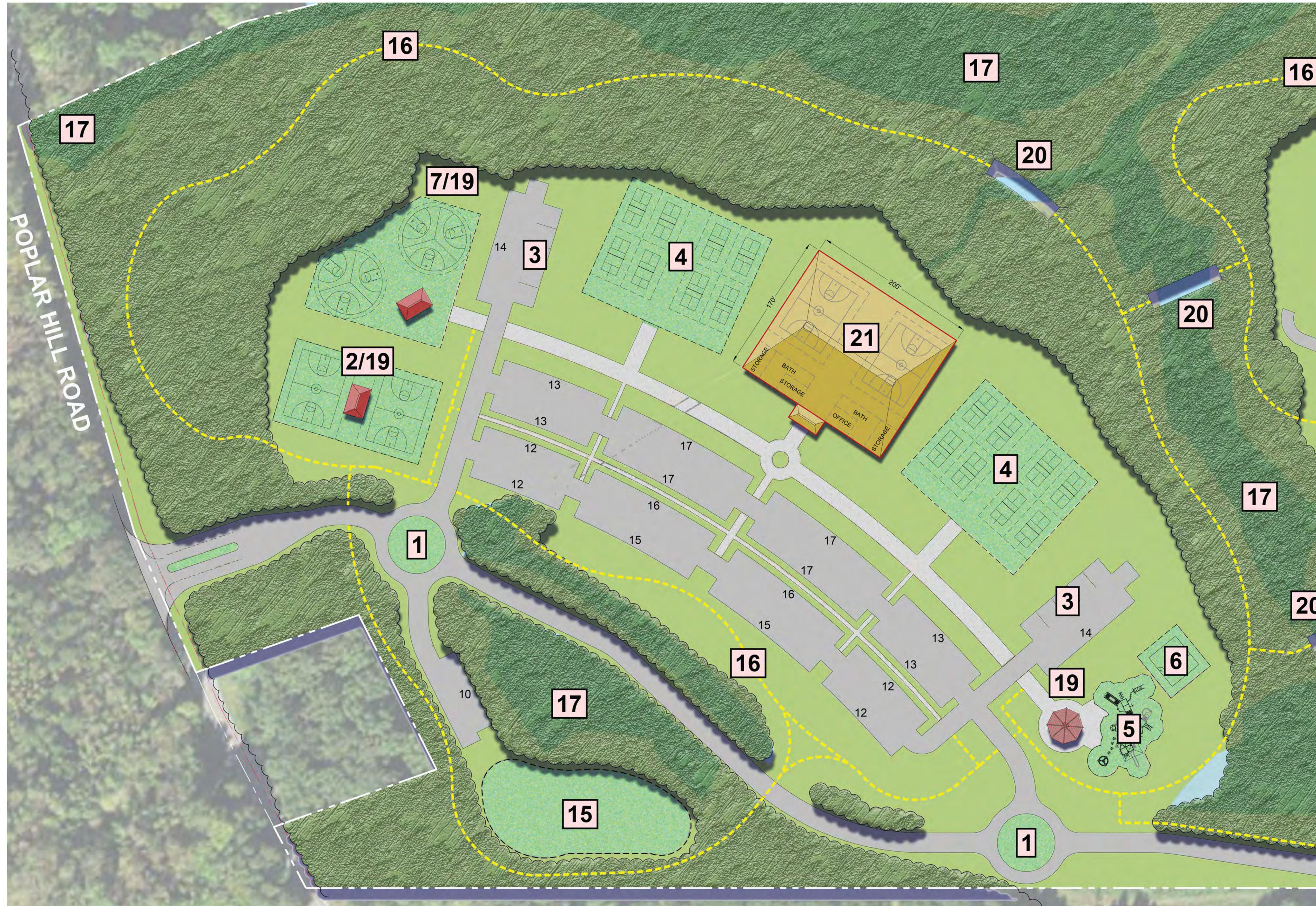
## KEY ELEMENTS

<b>1</b> WAYPOINT SIGNAGE / ART WORK	<b>6</b> CHILDREN'S HALF COURT BASKETBALL	<b>11</b> LARGE DOG PARK	<b>16</b> WALKING / HIKING TRAILS WITH POSSIBLE EXERCISE STATIONS	<b>21</b> RECREATIONAL BUILDING ±34,000 SF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STRIPED FOR (2) TENNIS COURTS, (2) BASKETBALL COURTS, OR (8) PICKLE BALL COURTS</li> <li>BATH / LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES</li> <li>OFFICE SPACE</li> <li>STORAGE AREAS</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> FULL COURT BASKETBALL COURTS	<b>7</b> 3v3 BASKETBALL COURTS	<b>12</b> WOODED CHILD'S IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND	<b>17</b> EXISTING REGULATED WETLAND AREAS	
<b>3</b> FOOD TRUCK AREAS	<b>8</b> MAINTENANCE BUILDING	<b>13</b> SMALL DOG PARK	<b>18</b> RESTROOM FACILITIES	
<b>4</b> PICKLE BALL COURTS	<b>9</b> MULTI-USE FIELDS	<b>14</b> ADULT NINJA / OBSTACLE COURSE	<b>19</b> PAVILLION / SHADE STRUCTURES	
<b>5</b> PLAYGROUND	<b>10</b> PLAYGROUND WITH ADA ACCESSIBILITY	<b>15</b> ALL BREEDS DOG PARK	<b>20</b> PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSINGS	



NORTH

# WALDORF PARK - ENLARGEMENT 'A'



## KEY ELEMENTS

- 1** WAYPOINT SIGNAGE / ART WORK
- 2** FULL COURT BASKETBALL COURTS
- 3** FOOD TRUCK AREAS
- 4** PICKLE BALL COURTS
- 5** PLAYGROUND
- 6** CHILDREN'S HALF COURT BASKETBALL
- 7** 3v3 BASKETBALL COURTS
- 15** ALL BREEDS DOG PARK
- 16** WALKING / HIKING TRAILS WITH POSSIBLE EXERCISE STATIONS
- 17** EXISTING REGULATED WETLAND AREAS
- 19** PAVILLION / SHADE STRUCTURES
- 20** PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSINGS
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  - BATH / LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES
  - OFFICE SPACE
  - STORAGE AREAS



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# WALDORF PARK - ENLARGEMENT 'B'



