

An aerial photograph showing a dense forest of green trees in the foreground and middle ground. In the background, a residential neighborhood with houses is visible, followed by a large, long, white building with a flat roof, possibly a warehouse or industrial facility. The sky is clear and blue.

EASTFIELD REGIONAL PARK

PUBLIC WORKSHOP | AUGUST 19TH, 2021

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AGENDA

- 1 PROJECT UPDATES**
- 2 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OUTREACH**
- 3 DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS**
- 4 NEXT STEPS**
- 5 FEEDBACK + Q&A**

ZOOM WEBINAR GUIDE

The image shows a Zoom Webinar window titled "Zoom Webinar". The main content area displays a slide with an aerial photograph of a park and the text "EASTFIELD REGIONAL PARK". At the top of the slide, it says "You are viewing Lindsey Naylor's screen" with a "View Options" dropdown. On the right side, a "Question and Answer" window is open, showing a "Welcome to Q&A" message and a text input field for questions. At the bottom of the Zoom window, there is a toolbar with icons for "Chat", "Raise Hand", and "Q&A". Three callout boxes with pink arrows point from these icons to descriptive text: "RAISE HAND to have someone reach out to you in the Chat box", "CHAT to All Panelists to ask technical questions", and "Q&A to submit questions about the project". The "Virtual Public Meeting" text is also visible at the bottom of the slide area.

EASTFIELD REGIONAL PARK

RAISE HAND
to have someone reach out to you in the Chat box

CHAT to All Panelists
to ask technical questions
Virtual Public Meeting

Q&A
to submit questions about the project

Question and Answer

Welcome to Q&A
Questions you ask will show up here. Only host and panelists will be able to see all questions.

Type your question here...

Send anonymously

Cancel Send

Audio Settings ^

Chat Raise Hand Q&A

Leave

FEB-MAY 2021

**PHASE 1:
ESTABLISHING
A FOUNDATION**



**INVENTORY + ANALYSIS
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
PUBLIC INFORMATION**

APRIL-AUGUST 2021

**PHASE 2:
CREATING
A SHARED VISION**



**AFFIRM THE VISION, MISSION,
GOALS + OBJECTIVES
DEVELOP PROGRAMMING +
DESIGN ALTERNATIVES**

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2021

**PHASE 3:
FINALIZING
A MASTER PLAN**

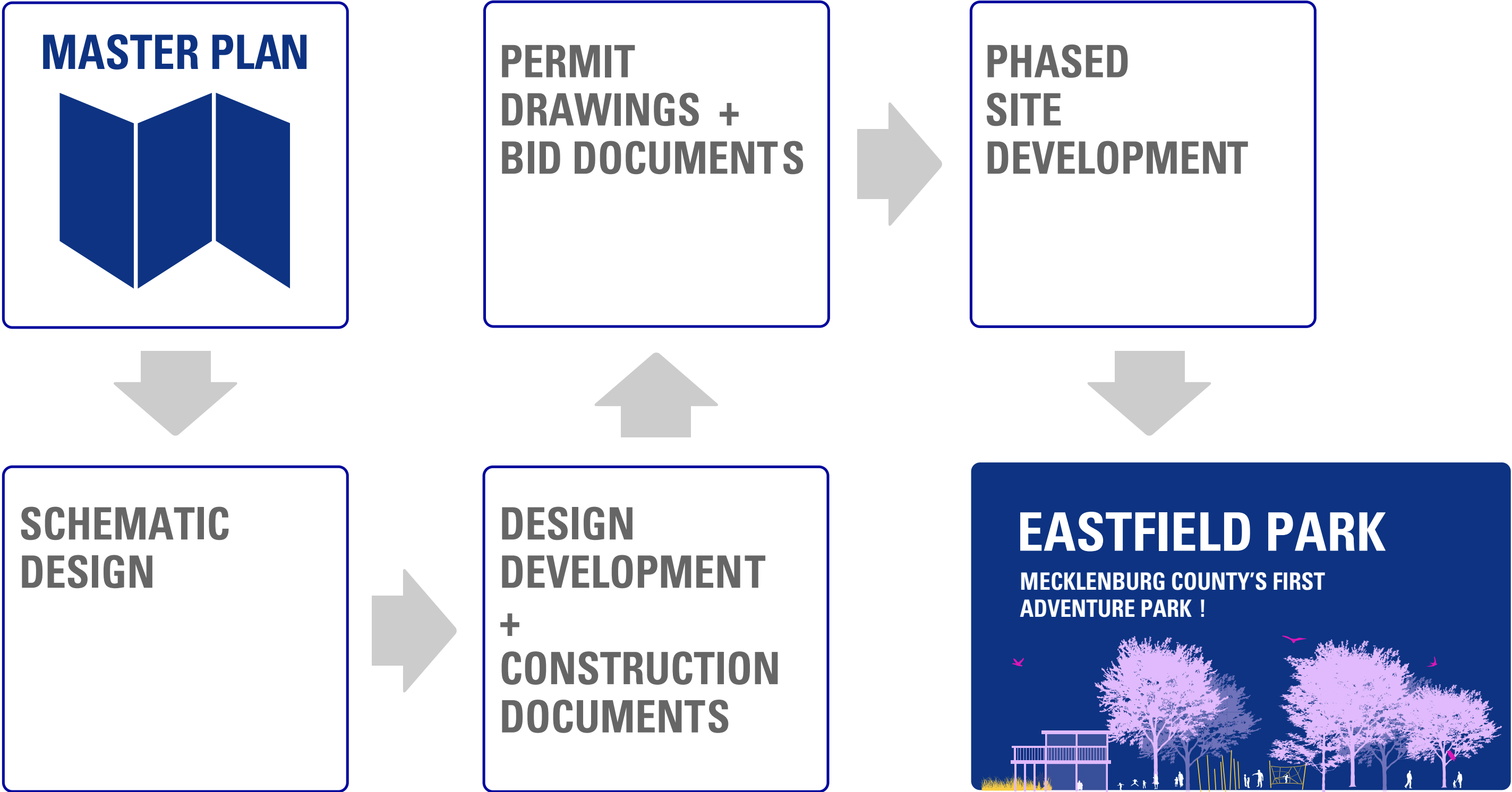


**PHASING PLAN
PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN
FINAL MASTER PLAN**

WE ARE HERE !

A SHARED VISION & PHASING STRATEGY

that is executable within realistic timeframe, process and budget; that Mecklenburg County can successfully operate and maintain, and creates a well-loved, well-used public park.



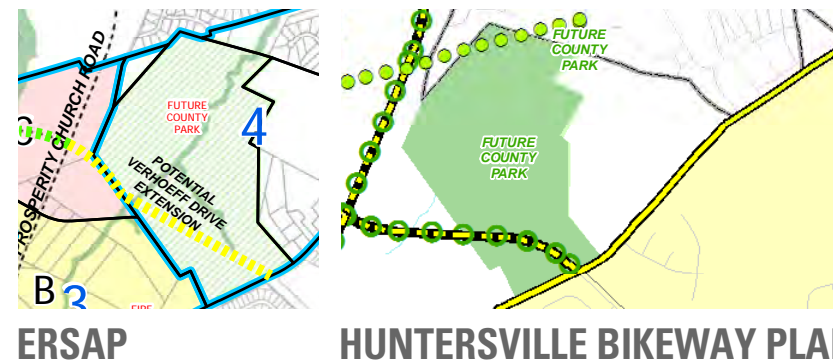
PHASE 2: CREATING A SHARED VISION



AFFIRM THE VISION, MISSION,
GOALS + OBJECTIVES

DEVELOP PROGRAMMING +
DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY PLANS



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MECK CO

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

SURROUNDING TOWNS

FOCUS GROUPS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PUBLIC INFO SESSION ON 6/10:
AFFIRM COMMUNITY PRIORITIES,
VALUES + PREFERENCES

CONCEPT DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

COMMUNITY EVALUATES DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

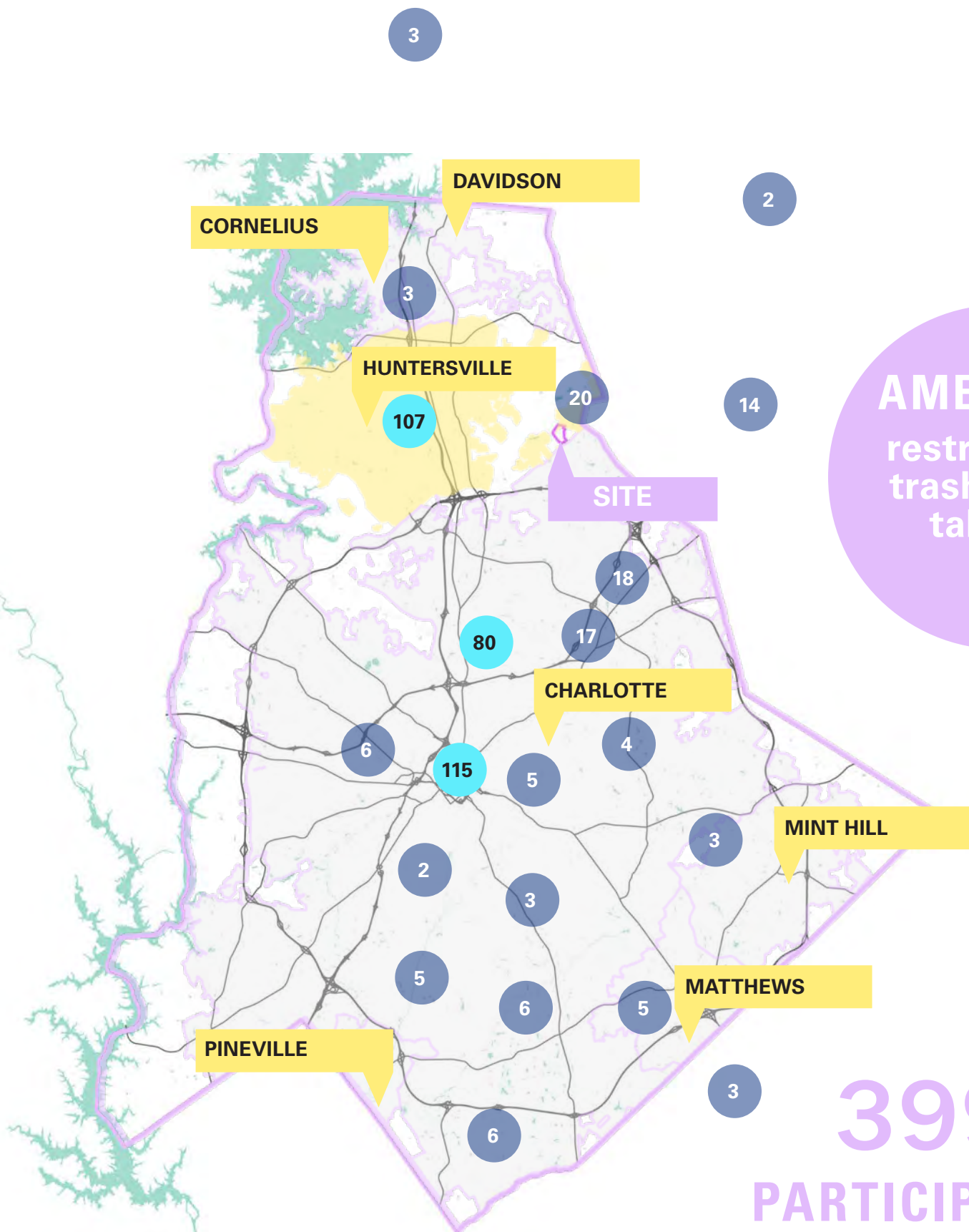
PUBLIC MEETING

WE ARE HERE !

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the foreground, there is a large, dense forest with green trees. A road winds through the middle ground, with several cars visible. To the right of the road, there is a large, modern multi-story building, possibly a school or community center. The background shows a residential area with many houses and a large green field. The sky is clear and blue.

