



**MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

**SEABROOK PARKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Member Coggeshall called the Seabrook Parks and Trails Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Works and Animal Control Complex Training Room. Present were Nehemiah Jackson, Sally Antrobus, John Coggeshall, Debra Harper, Jesse Jones, Public Works Director Brian Craig, Assistant Public Works Director Jesse Olivo and Deputy City Secretary, Amanda Morales.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no citizen comments

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 Parks and Trails Committee meeting

Motion:	To Approve
Made By:	PTC Member Jones
Seconded By:	PTC Member Harper
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Update and report on various Seabrook Park items including needed repairs, signage, plants, flowers, vegetation, and park use matters

- Member Harper reported that there was a palm tree down at Carothers.
- Member Coggeshall reported that Houston Wildemess stated that Seabrook trees were doing better any other city and offered 80 trees for planting.
- Member Harper also reported that there are sinkholes along the trails.

3.2 Update and report on various Seabrook Park items including community events, emergency events, and grant administration

Public Works Director Brian Craig reported on the following:

- The Veterans Event to be held at the Bay Area Veteran Memorial on November 11, 2025.
- Staff has begun to install Christmas lights and decorations.
- The re-appointments to the Parks & Trails Committee.
- A pedestrian bridge with Port Funds.

3.3 Consider and take all appropriate action on a report to Council regarding Carothers Coastal Garden progress.

The Committee had a discussion regarding what should be presented in the report to council. Member Jones gave a presentation of his report to date (**SEE ATTACHMENT A**).

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- 4.1 **Consider and take all appropriate action regarding the planning of the Parks & Trails Appreciation Luncheon to be held on November 13, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.**

The Committee finalized the details for their Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

5. **DISCUSSION**

- 5.1 **Discussion regarding Carothers Coastal Gardens beach area development and future use.**

Member Jones and the Committee discussed plans for a future beach area at Carothers Coastal Gardens **(SEE ATTACHMENT B)**.

6. **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- 6.1 **Report from the Committee Chair on the status of a list of proposed actions taken by the Parks and Trails Committee and forwarded to City Council for its action or review**

No updates to report

- 6.2 **Discuss recently viewed Keep Texas Beautiful webinars and take all appropriate action on remaining required webinar hours**

The Committee discussed three new webinars viewed by Member Coggeshall and Member Jackson **(SEE ATTACHMENT C)**

- 6.3 **Update regarding volunteer hours**

The Committee updated their volunteer hours

- 6.4 **Establish future meeting dates and agenda items**

The next Parks & Trails Committee meeting will be December 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chair

DATE: 12/4/25

ATTEST:


Amanda Morales
Deputy City Secretary



**MORE PEOPLE VISITED PUBLIC GARDENS
LAST YEAR THAN DISNEYLAND,
DISNEYWORLD AND ALL NORTH
AMERICAN AMUSEMENT PARKS
COMBINED**

**Robert W. Benfield
New Directions in Garden Tourism**

A lush garden scene featuring a winding gravel path that meanders through various plant beds. The garden is filled with a wide variety of colorful flowers, including large pink hydrangeas, purple and blue blossoms, and red flowers. Ornamental grasses in shades of green, yellow, and red are interspersed among the flower beds. In the foreground, there are large, light-colored rocks. The background is filled with dense green foliage and trees. The overall atmosphere is bright and colorful.

Exploring Carothers Coastal Gardens: A Waterfront Public Garden in Seabrook, Texas

*Discovering history, design and
community.*



Agenda Overview

- **History of Carothers Coastal Gardens**
- **Landscape Design and Garden Features**
- **Budget and Next Steps**

4/2013

Carothers Community Garden

502

614

Google Earth



**Carothers
Coastal
Gardens TASK
FORCE I**



**Carothers
Coastal
Gardens TASK
FORCE II**



Results of Task Force II

Established an outline for the development of the property.

Aimed at creating a dedicated public green space to showcase native coastal plants and support environmental education.

Established a Timeline and Budget

Using the TMLIRP insurance proceeds from the loss of the Carothers home, we set about to design a workable plan that we believed could be done for the roughly 300k

Preparation of Drawings and Specifications

With input from the Carothers 501(c)3 non-profit, we were able to produce workable drawings, specifications and a realistic budget.

