

2010 MASTER PLAN

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1. Build upon existing structure and features of park area
2. Enhance existing park features
3. Maintain existing fields, courts, and supporting elements including structures, parking areas, walks, etc.
4. Incorporate additional amenities in a sensitive and cohesive manner
5. Make park amenities accessible to users of all abilities
6. Visually link park areas through signage and street treatments
7. Physically connect park areas with each other and surrounding neighborhoods through trail and sidewalk development

Hillview Basin Area (25.3 Acres)

Major Improvements:

- Provide trail connection through the park from 900 East to 1100 East
- Improve pedestrian crossing at 1100 East between Hillview Basin Area and Big Cottonwood Area
- Enhance 900 East/1100 East street edges to strengthen public perception of the park; install vegetation, unified fencing, coordinated furnishings, signage, etc.
- Develop east end with two multipurpose sports fields, tot lot, trailhead, and parking for +/- 200 cars
- Develop a walking/nature trail throughout the site, including the wet areas and future stormwater detention basin to the west
- Install pathways, boardwalks and interpretive nodes in the west side stormwater detention facility; Add vegetation that creates a natural and pleasant walking experience



Big Cottonwood Area (47.6 Acres)

Major Improvements:

- Enhance hillsides/edges with additional trees and shrubs to increase park-like feel
- Improve parking (repave, add trees and vegetation, etc.)
- Replace and repair sidewalks and pathways as needed
- Refresh and replace ballfield structures, paving, etc.
- Add an accessible, new pavilion in the northwest corner of the park
- Relocate existing northwest parking area to provide convenient parking for interior park uses
- Create "street" sport courts (basketball) in old parking area
- Improve existing pavilion, play areas, and amphitheater to better meet needs. Install new furnishings and equipment, repair and spruce-up pavilion, etc.
- Separate east and west sides of park with vegetated visual buffer to enhance the park-like feel
- Reorient existing sand volleyball courts in a north/south layout
- Expand southern multipurpose sports field areas by shortening hill to west
- Expand southeast parking by +/- 100 spaces by regrading area as needed
- Provide a new tot lot near the southeast parking area



Holladay Lions Area (85.2 Acres)

Major Improvements:

- Add multipurpose sports fields and tennis courts directly north of the existing pavilions in southern area of park
- Add a destination play area, splash pad, skate park and multiple pavilions south of the existing baseball field
- Reduce overall area leased for equestrian uses
- Create equestrian trails system in the natural areas of the park and a pedestrian-only trail loop around the shared equestrian riding area. Add appropriate fencing, gates, and signage that clearly separates uses and illustrates rights-of-way where different user trails intersect
- Create a network of paved and unpaved trails to accommodate a variety of uses (walking, running, biking) and experiences (formal and informal) throughout the natural areas of the park
- Maintain open drainage area in northwest corner of site; Continue to allow appropriate informal uses
- Locate new, formal public parking at north end of park area
- Add +/- 40 parking spaces along 1500 East and a turn-around area at the end of 1500 East to improve public access to natural areas
- Dredge/enlarge existing pond
- Create a small natural water feature (stream) by daylighting existing piped canal water running through southern end of park
- Provide additional parking adjacent to existing parking in southern end of park to accommodate new fields and recreation facilities



Creekside Area (27.5 Acres)

Major Improvements:

- Reconfigure disc golf course to create a clear "golf-free zone" in north-east corner. Provide additional trees and vegetation to help separate the two areas
- Increase parking by +/- 50 spaces to better accommodate uses
- Replace and repair sidewalks and trails as needed
- Improve existing pavilion and play area. Install new furnishings and equipment, repair and spruce-up pavilion, etc.
- Develop a perimeter trail around the area. Locate trails, tees and holes (baskets) to minimize conflict between golfers and trail users
- Improve pedestrian surface crossing from Holladay Lions area



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The current Big Cottonwood Regional Park Master Plan was completed in 2010 and proposed many improvements to the regional park that are still relevant today. However, with changing interests and needs in the area, an update of the master plan is warranted. The 2023 master plan update will guide future development of the park as well as set budgetary expectations.

