



Smith Cove Park – Seattle Design Commission Conceptual Review

Project Schedule

Design:
Fall 2016 to Winter 2017

Construction:
2018

Completion:
Spring 2019





330'

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780'

34'

53'

630'







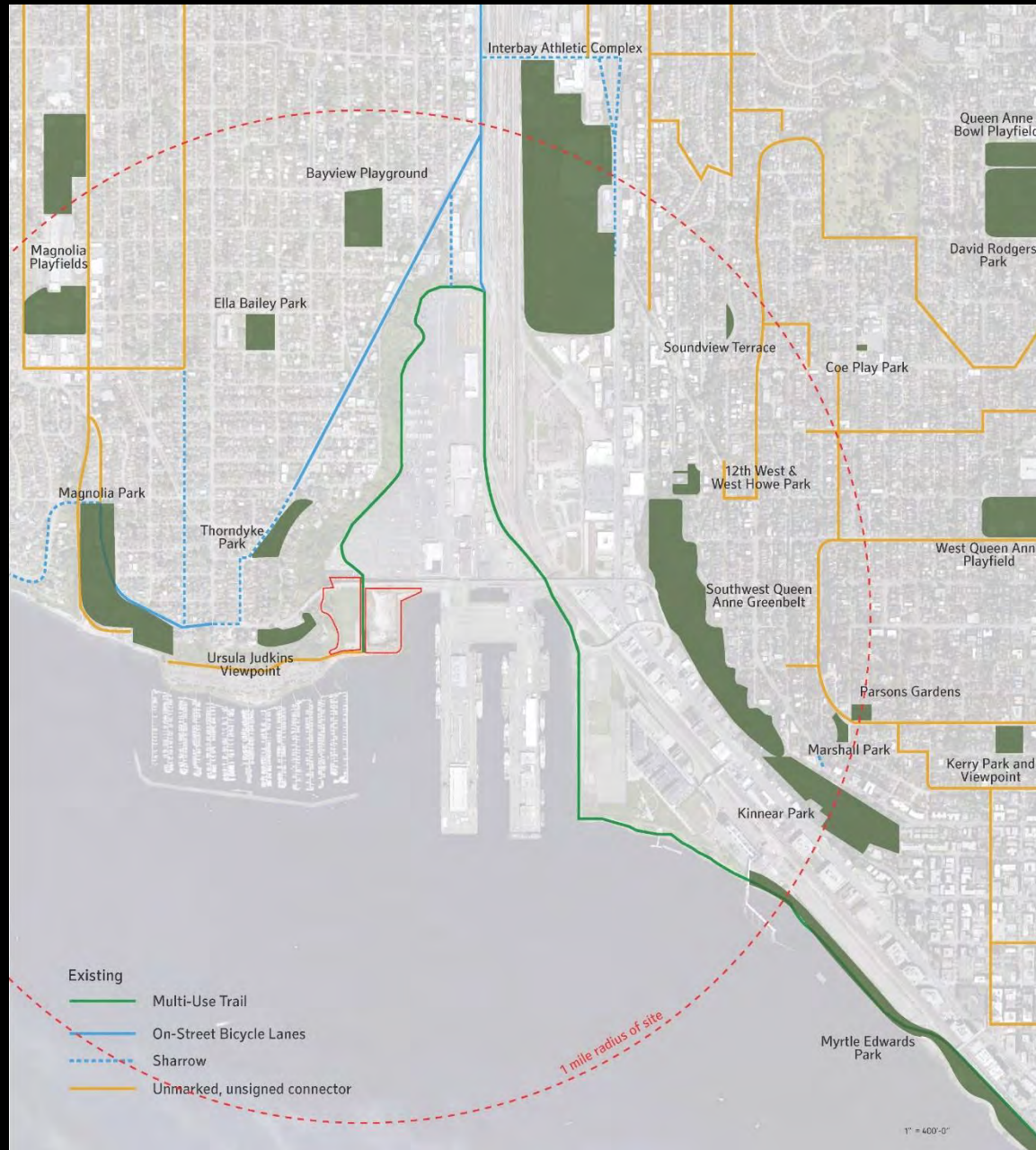
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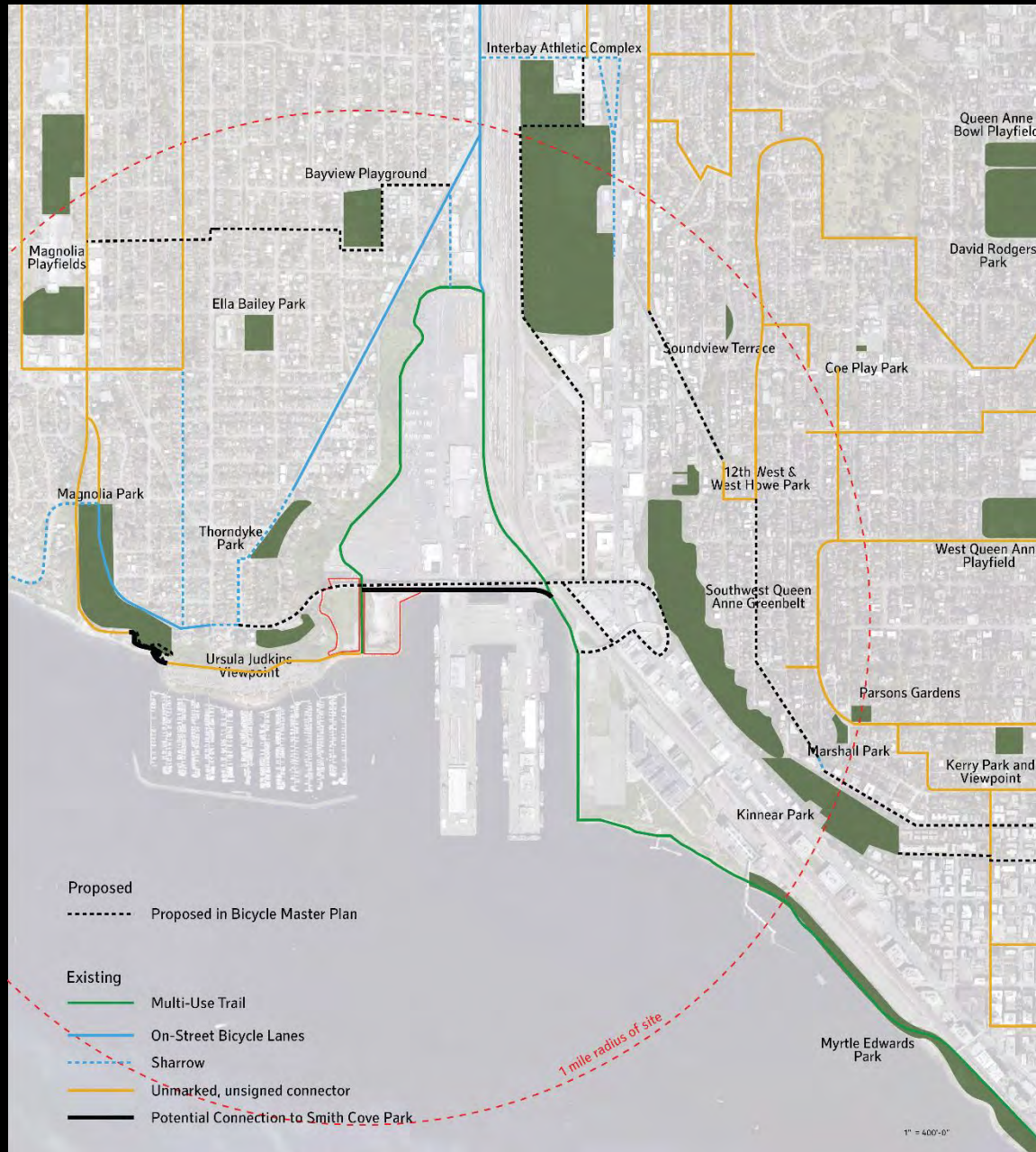
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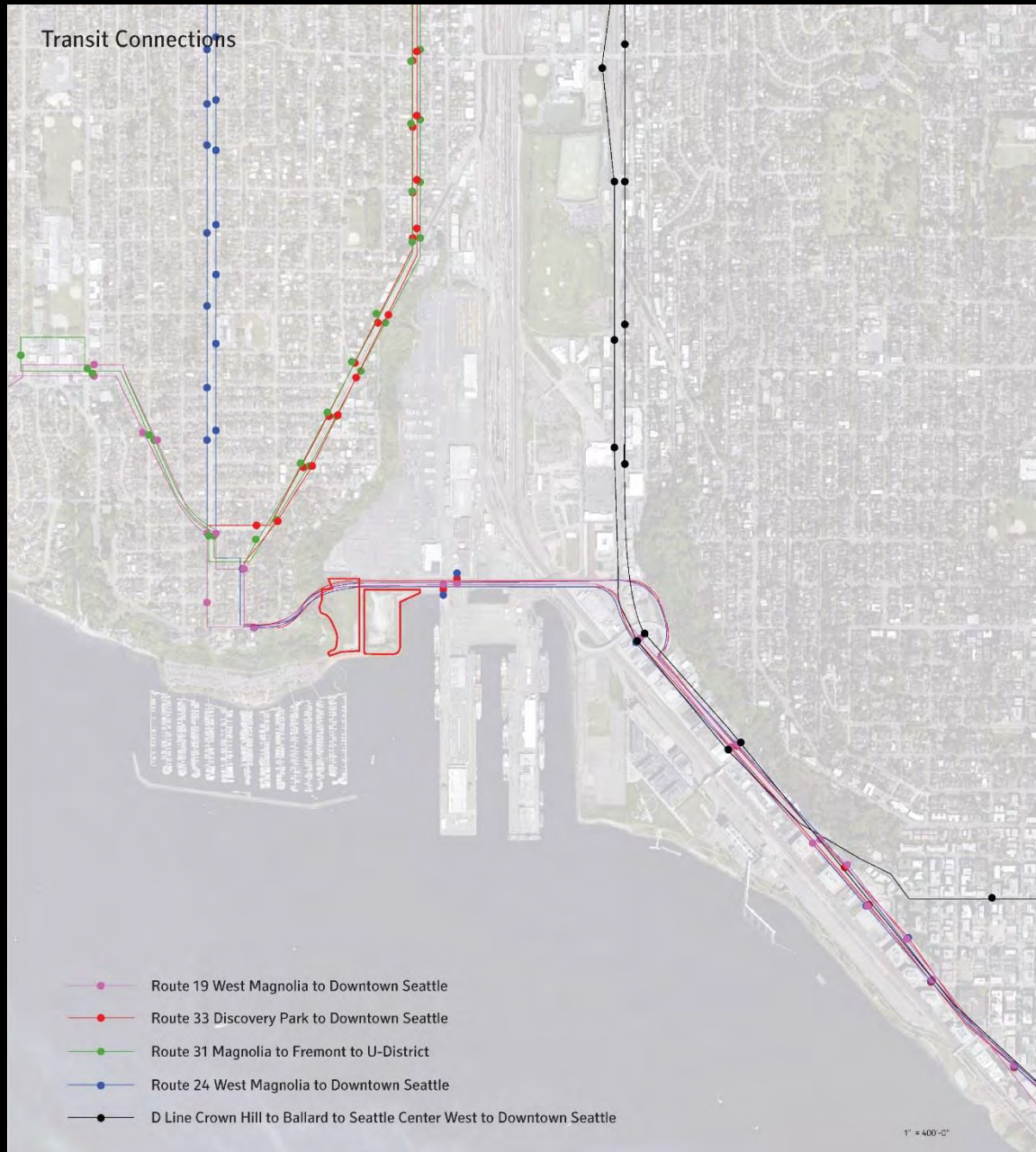
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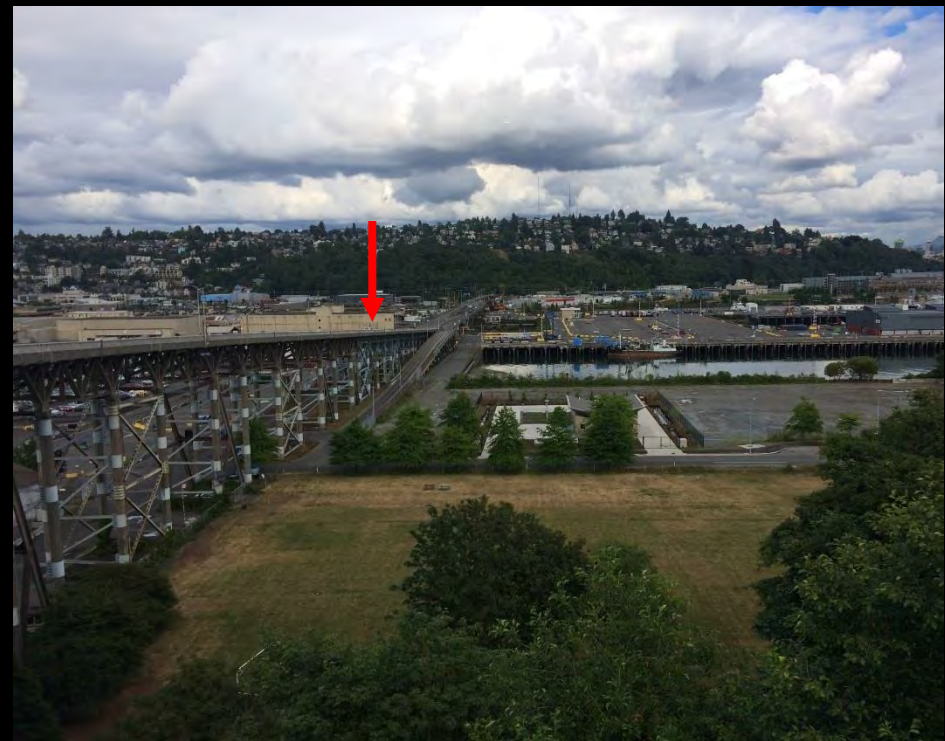