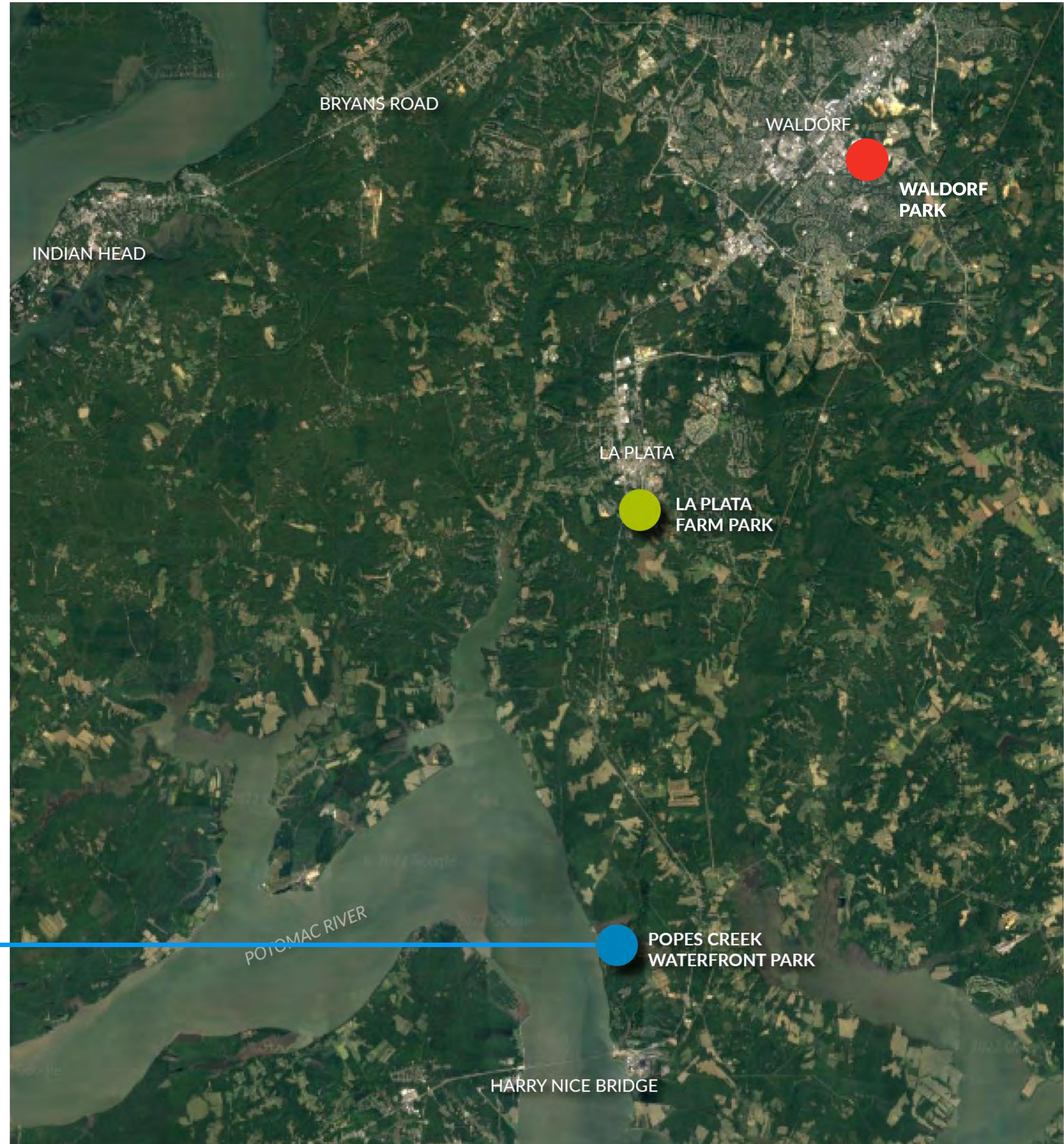
## KEY ELEMENTS

- 1** WAYPOINT SIGNAGE / ART WORK
- 3** FOOD TRUCK AREAS
- 5** PLAYGROUND
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