

# Welcome to the Lowman Beach Racket Court Virtual Open House #3

June 29, 2021 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

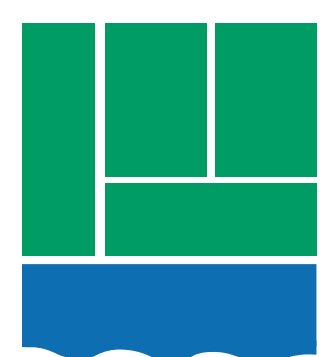


## AGENDA

1. WebEx Meeting Format & Introductions
2. Project Goals & Schedule
3. Vicinity Map
4. Site Analysis
5. Concepts for Park
6. Survey Results: What We Heard
7. Seattle Parks & Recreation Evaluation
8. Estimated Project Costs
9. Next Steps

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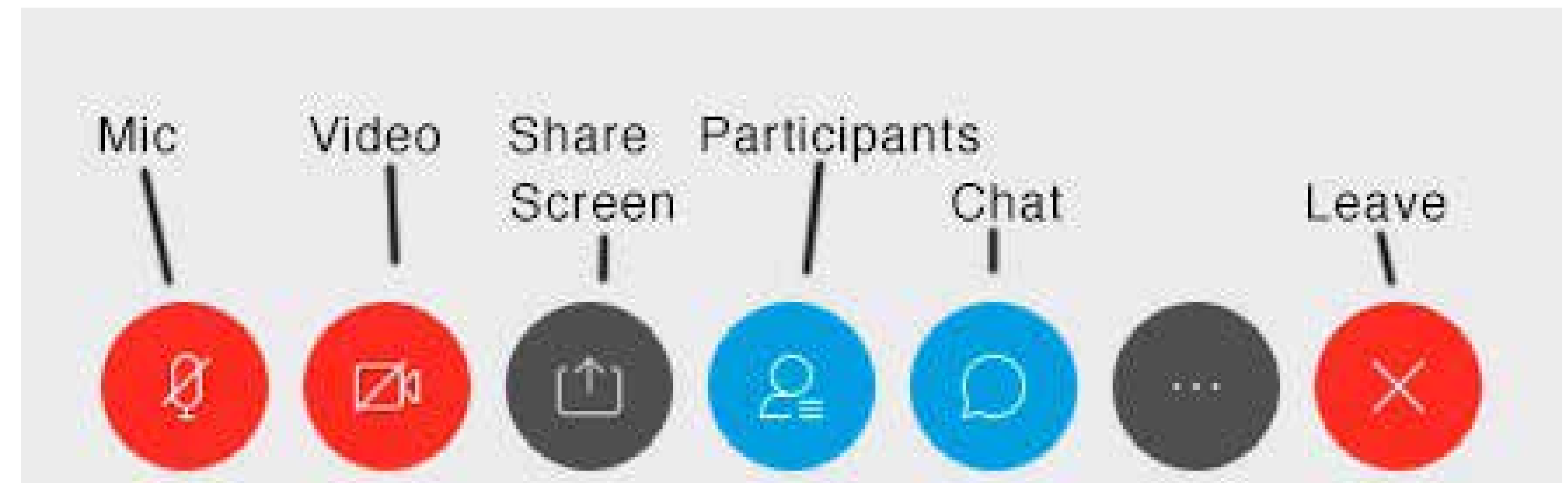
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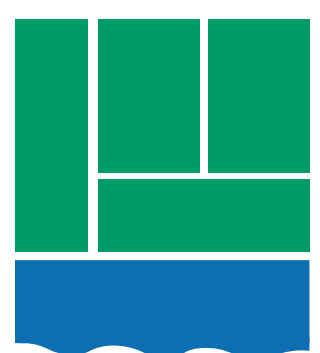
# WebEx Meeting Format & Introductions

## MEETING DETAILS:

1. We're here to have fun and participate in a safe manner!
2. You are all muted. (also keep video off)
3. At any time, you may ask **questions** by typing them into the chat feature. We will record this, and address questions as we go through the presentation, with time at the end to address any questions we missed.
4. The meeting will be recorded & posted on Park's website for later viewing.
5. If you access the meeting by phone, we ask you dial \*6 to mute your audio.



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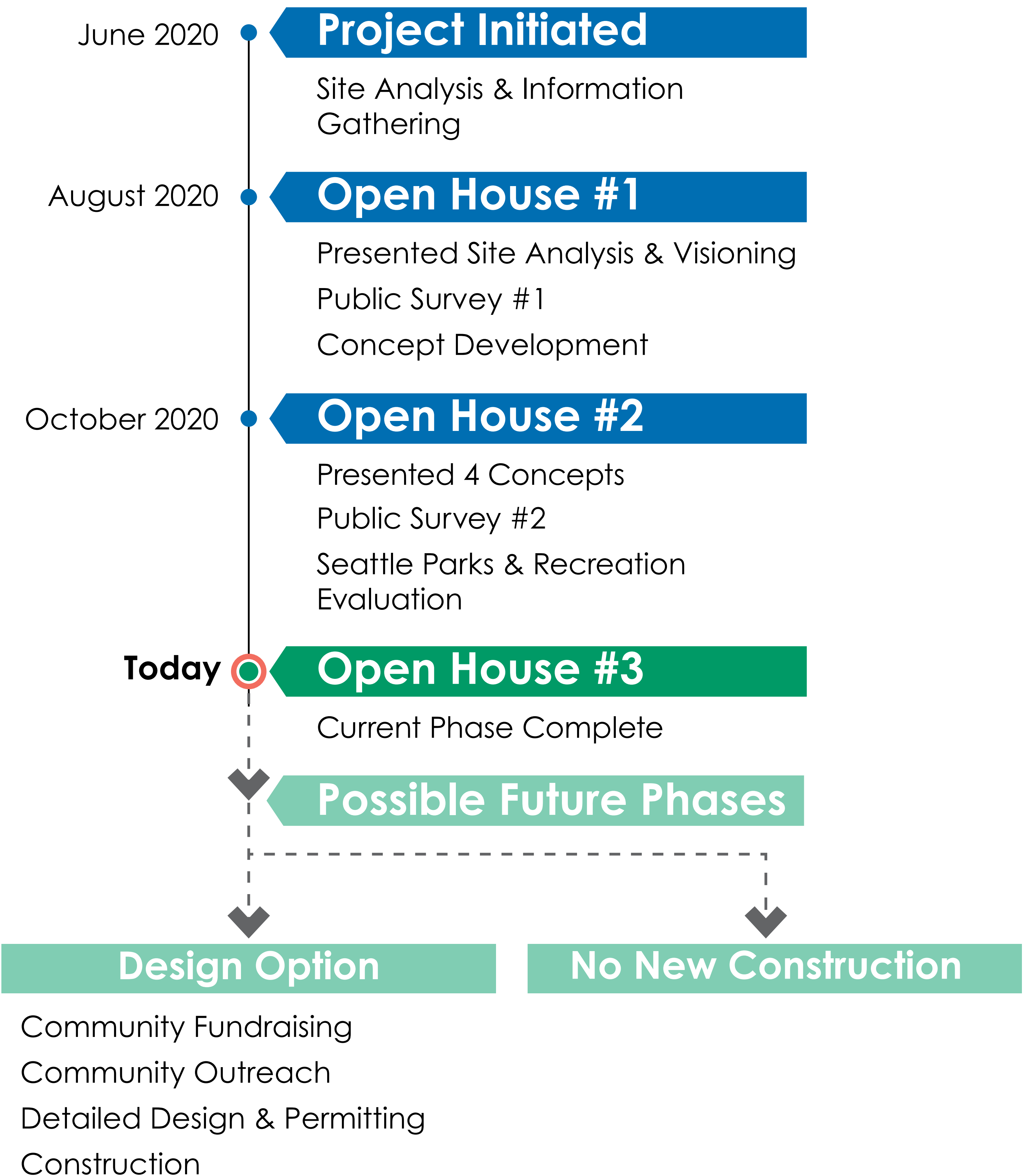
# Project Goals

1. Explore options and feasibility of providing a new racket court at Lowman Beach Park.
2. Create a concept for possible future improvements at Lowman Beach Park.
3. Minimize disturbance to existing park features.

