

Open House #2

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026
6:30–8:00 PM

Tucker City Hall & Municipal Court
1975 Lakeside Pkwy, Tucker, GA 30084

Tonight’s Objectives

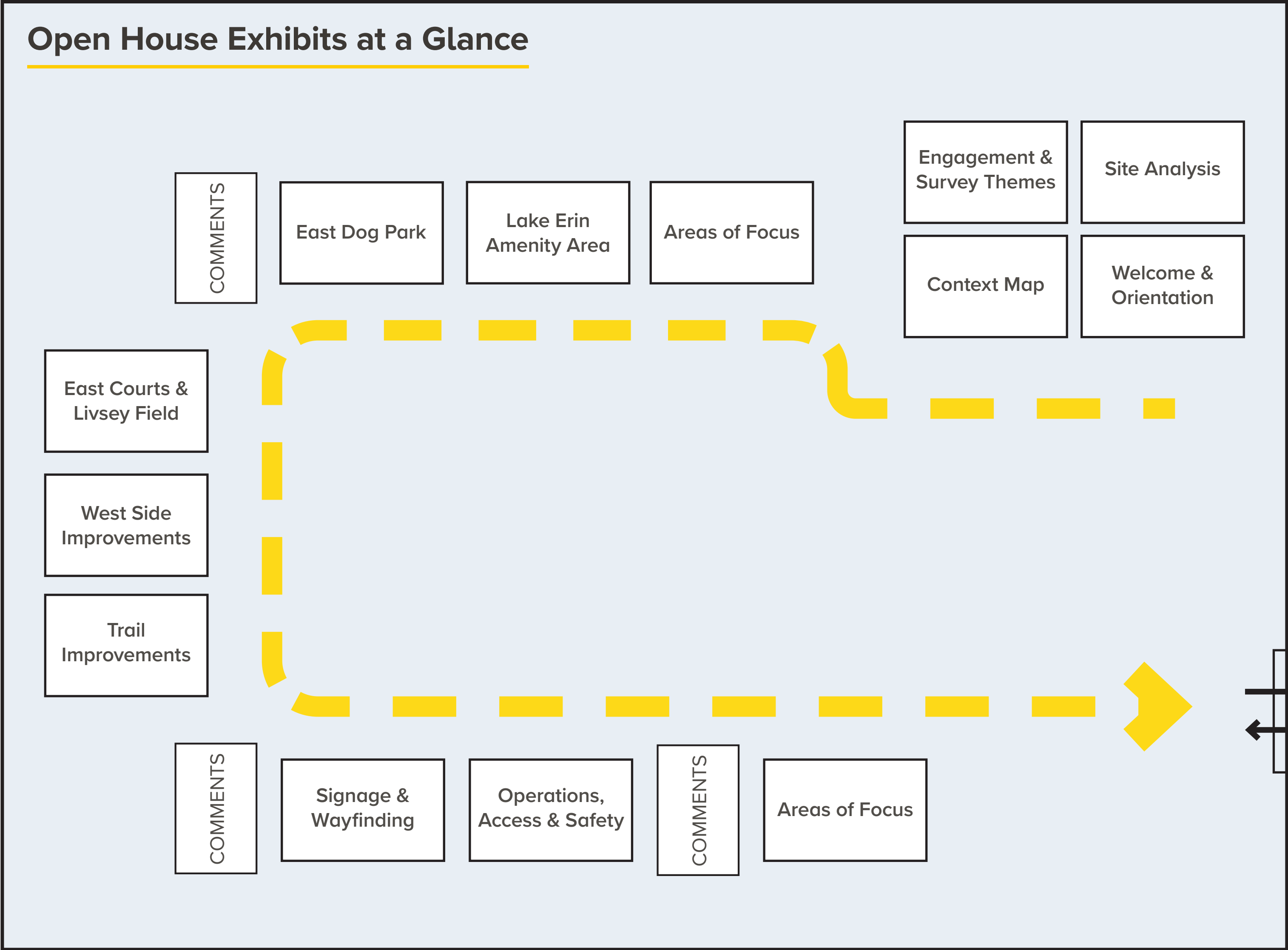
WHY WE ARE HERE:

- To share design progress
 - See concept designs for the park’s identified Areas of Focus — the physical improvements taking shape across Henderson Park.
- To share operational progress
 - Review recommendations for the Operational Areas of Focus — how the park will be maintained and managed day to day.

Open House #1 - Friday June 5 & Saturday June 6



Open House Exhibits at a Glance



Understanding the Master Plan

THIS MASTER PLAN IS:

- A long-range vision for Henderson Park, built from your input and site analysis.
- Concept-level designs showing where and what kind of improvements are proposed for each Area of Focus.
- Recommended operational programs and actions — maintenance, safety, reservations, invasive species — to guide day-to-day management.
- A prioritized, phased roadmap the city can use for future park capital budgeting.

THIS MASTER PLAN IS NOT:

- Detailed construction design. Engineered drawings, exact materials and equipment, and construction documents come later, project by project.
- A guarantee of funding or a fixed timeline. Implementation depends on future City budget decisions.
- **The final word.** Tonight’s boards are a draft — your feedback still shapes what goes to Mayor & Council.

The waterfall at Henderson Park



We Want to Hear From You

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK TONIGHT:

- Talk to a Project Team Member
 - Cooper Carry and City of Tucker staff are stationed at the boards all evening — ask questions or just tell us what you think.
- Add a note (or notes) to the comments boards
 - Large white tablets are set up around the room — share your comments about the exhibits on the tablets.
- Fill out a comment card
 - Comment cards are available at the table with the sign-in sheet, leave your completed card at the same table when you depart.

Next Steps

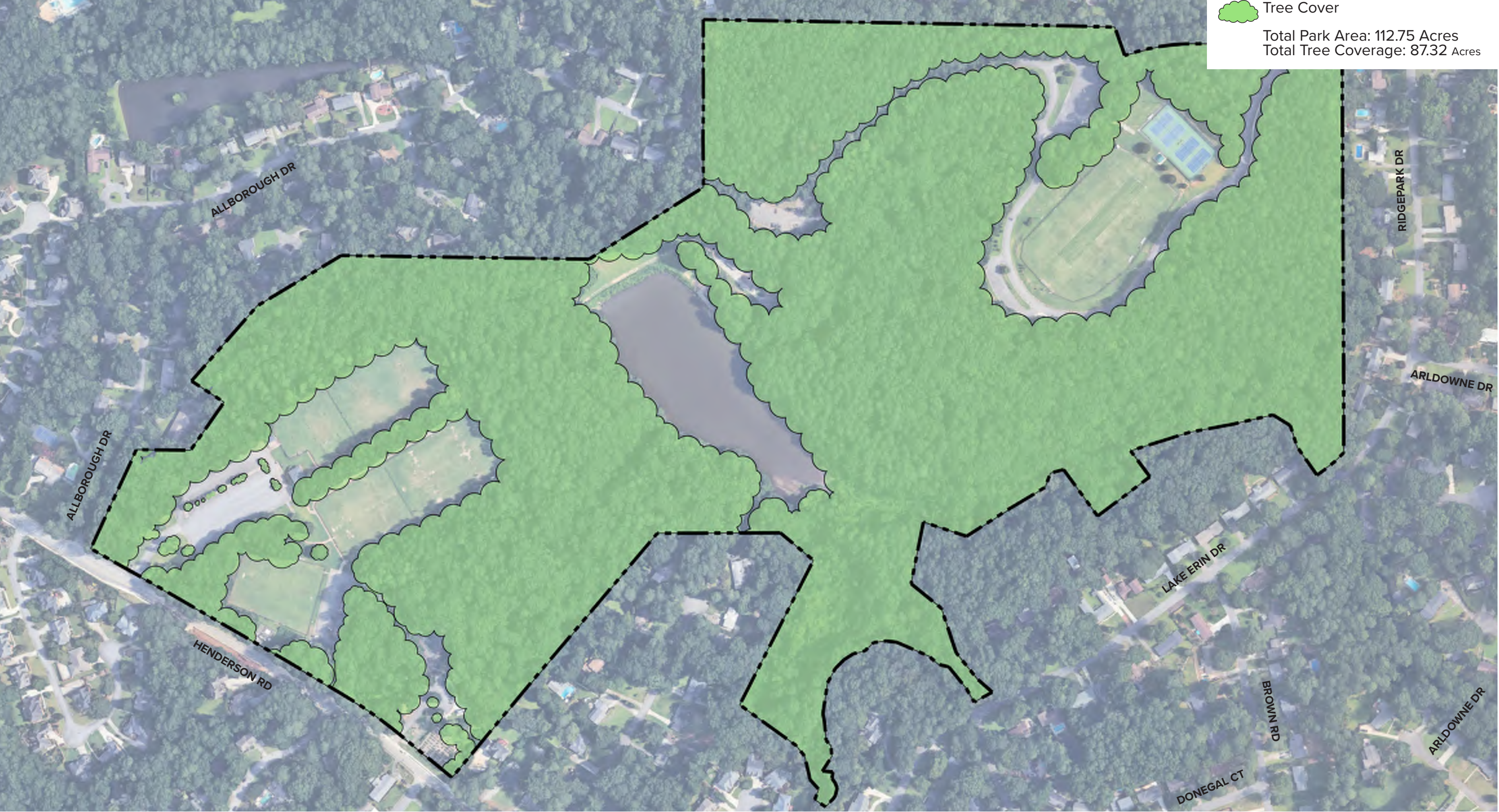
WHAT WE WILL BE WORKING ON NEXT:

- Refinement of the designs and operational recommendations
- Review of refinements with City staff and Stakeholder Group
- Prepare cost estimates for the projects
- Create a project prioritization and timeline
- Present Master Plan to Mayor and Council

