

# Akron Pond Revitalization



Design Progress Presentation  
August 11th, 2020

# Community Survey Results

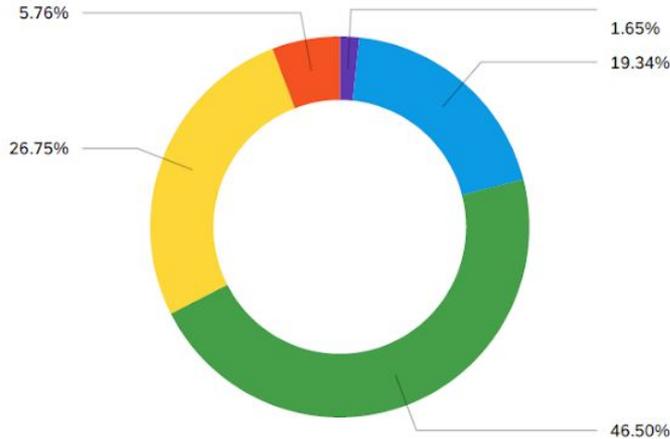


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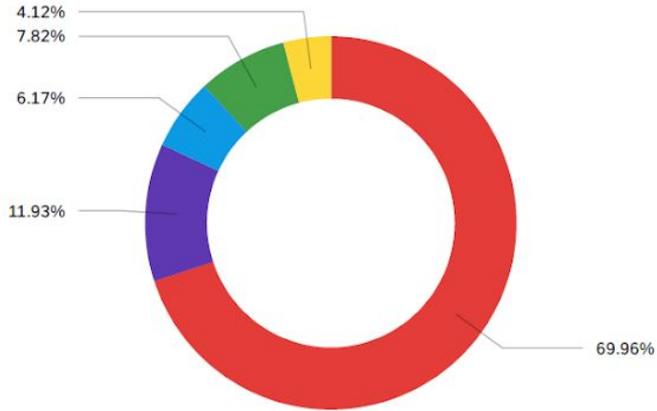
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# Age



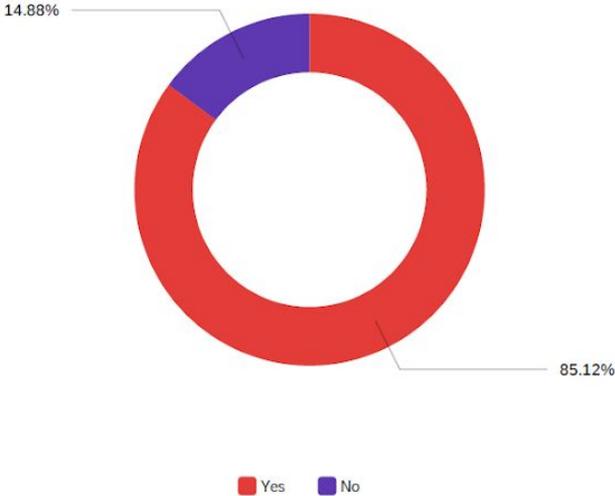
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# Employment Status

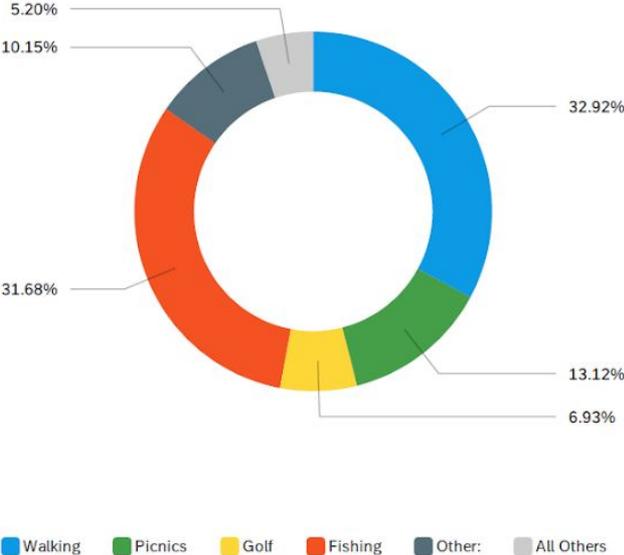


Full time Part time Unemployed Retired Student

# Have you visited the pond within the last 3 years?

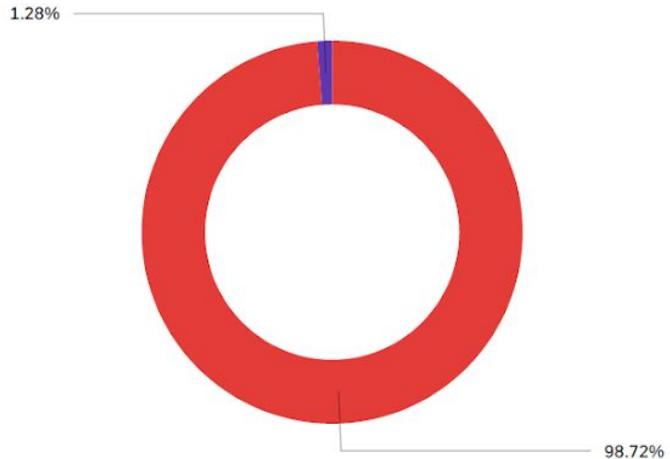


# If yes, what activities did you do?



*\*Write-ins: Scout activities, weddings, taking wedding photos*

# Would you like to see improvements to the new pond area?



Yes No

# If yes, what kinds of improvements would you like to see?

## NATURE



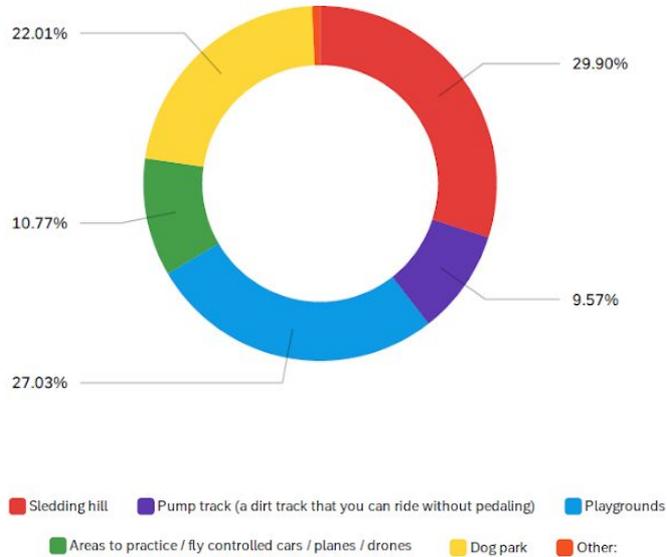
Fishing Walking paths and seating areas around the pond Non-motorized boating Longer distance walking trails around the entire site All Others

