

Parks & Recreation Department

Marie Widman Memorial Park

Park & General Development Plan (GDP) Update

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego

Informational Briefing – December 5, 2024



Introductions



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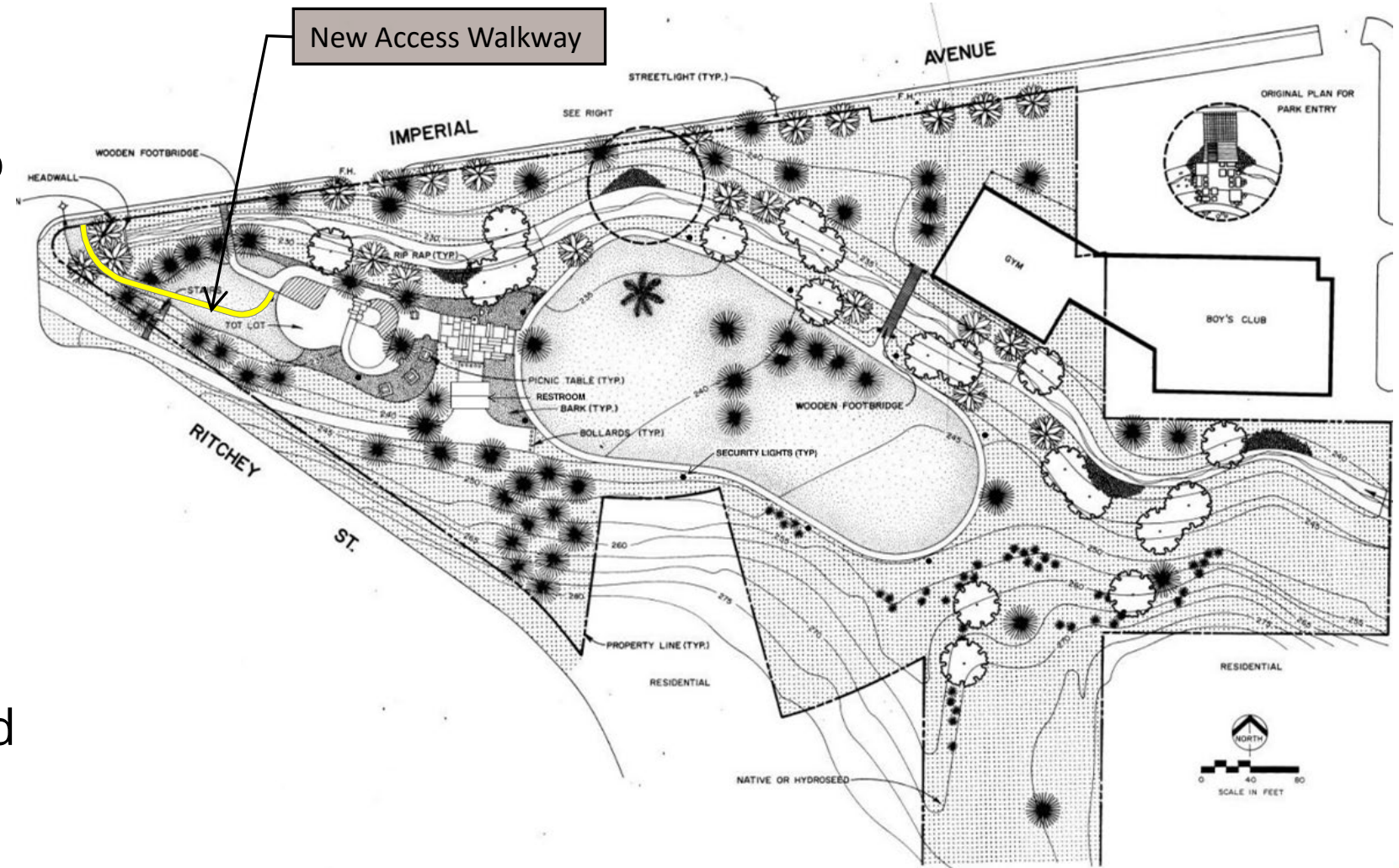
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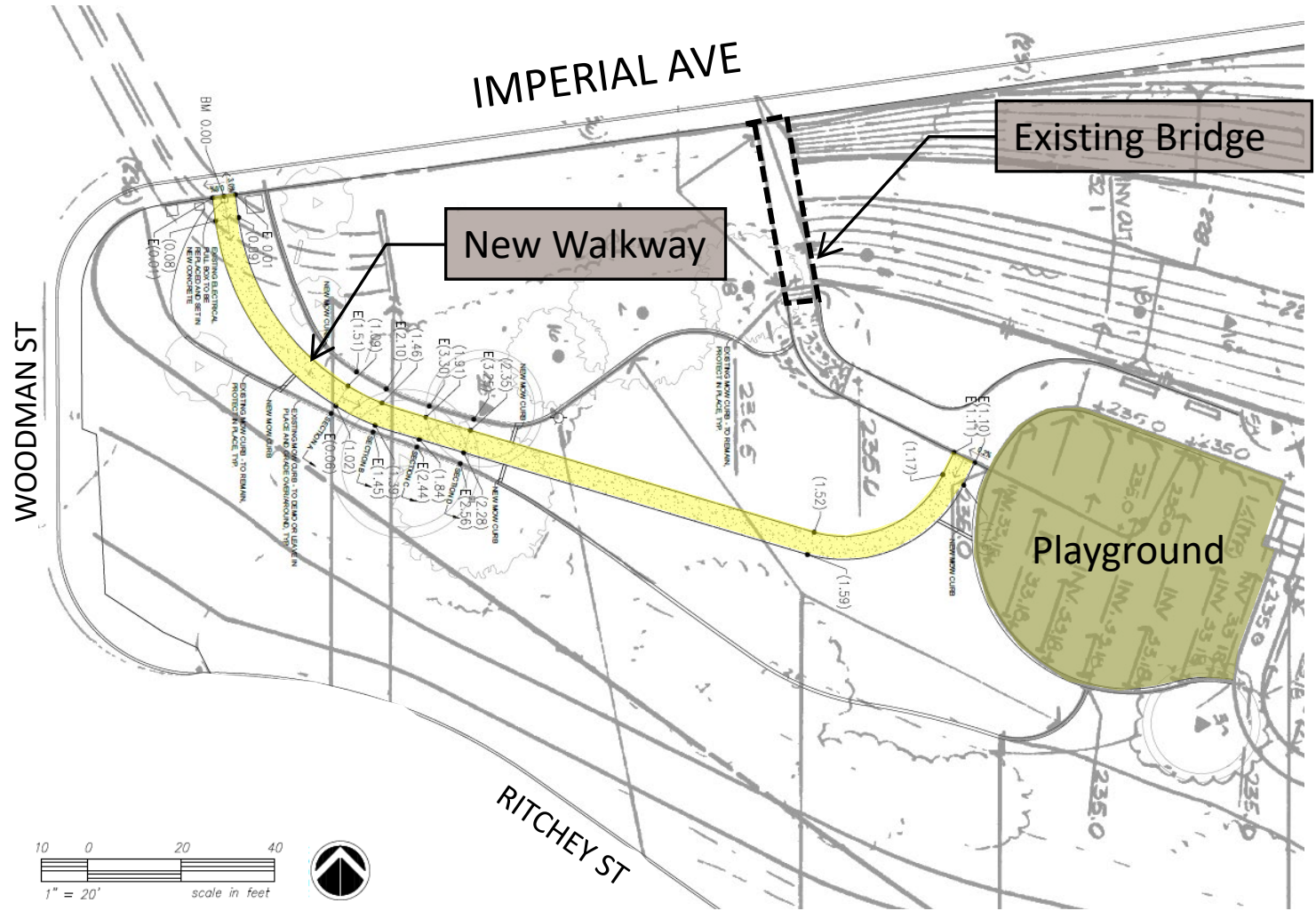