CURRENT NEEDS & INTERESTS

Online Survey Feedback (1,077 total responses)

In order to better understand current needs and interests, an online public survey was implemented. The following were key survey takeaways:

1. The four park areas that compose the Big Cottonwood Regional Park System (Hillview Basin, Holladay Lions, Big Cottonwood, and Creekside) are poorly connected. Most survey participants support improvements that will enhance connectivity between the four park areas.
2. Walking, jogging, biking, and enjoying wildlife/ natural areas are the biggest draws and among the most popular park amenities and activities.
3. Survey participants value the general atmosphere and are not seeking any major changes to current park uses or programming. Unprogrammed open space, trees, and natural areas are highly valued.
4. While most indicate that they drive to Big Cottonwood Regional Park, 22% walk, suggesting that the system provides both regional and neighborhood park functions.
5. Many respondents indicate that they would like to see additional adaptive recreation opportunities, which would allow a greater number of people to participate.
6. There was strong support for additional/ improved walking paths with the inclusion of distance markers.

Salt Lake County Staff Feedback

Salt Lake County Staff provided critical knowledge, input, observations, feedback, and recommendations for each of the park units and for the system as a whole. Coupled with the online survey results, this information has been critical in developing clear ideas and identifying new needs for the current and future park system.

2023 MASTER PLAN GOALS

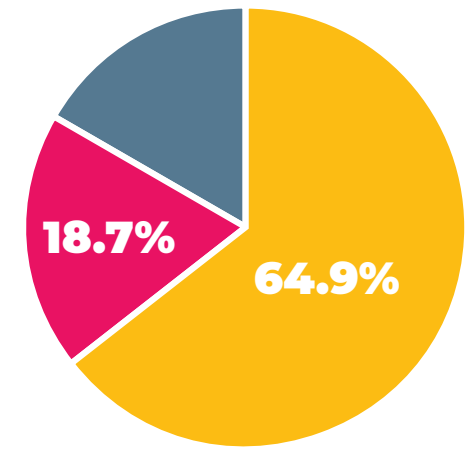
1. Build on the goals and ideas established in the 2010 Master Plan.
2. Improve and enhance park connectivity.
3. Celebrate the park's current atmosphere, identity, and biodiversity through quality and responsive recreation design.
4. Place special emphasis on the provision of inclusive park features and amenities.
5. Improve and enhance desired amenities including paths, nature viewing opportunities, and unstructured play areas.

BIG COTTONWOOD REGIONAL PARK >>>>>>>>>>

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

THE PLANNING PROCESS

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARK CONNECTIVITY



When asked to rate the importance of park connectivity, almost 65% of survey respondents rated it as either important, very important, or extremely important. This indicates that such improvements are important for meeting the future needs of the park system. A critical component of the 2023 Big Cottonwood Regional Park Master Plan update will be to explore ways to improve the connections between the four park areas, both physically and visually. This will not only improve the ability to access the entire park system, but ensure that pedestrian and bicycle access is safer and easier.

Ideas for trails, shared paths, street treatments, pedestrian crossing enhancements, and other such connectivity strategies are presented in the corresponding map along with planned improvement projects.

Example images of what these improvements might look like are provided below to aid visualization of potential options and strategies.

SHARED USE PATHWAY



UNIFYING STREET TREATMENTS



INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT 4500 S/ 1330 E



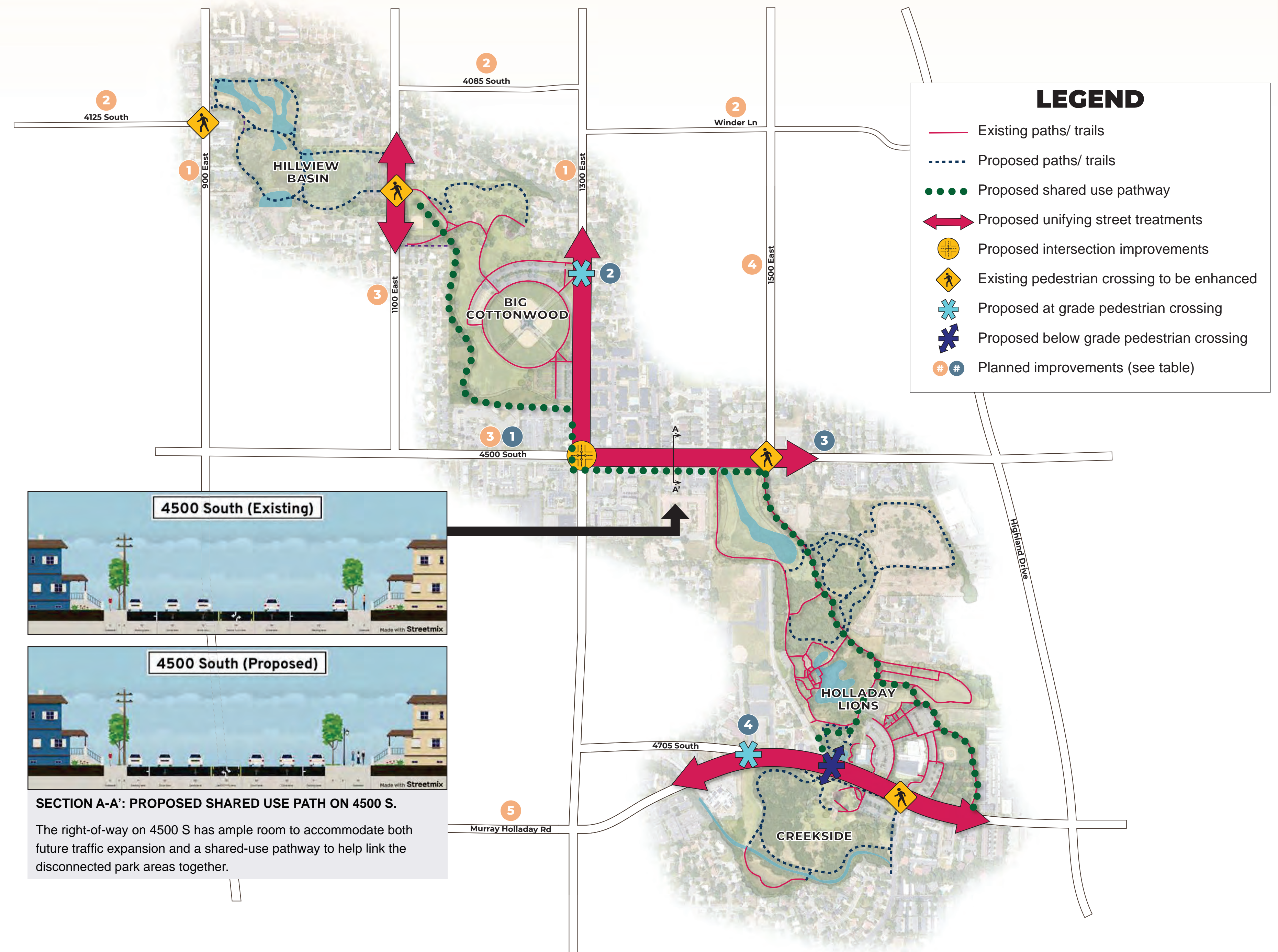
ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS



BELOW GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS



IMPROVING PARK CONNECTIVITY



SUMMARY OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS	
PLANNED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION (WFRC)	PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (MILLCREEK & HOLLADAY)
1 Bike Lane: 900 E and 1300 E	1 The 900 East Roadway Project - 3900 S to 4500 S includes the installation of curb & gutter, sidewalk, asphalt paving, storm drain improvements, utility coordination and other ancillary work necessary to complete the roadway. Summer 2023.
2 Marked Shared Roadway: Hillview Dr, 4125 S, 4085 S, and Winder Ln	2 1300 East between 4500 S to 4220 S is missing sections of sidewalk and curb & gutter on the East side near the Big Cottonwood Regional Park and Softball Complex. The proposed project includes pavement reconstructed with complete street elements of bicycle lanes and ADA compliant sidewalks. Storm drains will be evaluated and replaced if needed. A midblock pedestrian crossing near the park will be placed to facilitate safer East/West pedestrian movement. 2023 or 2024.
3 Buffered Bike Lane: 1100 E and the segment of 4500 S that is south of Big Cottonwood Park	3 The 4500 South - 1500 E to 1630 E includes the installation of curb & gutter and sidewalk on the south side of 4500 South. This sidewalk will provide a safer pedestrian route to the trails around the Holladay Lions Area (opportunity to connect activity center at 4500 S/Highland). Summer 2023
4 Marked Shared Roadway: 1500 E	4 Realigning Murray Holladay Road at 4705 S to a T-intersection and adding a new full traffic stop pedestrian crossing will improve safe routes to school; enhance access to the Mt Olympus Senior Center, Creekside Park, Holladay Lions Recreational Center, and Big Cottonwood Park; and improve transit connections.
5 Cycle Track, protected with barrier: Murray Holladay Rd	