*\*Write-ins: More trees, wild flowers, public art*

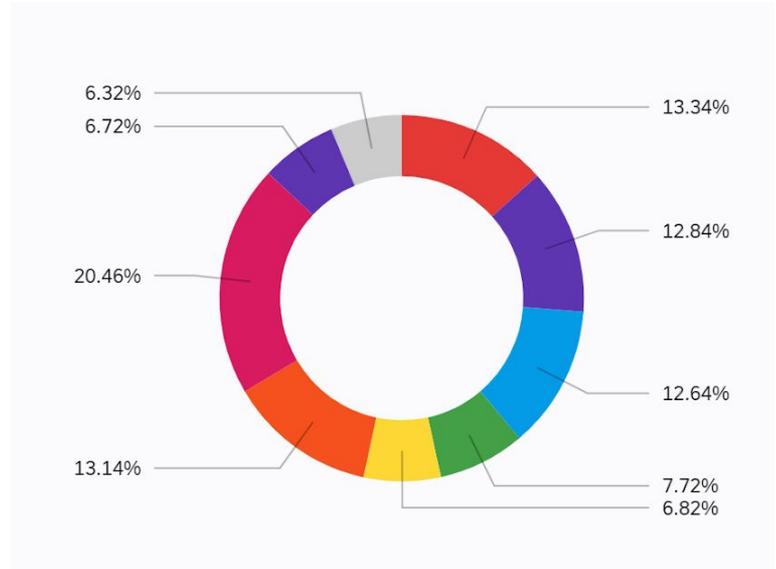
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## PLAY



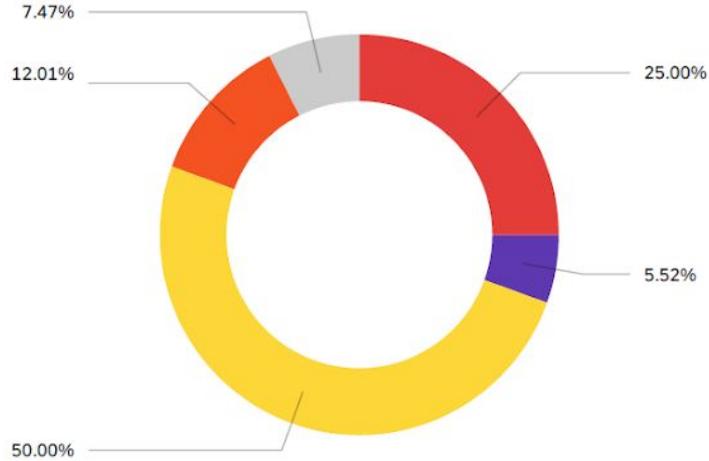
## FUNCTIONAL



# What sports activities would you like to see?



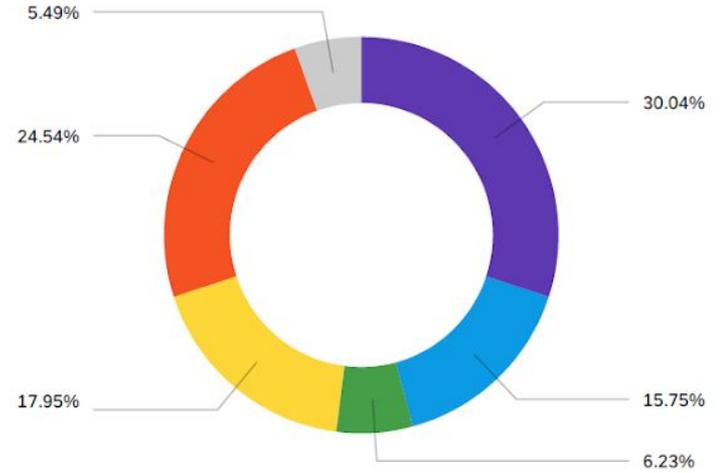
## SPORTS



- Frisbee golf
- Baseball fields
- Yard games (like horseshoe, corn hole, etc.)
- None
- All Others

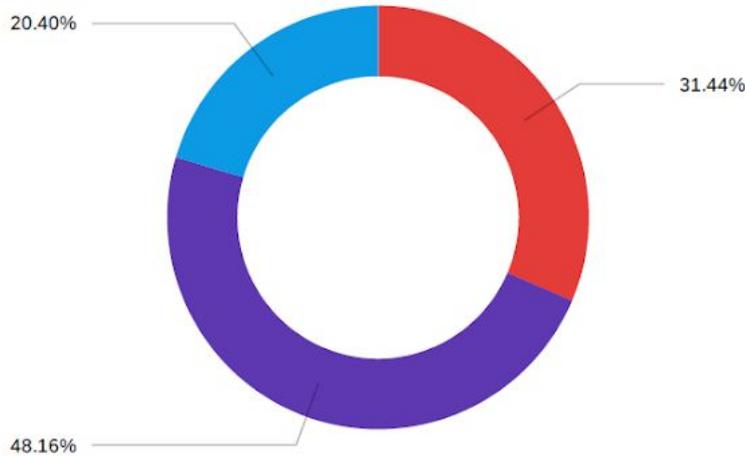
*\*Write-ins: Archery course*

## SPORTS COURTS



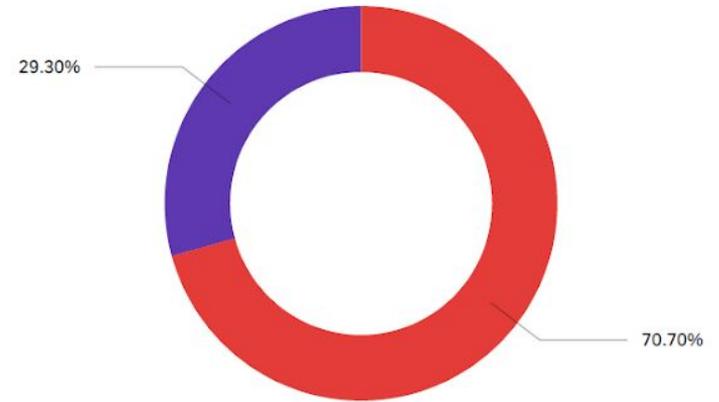
- Sand volleyball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Games (like four square, tetherball, ping pong, chess, etc.)
- None
- All Others

If camping is an improvement you'd like to see, what type would you prefer?



RV sites Tent sites Walk-to tent sites

The town is considering a Memorial Bench program, where the town would offer the opportunity to purchase benches in honor of a loved one. Is this something you would be interested in?



Yes No

# Final write-ins



Q10 - In the past, the pond has been called 'Akron Pond'. If you have a suggested name for the revitalized recreation area, please leave it here:

In the past, the pond has been called Akron Pond. If you have a suggeste...

Keep the name!

Prairie pond

Akron Recreation South

Prairie nature park or preserve

Akron's Outdoor Oasis

Akron Open Space

The AKRON THUNDERDOME

Nope...like the Akron pond

Memorial Park at Akron Pond.

For the love ones we lost

Akron Pond Open Space

Akron Recreation Area

The Akron Pond

Akron Pond

Washington County Waterway

Leave it the same.

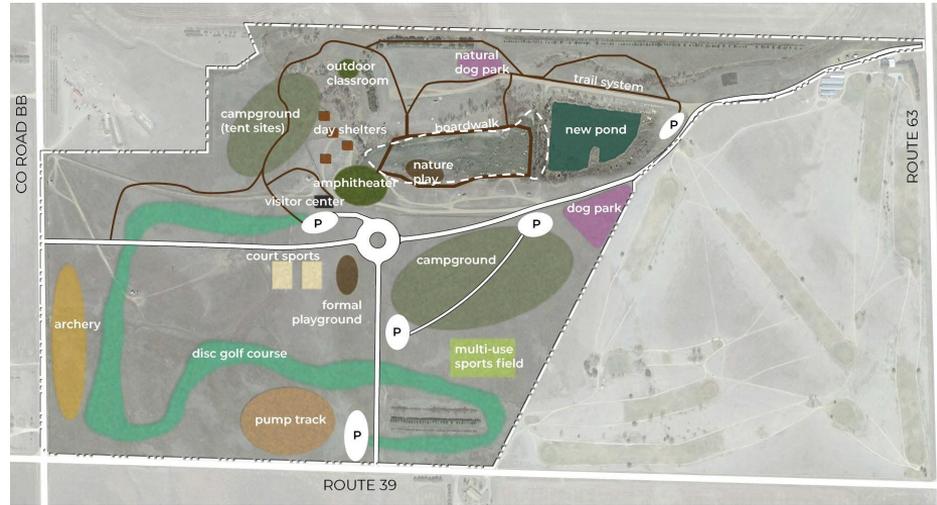
Q18-Would you be interested in getting involved in revitalization efforts at the pond? If so, please leave your name and email address here:

Great news! Several have volunteered.

# Design Progress



# Final Design Concepts

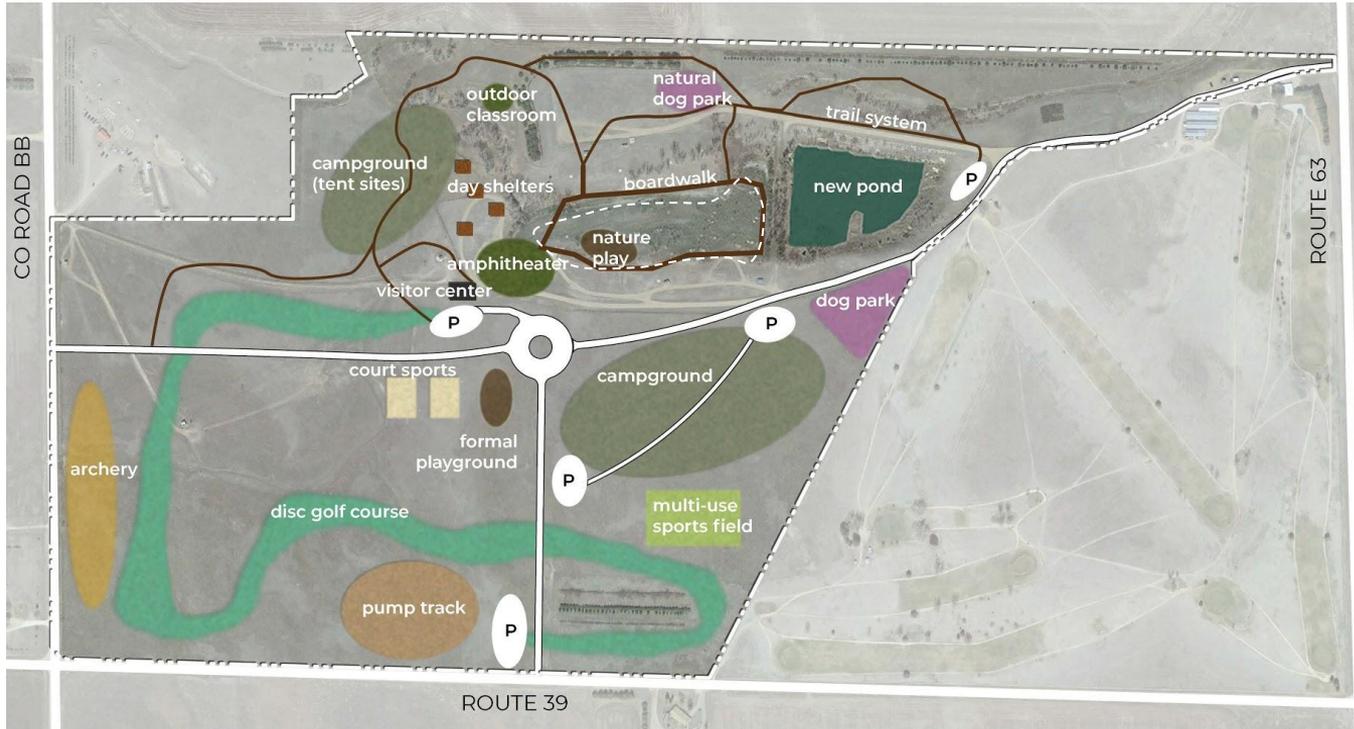


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# The T- overview



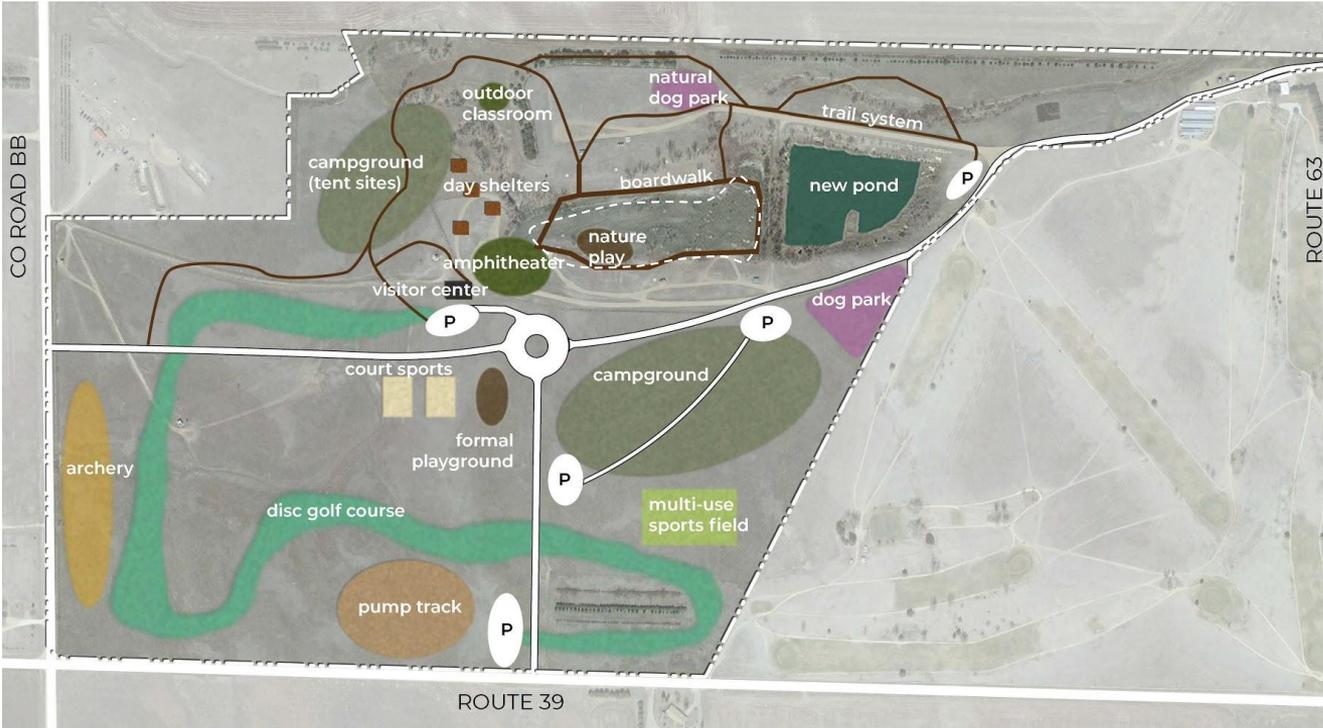
## KEY FEATURES:

- Roundabout
- Trail system north of pond
- Centrally located visitor center
- Amphitheater situated along old pond

