

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, July 10, 2025
6:30 pm
The Waterfront, 7676 Ramsey Parkway NW

Remote Attendance available at www.cityoframsey.com/meetings.
Those joining remotely and requesting to speak are asked to use a webcam when speaking.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Citizen Input**

3. **Approve Agenda**

4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated June 12th, 2025.

5. **Commission Business**
 1. Resident Request to Remove Neighborhood Trail Connection
 2. Water Play Development at The Waterfront - Progress Report

6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Two Rivers Art Fair Information and Invitation
 2. Recreation Program Update - July

7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: 07/10/2025

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative: Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.
1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated June 12th, 2025.

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve meeting minutes.

Notification:

N/A

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff anticipates this case will take less than 5 minutes.

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated June 12th, 2025.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated June 12th, 2025.

Attachments

Park and Recreation Minutes June 12th, 2025

Form Review

Inbox

Brian Hagen
Form Started By: Mariah Albrecht
Final Approval Date: 07/03/2025

Reviewed By

Brian Hagen

Date

07/03/2025 02:15 PM
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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on June 12, 2025, in the Lake Itasca Room at The City Hall, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Megan Ealain
 Vice Chair Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Garth Anderson
 Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Dean Olson
 Commissioner Brandon Sis

Commission Members Absent:

Also Present: City Council Liaison Kirsten Buscher
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood
 Recreation Coordinator Abby Proulx

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ealain called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Ealain; Commissioners Barten, Sis, Anderson, Arts, Bennett, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sis noted that he was not at the meeting and should be listed as absent.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Barten, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes as amended:

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2025

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Ealain; Commissioners Bennett, Barten, Anderson, Arts, Olson, and Sis. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: The Waterfront – Water-Play and Eastern Park Development Process

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood presented background information on the concept planning for The Waterfront and the progress that has been made in the past few years. He stated that residents are excited about the park and water play feature planned and have voiced support for the project. He stated that the City Council has taken action based on that support and recently authorized the work plan for the water play. He stated that tonight the Commission is asked to approve the same plan.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided additional information on the seven community parks and features throughout the parks system, which are geographically placed around the community. He noted that The Waterfront is a community park that is meant for all residents, not just those within The COR area. He recognized the cost for the water play area and the community building, noting that because of that cost, they would plan to move forward with the water play area first and follow in a later stage with the community building. He estimated a 13-month schedule, which, although aggressive, would allow for a grand opening of July 1, 2026, for the water play. He noted that the design team has begun to meet biweekly on this project and highlighted some of the details they will be working out during that planning process. He stated that the bid documents should be prepared this winter, and the bid can include liquidated damages to ensure the project is completed prior to the July 1st deadline. He hoped that the Commission could begin to review some recommendations at the July meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to recommend City Council approval \$268,900 from the Park Trust Fund for the next steps on the Waterfront project.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Ealain; Commissioners Bennett, Sis, Anderson, Arts, Barten, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Councilmember Buscher provided additional input on the information presented to the Council on this project and different elements that could potentially be added to the project, such as a wading pool. She asked that staff speak to the Council sooner rather than later, related to the community building. She noted that she has received comments in support of higher taxes in return for a community center, but realized those positions may change. She realized that the community building would not meet the same aggressive timeline as the water play, but perhaps could move forward faster than anticipated. She stated that she was not tied to the July 1st deadline and would prefer to make sure the project is completed correctly.

Commissioner Bennett commented that the phased approach could provide benefit. He noted that if the water play is opened and successful, that could bring pressure to move forward with the community building. He also noted the broader benefit to the local businesses that is created when people come from outside the community to local features.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided additional information on similar facilities in other communities that benefit from public/private partnerships between cities and companies that can assist in operating the facility. He noted additional opportunities that may be available for the City to partner with other local businesses, such as the Hilton, to provide community hours.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: May Recreation Program Update

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the report provides links and information on the recreational programming. He noted a grant received for \$84,000 from the Metropolitan Council for emerald ash borer replanting. He stated that at the July meeting, he will provide the Commission with additional information on the grant the City received for The Waterfront.

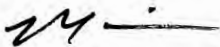
7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Barten, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Ealain; Commissioners Bennett, Barten, Anderson, Arts, Olson, and Sis. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 07/10/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Resident Request to Remove Neighborhood Trail Connection

Purpose/Background:

In May of this year, Mr. Jeff Lammert a resident at 7494 159th Ave in the Woodlands subdivision, contacted city staff about the potential for removal of a trail west of his house that provides the connection between the aforementioned neighborhood, and the one to the south at Traprock Street. The attachment begins with the site location map, and includes images of the trail connections this case discusses.

In summary, the trail was constructed by the Woodlands subdivision's developer at the direction of the city to provide intra-neighborhood connectivity. The city trail was in place before the house was built on Lot 5, Woodlands 2nd Addition in 2016, and also in existence and in public use when Mr. Lammert considered purchasing the property and house in 2021.

It is staff's understanding that Mr. Lammert learned that the area of his lot was larger than he thought, and actually 'under' the easement containing the 10' foot bituminous trail, when he ordered a survey for the purpose of placement of a fence for the yard. It was at this time he inquired of staff about the possibility or process associated with potential removal of the trail. Staff responded that they would not be supportive of removal of the trail, nor the expense associated with it, and that, "*the trail was created to connect the two neighborhoods, at the time of the platting of the Woodlands subdivision many years ago. The trail provides walking and biking access to the south from the Woodlands, and the inverse from the Traprock Street neighborhood, to the north and east to the substantial and beloved boardwalk and trail along the entire east side of the Woodlands.*"

Mr. Lammert requested to be heard by the Park & Recreation Commission on his request for the removal of the trail, and thus the purpose of this case. He is expected to be present at the meeting, and provide his perspectives.

Notification:

Public notifications should occur if public improvements are proposed for removal.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Additional information will be available at the meeting.

Funding Source:

No special funding is required to discuss the request to remove the trail.

If the Commission would recommend, or support further consideration on the removal of the trail, there may be Public Hearing and notification costs (mailings and publication, escrows for staff time etc.), and perhaps ultimately, the need to identify other costs that would be associated with the physical trail removal (e.g. concrete pedestrian ramp removals and curb replacements).

Recommendation:

Staff does not recommend trail removals—but rather, additional and improved neighborhood trail connections generally.

Outcome/Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

Neighborhood Trail Connection Exhibit

Form Review

Inbox

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

Final Approval Date: 07/03/2025

Reviewed By

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

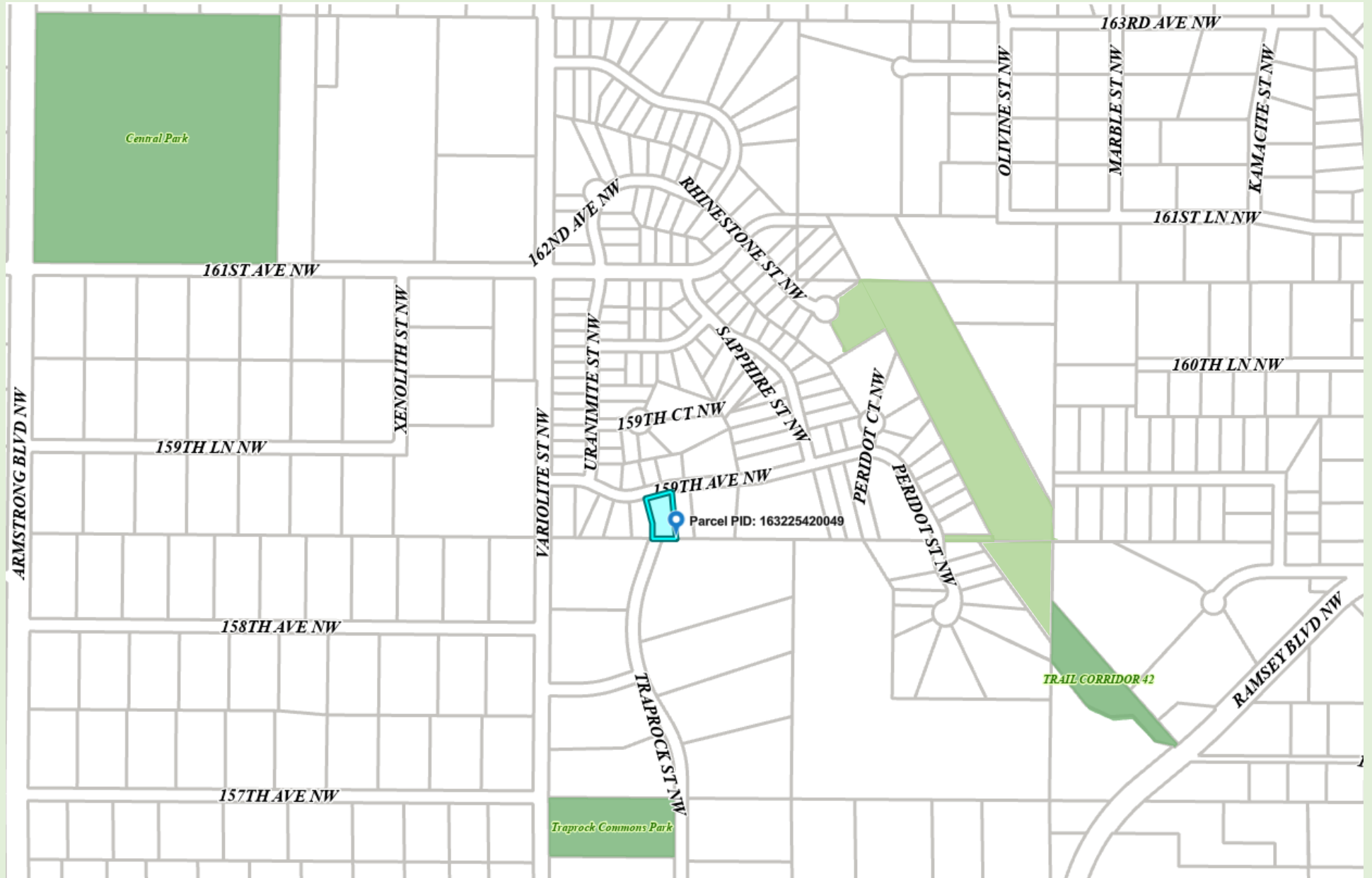
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Site location map



EARTHWORK SUMMARY

Excavation:
 Common Ex. = 97.2 c.y.
 Footing Ex. = 10.0 c.y.
 Garage Footing Over Ex. = 7.0 c.y.
 Footing Wall Ex. = 8.3 c.y.
 = 122.5 c.y.

Fill:
 Common Fill = 507.6 c.y.
 Driveway Hold-Down = 17.0 c.y.
 = 490.6 c.y.

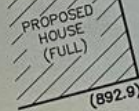
Excavation-Fill = 368.1 c.y. SHORT

Approved by
 Ramsey Engineering Department

Date: 12/7/16 JF

Comments:

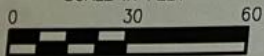
Install silt fence around perimeter of lot or as directed by the inspector. Maintain until turf is reestablished.



- △ Denotes set spike
- Denotes set iron monument
- Denotes found iron monument
- Denotes proposed drainage
- tc Denotes top of curb
- x900.0 Denotes existing elevation
- (930.0) Denotes proposed elevation



SCALE IN FEET

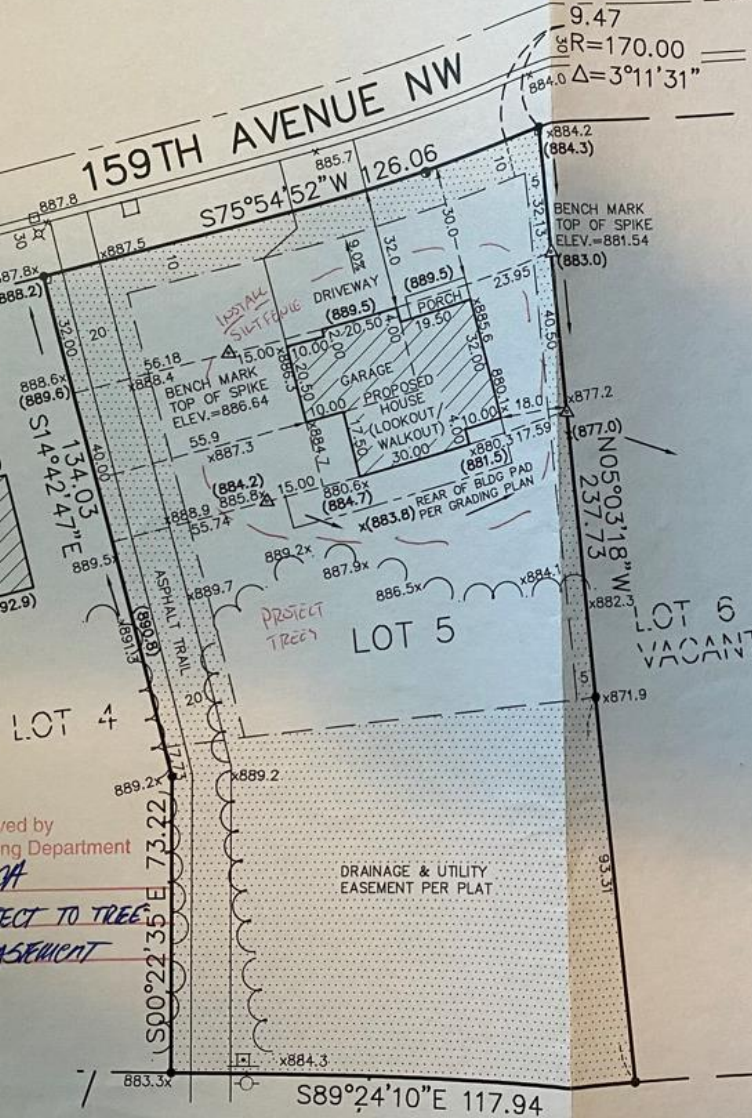


1 inch = 30 feet

Approved by
 Ramsey Planning Department

Date: 12-5-16 CH

Comments: SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION EASEMENT (DOC. ENCLOSED).



PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 5, Block 2, WOODLANDS 2ND ADDITION, Anoka County, Minnesota

PROPERTY ADDRESS

7494 159th Avenue NW, Ramsey, Minnesota

NOTES

1. Bearings are based on the recorded plat.
2. Building dimensions shown are for horizontal and vertical placement of structure only. See architectural plans for building and foundation dimensions.
3. No specific soils investigation has been completed on this lot by James R. Hill, Inc. the suitability of soils to support the specific house proposed is not the responsibility of James R. Hill, Inc. or the surveyor.
4. No specific title search for existence or non-existence of recorded or un-recorded easements has been conducted by the surveyor as a part of this survey. Only easements per the recorded plat are shown.
5. Proposed grades shown were taken from the grading &/or development plan prepared by Anderson Passe & Ass.
6. Grading plan date/revision date: 4/15/2014
7. Plan No. 5005 A3-ALEXANDER

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 BY: 338913

BENCHMARK

Top nut of hydrant located at Lots 4 and 5, Block 1 = 877.71

FLOOR ELEVATIONS

	Proposed
Garage Floor @ Front	= 889.8
Garage Top of Block	= 890.2
House Top of Block	= 890.2
Lowest Floor	= 882.2
Top of Floor at Lookout Window	= 885.4

SCANNED

HARD COVER CALCULATIONS

Lot	= 26,656 sq. ft.
House/Garage	= 1,687 sq. ft.
Porch	= 99 sq. ft.
Driveway	= 919 sq. ft.
Total Impervious	= 2,705 sq. ft. or 10.1 % of lot

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota. That this survey does not purport to show all improvements, easements or encroachments, to the property except as shown thereon.

Signed this 14th day of November, 2016

Marcus F. Hampton
 Marcus F. Hampton, MN L.S. No. 47481

James R. Hill, Inc.
 PLANNERS / ENGINEERS / SURVEYORS
 2500 WEST COUNTY ROAD 42, SUITE 120,
 BURNSVILLE, MN 55337
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CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

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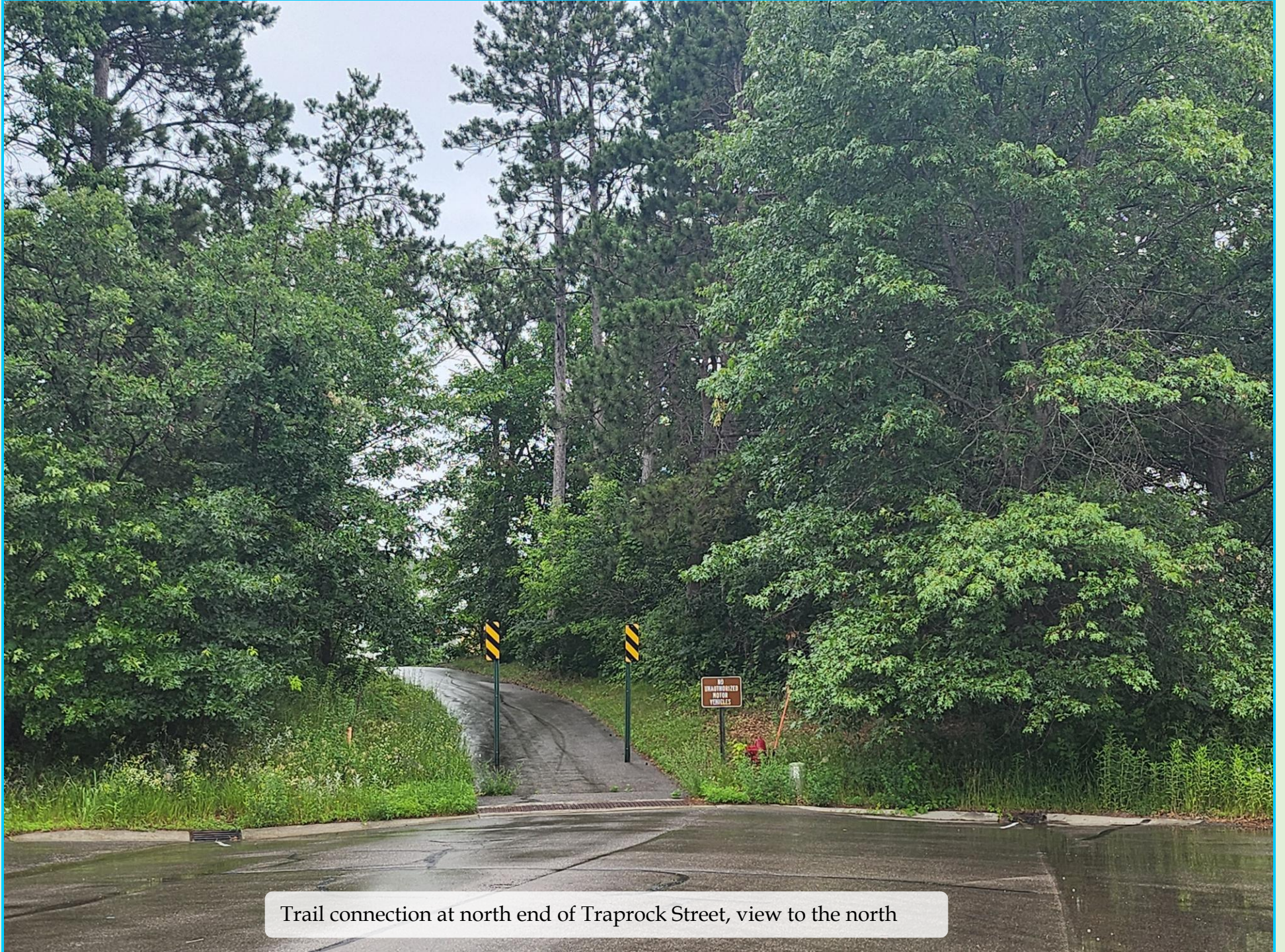
Lot 5, Block 2, WOODLANDS 2ND ADDITION,
 Ramsey, Minnesota

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 JCB
 DATE
 11/14/2016
 REVISIONS

CAD FILE
 Civil 3D\38
 PROJECT
 36077
 SHEET 1



Trail connection in the Woodlands subdivision at 7494 159th Ave, view to the south



Trail connection at north end of Traprock Street, view to the north

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Example Similar Trail Connection Below



* Example, other trail connection in the Woodlands, NOT the Subject Trail

Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 07/10/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Water Play Development at The Waterfront - Progress Report

Purpose/Background:

As the Commission is fully aware, the planning and process for developing the eastern portion of The Waterfront is well underway, with the goal of having the water play amenity and adjoining grounds substantially complete and open to the public July 1st, 2026.

The Commission can expect progress reports most months leading up to approval of the Plans and Specifications, and competitive bidding later this coming Winter, for Spring construction. There are no attachments as of the time of publication of this agenda, but there may be schematic design renderings or perspective views added to this case the week of the Commission's regular meeting, which, weather permitting, will be held at the site of the park development this case discusses.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Additional information will be presented for the meeting.

Funding Source:

All funding for the water play area of The Waterfront would be from the Park Trust Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff will provide a recommendation at the meeting, for any items that may need Commission action.

Outcome/Action:

No action required/based upon discussion.

Attachments

The Waterfront - Commission Update

Form Review

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THE WATERFRONT

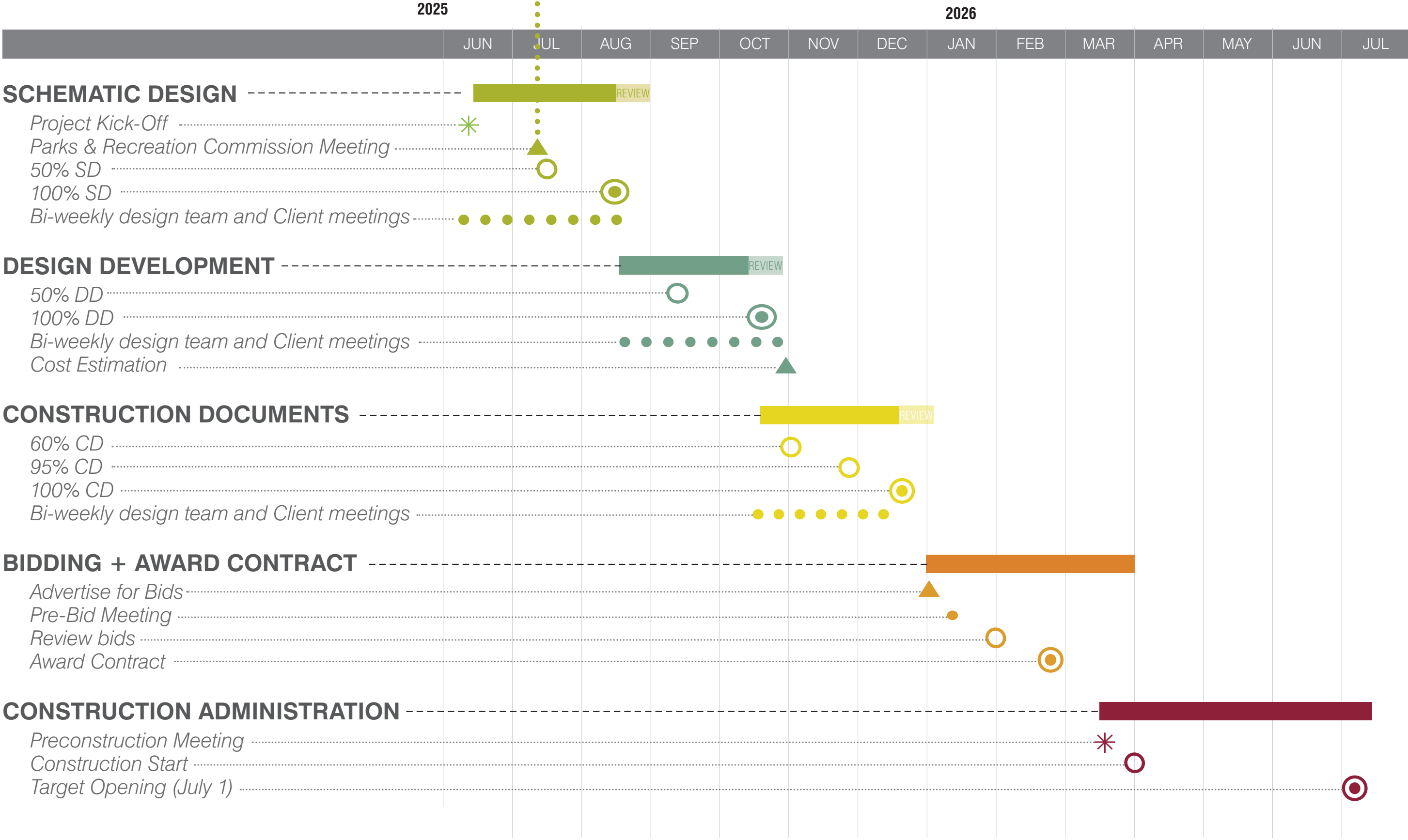
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JULY 10, 2025

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PARKS COMMISSION UPDATE

SCHEDULE

WE ARE HERE



PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

- \$3 Million

PROJECT SCOPE

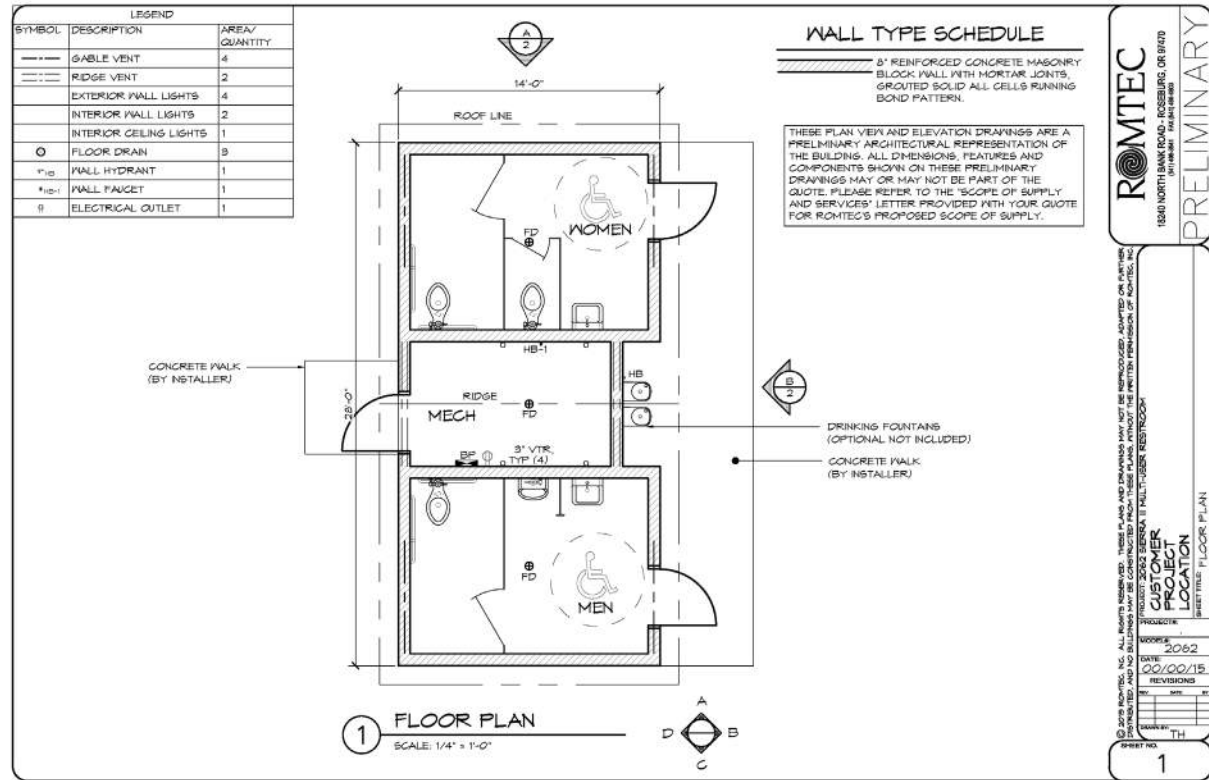
- 12,500 Sq Foot Water Play Space
- Surrounding Park Context: Including Walkways, Landscaping, Seating, Lighting, Fencing, Etc.
- Shaded Pavilion/Pergola Space(S) For Group Rental
- Dozens Of Jets To Accommodate Water Play For 400+ Children
- Run-Through System (Not Recirculated Water)
- Vault For Mechanicals – (In Earthen Berm With Man Door Preferred Or Below Ground With Hatch)
- Site Lighting
- Led Lighting In Water Jets
- Power Supply To Site, Mechanical Vault, Site Lighting
- Dedicated Restrooms (not in current scope but newly required by MDH)

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

Design Drivers

- Develop project that can seamlessly connect to future community building
- Develop a design visible from the street intersection
- Design a pass-through aquatic engineered system
- Provide “architectural water play” in lieu of playground appearance splash pad
- Provide continuous opportunity to engage with the water as it flows to the forebay
- Include reservable/rentable pavilion spaces for revenue generation
- Maintain views to lake while providing sense of intimacy and addressing exposure to wind
- New MDH rules necessitate restrooms and showers

PREFABRICATED FACILITIES



CUSTOM DESIGNED FACILITIES



SUMMARY

MDH Shower Requirements – Splash Pad

[Minnesota Health Code Requirements (Minn. R. ch. 4717.3650)]

- **Legal Minimum:**

- Showers Now Required For Splash Pads
- Pending Rule Change By Minnesota Department Of Health.

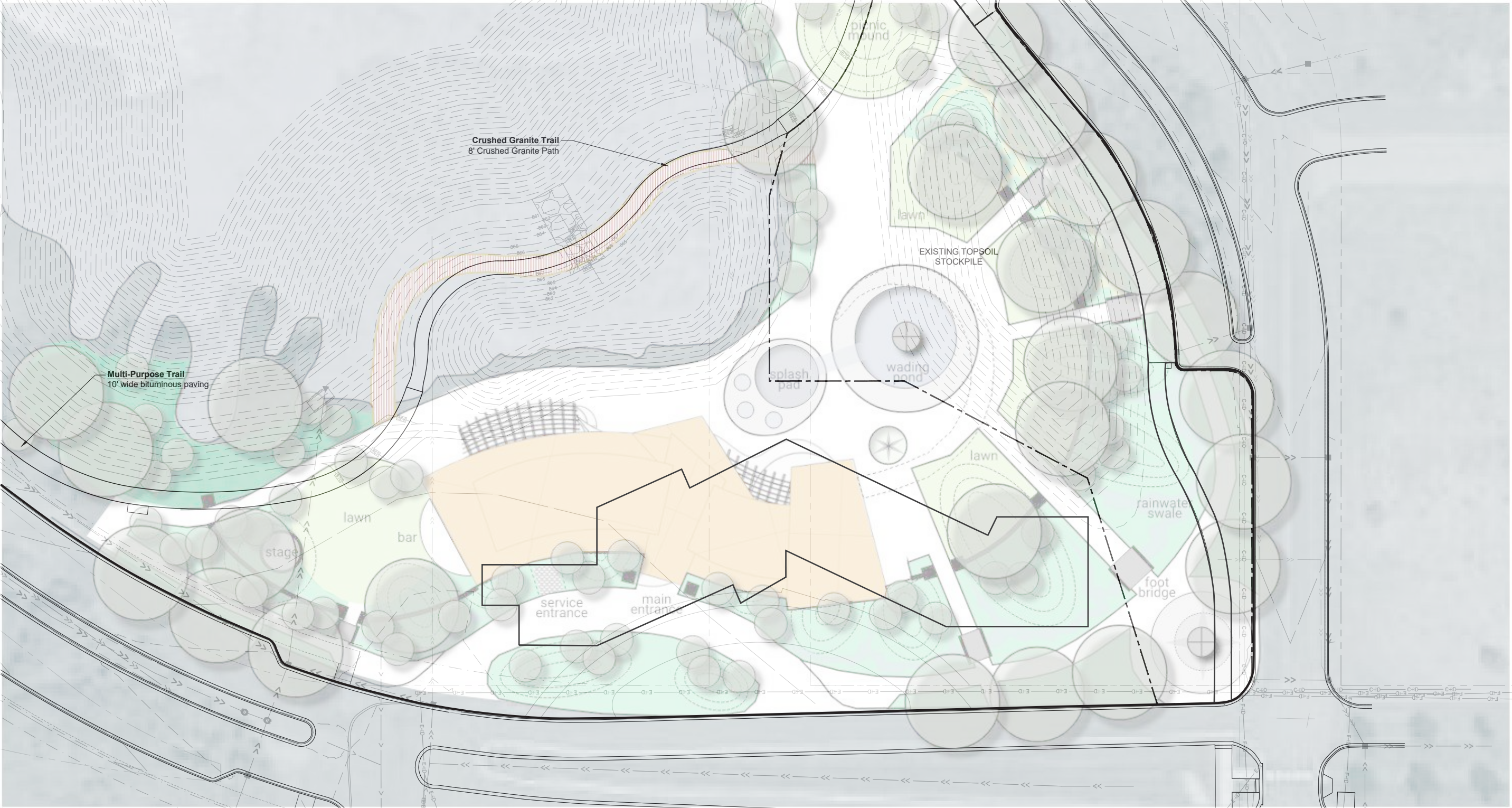
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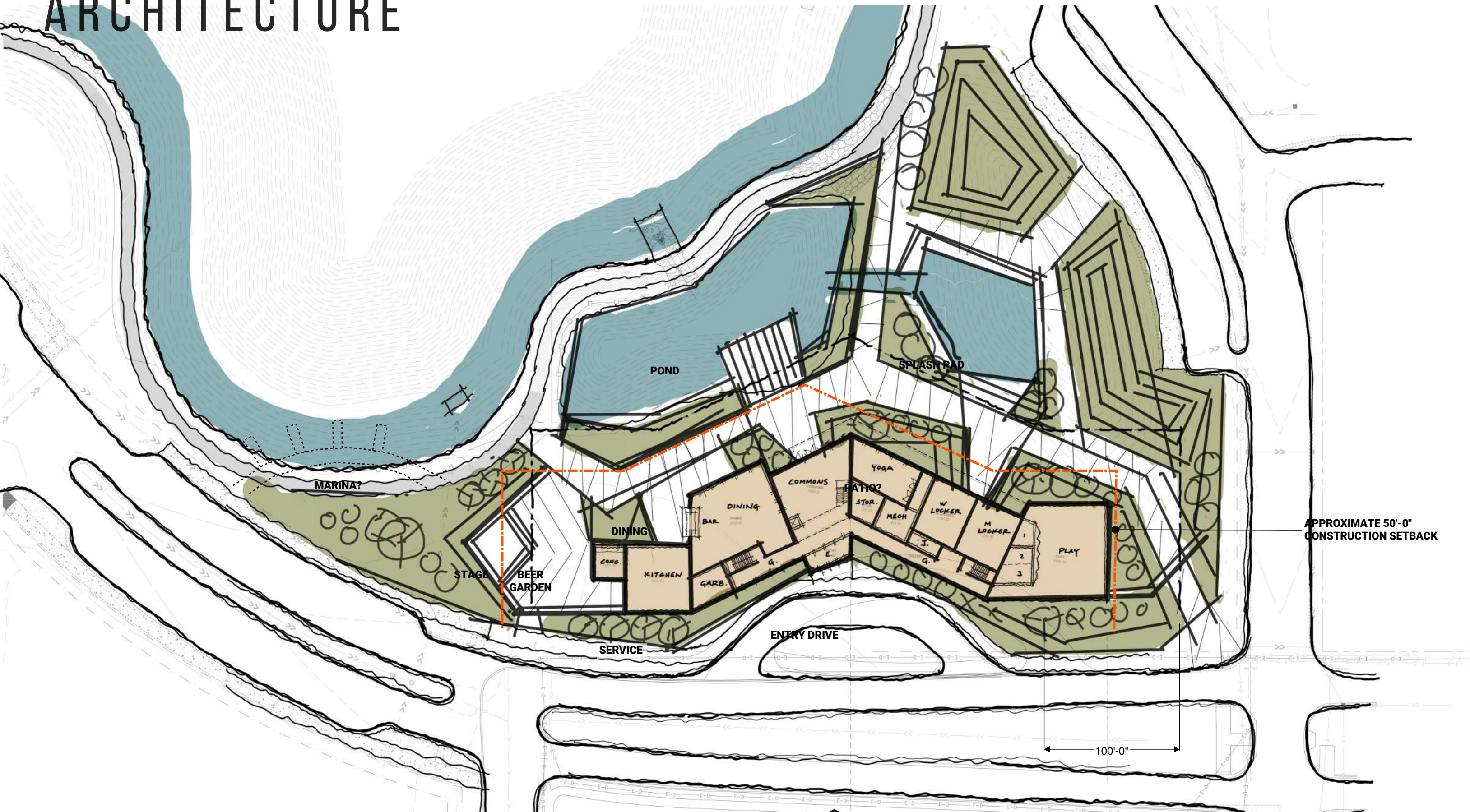


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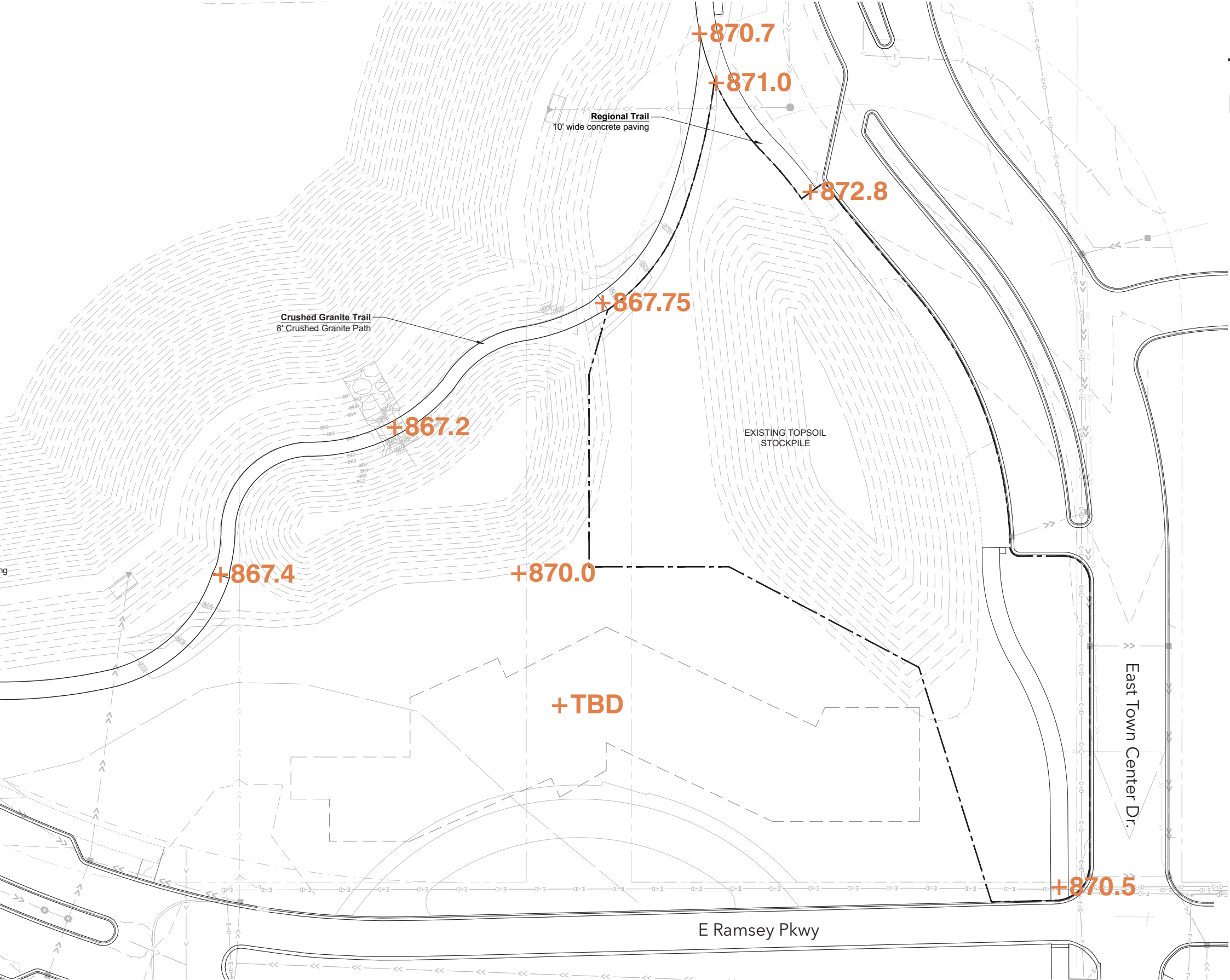


Ramsey Waterfront Community Building
Landscape

ARCHITECTURE



SITE GRADING + TOPOGRAPHY



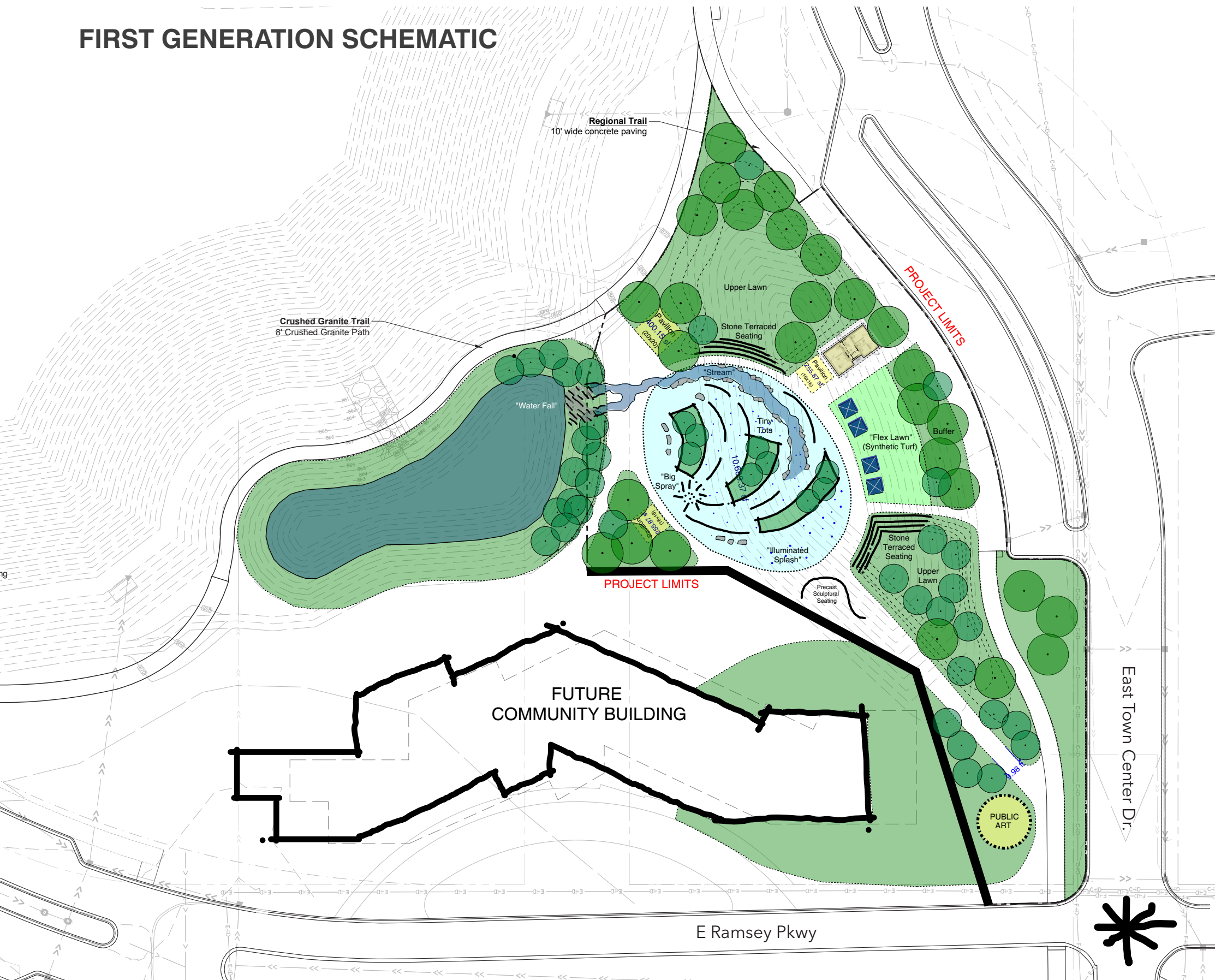
SUMMARY

NEEDING ADDITIONAL AS-BUILT DATA:

- Seeking as-built for Ramsey Parkway from City of Ramsey
- Need as-builts or updated survey to determine floor elevation of the future building

SCHEMATIC DESIGN - THE WAVE

FIRST GENERATION SCHEMATIC



SUMMARY

TOTAL WATER PLAY SF:

- 10,000 SF

FEATURES:

- Stream
- Mister Fountains
- Stone Terraced Seating
- Illuminated Splash
- (4) 8' x 8' Umbrellas
- Precast Sculptural Seating
- Synthetic Turf "Flex Lawn"
- Public Art at Road Intersection

WATER PLAY ZONES:

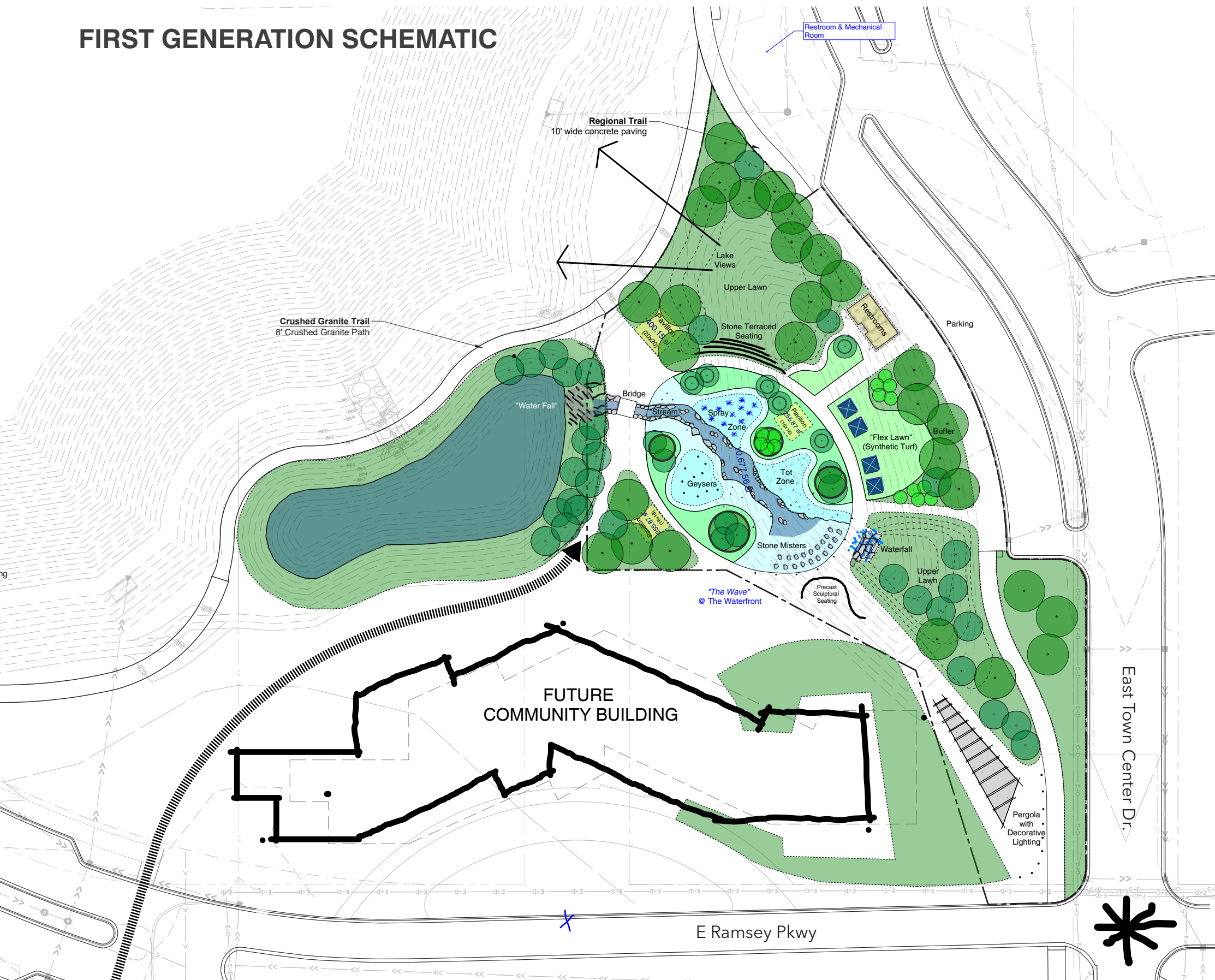
- 4 Zones (Stream, Tots Zone, Big Spray, Illuminated Splash)
- Actuator Controls

PAVILIONS:

- (1) - 20'x 20' Pavilion 400 sf
- (2) - 16'x 16' Pavilion 256 sf

SCHEMATIC DESIGN - THE CURRENT

FIRST GENERATION SCHEMATIC



SUMMARY

TOTAL WATER PLAY SF:

- 11,000 SF

FEATURES:

- Central Stream
- Integrated Synthetic Lawn + Splash Play
- 9' Waterfall
- Integrated Stone Seating / Planters in Splay Play Zone
- Illuminated Splash
- (4) 8' x 8' Umbrellas
- Precast Sculptural Seating
- Stone Terraced Seating
- Synthetic Turf "Flex Lawn"
- Public Art at Road Intersection

WATER PLAY ZONES:

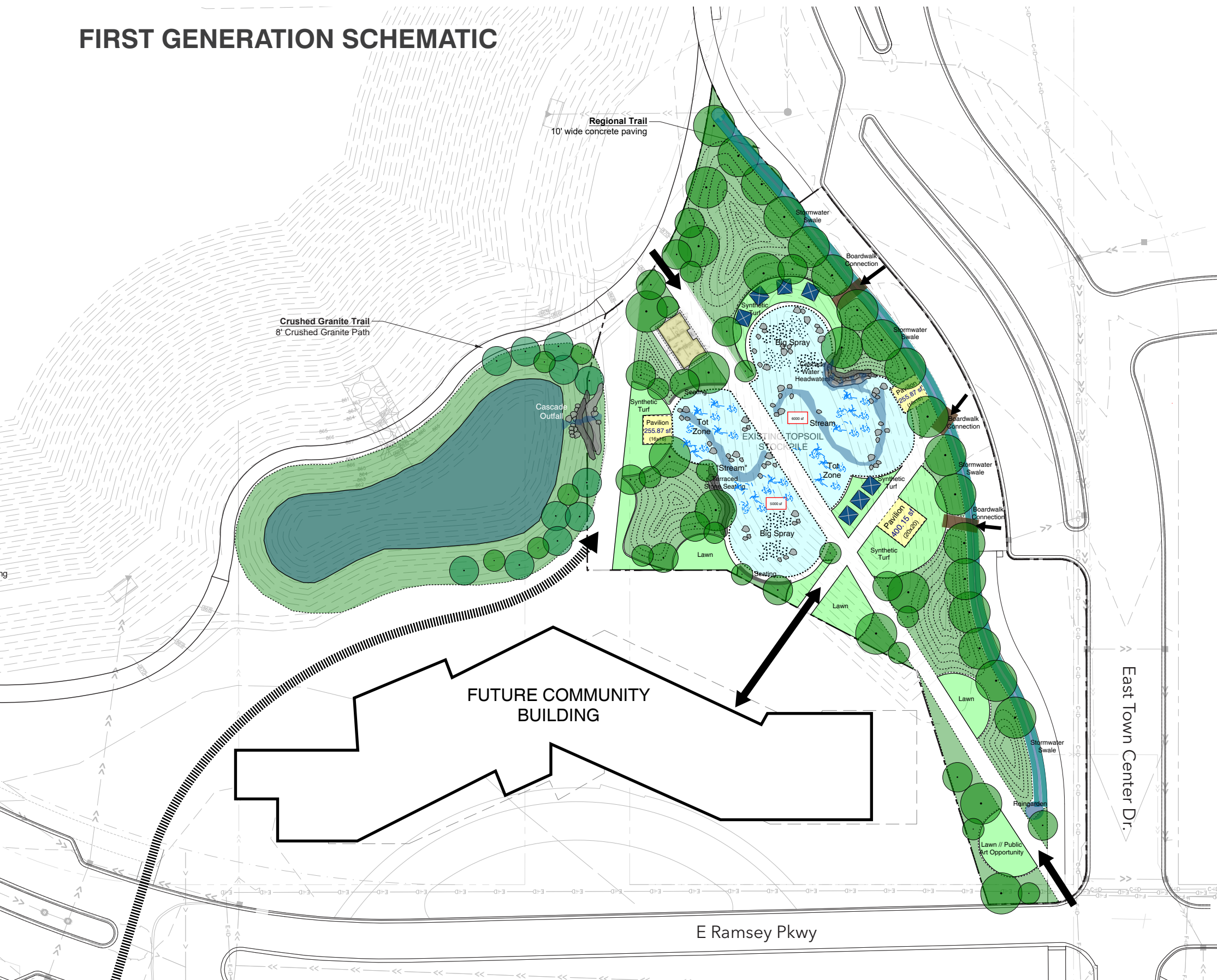
- 4 Zones (Stream, Tots Zone, Big Spray, Waterfall)
- Actuator Controls