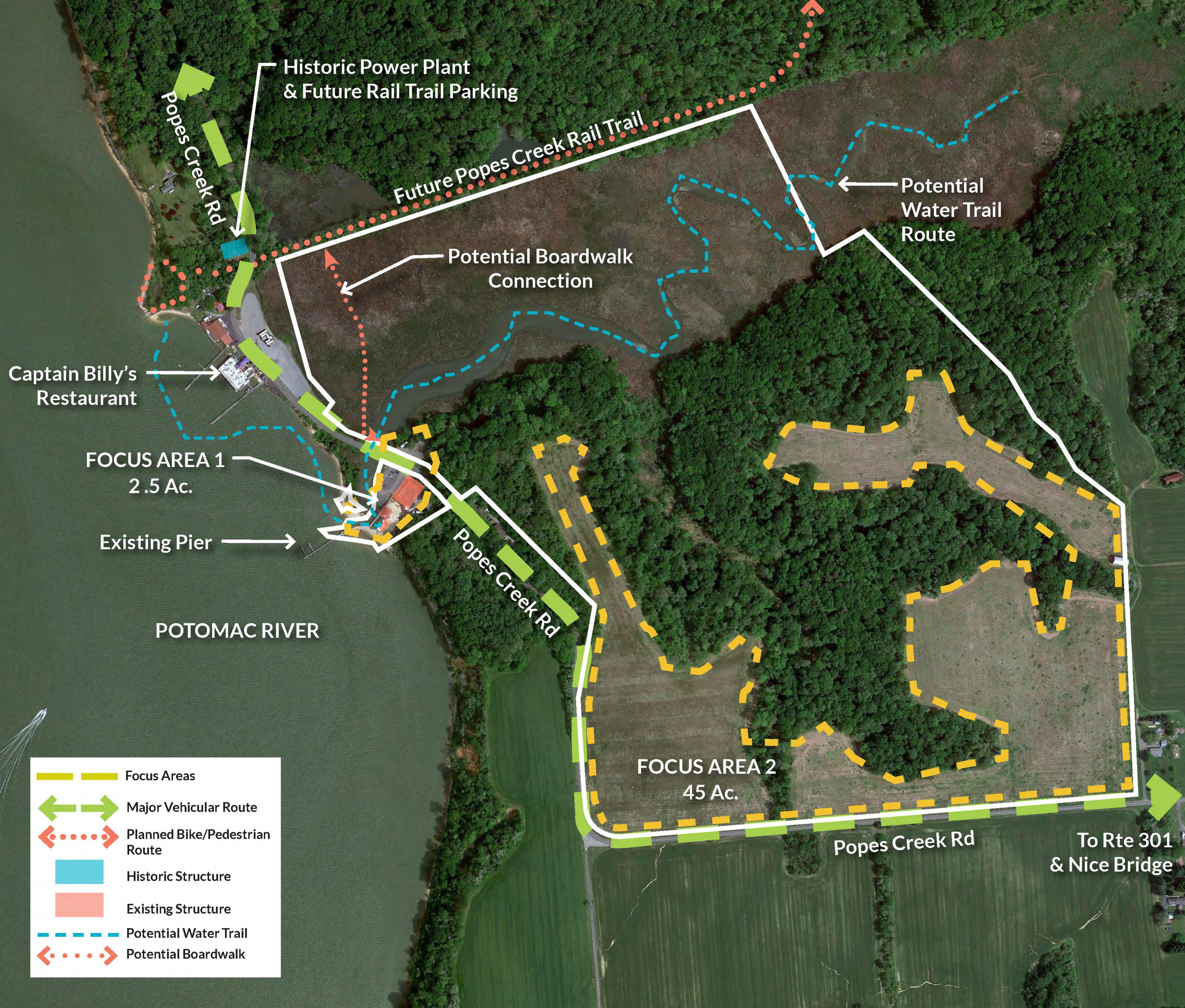
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## POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK



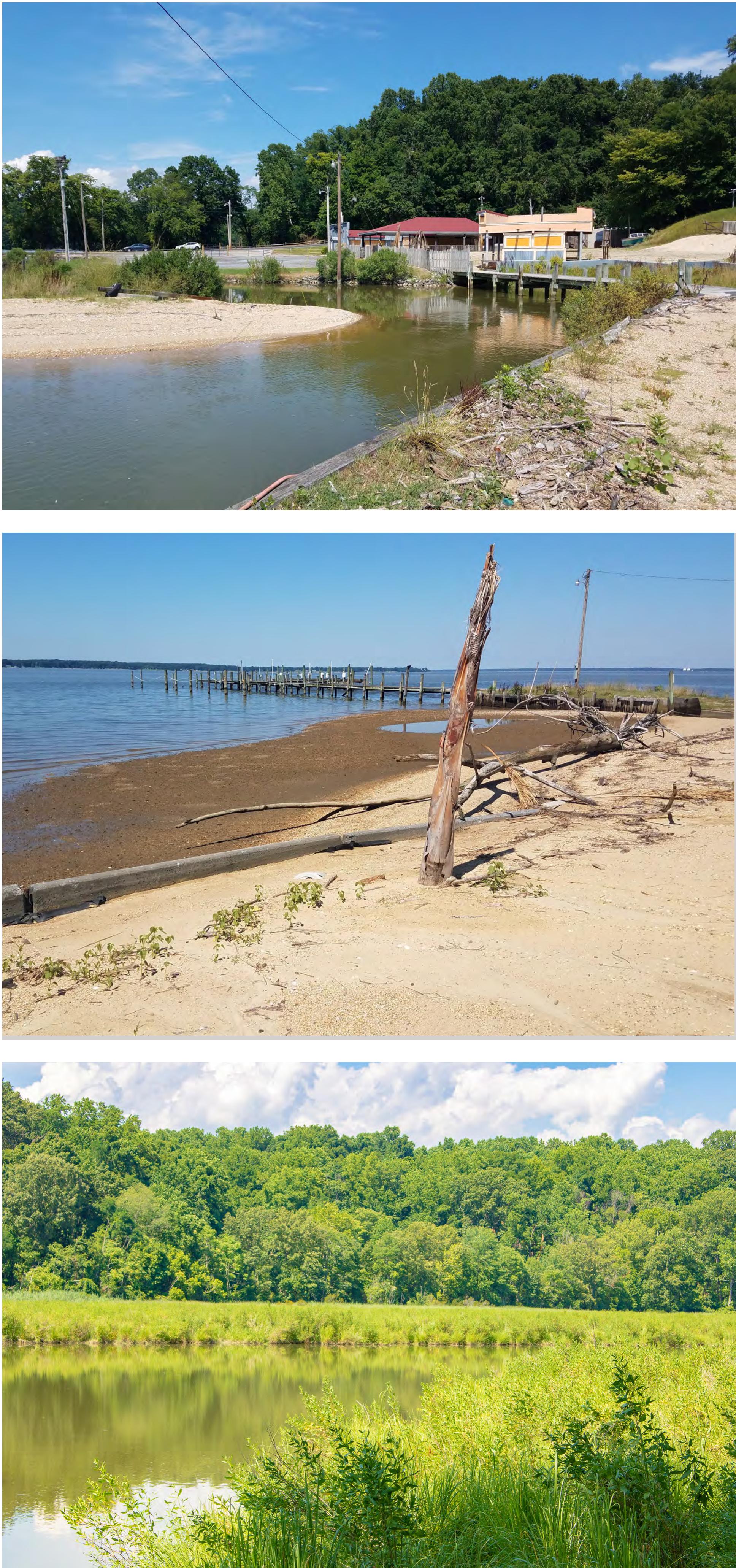
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