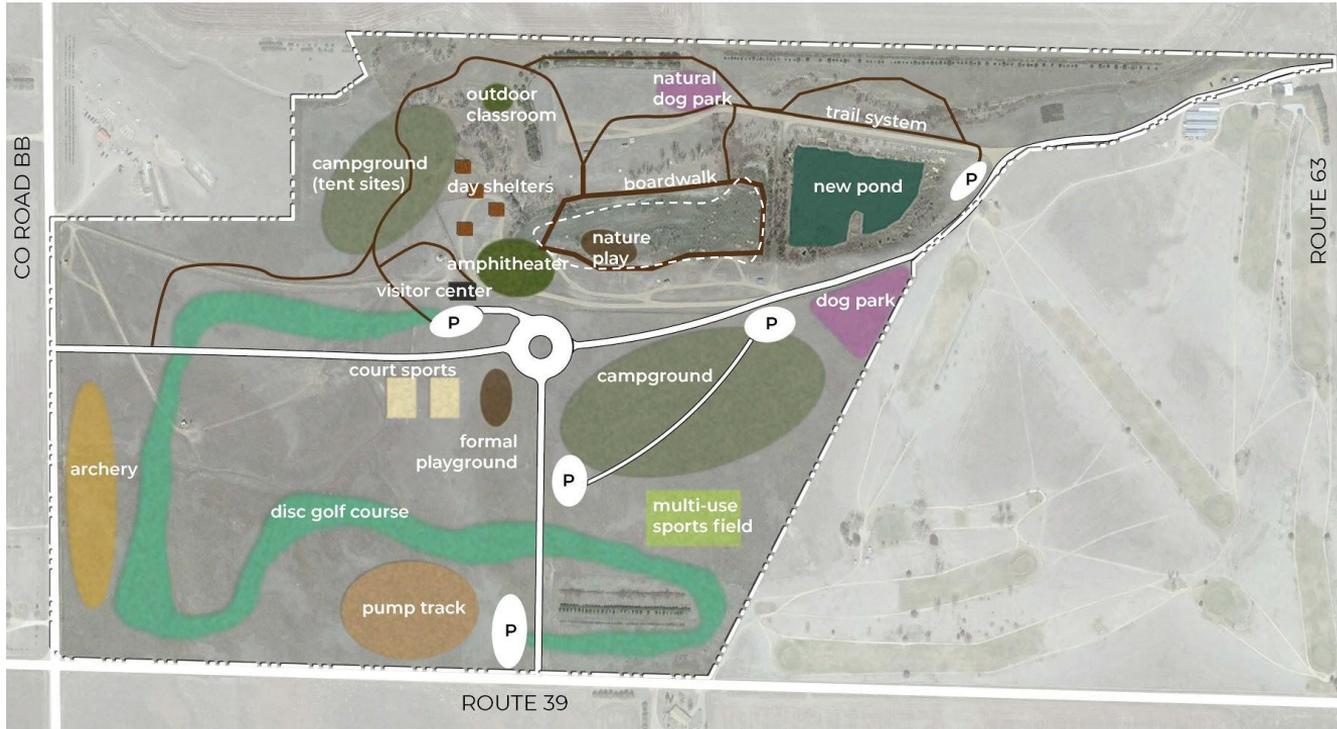
# The T- precedents



## ROUNDABOUT



# The T- precedents

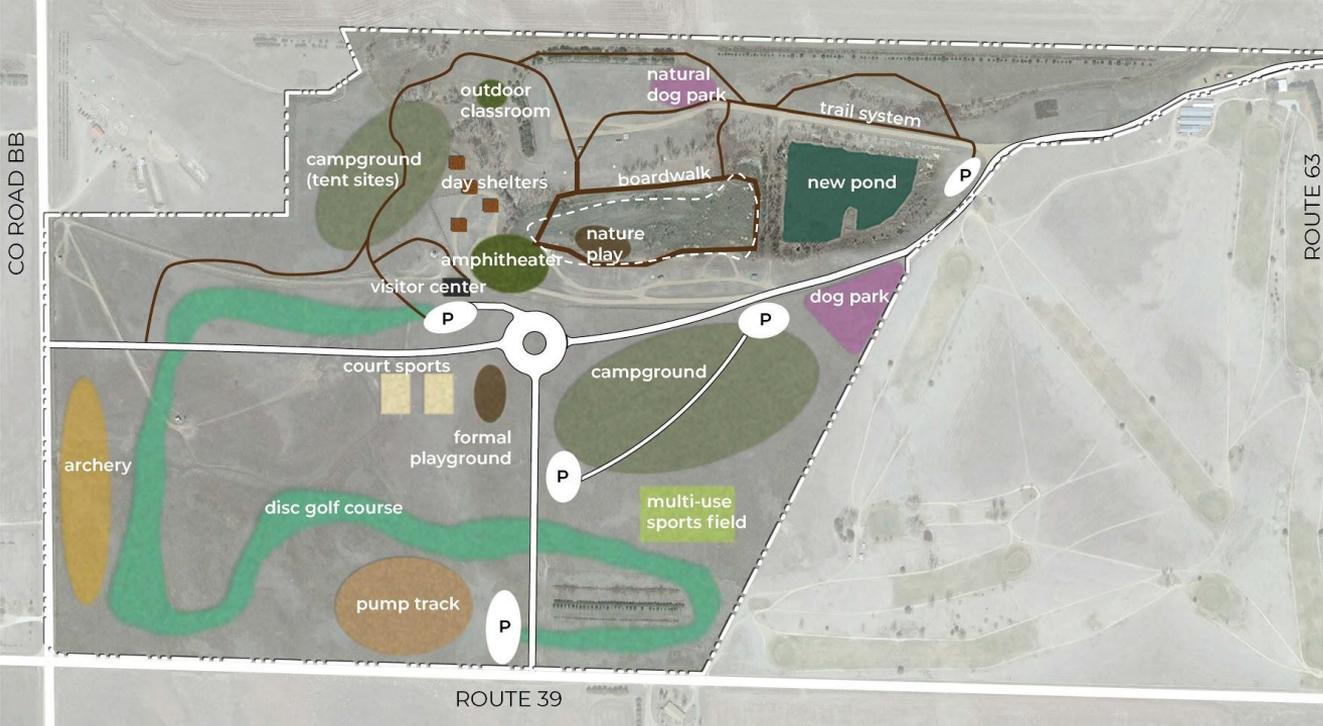


## VISITOR CENTER



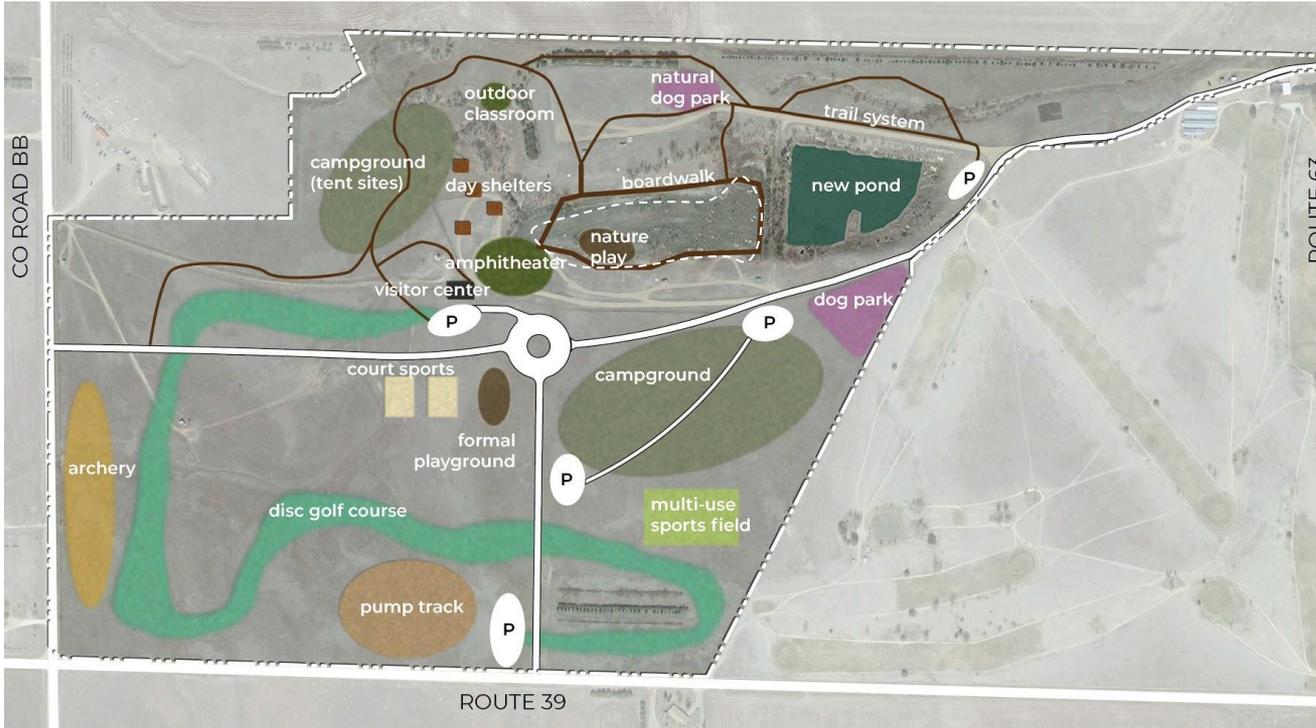
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## AMPHITHEATER

