



**Wilmette Park District
Committee-of-the-Whole
Meeting**

*Monday, September 27, 2021
7:30 p.m. – Village Hall Chambers Council*

AGENDA

- 1.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- 2.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
- 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- 4.0 NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 GILLSON COMPREHENSION PLAN UPDATE – DESIGN CONSULTANTS**
- 5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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Wilmette Park District **Policy for Public Comment**

The Board of Park Commissioners, in its regular or special meetings, is a deliberative body assembled to make decisions on new and pending matters affecting the District. Park Board and Committee meetings are meetings held in public, not a public meeting. The Board invites both oral and written communications from its residents.

To facilitate the conduct of Board/Committee meetings, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A section of each regular meeting is set aside for public comment and will be noted on the agenda as "Recognition of Visitors."
2. During the "Recognition of Visitors" agenda item, audience members should raise their hands and be recognized by the President/Chairperson prior to speaking.
3. When recognized by the President/Chairperson, each audience member should identify themselves and limit speaking to no more than three (3) minutes, unless additional time is granted by the President/Chairperson.
4. Questions are to be directed to the entire Board/Committee.
5. Park Board members may, by addressing the President/Chairperson, interrupt a presenter to obtain clarification and/or further information.
6. A Board/Committee meeting is not a forum for complaints against individual employees. Such matters are handled by directly contacting the Executive Director. Complaints against the Executive Director should be handled by directly contacting the President of the Board of Park Commissioners.
7. During presentation and discussion of agenda items, the President/Chairperson will not recognize speakers in the audience unless the Board/Committee desires additional information from an audience member.
8. When addressing the Board/Committee, all persons permitted to speak shall confine their remarks to the matter at hand and avoid personal remarks, the impugning of motives, and merely contentious statements. If any person indulges in such remarks or otherwise engages in conduct injurious to the civil discourse of the Board/Committee and the meeting, the President/Chairperson may immediately terminate the opportunity to speak. This decision is at the discretion of the President/Chairperson or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the park board commissioners present.
9. Any person, except a member of the Board, who engages in disorderly conduct during a meeting, may be ejected from the meeting upon motion passed by a majority of the Board present.

From: [Cecilia Clarke](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Gillson
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:16:45 PM

I received this email earlier today.

Cecilia

From: Lisa Russell [lisakr55@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 6:44 PM
To: Cecilia Clarke
Subject: [external] Gillson

We are Wilmette residents since 1990 and live a block from Gillson Park. Our driveway is on Washington Ave and difficult to access with the huge beach traffic on nice summer days. We are alarmed to learn of proposed park changes which will alter the beauty and serenity of this beautiful park and bring unwanted noise and traffic to our peaceful neighborhood. We are happy to share this beautiful place with beach goers who come from outside Wilmette. But we don't want to bring in wedding and party business to our quiet neighborhood or additional parking problems and noise. There is a beautiful bird habitat now on Michigan Avenue and a lovely native garden by the coast guard station. We have a guarded beach and a dog beach. All are very popular and very populated. Why in the world would we want to encourage more traffic and pavement to this sweet place? Please keep Wilmette green.
Thanks for listening, Lisa Russell

Sent from my iPhone Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mike Murdock](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Cc: [Steve Wilson](#); [lurene content](#)
Subject: Fwd: [external] Concern About Wilmette Beach Safety
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:51:59 PM
Attachments: [1632182219531blob.jpg](#)
[1632182219531blob.jpg](#)

Please add this to the packet for Monday. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: lurene content <dlhsthomas@sbcglobal.net>
Date: September 20, 2021 at 6:57:22 PM CDT
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>, Liz Cox <lcox@wilpark.org>, Ben Wozney <bwozney@wilpark.org>, Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>, Julia Goebel <jgoebel@wilpark.org>, Cecilia Clarke <cclarke@wilpark.org>, Patrick Duffy <pduffy@wilpark.org>, Allison Frazier <afrazier@wilpark.org>, Kara Kosloskus <kkosloskus@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Concern About Wilmette Beach Safety

This past weekend, one person drowned at an Evanston beach, and three others had to be rescued. I'm concerned that the same thing could easily happen in Wilmette -- because the swimming ban and other safety rules are not being sufficiently enforced.

The Wilmette beaches (and roadways) used to be safe. The beaches were generally uncrowded, and the rules were generally followed. But last year, when most area beaches were closed, people discovered Wilmette's beaches. The crowds moved in. This year, the crowds discovered that rules at Wilmette's beaches aren't enforced -- and the crowds responded by breaking rules with abandon.

This is particularly true at South Beach. The single person hired to regulate parking on Harbor Drive couldn't keep up with the steady flow of scofflaw cars. The young staff that tried to enforce no swimming rules were largely ignored. People routinely used unregistered SUPs once the word got out that you could launch from South Beach for free. Dog owners let their dogs run loose even after being asked to keep the dogs on leash. Most concerning, little kids, often unsupervised, were allowed to use blow-up floats in the water.

The other two beaches were better patrolled. But even there, non-members routinely walked in with chairs and blankets. Once people were on the beach, passes were never checked.

Things have gotten even worse now that there are no Park District staff working. Below is the scene at Gillson on Sunday around 5:30 pm. Even at that hour, the parking lots were completely filled -- most with cars that had no beach or Village stickers. Worse, drivers were driving recklessly down Michigan Avenue and were flying down the Lake Ave. ramp into the parking lot. (Apparently two police units were deployed to handle parking, but that didn't deter people from speeding into and through the parking lot.)