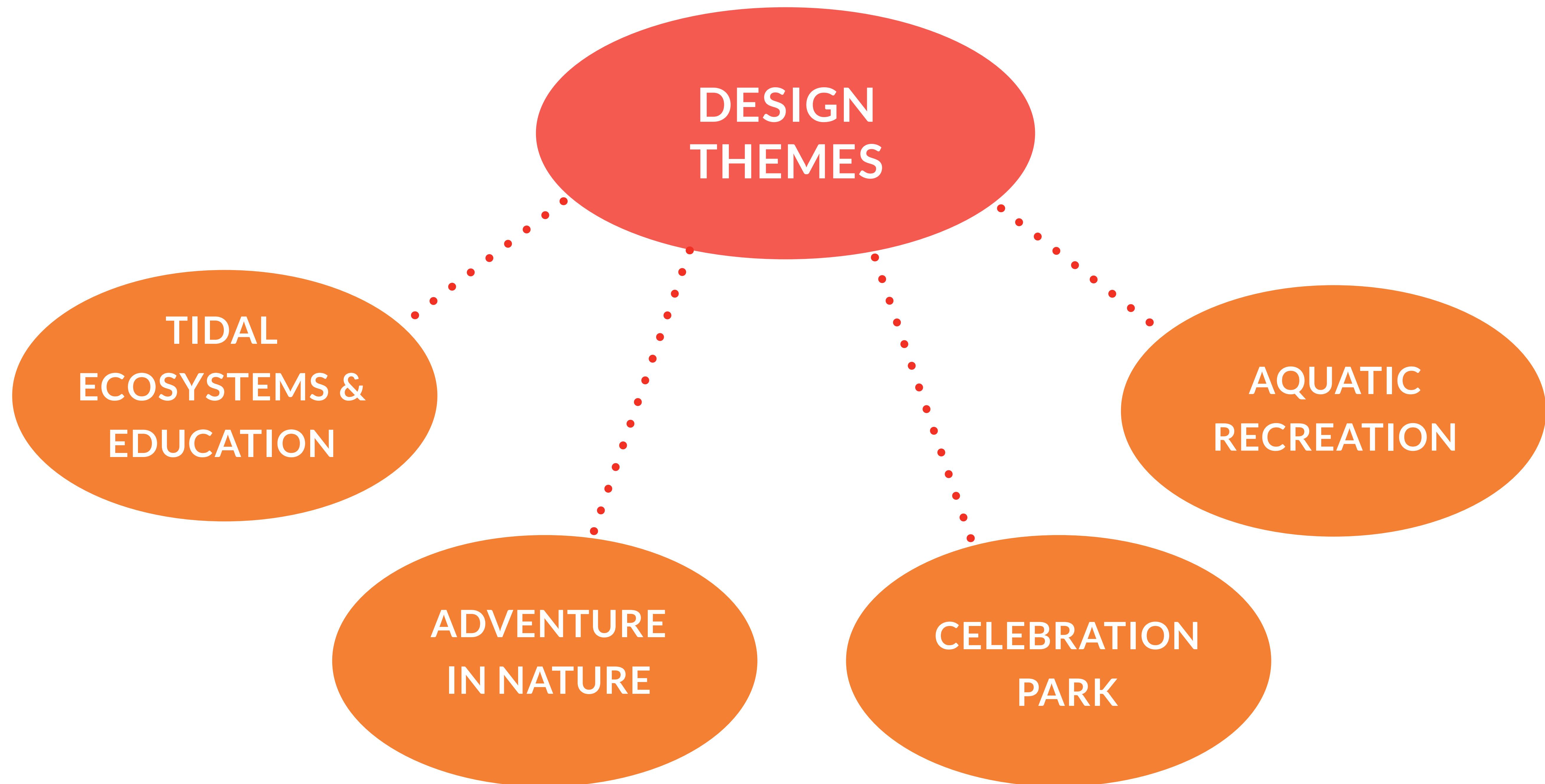