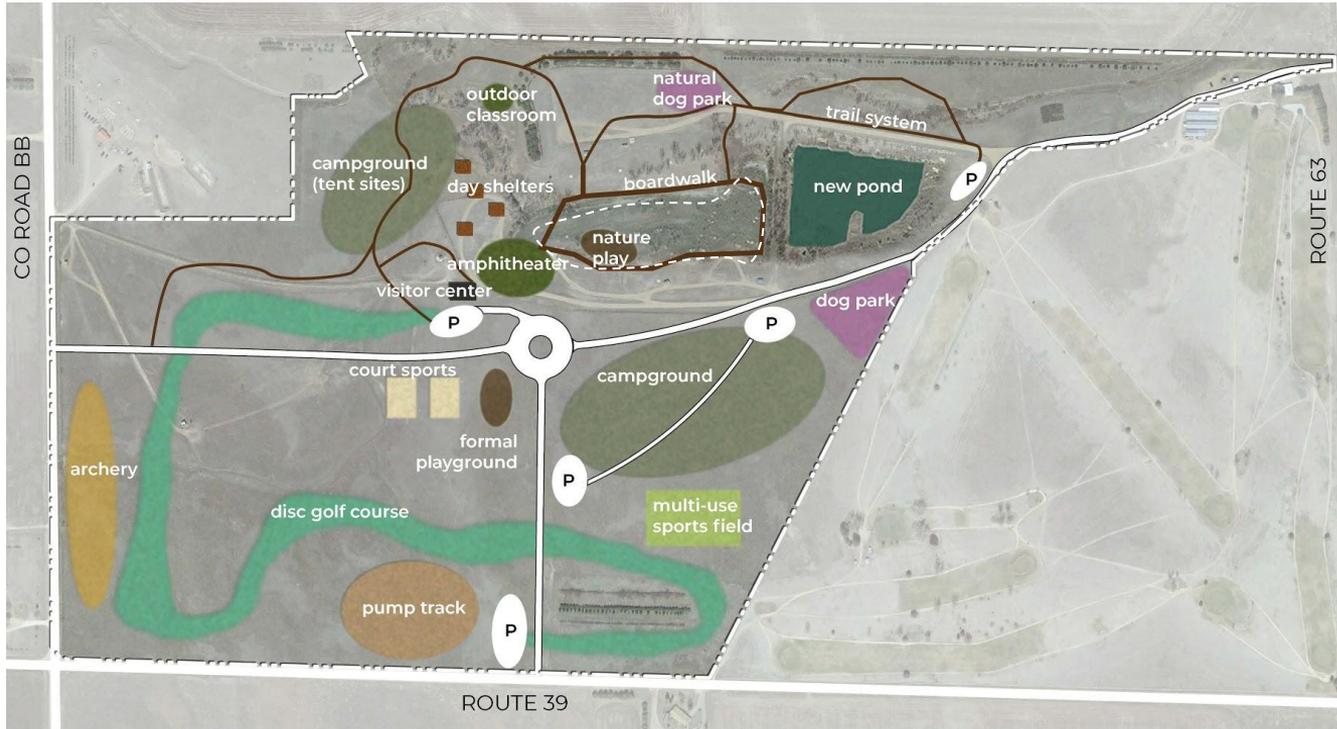


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## DAY SHELTERS



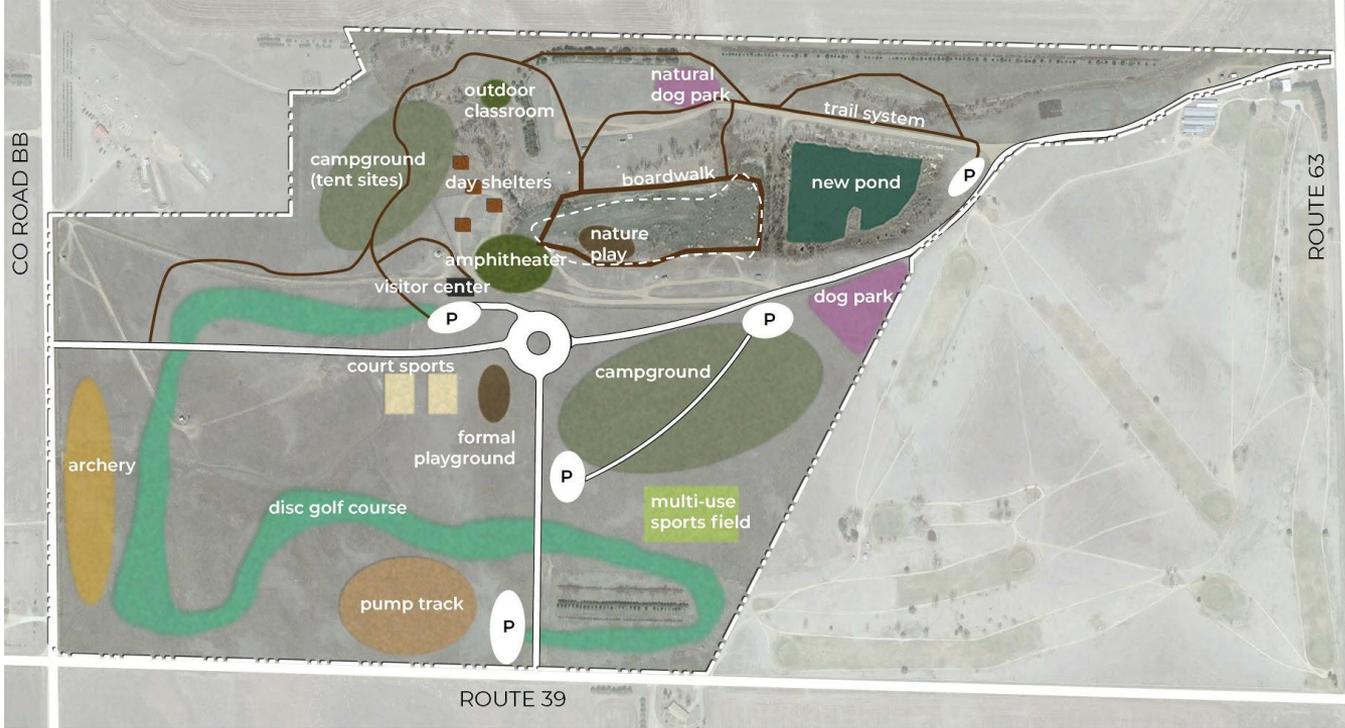
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## DISC GOLF



