



Park & Recreation Master Plan



March 31, 2017
Public Input Meeting

Share Your Voice ... Shape Your Park

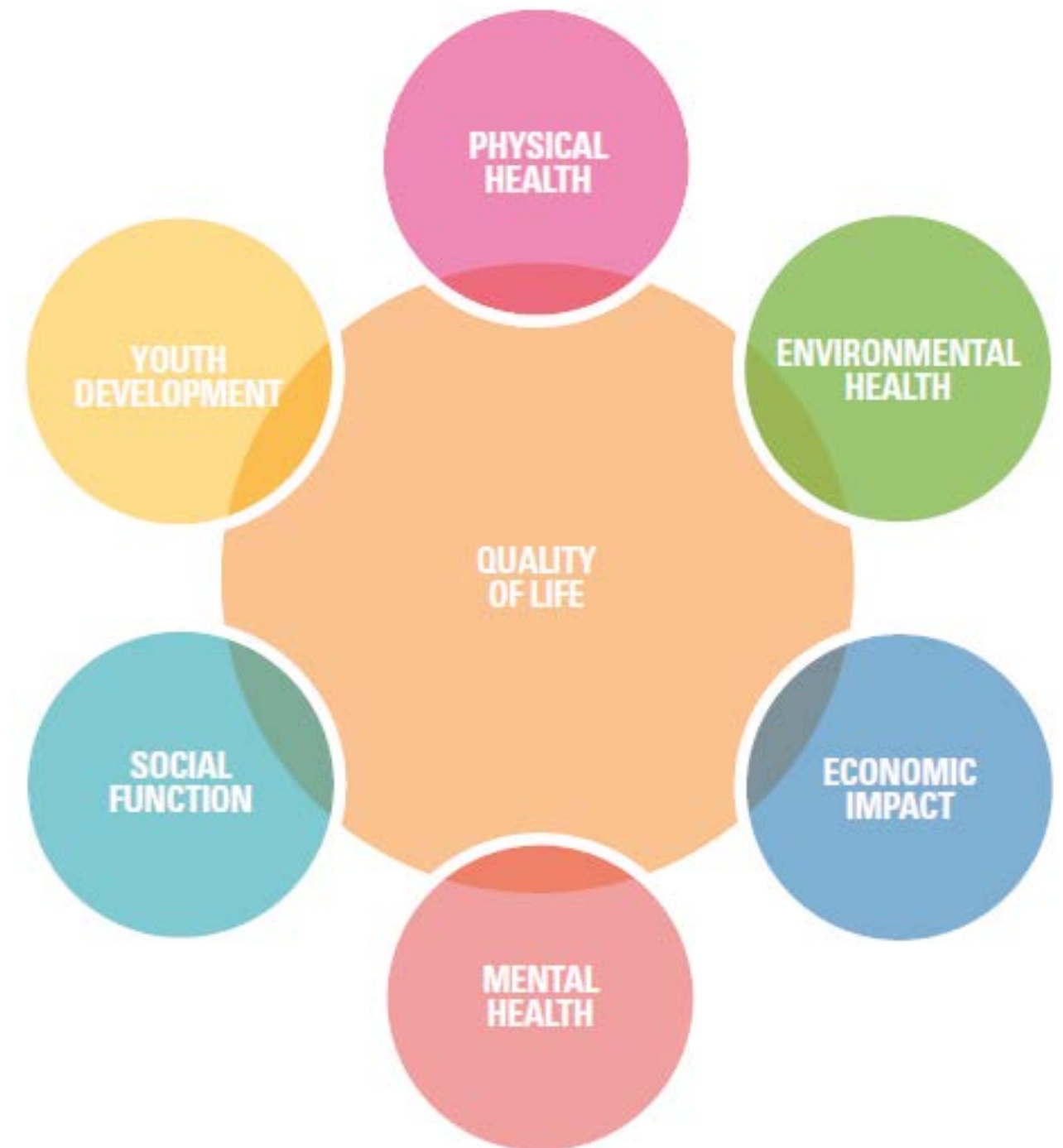
■ Master plan

- Key implementation strategy
- City's primary park planning document
- City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan 2040



What is Park & Recreation?

