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WHEELER PARK

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ACTION STRATEGIES + RECOMMENDATIONS

EARLY ACTION / QUICK WINS

1. BUILD UP THE WHEELER PARKS FRIENDS GROUP
2. HOST A SERIES OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHTS / PERFORMANCES / EVENTS
3. BUILD A LITTLE LIBRARY AND POP-UP READING ROOM
4. HOLD BIENNIAL PARK CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAYS
5. INTRODUCE FITNESS ORIENTED PROGRAMMING TIED TO THE WALKING PATH AND DOUGLAS TRAIL

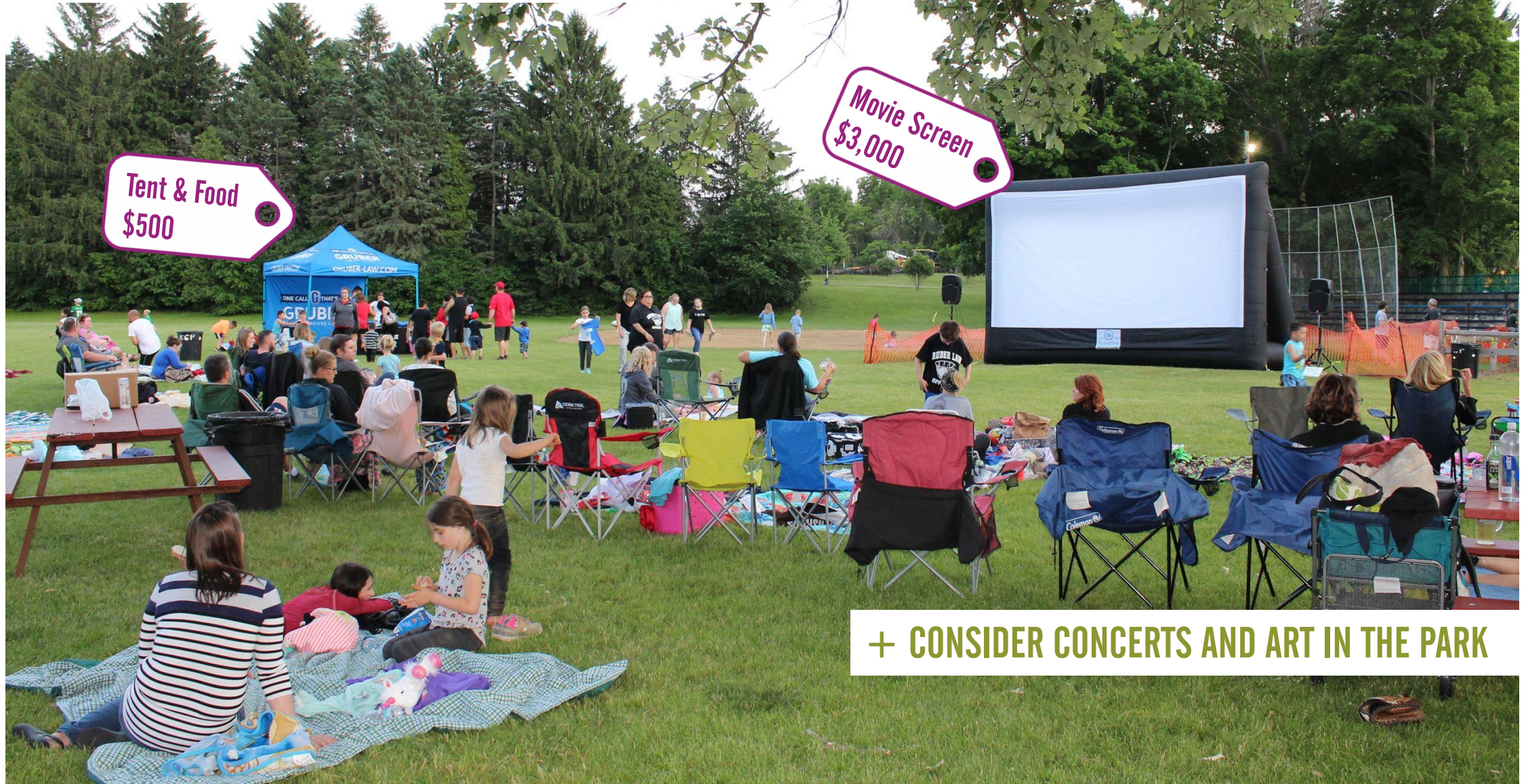
1

BUILD THE WHEELER PARK FRIENDS GROUP CAPACITY



2

HOST A SERIES OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHTS / PERFORMANCES / EVENTS



