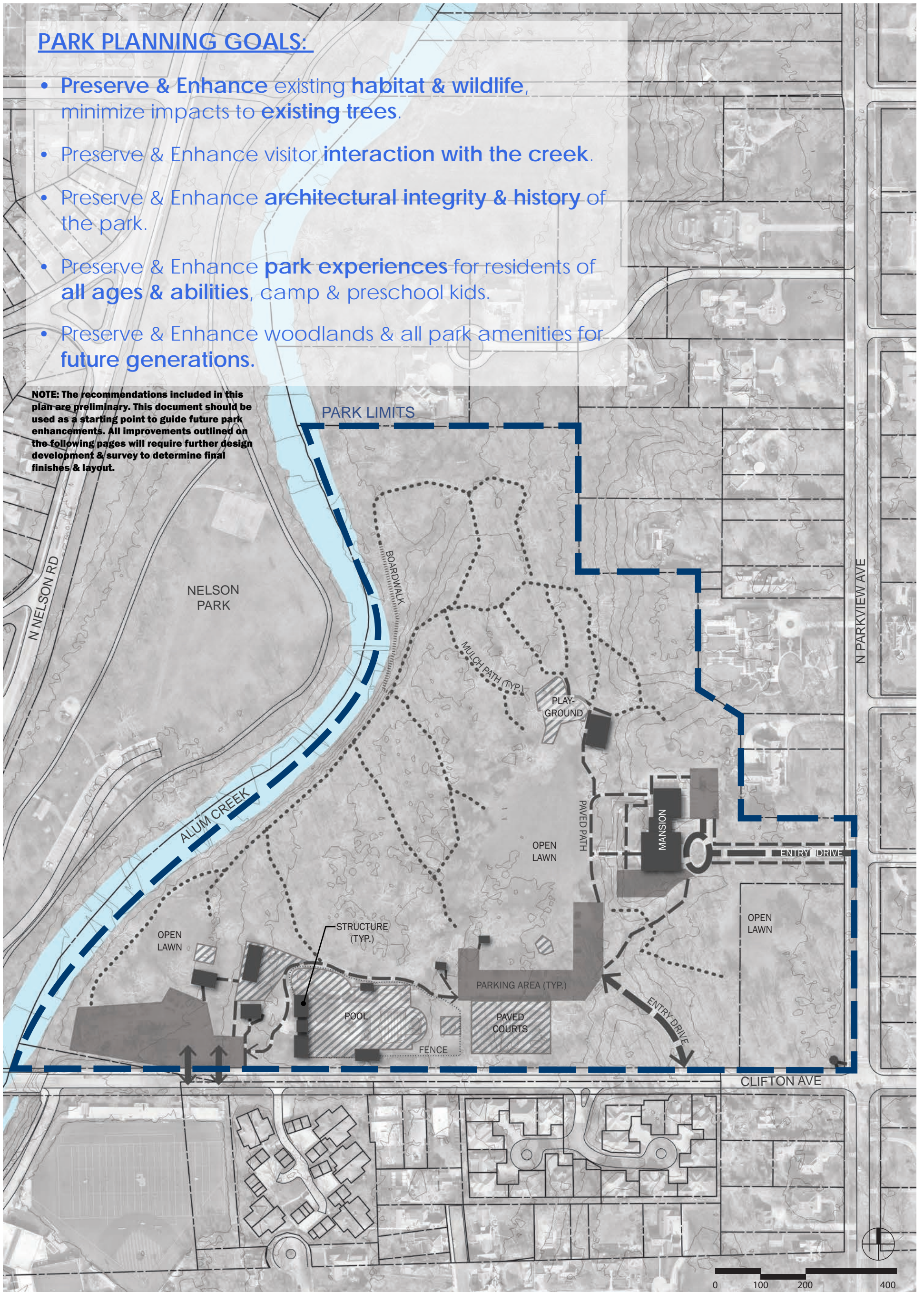


## PARK PLANNING GOALS:

- Preserve & Enhance existing habitat & wildlife, minimize impacts to existing trees.
- Preserve & Enhance visitor interaction with the creek.
- Preserve & Enhance architectural integrity & history of the park.
- Preserve & Enhance park experiences for residents of all ages & abilities, camp & preschool kids.
- Preserve & Enhance woodlands & all park amenities for future generations.

