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GOOSE LAKE PARK

Park Planning with the Community

A Site Development Plan



Goose Lake Site Development Plan

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Project Narrative

The purpose of this project is to establish a master plan for future development within Goose Lake Park. After Parks and Beautification received \$54,000 in bond funds, staff assembled a citizens park committee to participate in the planning process.

Goose Lake has been a popular summer destination with Anchorage residents since the 1950's. Parks and Beautification sees an opportunity with this project to breath new life into the park by adding facilities that will appeal to a broader range of park users. The added improvements will help to reduce impact on the heavily used beach area, create a sense of entry for the park and preserve the natural habitat surrounding the lake. The activities chosen to develop were suggested by Parks & Beautification staff and citizens based on city wide park needs. The citizens committee fully supports the plan, including the activities and the phasing program.

Goose Lake is a unique and special setting within the city. From blueberries and pond lilies to moose and loons, Goose Lake's wetlands and upland forests are home to a variety of wildlife and plant species. The planning committee sees Goose Lake Park as a place where we can appreciate the natural environment while enjoying it as a community recreational facility.

Parks and Beautification plans to lead the design, construction and funding for a majority of the proposed projects. However, there are some projects noted in this plan that other agencies will be invited to take a role in. This plan is being presented to all parties interest in Goose Lake Park. Continuing public support is necessary to accomplish the full scope of this plan.

Goals Established by the Committee

- I. Encourage public participation during the design & planning phase
- II. Encourage increased public use of the area
- III. Generate a site plan for Goose Lake Park to guide future development
- IV. Protect wildlife habitat & nesting sites
- V. Prioritize development items & request CIP funding

The Planning Process

To accomplish the park goals, Parks & Beautification initiated a planning process that involves several parties, from community councils to University representatives.

I. Organizations Invited to Participate

Invitation List

Airport Heights Community Council
Rogers Park Community Council
Russian Jack Community Council
Tudor Area Community Council
University Area Community Council
Anchorage Police Department
University of Alaska
Anchorage Trails & Greenways
Parks & Recreation Commission
Municipal Light & Power
M o A (Municipality of Anchorage), Property and Facility Management
M o A, Parks & Beautification
M o A, Parks & Beautification Maintenance
M o A, Sports and Recreation

II. Meetings

The plan developed over the course of three meetings.

Meeting 1 12/9/97

- I. Introduce the project
- II. Establish goals
- III. Review the existing conditions of the park
- IV. List ideas for development and state concerns

Meeting 2 12/16/97

- I. Present and review the conceptual plan generated from the ideas discussed at the first meeting.
- II. Prioritize items to be built with the first phase of funding.

Meeting 3 1/7/98

- I. Review and discuss the final plan.
- II. Review the cost estimates for the plan and prioritize development for the first and second phases of construction.

III. Submit the Plan for Approval

Submit plan to:

Urban Design Commission	2-12-98
Parks & Recreation Commission	2-12-98
Planning & Zoning Commission	3-18-98

Development Issues and Recommendations

Trails

- Retain the natural vegetative buffer along the trails.
- Establish a trail connection along UAA Drive to the University.
- Establish a trail connection along Northern Lights Blvd. from the intersection to the Chester Creek trail. This allows a free flow of bicycle and pedestrian traffic without requiring entrance to the park.
- To avoid traffic problems in trail intersections, introduce round-abouts.
- A portion of the trails will be porous paving to reduce water volumes draining into the storm system and allow replenishment of underground water aquifers.
- All trails to be ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessible. Municipality standards are must be met.

Basketball Court

- Resurface the basketball court. Selectively thin trees around the court both for better visibility and to inhibit moss growth on the court.

Beach

- Add two sand volleyball courts at the beach.
- Upgrade the sand on the beach.
- Enclose the beach with a walkway to prevent loss of sand onto the grassy areas.

Lake

- Ask ML & P to bury or relocate power lines around lake.
- Protect bird nesting sites on the lake shore.
- Maintain the water level of the lake during the peak of summer activities.

Lighting

- Provide more lighting for winter activities i.e. ice skating, skiing.
- Repair the missing light fixture on the beach.

Bathhouse

- Sports & Recreation will be contracting out for concession services in the bathhouse.
- Request that P & FM resolve the annual sewer and drainage problems associated with the bathhouse.
- Add a patio area to the east side of the building to balance the architecture of the building and provide a staging area for future concessions.

