

# ANGLETON FREEDOM PARK

## Master Plan Study

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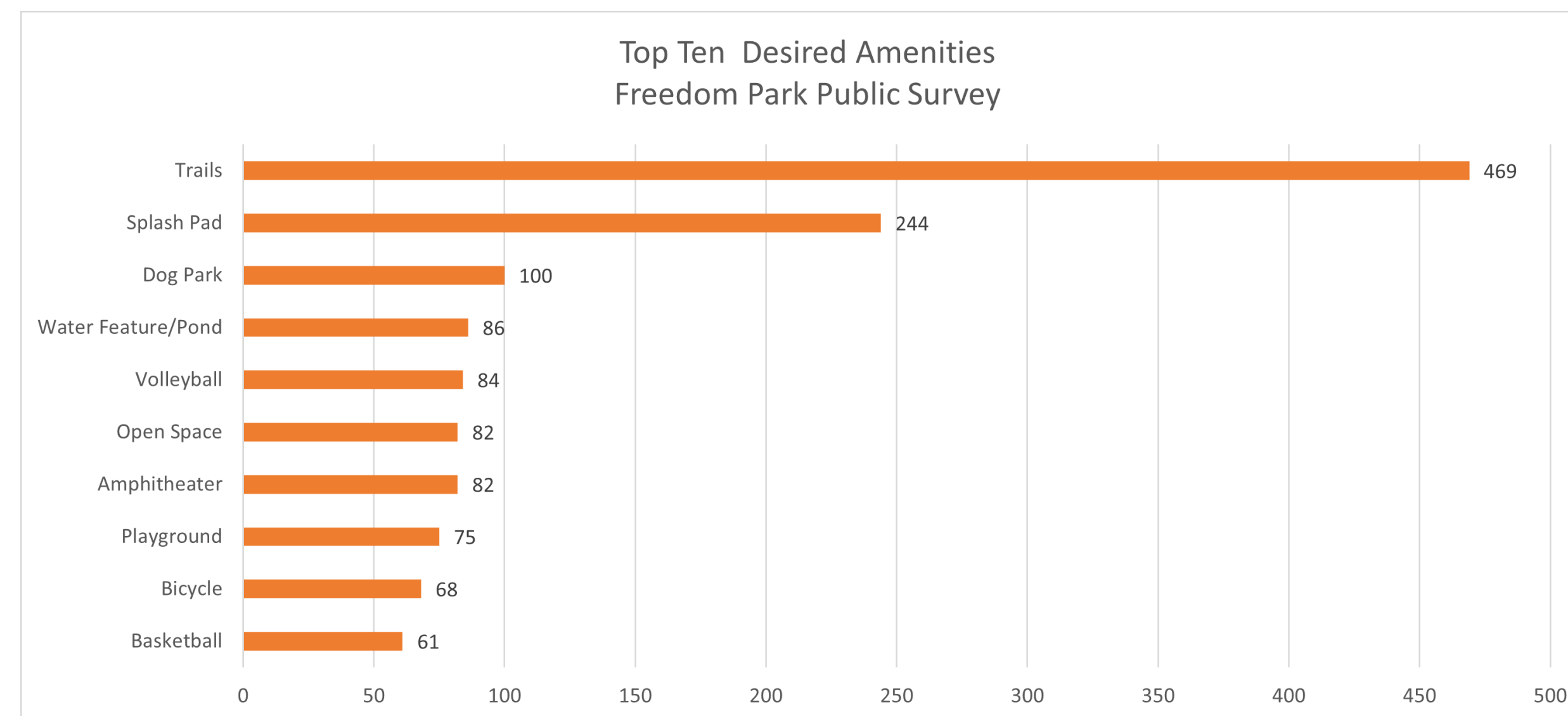


# FREEDOM PARK | RESEARCH & STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

## TOP 10 REQUESTED PROGRAM AMENITIES

PROGRAM AMENITIES LIST	ONLINE SURVEY	SURVEY COMMENTS	PARKS & RECREATION BOARD VISION	STAFF VISION
Nature Trails	●	●	●	●
Splash Pad	●	●	●	●
Dog Park		●		●
Pond/Water Feature		●	●	
Volleyball		●		
Open Space/Natural Areas		●	●	
Amphitheater	●	●	●	●
Playgrounds for All	●	●		
Bike Paths	●	●	●	
Basketball Courts		●		●
Shade			●	●
Fishing Pier	●		●	
Restrooms	●		●	●
Trail Lighting	●		●	●
Picnic				
Large Baseball Field				
Additional Baseball Fields				
Parking				
Outdoor Classroom				●
Miracle League Field				●
Nature Play				
Educational Signage				
Food Truck Area	●			
Workout Stations	●			

