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# Resilient Parks & Communities: Addressing Resiliency Through Design





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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Design park spaces to multi-task for maximum benefit environmentally, socially, and economically.**
- 2. Understand the importance of Parks as Green Infrastructure to address Community Resilience.**
- 3. Designing parks to adapt to inland flooding and storm surge.**



# Schedule

9:15-10:00 Course Content

10:00-10:15 Q & A

- Introduction
- Case Study One: Solary Park
- Case Study Two: Crest Lake Park



## OUR PROCESS

Collaborative, insightful, and curious - who we are is how we work.

We're true believers in the power of the design process. To help clients meet their goals, we apply the "6D" approach: a transparent and scalable process that engages the entire design team in collectively identifying opportunities and constraints.

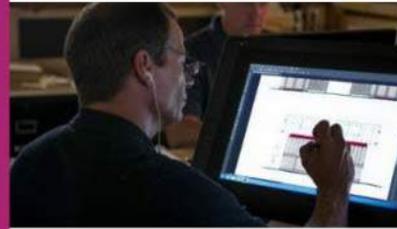
These steps provide a framework for project management, ensuring that outcome matches the intent and that the results fulfill the vision. As details of the project are uncovered, we adapt our approach to meet specific goals, deliverables, and timeframes.

Dix.Hite team members hold the 6D method integral to the firm's culture and creativity and have applied it successfully to numerous design projects.



### THE 6D PROCESS

The name, "6D," refers to the steps in the process: dream, discover, design, discuss, document and deliver. Each step of the way, progress is checked against the dream, helping ensure that the outcomes meet the intent and that the results fulfill the vision.



### DREAM

At the outset of the project, the Dix.Hite team seeks input from the client and stakeholders to understand needs and aspirations. We uncover the "why" of the project and identify common goals and potential solutions that will inform the design responses. The dream can be elicited through a variety of tools, including kickoff meetings, stakeholder surveys, public meetings, workshops or charrettes. Each remaining step of the 6D process is validated against the dream to ensure the final outcome meets the vision.

### DISCOVER

During this phase, we collect and document the physical, environmental and cultural context that influences the study area. We create digital base data, observe existing conditions and document elements that may inform the next design phase. A SWOT analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats is often created to illustrate the findings. This phase ideally includes an evaluation of funding opportunities.

### DESIGN

With the dream identified and existing conditions and opportunities understood, design begins. Potential solutions are communicated through diagrammatic plans, reports, graphics or other deliverables that address programmatic and spatial relationships, while taking into account critical path permit issues, schedule, existing policies and budget parameters.

### DOCUMENT

The conceptual design is advanced to plans, sections, details and outline specifications. The team coordinates across disciplines to create one cohesive document submittal. This may include a statement of probable cost, updated permit schedule or phasing strategies.

### DELIVER

The Dix.Hite team is committed to implementation and provides services to help clients navigate bidding, permitting, and construction. We take great professional pride in being with clients from the initial visioning session all the way through ground breaking and grand opening.

### DISCUSS

Critical to the success of the process, this step validates the options. The design team, client and stakeholders come back together to review the design solutions and collaborate on modifications. This step occurs continually throughout the process.



re·sil·ience

/rəˈzɪliəns/

*noun*

1. the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

"the remarkable resilience of so many institutions"

2. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.

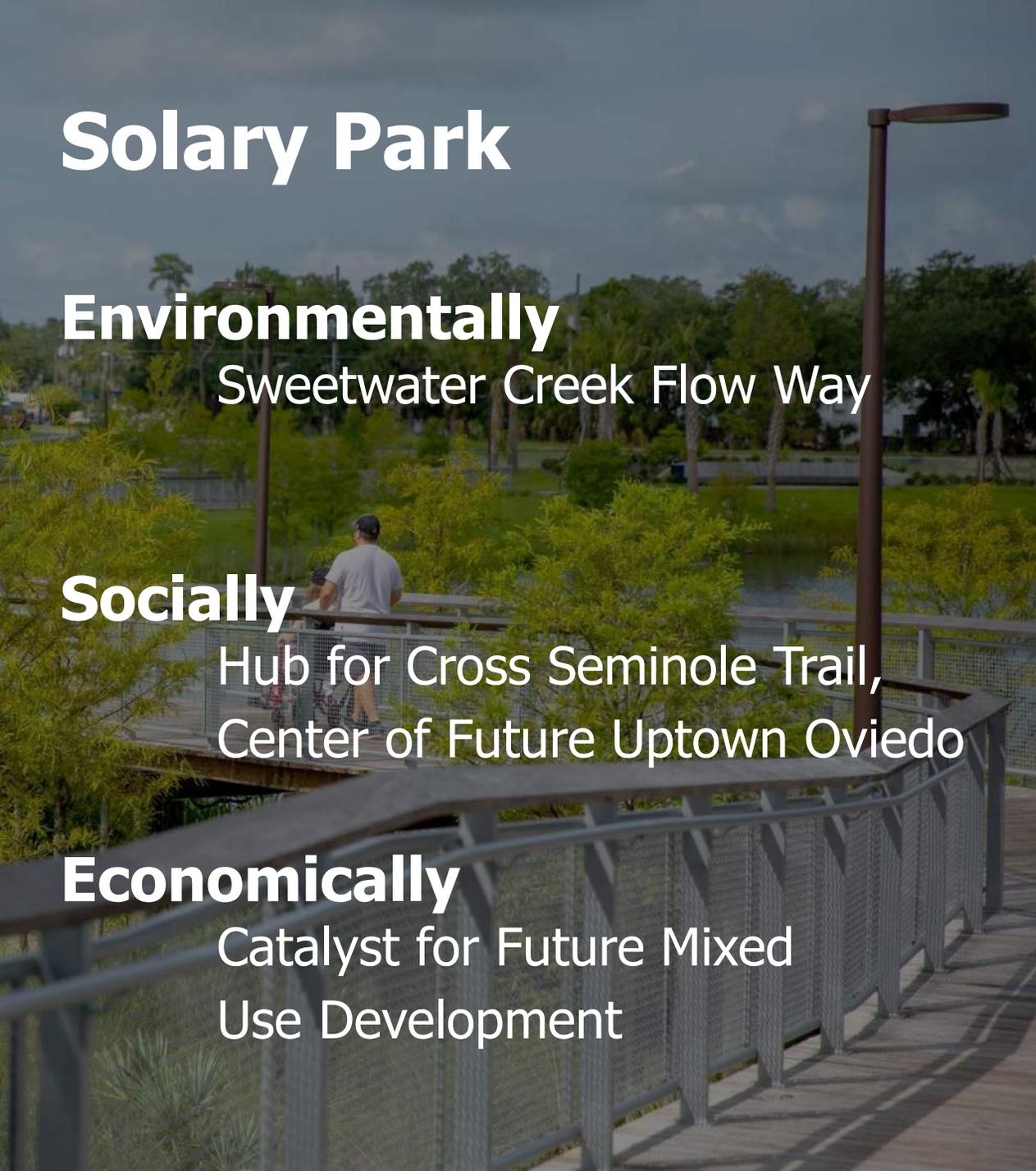
"nylon is excellent in wearability and resilience"

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans, is holding a young child in her arms. They are standing on a paved path next to a large, light-colored rock formation. In the background, there is a grassy area with other people, including a person in a blue shirt and another in a pink shirt. There are also some picnic tables and a trash can visible. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a park or recreational area.

