



SITE CONTEXT PLAN

MASTERPLAN Key Themes:

- 1** BUILD MORE TRAILS & PRIORITIZE ACCESSIBILITY
- 2** BUILD ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY
- 3** CREATE OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES
- 4** PRESERVE HISTORIC FEATURES & SHARE PARK HISTORY
- 5** PROVIDE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AS A GATEWAY TO NATURE EXPLORATION

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION TEAM

- CONGER CONSTRUCTION GROUP** construction manager at risk
- emersion DESIGN** project management, architecture, interior design, sustainability
- HUMAN NATURE** landscape architecture, environmental planning
- ARCADIS** civil engineering, surveying
- CMTA** mechanical, electrical, & plumbing engineering, technology design, fire protection
- &** environmental engineering, geotechnical engineering, cultural resources
- schaefer** structural engineering

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Thanks
The current total cost of design and construction is estimated at more than \$12 million.

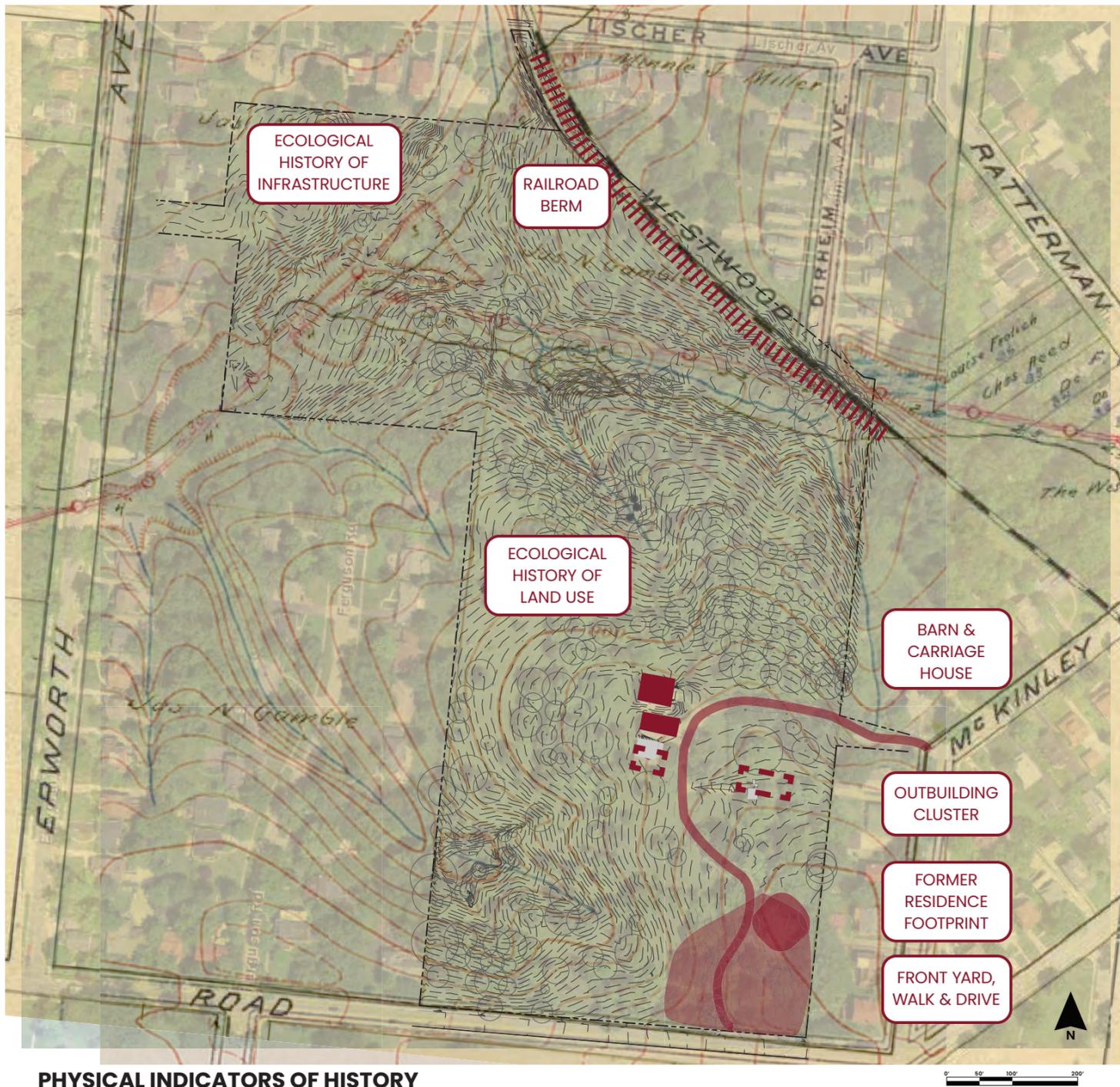
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PROJECT INFO



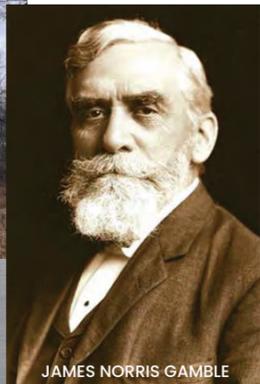
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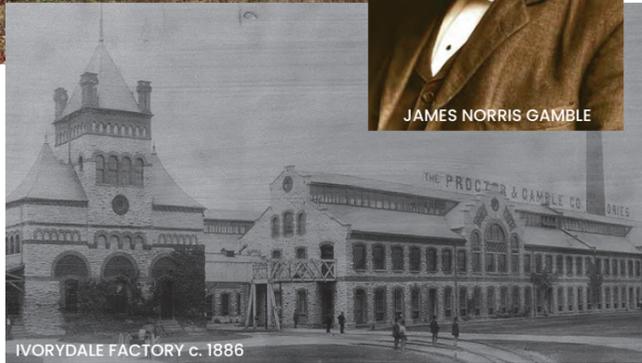
PHYSICAL INDICATORS OF HISTORY

HISTORY & ECOLOGY BACKGROUND

- Understanding the history of the site informs the design of the park as well as educational opportunities
- Interplay between human history and environmental history (Urban Ecology)
- Storytelling includes history beyond Gamble Family, including surrounding context and broader timespan
- Repurpose legacy structures while maintaining historical character
- Prioritize historically interesting buildings for public use
- History of tree collection (arboretum)
- Demonstrate impacts of land use and infrastructure on natural systems and vice versa

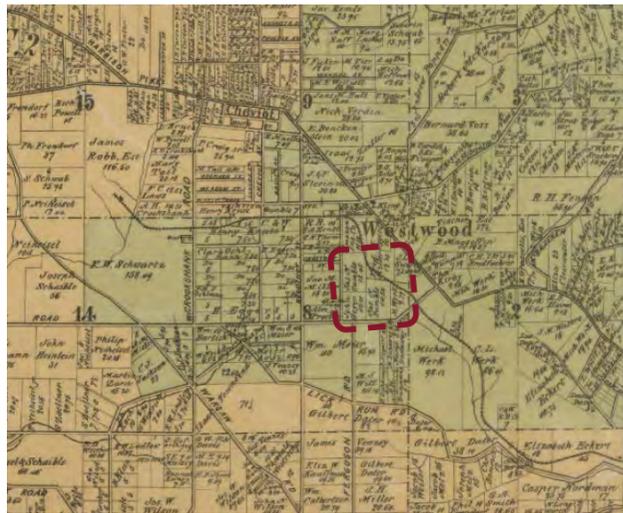


JAMES NORRIS GAMBLE



IVORYDALE FACTORY c. 1886

	Human Story	Environmental Story
Geologic		
Archaeological	Site assumed largely uninhabited. Regionally: Adena, Hopewell, Ft Ancient?	Mixed Mesolithic forests, natural watersheds, flora & fauna
Contemporary Indigenous	[What do we know about this site?] Concurrent storyline continues...	Biodiversity as shared hunting grounds (potentially managed)
Settlement	Context of region, county, town, Hunters/trappers, first settlers/owners of site	Land cleared for farming and development, Managed streams and early infrastructure
Growing Westwood	Significant Personal History of Gamble Family 1870-1932 closely tied into development of Westwood (Site is example of country estates)	Rural context into more urban, Pasture, planting of trees, Privately held open space shared with community
Modern Westwood	Public space for vibrant community interaction and education	Successional forests, planted groves, restored wetlands and storm systems, meadows for wildlife, migratory birds, pollinators



EXCERPT FROM 1884 GREEN TOWNSHIP MAP

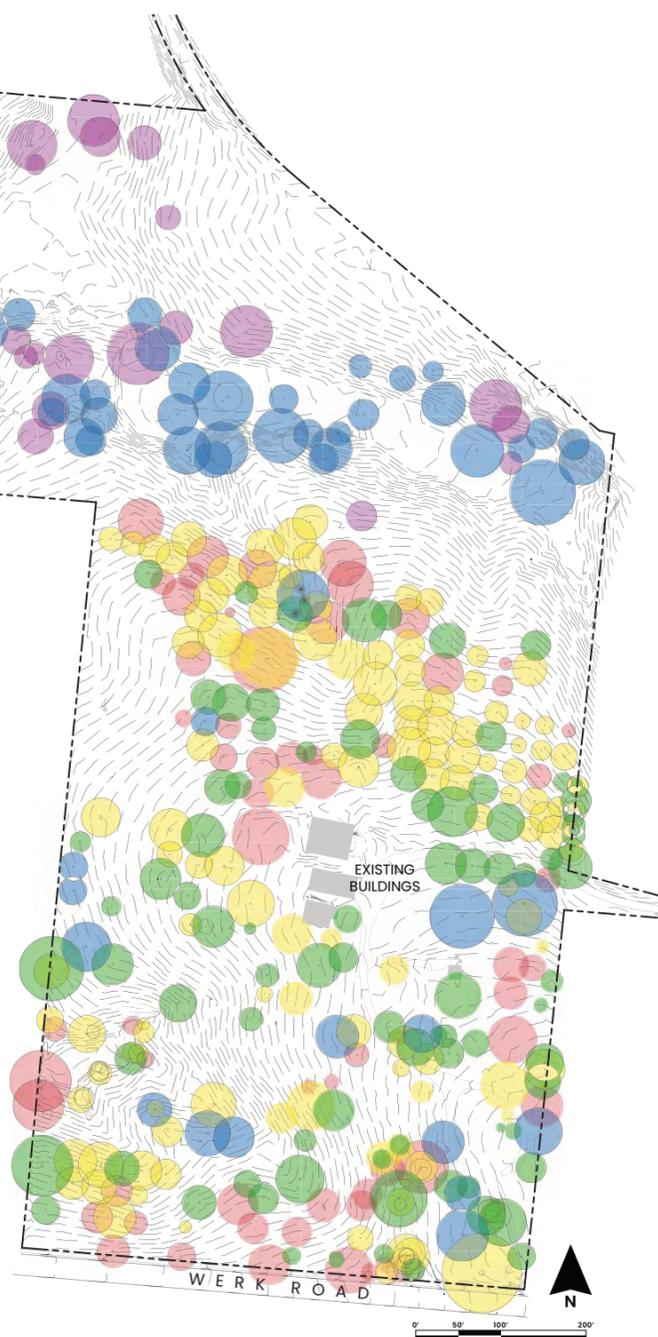


MOWING DAY AT "RATONAGH"



LEGEND

- SPECIMEN
- HIGH VALUE
- GOOD
- FAIR
- POOR/DEAD



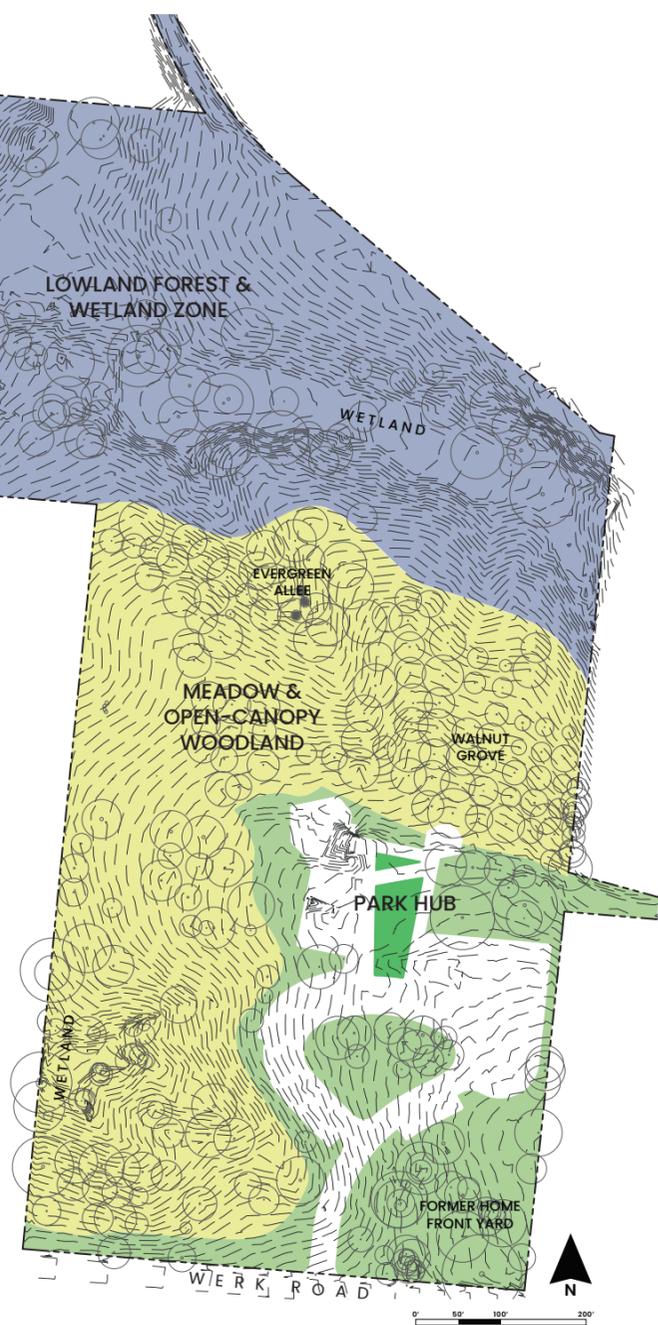
SPECIMEN TREE MAP

EXISTING TREE TAGGING AND SURVEY

- Over 40 unique tree species identified
- Project goal to preserve as many trees as possible, considering condition, species value and quantity
- Trees/limbs that pose safety risks in newly developed areas will be addressed
- Efforts to highlight specimen trees in the design of trails and features