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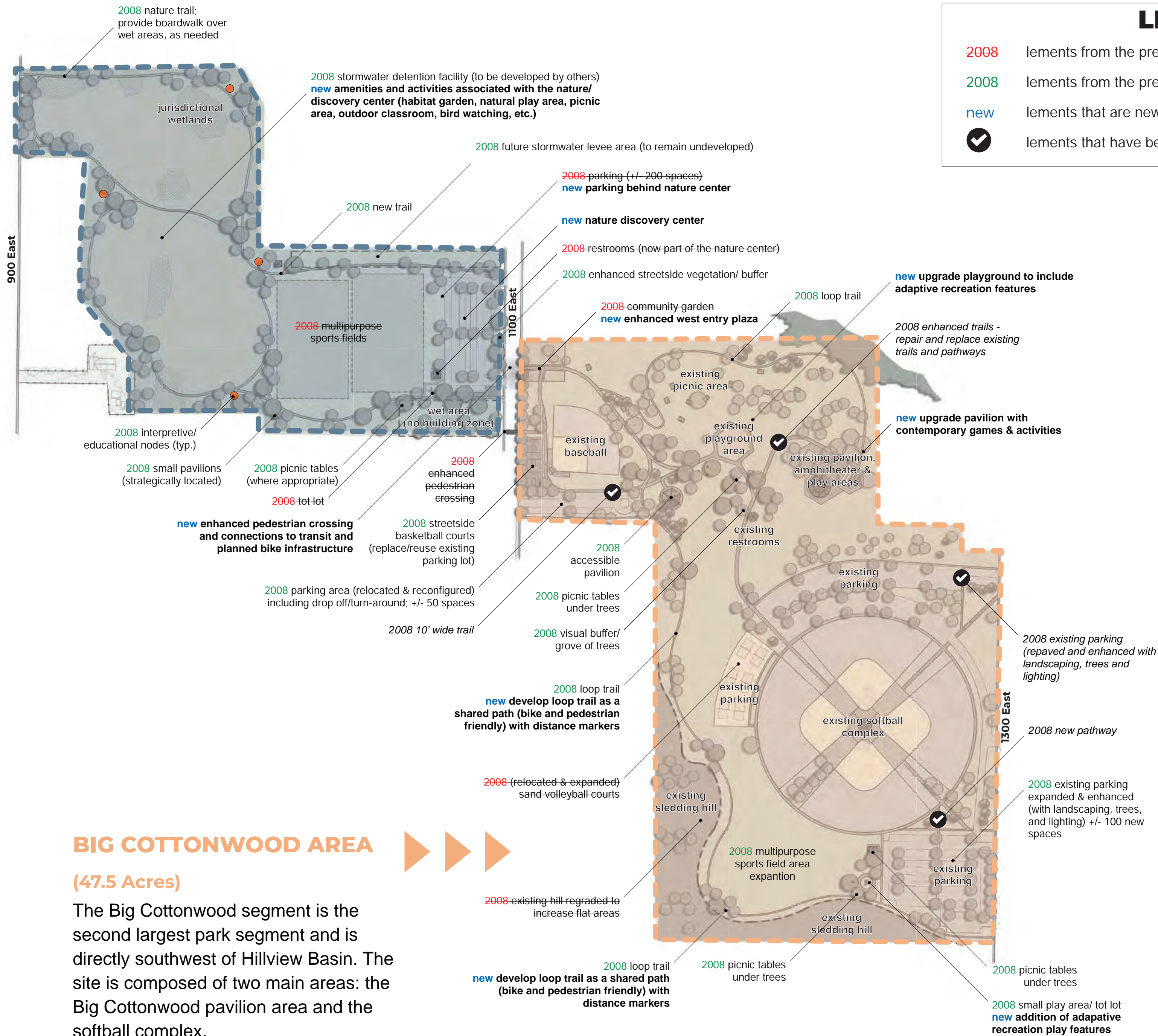
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WHAT'S STILL RELEVANT, WHAT'S CHANGING, AND NEW IDEAS

HILLVIEW BASIN AREA

(25.2 Acres)

Hillview Basin is the smallest and northernmost park segment. The site is characterized by seasonally flooded wetlands, invasive vegetation, and overgrazing. The site is currently leased for equestrian use and is not open to the public.