This level of recklessness cannot continue. It's unsafe. And it's unfair to the many people, residents and visitors alike, who do follow the rules.

I urge the Board, the Executive Director, and the General Manager to brainstorm ways to fix these issues before the season begins next year. (Better signs at beach entrances, more parking enforcement on Harbor Drive, more mature staff patrolling the beaches – all these would help.) This year, we've earned the reputation of the "big, beautiful, anything goes, no rules need be followed" beach. We can't afford that reputation to continue. It's simply too dangerous.

I also urge the Board to fix these problems, through better management of existing crowds and better enforcement of existing rules, before making any "enhancements" to Gillson that will entice even more people to visit, especially if there's lax enforcement.

We have beautiful beaches that, in the past, have always been safe. Let's try to keep it that way.

Scene at Gillson Sept. 19, 2021. 5:30 PM



From: [Cecilia Clarke](#)
To: [Joseph C. Zuercher](#)
Cc: [Steve Wilson](#); [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: RE: [external] Gillson
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:50:25 AM

Dear Mr. Zuercher,

Thank you for your email. I'm not sure if it can be included in the packet that is being prepared for today's Committee of the Whole meeting, but it not if will be included in a later packet.

I can assure you, that to my knowledge, no Commissioner wishes to add more pavement to Gilson. The priority is to repair existing infrastructure, improve safety and to increase the amount of green space in the park. You may be interested in reading additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan process on the Park District website: <https://www.wilmettepark.org/gillson-comprehensive-plan> . There is also a Q&A with Director Wilson regarding the planning process that can be found here: <https://www.wilmettepark.org/gcp-q-a>

If you have any additional concerns, do not hesitate to attend the meeting to be held today, Monday, September 27. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Chambers Council. You should also be able to watch it live on <https://wctv.wilmette.com/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1> . The purpose of the meeting today is to hear from the consultants who are developing a comprehensive plan for Gilson Park.

Cecilia Clarke

From: Joseph C. Zuercher [jcz@zuerchercheese.com]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 6:34 AM
To: Cecilia Clarke
Subject: [external] Gillson

Hello Cecilia,

I go to Gillson for the trees, lawn and calm feeling. I don't go there to use buildings or see pavement. Rather than expand the hardscape footprint at Gillson, I would prefer if the Park District left things alone. If you need to fix the roads and sewers, that's fine. But I don't see the point of doing anything to the Lakeview Center; it's doing its job just the way it is. Wilmette residents have plenty of recreational opportunities at other Park District locations. Let Gilsson just be a park. And take better care of the trees!

Joe Zuercher
945 Michigan Ave.
Wilmette, IL 60091

From: [Cecilia Clarke](#)
To: [Prewitt, Matthew F.](#); [Mike Murdock](#); [Julia Goebel](#); [Patrick Duffy](#); [Kara Kosloskus](#)
Cc: [aliciahilton01@gmail.com](#); [Steve Wilson](#); [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: RE: [external] Gillson Park and Elmwood Street Beach
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:41:35 PM

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Prewitt,

Thank you for your email. It will be included in the packet that is being prepared for the Committee of the Whole meeting tomorrow, September 27. The purpose of that meeting is to meet with the consultants who are developing the comprehensive plan for Gilson Park.

To your point regarding the Elmwood Dunes stairway, you may not be aware that Elmwood Dunes is not a Park District property. Concerns regarding the stairway should be directed to the Village.

With regard to Gilson Park, I can assure you, that to my knowledge, the priority of the Board is to repair existing infrastructure, improve safety and to increase the amount of green space in the park. You may be interested in reading additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan process on the Park District website: <https://www.wilmettepark.org/gilson-comprehensive-plan> . There is also a Q&A with Director Wilson regarding the planning process that can be found here: <https://www.wilmettepark.org/gcp-q-a>

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Cecilia Clarke

From: Prewitt, Matthew F. [MPrewitt@schiffhardin.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Mike Murdock; Julia Goebel; Cecilia Clarke; Patrick Duffy; Kara Kosloskus
Cc: aliciahilton01@gmail.com
Subject: [external] Gillson Park and Elmwood Street Beach

From: Matthew and Alicia Prewitt
1001 Greenwood Avenue
Wilmette, IL
To: Wilmette Park Commissioners
Re: Proposed improvements for Gillson Park and Elmwood Street Beach

We write concerning the proposed improvements for our lakefront parks. We use both Gillson Park and the Elmwood Street Beach on an almost daily basis and have lived in east Wilmette for fifteen years.

First, Elmwood Street Beach is in desperate need of a new staircase. We use the stairs almost daily and often remark that it is only a matter of time before one of the crumbling concrete steps collapses causing serious injury or even death. This is not an expensive project. It is unfortunate that it was not done last year when the beach was closed for COVID-19 restrictions.

At Gillson, we think the new beachfront bathhouse is both attractive and functional. It has an low profile with minimal visual impact and is quite functional. We appreciate that

a large, unnecessary building was not erected.

The new parking lot, however, was poorly designed and executed. The layout is very inefficient, and the landscaping is both poorly conceived and poorly maintained and is quite unattractive.

We like the green spaces at Gillson as they are now and are strongly opposed to any further construction to erect new or expanded buildings.

Resurfacing the roads and adding sidewalks so that pedestrians do not have share the roadway with drivers would be useful and enhance the safety of the park.

But, please, please do not reduce the open greenspaces at the park for construction of new or enlarged buildings or new parking lots.

