

# MY BECK

REIMAGINING BECK PARK

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH | NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING #2**

1-3PM | ETHS TEAMS TRANSITION HOUSE | 1742 LEMAR AVE.

# MEET THE TEAM

*Together, Let's Reimagine Beck Park*

# YOU!



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
STAKEHOLDERS**

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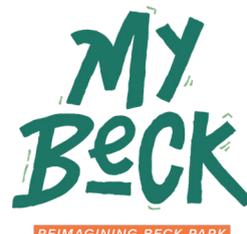
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# MKSK

**All  
Together.**

**BHH** Brian H. Hurd



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**LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!**

**PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Your name**
- **Did you attend the 1st Neighborhood Meeting?**
- **What were your key takeaways from the 1st Meeting?**



# PROJECT PROCESS

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Beck Park Expansion: Project Timeline

2022-2023

2024 and beyond

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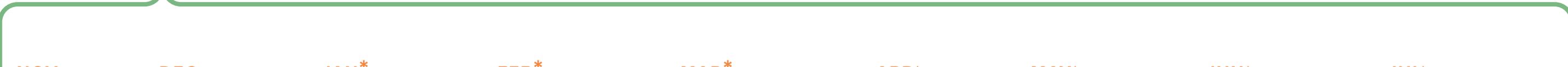
**PHASE 1**  
Site Evaluation  
Concept Design  
Public Engagement



**PHASE 2**  
Site Investigation  
Construction Documents



**PHASE 3**  
Permitting & Bidding  
Construction



**TASK 1: SITE EVALUATION**

**TASK 2: CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

NOV DEC JAN\*  
Neighborhood Meeting #01:  
Park Amenity Preferences  
11/29/22

MAR\*  
Neighborhood Meeting #02:  
Review Initial Concept Designs  
↑  
TODAY!

MAY\*  
Neighborhood Meeting #03:  
Review Refined Concept Designs

JUN\* JUL\*  
Neighborhood Meeting #04:  
Final Concept Design

\*-Targetted dates are not fixed and may shift during the project duration



# SITE ANALYSIS

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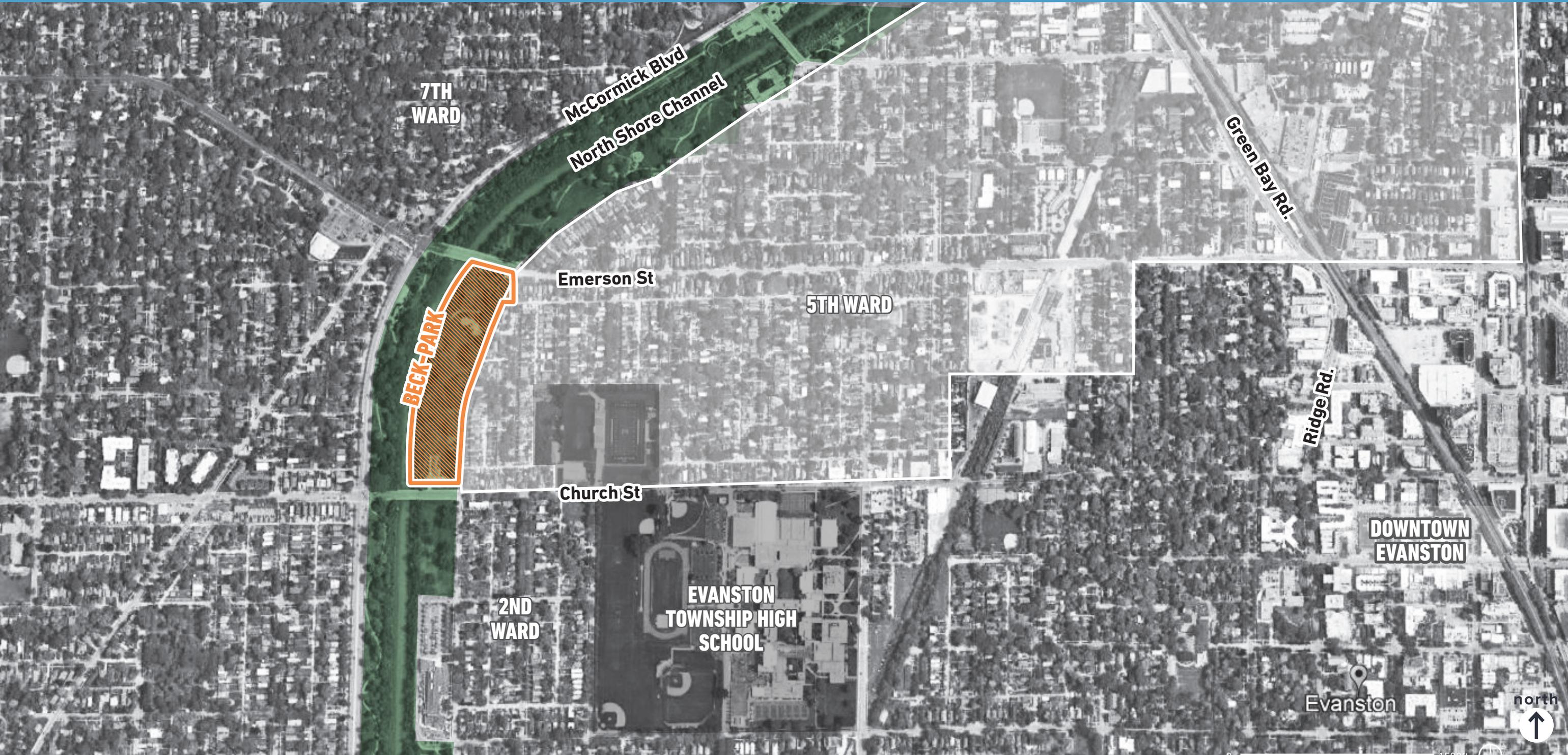
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# SITE ANALYSIS

Context Map & Existing Conditions



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7TH WARD

McCormick Blvd  
North Shore Channel

BECK-PARK

Emerson St

5TH WARD

Church St

2ND WARD

EVANSTON  
TOWNSHIP HIGH  
SCHOOL

Green Bay Rd.

Ridge Rd.

DOWNTOWN  
EVANSTON

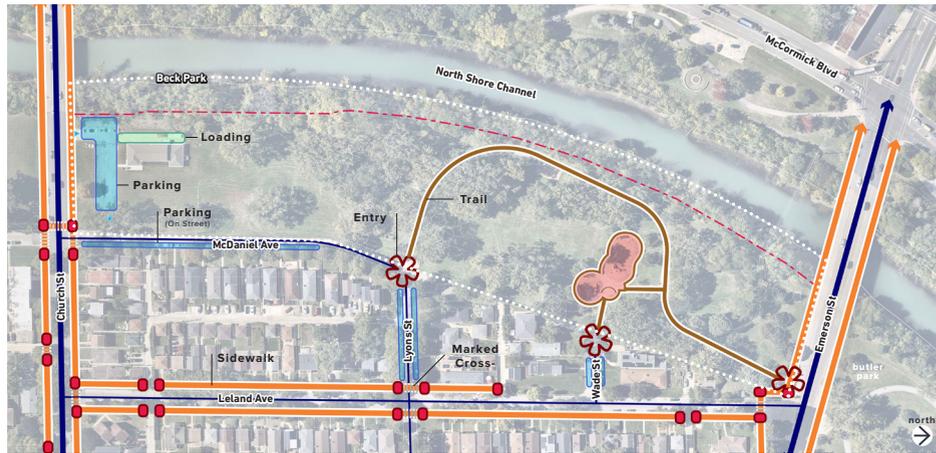
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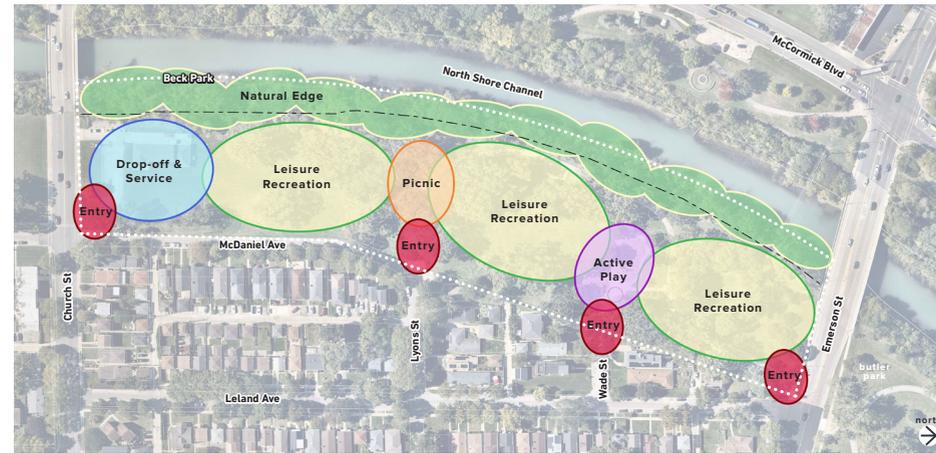
# SITE ANALYSIS

Consider What's Existing

## EXISTING ACCESS/CIRCULATION



## EXISTING SITE PROGRAM



## EXISTING TREE VEGETATION

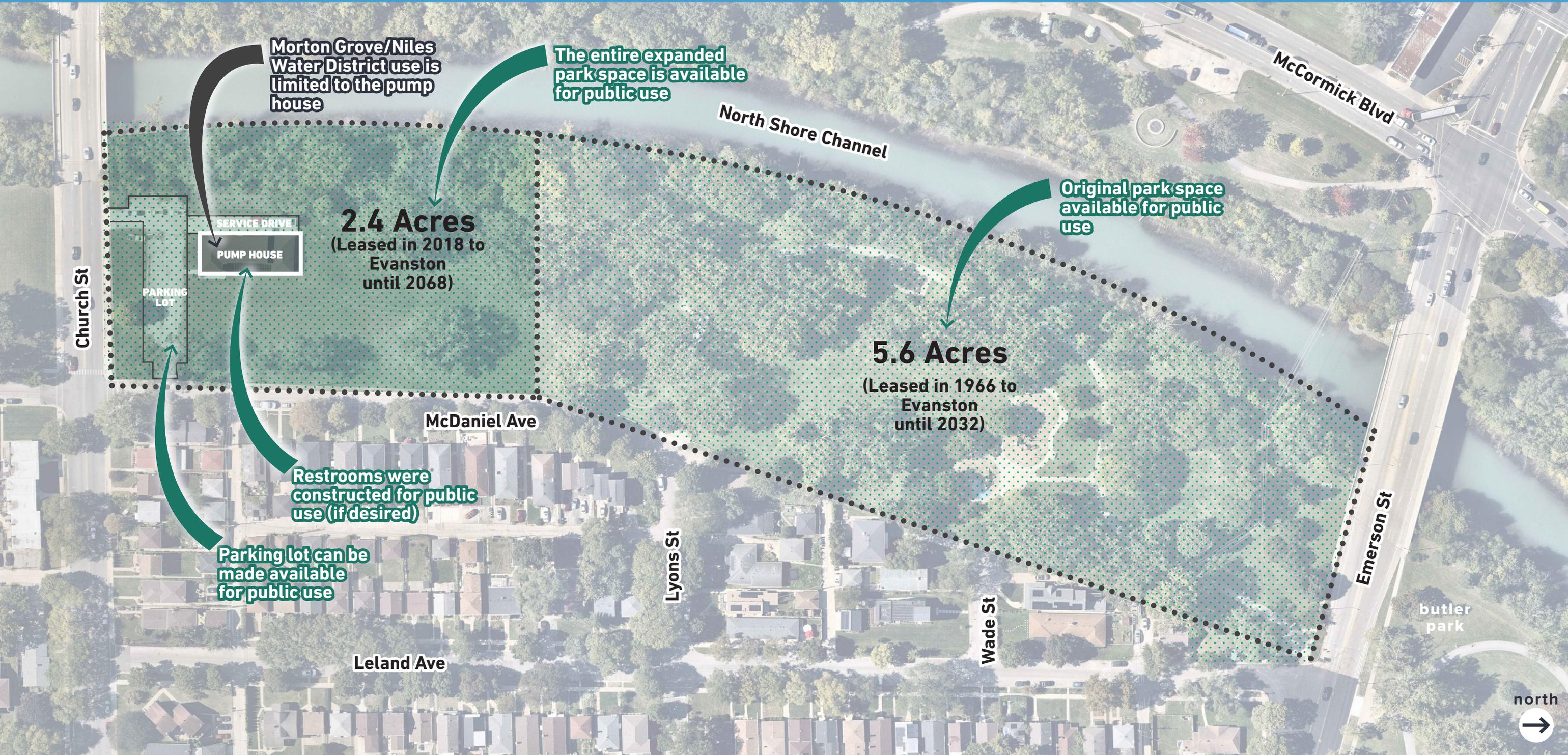


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Site Use



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Morton Grove/Niles Water District use is limited to the pump house

The entire expanded park space is available for public use

Original park space available for public use

**2.4 Acres**  
(Leased in 2018 to Evanston until 2068)

**5.6 Acres**  
(Leased in 1966 to Evanston until 2032)

Restrooms were constructed for public use (if desired)

Parking lot can be made available for public use

Church St

SERVICE DRIVE

PUMP HOUSE

PARKING LOT

North Shore Channel

McCormick Blvd

McDaniel Ave

Lyons St

Wade St

Emerson St

Leland Ave

butler park

north





# NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMARY

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Neighborhood Meeting #01 - ETHS Transition House, Thursday, November 29th, 6pm-8pm



**35 Years in the Area**

Living on Leland since 1960

**Indigenous to Evanston**

Living on Wade, Right on the Park

**26 years in Evanston**

Generational home off of Leland since 1948

**Calling Evanston home for 65 years**

**Became a senior citizen in Evanston**

Home on Emerson & Lamar for 4 years

**Born and raised in Evanston**

# BREAKOUT EXERCISE FEEDBACK

Exercise #01 - Current Access Experience + Journey to and through Beck

- Most neighbors **walk** to access the site by the main streets or surrounding alleyways.



Aerial Map of Beck Park and surrounding area

## SAFETY + ACCESSIBILITY

- Safer crossing at Emerson Street (north to south)
- Additional sidewalks + paths to travel
- Increase walkability along McDaniel Avenue + Lyons Street
- Improve ADA accessibility
- Learning + Play spaces
- Addition of a walking bridge over the Channel (east to west)

## MAINTENANCE + INFRASTRUCTURE

- Tasteful lighting / Not cool LED (not invasive to birds + neighbors)
- Introduce different path types
- Improve fence along channel (western site boundary)
- Drainage infrastructure solutions

## CHARACTER + FEEL

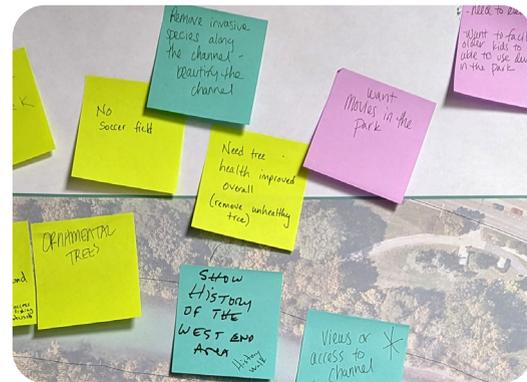
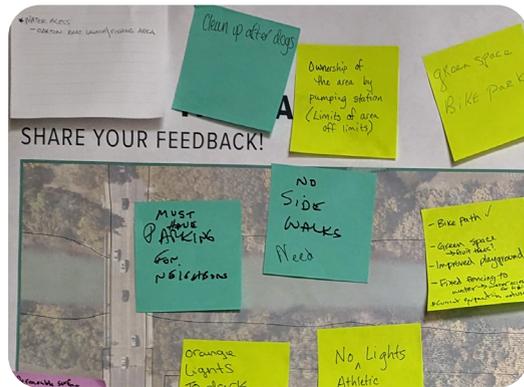
- Naturalistic with ample green space
- Protect wildlife (deer, coyotes, birds)
- Plant ornamental trees

## AMENITIES + LEISURE

- Quality bike paths
- Dog play area + waste stations
- Fishing point/access along the channel
- Nature-based play equipment

# BREAKOUT EXERCISE FEEDBACK

Exercise #02 - Conversation on “What Is There” + “What Could Be”



Aerial Map of Beck Park with Community Comments (zoom in)

## AMENITIES + LEISURE

- Bike Paths
- Birdwatching
- Boat Launch
- Fishing
- Movies in the park
- Accessible public restrooms
- Learning + Play spaces
- West End area history walk
- Pet waste station
- Roller skating area

## SAFETY + ACCESSIBILITY

- Improved crosswalk safety
- Must have accessible parking for neighbors + park visitors
- Better sidewalks along McDaniel Ave. to access park
- Additional internalized paths
- Access to free Wi-Fi + electricity

## CHARACTER + FEEL

- No athletic lights or fields
- Bike-friendly elements
- Green space with fruit trees
- Plant ornamental trees
- Views or access to channel

## MAINTENANCE + INFRASTRUCTURE

- Bright lighting
- Tree health/ Invasive Species
- Plow streets + trails to access park year-round
- Mechanical equipment fence/screening for safety
- Drainage infrastructure solutions
- Quality Bike Paths

# BREAKOUT EXERCISE FEEDBACK

Exercise #03 - Visioning with the Beck Park Ideas Sheet



“Improve bike and stroller paths”

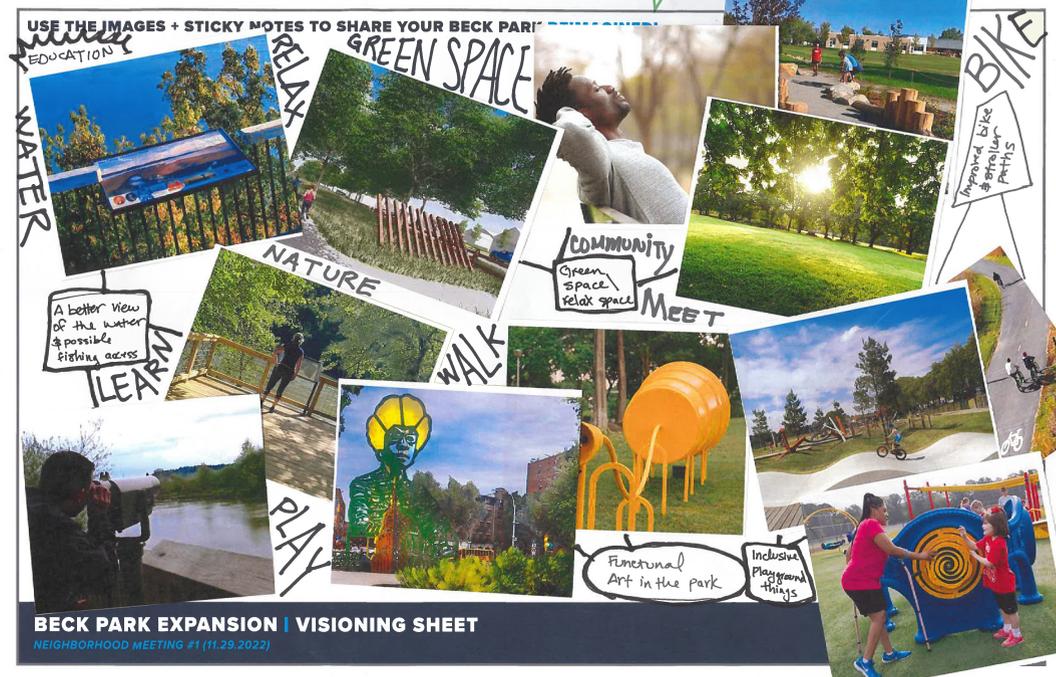
“Natural or green materials in natural play spaces”

“Build on the picnics and family activities”

“A better view of the water + fishing access”

“Open green space is key!”

“Functional art in the park!”



“Play spaces for ALL ages of children”

NATURAL SPACES

CONNECTION TO CHANNEL + NATURE

NATURE-BASED PLAY SPACES

# BREAKOUT EXERCISE FEEDBACK

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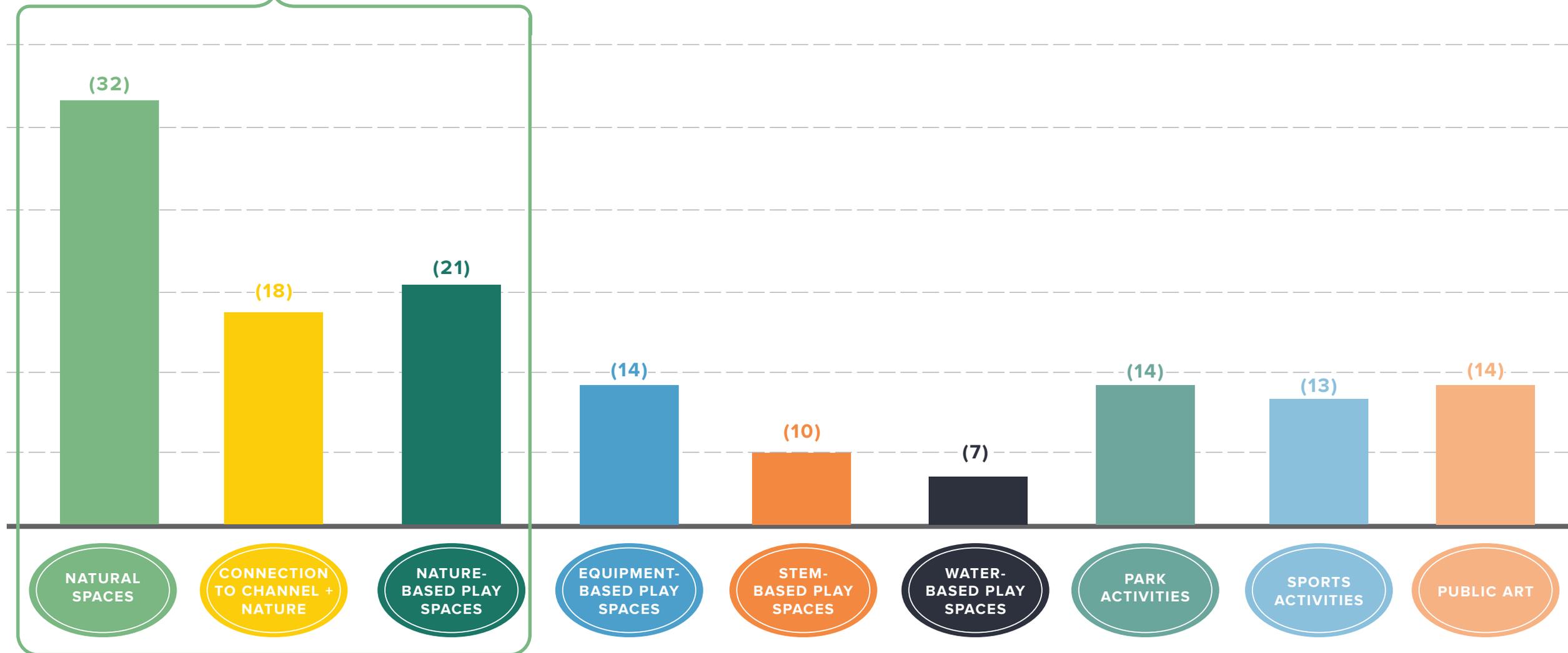
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Exercise #03 - Visioning with the Beck Park Ideas Sheet



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Channel/Nature Connection



Channel/Nature Connection



Play Spaces (Nature-based)



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Play Spaces (Nature-based)



Play Spaces (Nature-based)



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Park Activities



Park Activities



Park Activities



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Natural Spaces



Play Spaces (Equipment-based)



Public Art

# PARK DESIGN CONCEPTS

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# CONCEPT A

Traditional Solitude



NORTH

# CONCEPT A

*Traditional Solitude*



**SECTION THROUGH CHANNEL - UPPER LEVEL OVERLOOK**



**IMPROVED BIKE PATH**



**SIDEWALK ALONG MCDANIEL**



**UPPER-LEVEL OVERLOOK**



**PLENTY OF NEW SEATING**



**WILDFLOWER GARDENS**



**FRUITING TREES**



**TRADITIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT**



**RECREATIONAL FIELD**



**PICNIC AREAS**

# CONCEPT B

Naturalistic Storytelling



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Naturalistic Storytelling



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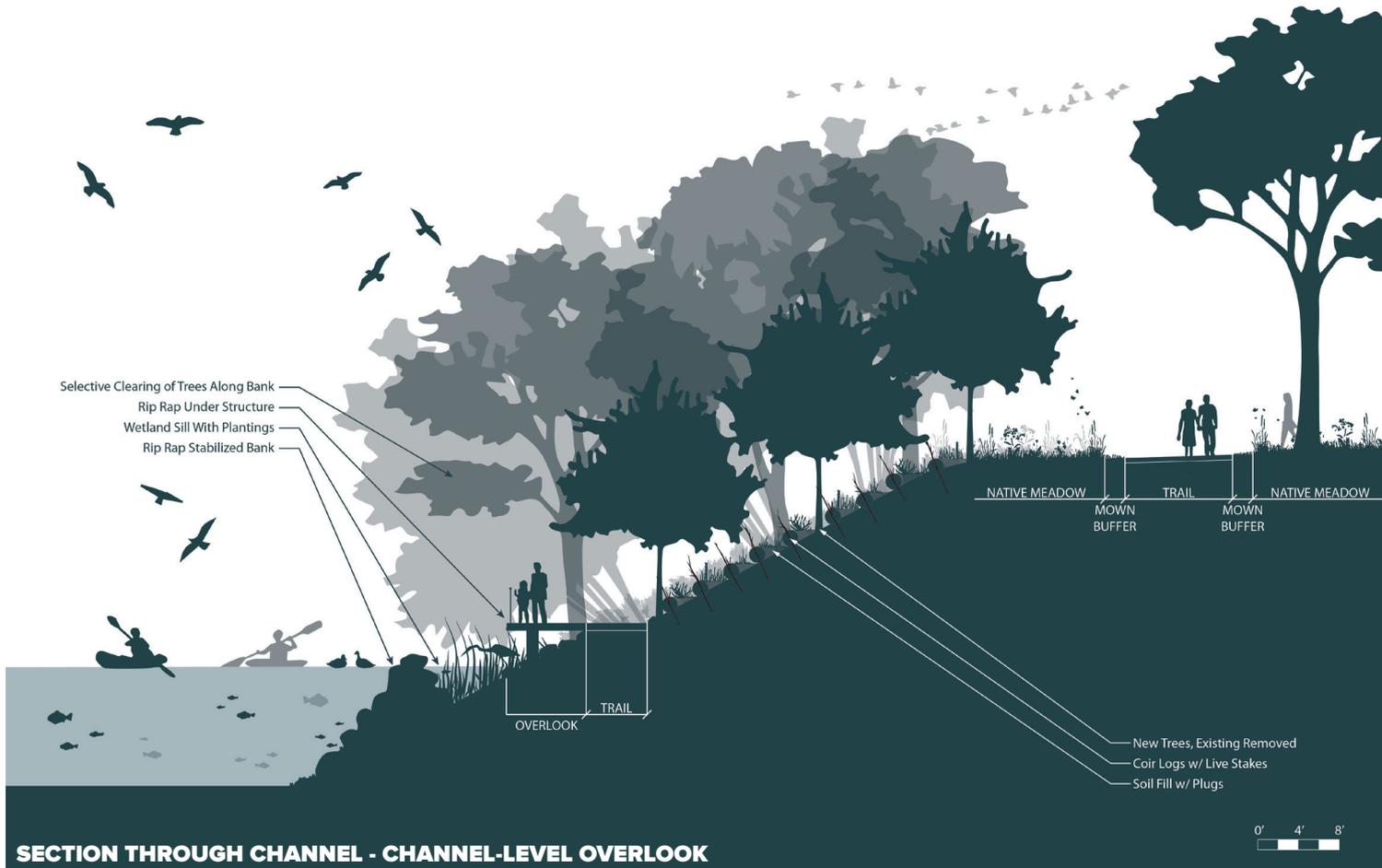
# CONCEPT C

Active Attraction



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# QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

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