BIG COTTONWOOD AREA

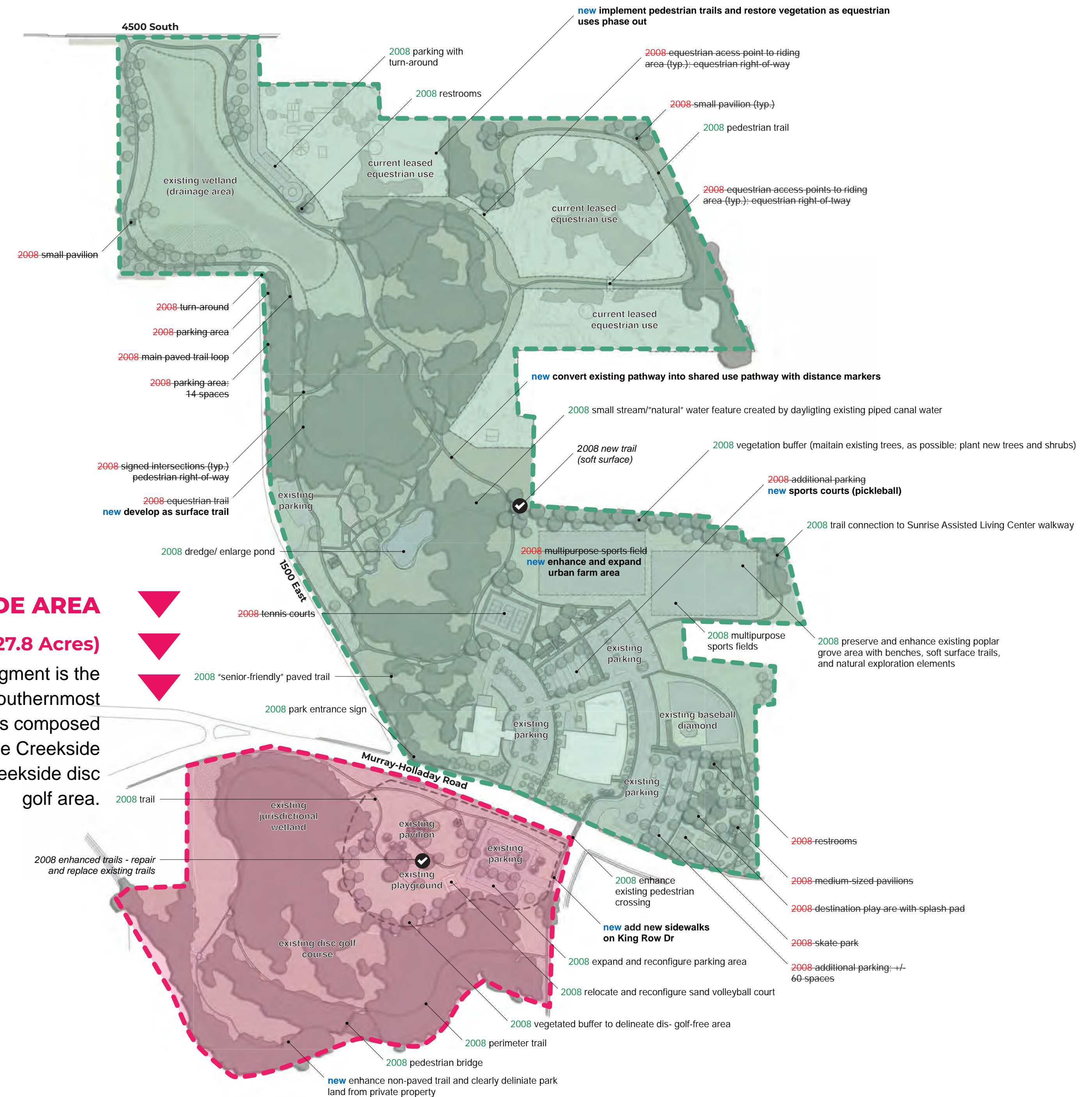
(47.5 Acres)

The Big Cottonwood segment is the second largest park segment and is directly southwest of Hillview Basin. The site is composed of two main areas: the Big Cottonwood pavilion area and the softball complex.

HOLLADAY LIONS AREA

(89.1 Acres)

