



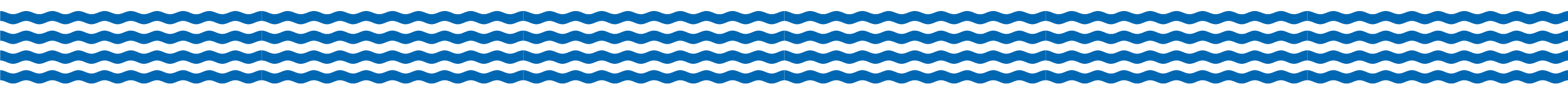
Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan Update

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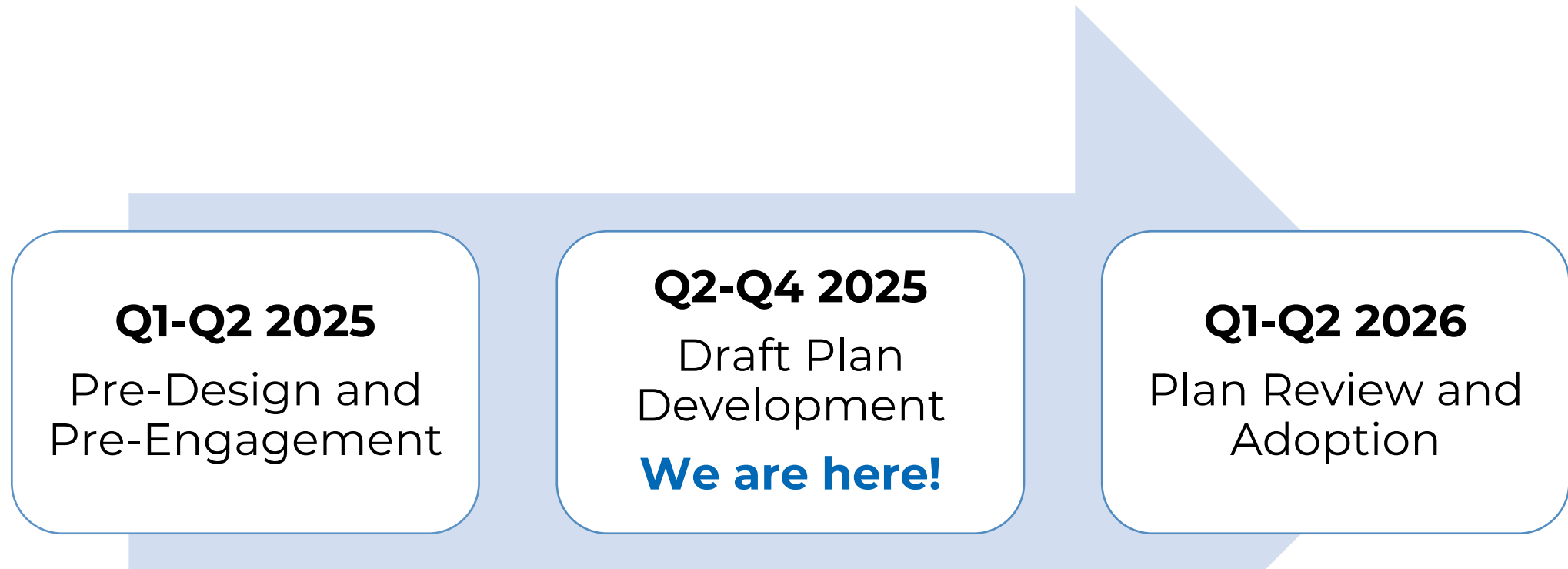


Agenda

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 - Clarke Beach Park
 - Groveland Beach Park
- Community Engagement – Early Findings
- Design Refinement Discussion
- Next Steps



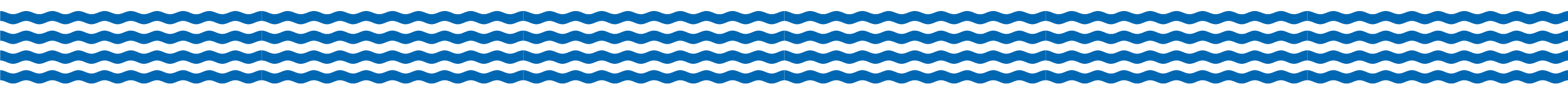
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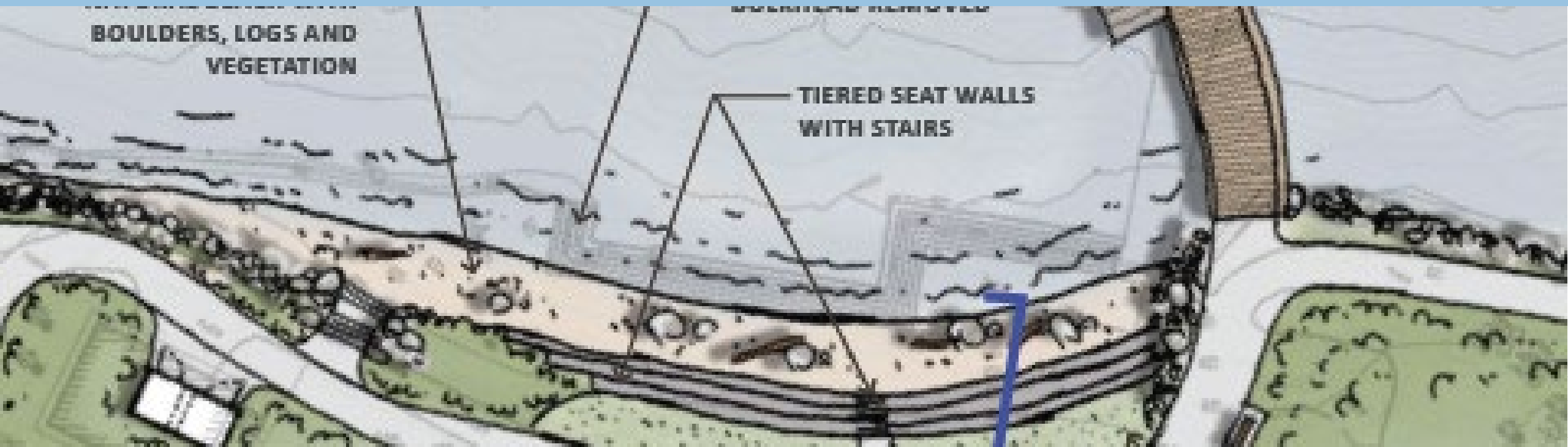
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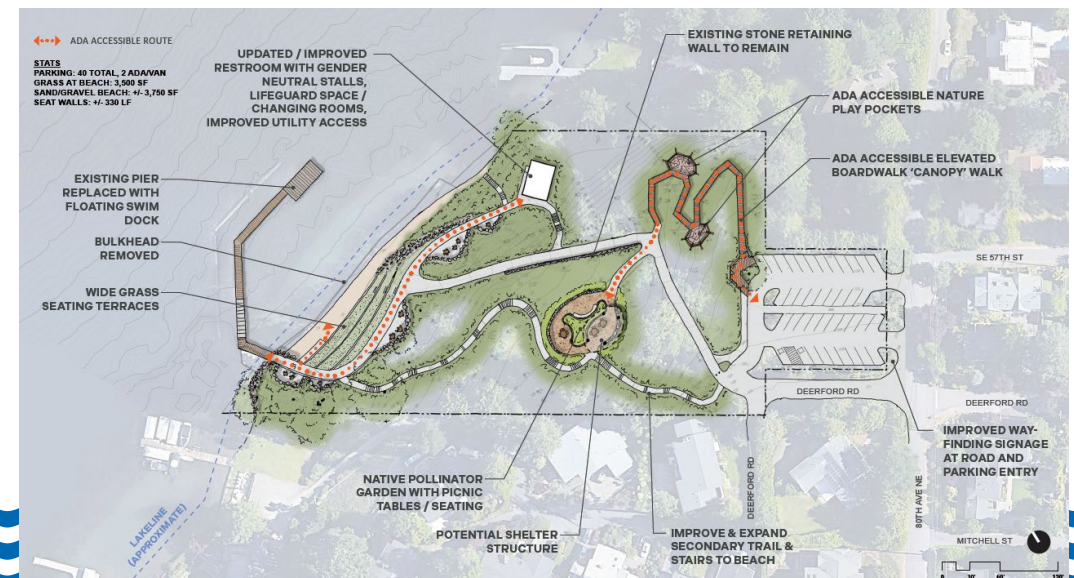


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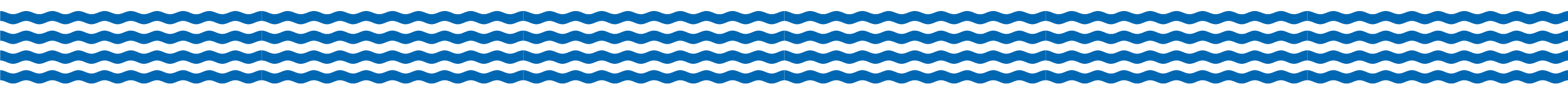
Design Concepts Overview

- Three concepts were developed for each park.
- Each concept generally reflects a different level of investment in features.
 - Option 1 = High investment
 - Option 3 = Low investment
- Individual elements are interchangeable between concepts.
- The designs aim for a balanced approach for amenities between the parks.



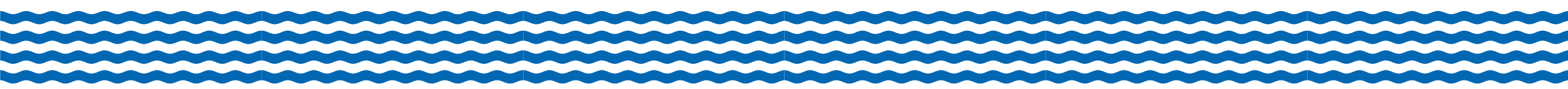
Community Review and Input Opportunities

- Opportunities to review and comment on the design concepts are available on Let's Talk at www.mercerisland.gov/cgip:
 - Virtual Open House presentations
 - Digital concept boards
 - Online survey open October 3-November 3
- Community members can also view the concepts and provide feedback at upcoming community events:
 - Arbor Day: Saturday, October 25, 10am-1pm, Clarke Beach Park
 - Town Center Trick-or-Treat: Friday, October 31, 3:30-5:30pm, Near GHOSG

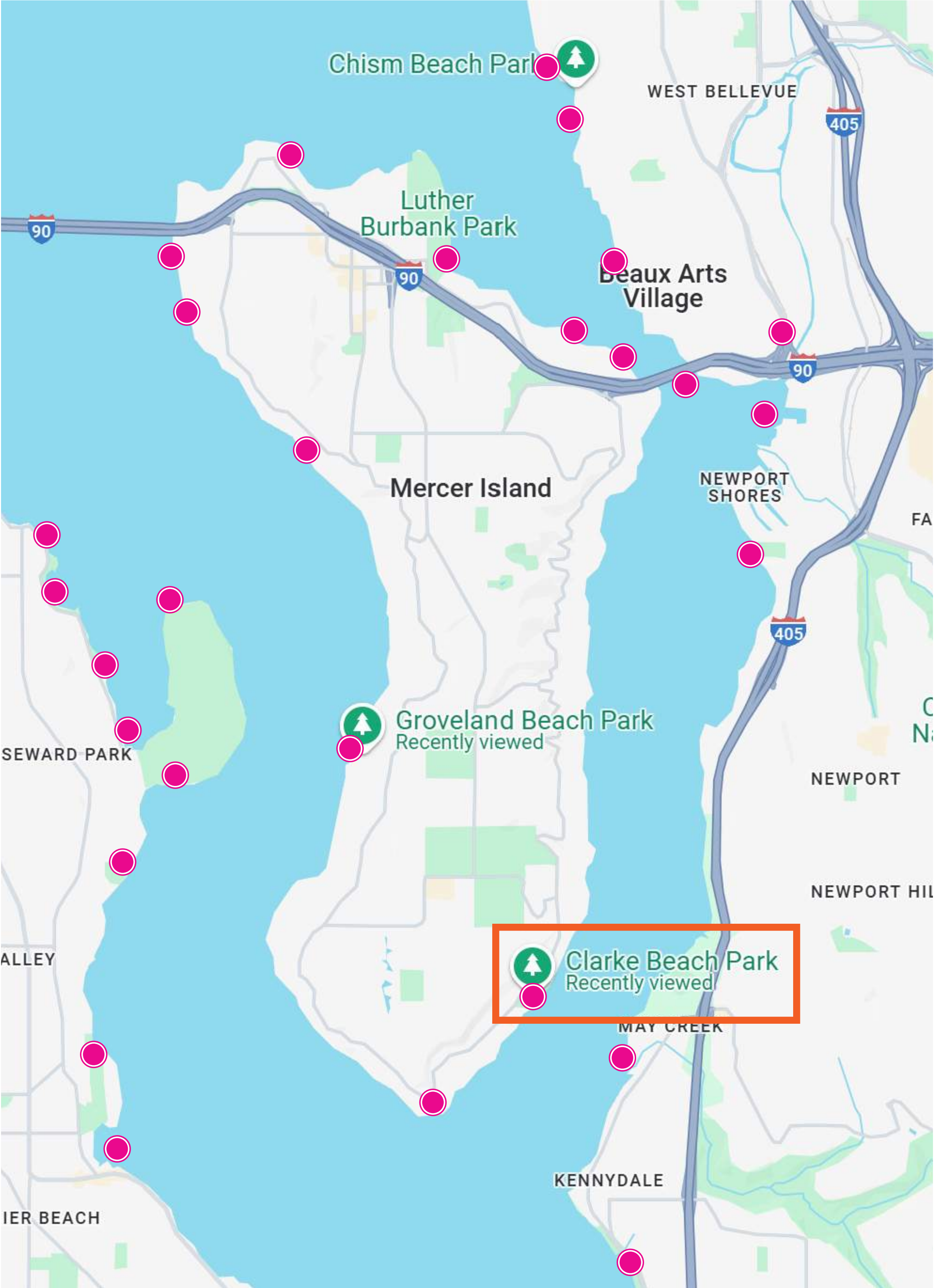


Clarke Beach - Design Consistencies

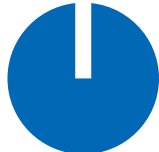
1. All concepts remove the existing concrete bulkheads and sheet pile swimming enclosure.
2. Each design reflects a shift toward a more passive, nature-oriented park use. Formal swimming amenities are not included (Groveland Beach and Luther Burbank Park being considered for enhanced swimming facilities).
3. All concepts replace the existing restrooms with a smaller, modern facility to better serve anticipated needs.