SUMMARY OF OUTREACH & FEEDBACK

PUBLIC INPUT TO DATE
PUBLICINPUT.COM FEEDBACK



399
PARTICIPANTS
AS OF AUGUST 10

AMENITIES
restrooms,
trash bins,
tables

PREFERRED ACCESS
#1 - sidewalk/
pedestrian path
#2 - (tie) by
bicycle and car

LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS
nature, water,
interactive elements,
sightlines and vistas,
imaginative play

CONSIDERATIONS
pedestrian &
vehicular access
from Skybrook;
trespassers; alt.
entrance from
Prosperity Church
Rd. or 73

USE PREFERENCES
enjoyment of the outdoors,
bicycling, hiking, walking

ACTIVITY PREFERENCES
nature trails, bike
facilities (mountain),
canopy walk, nature
play, adventure
course, play grounds,
shelter/picnic areas

**"EXCITED,"
"EXTREMELY
HAPPY TO
SEE (IT)
PROTECTED," &
"LOVE THIS!"**

**"KEEP IT
NATURAL"**

USERS
school age
children,
seniors, dog/
pet owners

PREFERRED USE

PUBLIC INPUT TO DATE

POP-UP EVENTS: JULY 14-17

AMENITIES MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- RESTROOMS
- SHADE
- TABLES

LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- NATURE
- INTERACTION WITH WATER
- SIGHT LINES & VISTAS



90+ TOUCH POINTS

WEYMER RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER
MALLARD CREEK RECREATION CENTER
HUNTERSVILLE RECREATION CENTER
HUNTERSVILLE FARMER'S MARKET



PUBLIC INPUT TO DATE

FOCUS GROUPS SUMMARY

GROUPS CONTACTED

OUTDOOR RECREATION

TARHEEL TRAILBLAZERS
 DIRT DIVAS
 GETHIKING! CHARLOTTE
 REI
 CHARLOTTE PIEDMONT HIKING CLUB
 OUTDOOR AFRO CHARLOTTE
 SIERRA CLUB
 CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL
 TRIPS FOR KIDS
 MECK CO HEALTH DEPT

NATURAL RESOURCES

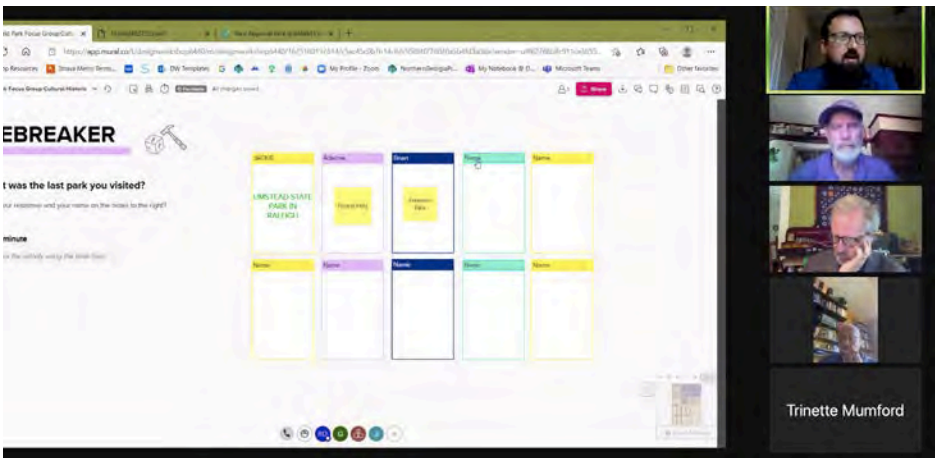
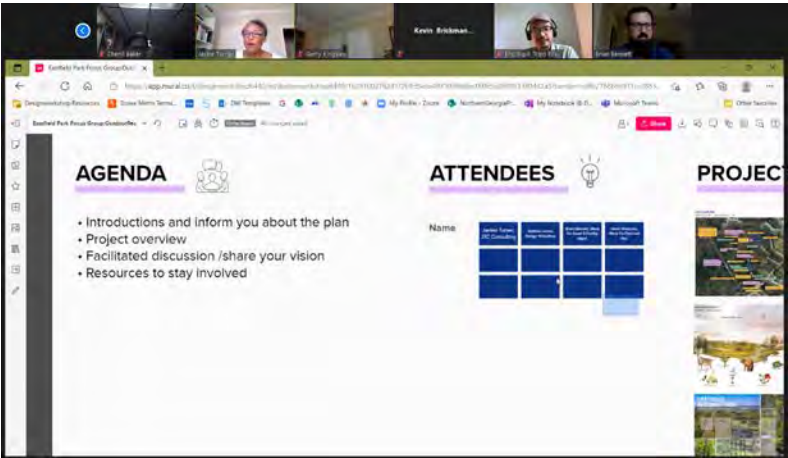
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 AUDUBON SOCIETY OF MECK CO
 CATAWBA LANDS CONSERVANCY
 MECK CO PARK AND RECREATION
 MECK CO ASSET AND FACILITY MGMT
 MECK CO HORTICULTURE
 THEOREM GEO

HISTORY/SOCIAL/CULTURE

100 BLACK MEN OF CHARLOTTE
 MECK LIBRARY HISTORIAN
 CHARLOTTE MECK SCHOOLS
 LATIN AMERICAN COALITION
 WALLACE FARMS
 MECK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
 HUNTERSVILLE HISTORIC SOCIETY
 NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY

GROUPS THAT GAVE FEEDBACK

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 OUTDOOR AFRO CHARLOTTE
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 TARHEEL TRAILBLAZERS
 DUKE ENERGY & THEOREM GEO
 TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
 MECK CO DEPARTMENTS



PROGRAM PREFERENCE RESULTS

PUBLIC INFO SESSION #1 PROGRAM MENU

TOP CHOICES

ADVENTURE COURSE /
LOW ROPES COURSE



NATURE PLAY



CANOPY WALK



PLAY MEADOW



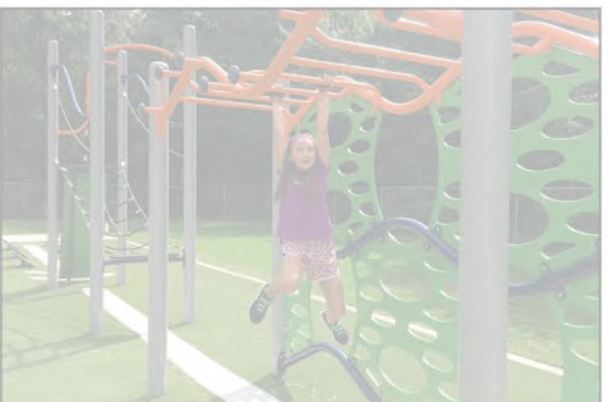
BIKE FACILITIES



NATURE TRAILS /
INTERPRETIVE TRAILS



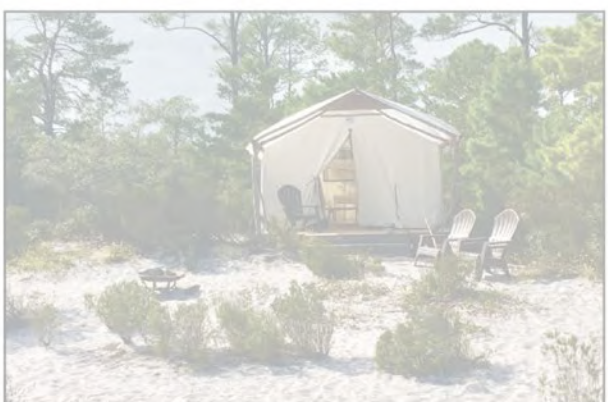
PLAYGROUND



SHELTER / PICNIC AREAS



PRIMITIVE CAMPING /
FAMILY GLAMPING



EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS
OF THE SITE DESIGN



INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS



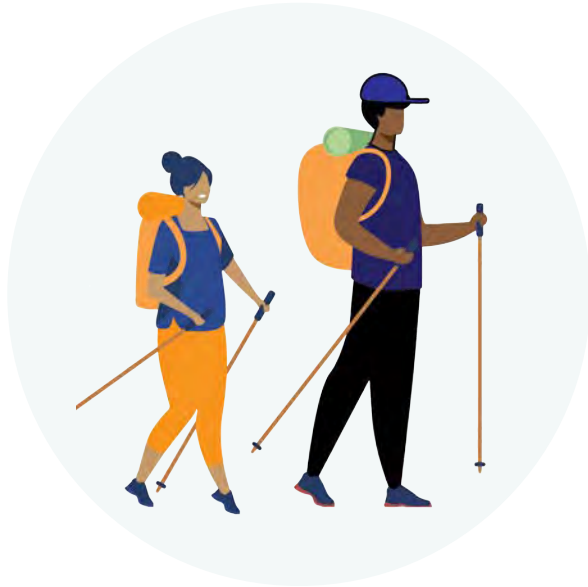
COMMUNITY FACILITY/
WELCOME CENTER



USER TYPES

SURVEY & FEEDBACK ANALYSIS

EXPLORERS & ADVENTURERS



ACTIVE SENIORS



PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN



NEIGHBOR ON THEIR DAILY WALK



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY GROUPS



MULTI-GENERATIONAL & VARIOUS ABILITIES



ACTIVE ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS



NATURE LOVERS

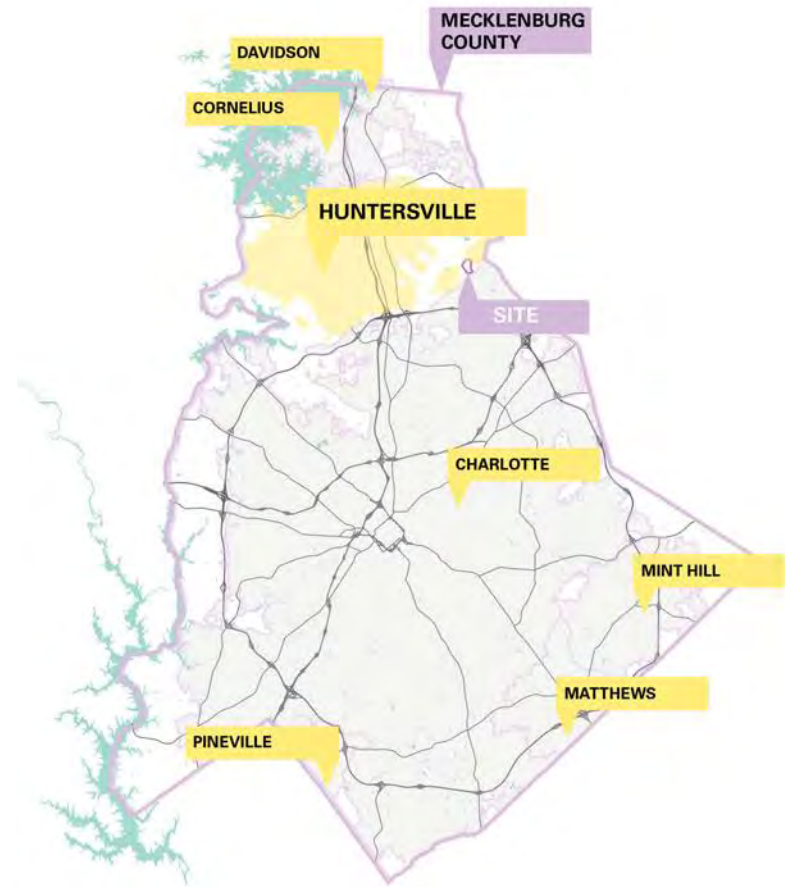
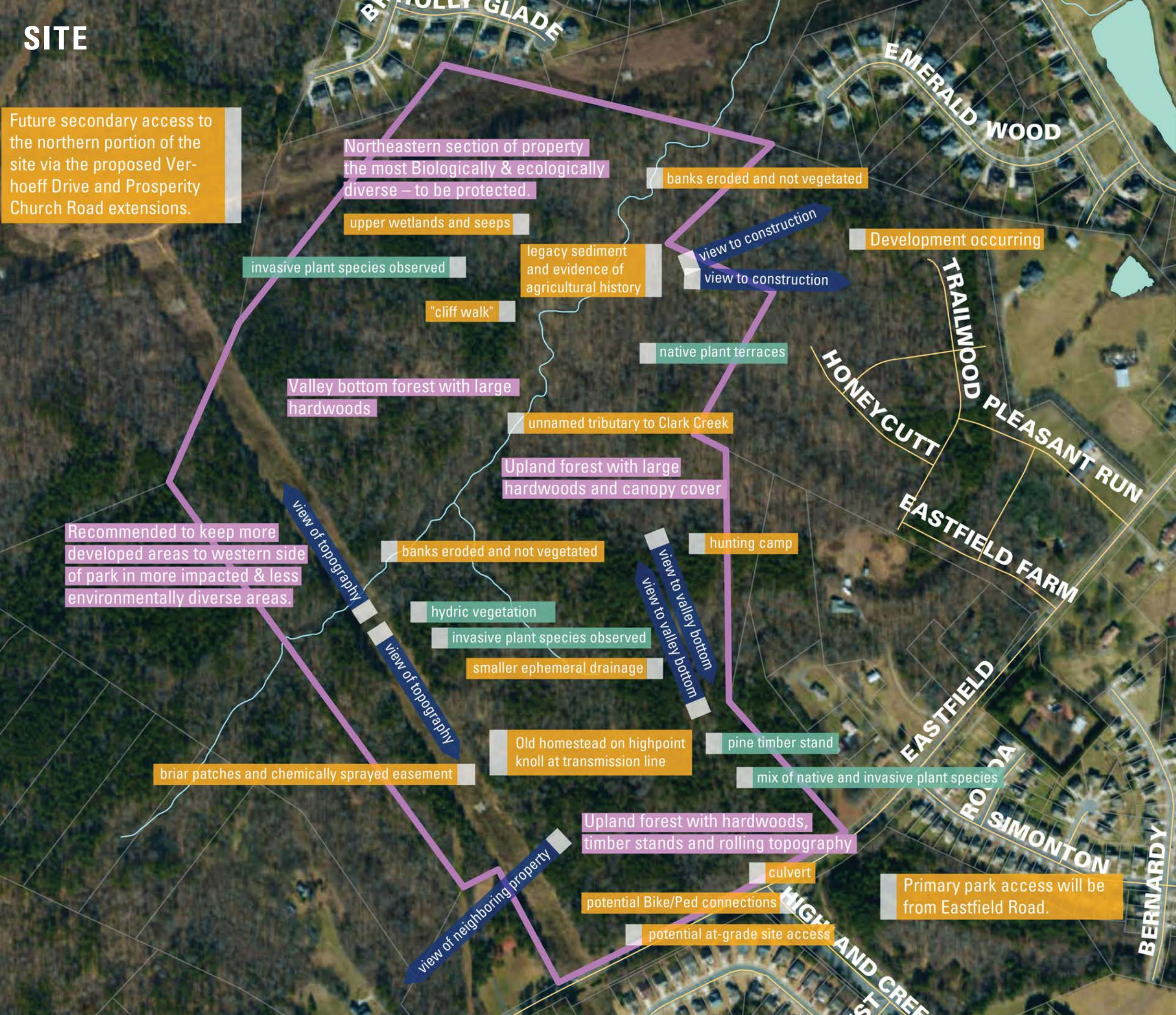


An aerial photograph of a forest. The trees are in various stages of green, with some appearing as bright, vibrant green and others as darker, more muted green or brown. The forest is dense, with many trees visible from above. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

SITE CONTEXT & CONSIDERATIONS

SITE

Future secondary access to the northern portion of the site via the proposed Verhoeff Drive and Prosperity Church Road extensions.