# PUBLIC SURVEY DIAGRAM



## PUBLIC SURVEY WORD CLOUD (Most Commonly Used Words)



## STAKEHOLDER SUMMARY:

Almost unanimously, the **top 3 desired amenities** extracted by public input, Parks Board Vision and Parks & Recreation Staff were:

- Trails
- Splash Pad
- Amphitheater

The top three were followed by:

- Bike Paths
- Restrooms
- Trail Lighting

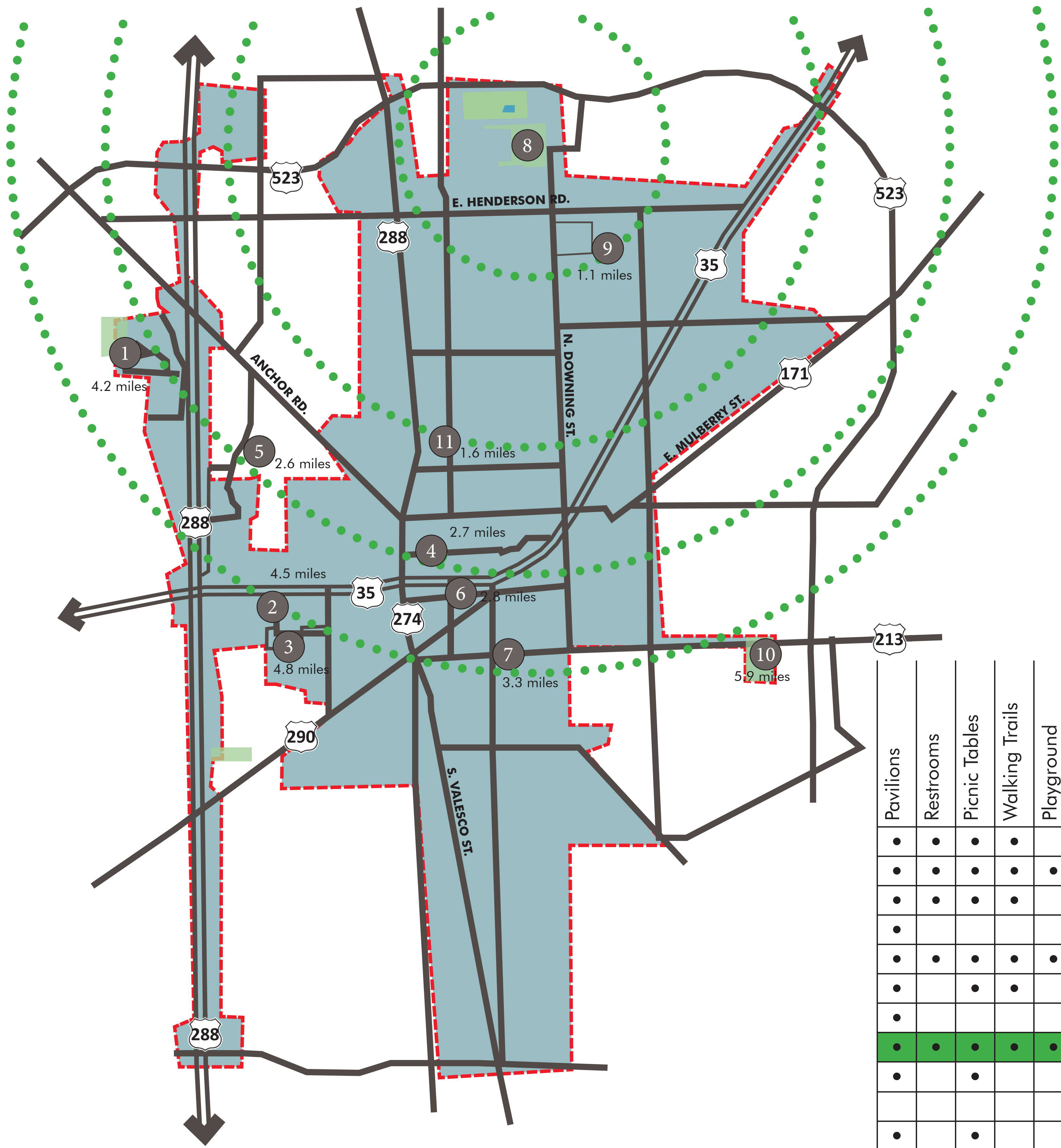
Last on the top 10 list:

- Dog Park
- Water Feature
- Open/ Natural Spaces
- Playgrounds for all
- Basketball

## PUBLIC INPUT **STAKEHOLDER SUMMARY**



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## PARKS SYSTEM FINDINGS

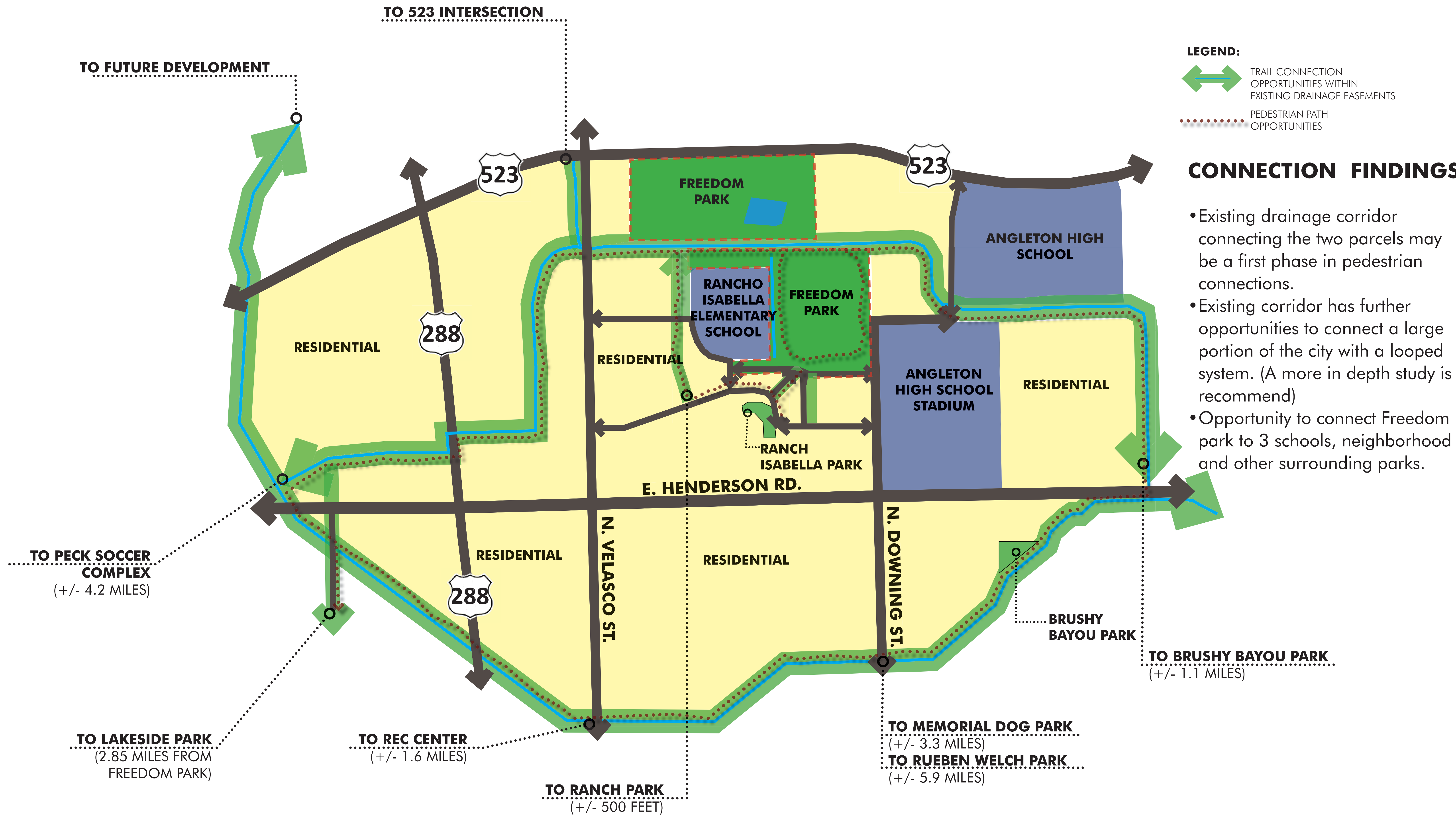
- The majority of desired program does not duplicate existing amenities within the park system
- The few duplicated amenities are located on the southern and eastern sides of the city limits with major thoroughfares creating a pedestrian barrier and making access to them from the north section of the city harder.
- Desired program amenities will create a more complete system for the Community as a whole.
- The high use and proximity to schools and neighborhoods is a perfect opportunity for high demand amenities such as splash pads, amphitheater and basketball courts, among others.

Angleton City Parks																				
Pavilions	Restrooms	Picnic Tables	Walking Trails	Playground	Fishing Pier	Basketball Court	Volleyball Court	Disc Golf	Dog Park	Events Space	Aquatics	Concessions	Diamond Fields	Tennis Court	Water Access	Horseshoe Court	Fitness Course	Playground for ALL	Open/Natural Space	
•	•	•	•									•	•							1 B.G. Peck Soccer Complex
•	•	•	•	•			•						•			•	•			2 Dickey Park
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•									•											7 Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park
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## ANGLETON PARKS SYSTEM ANALYSIS



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## PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES



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## FIELD NOTES: ANGLETON FREEDOM PARK

Site Inventory 2-4-2021

### Concession:

- The electrical circuits feeding the main counter/island are insufficient and need upgrades.
- More visibility is desired from the interior, ideally an additional window on adjacent wall that could service additional people and provide ventilation and visibility.

### Storage:

- Room is full, and the equipment is blocking some access to the water heater and electrical equipment.
- Currently using 2 conex containers to store maintenance equipment and materials.

### Sports:

- Would like at least one 300' field, possibly more.

### Playgrounds:

- Play structures were noted to be in good condition and relatively new.
- Shade sail over main play structure has one hole, but otherwise is functional.
- A water fountain is available immediately adjacent to the large playground.

### Trails:

- Would like a trail that was actually a mile in length rather than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.
- Some complaints about running on decomposed granite being too slippery.
- Path is decomposed granite, contained by concrete edging.

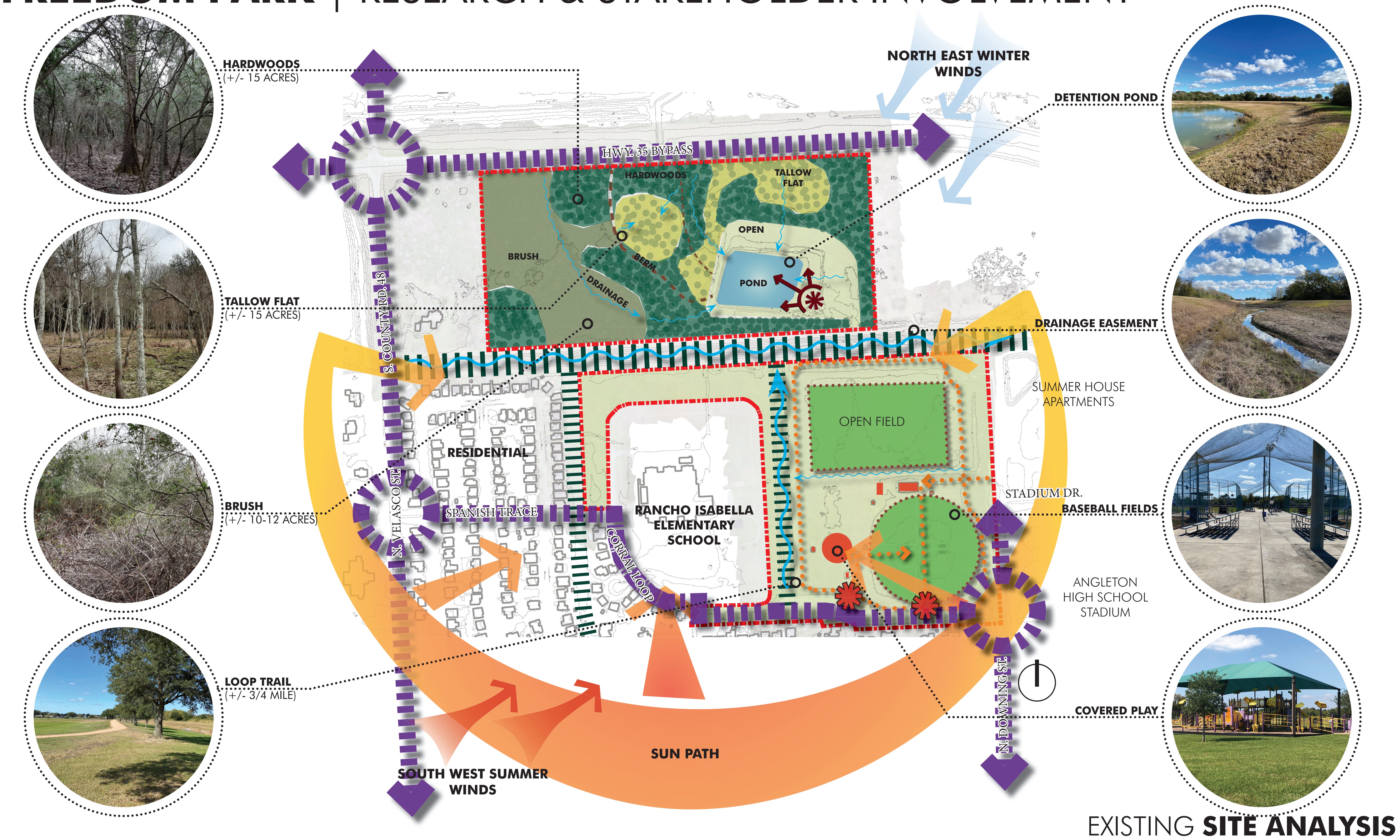
### General:

- Numerous benches located throughout park, and along trail.
- Significant tree planting has occurred with a diverse range of species.
- Some trees and benches have memorial plaques that must be considered during renovations.

## FREEDOM PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS



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## EXISTING SITE ANALYSIS



# FREEDOM PARK

**FUNCTION**  
(People, Activities, Relationships)

**FORM**  
(Site, Environment, Quality)

**ECONOMY**  
(Initial Budget, Operating Cost, Life-Cycle Costs)

**TIME**  
(Past, Future, Present)

What's going to happen in the building?

# PROBLEM SEEKING **METHOD**



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### NATURE TRAILS

Create meandering natural paths through the hardwoods, across tallow flats and along brushy landscapes. Opportunities to selectively clear pathways and enhance native habitats with plantings and interpretive signage.



### WAYFINDING OPPORTUNITY:

Consider gateway signage.

### DETENTION EXPANSION

Utilize existing low tallow flats to create required detention. Opportunity to meander detention through the wooded areas, creating a variety of pond edge experiences.



### PED. CONNECTION OPPORTUNITY:

Consider future pathway connections through city drainage ways.

### WAYFINDING OPPORTUNITY:

Consider signage.

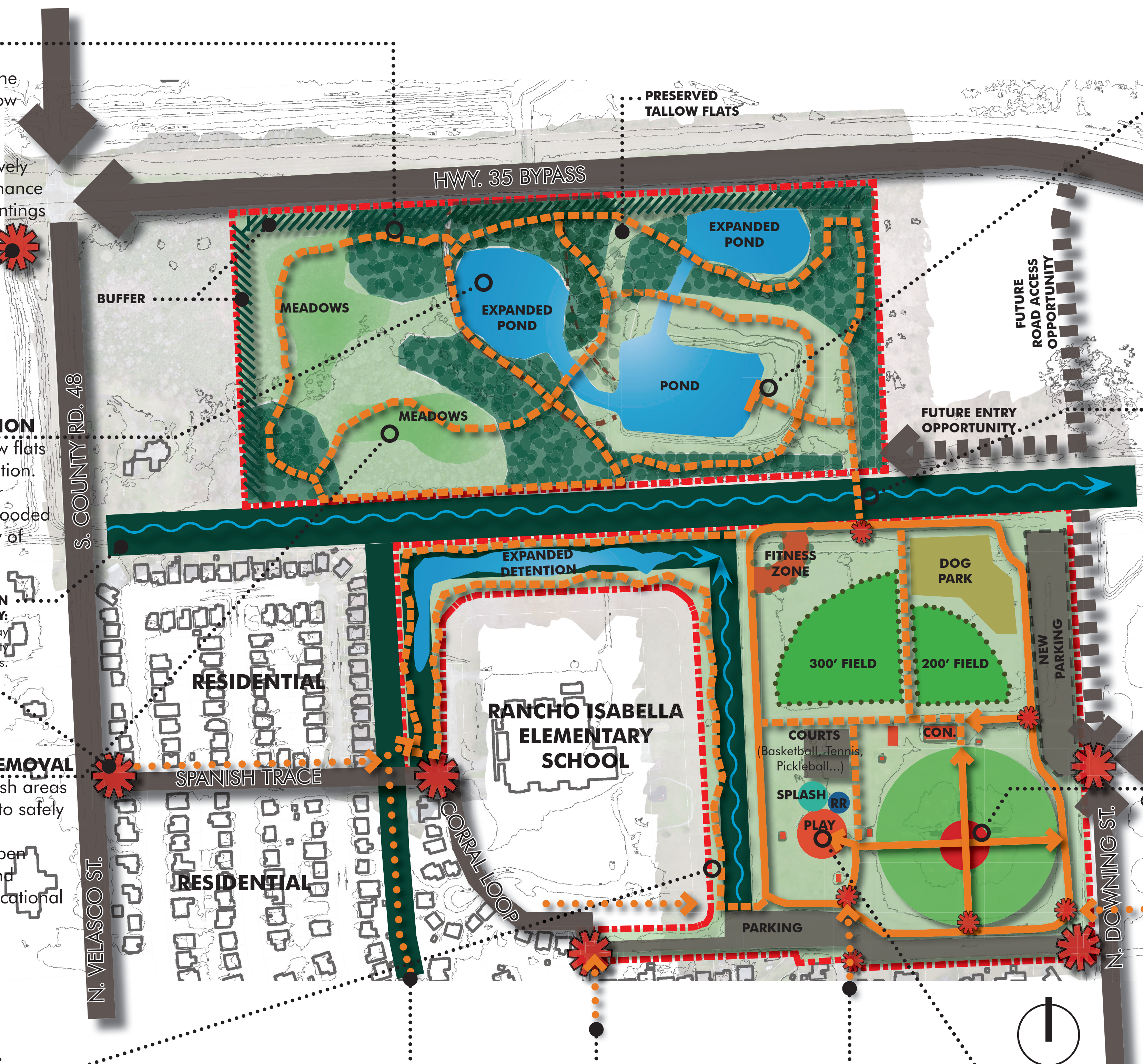
### SELECTIVE BRUSH REMOVAL

Partially clear heavy brush areas to allow for nature trail to safely meander through. Opportunity to create open meadows, wildflower and foraging areas with educational signage.



### EXPAND LOOP TRAIL

Expand existing trail through drainage zones. Opportunity to create pedestrian connectivity throughout the city and add length to the existing .75 mile loop. Enhancements: workout stations, lighting and seating may be additional opportunities.



### PED. CONNECTION OPPORTUNITY:

Consider future pathway connections through city drainage and ROW as available.

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### LEGEND:

- PROPOSED TRAILS
- CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES
- PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS
- GATEWAY OPPORTUNITIES



### FISHING PIER

Fishing and small craft water access. Opportunity to allow for kayak and row boat launch.



### PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Pedestrian connection over drainage easement with bridge.



### STADIUM DR.

CREATE FIELD SHADE  
Create a shaded core with permanent seating and shade structure. Opportunity to create a central feature with small child play area with viewing distances.



### CREATE FAMILY PLAY ZONE

Enhance existing playgrounds with new water feature, family gathering areas, and restrooms. Opportunity to create a destination playground with small splash pad, ball courts and additional shade.

## SITE OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS



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## PROGRAM SUMMARY:

### Trails

- Nature trails
- Connecting trails
- Bike paths
- Trail Lighting

### Amphitheater

### Restrooms

- Expansion
- Improvements

### Dog Park

### Water Feature

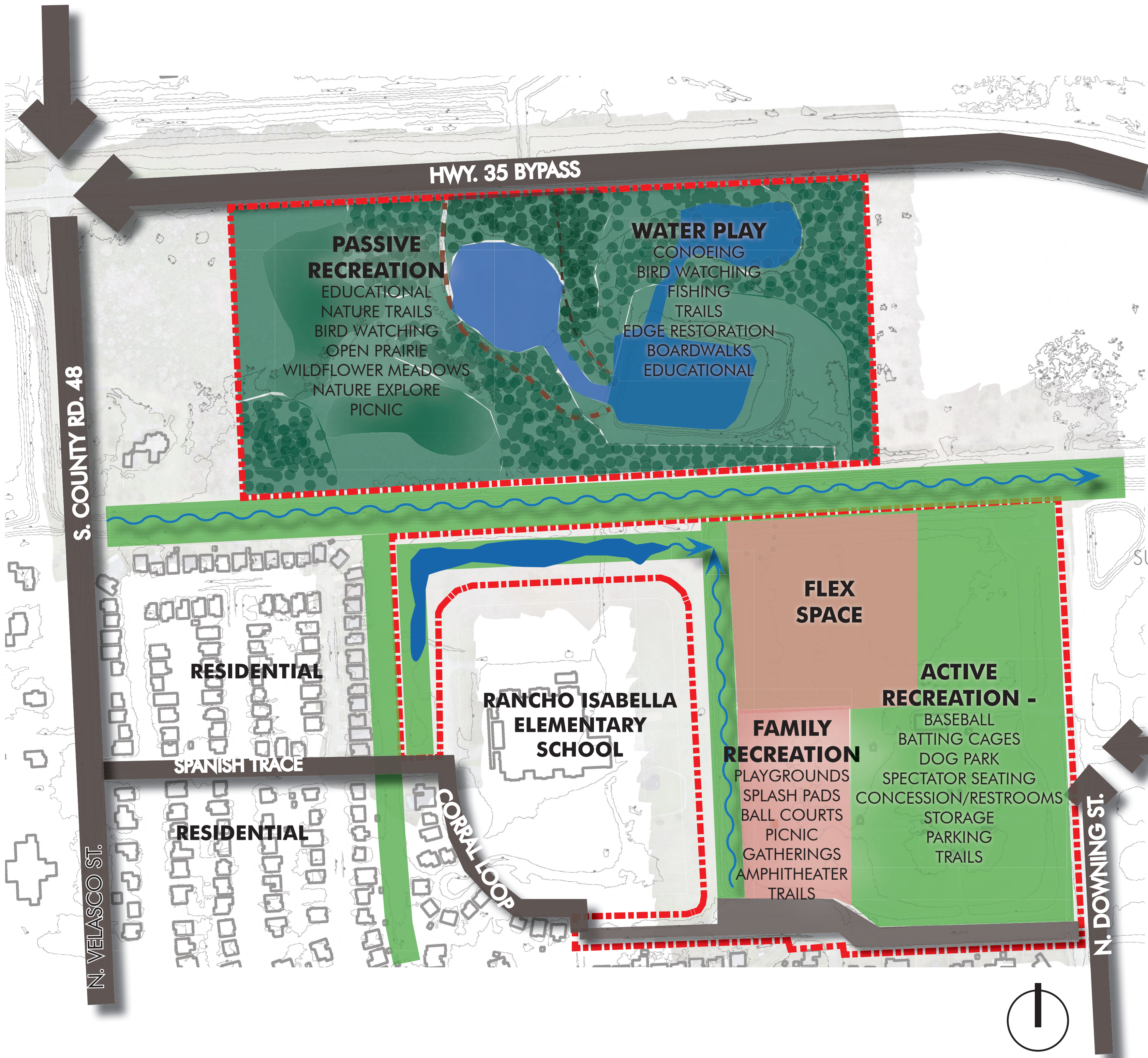
- Fishing Pier
- Boardwalk
- Canoeing
- Open/ Natural Spaces

### Playgrounds for all

- Splash Pad
- Family Gathering
- Picnic
- Accessible Playgrounds
- Basketball

### Baseball

- Improved Fields
- Field Expansion
- Storage
- Shade



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMING FINDINGS



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## Project Schedule (Total 6 Months)

### TASK BREAKDOWN

#### TASK 1 - Project Initiation & Inventory

- Project Kickoff with staff
- Data Identification
- Opportunities and Constraints

#### TASK 2 - Research & Stakeholder Involvement Planning

- Analyze Public Input
- Develop Workshop Schedule
- Publish Stakeholder and Public input summary

#### TASK 3 - Stakeholder Involvement

- Joint Committee Meeting 1  
(Initial Findings & Preliminary Program, stakeholder workshop)
- Council Presentation  
(Initial Findings & Preliminary Program)
- Joint Committee Meeting 2  
(3 Conceptual Designs, imagery, Program)
- Joint Committee Meeting 3  
(Final Master Plan, Draft Plan Documents)
- Staff Meetings (8)
- Online Public Open House
- Council Approval