We frankly are troubled that the Village would consider making substantial changes to Gillson Park without putting the matter to a vote. Our lakefront parks are one of the principal reasons Alicia and I have remained in Wilmette as empty nesters rather than move to a different community with substantially lower taxes.

Wilmette already has a long list of facilities with meeting and event space. We do not need another.

Please do not ruin a cherished part of our community.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Matt and Alicia Prewittt

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From: [Cecilia Clarke](#)
To: [C B Weinstein](#); [Mike Murdock](#); [Julia Goebel](#); [Patrick Duffy](#); [Allison Frazier](#); [Kara Kosloskus](#)
Cc: [Steve Wilson](#); [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: RE: [external] Gillson Park
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:28:28 PM

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein,

Let me add to the response you received from Commissioner Murdock, that the Board's priority regarding Gillson is to repair existing infrastructure (including addressing the roadway flooding), improve safety and to increase the amount of green space in the park. You may be interested in reading additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan process on the Park District website: <https://www.wilmettepark.org/gillson-comprehensive-plan> . There is also a Q&A with Director Wilson regarding the planning process that can be found here: <https://www.wilmettepark.org/gcp-q-a>

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Cecilia Clarke

From: C B Weinstein [weinsteincb@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Mike Murdock; Julia Goebel; Cecilia Clarke; Patrick Duffy; Allison Frazier; Kara Kosloskus
Subject: [external] Gillson Park

Dear Commissioners:

I support keeping Gillson green and request that the Board adopt modest plans for Gillson and Lakeview Center. Please fix the roads and sewers that are broken and approve a master landscaping plan that preserves and protects the trees and open green space.

The residents, who are also the taxpayers who fund the District and its operations, have repeatedly requested that Gillson be maintained as it is without new buildings, more concrete, or more parking. We ask you to honor that request and leave Gillson alone, except for necessary maintenance. Gillson is a unique treasure that residents enjoy for its natural beauty and opportunity to commune with nature. We don't want it spoiled.

My husband, children and I have been residents of Wilmette since 1997 and have been fortunate to be able to experience Gillson Park in it's mostly natural state. Development proposals such as Langdon Park Center a few years ago would have been disastrous given the rising lake water levels. Decreasing green space at this time would not be good either. The road into the park is prone to flooding with every heavy downpour, for example.

The Park District could consider spending funds to give part time park district employees raises and benefits instead of coming up with proposals every few years to overdevelop Gillson Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration of actions concerning Gillson Park and the Wilmette Park District.

Sincerely,

Catherine and Fred Weinstein, Hana and Sam Weinstein

344 Washington Ave., Wilmette

From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Safety at Gillson Beach
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:40:11 PM

For cow packet on Monday along with the other with similar thoughts.

Steve Wilson
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----- Original message -----

From: Kathie O'Dowd <kao.librarian@gmail.com>
Date: 9/22/21 2:26 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>, Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>, Julia Goebel <jgoebel@wilpark.org>, Cecilia Clarke <cclarke@wilpark.org>, Patrick Duffy <pduffy@wilpark.org>, Allison Frazier <afrazier@wilpark.org>, Kara Kosloskus <kkosloskus@wilpark.org>, plunketts@wilmette.com, barrowp@wilmette.com, doddk@wilmette.com, kennedyg@wilmette.com, sheperdj@wilmette.com, gjajak@wilmette.com, sullivand@wilmette.com
Subject: [external] Safety at Gillson Beach

Thank you for your time and energy as leaders within our community.

As a formerly elected public school board member and municipal library director, I have tremendous respect and appreciation for your commitment. Thank you also for the collaborative efforts underway to plan for the next generation of Gillson beach lovers.

I was an active participant in the Wilmette Park District as a child, a summer Sports Camp counselor in highschool, a resident over 2 decades ago, and have recently relocated back to Wilmette.

The Gillson Comprehensive Plan identifies the number one Fundamental Principle as "Safety and Security." Unfortunately, the "Existing Conditions Analysis" report did not study or analyze the existing Safety and Security concerns at Gillson.

Residents and Nonresidents alike have free unfettered access to the Lake along the shoreline from the southern border of the Swimming Beach Dune to the northern border of the Dog beach. Efforts to discourage swimming within this area are futile and inconsistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Complimentary access drives use and overcrowding and further increases safety concerns.

The Park District does not generate any revenue from public use of this area, which would help defray maintenance costs as well as fund improvements, protect the habitat and ensure public safety. However, both the Village and Park District are exposed to significant potential liability in this area.

As you continue the planning efforts for Gillson, perhaps the research could incorporate an analysis of the Safety and Security issues inherent in the actual existing use behaviors and remediation efforts? For example, how successful has the Park District been at limiting swimming in this “non-swimming” zone? What types of safety concerns arise with overcrowding? How did the “Covid” fencing impact use of this area during 2020, and how does the fencing at Langdon Park impact safety? Is there a way to use existing facilities to further promote safety (e.g. might boat racks be relocated and serve as a protective habitat barrier)?

My hope is that the commitment to Safety and Security be honored for the entire riparian area in future proposals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you
Kathie O’Dowd

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Catherine Serbin](#)
Subject: FW: [external] Gilson Park
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:31:40 PM

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From: Chris Smith 847-226-3151 <chris.smith@bairdwarner.com>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>
Subject: [external] Gilson Park

Good afternoon. I do not typically write and express my concerns about decisions in our village. This time I thought I would weigh in.

First, thanks for your time and commitment. I am sure it has been a trying venture for all the board members.