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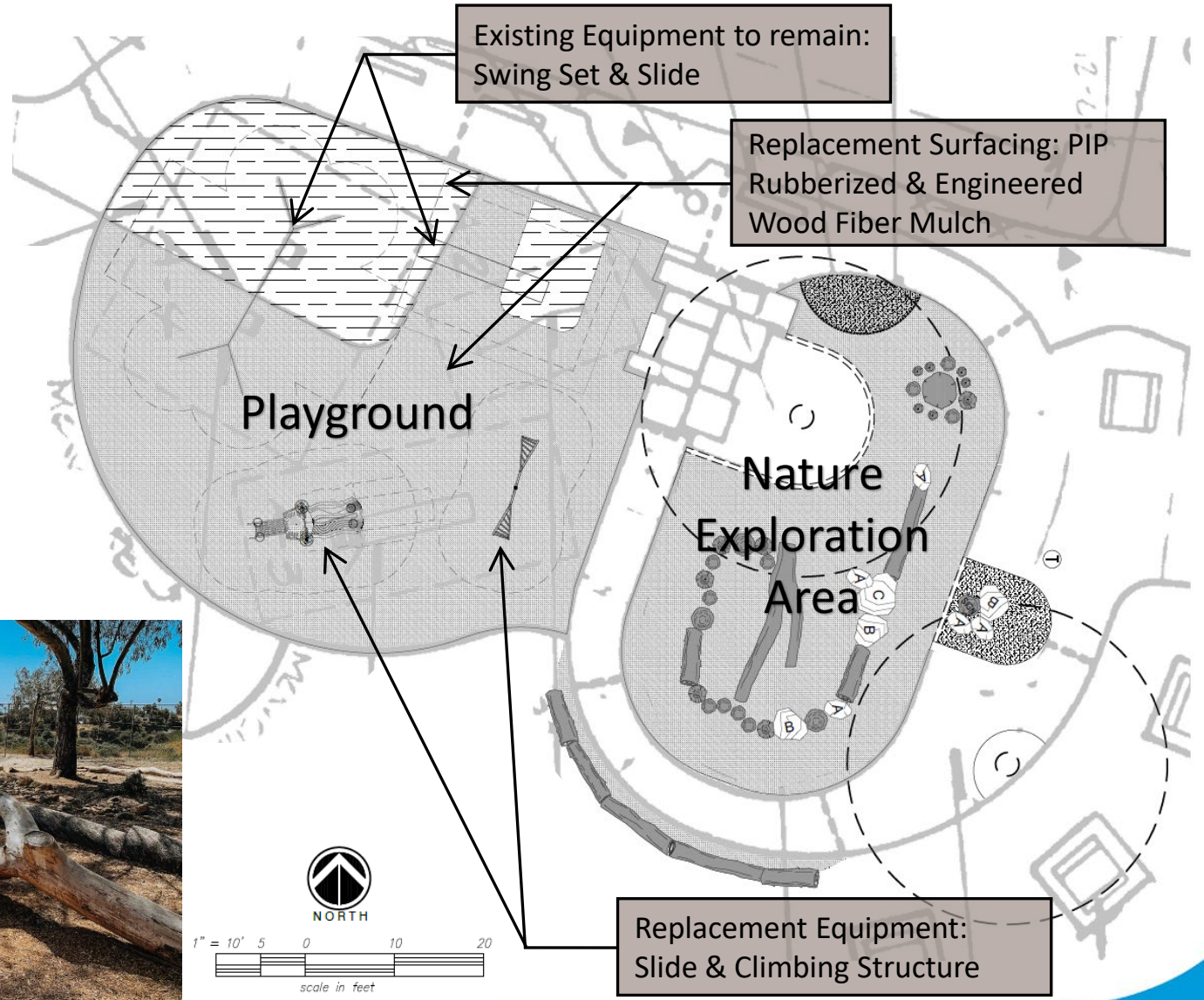
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Park Update: *Interim Activations*