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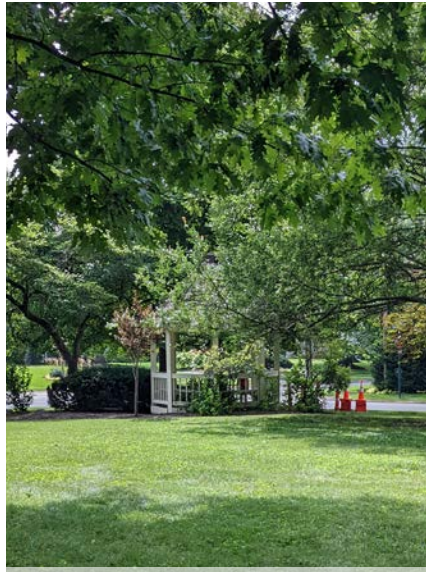


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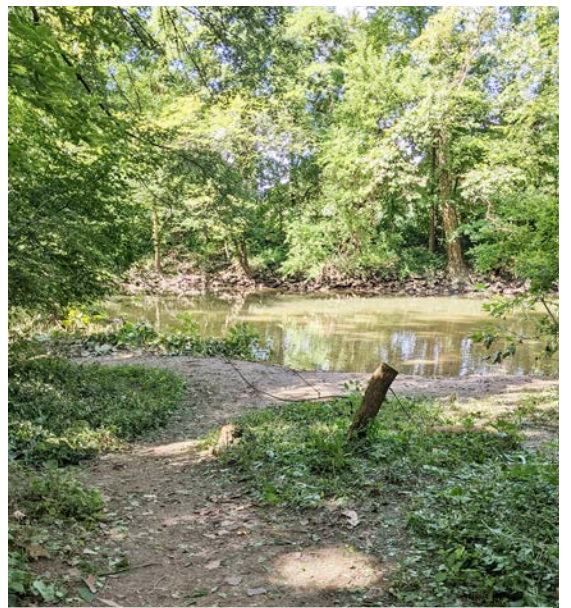
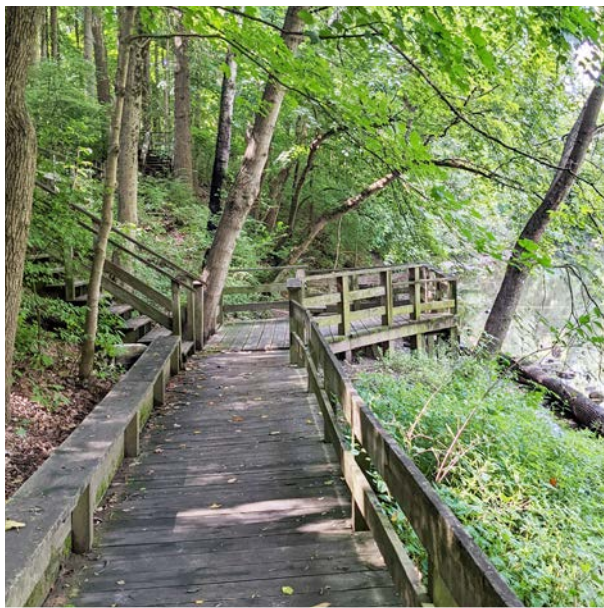




MANSION ENTRY DRIVE, TERRACE WALLS FROM LOWER LAWN, & GAZEBO CORNER OF FRONT LAWN



FRONT LAWN FROM MULCH TRAIL & OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



WOODLAND BRIDGE, BOARDWALK & DIRT PATH TO CREEK



AREA NORTH OF PLAYGROUND SHELTER & PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