- Defined by *National Recreation and Park Association*
 - a "public park" is any area or portions of areas dedicated or designated by any federal, state or local agency primarily for public recreational use.
- Provides
 - leisure
 - entertainment and
 - recreational pursuits
- Includes
 - public spaces and facilities
 - parks (recreation activity programs)
 - nature preserves environmental education programs
 - open space areas, greenways, trails, and
 - built structures for sport, recreation or arts programs



2009 Master Plan ... Vision

Advancing the quality of life through the creation of a comprehensive interconnected and sustainable Park System that promotes the unique character and environment of Punta Gorda

Mission

In order to achieve this vision and serve a diverse population drawn from across the country and around the world, thereby promoting long term personal, environmental, social and economic benefit, and the preservation of our historic legacy, the Parks System must be:

*** Interconnected * Sustainable * Unique ***

2009 Master Plan ...Values



Interconnective

Every element of the Park System shall visually and physically reinforce the understanding of the parks as a system vital to the community.



Accessible

Every resident shall be able to safely and comfortably walk or bicycle from their home to parks, community facilities, commercial areas, and schools.

Sustainable

Every action and improvement in the Park System shall contribute to the personal, environmental, social and economic prosperity of the City.



Unique

Every public space shall be designed to compliment the natural, historic, and cultural landscape of the City.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2009 ...



SHORT RANGE PROJECTS



Ring Around the City Projects

| Project Name | Description of Project | Location | Responsibility | Projected Cost | Potential Funding Sources | Project Year for Completion |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Linear Park Development Phase I - III | Phase I: A 10' wide Right of way located between Retta Esplanade and Olympia Avenue | Alice Street ROW between Retta Esplanade and Olympia Avenue | Urban Design Public Works | \$577,468 | ARRA Stimulus Funding | 2010 |
| | Phase II: Continuation of Phase I from Olympia Avenue to Shreve Street | Olympia Avenue to Shreve Street | | \$177,000 design | ISS Funds & Grant Funding | 2011 |
| | Phase III: Continuation of Phase II from Shreve Street to US 41 | Shreve Street to US 41 | | \$1,300,000 Construction | ISS Funds | |
| Bike Path & Multi Use Recreation Trail (MURT) Phase I-III | Design & Construction of a multi-use recreation trail (MURT) along the east side of US 41N from Airport Road to Taylor Road | Airport Road to Aqui Esta to Taylor Road | Urban Design Public Works | \$590,000 | FDOT/LAP Grant | 2010 |
| | Construction of a MURT From Airport Road @ US 41 to Linear Park / Virginia | Airport Road @ US 41 to Linear Park / Virginia | | \$350,000 | | 2011 |
| | Construction of MURT along an alternate route from Airport Road to Trabue Woods | Phase III East Loop TBD | | \$350,000 | | 2012 |

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| Harborwalk- Best Western to Fisherman's Village | Design of the Harborwalk for the area between Best Western to Fishermen's Village | Area between Best Western and Fisherman's Village | Urban Design Public Works | \$197,000 Design | ISS Funds | 2010 |
| | Best Western, US 41 S to Gilchrist Park | US 41 S Bridge to Gilchrist Park | Punta Gorda Hotel (Best Western) | \$200,000 | Private Investments | 2009 |
| | Access Ramp from US 41 S to Harborwalk Landscape only | US 41 S Bridge to Harborwalk | Public Works | TBD | ISS Funds | 2010 |
| | Construction of the Harborwalk between Best Western and Fisherman's Village Under Construction | Area between Best Western and Fisherman's Village | Urban Design Public Works | TBD | ISS Funds | 2013 |
| Harborwalk – Patty Avenue Trail Head (Trabue Park) | Clean up invasive exotic species and begin mitigation process | East side of town along Harborwalk and Patti Avenue | Urban Design Public Works | \$580,000 | ISS Funds and Contractual Services | 2010 |
| | Design & Contract the Patty Avenue trail from Cooper St. to Laishley Park Fishing Pier. | | | | | |
| Shreve Street Connector | An alternative route for a system of greenways connecting community parks, recreation areas to the Linear Park system (phase III) by means of a trail along the Rail Road Right-of-Way | Alternative Routes phase II Pompano (at Airport Rd.) to Shreve Street (US 41 to Linear @ Virginia | Urban Design Public Works | \$465,000 | ISS Funds | 2010 |