Proposed Trails and Parks



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Process To-Date

Friends of Smith Cove Park Concept and Program

By: The Berger Partnership



Summary of SDC Comments

Recommendations from October 1, 2015

- Provide bathroom facilities
- Ensure balance between active program and views
- Provide seating with views of the waterfront
- Provide easy access to the shoreline
- Provide car access and parking circulation
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle access
- Provide wayfinding to site
- Reduce or eliminate CSO fence
- Include native planting
- Study location of W 23rd Avenue

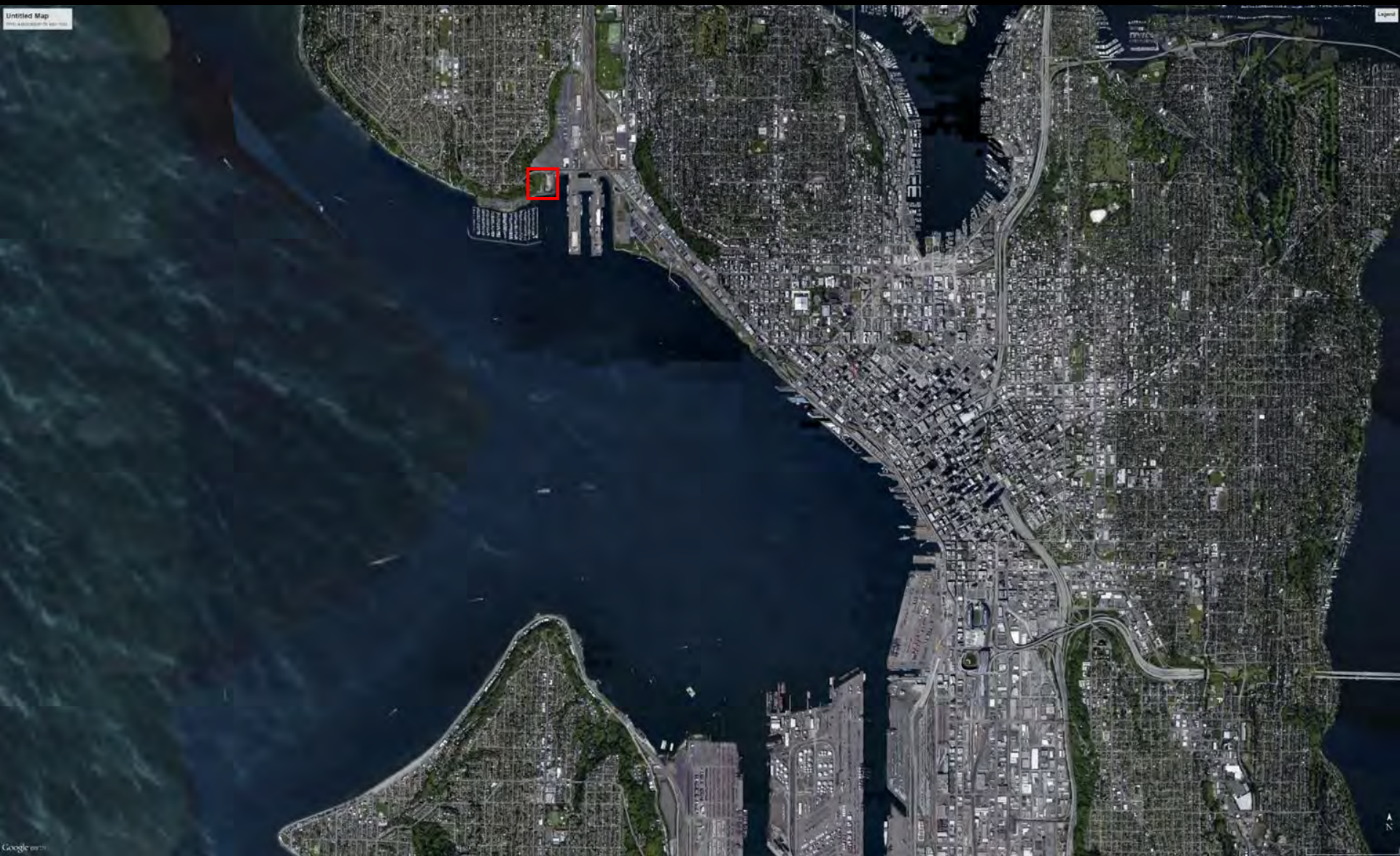
Current Project Construction Budget =
\$3.9 million

Project Size = 9.5 acres

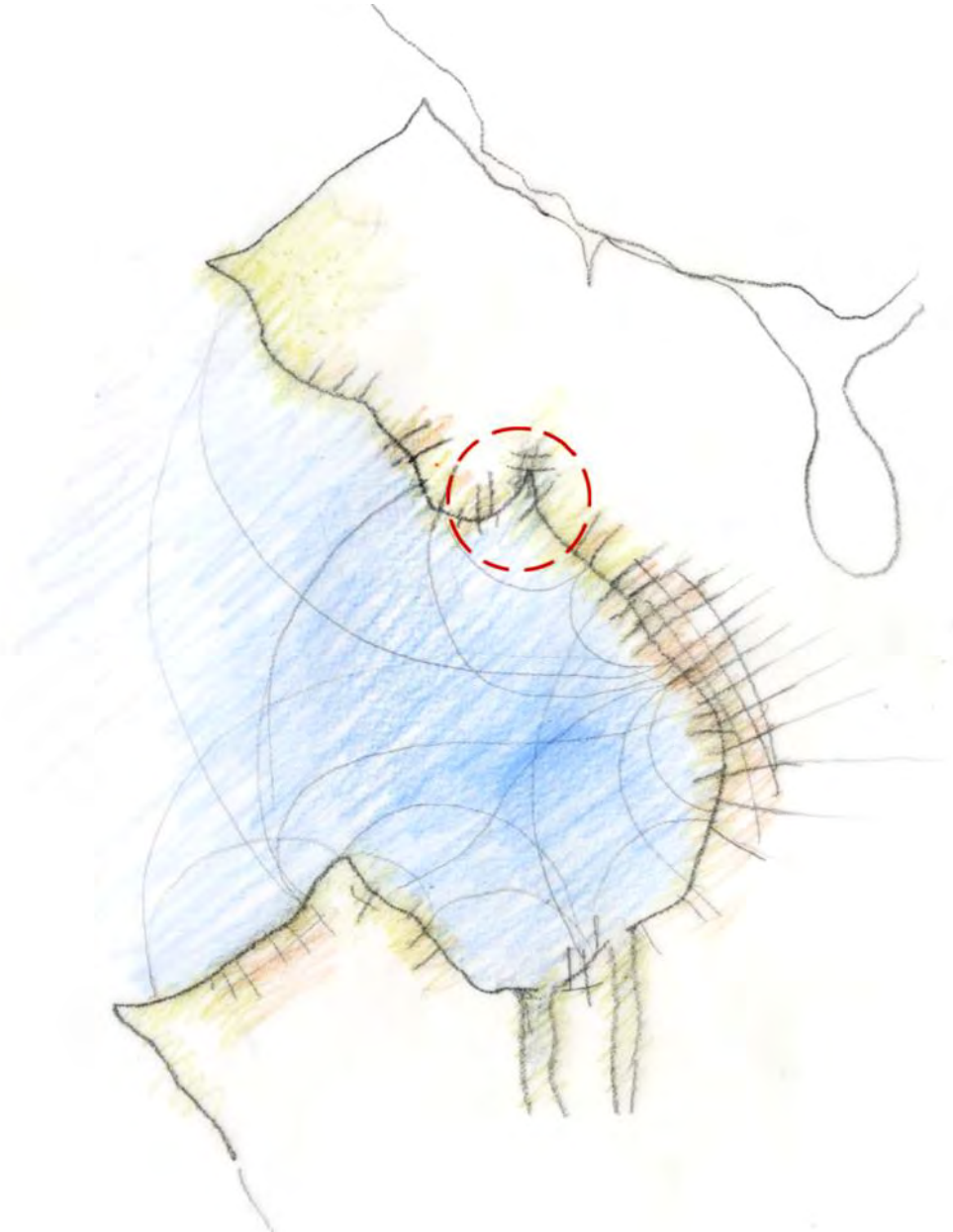
Park District Investment Initiatives: 4.6 Develop Smith Cove Park

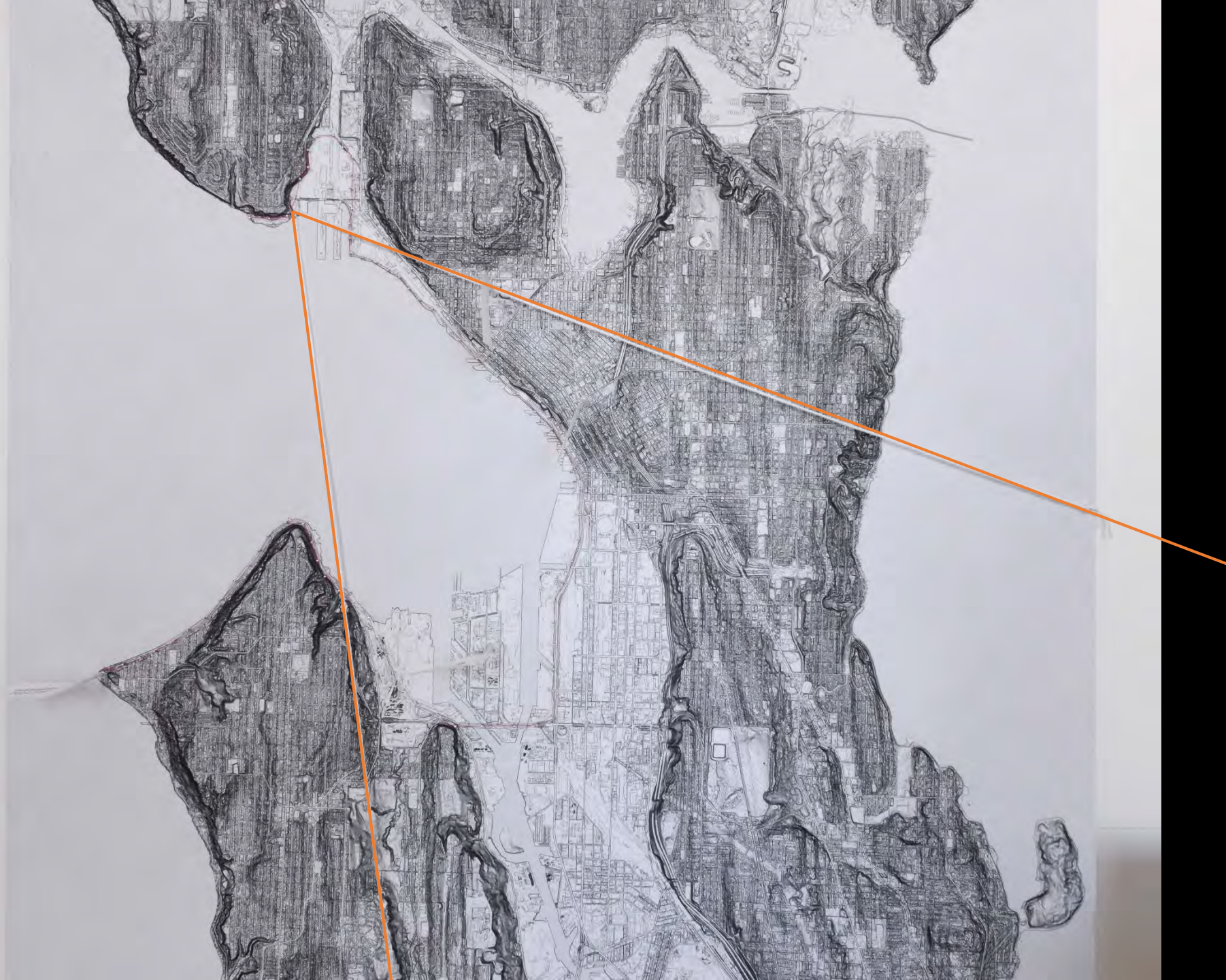
Improvements funded
through this initiative

- Initiative 4.6 funding is expected to provide for improvements to sports field drainage and irrigation, some amount of shoreline work, infrastructure, and very basic park development.
- Initiative 4.7 funds maintenance of the new park beginning in 2017



Elliott Bay as our Central Park







DOWNTOWN
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SPACE
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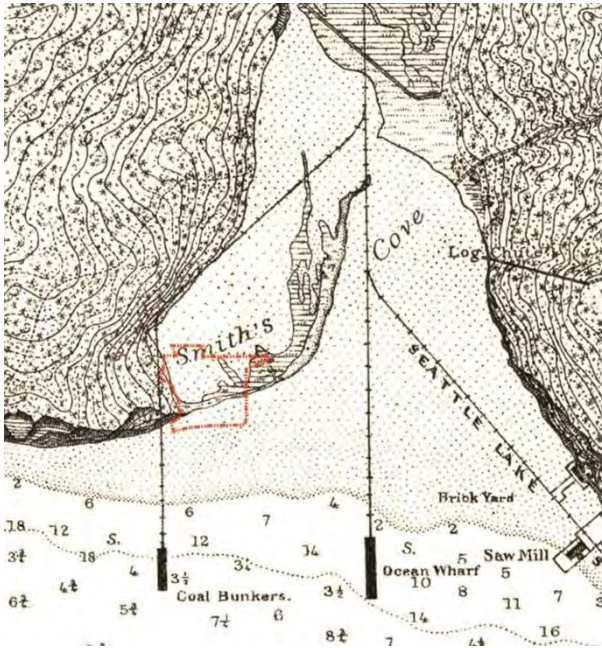
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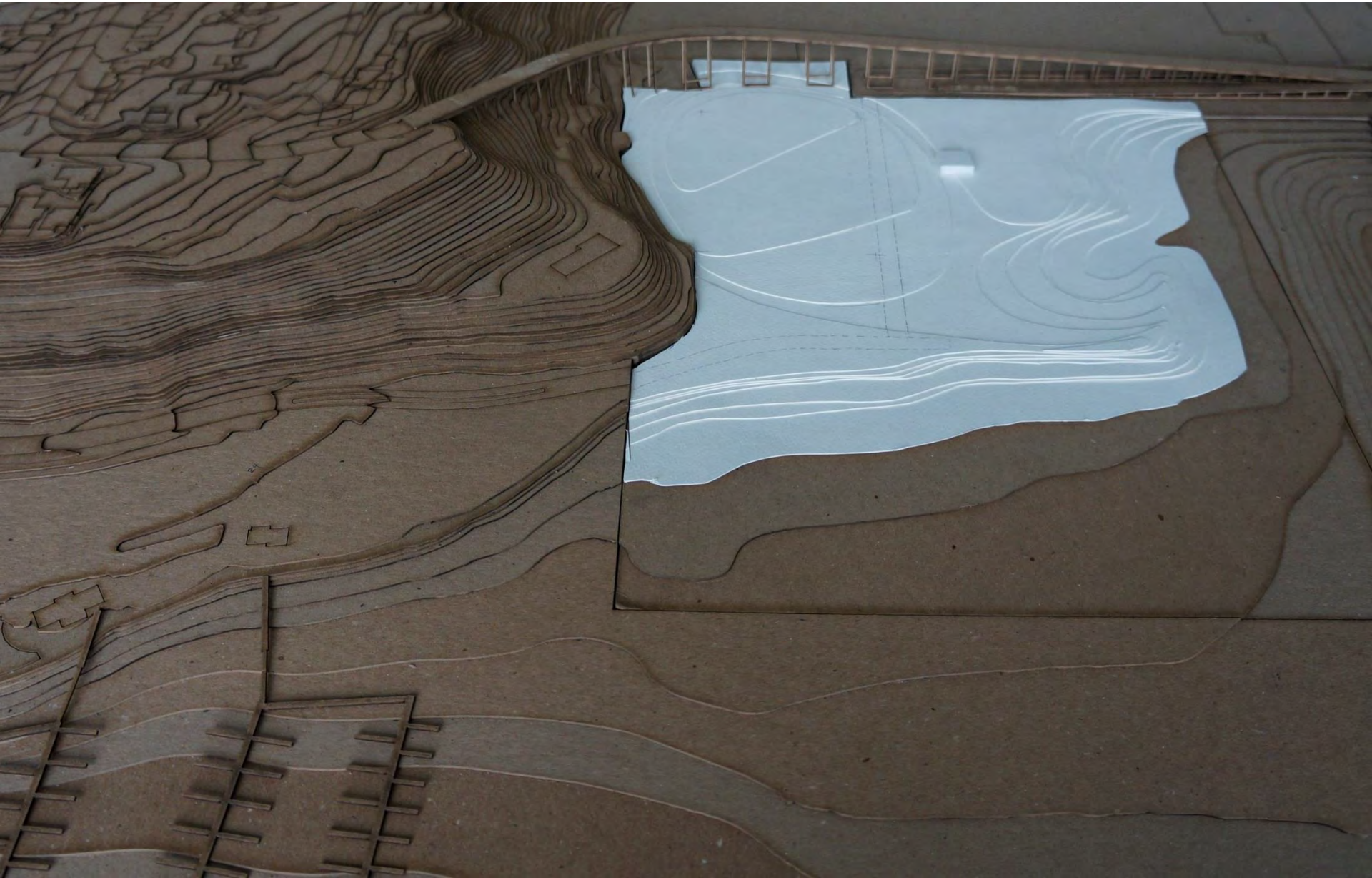
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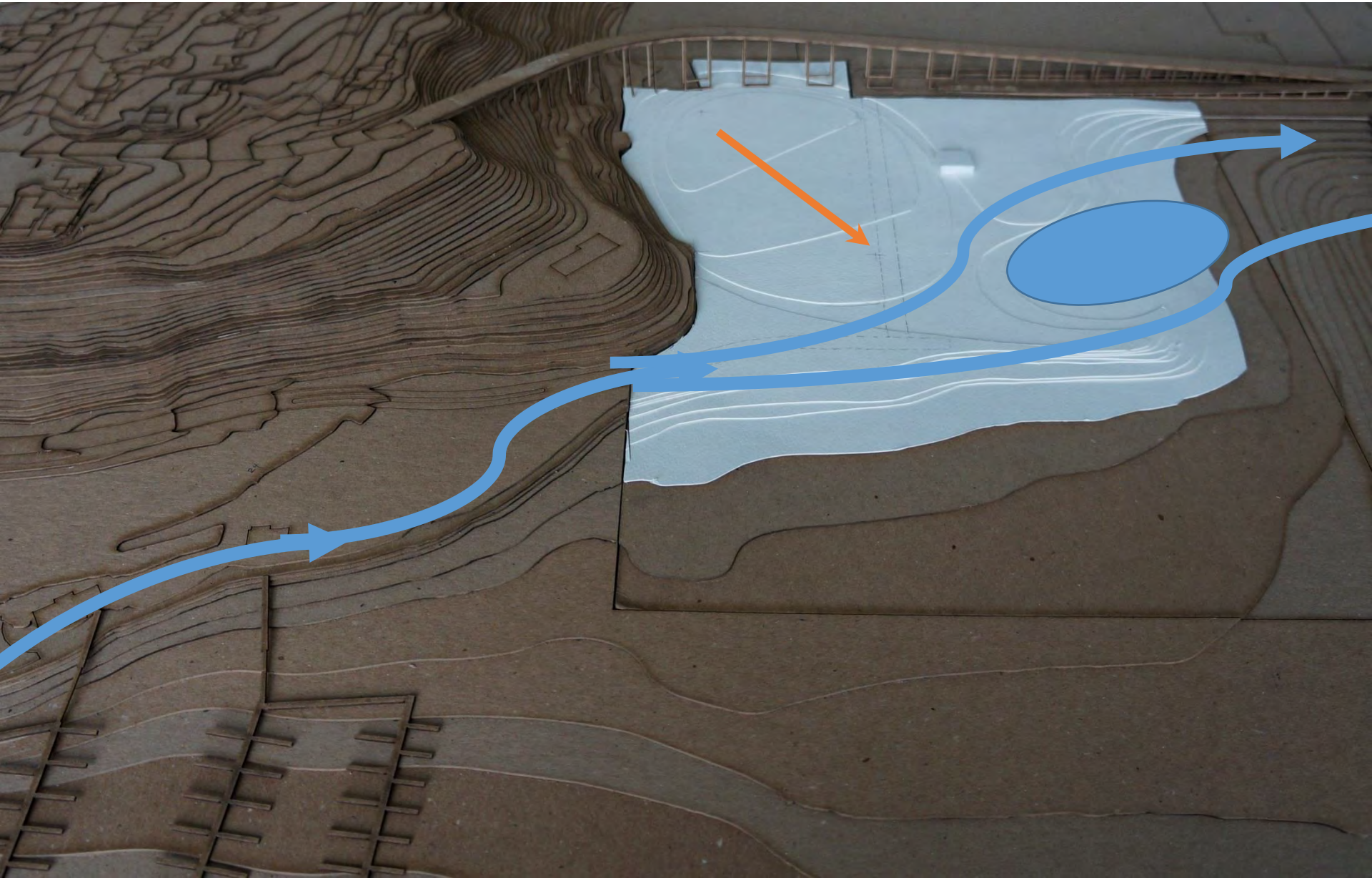


James Everett Stuart, 1889









Estimated Construction Costs: Total Vision = \$29 to \$15 million

The Shell Cove



The Meadow Hill



October 6, 2016 Public Meeting



Public Feedback

October 6, 2016

- Off Leash Area Location and Size
- Distribution of Cost (Land Shaping Not a Priority)
- Increased Program on the East Parcel
- Restroom Not a Priority
- Shoreline Access is key
- Baseball, Volleyball, and Youth Soccer are key

Issue: Site has 2 halves



Rigid divisions and hard edges



Re-orient site geometry



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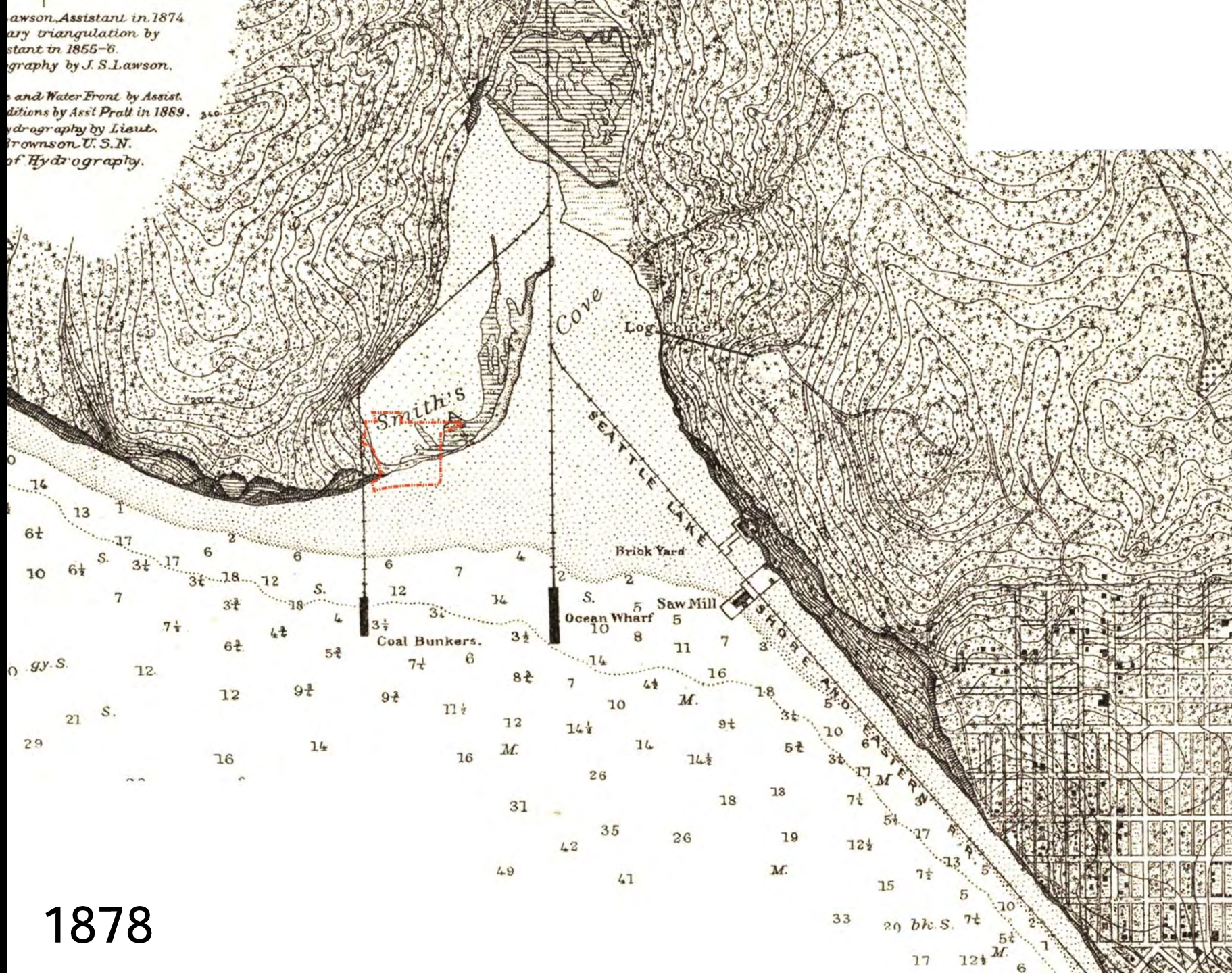


Vision Plan



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\$3.9 Million Plan Program

- Youth soccer
- Youth baseball
- Volleyball
- Playground
- Shoreline and kayak access
- Off Leash Area (Dog Park)
- Seating, Picnic Tables, Barbeque
- Space for Food Trucks
- Space for Concessions
(kayak rental, SUP rental, etc.)
- Restroom Include Utility Connections for
future restroom

\$3.9 Million Plan



Space for Food Trucks/Concessions

Utilities for Future Restroom

Kayak/Beach Access

Soccer/Lawn

Pump Track

Walking Trails

Playground

Sand Beach

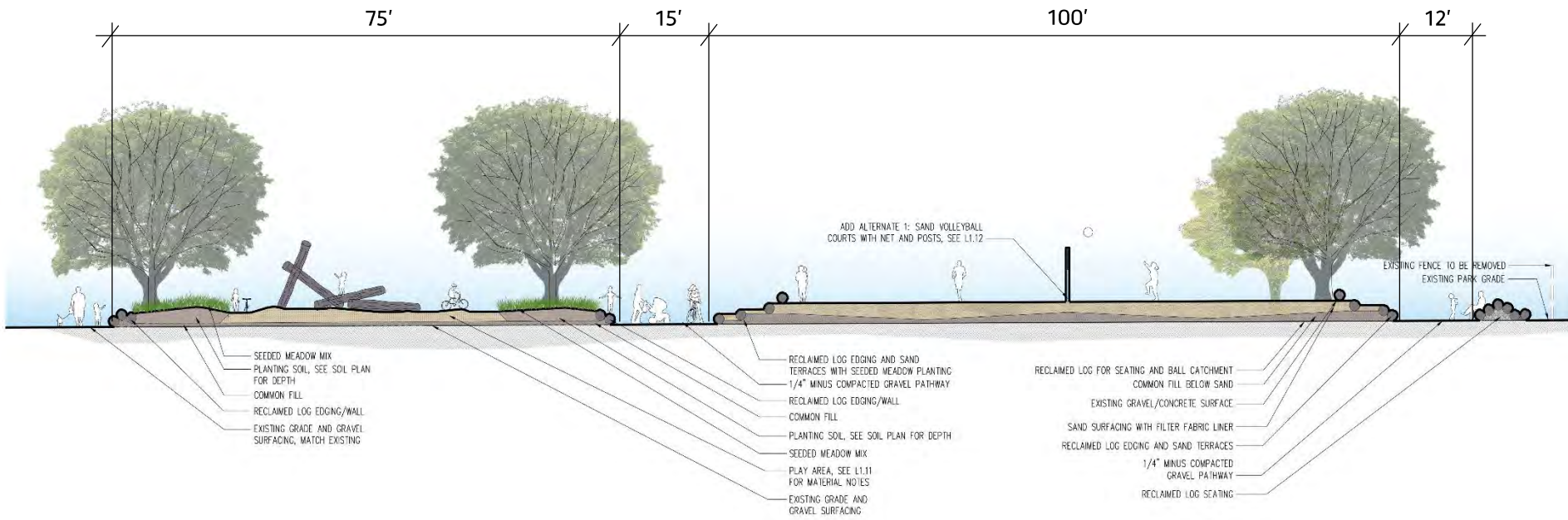




ELMA H. & FLO ON THE LOG - DAD POINTING



Our house on the beach







Vision Plan- Sand Bar



Kayak/Beach Access (ramp)

Playground

Volleyball (3 Courts)

Shoreline Beach

Beach Grove

Off-Leash Area

Vision Plan- Sand Bar



Beach Grove

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(ramp)

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\$3.9 Million Plan- Sand Bar



Kayak/Beach Access
(ramp)

Playground
(8,500 SF)

Sand Beach
(17,000 SF)

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ELLIOTT BAY TRAIL FAMILY BEACH

- south orientation
- Bay trail destination
- city + mountain views



All-weather
adirondack
chairs
+
shade
umbrellas

Elliott Bay Trail
destination











Improved Shoreline Access







10'



\$3.9 M Plan for Sand Bar includes:

- Parking and ADA improvements to provide access to shoreline
- Ramp to shoreline
- 8,000 SF play area with log structure
- 17,000 SF sand beach for volleyball, picnicking, seating and play
- Walking/jogging trails
- Painted crosswalk

Vision Plan- Grove



\$3.9 Million Plan- Grove



Walking Trails

Bioretention
(10,000 SF)

Pump Track
(10,000 SF)

Meadow
Planting

\$3.9 Million Plan- Grove



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\$3.9 M Plan for Grove includes:

- Shade tree canopy
- Native meadow planting
- 10,000 SF youth pump track
- 10,000 SF bioretention to meet Seattle Stormwater Code
- Walking/jogging trails

Vision Plan- Central Lawn

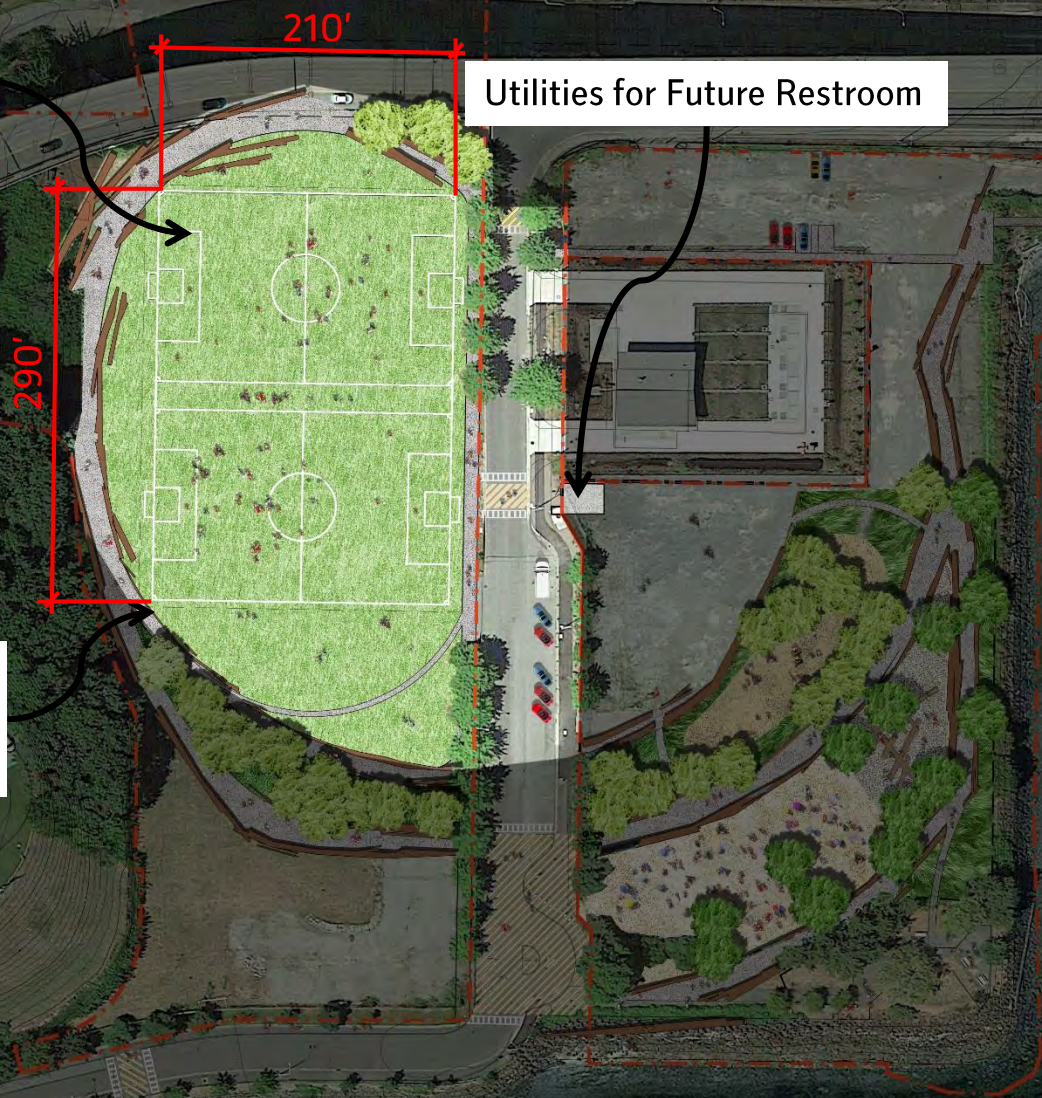


\$3.9 Million Plan- Central Lawn

Soccer/Lawn

Utilities for Future Restroom

Walking/
Running
Trail

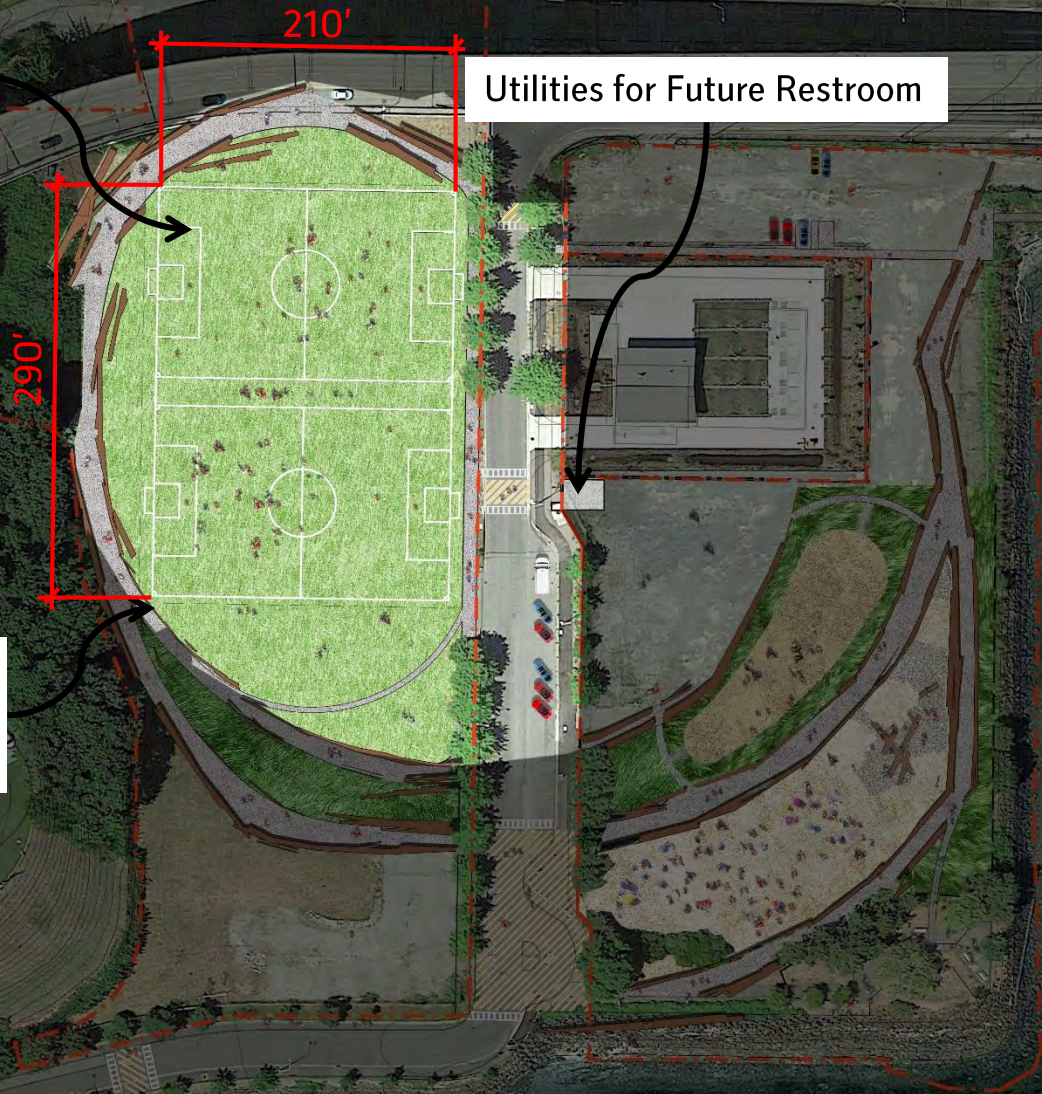


\$3.9 Million Plan- Central Lawn

Soccer/Lawn

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Walking/
Running
Trail











\$3.9 M Plan for Central Lawn includes:

- Natural turf field for youth soccer and all-purpose recreation
- Parking for food trucks
- Drinking fountain and utilities for future restroom
- 1/4 mile loop trail
- Painted crosswalks

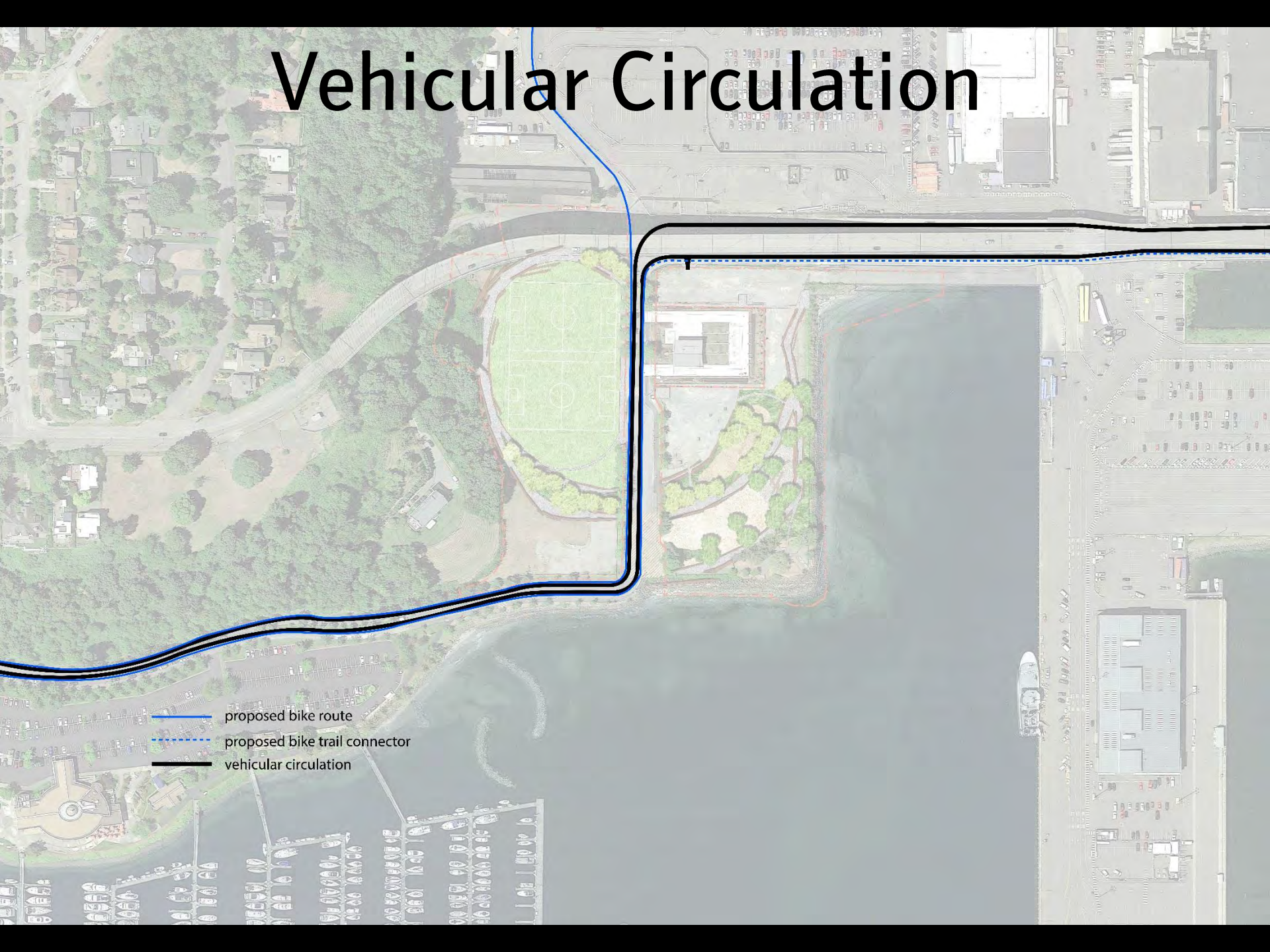
Proposed Bike Circulation



— proposed bike route

- - - proposed bike trail connector

Vehicular Circulation



- proposed bike route
- - - proposed bike trail connector
- vehicular circulation

Proposed Parking

existing parking lot:
appx 15 spaces

on-street parking:
appx 25 spaces

parking lot:
appx 40 spaces

diagonal parking
appx 15 spaces

proposed bike route

proposed bike trail connector

vehicular circulation

parking area

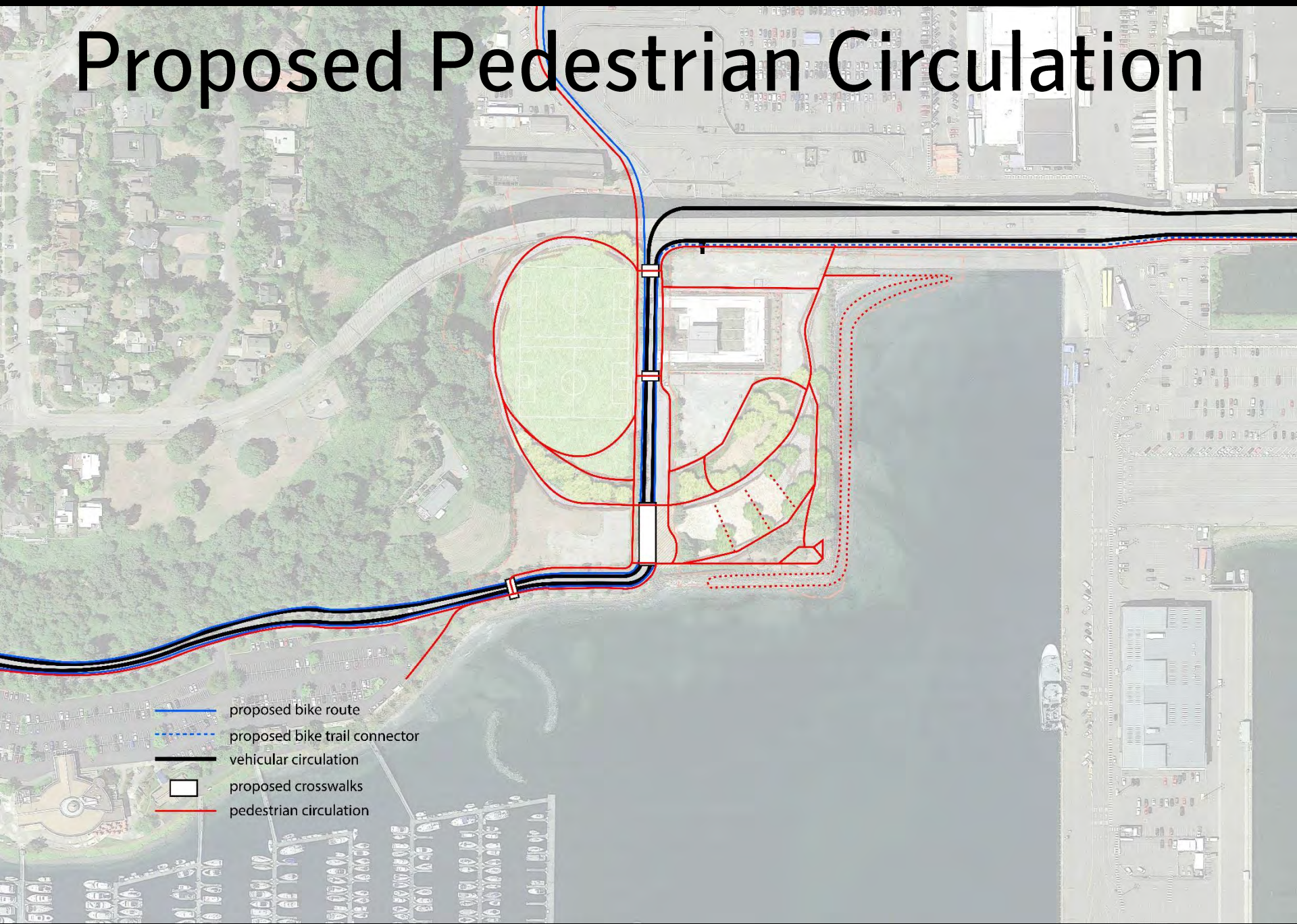


Proposed Crosswalks



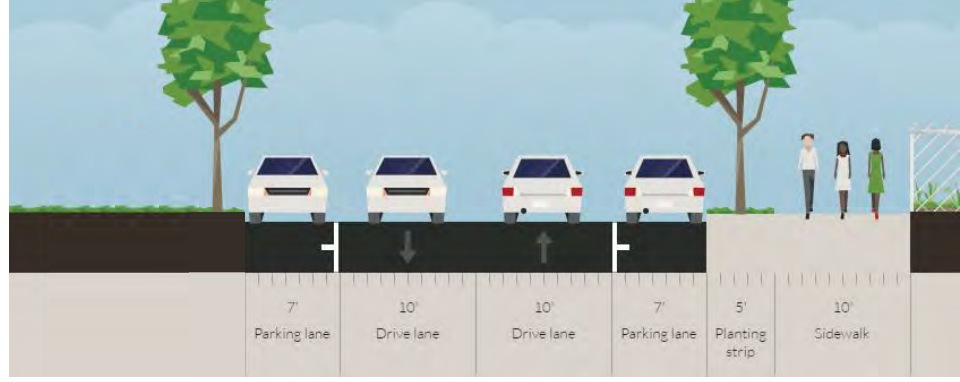
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- vehicular circulation
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Proposed Pedestrian Circulation



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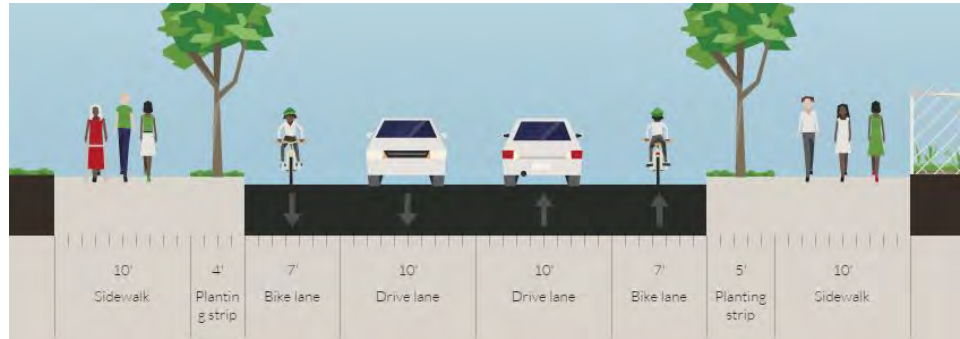
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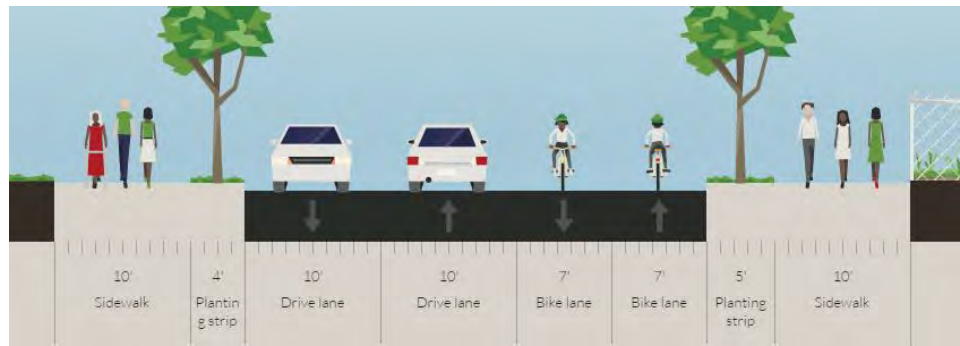
Sharrows



Bike Lanes



Two-Way Bike Lane



SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION PEOPLE, DOGS & PARKS PLAN

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2016



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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Faced with limited resources, SPR recommends using the Seattle Park District funding to improve existing OLAs. SPR is also proposing several processes for the gradual addition of new OLAs. These are described below.

ADDING NEW OLAS

For each proposed OLA, except those involving private developers, SPR will convene a committee including dog advocates, environmental advocates, a veterinarian or animal behaviorist, community members, and SPR staff to recommend to the Superintendent whether the proposed OLA should move forward.

- 1 Adding OLAs through **new park/redevelopment processes**. SPR will specifically include OLAs as an element for consideration in the planning process when SPR embarks on the development or redevelopment process for new and existing parks, along with any other suggested use that arises during the process.
- 2 As SPR develops **land-banked park sites**, SPR will examine their use for new OLAs as part of the park development process.
- 3 **SPR will continue to consider adding new OLAs by request of the community**, whether through Neighborhood Matching Fund processes or other community processes.
- 4 **Support groups such as COLA in developing OLAs on non-park public land** suitable for OLAs, by convening the committee described above and assisting with design.
- 5 **Encourage groups like COLA to work with private property owners** to provide OLAs on unused property.
- 6 **Encourage private developers**, through the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection, to include OLAs as part of prospective developments.

There will still remain the issue of development costs for any of these alternatives, but those can be addressed on a case-by-case basis. SPR developed a cost estimate for development of a one-acre OLA as anticipated by SPR development standards, the desire of OLA patrons as described in focus groups and surveys conducted for this plan, and best practices for healthy environments for dogs. This planning estimate unit cost, estimated at \$950,000 per one-acre OLA, can be a starting point for planning (see [Appendix 10](#)). Obviously a multi-acre OLA would not cost a multiple of this amount because there would be economies of scale. Magnolia Manor, the most recently developed OLA, is one-third acre in size and cost \$472,000. Other issues and recommendations are described below. SPR recommends a path forward that, while not meeting all of the needs/demands of OLA advocates, still provides a way to make measured progress toward adding new OLAs while addressing the multiple major maintenance needs at SPR's current facilities and operating within existing resources.

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UNFENCED OFF-LEASH AREA RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7 Based on the potential for conflict between leashed and unleashed dogs and between dogs and other park activities, limited enforcement resources, and feedback from other jurisdictions, **SPR recommends continuing to offer fenced OLAs only.**
- 8 Based on the potential for conflict between leashed and unleashed dogs and between dogs and other trail users, the associated need for more maintenance and enforcement and the potential for disturbing animal and bird habitat, **SPR does not recommend designated leash-optional trails.**
- 9 Based on the protection of many of Seattle's beaches by the Marine Reserves Rule and the potential for disturbing animal, marine and bird habitat, **SPR recommends against establishing any more OLAs with beach access.**

RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE OFF-LEASH AREA CONDITIONS AND THE USER EXPERIENCE

- 10 SPR will use the new Seattle Park District funds to improve existing OLAs based on the facility assessment (see [Appendix Z](#)).
- 11 SPR will explore potential partnerships and sponsorships.
- 12 SPR recommends dog walkers be required to obtain a business license from the City of Seattle and a \$100 dog walker license from FAS. From the time of enactment of this requirement, for a duration of two years, dog walkers will be allowed to bring up to 10 licensed dogs

(unlicensed dogs are NOT allowed in off-leash areas) and to walk 10 licensed dogs on leash in Seattle's parks, except for those areas designated as non-dog areas. At the conclusion of the two-year period, dog walkers who have obtained the three-course [certification in animal behavior](#) from the University of Washington, or another equivalent program as authorized by the Superintendent, will be allowed to continue to walk up to 10 licensed dogs. Dog walkers who have not obtained the certificate will be limited to three licensed dogs, although animal behaviorists recommended limiting uncertified dog walkers to three dogs. Once they have received certification, they can increase the number of licensed dogs they walk to 10.

- 13 As a deterrent to off-leash activity, SPR recommends working with Seattle Animal Shelter to identify repeat violators of leash laws and to consider raising fines for repeat violators.

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Potential OLA Locations



0.4 acre

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0.5 acre

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Off-Leash Area

3 Volleyball Courts

Softened shoreline