# The T- precedents



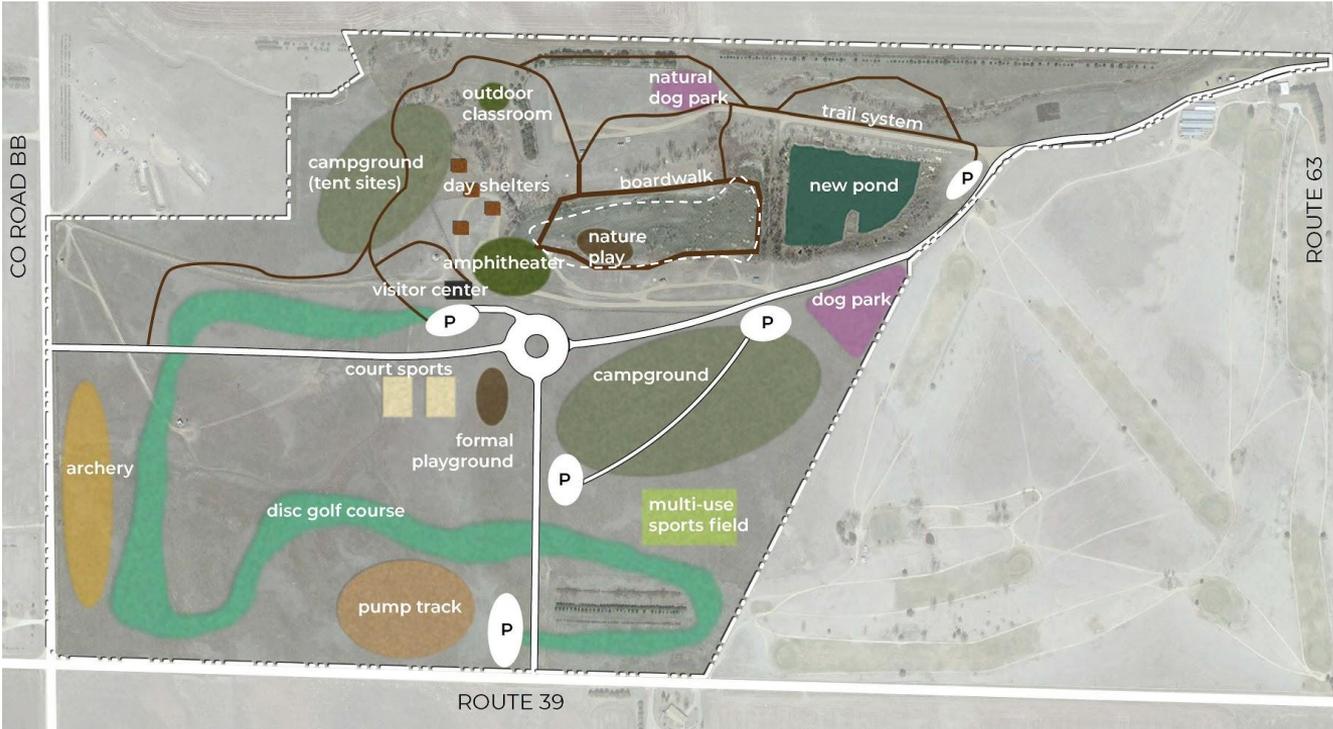
## BOARDWALK SYSTEM



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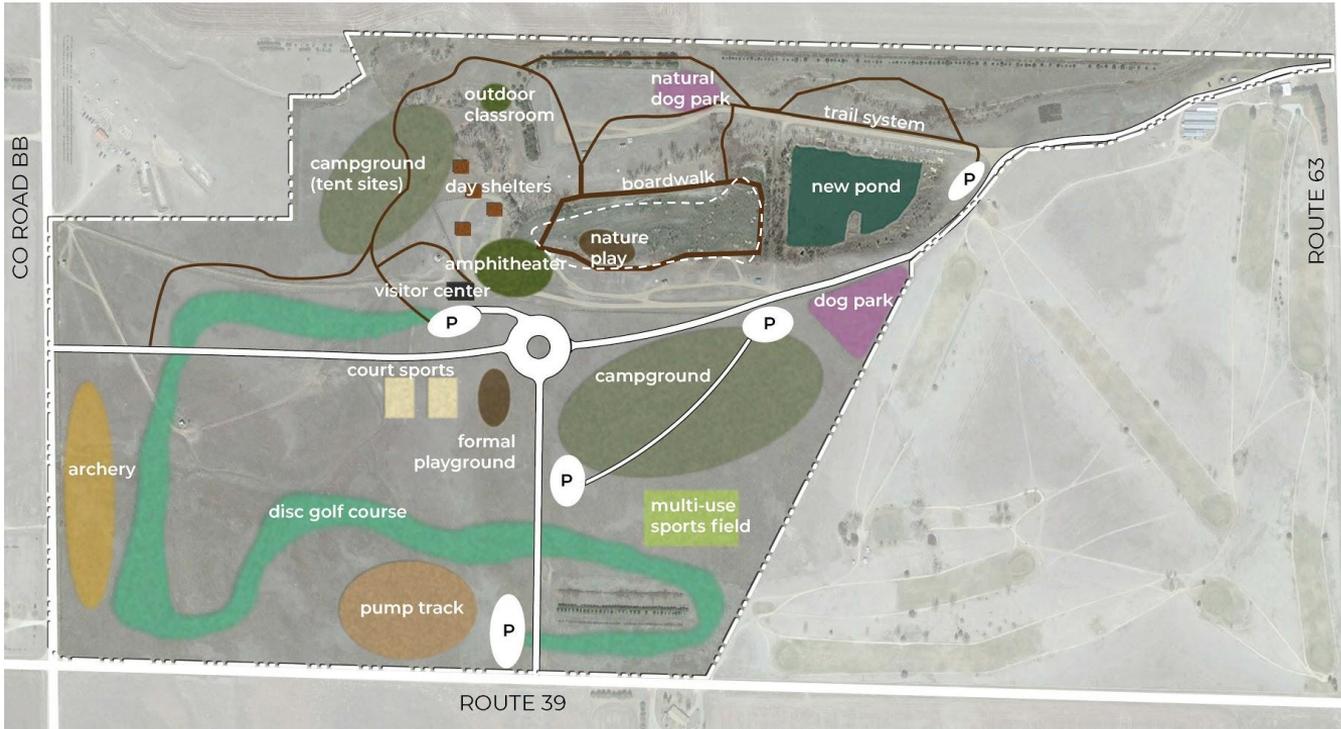
## DOG PARKS



# The T- precedents



## PUBLIC ART



# The Two Way- overview



## KEY FEATURES:

- Two main circulation roads: one on the northern end of the site, one connecting Route 39 and CO Road BB
- Loop trail system
- Centrally located sledding hill
- Viewshed corridor maintained from southwest of site