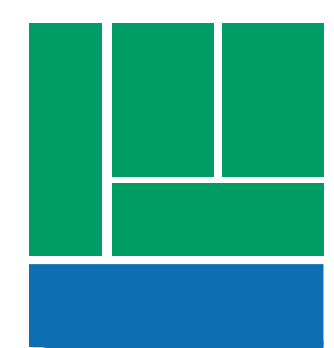
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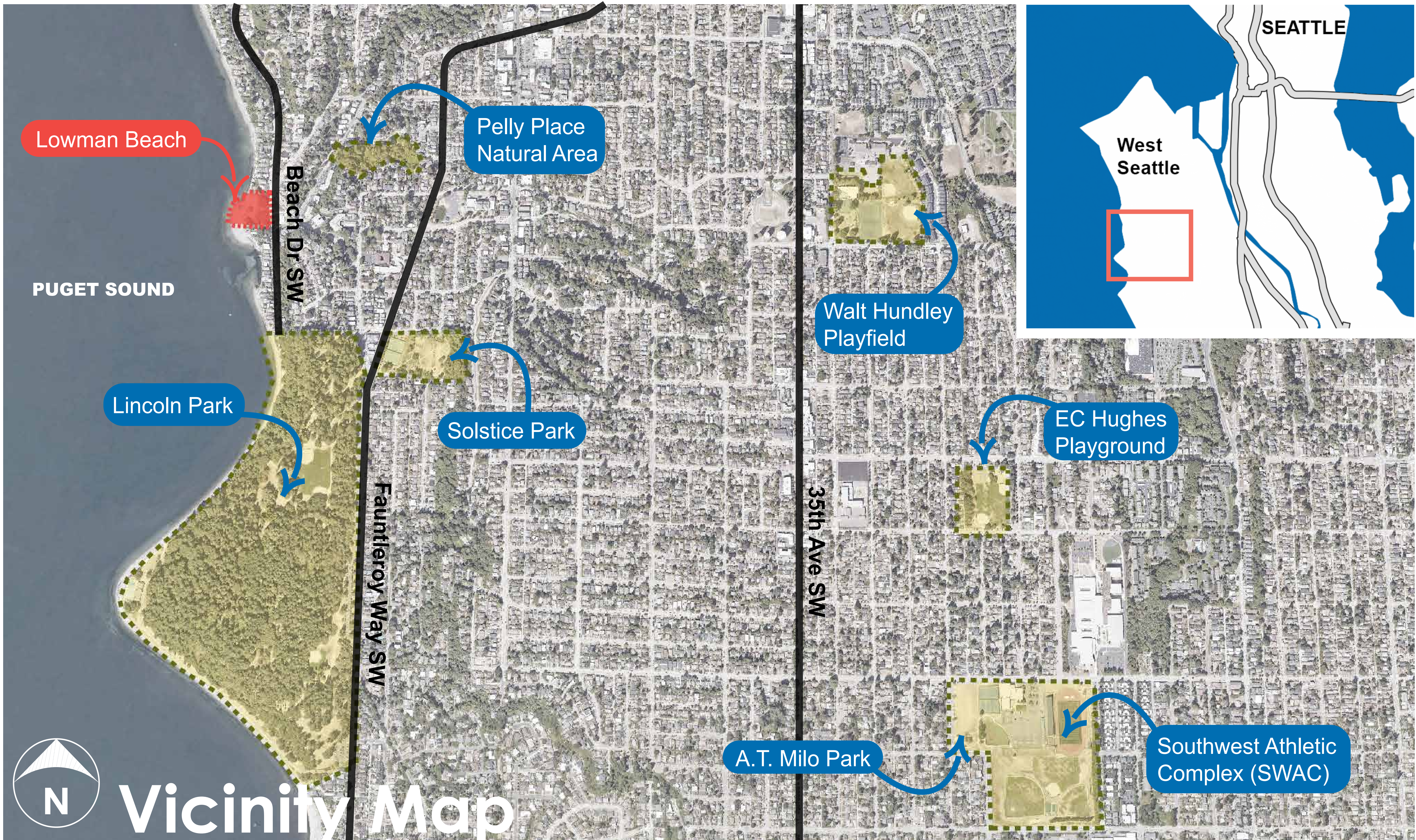
1. Review project history and context.
2. Share Seattle Parks & Recreation's comments on the concepts presented Fall 2020.
3. Provide guidance on next steps if park improvements are to be pursued by the community.

# Project Schedule



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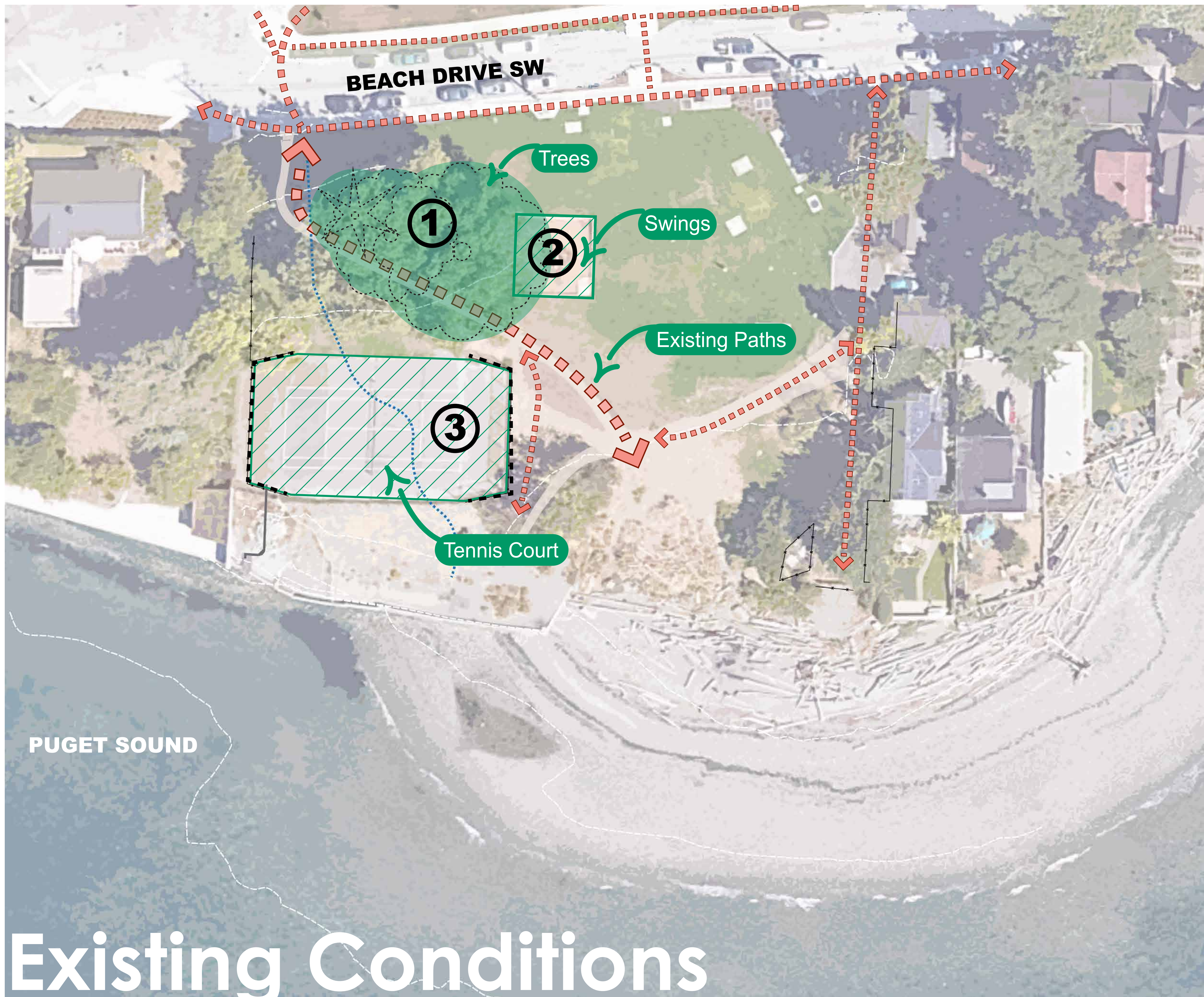




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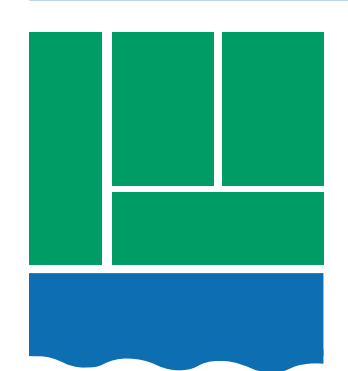
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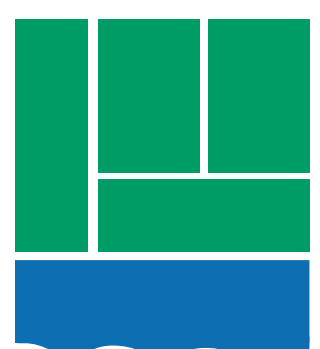
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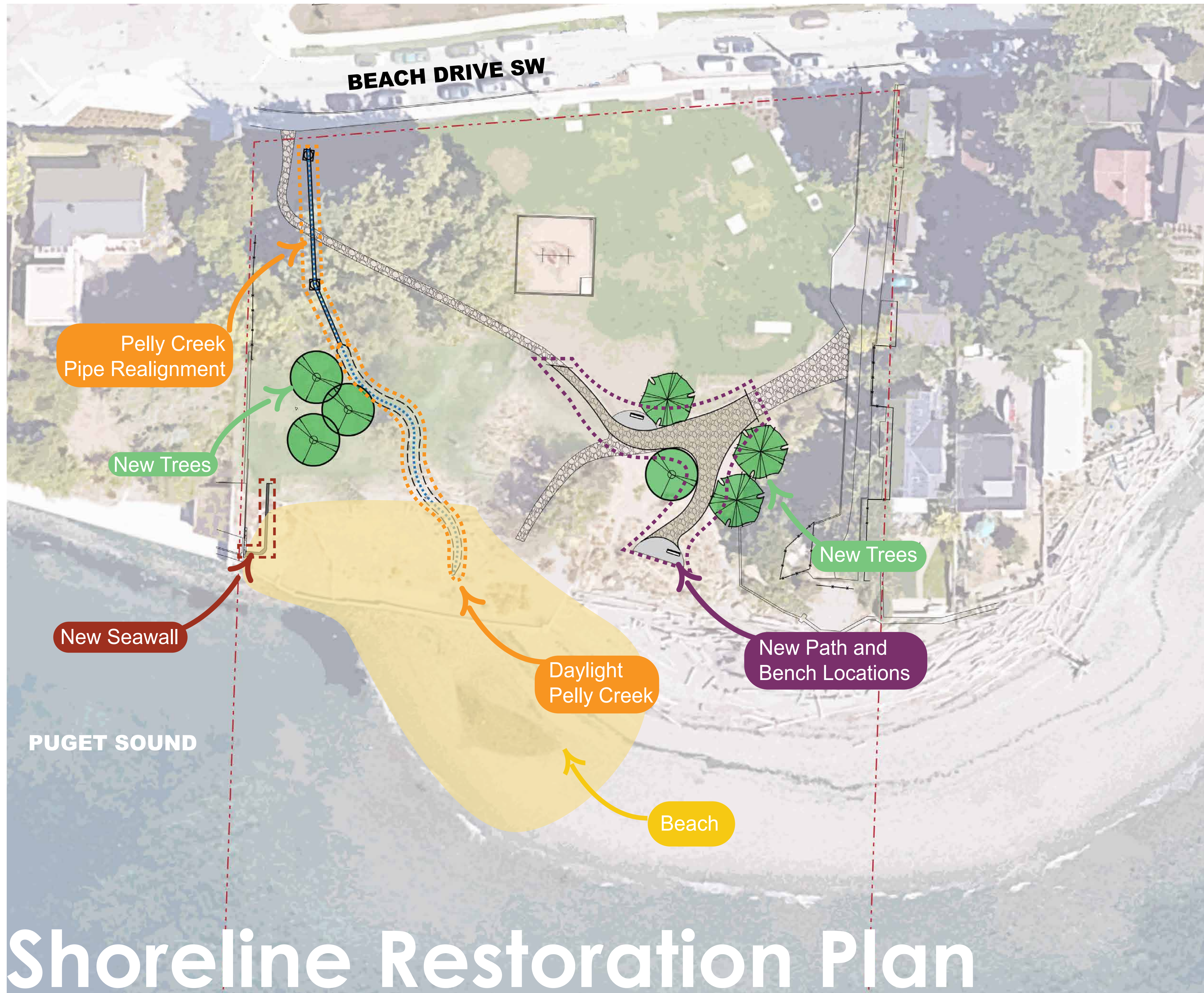




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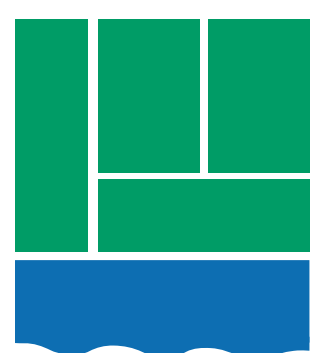
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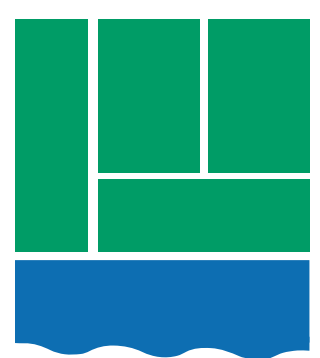




# Opportunity Area

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# What We Heard: First Public Survey

**322**  
**Survey**  
**Participants**

**174**  
**Comments**  
**Received**

## Existing Features:

- Over 80% of respondents ranked the beach as extremely important
- Court, lawn and mature trees also ranked highly

## New Racket Courts:

- Most respondents supported a new racket court, with pickleball options ranking highly
- 25% of respondents ranked a new court as neutral, not important, or preferred no new court

## Other Amenities:

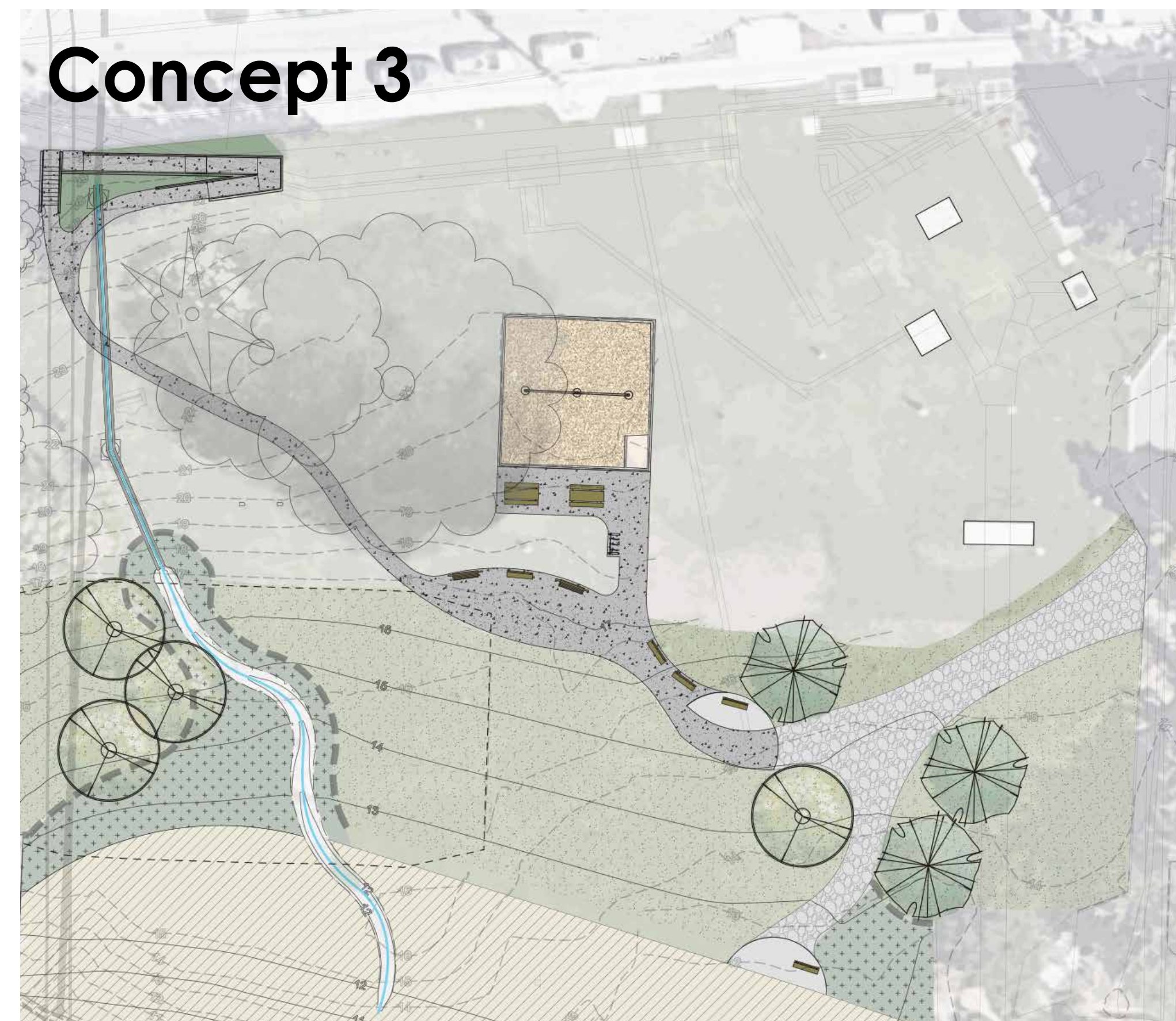
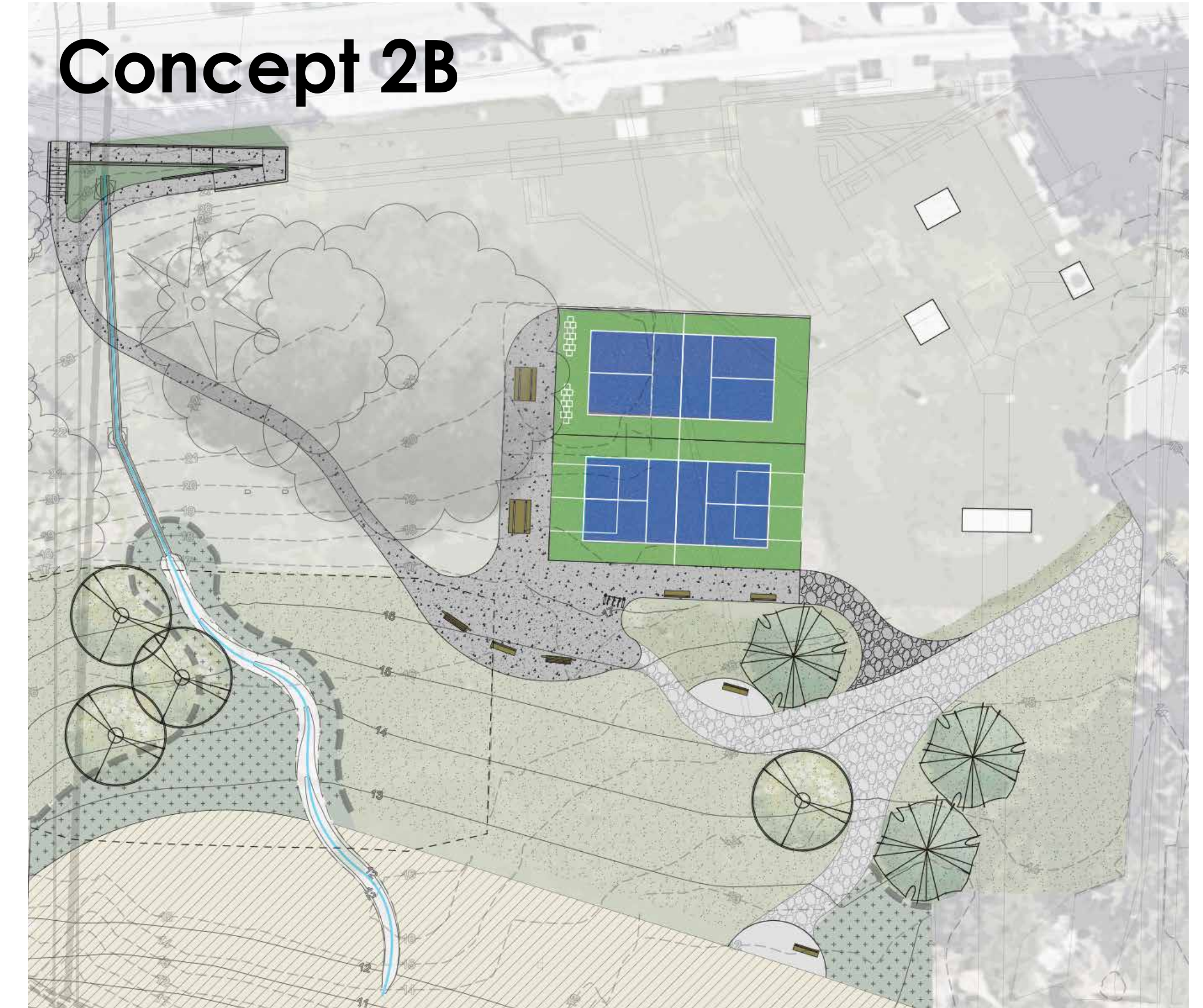
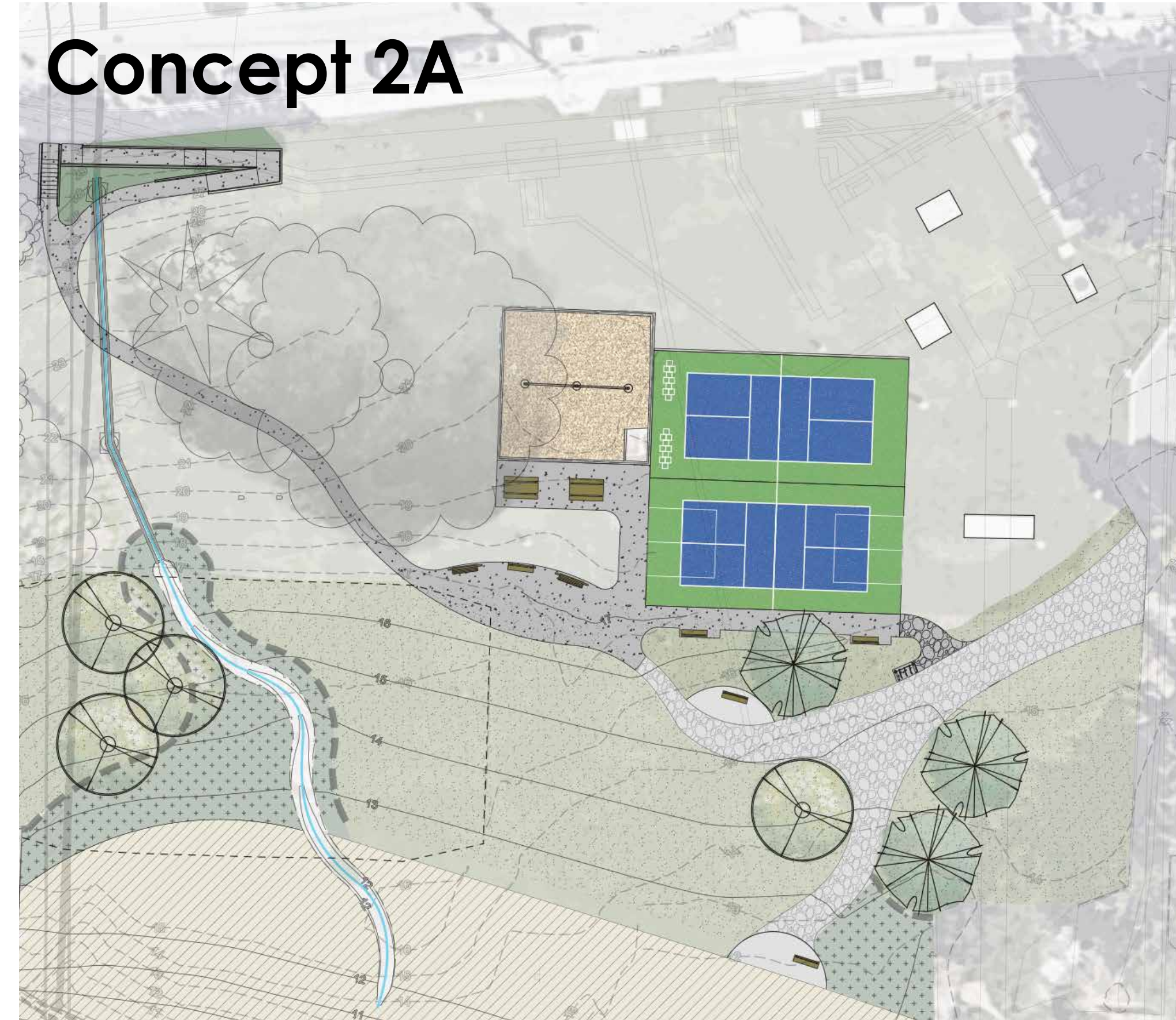
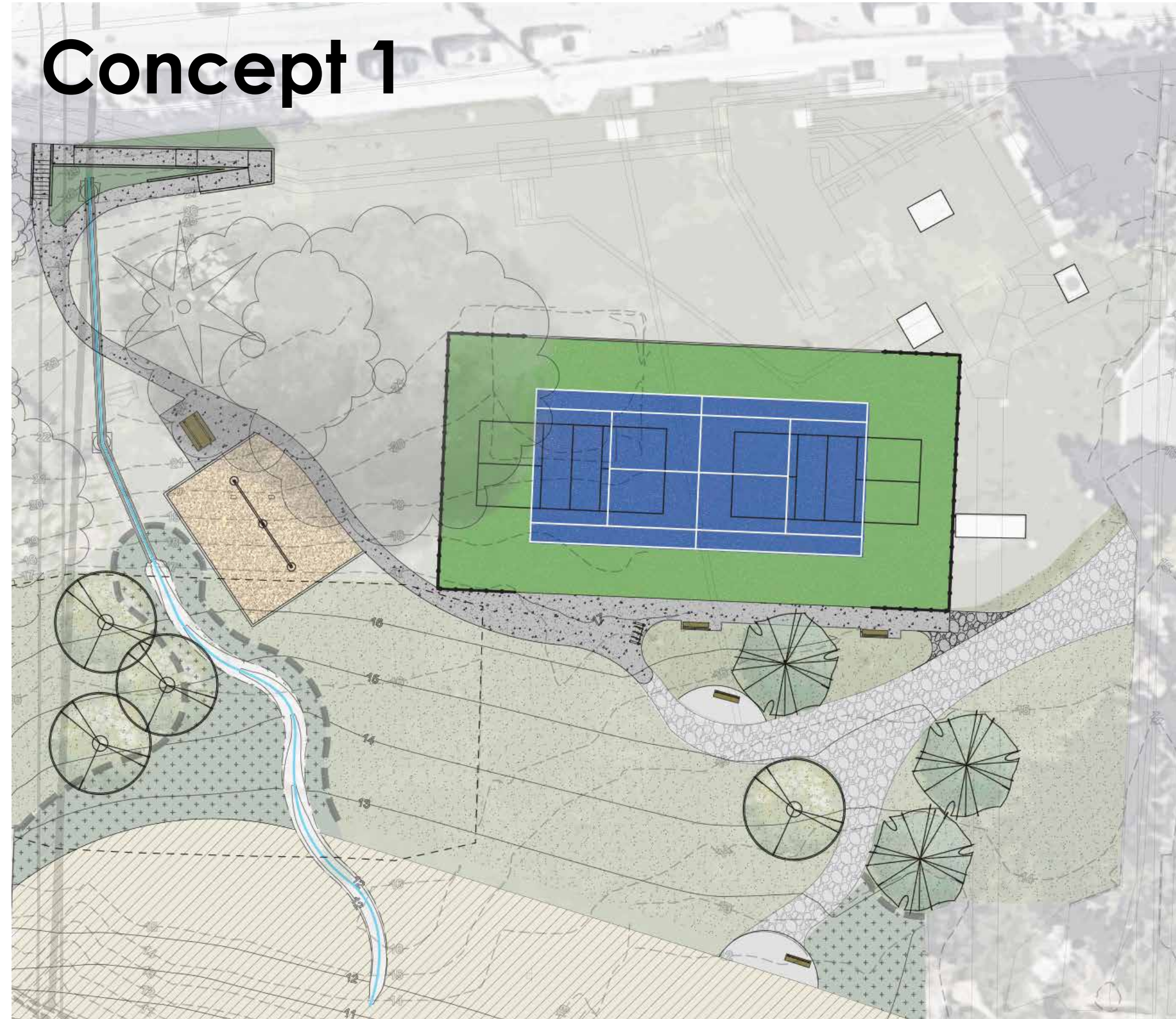
- Many respondents wanted to keep or replace the swings and add new amenities (e.g. seating)

## Comments Received:

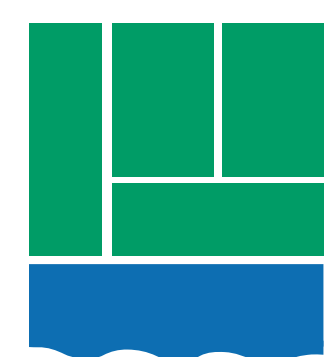
- Desire to preserve Lowman Park's views, natural character, beach access and open space

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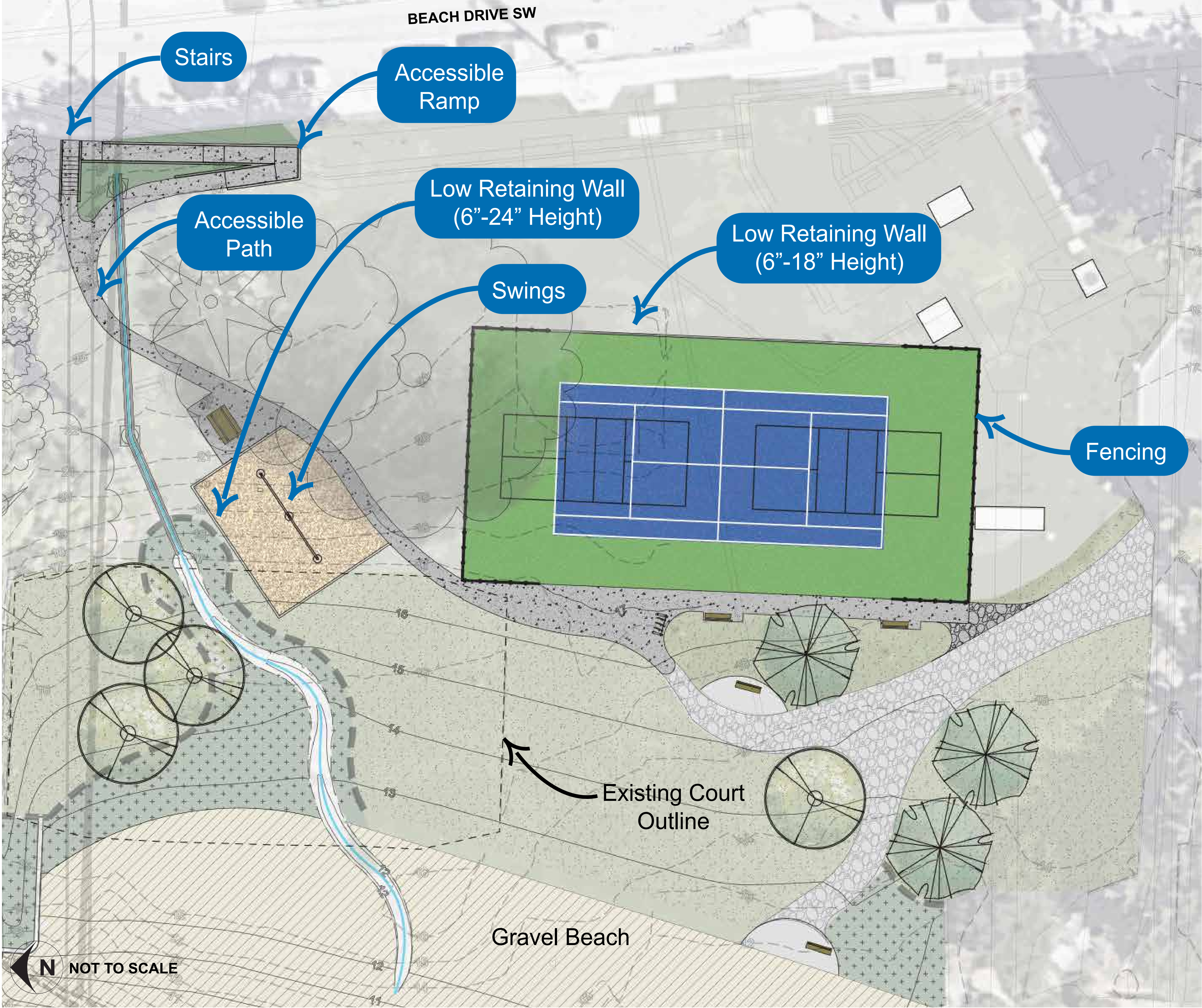
# Options Presented October 2020



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# Concept 1: Full Size Multi-Sport Court



**BENEFITS:**

- Full size tennis court
- Accommodates pickleball and other hard surface activities
- Accessible swing area

**IMPACTS:**

- Loss of open lawn space
- Fence partially obstructs views
- Swing encroaches towards daylighted creek
- North side of court under drip line of existing tree

**LEGEND:**

- ||||| Bike Rack
- Picnic Table
- Bench
- Lawn
- Shrubs & Groundcover

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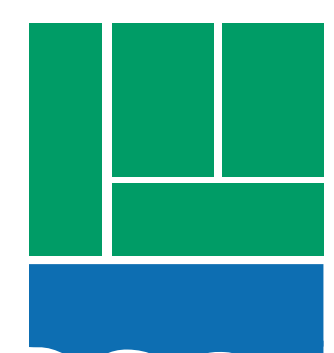
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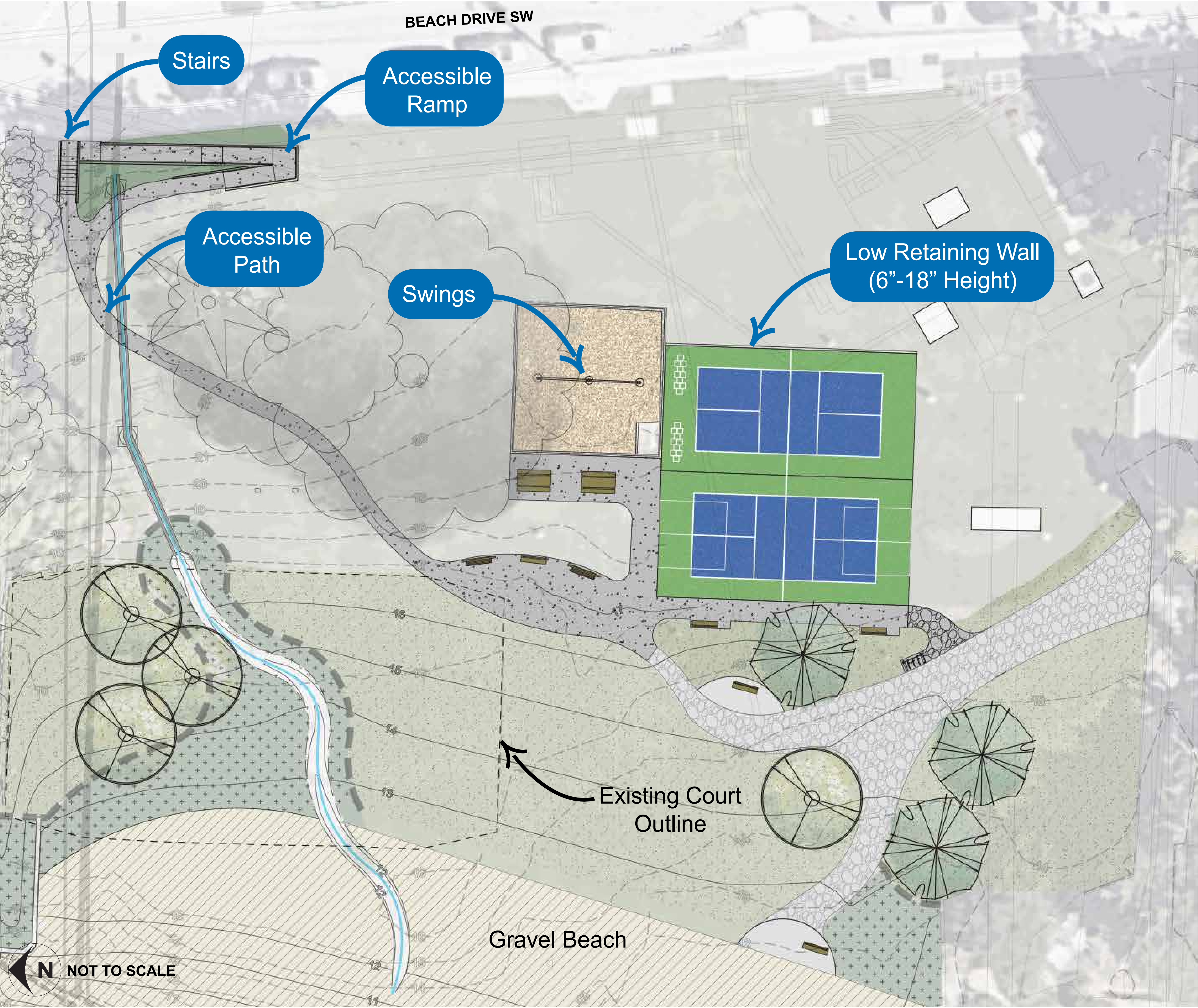
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# Concept 2A: Pickleball Courts + Swings



**BENEFITS:**

- Accommodates pickleball and other activities
- Accessible swing area
- No fencing needed
- No encroachment towards daylighted creek or existing trees

**IMPACTS:**

- Loss of open lawn space
- Does not provide enough hard surface for tennis

**LEGEND:**

- ||||| Bike Rack
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# Concept 2A: Pickleball Courts + Swings

Concept View:



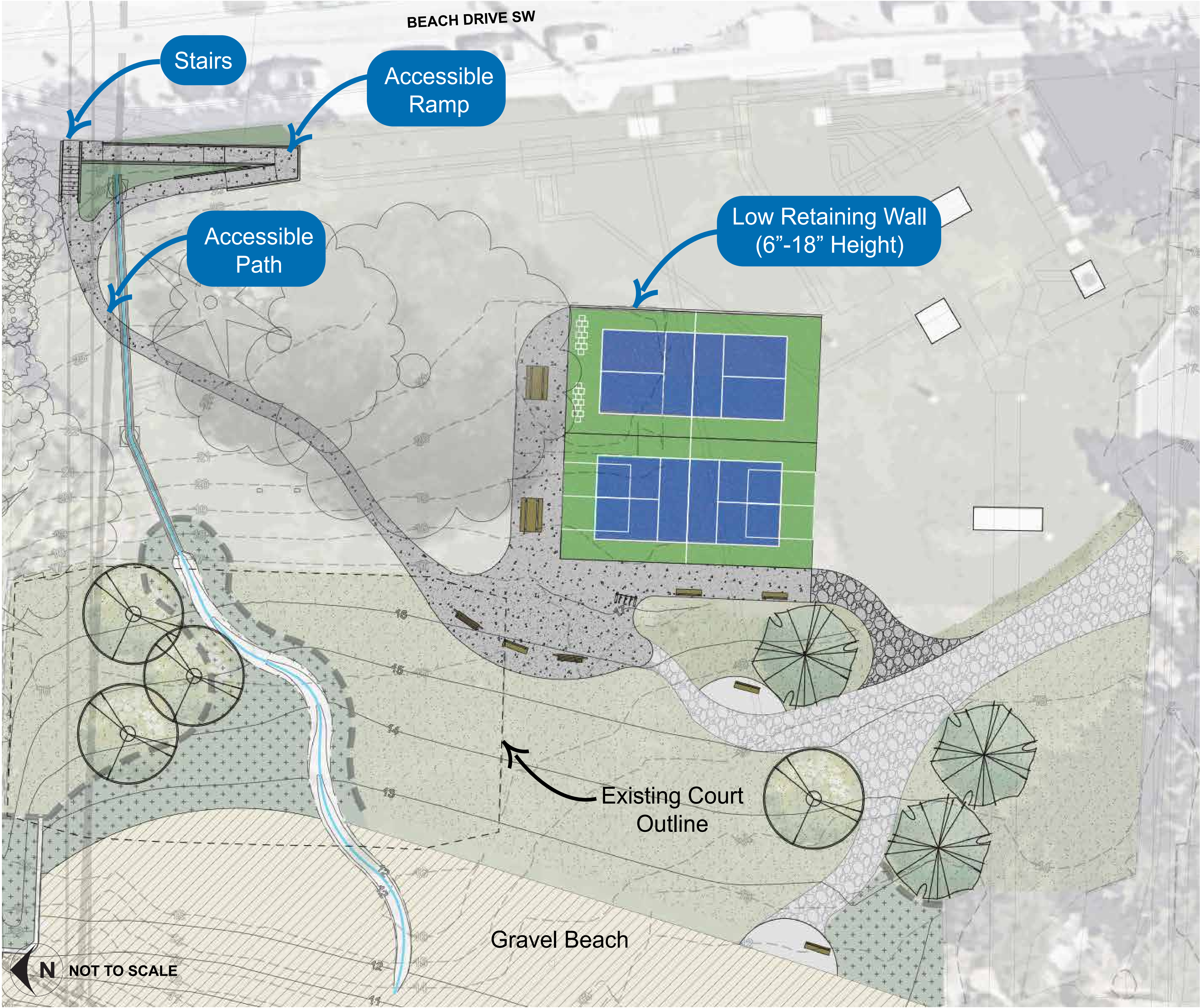
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# Concept 2B: Pickleball Courts + No Swings



**BENEFITS:**

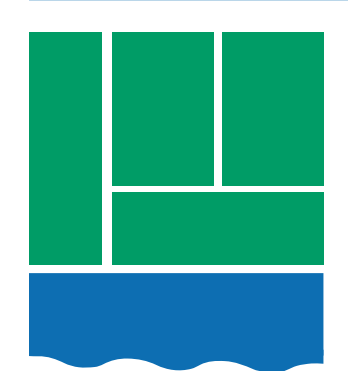
- Less impact to open lawn than Concept 2A
- Accommodates pickleball and other activities
- No fencing needed
- No encroachment towards daylighted creek or existing trees

**IMPACTS:**

- Loss of open lawn space
- Does not provide enough hard surface for tennis
- No swings

**LEGEND:**

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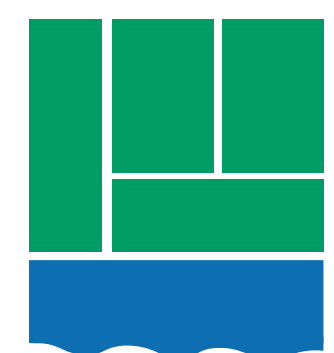
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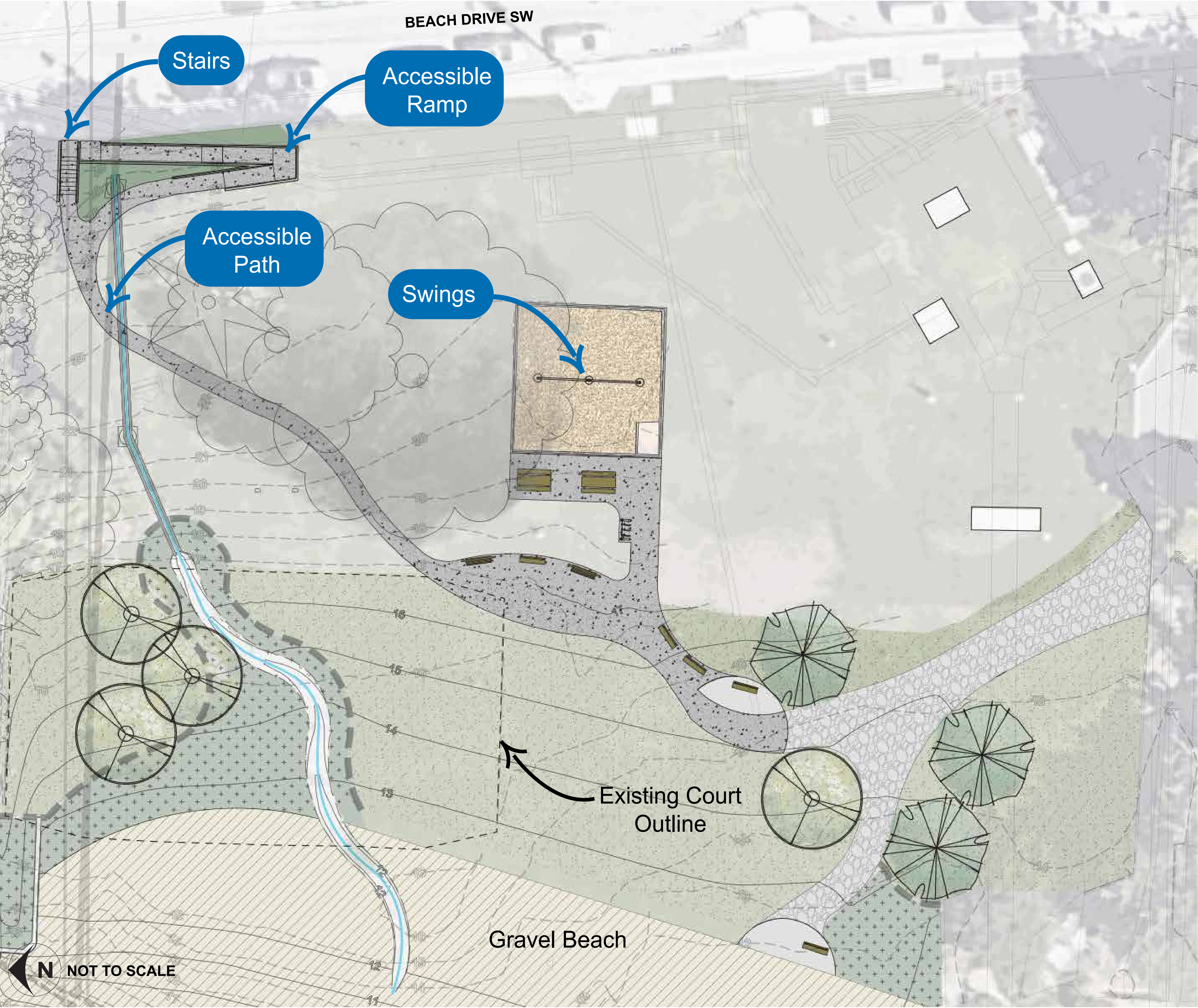
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# Concept 3: Lawn and Amenities (No Court)



**BENEFITS:**

- Open lawn space maximized
- Views of water maintained
- Accessible swing area
- No fencing needed
- No encroachment towards daylighted creek or existing trees

**IMPACTS:**

- Does not provide a hard surface to accommodate tennis, pickleball, or other activities

**LEGEND:**

- ||||| Bike Rack
- Picnic Table
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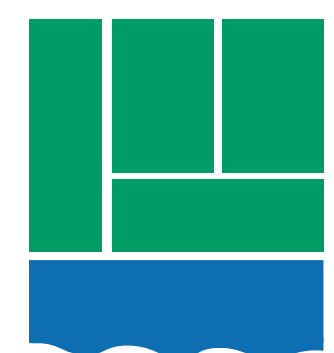
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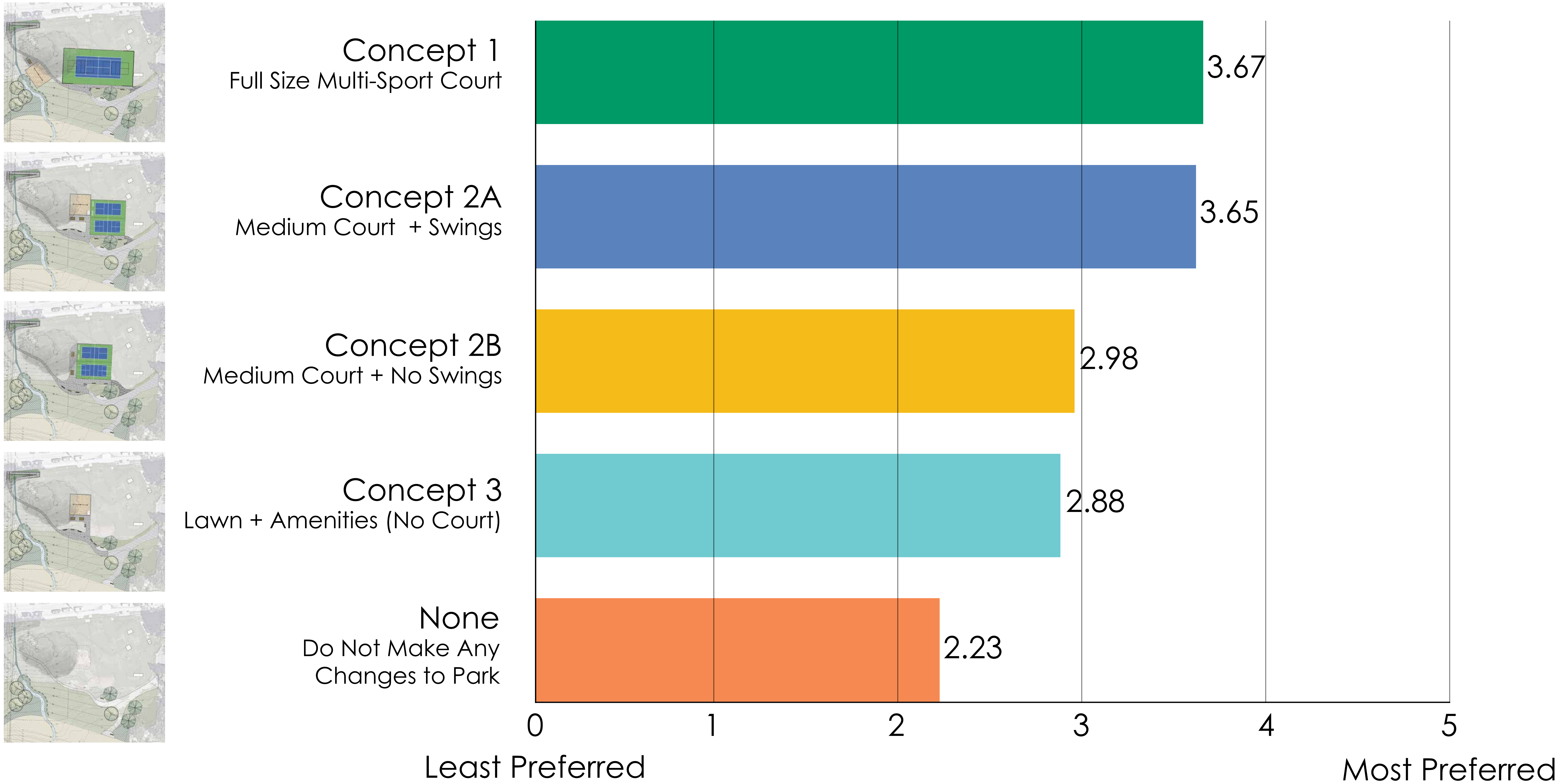
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# What We Heard: Preferred Design Concept

531 survey respondents ranked each of these concepts in order of preference:



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# Seattle Parks & Recreation Evaluation

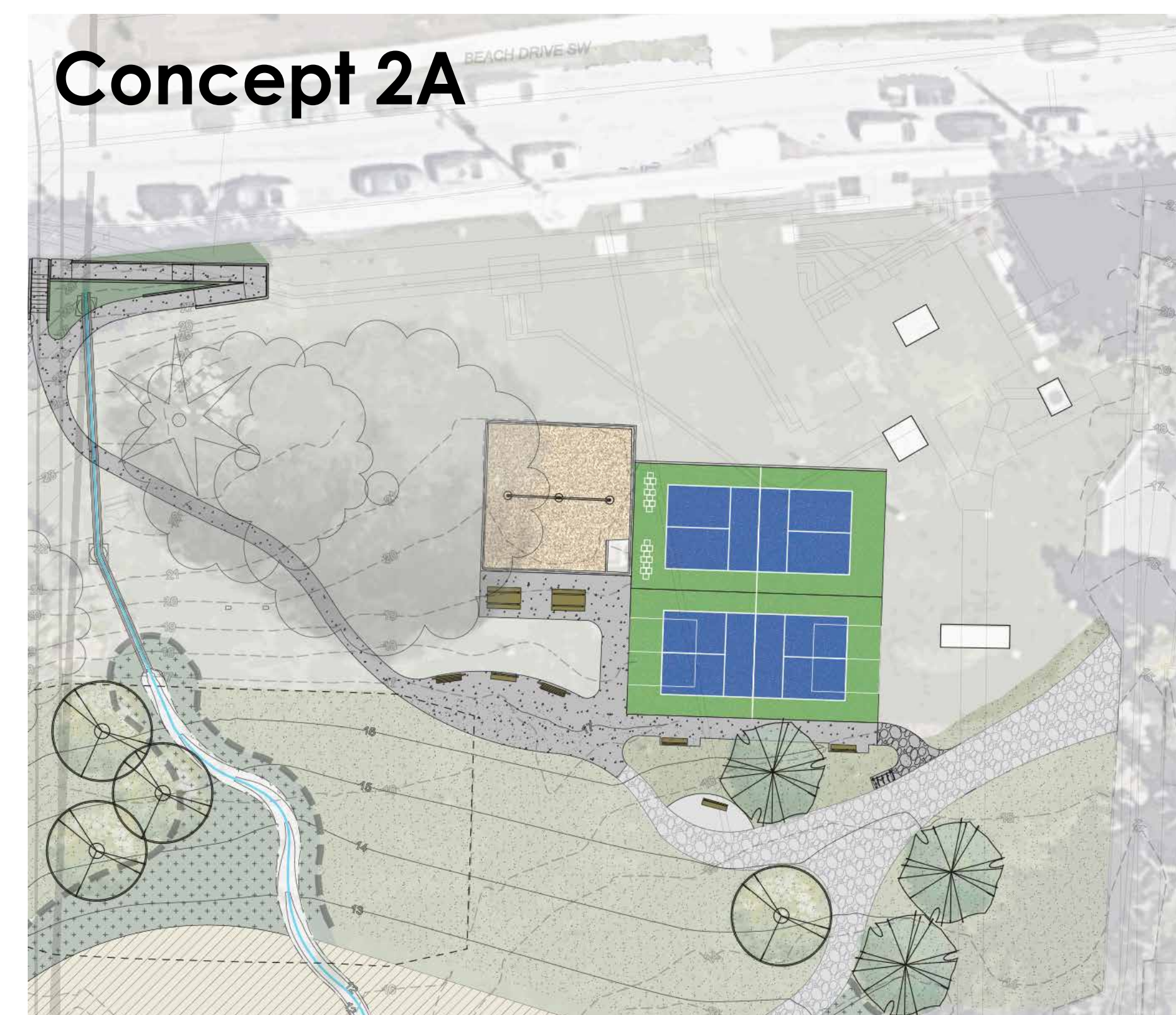
Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) has reviewed the design concepts and community feedback.

**SPR would support Concept 2A (Pickleball with Swings) or No New Construction.**

Other factors that were included in this evaluation:

- Park size, context and unique characteristics
- Preservation of water views and safe beach access
- Goals of the SPR Strategic Plan to balance active and passive recreation
- Environmental impacts (e.g. grading & retaining walls)
- Local availability of tennis and other sports courts nearby
- Infrastructure and maintenance requirements
- Minimizing park impacts while maximizing recreational benefits (e.g. multi-use pickleball court designs)

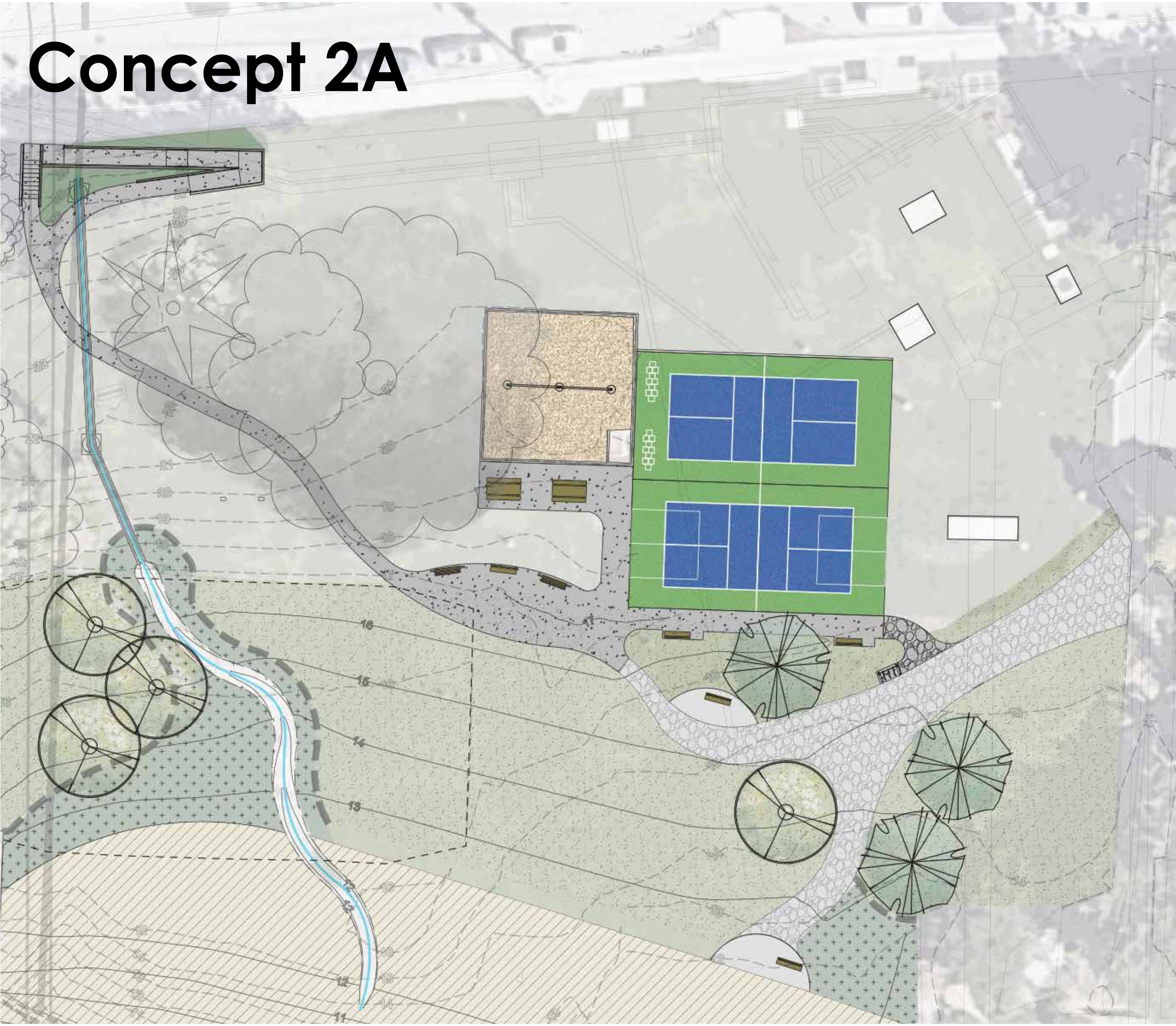
In response to community feedback, SSCF and SPR worked to open up the existing courts at the SWAC.



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# Estimated Project Costs



**Estimated Cost: \$ 450,000**



**No Additional Cost**

Note: estimate include costs for design, permitting & construction



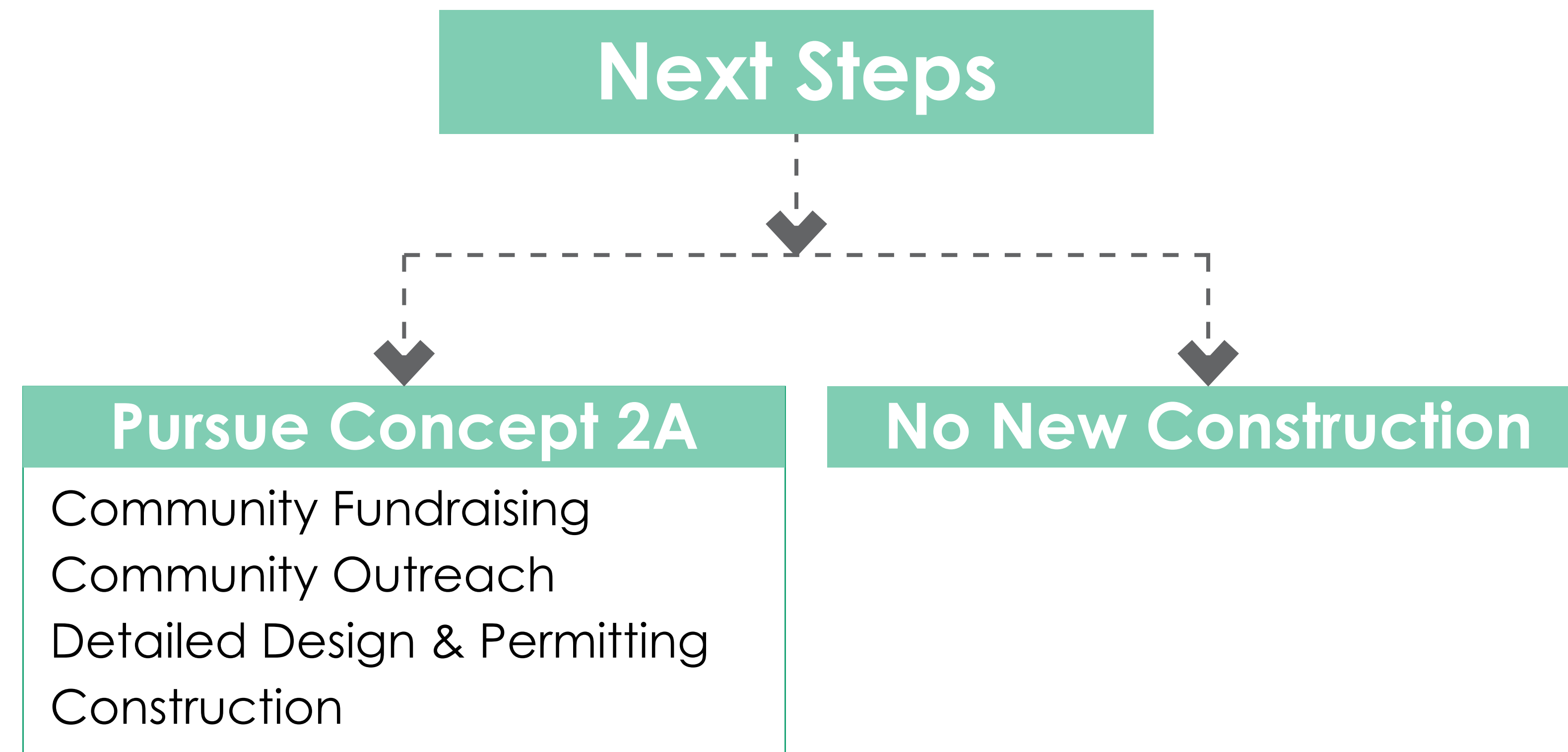
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# Next Steps

**This meeting concludes the funded phase of this project.**

At this time, no Seattle Parks & Recreation funding is available to pursue detailed design or construction of concept 2A.

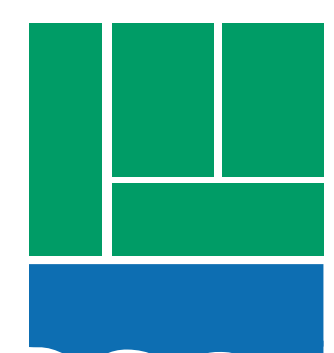


Alternative funding for concept 2A may be pursued by a community group through:

- Private donations
- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods or other grant resources
- Partnerships with Non-Profits



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# Thank you for participating!

For graphics of these slides and previous survey results visit:  
[www.seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/lowman-beach-park](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/lowman-beach-park)



## Public Surveys 1 & 2

**883**

Total  
Responses

**684**

Comments  
Received

## Online Engagement

**11**

Neighborhood  
Blog Posts

**140+**

Online  
Comments

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