LEGEND

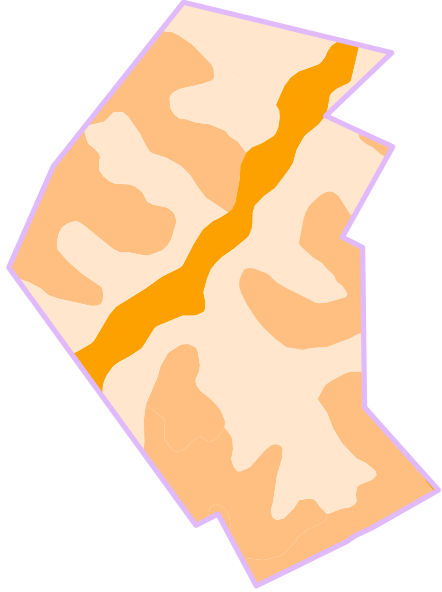
- SITE BOUNDARY (114 ACRES)
- CREEKS / DRAINAGE
- LAKES / PONDS
- STREET
- PARCELS

NORTH

FEASIBILITY & BUILDING FACTORS

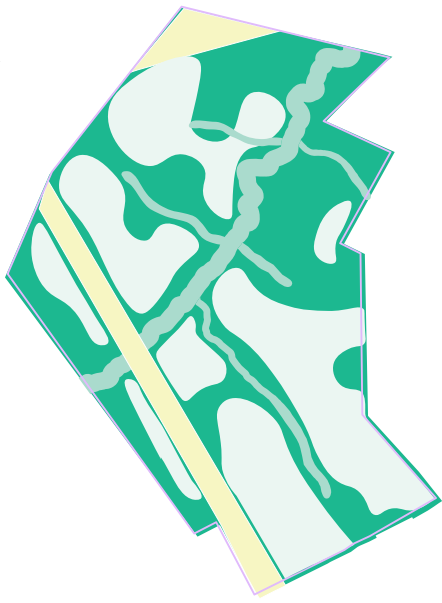
SOIL EROSION

- SLIGHT
- MODERATE
- SEVERE



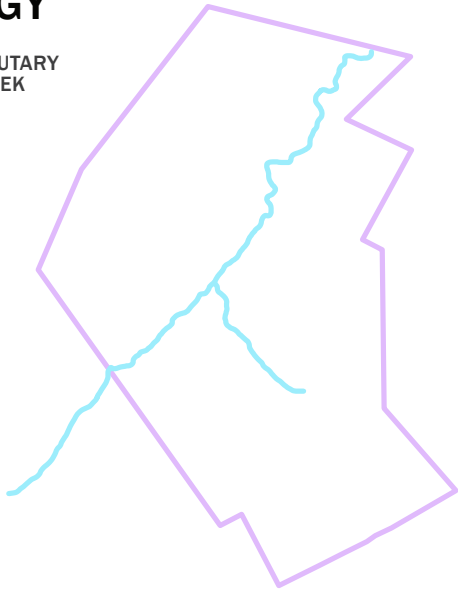
HABITAT

- HIGH BIODIVERSITY
- MEDIUM BIODIVERSITY
- LOW BIODIVERSITY



HYDROLOGY

- UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO CLARKE CREEK



SLOPES

- 0-5
- 5-8.3
- 8.3-15
- 15-20
- >20



LANDCOVER

- TREE CANOPY
- GRASS/SHRUB
- BARE SOIL
- OTHER PAVED SURFACES



BUILDABLE AREA

- BUILDABLE AREA
- NON BUILDABLE AREA

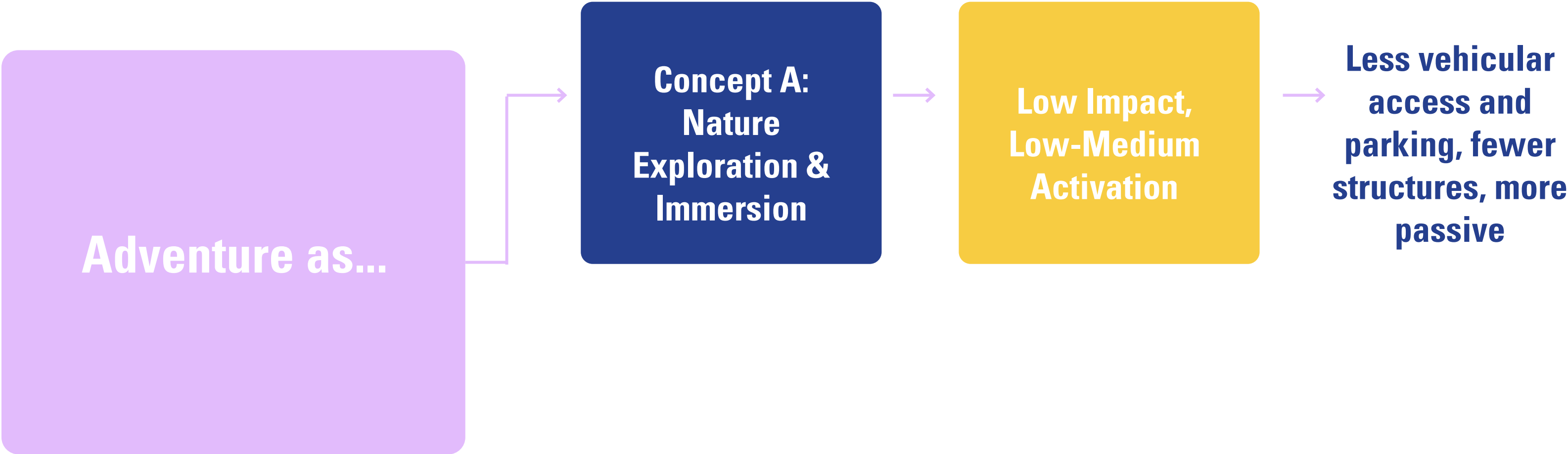


SCALE 1:500 FT

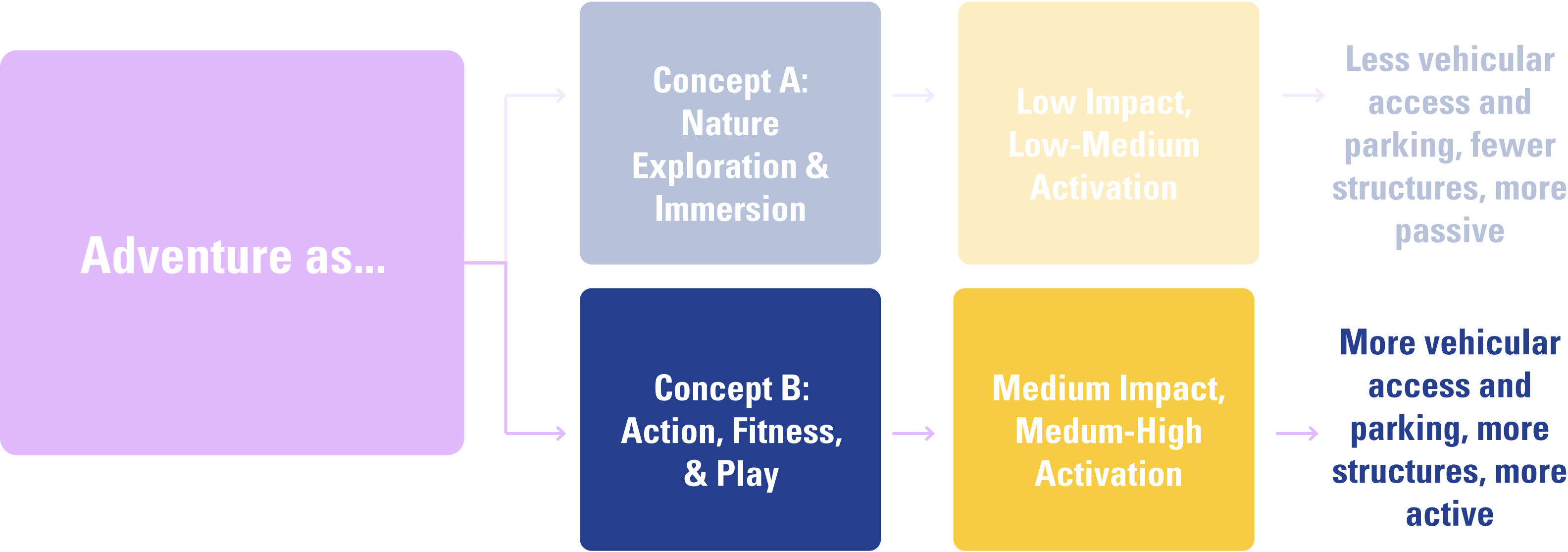
An aerial photograph of a forested hillside. The terrain is covered with a mix of green and brown trees, suggesting a transition in seasons. Several power lines run horizontally across the upper portion of the image. A dirt road or path winds through the lower part of the forest. The text 'DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the image.