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# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - DESIGN THEMES



# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - TASK FORCE IDEAS

- WATERFRONT SHOULD BE THE GEM OF THE PARK
- PRIMARY FOCUS = ACTIVE WATER BASED RECREATION
- SECONDARY FOCUS = NATURE BASED PLAY & PROGRAMMING



# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



ACCESSIBLE FLOATING KAYAK LAUNCH



SHORELINE HABITAT + RESTORATION



PLAZA WITH SEATING



TREE HOUSE + DECK + STAGE



CANOPY WALK

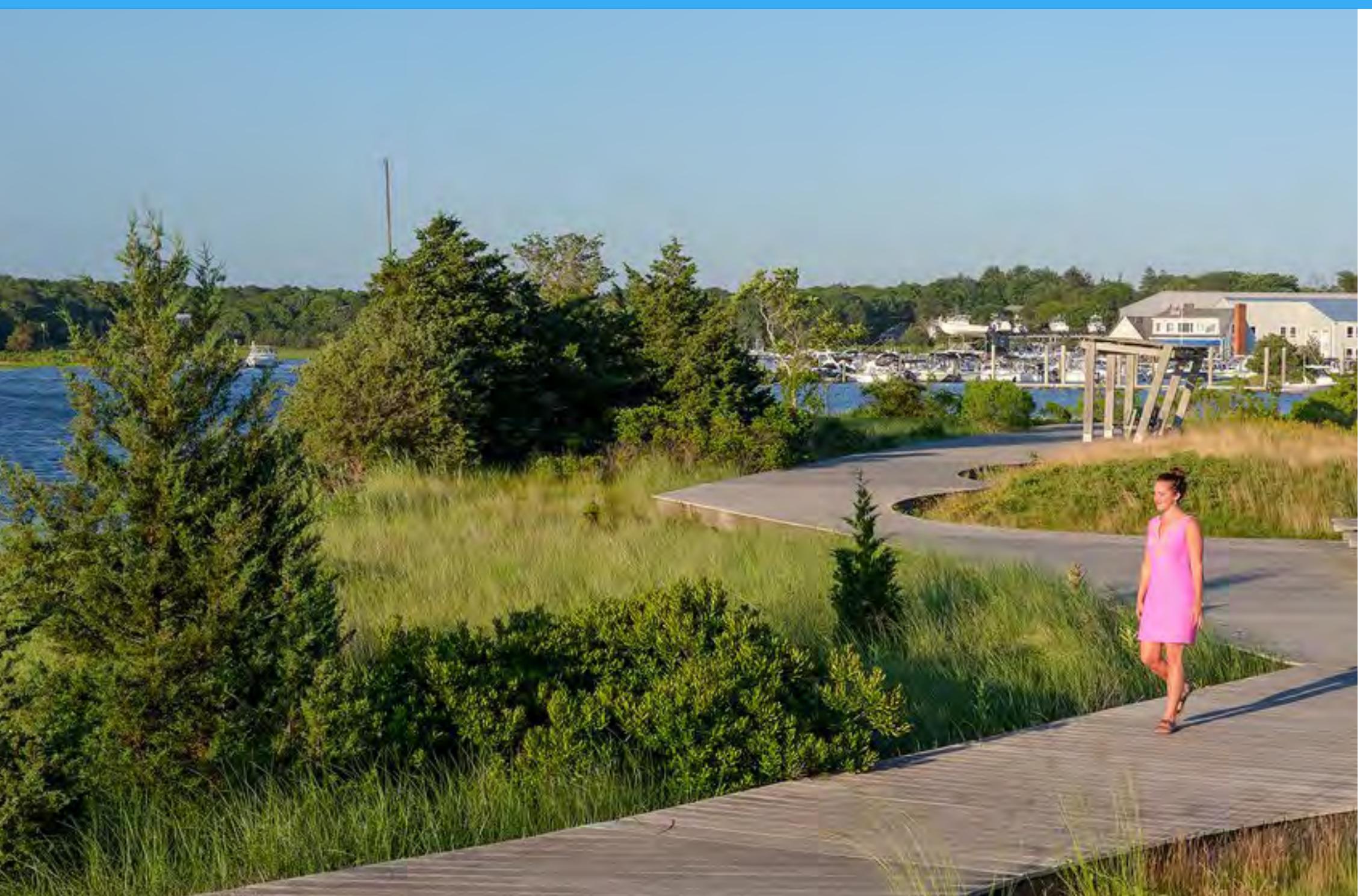


MAXIMIZED BEACH



AMPHITHEATER SEATING

# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



BOARDWALK TRAIL



BOARDWALK TRAIL WITH RAILING



NATURE TRAIL



WILDERNESS CLASSROOM



OBSERVATION TOWER



DESTINATION PLAYGROUND

# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - PRECEDENT IMAGES



EVENT LAWN + STAGE



SOLAR MEADOW



PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES



CAMPGROUND BATHHOUSE

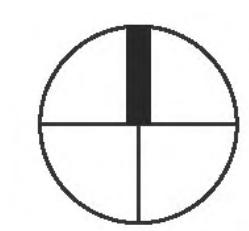


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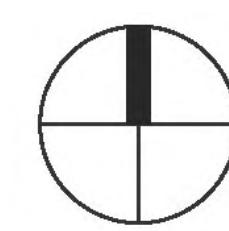
ROPES COURSE

# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - CONCEPT PLAN



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# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - CONCEPT PLAN



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# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - NATURE PLAY



