

# Wild Spaces & Public Places

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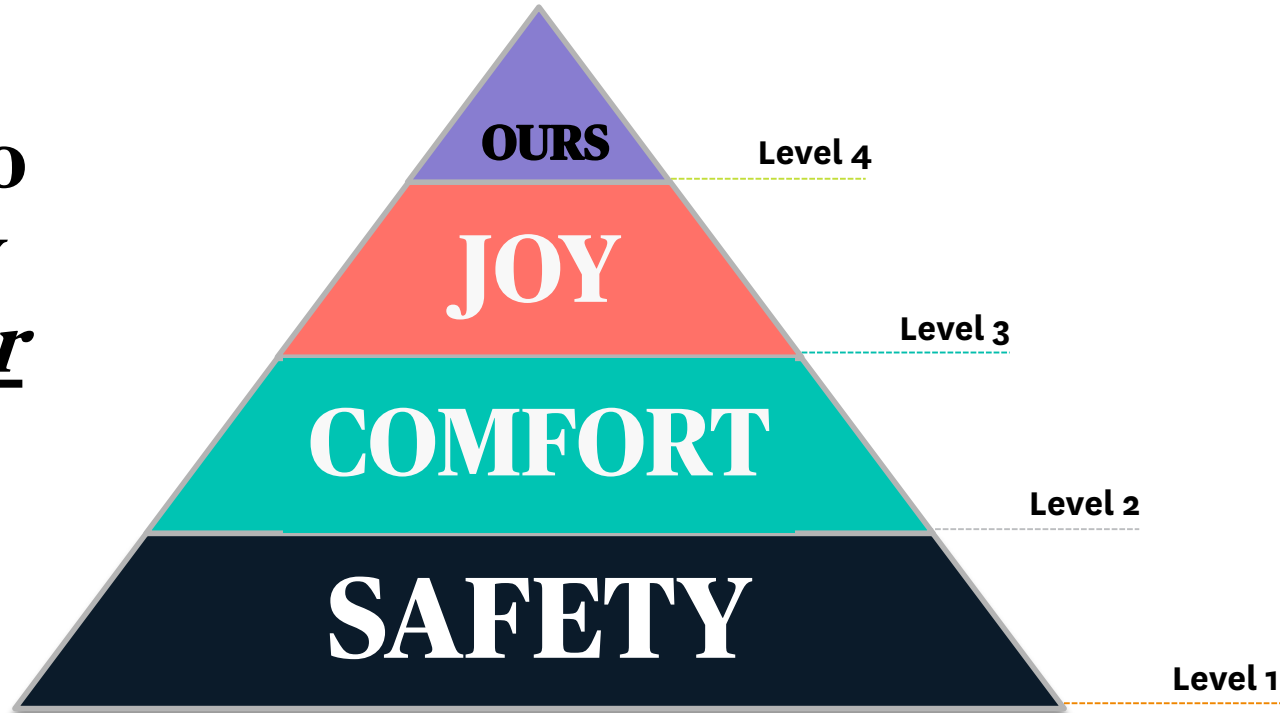
WILD SPACES & PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE TO THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 22, 2019

# Wild Spaces & Public Places History

- **November 15, 2012** – PRCA Vision 2020 Master Plan approved by City Commission
- **February 18, 2016** – City Commission approved a list of 99 potential WSPP projects and a list of potential City/County projects
- **November 8, 2016** – Ballot initiative for WSPP approved by voters to *acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and; to create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities*
- **January 1, 2017** – 8 year long ½ cent sales tax collection begins, ~\$5,808,000 per year, ~\$46.5M for Gainesville
- **April 20, 2017** – City Commission approved WSPP projects for 2017
- **April 20, 2017 and September 14, 2017** – City executed interlocal agreements with the County for \$3,000,000 for specific projects that have county-wide impact and \$660,000 from the County’s WSPP Municipal Grant Program
- **September 28, 2017** – General Policy Committee received a presentation from PRCA with updates on 2017 projects and proposed projects for 2018
- **April 12, 2018** – General Policy Committee received a presentation on WSPP 2018-2020 projects
- **January 10, 2019** – General Policy Committee received a presentation on WSPP 2018-2020 projects
- **April 11, 2019** – General Policy Committee received a presentation on WSPP 2018-2020 projects
- **May 16, 2019** – City Commission received a presentation on WSPP 2018-2020 projects

# WSPP Approach

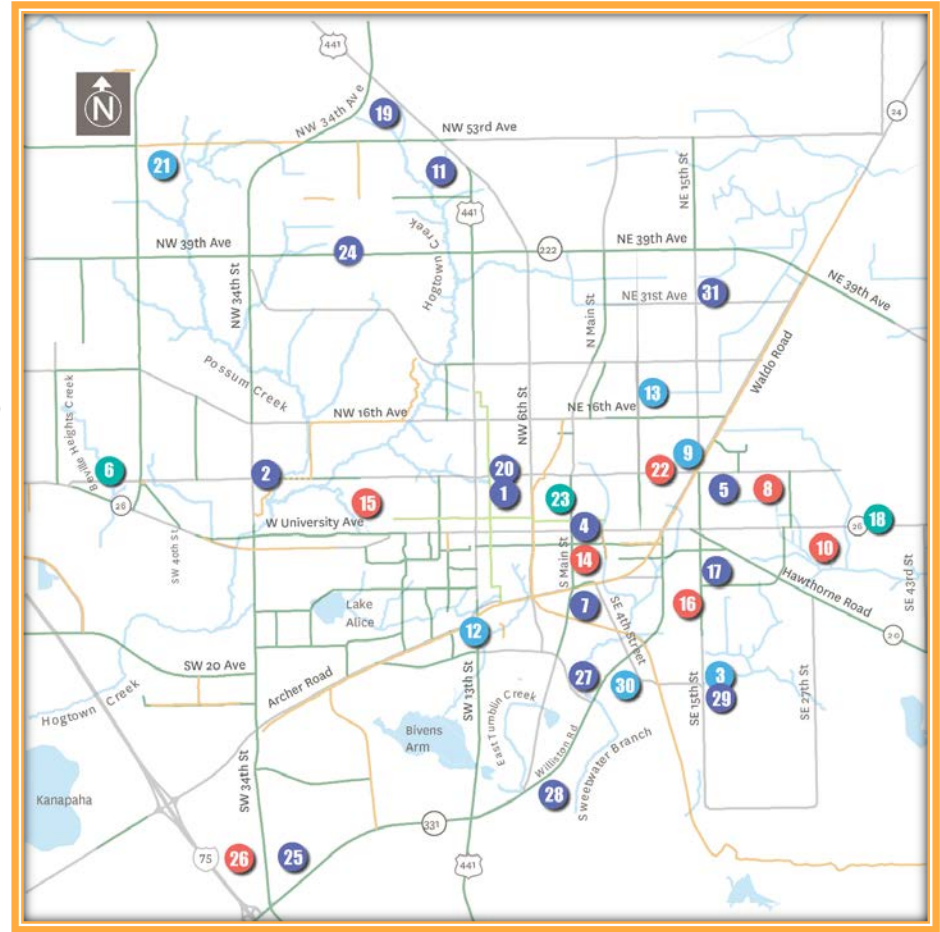
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# 2018-2020 Wild Spaces Projects (in progress) as of July 2019

Conception & Initiation | Project Planning  
Design Permitting, Procurement | Construction

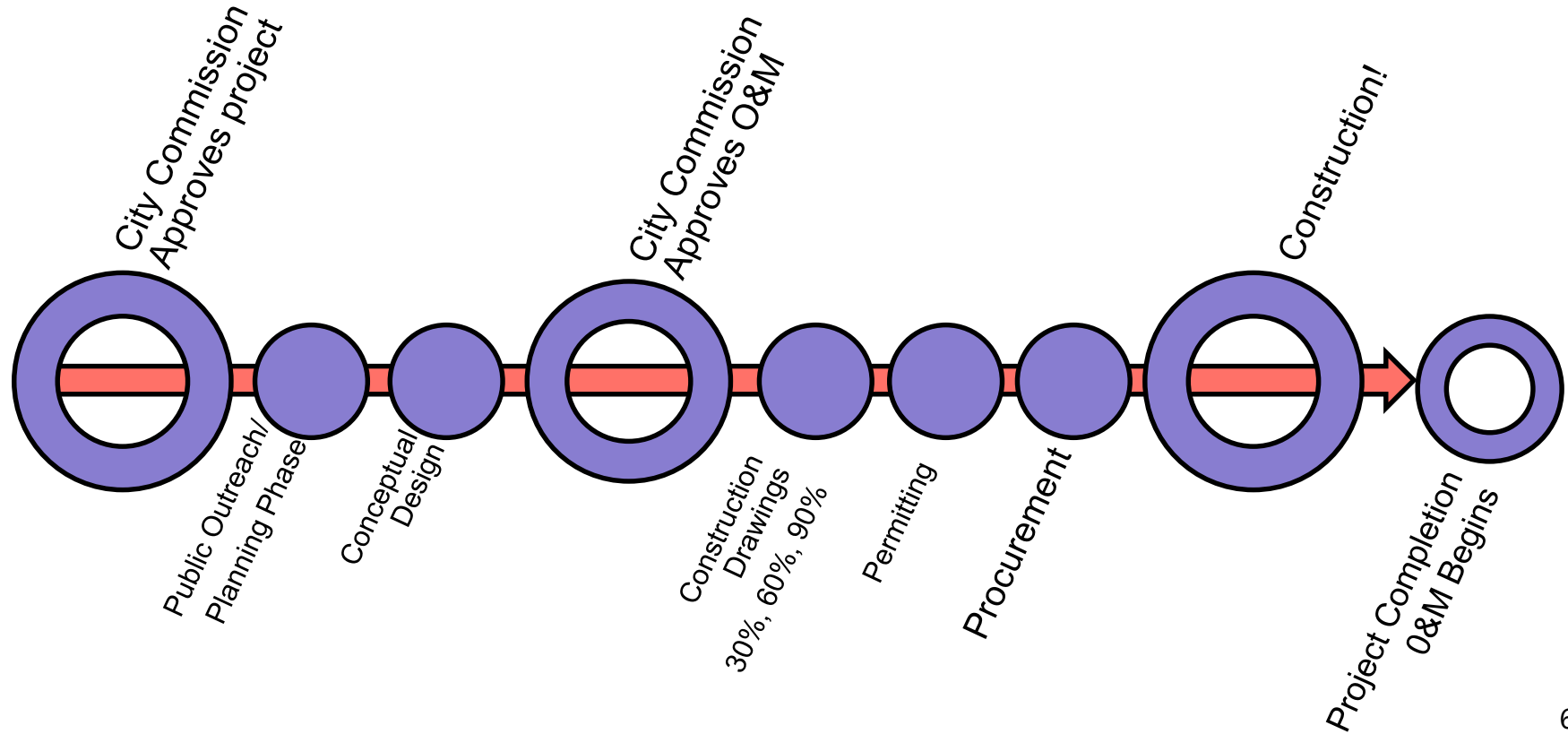
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| 1 A. Quinn Jones Museum                                    | 17 Lincoln Yard Trail   |
| 2 Albert "Ray" Massey (Westside) Park                      | 18 Morningside Nature Center                                  |
| 3 Andrew R. Mickle Sr. Pool                                | 19 Northside Park   |
| 4 Bo Diddley Plaza   | 20 Oakview Park (formerly Kiwanis Girl Scout Park)            |
| 5 Clarence R. Kelly Center                                 | 21 Possum Creek Park  |
| 6 Cofrin Nature Park                                       | 22 Reserve Park (new neighborhood park)                       |
| 7 Depot Park   | 23 Rosa B. Williams Center/352Artspace                        |
| 8 Duval Park   | 24 Springtree Park  |
| 9 Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool                        | 25 SW 47th Avenue Trail                                       |
| 10 Fred Cone Park  | 26 SW 40th Boulevard Trail                                    |
| 11 Hartman House (at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park) | 27 Sweetwater Recreational Trail (SW 16th Ave. to Depot Park) |
| 12 Helyx Bridge Pocket Park                                | 28 Sweetwater Wetlands Park                                   |
| 13 Howard Bishop Park                                      | 29 T.B. McPherson Park  |
| 14 Hippodrome Theatre                                      | 30 Woodlawn Park  |
| 15 J.J. Finley Park (new neighborhood park)                | 31 Unity Park (formerly NE 31st Ave. Park)                    |
| 16 Lincoln Park  |   |



# Project Prioritization – Background

- [PRCA Vision 2020 Master Plan](#), approved by City Commission
- [List of 99 potential WSPP projects](#) and [list of potential City/County projects](#), approved by City Commission
- [Ballot Language](#) for WSPP & [Florida Statute 212.055](#) Discretionary sales surtaxes
- [WSPP project list for 2017](#), approved by City Commission
- [WSPP project list for 2018-2020](#), approved by City Commission
- [Information gathered from meeting with Citizen Advisory Boards](#); Public Recreation and Parks, Tree Advisory, Nature Centers Commission and Cultural Affairs
- [Interlocal agreement with the County for \\$3,000,000](#) for specific projects that have county-wide impact
- [Interlocal agreement with the County for \\$660,000](#) from the County's WSPP Municipal Grant Program
- [Office of the City Manager Discussions](#)

# Project Implementation Framework



# Agenda

- Green Acres Park
- Howard Bishop Middle School
- Springtree Park
- Sweetwater Wetlands Park Towers
- Clarence R. Kelly Community Center
- Lincoln Yard Trail
- Small Projects

**Green Acres Park**

**Public Artwork**

**643 SW 40th Street**





# “Sprout”

An innovative tree stand to support a well-loved tree in Green Acres Park

Artist: Leslie Tharp

Local, woman-owned small business



**Howard Bishop Middle School**  
**SBAC Partnership Project**  
**1901 NE 9th Street**



**Howard Bishop  
Middle School**

**NE 19<sup>th</sup> Place**

**Legend**

- 1901 NE 9th St
- Howard Bishop Middle School
- The Library Partnership

**NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street**



**North**

Google Earth

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400 ft

Partnership project with  
the SBAC

The proposed project  
includes renovation of  
the track and access by  
the community after  
school hours and on the  
weekends

Community Meeting:  
*August 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*5:30-7pm* at  
Howard Bishop Middle  
School

Proposed Budget:  
\$250,000 (from the  
PRCA Vision 2020 Master  
Plan)

# Howard Bishop Middle School

## Operation & Maintenance

- City Staff is working with the SBAC on a formal agreement
- Howard Bishop Middle School staff have verbally agreed to maintain the fields and empty trash/recycling containers on the portion of the property that would be designated for public use after school hours and on the weekends
- City O&M costs would be negligible if this agreement is formalized

**Springtree Park**  
**Neighborhood Park Revitalization**  
**2700 NW 39th Avenue**





**Figure 6: Physical Improvements & Optimum Boundary  
Springtree Nature Park**

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- ▭ Park Boundary
- ▭ Tree Planting Area
- ▭ Playground Area
- ▭ Trails
- ▭ Unauthorized ATV Trail
- ▭ Potential Acquisitions
- ⊗ bollards
- ⊗ cable gate

## Existing Conditions:

- Nature Trails
- Limited Play Equipment



◦ A project budget of \$200,000 was approved by the City Commission in April of 2018



North

Track Crafters

Spring Tree Park

Springtree Park  
17 min drive - home

Creekside  
Community Church

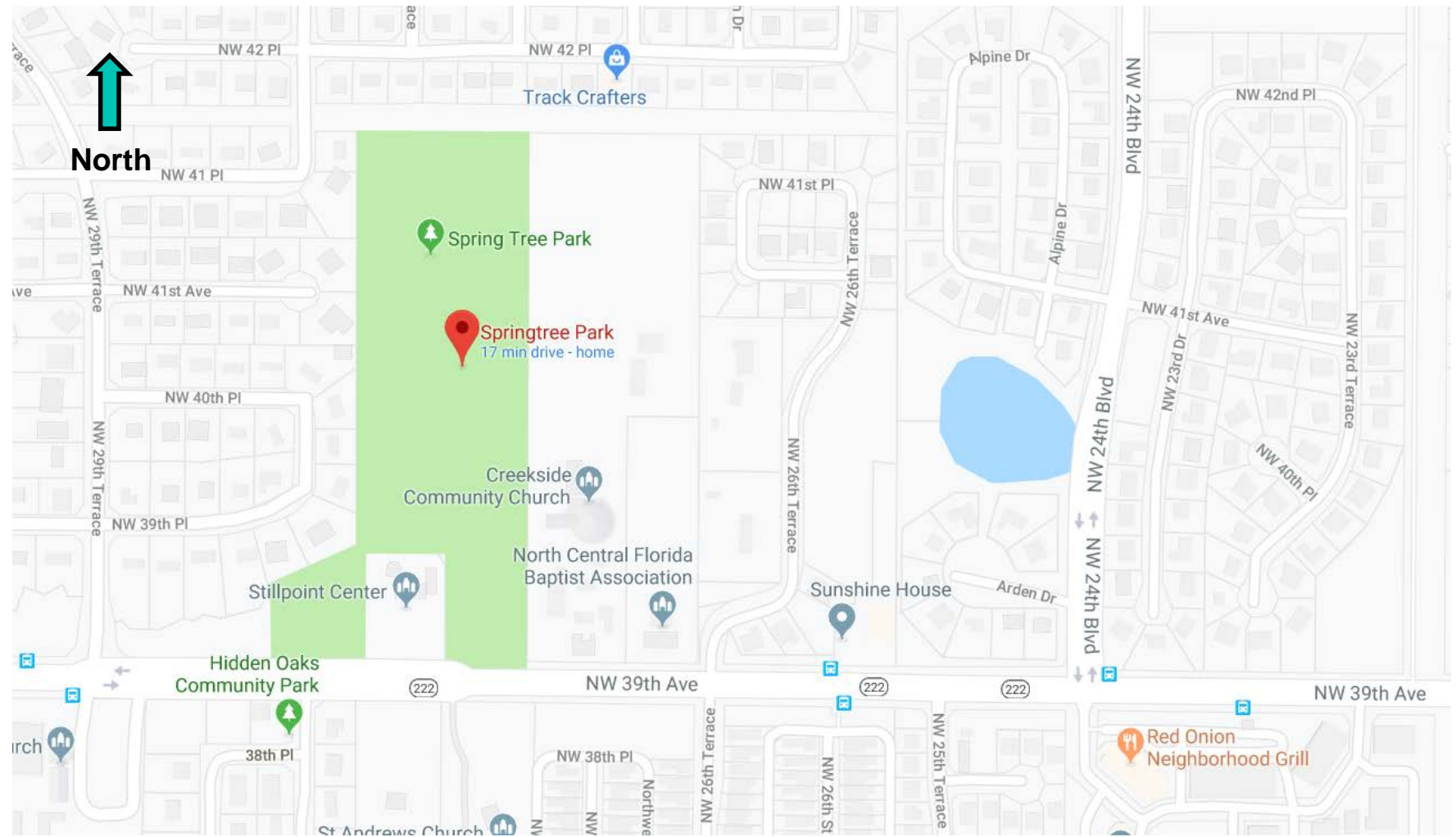
North Central Florida  
Baptist Association

Stillpoint Center

Sunshine House

Hidden Oaks  
Community Park

Red Onion  
Neighborhood Grill



# Springtree Park

## Operation & Maintenance

- There are no projected increases to O&M as there is an existing park on this site that requires weekly trash/recycling pick up and routine maintenance typical of a neighborhood park



# Next Steps:

## **Public Outreach/Conceptual Design**

- July – Kick-off meeting with internal staff
- July/August – Focus Group meetings with Creekside Community Church, staff, neighbors and community members
- August/September – Online Survey
- September – Open House

## **Construction Documentation/Permitting/Procurement**

- Fall-Winter – Design/Bid/Build

## **Construction!**

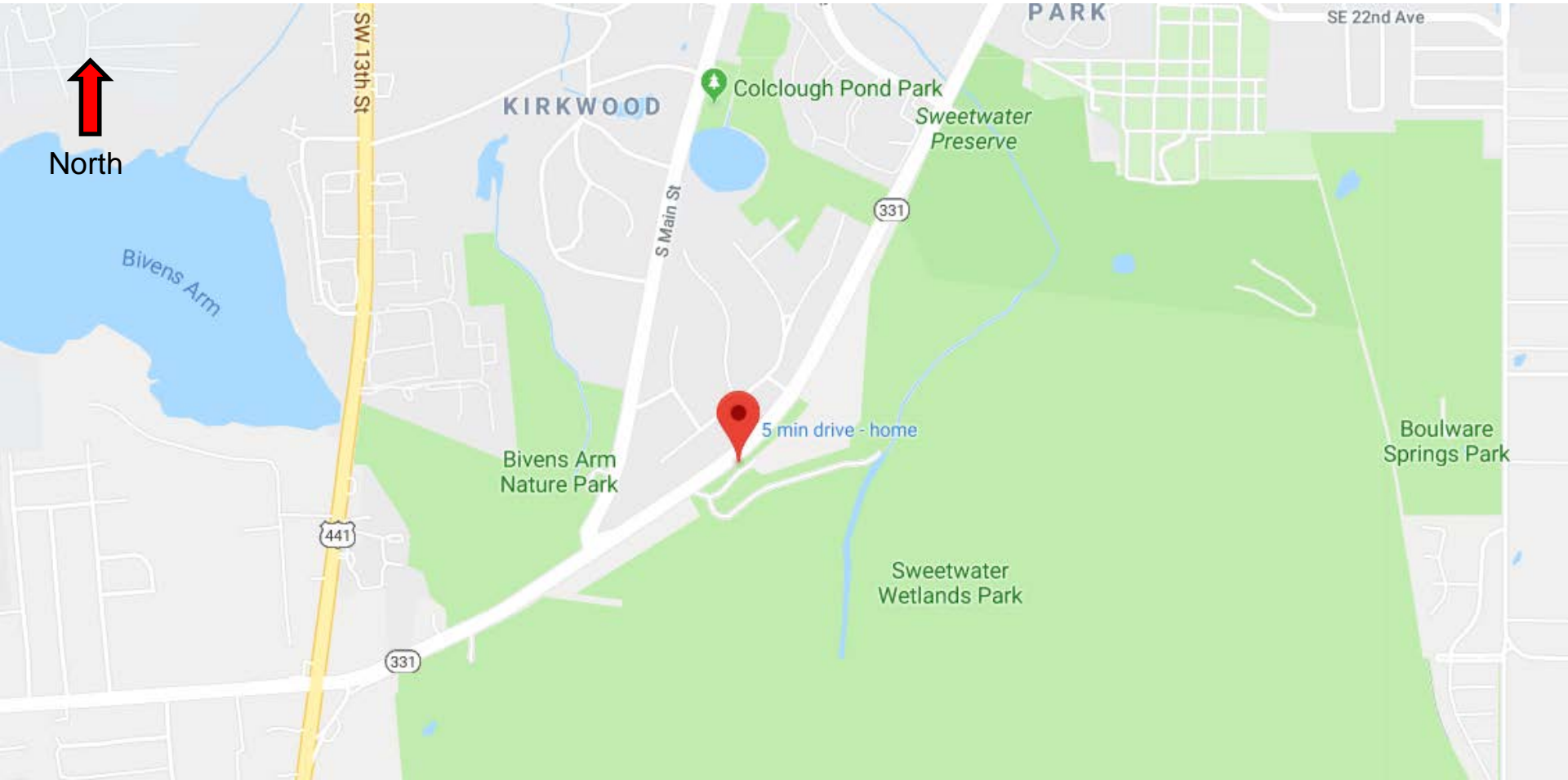
- 2020

# Sweetwater Wetlands Park

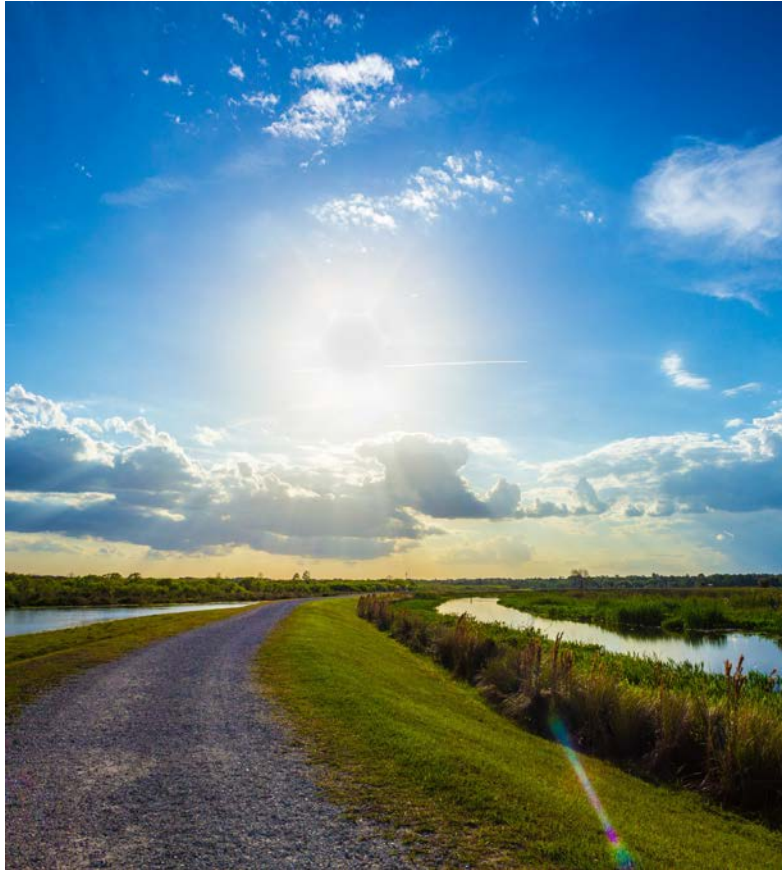
## Observation Towers

### **352 SW Williston Rd**

# Sweetwater Wetlands Park



# Sweetwater Wetlands Park Prairie Tower and Solar Tower

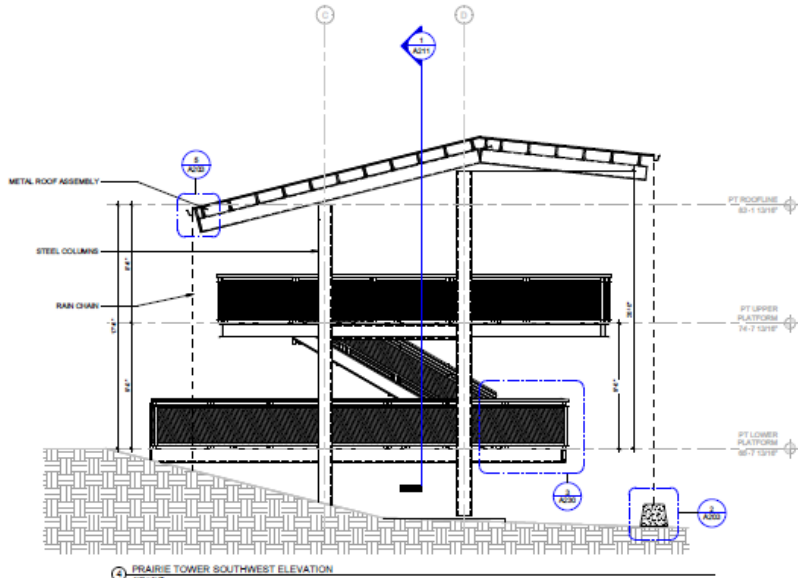
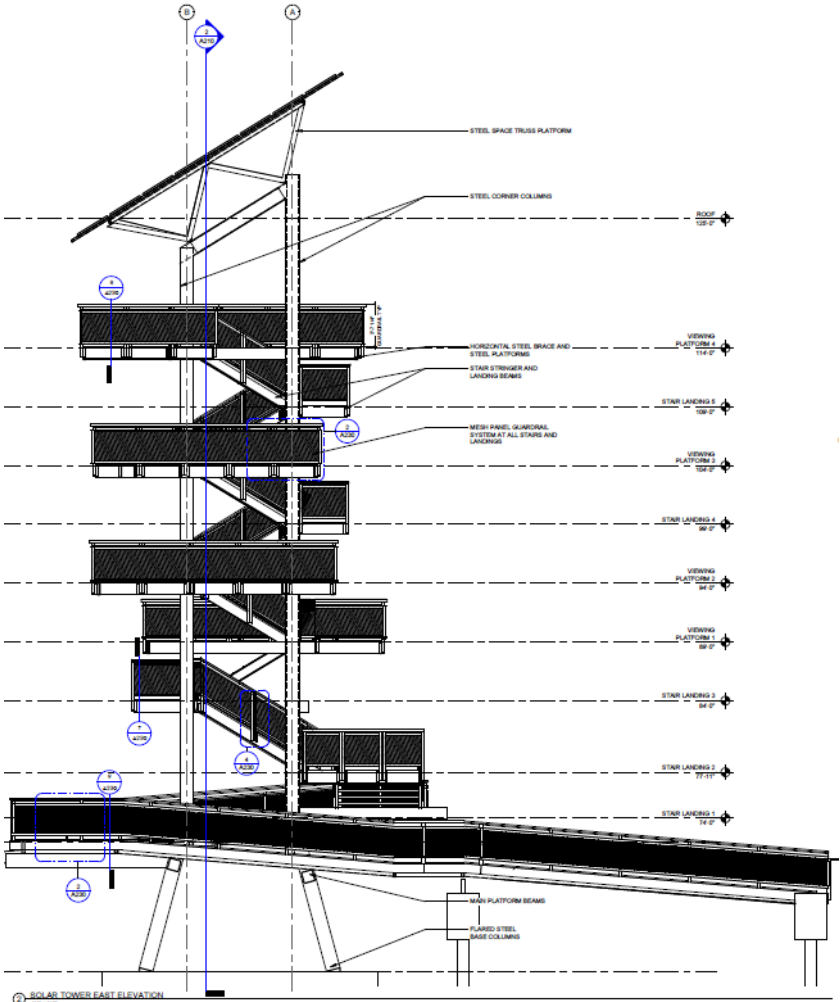




# Sweetwater Wetlands Park Prairie Tower and Solar Tower



# Solar and Prairie Tower Design



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# Project Timeline

April 20, 2017 and September 14, 2017 – City executes interlocal agreements with the County for \$3,000,000 for specific projects that have county-wide impact and \$660,000 from the County's WSPP Municipal Grant Program

- Sweetwater Wetlands Park is part of the \$3M interlocal agreement
- The Prairie Tower is part of the \$660K Municipal Grant Program (50% of the Prairie Tower cost was estimated to be \$225,000)

April, 2018 – City Commission approves \$1.2M of WSPP Funds for SWP Tower Project

November, 2018 – May, 2019 – Project design and permitting

May – June, 2019 – The project is bid (utilizing Wharton-Smith as a Construction Manager at Risk under the City's continuing services agreement for projects <\$2M)

# Bidding Results (June, 2019)

Solar + Prairie Tower: \$3M

Solar Tower (only): \$2.44M

Prairie Tower (only): \$.98M

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City's Current Construction Budget: \$1.2M+\$0.225M (grant funding for the Prairie Tower) +~\$0.5M (from the \$3M interlocal agreement)

Total Budget: ~\$1.8M (takes into account design/permitting services)



# Next Steps

**Option 1** – Rebid the complete project (low bid or CMAR RFP for >\$2M), increase the project budget by approximately \$1.2M using unappropriated WSPP funds

**Option 2** – Rebid only the Solar Tower (low bid or CMAR RFP for >\$2M), increase the project budget by approximately \$.9M using unappropriated WSPP funds

**Option 3** – Rebid only the Prairie Tower (low bid or CMAR) and add a paved multiuse trail into the project

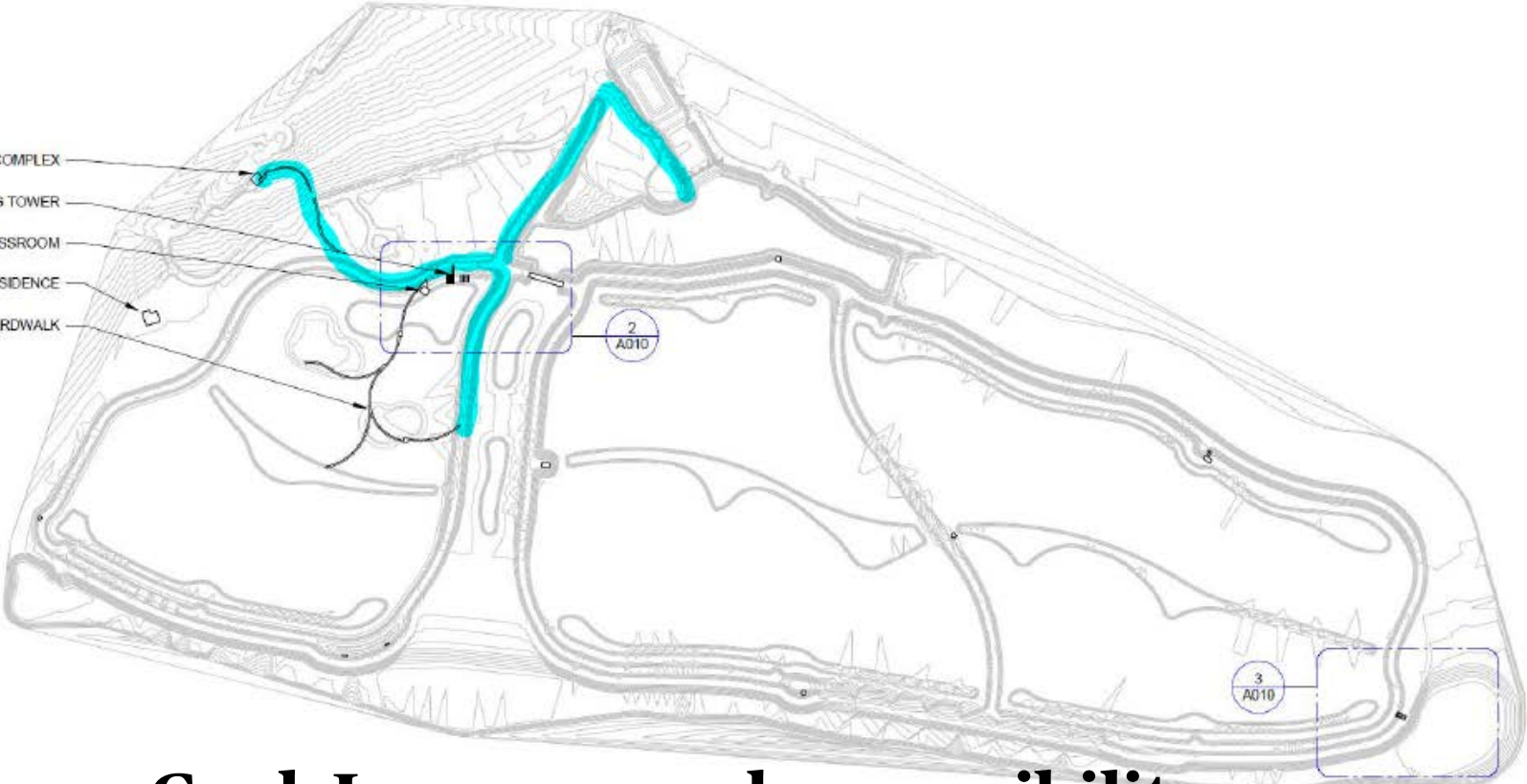
**Option 4** – Rebid only the Prairie Tower

**Option 5** – Delay project until the later years of WSPP

# Potential Paved Multiuse Trail



- ENTRY COMPLEX
- SOLAR VIEWING TOWER
- WELCOME CLASSROOM
- SECURITY RESIDENCE
- WETLAND BOARDWALK



**Goal: Increase park accessibility**

# Potential Solar Powered Tram

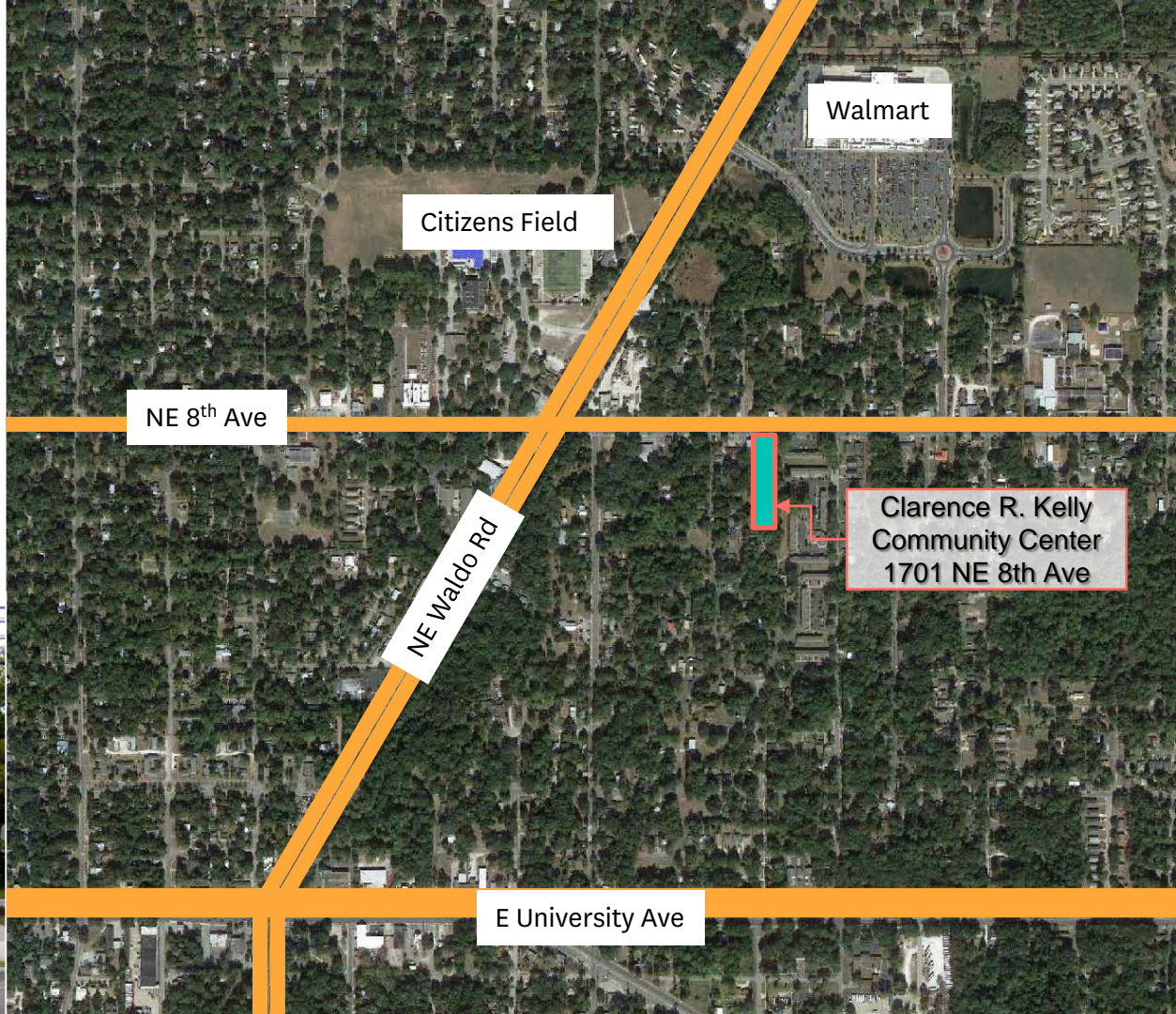
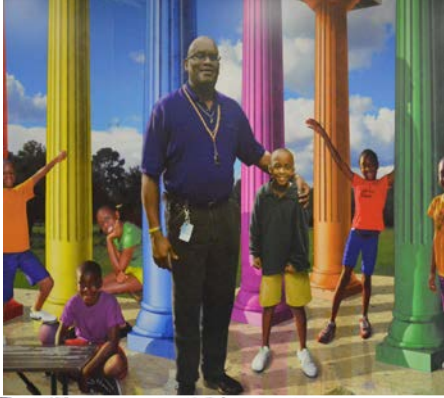


**Goal: Increase park accessibility**

**Clarence R. Kelly  
Community Center  
1701 NE 8th Ave**



# Location & Heritage

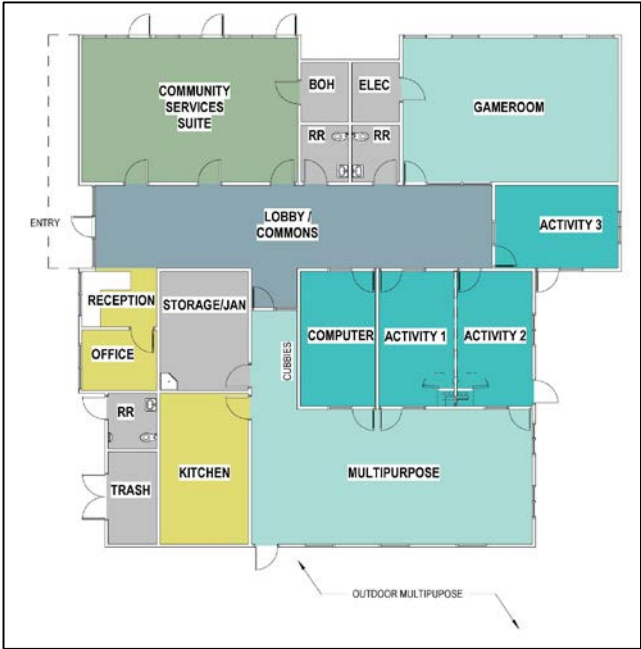




# Community Meeting July 8



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## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

<p>SWINGS</p>  <p>7 ●●●●●●●</p>	<p>SIDEWALK GAMES</p>  <p>5 ●●●●●</p>	<p>CLIMBING</p>  <p>5 ●●●●●</p>
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PLAY EQUIPMENT

<p>MOVEMENT AND AGILITY</p>  <p>1 ●</p>	<p>ROPE BASED EQUIPMENT</p>  <p>3 ●●●</p>	<p>SLIDES</p>  <p>3 ●●●</p>
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OUTDOOR EXERCISE STATIONS

<p>RESISTANCE BASED EQUIPMENT</p>  <p>5 ●●●●●</p>	<p>STRENGTH BASED EQUIPMENT</p>  <p>4 ●●●●</p>	<p>ROPE BASED EQUIPMENT</p>  <p>4 ●●●●</p>
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<p>FULL COURT</p>  <p>13 ●●●●●●●●●●●●● 3 ●●●</p>	<p>2 HALF COURTS</p>  <p>2 ●●</p>	<p>KIDS COURT</p>  <p>6 ●●●●●●</p>
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## DESIGN FEATURES/ STYLES

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<p>COMMUNITY MURAL</p>  <p>3 ●●●</p>	<p>ART MURAL</p>  <p>1 ●</p>	<p>RELOCATED CLARENCE R. KELLY MURAL</p>  <p>9 ●●●●●●●●●</p>
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## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

<p>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</p>  <p>2 ●●</p>	<p>TUTORING</p>  <p>4 ●●●●</p>	<p>COMPUTER CLASSES</p>  <p>3 ●●●</p>
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<p>SENIOR PROGRAMMING</p>  <p>1 ●</p>	<p>HEALTH/NUTRITION COUNSELING</p>  <p>5 ●●●●●</p>	<p>LIFE SKILLS</p>  <p>5 ●●●●●</p>
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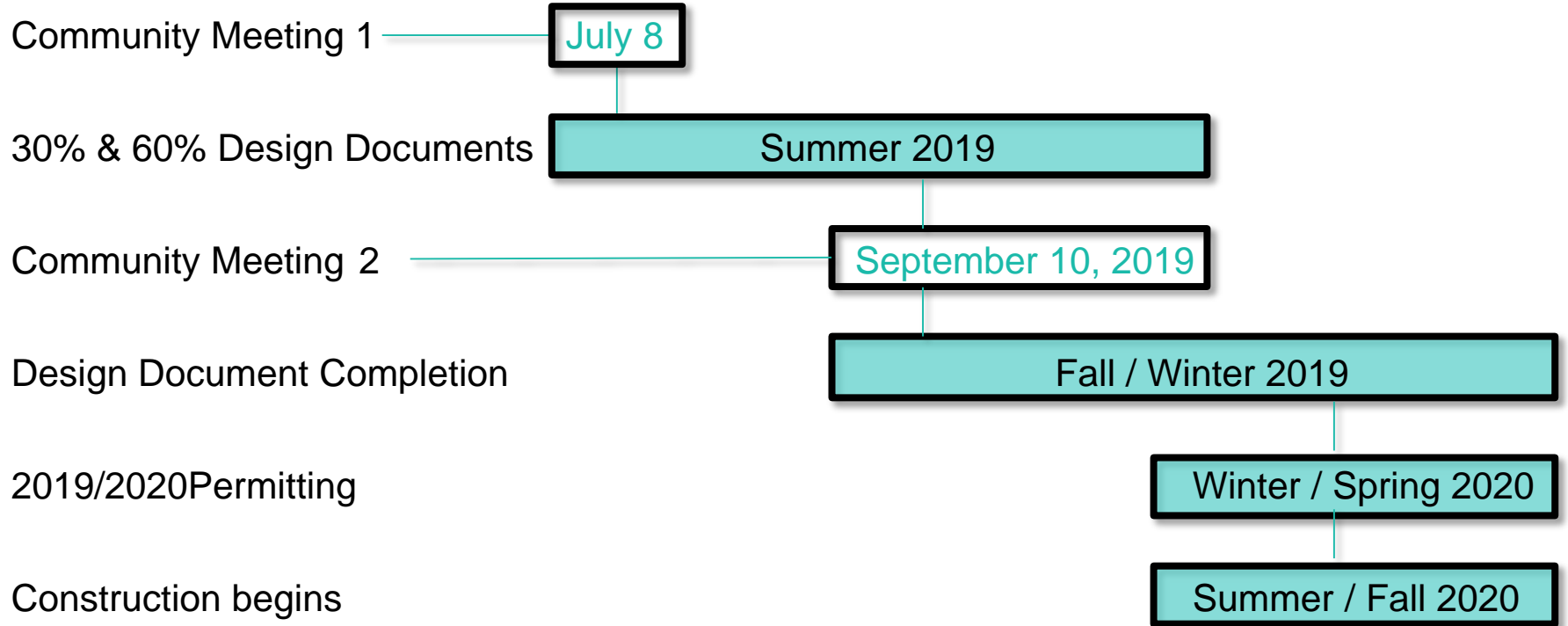
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<p>DRIVING COURSES</p>  <p>2 ●● 2 ●●</p>	<p>FITNESS CLASSES</p>  <p>6 ●●●●●●</p>	<p>SUMMER CAMPS &amp; AFTER SCHOOL CARE</p>  <p>4 ●●●●</p>
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# Schedule

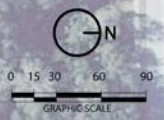


# Lincoln Yard Trail

**2100 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue**



- Legend**
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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> SE 8th Ave Entrance  | <b>8</b> Retention Pond (Existing) |
| <b>2</b> 8 Foot Wide Trail    | <b>9</b> Boulder Seating           |
| <b>3</b> Landscape Buffer     | <b>10</b> Dry Pond (Existing)      |
| <b>4</b> Existing Trees       | <b>11</b> Fitness Station          |
| <b>5</b> 6 Foot Wide Trail    | <b>12</b> Playground               |
| <b>6</b> Pond Fence           | <b>13</b> SE 10th Pl. Entrance     |
| <b>7</b> Wetland Preservation |                                    |

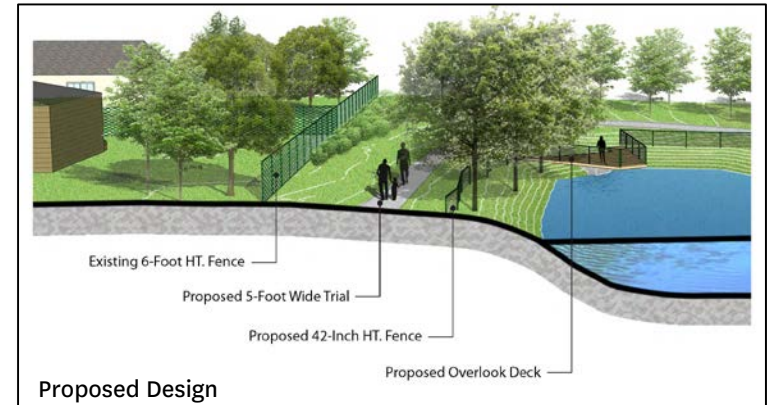
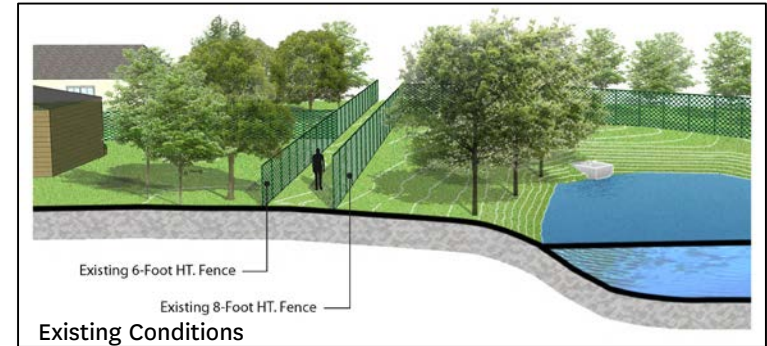


# 100% Construction Documents

SCOPE: 0.4 mile walking path loop, decorative entry feature on SE 8th Ave, wet pond fence replacement and relocation, play and/or fitness equipment, existing tree preservation with underbrush clearing, wayfinding

## TIMELINE

- Design Completion: Summer / Fall 2019
- Permitting: Winter 2019/2020
- Construction: Spring - Fall 2020



# Proposed Small Projects

**Safety + Comfort + Joy = Ours**

## WSPP Pyramid

**Safety** continuous sidewalks, lighting, parking

**Comfort** wayfinding, seating, shade, water fountains

**Joy** public art, cultural programming, interpretive displays

**Ours** A well-connected, vibrant network!



Proposed Small Projects	Budget Estimate	Levels
T.B. McPherson tennis court reconstruction, new fencing and drainage improvements	\$ 200,000	Safety, Comfort
Hartman House - research, design and construct interpretive displays for the interior of the renovated building. Tables, chairs, monitor, computer, etc. to support use as a nature center	\$ 65,000	Joy
Lincoln Park drainage improvements (a partnership project with SBAC). Cost estimate of \$100,000. Howard Bishop Middle School track improvements (a partnership project with SBAC). Cost estimate of \$250,000.	\$ 350,000	Safety
Bo Diddley Plaza ADA Improvements	\$ 130,000	Safety
Flatwoods Conservation Area Trailhead renovation - reconstruct parking lot, add kiosk, bike racks, trash/recycling, and signage	\$ 30,000	Comfort
Northside Park disc golf course bridge replacement (design, permitting and construction). This project will replace the wooden bridge near holes 6 and 7	\$ 75,000	Safety
Pavilion replacements - Boulware Springs and other parks as needed	\$ 100,000	Safety, Comfort
New 5-12 year old play unit at San Felasco Park. Replaces an existing unit that is at the end of its lifespan.	\$ 25,000	Safety, Comfort
AQJ Museum - additional funds needed to support the conversion of the existing gravel parking lot to an asphalt parking lot with underground stormwater storage tanks as well as construct a new outdoor patio to enhance museum programming	\$ 75,000	Comfort, Joy
New signage at parks - multiple locations	\$ 100,000	Joy
Small, safety-focused capital improvement projects not specifically captured within the list	\$ 250,000	Safety
Project Contingency - estimated at 10% of the value of construction projects currently underway or scheduled to begin in FY20 (Example: Reserve Park, Fred Cone Park, Kiwanis Girl Scout (Oakview) Park, Northside Park, Hartman House, T.B. McPherson Tennis Court Reconstruction, ADA Improvements at Bo Diddley Plaza, NE 31st Avenue (Unity) Park, Lincoln Yard Trail, Westside Park Drainage and Parking Lot improvements, A. Quinn Jones Museum Improvements, Sweetwater Recreational Trail (Phase I), etc.)	\$ 600,000	
	\$ 2,000,000	

# Questions?

