

CONCEPT 4 - PHASE ONE

A DESTINATION FOR PLAYING, ENTERTAINMENT & RELAXATION

The public participation process revealed a community preference for the option prepared by Group #2 of the Steering Committee with the following adjustments:

- Preserve existing boat launch and trailer parking until a relocation plan is developed;
- Delete day docks adjacent to pier to minimize infringement of wildlife habitat;
- Move kayak/canoe launch adjacent to main parking area;
- Scale down boardwalk system in mangrove preserve;
- Limit concrete sidewalks to main pathways, and;
- Any future building should be constructed as a standalone project once the parameters of the project are fully defined and determined acceptable to the community.

With that feedback in mind, what is essentially proposed is an interconnected green belt park that showcases the natural beauty of the waterfront. A generous beach, an interconnected system of multi-use trails and boardwalks along the bay frontage, as well as other supportive passive park amenities provide a variety of desirable opportunities for unstructured play, rest and contemplation distinct from intensive recreation found in other city parks. The heart of the park provides a venue for bringing the community together for special events such as musical performances, movies, art exhibitions and firework shows. The shoreline remains mostly in a natural state with a strand of added beachfront between the mangrove fringe. An ADA accessible kayak/canoe launch is located next to the fishing pier just 120 steps from the visitor parking area. Later phases of the concept plan incorporate progressively more diverse uses of the park in order to appeal to an increasingly wide range of Safety Harbor residents and visitors. More specifically, phase two of the plan includes a plaza with an interactive splash pad and seating which gently terraces down to the water. In addition, the plan preserves the potential for a future building to be sited on the 70 ft. wide right-of-way (to be vacated) at the eastern terminus of Veteran's Memorial Lane. The location of this building is shown on the phase three plan to demonstrate how this contemplated improvement will function as a part of the greater park facility. Together, these elements will create a public realm that can be enjoyed by all ages and segments of the community.

The initial focus of this proposal is delineating the boundary and gateways to the site, removing nuisance and exotic vegetation from the mangrove fringe, creating beach frontage and providing for public access in the form of parking and walkways. This will allow the public to safely enter and enjoy the property as other elements of the plan are constructed and incorporated. Prior to any work commencing, the City will prepare all necessary environmental studies, grading and drainage plans, along with the design and construction documents that can be put out for competitive bidding and permitting. As funding becomes available, the City will begin the final design and development process of adding physical improvements to the property such as the special event platform, splash pad, and nature boardwalks.

LEGEND:

-  Pedestrian Route
-  Vehicular Route



CONCEPT 4 - PHASE TWO

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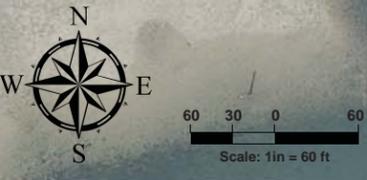
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LEGEND:

-  Pedestrian Route
-  Vehicular Route
-  Phase 2 Limit of Work



CONCEPT 4 - PHASE THREE

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-  Vehicular Route
-  Phase 3 Limit of Work