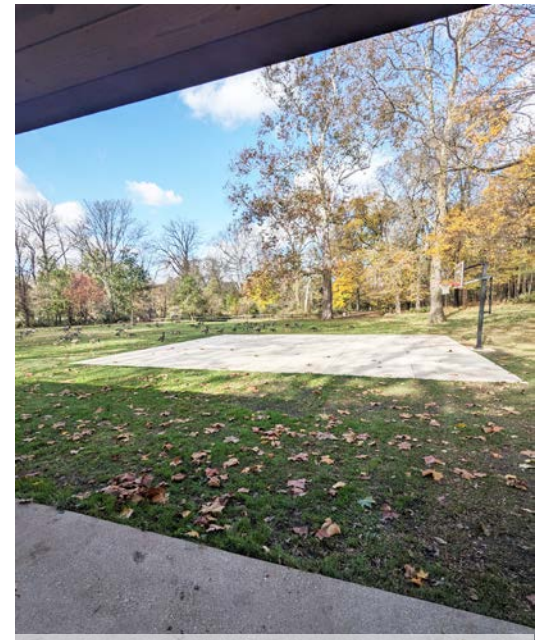


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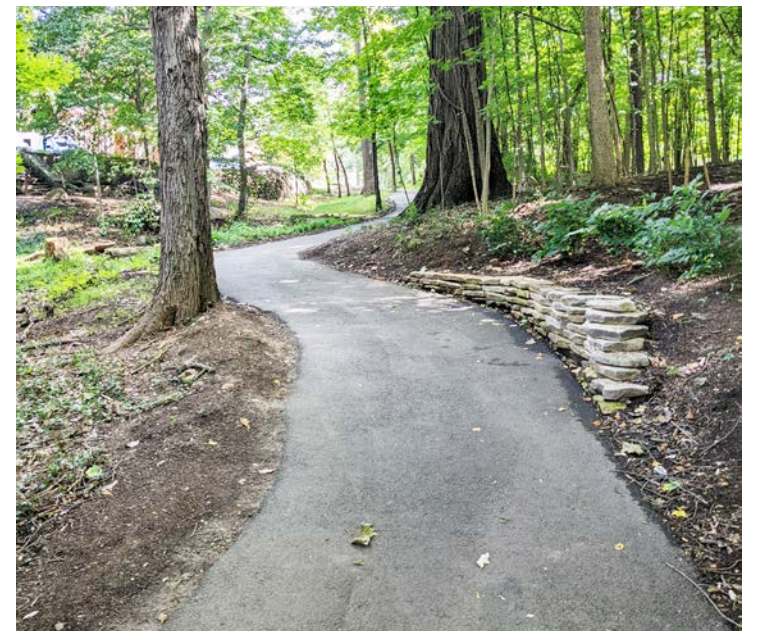
WEST MEADOW KAYAK LAUNCH, VIEW FROM MULCH TRAIL & BASKETBALL COURT