#### TASK 4 - Develop Prioritization of Needs & Opportunities

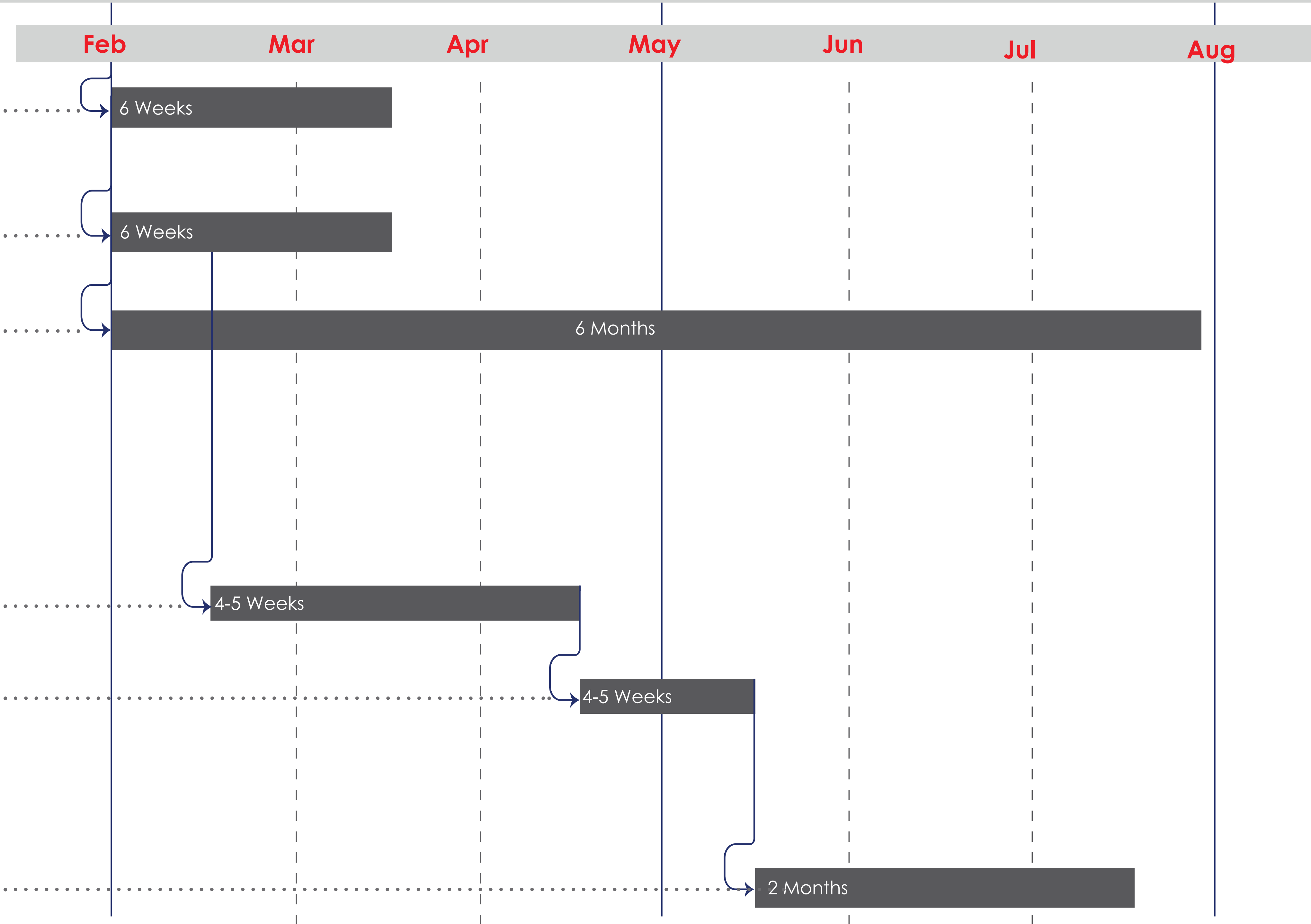
- Conduct prioritization process
- Document program priorities Presentation
- Confirm Program Priorities

#### TASK 5 - Conceptual Master Plan

- Develop Conceptual Designs (3)
- Develop OPC
- General Maintenance Recommendations
- Develop Implementation Strategies
- Create Preliminary Action Items for City Use
- Initiate Conversations with Engineer Consultants
- Draft - Freedom Park Master Plan for review
- Submit Agenda Items

#### TASK 6 - Final Master Plan Document

- Refine Action Plan/Expenditure Plan
- Finalize narratives and documents
- Finalize Master Plan Document
- Submit Final Documents for staff review
- Submit Agenda Items
- Adoption and Approval



## PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE