



## Information Presentation

Commission Meeting: July 11, 2024

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**PROJECT**

**Reimagine Anacostia Park**

Anacostia Park  
1900 Anacostia Drive, SE  
Washington, DC

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The National Park Service (NPS) will provide an information presentation and overview of the “Reimagine Anacostia Park” planning effort. NPS is preparing a Concept Plan for Sections D and E of Anacostia Park, which are bounded by the 11th Street Bridge and the CSX railroad bridge in southeast Washington, DC. The plan will provide a framework for future development and use of the park. Throughout the development of the plan, the NPS is seeking feedback from park users, the surrounding neighborhood, and the public about how visitors currently use the space and their ideas for the future of this unique landscape in the heart of Washington, DC. The purpose of the information presentation is to brief the Commission on this important effort.

Anacostia Park is part of National Capital Parks-East, a unit of the NPS. The legislation that created Anacostia Park identified the following purposes for the park, parkway, and playground system, including (1) Prevent pollution of the Anacostia River (as well as Rock Creek and the Potomac River); (2) Preserve the forest and natural scenery in and about Washington, DC; and (3) Meet the park and recreation needs of Washington, DC, residents.

The proposed vision for this re-imagined portion of Anacostia Park is to welcome and inspire a wide range of users while providing opportunities to connect with others and engage with the Anacostia River. The plan goals are to improve the safety, accessibility, and directness to the project area from neighboring communities, and within the park between activity nodes and park areas; enhance the visitor experience and connectivity to and from the Anacostia River by celebrating the site’s history, ecology, and restoration efforts through educational and recreational opportunities; restore and improve the active recreation fields and other organized sport amenities within the project area; and increase the quality and quantity of passive recreation opportunities within the project area, focused on social, cultural, and community gathering spaces and hosting events.

NCPC staff provided comments on the preliminary concepts in Fall 2023, and strongly support the proposed planning vision to ensure “the park is resilient, safe, and well-maintained with strong connections to communities, partners, and the river ecosystem.” In addition, staff also provided the following comments:

- **Access and Connectivity:** I-295 is a significant physical barrier between local neighborhoods and the river. Staff strongly supports the proposals to increase pedestrian and bike access to the park from adjacent neighborhoods through improved entrances and proposed new entrance access points as well as increased lighting, art and signage. The pedestrian and bike connections to the planned 11th Street Bridge Park highlighted will be particularly important to creating a seamless experience for park users. We also see benefits to shifting Anacostia Drive to open up the waterfront, provide the larger community open spaces and numerous access areas along the waterfront.
- **Waterfront and Resilience:** NCPC staff are interested to learn more about NPS’s plans for the future of these sections of the park in response to climate change and sea level rise. The information provided indicates that both a rehabilitated sea wall and natural shoreline could provide needed flood protection and stormwater management, and if so, staff support creating a natural shoreline where possible to soften the park edge and provide environmental education opportunities.

NPS is currently holding Public Comment Period #3 regarding Revised Concept Design materials. The comment period opened June 25, 2024, with a public meeting and will be open through August 30, 2024. Information about the project and how to comment is provided here: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/anacostiadcpl>

The Concept Plan is the first step in the overall decision-making process for the future of Anacostia Park. The aim of this stage of the process is to hear from the public and gather input on how to improve the three proposed concepts for Sections D and E. A preferred concept will not be selected at this time. Certain proposed actions in the Concept Plan will require additional environmental and historical preservation compliance prior to implementation. Implementation may occur over time as funds become available. As such, when projects are identified for implementation, they will be subject to additional review and coordination under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act. They will also be submitted to NCPC for review.

**ATTACHED:**

- Reimagine Anacostia Park Summary Handouts

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

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| <b>Previous actions</b>                   | – None   |
| <b>Remaining actions</b><br>(anticipated) | – Review of projects identified in the Anacostia Park plan |

# REIMAGINE! ANACOSTIA PARK!

## VISION STATEMENT

This re-imagined portion of Anacostia Park welcomes and inspires a wide range of users while providing opportunities to connect with others and engage with the Anacostia River. The site’s nationally significant natural, cultural, and recreational resources are part of daily life in Washington, D.C., and promote community well-being. The park is resilient, safe, and well-maintained with strong connections to communities, partners, and the river ecosystem. Park users feel a sense of belonging and therefore value the park, engage in its programming and serve as active stewards of its future.

## GOALS

### ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY



Improve the safety, accessibility, and directness to the project area from neighboring communities, and within the park between activity nodes and park areas.

### WATERFRONT ACTIVATION



Enhance the visitor experience and connectivity to and from the Anacostia River by celebrating the site’s history, ecology, and restoration efforts through educational and recreational opportunities.

### ACTIVE RECREATION



Restore and improve the active recreation fields and other organized sport amenities within the project area.

### COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



Increase the quality and quantity of passive recreation opportunities within the project area, focused on social, cultural, and community gathering spaces and hosting events.

## PARK CONCEPTS + ANACOSTIA RIVER TRAIL OPTIONS

The following pages show three (3) alternative concepts for Sections D and E of Anacostia Park, from the 11th Street Bridge to the CSX rail tracks. These concepts were developed in response to community feedback.

All proposed concepts have sections of naturalized shoreline; increased and improved internal trails; activated park gateways with public art and wayfinding; improved waterfront access; and a variety of community fellowship areas.

While the types of spaces and programming are similar across the concepts, their layouts, sizes, and locations vary. These alternatives were made with the help of the community and create areas within the park focused on providing a variety of experiences located near parking and restroom facilities.

The alignment of Anacostia Drive varies across the concepts from maintaining its current location (Concept 1) to winding the road through the park (Concepts 2 and 3). These alternatives are in response to community desires for both maintaining vehicular waterfront access and for improved resilience in the park by moving critical infrastructure out of the floodplain.

The final page of this document shows three (3) options for how to improve the safety of the Anacostia River Trail by separating users like bicyclists and pedestrians. Variations of each of these trail options could be applied to any of the three alternative concepts.

Comments can be submitted to the Park via QR code:



# COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF ALL PUBLIC FEEDBACK

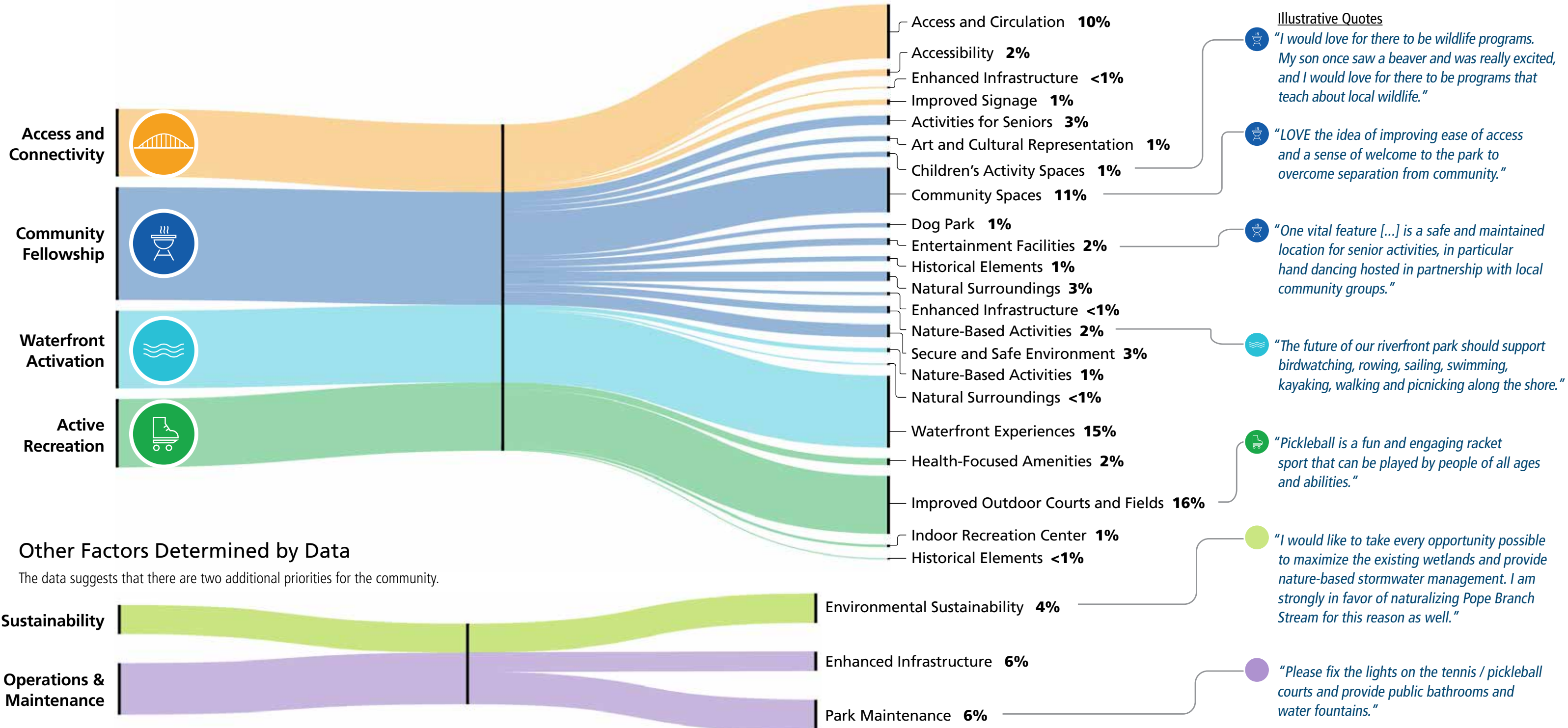
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK RESULTS (WORKSHOPS, FOCUS GROUPS, INTERVIEWS, POP-UPS & PUBLIC MEETING)

## Tier 1. Goals

Concept Plan overall goals that were selected and approved by the community.

## Tier 2. Overall Themes

Overall themes were identified in the feedback collected from December 2021 to December 2023 and applied to the PEPC comments from September 2023 to December 2023 for analysis.



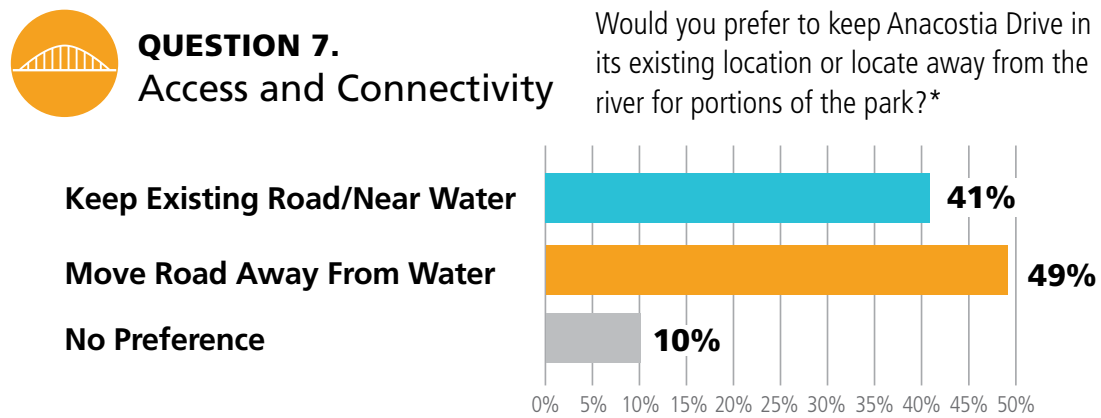
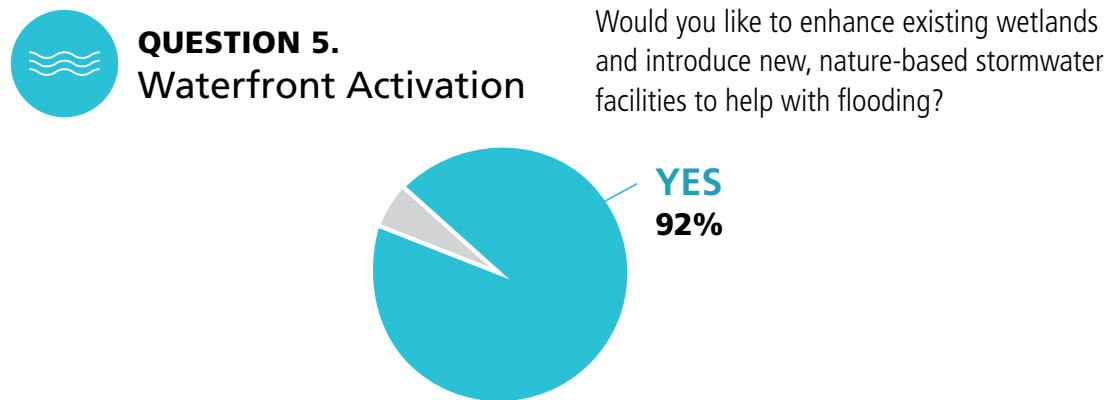
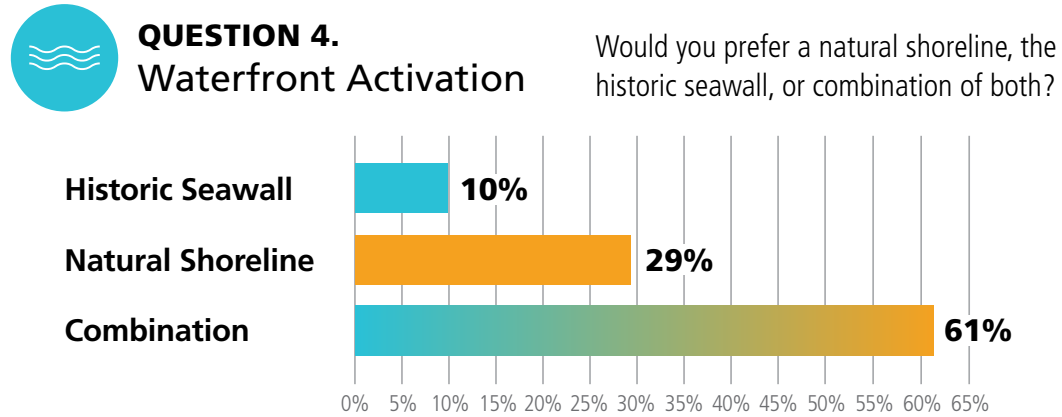
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## Tier 3. Sub-Themes *Continued...*

Detailed themes from the feedback received during the public comment period following the September 2023 Virtual Public Meeting. Public comments were received through December 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GATHERED



### Key Takeaway

Strong support for enhanced wetlands and green infrastructure; support for a combination of naturalized riverfront and preservation of the seawall. Mixed findings on the location of the road with a slight preference for moving it.

### Design Decisions

All concepts enhance wetlands and provide green infrastructure. Naturalized riverfront areas, which are desired by the community, require some relocation of the road in order to have enough space for that feature. The concepts explore various degrees of naturalized riverfront and road relocation or preservation.

