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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Advisory Board Meeting

STAFF PRESENTATION



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**PROJECT
CONSULTANTS**



MARCH 9, 2023

Staff Update

- **Project Overview, Goals, & Schedule**
- **Highlight of Process & Feedback to Date**
- **Draft Final Plan**
- **Project Status**
- **Next Steps**

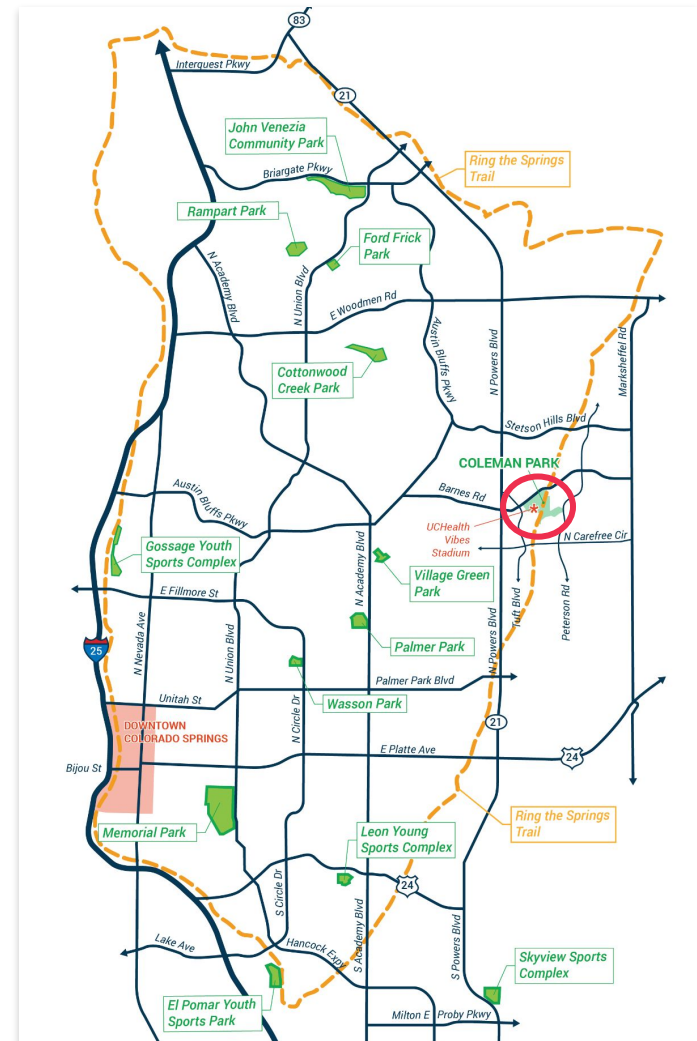
Site Context

Initial City Site Goals

- Bring a Community Park to Northeast Colorado Springs
- Build Needed Community Sport Fields
- Improve Sand Creek and the Natural Corridor
- Build this Sand Creek Trail Segment
 - Part of the planned Ring the Springs Trail

Approach

- Break the 77 acre site down into manageable focus areas.



Project Schedule & Outreach



Outreach Goals

- Gather insight to the community's vision.
- Reach a diverse user group and build community relationships.
- Bring interested citizens into the process.
- Help community envision the park and how they might use the future park.

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Vision & Program

Alternatives

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Plan Adoption



Vision & Program

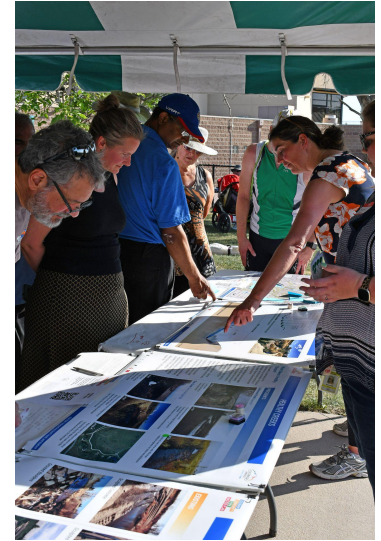
On-site Event #1

June 16, 2022

Over 100 Attendees

Online Survey #1

985 Respondents



Active Sports Hub

(Top Responses)

- **Restrooms**
- Picnic Areas
- Parking
- **Pickleball**
- **Flexible Multi-use Fields (soccer/football/baseball)**

Natural Areas Complete Creek

- **Restore natural corridor** for humans and wildlife
- **Safe creek access** and pedestrian crossing
- Sand Creek trail connection
- Creek views/overlooks
- Provide environmental awareness

Community Park

(Outdoor Recreation Destination)


- **Walking Loops**
- **Farmer's Market**
- **Universally Accessible Playground**
- **Small Picnic Shelters**
- **Water/Interaction with Creek**
- **Natural Open Areas / Native Areas**
- Food Truck Space
- Unlit Multi-Use Lawn
- Seating Areas
- Nature Play
- Challenge/Adventure
- Dog Park
- Large Community Shelter
- Fireworks/Special Events
- Climbing Walls / Bouldering

FEEDBACK FROM:

- **Community Forum #1 (on-site)**
- **Community Survey #1**
- **Sand Creek High School Engagement**

Park Security & Safety

 **75' Buffers** to neighborhood homes

 **Gates at entrances** and closed during non-park hours

 **Security lighting** at main park areas

 **Emergency access locations** in case of wildfires



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Concepts

Community Forum #2

September 29, 2022
Over 75 Attendees

Online Survey #2
198 Respondents

FEEDBACK FROM:

- Community Forum #2 (at SCHS)
- Community Survey #2
- Sand Creek High School Student Engagement



Concept Phase Key Takeaways

Program Desires Complementary to Site:

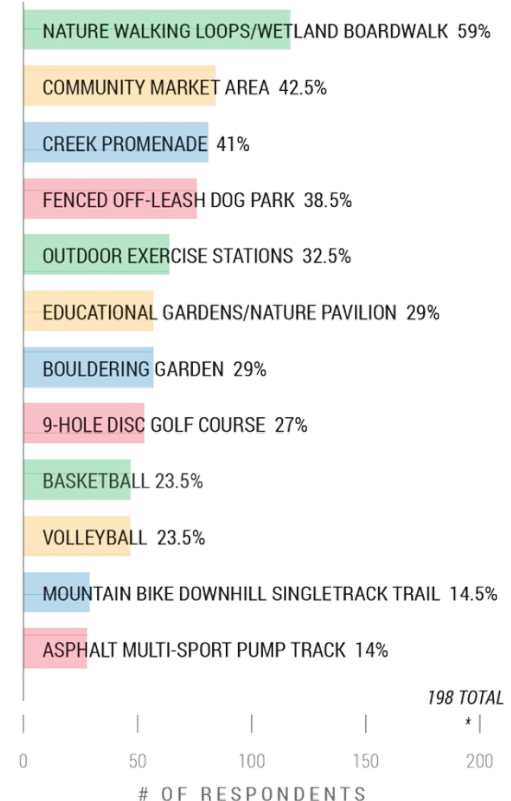
- *Community Market Area - flexible for many uses*
- *Creek Promenade - integrate with overlooks*
- *Basketball - desired by local students and public*
- *Sand Volleyball - desire by local students*
- *Restrooms (or porta potties) accessible throughout park*
- *Drinking Fountains near active areas*
- *Paved and Soft Surface Walking Trails*

Program Elements Not Included:

- *Unleashed Dog park - site suitability*
- *Disc Golf - trade off for other program variety; could be added later or elsewhere*
- *Pump track - spatial site constraint, cost, new facility coming*
- *Downhill Singletrack - evaluating new facility & maintenance needs*

FROM THE ONLINE SURVEY

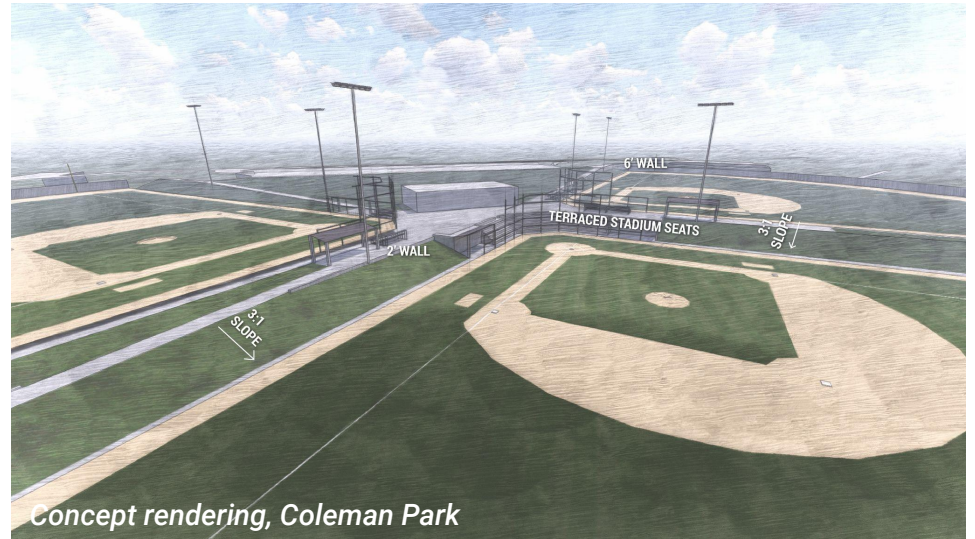
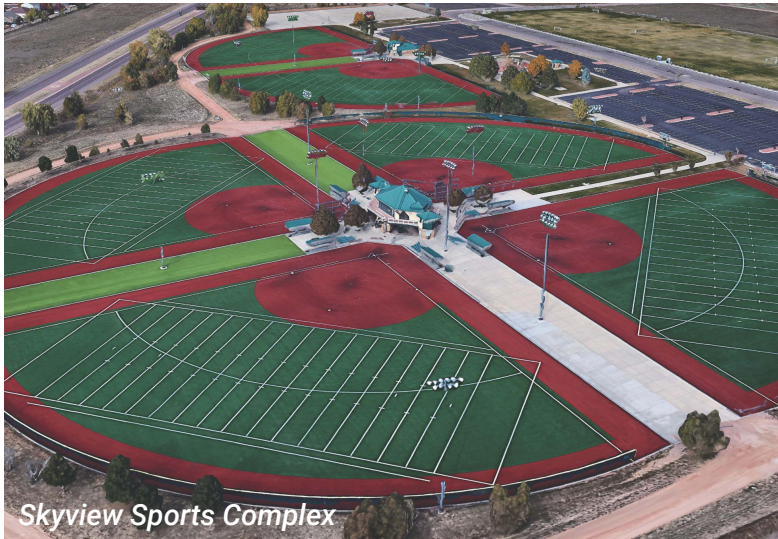
Of the Unique Programs in the Concepts, which elements would you most like to see incorporated into the final plan?



Concept Phase Key Takeaways

Multi-use Synthetic Sports Fields

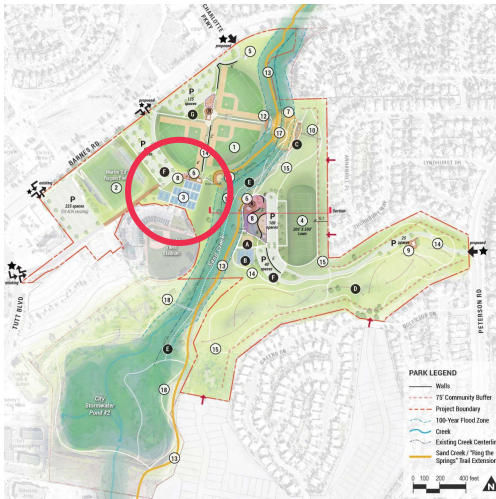
- Community need for more sports fields
- Multi-use complex footprint is flexible for soccer, football, baseball and frees up land for more community park use
- Synthetic turf and lights allow for more use year round



Concept Phase Key Takeaways

18-20 Court Pickleball Facility

- *Non-linear layout preferred*
- *Minimize impact to neighbors*
- *Locate away from ballfields to have sufficient parking*
- *Focus high use activities to NW side of creek as much as possible*



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Community Forum #3

January 31, 2023

Approximately 70 Attendees



FEEDBACK FROM:

- *Community Forum #3 (at SCHS)*
- *Stakeholder One on One Meetings*

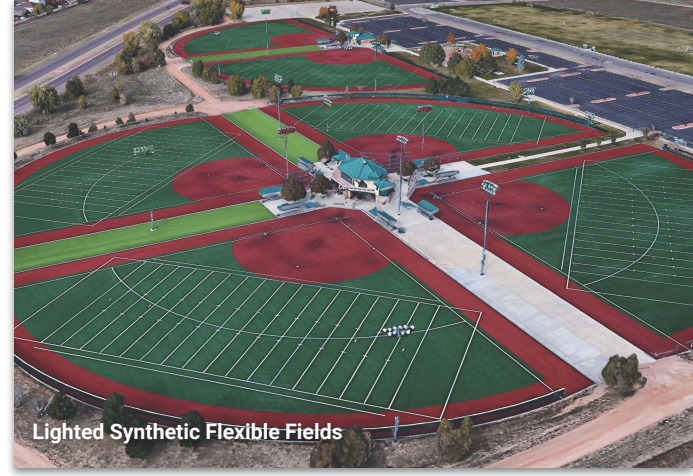
Draft Final Plan



Active Hub - Northwest Area



Pickleball



Lighted Synthetic Flexible Fields

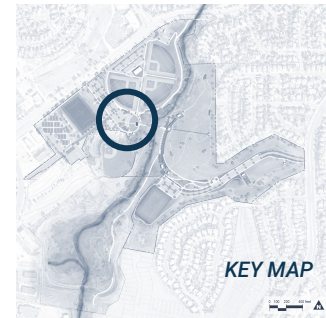


KEY MAP

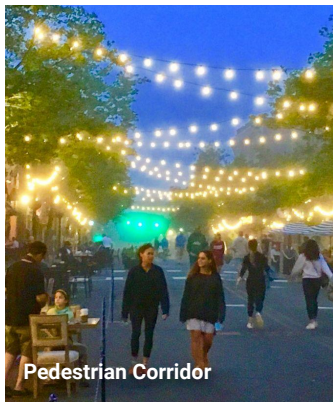
Active Hub - Multi-purpose fields



West Community Gathering Space



Community Gathering Space



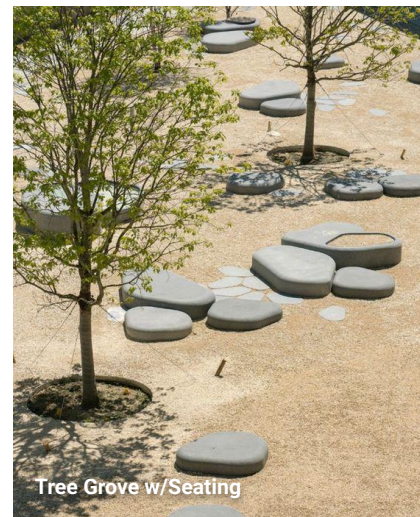
Pedestrian Corridor



Flexible Parking & Market Space



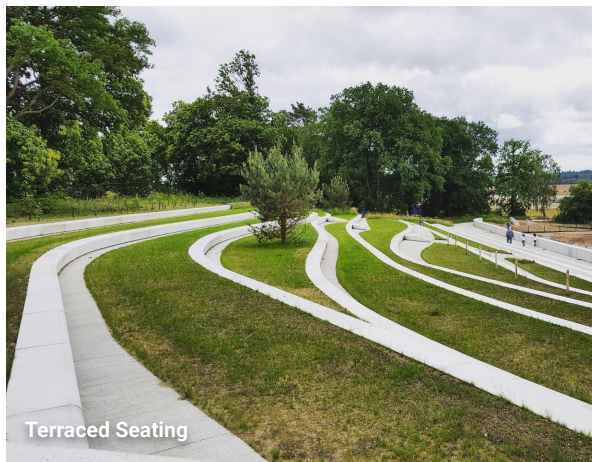
Public Art



Tree Grove w/Seating



Central Lawn



Terraced Seating



Outfall & Overlook

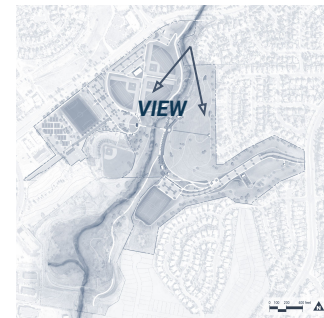
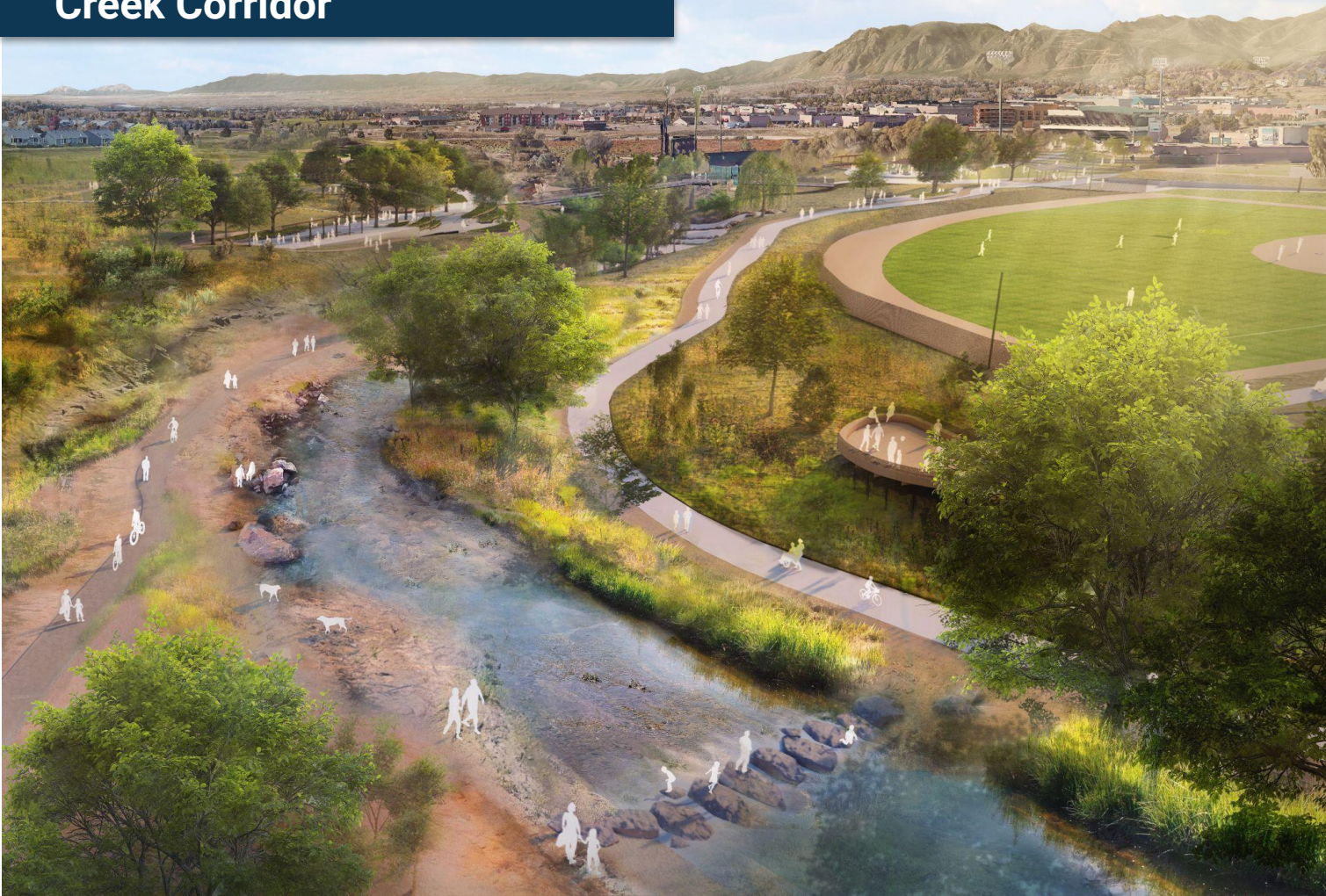
Community Gathering Space