Associated Projects to the Ring Around the City

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| Waterfront Sports Activity Park | Proposed project to include boat storage for non-motorized boats (sailboats, kayaks, canoes) and a launching facility. Staff is to gather preliminary needs analysis and report back to Council. | TBD | Public Works Urban Design | TBD | TBD | 2010 |
| Park Safety Equipment | Implement provision of police patrol on paths, trails and other hard to access areas through the purchase of a T-3 electric 3 wheel vehicle. | City Wide | Police Department | TBD by Police | TBD | 2010 |
| Laishley Parking Improvements (Hardscape) | Improvements to Laishley Park to include grading, drainage & turf improvements to the Center Drive Circle In Design | Laishley Park | Public Works | \$50,000 | FSIF | 2011 |
| | Gazebo improvements at Marriage Point including site re-design | | Urban Design Public Works | \$100,000 | | 2013 |
| Day Docks | Construction of docks for boaters and tourists allowing access to the downtown businesses, Harborwalk, Gilchrist and Laishley Parks and the Charlotte County Events Center. | Laishley Park | Public Works Urban Design | \$200,000 | ISS Funds | 2011 |
| East Mooring Field | Creation of a 40 ball mooring field approximately 1,000 feet offshore (1100' X 1100' SF) | Laishley Park | Public Works Urban Design | \$50,000 \$150,000 | Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) ISS | 2011 |
| Laishley Park | Rework the main Event Lawn, to include regrading, drainage, irrigation & turf management | Laishley Park | City of Punta Gorda Urban Design Public Works | \$500,000 | TBD | 2014 |

Other Miscellaneous Projects

| Project Name | Description of Project | Location | Responsibility | Projected Cost | Potential Funding Sources | Project Year for Completion |
|--|---|--|---|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Education of Public Regarding Tree Care | Provide public with proper tree plantings, species selection, fertilizing, pruning etc. | City Hall Annex 3rd floor | Urban Design | \$1,000 | Grant Funding | 2009 |
| Land Development Regulations Updates | Update Article 12, Landscape Standards, of the Land Development Regulations to be consistent with the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. | N/A | Planning Commission Urban Design | N/A | City staff time | 2010 |
| | Update City Code of Ordinances to require Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Principles to be included in Article 12 (Landscape Standards) and Article 16.6 Application for Development Plan | | Urban Design Police Department | | | |
| Park Location & Amenity Map Brochure | Produce map for residents & tourists use in locating city parks & amenities available in each park. | City wide | Urban Design | N/A | City staff time | 2010 |
| Parks & Grounds Maintenance Standards | Detailed needs analysis to determine level of service and staffing requirements for maintaining the City's Park System. | City Wide | Urban Design Facilities Maintenance Parks & Ground | \$10,000 | Grant Funding | 2010 |
| Nature Park Management Plan | Review and revise the Nature Park Management Plan to allow for greater diversity of recreational activities | Nature Park | Urban Design | N/A | City Staff Time | 2010 |
| West Mooring Field | Creating of a mooring field and public access boardwalk assisting in establishing Punta Gorda as a boaters destination | West side of US 41 Bridge – Peace River @ best Western | Urban Design Public Works Partnership with Best Western | \$200,000 | Private/Public Partnership | 2012 |

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| Cooper Street Recreational Center Playground | Replace the playground equipment at Cooper Street Learning Center | Cooper Street Recreational Center | Urban Design | \$180,000 | Grant Funding | 2010 |
| City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan, 2025 - Recreation & Open Space Element Update | Required per Florida Statute as evaluated through the Evaluation and Appraisal Report Process. | City Wide | Urban Design | \$ 25,000 - 30,000 | Annual Budget | 2011 |
| Movies in the Park | Monthly Movies on the Laishley Park Event Lawn | Laishley Park | Urban Design Public Works Partnership Opportunity | TBD | Business Sponsorships CRA Operating Revenue | Ongoing |
| Yoga in the Park | Weekly yoga classes on the Laishley Park Event Lawn | Laishley Park | Urban Design Private Partnership Opportunity | TBD | Public Private Partnership Business Partnership | Ongoing |
| Partnership Development | As identified in the Future Opportunities Analysis of the Park and Recreation Master Plan, commercial lands are available for public & private partnerships for additional park facilities as development occurs. Ongoing | N/A | Urban Design | N/A | City staff time | Ongoing |
| Interlocal Agreements | Explore agreements w/ local, state and federal agencies. Ongoing | City wide | Public Works Urban Design | Determined at the time of agreement | Grant Funding and in kind services agreed upon between the agreement signees | Ongoing |