### Illustrative Quotes

- “Primarily I would like to move the road away from the river. Moving Anacostia Drive to the south side of the skate park would open up land closer to the shore. Ideally I would like to see that waterfront land go to a new boathouse.”
- “It may be prudent to move the road in light of more extreme flooding events from the climate crisis.”
- “While waterfront access deserves thoughtful consideration, residents would like the entirety of Section D & E to be easily accessible by car. While we encourage community members to take advantage of public transportation and environmentally friendly modes of transit, any changes to Anacostia Drive should ensure that recreation spaces and other attraction points can be reached easily by personal vehicle.”
- “I would like to see more public art and more lights.”

### Illustrative Quotes

#### Access and Connectivity

“It is not easy to access the park, sometimes it is even hard to find the entrance! There should be a shuttle in the park. There should be better accessibility features and more lights and signs.”

#### Waterfront Activation

“Access to the riverfront is one of the key features of the park that I feel needs to be taken advantage of. I am strongly in favor of adding additional boat ramps and the fishing piers. A more attractive and updated park is going to attract more fishermen to utilize the park in that way, and especially if we are enhancing the natural shoreline it will be important to give fishermen a specific location in the park dedicated to them so that other kinds of users can access the river in their preferred way without being disrupted.”

“Anything that allows for the enjoyment of the natural environment (fishing, running, walking) in a safe environment accessible to ALL, regardless of physical limitations.”

“Biking along the waterfront is essential.”

“I want rentals for kayaks and paddle boats. There needs to be better access to fishing.”

#### Park Operations & Maintenance

“I want to see better lighting in the park. There needs to be more signs and major improvements to the bathrooms. I would like more picnic tables and more public art.”

#### Community Fellowship

“Community gardens and urban farms are INCREDIBLE places to foster social and cultural fellowship.... What better way to foster culture and community than by granting space for residents to grow culturally appropriate food. Not only that, there is extensive educational and workforce development opportunities to be gleaned from food production spaces. The DC Dept of Energy and Environment is already a big stakeholder in this park and their Office of Urban Agriculture can leverage District resources to support this effort. NPS could be a leader in this area by making land intentionally available for the opportunity for residents to grow food on what is currently grassland. MPS has a wonderful model of what a thriving community garden can look like at Ft. Dupont.”

#### Active Recreation

“I think having a mix of football, baseball/softball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, pickleball, and tennis would cover a majority of sports that people are interested in playing. Not sure if there is an indoor rec center but some indoor classes for seniors would be great too.”

“I think the park has a strong history of recreation with activities like roller skating and basketball, and I’d like to make sure those recreation sources are preserved and updated and not overshadowed by more “innovative” activities like pickleball and bocce.”

“Pickle ball courts provide multi generational playing open to all.”

# Concept 1

Imagine a park that allows you to drive, walk, run, or bike along the Anacostia River with small, intimate areas for fishing and resting. The roadways and trails connect you to two activity hubs anchored by the existing recreation center and skating pavilion and surrounded by community spaces. With parking provided, activity areas are accessible by vehicle and provide all park users the opportunity to enjoy the variety of spaces surrounding them. For those that like to explore, the trails provide access to all corners of the park and offer a variety of experiences from woodland hikes to waterfront strolls.

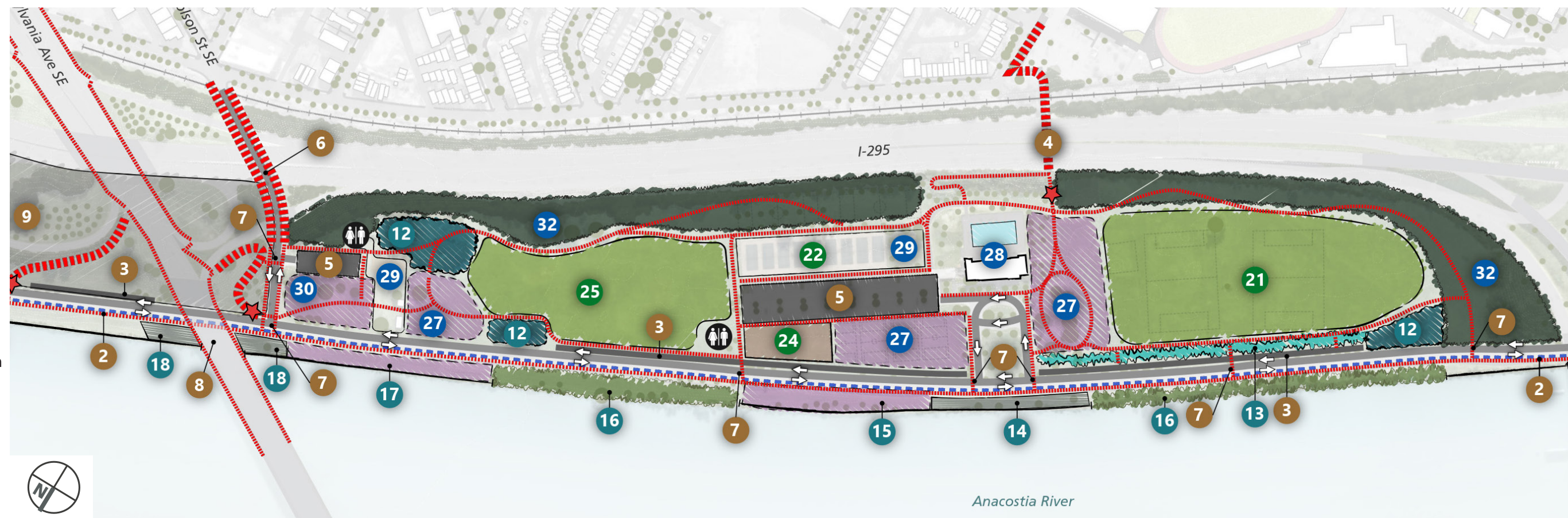
## Section E



### Legend

- Roadway
- Pedestrian Trail
- Bike Trail
- Parallel Parking
- Park Entrance
- Seawall
- Existing Building
- Forested Area
- Event Lawn
- Rec. Field / Lawn
- Naturalized Shore
- Existing Wetland
- Community Area
- Beach Area
- Multipurpose Pavilion
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- Parking Lot
- Rehabbed Area
- Restroom Area
- Gateway Activation

## Section D



## Concept 1

### ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY

- 1 Improve Entrance from Marion Barry Ave and 11th St Bridge Park**  
Provide sidewalks / crosswalks / wayfinding to strengthen connection into the park.
- 2 Improve Safety along Anacostia River Trail**  
Maintain the existing trail for pedestrians and slower moving cyclists. Provide protected bike lanes along Anacostia Drive for higher speed cyclists.
- 3 Parallel Parking with Permeable Pavers**  
Provide parallel parking with permeable pavers to collect stormwater. Provide informational signage for educational purposes.
- 4 Improve Connection to Anacostia HS and Fairlawn Neighborhood**  
Repair / replace the existing pedestrian bridge to create a more welcome experience into the park. Provide lighting / wayfinding. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 5 Existing Parking Lot to Remain**  
Repair existing parking lot. Provide green infrastructure where feasible.
- 6 Improve Entrance from Nicholson St SE**  
Widen sidewalks / provide better lighting / include art murals and wayfinding. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 7 Improve and Increase Pedestrian Crossings**  
Provide universally accessible crossings with ramps / high visibility or raised crosswalks / signage to provide pedestrian safety and slow down vehicles. Create a 3-way stop at Nicholson St and Anacostia Dr.
- 8 Improve Underpass Experience**  
Provide additional lighting and public art murals underneath underpass. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 9 Improve Existing Park Access at Pennsylvania Ave SE**  
Maintain existing trails into park and remove excess vegetation. Provide additional lighting and wayfinding signage. Coordination with property owner required.
- 10 Parking Lot**  
Provide a new parking area to serve adjacent facilities. Utilize permeable pavers and other green infrastructure strategies where feasible to reduce stormwater runoff.
- 11 Provide New Park Connection to Community**  
Provide a new pedestrian underpass as a greenway connection to Fort Dupont Park through Twining / Greenway neighborhoods. Coordination with DDOT required.

### WATERFRONT ACTIVATION

- 12 Enhance Existing Wetland**  
Conduct maintenance on the existing wetland to ensure its functionality. Provide Informational signage.
- 13 Nature Based Stormwater Facility**  
Linear stormwater management feature to collect runoff from roadway / new parking area and prevent fields from flooding. Provide informational signage.
- 14 Waterfront Plaza**  
Multi-use hardscape area for events / fitness classes / hand dancing / small performances / fishing and resting. Repair seawall as needed and install safety railing.

- 15 Waterfront Picnic Area**  
Provide benches and picnic tables along the new pedestrian trail to create a new community gathering space along the waterfront. Repair seawall and remove invasive vegetation as needed.
- 16 Naturalized Shoreline**  
Remove seawall in this area and plant with native vegetation to reduce flooding / provide habitat / clean the river. Provide informational signage.
- 17 Waterfront Rest / Relaxation Area**  
Provide wooden lounge seating and shade trees or shade structures. Repair seawall and remove invasive vegetation as needed.
- 18 Fishing and Seating Area**  
Hardscape area near bridge pier with benches and tables to create a comfortable area to fish. Repair seawall and install safety railing.
- 19 Kayak / Canoe Launch**  
Sloped gravel area to launch kayaks or canoes. Remove seawall and regrade to provide direct access to the water.
- 20 Upgrade and Expand Existing Boat Launch**  
Improve existing boat launch area and add an additional launch with docks.

### ACTIVE RECREATION

- 21 Recreation Field**  
Area for field sports with space for 2 soccer fields / 4 flag football fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 22 Existing Tennis Courts to be Rehabbed / Re-striped for Pickleball**  
Area to be rehabbed / re-striped as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA).  
**Existing Courts:**  
9 Tennis Courts  
**Proposed Courts:**  
5 Tennis Courts  
4 Combination Pickleball and Tennis Courts
- 23 Existing Basketball Courts to be Rehabbed**  
Area to be rehabbed as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). Includes upgrades to fencing and lighting.
- 24 Basketball Courts**  
Area for roughly 4 new full court basketball courts. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 25 Recreation Field**  
Area for field sports with space for 1 soccer field / 2 flag football fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 26 Recreation Field / Passive Recreation**  
Multipurpose area for field sports with space for 2 multipurpose fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed. Shaded walking trail with seating along the perimeter of the field area.

### COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

- 27 Picnic Grove**  
Area with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / horseshoes / outdoor game tables.
- 28 Existing Building / Pool to Remain**  
Existing Recreation Center and Pool / Skate Pavilion / Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) to remain.
- 29 Existing Playground / Picnic Area to be Rehabbed**  
Area to be rehabbed as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and includes the 3 existing playground areas / bathrooms / picnic pavilions.
- 30 Expanded Picnic Grove with Adult Fitness Area**  
Expand the existing picnic area with additional pavilions and provide an adult fitness area with exercise equipment for a variety of adult age groups. Located adjacent to the kid's pirate ship playground to create a multi-generational space.
- 31 Picnic Grove with Large Pavilions and Volleyball**  
Area with picnic tables or larger picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / volleyball courts / outdoor game tables.
- 32 Forested / Buffer Area**  
Area planted with trees and understory planting with walking trails and shaded seating areas. Buffer to help reduce noise from the interstate.
- 33 Unprogrammed Event Lawn**  
Open lawn area for organized events at new pavilion. Picnic and gathering area when not in use for events.
- 34 Covered Multipurpose Pavilion**  
Covered structure for events / performances / classes / hand dancing.
- 35 Outdoor Classroom**  
Outdoor classroom area adjacent to AREC with covered structure.

## Concept 2

Imagine a park that celebrates the Anacostia River's history and natural hydrology while striving to improve the river's health. Like the curves of the river itself, wind your way through the park by car, bike, or on foot to encounter a range of experiences. With strong vehicular and pedestrian connections to all corners of the park, there is a space for everyone. Whether it is picnicking with friends and family directly on the waterfront or learning about stream daylighting at the outdoor classroom, the importance of the river to the community is clearly celebrated here.

























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-  Boat Ramp / Dock / Launch
-  Parking Lot
-  Plaza / Fishing Area
-  Rehabbed Area
-  Restroom Area
-  Gateway Activation
-  Daylit Stream
-  Bridge

## Concept 2

### ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY

- 1 Improve Entrance from Marion Barry Ave and 11th St Bridge Park**  
Provide sidewalks / crosswalks / wayfinding to strengthen connection into the park.
- 2 Improve Safety along Anacostia River Trail**  
Provide separate trails along the waterfront for pedestrians and cyclists to create a more comfortable experience for trail users.
- 3 Parallel Parking with Permeable Pavers**  
Provide parallel parking with permeable pavers to collect stormwater. Provide informational signage for educational purposes.
- 4 Improve Connection to Anacostia HS and Fairlawn Neighborhood**  
Repair / replace the existing pedestrian bridge to create a more welcome experience into the park. Provide lighting / wayfinding. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 5 Repair / Expand Existing Parking**  
Repair and re-stripe to expand parking lot capacity. Provide green infrastructure.
- 6 Improve Entrance from Nicholson St SE**  
Widen sidewalks / provide better lighting / include art murals and wayfinding. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 7 Improve and Increase Pedestrian Crossings**  
Provide universally accessible crossings with ramps / high visibility or raised crosswalks / signage to provide pedestrian safety and slow down vehicles. Create a 3-way stop at Nicholson St and Anacostia Dr.
- 8 Improve Underpass Experience**  
Provide additional lighting and public art murals underneath underpass. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 9 Improve Existing Park Access at Pennsylvania Ave SE**  
Maintain existing trails into park and remove excess vegetation. Provide additional lighting and wayfinding signage. Coordination with property owner required.
- 10 Parking Lot**  
Provide a new parking area to serve adjacent facilities. Utilize permeable pavers and other green infrastructure strategies where feasible to reduce stormwater runoff.
- 11 Provide New Park Connections to Community**  
Provide new pedestrian underpass and bridge as a greenway connection to Fort Dupont Park through Twining / Greenway neighborhoods. Coordinate with DDOT.

### WATERFRONT ACTIVATION

- 12 Enhance Existing Wetland / Add Nature Based Stormwater Facility**  
Conduct maintenance on the existing wetland to ensure its functionality. Provide informational signage. Add linear stormwater management feature to collect runoff from roadway / new parking area and prevent fields from flooding. Provide informational signage.
- 13 Beach Area**  
Remove seawall in this area and regrade to provide area for a beach with direct access to the water.
- 14 Waterfront Plaza**  
Multi-use hardscape area for events / fitness classes / hand dancing / small performances / fishing and resting. Repair seawall as needed and install safety railing.

- 15 Waterfront Picnic Area**  
Area along the waterfront with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / horseshoes / volleyball. Repair seawall as needed.
- 16 Naturalized Shoreline**  
Remove seawall in this area and plant with native vegetation to reduce flooding / provide habitat / clean the river. Provide informational signage.
- 17 Waterfront Rest / Relaxation Area**  
Provide lounge seating / picnic tables / shade trees or shade structures. Repair seawall and remove invasive vegetation as needed.
- 18 Fishing and Seating Area**  
Hardscape area near bridge pier with benches and tables to create a comfortable area to fish. Repair seawall and install safety railing.
- 19 Kayak / Canoe Launch / Fishing Dock**  
Kayak / canoe launch with opportunity for rental kiosk. Dock for fishing.
- 20 Upgrade and Expand Existing Boat Launch**  
Improve existing boat launch area and add an additional launch with docks.
- 21 Daylight Pope Branch**  
Uncover currently buried stream that connects Pope Branch to the river. Provide walking trails along the stream. Include native plantings and informational signage.