**DRAFT
MASTER PLAN
CONCEPTS**

DESIGN CONCEPTS: DEFINING ADVENTURE, ACTIVATION & IMPACT



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CONCEPT A: MECK WANDER



COMMUNITY TREE HOUSE



THE FLOOR IS LAVA



INTERPRET & IMMERSE

DRAFT CONCEPT A | LOW IMPACT

MECK WANDER

IMPACT LEVEL

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

HUBS + NODES



AMENITIES



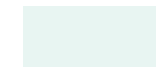
VEHICULAR ACCESS AND PARKING



GOAL: PRESERVE UP TO 100' OF BUFFER

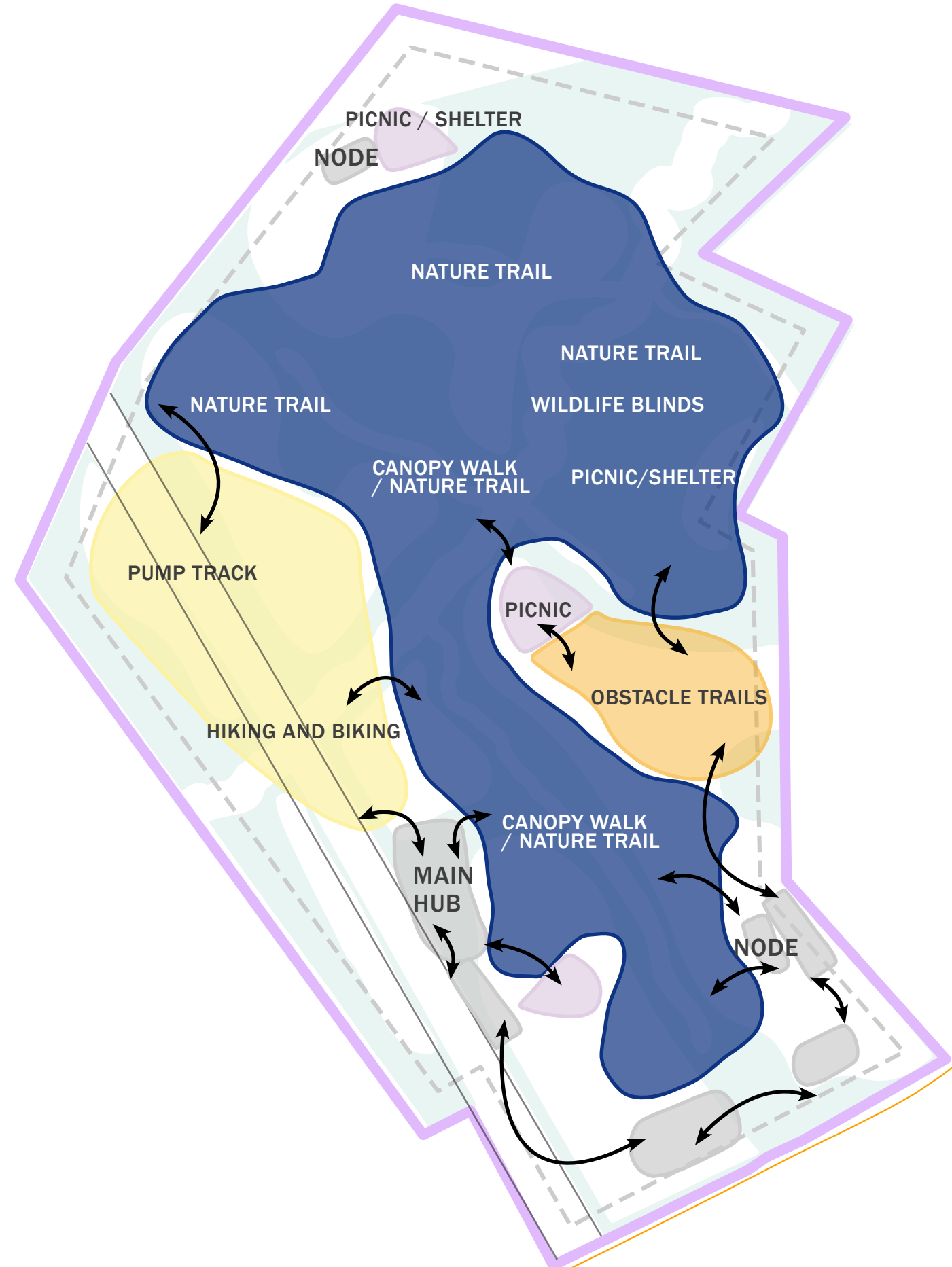


BIODIVERSITY / NATURE EXPERIENCE



ACTIVATION

- NATURE-BASED ELEMENTS
- COMMUNITY HUB + FACILITIES
- ADVENTURE PARK
- PLAY & GATHER
- BIKE FACILITIES



DRAFT CONCEPT A | DESTINATIONS

MECK WANDER



WILDLIFE & INTERPRETIVE TRAILS



CANOPY WALK

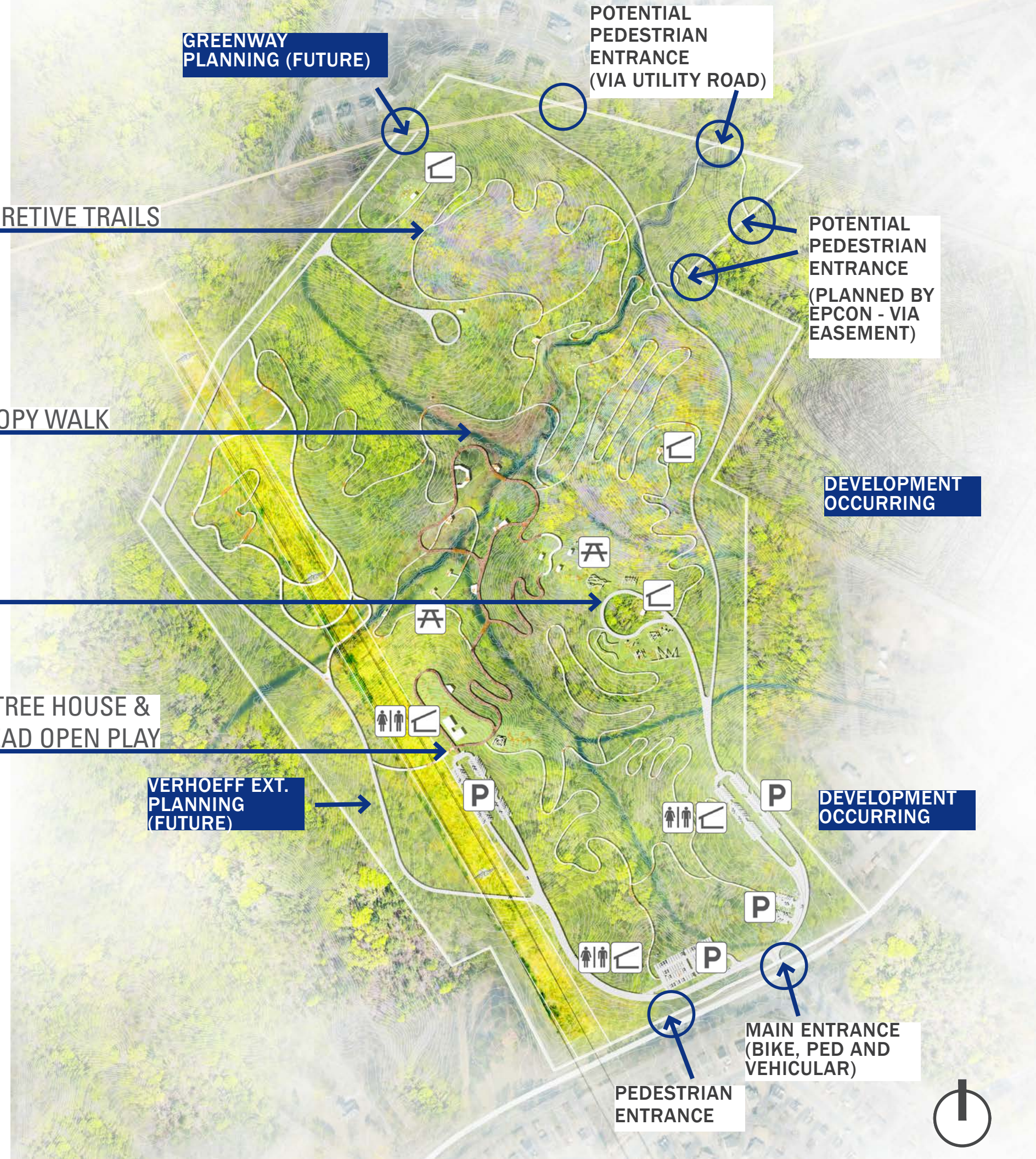


OBSTACLE HILL



COMMUNITY TREE HOUSE & OLD HOMESTEAD OPEN PLAY

- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Shelter or Wildlife Blind



DRAFT CONCEPT A MECK WANDER

ACCESSIBILITY



1.4 MI OR **25%**
OF TRAILS ACCESSIBLE

80%
"ENTRY LEVEL" OR
"EASY" TRAILS
(NPS DIFFICULTY
RATING)



←→
CONCRETE, BOARDWALK
AND/OR COMPACTED
AGGREGATE 5-12'



DRAFT CONCEPT A

MECK WANDER

PRIMARY CIRCULATION TYPES

MULTI-PURPOSE
TRAIL / SERVICE

2.75 MI



←→
AGGREGATE, CONCRETE
AND/OR EARTHEN, 10-12'

HIKING TRAILS

3 MI



←→
EARTHEN, 4'-6'

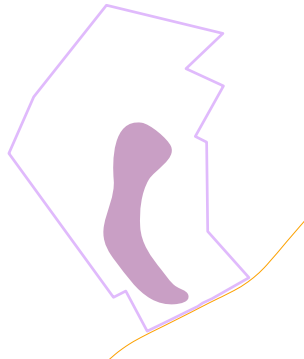
PUMP TRACK

.14 MI



←→
EARTHEN, 4-6'

DRAFT CONCEPT A MECK WANDER



HUB + CANOPY WALK

PARKING, ROADS + HUBS

250 SPOTS

CANOPY WALK

.6 MI



← BOARDWALK, 10-12' →



CANOPY PLAY

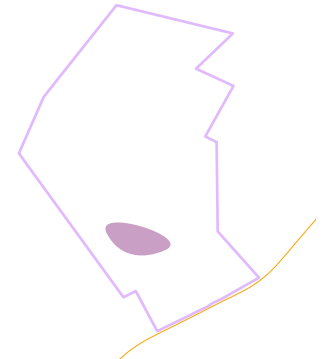
CANOPY LOUNGE
+ OVERLOOKS

MEADOW & CREEK
PICNIC

COMMUNITY "TREE HOUSE"
AND CANOPY WALK

OLD HOMESTEAD
OPEN PLAY

DRAFT CONCEPT A MECK WANDER



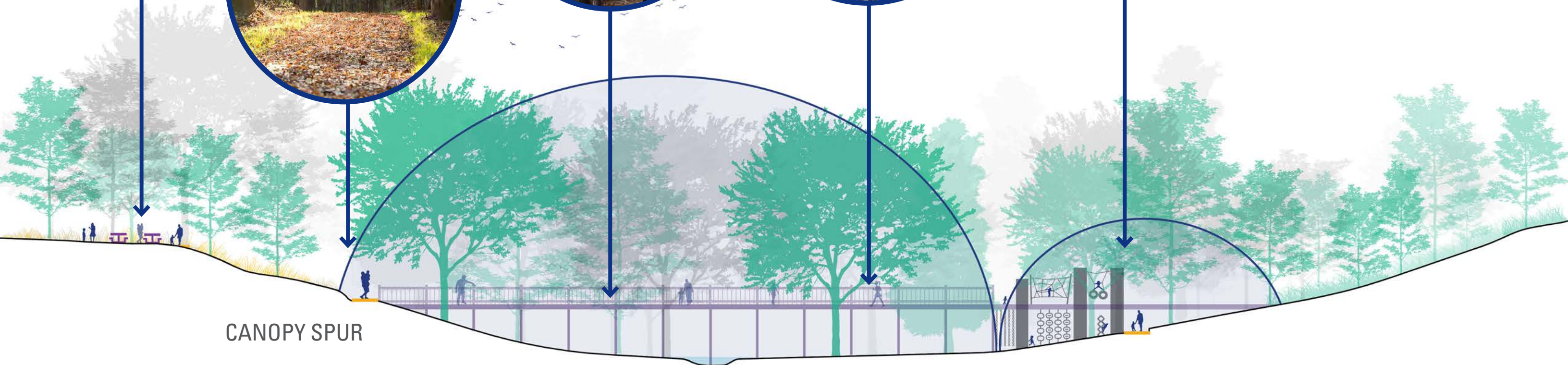
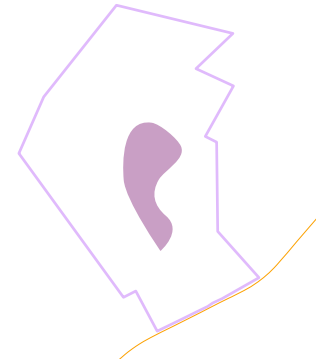
MULTIPURPOSE TRAILS

CANOPY WALK ENTRY

COMMUNITY
"TREE HOUSE"

OLD HOMESTEAD INTERPRETIVE TRAILS & OPEN PLAY

DRAFT CONCEPT A MECK WANDER



CANOPY SPUR

CANOPY WALK

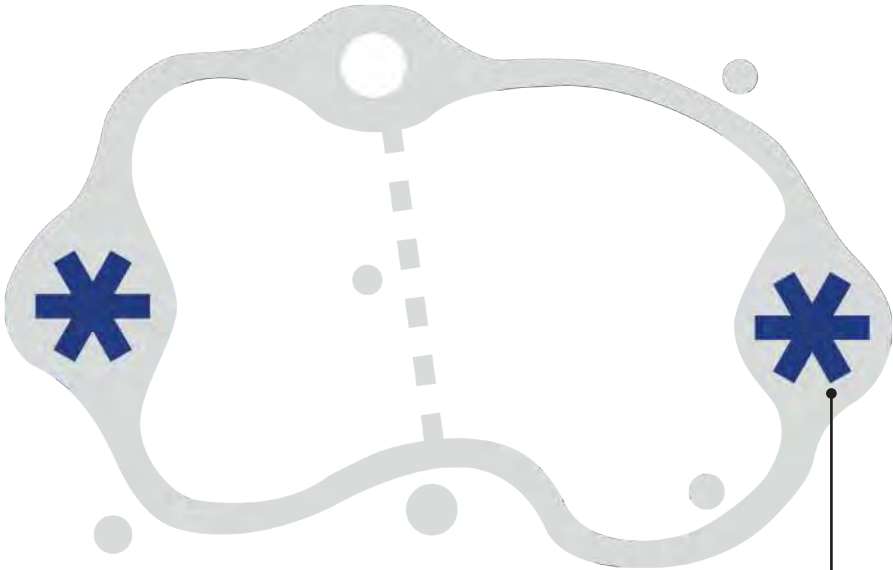
CANOPY PLAY

DRAFT CONCEPT A

MECK WANDER

HUBS

- LARGER STRUCTURES CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS
- STRUCTURES IMMERSSED IN NATURE PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SITE'S NATURAL AMENITIES
- SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES USE MATERIALS OF THE SITE



HUBS ARE PRIMARY ELEMENTS FROM WHICH PARK ELEMENTS BRANCH OUT

PATHS CONNECTING TO STRUCTURE



COMMUNITY GATHERING



LEARNING WITH NATURE



IMMERSED IN NATURE

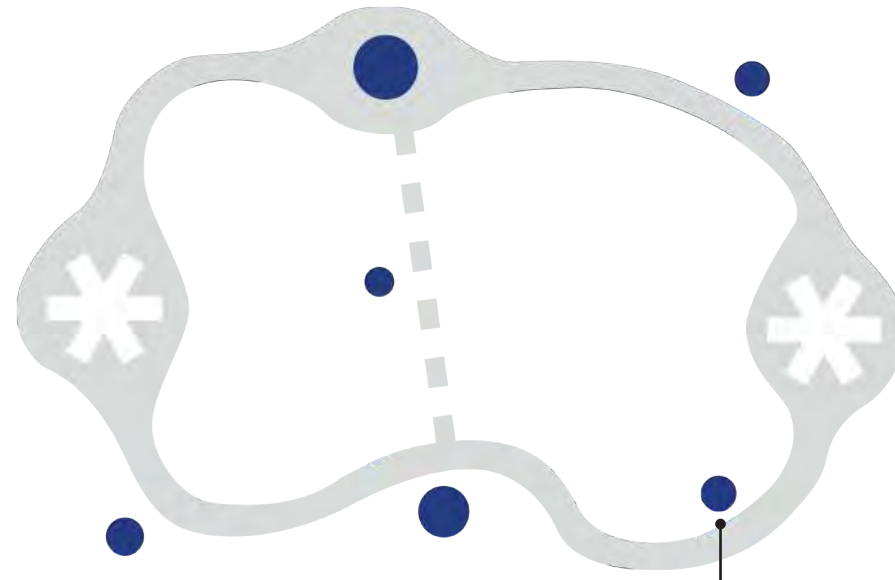


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MECK WANDER

NODES

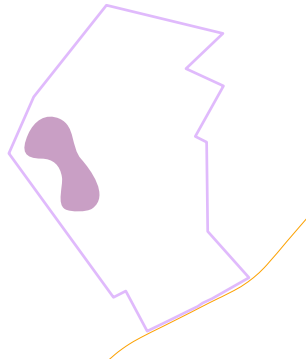
- SMALLER FLEXIBLE SPACES CAN BE RENTED OR RESERVED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.
- STRUCTURES MAY DENOTE TRAILHEADS OR AREAS OF CONNECTIVITY
- OVERLOOKS PROVIDE VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING AREA



NODES ARE SMALLER DESTINATIONS AND GATHERING SPACES DISPERSED ALONG PATHS



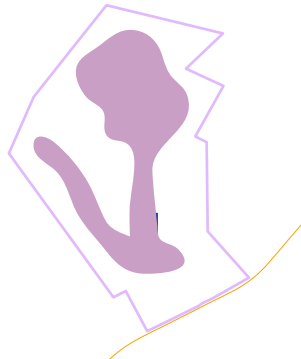
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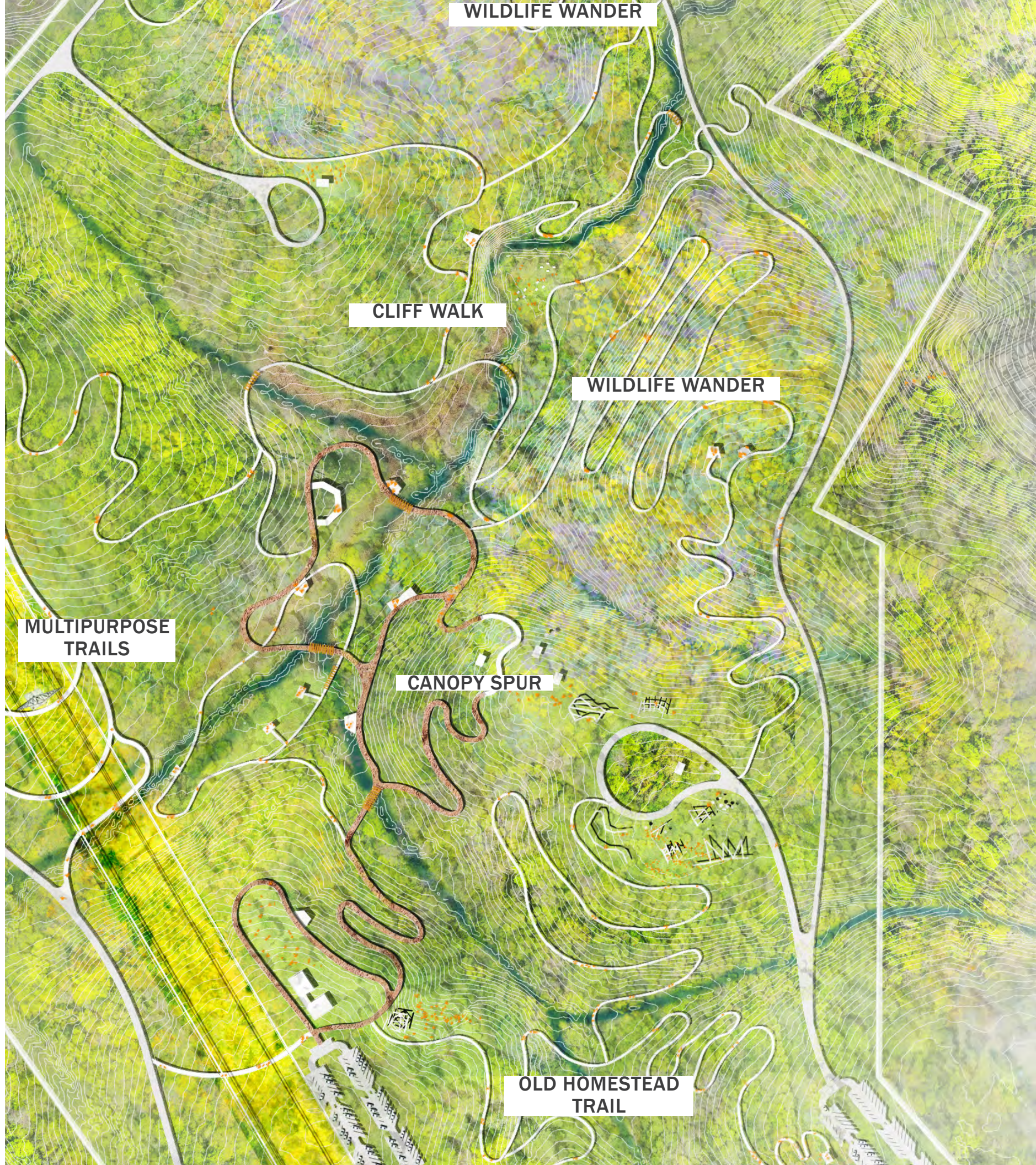
MEADOW PEDAL + MULTIPURPOSE TRAILS



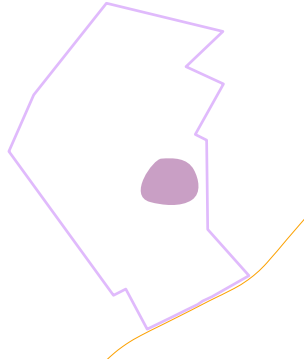
DRAFT CONCEPT A MECK WANDER



INTERPRETIVE NATURE TRAILS



DRAFT CONCEPT A MECK WANDER



OBSTACLES IN THE WOODS



PICNIC IN THE WOODS

CANOPY SPUR

OBSTACLE HILL TRAIL

OLD HOMESTEAD
OPEN PLAY +
TRAIL

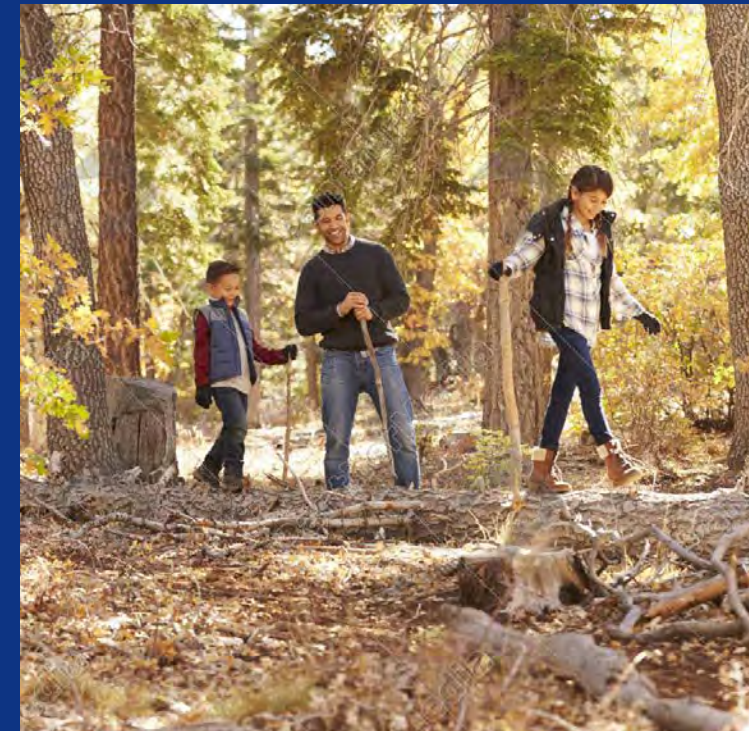
CONCEPT B: MECK TREK



GATHER ON THE PORCH



GET FIT IN THE FOREST



**TREK, PLAY& CHOOSE
YOUR OWN ADVENTURE**

MECK TREK

IMPACT LEVEL

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

HUBS + NODES



AMENITIES



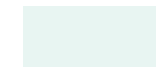
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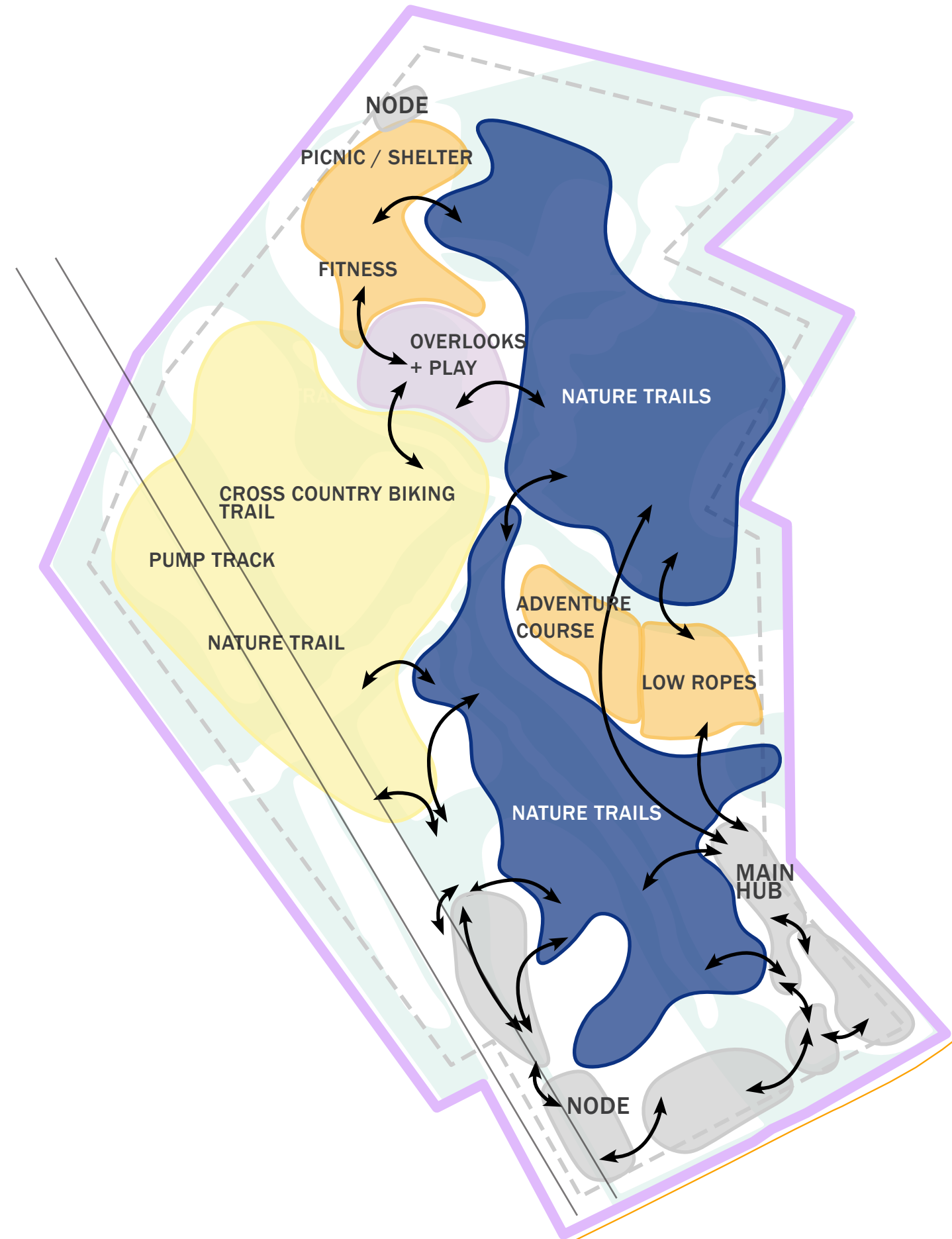