INTERMEDIATE RANGE PROJECTS



| Project Name | Description of Project | Location | Responsibility | Projected Budget | Potential Funding Sources | Project Year for Completion |
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| Intersection Enhancements (Taylor & Herald Ct. /Maude & Marion) | To enhance pedestrian safety & access | Taylor & Herald Maude & Marion | Urban Design Public Works | \$100,000 | ISS Funding & Grant Funding | 2014 |
| Retta Esplanade Improvements | To enhance street parking, sidewalks, & lighting and increase open space in Gilchrist Park along the north side of W. Retta Esplanade In Design | W. Retta Esplanade from Harvey to Berry. | Urban Design Public Works | \$200,000 | ISS Funding | 2014 |
| Intersection Enhancements (Retta & Taylor/ Olympia & Maude) | To enhance pedestrian safety & access | Retta & Taylor Olympia & Maude | Urban Design Public Works | \$200,000 | ISS Funding & Grant Funding | 2014 |
| Tree Inventory | Update the existing tree inventory to include Historic Overlay District | Historic Overlay District | Urban Design Public Works | TBD | Grant Funding | 2014 |
| Parks & Recreation Master Plan | Review and update the Parks & Recreation Master Plan | City Wide | Urban Design | TBD | TBD | 2014 |
| Colony Point Drive | Community garden, small pavilion, on street parking | Dredge spoil site S Colony Point Dr. | Urban Design Public Works | \$75,000 | Impact fees | 2015 |
| Nature Park Improvements | Restrooms, bus loop, parking, educational pavilion, and paddle craft launch | Nature Park | Urban Design Public Works | \$500,000 | State & Local Funds CHNEP SWFWMD | 2016 |

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| Trabue Park | US 17 S / Marion Ave streetscape, pavilions, restrooms, play area, environmental mitigation, observation pier | Adrienne to Mary | Urban Design Public Works | \$1,500,000 | State Recreational Grants FDOT CDBG | 2017 |
| Gilchrist Park Park Improvements | Replace bathroom and picnic pavilion in Gilchrist Park | Gilchrist Park adjacent to the Best Western | Urban Design Public Works | \$250,000 | TBD | 2015 |
| | Re-grading, drainage, irrigation & turf for event lawn | Gilchrist Park; between pavilions adjacent to the Best Western | | \$250,000 | TBD | 2016 |
| | New play ground equipment, play surface, restroom, pavilion, picnic area & fencing for Gilchrist park including ADA compliance In Design | Gilchrist Park – Kiddie Land | | \$500,000 | Grant Funding TBD | 2018 |
| | "summer houses" gazebos in style of original pavilions associated with the Punta Gorda Hotel | Gazebo site at Gilchrist Park; Marina Entrance at Laishley | | \$300,000 | TBD | 2019 |
| Park Improvements | Carousel House | TBD | TBD | \$50,000 | FSIF | 2018 |
| Develop Partnerships | As identified in the Future Opportunities Analysis, Commercial Lands are available for Public & Private Partnerships for additional park facilities as development occurs. | City wide | TBD | As agreed upon | As agreed upon on between partners | Ongoing |



LONG RANGE PROJECTS



| Project Name | Description of Project | Location | Responsibility | Projected Budget | Potential Funding Sources | Project Year for Completion |
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| Tree Inventory | Update and assess tree inventory to include streets & neighborhoods not included in the 2009 inventory | Miscellaneous City Right-of-Way | Urban Design Parks & Grounds | TBD | Grant Funding | 2019 |
| Royal Poinciana Avenue Improvements | Bicycle/pedestrian improvements, street trees, overhead utilities, drainage modifications – connects US 41 MURT to Burnt Store Road In Design | Royal Poinciana US 41 to Burnt Store Road | Urban Design Public Works | \$600,000 | TBD | 2019 |
| Burnt Store Meadow (BSM) Neighborhood Park | Neighborhood meetings and concept design, construction and permitting documents for neighborhood park | BSM | Urban Design Public Works | \$180,000 | TBD | 2019 |
| Parks & Recreation Master Plan | Review and update the Parks & Recreation Master Plan In Design | City Wide | Urban Design | TBD | TBD | 2020 |
| Burnt Store Meadow (BSM) Neighborhood Park | Construction of Playground area, picnic pavilion, parking and other improvements | BSM | Urban Design Public Works | \$600,000 | TBD | 2020 |