### ACTIVE RECREATION

- 22 Recreation Field**  
Area for field sports with space for 2 soccer field / 4 flag football fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 23 Recreation Field**  
Area for field sports with space for 1 soccer field / 2 flag football fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 24 Existing Tennis Courts to be Rehabbed / Re-striped for Pickleball**  
Area to be rehabbed / re-striped as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA).  
**Existing Courts:**  
9 Tennis Courts  
**Proposed Courts:**  
5 Tennis Courts  
4 Combination Pickleball and Tennis Courts
- 25 Basketball Courts**  
Area for roughly 3 new full court basketball courts near expanded parking area and new restrooms. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 26 Recreation Field / Performance Seating Area**  
Multipurpose area for field sports with space for 2 multipurpose fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed. Area for performance seating for events.
- 27 Existing Basketball Courts to be Rehabbed**  
Area to be rehabbed as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). Includes upgrades to fencing and lighting.

- 28 Recreation Field / Passive Recreation**  
Multipurpose area for field sports with space for 2 multipurpose fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed. Shaded walking trail with seating along the perimeter of the field area.

### COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

- 29 Entry Plaza with Picnic Grove**  
Formalized entry area into the park with public art and wayfinding signage to welcome visitors into the park. Area with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / horseshoes / checker tables.
- 30 Existing Building / Pool to Remain**  
Existing Recreation Center and Pool / Skate Pavilion / Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) to remain.
- 31 Existing Playground / Picnic Area to be Rehabbed**  
Area to be rehabbed as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and includes the 3 existing playground areas / bathrooms / picnic pavilions.
- 32 Picnic Grove**  
Area with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / outdoor game tables.
- 33 Expanded Picnic Grove with Adult Fitness Area**  
Expand the existing picnic area with additional pavilions and provide an adult area with with exercise equipment for a variety of adult age groups. Located adjacent to the kid's pirate ship playground to create a multi-generational space.
- 34 Forested / Buffer Area**  
Area planted with trees and understory planting with walking trails and shaded seating areas. Buffer to help reduce noise from the interstate.
- 35 Unprogrammed Event Lawn**  
Open lawn area for organized events. Picnic and gathering area when not in use for events.
- 36 Covered Multipurpose Pavilion**  
Covered structure for events / performances / classes / hand dancing.
- 37 Outdoor Classroom**  
Outdoor classroom area adjacent to AREC and daylight stream with covered structure.
- 38 Naturalized Stream Edge**  
Native plantings along stream with walking trails and seating areas for nature watching


























### Concept 3

Imagine a park with a vibrant waterfront that includes areas for performances and large community gatherings while still providing intimate places to fish and rest. In this park, the roadways and trails bring you close to the water and then pull you away at the recreation center and skating pavilion to open up the waterfront for activity hubs. These activity hubs provide active and passive recreation opportunities that do not currently exist along the waterfront. Play a game of pick-up or take a hand-dancing class just steps away from the river. With parking nearby, all of these waterfront spaces can be enjoyed by everyone.

### Section E



### Legend

-  Roadway
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-  Community Area
-  Beach Area
-  Multipurpose Pavilion
-  Boat Ramp / Dock / Launch
-  Parking Lot
-  Plaza / Fishing Area
-  Rehabbed Area
-  Restroom Area
-  Gateway Activation
-  Daylit Stream
-  Bridge

### Section D



## Concept 3

### ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY

- 1 Improve Entrance from Marion Barry Ave and 11th St Bridge Park**  
Provide sidewalks / crosswalks / wayfinding to strengthen connection into the park.
- 2 Improve Safety along Anacostia River Trail**  
Widen Anacostia River Trail to 18 feet and provide striping to separate trail users.
- 3 Parallel Parking with Permeable Pavers**  
Provide parallel parking with permeable pavers to collect stormwater. Provide informational signage for educational purposes.
- 4 Improve Connection to Anacostia HS and Fairlawn Neighborhood**  
Repair / replace the existing pedestrian bridge to create a more welcome experience into the park. Provide lighting / wayfinding. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 5 Repair / Expand Existing Parking**  
Repair and re-stripe to expand parking lot capacity. Provide green infrastructure.
- 6 Improve Entrance from Nicholson St SE**  
Widen sidewalks / provide better lighting / include art murals and wayfinding. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 7 Improve and Increase Pedestrian Crossings**  
Provide universally accessible crossings with ramps / high visibility or raised crosswalks / signage to provide pedestrian safety and slow down vehicles. Create a 3-way stop at Nicholson St and Anacostia Dr.
- 8 Improve Underpass Experience**  
Provide additional lighting and public art murals underneath underpass. Coordination with DDOT required.
- 9 Improve Existing Park Access at Pennsylvania Ave SE**  
Maintain existing trails into park and remove excess vegetation. Provide additional lighting and wayfinding signage. Coordination with property owner required.
- 10 Parking Lot**  
Provide a new parking area to serve adjacent facilities. Utilize permeable pavers and other green infrastructure strategies where feasible to reduce stormwater runoff.
- 11 Provide New Park Connections to Community**  
Provide new pedestrian underpass and bridge as a greenway connection to Fort Dupont Park through Twining / Greenway neighborhoods. Coordinate with DDOT.

### WATERFRONT ACTIVATION

- 12 Enhance Existing Wetland / Add Nature Based Stormwater Facility**  
Conduct maintenance on the existing wetland to ensure its functionality. Provide informational signage. Add linear stormwater management feature to collect runoff from roadway / new parking area and prevent fields from flooding. Provide informational signage.
- 13 Beach Area**  
Remove seawall in this area and regrade to provide area for a beach with direct access to the water. .
- 14 Waterfront Plaza**  
Multi-use hardscape area for events / fitness classes / hand dancing / small performances / fishing and resting. Repair seawall as needed and install safety railing.

- 15 Waterfront Picnic Area**  
Area along the waterfront with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / horseshoes / volleyball. Repair seawall as needed.
- 16 Naturalized Shoreline**  
Remove seawall in this area and plant with native vegetation to reduce flooding / provide habitat / clean the river. Provide informational signage.
- 17 Waterfront Rest / Relaxation Area**  
Provide lounge seating / picnic tables / shade trees or shade structures. Repair seawall and remove invasive vegetation as needed.
- 18 Fishing and Seating Area**  
Hardscape area near bridge pier with benches and tables to create a comfortable area to fish from. Repair seawall and install safety railing.
- 19 Fishing Pier**  
Pier for fishing and potential kayak / canoe only launch.
- 20 Upgrade and Expand Existing Boat Launch**  
Improve existing boat launch area and add an additional launch with docks.
- 21 Daylight Pope Branch**  
Uncover currently buried stream that connects Pope Branch to the river. Provide walking trails along the stream. Include native plantings and informational signage.

### ACTIVE RECREATION

- 22 Recreation Field**  
Area for field sports with space for 2 soccer fields or 4 flag football fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 23 Existing Tennis Courts to be Rehabbed / Re-striped for Pickleball**  
Area to be rehabbed / re-striped as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA).  
**Existing Courts:**  
9 Tennis Courts  
**Proposed Courts:**  
5 Tennis Courts  
4 Combination Pickleball and Tennis Courts
- 24 Basketball Courts**  
Area for roughly 3 new full court basketball courts near expanded parking area and new restrooms. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 25 Recreation Field**  
Area for field sports with space for 1 soccer field or 2 flag football fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed.
- 26 Recreation Field / Performance Seating Area**  
Multipurpose area for field sports with space for 2 multipurpose fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed. Area for performance seating for events.
- 27 Existing Basketball Courts to be Rehabbed**  
Area to be rehabbed as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). Includes upgrades to fencing and lighting.

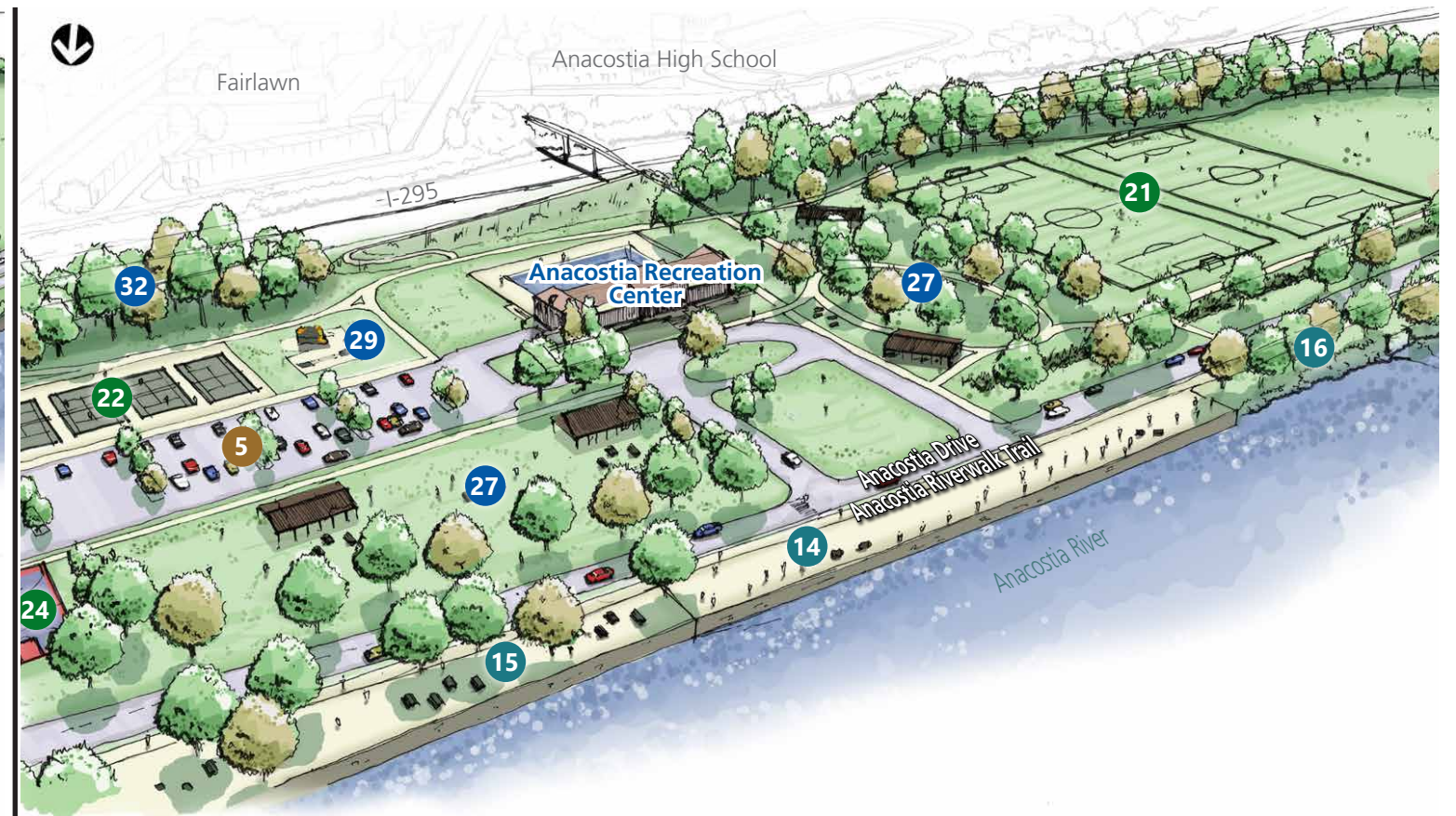
- 28 Recreation Field / Passive Recreation**  
Multipurpose area for field sports with space for 2 multipurpose fields. Appropriate seating and lighting provided as needed. Shaded walking trail with seating along the perimeter of the field area.

### COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

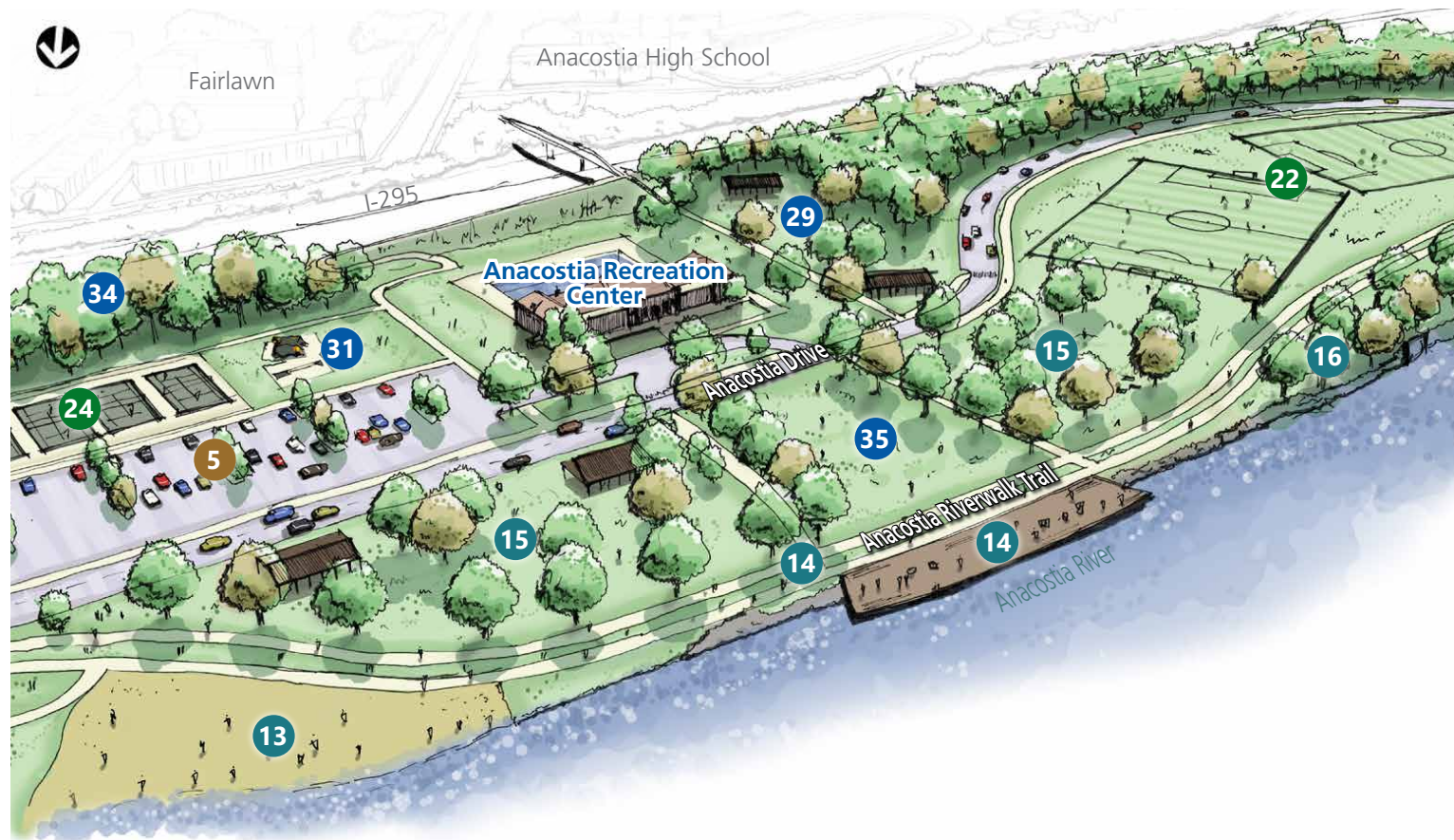
- 29 Existing Building / Pool to Remain**  
Existing Recreation Center and Pool / Skate Pavilion / Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) to remain.
- 30 Existing Playground / Picnic Area to be Rehabbed**  
Area to be rehabbed as part of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and includes the 3 existing playground areas / bathrooms / picnic pavilions.
- 31 Picnic Grove**  
Area with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / checker tables.
- 32 Pedestrian Promenade**  
New tree-lined promenade with seating. Area for festivals / markets / seating / community events / small performances.
- 33 Unprogrammed Event Lawn**  
Open lawn area for organized events. Picnic and gathering area when not in use for events.
- 34 Forested / Buffer Area**  
Area planted with trees and understory planting with walking trails and shaded seating areas. Buffer to help reduce noise from the interstate.
- 35 Expanded Picnic Grove with Adult Fitness Area**  
Expand the existing picnic area with additional pavilions and provide an adult fitness area with exercise equipment for a variety of adult age groups. Located adjacent to the kid's pirate ship playground to create a multi-generational space.
- 36 Entry Plaza with Picnic Grove**  
Formalized entry area into the park with public art and wayfinding signage to welcome visitors into the park. Area with picnic tables or picnic pavilions / grilling stations / shade trees / areas for lawn games / horseshoes / checker tables.
- 37 Covered Multipurpose Pavilion**  
Covered structure for events / performances / classes / hand dancing.
- 38 Outdoor Classroom**  
Outdoor classroom area adjacent to AREC and daylight stream with covered structure.
- 39 Naturalized Stream Edge**  
Native plantings along stream with walking trails and seating areas for nature watching



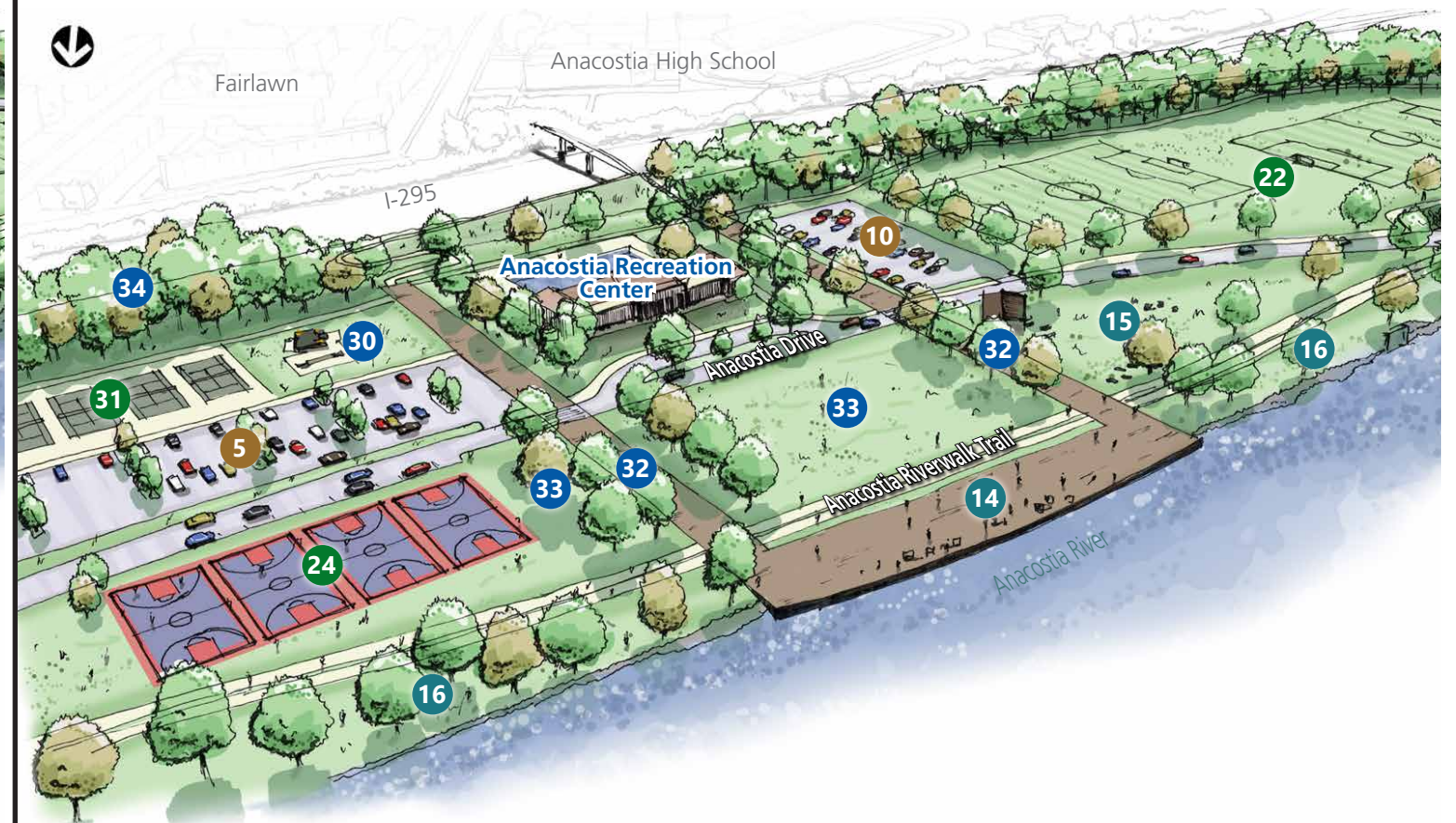
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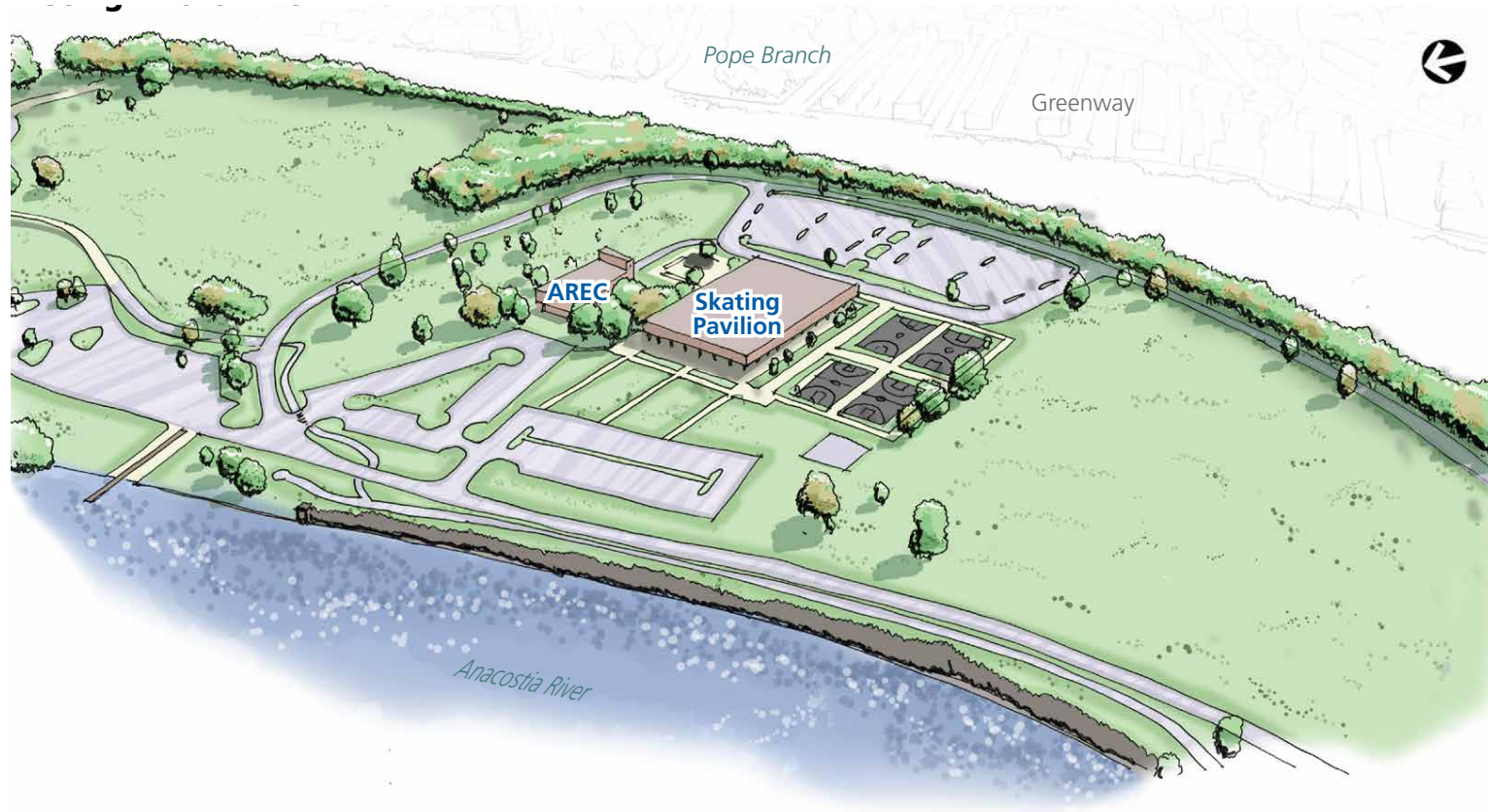
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**CONCEPT 3: SECTION D**



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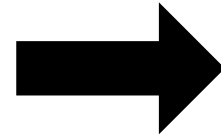


**CONCEPT 3: SECTION E**

## Anacostia River Trail and Anacostia Drive Design Options

### Existing Conditions

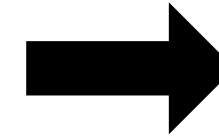
The existing Anacostia River Trail is roughly 9-feet wide and serves all users traveling in both directions. The popularity of the trail leads to crowded conditions and increases the chances for conflicts between users. Below are options to make the trail safer.



### How can we make the River Trail better for all users?

The Anacostia River Trail is a destination within itself and used for a variety of activities. How can we maintain the trail's attractiveness and functionality while creating a comfortable experience for walkers, joggers, cyclists, and others?

Feedback from the community prompted three potential design solutions for accomplishing this goal. Any of the three options below could be implemented into any of the concepts.



### All options would accomplish the following:

- Reduce conflicts between different trail users
- Maintain the trail's location close to the water or new waterfront spaces
- Increase shaded areas with seating along the water
- Provide adequate safety lighting
- Provide areas for rest and relaxation
- Introduce nature-based stormwater management features to address flooding

### 1) Maintain Existing Trail + Provide Bike Lanes

This option re-imagines the trail as a place for a relaxing stroll, jog, or a casual bike ride. The tree-lined trail is limited to these users, creating a safer and more comfortable experience.

Protected bike lanes are provided along Anacostia Drive for cyclists that travel at higher speeds.

This option would have the greatest increase in impervious surface within the park.



Bike Lane with Buffer

Parallel Parking

Anacostia Drive

Bike Lane with Buffer



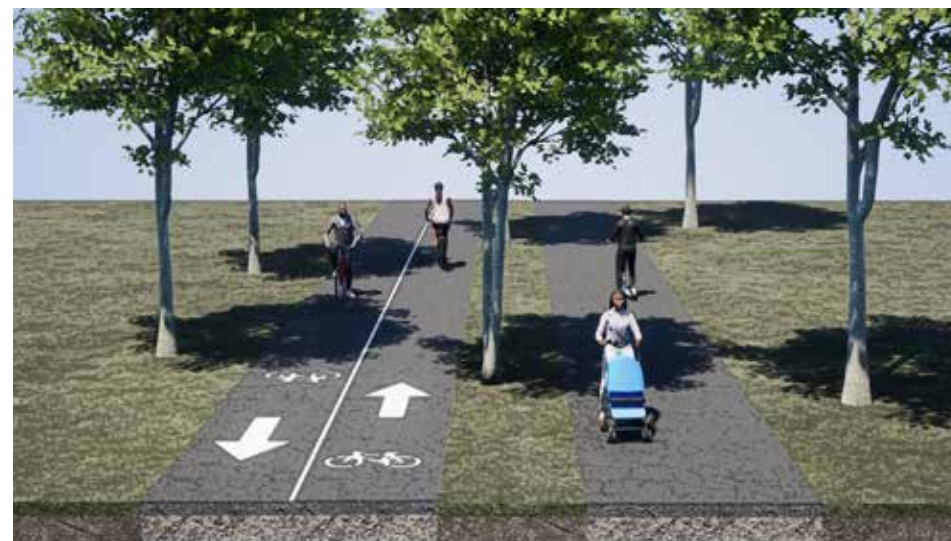
Walking / Jogging Trail

### 2) Separate Trail Users

This option re-imagines the trail as a place for a relaxing stroll or jog. The tree-lined trail is limited to pedestrians, creating a safer and more comfortable experience.

A separate, bi-directional trail is provided for cyclists of all experience levels. The trail is tree-lined and includes areas to rest.

This option provides the best opportunity to increase tree canopy coverage along the trail with shaded seating areas.



Bike Trail

Buffer

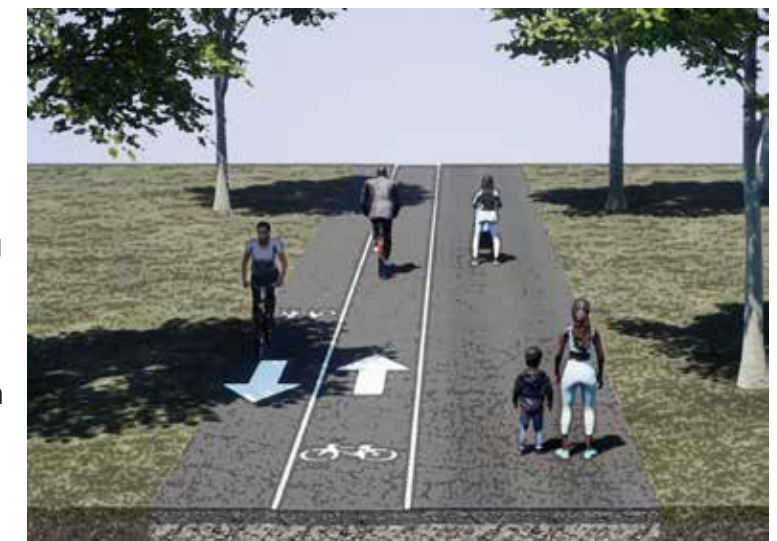
Walking / Jogging Trail

### 3) Widen and Re-stripe

This option widens and re-stripes the trail to provide adequate space for all trail users. The tree-lined trail creates a safer and more comfortable experience for all users.

Rest areas with benches and bike racks are provided to allow users to access new spaces along the waterfront.

This option does not reduce conflicts between trail users as much as the other two, but still provides a much more comfortable experience for the users.



Bike Area

Walking / Jogging Area