Welcome and Orientation



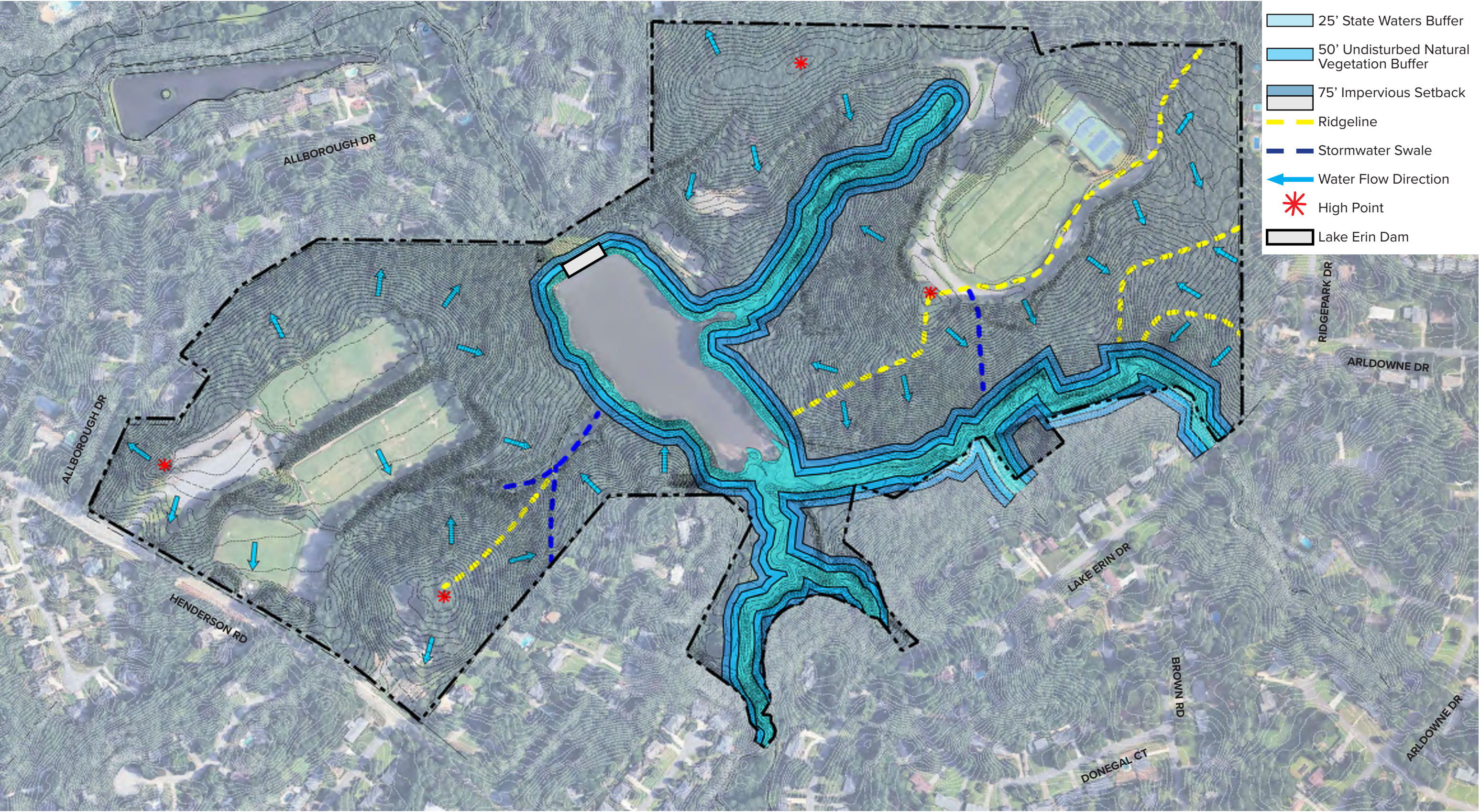
Context Map and Existing Conditions



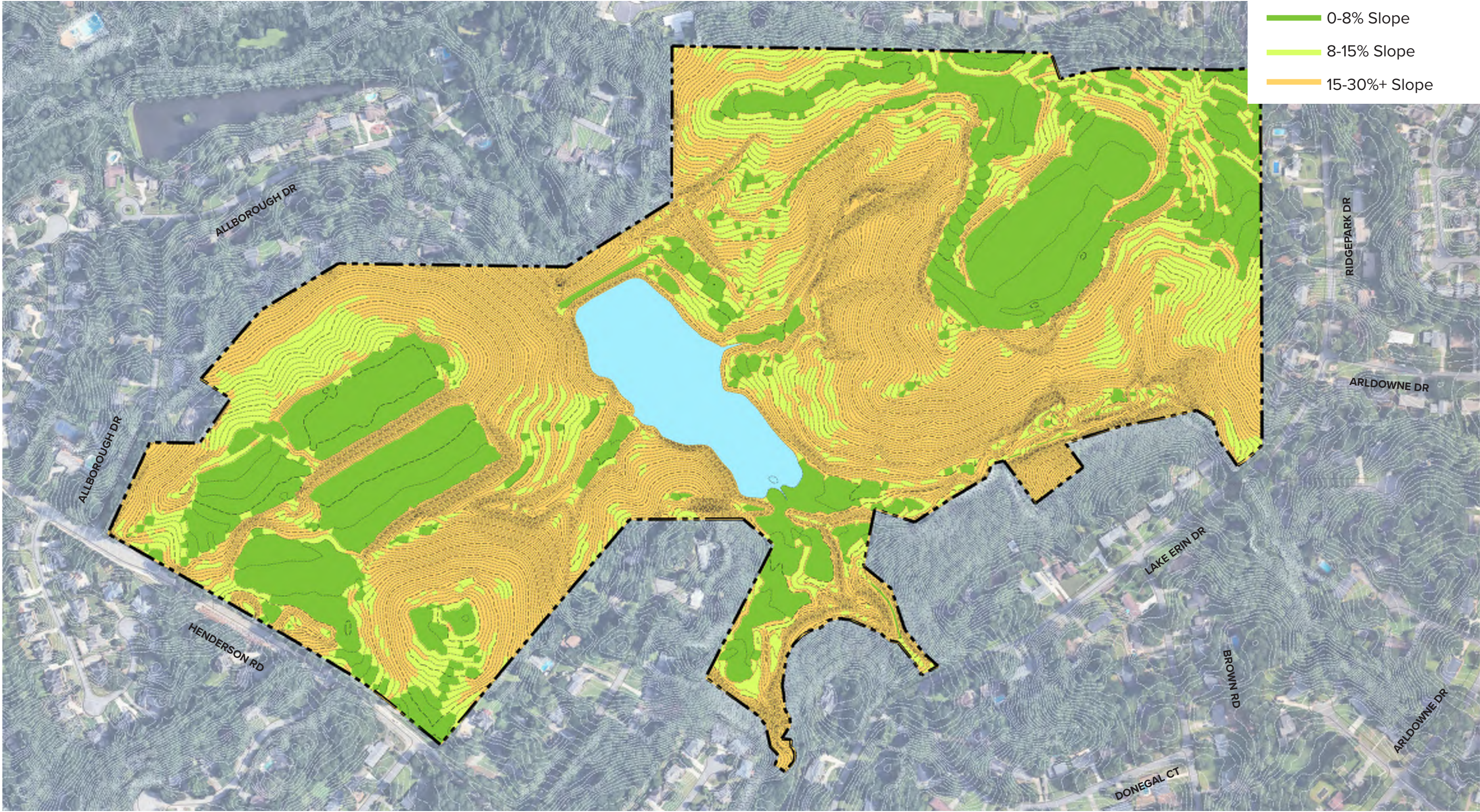
Tree Cover



Circulation



Hydrology



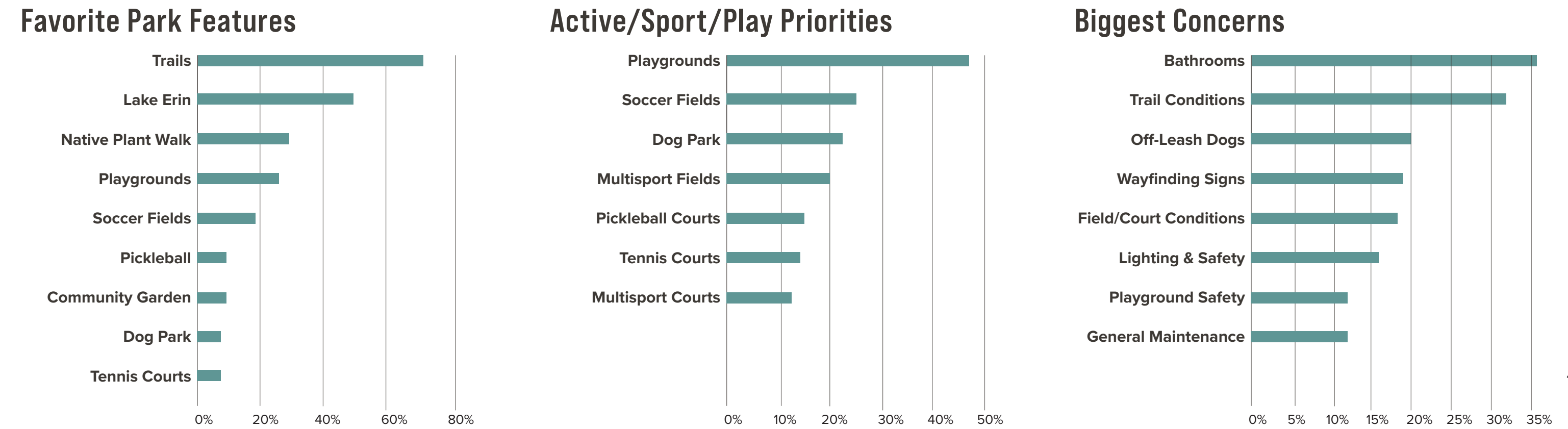
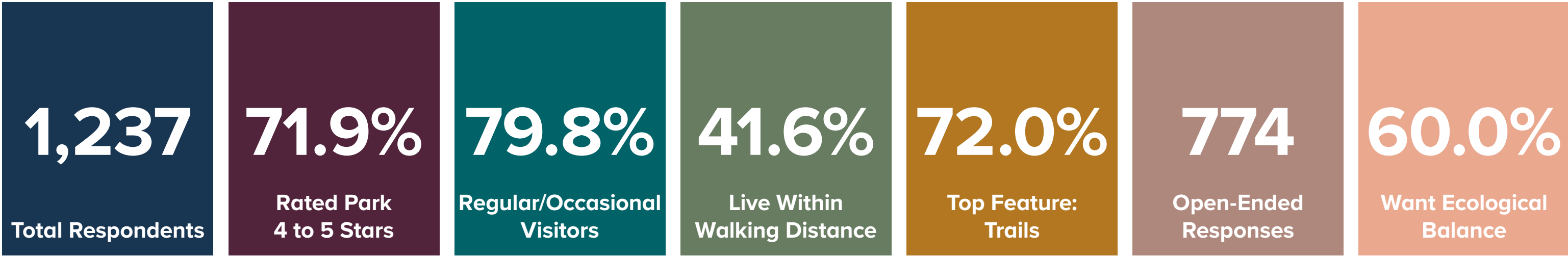
Slope