**Environmentally**

**Socially**

**Economically**



# Solary Park

## Environmentally

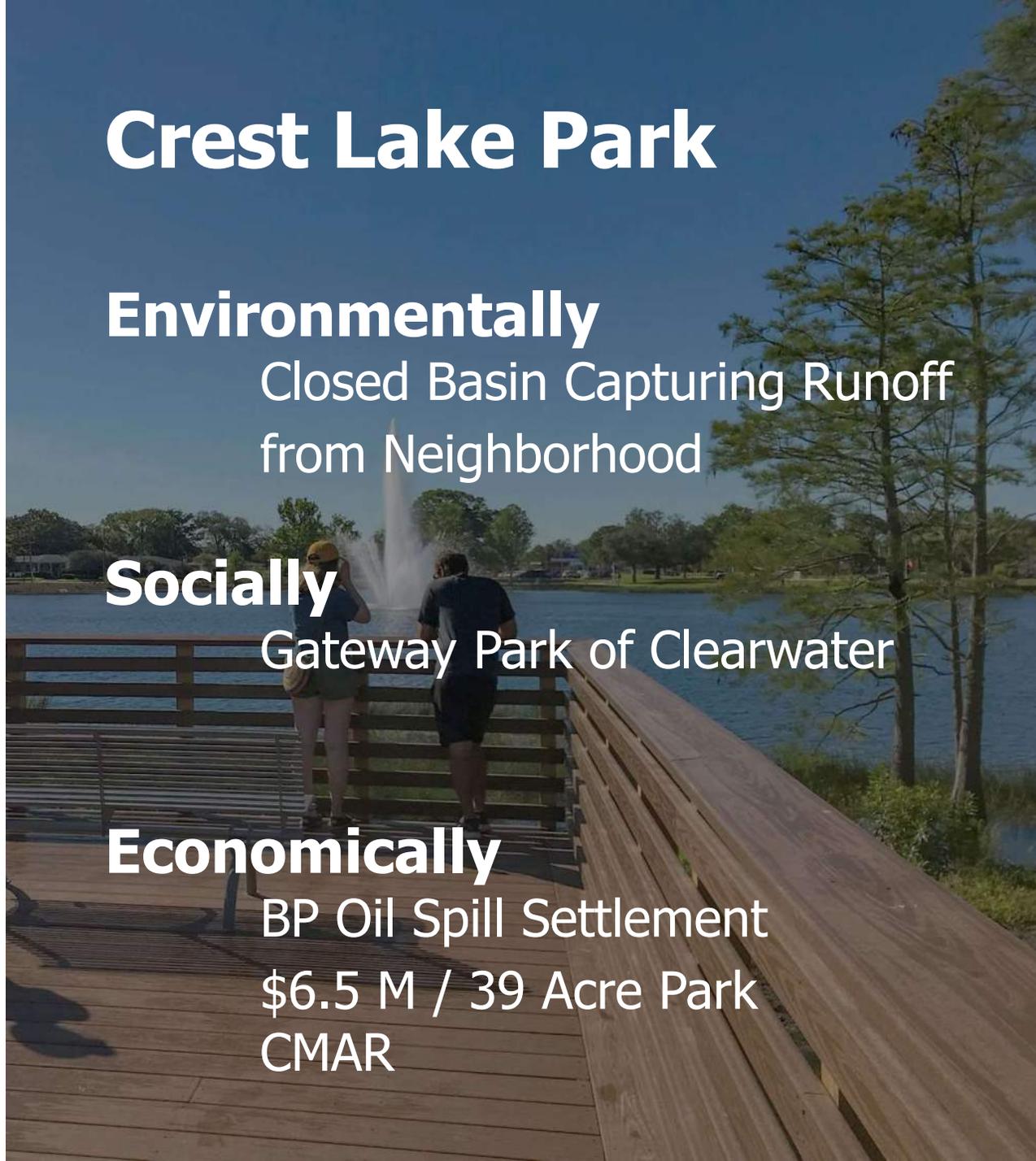
Sweetwater Creek Flow Way

## Socially

Hub for Cross Seminole Trail,  
Center of Future Uptown Oviedo

## Economically

Catalyst for Future Mixed  
Use Development



# Crest Lake Park

## Environmentally

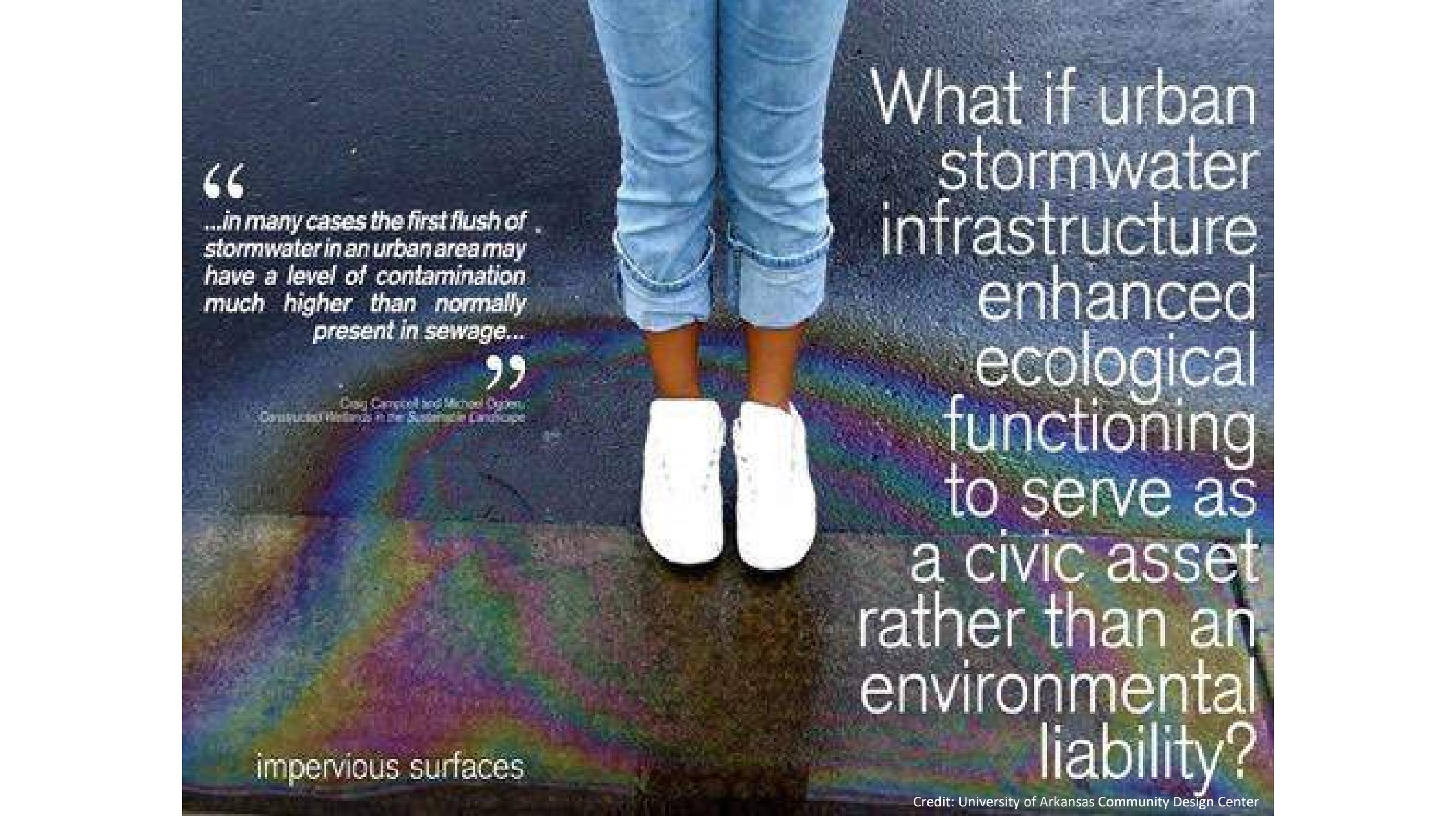
Closed Basin Capturing Runoff  
from Neighborhood

## Socially

Gateway Park of Clearwater

## Economically

BP Oil Spill Settlement  
\$6.5 M / 39 Acre Park  
CMAR

A person's legs in blue jeans and white sneakers are centered in the frame, standing on a colorful, abstract ground surface. The background is a dark, textured blue. The text is overlaid on the image.

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*...in many cases the first flush of stormwater in an urban area may have a level of contamination much higher than normally present in sewage...*

”

Craig Campbell and Michael Ogden,  
Constructed Wetlands in the Sustainable Landscape

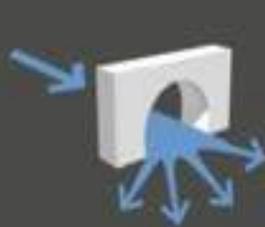
What if urban stormwater infrastructure enhanced ecological functioning to serve as a civic asset rather than an environmental liability?

impervious surfaces



mechanical

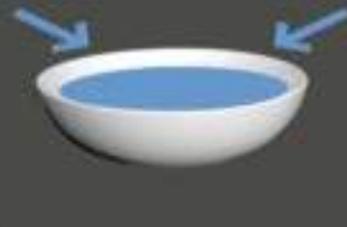
biological



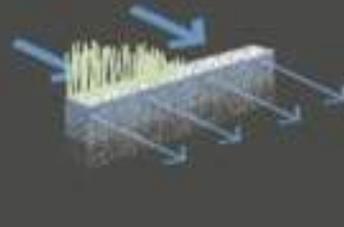
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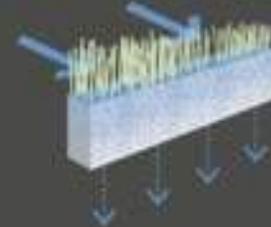
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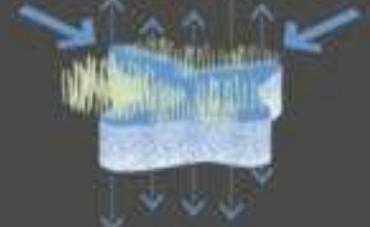
retention



filtration



infiltration



treatment



**flow control:** The regulation of stormwater runoff flow rates.

**detention:** The temporary storage of stormwater runoff in underground vaults, ponds, or depressed areas to allow for metered discharge that reduce peak flow rates.

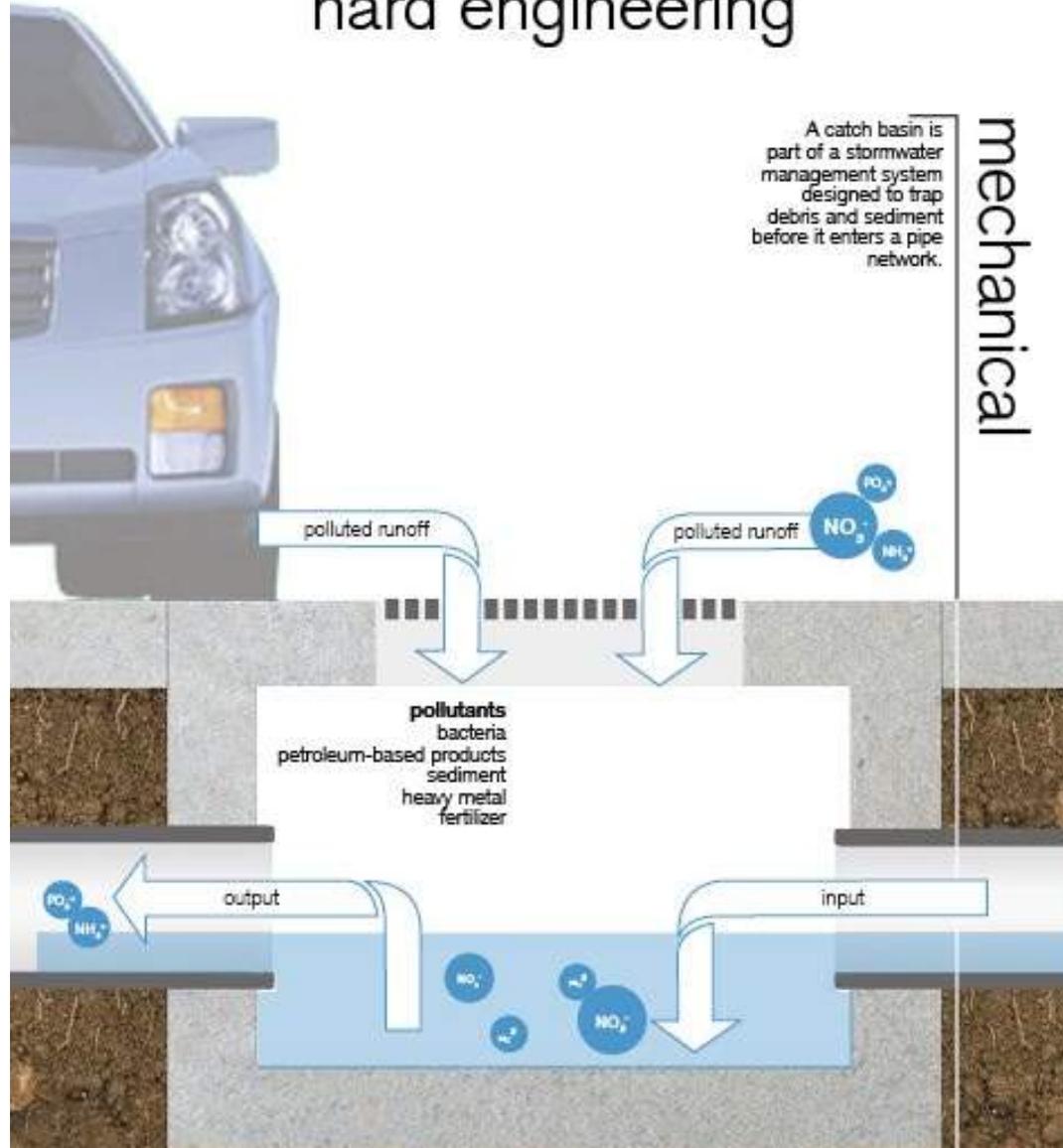
**retention:** The storage of stormwater runoff on site to allow for sedimentation of suspended solids.