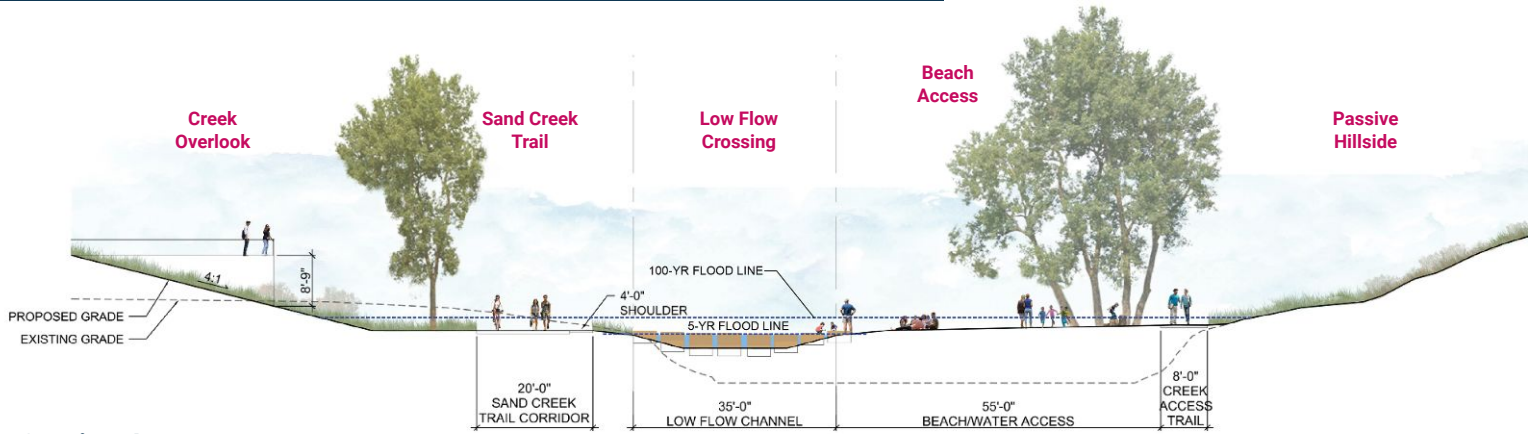
Outdoor Destination - Creek Corridor



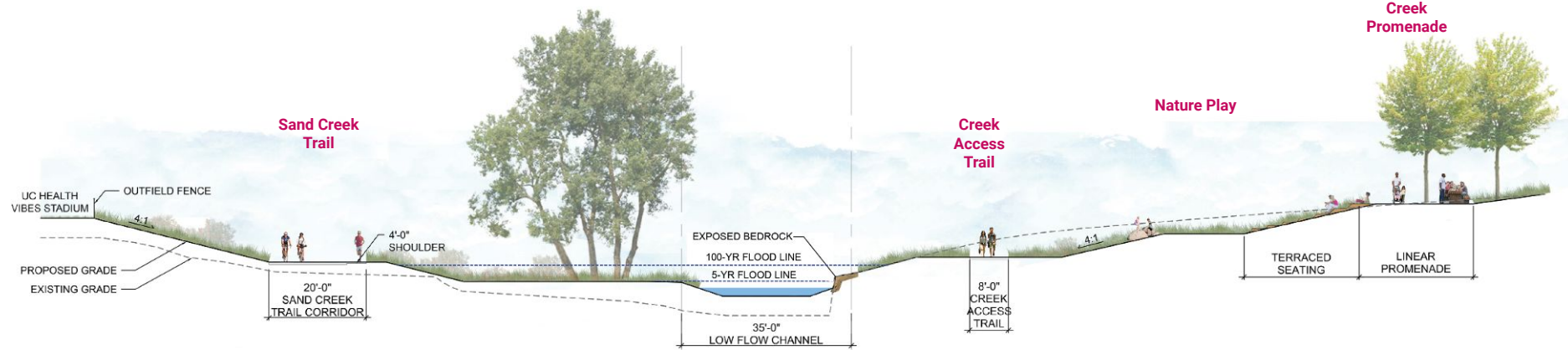
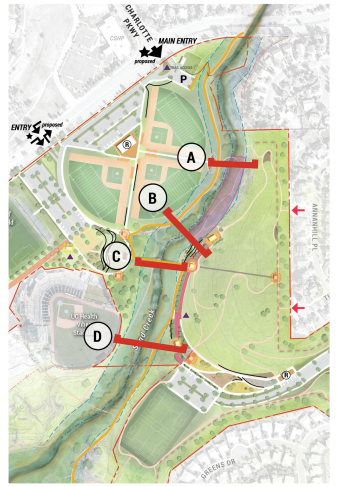