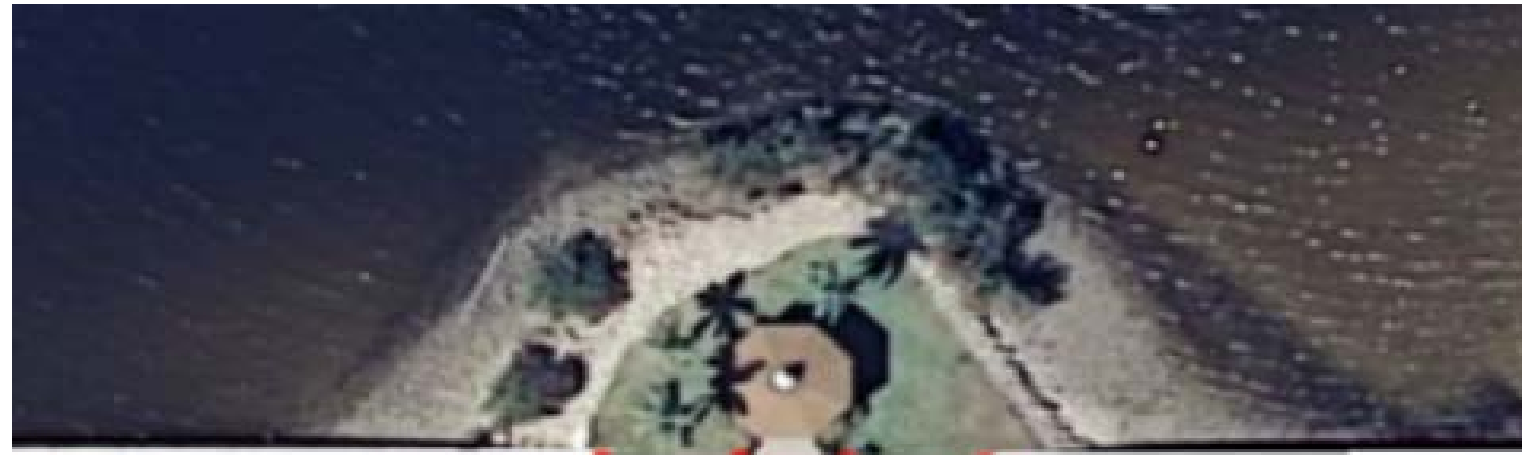
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| Monaco to Madrid Improvements | Bicycle/pedestrian improvements, street trees, overhead utilities, drainage modifications | BSI | Urban Design Public Works | \$600,000 | TBD | 2021 |
| Bal Harbor Avenue Improvements | Bicycle/pedestrian improvements, street trees, overhead utilities, drainage modifications | PGI– Marion to Deborah | Urban Design Public Works | \$600,000 | TBD | 2022 |
| Gilchrist Park Boat Club/ Bayfront Redesign and Construction Survey by TEAM PG | Concept design, construction & permitting design documents | Gilchrist Park Bayfront Center | Urban Design Public Works | \$100,000 | TBD | 2022 |
| | Construction of community facilities, parking & site improvements | Old Boat Club / Bayfront Center Site | Urban Design Public Works | \$2,500,000 | TBD | 2025 |
| Park Beach Circle Park | “Summer Houses” gazebo in style of original pavilions associated with the Punta Gorda Hotel, on street parking, landscape improvements | Park Beach Circle Park | Urban Design Public Works | \$500,000 | TBD | 2025 |
| Alternative Transportation Study | As transit becomes available a study to provide access of surrounding communities to the Park System | City Wide | Urban Design Public Work MPO | TBD | MPO | TBD |
| Develop Partnerships | As identified in the Future Opportunities Analysis, commercial lands are available for public & private partnerships for additional park facilities as development occurs. On-Going | City wide | TBD | As agreed upon | As agreed upon on between partners | Ongoing |