DUMPSTER AREA & MAINTENANCE GARAGE



AREAS EAST & WEST OF PICKLEBALL / TENNIS COURTS



VARIOUS STRUCTURES NORTH OF PICKLEBALL COURTS & PATH FROM LOWER PARKING TO MANSION

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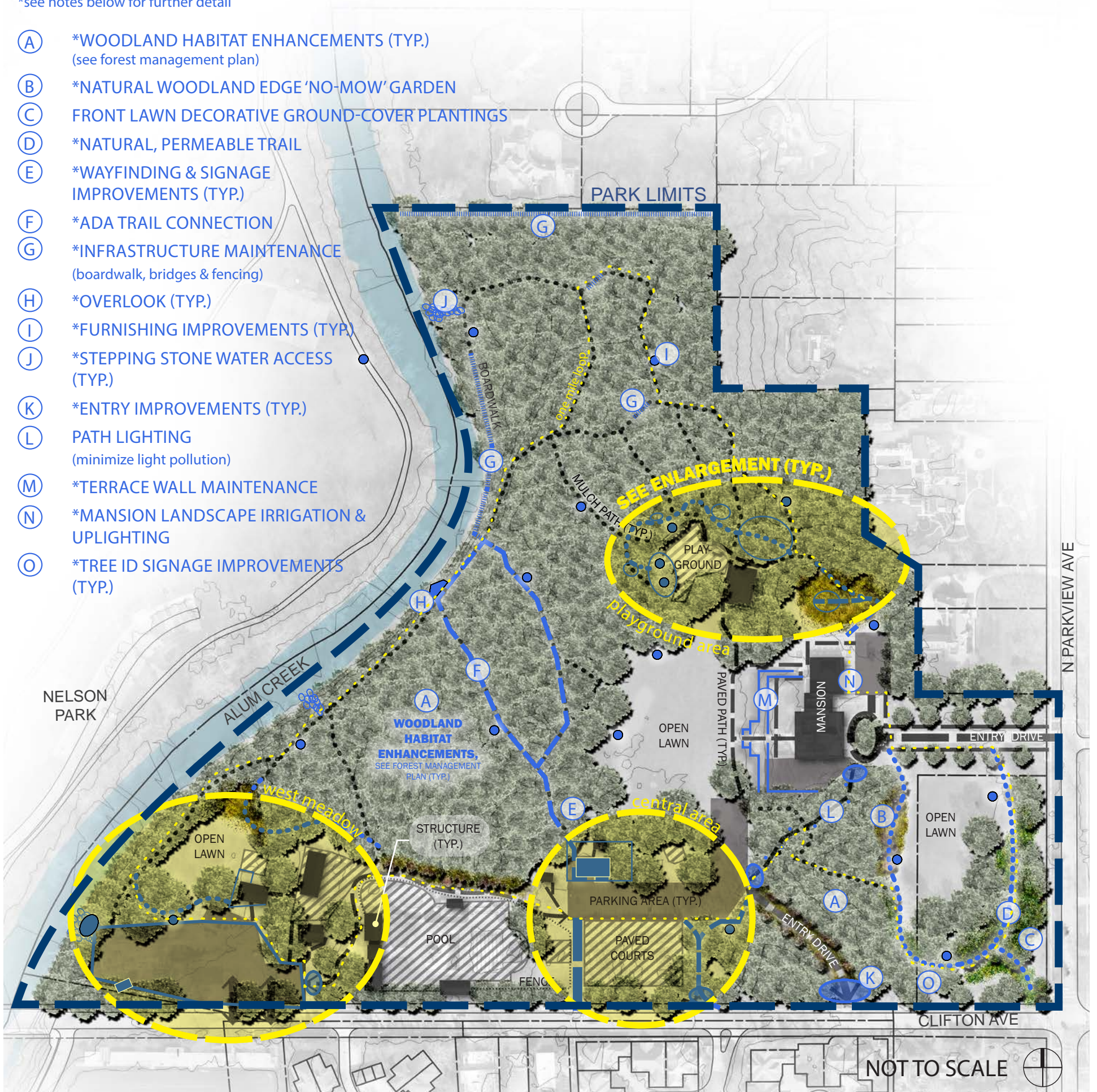




## PARK ENHANCEMENTS:

\*see notes below for further detail

- (A) \*WOODLAND HABITAT ENHANCEMENTS (TYP.)  
(see forest management plan)
- (B) \*NATURAL WOODLAND EDGE 'NO-MOW' GARDEN
- (C) FRONT LAWN DECORATIVE GROUND-COVER PLANTINGS
- (D) \*NATURAL, PERMEABLE TRAIL
- (E) \*WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS (TYP.)
- (F) \*ADA TRAIL CONNECTION
- (G) \*INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE  
(boardwalk, bridges & fencing)
- (H) \*OVERLOOK (TYP.)
- (I) \*FURNISHING IMPROVEMENTS (TYP.)
- (J) \*STEPPING STONE WATER ACCESS (TYP.)
- (K) \*ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS (TYP.)
- (L) PATH LIGHTING  
(minimize light pollution)
- (M) \*TERRACE WALL MAINTENANCE
- (N) \*MANSION LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION & UPLIGHTING
- (O) \*TREE ID SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS (TYP.)



### \*NOTES:

**The final layout & material of all proposed enhancements should minimize existing tree impacts. The improvements shown on the following pages reduce approximately 8000 sq ft of total vehicular pavement & structure footprints in the park. All other proposed trails & pedestrian surfaces could be constructed with natural, permeable materials (which could also be considered for some vehicular areas).**

