



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 11:30 AM

City Hall Overflow Room, CH-116
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Micheal Metcalf, Chairperson; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Vice- Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen; Steve Hayes; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Paul Melni; Tom Bixler; Mckenzie Redd

- 1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order
- 2) General Public Input
Allow 15 minutes for public input with 2 minute time slots per member of the public to be recognized by the department chair on a first come, first served basis. Members of the public must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized.
- 3) Consent Calendar
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the minutes from the following meeting: July 14, 2026.
By:
 - b) **ACTION ITEM:**

Consider a request to remove One Ash at 233 Walnut St.

By: Chance Munns
- 4) Items of Consideration
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan and park project priorities, with focus on Evel Knievel trailhead, Dierkes Lake Park, South Park.
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
 - b) **INFORMATIONAL:** Update on lifeguards at Dierkes Lake Park
By: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
 - c) **ACTION ITEM:** Continue discussion of proposed Hydrowave project at Auger Falls Heritage Park
By:
 - d) **ACTION ITEM:** Continue discussion of proposed archery range at Auger Falls Heritage Park
By:
- 5) Department Updates
 - a) **PRESENTATION:** Parks and Recreation Department Update: August 2026
- 6) Adjournment

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Public Input Procedures

- 1.** Individuals wishing to provide public input regarding matters relevant to the City of Twin Falls shall
 - wait to be recognized by the Mayor or Chairman
 - approach the microphone/podium
 - state their name and address, and whether they are a resident or property owner in the City of Twin Falls, and proceed with their input.
 - 2.** The Chairman may limit input to no less than two (2) minutes. Individuals are not permitted to give their time to other speakers.
- * Any person not conforming to the above rules may be prohibited from speaking. Persons refusing to comply with such prohibitions may be asked to leave the hearing and, thereafter removed from the room by order of the Chairman.



Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From:

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Request to approve the minutes from the following meeting: July 14, 2026.

Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

1. 071426 Minutes



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

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1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Metcalf called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM

A quorum was present.

Members Present: Micheal Metcalf, Paul Melni, Olyvia Meyer, Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Tom Bixler, Debbie Van Engelen, Todd Shaw, Mckenzie Redd

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Chance Munns, John Pauley, Craig Hawkins, Kate Sullivan, Mable Shurtleff

2) General Public Input

No public was present.

3) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Sipe-Pauley moved to recommend approving the consent agenda.

Commissioner Bixler seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted.

Approved 6 to 0.

a) Approve the minutes from the following meeting: June 9, 2026.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Selection of Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Commission discussed the selection of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

MOTION: Commissioner Sipe-Pauley moved to recommend Michael Metcalf to continue serving as Chairperson of this Commission. Commissioner Bixler seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 1.

Commissioner Meyer entered the meeting at 11:40 am.

MOTION: Commissioner Redd moved to recommend Christiana Sipe-Pauley to continue serving as Vice Chairperson of this Commission. Commissioner Bixler seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

Commissioner VanEngelen entered the meeting at 11:43 am.

b) Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan and park project priorities, with focus on Morning Sun Park, Kenny Poe Park, and Pheasant Meadows property.

The Commission continued discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan priorities, focusing on Morning Sun Park, Kenny Poe Park, and the Pheasant Meadows property. Staff reviewed park service area maps, including areas currently served by neighborhood and community parks and areas identified as underserved or in need of future park development. The

Commission discussed how future growth, neighborhood access, walkability, drainage needs, and available funding should guide project priorities.

Pheasant Meadows Property

The Commission discussed the Pheasant Meadows area and adjacent parcels, including possible land acquisition, ownership questions, and existing playground equipment. Members noted that the site is limited by the need for a retention pond and utilities, and may not be large enough to function as a community park. Director Davis noted that the nearby Vista Bonita Expansion project may better serve that role, while Pheasant Meadows could function as a neighborhood park or trail-focused area.

The Commission discussed potential amenities such as a paved walking path, natural play elements, balance beams, benches, trees, grassy open space, and parking. Several commissioners expressed interest in a more natural park concept. Commissioner Metcalf noted the site may provide greater community benefit if used to connect with the trail system rather than serve as a stand-alone neighborhood park. The Commission generally supported developing Pheasant Meadows as a natural trail-type system with limited neighborhood park amenities.

Kenny Poe Park

The Commission discussed Kenny Poe Park, which also requires a retention pond. Commissioner Bixler noted that the public has expressed interest in a playground at the site. Commissioners discussed adding a playground, shaded picnic area, and other amenities if drainage design allows. Commissioner Redd asked whether the retention pond could function as a water feature, and Superintendent Munns explained that most retention ponds are intended to collect and dissipate water within approximately 48 hours. Commissioner Sipe-Pauley also noted the need for basketball courts in the area. Superintendent Munns noted that portions of Harmon Park are planned for resurfacing to add basketball court areas. Commissioner Metcalf suggested picnic areas as an enhancement, and Commissioner Sipe-Pauley raised concerns about weed control and maintenance at the site.

Morning Sun Park

The Commission discussed existing conditions and potential improvements at Morning Sun Park. Commissioner Bixler noted the site also requires a retention pond and has significant bedrock, which may affect construction costs. Because the park is located within a neighborhood and has a nearby playground, commissioners discussed whether shade, seating, and other smaller amenities may be more appropriate than a public restroom. Staff noted that portable restrooms currently serve the area and that restroom construction can be costly, with prior examples exceeding \$100,000 depending on size, design, and infrastructure. Commissioners discussed resident requests for shade trees, benches near the playground, and continued use of the open space for informal sports and recreation. Commissioner Meyer also noted that a walking path would be a valuable neighborhood park amenity.

Funding and Priority Discussion

Director Davis explained that the three projects were identified because the available data suggested they may be more attainable. She also noted that prior parks-in-lieu funding is no longer a continuing funding source, replaced by park impact fees. Use of park-in-lieu fees

could be used for eligible projects and may require City Council action if used across service-area boundaries.

The Commission discussed whether available funding should be focused on one larger park project, spread across smaller improvements at multiple parks, or prioritized for parks accessible to children and families by walking or biking. Commissioners emphasized that neighborhood parks should serve nearby residents and support safe access.

Commissioner Shaw expressed appreciation for staff identifying the projects and stated that Pheasant Meadows appeared to be a good starting point. The Commission generally agreed that Pheasant Meadows should be considered for development as a natural trail system, and a good candidate for parks-in-lieu fees.

Future Discussion

Commissioner Redd asked about adding the Evel Knievel site project to the August meeting. The Commission agreed to review additional parks for future priority discussion, including Evel Knievel Park, Dierkes Lake Park, and South Park / northern portion of the Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Staff will provide available plans, concepts, or related documents before the next discussion.

c) **Discuss lifeguards at Dierkes Lake Park**

Commissioner Melni asked for a quick synopsis of the history of having lifeguards at Dierkes Lake.

The Commission discussed the history, feasibility, costs, and risks associated with lifeguards at Dierkes Lake Park.

Director Davis stated that lifeguards had historically been provided at Dierkes Lake Park for many years, with 2019 identified as the last year lifeguards were present. Aquatics Supervisor Pauley noted that even prior to COVID-19, the department experienced difficulty recruiting and staffing lifeguards. It is difficult to recruit experienced lifeguards at the rate the City is able to pay.

Discussion included:

- Lifeguard recruitment and retention challenges.
- The need for experienced lifeguards rather than newly trained lifeguards due to the open-water environment.
- Visibility challenges in the lake compared with a pool.
- The size of the swim area and the number of lifeguards that would be needed.
- The need for on-site seasonal management or supervision.
- Potential staffing costs, with prior staffing budget estimates discussed around \$82,000, though current costs may differ.
- Whether lifeguards would be provided daily or only during higher-use periods such as Thursday through Sunday.
- Whether lifeguards would be intended as full coverage or as an enhanced safety presence.
- Broader risk management considerations.

Open Space Supervisor Sullivan noted her research and there was discussion on the possibility

of emphasizing Dierkes Lake more as an open-water lake environment rather than as a traditional guarded swimming area.

The Commission discussed other safety measures, including public education, safety signage, and potential life jacket stations.

No formal action was taken.

- d) Continue discussion of proposed Hydrowave project at Auger Falls Heritage Park
Open Space Supervisor Sullivan noted the last action taken was the Q&A to the Commission for review. The Commission noted they are not ready to discuss this and will defer to the next meeting.
Sullivan noted Merek would be able to provide a feasibility study with estimated cost for the project.

No formal action was taken.

- e) Continue discussion of proposed archery range at Auger Falls Heritage Park
No new information given. No formal action was taken.

5) Department Updates

- a) Parks and Recreation Department Update Presentation
Superintendent Munns provided an update on current and upcoming Parks and Recreation projects. He reviewed several projects that have been completed, are underway, or are planned for future work.
- Completed projects included the Fish Hatchery clean-up, Canyon Rim Trail access improvements and trailhead signage, and the City Park restroom. Staff noted that the Frontier restroom project still has irrigation and planting work remaining.
 - The City Park playground project is upcoming, with equipment ordered for installation. The playground will include accessible equipment, a gazebo designed to reflect the historic gazebo previously located in the park, and a trolley feature that reflects the historic trolley once in town.
 - Vista Bonita Park remains ongoing and on track, with rough grading nearly complete and infrastructure work underway, including drainage, water, utilities, and electrical components.
 - Baxter Dog Park may be out for bid before the end of the year.
 - It was noted that ticket booth and hot wash station concepts have been developed, but the hot wash station is not yet ready for construction.
 - Phase 2 of the way finding signage plan is moving forward, with Trademark approved to continue work on consistent regulatory, informational, and aesthetic signage.
 - Harmon Park lighting is anticipated in September, with conduit installed and lighting ready for installation at the parking lot and skate park.
 - Harmon Park court work is also progressing, with surfacing and fencing expected soon.
 - Frontier tennis court materials have arrived, and resurfacing is expected to begin next week.

- Staff also discussed soil remediation efforts at one park site, including the use of red clover and turnips to improve soil quality and reduce compaction.

The Commission expressed appreciation for the number of projects currently underway.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:17 PM

Mable Shurtleff

Mable Shurtleff, Project Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Department



Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Consider a request to remove One Ash at 233 Walnut St.

Time Estimate:

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Background:

The Twin Falls Tree Commission was absorbed into the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission in 2010. This commission is being asked to review all tree removal requests and either approve or deny each as part of the Tree Commission duties.

City of Twin Falls Tree Ordinance, (Ord. 2791, 7-6-2004), 8-4-6: Notification and Permits states that:

(A) Notification: No person may perform any of the following acts without first notifying the Twin Falls parks and recreation department. Contact the Twin Falls parks and recreation department via mail, phone, fax, or e-mail at a minimum of two (2) business days prior to commencement of the proposed work. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any person from the requirements of obtaining any additional permits as required by law:

1. Prune or otherwise disturb any public tree. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit owners of property adjacent to public rights of way from minor pruning, watering, or fertilizing such trees;
2. Attach any object to public tree(s);
3. Dig, trench, excavate or pile soil or any other materials within the critical root zone of any public tree(s);

(B) Application Procedures And Requirements: Permit application procedures and requirements for public tree(s) removal:

1. This is in no way intended to interfere with the immediate removal of a tree that presents a hazardous or emergency situation;
2. Upon inspection, the Twin Falls tree commission may issue a permit through the Twin Falls parks and recreation department. Permits are available at the Twin Falls parks and recreation office (136 Maxwell Avenue) between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. to twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. to five o'clock (5:00) P.M., Monday through Friday;
3. The Twin Falls parks and recreation department may condition the approval of any permit;
4. Prior to the removal of any public, street, or alley tree, the property owner or private tree service company intending to perform the work, which is currently licensed by the city of Twin Falls, must make a request for permit. All work must be completed within thirty (30) days of issuance of said permit;
5. Whenever a public or street tree is removed, the stump of said tree shall also be removed. Permit holders shall then replace the removed tree in accordance with subsection 8-4-7(E) of this chapter. Tree replacement shall be a condition of issuance of a permit for removal, unless the Twin Falls tree commission for good cause shown waives such requirement. Tree replacement is the responsibility of the permit holder. (Ord. 2791, 7-6-2004)

The purpose of the Twin Falls Tree Ordinance is defined below:

8-4-2: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the implementation and continuation of proper professional care of the city's public trees by setting forth and enforcing a set of tree care regulations and standards by which the community forest shall be managed. (Refer to the "Twin Falls City Arboricultural Specifications And Standards Guide".) This chapter is not intended to resolve or regulate disputes or tree management issues on private property that do not affect the safety of the general public.

This chapter is enacted to:

(A) Promote the general welfare of the community.

(B) Protect public safety, welfare, property and health.

(C) Preserve and enhance the community's social and economic environment with a diverse range in size, maturity and species of public trees.

(D) Increase awareness and appreciation of maintaining a healthy community forest by both professionals and the general public.

(E) Encourage building, development, site and utility planning/practices that prevent and prohibit not only the indiscriminate removal or destruction of trees but also avoidance of unnecessary disturbance to trees, above and below ground, within the city.

(F) Provide a stable and sustainable community forest by establishing common guidelines and enforcement procedures for proper tree management practices such as contained in ANSI A300 and the "Twin Falls City Arboricultural Specifications And Standards Guide". (Ord. 2791, 7-6-2004)

Approval Process:

A simple majority will approve this request

Budget Impact:

Property owner to pay contractor for removal and replacement if approved

Regulatory Impact:

Approval of this request enables the Parks and Recreation Director to approve the request and set conditions to insure replacement trees are planted.

History:

na

Analysis:

na

Conclusion:

Parks staff recommends removal of the Ash tree located at 233 Walnut St.

Twin Falls City Code 8-4-8

Attachments:

1. City of Twin Falls Permit For Tree Removal



City of Twin Falls Permit For Tree Removal

Today's Date * 6/25/2026

First Name * Cordelia

Last Name * Bolten

Phone Number * (208)536-0833

Email * Elevationtreepros@gmail.com

Address of work to be done *

Street Address		
233 Walnut St,		
Address Line 2		
City	State / Province / Region	
Twin Falls	Idaho	
Postal / Zip Code	Country	
83301	USA	

The tree(s) in question reside on * ☒ Public right-of-way ☐ Public Property

Contractor Information

Contractor must be a licensed arborist with the City of Twin Falls

Company Name Elevation Tree Service LLC

Contractor First Name * Manase

Contractor Last Name * Ngauamo

Contractor Phone Number * (208)420-9244

Contractor Email * Elevationtreepros@gmail.com

Tree Species

Tree Species * Ash

Description of This Tree's Location on Property * ROW by the road.

Reason for Request* Customer is wanting to plant new trees along the road to be in same sizes as her other young trees in the yard.
Tree has an unsightly canopy shaped due to losing one of the main leader branches few years ago.
Tree is showing signs of heaving up the sidewalk causing a trip hazard.

Signature



By signing this form, I agree to abide by the conditions set herein.

Arborist Review

Comments Ash appears to have experienced recent breaks with significantly sized limbs failing. Proximity to water meter is a concern as is lack of irrigation system in strip. Past pruning practices have resulted in poor structure and insufficient taper at base. Signs of aphids in this tree are another signifier of stress. Although salvageable, this tree would require significant repeated treatments to recover over a long period of time.

Tree Images

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Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director, Parks and Recreation Director

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan and park project priorities, with focus on Evel Knievel trailhead, Dierkes Lake Park, South Park.

Time Estimate:

Allow approximately 20 minutes for discussion

Background:

Commissioners selected three more park locations to visit and evaluate needs and provide input for priorities. Evel Knievel, Dierkes Lake Park and South Park will be discussed.

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

1. 200325 TwinFallsParks Concepts Evel Knievel Jum Site, Harmon Park, Sunrise Park and Oregon Trail Youth Complex
2. StackRock Park Concepts Harmon Park, Cascade, Preserve and Dierkes Lake



TWIN FALLS PARKS

PARK CONCEPTS

MARCH 24, 2020



TWIN FALLS Idaho
People Serving People



**STACK ROCK
GROUP**

EVEL KNIEVEL JUMP SITE PARK



HARMON PARK



SUNRISE PARK



OREGON TRAIL PARK



FRONTIER PARK





TWIN FALLS PARKS

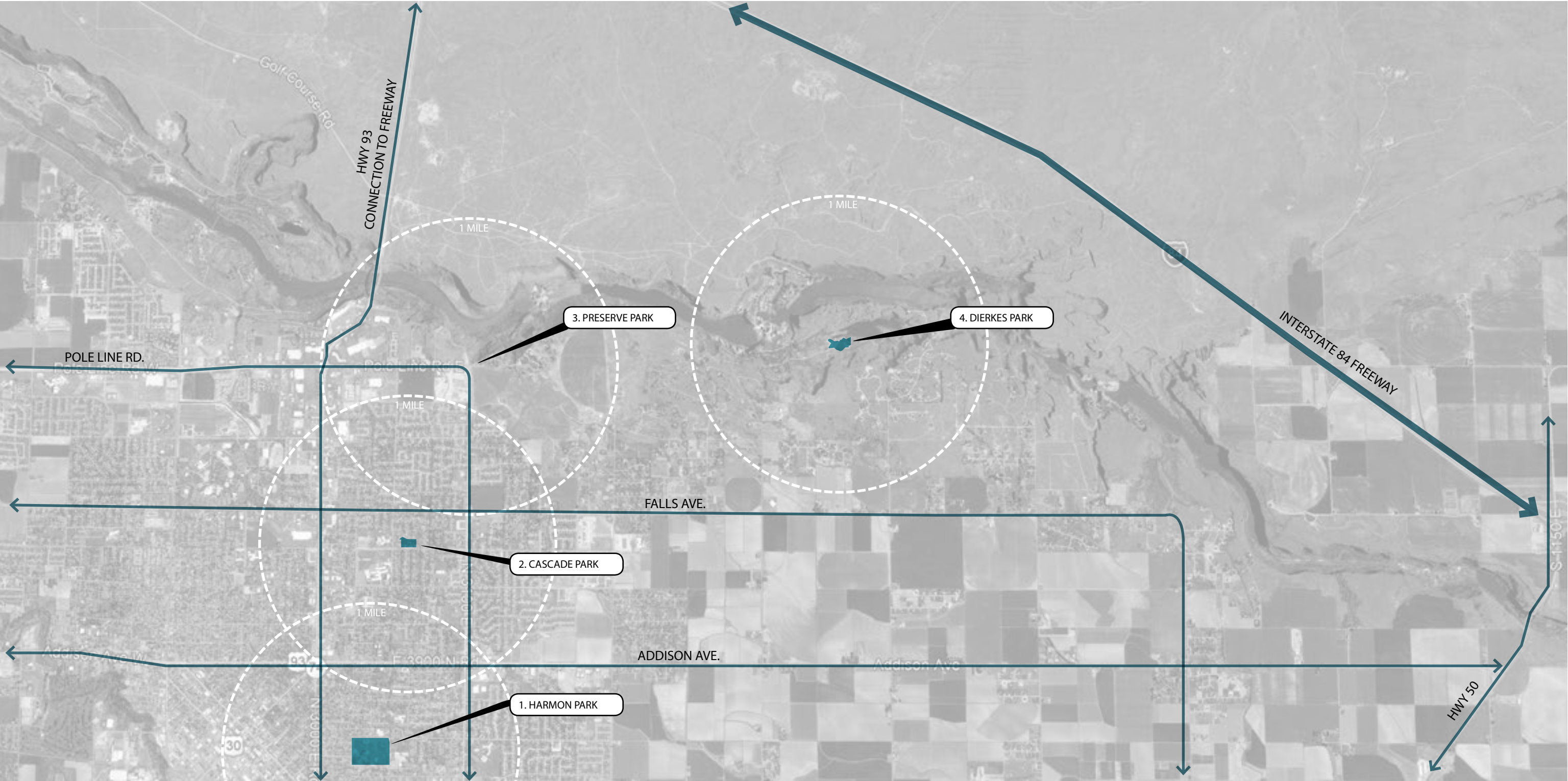
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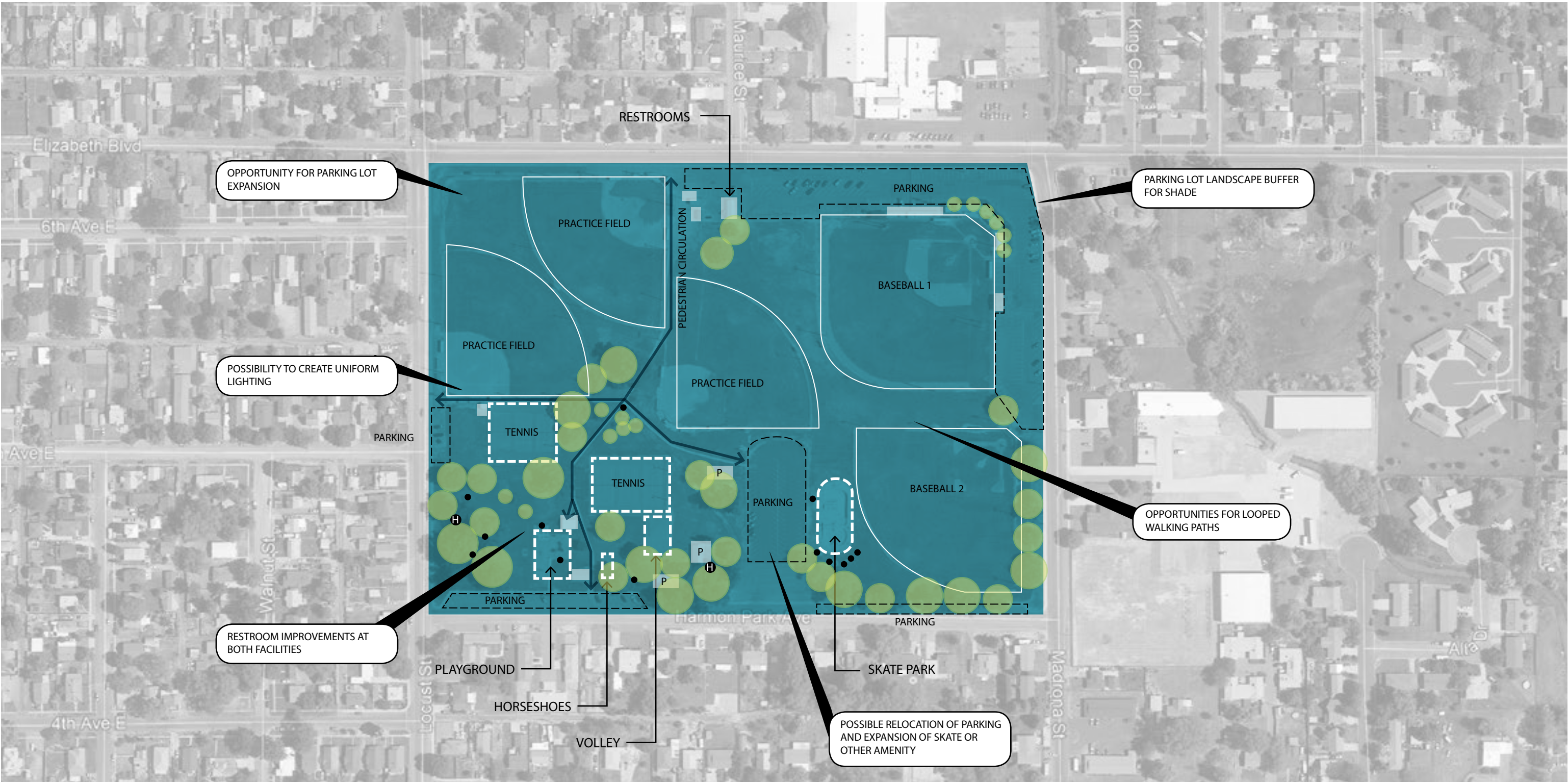
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Park Network



1. Harmon Park



- PICNIC TABLES / BENCHES
- P PICNIC PAVILLION
- H HISTORIC FEATURE



1. Harmon Park

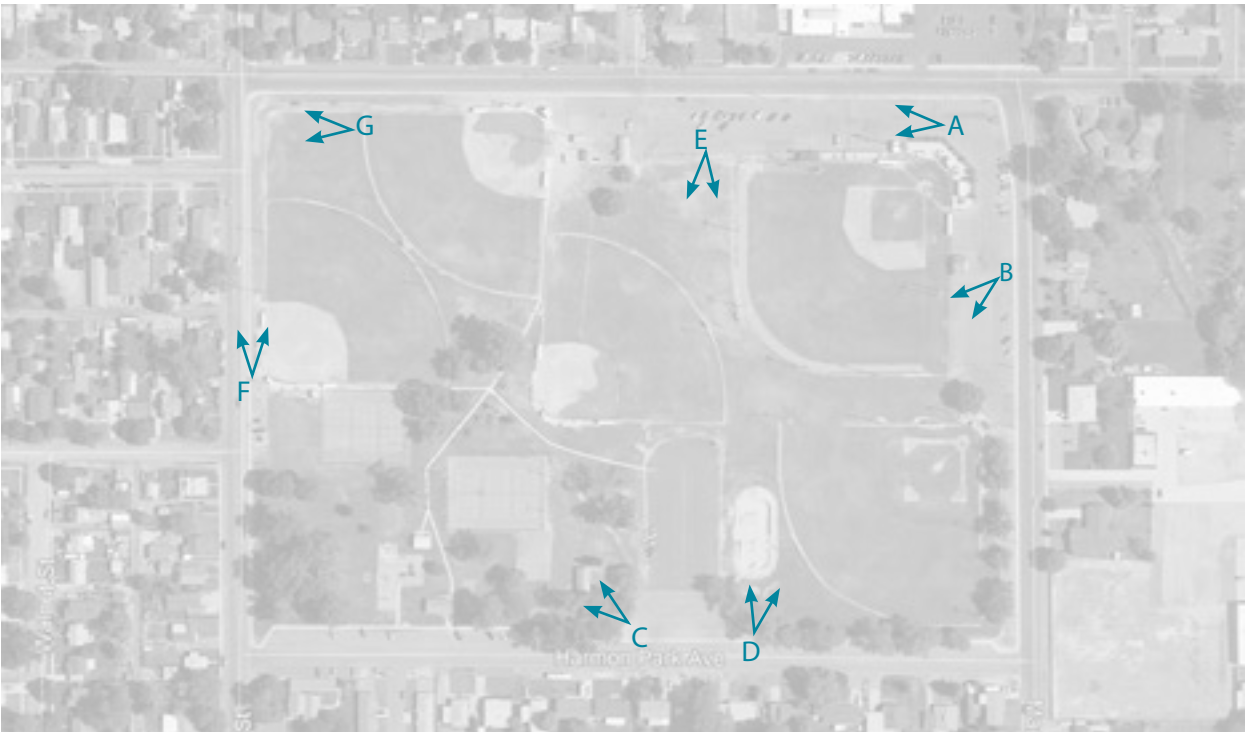


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Harmon Park Programming

path connectivity



path lighting



parking island with storm water retention

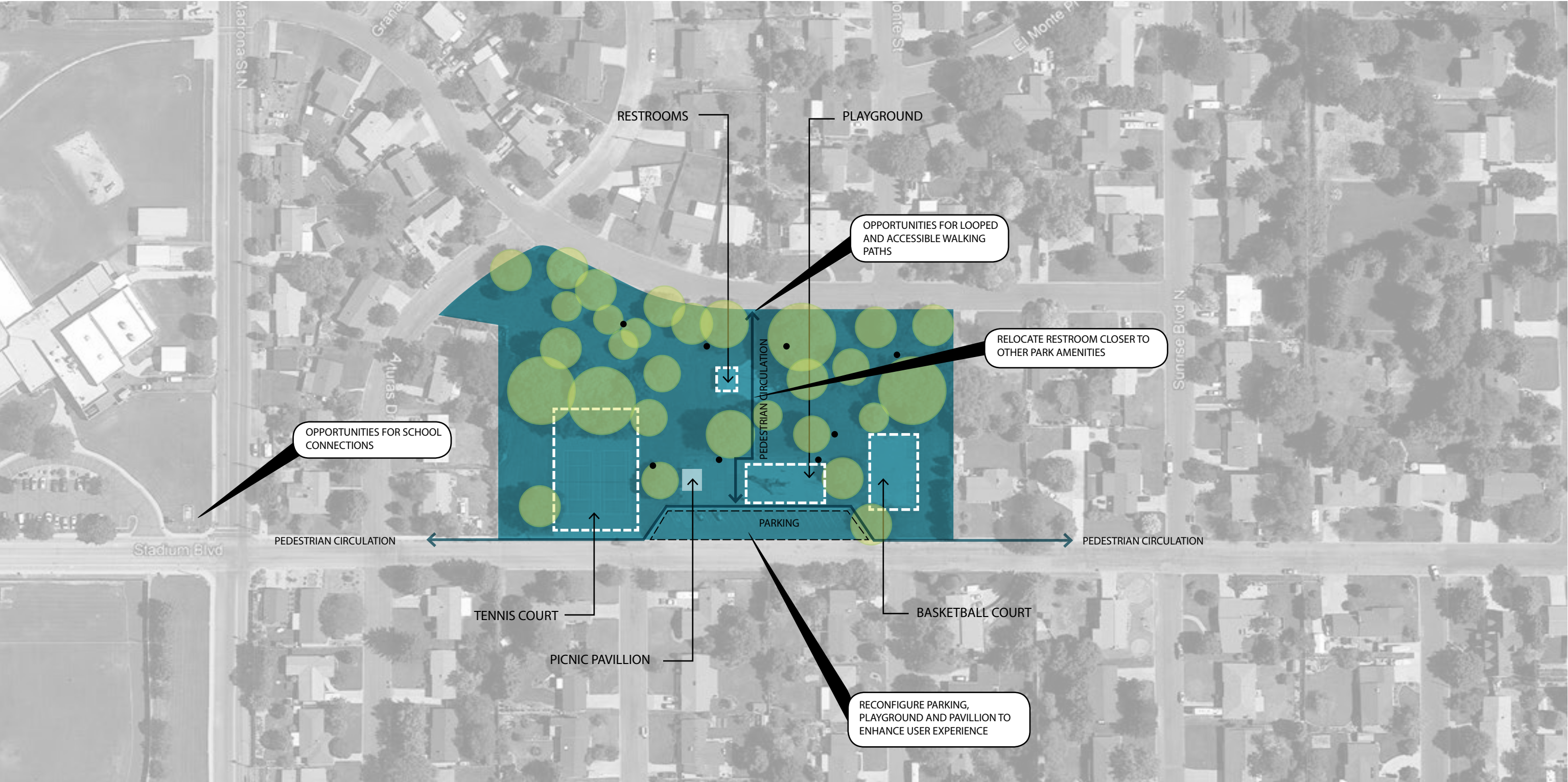


- o Address drainage issues
- o Analyze restrooms, location, accessibility, necessity
- o Possible skate park expansion
- o Lighting for security
- o Possible climbing
- o Possible playground additions
- o Analyze parking

1. Harmon Park



2. Cascade Park



● PICNIC TABLES / BENCHES



2. Cascade Park



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A



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C



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E



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Cascade Park Programming

parking lot buffer



ADA pathway
down hill



raised planters
with seating

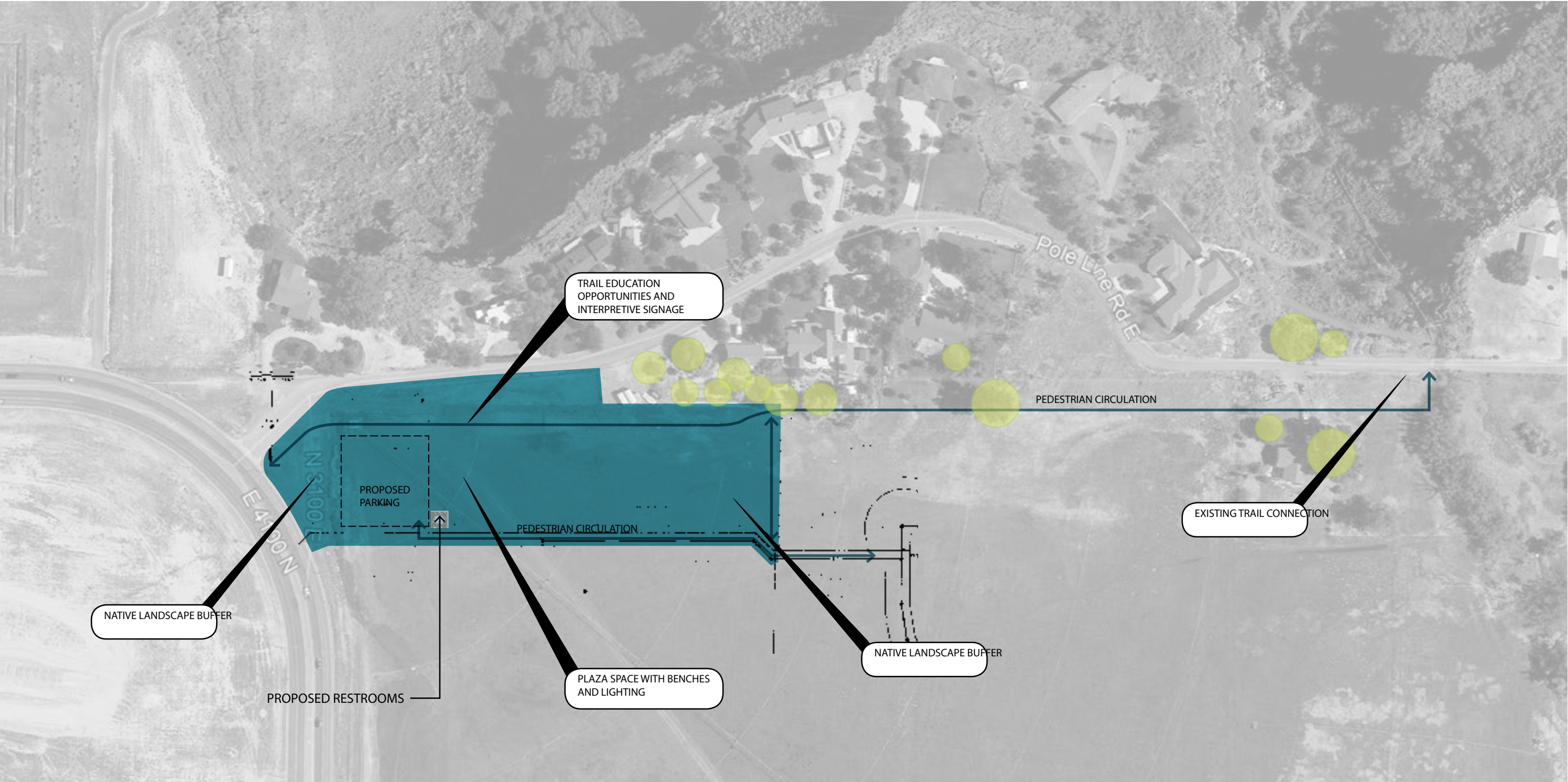


- o Determine best location for new restrooms
- o Analyze overall layout and circulation for future connections
- o Tie amenities together with parking
- o Enhance shade where possible
- o Collaboration with Pivot North Architecture on new restrooms
- o Research the designation of existing restroom to see if it can be removed.

2. Cascade Park



3. Preserve Park and Trailhead



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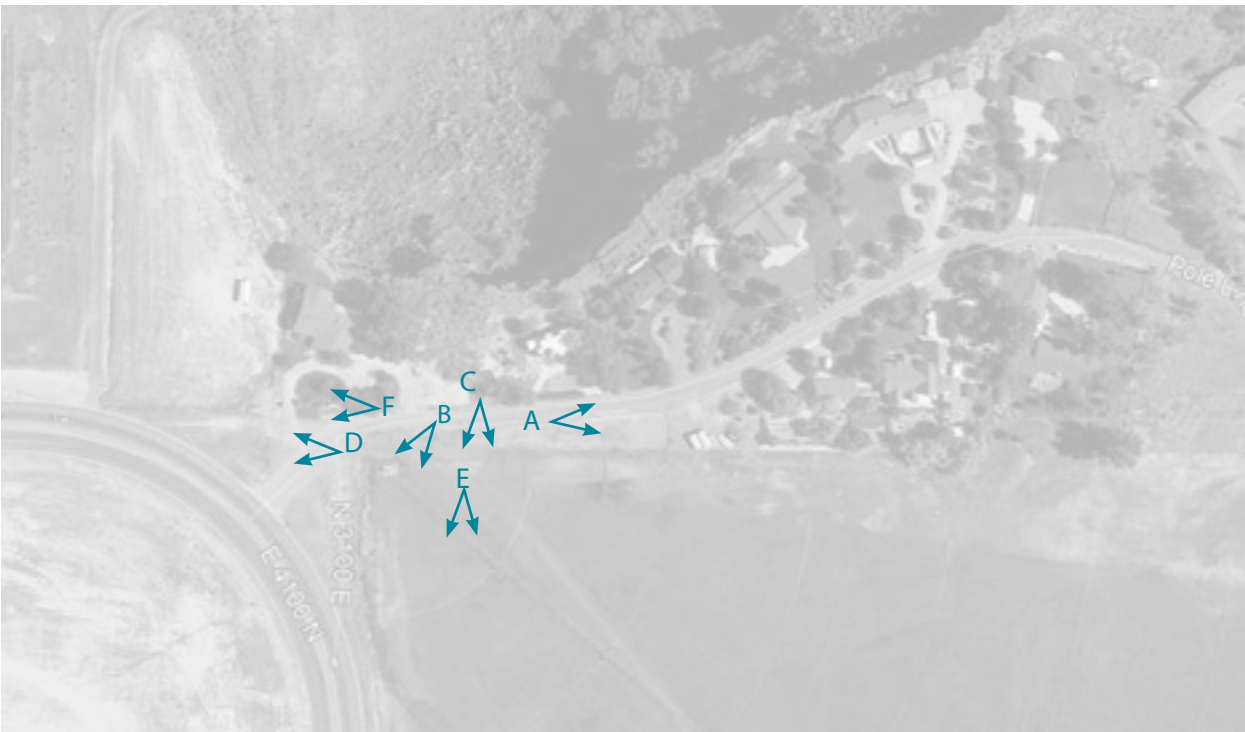


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Preserve Park Programming

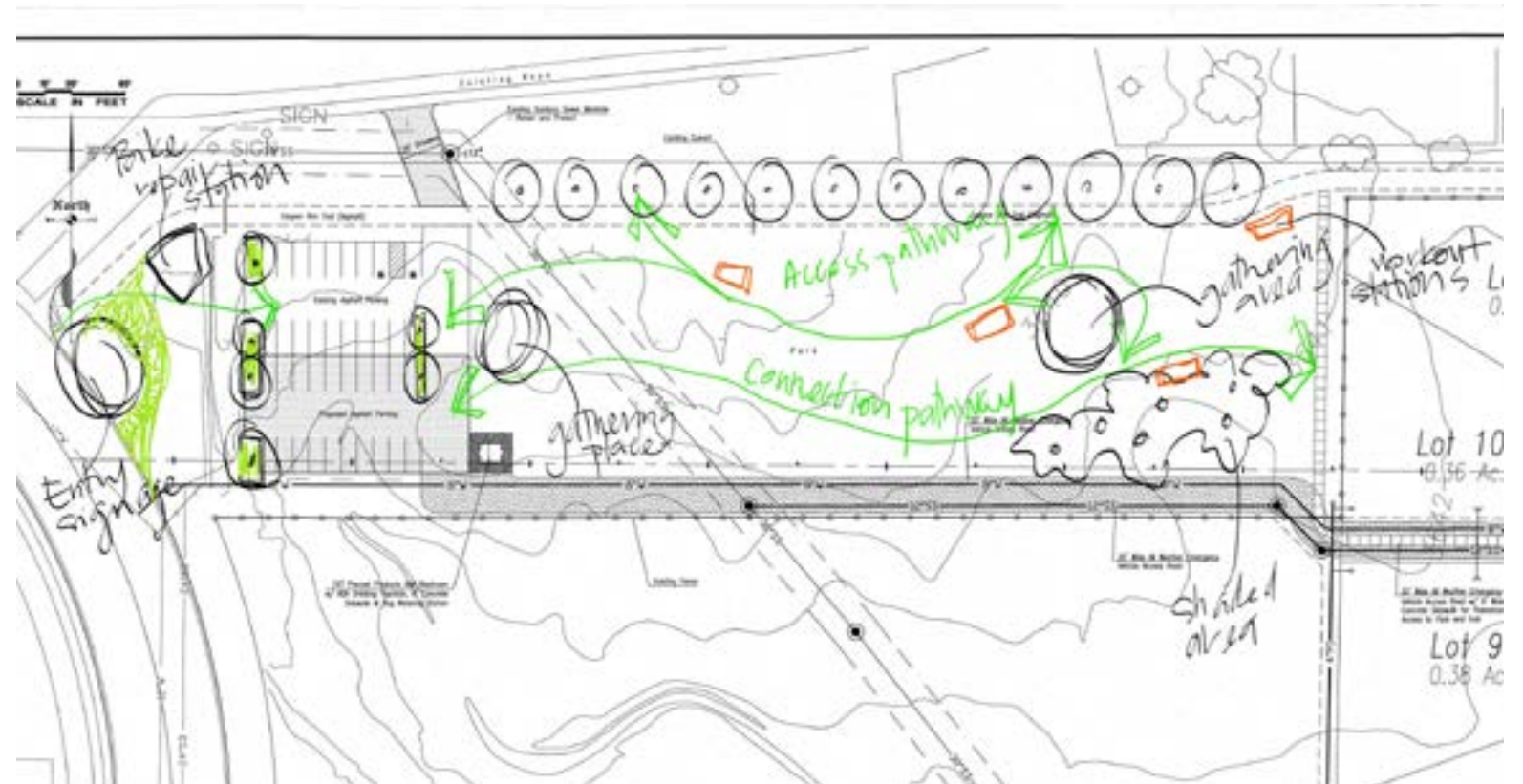
workout zones



Bike repair station

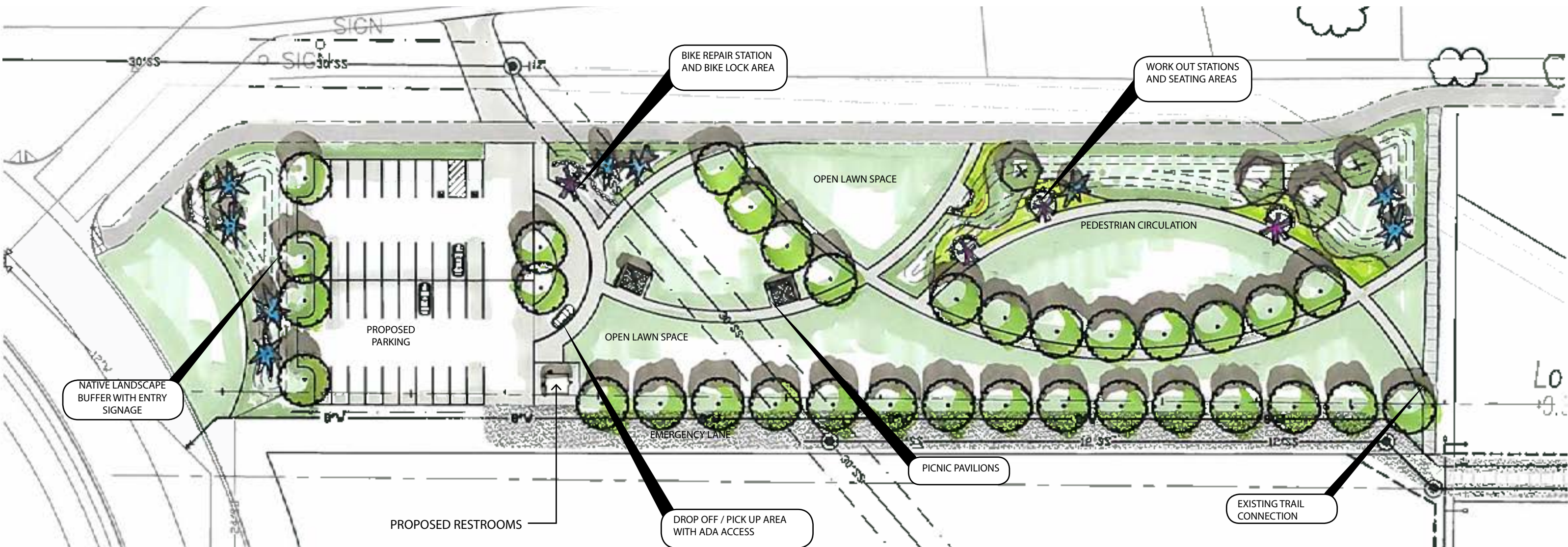


tree lined pathway



- o Enhance parking, add additional from what is currently existing.
- o Create educational opportunities
- o Plaza space
- o Restrooms
- o Benches
- o Lighting for security and safety
- o Outdoor gym opportunities
- o "Consider as a trailhead"
- o Promote the connection to the 7.5 miles of trails
- o Address ingress/egress & site circulation in conjunction with new subdivision, paths, and streets

3. Preserve Park and Trailhead Concept



4. Dierkes Park



● PICNIC TABLES / BENCHES



4. Dierkes Park



photo key



A



B



C



D



E



F

Dierkes Park Programming



parking islands
with shade



- o Address circulation from parking to existing features and amenities
- o Possibility of reconfiguring parking



pathways for
access

4. Dierkes Park





Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director, Parks and Recreation Director

INFORMATIONAL

Request:

Update on lifeguards at Dierkes Lake Park

Time Estimate:

Allow approximately 10 minutes for update

Background:

Commissioners requested an update on lifeguards at Dierkes Lake. This update will include proposed efforts to engage the public in a discussion.

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

History:

Analysis:

Conclusion:

Attachments:

None



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From:

ACTION ITEM

Request:

Continue discussion of proposed Hydrowave project at Auger Falls Heritage Park

Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

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None



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ACTION ITEM

Request:

Continue discussion of proposed archery range at Auger Falls Heritage Park

Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

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None



Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026
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PRESENTATION

Request:

Parks and Recreation Department Update: August 2026

Time Estimate:

Background:

Approval Process:

Budget Impact:

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1. Department Update Aug 2026

Parks and Recreation Department Updates

Parks and Recreation Commission

August 2026

Recreation Department

Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor

Brandy Mason & Justin Wolters, Recreation Coordinators

The Recreation Department continues to stay busy as we wrap up a successful summer season and begin preparing for our fall programs and activities. Our Youth Baseball and Softball program has officially come to a close, with more than 1,100 participants taking part in another successful season. While there were certainly a few challenges along the way, our staff worked together to address issues as they arose and continued to provide a positive experience for our participants and families.

Our summer programming also kept us busy with Youth Tennis Clinics, the Youth Triathlon, Adult Softball, Adult Grass Volleyball, and our Movies in the Park series. The Movies in the Park series continued to be a great community event, with families gathering at City Park to enjoy free movies under the stars. We kicked off the series with *Miracle* as part of our America 250 celebration, a great choice for celebrating the spirit of the USA and, of course, one of the greatest comeback stories in American sports. We followed it with *Hoppers*, continuing to provide families with an opportunity to enjoy our parks together during the summer.

As we transition into fall, we are currently in the process of late registration for our Youth Fall Soccer program. Registration is also open for our Adult Flag Football and Adult Fall One-Pitch Softball leagues. Our team is already preparing for these programs and getting everything in place for another busy fall season.

We are also gearing up for our annual Highland Games, which is always a fun community event and a great way to bring people together in our parks. Once Youth Soccer wraps up, we will quickly transition into our Girls Basketball season, keeping our staff and facilities busy as we move from one program into the next.

I am also pleased to report that our Recreation Aide position has been filled. TJ Bowman has joined the Recreation Department and has already proven to be a tremendous addition to the team. He has done a fabulous job learning his new role, jumping in wherever needed, and becoming an important part of our day-to-day operations. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to seeing him continue to grow in the position.

As we transition from the busy summer season into fall, our team is already looking ahead to upcoming programs, evaluating what worked well this season, identifying areas for improvement, and preparing for another full year of recreation opportunities for our community. It may be the end of summer, but there certainly isn't much slowing down for the Recreation Department!

As always, thank you to the Commission for your continued support of the Recreation Department and the many opportunities we are able to provide for the Twin Falls community.

Parks Department

Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent

Nibardo Orozco, Parks Supervisor

Open Spaces

Kathryn Sullivan, Open Space Supervisor

City Pool

John Pauley, Aquatic Supervisor

Gessie Collins, Aquatic Coordinator

Free Open Swim: We had an impromptu special event on Monday, August 3 to provide free open swim to our community after the events on Saturday, August 1. This event allowed us to provide a positive and fun experience. We had 650 people show up.

Fall Swim Programs: Our fall programs are open for registration. We have lessons from August through December. Hurricanes will take a break until November due to the high school swim season. More information is on our website at www.tfid.org/citypool.

Midnight Splash: Our 2nd Midnight Splash was interrupted by lightning and thunder on Friday, July 24. We are looking to make up for that with our final summer Midnight Splash on Friday, August 7. This event has been a success that has had lines out the door even with pre-admissions. Midnight Splash will be back in the fall!

Fall Schedule: We start transitioning to fall hours on Monday, August 10. The highlight of our fall schedule is that we will be open all day and early lap swim at 6am on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. Our fall schedule can be found at www.tfid.org/citypool.

High School Swim Season: The high school season begins on Monday, August 10 and runs through early November. The deep side will be mostly closed Monday through Friday from 4-8:30pm for their practices. They will also host 9 meets at the City Pool.

Bubble Setup: The bubble will go up Monday, September 14 through Wednesday, September 16. In addition to the bubble, we will also perform deep cleaning, maintenance, and staff training.

General Public Input

Mable Shurtleff, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator

There was no public input received.

Municipal Golf Course

Travis Hofland, PGA, General Manager

July brought the summer heat, and as temperatures increased, resulted in the expected reduction in rounds played, with a softer revenue for the month. Smoke in the area also impacted play at times and contributed to the slowdown. The golf course recently completed the Club Championship and congratulates Kevin Johnson, the Men's Club Champion, and Tanner Jensen, the Ladies Club Champion.

Immediately following the Club Championship, the greens were punched as part of the regular maintenance program. This process typically creates a short-term downturn in play, but all of the aerification work and associated maintenance have now been completed, and the greens are moving through the recovery process.

The equipment side, there were quite a few breakdowns during July. An assessment of the overall condition of the equipment fleet to determine repair or replacement moving forward continues to be planned out.

Overall, July presented some seasonal challenges with the heat, smoke, course maintenance, and equipment issues, but operations continue to move forward as we head into August.

Director's Update

Wendy Davis

FY '26 Budget process is coming to a close. There are several projects council is considering funding, including replacement of the playground at Harmon Park. Citizens have also requested council consider funding shade structures for the Downtown Commons and City Park in front of the bandshell. Additional improvements to the skate park at Harmon were also mentioned.

City Park: Installation of the playground is underway.

Canyon Trail Junction is nearing completion and we are looking forward to holding a ribbon cutting or other type of community celebration with Chobani, date to be determined.