I completed the survey when it first came out and some of my concerns are being addressed. For example, the roadways need updating and I'm sure the buildings need some refreshing. I am not sure what needs to be done to make the park and structures more ADA compliant but I do know this can add to the cost.

Has there been any study into the potential net revenue from improving the Lakeview Center? My understanding is the purpose of the reno is to allow for more special events. Will the cost to rent go up for residents and nonresidents or we will be footing the bill and paying additionally, too?

If one of the primary purposes of the park improvements is to create more parking will that be for residents only? What portion of the nonresident fees will pay for the upgrades? Can you furnish a 10 year revenue projection for Lakeview Center, beach daily passes and beach parking based off of the proposed improvements?

I'm not a fan of taking down healthy trees to create space to park. If the trees are unhealthy, or have reached a point where replacing is the best option, then we should do it but not to create more parking.

Thanks for your hard work and I look forward to your response.

Chris Smith

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GILLSON PARK



MASTER PLAN UPDATE • SEPTEMBER 27, 2021





Let's Talk

1. INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS UPDATE
2. MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES
 - FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
 - KEY PARK THEMES
 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INPUT
3. MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS
 - CONCEPTS
 - ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COSTS
4. DISCUSSION
5. NEXT STEPS

Introduction and Process Update

ANALYZE

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Site Walkthrough
Site Features Survey / Analysis

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*Draft State
of the Park Report*

ENGAGE

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Targeted Stakeholder Focus Groups
Stakeholder Summary Memo
Virtual Community Open House
Community PopUp Workshops
Community Open House
Community Engagement Summary

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*Final State
of the Park Report*

ENVISION

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Program / Services / Strategies
Ecological Enhancements
Cost/Implementation Priorities
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

.....

Final Plan



Master Plan Strategies



Safety and Security



**Improve/Enhance/Maintain
Natural Environment**



**Improve / Enhance / Maintain Facilities
Programming and Operations**



Green and Sustainable Practice



Improved Accessibility



Efficient Infrastructure



Durability and Maintenance



Fiscal Responsibility





FOCUS GROUP LISTENING SESSIONS



30
Participants

JAN 27TH-28TH

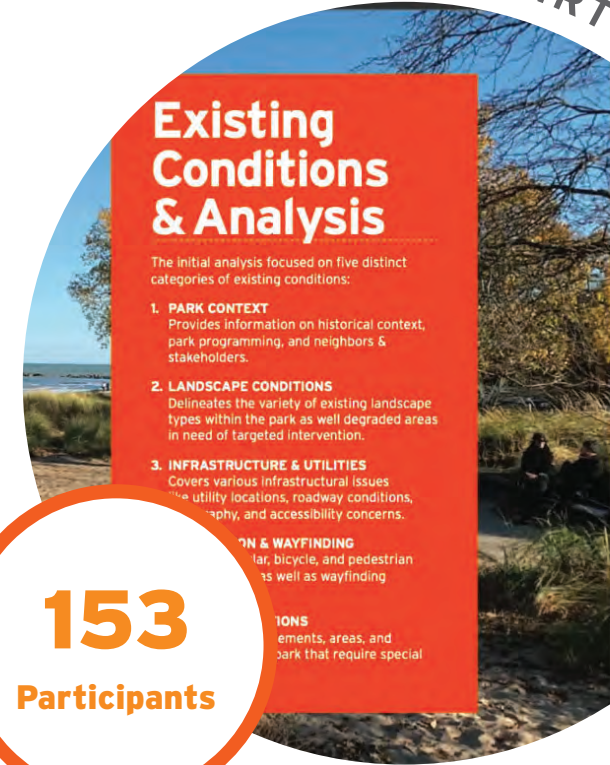
IN-PERSON EVENTS



100+
Participants

JULY 3RD, JULY 16TH,
JULY 31ST, AND AUGUST 14TH

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE



153
Participants

FEBRUARY 18TH

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES



80+
Participants

JULY 8TH AND 27TH

ONLINE SURVEY



1800+
Participants

OPENED JULY 7TH

INITIATIVE PRIORITIES

PARK CONTEXT

- SELECTIVELY REMOVE VEGETATION IN POOR CONDITION
- DEFINE & ENHANCE SPECIAL GARDEN SPACES
- IMPROVE ENTRIES INTO THE PARK
- CLARIFY LEASING AGREEMENTS AFFECTING LONG TERM PLANNING

LANDSCAPE & OPEN SPACE

- INITIATE A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR LANDSCAPE AREAS
- RETAIN OPEN LAWN LANDSCAPE AND REDUCE PAVEMENT
- DEVELOP A TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN

LANDSCAPE & OPEN SPACE

- ADDRESS POOR DRAINAGE CONDITIONS
- REPAIR AND REPLACE ROADWAYS, CURBS, AND SIDEWALKS
- UNIFY DARK SKY COMPLIANT LED LIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE PARK
- DEVELOP ADA COMPLIANT ROUTES CONNECTING MAJOR PARK FEATURES
- DEVELOP AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TIED TO A CAPITAL FUNDING SCHEDULE

CIRCULATION & ACCESS

- CREATE A MORE INTUITIVE PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, AND VEHICULAR CIRCULATION PLAN
- PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CIRCULATION ALONG HARBOR DRIVE
- EXTEND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS TO IMPORTANT SHORELINE AMENITIES
- ENHANCE THE PEDESTRIAN ENTRY EXPERIENCE
- IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN ROADWAY CROSSINGS