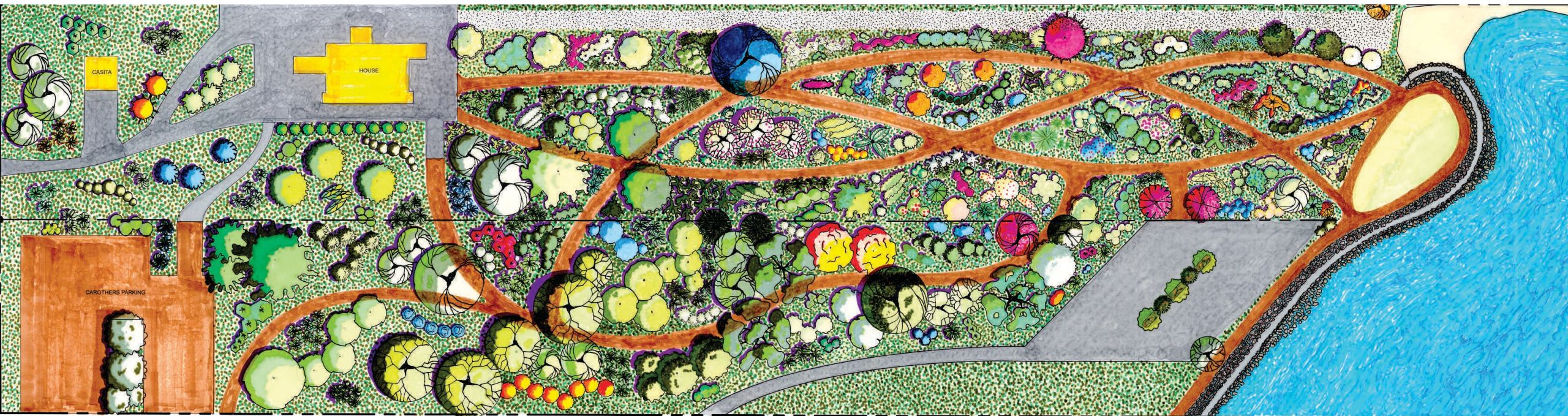
PRIORITIES

The major priorities outlined below are based on the task force's assessment of budget and timing phases to create the most value for Seabrook citizens.