CLARKE BEACH PARK
SITE CONTEXT AND TOPOGRAPHY



 **LAKES-TO-LOCKS
WATER TRAIL SITES**



CLARKE BEACH PARK
EXISTING PHOTOS



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CLARKE BEACH PARK
EXISTING AERIAL



CLARKE BEACH PARK
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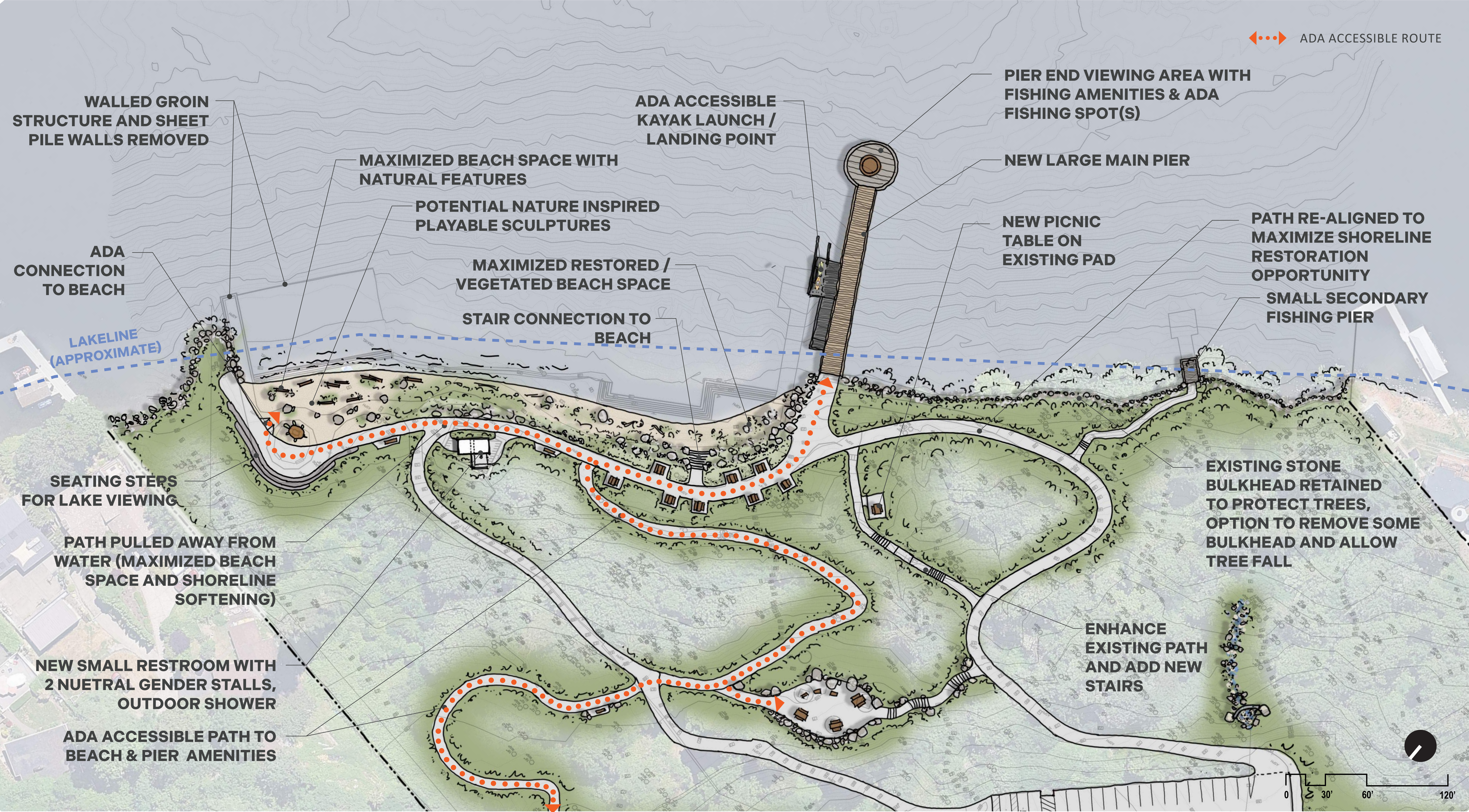


STATS
PARKING: 75 TOTAL, 5 ADA (2-3 VAN)
GRASS AT BEACH: N/A
SAND/GRAVEL BEACH: +/- 9,500 SF
SEAT WALLS: +/- 275 LF

◀...▶ ADA ACCESSIBLE ROUTE



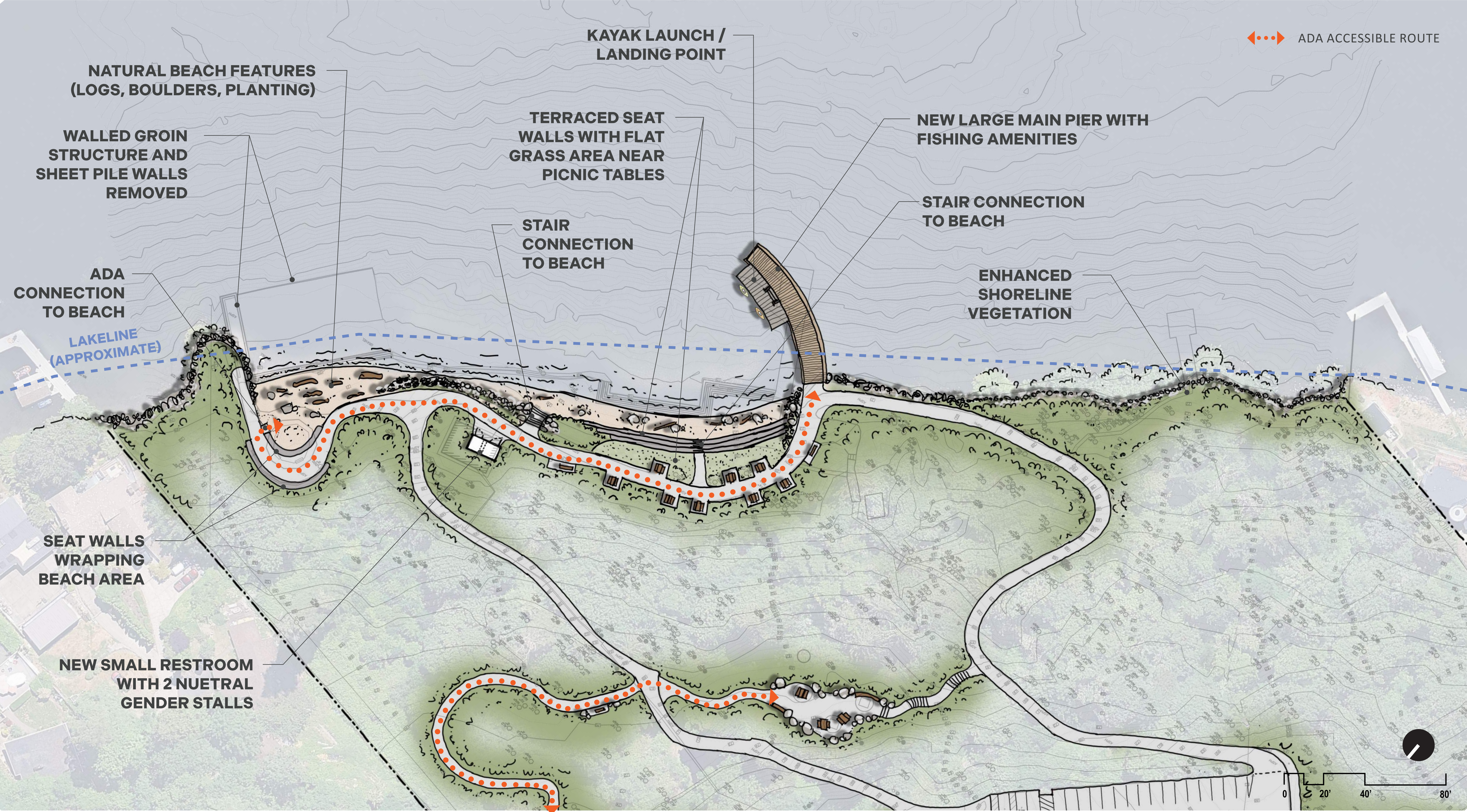
CLARKE BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 1 - SHORELINE ENLARGEMENT