**filtration:** The sequestration of sediment from stormwater runoff through a porous media such as sand, a fibrous root system, or a man-made filter.

**infiltration:** The vertical movement of stormwater runoff through soil, recharging groundwater.

**treatment:** Processes that utilize phytoremediation or bacterial colonies to metabolize contaminants in stormwater runoff.

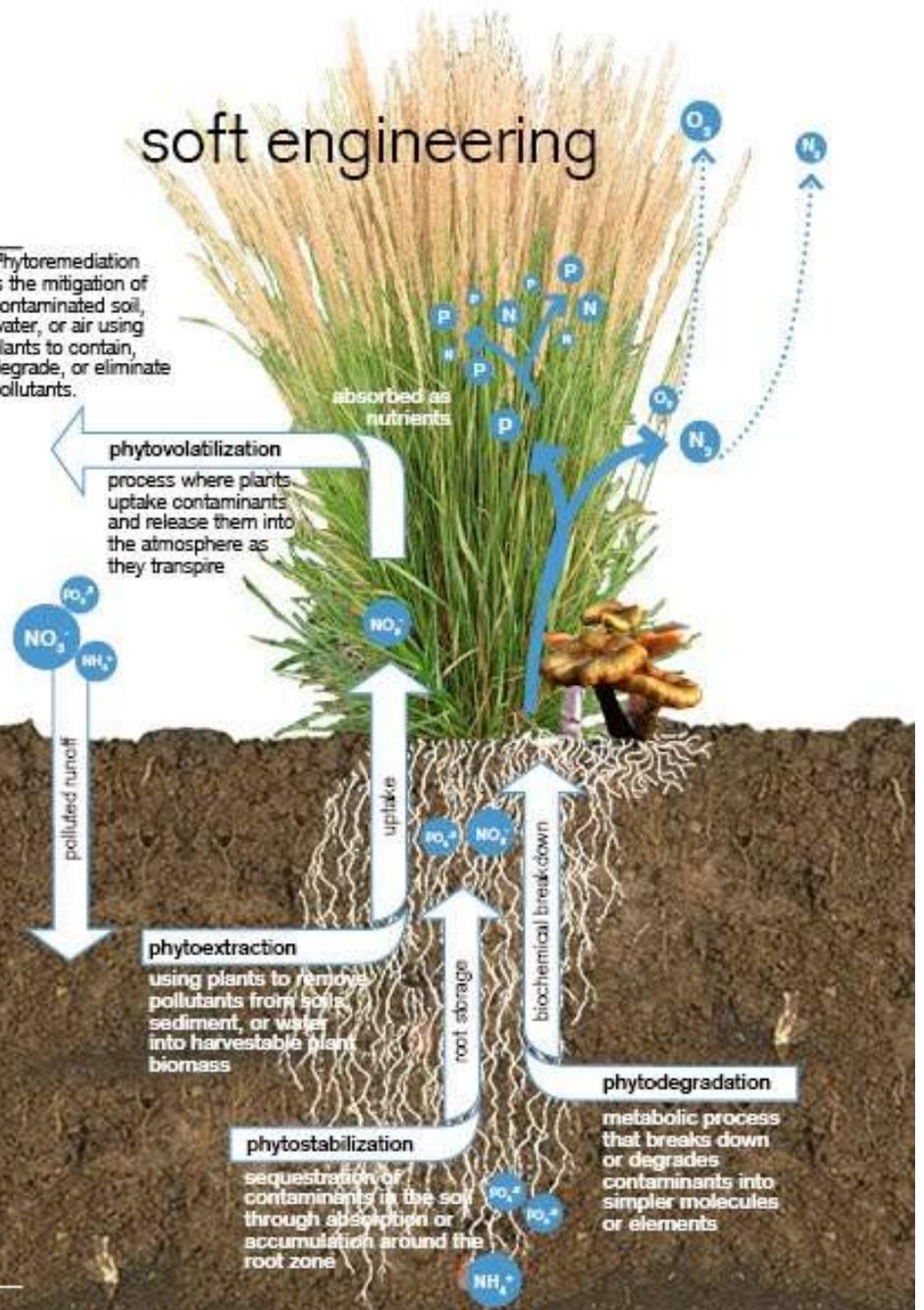
# hard engineering



# soft engineering

## biological

Phytoremediation is the mitigation of contaminated soil, water, or air using plants to contain, degrade, or eliminate pollutants.





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FOOD & PHARMACY

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PLEASE  
NO STEPPING  
THROUGH THE  
PLANT GARDEN  
*Hamlin*

Publix at Hamlin, Winter Garden, FL



Lakewalk at Hamlin, Winter Garden, FL



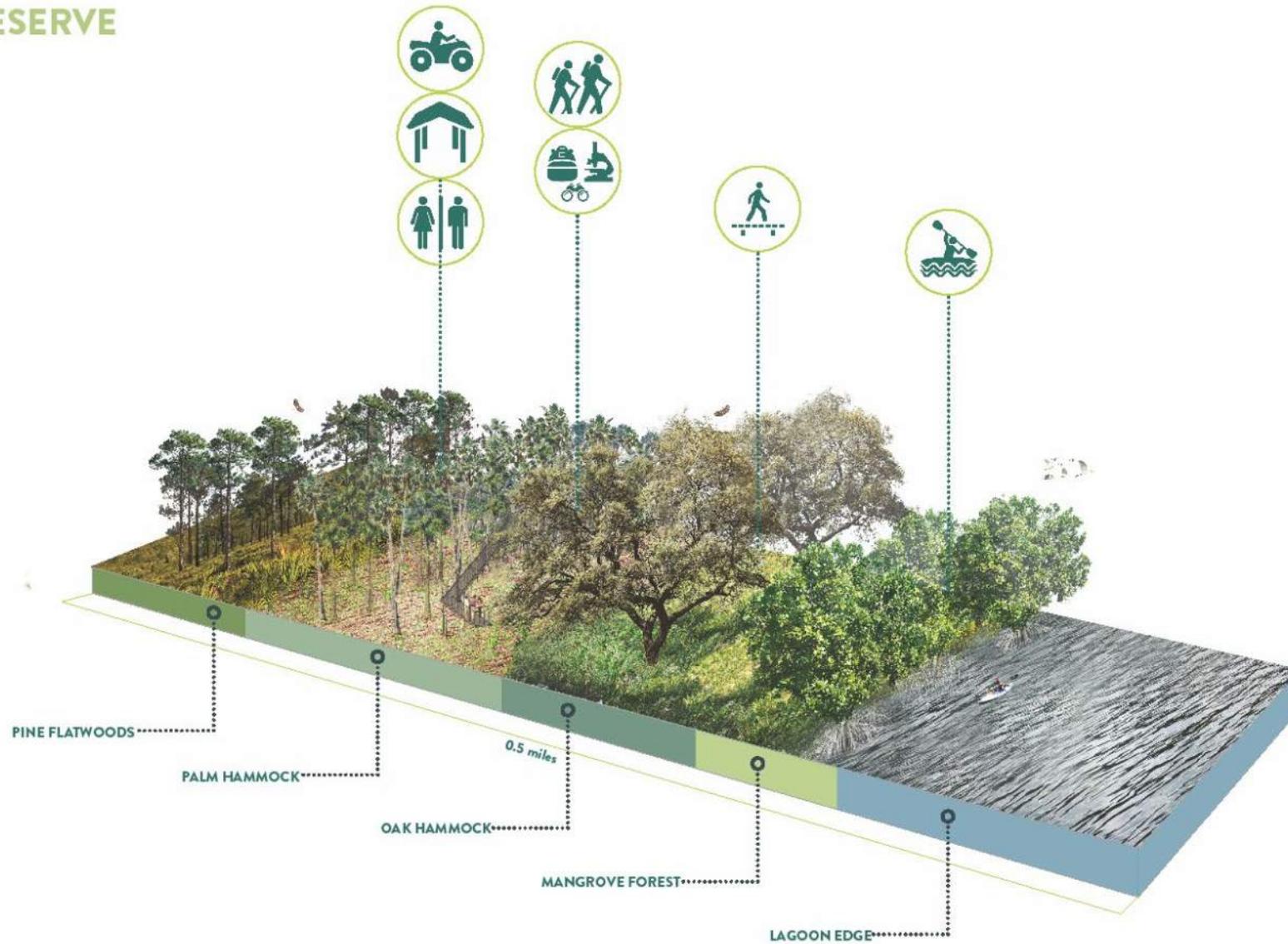
Starkey Ranch, Pasco County, FL

# The Marsh



The Landings, Jacksonville, FL

# TRANSECTING THE COASTAL OAKS PRESERVE





# Solary Park

Oviedo, Florida

- Collaborative effort between Parks and Public Works with close cooperation with FDOT and Cross Seminole Trail (funding)
- 9-acre park with \$5M Budget, which included \$1M for arsenic remediation
- Built on City staff's idea of combining FDOT required stormwater and city's need for stormwater as a catalyst for future development
- Led to urban redevelopment plan for Uptown Oviedo
- Collaborated with engineering team to balance capacity and treatment in a dynamic manner
- Won Florida Stormwater Association Award for Stormwater Excellence