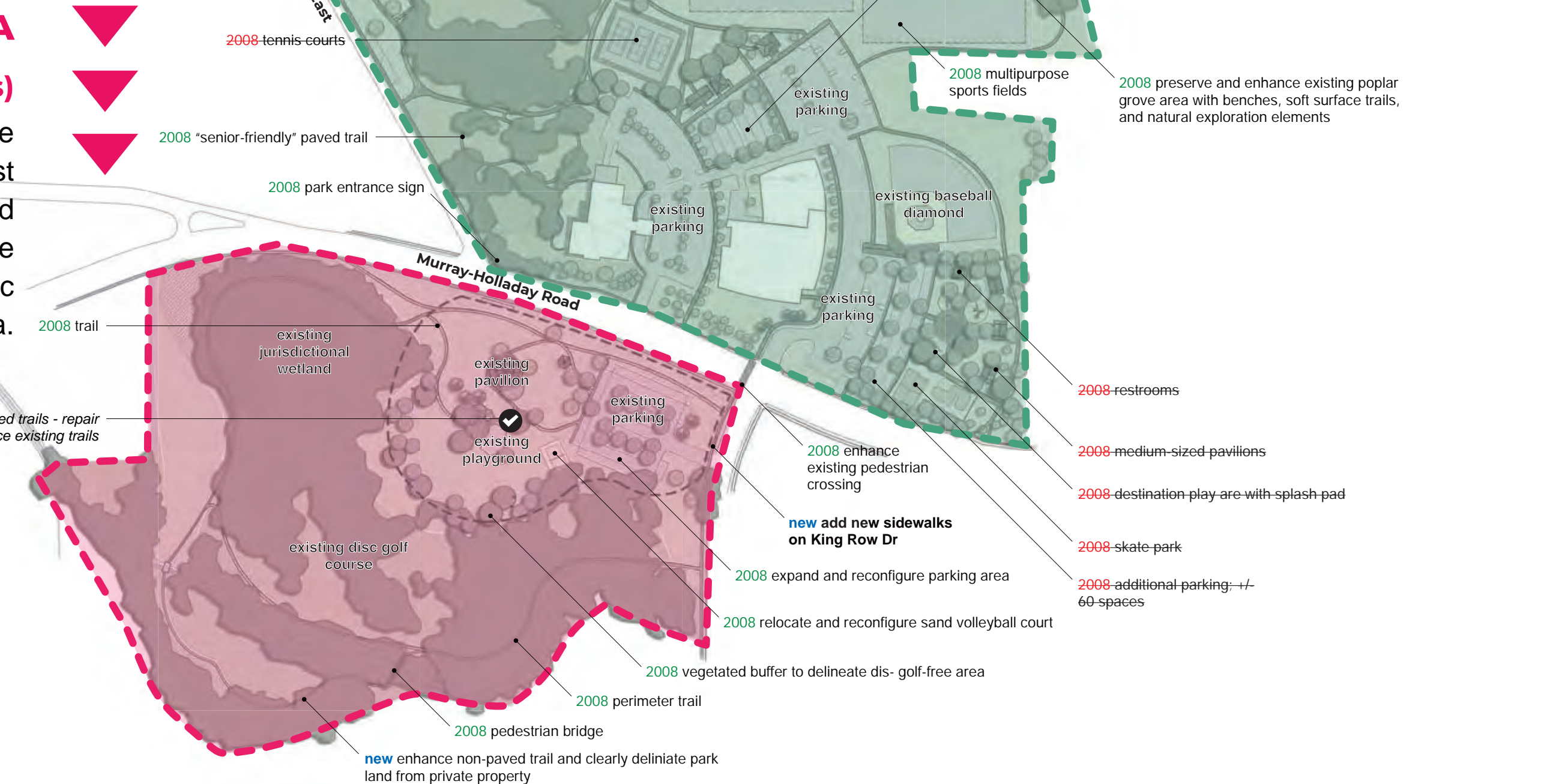
The Holladay Lions segment is the largest park segment at nearly 90 acres and is composed of six main areas: a meadows/basin area, an equestrian area, a wetland area, an urban farm area, a densely vegetated wetland area, and a sports field area.



CREEKSIDE AREA

(27.8 Acres)

The Creekside segment is the second smallest and southernmost park segment. The site is composed of two main areas: the Creekside pavilion area and Creekside disc golf area.



2023 MASTER PLAN UPDATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND FOCUS AREAS

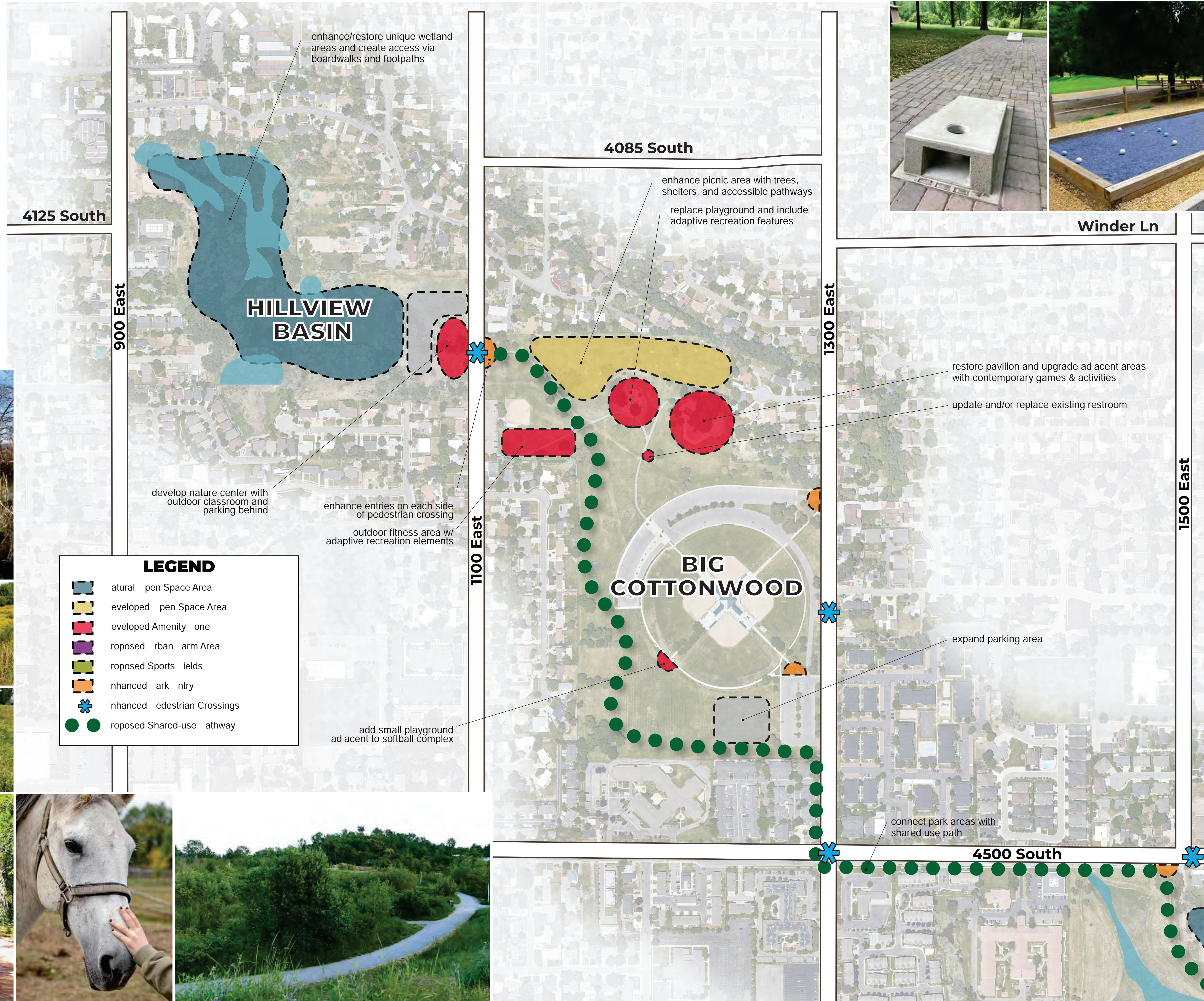
HILLVIEW BASIN AREA

Short Term Focus

- ✓ Enhance and restore the unique wetland areas. Create visitor access via boardwalks and footpaths.
- ✓ Reduce equestrian uses but maintain sufficient horses to support critical habitat for Ute ladies'-tresses (a plant unique to this area).

Long Term Opportunities

- ✓ Develop the east portion of the park into a nature discovery center while the west portion maintains current equestrian uses in the short term (5 years).
- ✓ Eventually the entire site could function as an outdoor environmental classroom with carefully laid out pathways between the protected wetland areas.



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- natural pen Space Area
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- developed Amenity one
- proposed urban arm Area
- proposed Sports fields
- enhanced ark ntry
- enhanced pedestrian Crossings
- proposed Shared-use pathway



BIG COTTONWOOD AREA

Short Term Focus

- ✓ Restore existing historic pavilion and upgrade adjacent areas with contemporary games and activities
- ✓ Replace and upgrade existing playground to include adaptive recreation features.
- ✓ Enhance picnic area with additional trees and accessible pathway

Long Term Opportunities

- ✓ Install a shared use pathway (connects to all four park segments)
- ✓ Enhance pedestrian entries
- ✓ Add a variety of adaptive recreation amenities to meet the needs of different age groups, ability levels, and interests.
- ✓ Increase amenities of softball complex by expanding parking and adding small playground.