PAVILIONS:

- (1) - 20'x 20' Pavilion 400 sf
- (2) - 16'x 16' Pavilion 256 sf

SCHEMATIC DESIGN - THE BLUFFS

FIRST GENERATION SCHEMATIC



SUMMARY

TOTAL WATER PLAY SF:

- 11,000 SF

FEATURES:

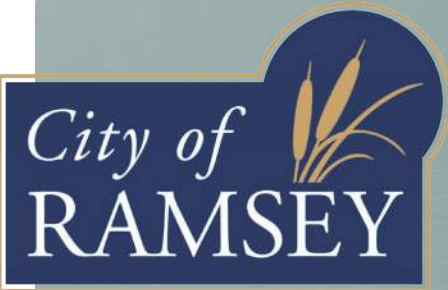
- Winding Stream
- Stone Cascade / Waterfall Headwaters
- Sculptural Boulder Play
- Stone Terrace Seating
- (7) 8' x 8' Umbrellas
- Stone Block Perimeter Seating
- Stone Terraced Seating
- Synthetic Turf "Flex Lawn" at 2 Pavilions
- Boardwalk Connection Over Stormwater Planting/Swale
- Public Art at Road Intersection

WATER PLAY ZONES:

- 4 Zones (Stream, Tots Zone, Big Spray, Headwaters Cascade)
- Actuator Controls

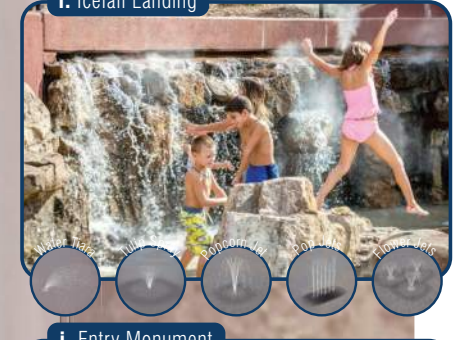
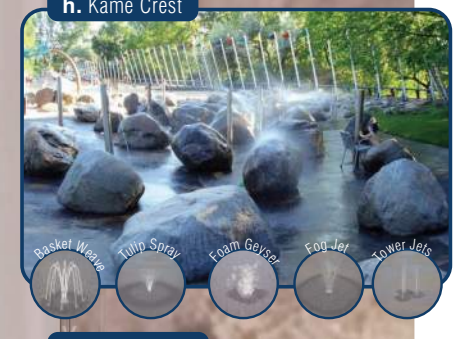
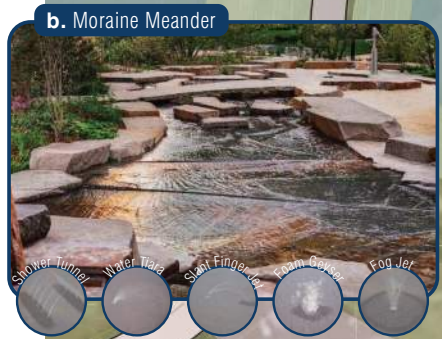
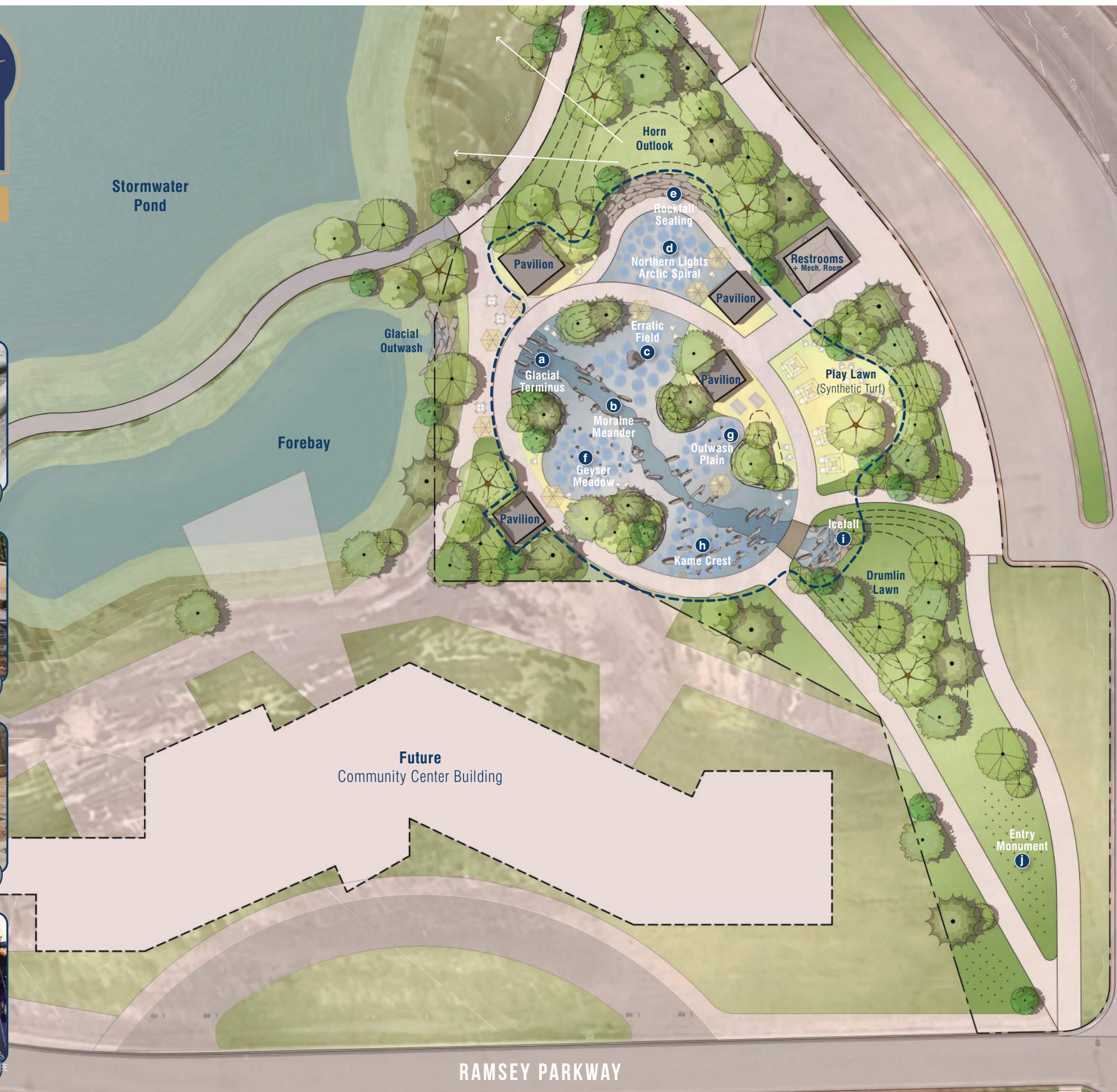
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THE WATERFRONT

Total Water Play: 22,250 sf



CENTER STREET

RAMSEY PARKWAY

ENLARGEMENT.



STONE CONSIDERATIONS



SUMMARY

LOCAL STONE

- Alternatives: Granite, Jasper, Virginia Slate
- Material Characteristics:
 - Finish: As-is material with natural cleft or broken faces
 - Texture: Rough and non-slip — appropriate for use in/around water play environments
 - Sizes: Available in a range of sizes; large quarried blocks also possible
 - Availability: Inventory on-hand – no shop fabrication required
 - Ideal for fast-track construction timelines
- Pricing
 - \$40–\$60 per cubic foot, including shipping
 - Final pricing dependent on size, quantity, and delivery specifics
- Design Intent & Use
 - Integrate natural boulders as sculptural and functional site features:
 - Seating
 - Edge containment
 - Climbable elements (pending safety review)
 - Integration with splash pad grading & water features
 - Avoids fabrication delays; aligns with fast-tracked construction schedule

FURNISHINGS - SEATING

BENCHES + ADIRONDACKS



TABLES + CHAIRS / DINING



FURNISHINGS- SITE ELEMENTS

RECEPTACLES



PLANTERS



BIKE ACCOMMODATIONS



UMBRELLAS + PAVILIONS

UMBRELLAS



PAVILIONS



LIGHTING

POSTS



BOLLARDS / PATHWAY



CATENARY LIGHTS



BENCH / WALL

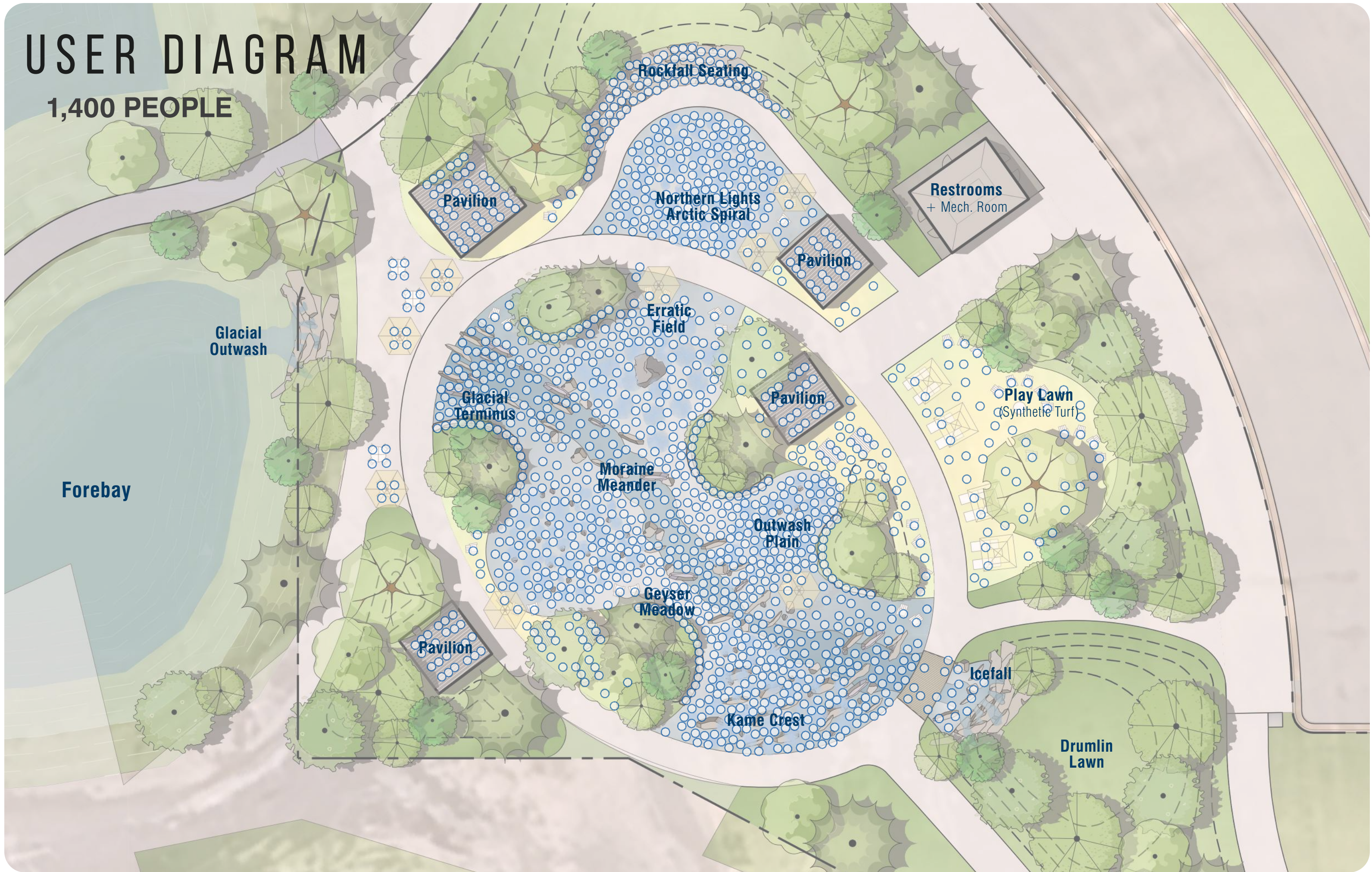


PUBLIC ART



USER DIAGRAM

1,400 PEOPLE



Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 07/10/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Connect the community through Parks, Trails and Recreational Programming.**Information****Title:**

Two Rivers Art Fair Information and Invitation

Purpose/Background:

Last summer marked the launch of our newly rebranded Two Rivers Art Fair—formerly the Elmcrest Art Fair—relocated from Elmcrest Park to The Draw. Our goal was to have more of an "Art Festival" feel and encourage people to spend more time at the event. In addition to artist vendors, we added and expanded it to include live entertainment all day, art demonstrations, free art classes, food trucks, yard games, and more. The first Two Rivers Art Fair was a resounding success and we are excited to continue to expand on the event. For 2025 we opened registration for a maximum of 107 artist booths, and as of the end of June, we have officially sold out all of the booth spaces.

Recommendation:

Join us for a day of fun at the 2025 Two Rivers Art Fair or get involved as a volunteer! View full information on the event online at www.cityofframsey.com/329

Outcome/Action:

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Schedule of Events

- **10 a.m.** - Artist Booths Open
- **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** - Plein Air Competition (only \$5 to participate in the competition!)
- **10:30 a.m. - noon** - Northern Starz Performances
- **11:30 a.m.** - Raku Horse Hair firing demonstration
- **12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** - Bach2Rock Performance
- **1:30 p.m.** - Raku Obvara firing demonstration
- **1:45 - 2:30 p.m.** - Free Family Art Day Class
- **2:30 - 4 p.m.** - Live Music: Billytown Wranglers
- **3:00 p.m.** - Last call for People's Choice Award entries
- **3:30 p.m.** - Drawing for Raffle Prizes
- **3:45 p.m.** - People's Choice Awards Announcement
- **4 p.m.** - Artist Booths Close

Join the fun, get involved!

The Art Fair is a large undertaking, and there is a need for extra hands to help. [Volunteer](#) at our Art Fair! We need

your help to make this community event a success.

[Sign up to volunteer](#) for one (or all!) of the following shifts: 7:00-10:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Attachments

Two Rivers Art Fair

Form Review

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FREE
Admission



TWO RIVERS ART FAIR

Saturday, July 19
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Draw
7401 Ramsey Parkway NW
Ramsey, MN

ART

Original art from local and visiting artists

FOOD

Variety of Food Trucks

FAMILY

FREE art demonstrations, classes, entertainment and more!

and more!

Learn more at
www.rumriverart.com/art-fair/



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Park and Recreation Commission**Meeting Date:** 07/10/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:****Information****Title:**

Recreation Program Update - July

Purpose/Background:**Upcoming Programs, Registration Deadlines, and New Releases:****Pickleball Leagues – last league of the season starts this month!**

Our first league of the season started on April 30 and will run through July 2! Ramsey Parks and Recreation is partnering with Minnesota Pickleball to offer structured ladder leagues where players compete individually, rotate partners each session, and move up or down based on performance, with results posted weekly. Leagues will take place at the Central Park courts.

- **Sessions**
 - [Wednesday Evening Late Season](#)
 - July 16 - September 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$65/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited.

Two Rivers Art Fair

Save the date for the Two Rivers Art Fair for its second year at The Draw! We'll have over 100 artist booths, food trucks, demonstrations, art classes and activities, live entertainment and more!

- **Date:** Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free to attend
- **Registration:** *Artist booths are officially full!*
- **Volunteer:** We can't run this event without the help of our wonderful volunteers! [Two and three hour shifts are available here.](#)

Intro to Pickleball – one session left this year!

Learn the basics of pickleball with certified instructor Gwen Radel from Nitty Gritty Pickleball! This fun, two-hour beginner class covers rules, scoring, terminology, fundamentals, and court positioning—paddles and balls provided. These classes fill fast! Please only register for one Intro to Pickleball session, all classes cover the same materials. Classes take place at the Central Park courts.

- **Dates:**

Day	Date	Time
Su.	July 27	1 – 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$15/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited.
- **Ages:** 10+

Science Camps**LEDs, Circuits, and Conductivity Camp**

Dive into the world of electricity and art with hands-on projects—build light-up fireflies, copper-tape anglerfish,

glow salt circuits, and your own squiggle bot!

- **Dates:** July 28–31, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** \$155 per camper
- **Ages:** 4 to 12

Foam, Slime, and Potions Camp

Mix up color-changing elixirs, bouncy balls, and homemade fizzing “Pop Rocks” in this bubbling exploration of chemistry and creativity!

- **Dates:** July 28–31, 12:30–3:30 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** \$155 per camper
- **Ages:** 4 to 12

Full-Day STEM Adventure

Register for both camps for a seamless full-day experience (9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) with a supervised lunch and play break at no additional cost—just bring a nut-free lunch from home!

Party in the Park

Party in the Park is back with giant waterslides! We’ll also have food trucks, yard games, and a popup Time2Play with Northgate Church. Later in the evening, head on over to the amphitheater to listen to enjoy Minnesota’s ultimate Beatles tribute band – Hard Days Night!

- **Dates:** Thursday, July 31, noon – 7 p.m. in the ballfields at The Draw
 - Food Trucks are open until 5 p.m.
 - Concert runs from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
 - Time2Play will be there from noon – 2 p.m.
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Note:** There is a misprint in the Ramsey Resident, July 31 is the correct date of this event.

Soccer Clinic

Whether you’re just starting out or looking to sharpen your game, our four-session Soccer Skills Clinic with i9 Sports delivers coaching in dribbling, passing, shooting, defending, tactics, and game-play drills. This is a great way to test out if your kiddo is interested in starting a soccer league, build upon skills, or learn new ones!

- **Dates:** Mondays & Wednesdays, August 18 - 27 at Central Park

● Age	Time
3 to 4	5 – 6 p.m.
5 to 6	6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
7 to 9	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$85/kid, includes t-shirt

Recurring Summer Programs:

Concert Series

The outdoor concerts are a family-friendly event series accompanied by supplemental programs such as Art in the Park and conclude with the Trott Brook Benefit Bash.

- **Dates:** Thursdays, June 12 -- August 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at The Draw
 - There IS still a concert on July 3! Join us this week for Church of Cash!
- **Cost:** Free to attend
- [View the full lineup online here](#)

Art in the Park

Art in the Park with the Rumriver Art Center takes place Thursdays in conjunction with the Concert Series. This

year's theme is Art Around the World!

- **Dates:** Thursdays, June 12 -- August 14, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at The Draw
 - *No session on July 3*
- **Cost:** \$5/person
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is required. [Register online with the Rumriver Art Center here.](#)
- **Ages:** 5 to 15

Time2Play

Play is fundamental to a child's healthy development and community gives children a feeling of belonging and safety. Time2Play with Northgate Church combines the two by providing a weekly destination for fun! Bring your kids and their friends and join us for games, sports, crafts and snacks.

- **Dates:** Tuesdays, June 17 – August 19 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the ballfields at The Draw
- **Cost:** Free to attend
- **Registration:** Pre-registration is encouraged if you would like to receive event reminders or notifications of any weather related changes.
- *Although this event is partnered with a church, this is not a religious activity or "church event." Northgate Church wishes to provide services to the community with kids and families in mind, regardless of belief.*

Wednesday Evening Yoga

Weekly Yoga is back! After a long pause we are excited to bring back Wednesday evening yoga at Central Park.

- **Dates:** Wednesdays, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Central Park
- **Cost:** \$5/session
- **Registration:** Pre-register prior to arrival at the class. Walk-ins taken on a first come first serve basis.

Coming up Next & In the Works

Planning for our 2025 programs and events is in full swing! We've locked in dates for some popular returning events and a few exciting new ones:

- **Next Month** – In August we have [Intro to Archery classes](#), Moana 2 playing for [Movies in the Park](#), Science Camp, and Soccer Clinics, and more to look forward to! Our Parks and Recreation Field Trip to Jam Hops in June was such a success that we're working on expanding our partnership with Jam Hops!
- **Volunteer opportunities** – want to get involved with the community? Let us know! We're looking for volunteers to assist at a variety of our events.
- **Happy Days** – Registration for Happy Days events and sponsors have started to open. For more information, [visit our Happy Days website here.](#)
- **Expanding communications** – At events, we often hear that people are *just* discovering everything we offer. We'd love to reach people where they are to share our programs and events. Right now, we have been utilizing [EventBrite](#), [Nextdoor](#), [Facebook](#), this E-Newsletter, our Website, [Ramsey Resident](#), and submitting events to local papers and other online event boards. If you have other places you receive information and think would be a great place for us to spread the word, please let me know!
- **Got an idea you think Ramsey would love?** Let us know!

Recommendation:

n/a

Outcome/Action:

n/a

Attachments

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Form Review

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INTRO TO PICKLEBALL



Would you like to learn how to play the fun game of pickleball? Come join us and learn with Gwen Radel from Nitty Gritty Pickleball and other top instructors. Gwen is a certified instructor through the Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR), which is the official education and certification partner for USA Pickleball.

Whether you have never played, or only tried it a few times; this is the class for you! We will cover the beginner basics of pickleball, the Nitty Gritty. You will leave this two-hour class knowing basic rules and scoring, terminology, some fundamentals, court positioning, and be given next-steps info on where to play and more.

Paddles and balls will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Dress for the weather and bring water. Wear tennis (court) shoes, not running shoes. Come join us!

Day	Date	Time
Sa	May 10	9-11 a.m.
Su	June 1	1-3 p.m.
Sa	June 14	9-11 a.m.
Su	July 27	1-3 p.m.

Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW,

Cost \$15/person
Ages 10+

Pre-registration is required, maximum 24 participants. Please only register for one Intro to Pickleball class as all classes cover the same content.

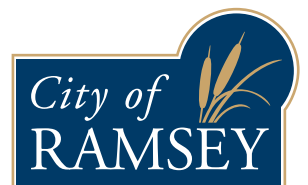
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GENTLE YOGA



Immerse yourself in mindful movement and connect to your breath in an hour-long Gentle Movement session. Christina, our yoga instructor, will guide you through a series of poses and breath-work that revitalize both the mind and body.

All levels are welcome. No experience is necessary. Bring your own yoga mat, water bottle and small towel. Dress comfortably and be prepared to practice barefoot.

Preregistration is required.

Register for one or multiple sessions, deadline is noon the day of. Those wishing to withdraw or transfer must do so by noon the day of for a full refund.

In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made by noon the day of via email. Full refunds will be issued upon cancellation by the City.



Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Central Park Building
7925 161st Avenue NW

Ages 13+: Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$5 per session



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ART IN THE PARK



ART AROUND THE WORLD

Join us for a fun and creative summer series as we explore artists, national landmarks, and cultural designs from around the world.

Learn step-by-step how to sketch your subject and experiment with new materials. Everyone receives the same guidance, but each project becomes uniquely yours as creativity takes over.

Stick around afterward for a free Concert in the Park starting at 6:30 PM. Enjoy art-making, the outdoors, and live music—all part of Art in the Park in Ramsey.

Thursdays | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$5/person

June 12 Panama- Mola Designs

June 19 Australia -The Great Barrier Reef

June 26 Japan - The Great Wave off Kanagawa

July 10 India- Taj Mahal

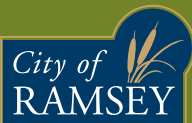
July 17 America - North Shore Landscape

July 24 Mexico - Frida Kahlo Portrait

July 31 Turkey - Geometric Patterns

Aug. 7 France - Henri Rousseau Animal

Aug. 14 Egypt - Pyramids and People



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Through the Rumriver Art Center with the QR code or <https://app.getoccasion.com/p/n/F96qWbsw>

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The Draw Summer

CONCERT SERIES
2025

FREE • GREAT MUSIC • FUN

**Thursday Evenings
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**The Draw
Park & Amphitheater
7401 Ramsey Parkway**

Food and drink will be available
for purchase at the concerts.



JUNE 12

Roadhouse Blue

Enjoy the country-rock sounds and free Killebrew Root Beer and Cream Soda.

JUNE 19

The Chad Edwards Band

A hard-rocking Minnesota-based Country band.

JUNE 26

Junk FM

Hits from the 80s, 90s and 2000s.

JULY 3

Church of Cash

An incredible Johnny Cash tribute performance.

JULY 10

LP and the 45s

Classic hits cover band that pays tribute to the pioneers.

JULY 17

Jacuzzi Puma

Rock cover band that loves to shred.

JULY 24

Jonah and the Whales

Non-stop rock, techno, pop, top-40 and classic hits.

JULY 31

A Hard Day's Night

A rock solid tribute to The Beatles.

AUGUST 7

Six to Midnight

High-energy cover band, 90s hits, 2000s favorites, today's chart-toppers.

AUGUST 14

Country Roads

Tribute show to one of America's best-loved performers, John Denver.

AUGUST 21 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Crown Jewels

The Trott Brook Financial 21st Annual Benefit Bash!
A tribute to one of the greatest rock bands
of all time, Queen.

MORE INFORMATION
www.cityoframsey.com/278





POPUP PLAY: TIME2PLAY WITH NORTHGATE CHURCH



Let's play!

Play is fundamental to a child's healthy development and community gives children a feeling of belonging and safety. Bring your kids and their friends and join us for games, sports, crafts and snacks.

This is a drop-in event; no registration is required but preferred. The program may be canceled if the weather is pending. If you would like to be notified of any potential schedule change or cancellation, you must register Online. In case of cancellation, a notice will be posted on the registration webpage as well as City social media channels.

Although this event is partnered with a church, this is not a religious activity or "church event." Northgate Church wishes to provide services to the community with kids and families in mind, regardless of belief.

Tues., June 17 - Aug. 19
10-11:30 a.m.

No session on July 1

Ball Fields at The Draw,
7401 Ramsey Parkway

All ages

FREE EVENT

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—or—

Wendy Walton, Northgate Church at wendywalton@ngatechurch.org, 763-412-1701



55+

VITALITY ART CAMP

Vitality Art is a program through the Rumriver Art Center. Ramsey Parks and Recreation proudly co-hosts a few of their offerings within our park system. See below about the courses offered in Ramsey.

The Rumriver Art Center developed the Vitality Arts Program to share the transformative power of the arts and creativity and inspiring vitality in older adults. Classes are geared and designed to improve the health, well-being, and renewed sense of purpose for adults ages 55 and older.

Monday-Friday | July 14-18

9:30 a.m.-Noon

Elmcrest Park Park
16303 Quicksilver St. NW.

Ages: 55+

Cost: \$150, (includes supplies)

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WATERCOLOR WITH MIXED MEDIA

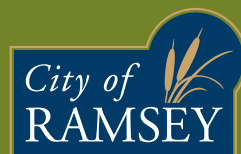
Enjoy the beautiful summer weather, and let nature inspire you! Join the Rumriver Art Center and friends to let your creativity bloom through using various elements from nature.

Anticipated schedule:

- **Day 1:** Gather foliage which we will then use to create unique and beautiful eco prints with watercolor and powdered pigments. These papers will be used throughout the week in our art.
- **Day 2:** Stamping and printmaking using foliage to make papers and underpaintings.
- **Day 3:** Render your underpaintings using negative painting and glazing.
- **Day 4:** Open air small landscapes in watercolor. Charcoal pours and powdered pigments.
- **Day 5:** Experimental landscape over gesso.



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SCIENCE CAMPS



Do your children, ages 4-12, love science? Sign them up for a half-day or full-day of exploring with KidsCreate, from July 28 to 31.

LED, Circuits, and Conductivity

Embark on an electrifying journey into the world of LEDs and circuits! This hands-on camp introduces young scientists to circuit design and light-emitting diodes through exciting projects that combine science and art. Campers will build light-up firefly circuits, copper tape anglerfish, glow salt circuits, and even a squiggle bot! By exploring the power of electricity in fun and creative ways, kids will spark a love for STEM that shines bright.

Campers have the option to attend either one of the sessions or both. Those who register for both sessions will enjoy a supervised lunch and play break, creating a seamless and exciting full-day camp experience at no extra cost. Kids should bring their own lunch.

Foam, Slime, and Potions

Dive into a world of fun experiments and discoveries! This hands-on camp, lets kids explore the magic of foam, slime, and potions. They'll mix color-changing elixirs, make bouncy balls, and create homemade Pop Rocks that fizz! Each activity combines creativity with scientific exploration, turning learning into an exciting adventure.

**Monday-Thursday
July 28-31**

**LED, Circuits, and
Conductivity**

9:00 a.m.-noon

and/or

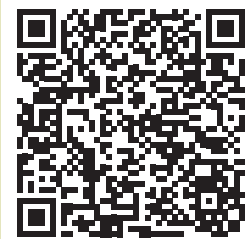
**Foam, Slime, and
Potions**

12:30-3:30 p.m.

**Central Park
7925 161st Avenue NW
Ramsey, MN 55303**

Ages: 4-12

**\$155 per participant,
per session**



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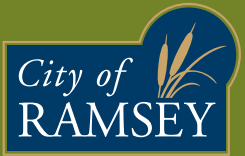
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Movies in the Park

Gather your friends and family, pack a lawn chair or blanket, and join us for a movie night under the stars! Arrive before sunset to enjoy some yard games and tasty eats available for purchase. The movie will start soon after the sun is low in the sky, at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Moana 2

Moana and Maui reunite three years later for an expansive new voyage alongside a crew of unlikely seafarers. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.

Friday, August 8
7:30-10:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver Street NW

Movie Rating: PG

FREE EVENT

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INTRO TO ARCHERY



Saturday, August 9

10:00-11:00 a.m.

or

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Elmcrest Park

16303 Quicksilver Street NW

Ages 8+

\$5 per participant



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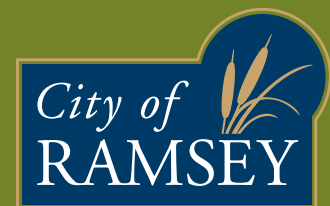
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Join us to learn the basics of archery with USA Archery and the Minnesota Archers! Participants will receive hands-on instruction covering the fundamental techniques and safety protocols. All necessary equipment is provided.

Parents are required to remain on site for the duration of the class. For safety, participants must wear closed-toe shoes and follow the coach's instructions at all times.

These sessions are offered as part of the MAA/USA Archery North Star Open and Voyageur Cup, a state and regional outdoor target event that draws shooters from all over the Midwest.



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SOCCER CLINIC



DEVELOP & EXPLORE SOCCER SKILLS

Whether you're just starting out, improving your skills, or preparing for your next big tryout, our Soccer Skills Clinic is perfect for players of all experience levels! This program helps participants enhance their abilities, whether they're new to the game, looking to refine their techniques, or seeking extra practice and fun. Kids will receive expert instruction to develop their skills and build confidence while enjoying the game even more.

This program is offered in partnership with i9 Sports. Families are an essential part of the i9 Sports experience! Parents are encouraged to attend, cheer on their athletes, and serve as spectators, motivators, and role models.

Clinic Highlights:

- Skill Development: Engage in fun, specialized drills to improve dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending.
- Game Strategies: Learn the rules and tactics that can take your game to the next level.
- Game-Play: Participate in 30-minute, game-like scenarios to apply and reinforce what you've practiced.

M & W | Aug. 18 - 27

Ages 3 to 4 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Ages 5 to 6 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Ages 7 to 9 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Central Park, 7925 161st Avenue NW

Cost: \$69, includes tshirt



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