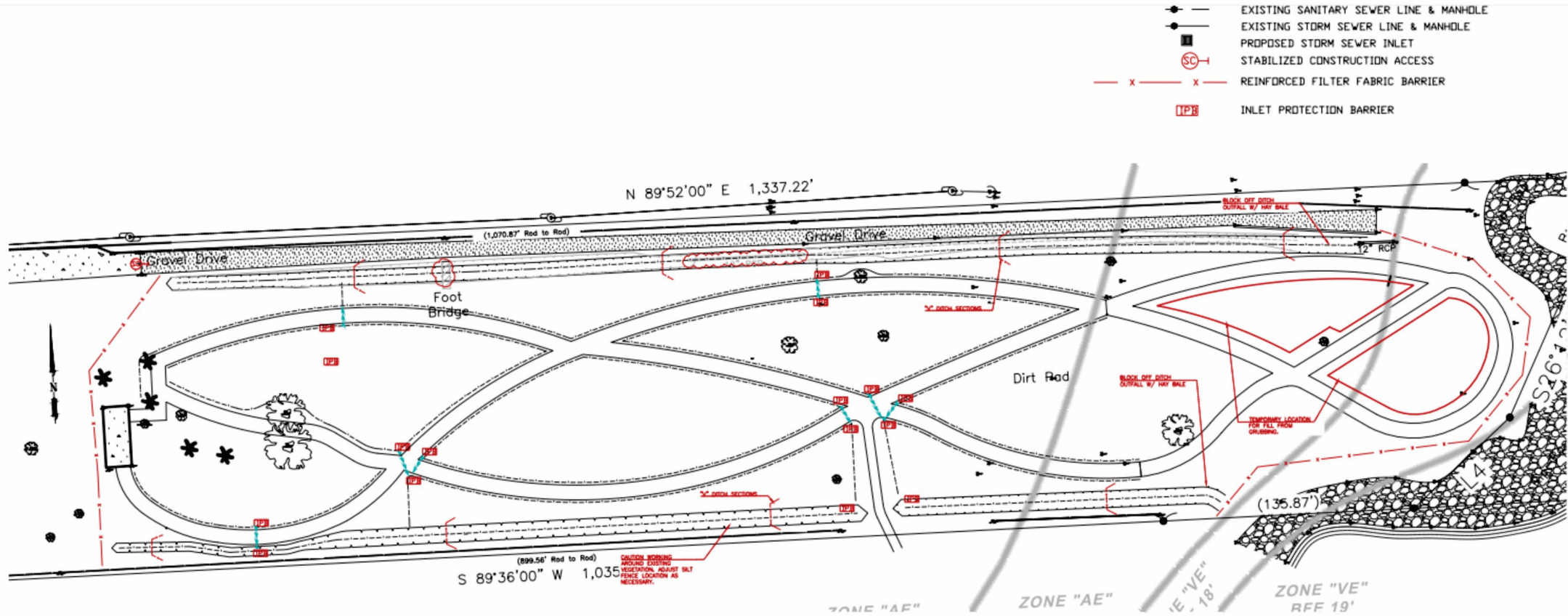
PRIORITIES	PHASE 1 FY 21-22	PHASE 2 FY 22-23	PHASE 3 PENDING FUNDING
PRIORITY 1 Community Gardens	1) Plumbing infrastructure 2) 30 raised beds 3) Fencing and gates 4) Casita improvements 5) Recruit gardeners	1) Plant orchards 2) Expand/enhance raised garden beds and pathways as needed	
PRIORITY 2 East Tract Infrastructure & Trails	1) Demo tennis court 2) Water grid, electrical infrastructure 3) Mark trails & berms 4) Construct berms & trails		
PRIORITY 3 East Tract Strolling Gardens	1) House, tennis court site reclamation (soil, plants) 2) Map out planting areas 3) Prepare soil 4) Initial planting (gardens, prairies, trees)	Continue more intensive tree and garden plantings	
PRIORITY 4 Waterfront Observation Deck	Grant funds available per Gayle for Shoreline		Plan and construct observation deck and additional waterfront trails, as needed
PRIORITY 5 Carothers Learning Center		1) Assess community needs 2) Explore partnerships 3) Raise funding	Design and construct new facility
PRIORITY 6 West Tract Trail Loop			Extend trail system through West Tract with wetland boardwalk viewing and seating

Based on these priorities, the initial budget estimate for Phases 1 and 2 is outlined below. To create the most value for Seabrook citizens as soon as possible, the task force strongly recommends that cash on hand from the insurance claim settlement be put to work now to accomplish these major grounds improvements while planning and building capacity to secure external funding for Phase 3 facility and grounds improvements.

Landscape Design and Garden Features




CAROTHERS
COASTAL GARDENS



STREET ADDRESS
 Carothers Property(Pine Gully Rd)
 CITY, STATE, ZIP
 Seabrook, TX 77586
 DESIGN BY
 AJM
 REVIEWED BY
 WAS/SMH
 DATE
 04/24/23

