

TRACY NATURE PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Tracy Parks Commission Meeting

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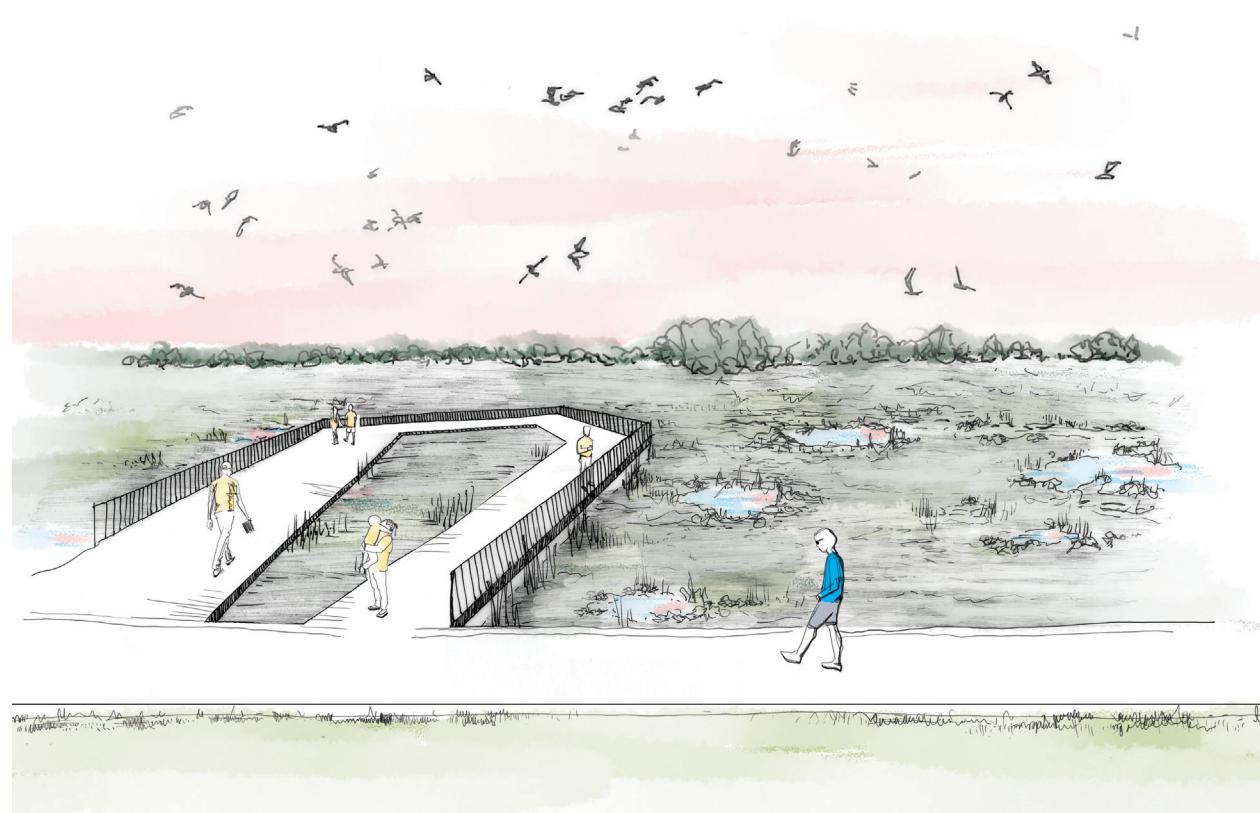
INTRODUCTION

who what why where



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NATURE PARK?

defining nature in the context of Tracy

NATURE LOST

a brief history on the evolution of 'The Delta'

NATURE FOUND

documenting the life that exists

NATURE CREATED

designing nature in a city

NATURE ENABLED

revealing of Tracy Nature Park Master Plan

TRACY NATURE PARK

question & comment



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NATURE PARK? defining 'nature' in the context of Tracy



CREATION OF A FUNCTIONING ECOLOGY

RESPITE FROM URBAN LIFE

educational group
people visitors Oak experience
trees people trails
passive recreation
ecology Riparian
interaction active naturalistic
programming hiking Nature
Wet Woodlands Meadow

word cloud from a summary from the The Tracy Nature Park kickoff



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NATURE PARK ? a community vision

- Native Plants
- Habitat buffers
- Habitat islands
- Multi-Use Trail on periphery open to bikes and dogs*
- Interior trails to be for passive use/hiking only
- Disc Golf*
- Gathering and contemplative space
- Boardwalks over sensitive areas
- Berms with overlooks
- Protection from westerly winds
- Dedicated parking
- Interpretive Nature Center

List compiled based on a series of community workshops.

*As the community members expressed a desire for more active uses within the park, they should be enabled in a manner consistent with the ecological and nature-based vision.