Site Analysis

Community Engagement Roadmap



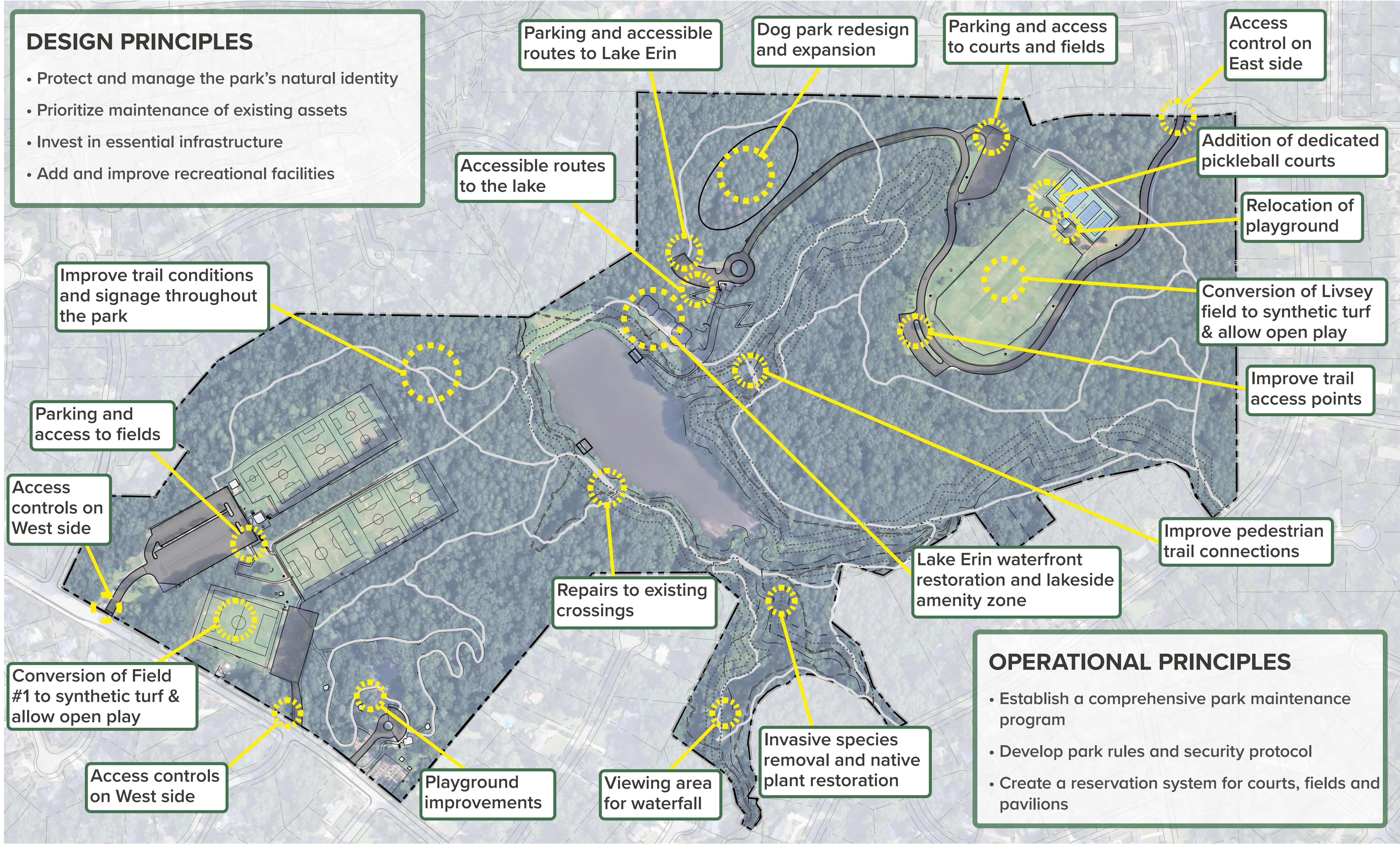
Online Survey Results



Key themes from the online community survey

1. Preserve the natural character of the park
2. Improve the maintenance of the park
3. Keep active elements to the east and west sides of the park
4. Improve signage and wayfinding
5. Restore play areas in the park

Community Engagement & Survey Themes



Areas of Focus

Site Plan Legend - Option A

1

Parking (9 additional spaces)

2

Paved accessible path

3

Unpaved trail

4

Large pavilion (30'x60')

5

Play area (ages 5-12) (6,900 SF)

6

Play area (ages 0-5) (3,000 SF)

7

Open lawn

8

Small pavilion & restrooms (15'x35')

9

Accessible parking (4 spaces)

10

Bridge

11

Shore restoration plantings

12

Boardwalk (+/-300' length)

13

Lakeside pavilion (12'x25')

14

West property line

Play Area Notes

The play areas illustrated in both options for the Lake Erin Amenity Area include industry standard equipment sizes and fall zones which support accurately sizing the areas. Custom and natural play elements (using logs, mounds, etc.) are intended to be included in the final designs for the play areas.

Site Plan Legend - Option B

1

Parking (9 additional spaces)

2

Paved accessible path

3

Unpaved trail

4

Large pavilion (30'x60')

5

Play area (ages 5-12) (6,900 SF)

6

Play area (ages 0-5) (3,000 SF)

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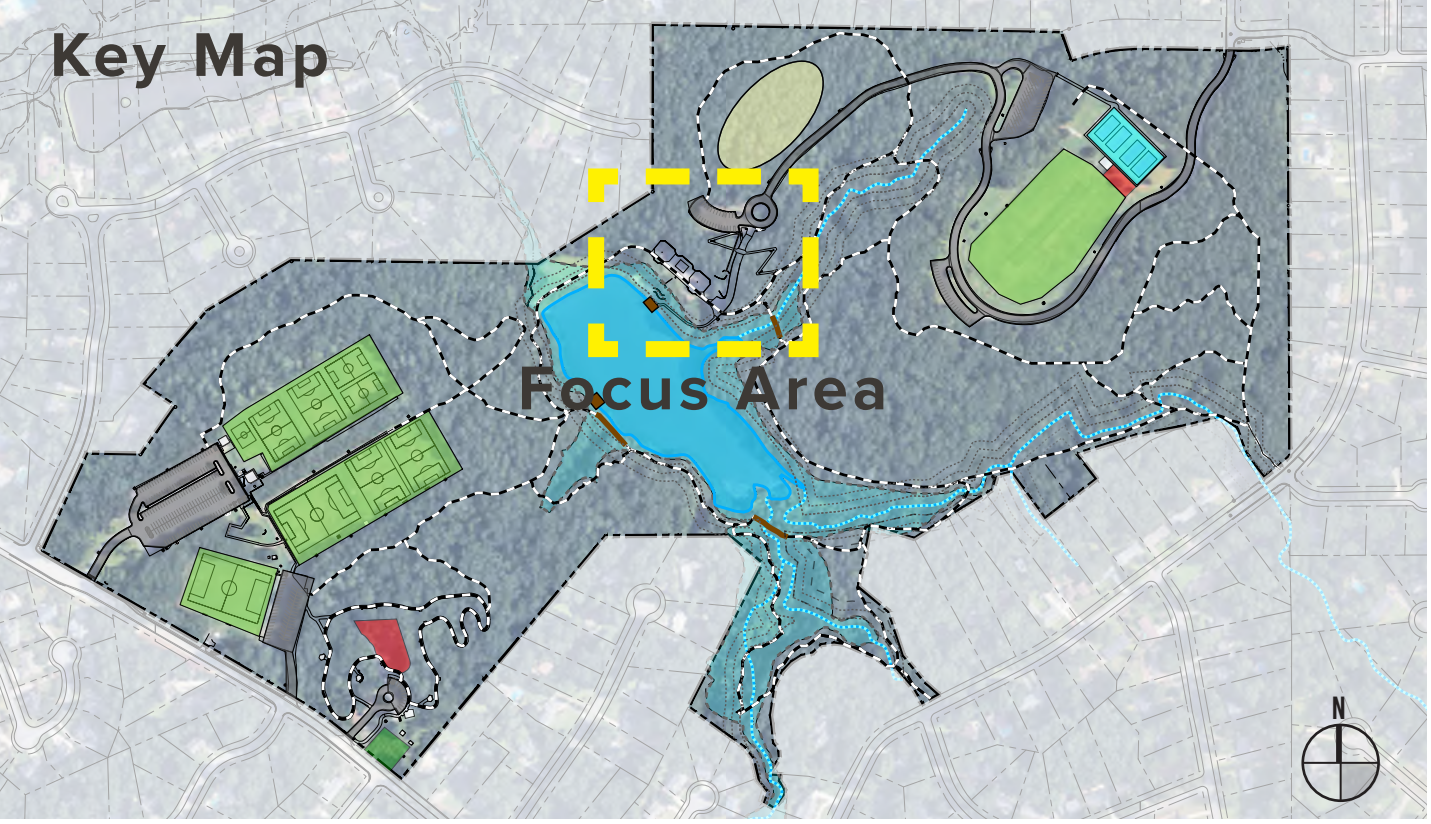
Boardwalk (+/-300' length)

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Lakeside pavilion (12'x25')

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West property line



Lake Erin Amenity Area

Site Plan Legend - Option A

1

Existing parking lot

2

Existing pedestrian walk

3

Double gate entry

4

Pavilion (10' x 26')

5

Proposed pedestrian walk

6

Proposed street parking

7

Proposed dog waste station

8

Small Dog Area - approximately 26,000 SF

Large Dog Area - approximately 33,000 SF

Dog Park - open space for play

The East Dog Park takes advantage of the current dog park location and expands the current footprint. This area has also been impacted by a recent outbreak of the Southern Pine Beetle, so tree removal has opened up available space for renovation. These concepts provide the following key elements:

• Separate large and small dog areas

• Double-gated system at entrances

• Amenity pavilions

• Play mounds and berms

• Dog waste and drinking stations

• A shared accessible pedestrian walk

• Retention of the existing forest as a buffer to adjacent properties

Site Plan Legend - Option B

1

Existing parking lot

2

Existing pedestrian walk

3

Double gate entry

4

Smaller Pavilion (16' x 20')
Larger Pavilion (22' x 29')