# Solary Park

Oviedo, Florida

City of Oviedo

## Collaborators:

Dix.Hite + Partners

Bentley Architects

VHB

DRMP

CEPRA Landscape

Beeman's Nursery

Jordan Construction & Development

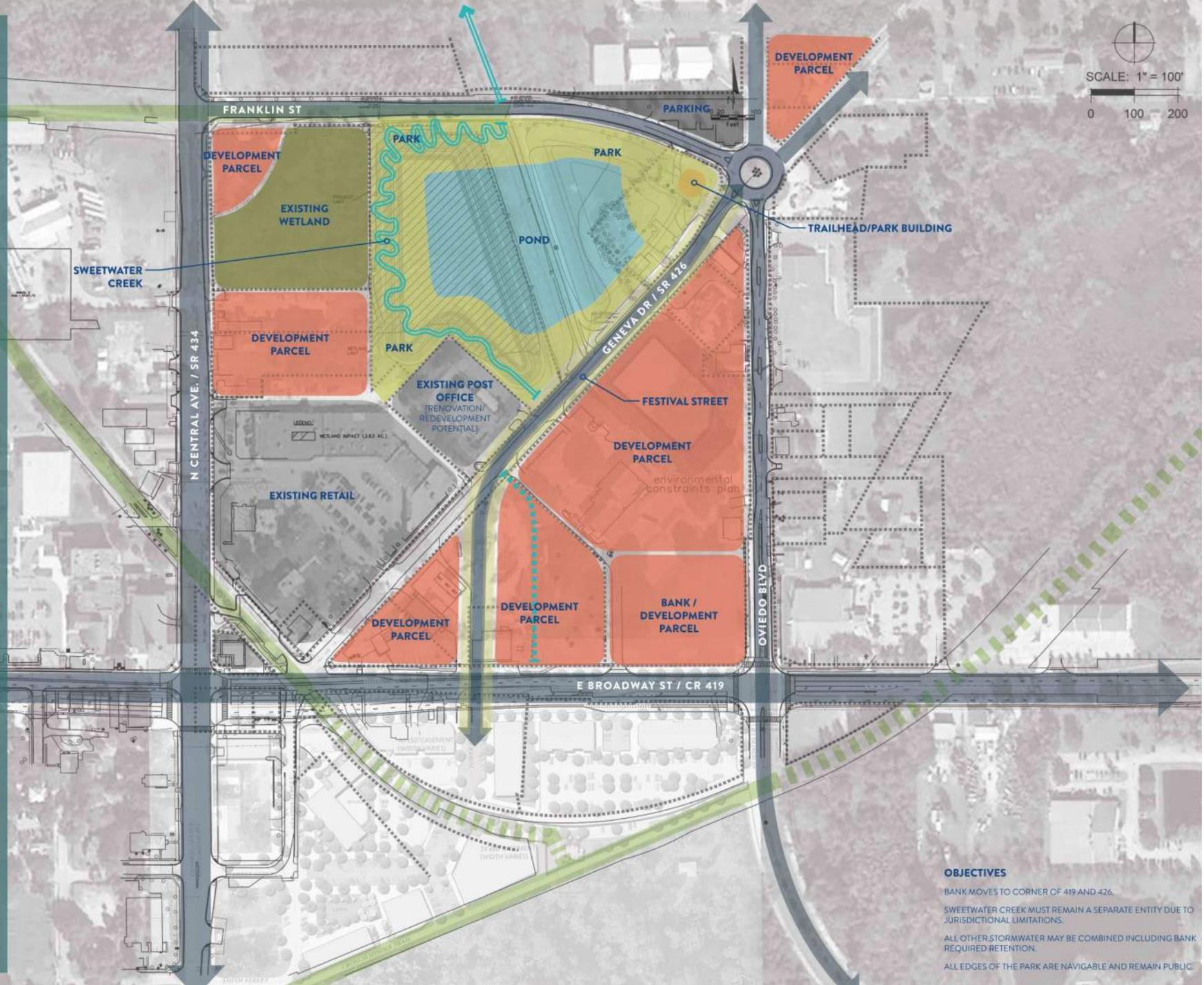
# STORMWATER PARK

## CONCEPT A

### RE-IMAGINE

Geneva Street is reimagined as a festival street with a residential/mixed use development defining the eastern edge. This scheme attempts to keep much of the existing property lines intact while creating an impetus and incentive for parcel redevelopment towards the park. A new retail/restaurant parcel at the roundabout creates an anchor/arrival from the north. Sweetwater Creek is re-directed to the west and becomes an artful conveyance along a new street off of 434.

### COMPARABLE IMAGERY



### OBJECTIVES

BANK MOVES TO CORNER OF 419 AND 426.

SWEETWATER CREEK MUST REMAIN A SEPARATE ENTITY DUE TO JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATIONS.

ALL OTHER STORMWATER MAY BE COMBINED INCLUDING BANK REQUIRED RETENTION.

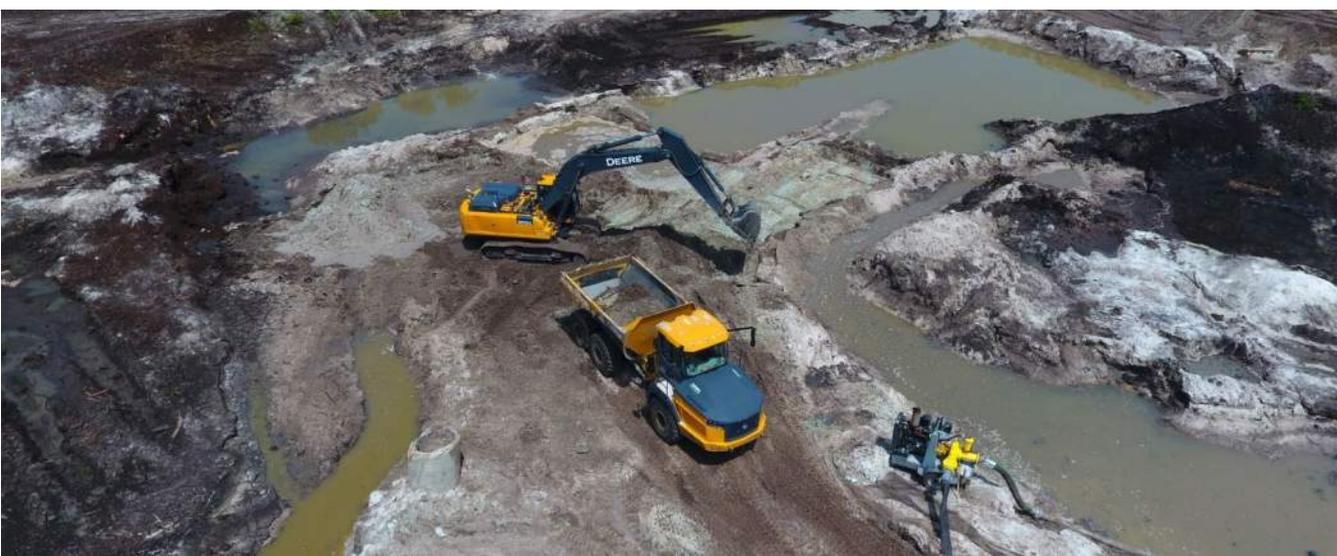
ALL EDGES OF THE PARK ARE NAVIGABLE AND REMAIN PUBLIC.



TRAILHEAD

CREEK WALK

INTERACTION AREA





















Solary Park, Oviedo, FL  
Day one after Hurricane Ian.



Solary Park, Oviedo, FL

Six weeks after Hurricane Ian and one week post Tropical Storm Nicole.



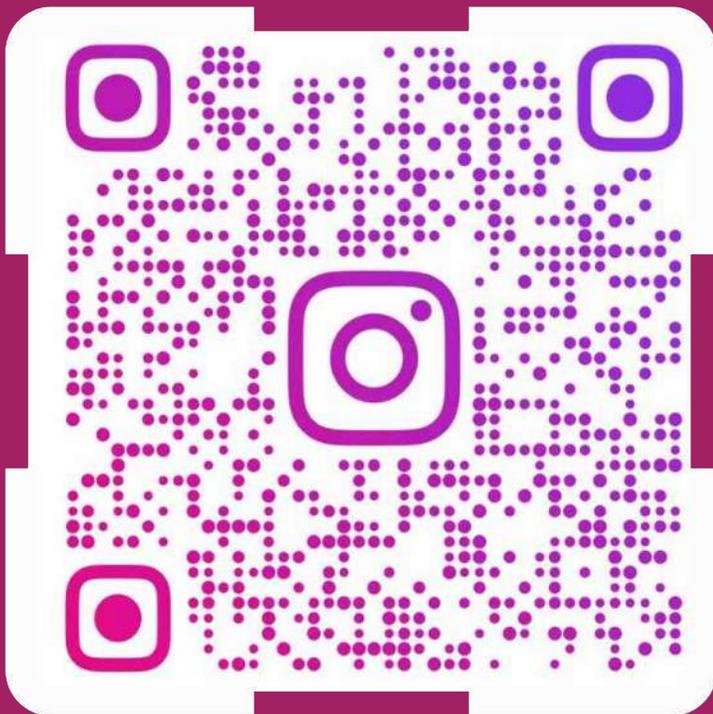
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# SCAN ME



TO SEE SOLARY PARK THRIVING POST HURRICANE SEASON





# Crest Lake Park Restoration

Clearwater, Florida

- Joined the Project following the Master Planning process
- Worked with the City to evaluate the process to date and challenges/expectations associated with the budget
- Funded by BP oil spill settlement –  
\$6.5 Million Budget / 39 Acre Park!
- Incorporated LID strategies to treat stormwater coming to the Lake from the surrounding communities
- Collaborated with City on RFP/Interview process for Construction Manager at Risk
- Collaborated with City and CMAR to provide a showcase park, built on budget and on time

# Crest Lake Park Restoration

Clearwater, Florida

City of Clearwater

## Collaborators:

Dix.Hite + Partners

Kimley-Horn

Florida Design Consultants

Exum & Associates

KPI Engineering

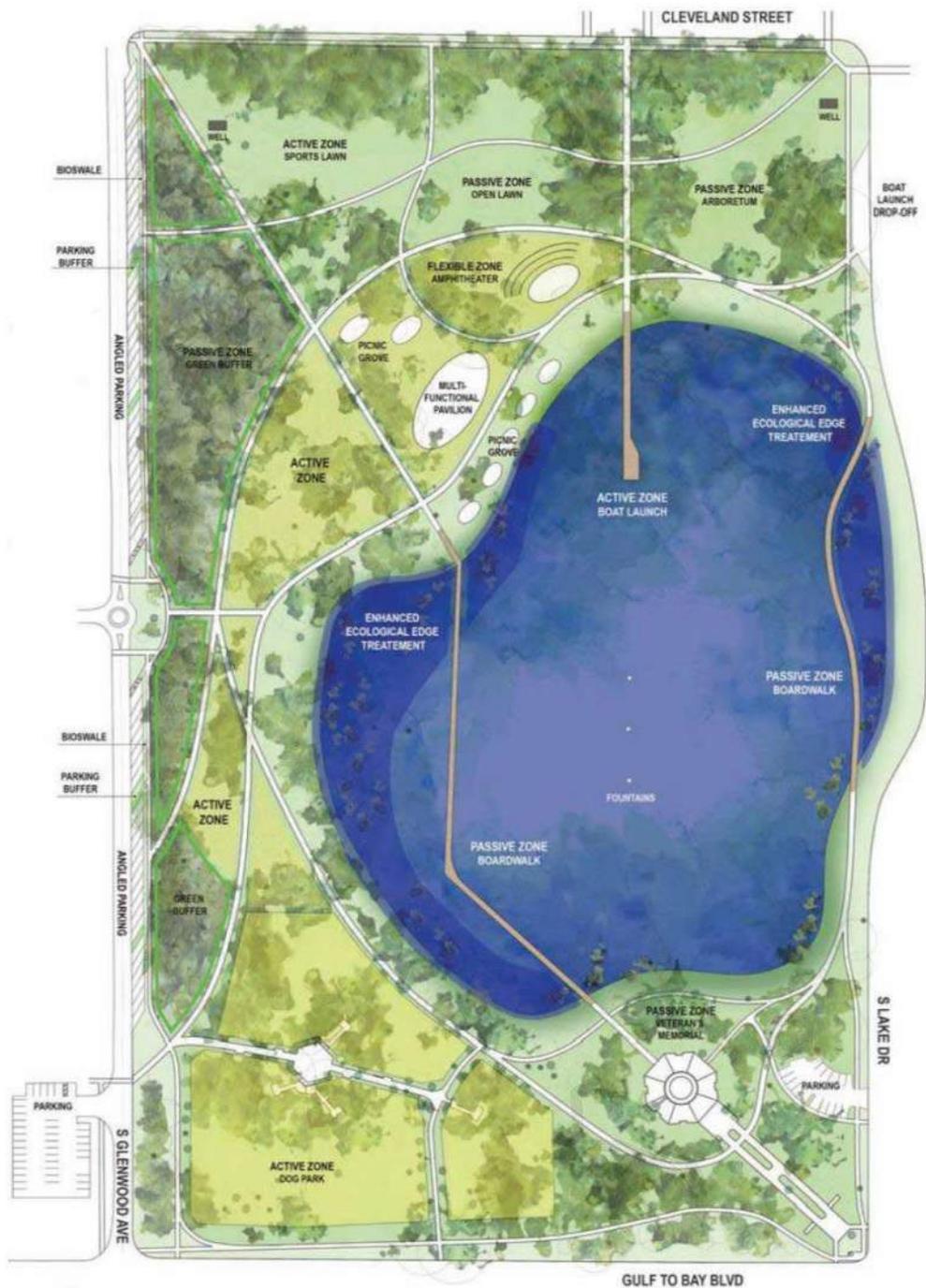
Freeport Fountains

Pro Turf Irrigation

Leesburg Concrete

Wharton Smith Construction





# MASTER PLAN GOALS

- PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE LAKE'S EDGES BY CREATING ENLARGED WETLAND EDGES AND BALD CYPRESS GROVES
- INTEGRATION OF THE LAKE WITH THE PARK, WHILE NOT OVERDEVELOPING THE PARK
- INCREASE WATER ACCESS WHILE IMPROVING THE ECOLOGY OF THE LAKE, ESPECIALLY HABITAT FOR BIRDS
- CREATE SEVERAL OPTIONS TO STROLL AROUND THE LAKE
- CREATION OF ACTIVE ZONES, PASSIVE ZONES AND FLEXIBLE ZONES





PICNIC PAVILIONS



PATHWAYS



PERMANENT SHADE STRUCTURES WITH TEMPORARY MARKET



SHADING WITH SEATING



OBSERVATION PAVILIONS



SEATING



FABRIC SHADE STRUCTURES



PEDESTRIAN & BIKE PATHS

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

g1 | presentation analysis DESIGN DRIVERS VOTING BOARDS

PICNIC PAVILIONS / GROVE  
 BOAT DOCKS  
 WATER ACCESS  
 EVENT LAWN  
 BAND SHELL  
 MOVIES IN THE PARK  
 HAMMOCK GROVE  
 TABLE TENNIS  
 CHESS CHECKER BOARDS  
 CHARGEABLE WICE  
 BOCCO BALL  
 BIKE PATH RUNNING LOOP  
 OBSERVATION TOWER  
 SKATE PARK  
 OTHER SUGGESTIONS

FLEXIBLE PARK AND PLAY

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WATER FEATURES  
 PLAYSCAPE  
 PLAYSCAPE  
 PASSIVE LANDSCAPE  
 SPORTS  
 OTHER SUGGESTIONS

LAKE OPPORTUNITIES

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CROSSING & EXPLORING LAKE - DIMENSIONAL  
 CROSSING & EXPLORING LAKE - GRAPHIC  
 EDGE OF LAKE  
 WATER ACTIVITIES  
 FISHING PIER  
 PAVILION ON WATER  
 OTHER SUGGESTIONS

STRUCTURES AND SHADE

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PICNIC PAVILIONS  
 REPAIRMENT SHADE STRUCTURES WITH TEMP. DRY MARKET  
 OBSERVATION PAVILIONS  
 FABRIC SHADE STRUCTURES  
 CAFE  
 CONCESSIONS CONNECTED WITH WATER  
 OTHER SUGGESTIONS

DESIGN DRIVERS VOTING BOARDS RESULTS

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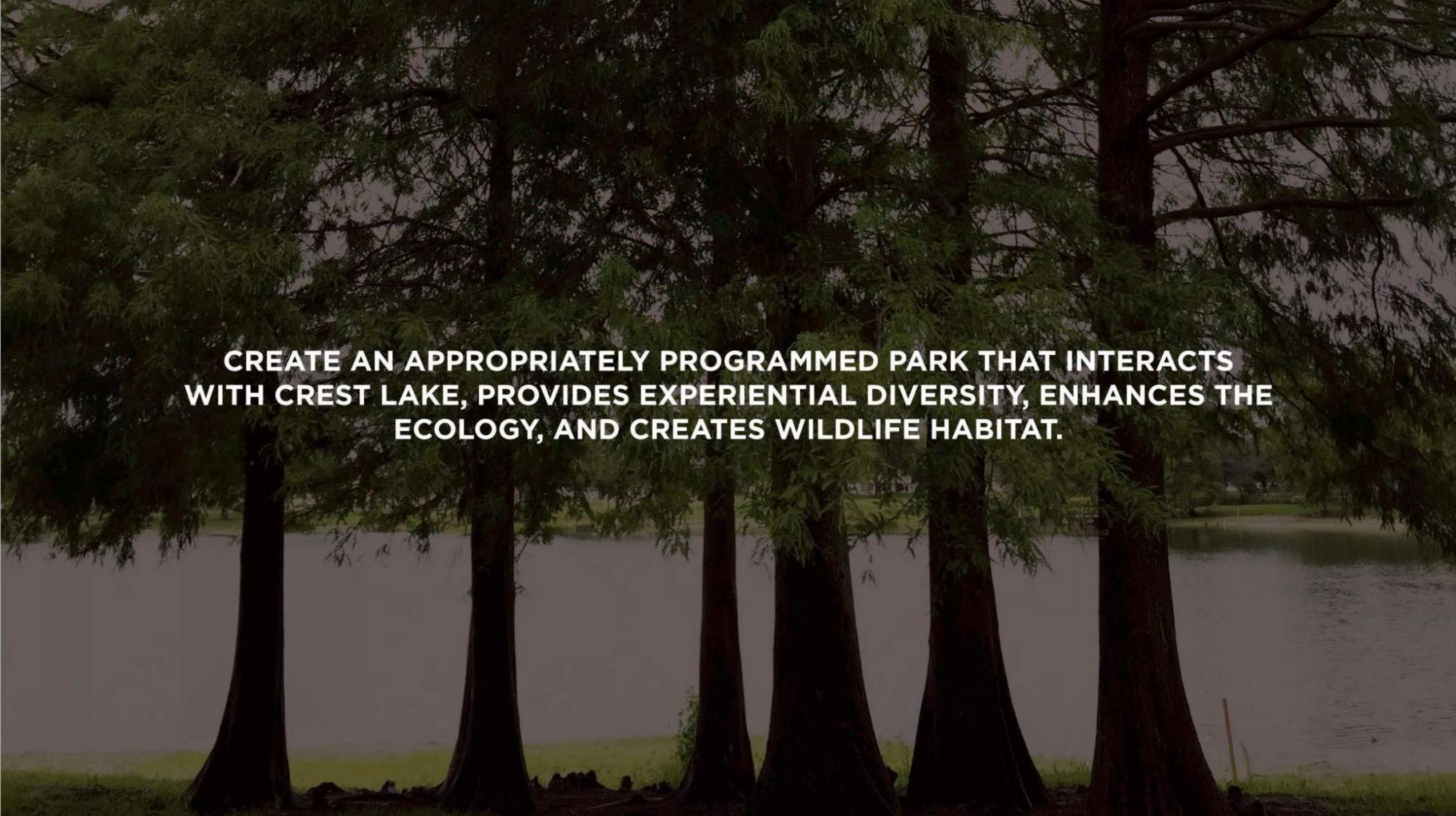