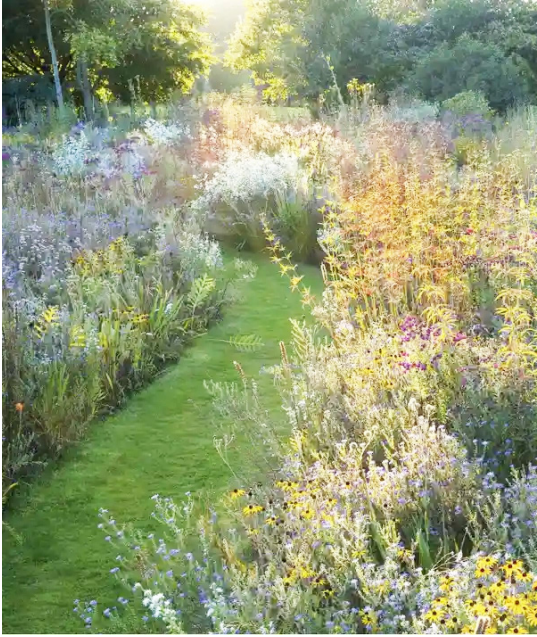
- A.** A woodland management plan is being drafted in collaboration with ODNR to address woodland habitat enhancements. The plan will outline strategies to improve woodland habitat based on the latest best practices so the forest can continue to thrive for generations to come. It will address issues & provide recommendations related to invasive species, deer populations, species diversity & resiliency.
  - B.** Many garden themes could be considered for these areas including wildflower, perennial, pollinator, herbal, edible, native, understory trees/shrubs or other garden types. The intent is that any theme chosen would be low-maintenance and have a natural, informal aesthetic. These areas would also be an opportunity for educational signage & programming. Potential bee allergies should be considered for any gardens areas directly adjacent to child-oriented spaces.
  - D.** A trail through the front lawn could encourage park visitors to experience this beautiful area & the signature willow oak allée. Further study is needed to determine the most suitable material (e.g. mulch or permeable pavers)
  - E.** A separate signage project is already underway to improve wayfinding in all of Bexley's parks including Jeffrey. Existing regulatory signage should also be reviewed & minimized as much as possible. One-mile loop markers could be added after construction of various trail improvements shown throughout this plan.
  - F.** ADA trails will require further study to determine a suitable material. Possible materials discussed by the committee include brassfield fines, compacted limestone screenings, or permeable pavers. Considerations should include tree root impacts, maintenance, soil quality, level of accessibility and potential cross country race routes.
  - G.** The existing boardwalk & bridges are warping & splintering in areas so partial reconstruction is needed. Possible replacement materials should be further studied & discussed. Ipe hardwood & Trex (composite plastic) may offer a better performance & longevity than standard treated wood. Consideration could also be given to a more open railing construction (e.g. cable railing) to maximize views of the creek from benches or other seating elements. These existing locations are also an opportunity for educational signage & programming. Chain-link fencing on the north-side of the park could be upgraded to natural materials or screened without interrupting existing deer corridors.
  - H.** An overlook in the locations noted will give park users a different way to experience the creek from above while offering ADA access. These locations are also an opportunity for educational signage & programming. Signage themes could include environmental, geologic, pollution impacts etc.
  - I.** Furnishing improvement considerations, depending on location, should include various seating options, trash receptacles, bike racks, and bottle filling stations at existing water fountains.
  - J.** Stepping stone water access could be added in any locations that need additional erosion control or where users already access the creek via dirt paths.
  - K.** Entry improvement recommendations include decorative plantings, entry/directional signage & drainage improvements as needed.
  - M.** The mansion terrace walls need further study to determine structural integrity & make recommendations on longevity / replacement.
  - N.** Jeffrey Mansion is the signature & most unique element of the park. Additional improvements can help highlight this important feature including uplighting & irrigation. Any added light fixtures should minimize light pollution as much as possible. Irrigation could be focused on the landscape surrounding the mansion, particularly adjacent to drives that are salted in the winter, to keep these prominent plants healthy.
  - O.** Existing Tree ID signage needs to be investigated to determine strategic additions or replacement. Special consideration should also be given to any tree species planted in the park which could enhance the Bexley Arboretum and add trees not readily available to the public (e.g. species located with limited viewing times at the Governor's mansion).
- Other Park Considerations:** Wifi could be made more accessible throughout the gathering areas of the park for residents, students, & camp activities. As more people work in areas outside of a traditional office, more residents could be encouraged to use their parks during work hours. Electric vehicle charging & golf cart parking spots were requested during the public meeting. Further investigation is needed to determine final location(s) & car charging level.