5

Proposed pedestrian walk

6

Proposed street parking

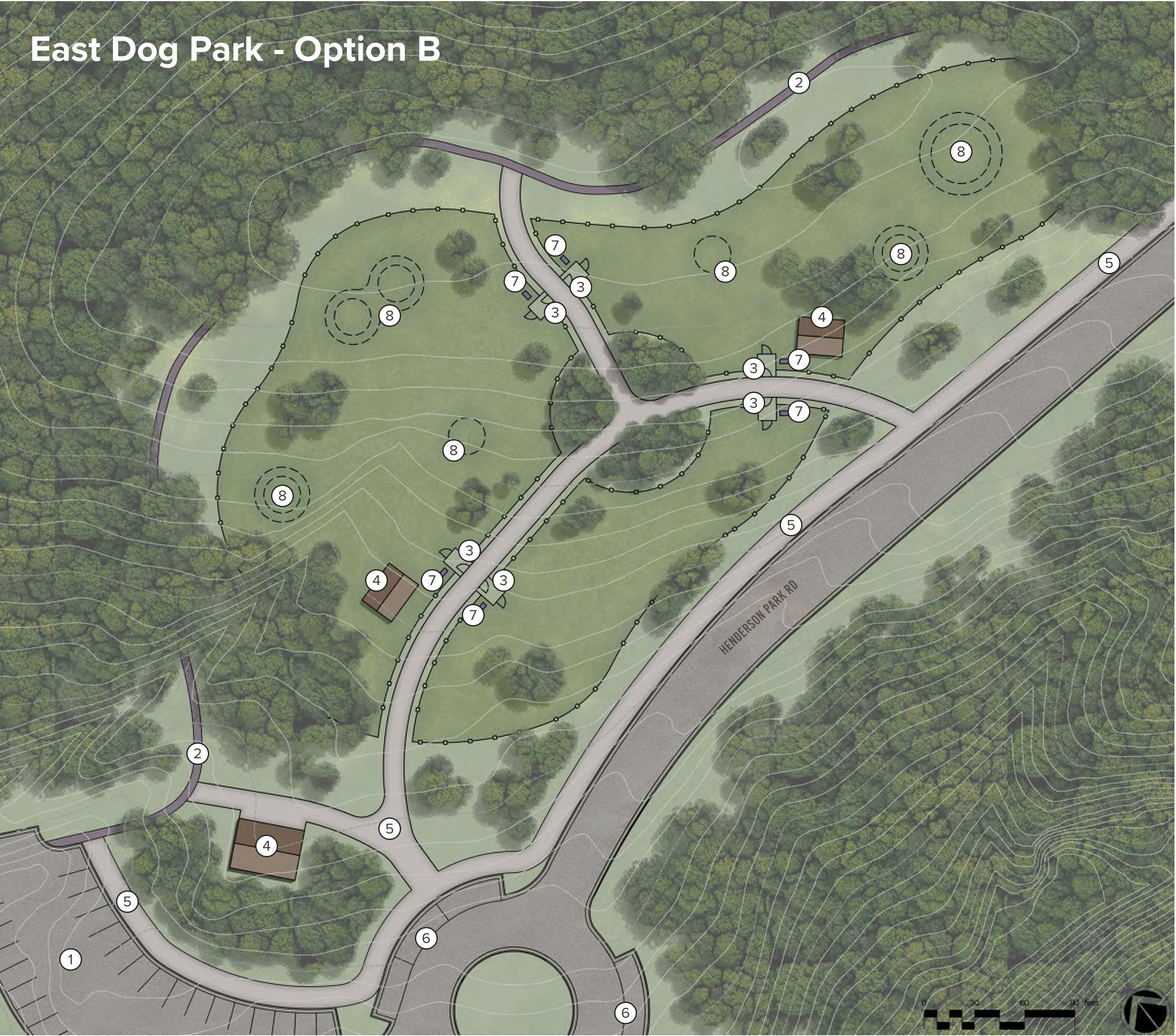
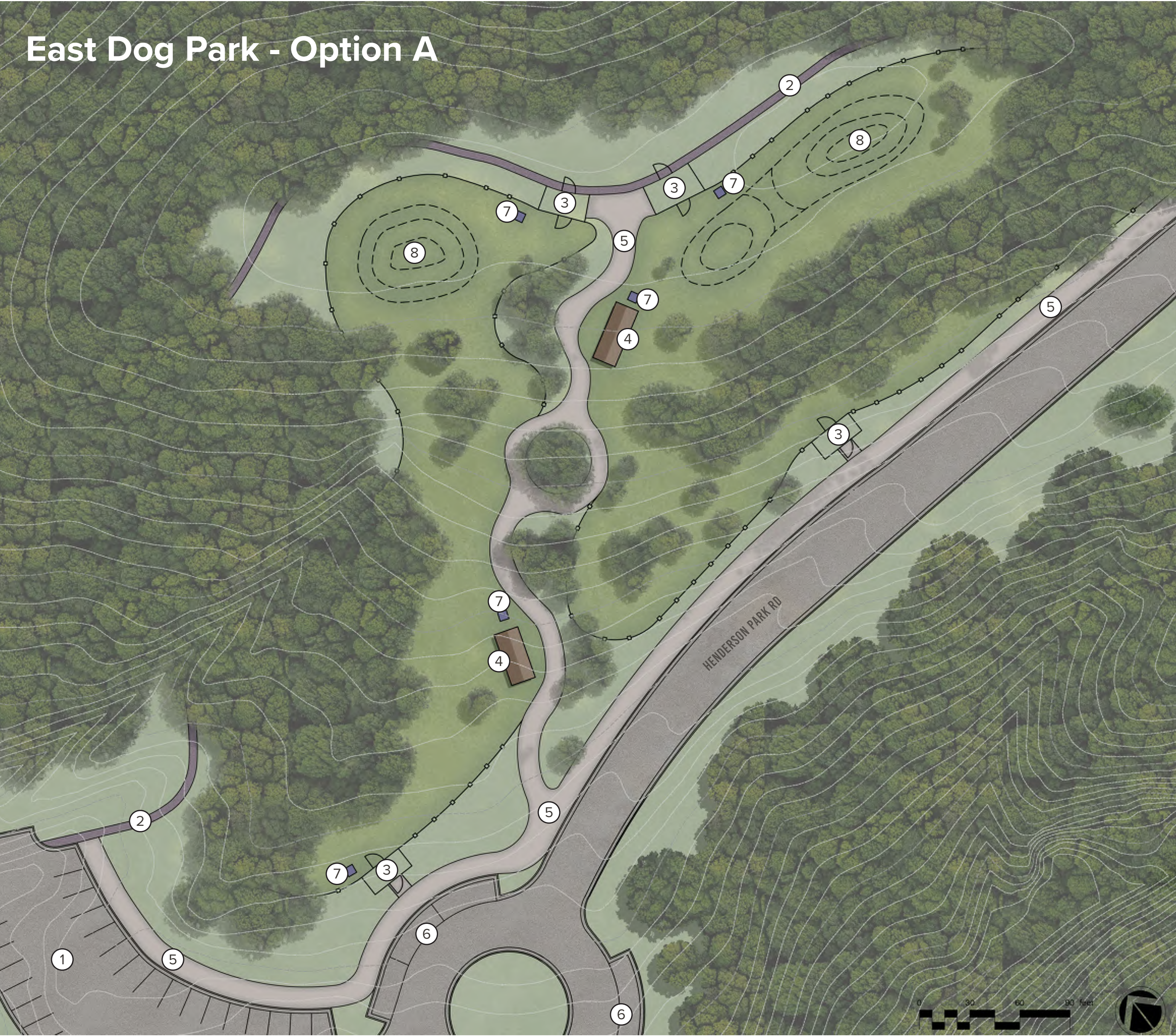
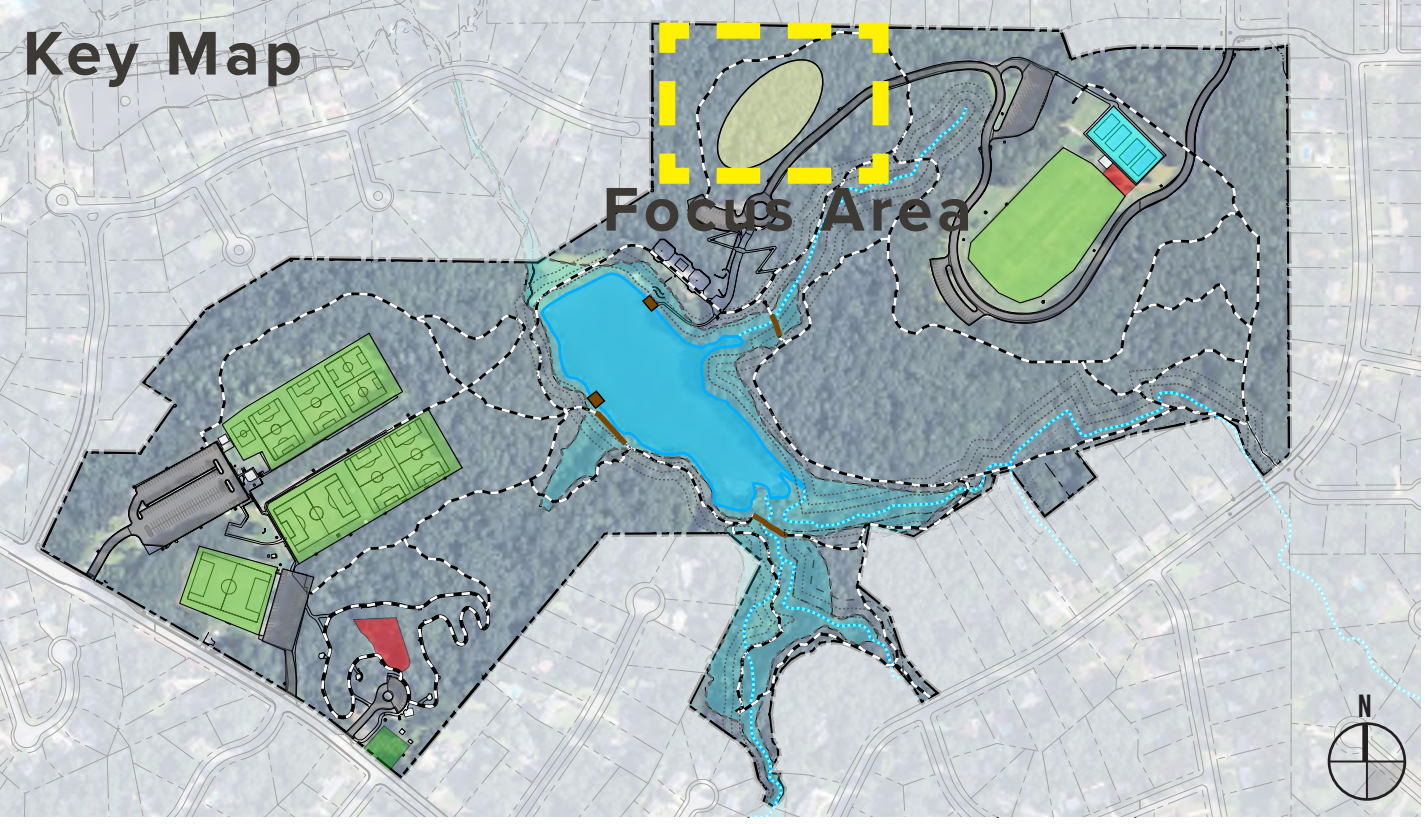
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Proposed dog waste station