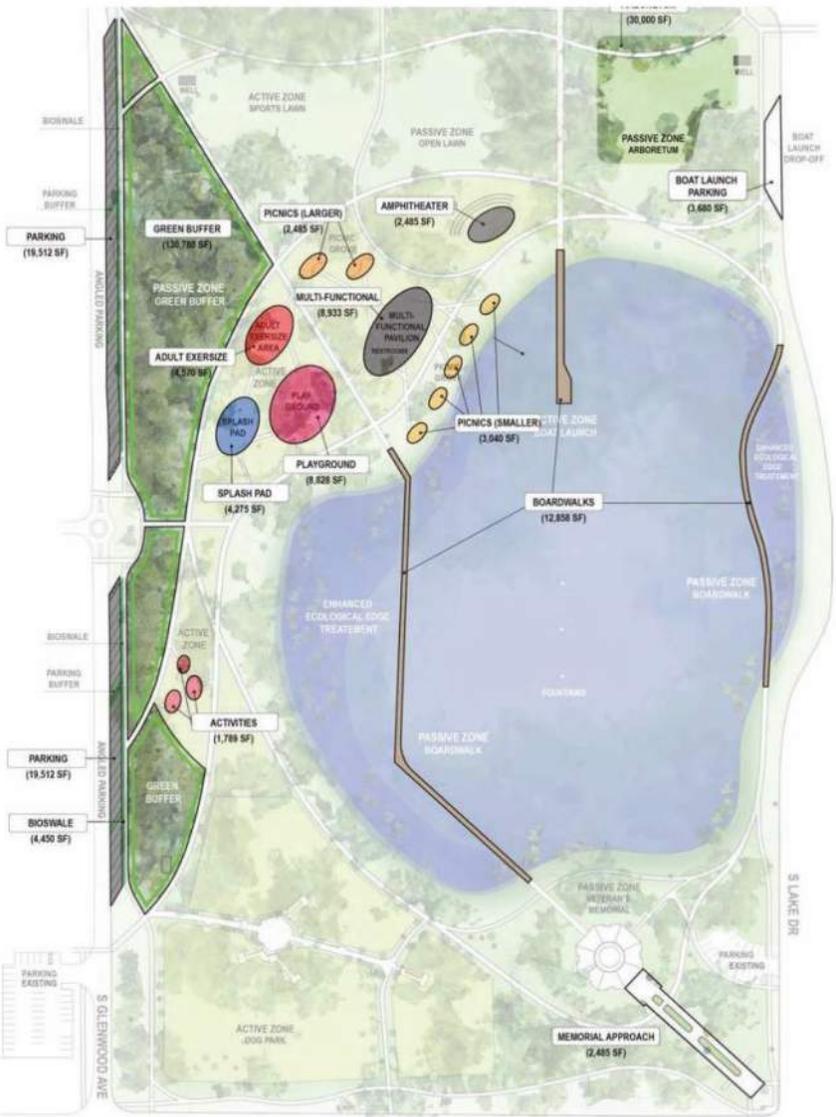
# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS



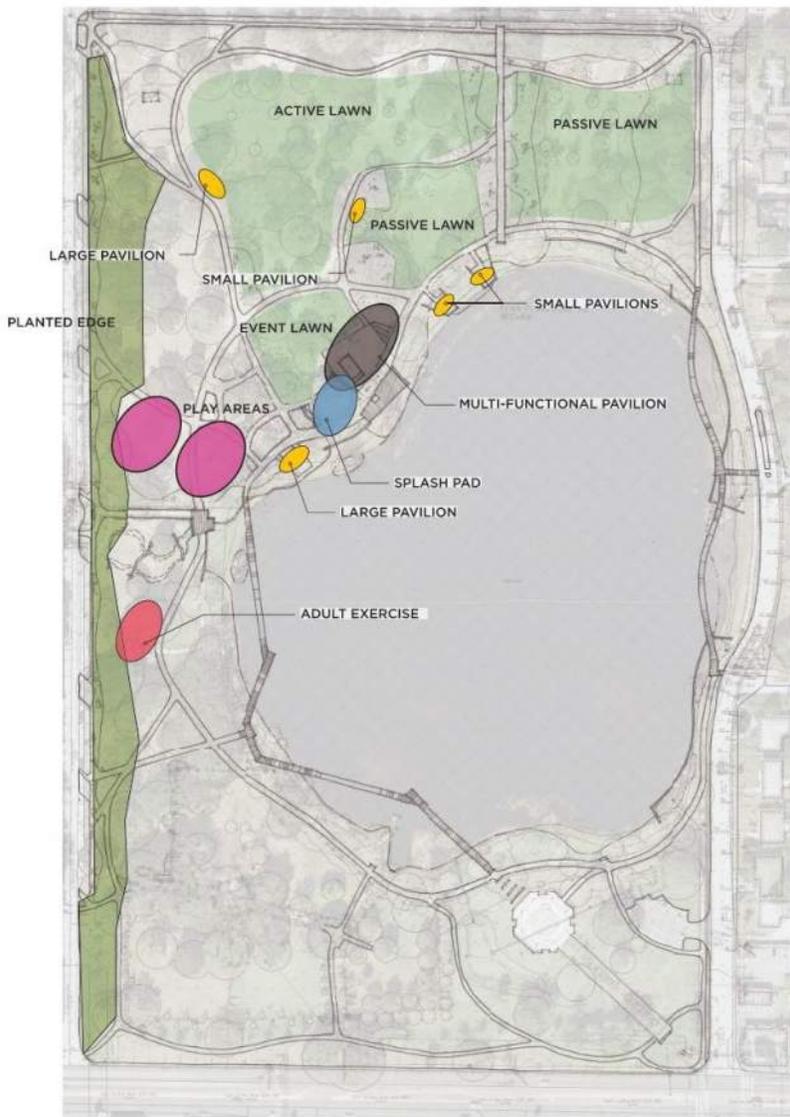


**CREATE AN APPROPRIATELY PROGRAMMED PARK THAT INTERACTS WITH CREST LAKE, PROVIDES EXPERIENTIAL DIVERSITY, ENHANCES THE ECOLOGY, AND CREATES WILDLIFE HABITAT.**





CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN



SCHEMATIC SKETCH PLAN

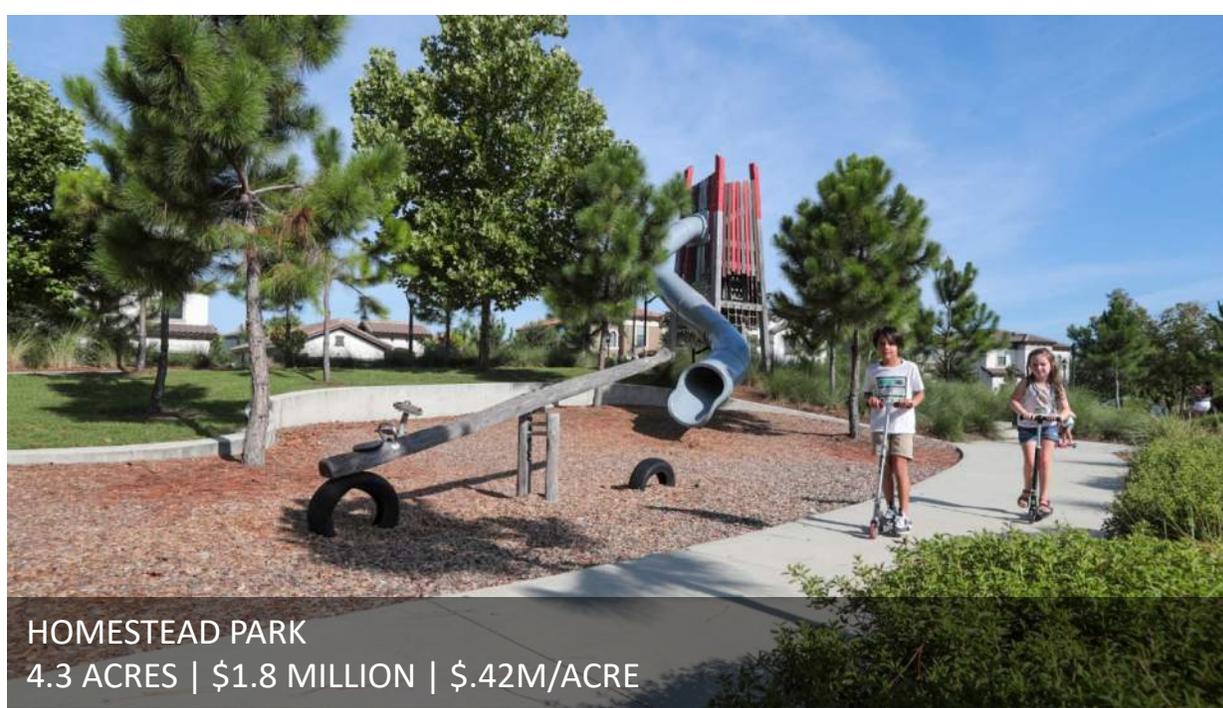


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GULF TO BAY BOULEVARD



WHITFIELD PARK  
3.1 ACRES | \$1.77 MILLION | \$.57M/ACRE



HOMESTEAD PARK  
4.3 ACRES | \$1.8 MILLION | \$.42M/ACRE



CENTER LAKE PARK  
7 ACRES | \$6.5 MILLION | \$.93M/ACRE

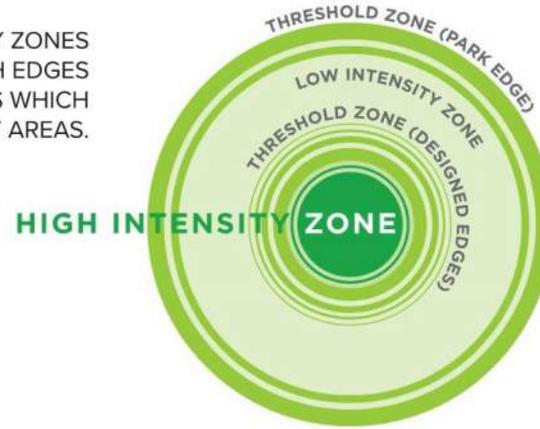


REITER PARK  
7.5 ACRES | \$4.6 MILLION | \$.66M/ACRE

# DESIGN APPROACH

## COST TO INTENSITY (PARK CONSTRUCTION AND PROGRAMMING RELATIONSHIPS)

DEFINE AREAS OF HIGH INTENSITY ZONES (PROGRAMMING AND AESTHETICS), ESTABLISH EDGES AND RELATIONSHIPS TO THRESHOLD ZONES WHICH SERVE TO BLEND AND DISGUISE LOW INTENSITY AREAS.