NATURE LOST

a brief history on the evolution of 'The Delta'



Habitat complexity of the South Delta. by artists and naturalist Laura Cunningham



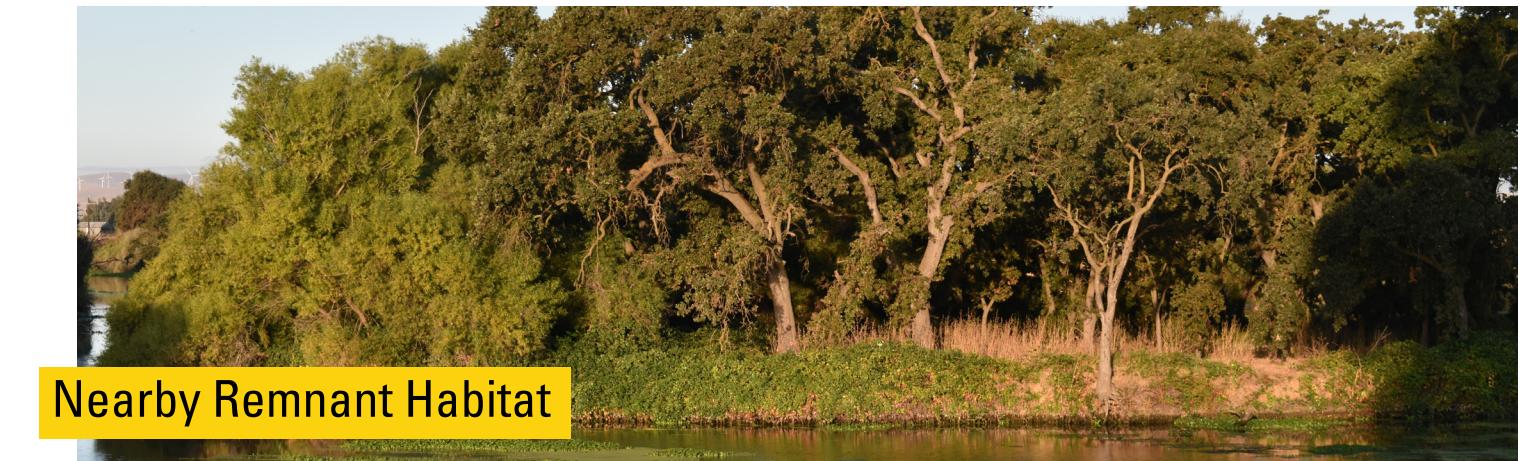
This early 1900s photograph showing dredging work on a levee. (Covello ca. 1900, courtesy of Bank of Stockton Historical Photograph Collection)



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NATURE FOUND

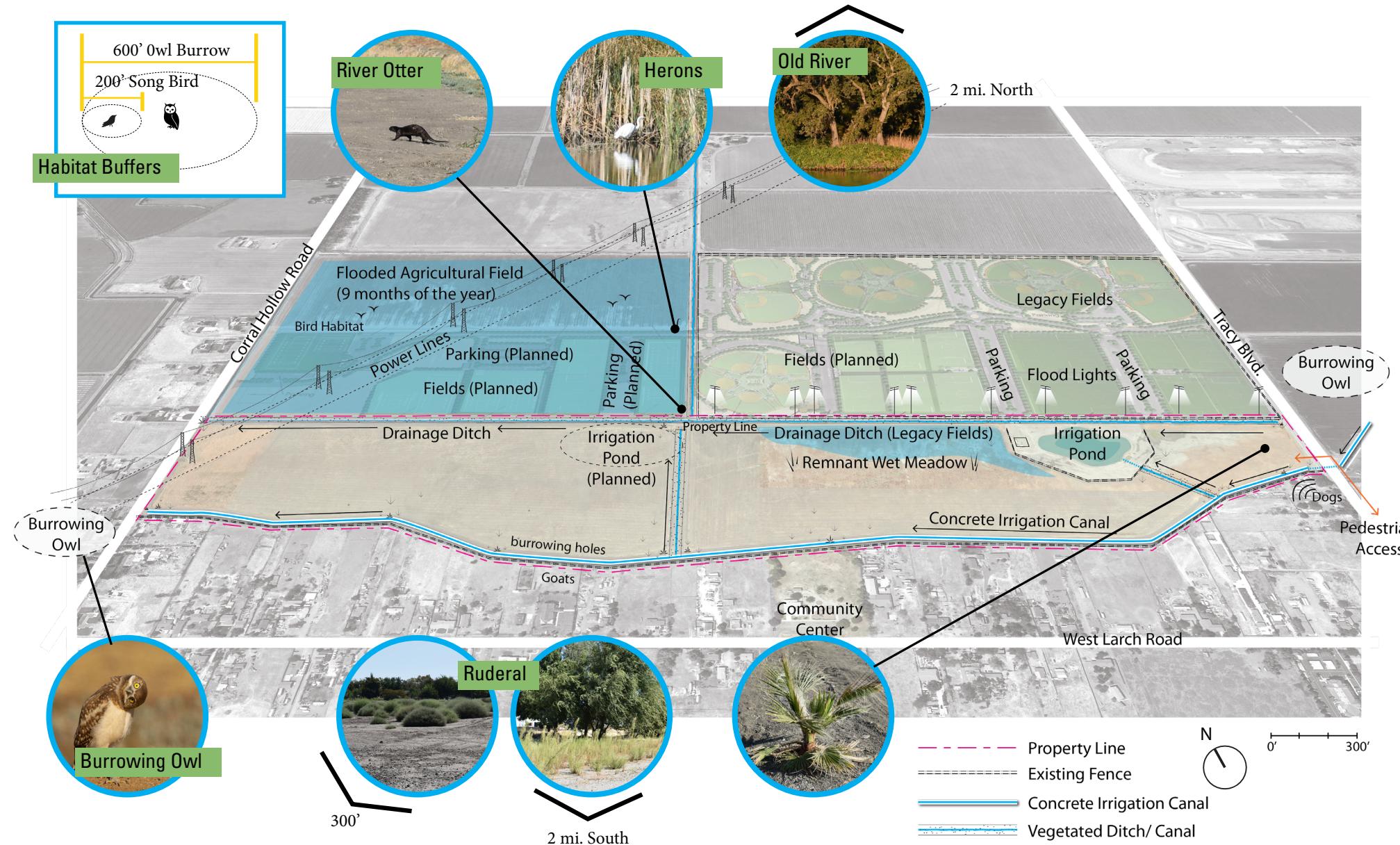
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NATURE FOUND