FREE RESPONSE PRIORITIES

- 1 MAINTAIN NATURAL CHARACTER
- 2 LET IT REMAIN AS IS
- 3 PROVIDE BETTER CIRCULATION & ACCESS
- 4 ADD MINOR IMPROVEMENTS
- 5 IMPROVE UPON NATIVE/NATURAL LANDSCAPES
- 6 REPAIR INFRASTRUCTURE
- 7 PROVIDE MORE PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES
- 8 INCREASE SAFETY

WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE

- IMPROVE ENTRY SEQUENCES INTO THE PARK
- MINIMALLY EXPAND THE EXISTING WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE PROGRAM

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- COORDINATE PARK PLANNING INITIATIVES WITH PLANNED SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS
- BETTER CONNECT THE LAKEVIEW CENTER AND THE WALLACE BOWL TO PEDESTRIAN PATHS ALONG THE PARKING LOT
- PROVIDE NEW SAILING BEACH RESTROOM FACILITY
- CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COVERED SHELTERS
- IMPROVE DOG BEACH MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES

The background of the slide is a photograph of a natural landscape, including several trees and a field of low-lying plants. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The text 'Master Plan Concepts' is centered horizontally and positioned in the middle of the frame. Below the text is a horizontal dotted line.

Master Plan Concepts

PLAN BENEFITS

- EXISTING PARKING: 466 STALLS
PROPOSED PARKING: 466 STALLS
- MAINTAINS EXISTING PAVING, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS.
- PROVIDES FOR ENHANCED BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FEATURES ALONG HARBOR DRIVE.
- MINIMAL EXISTING VEGETATION IMPACT.
- REPAIR AND REPLACE STORM SEWER UTILITIES
- USES BEST STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.



-0 PARKING SPACES

2 TREES REMOVED



DRAFT

PLAN BENEFITS

- EXISTING PARKING: 466 STALLS
PROPOSED PARKING: 466 STALLS
- PROVIDES FOR ENHANCED BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FEATURES ALONG HARBOR DRIVE.
- MAINTAINS EXISTING TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING CAPACITIES.
- REMOVES MIDDLE DRIVE AND REDUCES IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA TO INCREASE OPEN SPACE.
- REPAIR AND REPLACE STORM SEWER UTILITIES
- USES BEST STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.
- POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN UNDERGROUND STORM SEWER UTILITIES.
- PROVIDES FOR PROXIMATE PARKING NEAR PARK FACILITIES.
- ENHANCES PEDESTRIAN ADA ACCESSIBLE PATH TO KEY PARK AMENITIES.
- RELOCATES UPPER DRIVE OUT OF MWRD OWNED PROPERTY.
- PROVIDES FOR CONTROLLED SERVICE ROAD CONNECTER ENHANCEMENT.

+0 PARKING SPACES

20 TREES REMOVED



	Existing	Concept 1	Concept 2
Parking Count	466	466	466
Trees Removed Per Plans	N/A	2 Trees	20 Trees
Total Impervious Surfacing	9.5 Acres	9.6 Acres	9.3 Acres

SITE METRICS COMPARISON CHART



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PLAN BENEFITS

- EXISTING PARKING: 466 STALLS
PROPOSED PARKING: 435 STALLS
- PROVIDES FOR ENHANCED BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FEATURES ALONG HARBOR DRIVE.
- MAINTAINS EXISTING TRAFFIC FLOW.
- REDUCES IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA AND INCREASE OPEN SPACE.
- REPAIR AND REPLACE STORM SEWER UTILITIES
- USES BEST STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.
- POTENTIALLY REDUCES UNDERGROUND STORM SEWER UTILITIES.
- PROVIDES FOR PROXIMATE PARKING NEAR PARK FACILITIES.
- ENHANCES PEDESTRIAN ADA ACCESSIBLE PATH TO KEY PARK AMENITIES.
- REMOVES UPPER DRIVE.
- PROVIDES FOR CONTROLLED SERVICE ROAD CONNECTOR ENHANCEMENT.

-31 PARKING SPACES

13 TREES REMOVED



	Existing	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3
Parking Count	466	466	466	435
Trees Removed Per Plans	N/A	2 Trees	20 Trees	13 Trees
Total Impervious Surfacing	9.5 Acres	9.6 Acres	9.3 Acres	9.1 Acres

SITE METRICS COMPARISON CHART



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PLAN BENEFITS

- EXISTING PARKING: 466 STALLS
PROPOSED PARKING: 453 STALLS
- PROVIDES FOR ENHANCED BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FEATURES.
- PRIORITIZES NEW 2-WAY ENTRY TO ALLOW FOR IMPROVED CIRCULATION AND TURNING MOVEMENTS.
- PROVIDES FOR AND MAINTAINS A CONSISTENT 1-WAY LOOP TRAFFIC PATTERN.
- REPAIR AND REPLACE STORM SEWER UTILITIES
- USES BEST STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.
- POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN UNDERGROUND STORM SEWER UTILITIES.
- PROVIDES FOR PROXIMATE PARKING NEAR PARK FACILITIES.
- ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN ADA ACCESSIBLE PATH TO KEY PARK AMENITIES AND ENTRY POINTS.
- PROVIDES FOR CONTROLLED SERVICE DRIVE CONNECTION ENHANCEMENTS.



	Existing	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3	Concept 4
Parking Count	466	466	466	435	453
Trees Removed Per Plans	N/A	2 Trees	20 Trees	13 Trees	25 Trees
Total Impervious Surfacing	9.5 Acres	9.6 Acres	9.3 Acres	9.1 Acres	9.2 Acres

SITE METRICS COMPARISON CHART

-13 PARKING SPACES

25 TREES REMOVED



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SITE PLAN CONCEPT 4



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A

PLAN BENEFITS

- PROVIDES FOR IMPROVED VEHICULAR SEPARATED TRAFFIC CIRCULATION & SAFETY AND ACCESS TO THE PARK FROM MICHIGAN AVENUE.
- PROVIDES FOR MAINTAINING & ENHANCING A SEPARATE PEDESTRIAN GATEWAY & WALK AT CURRENT ROAD ENTRY POINT.
- PROVIDES FOR A SEPARATE SHERIDAN SHORES YACHT CLUB DROP-OFF AREA.
- PLAN HAS NO IMPACT ON SITE PARKING.



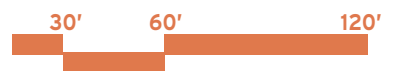
-0 PARKING SPACES

6 TREES REMOVED



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CONCEPT ADD ON A - ALTERNATE ENTRANCE



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B

PLAN BENEFITS

- PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL SHADE & REST AREA FOR PARK AND PLAYGROUND PATRONS.
- PRIORITIZES ADDITIONAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMING.
- PROVIDES PROXIMATE ADA ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM FACILITIES ADJACENT TO MORE ACTIVE PARK USES SUCH AS TENNIS, PLAYGROUND, AND ACCESS PATH.



-0 PARKING SPACES

0 TREES REMOVED



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CONCEPT ADD ON B - NEW RESTROOM FACILITY



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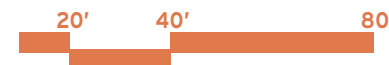
PLAN BENEFITS

- PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL SHADE & REST AREA FOR PARK AND PLAYGROUND PATRONS.
- PRIORITIZES ADDITIONAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMING.
- PROVIDES PROXIMATE ADA ACCESSIBLE CONNECTION TO BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE PARK USES SUCH AS TENNIS, PLAYGROUND, DOG BEACH, AND AQUATICS BEACH.



-0 PARKING SPACES

0 TREES REMOVED



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CONCEPT ADD ON C - NEW SHELTER FACILITY



D

PLAN BENEFITS

- PROVIDES FOR A NEW AND IMPROVED NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT/SAILING SERVICE FACILITY.
- IMPROVES QUALITY OF OPERATIONS AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS, AND ALLOWS FOR ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE.
- PROVIDES FOR POTENTIAL RESTROOM FACILITY PROXIMATE TO NON-MOTORIZED BEACH USERS.
- ALIGNS WITH ANTICIPATED FUTURE VILLAGE WATER LINE INTAKE RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND EFFICIENCIES.



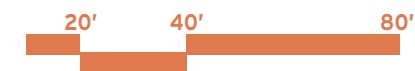
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0 TREES REMOVED



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CONCEPT ADD ON D - NEW SAILING BEACH FACILITY



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PLAN BENEFITS

- PROVIDES ACCESSIBLE ROUTE AND SEATING OPPORTUNITIES TO BEACHFRONT USERS.
- PROVIDES FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS TO BEACH THROUGH SENSITIVE DUNE LANDSCAPES.
- PROVIDES FOR PERMANENT "GREEN" ACCESS MATERIALS.