HIGH INTENSITY PROGRAM



ACTIVE CIRCULATION/PLANTING



PASSIVE CIRCULATION/MULCH

COST TO INTENSITY (PARK CONSTRUCTION AND PROGRAMMING RELATIONSHIPS)

TOTAL PARK AREA: 39 ACRES  
(LAKE AREA) - 12 ACRES  
TOTAL LAND AREA: 27 ACRES



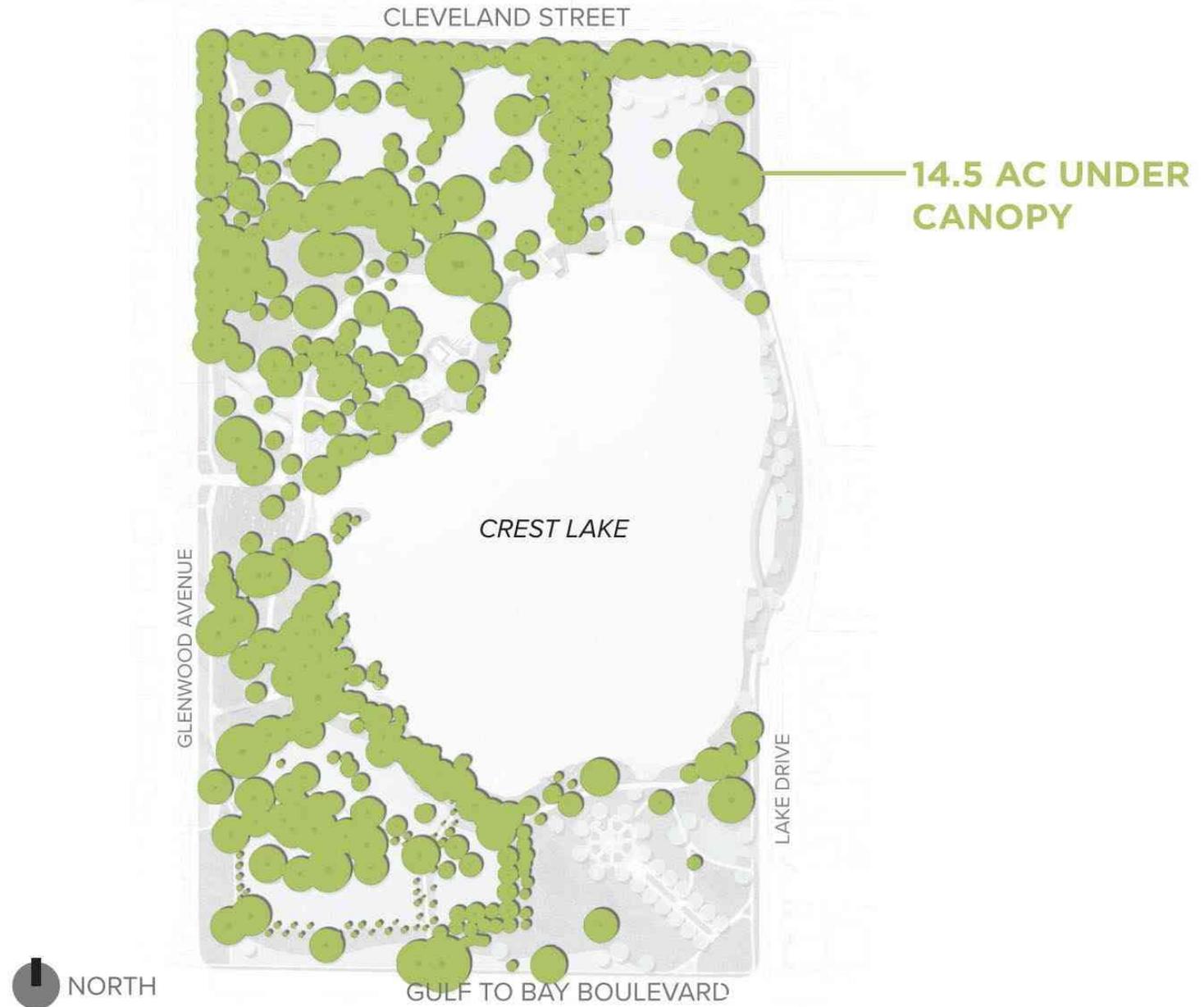
4 ACRES X \$1 MILLION  
9 ACRES X \$5.00/SF  
14 ACRES < \$1/SF  
= \$6.5 MILLION





# DESIGN APPROACH

## LETTING THE CANOPY TELL THE STORY





NORTH



CLEVELAND STREET

GLENWOOD AVENUE

CREST LAKE

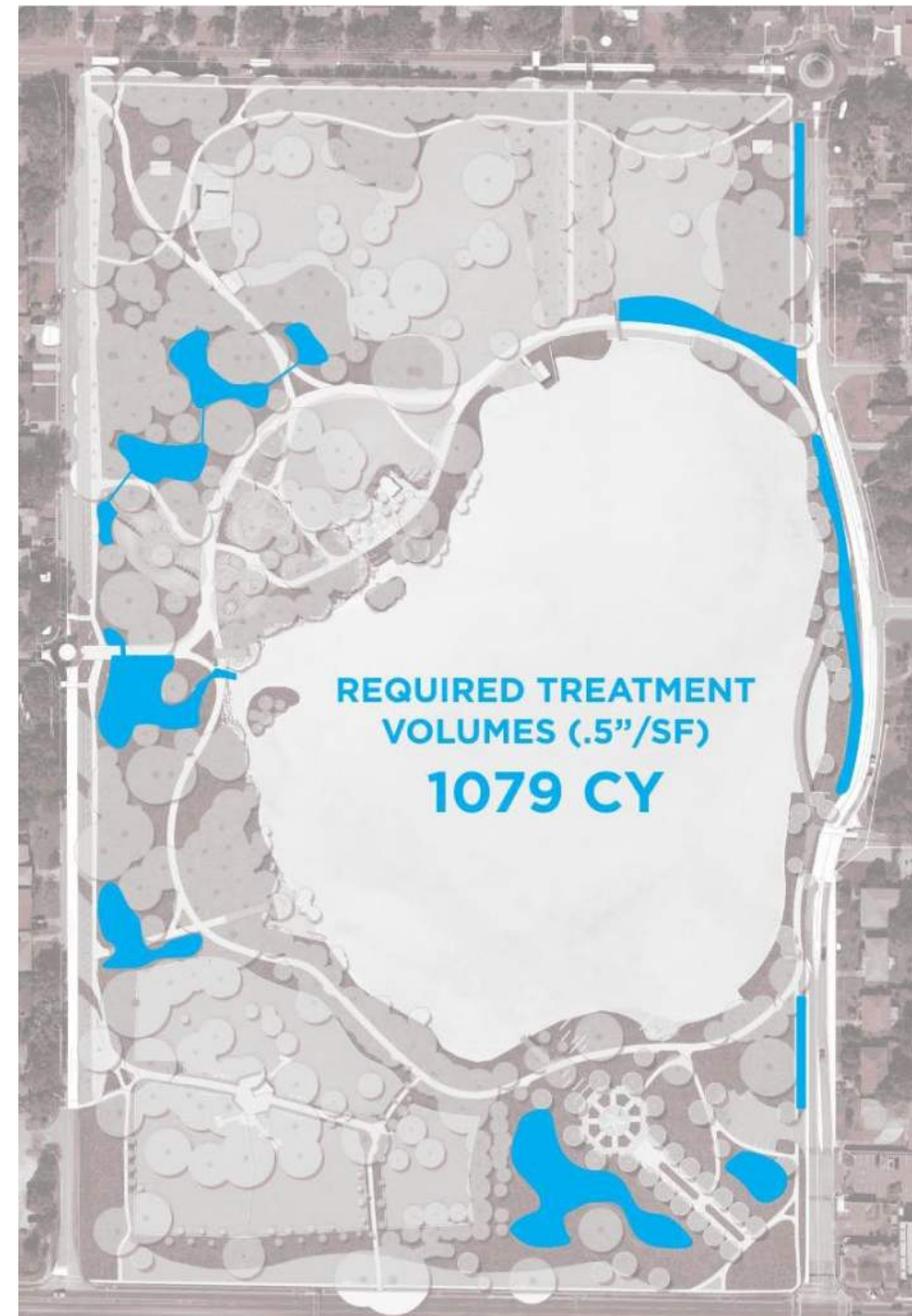
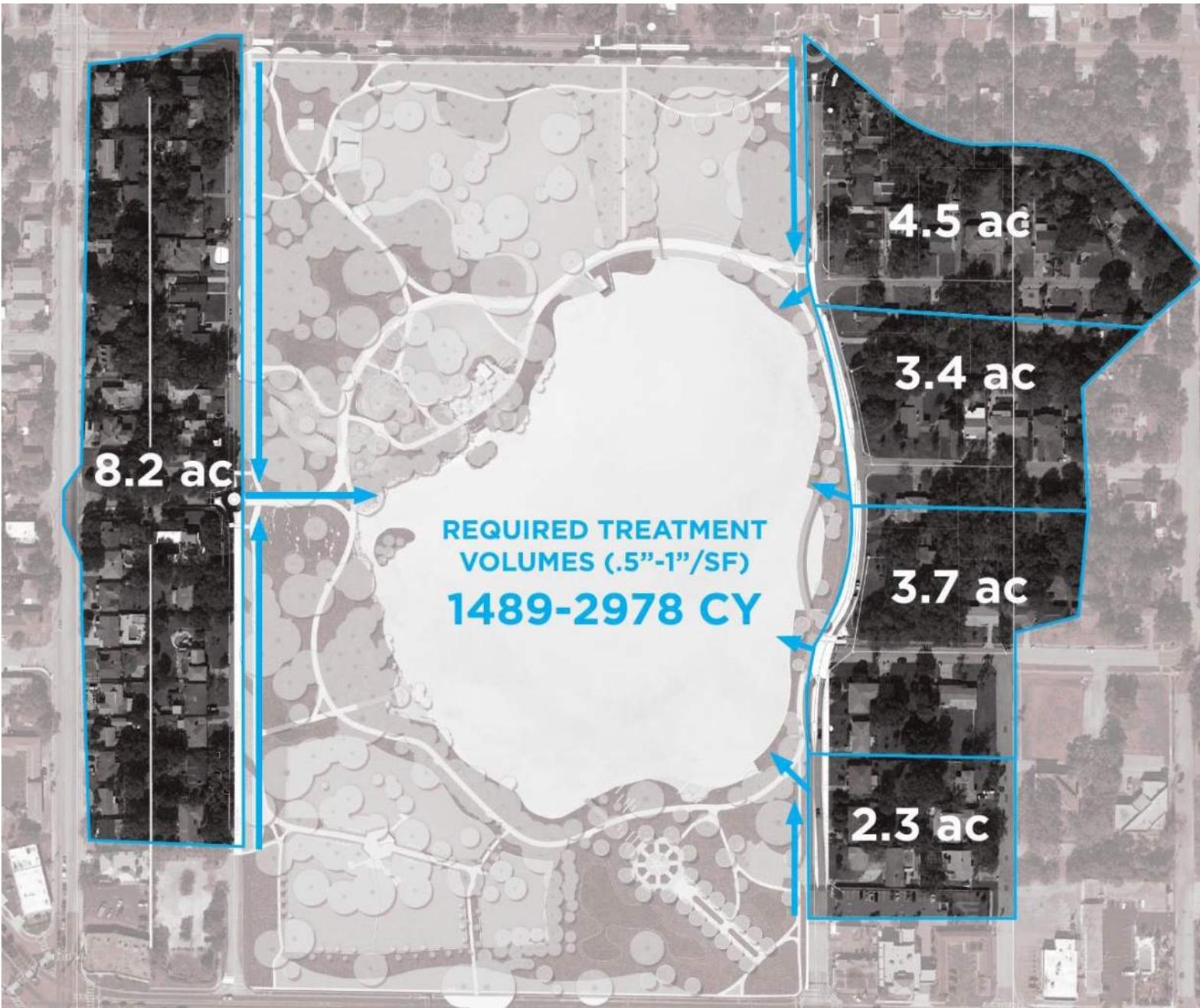
LAKE DRIVE