BIODIVERSITY / NATURE EXPERIENCE



ACTIVATION

- NATURE-BASED ELEMENTS
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DRAFT CONCEPT B | DESTINATIONS

MECK TREK



CREEK BED PLAY, OVERLOOK & FOREST FITNESS



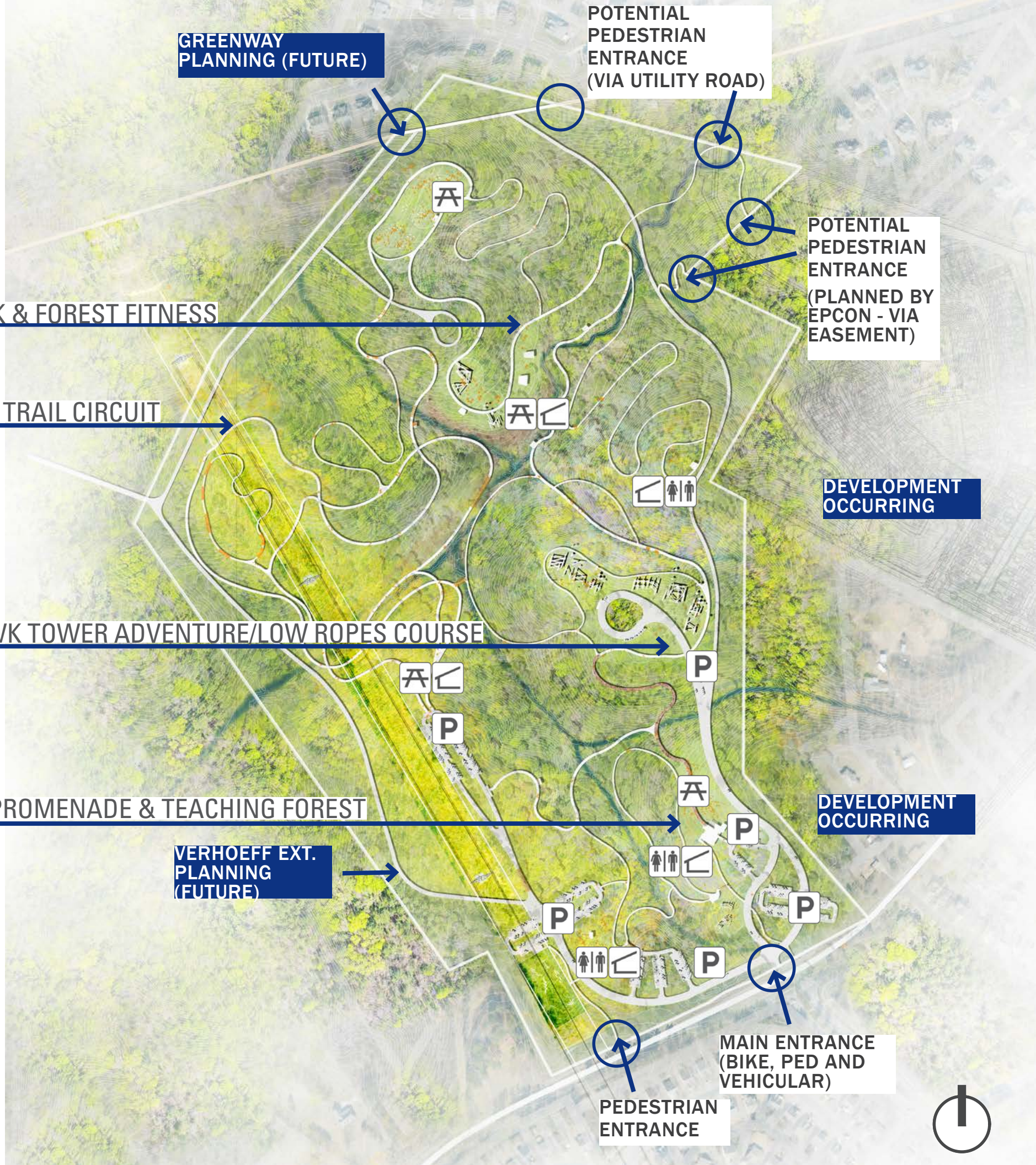
BIKE TRAIL CIRCUIT



HAWK TOWER ADVENTURE/LOW ROPES COURSE



COMMUNITY HUB, PORCH PROMENADE & TEACHING FOREST



GREENWAY PLANNING (FUTURE)

POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE (VIA UTILITY ROAD)

POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE (PLANNED BY EPCON - VIA EASEMENT)

DEVELOPMENT OCCURRING

DEVELOPMENT OCCURRING

VERHOEFF EXT. PLANNING (FUTURE)

MAIN ENTRANCE (BIKE, PED AND VEHICULAR)

PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE

- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Shelter or Overlook



DRAFT CONCEPT B MECK TREK

ACCESSIBILITY



1.2 MI OR **20%**
OF TRAILS ACCESSIBLE

70%
"ENTRY LEVEL" OR
"EASY" TRAILS
(NPS DIFFICULTY
RATING)



←→
CONCRETE, BOARDWALK
AND/OR COMPACTED
AGGREGATE 5-12'



DRAFT CONCEPT B

MECK TREK

PRIMARY CIRCULATION TYPES

MULTI-PURPOSE
TRAIL / SERVICE

1.5 MI



← AGGREGATE, CONCRETE
AND/OR EARTHEN, 10-12' →

HIKING TRAILS

2.3 MI



← EARTHEN, 4'-6' →

FITNESS TRAILS

1.2 MI



← EARTHEN, 2'-4' →

DRAFT CONCEPT B

MECK TREK

BICYCLE CIRCULATION

PUMP TRACK

.16 MI



←→
EARTHEN, 4'-6'
WOODEN FEATURES

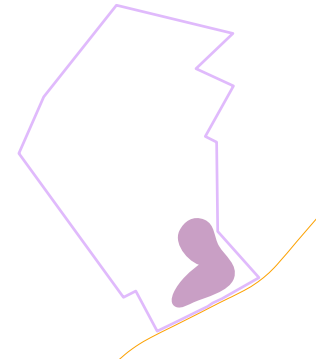
"CROSS COUNTRY" GRAVEL AND MTB TRAILS

1.2 MI



←→
EARTHEN OR
GRAVEL, 4'-6'

DRAFT CONCEPT B MECK TREK



HUB

PARKING, ROADS + HUBS

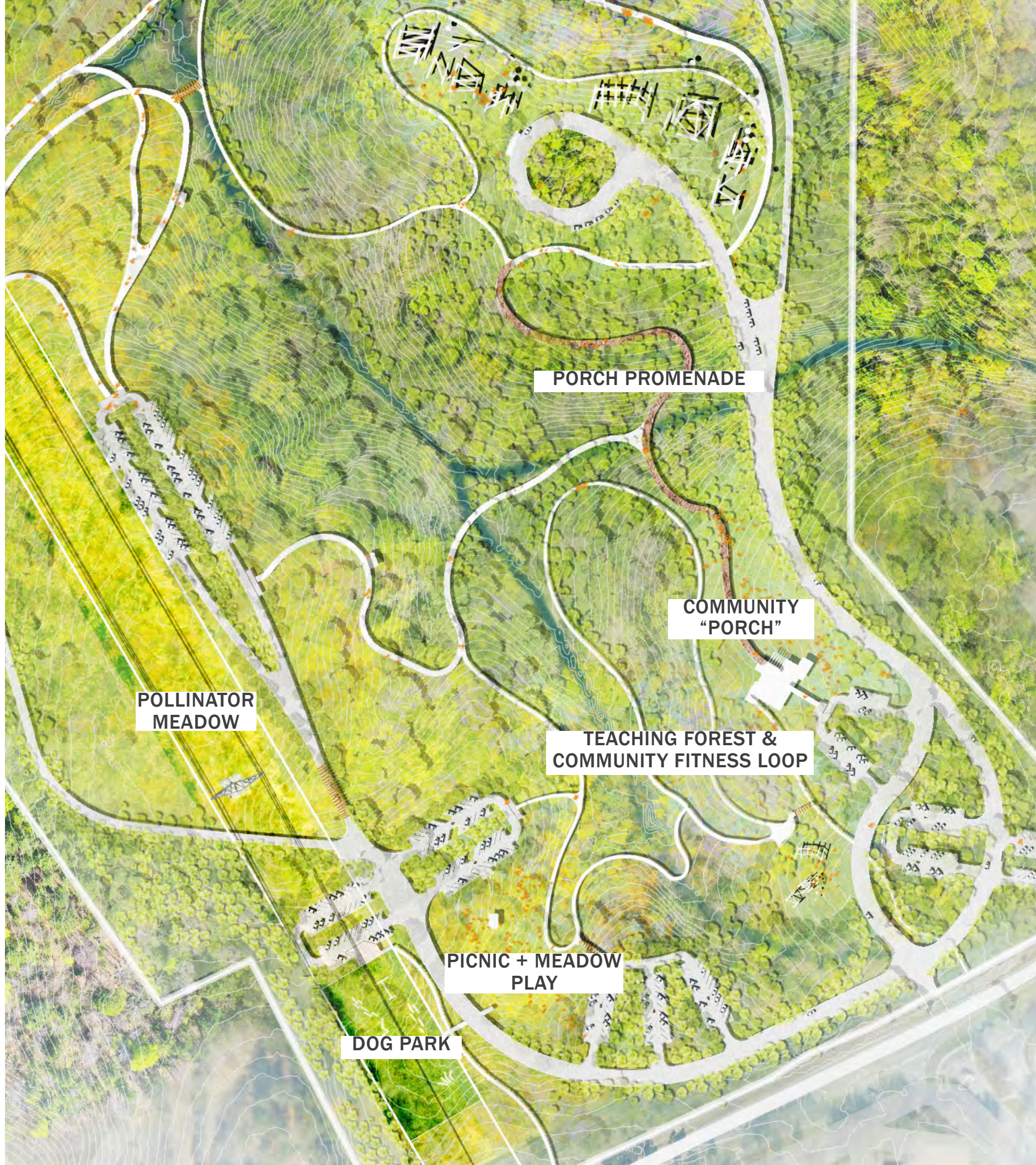
330 SPOTS

PORCH PROMENADE (NATURE BOARDWALK)

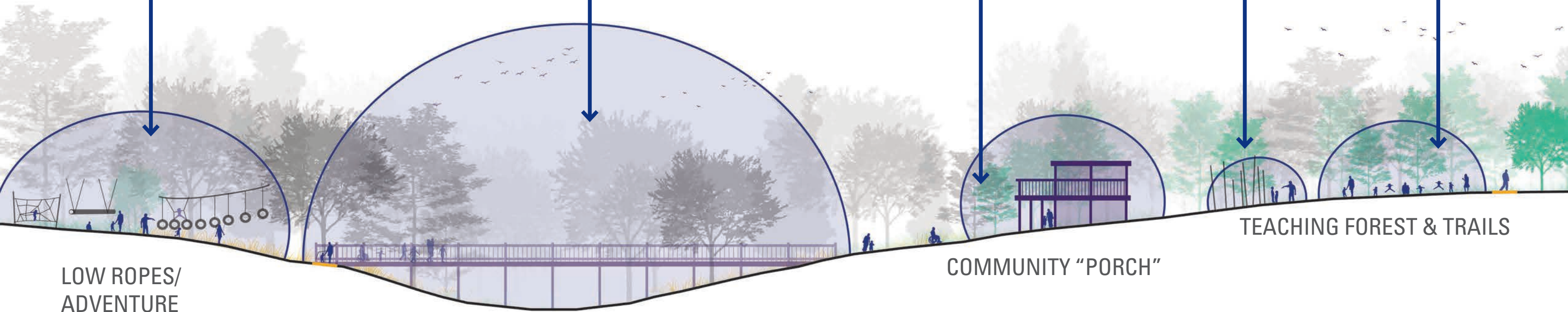
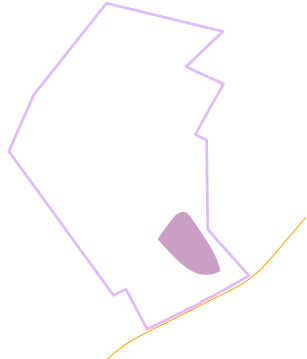
.07 MI



← BOARDWALK, 10-12' →



DRAFT CONCEPT B MECK TREK



LOW ROPES/
ADVENTURE
COURSE

PORCH PROMENADE

COMMUNITY "PORCH"

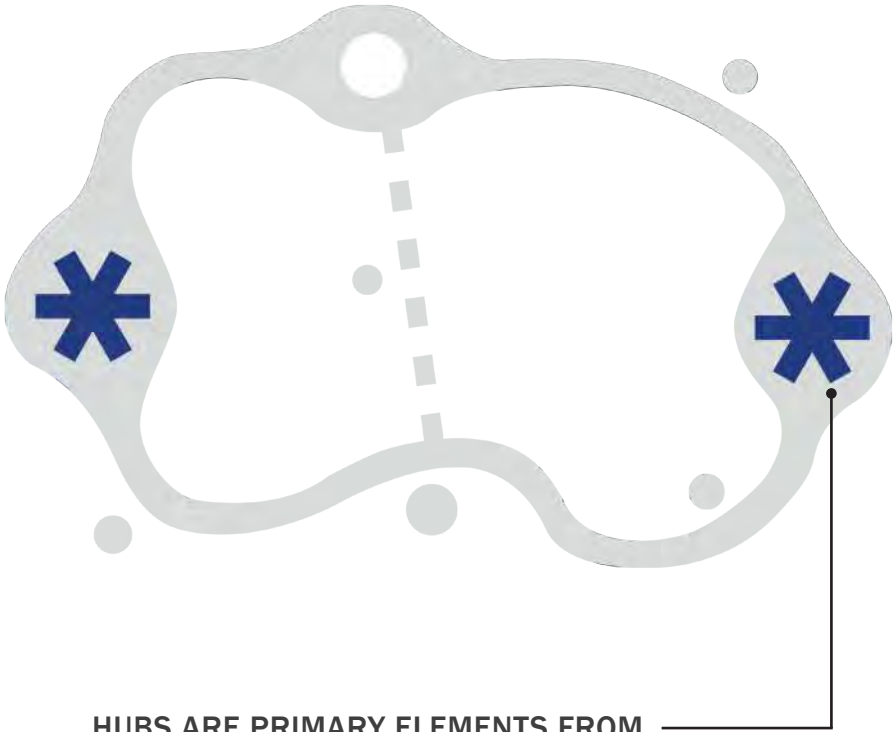
TEACHING FOREST & TRAILS

DRAFT CONCEPT B

MECK TREK

HUBS

- COMMUNITY-ORIENTED
- PUBLIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LARGE GROUPS
- FRONT PORCH FEELING
- INTEGRATE ACCESSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES INTO ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN



HUBS ARE PRIMARY ELEMENTS FROM WHICH PARK ELEMENTS BRANCH OUT

MULTI-PURPOSE EVENT CENTER



FRONT PORCH FEEL



LEARNING CENTER



ACCESSIBLE DESIGN

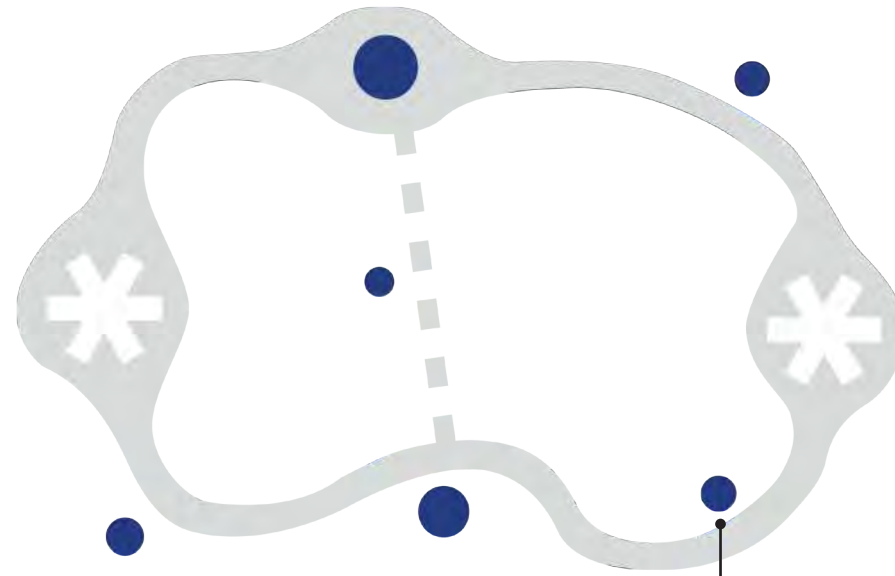


DRAFT CONCEPT B

MECK TREK

NODES

- INTIMATE SPACES FOR SMALLER-SCALE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
- INTEGRATE FITNESS AND LEARNING SPACES ALONG THE SITE'S TRAIL SYSTEMS
- PROVIDE ENTRANCE AND EXIT POINTS FOR FITNESS TRAILS AND ADVENTURE COURSES



NODES ARE SMALLER DESTINATIONS AND GATHERING SPACES DISPERSED ALONG PATHS

EVENT PAVILION



PATHS CONNECTING TO STRUCTURE



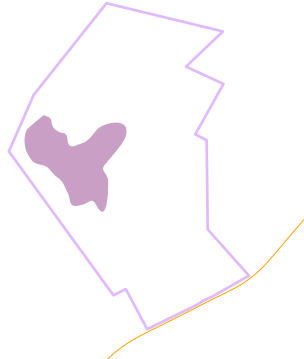
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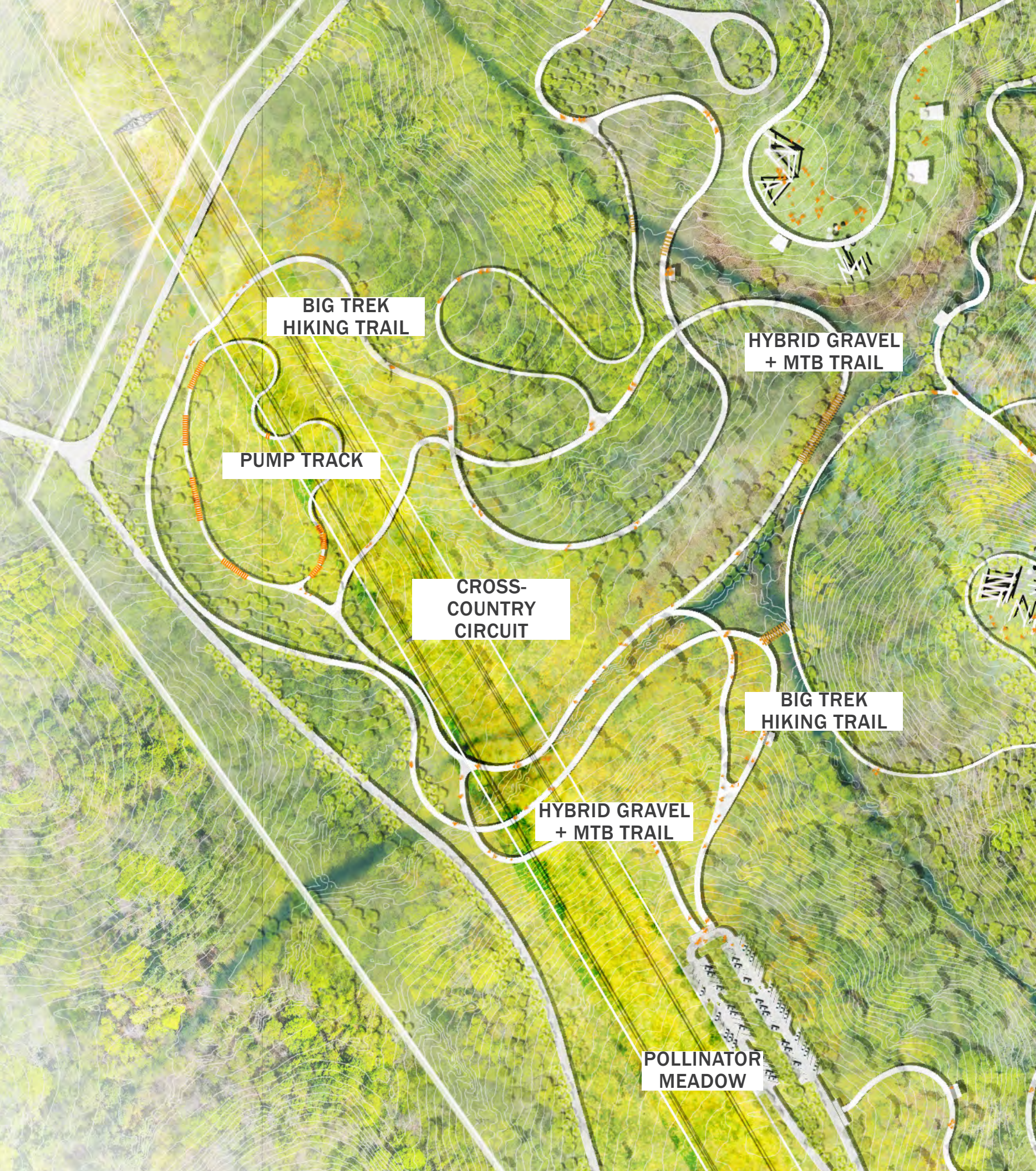
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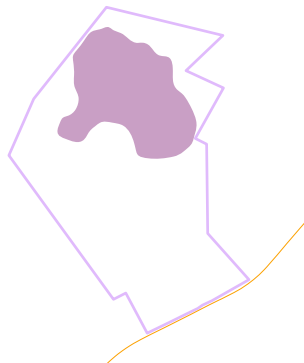
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CROSS-COUNTRY BIKE CIRCUIT



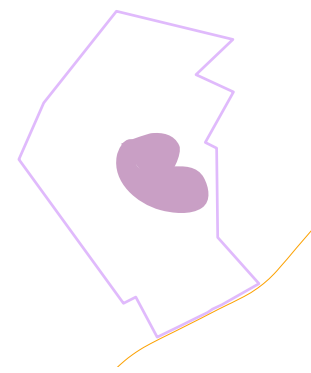
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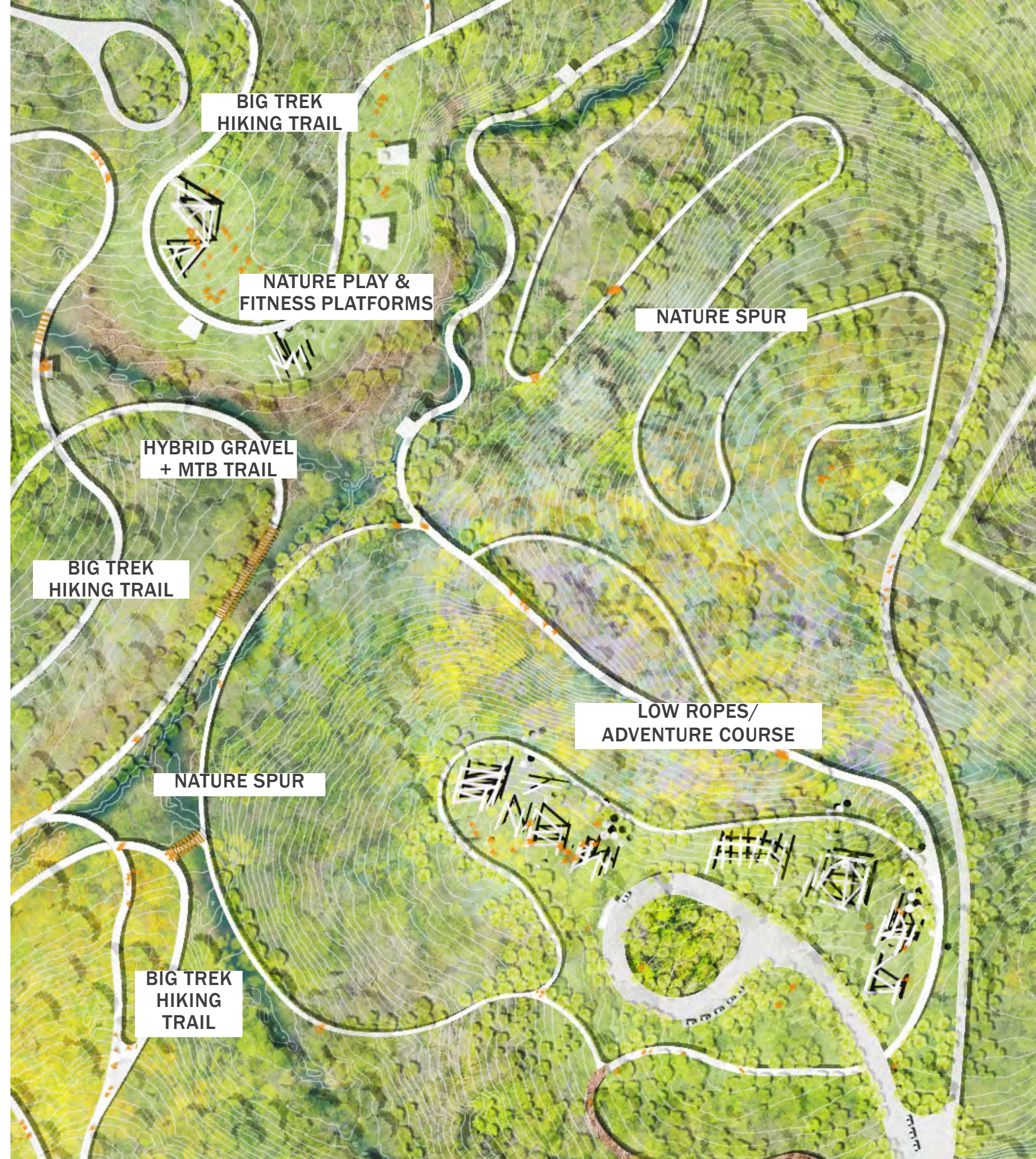
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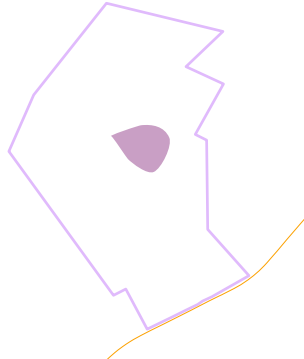
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FITNESS & PLAY