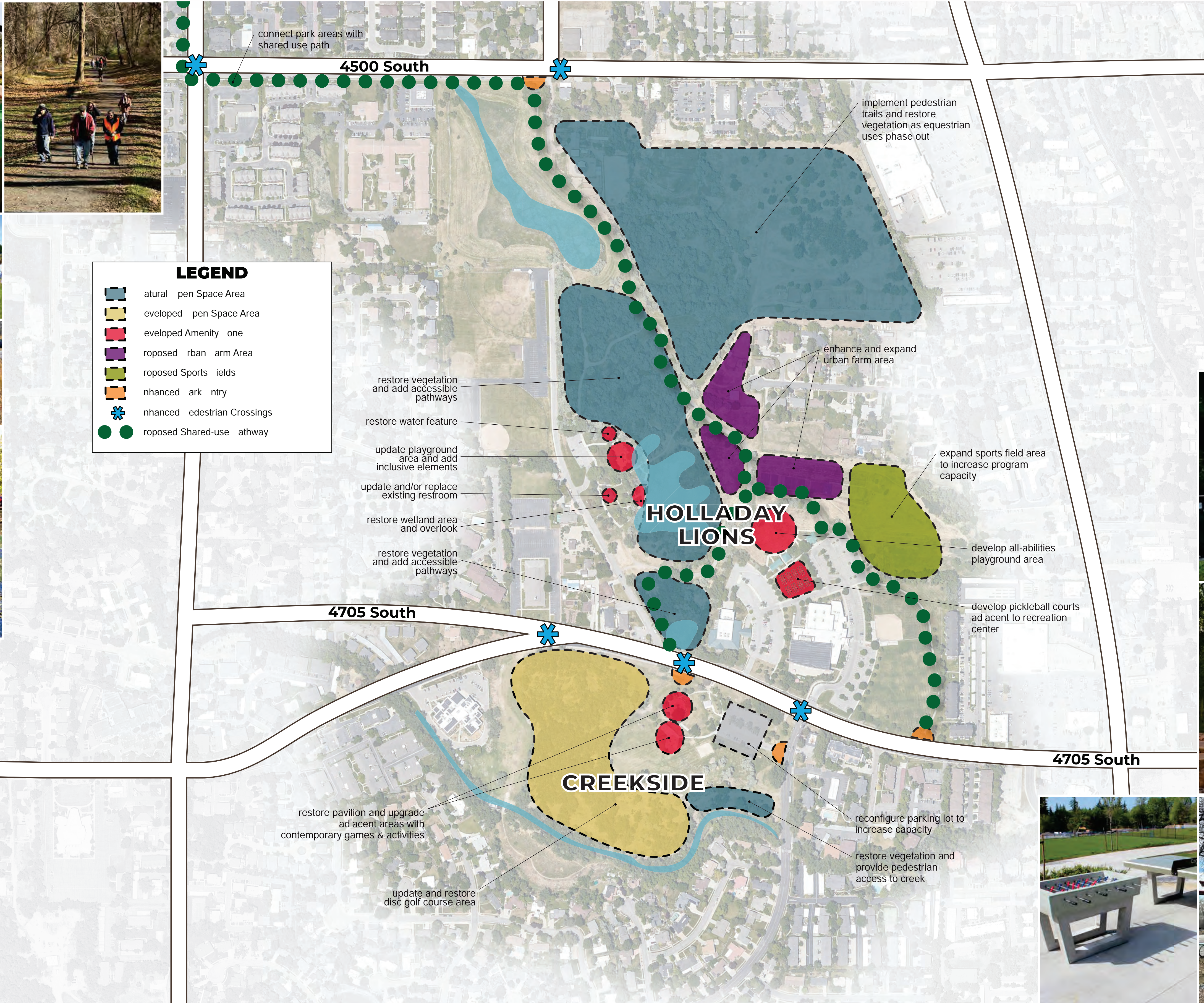
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HOLLADAY LIONS AREA

- Short Term Focus**
- ✓ Allow equestrian uses to remain while opening up pedestrian access through a variety of trails.
 - ✓ Restore vegetation in wetland and other natural open space areas, adding additional pathways as needed to complete the trail network
 - ✓ Construct a large all-abilities playground and pickleball courts adjacent to the recreation center.

- Long Term Opportunities**
- ✓ Install a shared use pathway (connects to all four park segments)
 - ✓ Enhance pedestrian entries
 - ✓ Replace and upgrade existing playground with inclusive features
 - ✓ Expand urban farm and open space to community gardening programs
 - ✓ Create additional sports fields to support recreational programming



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- developed Amenity zone
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- proposed Sports fields
- enhanced park entry
- enhanced pedestrian Crossings
- proposed Shared-use pathway

CREEKSIDE AREA

- Short Term Focus**
- ✓ Restore existing historic pavilion and upgrade adjacent areas with contemporary games and activities.
 - ✓ Restore and/or reconfigure disc golf course area to better function for user groups.
- Long Term Opportunities**
- ✓ Restore vegetation and create a designated area for general park users to access Big Cottonwood Creek
 - ✓ Enhance pedestrian entries.
 - ✓ Reconfigure parking area to increase capacity during events.