REVISION LIST	
1)	04/25/24
2)	06/06/24
3)	##
4)	##
5)	##

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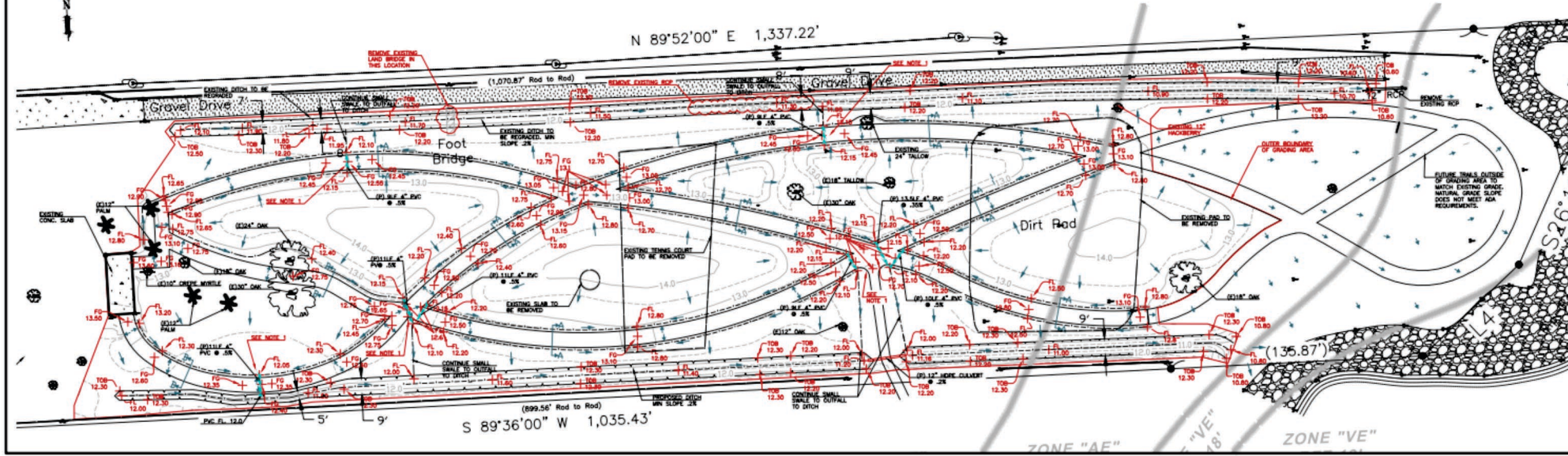
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 SWPPP

SHEET NUMBER
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SHEET 5
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PROPOSED SITE DRAINAGE

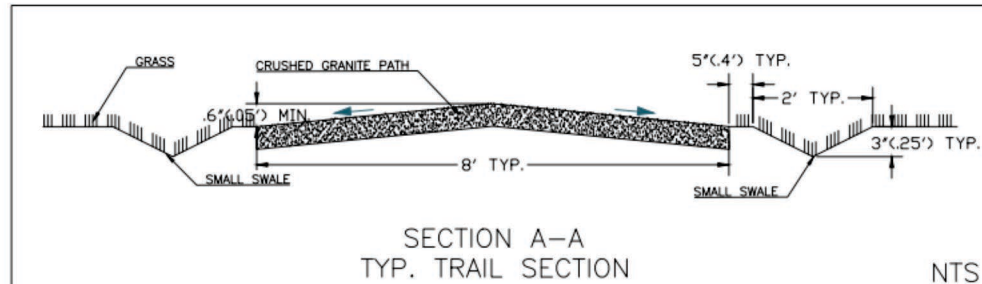


SITE NOTES:

1. ADJUST GRADE AROUND STORM PIPES AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COVERAGE OVER PIPES.
2. RECOMMEND INSTALLING 4" MITERED DRAIN OR SIMILAR AT INLET AND OUTLET OF 4" PVC DRAINAGE PIPE. PART#/MANUFACTURER: 4MD3P-B / DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
3. ALL PROPOSED STORM PIPE TO HAVE SMOOTH INNER WALL. HDPE MAY BE USED ILO PVC.
4. PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FOR EXCAVATED SWALES/DITCH:
 - INSTALL HYDROMULCH AT ALL EXCAVATED AREAS WITHIN 48 HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION.
 - UNTIL GRASS IS ESTABLISHED, GRASS SWALES MUST BE INSPECTED WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER EACH STORM OF 0.5 INCH

LEGEND:

- 4" DRAINAGE PIPE
- SWALE/DITCH/POND TOB
- DITCH/SWALE FLOW LINE
- TOP 30.00 PROPOSED ELEV.
- DRAINAGE DIRECTION ARROW
- PAVING



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CLIENT
City of Seabrook
PROJECT NAME
Proposed Park and Trails
SHEET ADDRESS
Carothers Property(Pine Gully Rd)
CITY, STATE, ZIP
Seabrook, TX 77586
DESIGN BY
AJM
REVIEWED BY
WAS/SMH
DATE
04/24/23

