

PROGRESS MEETING MINUTES KIMLEY HORN PROJECT LIST

6:00PM Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Tom Petty Pickleball Community Update Informational Meeting

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Please see attached sign in sheet for complete list of attendees.		

Please see the attached presentation that was given as the Community Update. The following input was gained from participants:

1. One participant asked if the parking lot was changing or expanding. It was explained that the overall paved area of the parking lot will remain as is but will be resurfaced and restriped to provide five additional parking spaces. Additional parking options north of the multipurpose field and along NW 13th Ave are also being explored.
2. It was asked if the Live Oaks west of the parking lot be preserved, to which the attendees were assured they would be.
3. There was a concern with proposed pedestrian-scale trail lighting regarding potential impacts to wildlife and adjacent homes. It was explained that lighting trails such as this is a general policy of the City as budget allows. Proposed lighting would be designed to be of a light level appropriate for trail use, which is lower than for parking lots and sports fields, and would meet the City's standards for light levels and cut off. Park hours are to 11:30pm by City ordinance unless otherwise posted at the park.
4. There were comments from a few participants (a couple of residents and representatives from the Historical Fencers group, etc.) requesting a multipurpose paved area similar to what existed between the tennis courts and racquetball, inquiring if it would be possible to include such an open paved area and if it would be possible to shade it. They were told that due to the need to keep the overall development footprint as small as possible to minimize impacts on wetlands and existing trees, and due to the need for eight courts, additional paved areas are not planned for this project.
5. Another attendee asked if there could be a wall be added for kids to throw a ball against, similar to what a participant observed per the previous racquetball court wall. It was explained that sight lines and overall security was a big consideration in the design of this project. A wall is not preferred due to concerns with blocking views.
6. There was a concern about the potential noise impacts of the project on adjacent homeowners. It was pointed out that acoustic fencing is proposed for the southern edge of the southernmost court. New landscaping, existing vegetation to remain, and the over 500 ft. distance between improvements and homes along 13th Ave. will assist to mitigate noise. Improvements are proposed in the area of the park furthest from the most homes.
7. There was a request to locate proposed dog park benches in the shade, which was a note taken by the project team.

8. There was general discussion of rotating gate use at the dog park to minimize erosion and impacts at high use gate areas. This item will be discussed with Parks staff.
9. The question was raised if the existing tennis courts are run by USTA. The answer is yes, the City partners with USTA for management of the courts.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
TOM PETTY PARK RENOVATIONS
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Meeting Location: Alachua County Library, 912 NE 16th Avenue, Alachua, FL 32615



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TOM PETTY PARK

Pickleball Improvements

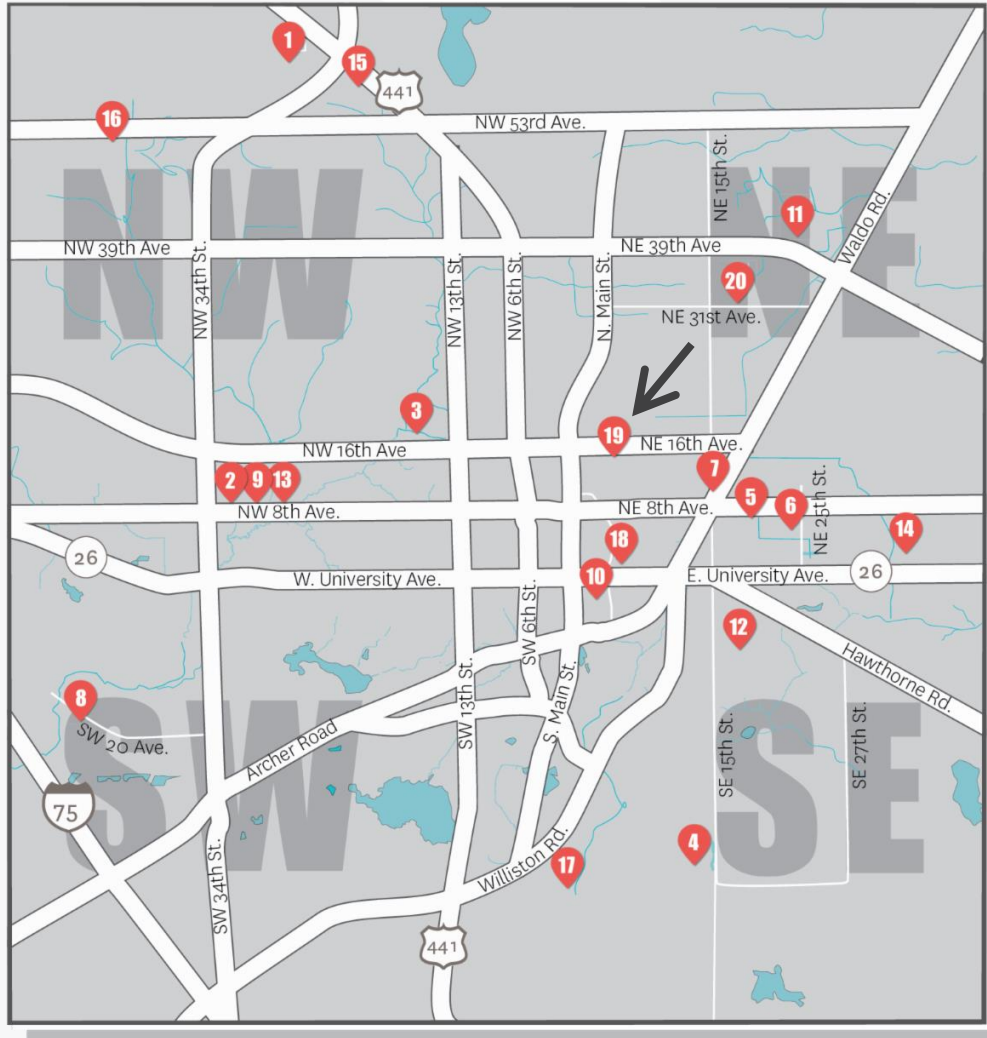
Community Update Meeting

July 17, 2024

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City of Gainesville Wild Spaces Public Places



Previous WSPP Tom Petty Park Improvements:

- Drainage improvements for sports fields
- New shaded seating & walks at sports fields
- Tennis court reconstruction (2022)
- New drinking fountains & benches at dog park

Proposed Tom Petty Park Improvements

- Removal of racquetball courts
- New pickleball courts
- New shaded seating areas
- Trail extension
- Landscaping
- Additional Parking Investigation
 - North of multipurpose field
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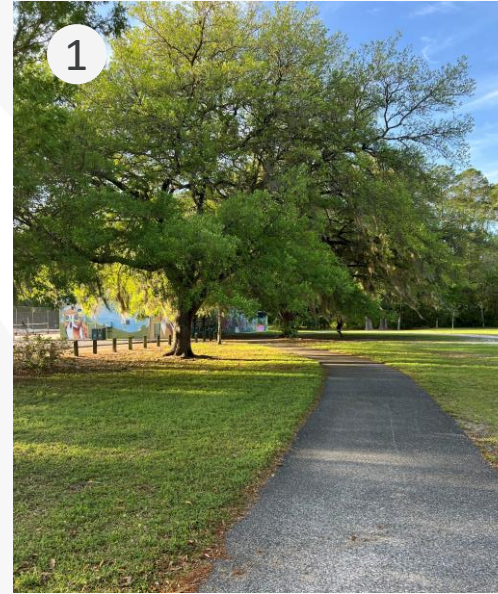
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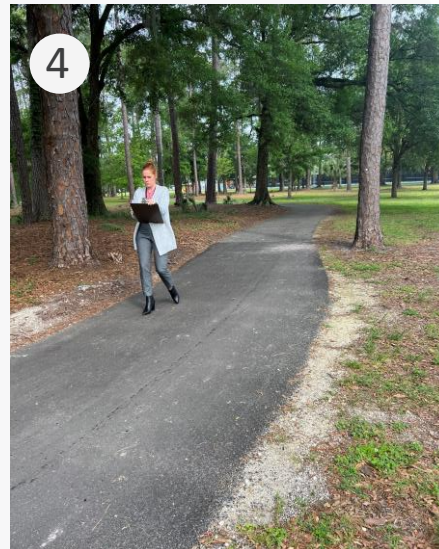
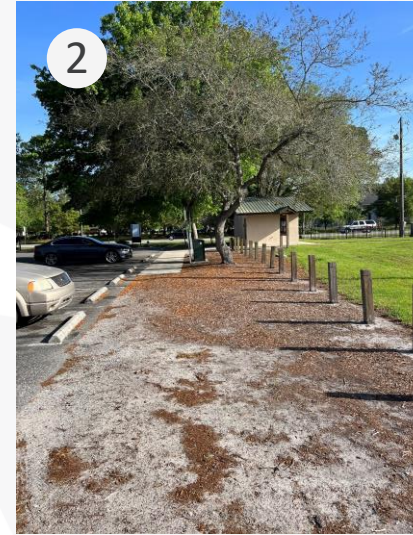
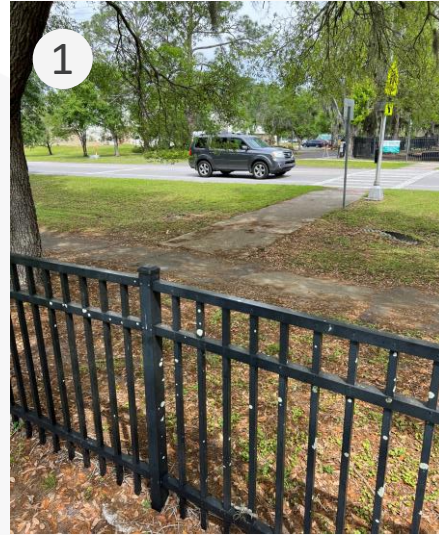
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Existing Conditions



Existing Conditions



Technical Design

Kickoff

30% Design

90% Design

Workshops

Permitting

Bidding & Construction Start

March 2024

May 2024

July 2024

July & August 2024

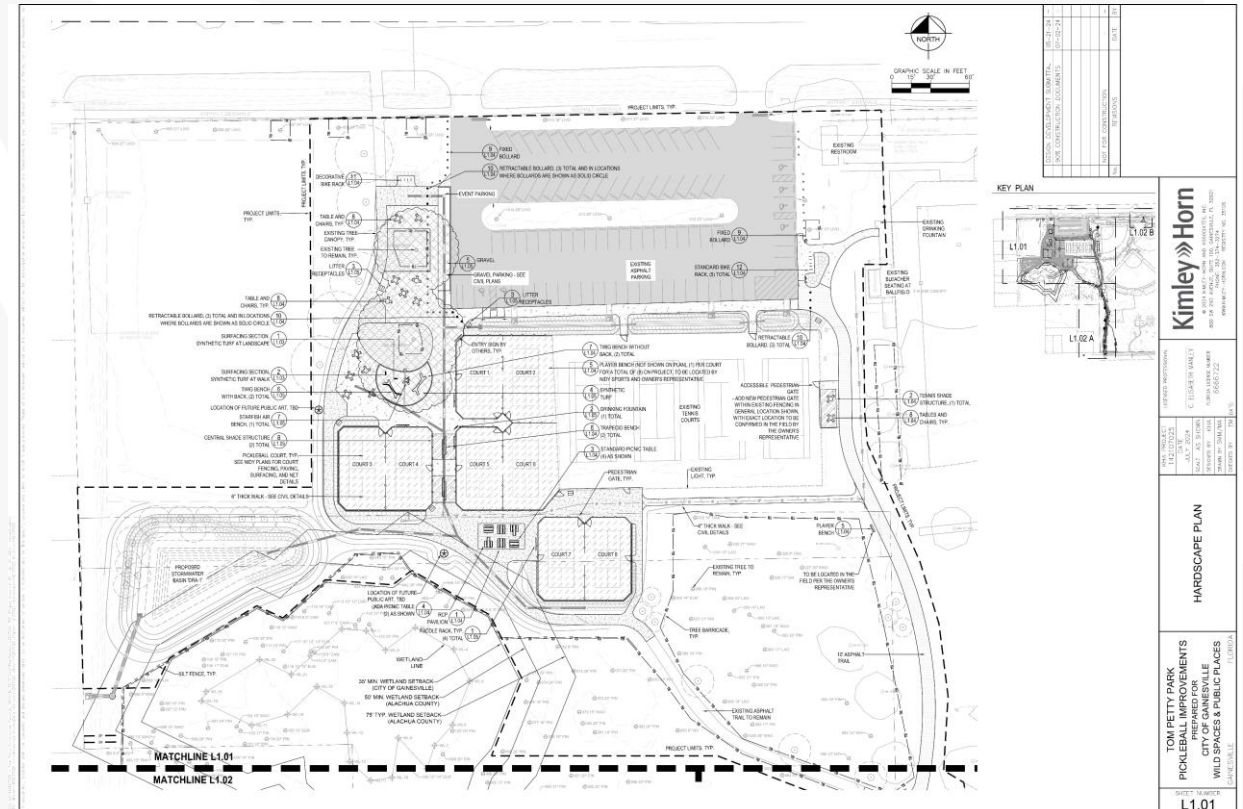
Aug – Dec 2024

Spring 2025



TODAY

- City of Gainesville & GRU Site Development Review
- St. Johns Water Management District



Existing Conditions to Remain



- Tennis Courts
- Parking
- Large Live Oaks
- Majority of Trees
- Multipurpose Field
- Park amenities beyond project area



Protecting Existing Resources



■ Trees

- City Arborist on site review
- Made changes:
 - *Eliminated previously proposed seawall*
 - *Utilizing seating types that do not require footings near trees*
 - *Moved proposed paving further away*
 - *Selected more shallow paving types*
 - *Eliminated the picnic pavilion*
 - *Revised stormwater to save 14 trees*

■ Wetlands

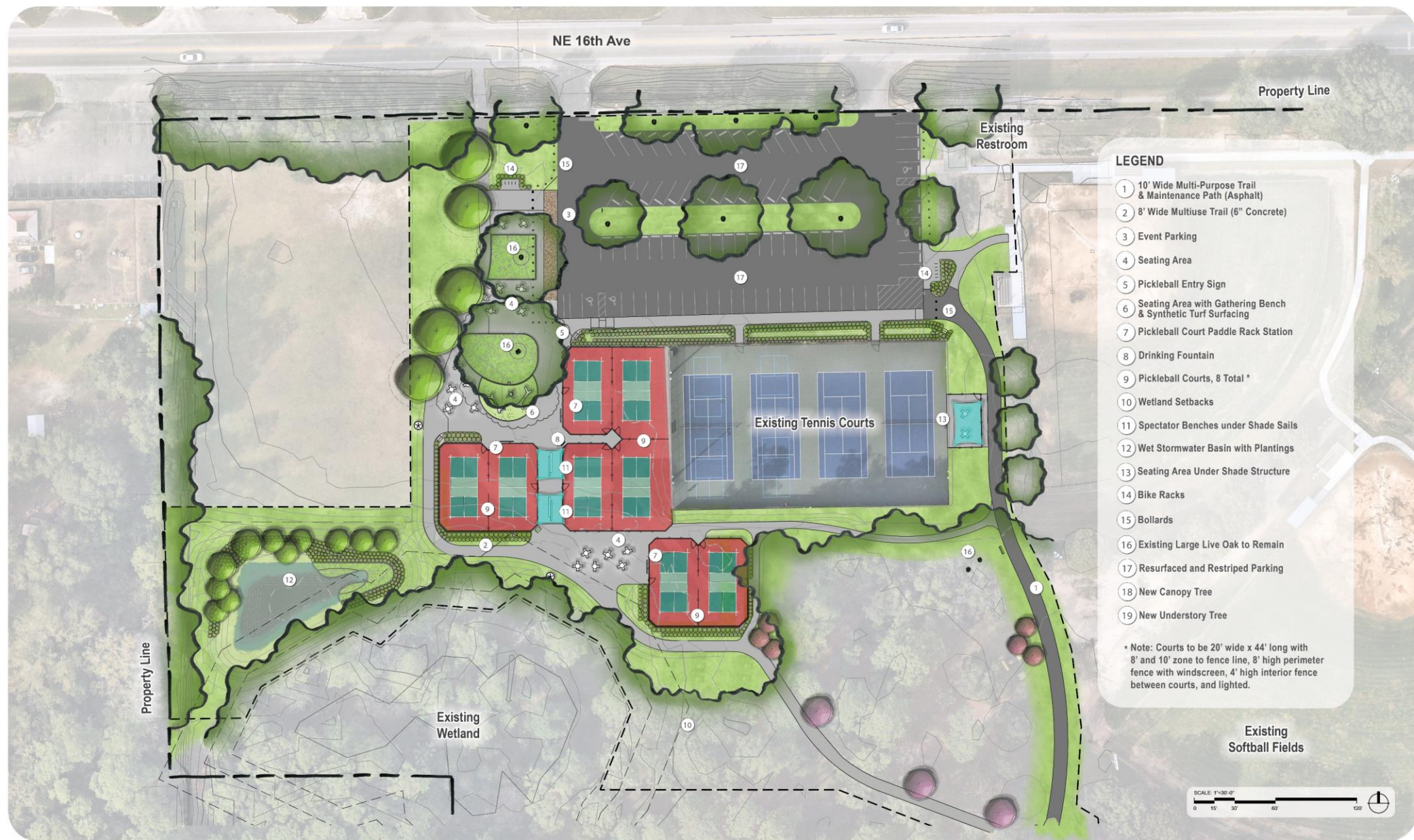
- City Environmental Staff discussion
 - *Courts outside of 75 ft. wetland buffer*
 - *Paving outside of 50 ft. wetland buffer*

Existing Conditions to be Removed



- Racquetball Court
- Parks Maintenance Trail
- Minimal tree removal, replaced with new





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Entry Seating Areas



TABLE AND CHAIRS – 3 SEAT



TABLE AND CHAIRS – 4 SEAT



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DECORATIVE BIKE RACK



FIXED BOLLARD



RETRACTABLE BOLLARD

Pickleball Area



BACKLESS TWIG BENCH

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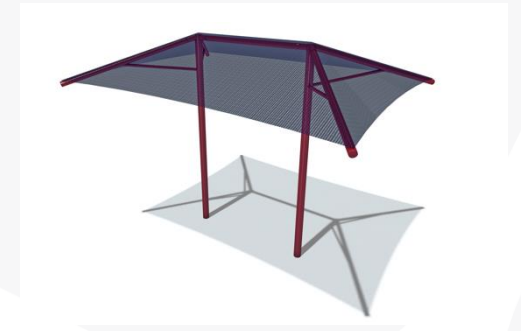
TRAPEZIO BENCH

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STARFISH AIR BENCH

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CENTRAL SHADE STRUCTURES

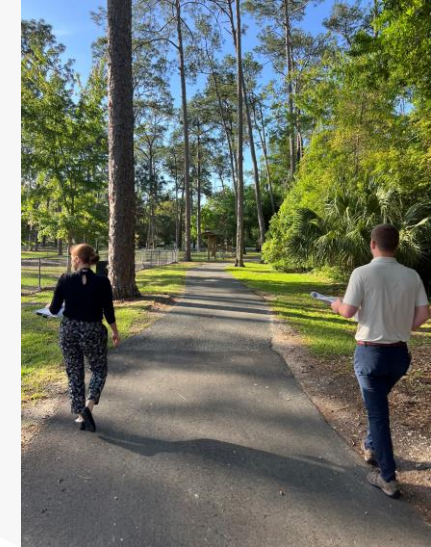


PICKLEBALL COURTS

Trail and New Tennis Entry & Seating



TENNIS SHADE STRUCTURE



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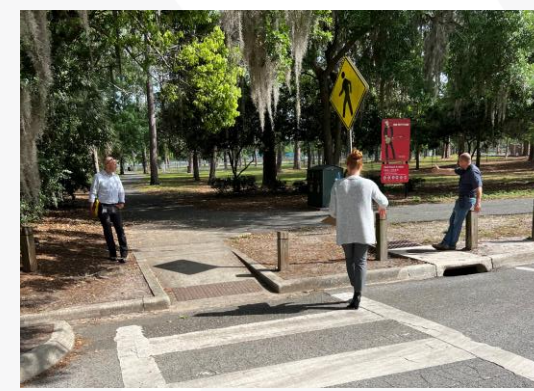
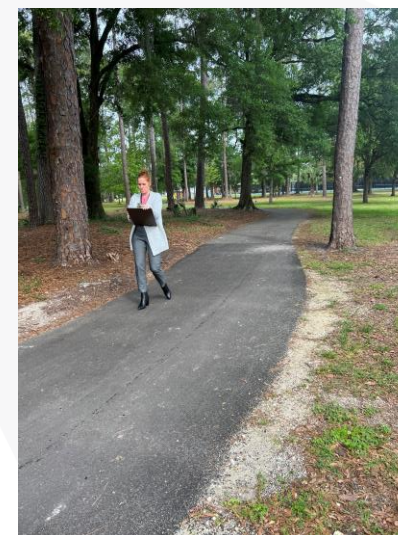
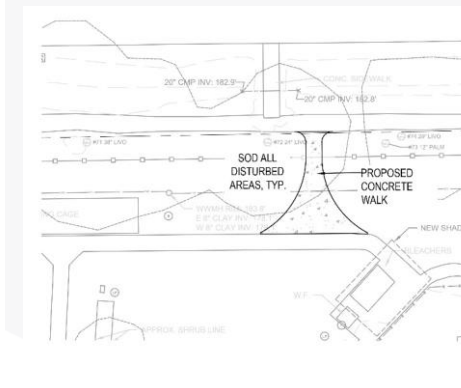
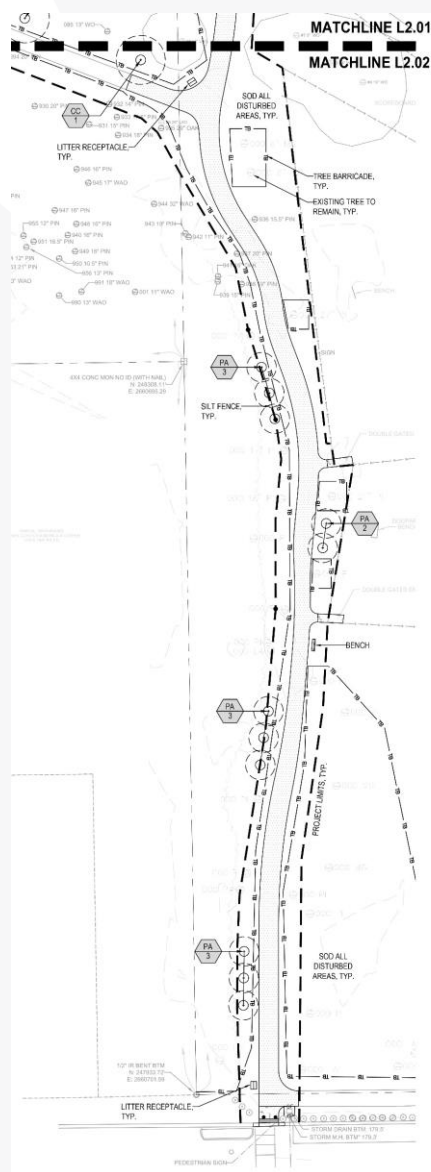
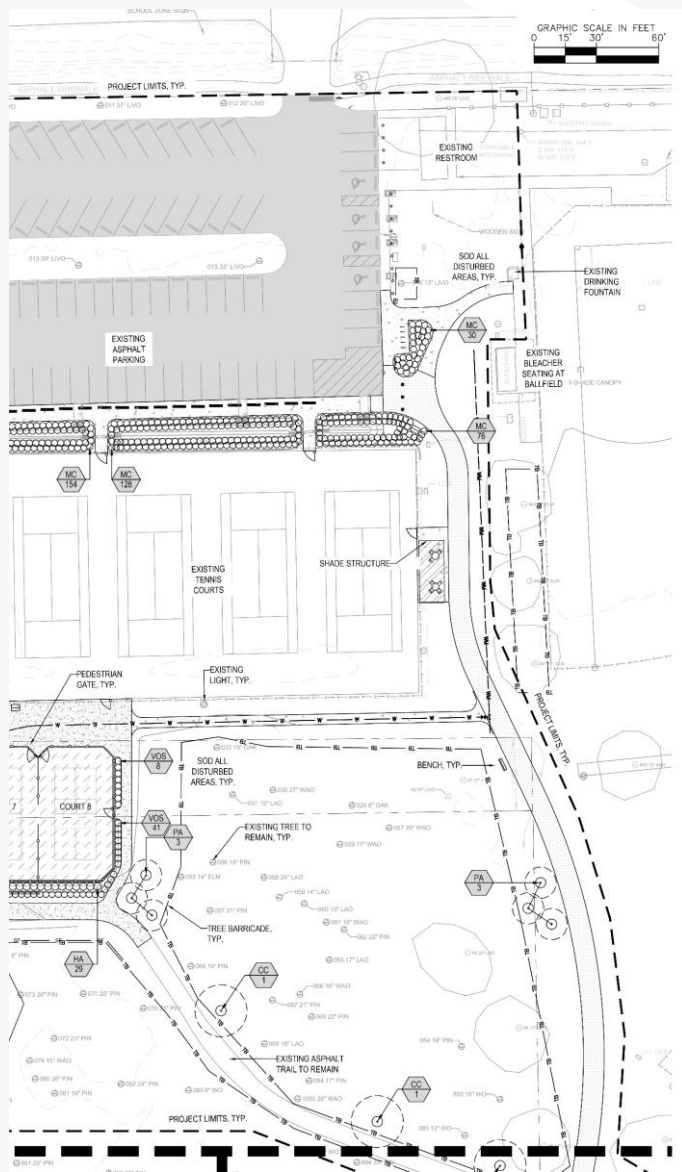