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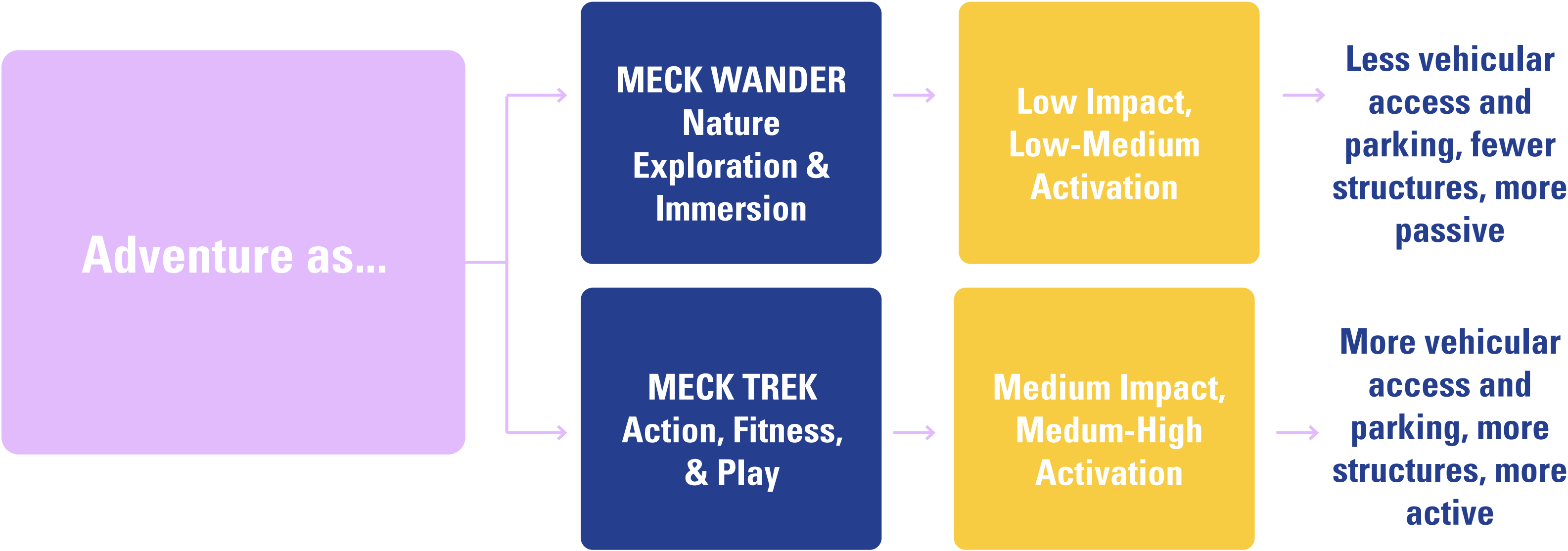
TRAILS & NATURE PLAY

MULTI-PURPOSE
PLATFORMS / "PORCHES"

PRIMARY & SECONDARY HIKING TRAILS

SUMMARY

DESIGN CONCEPTS: IMPACT



DESIGN CONCEPTS: ACTIVATION

- NATURE-BASED ELEMENTS
- COMMUNITY HUB + FACILITIES
- ADVENTURE PARK
- PLAY & GATHER
- BIKE FACILITIES



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MECK WANDER
Nature Exploration
& Immersion



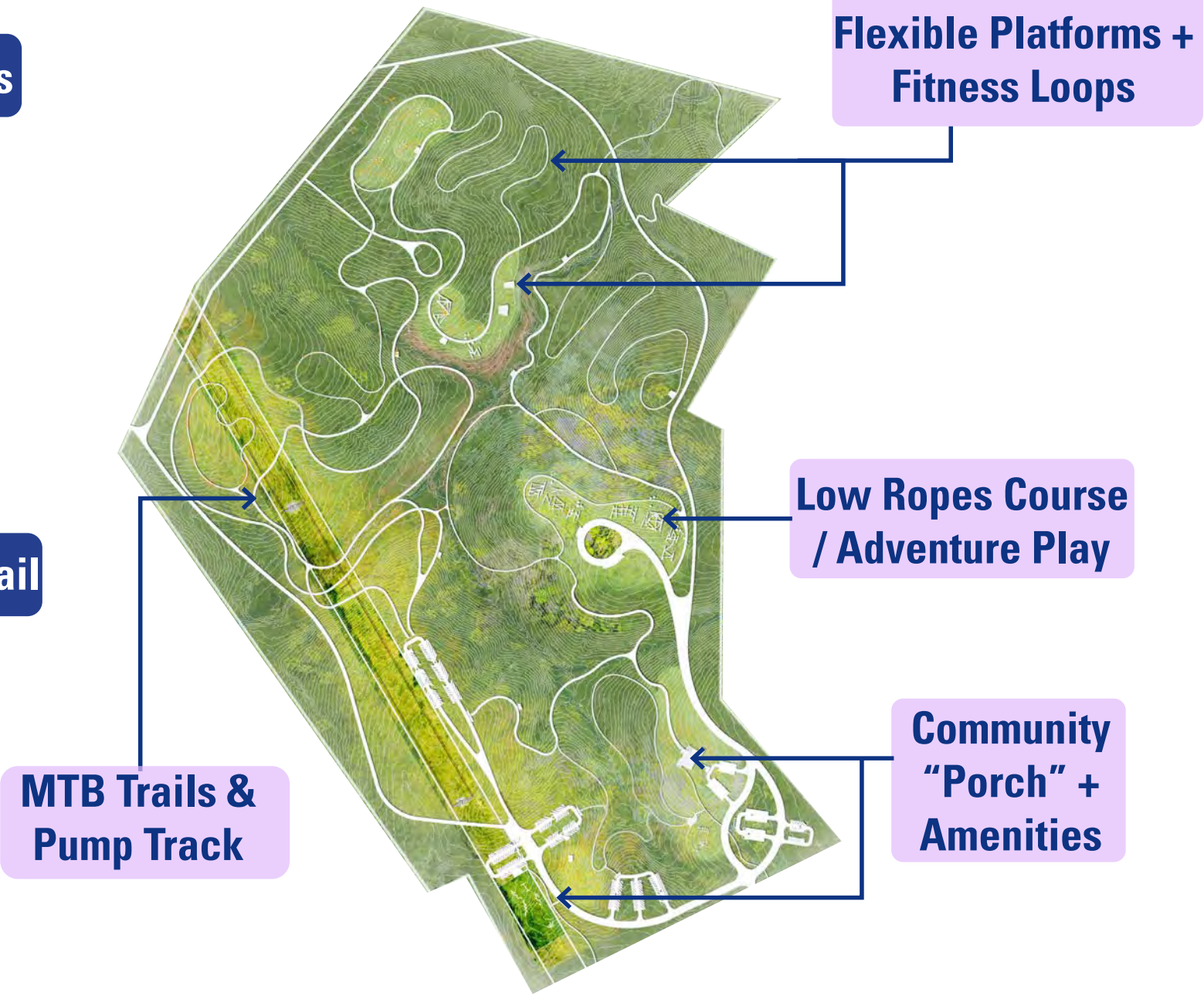
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Action, Fitness
& Play



DESIGN CONCEPTS: ADVENTURE DESTINATIONS

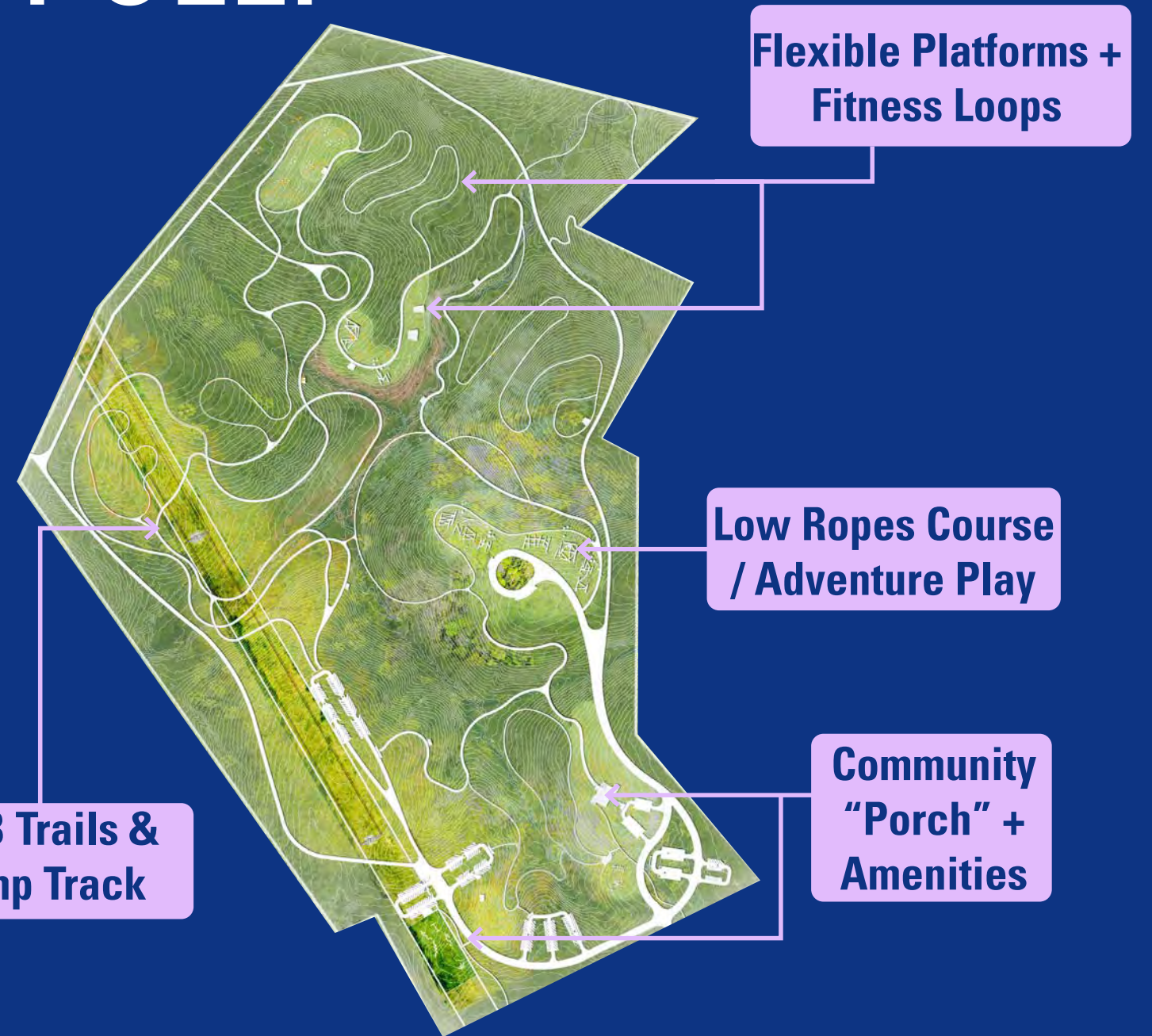


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TAKE A POLL!



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COMMUNITY TREE HOUSE



COMMUNITY PORCH



TAKE A POLL!



ADVENTURE COURSE



BIKE AMENITIES



CANOPY WALK



COMMUNITY FACILITY



FITNESS TRAILS



NATURE TRAILS



PLAY AREAS



***PLATFORMS, SHELTERS,
OR PICNIC AREAS***

A low-angle photograph of a forest. The camera is positioned near the ground, looking up at several tall, slender tree trunks that rise vertically towards the top of the frame. The trees are covered in dense, vibrant green foliage, with many leaves in sharp focus in the foreground and others blurred in the background. The sky is a clear, bright blue, visible through the canopy. The overall scene is bright and lush, suggesting a healthy, sunlit forest.

NEXT STEPS

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EASTFIELD PARK

- 1 REFINED CONCEPT (BASED ON PUBLIC FEEDBACK)**
- 2 DEFINE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS**
- 3 OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS**
- 4 PHASING PLAN**
- 5 MASTER PLAN**

NEXT STEPS

EASTFIELD PARK

PUBLIC INPUT.COM:

- publicinput.com/Eastfield
- New - **Opportunities for providing feedback on draft Master Plan concepts (Survey closes Sept. 10th)**
- New - **Check out the wildlife on site!**

MECKLENBURG COUNTY WEBSITE:

- New Projects: www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec
- Recordings of the meetings & additional project information

ON THE HORIZON:

- Park Master Plan reveal in October



Q & A