-0 PARKING SPACES

0 TREES REMOVED

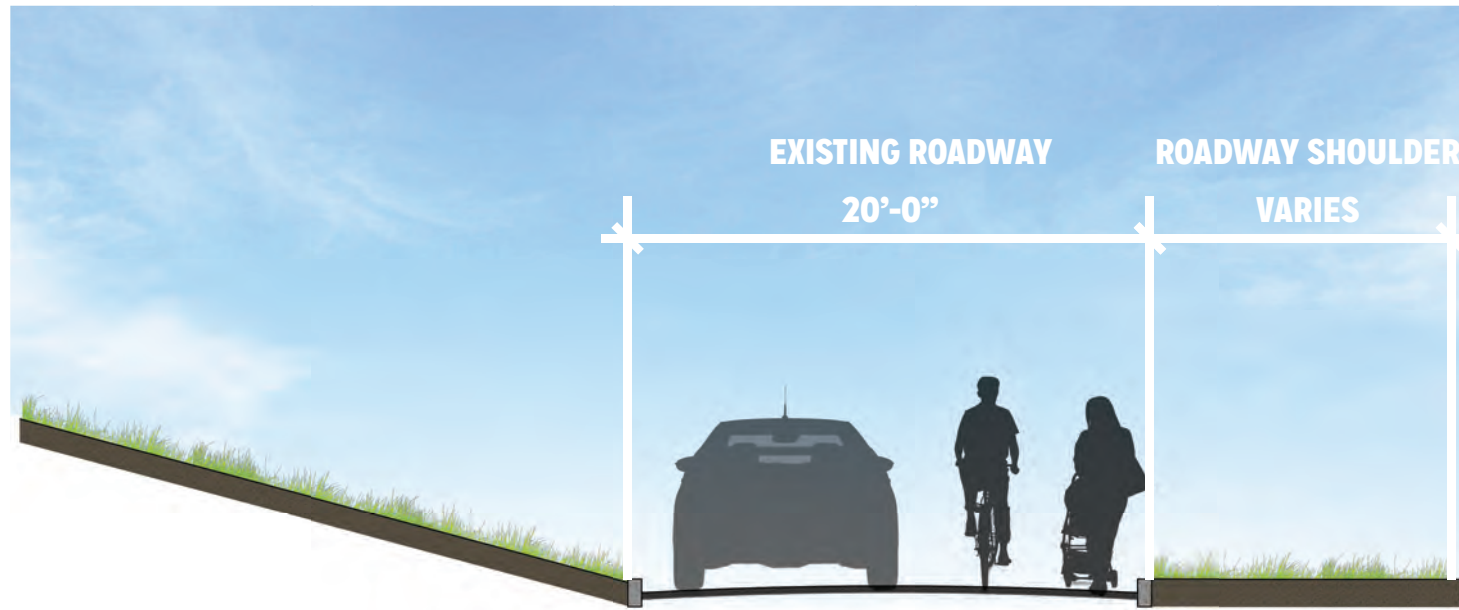


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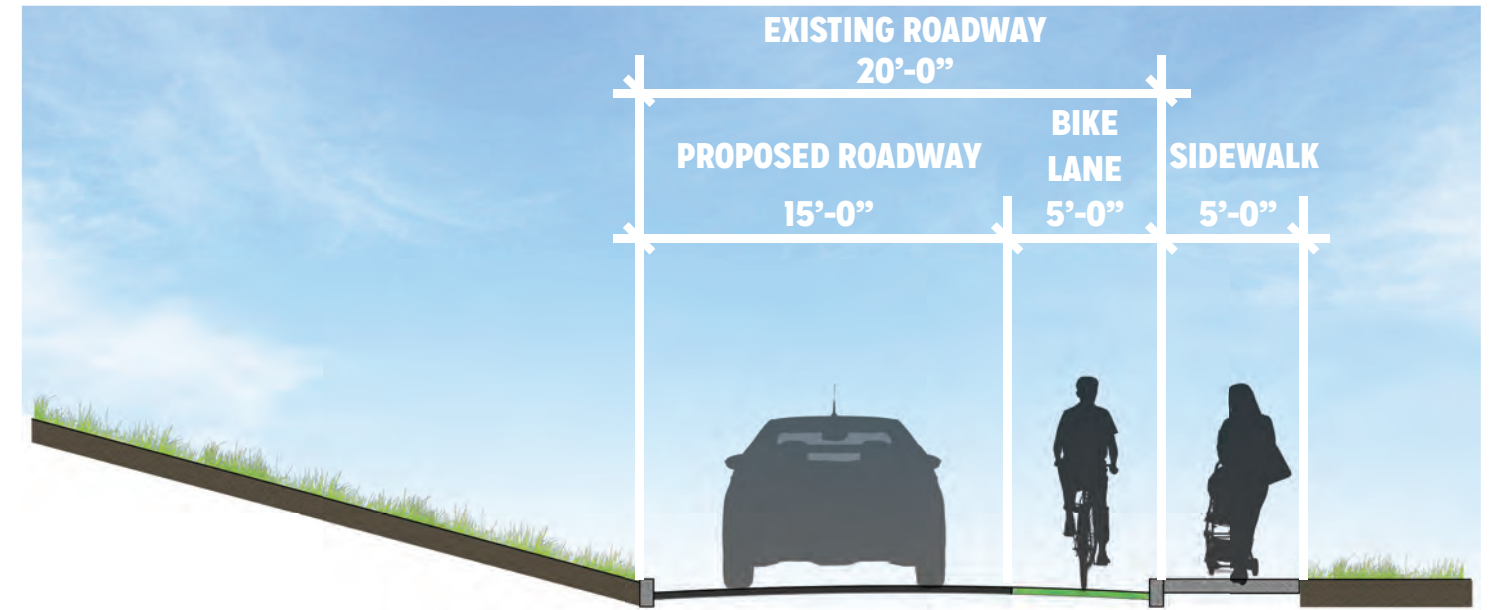
CONCEPT ADD ON E - OVERLOOK DR. BOARDWALKS & BENCHES



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SECTION - EXISTING HARBOR DRIVE CONDITION



SECTION - PROPOSED HARBOR DRIVE CONDITION



EXISTING HARBOR DRIVE CONDITION



EXISTING HARBOR DRIVE CONDITION WITH TRAFFIC



PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

PAVEMENT

- RESURFACE OR REPLACE ALL ASPHALT SURFACES, DEPENDING ON CONDITION.

- REPLACE DAMAGED CURBS AND SIDEWALKS. MINIMAL WORK NECESSARY.

LIGHTING

- REPLACE EXISTING HIGH-PRESSURE SODIUM LIGHTING WITH DARK-SKY COMPLIANT LED LIGHTING IN A WARM COLOR RENDITION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE NIGHT SKY.

- INCLUDE LED BOLLARD LIGHTING IN KEY PEDESTRIAN AREAS ACCESSED AT NIGHT FOR INCREASED SAFETY.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- IMPROVE DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE OUTFALL, INCREASE SYSTEM CAPACITY, AND INCORPORATE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO INCREASE SURFACE DETENTION. REPAIR AND REPLACE STORM SEWER PIPES THAT ARE BROKEN OR BLOCKED. DETERMINE IF FURTHER ASSESSMENT IS NECESSARY TO ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT OF REPAIRS NEEDED AND ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COSTS.

- REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS TO OCCUR BEFORE SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS.