CLARKE BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 2 - OVERALL PLAN



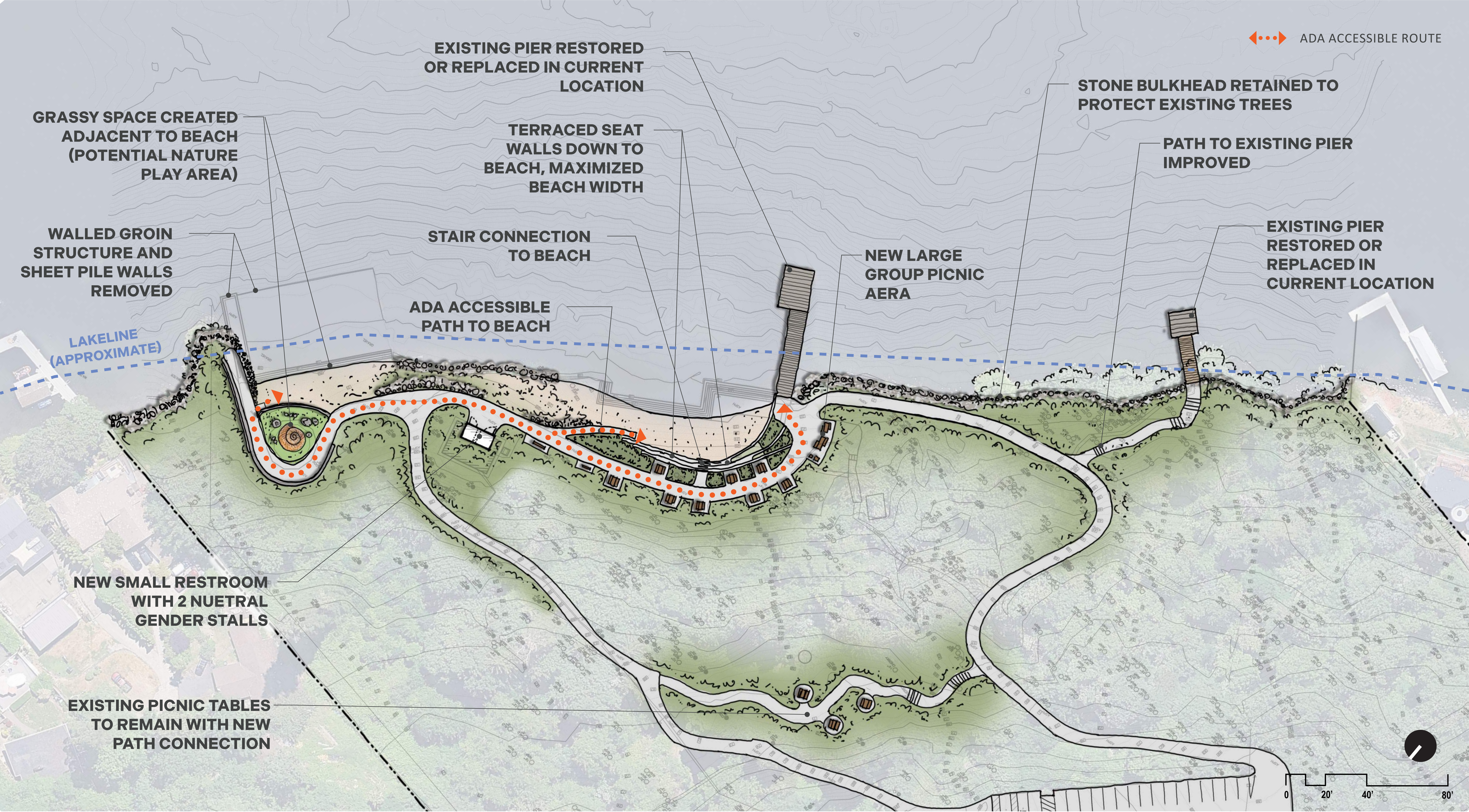
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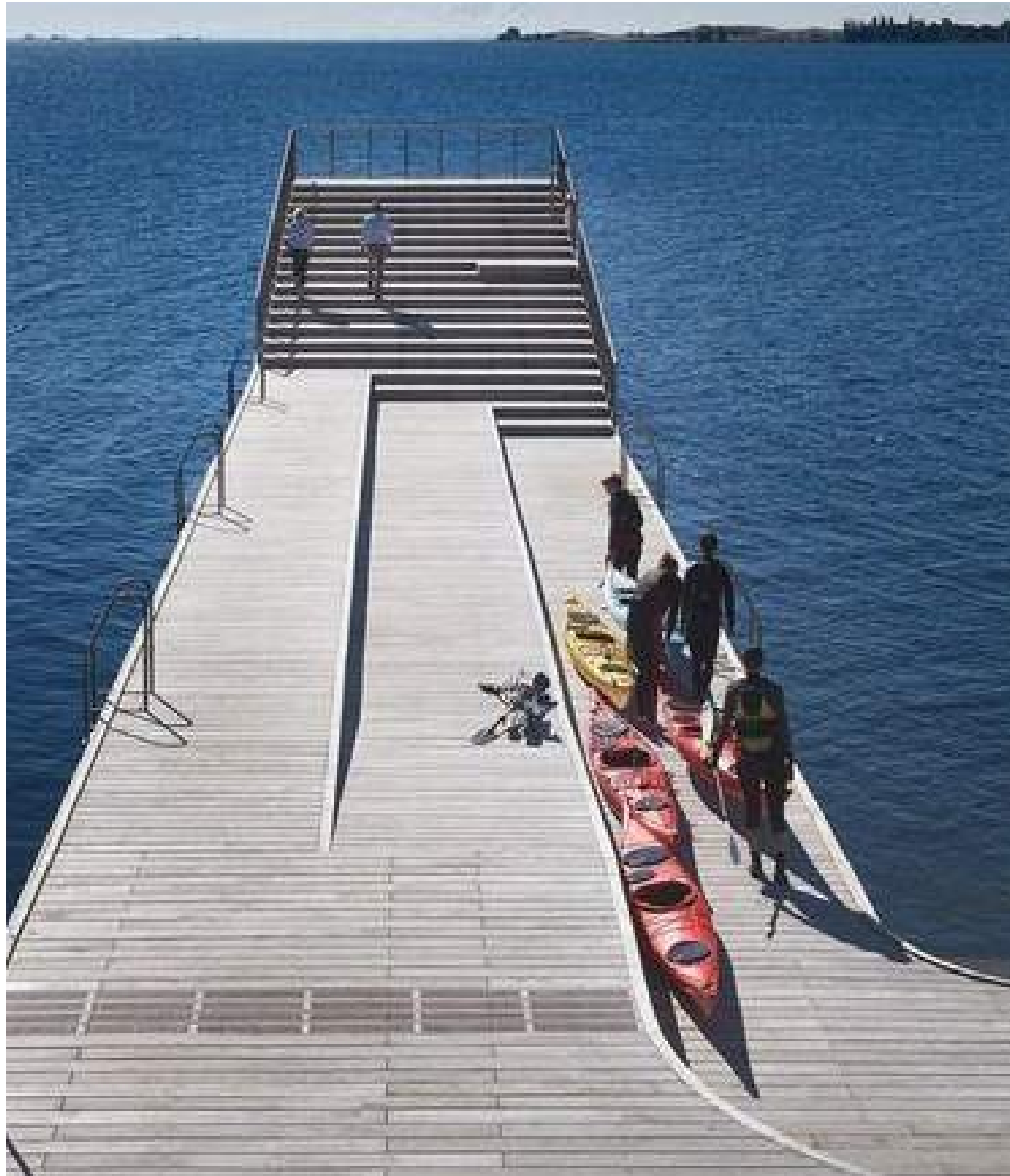
CLARKE BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 3 - OVERALL PLAN



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CLARKE BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: WATERCRAFT LAUNCH / PIER IMPROVEMENT

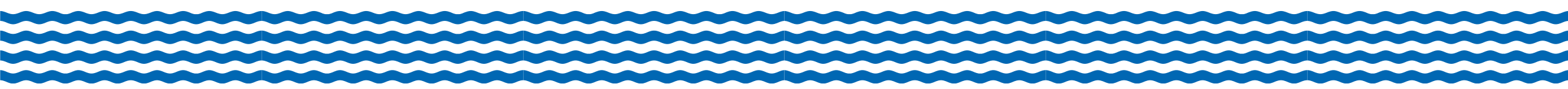


CLARKE BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: NATURALIZED SHORELINE



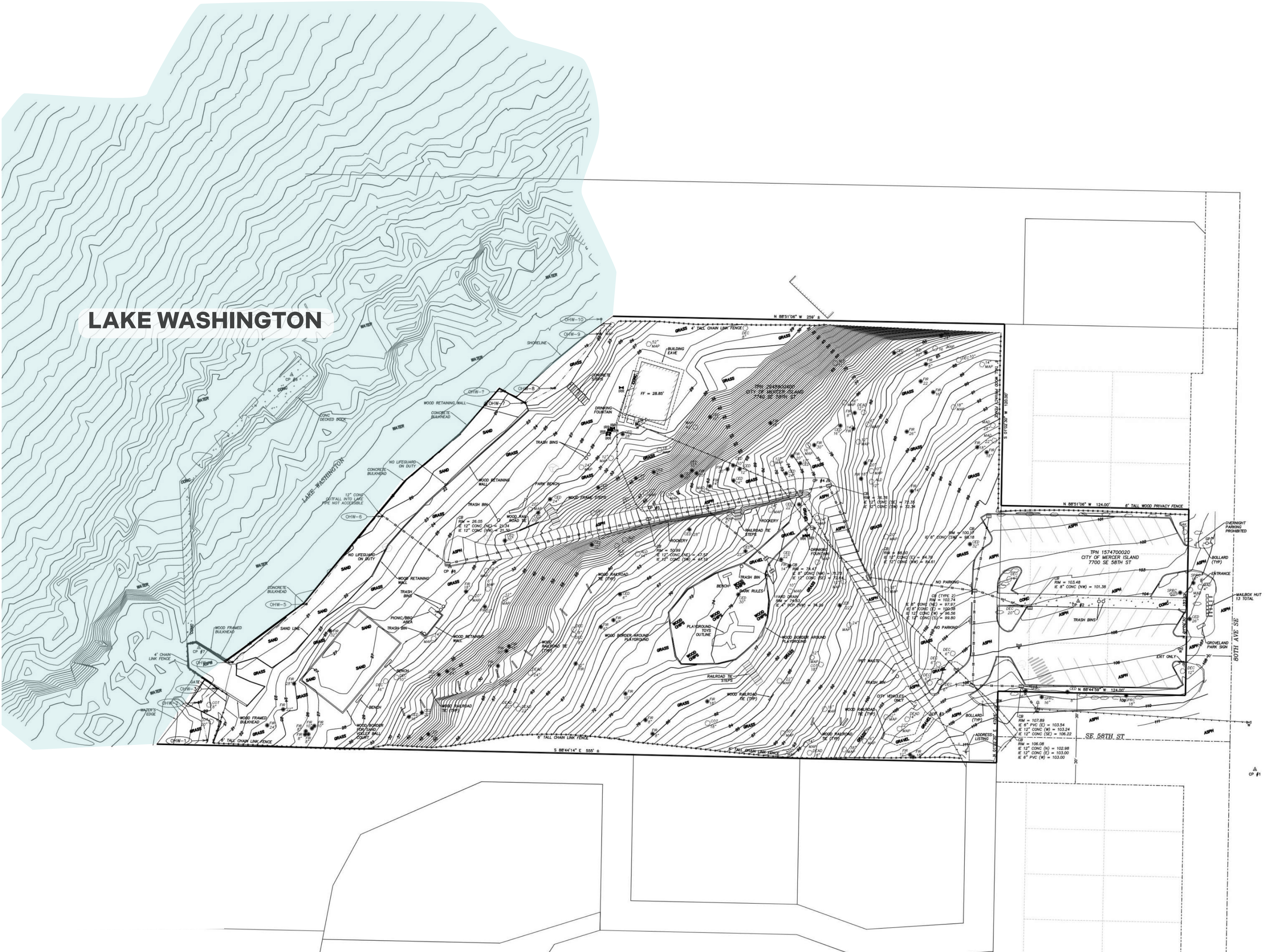
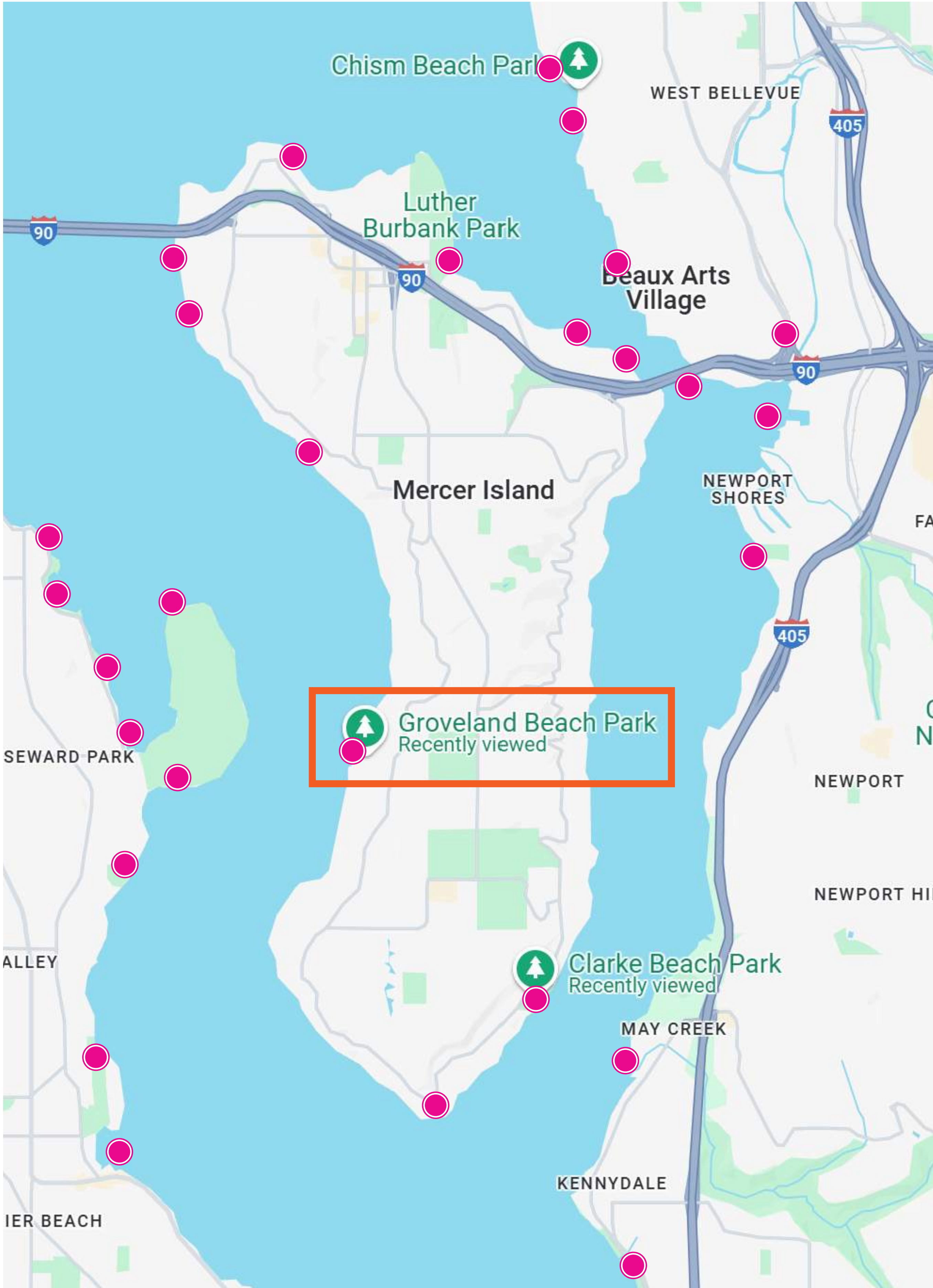
Groveland Beach - Design Consistencies

1. All concepts remove the existing concrete bulkhead.
2. Each design proposes replacing the elevated pier with a new floating pier.
3. All concepts replace the existing restrooms with an upgraded facility.



GROVELAND BEACH PARK

SITE CONTEXT AND TOPOGRAPHY



LAKES-TO-LOCKS WATER TRAIL SITES

GROVELAND BEACH PARK
EXISTING PHOTOS



GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 1 - OVERALL PLAN



STATS
PARKING: 40 TOTAL, 2 ADA/VAN
GRASS AT BEACH: +/- 14,600 SF
SAND/GRAVEL BEACH: +/- 3,200 SF
SEAT WALLS: N/A



GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 1 - OVERALL PLAN

ADA ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

STATS
PARKING: 40 TOTAL, 2 ADA/VAN
GRASS AT BEACH: 3,500 SF
SAND/GRAVEL BEACH: +/- 3,750 SF
SEAT WALLS: +/- 330 LF

UPDATED / IMPROVED
RESTROOM WITH GENDER
NEUTRAL STALLS,
LIFEGUARD SPACE /
CHANGING ROOMS,
IMPROVED UTILITY ACCESS

EXISTING PIER
REPLACED WITH
FLOATING SWIM
DOCK

BULKHEAD
REMOVED

WIDE GRASS
SEATING TERRACES

EXISTING STONE RETAINING
WALL TO REMAIN

ADA ACCESSIBLE NATURE
PLAY POCKETS

ADA ACCESSIBLE ELEVATED
BOARDWALK 'CANOPY' WALK

SE 57TH ST

DEERFORD RD

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IMPROVED WAY-
FINDING SIGNAGE
AT ROAD AND
PARKING ENTRY

NATIVE POLLINATOR
GARDEN WITH PICNIC
TABLES / SEATING

POTENTIAL SHELTER
STRUCTURE

IMPROVE & EXPAND
SECONDARY TRAIL &
STAIRS TO BEACH

LAKELINE
(APPROXIMATE)

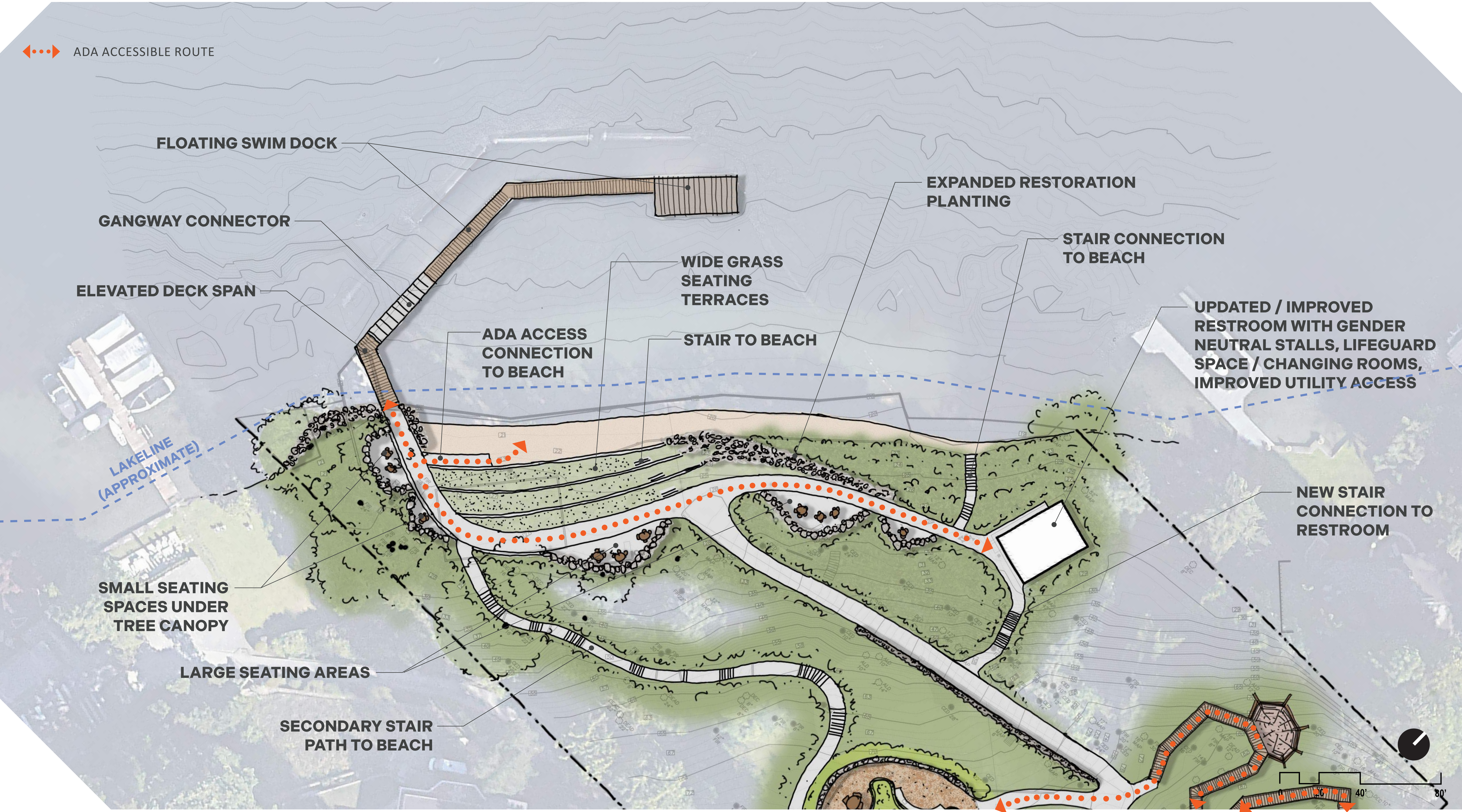
80TH AVENUE NE

MITCHELL ST

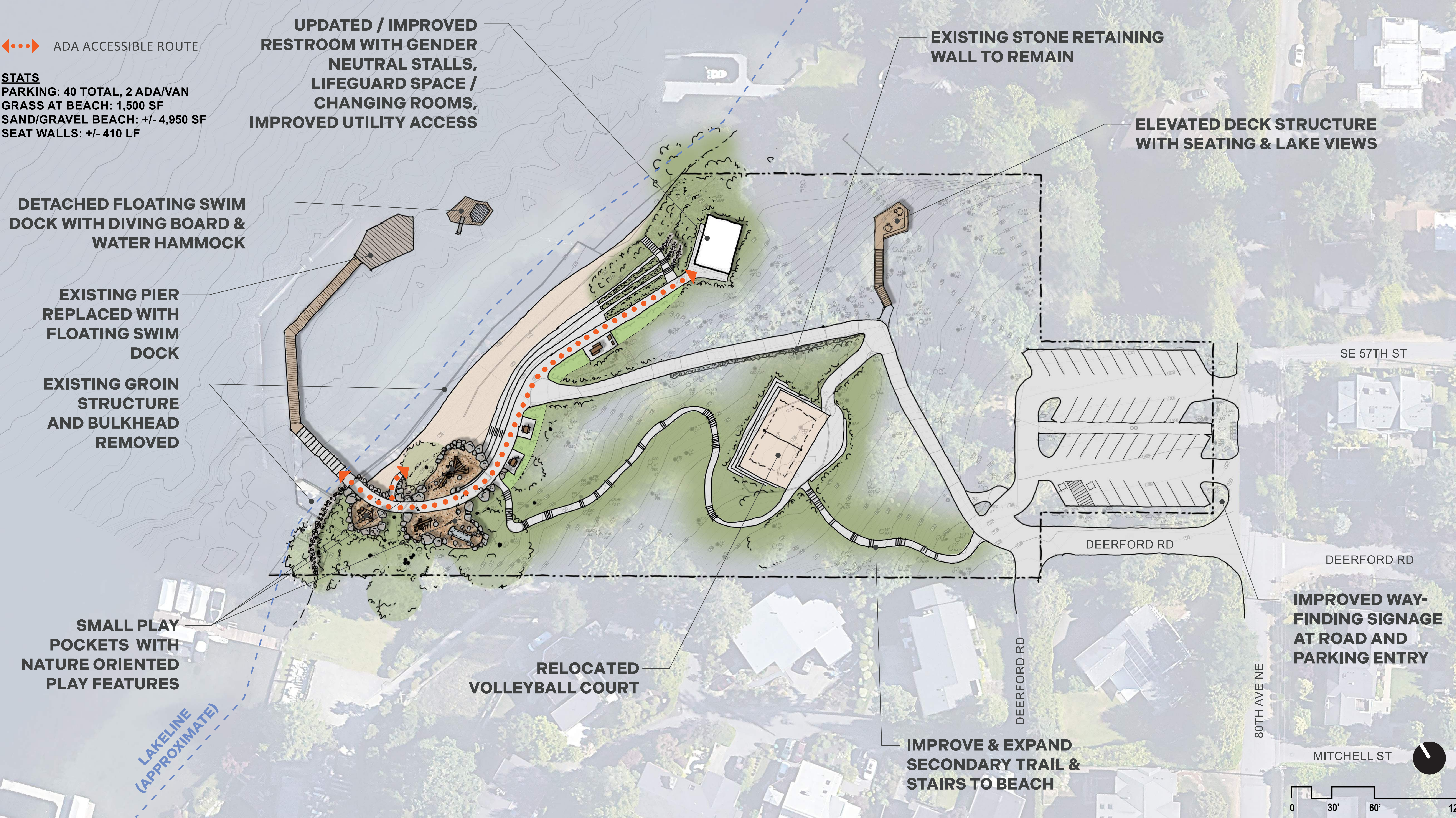


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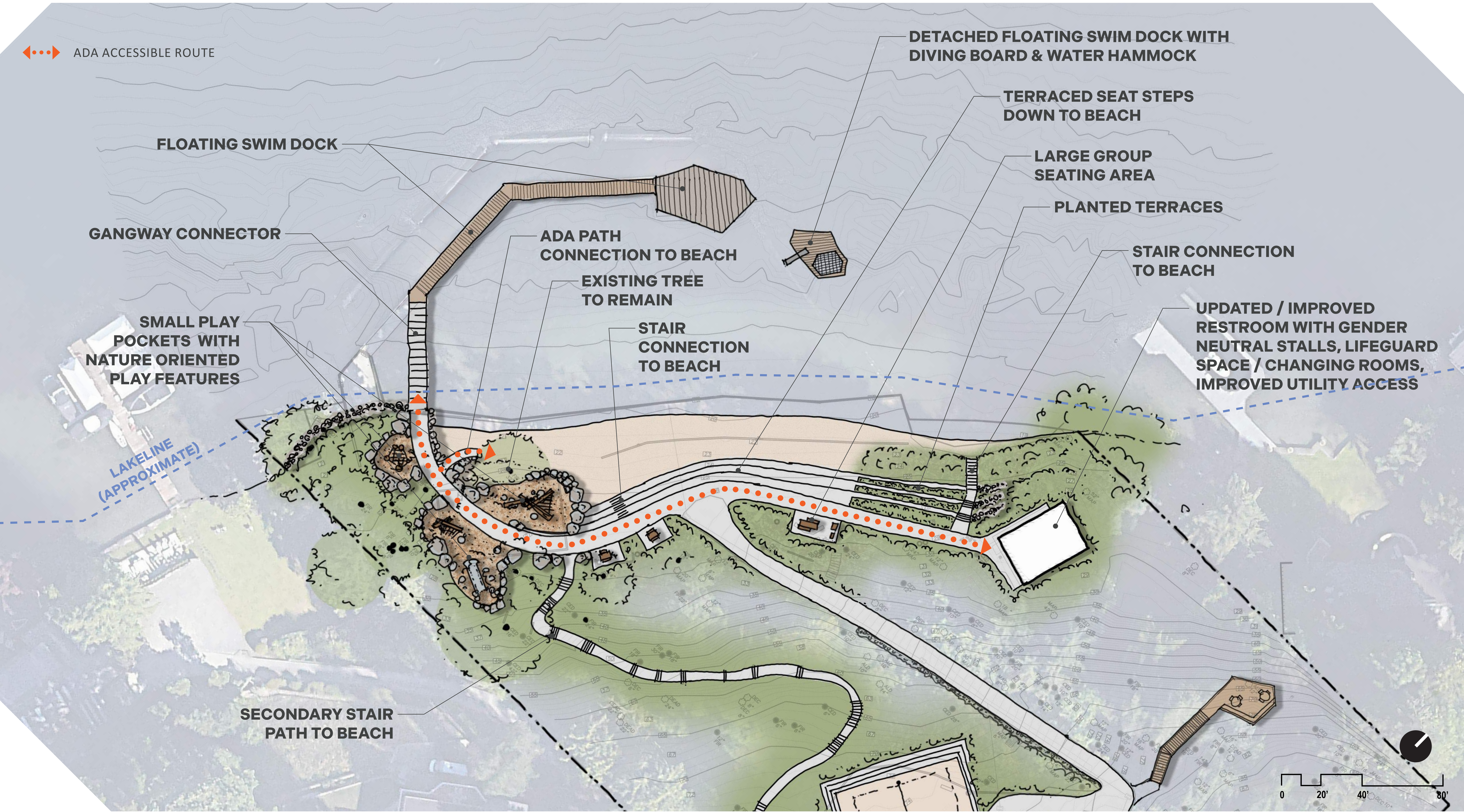
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GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 2 - OVERALL PLAN



GROVELAND BEACH PARK
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GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT DESIGN OPTION 3 - OVERALL PLAN

ADA ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

STATS
PARKING: 40 TOTAL, 2 ADA/VAN
GRASS AT BEACH: 2,500 SF
SAND/GRAVEL BEACH: +/- 5,950 SF
SEAT WALLS: +/- 190 LF

RESTROOM TO
REMAIN IN EXISTING
LOCATION

EXISTING STONE RETAINING
WALL TO REMAIN

FLOATING SWIM DOCK

EXISTING GROIN
STRUCTURE AND
BULKHEAD REMOVED

SEATING AREAS WITH
GRASS, ARTIFICIAL
TURF OR OTHER SOFT
SURFACING

EXPAND SECONDARY TRAIL
& STAIRS TO BEACH

ENHANCED PLAYGROUND
WITH PLAY TERRACES

EXISTING SECONDARY TRAIL
TO BE REMOVED

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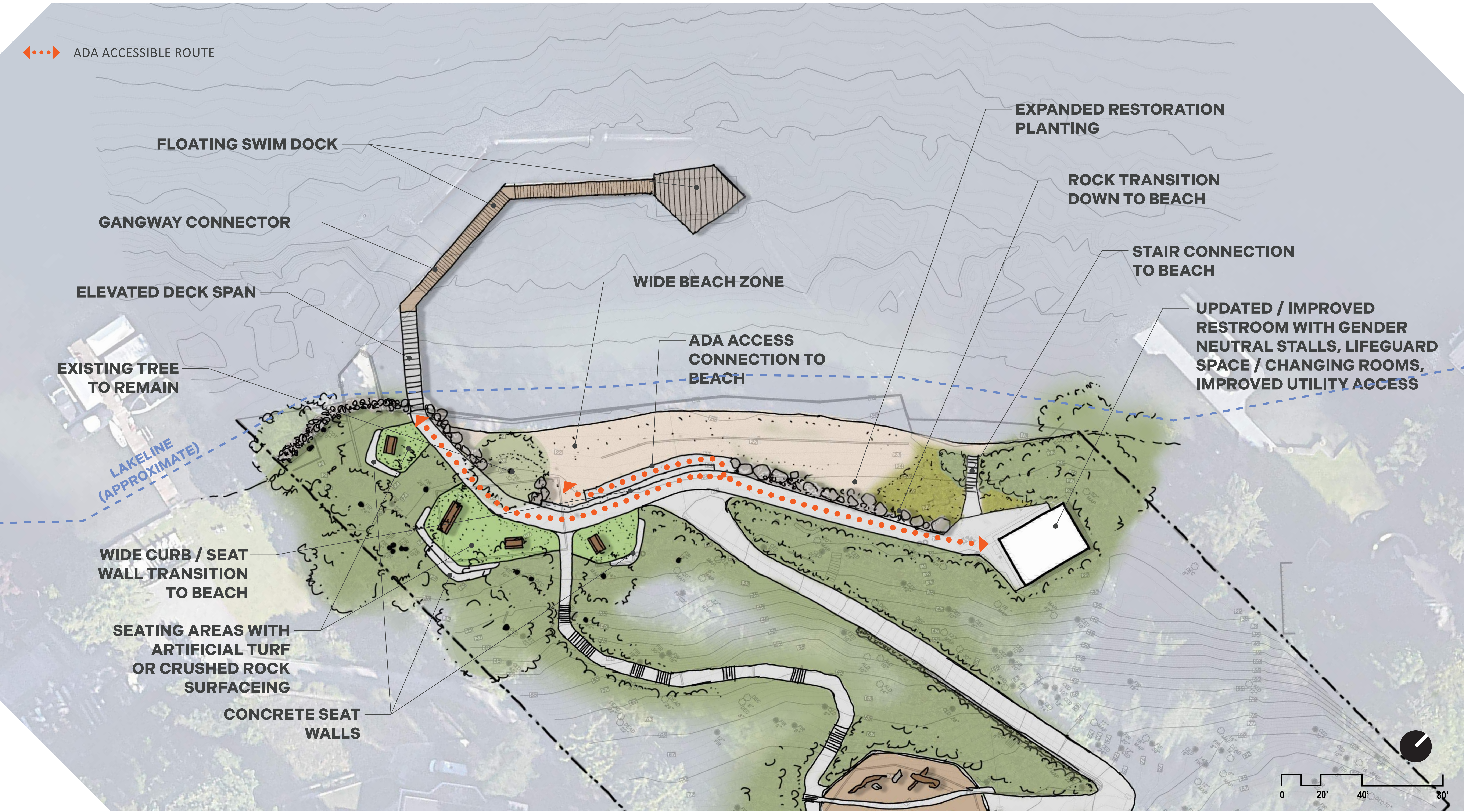
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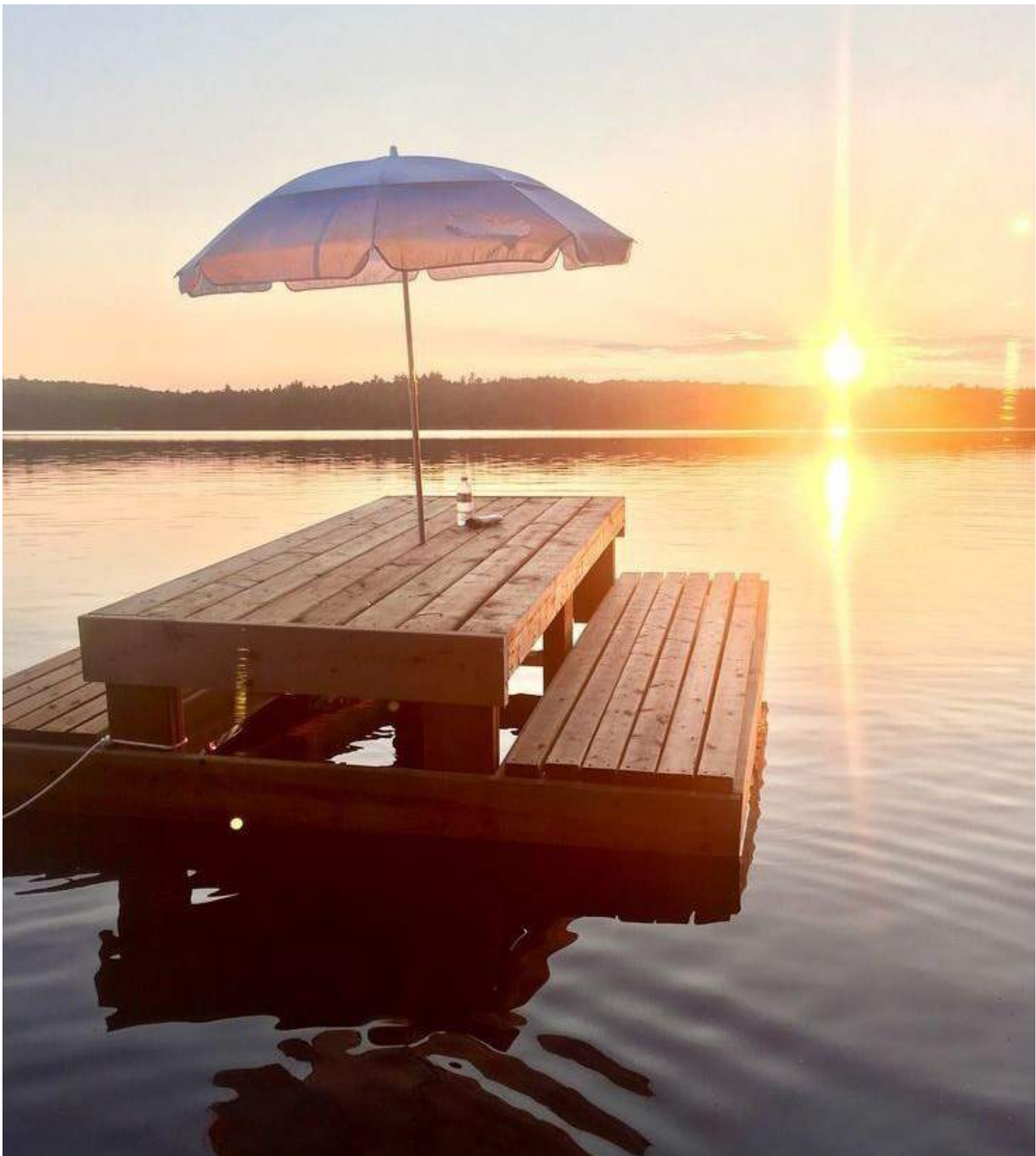
GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: SWIM BEACH



GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: LAWN TERRACES / SEAT WALLS



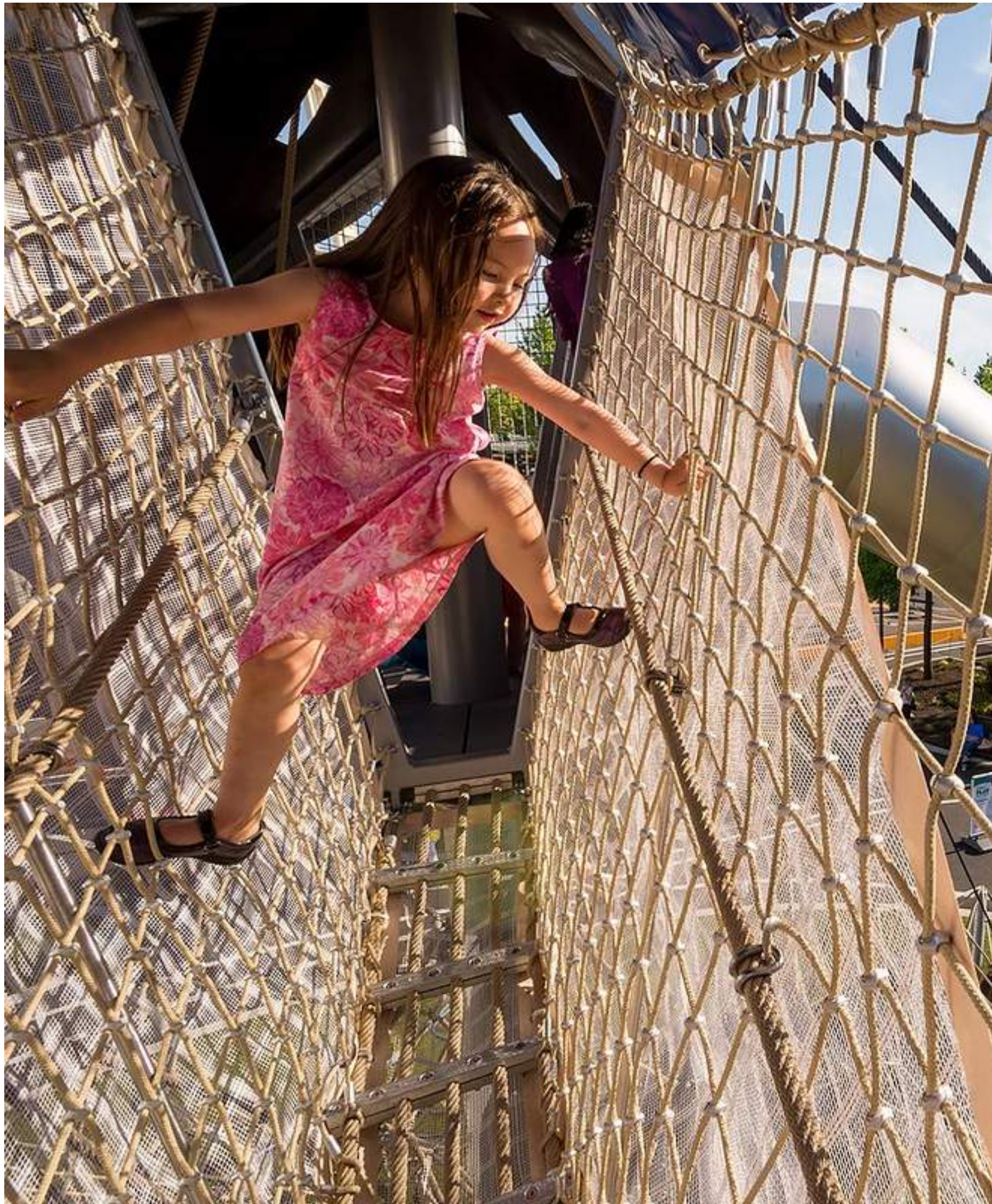
GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: PIER/SWIMMING AMENITIES



GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: NATURE PLAY



GROVELAND BEACH PARK
CONCEPT IMAGES: FOREST PLAY



Insert Berger Groveland Design Package Here



Community Engagement – Early Findings



Early Engagement Overview

- Open October 3-November 3, 2025
- 104 total responses (as of 10/20)
- Promoted via:
 - Virtual Open House on Let's Talk
 - Posters in parks and at MICEC
 - MI Weekly and social media posts
 - Postcard mailer to park neighbors (1,000ft radius, 410 households)
 - Community partner cross-promotion (MISD, *Mercer Island Reporter*, etc.)
 - Tabling at community events



CLARKE & GROVELAND JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN
Community Engagement Opportunity

The City of Mercer Island is planning for the future of Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks, and we want to hear from you! Site assessments and community input informed design concepts for each waterfront park. Take a look and share your thoughts for one or both parks!