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Small Dog Area - approximately 22,000 SF

Large Dog Area - approximately 17,500 SF (plus additional 10,000 SF zone)



East Dog Park

Site Plan Legend - Option A

- 1

Existing parking to remain
- 2

Existing parking (reconfigured)
- 3

Existing 11-a-side soccer field to be converted to synthetic turf
- 4

Existing tennis courts to remain
- 5

Proposed pickleball courts
- 6

Proposed restrooms & pavilion (1750 SF)
- 7

Proposed accessible parking lot
- 8

Proposed additional parking
- 9

Proposed retaining wall
- 10

Proposed pedestrian path
- 11

Proposed sidewalk
- 12

Proposed crosswalk and speed table

Restrooms & Pavilion

The pavilion image (right) is a combination restroom facility and covered gathering area. The pavilion/restrooms shown in both design options places the restrooms in the center of the structure and has covered gathering spaces on either side of the structure.



Site Plan Legend - Option B

- 1

Existing parking to remain
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- 3

Existing 11-a-side soccer field to be converted to synthetic turf
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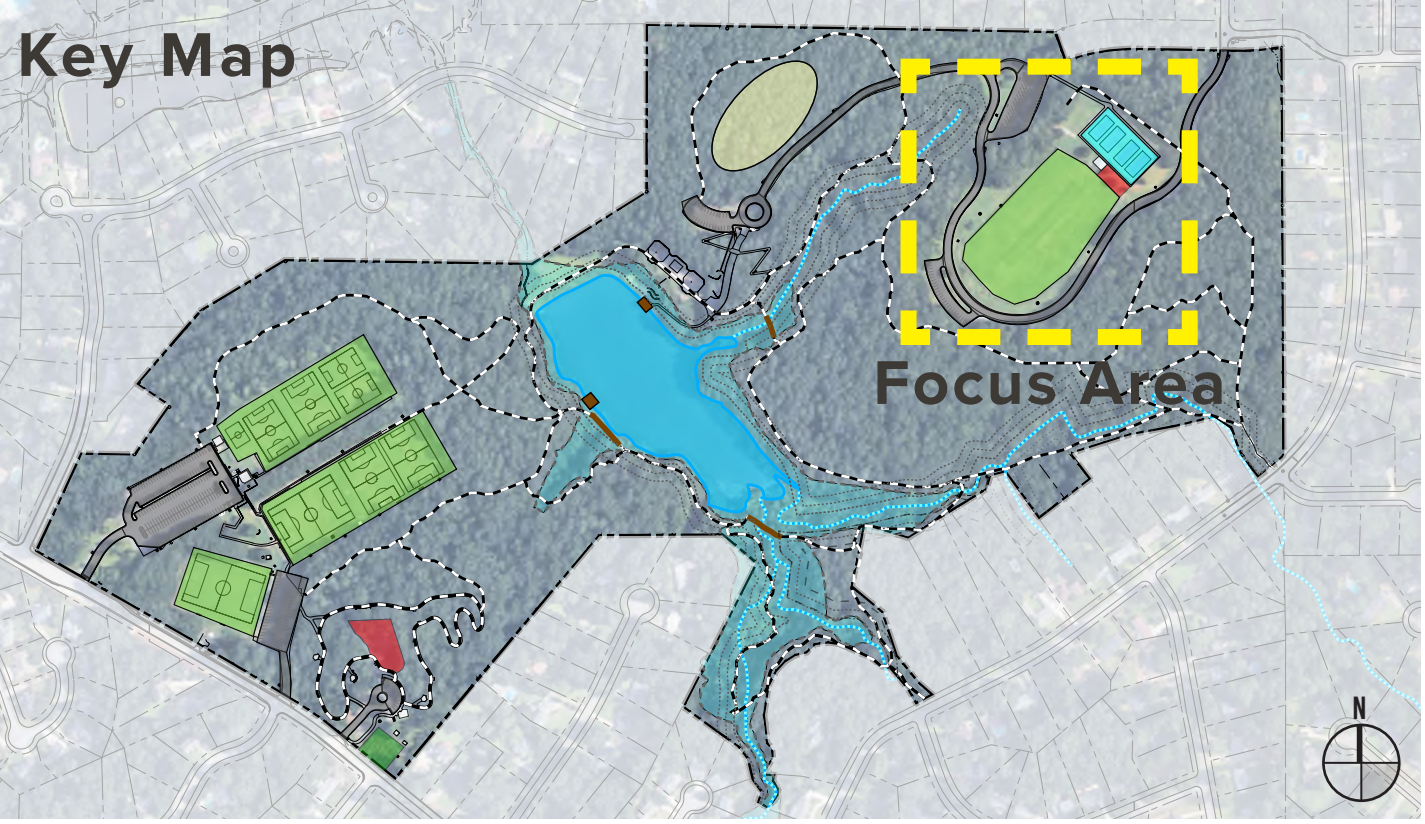
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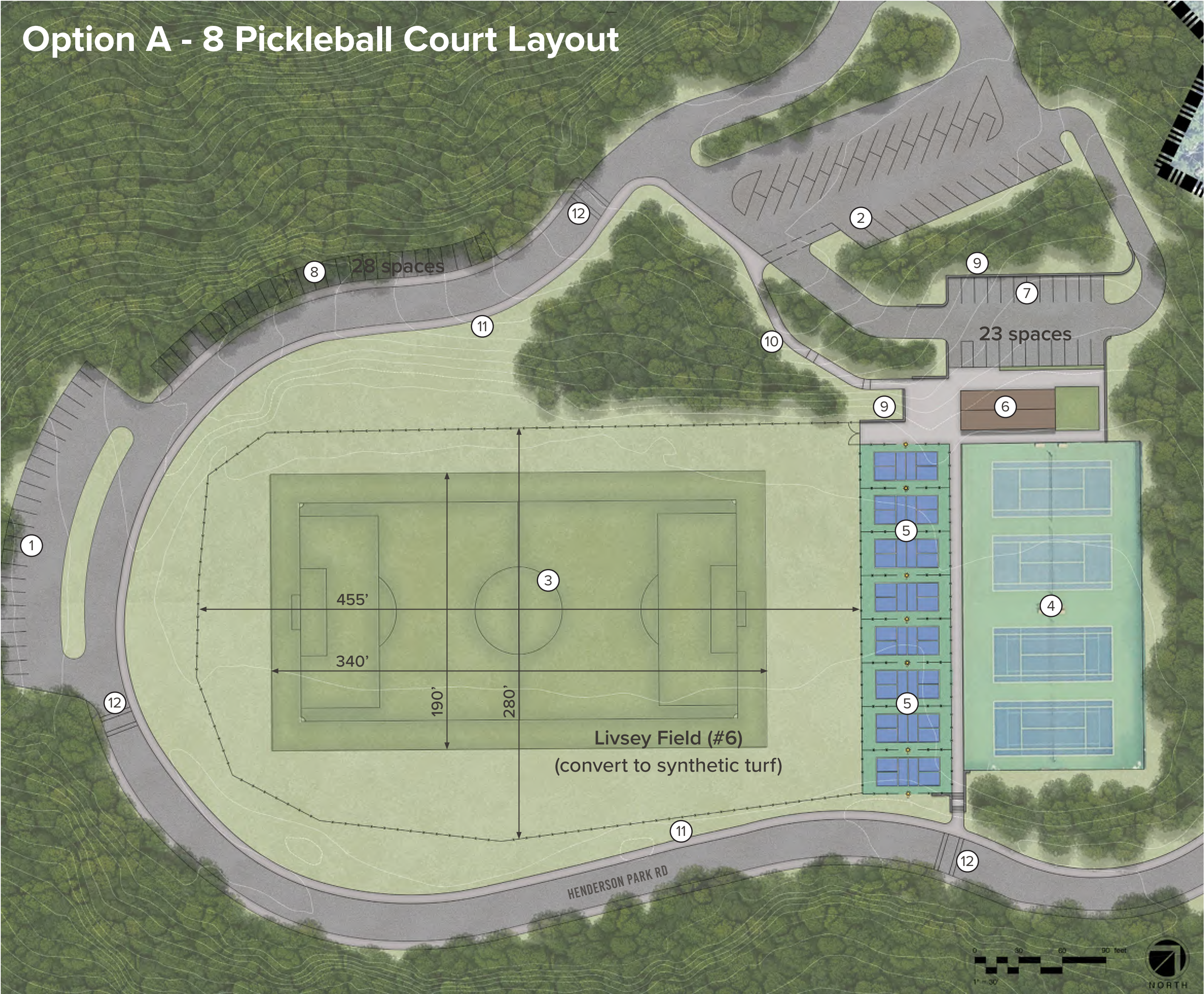
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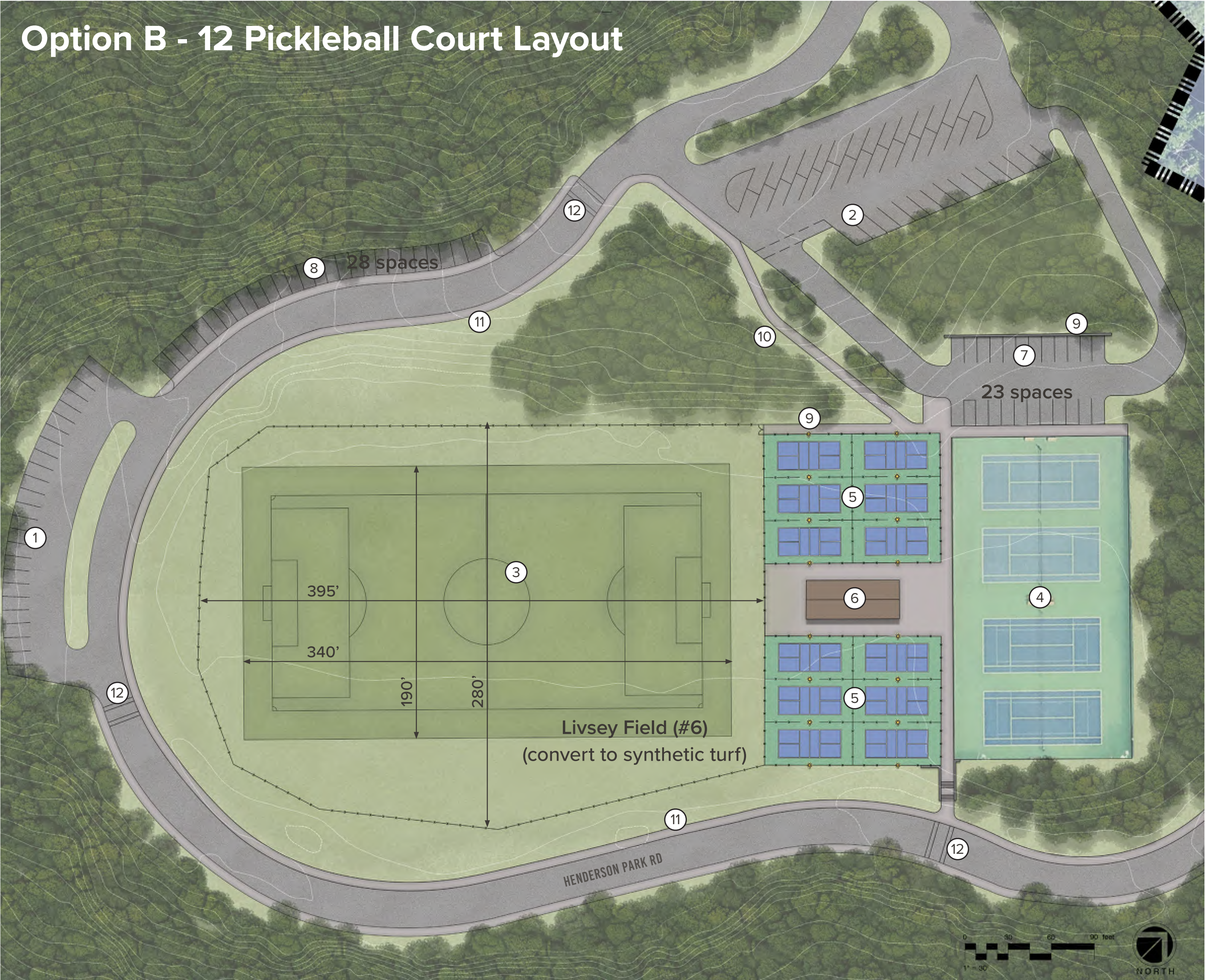
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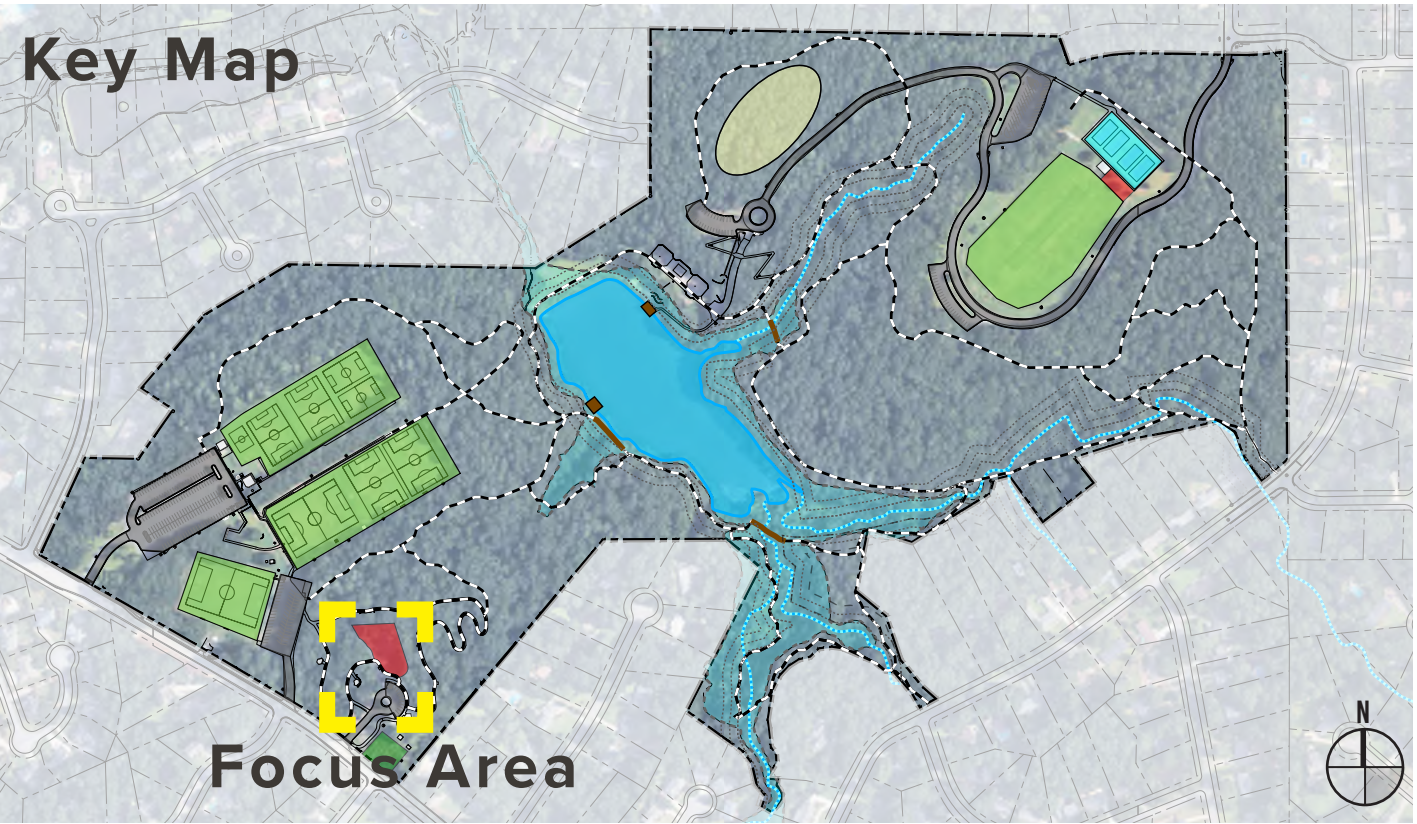
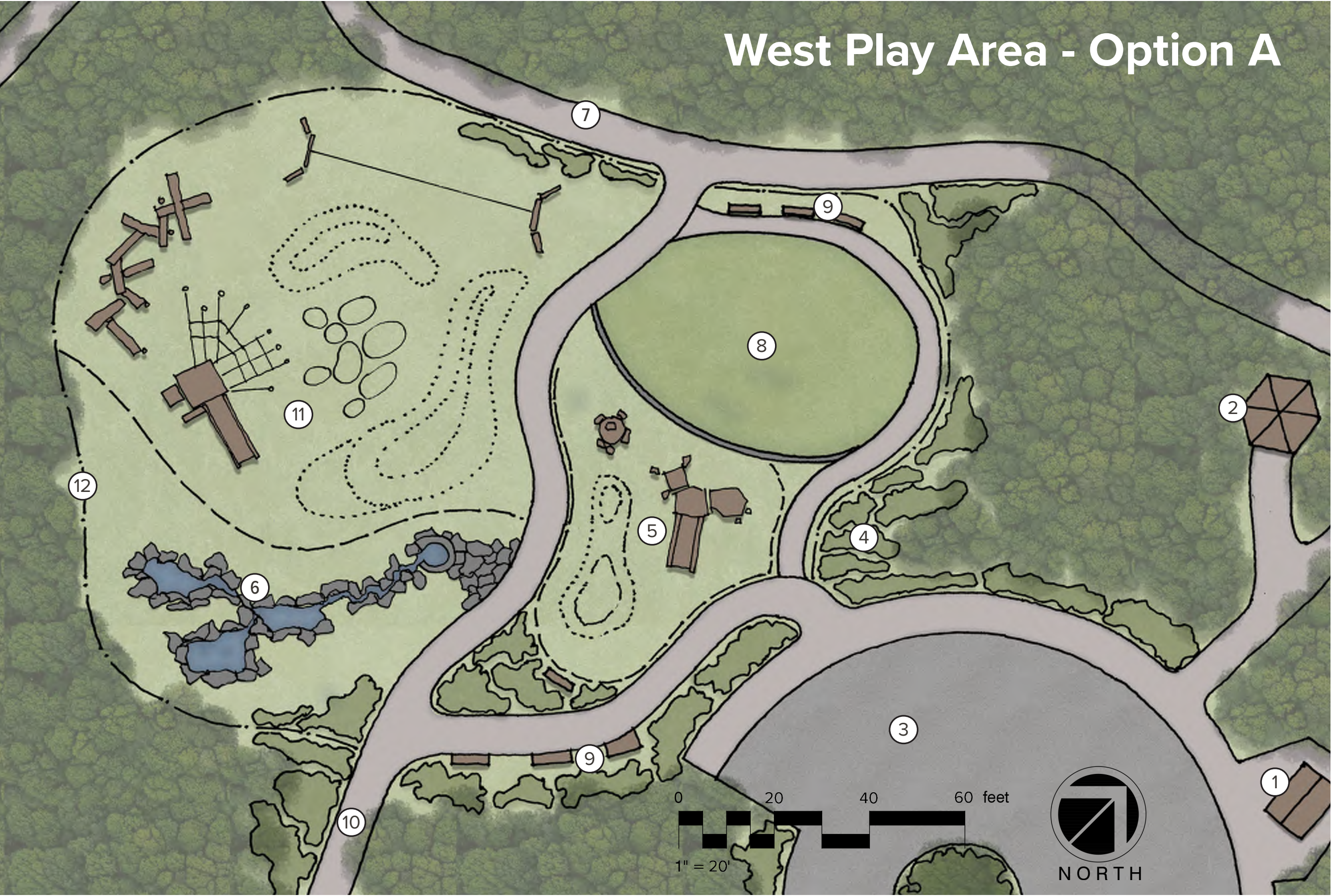
Option A - 8 Pickleball Court Layout