mapping ecological potential

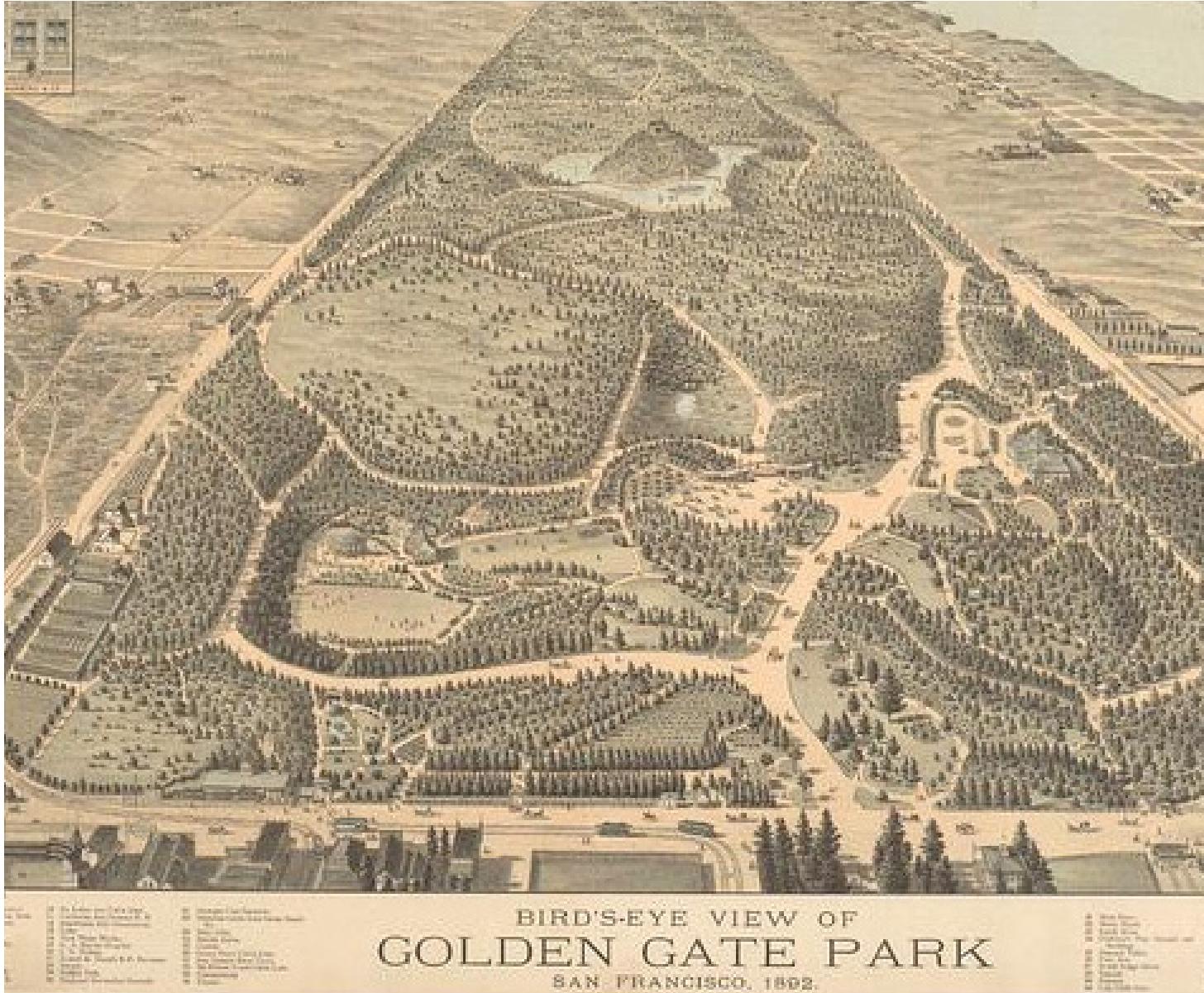


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NATURE CREATED

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NATURE ENABLED Succession as a tool



**Management of certain noxious species will be required.
Seeding of a grass mix (native or non-native) will reduce maintenance and provide habitat but will require fire management.*



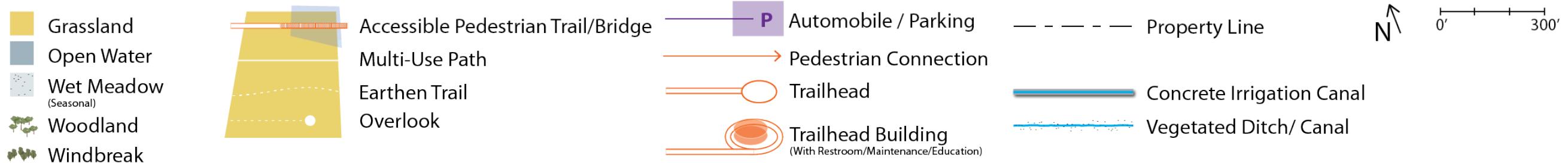
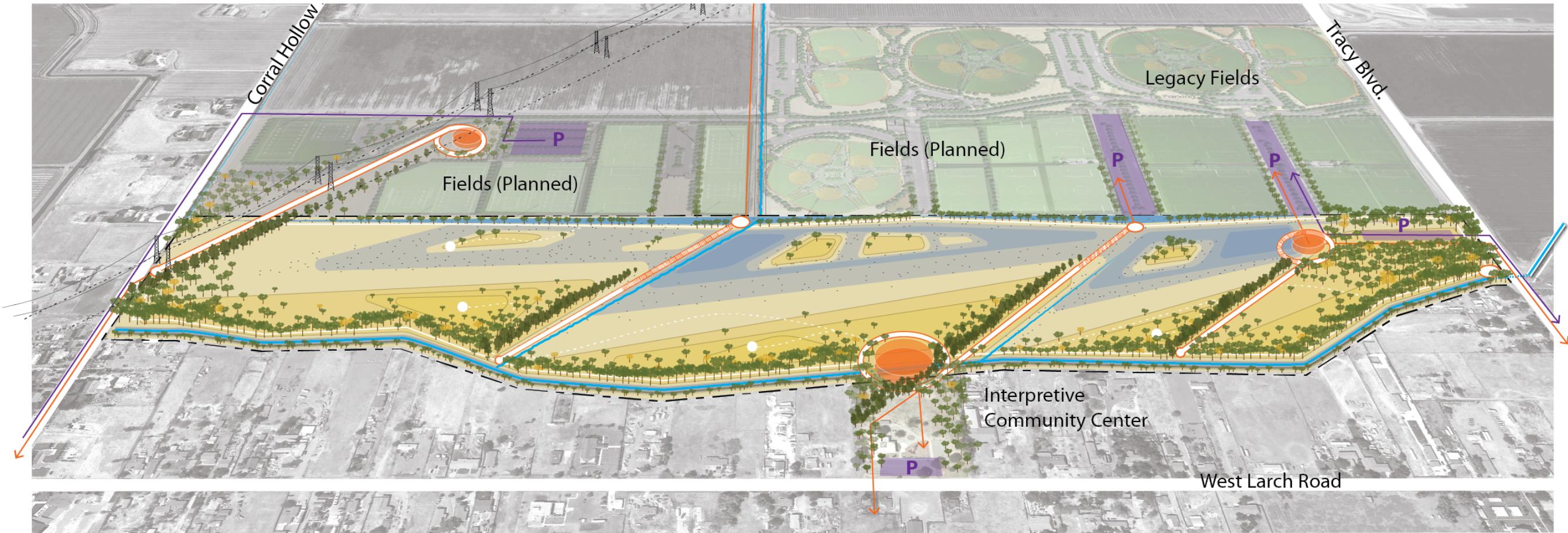
**Planting of certain species such as Black Walnut, certain Eucalyptus, Willow, Cottonwood, Oaks, Coyote Bush, and White Alder can be explored*



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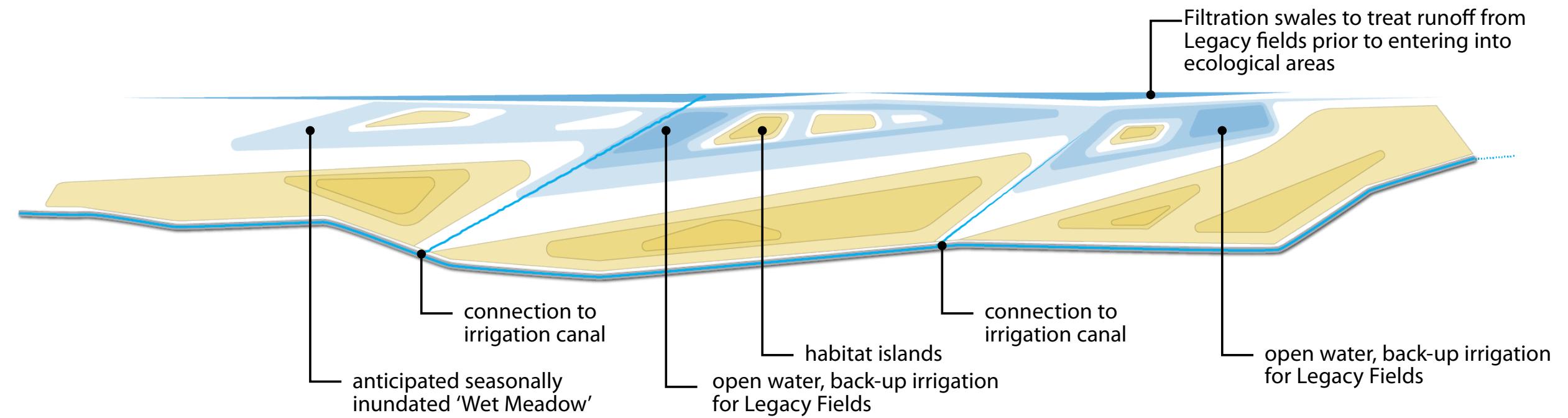
NATURE ENABLED Tracy Nature Park



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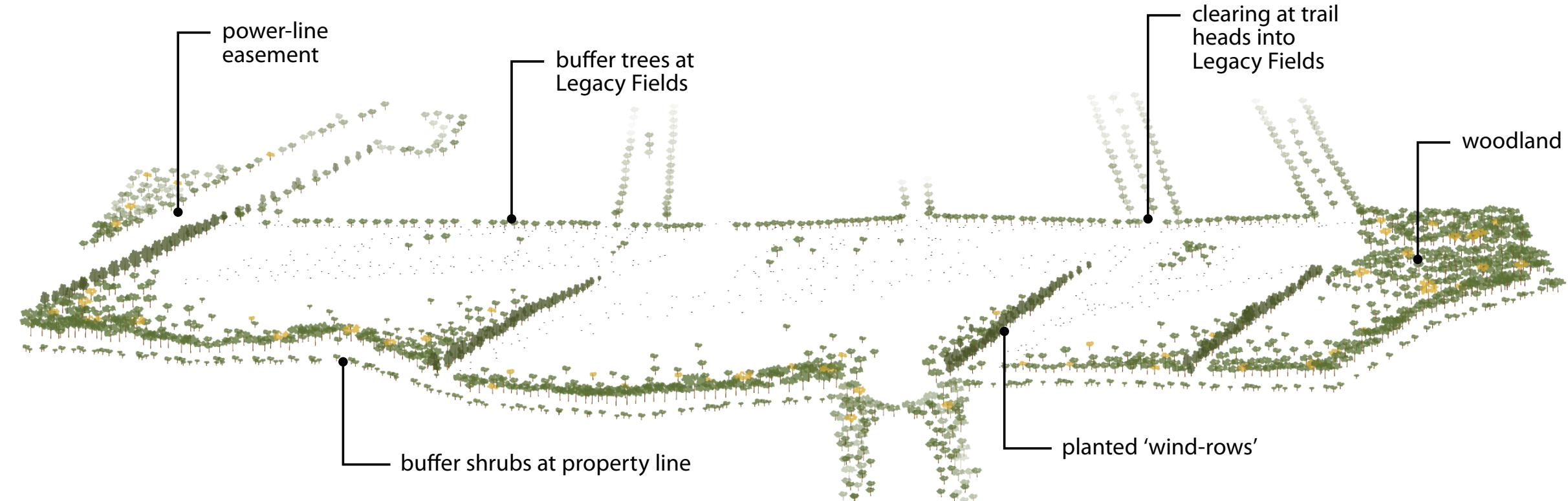
NATURE ENABLED Topography



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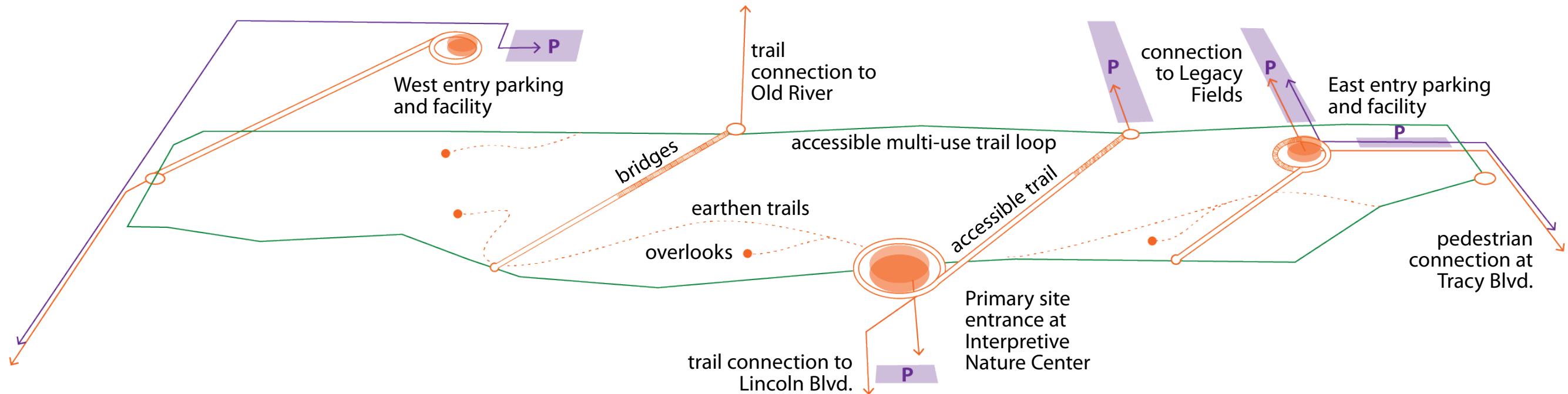
NATURE ENABLED Vegetation



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NATURE ENABLED Trails/Access



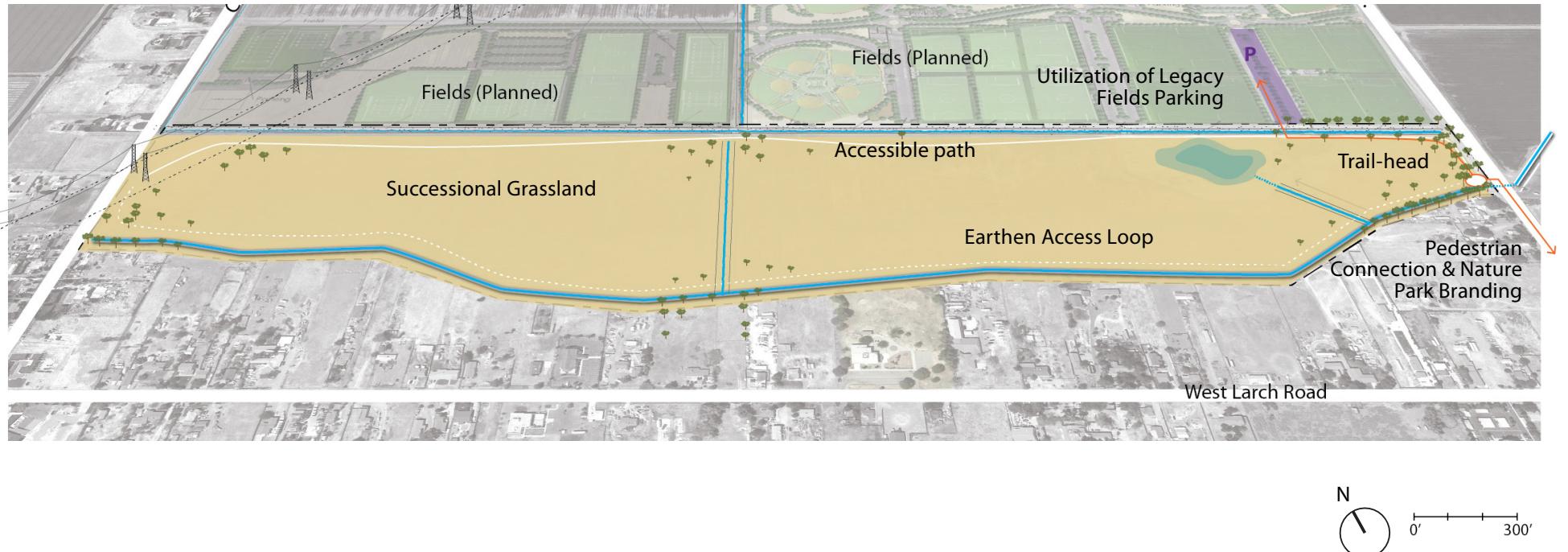
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PHASE 0

COMMUNITY BUILD – UPON PLAN ADOPTION BY CITY COUNCIL

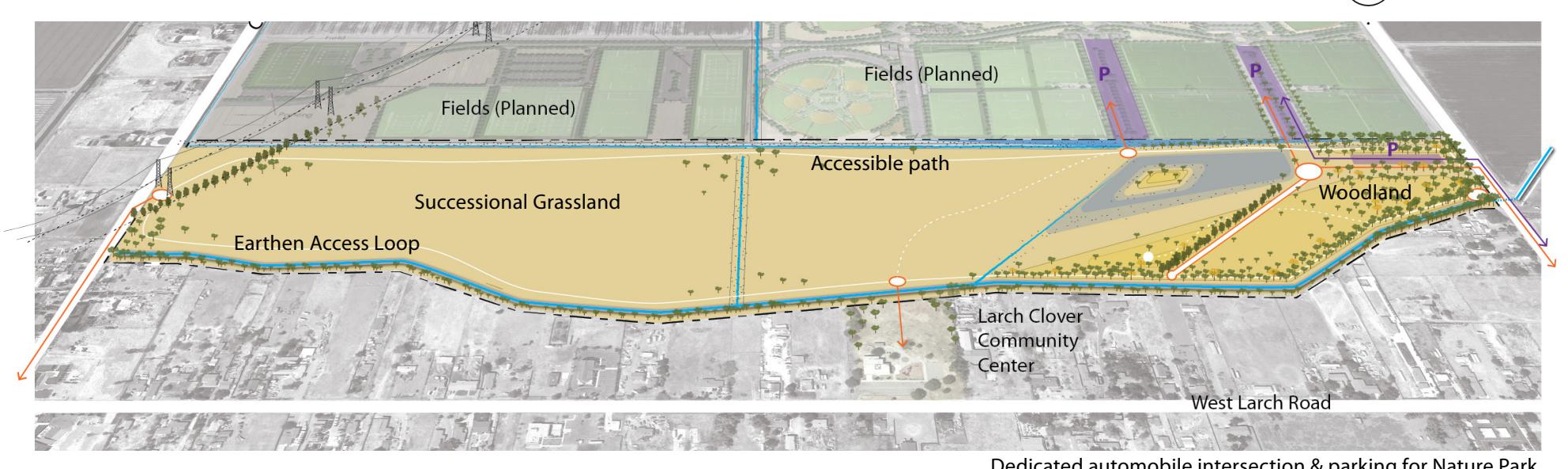
- Accessible trail-head
- 1 mile accessible path
- 2 mile earthen access loop
- Discontinue tillage of fields & planting of native/non-native seed mix
- Identify sign-age / Nature Park branding along Tracy Blvd.
- Initial tree planting by community



PHASE 1

INITIAL EARTH MOVING & GRAND OPENING OF NATURE PARK

- Earth moving
- 1/4 mile paved accessible trail loop
- Dedicated intersection
- On-site parking
- Native restoration
- Interpretive sign-age & education
- Temporary restroom facility - at accessible trail-head
- Shade structures at trail-heads & overlook



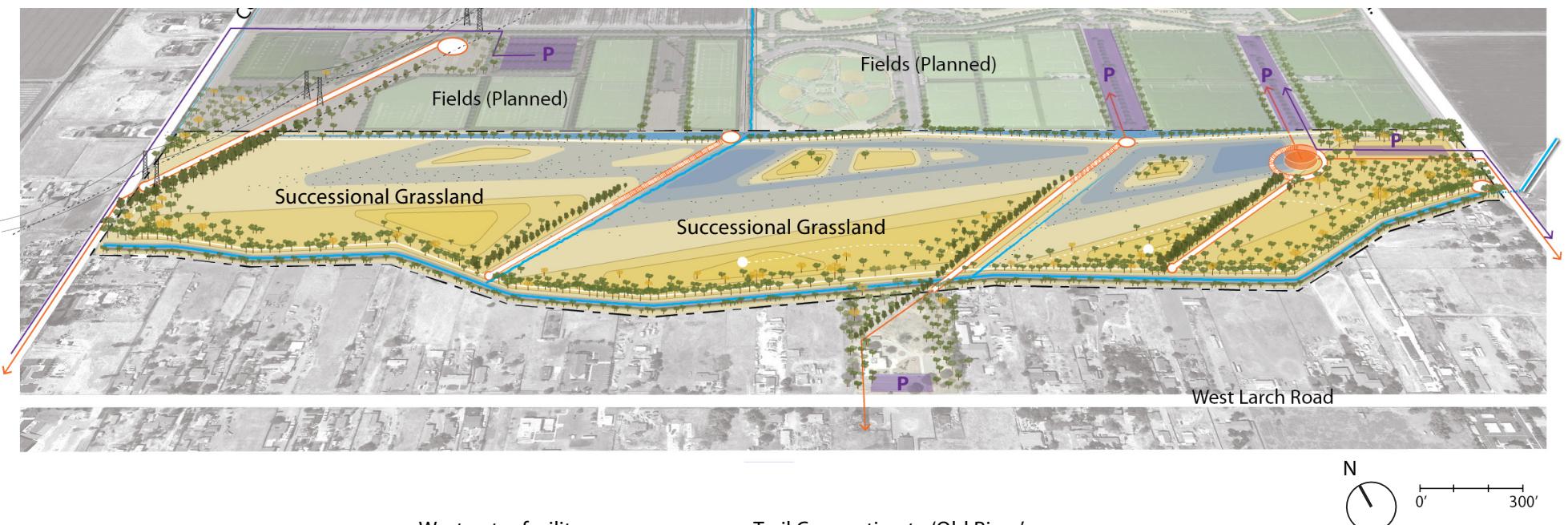
PHASE 2

COMPLETE SITE EARTHWORK

- Earth moving
- Integration with Larch Clover Community Center
- Permanent trail-head facility / restrooms at East entry
- West entry
- Additional accessible trail loops added
- Additional on-site parking

West entry trail head done in conjunction with Legacy Fields expansion

Nature Park Facility with permanent restrooms, maintenance facility and educational components



PHASE 3

BASED ON FURTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Dedicated Drive Entry & Parking in conjunction with Larch Clover Community Center
- Expansion of trail loops & overlooks
- Expansion of actively managed native habitat zones
- Interpretive Nature Center

West entry facility

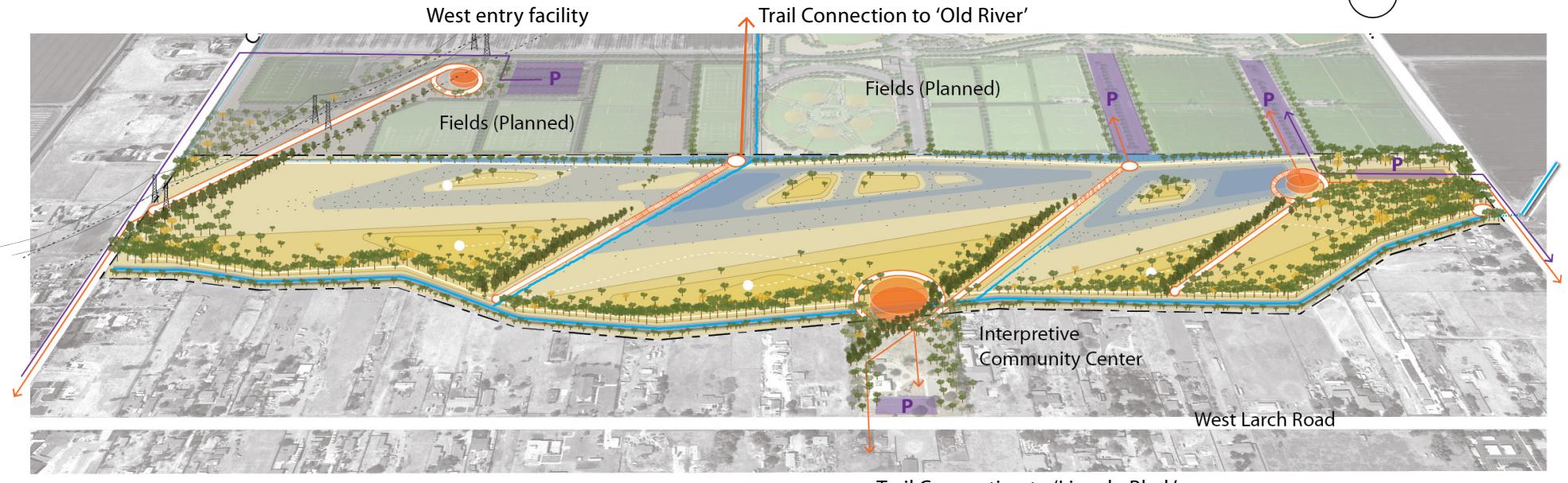
Trail Connection to 'Old River'

Fields (Planned)

Interpretive Community Center

West Larch Road

Trail Connection to 'Lincoln Blvd.'



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TRACY NATURE PARK a legacy of its own



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TRACY NATURE PARK next steps

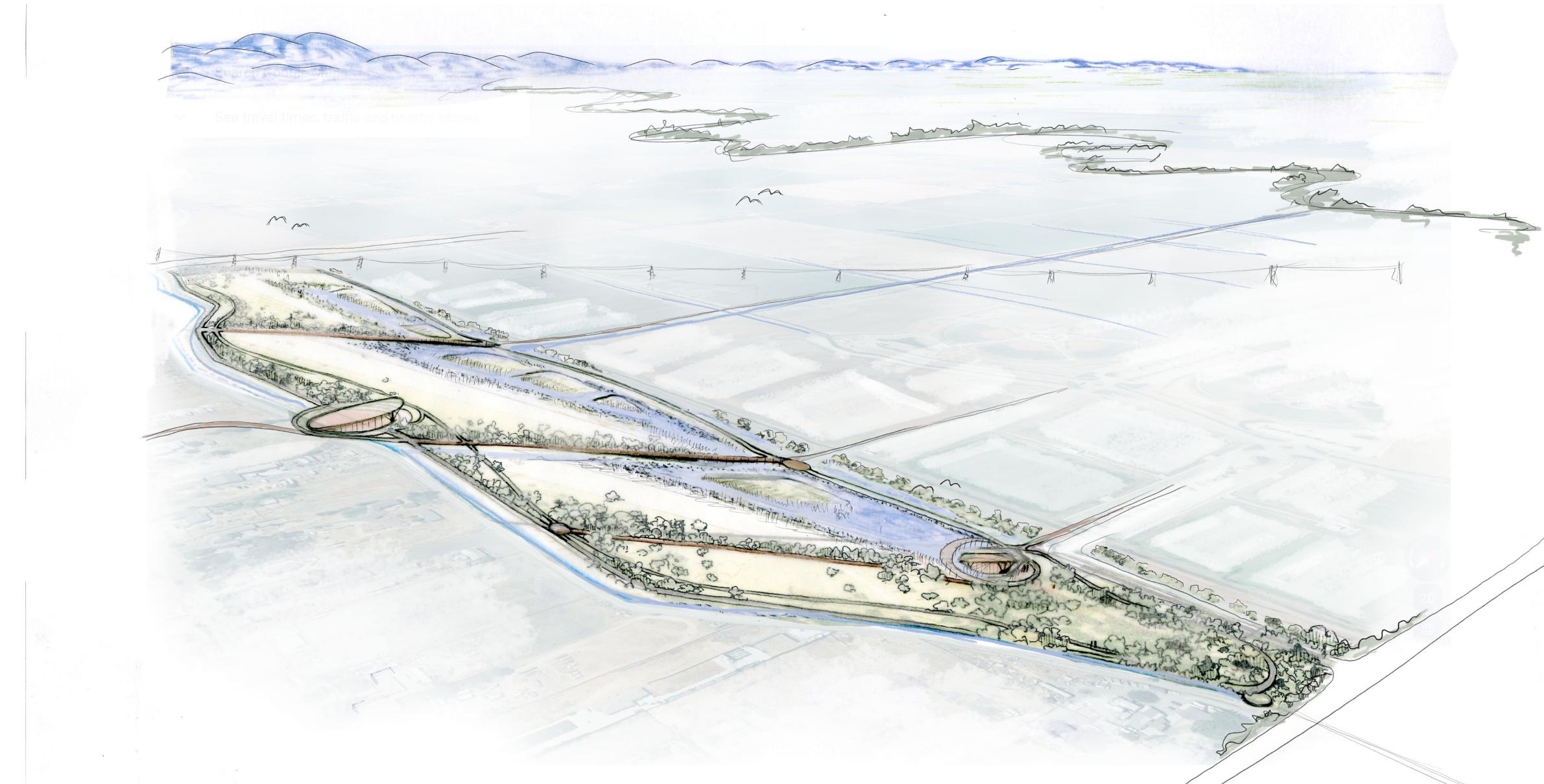
- Master Plan available to community online
- 2 week comment period
- California Environmental Quality Act Review
- Parks Commission Review
- Accept & Recommend Nature Park Master Plan to City Council
- Adoption by City Council
- Grant Funding Opportunities
- Begin implementation of 'Phase 0'



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