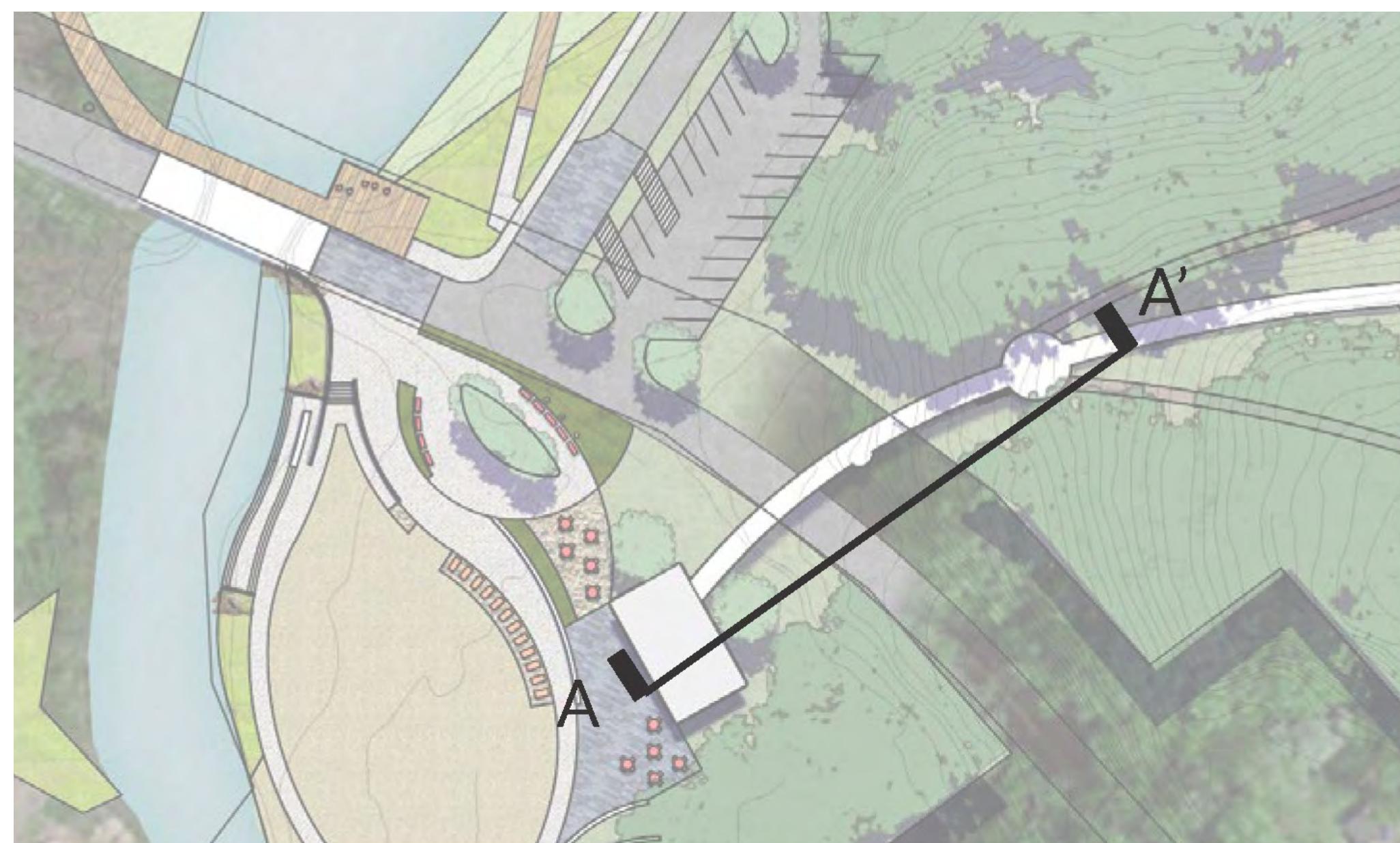
# GILLIGAN'S PIER - CONCEPT PLAN



## KEY ELEMENTS

1	BOARDWALK CONNECTION TO BIKE TRAIL	EXISTING - +/- 35,000 S.F. Impervious Surface
2	RAISED BRIDGE WITH INTERPRETIVE OVERLOOK DECK	PROPOSED-
3	REALIGNED PARKING	+/- 30,000 S.F. Impervious Surface
4	TRAILHEAD AND WETLAND OBSERVATION	
5	FLOATING KAYAK LAUNCH	
6	PLAZA WITH SEATING	
7	DECK AND TREE HOUSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Kayak Rental and Stage</li><li>- Deck and Bathrooms</li><li>- Exhibits</li><li>- Overlook and Connection to Canopy Walk</li><li>- Elevator</li></ul>
8	CANOPY WALK	
9	MAXIMIZED BEACH	
10	PIER RECONSTRUCTION	
11	SHORELINE HABITAT RESTORATION	
12	ACCESSIBLE WATER ACCESS	
13	FISHING PIER	

# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - CANOPY WALK



BEACH

"TREE HOUSE"

- Kayak Rental and Stage
- Deck and Bathrooms
- Exhibits
- Overlook and Connection to Canopy Walk
- Elevator

CANOPY WALK

WILDERNESS CLASSROOM

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# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - GILLIGAN'S PIER



**DISPLAY STATIONS**  
**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**  
**Q&A**

# NEXT STEPS



## ASSESS PUBLIC INPUT

- POLLING PREFERENCES
- ONLINE SURVEY

## MASTER PLAN REPORT COMPLETE - MAY 2023

- FINAL CONCEPT PLAN
- PHASING PLAN
- COST ESTIMATE

COUNTY TO PRIORITIZE IMPLEMENTATION AND  
SECURE FUNDING FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION