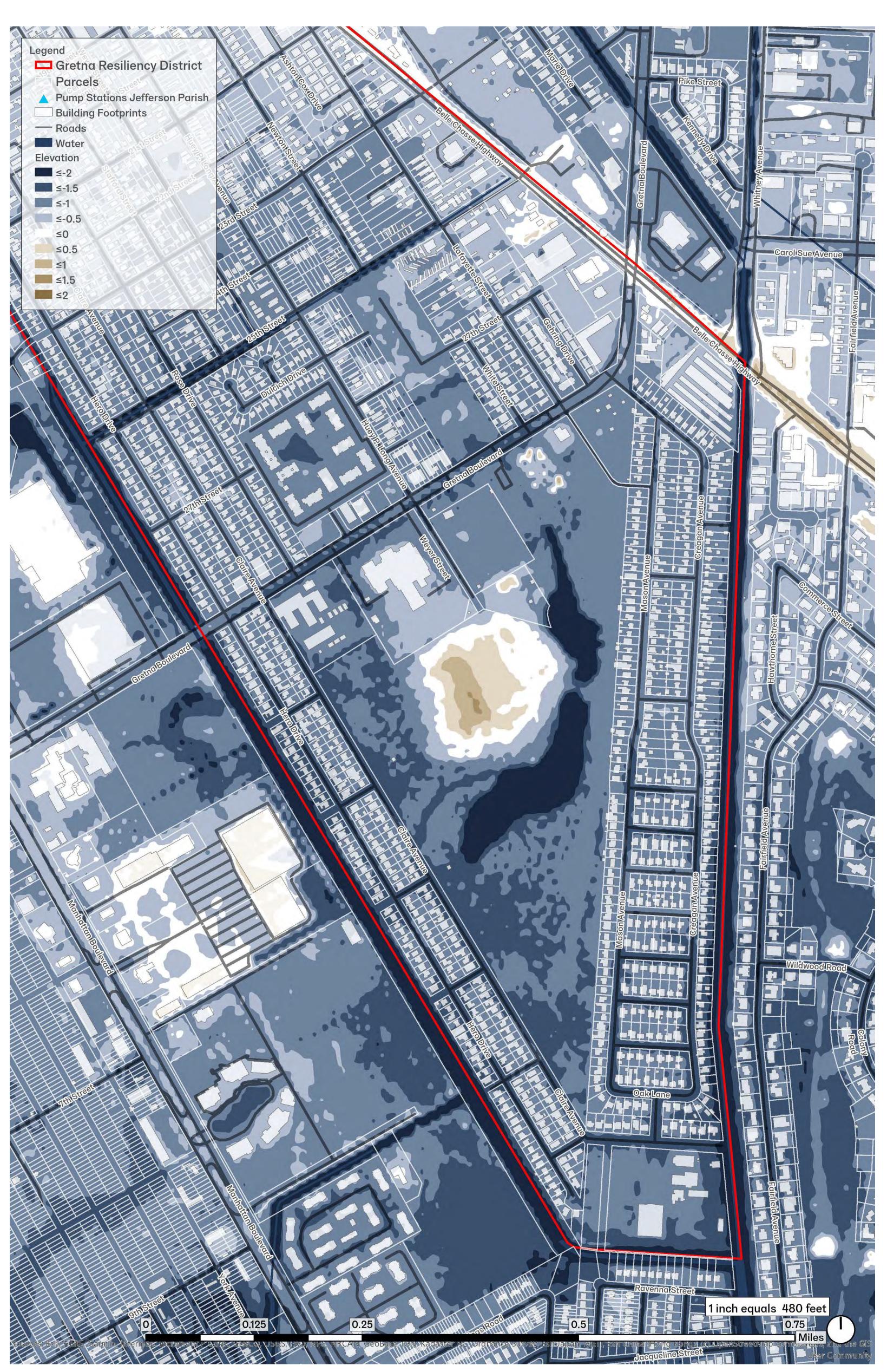


PROJECT CONTEXT

PART OF A BROADER CONVERSATION

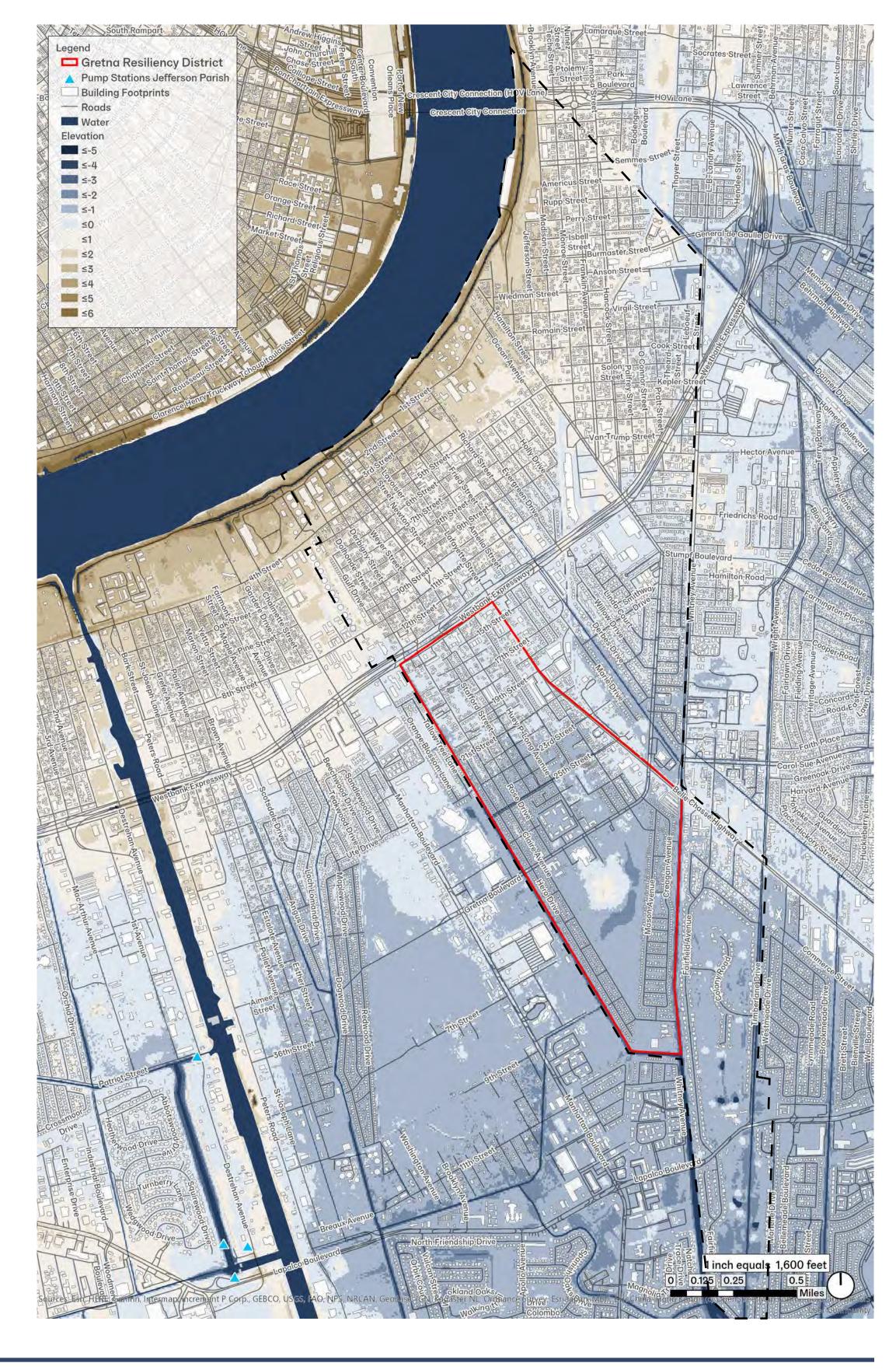


CITY OF GRETNA LIMITS

LOUISIANA STRATEGIC ADAPTATIONS FOR FUTURE ENVIRONMENTS (LASAFE)

In April 2018, the City of Gretna was awarded \$5 million from the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) to make flood mitigation, ecological, and recreational improvements to the park in alignment with the Gretna Resilience District vision. This vision, and the concept for the park, were developed through the Louisiana Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments (LASAFE) planning process, a U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)-funded effort to increase community resilience.





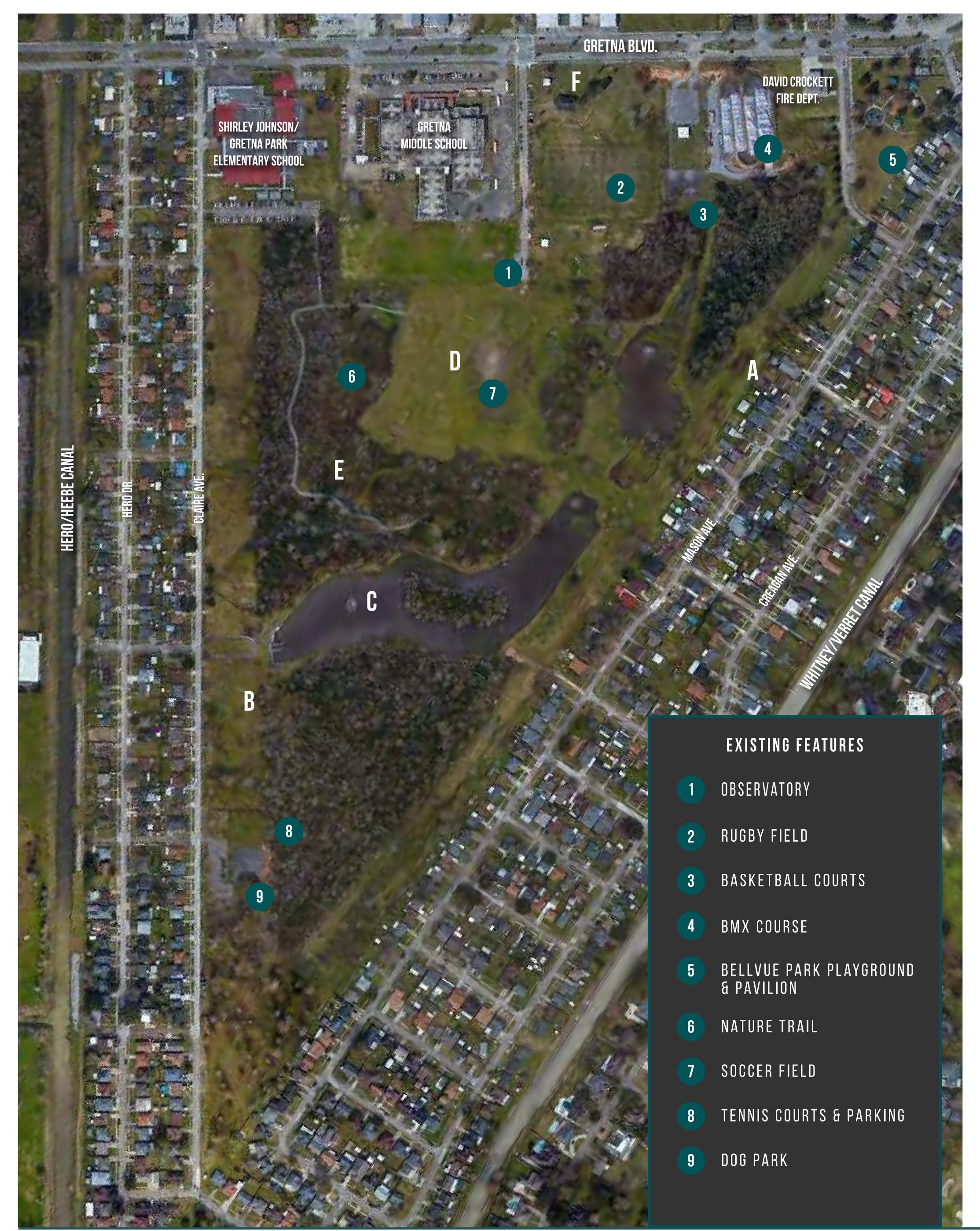


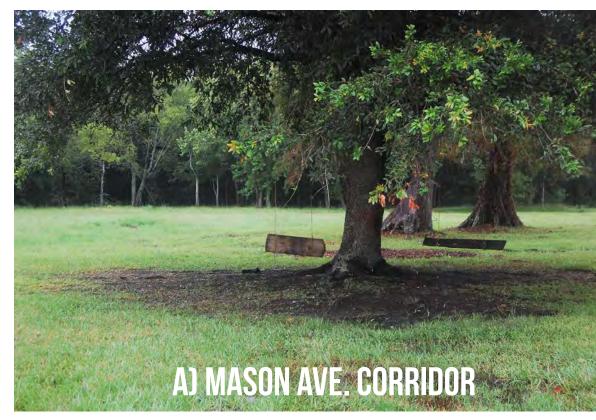




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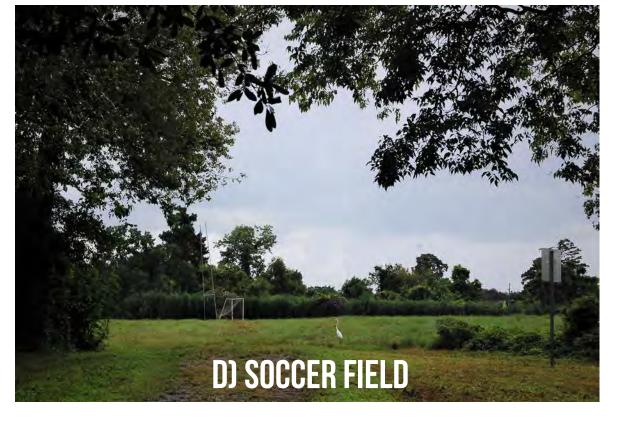
WHAT THE PARK ALREADY OFFERS











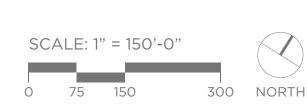










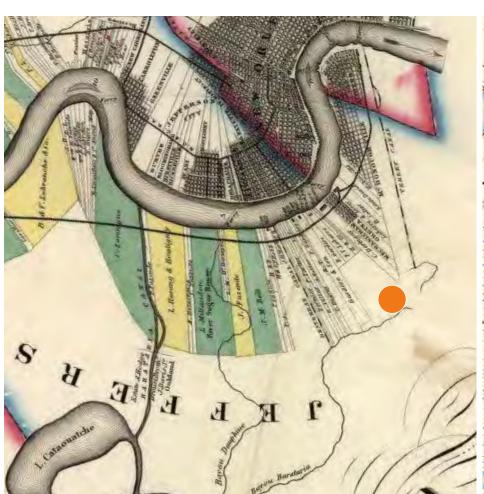




73 Mississippi Alluvial Plain 73a Northern Holocene Meander Belts

HISTORY + ECOLOGY





73d Northern Backswamps 73h Arkansas/Ouachita River Holocene Meander Belts 73i Arkansas/Ouachita River Backswamps 73j Macon Ridge 73k Southern Holocene Meander Belts 731 Southern Pleistocene Valley Trains 73m Southern Backswamps 73n Inland Swamps 730 Deltaic Coastal Marshes and Barrier Islands 74 Mississippi Valley Loess Plains 74a Bluff Hills 74c Southern Rolling Plains 74d Baton Rouge Terrace 75 Southern Coastal Plain 75a Gulf Coast Flatwoods 75i Floodplains and Low Terraces 75k Gulf Barrier Islands and Coastal Marshes Level IV ecoregion ---- Parish boundary ---- State boundary

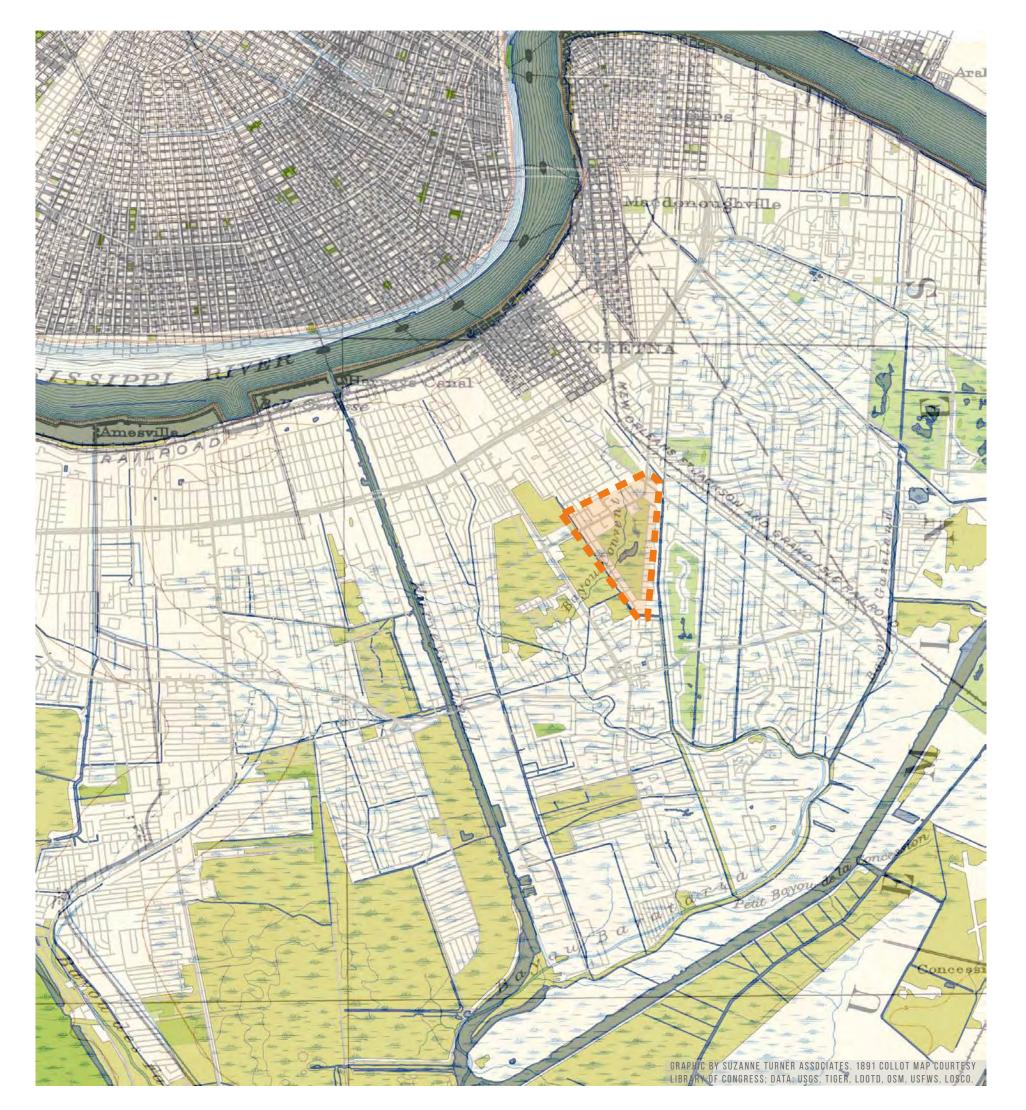
HISTORIC MAPS OF THE GRETNA CITY PARK ARE THE EARLIEST MAP THAT SHOWS THE SITE AREA IS THE COLLOT 1826 "COURSE OF THE MISSISSIPI" WHICH DESCRIBES THE AREA AS "LAND COVERED WITH CYPRESS LIES WITHIN THE DELTAIC COASTAL MARSHES AND BARRIER ISLAND ECOREGION WHICH WAS DOMINATED BY BRACKISH AND SALINE MARSHES BEFORE MUCH OF THI LAND WAS DRAINED BY CANALS. THE 1826 MAP DELINEATES A LANDSCAPE THAT WAS DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

1826 COLLOT MAP OF THE COURSE OF THE MISSISSIF

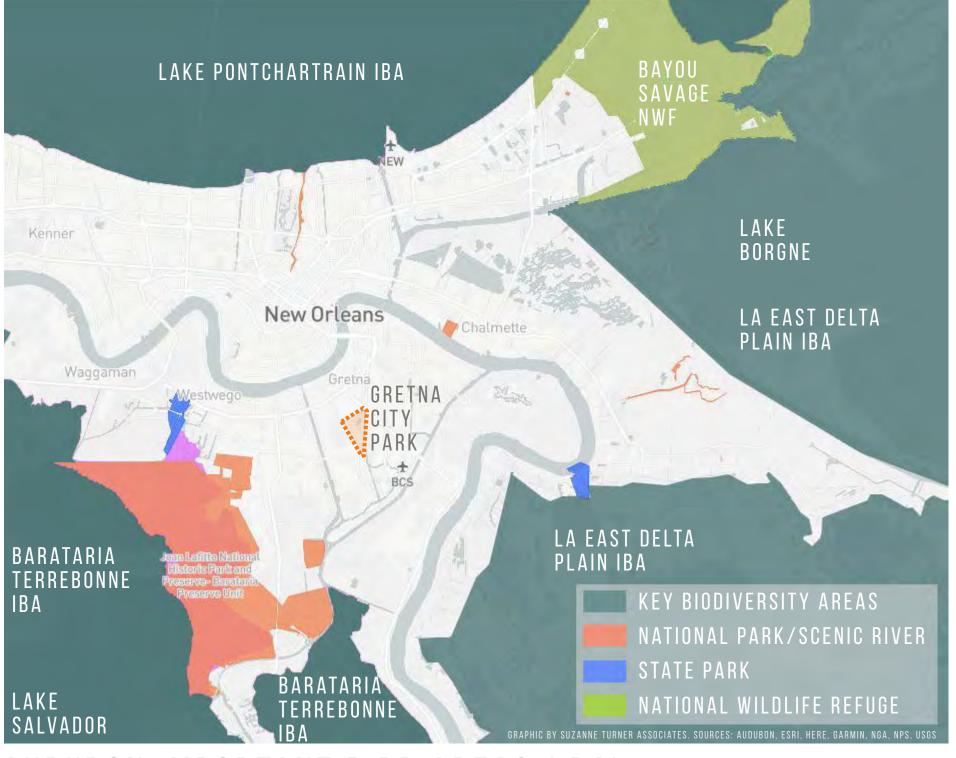
THE 1858 "NORMAN'S CHART OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI" SHOWS THE VERRET CANAL (WHITNEY CANAL) AND THE DESTRAHAN CANAL. WHICH WAS LATER KNOWN AS THE HARVEY CANAL OR THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY. THIS MAP DELINEATES A HEAVILY ENGINEERED LANDSCAPE DESIGNED TO DRAIN SWAMP LANDS.

THE 1891 APPLETON MAP OF NEW ORLEANS SHOWS SEVERAL NEW CANALS. THE SITE AREA IS STILL DEMARCATED AS WETLANDS AND THERE IS A BAYOU RUNNING THROUGH THE SITE.

DELTAIC COASTAL MARSHES AND BARRIER ISLANDS ECOREGION



1891 MAP OF GRETNA OVERLAY WITH EXISTING CONDITIONS HISTORICALLY, BAYOU CONVENT RAN THROUGH GRETNA CITY PARK, WHICH FORMED THE TWO LAGOONS THAT NOW BISECT THE SITE. THE PARK LIES WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI ALLUVIAL PLAIN AND WAS ORIGINALLY COASTAL MARSH.



AUDUBON IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS (IBA)



COASTAL PRAIRIE PLANT COMMUNITY REMNANT LOUISIANA COASTAL PRAIRIES. ONCE COVERING AN ESTIMATED 2.5 MILLION ACRES, HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO MUCH LESS THAN 1 % OF THE ORIGINAL EXTENT. ONLY A TINY PORTION OF UPLAND REMNANT PRAIRIES STILL EXIST, AND THEY CAN BE FOUND PRIMARILY ALONG RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS BETWEEN RAILROAD TRACKS AND HIGHWAYS. SOME OF THE LARGER PRAIRIE REMNANTS ARE MARSH FRINGING. WET PRAIRIES FOUND IN VERMILION AND CAMERON PARISHES.



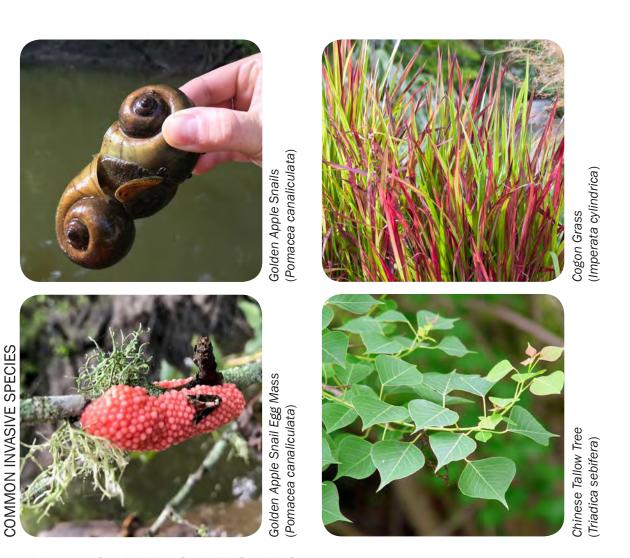
FLOODPLAIN AREAS THAT FLANK LARGE RIVER SYSTEMS. THEY ARE PREDOMINANTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MISSISSIPPI, RED. OUACHITA, PEARL TENSAS. CALCASIEU. SABINE. AND ATCHAFALAYA RIVER FLOODPLAINS. BOTTOMLAND FORESTS MAY BE CALLED A FLUCTUATING WATER LEVEL ECOSYSTEM CHARACTERIZED AND MAINTAINED BY A NATURAL HYDROLOGIC REGIME OF COMMUNITIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER QUALITY, PROVIDING A VERY PRODUCTIVE HABITAT FOR A VARIETY OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND ARE IMPORTANT IN REGULATION OF FLOODING AND STREAM RECHARGE.

UPLAND LAKE

THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF UPLAND LAKES, INCLUDING THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH STREAM SYSTEMS, IN LOUISIANA BASED ON ORIGIN. BAYOU CONVENT ONCE FLOWED THROUGH THE SITE, AND AS THE LAND WAS DRAINED AND CHANNELIZED, THE TWO LAKES WERE WHAT WAS LEFT BEHIND.



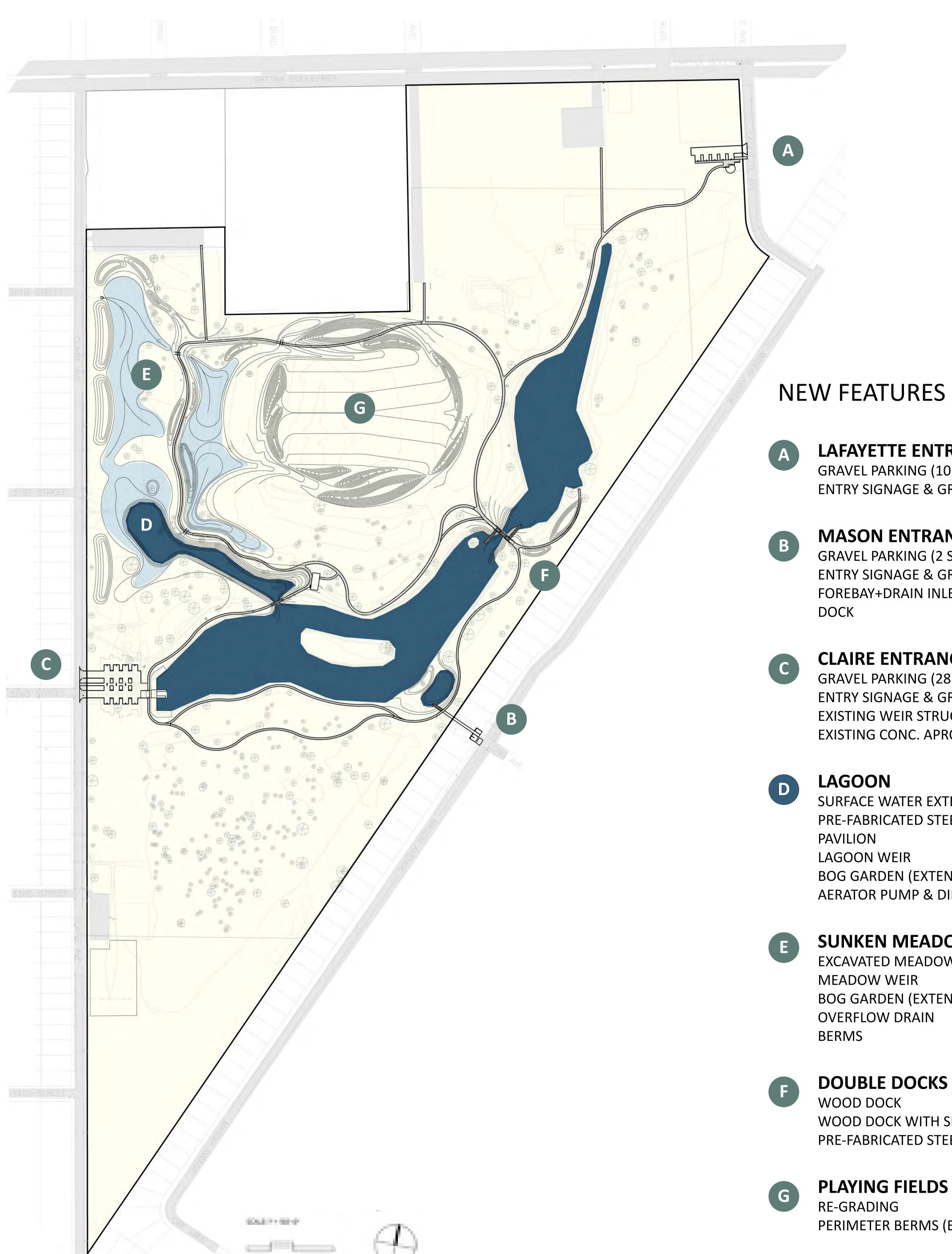
THREATENED + ENDANGERED BIRD SPECIES OF THE REGION



INVASIVE SPECIES



DESIGN OVERVIEW



NEW FEATURES OVERIVEW

LAFAYETTE ENTRANCE GRAVEL PARKING (10 SPACES) ENTRY SIGNAGE & GRAVEL COURT (CAR+PEDESTRIAN)

MASON ENTRANCE GRAVEL PARKING (2 SPACES) ENTRY SIGNAGE & GRAVEL COURT (CAR+PEDESTRIAN) FOREBAY+DRAIN INLET RETROFIT DOCK

CLAIRE ENTRANCE GRAVEL PARKING (28 SPACES) ENTRY SIGNAGE & GRAVEL COURT (CAR+PEDESTRIAN) EXISTING WEIR STRUCTURE RETROFITS (DECKING+SHADE) EXISTING CONC. APRON RETROFITS (RAILING+PAINT)

LAGOON SURFACE WATER EXTENSION (EXCAVATION) PRE-FABRICATED STEEL BRIDGE (40'-0" SPAN) **PAVILION LAGOON WEIR** BOG GARDEN (EXTENDS TO MEADOW WEIR) **AERATOR PUMP & DIFFUSER NETWORK**

SUNKEN MEADOW EXCAVATED MEADOW (DRY DETENTION BASIN) MEADOW WEIR BOG GARDEN (EXTENDS TO LAGOON WEIR) **OVERFLOW DRAIN BERMS**

DOUBLE DOCKS WOOD DOCK WOOD DOCK WITH SHADE STRUCTURE PRE-FABRICATED STEEL BRIDGE (24'-0" SPAN)

RE-GRADING PERIMETER BERMS (EXCAVATED MEADOW/LAGOON MATERIAL)

*NEW TRAIL NETWORK THROUGHOUT PARK (GRAVEL, MULCH, AND MOWN GRASS).

**ADDITIONAL TRAIL & EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT PARK.





PARK WATER SYSTEM



PROPOSED NEW LAGOON, PATHS & STRUCTURES (TYPICAL CONDITION)



AFTER RAINFALL







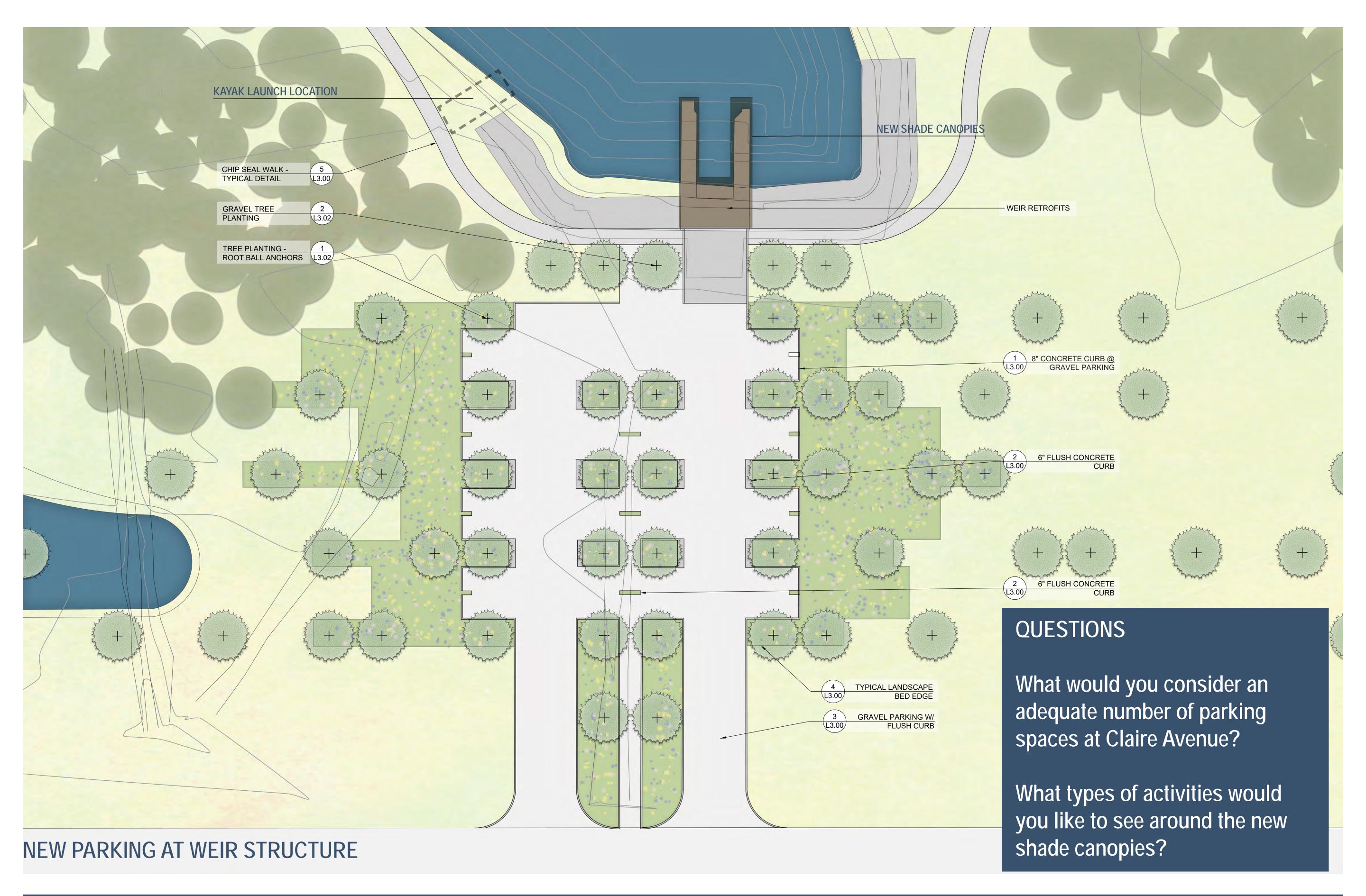
CLAIRE ENTRANCE







PRECEDENT GRAVEL PARKING AREA WITH SHADE TREES





CLAIRE ENTRANCE







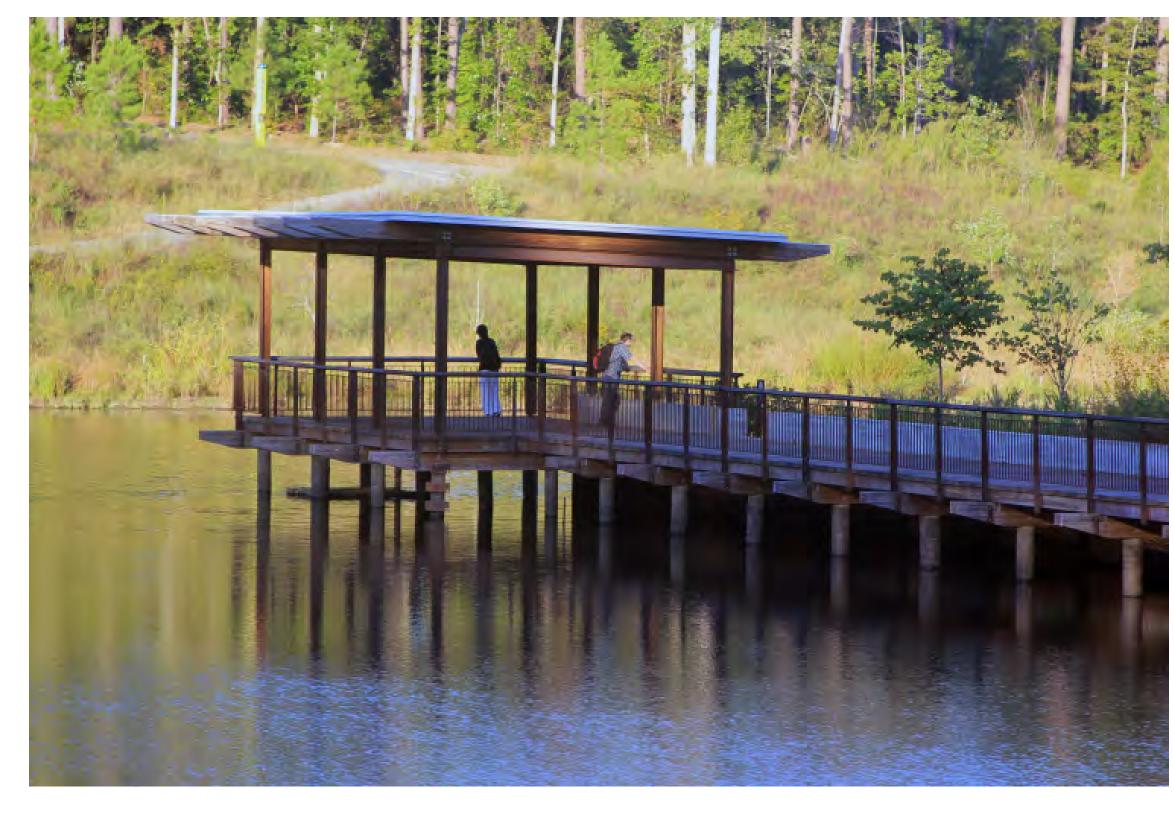
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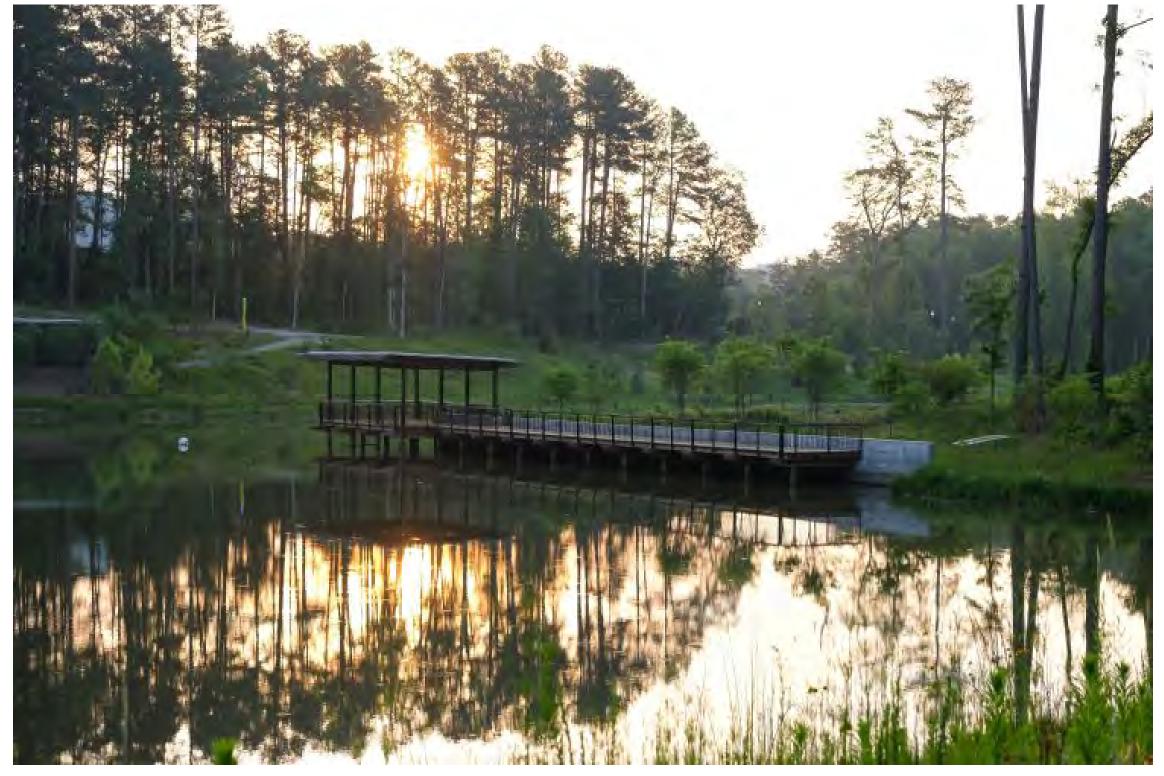








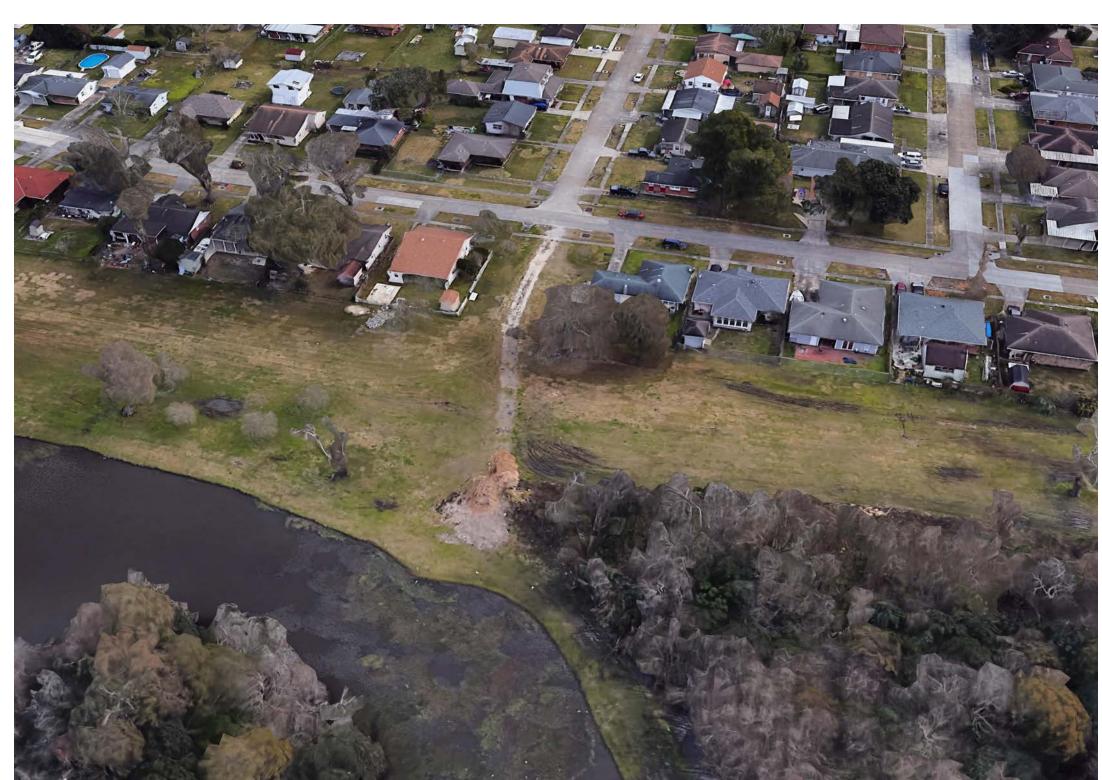


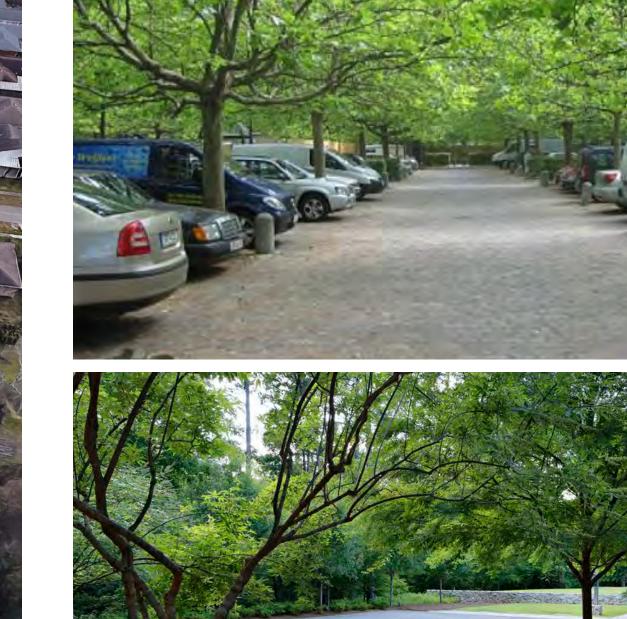


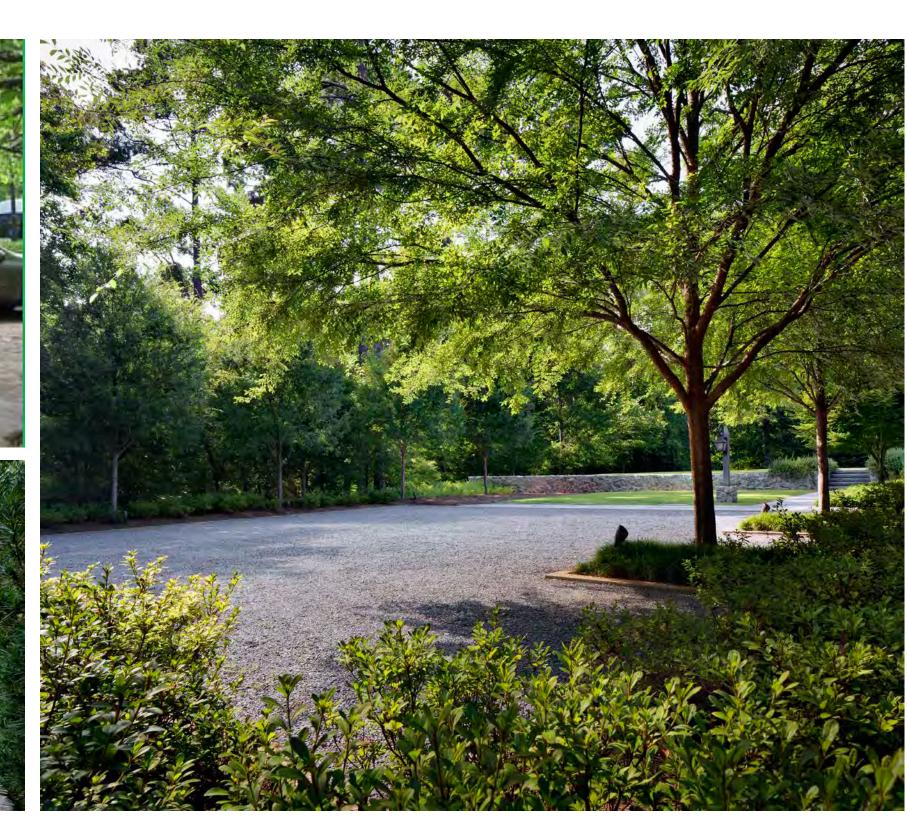
SHADE CANOPY INSPIRATION & PRECEDENTS



MASON ENTRANCE







EXISTING CONDITION AT MASON ENTRANCE

PRECEDENT GRAVEL PARKING AREA WITH SHADE TREES











LAFAYETTE ENTRANCE







EXISTING CONDITION AT BELLEVUE PARK

PRECEDENT GRAVEL PARKING AREA WITH SHADE TREES





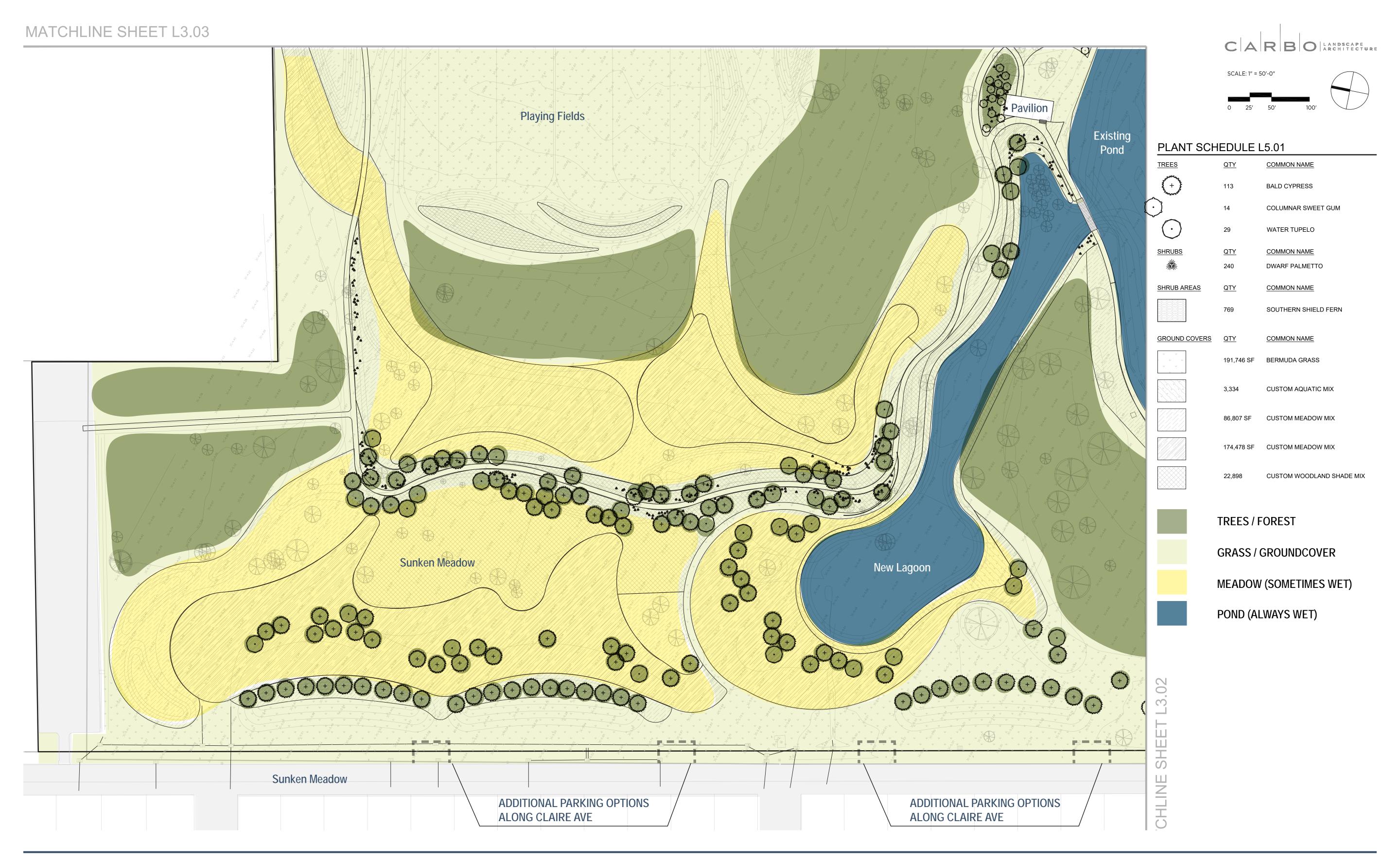




LAGOON & MEADOW



EXISTING PARK CONDITIONS