HOW TO SHARE INPUT

REVIEW THE CONCEPTS

Walk through each concept with our design consultant via our "Virtual Open House" videos or review concept boards posted on Let's Talk now at:

www.mercerisland.gov/cgip

TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY

Scan the QR Code to complete the survey on design concepts.

Open through November 3

PROJECT TIMELINE

WE ARE HERE!

Q1-Q2 2025

Project Initiation
Scope the project with City Council based on site assessments and early community engagement.

Q2-Q4 2025

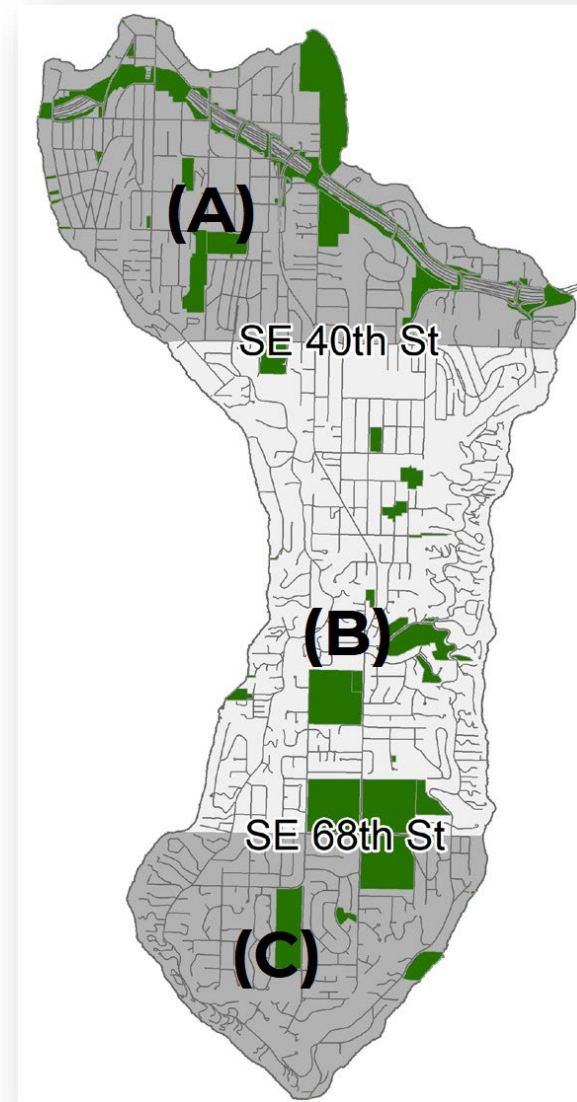
Plan Development
Share draft design concepts for community feedback, and refine into preferred concepts for each park based on input.

Q1-Q2 2026

Plan Review and Adoption
Present the preferred plan for City Council approval and prepare for future design efforts.

Survey Demographics

- Current response rates
 - 50% for Groveland
 - 21% for Clarke
 - 29% for Both Parks
- 60% of respondents live in Area B (between SE 40th and SE 68th).
- 39% are ages 45-54; 0% under 20.
- 50% do not have children under age 18 living in their household.



Preferences for Broader Site Features

- 63% of respondents value accessible paths to the waterfront and between amenities
- 69% support having a small watercraft launch point.
 - Only 40% said ADA-accessible launch is important.
- 52% find a rinse-off station outside the new restroom important.



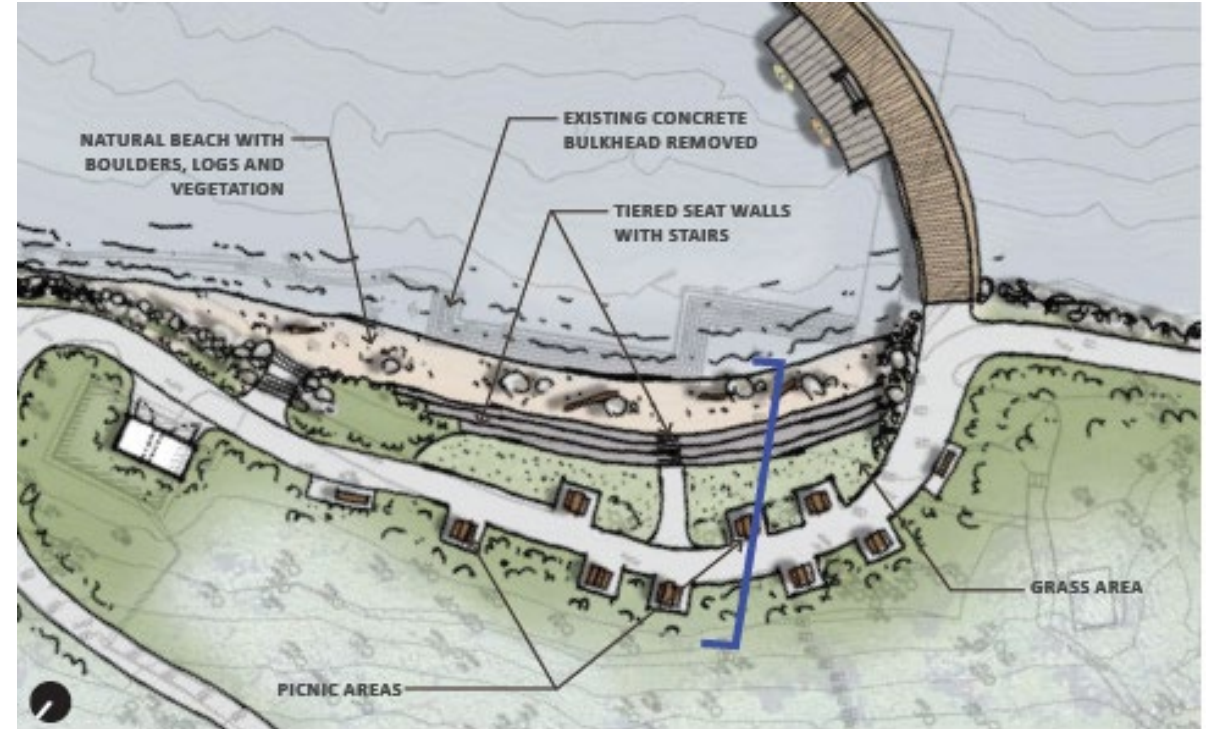
Waterfront Amenity Improvements

North Beach & Play Area



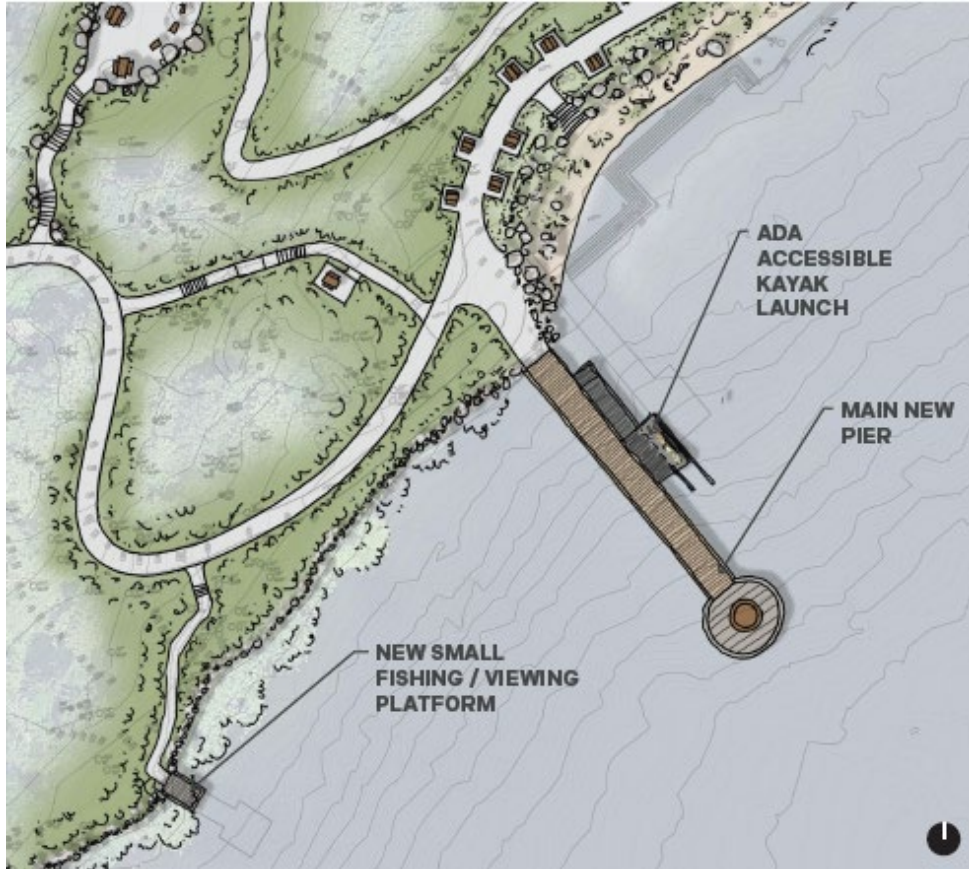
54% prefer Concept 1

Central Beach & Picnic Area



52% prefer Concept 2

Pier Configuration



37% prefer Concept 1



31% prefer Concept 3

Upland Improvements

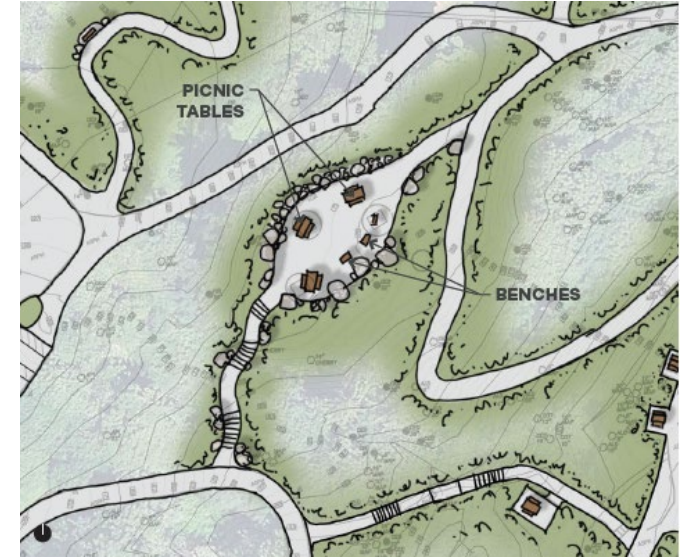
Seating Amenities

- 38% of responses are for a large group picnic area with multiple picnic tables (shown in Concept 1).
- 54% are for small areas with individual picnic tables (shown in Concept 3).
- 42% are for benches.

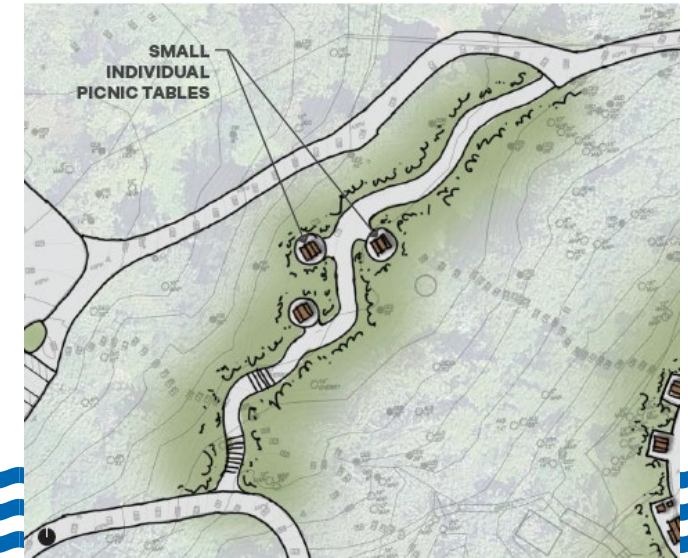
BBQ Amenities

- 27% of responses are for small BBQ stations for individual or family use.
- 10% are for a large group BBQ station.

Concept 1



Concept 3



Prioritizing Park Amenities

With limited funding, which park amenities would you prioritize for inclusion in the infrastructure plan? (1 = highest, 5 = lowest)

1. Dock/pier enhancements
2. Restroom upgrades
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Preferences for Broader Site Features

Volleyball Court

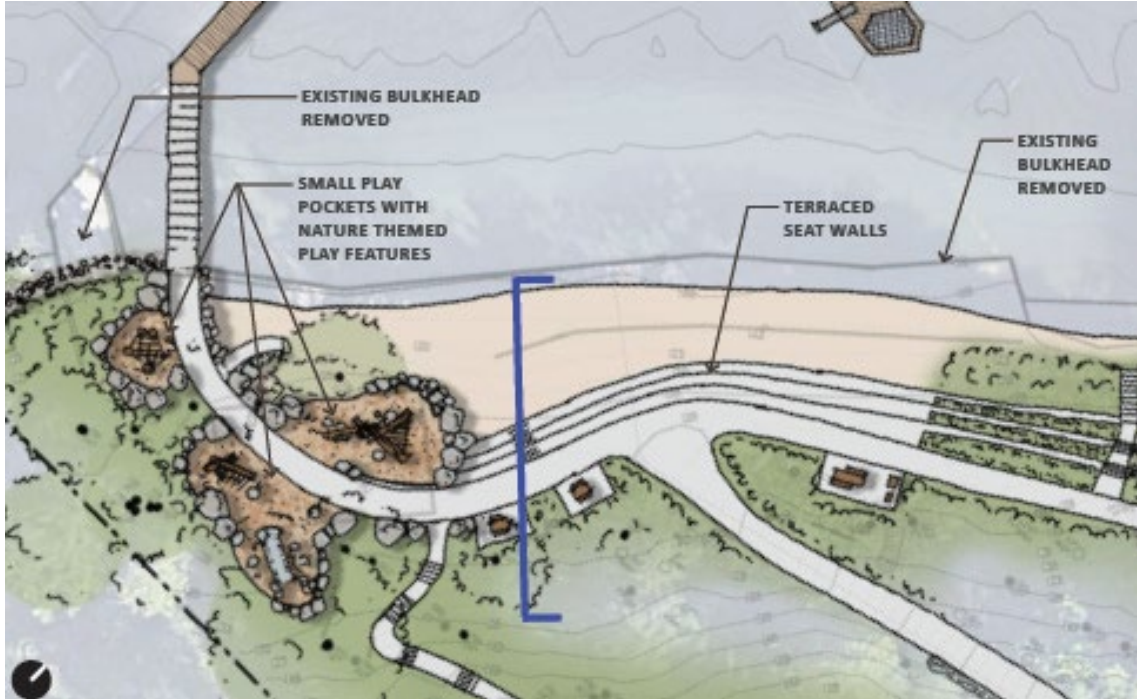
- 45% prefer to keep the sand volleyball court *(either in its current location or relocated in the park)*.
- 28% prefer that the sand volleyball court be removed.

Restroom Facility Amenities

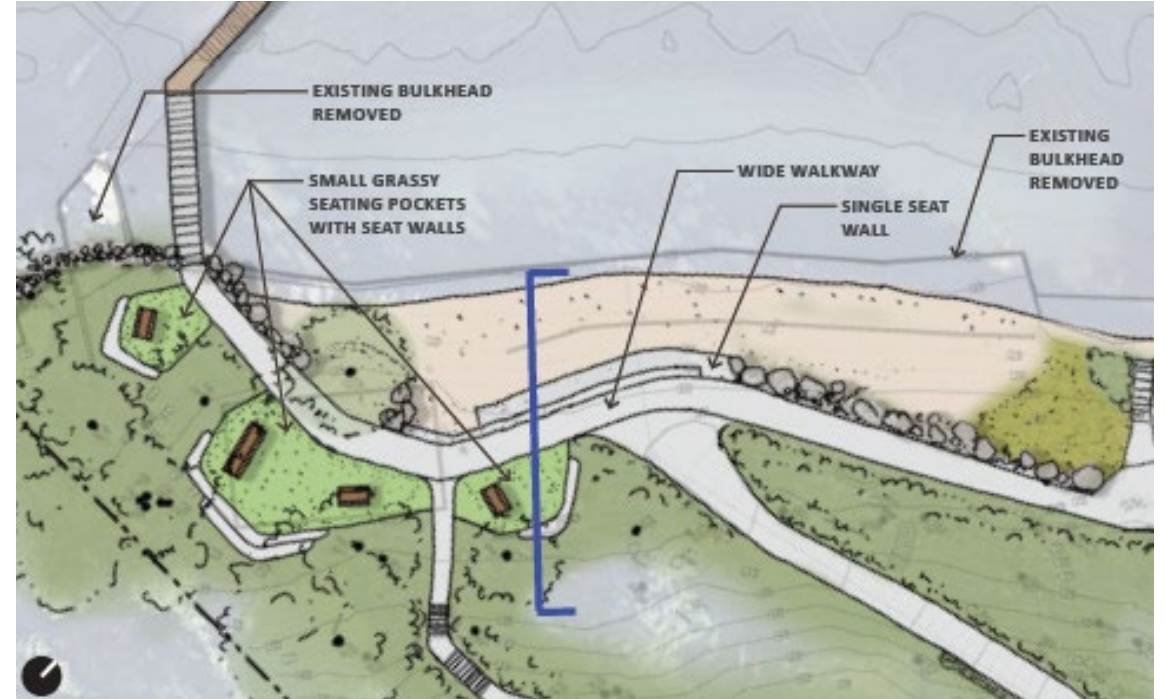
- 93% want an outdoor rinse-off station
- 42% want changing rooms
- 22% want small personal lockers
- 19% want an adult changing station



Waterfront Amenity Improvements



36% prefer Concept 2

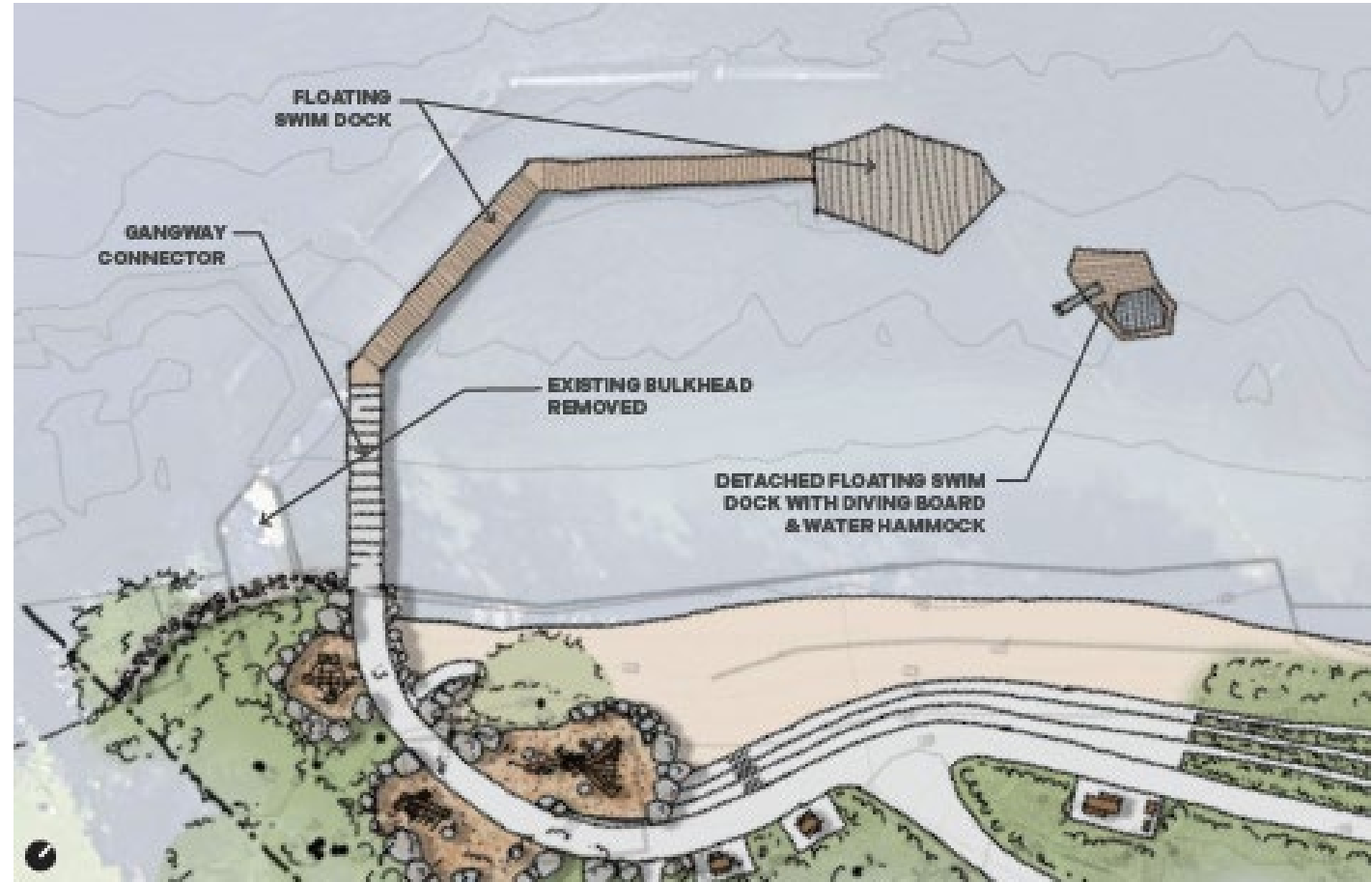


35% prefer Concept 3

Pier Configuration

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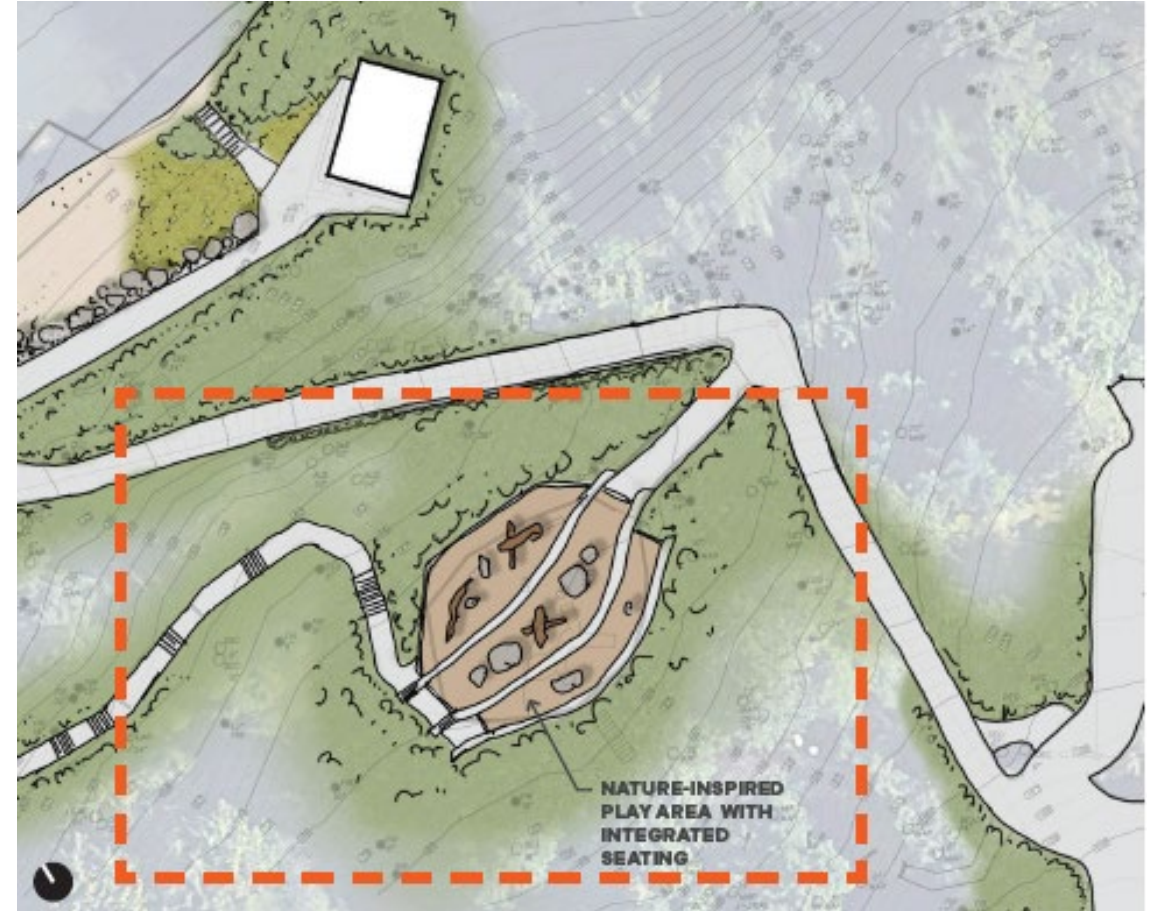
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Upland Improvements