Option B - 12 Pickleball Court Layout

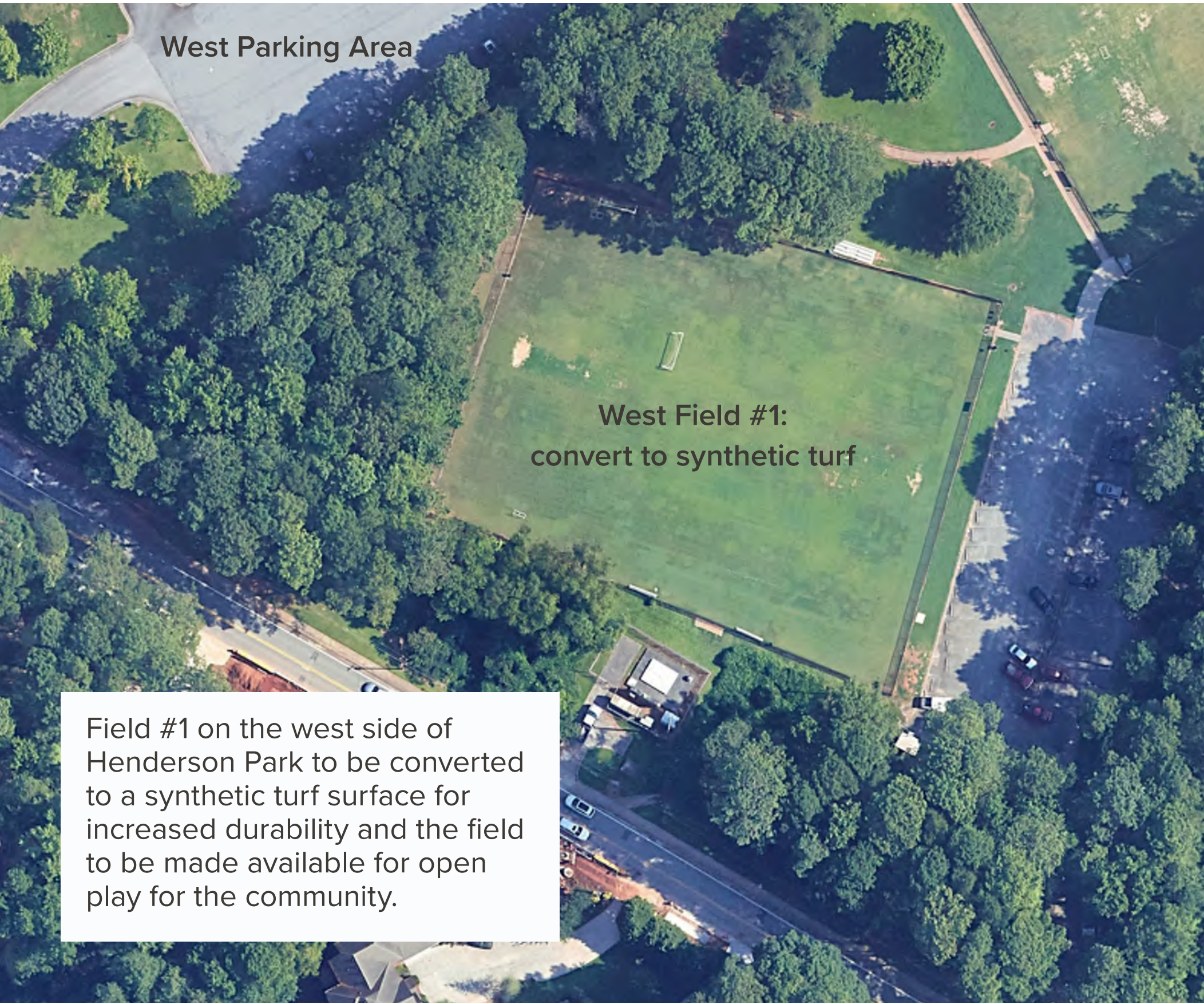


East Courts & Livsey Field



Site Plan Legend (for both options)

① Existing Restrooms	⑧ Open Lawn for Play
② Existing Pavilion	⑨ Seating Areas
③ Existing Parking	⑩ Path to West Side Parking
④ Native Border Plantings	⑪ Play Area (ages 5-12)
⑤ Play area (ages 0-5)	⑫ Fence
⑥ Water Play Feature	
⑦ Native Plant & Wildlife Walk	



Example of a water feature using natural stone to better integrate with the established landscape at the play area.



Grass mounds create sculptural forms in the play area and offer opportunities for climbing and rolling down the hills.

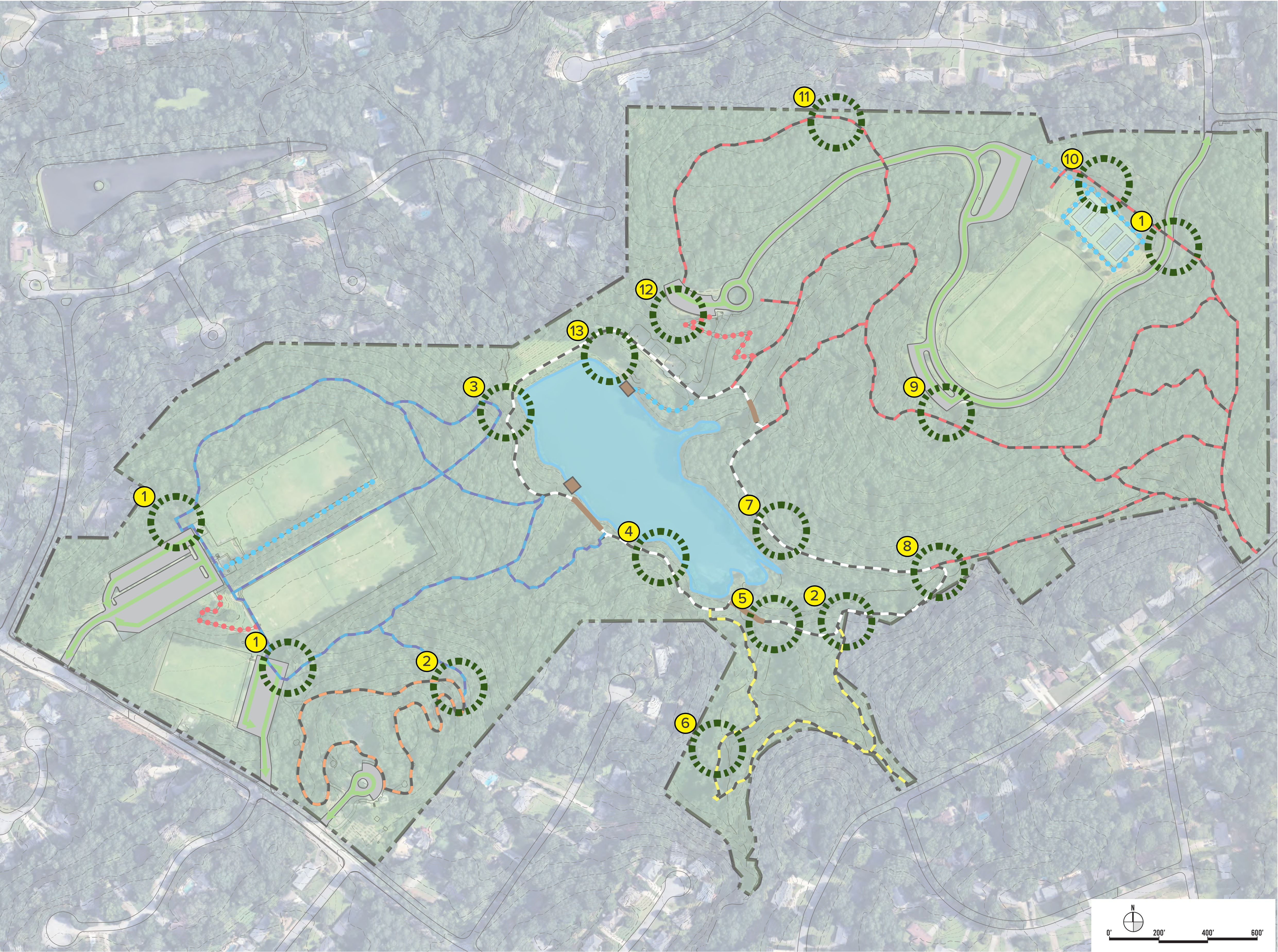
West Side Improvements

Trail Improvement Recommendations

- 1 Create clear and defined entries at all trailheads, visible from parking areas and equipped with appropriate signage to provide all trail-related information.
- 2 Install emergency call boxes adjacent to the woodland trails on the west and east sides of the park.
- 3 Ensure stair connection from upper slope is provided from trail to trail connection to provide safe access to the lower slope areas.
- 4 Monitor trail erosion on this portion of the white trail - a relocation of the trail to a higher elevation may be required in the future.
- 5 Design and install an elevated boardwalk through the low marsh areas and incorporate the current (recently closed) stream crossing into the boardwalk layout (this may require a new alignment).
- 6 Create a boardwalk viewing platform north of the waterfall (for viewing the waterfall and wildlife observation). The platform will require a feasibility analysis to address any accessibility, erosion and buffer requirements.
- 7 Consider surfacing the portion of the white trail at lakeside with a more permanent material to make this portion of the trail accessible for more people (this only applies to trail sections closest to lake - all other trails to remain unsurfaced unless otherwise specified).
- 8 Improve the crossing condition at this location to make the connection between the west and east sides of the park legible.
- 9 Improve access to the red trail from the parking area and consider adding safety lighting to the parking area.
- 10 Eliminate the red trail graphic north of the tennis courts - the trail entry begins across Henderson Park Road.
- 11 Relocate the current portion of the red trail closer to the East Dog Park and further away from the park property line.
- 12 Provide an accessible route to the shore of Lake Erin from the parking area (see Lake Erin Amenity Area design options).
- 13 Prior to the start of the Lake Erin Amenity Area, consult with an arborist to assess the health of the shoreline trees in this area.



One of the recommendations identified in discussions with the park’s Friends Group is to install portions of split rail fencing in areas where rogue trails have been created to prevent access and create a barrier that is appropriate to the woodland aesthetic of the core hiking areas of Henderson Park.