Play Equipment

- Play equipment for children the ages of 2-5 years and 5-12 years. The site chosen has access to the beach and the family picnicking area. Play equipment will be installed to meet playground safety standards.

Play Field

- Build an open use playfield with back stop in the old snow dump site. Street maintenance has relinquished the site back to Parks & Beautification.
- Look at options to prevent goose infestation. There currently is research being done on this by the Plant Material Center in Palmer, Alaska.
- There is a need in Anchorage for an open playfield that is not affiliated with any organizations, so this field will be for open play and pick up games by the public only.

Picnic Shelters

- Two picnic shelters will be constructed; one near the play field and one in the southwest portion of the site in the old well site. The shelter at the play field will hold up to 90 people.
- Both shelters will be visible from the road & parking area for policing.

Parking

- Due to the distance from the existing parking area, a 20 stall parking area is planned for the picnic shelter located at the old well site.

Landscape Improvements

- Landscaping improvements are planned for key points of entry. One at the park entrance on UAA Drive and two areas where pedestrians access the beach. These improvements will add definition and identity to the park. Several new walks are planned to reduce the numerous cow paths that erode the soil and destroy plant material.
- Invite the Alaska Native Plant Society to include this park as a site to receive plant materials from their construction site plant rescue program. Plant materials should be of native species and appropriate to the existing habitat of Goose Lake. These plants are for bank stabilization and visual enhancement.

Park Road Access

- The entrance drive from Northern Lights Boulevard will be kept closed. The Anchorage Police Department identified this as an unsafe entry and exit point because of limited site distance. A representative from Sports and Recreation promoted the idea of using this paved area for an in-line skating rink. No structure is currently needed for this use.

Property Buffers

- Retain the vegetative buffer along the southwest boundary to the adjacent residential area.

Multi-Agency Project Recommendations

Parks and Beautification requests the assistance and cooperation of other agencies to take leadership in building several projects recommended in this plan. We ask that the agencies listed below adopt the Goose Lake Site Development Plan into their future development plans.

Municipal Light and Power

Relocate, either underground or above, the power lines that currently run across the lake.

M o A, Property and Facility Management

Resolve the annual sewer and drainage problems generated from the bathhouse.

Replace the missing lightpole on the beach.

M o A, Public Works

Design and construct a paved walkway along the east side of UAA Drive connecting the university area to Goose Lake Park and Northern Lights Boulevard.

State of Alaska, Department of Transportation

Design and construct a paved walkway along the south side of Northern Lights Boulevard.

M o A, Parks and Beautification, Maintenance Department

Remove all fire pits from the park.

M o A, Aquatics Section

Retain a concessionaire for the bathhouse.

University of Alaska, Anchorage

Research and develop a program to maintain the water level of Goose Lake. Consider the clean water being channeled from the University cooling system into Goose Lake instead of Chester Creek.

Project Funding

The primary funding for this project is Parks & Recreation bonds.

Existing Funds	\$53,000.00	1995 G. O. Bond
Additional Funds Requested	\$250,000.00	1999 G. O. Bond

Estimated Costs

Phase I

<u>Play area with paved access</u>	\$53,000.00
Total	\$53,000.00

Phase II

Picnic Shelter at playfield with paved access	\$75,000.00
Playfield with backstop	\$67,500.00
Volleyball Courts	\$1,000.00
Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$6,000.00
Beach sand	\$20,000.00
Trails within park	\$60,000.00
<u>Landscaping at entry points</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
Total	\$257,500.00

Phase III

Picnic shelter at well site	\$75,000.00
<u>20 stall parking area</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total	\$95,000.00

Attachments

- I. Meeting Sign-In Sheets
- II. Meeting Notices
- III. Concept Plan
- IV. Final Site Development Plan

Goose Lake Park Site Development Planning Meeting

MEETING 1

December 9, 1997 5:30 PM
Parks & Beautification Office

NAME/ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE #/FAX #
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Jim Parsons-UAA com C	3037 Widgeon Ln	279-3736 F272-44
Rey Hoss	Spots & Rec	343-4476/301 0114
Mary Kemppel	2819 McCollie ^{parts comm.}	248-0667
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Steve Barthman	MOA/Parks Design	343-4521/2786
Jim Tibor	UAA	786-6700/786-67
Bob Hoss	...	786-1100/110
John Mcclusky	Spots & Rec	343-41296
Paul BRUSSEAU Rogers Park	1403 E 27 th	272-2680
Denise grimm	MOA/parks	
John Folston.		