PROJECTS IN THE WORKS:

Gilchrist Park

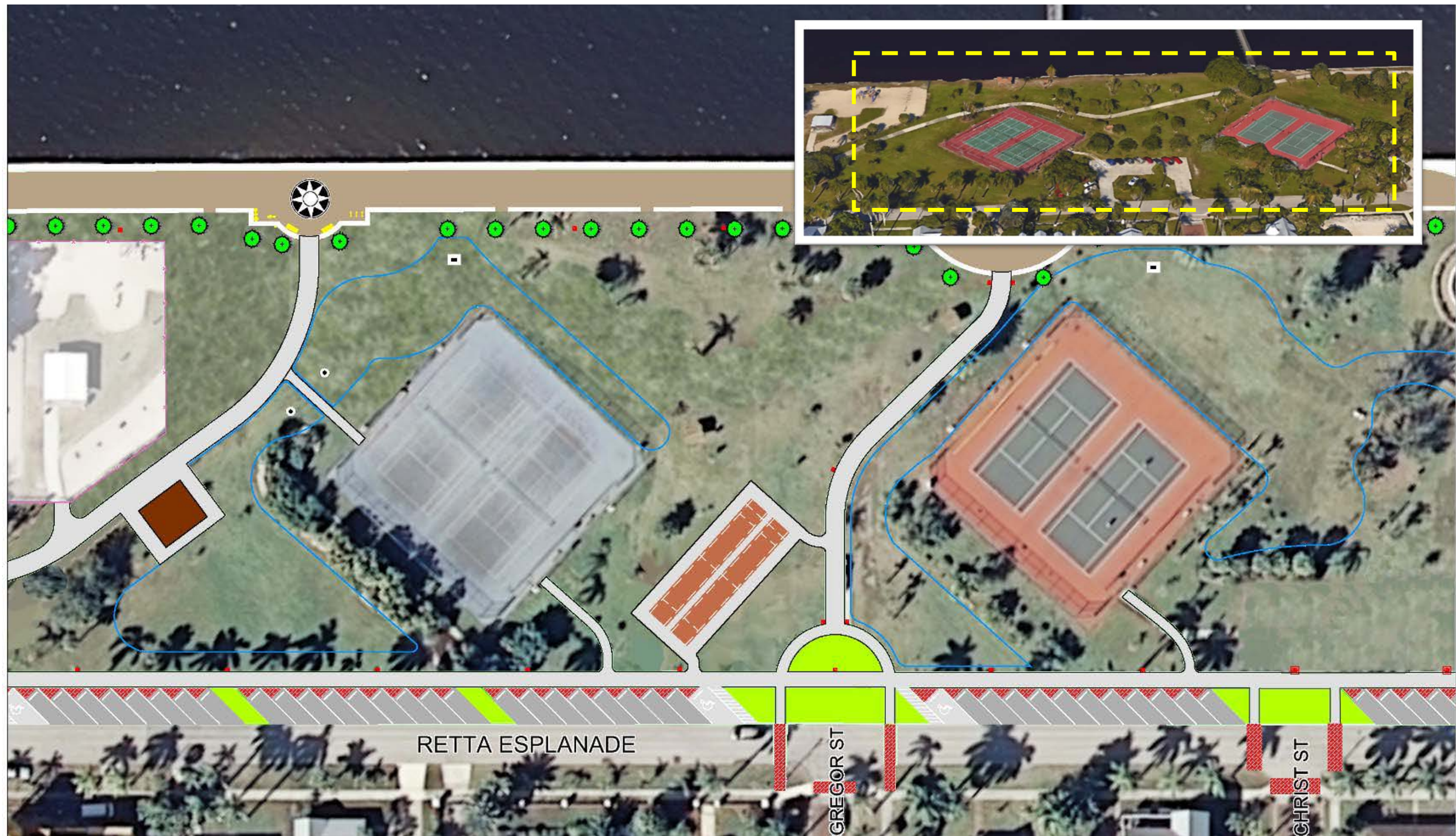




Area 1 - Harvey Street to Gill Street
Under Construction



Gilchrist Park Playground
In Design – Construction in 2017



Area 2a - Gill Street to McGregor Street



Area 2b - McGregor Street to Berry Street



Area 3 - Berry Street to Fishermen's Village

Nature Park – Phase II



Punta Gorda Pathways – Connections





PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Gilchrist Park Activity Center