- SEWER SURVEY PERFORMED IN 2014 NOTED A VARIETY OF ISSUES INCLUDING FINE FIBROUS ROOTS PENETRATING JOINTS BETWEEN CLAY PIPE SECTIONS, CRACKED PIPES, DAMAGED CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LENGTHS OF PIPE, AND ONE SMALL SECTION OF COLLAPSED PIPE. ALSO IDENTIFIED WAS THE OUTFLOW AT THE SOUTH END OF THE PARK BEING PARTIALLY BLOCKED BY LARGE STONE THAT PREVENTS IT FROM DRAINING. THE LINE WAS INSTALLED IN 1989 AND IS SDR 26 PIPE PRESUMED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND CLEANED ANNUALLY.

- SEVERAL STORM LINES ALONG MIDDLE DRIVE HAVE PIPES WITH BREAKS OR HOLES. REPAIR BY PATCHING A 5' LENGTH OF NEW PIPE INTO EXISTING LINE.

- SEVERAL PIPES ALONG OVERLOOK DRIVE AND MIDDLE DRIVE ARE FILLED WITH SAND OR SOIL. PIPE OUTFALLS CAN BE CLEARED BY FLUSHING THE PIPE RUN AND/OR CLEARING THE WAY FROM THE PIPE OPENING NEAR THE LAKE TO DRAIN CLEARLY TO OPEN WATER.

- THE 2014 VIDEO WORK INDICATED ONE POTENTIAL COLLAPSED PIPE EAST OF LAKEVIEW CENTER, INTERRUPTING THE RUN TO "DAYLIGHT" TOWARDS LAKE MICHIGAN. RE-VIDEO PIPE TO CONFIRM. POINT REPAIRS MAY SUFFICE FOR THE COLLAPSED SECTION, OR A RE-ROUTING OF THE STORM SEWER TO MATCH NEW SURFACE CONDITIONS MAY BE REQUIRED.

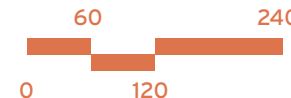
LEGEND

-  EXISTING BUILDINGS
-  WATER LINES
-  CATCH BASINS
-  STORM SEWER LINES
-  UNDERGROUND POWER
-  SANITARY LINES
-  GAS LINES



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CONCEPT PLAN | EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE



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PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- 56 MATURE TREES TO BE REMOVED DUE TO DEAD/SEVERE DECLINING CONDITION.
- 162 MATURE TREES TO BE CANOPY PRUNED, THINNED, & DEADWOOD REMOVED FOR HEALTH, SAFETY & AESTHETICS.
- 9 UNDERGROWTH THICKETS IDENTIFIED TO BE SELECTIVELY PRUNED/REMOVED TO ADD AESTHETIC VALUE & SAFE SITE LINES, AND/OR IMPROVE VIABILITY OF NEARBY YOUNG TREE GROWTH.

TREE MANAGEMENT

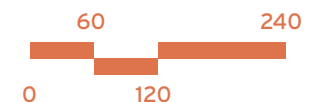
- UNDERTAKE A TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO REMOVE POOR CONDITION TREES AND REPLACE WITH DESIRABLE SPECIES OVER A 5-10 YEAR PERIOD. SELECTIVE TREE REMOVALS BASED ON TREE CONDITION OBSERVED IN THE FIELD, AND NOTED AS DEAD OR SEVERELY DECLINING IN THE 2021 TREE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF TREES 1" DBH AND LARGER.
- TREE REMOVALS TO BE BALANCED WITH NEW TREE PLANTINGS, 3" CALIPER SIZE MINIMUM. NEW TREES TO BE NEAR REMOVAL LOCATIONS, OR IN NEW AREAS CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SHADE, HABITAT, SITE DEFINITION, OR ENHANCED/FRAMED SITE LINES. TREE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SELECTIVE PRUNING TO IMPROVE FORM AND CONDITION OVER TIME.
- MEMORIAL TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ENSURE DIVERSE AND DESIRABLE FUTURE SPECIES AND CREATE CONSISTENT TREATMENT FOR MEMORIAL MARKERS. POTENTIALLY INCORPORATING SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AS AN EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT. INTRODUCE TIME LIMIT OR OTHER PLAN COMPONENT TO ADDRESS REMOVAL AND POTENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL TREES THAT ARE DEAD OR IN DECLINE.

SPECIAL HABITAT, GARDEN, AND LANDSCAPE AREAS

- CO-DEVELOP MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ORGANIC WEED AND PEST CONTROL, TO BE COORDINATED WITH KEY VOLUNTEER GROUPS.
- CO-DEVELOP INFILL AND ENHANCEMENT PLANTING PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN HEALTH AND HABITAT, TO BE COORDINATED WITH KEY VOLUNTEER GROUPS.
- REINVIGORATE ERODED DUNE AREAS WITH ADDITIONAL DUNE GRASS PLANTINGS.

LEGEND

- EXISTING BUILDINGS
- ASPHALT PAVING
- REVISED ROADWAYS
- SPECIALTY PAVERS
- LAWN & GREEN SPACE
- BIKE LANE
- BOARDWALK
- DUNE LANDSCAPE
- CONCRETE WALKS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- OVER TIME, CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ON THE DISTINCT LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF THE PARK. BUILD UPON AND EMPHASIZE THE BEACH SIDE LANDSCAPE VERSUS THE PARK SIDE LANDSCAPE OF THE PARK.
- INCORPORATE AN INTERPRETIVE COMPONENT TO THE MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM, USING TREE TAGS NOTING THE BOTANICAL AND COMMON NAME OF TREE SPECIES. THIS WILL ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE ARBORE-TUM-LIKE QUALITY THAT THE MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM BRINGS TO THE PARK.



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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER



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Board Discussion

Thank you for your time.