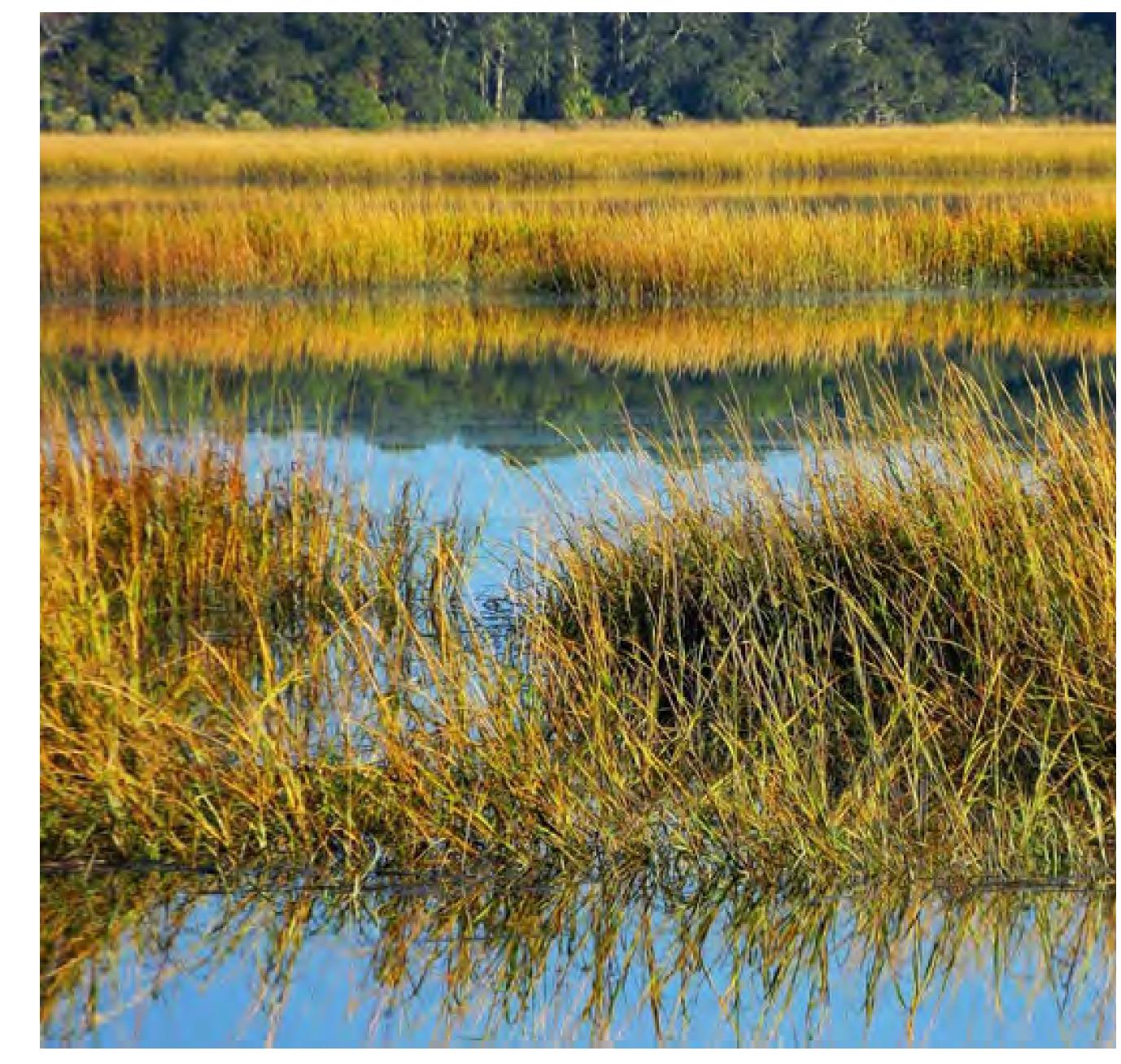
LAGOON & MEADOW

LANDSCAPE EXAMPLES

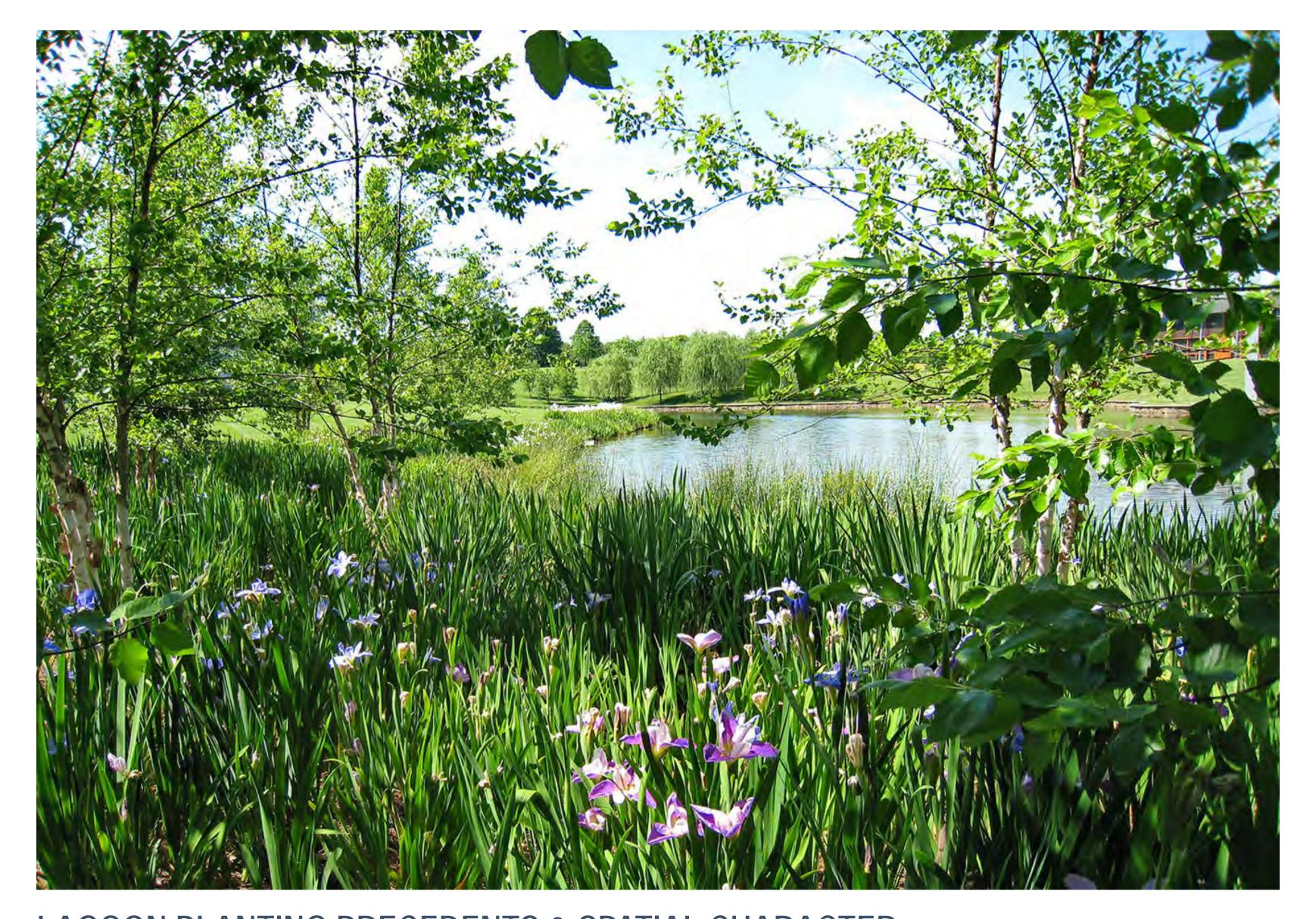




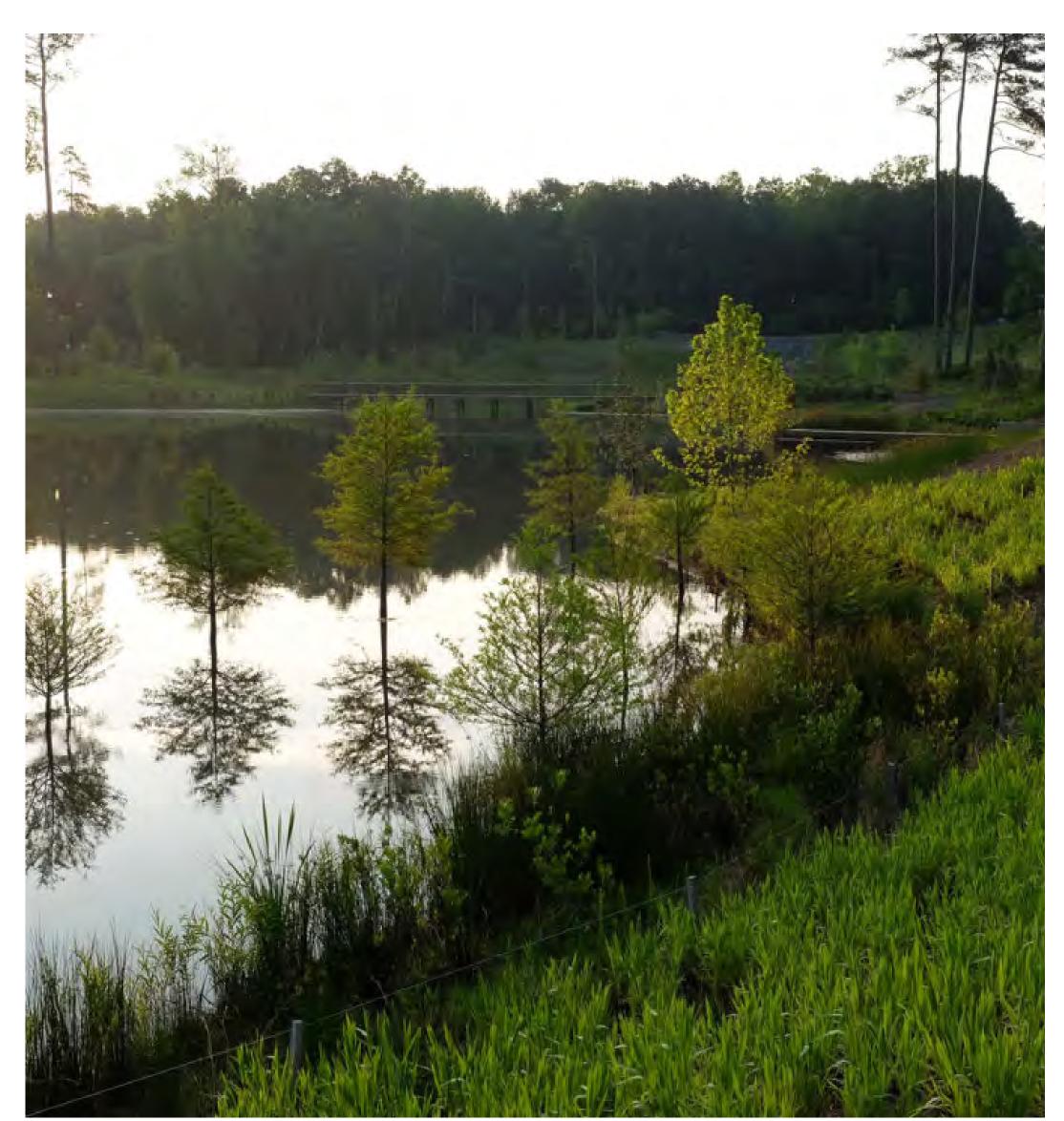
MEADOW DRY CONDITION



MEADOW WET CONDITION



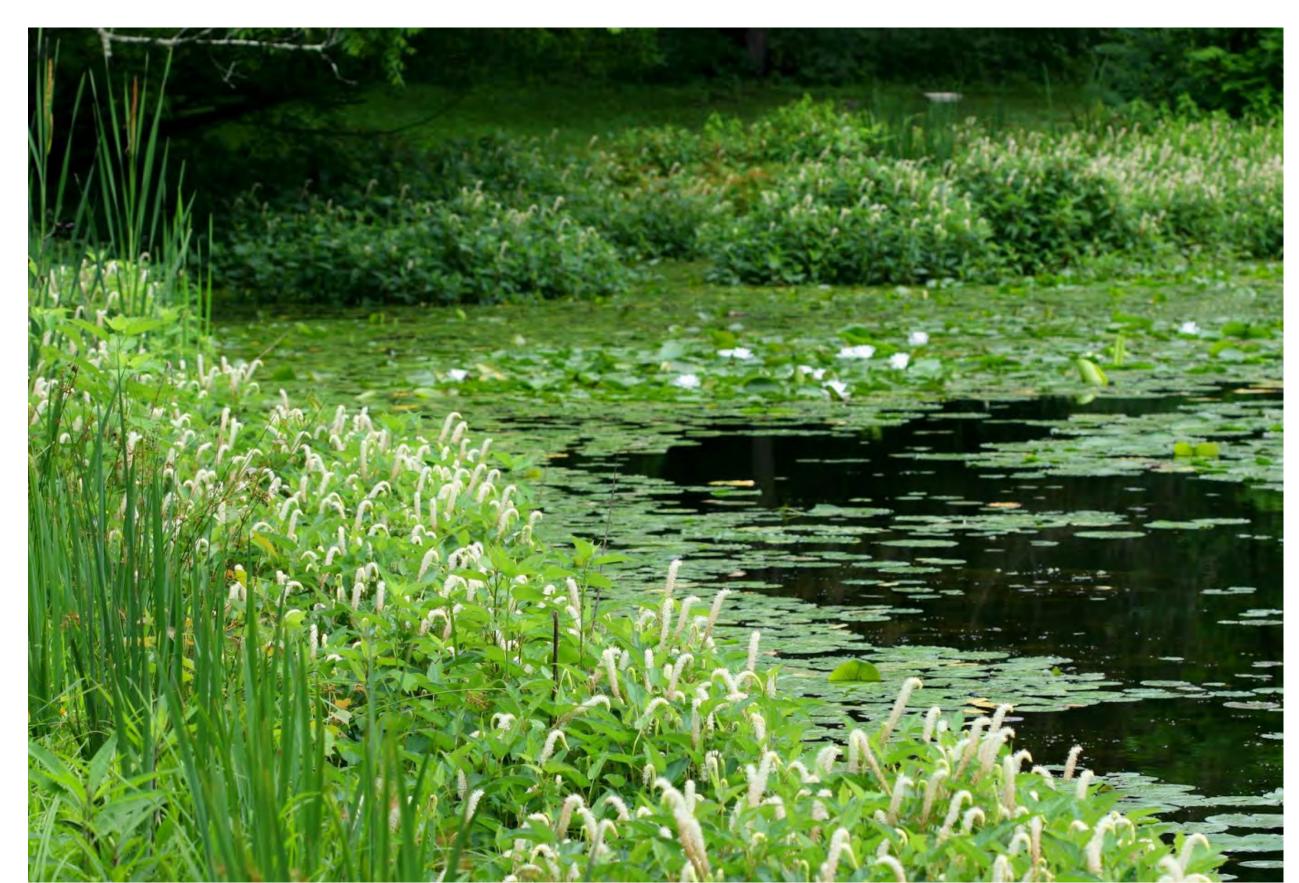




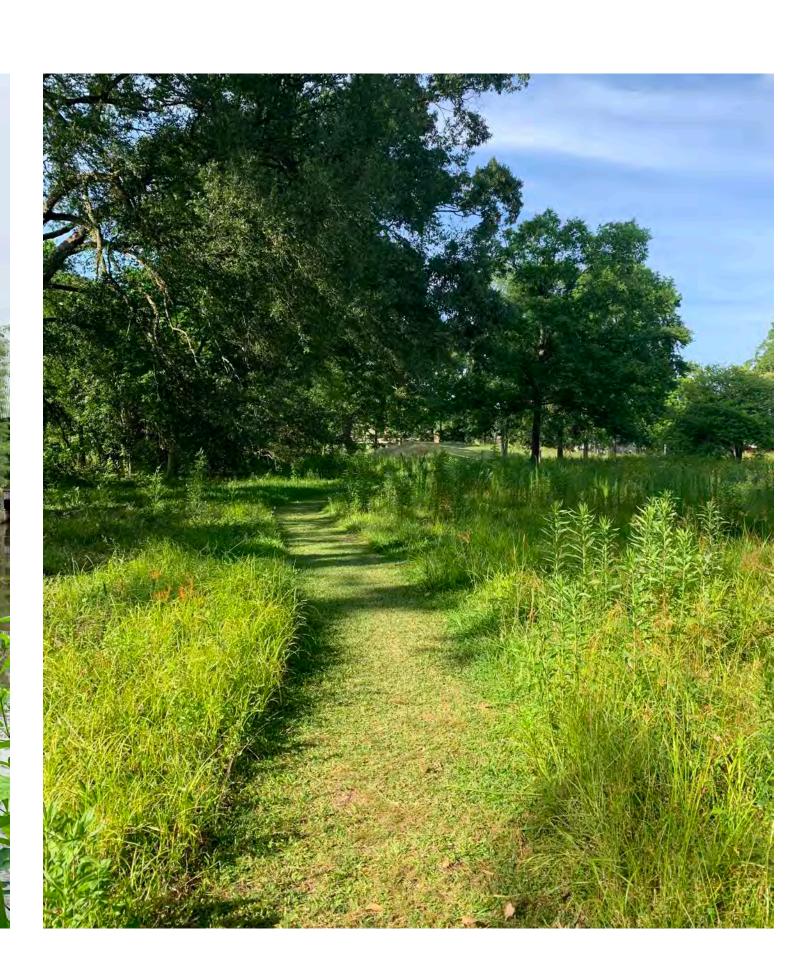


LAGOON & MEADOW

LANDSCAPE EXAMPLES







WET & DRY EDGE CONDITIONS













CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES







PATH NETWORK





PATH BETWEEN BERMS



MOWN GRASS PATH



GRAVEL PATH & EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE



MULCH PATH THROUGH FOREST



STEEL BRIDGES OVER PONDS



ELEVATED GRAVEL PATH AT LAGOON



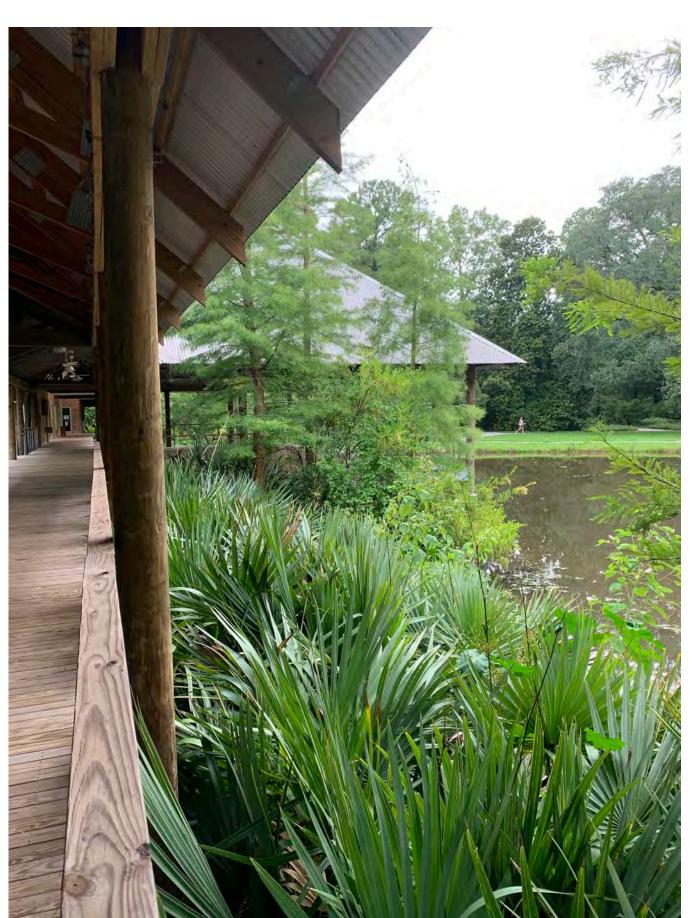
MULCH PATH

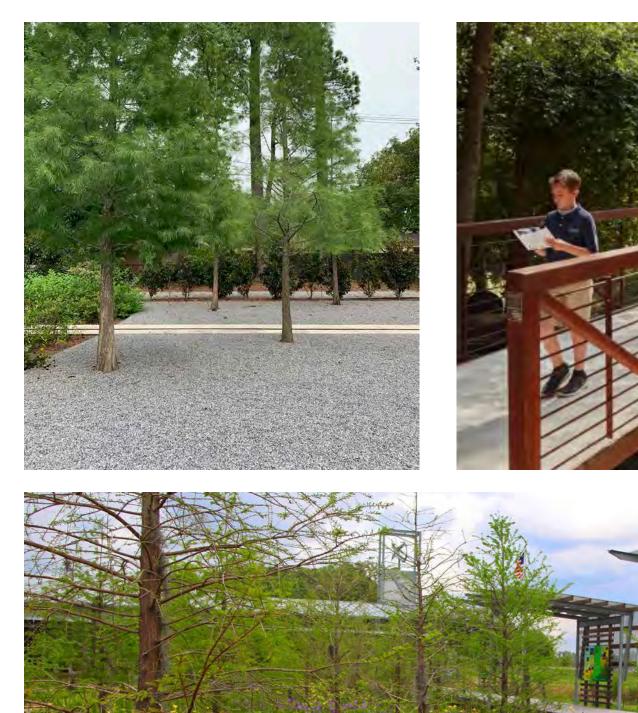


PARK PAVILION









PAVILION LANDSCAPE PRECEDENT PHOTOS



PAVILION SITE NEXT TO NEW LAGOON FACING BIRD ISLAND







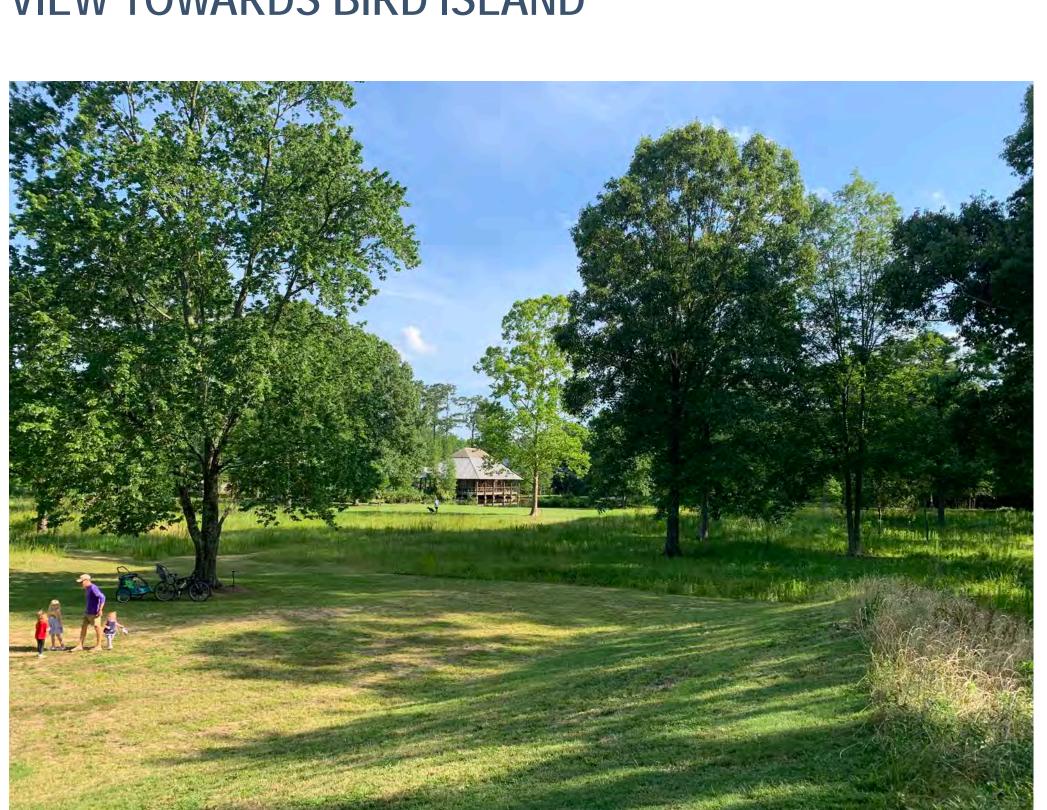
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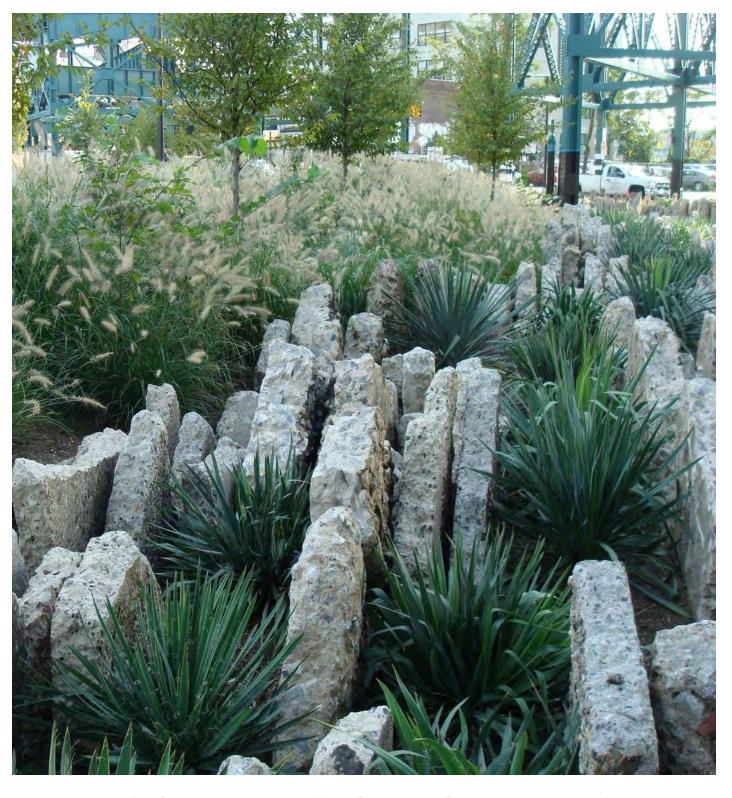


VIEW FROM CLAIRE ENTRANCE



VIEW TOWARDS BIRD ISLAND

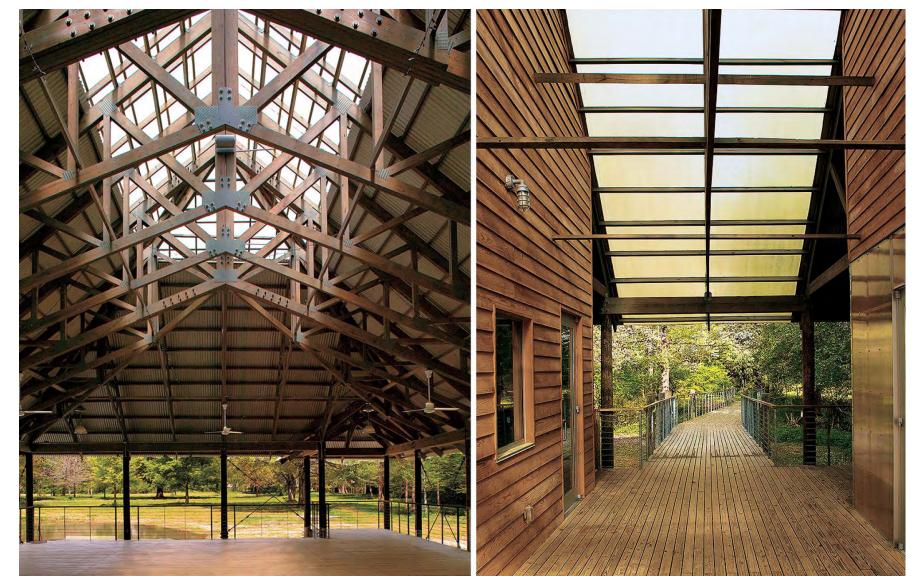




LANDSCAPE & SIGNAGE IDEAS



EXTERIOR VIEW







PAVILION INSPIRATION PHOTOS

















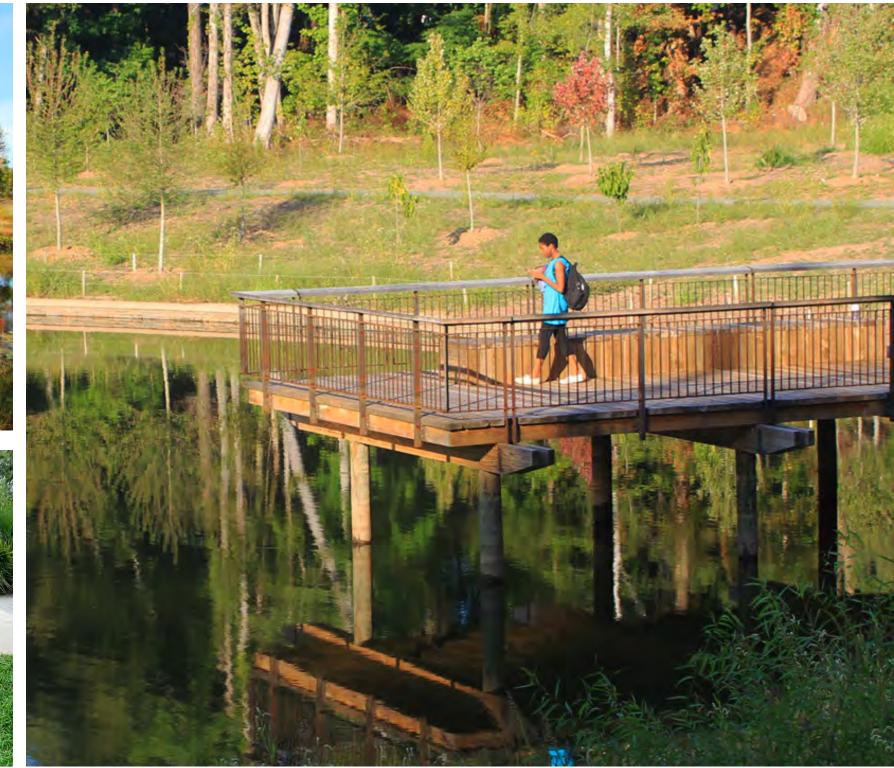
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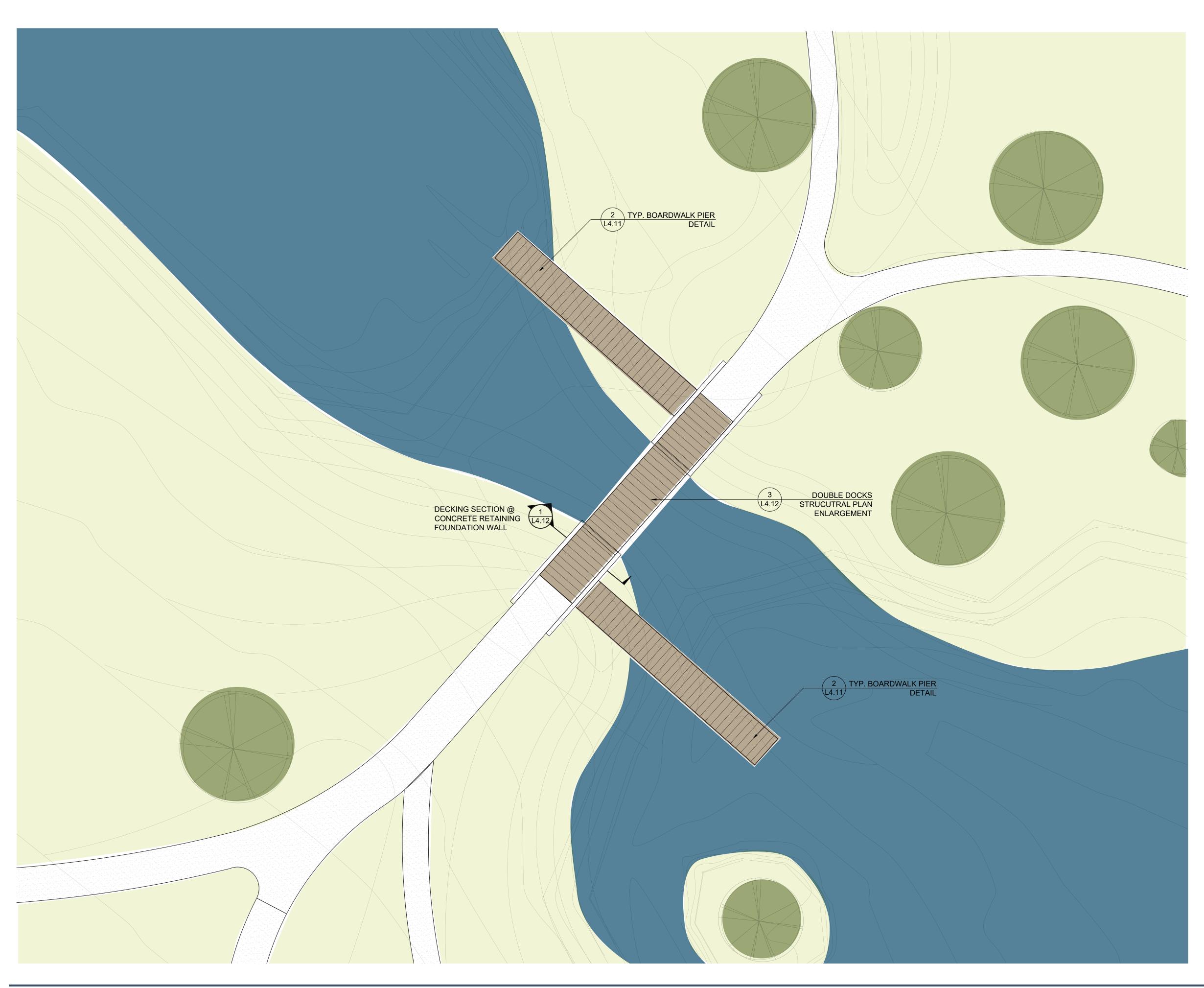


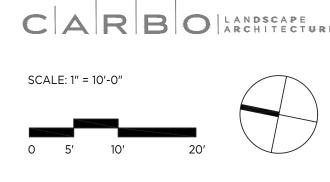




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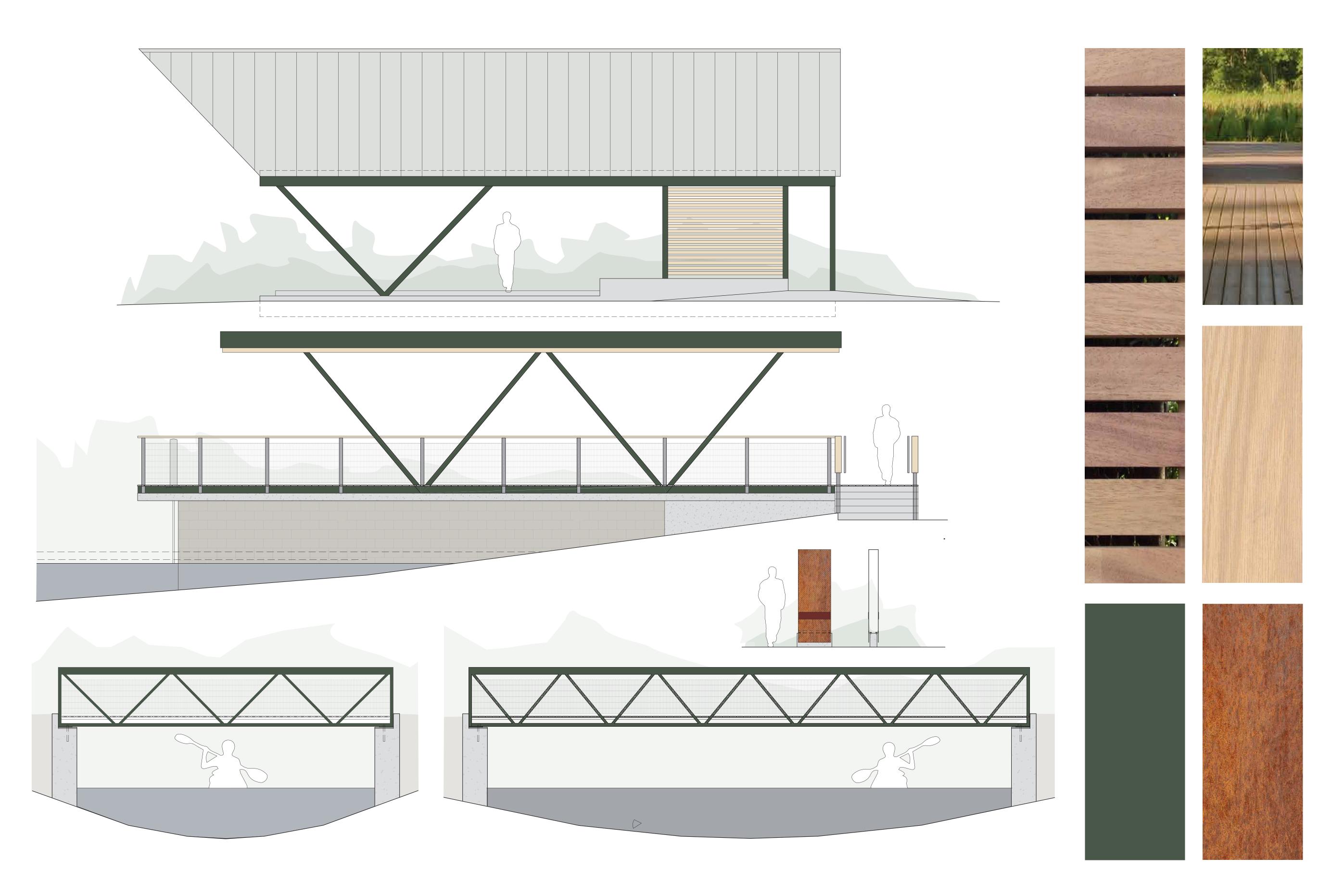








MATERIALS & FINISHES



PROPOSED NEW PARK STRUCTURES







MATERIAL & FORM INSPIRATION







PROPOSED FENCING STANDARD FOR MASON STREET







EXISTING FENCE CONDITIONS



For all properties whose rear yard faces Gretna City Park: the City Council is considering adopting a standard that would require new fencing conditions for exposures that face Gretna City Park to conform to the standard illustrated below.

Conformance to this standard would only occur for fences that are being newly installed or if more than 50 percent of the exposure is being replaced. Residents would have the options to improve privacy with landscape screening.



EXAMPLES OF ENVISIONED FENCE CONDITIONS

Do you think this is an appropriate standard to improve the park and neighborhood?