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MEETING 2

December 16, 1997 5:30 PM
Parks & Beautification Office

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JIM PARSONS	UnivCC 3037 Widgeon LN	279-3735
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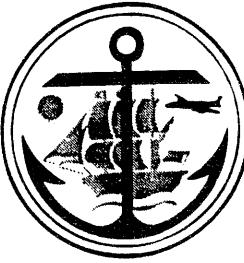
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MEETING 3

January 7, 1998 5:30 PM
Parks & Beautification Office

<u>NAME/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE #/FAX #</u>
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Dave Gardner	MOA / Parks Design	343-4522
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Rick Mystrom, Mayor

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION DIVISION

November 19, 1997

Subject: Goose Lake Park Planning Meeting

Dear

This is an invitation for you to serve on our parks committee to work on a site development plan for Goose Lake Park. The meeting will be December 9th at 5:30 pm here at the Parks & Beautification office at 120 S. Bragaw St. on the corner of Mt. View and Bragaw.

Parks and Beautification has a \$53,000.00 bond from 1995 that is slated to be used for the construction of a play facility at Goose Lake Park and we want to be sure that this is where our needs are. This regional park is unique in that it is used not only by the neighborhood but also the community and the facilities should be planned with all park users in mind.

The planning and design process takes time as you may well be aware, so I would plan to attend at least three or four weekly meetings to develop a plan that we are all happy with. I am inviting representatives from Airport Heights, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Tudor, and University areas community councils, a representative from APD and UAA, and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Thank you for your participation. It will be a great opportunity to work on this well loved park together. Please call me at 343-4508 if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Denise Grimm
Landscape Architect
Parks & Beautification

December 10, 1997

To: Goose Lake Park Planning Participants
Subject: Goose Lake Park Site Development Plan

Representatives from the University Area, Russian Jack Springs and Rogers Park Community Councils, University of Alaska, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Municipality of Anchorage met with Parks & Beautification staff on December 9, 1997 to discuss developmental possibilities for Goose Lake Park.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for Community Councils, adjacent institutions, and park users to voice their concerns and ideas regarding Goose Lake Park. The meeting began at 5:40 p.m. at the Parks and Beautification office with an introduction of those present, followed by a brief overlook at the agenda.

Next, park staff described the existing park conditions then began highlighting potential uses and improvements that could be made at the park. Please refer to the enclosed list of items discussed.

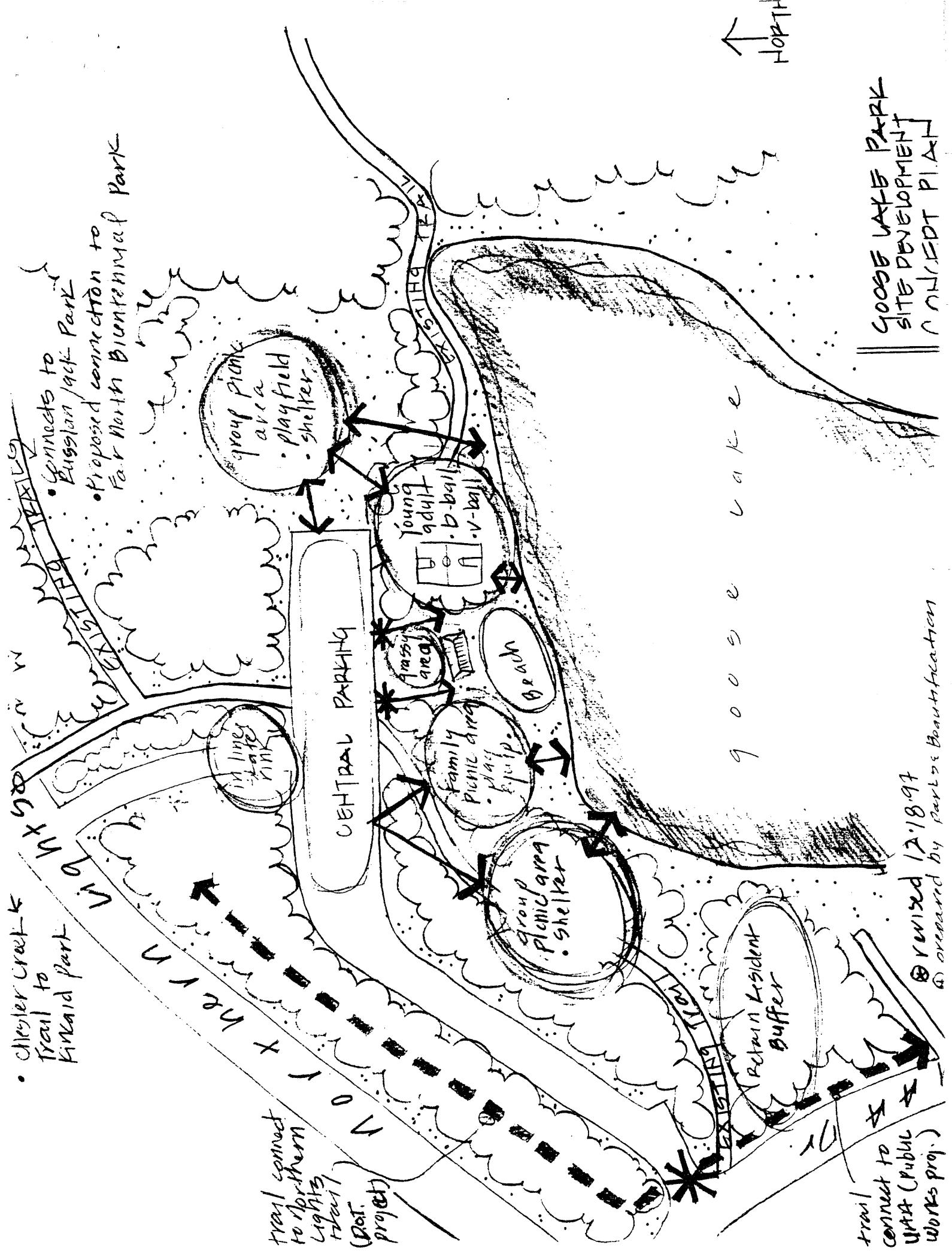
The meeting concluded at 6:45 p.m. Meeting #2 will involve the review of concept drawings incorporating items discussed during meeting #1. The concept drawings will show relative locations of proposed facilities and improvements. These drawings will be open to discussion and changes.

Meeting #2 will be held at the Parks & Beautification office, 120 S. Bragaw St., 5:30 PM December 16, 1997.

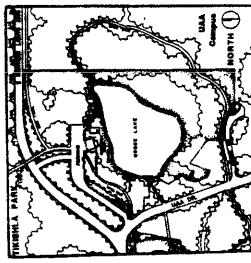
Thank you for your participation, and I look forward to our next meetings.

Sincerely

Denise Grimm
Project Manager, Parks & Beautification

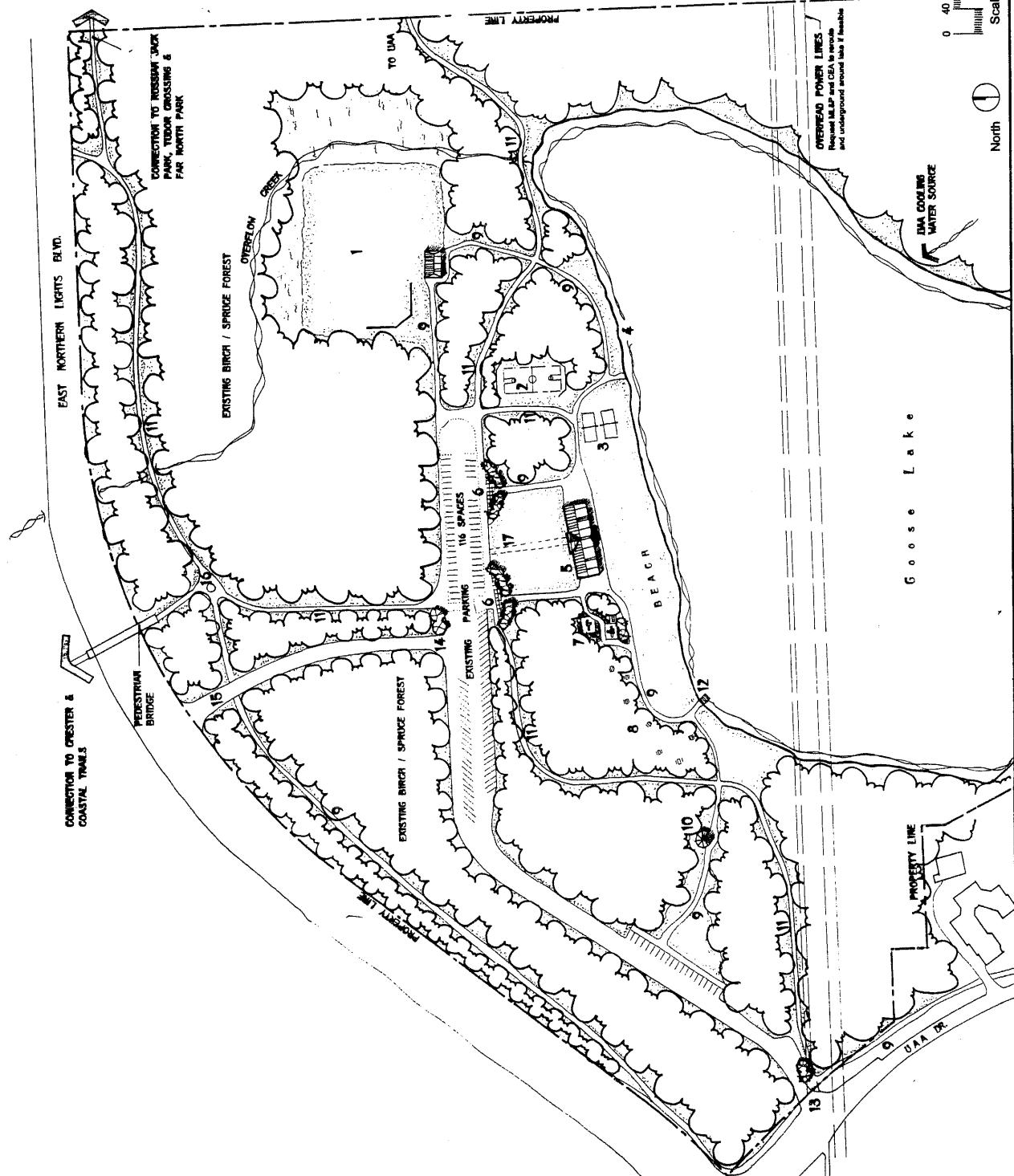


Location Map



Legend

1. PLAY FIELD AREA	9. PROPOSED TRAIL
• Turf field with backstop	• 6' wide paved trail
• Picnic shelter - capacity of 90	• Paved trail access
• Paved trail access	10. GROUP PICNIC AREA
2. BASKETBALL COURT	• Picnic shelter
• Resurfacing court	• Paved access to parking area and lake
• Selectively thinning around court to let in sun, open views	• Turfed area
3. VOLLEYBALL AREA	11. EXISTING PAVED TRAIL
• Picnic nets	• 12' wide paved trail
4. REFUGEEATE SHORELINE	• Handicap accessible viewing platform
• Plant native shrubs and perennials on shoreline	13. PARK ENTRANCE
• Low maintenance & visual enhancement	• Landscaping
5. EXISTING BATHHOUSE	• Entry Sign
6. ENTRY LANDSCAPING	14. IN-LINE SKATE AREA
• Landscaping	• Remove cedar due to poor sight distance
• Provide a sense of entry from the north/ice to the beach with special paving and landscaping	• All lights turn light red
7. PLAY EQUIPMENT	• Use in-line skate rink
• Play structures for 2 - 5 yr olds and 5 - 12 yr olds	15. EXISTING ROAD
• Paved access from parking area	• Remove cedar due to poor sight distance
• Landscaping	• All lights turn light red
8. FAMILY PICNIC AREA	16. ROUND-A-BOUT
• Picnic tables	• To safely guide that uses thru intersections
	• Add directional signage
	• Convert to open item area



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Drawn by: D.G.

Scale: 1' - 80'