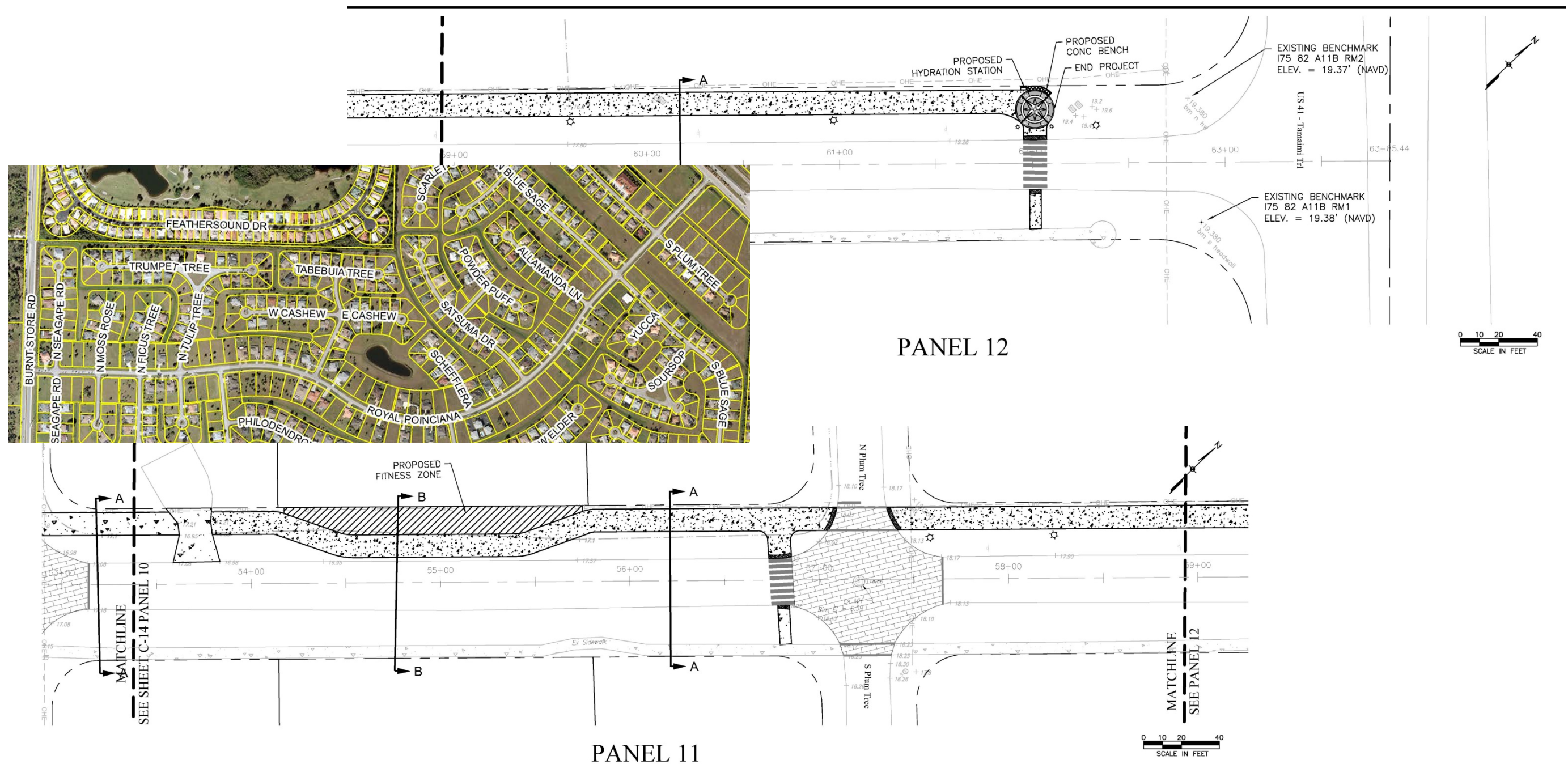
Trabue Park Improvements



Concept by FGCU College of Engineering Students



Royal Poinciana Shared Use Path



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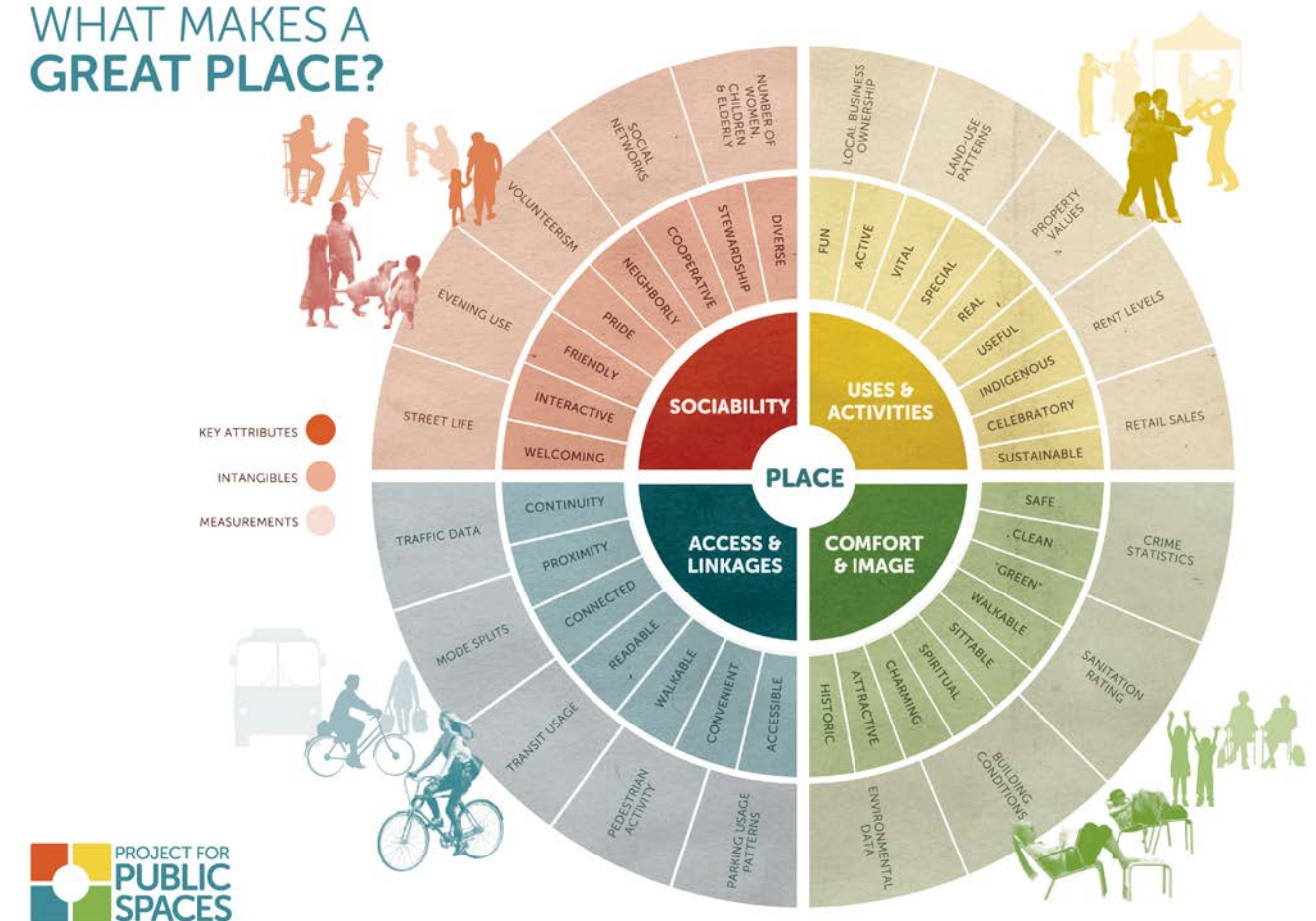


**WHAT PROJECTS SHOULD THE CITY
CONSIDER?**

How do we make our great places better?

- What are the opportunities for improvement?
- What amenities are you looking for?
- Where can park access be improved?
- Are there neighborhoods in need of a park?

WHAT MAKES A GREAT PLACE?



SHARE YOUR VOICE ... SHAPE YOUR PARK
TAKE THE SURVEY!



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