STANDARD BIKE RACK



PLAYER BENCH

Trail Widening & Extension



New Landscape



Live Oak



Florida Flame Red Maple



Bald Cypress



Chickasaw Plum



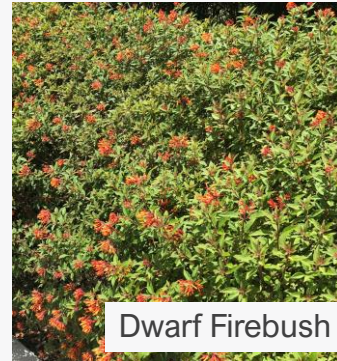
Redbud



Blue Flag Iris



Fire Flag



Dwarf Firebush



Pink Muhly



Gamagrass



Walter's Viburnum



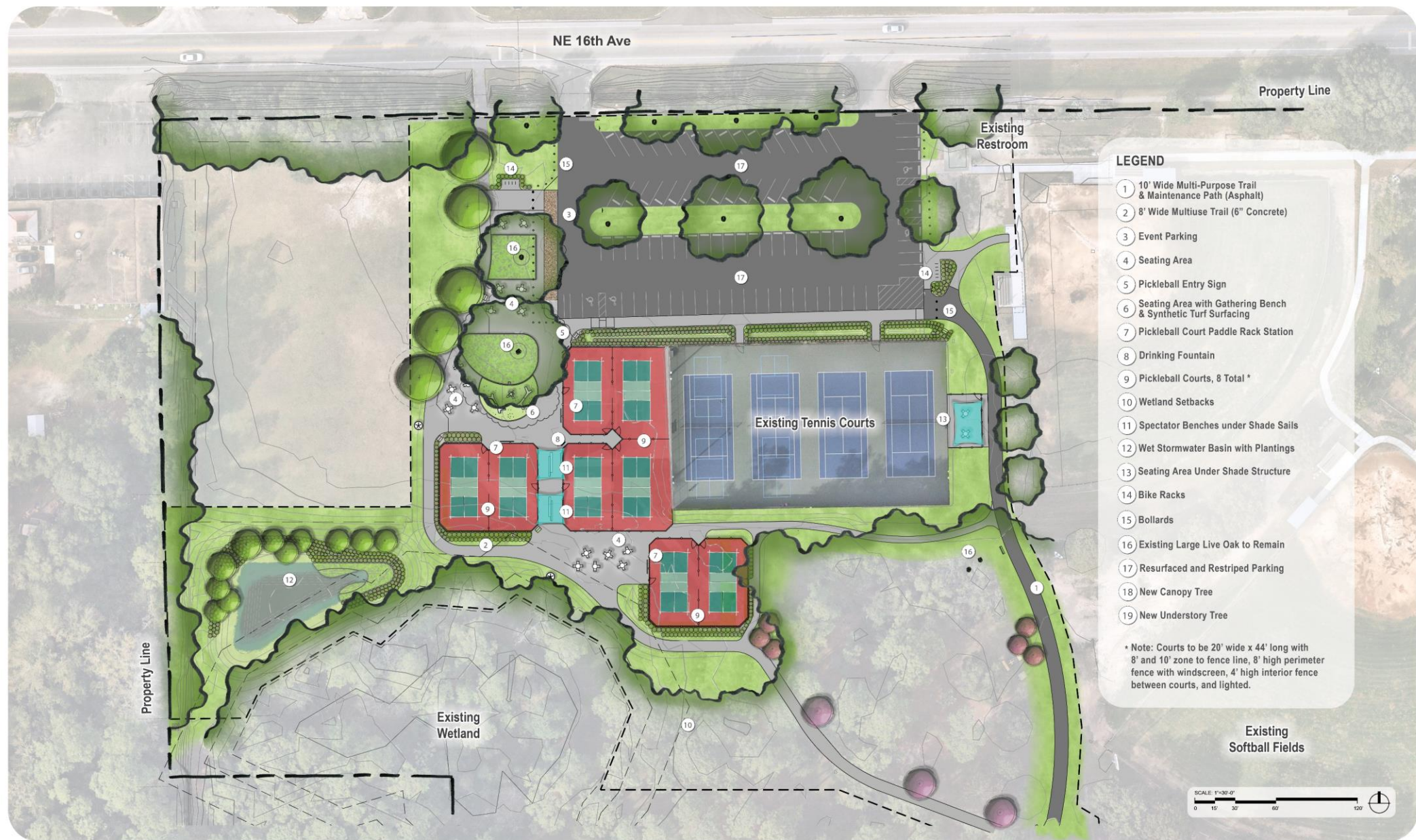
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Next Steps

1. Neighborhood Workshop August 21 for permit submittal (virtual)
2. Permit submittals and review
3. Issue project to bid
4. Start construction Spring 2025



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Schematic Plan – December 2023