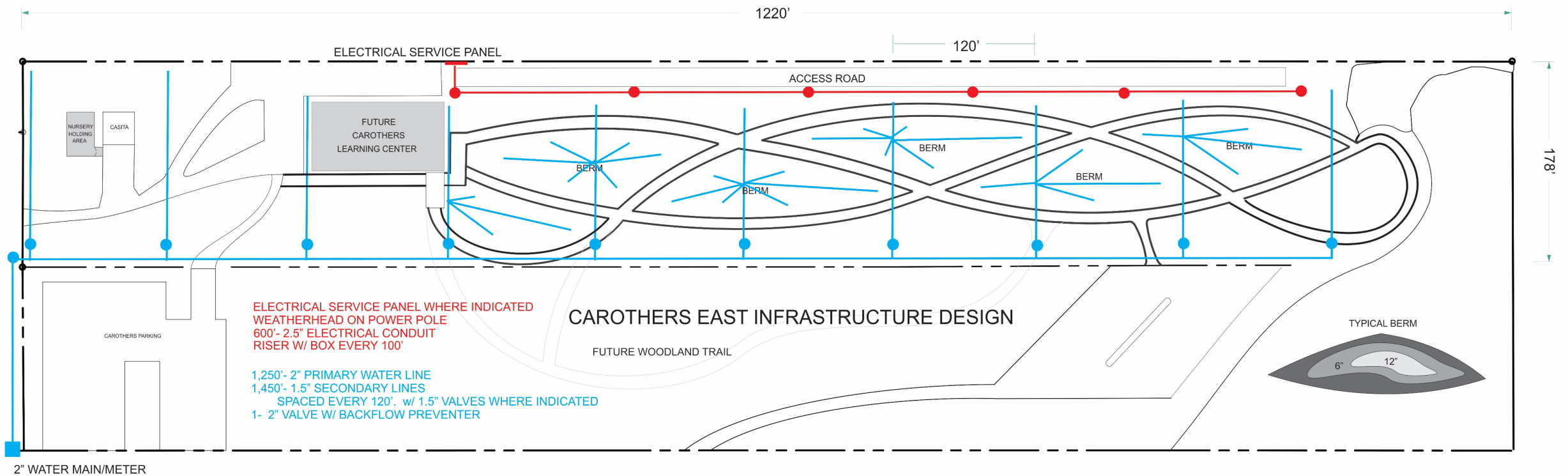
REVISION LIST

- 1) 04/25/24
- 2) 06/06/24
- 3) ##
- 4) ##
- 5) ##

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Next Step... Water and Electrical



SOURCES OF FUNDING	TOTAL	COMPLETED	BUDGETED	PHASE 3	Notes
TMLIRP Insurance Proceeds	\$297,000				After House Removal
Total Income	\$297,000				
EXPENDITURES					
Park Improvements					
Property Line Fence/Gates		\$19,000			Sanchez Fence
Dead Tree Removal		\$11,800			Outside Contractor
Survey		\$4,000			High Tide Surveying
Engineering		\$11,000			Norex Engineering
Dirt work- Swales & Berms		\$135,000			Eitali Construction
Granite Trail Construction					City of Seabrook (3200 linear ft.)
Water Infrastructure			\$32,500		Outside Contractor
Electrical Infrastructure			\$5,500		Conduit- 600' with 6 risers/boxes. Weatherhead/Panel
Planting area/bed material			\$22,000		Texas Native Organic Soil 1000 sq. yards
Garden Design Consultant			\$8,000		Thomas Design
Trees and plants			\$40,000		Native Texas Nursery
Mulch			\$7,500		Texas Native Soil- 1000 sq. yards
Contingency			\$12,000		
Misc Infrastructure				\$30,000	Benches, Fountains, Statuary
East Gate				\$45,000	Gate at East entrance from Pine Gully
501(c)3 Endowment					Future upkeep
Total Expenditures		\$180,800	\$127,500	\$70,000	\$378,300

Essential Next Steps

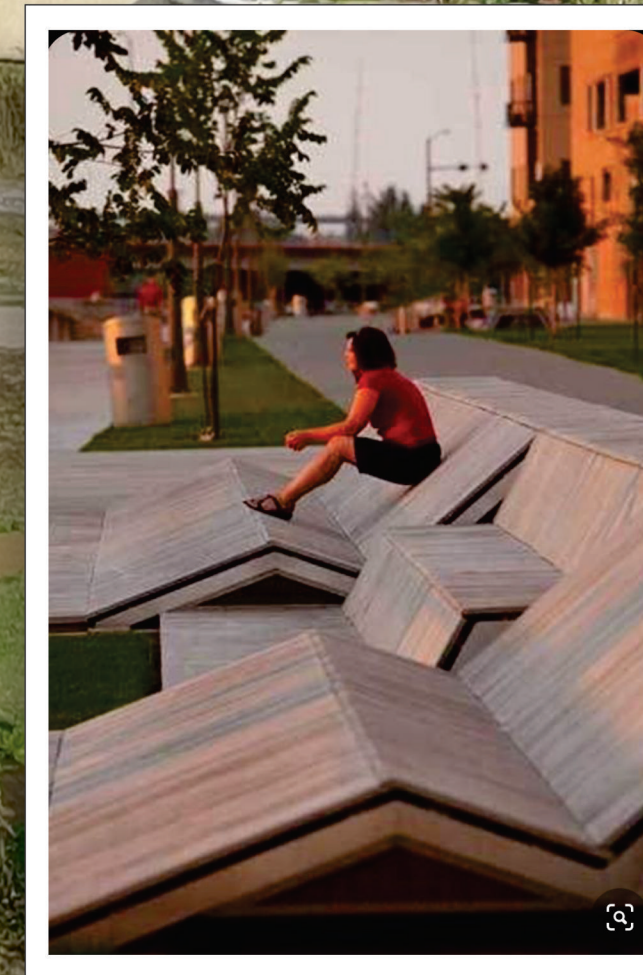
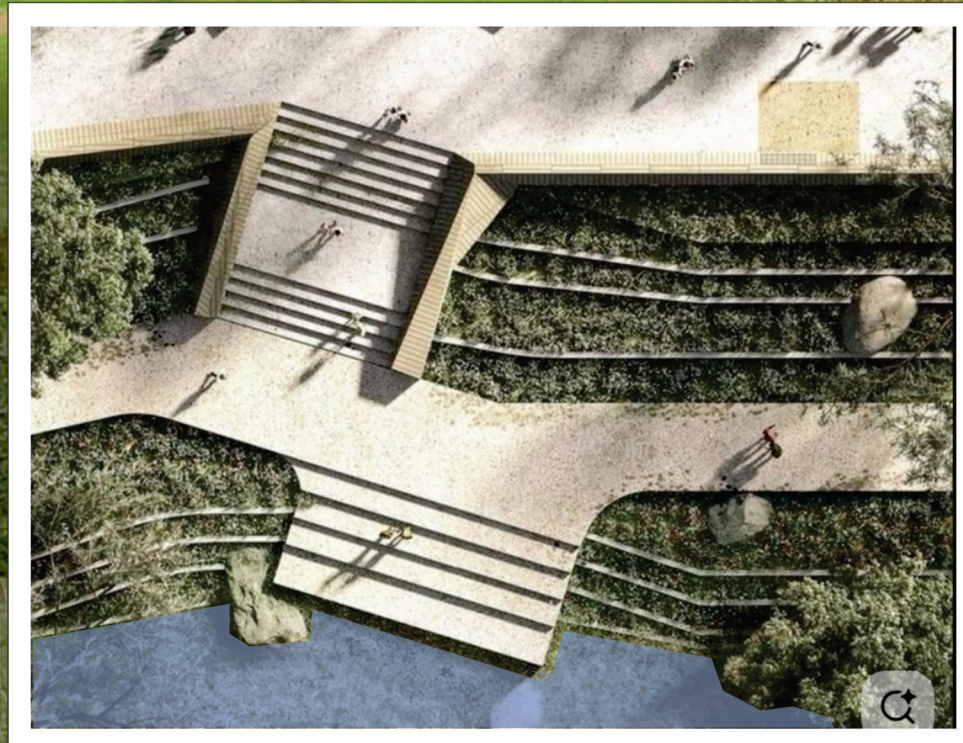
Request from Parks and Trails Committee.....

Council to approve moving forward with Water and Irrigation infrastructure.

Council to approve moving forward with Electrical Infrastructure.

Council to approve hiring a Garden Consultant to begin planting design and plant list for Spring planting.





CAROTHERS BEACH ENTRY ACCESS



**“WOOD PLANK LOOK”
STAMPED CONCRETE.**



**CAST IN PLACE
RECLINER BENCHES**



**MULTI-LEVEL
PLANTING AREAS**

**CIP
P24**



Keep Texas Beautiful Webinars

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