## ▶ PARK PRESERVATION & ENHANCEMENT PLAN

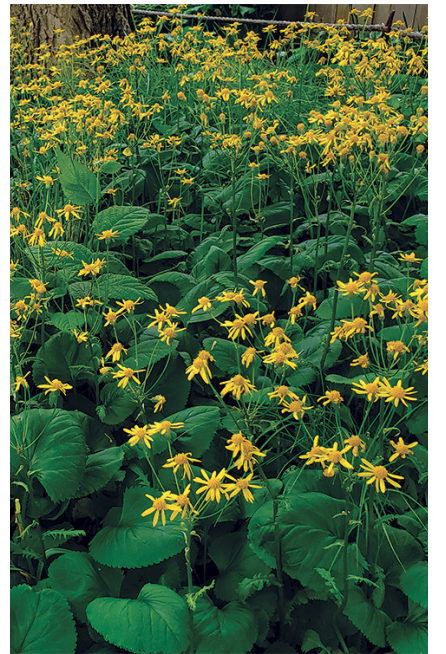
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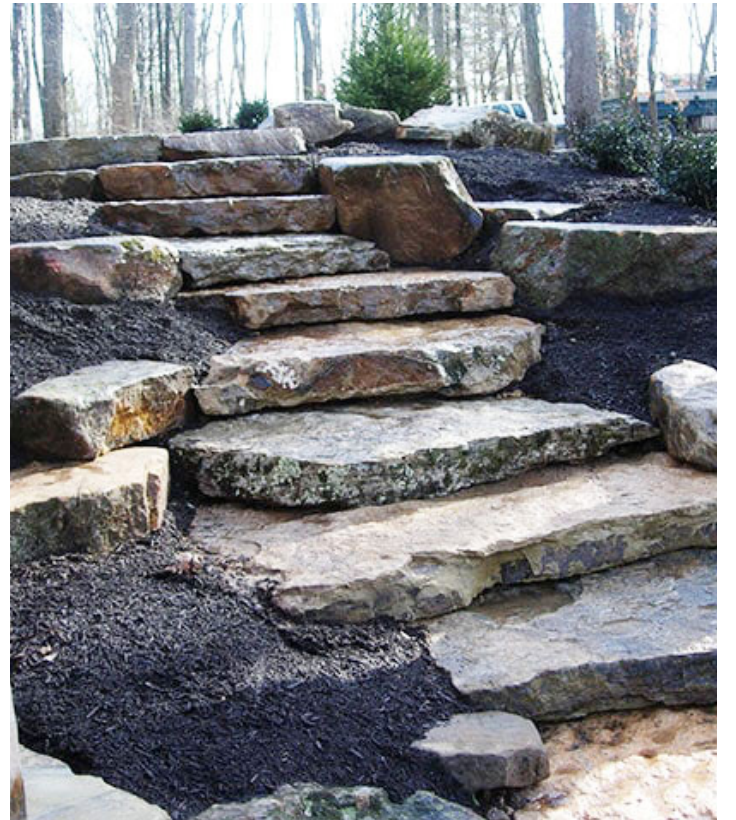
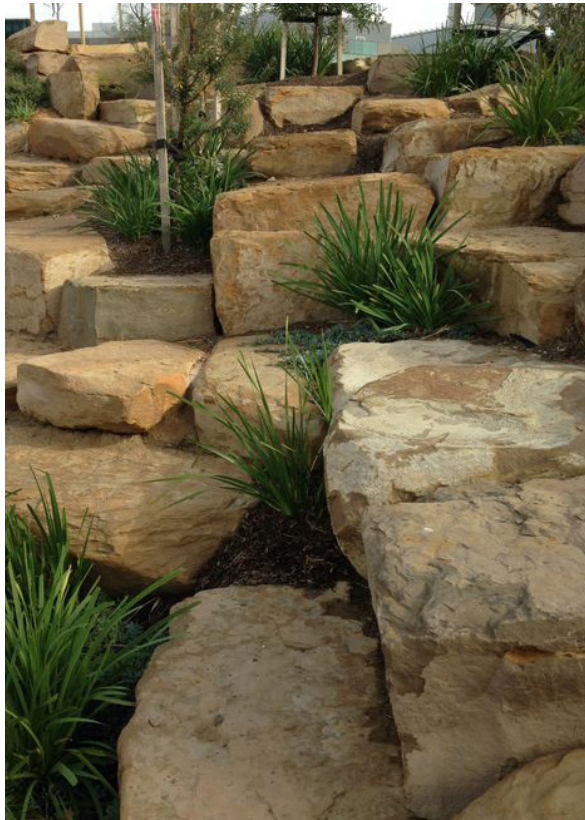




NATURAL WOODLAND EDGE 'NO-MOW' GARDEN  
\*opportunity for educational signage & programming



FRONT LAWN DECORATIVE GROUND-COVER PLANTINGS



STEPPING STONE WATER ACCESS

▶ GENERAL PARK CHARACTER IMAGES

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ADDITIONAL SEATING OPTIONS  
\*final finishes may differ from images shown



ADDITIONAL TRASH RECEPTACLES



ADDITIONAL BIKE RACKS

► FURNISHING CHARACTER IMAGES

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- (F) \*KAYAK LAUNCH IMPROVEMENTS
- (G) <sup>4</sup>ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS (TYP.)
- (H) \*PARKING LOT ENHANCEMENTS
- (I) DROP-OFF
- (J) \*PLANT BEDS OR BIORETENTION (TYP.)
- (K) \*PERMEABLE PARKING SPACES (TYP.)
- (L) DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE & RELOCATION
- (M) \*EXISTING PICNIC SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS
- (N) COURT-SIDE SEATING AREA
- (O) SERVICE AREA DECORATIVE FENCE SCREEN & GATE
- (P) CHALK / INTERACTIVE WALL
- (Q) PROPOSED TREES (TYP.)



(A) **WOODLAND HABITAT ENHANCEMENTS,**  
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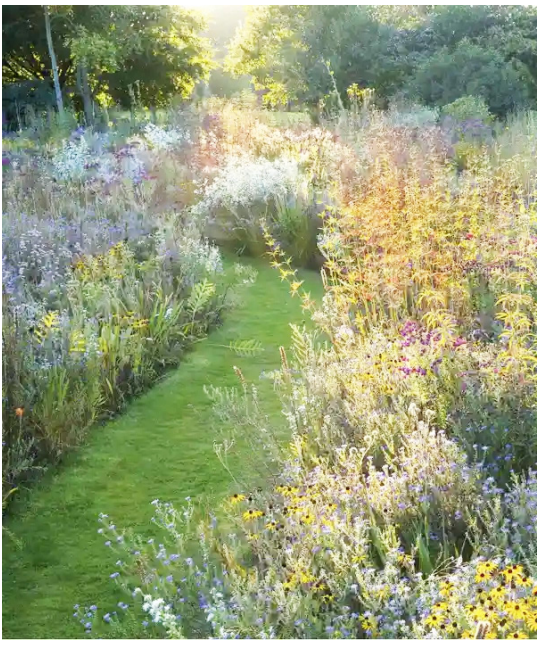
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**F.** The existing kayak launch location has a 20-25% slope. Improvements could include stone steps & landing area along a kayak launching track to get boats down the embankment. Non-native spruce trees could be considered for removal in this area.  
**H.** Parking lot enhancements could include improved vehicular & pedestrian circulation/safety, lighting, plantings to visually soften the pavement area, and trees to shade pavement & parked vehicles.  
**J & K.** Bioretention & permeable paver areas need to be further studied to determine whether existing soil conditions warrant these improvements.  
**M.** Potential existing picnic shelter improvements include stone column wraps, new finishes, and fire place.

▶ WEST MEADOW ENLARGEMENT

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NATURAL WOODLAND EDGE 'NO-MOW' GARDEN  
\*opportunity for educational signage & programming



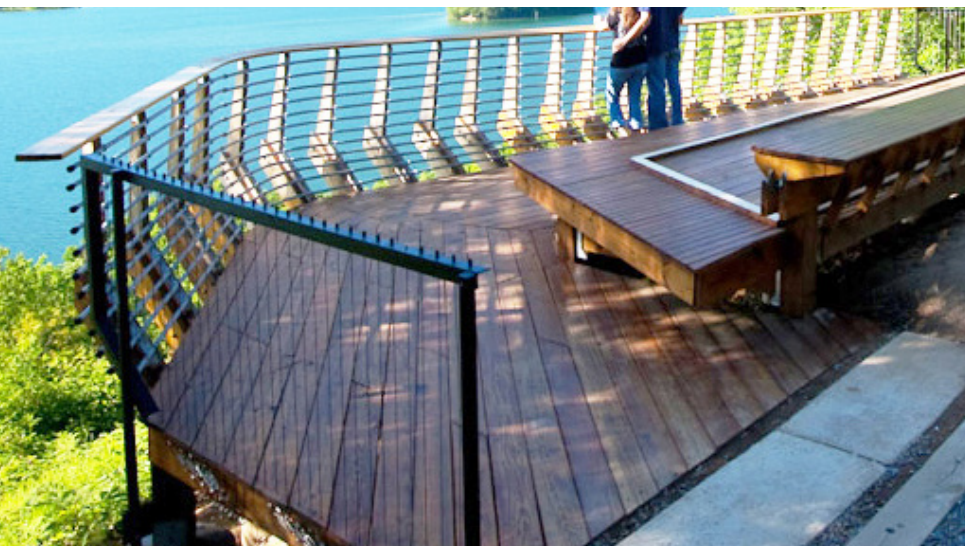
EXISTING PICNIC SHELTER ENHANCEMENTS



CHALK / INTERACTIVE WALL



KAYAK LAUNCH



OVERLOOK  
\*opportunity for educational signage & programming



▶ WEST MEADOW & GENERAL CHARACTER IMAGES

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- (E) \*EXIT-ONLY DRIVE
- (F) \*EXISTING ENTRY DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS
- (G) \*4-SEASON SHELTER & NATURE CENTER
- (H) \*PERMEABLE PATIO & PASSIVE RECREATION SPACE
- (I) UPGRADE TENNIS COURT LIGHTING (minimize light pollution)
- (J) \*DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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- E.** An exit only drive could improve vehicular circulation during camp drop-off & pick-up.
- F.** The existing entry drive could be re-stripped to allow only one-way entry traffic to improve vehicular circulation. This would allow room for a bike lane to be added & separated from vehicular traffic through striping and/or bollards.
- G.** A 4-season shelter & nature center could replace the existing restroom & storage structures near-by. This location could also replace temporary tents that are set-up for camp use & offer programming for residents all year long. An ADA trail (noted on page 2) could connect the nature center & parking lot to the creek. A temporary ice rink could be installed near-by when the weather allows.
- H.** A patio space around the proposed nature center could offer passive recreation & gathering spaces for park users of all ages adjacent to the central parking lot. Amenities could include cafe tables, stone seat walls, fire pits, water fountain, outdoor ping pong tables, foosball, bocce ball and/or concrete corn hole boards. The nature center could be integrated into this space with a pergola connection, indoor/outdoor fire place, and decorative garage doors.
- I.** Drainage in this area is poor & rainwater typically ponds here after a storm due to water running down the sloped area directly to the east. Improvements to the existing underdrains could be evaluated or rain gardens considered.



**▶ CENTRAL ENLARGEMENT**

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4-SEASON SHELTER / NATURE CENTER & PATIO  
\*opportunity for educational signage & programming



TEMPORARY ICE SKATING AREA OR TRAILS

▶ CENTRAL RECREATION AREA CHARACTER IMAGES

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- (F)** \*NATURE PLAY ELEMENTS (TYP.)
- (G)** \*PLAY TRAIL (sensory, scavenger hunt, and/or storybook trail)
- (H)** \*SEATING & PASSIVE RECREATION AREA
- (I)** EXISTING PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

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**E.** Outdoor classroom / ceremony space improvements could include accessible seating upgrades, landscape enhancements, framing elements and platform improvements.

**F.** Nature play elements could include a hill slide & climbing components, boulders, logs, stumps, zip-line, willow tunnel and/or wood play houses.

**G.** A play trail could offer quieter spaces & sensory experiences for kids of varying developmental needs. Story book or scavenger hunt elements could also be considered along the trail.

**H.** Seating options & passive recreation areas would be a nice amenity for parents or families while kids are on the playground. Cafe tables, adirondacks or rocking chairs, seat walls, outdoor ping pong, or concrete cornhole boards could be considered.

**Other Playground Considerations:** Access gate on the west side of the existing fenced play area. Adding informal boundaries to the playground space with landscape or seating can help parents or caregivers manage wandering children.



**▶ PLAYGROUND AREA ENLARGEMENT**

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NATURE PLAY



PLAY TRAIL

\*sensory, scavenger hunt, and/or storybook trail



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM / CEREMONY SPACE

▶ PLAYGROUND AREA CHARACTER IMAGES

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