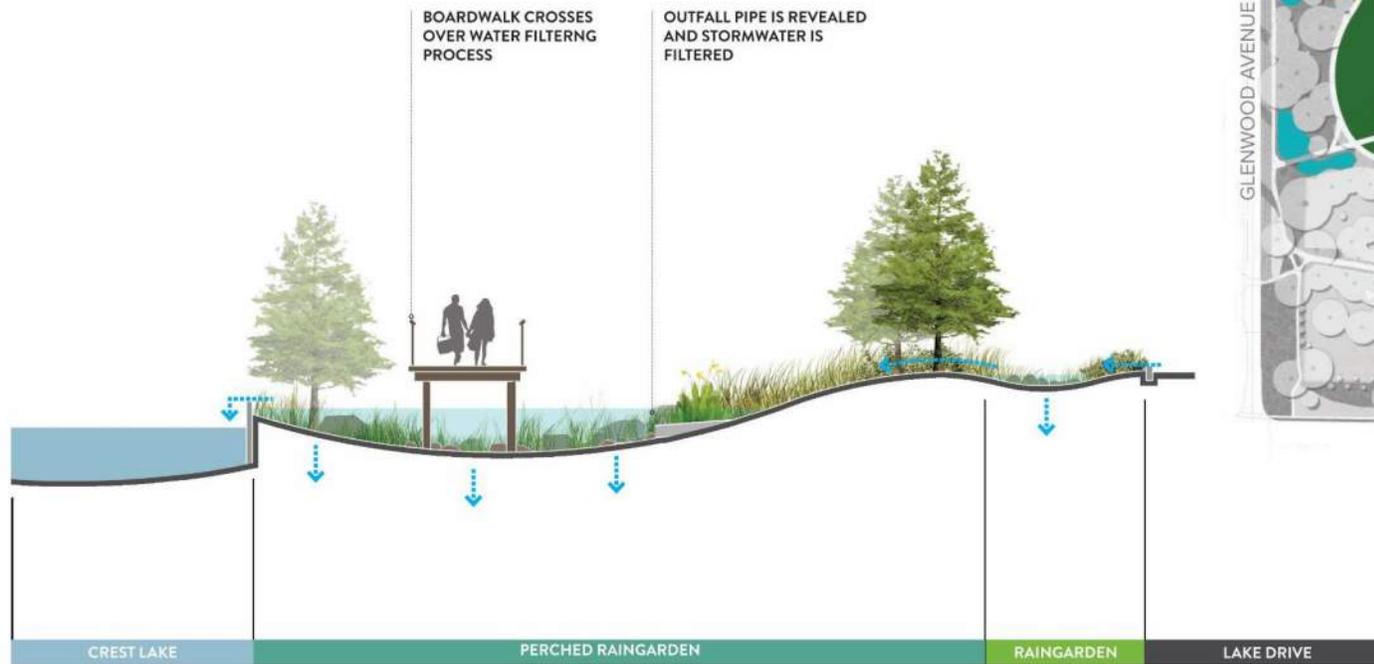
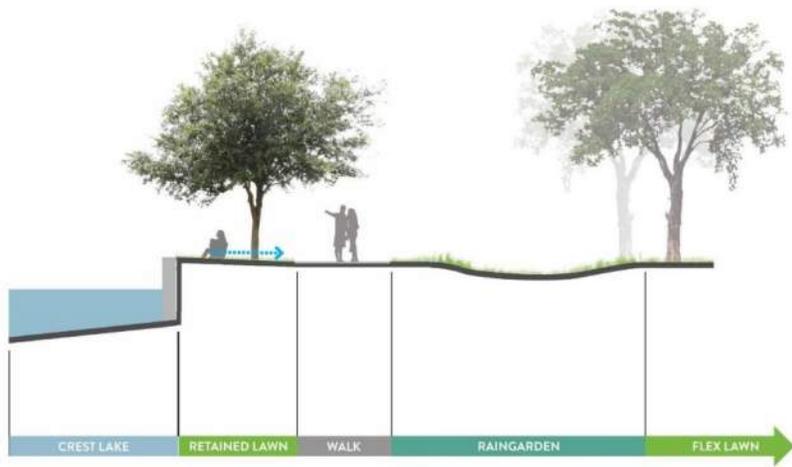
GULF TO BAY BOULEVARD



- PRIMARILY NON-NATIVE/NATIVE SPECIES WITH SELECT HISTORIC SPECIES
- NATIVE WITH SELECT HISTORIC SPECIES
- HIGH USE LAWN (ZOYSIA/BERMUDA)
- PASSIVE USE LAWN (BAHIA)
- NATIVE WITH SELECT HISTORIC SPECIES
- PRIMARILY MULCH WITH SELECT HISTORIC SPECIES







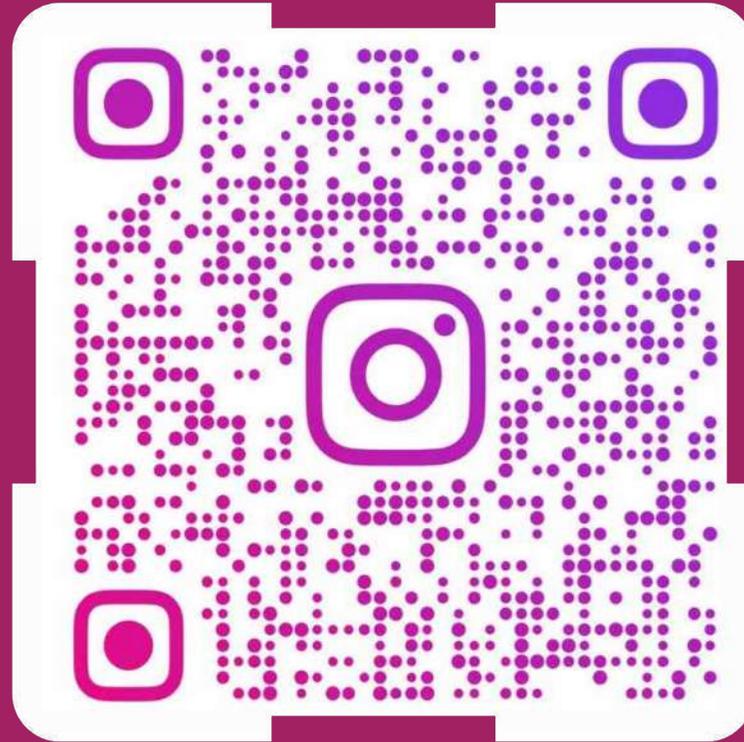




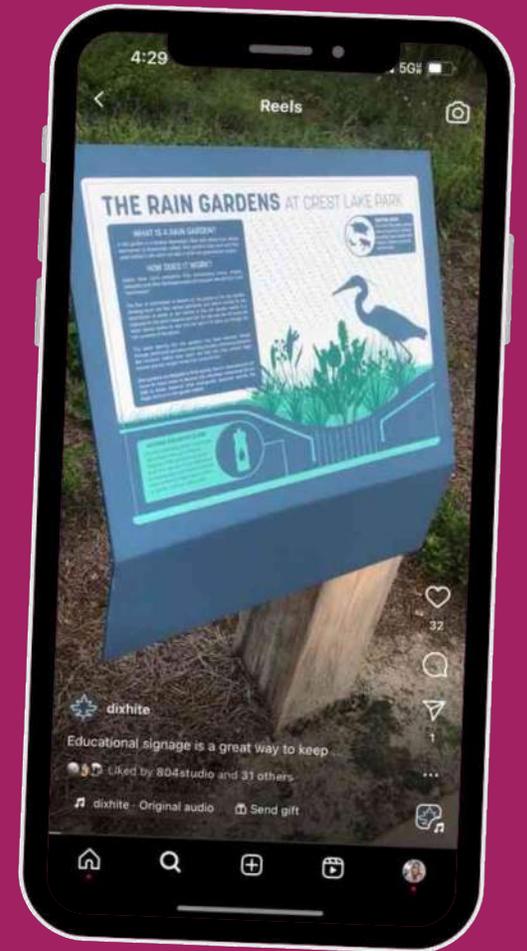




# SCAN ME



TO SEE THE RAIN GARDENS AT CREST LAKE PARK IN ACTION



## LITTORAL HABITATS AT CREST LAKE PARK

Littoral plants are the plants you see growing in shallow water along the shoreline. Unlike the water plants of Crest Lake, they are generally floating and having some common sense of plants can tolerate both wet and dry conditions.

Plants established within the littoral edge provide a suitable habitat for many fish and foraging birds. If you look closely, you may spot a turtle or a frog.

WATER WEEDS  
Water hyacinth  
Water lily  
Water lettuce

WATER GRASSES  
Cyperus  
Sagittaria

WATER LILIES  
Najas  
Sagittaria

WATER WEEDS  
Water hyacinth  
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### LIFECYCLE OF A DRAGONFLY

Dragonflies are an essential form of aquatic insect life. They spend most of their lives in the water where they breathe through gills. As nymphs, they require oxygen from the water and use their long legs to crawl along the bottom. When they reach the surface, they shed their skin and emerge as adults. In the air, they can fly long distances and hunt for their prey. An adult dragonfly can live for up to 100 days.

























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# Thank You!

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