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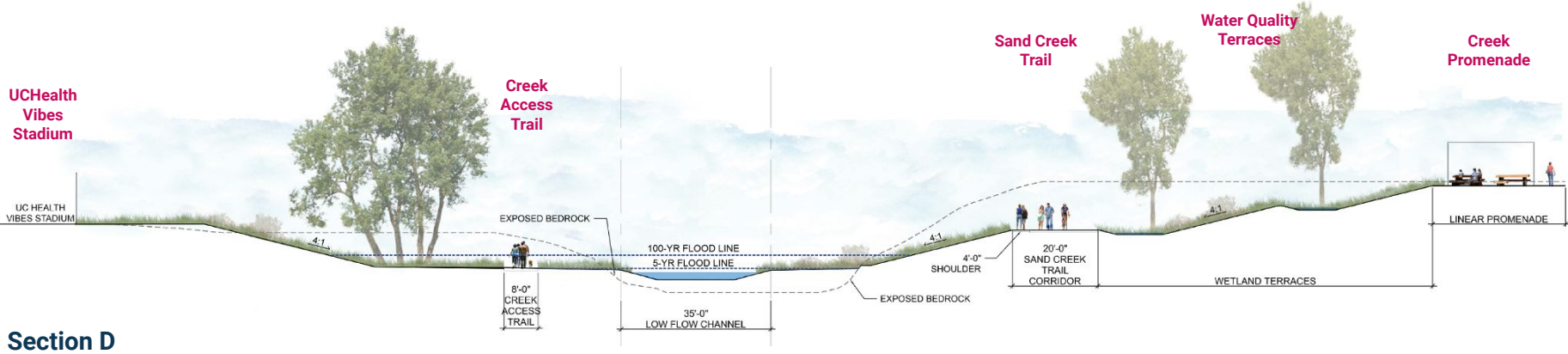
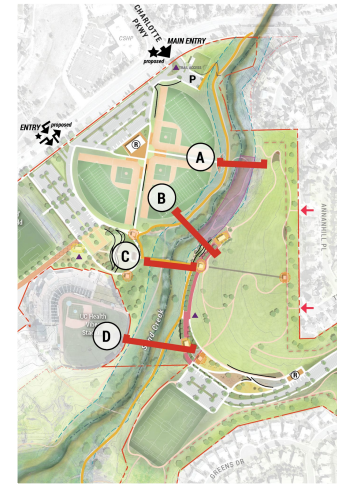
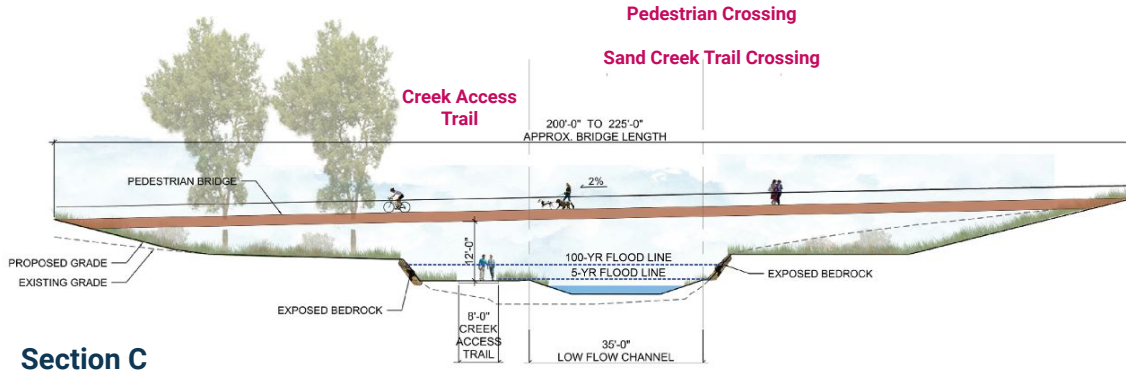


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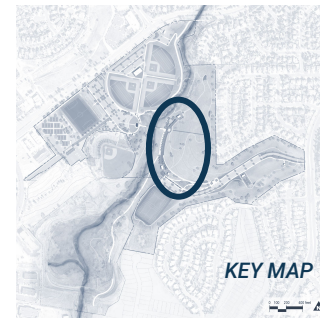
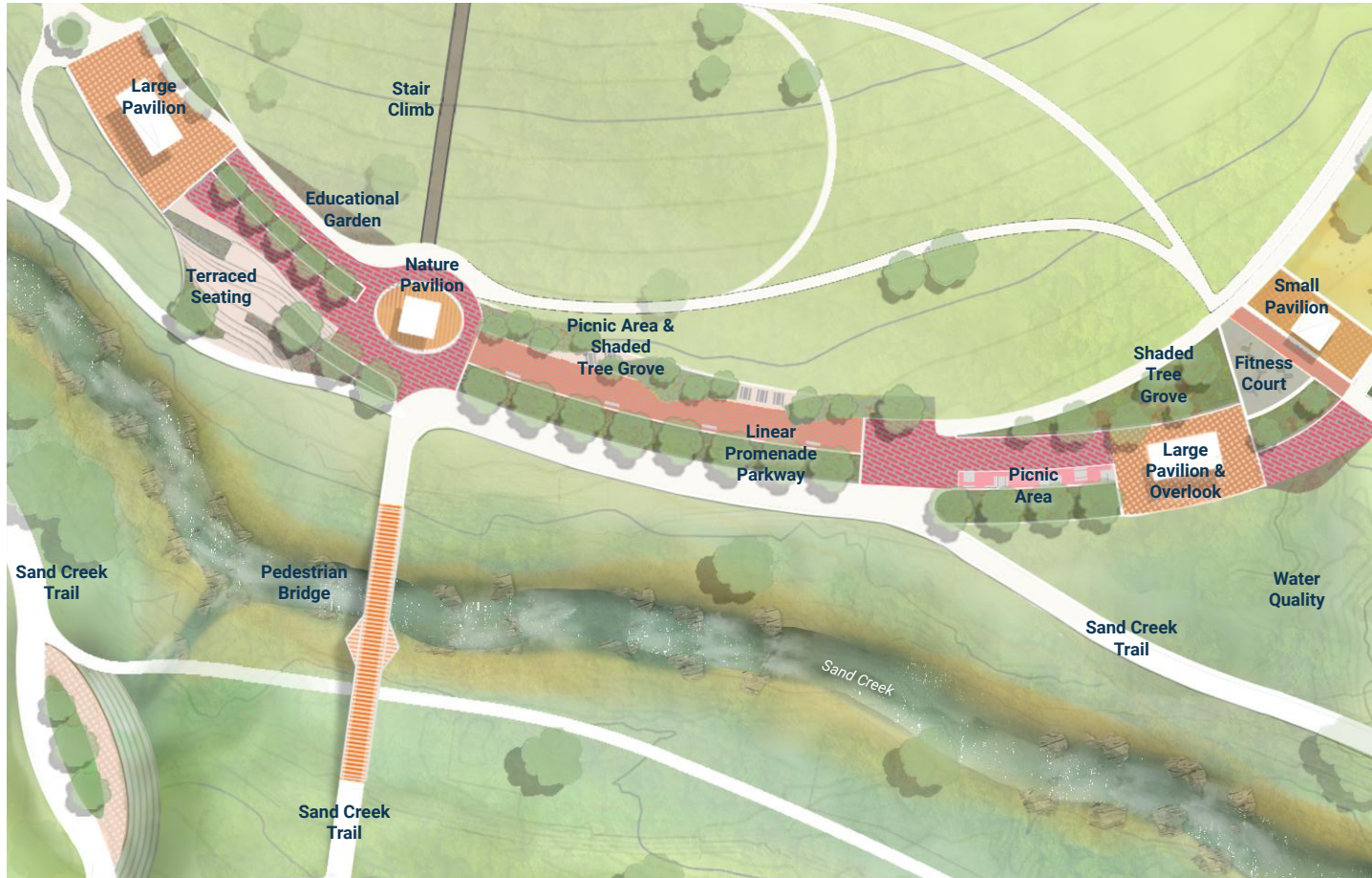
Section B

Outdoor Destination - Creek Corridor



Pedestrian Crossing
Sand Creek Trail Crossing
Creek Access Trail
Sand Creek Trail
Water Quality Terraces
Creek Promenade

Creek Promenade



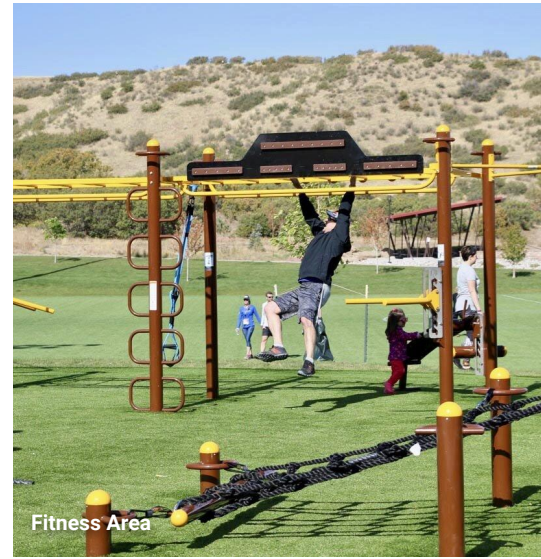
Creek Promenade



Linear Promenade Parkway



Nature Pavilion



Fitness Area

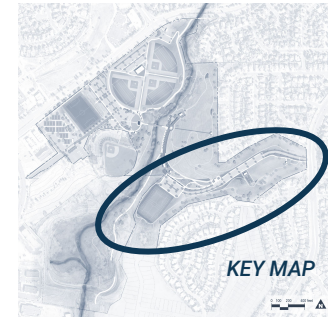
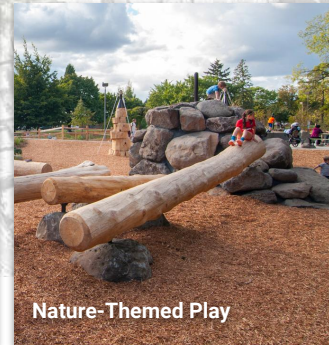
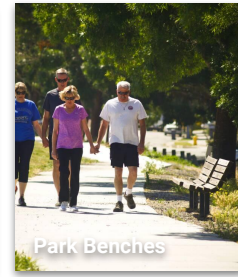


Terraced Seating

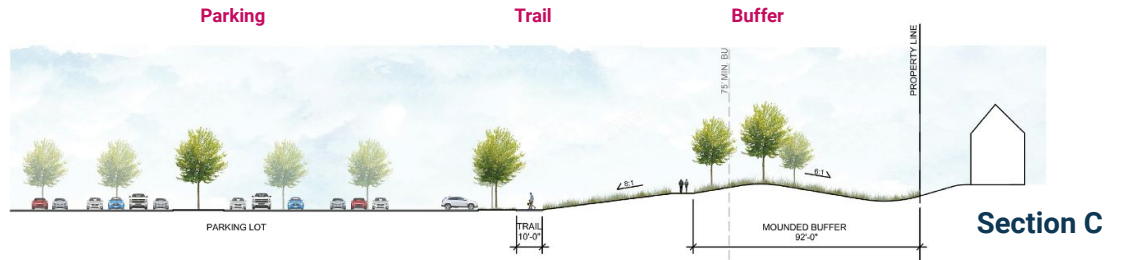
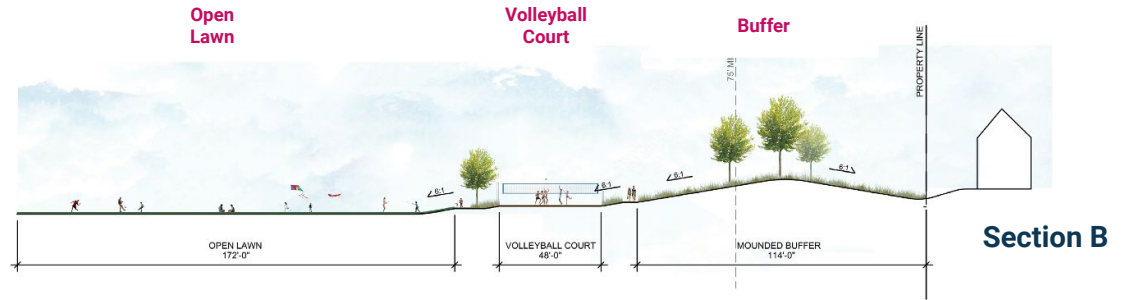
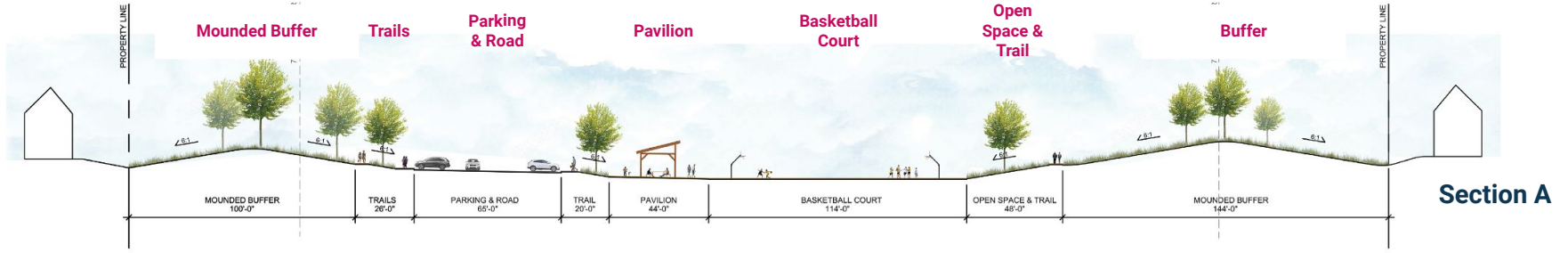


Large Picnic Pavilion

East Community Gathering Space



Neighborhood Buffers



Community Forum #3 Key Takeaways

Community Feedback

Programming Questions

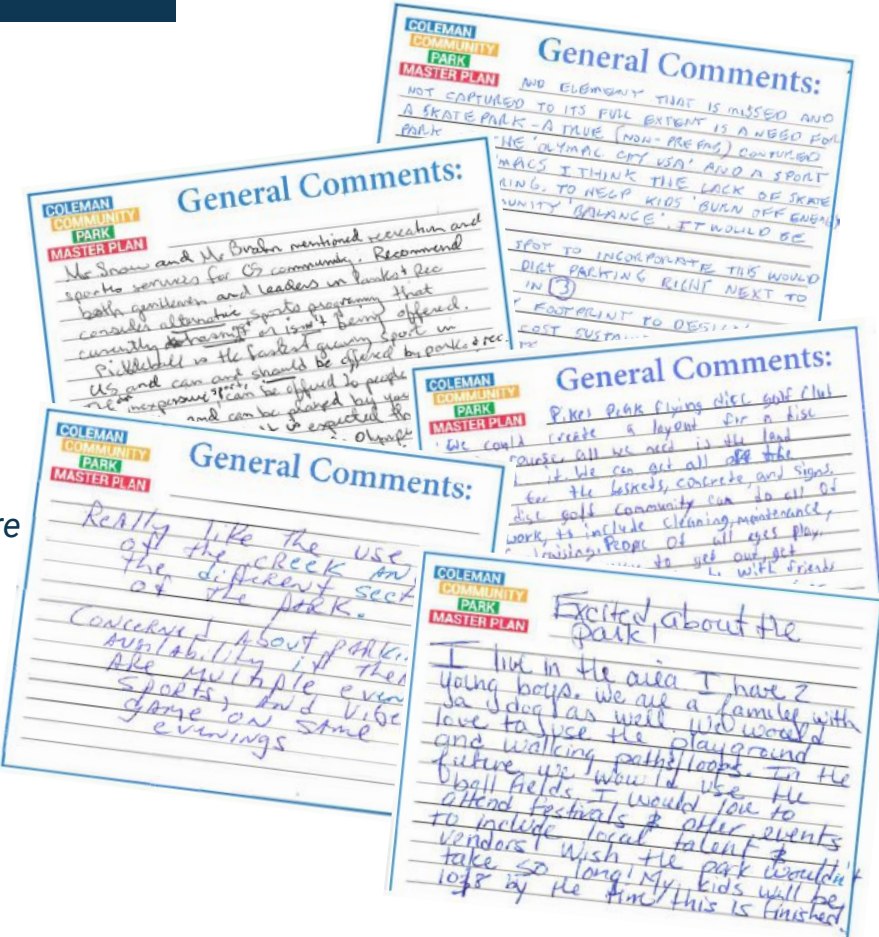
- Limited west side parking. Is it enough?
- Timing & scheduling of events
- Requests for reduced parking on east.

Safety and afterhour issues (central and east side)

- Parking lots - destination for crime near houses
- Security for park programming - lack of visibility in core
- Trails, remote, wildlife interactions

Pickleball

- 20 pickleball courts needed for a tournament play
- Location - good but potential engineering challenges prefers flatter central options.
- Good location to balance neighborhood concerns



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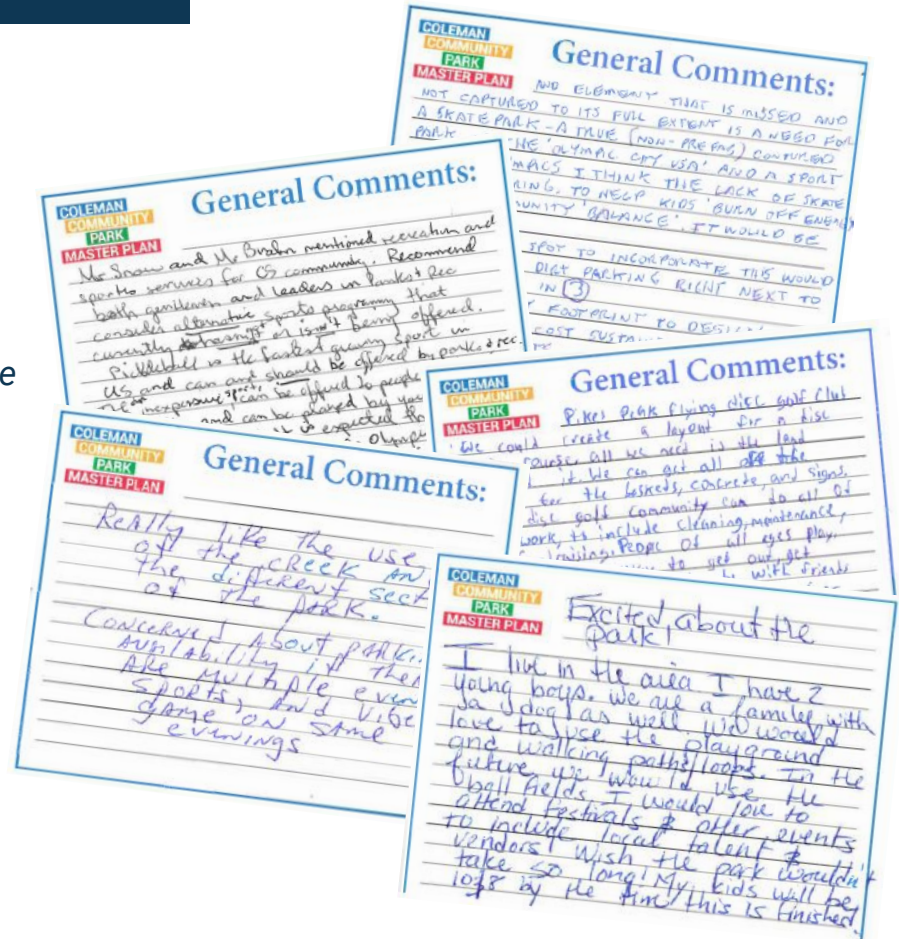
Community Feedback - Continued

Continued Community Interest

- Disc Golf - temporary or long term activation
- Skate Park - active teen space
- Bicycle Advocacy: Pump Track, Downhill Bike Course
- Dog Park - needs on the east side
- Water Play Feature - besides the creek
- UC Health/RM Vibe Stadium lights, could they be swapped out for newer fixtures?

Resident Requests:

- What can be done sooner to address concerns for:
 - o Unauthorized vehicle access on east side
 - o Grassland fire mitigation
 - o Unhoused people
 - o Current youth and adult activity (motorbikes, teenagers, etc)



Site Constraints & Opportunities

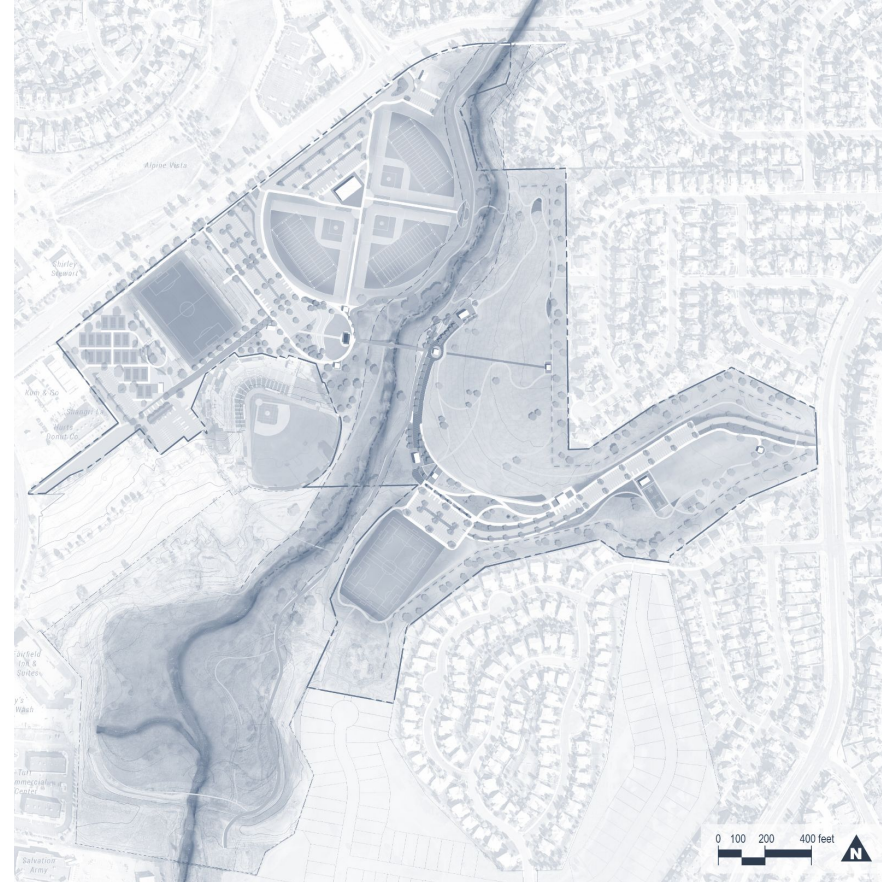
Constraints & Discovery:

Technical Considerations (Final Design, Scope & Budget):

- High bedrock limitations
- Creek Design & Improvements
- Site Drainage and Water Quality
- Utilities
- Site orientation challenge - north/south field and court orientation

Opportunities:

- Creek channel improvements - evaluated and implemented by City Stormwater in partnership with PRCS Staff
- Geotechnical work, support and coordination
 - o *Park overall and Bridge placement*



Right Sizing the Project

NEXT

STEPS

- **Ground Truthing**
 - *Finish Geotechnical investigation*
 - *Creek Design, Stormwater Engineering*
- **Planning** (*Funding Opportunities, Strategies, Action Plan*)
- **Mayoral and Council Transitions**
- **Possible Outcomes:**
 - *30% construction document*
 - *Update conceptual plan*
 - *Bring back to community and the PRCS Advisory Board*
 - *Set scope and budget*

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS