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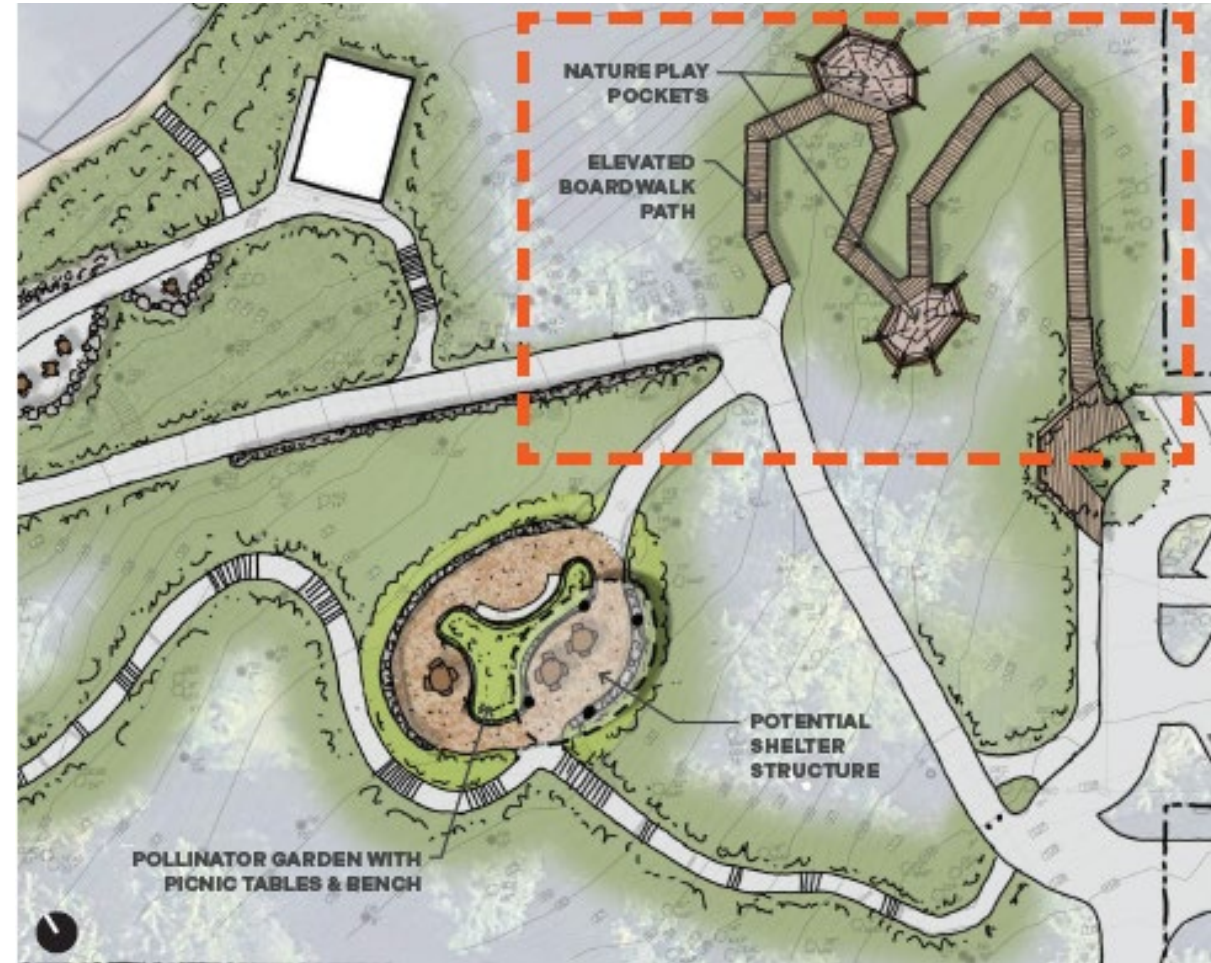
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Tree Canopy Boardwalk

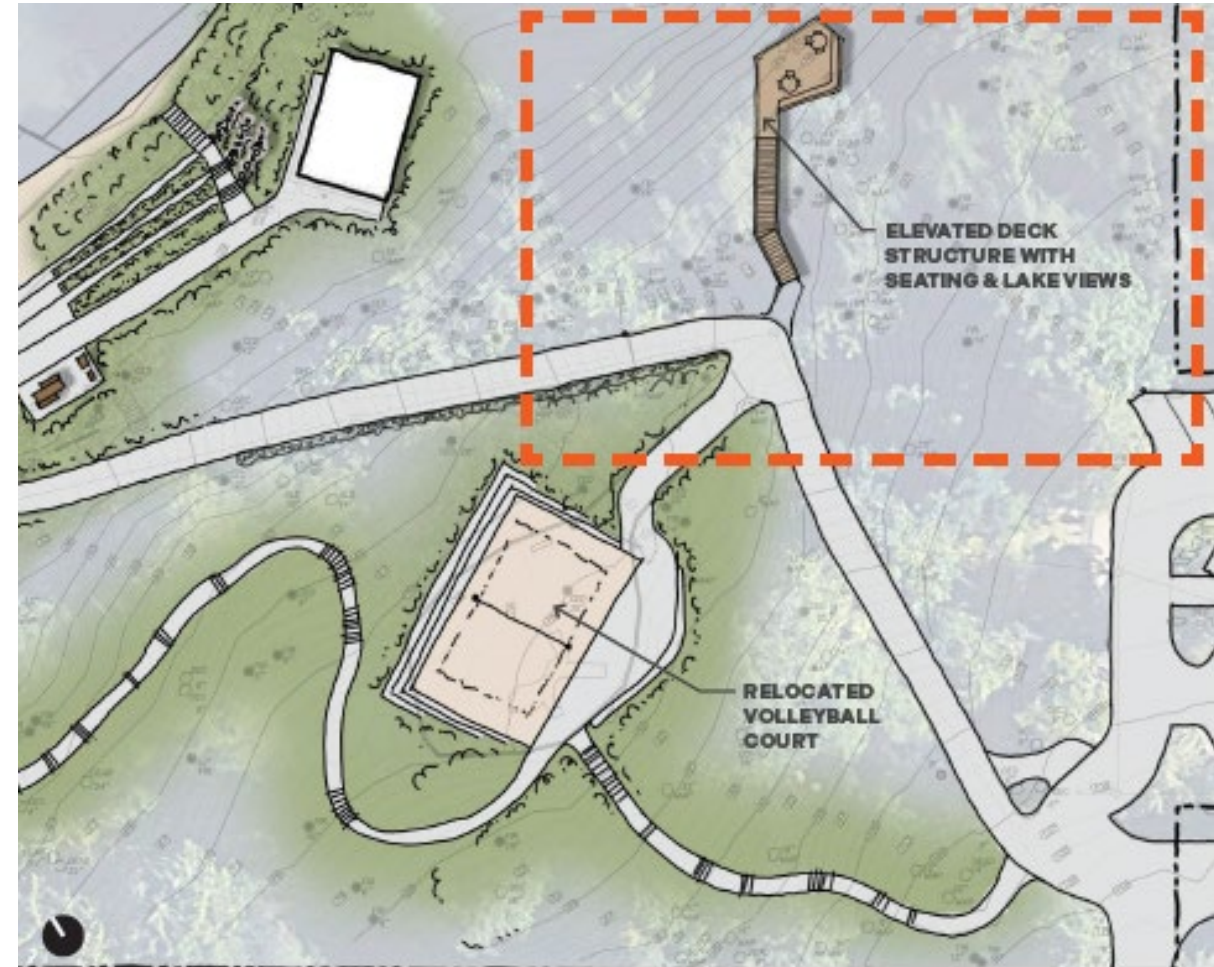
- 8% would prioritize before implementing other park improvements.
- 32% would prioritize after implementing other park improvements.
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Prioritizing Park Amenities

Elevated Viewing Deck

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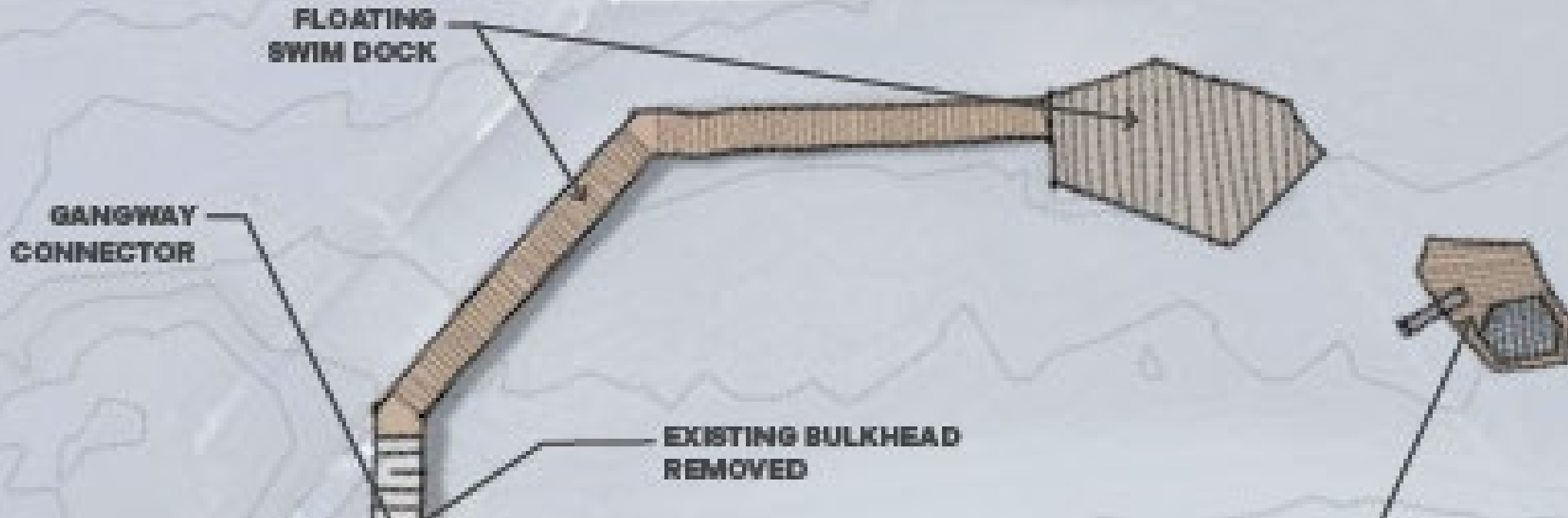
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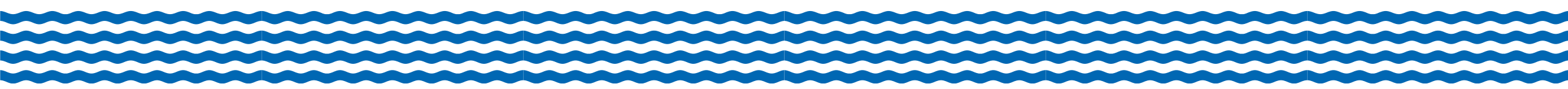


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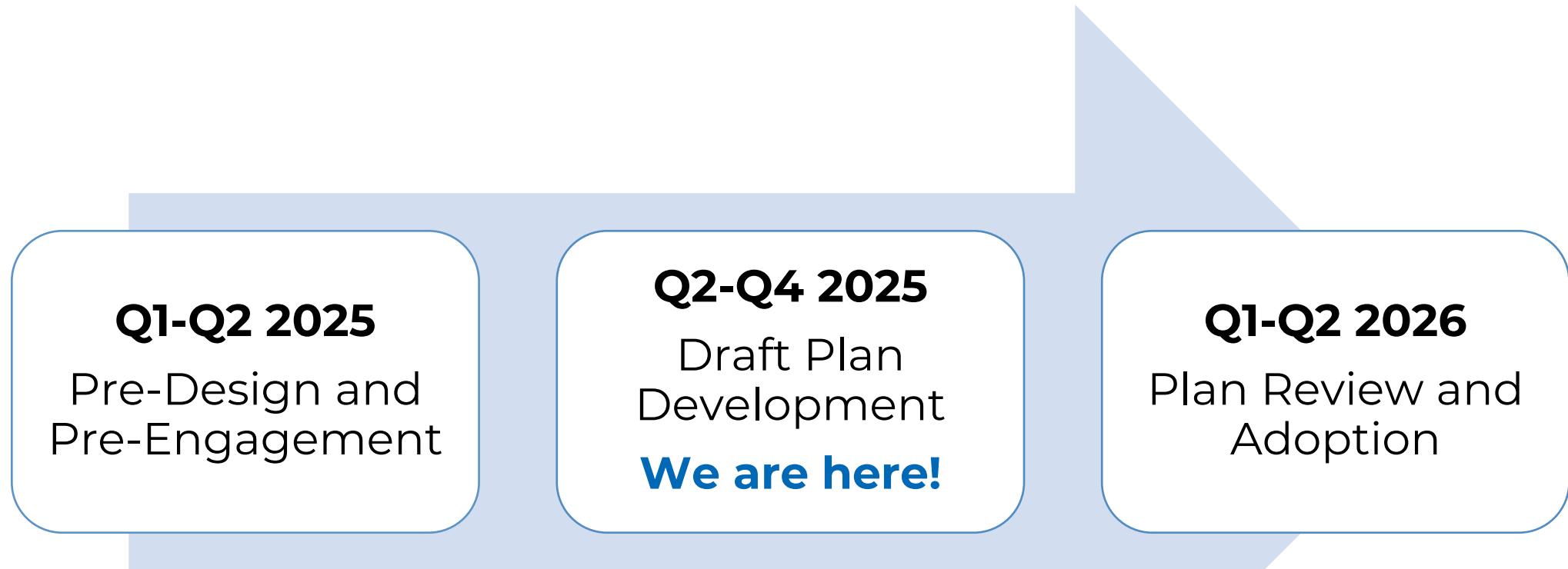


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