LEGEND

- FOREST & WETLAND
- MEADOW & OPEN-CANOPY WOODLAND
- LOW-MOW LAWN
- GATHERING LAWN



LANDSCAPE ZONES

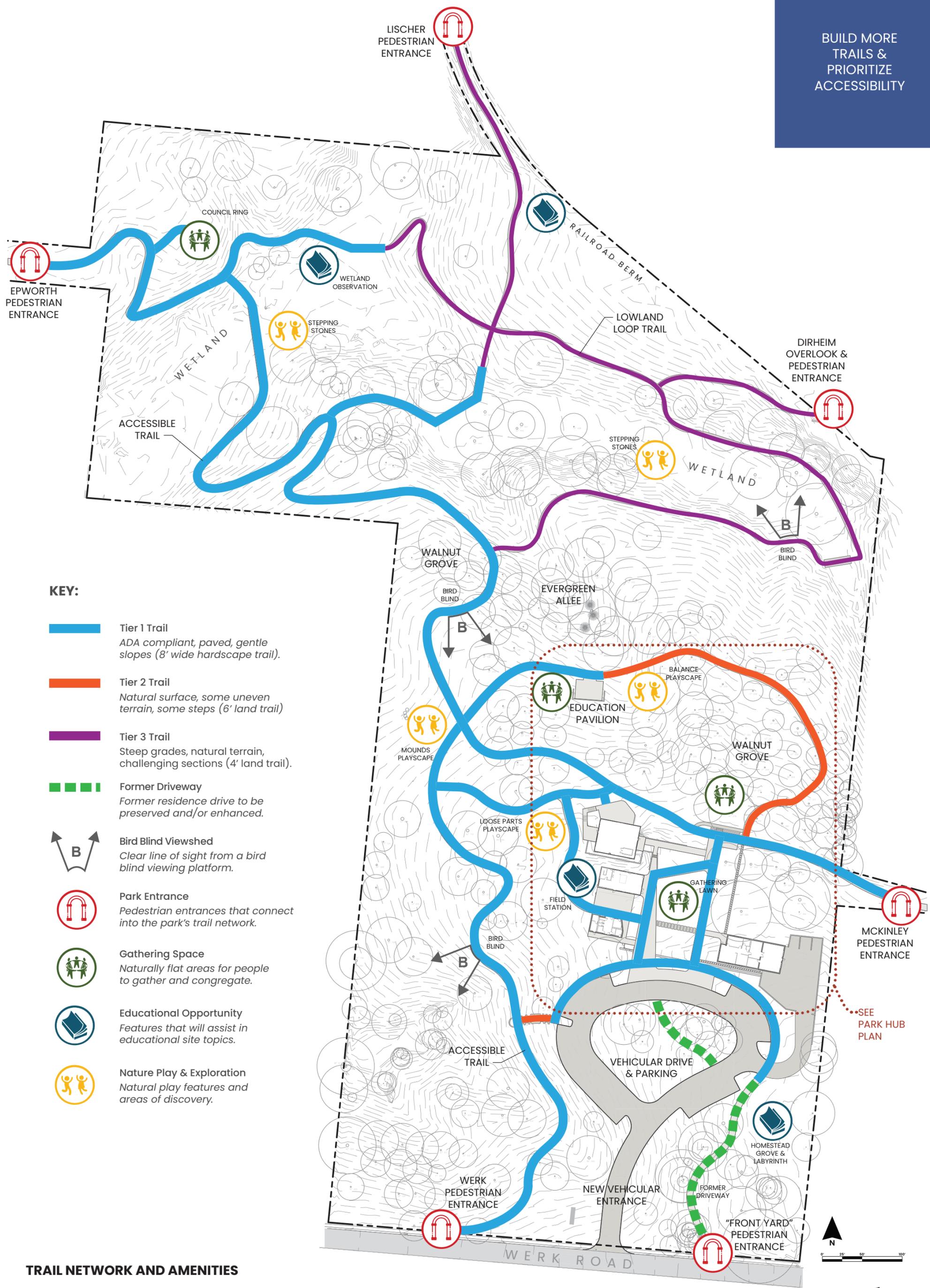
SITE RESTORATION GOALS

- Invasive management
- Stormwater management
- Wetland restoration
- Woodland restoration
- Meadow restoration
- Support diverse vegetation and habitats
- Migratory bird stopover
- Reduced mowing
- Limit disrupted or developed footprint

BUILDING OPERATIONS & SUSTAINABILITY GOALS:

- Excellent building performance
- Solar
- Geothermal
- Durability
- Adaptability
- Update utilities and infrastructure





KEY:

- Tier 1 Trail
ADA compliant, paved, gentle slopes (8' wide hardscape trail).
- Tier 2 Trail
Natural surface, some uneven terrain, some steps (6' land trail)
- Tier 3 Trail
Steep grades, natural terrain, challenging sections (4' land trail).
- Former Driveway
Former residence drive to be preserved and/or enhanced.
- B Bird Blind Viewshed
Clear line of sight from a bird blind viewing platform.
- ⌒ Park Entrance
Pedestrian entrances that connect into the park's trail network.
- ⊙ Gathering Space
Naturally flat areas for people to gather and congregate.
- 📖 Educational Opportunity
Features that will assist in educational site topics.
- ⊙ Nature Play & Exploration
Natural play features and areas of discovery.

TRAIL NETWORK AND AMENITIES



CREATE
OUTSTANDING
EXPERIENCES



PARK HUB

- Central gathering space and nucleus for trail network
- Free, safe, clean & welcoming
- Open all four seasons
- Attention to lighting, visibility & maintenance
- Support for diverse activities & community events
- Interpreter on site to engage and lead programs or spontaneous guided walks
- Variety of multi-sensory experiences
- Highlight the park's unique features and seasonal changes

BARN

- Gathering spaces for programs and community groups
- Upper level connects to site with earthen ramp to the east and overlook deck to the west
- Lower level connects to woodland and meadow to the north with a new patio

CARRIAGE HOUSE

- "Field Station" hub for hands-on urban ecology education
- Educational programs can spill out onto outdoor education patio to the south



PROVIDE
INNOVATIVE
PROGRAMMING
AS A GATEWAY
TO NATURE
EXPLORATION

BIRD BLIND VIEWSHED



BIRD BLINDS



WOODEN POLES

GATHERING SPACE



COUNCIL RING



EDUCATION PAVILION



TIERED SEATING

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



FIELD STATION



HOMESTEAD GROVE



WETLAND OBSERVATION

NATURE PLAY & EXPLORATION



BALANCE



LOOSE PARTS & MUD KITCHEN



MOUNDS & TUNNELS



STEPPING STONES



LABYRINTH

PRECEDENT IMAGES