# The Two Way- precedents



## NATURAL AMPHITHEATER



# The Two Way- precedents



## NATURE PLAY CORRIDOR



# The Two Way- precedents



## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



# The Two Way- precedents



## SLEDDING HILL



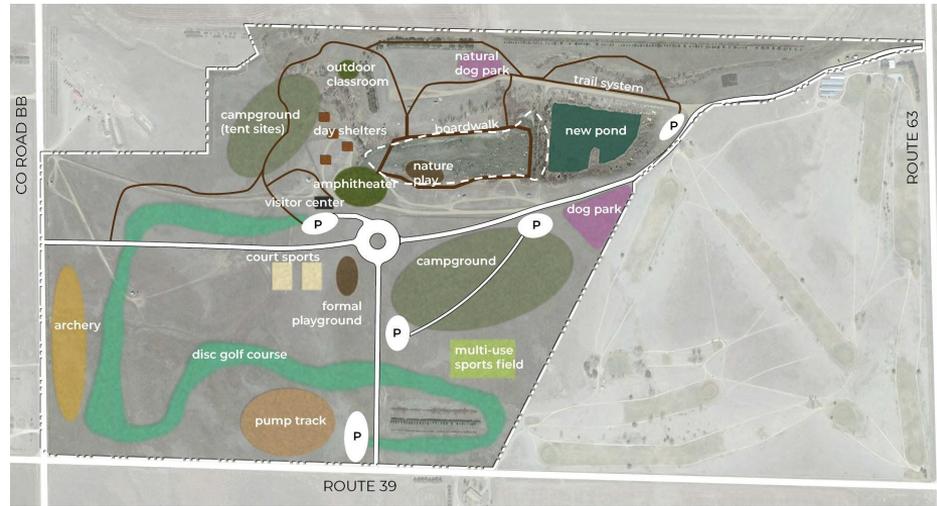
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## GREEN CORRIDOR



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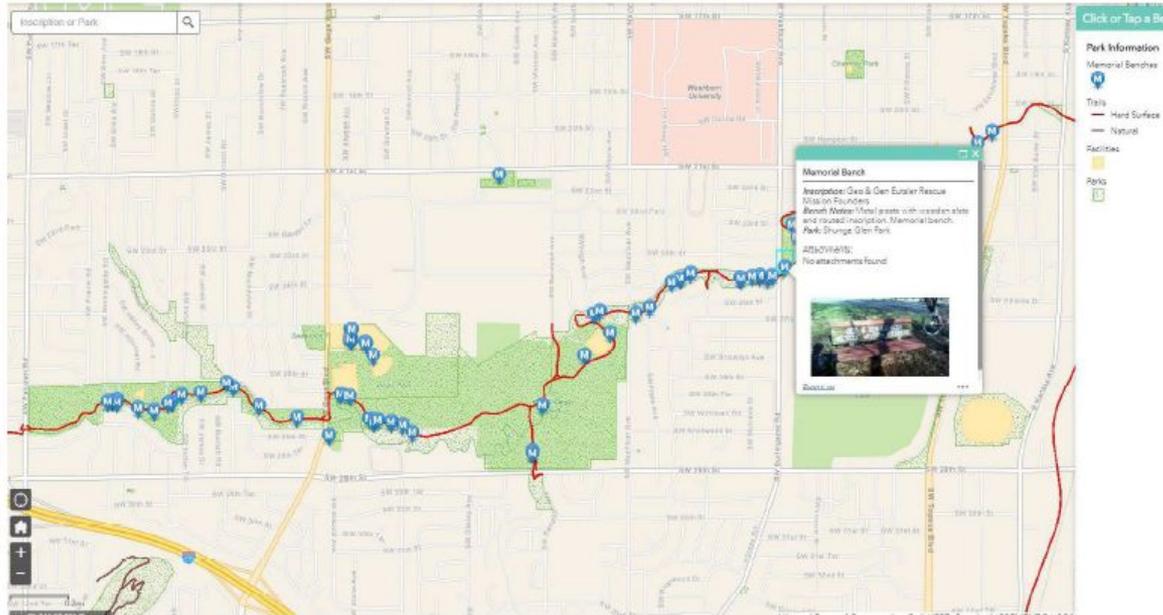
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# Donor Possibilities

## MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM



- Allow people to either
  - Select their type of bench
  - Create a standardized bench (and price point)
- Limit text for engravings
- Keep a directory of donation benches



# Donor Possibilities

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## Beyond Benches and Trees

The following list includes examples of some gifts that Parks staff would welcome:

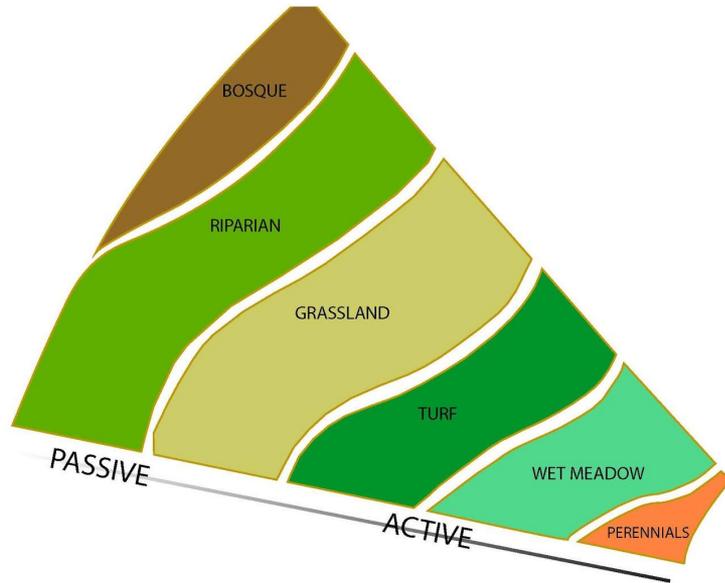
- Asphalt Pathways – \$40 per linear foot
- Summer Camp Scholarships – \$210 per child
- Native Wildflower & Grasses Planting – \$500-\$1,500
- Historical/Interpretive/Wayfinding Signs – \$3,000-\$6,000 each
- Drinking Fountains (for people and dogs) – \$4,000
- Basketball/Tennis Court Refurbishment – \$50,000 per court
- Boardwalks – \$50,000-\$100,000
- Picnic Shelter (Particular Needs at: Furstenberg and Buhr Parks) – \$65,000-\$100,000
- Skatepark Donations through the [Ann Arbor Community Foundation](#)
- Playground Equipment for Neighborhood Parks – \$5,000-\$50,000
- Picnic Tables – \$3,000-\$6,000
- Flower Planting (Includes Maintenance by Donor) – \$50-\$150

## OTHER OPTIONS

- Memorial pavers
- Annual / perennial flowers

*Ann Arbor, MI Parks and Recreation suggested donations*

# Vegetative Zones



**BOSQUE**- Forest-like groupings of trees with species tolerant to local climate such as juniper, black chokecherry, and boxelder.

**RIPARIAN**- Plantings adjacent to streams such as cottonwoods and willows.

**GRASSLAND**- Sagebrush prairie plantings which enhance existing landscape and preserve native species.

**TURF**- Manicured grass plantings for use on activity fields and event spaces.

**WET MEADOW**- Short-grass prairie with low maintenance and durable to withstand heavy impact.

**PERENNIALS**- Drought-tolerant flowers and shrubs which provide color year after year such as upright prairie coneflower, scarlet globemallow, and goldenrod.

# ACTIVE RECREATION

Vegetation Types:  
Turf, Perennials



LURIE GARDEN AT  
MILLENNIUM PARK



HIGH-IMPACT SPORTS TURF



USSURIAN PEAR TREE /  
BORDER SHADE

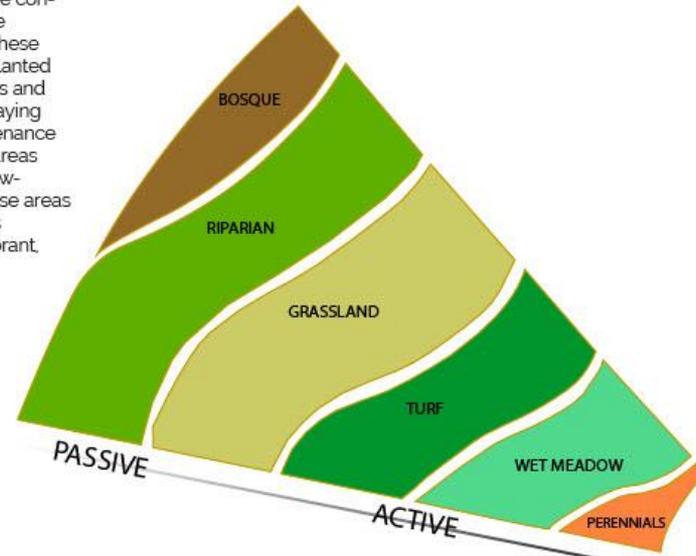
TURF: **Kentucky Bluegrass**



PERENNIALS: **Prairie Coneflower**,  
Bee Balm, Purple Prairie Clover,  
Hairy Golden Aster, Narrow-Leaved Penstemon,  
Large-Flowered Beardtongue



Active recreation areas will provide contrast to the abundant native prairie vegetation throughout the park. These highly-manicured and densely-planted areas will host high-traffic activities and circulation corridors. While turf playing surfaces will require heavy maintenance and irrigation, perennial planting areas should be composed of mostly low-water native flowering plants. These areas of deep color will welcome sports enthusiasts and onlookers to a vibrant active space.



# PASSIVE RECREATION

Vegetation Types:  
Bosque, Grassland,  
Wet Meadow

GRASSLAND: **Buffalo Grass**, Blue Grama., Western Wheat Grass



WET MEADOW: **Arctic Rush**, Woolly Sedge, Nebraska Sedge, Common Spike Rush, Foxtail Barley, Arctic Rush



MOWED PASTURE CORRIDORS



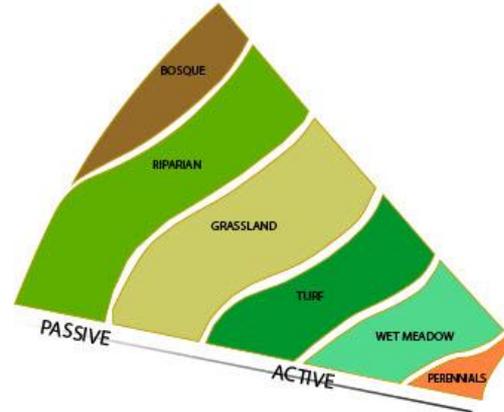
DISC GOLF PLAYED AROUND SITE



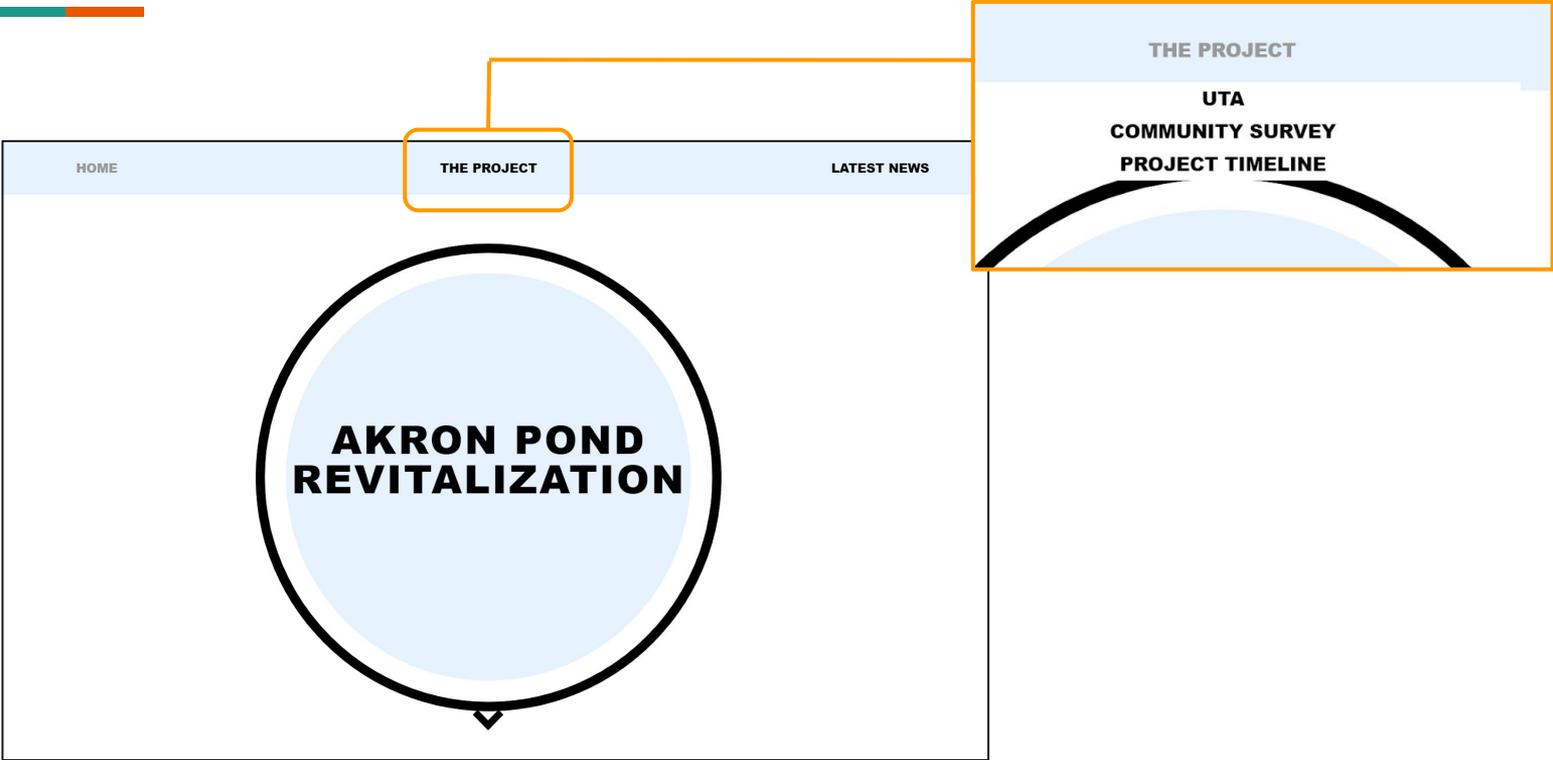
JOGGING THROUGH PRAIRIE CORRIDORS

Passive recreation areas will act as interweaving vegetation connections. With medium-impact, low-maintenance spaces, passive recreation corridors allow for active lifestyles to be enjoyed in the unkept prairie. Drought-tolerant grasses and shrubs should be established to create adequate spaces along with additional prairie habitat.

BOSQUE: **Bebb's Willow** could be established as a prairie bosque where vegetative buffers are thought necessary.



# Next Steps- Website?



# Conclusion