Tent & Food
\$500

Movie Screen
\$3,000

+ CONSIDER CONCERTS AND ART IN THE PARK

3

BUILD A LITTLE LIBRARY & POP-UP READING ROOM



4

HOLD BI-ANNUAL PARK CLEAN-UP & VOLUNTEER DAYS



save the date
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YOUR
PARK**

sat. nov. 10, 2018

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FALL SERVICE DAY

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INTRODUCE FITNESS ORIENTED PROGRAMMING



Park Swag
\$500



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CONCEPT PLAN

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

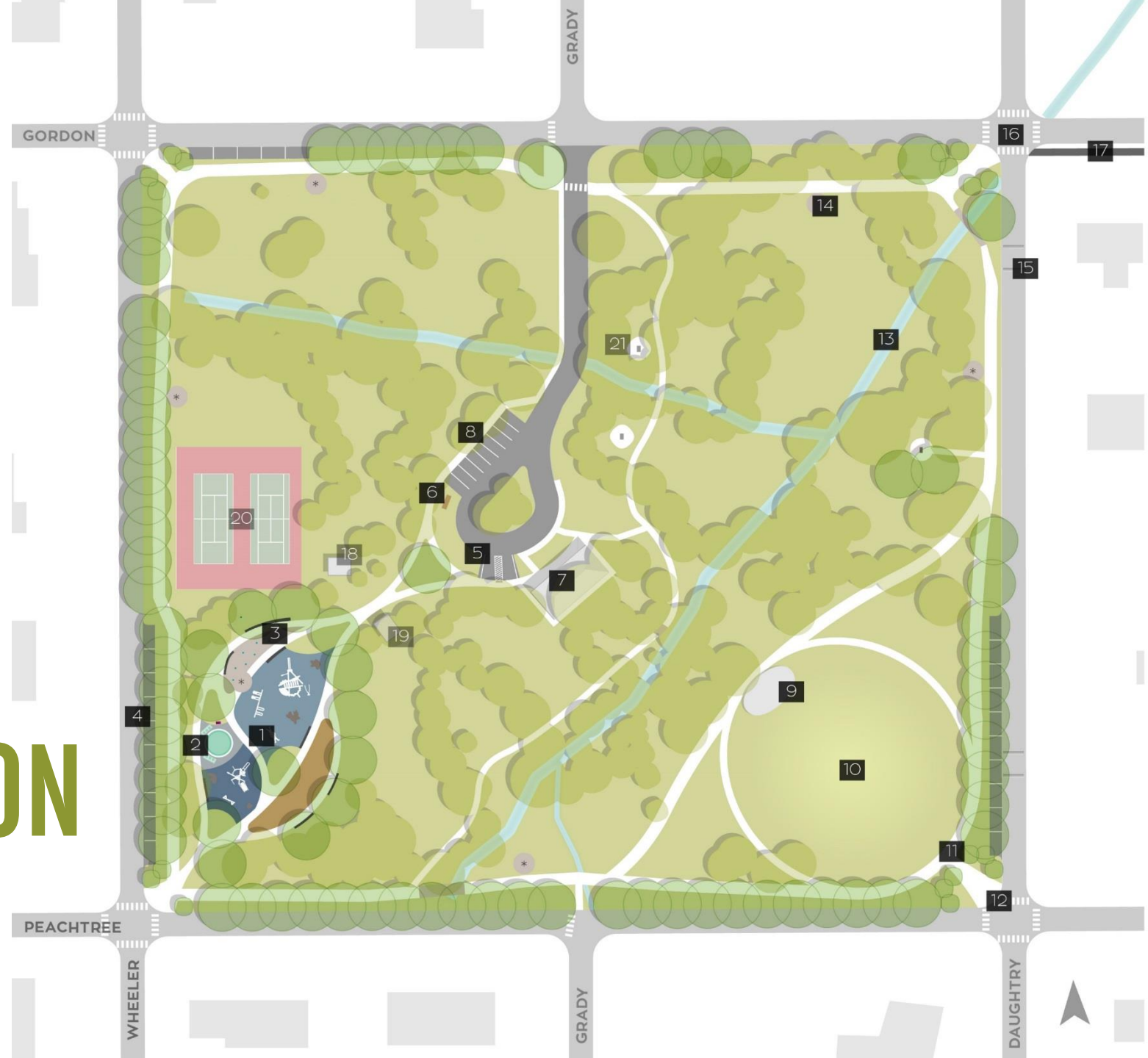
- 1 UPDATED PLAYGROUND
- 2 OUTDOOR READING ROOM
- 3 SPRAY PARK
- 4 PARALLEL PARKING SPACES
- 5 NEW ADA PARKING SPACES
- 6 ENCLOSED TRASH COLLECTION
- 7 UPDATED PAVILION
- 8 FORMALIZED PARKING SPACES
- 9 PERFORMANCE STAGE
- 10 AMPHITHEATER
- 11 WIDENED [10FT] PATH
- 12 FORMALIZED ENTRANCES
- 13 CREEK RESTORATION
- 14 FITNESS STATION
- 15 TRAFFIC CALMING
- 16 CROSSWALKS AT ENTRANCES
- 17 CONNECTION TO DOUGLAS TRAIL

EXISTING FEATURES

- 18 BATHROOMS
- 19 SMALL PAVILION
- 20 TENNIS COURTS
- 21 PICNIC AREA

- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED SHADE TREES
- PROPOSED FITNESS STATION

THE VISION
DRAFT



CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. REVAMP THE PLAYGROUND AND INCLUDE A SPRAYGROUND
2. REPLACE THE BASEBALL FIELD WITH A FLEXIBLE OPEN AREA AND AMPHITHEATER
3. WIDEN THE WALKING PATH
4. FORMALIZE AND BEAUTIFY PARK GATEWAYS & ENTRANCES
5. INSTALL THE RIGHT TYPE OF LIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE PARK
6. RESTORE THE CREEK AND MAKE IT INTO AN ASSET
7. DIVERSIFY THE TREE CANOPY
8. MAKEOVER THE PAVILION
9. CONNECT TO DOUGLAS TRAIL

1. REVAMP THE PLAYGROUND AND INCLUDE A SPRAYGROUND

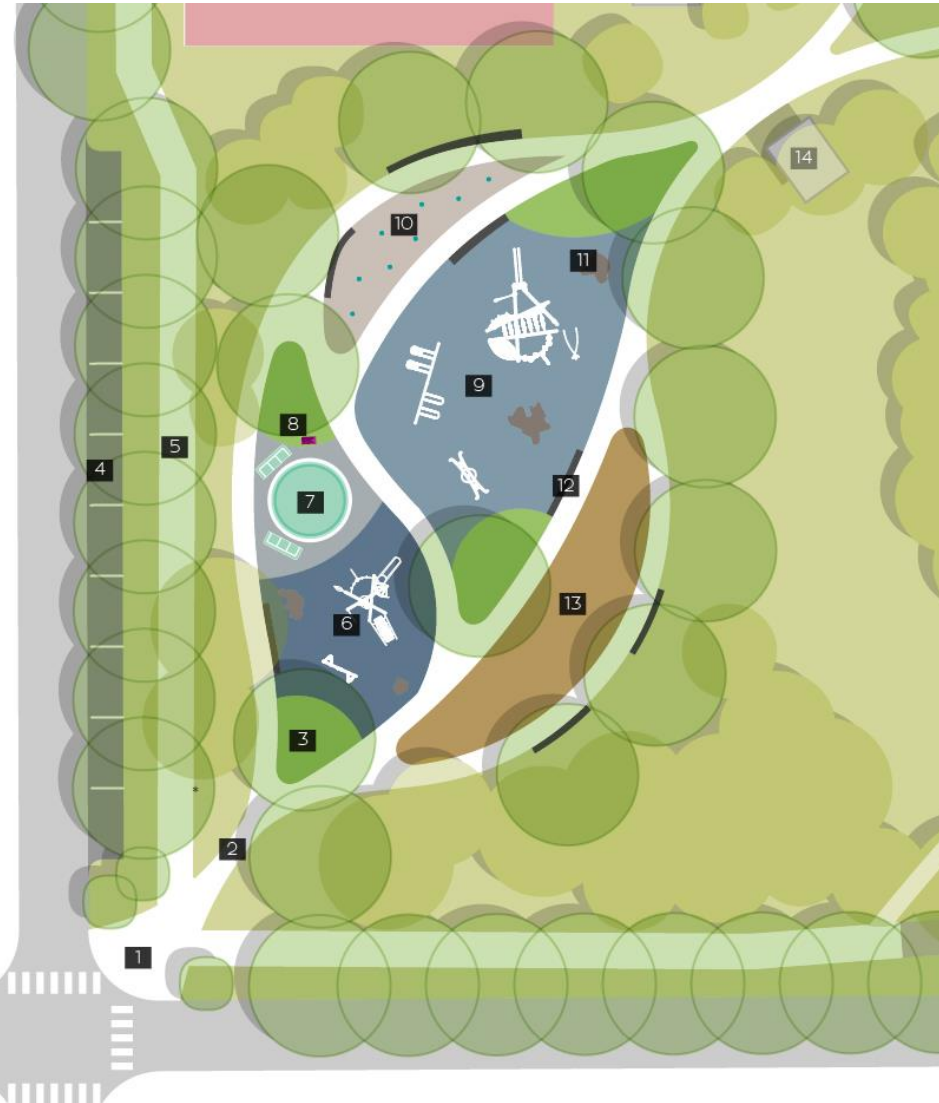
INCLUDE SAFETY SURFACES, CLIMBING STRUCTURES AND PLANTED AREAS WITH SEAT WALLS



INTEGRATE LITTLE LIBRARY & OUTDOOR READING ROOM



AND A SIMPLE SPRAY GROUND



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PLAYGROUND CONCEPT PLAN

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 ADA ENTRANCE FROM NEIGHBORHOOD
- 2 6FT WALKING PATH
- 3 PLANTED AREAS
- 4 CONVERTED TO PARALLEL PARKING
- 5 WIDENED (10FT) PATH
- 6 LITTLE KIDS PLAY AREA*
- 7 OUTDOOR READING ROOM
- 8 LITTLE LIBRARY
- 9 BIG KIDS PLAY AREA*
- 10 SPRAY GROUND
- 11 CLIMBING BOULDERS
- 12 SEAT WALLS
- 13 VINTAGE PLAY EQUIPMENT RELOCATION AREA*

EXISTING FEATURES

- 14 SMALL PAVILION

*should include rubberized safety surface

- LITTLE LIBRARY
- PLANTED AREA
- SEAT WALL
- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED SHADE TREES

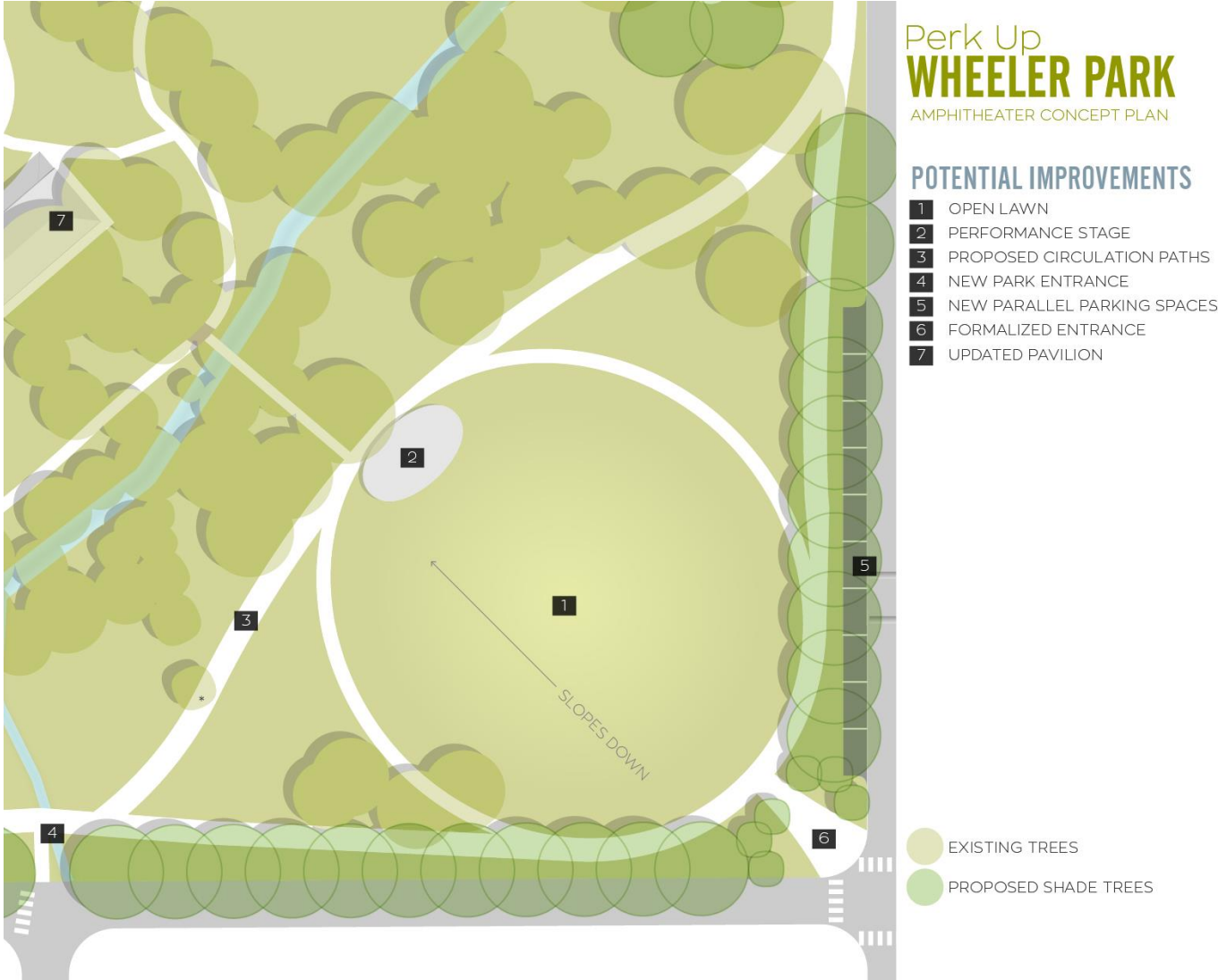
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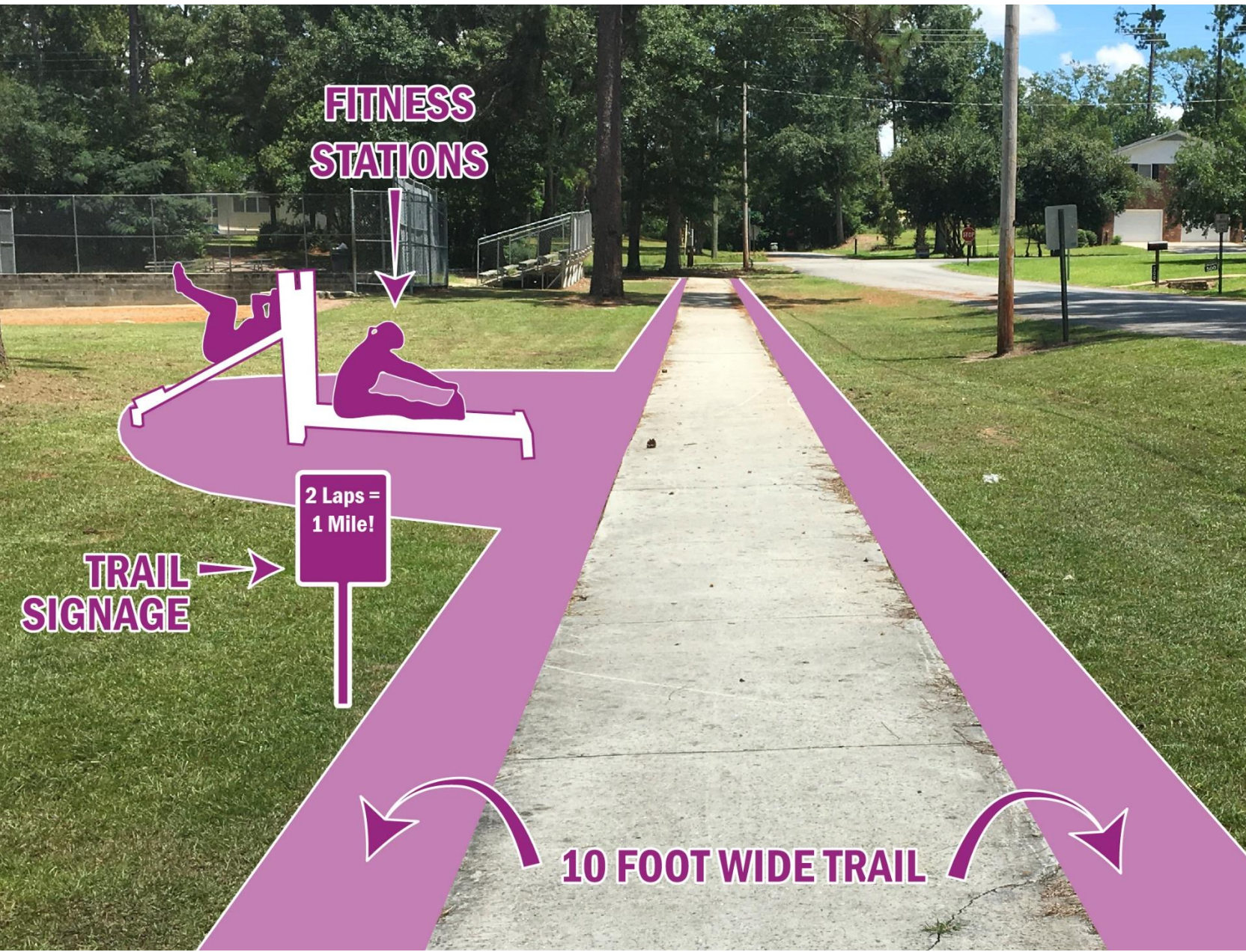
SIMPLE STAGE



SLOPED OPEN LAWN



3. WIDEN THE WALKING PATH & INCLUDE FITNESS STATIONS



CASE STUDY: Riverfit at the Fitness Trail at Tom Lee Park. Memphis, TN



4. FORMALIZE AND BEAUTIFY PARK GATEWAYS AND ENTRANCES



5. INSTALL THE RIGHT KIND OF LIGHTING



6. RESTORE THE CREEK TO MAKE IT INTO AN ASSET

PROPOSED



WORK WITH LOCAL MASTER GARDENERS
AND LOCAL ECOLOGISTS TO RESTORE THE
CREEKBED INTO A THRIVING NATURAL
FEATURE

EXISTING



7. DIVERSIFY THE TREE CANOPY



RESIDENTS LOVE THE SHADE THE PINE TREES PROVIDE, BUT DO NOT LIKE THE LITTER OR COVERED ROOTS

TARGET NEW SHADE TREE PLANTINGS ALONG THE WALKING PATH AND PLAYGROUND, CONSULT WITH LOCAL MASTER GARDENERS

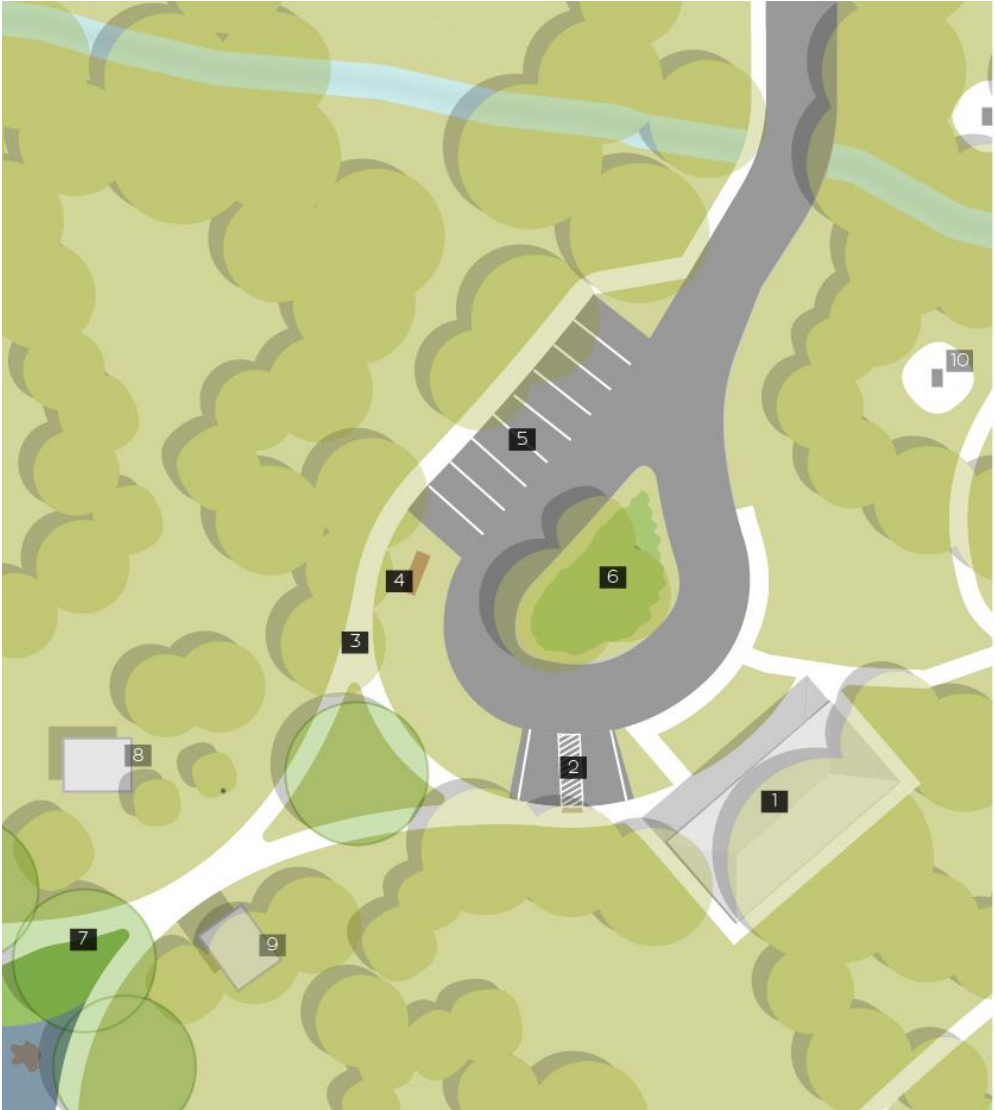
PREFERRED SPECIES:
BLACK GUM

8. MAKEOVER THE PAVILION

EXISTING



PROPOSED



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PAVILION AREA CONCEPT PLAN

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 UPDATED PAVILION
- 2 ADA PARKING SPACES
- 3 PROPOSED CIRCULATION PATHS
- 4 ENCLOSED TRASH COLLECTION AREA
- 5 FORMALIZED PARKING SPACES
- 6 GATEWAY GREENING
- 7 PROPOSED PLAYGROUND

EXISTING FEATURES

- 8 BATHROOM
- 9 SMALL PAVILION
- 10 PICNIC AREA

- PLANTED AREA
- ENCLOSED TRASH COLLECTION AREA
- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED SHADE TREES

9. CONNECT TO DOUGLAS TRAIL

LEVERAGE THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK MASTERPLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO CREATE A TRAIL CONNECTION TO WHEELER PARK ALONG GORDON ST.



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DOUGLAS TRAIL CONNECTION

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 POTENTIAL TRAIL ALIGNMENT
- 2 PROPOSED CROSSWALK
- 3 PROPOSED STAIRS
- 4 PROPOSED ADA RAMP

Next Steps

1. Present recommendations to the Community Foundation of Coffee County Board
2. Work with the City of Douglas to finalize the Concept Plan
3. Present the Concept Plan to the Wheeler Park Community
4. Hire a design firm to perform a site survey and draft construction drawings
5. Take the show on the road! Share the Concept Plan at future engagements
6. Get started! Begin implementing Quick Wins



Quick Wins Check-List

- ☒ Finalize the Concept Plan
- ☐ Build up the Wheeler Park Friends Group
- ☐ Create a small grants program
- ☐ Host a series of family-friendly movie nights / performances / events
- ☐ Build a Little Library and pop-up reading room
- ☐ Hold biannual park clean-up & volunteer days
- ☐ Introduce fitness oriented programming

THANKS!