Trail Improvements

Good park signage has:

- Legibility by Distance**
- Size letters to their reading distance — roughly 1 inch of letter height for every 10 feet a visitor needs to read it from.
- ADA-Compliant by Default**
- Non-glare finishes, high visual contrast, and accessible-route signage consistent with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
- One Family, Not Scattered Signs**
- A shared color palette, typeface, and Henderson Park wordmark across every tier.
- Built for the Outdoors**
- Durable materials — fiberglass embedment, HDU, powder-coated aluminum — rated for 15–20+ years with minimal upkeep.
- Placed at Decision Points**
- Every entrance, trail junction, and amenity cluster gets a sign, not just the front gate.
- Mile Markers Double as Safety Infrastructure**
- Regular trail markers help first responders locate visitors quickly.
- On the Park's Own Upkeep Cycle**
- Inspected and refreshed alongside the maintenance management plan.

Three-Tier Sign Family:

Tier 1 ARRIVE
Gateway & Identification
The park's front door. One at every vehicular entrance to announce arrival and reinforce Henderson Park identity. Sign Type: A

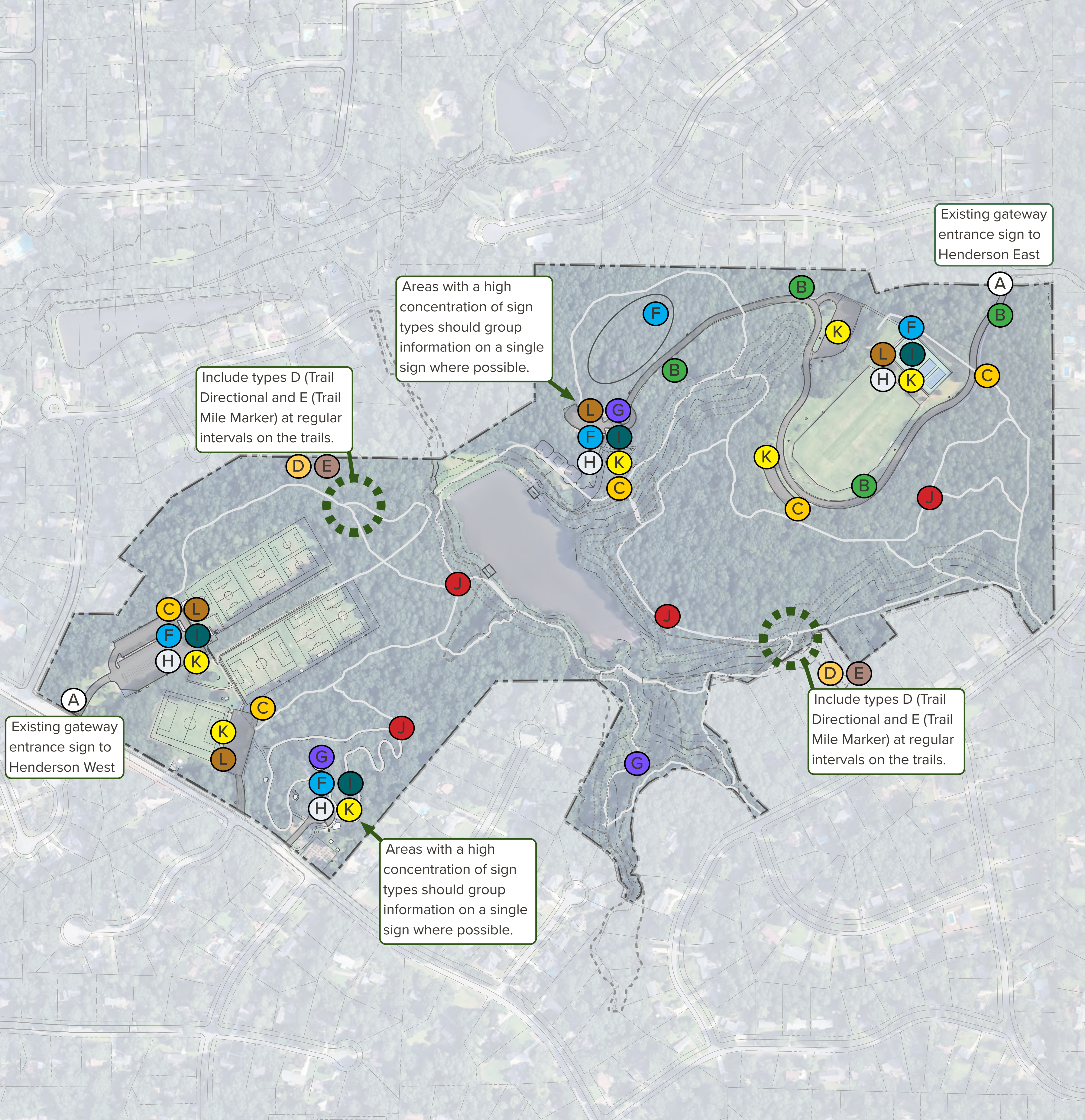
Tier 2 ORIENT
Kiosks & Orientation Maps
The decision-making hub. Placed at trailheads and major junctions with a full park map, "you are here," and a rules summary. Sign Type: C

Tier 3 EXPLORE
Directional, Regulatory & Interpretive
The everyday guides. Placed at junctions, amenities, and along the trail to direct, inform, protect, and educate. Sign types B, D–L

Park Identification



Henderson Park has two gateway monument signs, one at each vehicular entry of the east and west sides of the park. The master plan recommendation for improving park identification is to officially name each side of the park and establish a physical address for each side. These addresses for east and west will serve to eliminate confusion for visitors who are new to the park and for first responders. Solving for this confusion was a repeated request from the community in the online survey. The City of Tucker has started the process of retrofitting park monument signs to comply with the **City Standard Guidebook**.



- ### Sign Types
- A** Gateway / Entrance Identification
 - Announces the park at each vehicular entrance (these signs are in place now)
 - B** Vehicular Directional
 - Guides cars from the entrance to parking, fields, and other park amenities
 - C** Trailhead Kiosk / Orientation Map
 - Full park map, "You Are Here", trail lengths, and a rules summary
 - D** Pedestrian Directional / Trailblazer
 - Posted at trail junctions with arrows, destinations, and distances
 - E** Trail Mile Marker
 - Regular intervals along the loop trail for wayfinding and emergency reference
 - F** Regulatory / Rules Sign
 - Posted park hours, the leash law, and permitted uses at entrances & activity areas
 - G** Interpretive / Educational Panel
 - Tells the story of Lake Erin, native plantings, and wildlife habitat at key overlooks
 - H** ADA Accessible Route Marker
 - Identifies accessible paths, parking spaces, and entry points throughout the park
 - I** Restroom & Amenity Locator
 - Directs visitors to the nearest restroom, pavilion, or water fountain
 - J** Safety / Emergency Marker
 - A numbered reference point for fast, precise emergency response
 - K** Parking Lot Identification
 - Names or numbers each lot to aid wayfinding, pickup, and incident reporting
 - L** Reservation Information
 - At courts, fields & pavilions: booking instructions, rules and contact numbers

Survey Information

- 25%** of respondents ranked signage & wayfinding among their top priorities for the park- the 4th most common theme across 774 open-ended responses.
- 19%** flagged wayfinding signs as a top concern.
- 72%** name trails as their favorite park feature – the system this signage plan supports.
- #4 of 5** major survey themes: "Improve Signage and Wayfinding"



Interpretive signs are essential because they transform a simple walk in the park into an immersive, educational experience. Rather than just listing facts, these signs share the unique historical, cultural, and ecological stories of a specific location. *Example shown is from Hubbard Park, Shorewood, Wisconsin*

Signage & Wayfinding

Operational Areas of Focus

Develop a Comprehensive Park Maintenance Program

THE RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopt a written maintenance management plan with defined levels of service — frequency, duration, and task — for turf, trails, restrooms, and structures, tracked zone by zone.
- Set a bathroom service standard: a daily cleaning & inspection checklist with a posted service log at every restroom.
- Rehabilitate soccer fields on a schedule — aeration, overseeding, and drainage repair, with rest-and-recovery windows built in.
- Run a rotating trail inspection & repair program targeting erosion hot spots, like the area near the waterfall, supported by volunteer Trail Stewards.

Create a Park Rules, Safety & Security Protocol

THE RECOMMENDATION:

- Post consistent park hours at every entrance, paired with clear directional and rule signage.
- Uphold city leash policy and implement a simple way for visitors to report violations.
- Upgrade lighting at parking areas, trailheads, and high-traffic connector paths.
- Add emergency call boxes and mile-marker wayfinding in the park’s more remote wooded stretches.
- Define enforcement roles and escalation steps — park staff, rangers, and police — so rules are applied consistently.

Implement a Reservation System for Courts, Fields & Pavilions

THE RECOMMENDATION:

- Launch a self-service online reservation portal for courts, fields, and pavilions.
- Set resident vs. non-resident pricing tiers, with priority booking windows for established local leagues.
- Give tennis and pickleball dedicated, separately scheduled blocks to resolve any shared-court conflicts.
- Require permits with defined lead times for recurring or organized use — leagues, tournaments, and large gatherings.
- Sync the booking calendar with maintenance windows and event-day parking so fields can recover.

Invasive plant species in the park

Establishing a plan to address invasive plant species in Henderson Park will support a healthy forest and understory. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on the long-term prevention and control of invasive species and pests through a combination of techniques, rather than relying solely on chemical sprays.

ADDRESSING INVASIVE SPECIES

IPM First

- Prevent, monitor, then treat with the least-invasive effective method — mechanical before chemical.

Define Priority Species

- Target kudzu, Chinese privet, English ivy & Japanese honeysuckle first — the park’s worst offenders.

Map & Catch It Early

- Survey infestations annually; treat small new patches immediately, before they establish.

Replant Natives

- Pair every removal with native Piedmont trees, shrubs & groundcover — never leave bare ground.

Volunteer Strike Teams

- Hand-pulling & vine-cutting days, backed by licensed applicators for established stands.

Access & Safety

WEST PARK ENTRY



EAST PARK ENTRY



- Ⓐ Address the pedestrian crossing at the west park entry (to the largest parking area) for better visibility and defined crossing paths.
- Ⓑ Consider installing access gates at both entries to the west side of the park to be closed and locked when the park is not open.
- Ⓒ Add crosswalks to the east park entry to facilitate safe crossings for pedestrians arriving from Livsey Court and Livsey Road.
- Ⓓ Consider installing an access gate at the entry to east side of the park to be closed and locked when the park is not open.