- Playground Equipment & Surfacing Replacements
- New Nature Exploration Area
- Anticipated completion – Spring 2025



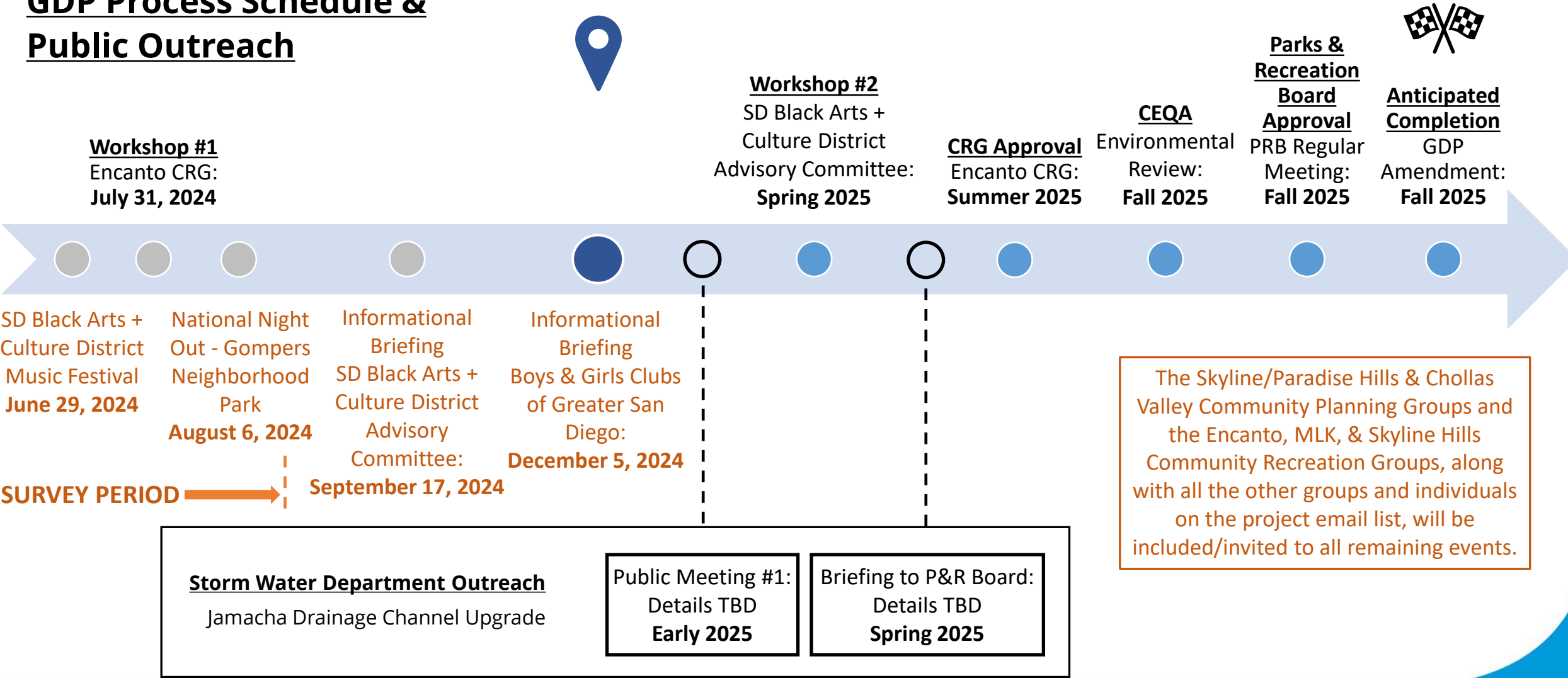
- General Development Plan (GDP) Update:
 - GDP Process Schedule & Public Outreach
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 - Project Background
 - Site Overview
 - Park Programming
 - Community Feedback
 - **GDP Workshop #2 – Spring 2025**





GDP Process Schedule & Public Outreach

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Project Notification

- **Mailers**

- Geographic boundaries for mailers:
 - North – Wunderlin Avenue (1200-ft)
 - South – Benson Avenue (1400-ft)
 - East - 69th Street (530-ft)
 - West - 65th Street (1000-ft)
- # addresses: **691**



Project Notification

- **Project Fliers & Notifications**

- Encanto & Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Centers
- George L. Stevens Senior Center
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X & Skyline Hills Libraries





Project Notification

Project Notification

• Website & Email List

- Mayor's Office
- Council District 4
- Commission for Arts & Culture
- CRGs (Encanto, MLK, Skyline Hills)
- CPGs (Skyline/Paradise Hills, Chollas Valley)
- Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council
- SD Black Arts + Culture Advisory Committee
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego
- Groundwork San Diego – Chollas Creek
- Website sign up for mailing list

**Groups and individuals
on the email list
receive invitations to
attend project events.**

The screenshot shows the City of San Diego's website with the 'CONNECT with the City' header. The main navigation bar includes links for LEISURE, RESIDENT RESOURCES, DOING BUSINESS, LIBRARY, PUBLIC SAFETY, and CITY HALL. The page title is 'Capital Improvements Program (CIP)'. The main content area is titled 'Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP' and includes sections for 'Project Background', 'Scope of Work', 'Project Schedule', and 'Upcoming Community Meetings'. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section and a sign-up form for the email list.

Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP

Project Background

The Marie Widman Memorial Park, located in the Encanto Neighborhood, is planned to be re-envisioned for the community's needs and updates to the existing park amenities. Public outreach and approval via a General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment are anticipated for this project phase. The park currently includes a comfort station, tot lot, picnic tables, drinking fountain, open lawn area, walkways, security lighting, pedestrian bridges, a service road and a gymnasium.

Scope of Work

This project includes workshops and presentations for public input on the park's amenities and approval through the GDP amendment process.

GDP improvements may include:

- New or renovated tot lots or playgrounds.
- New special activity park, for example a skate park, dog park, nature play area, etc.
- New or renovated recreation building.
- New or renovated outdoor amphitheater or stage.
- New ADA-accessible walkways and park access points.
- New sports courts.
- New or renovated comfort station.
- New picnic shade structures.
- Repurposing the existing gymnasium (culture and arts center).
- Security lighting.
- Accessibility improvements.
- Signage upgrades.

These requests shall be evaluated and, if appropriate, approved via the GDP Amendment process.

Project Schedule

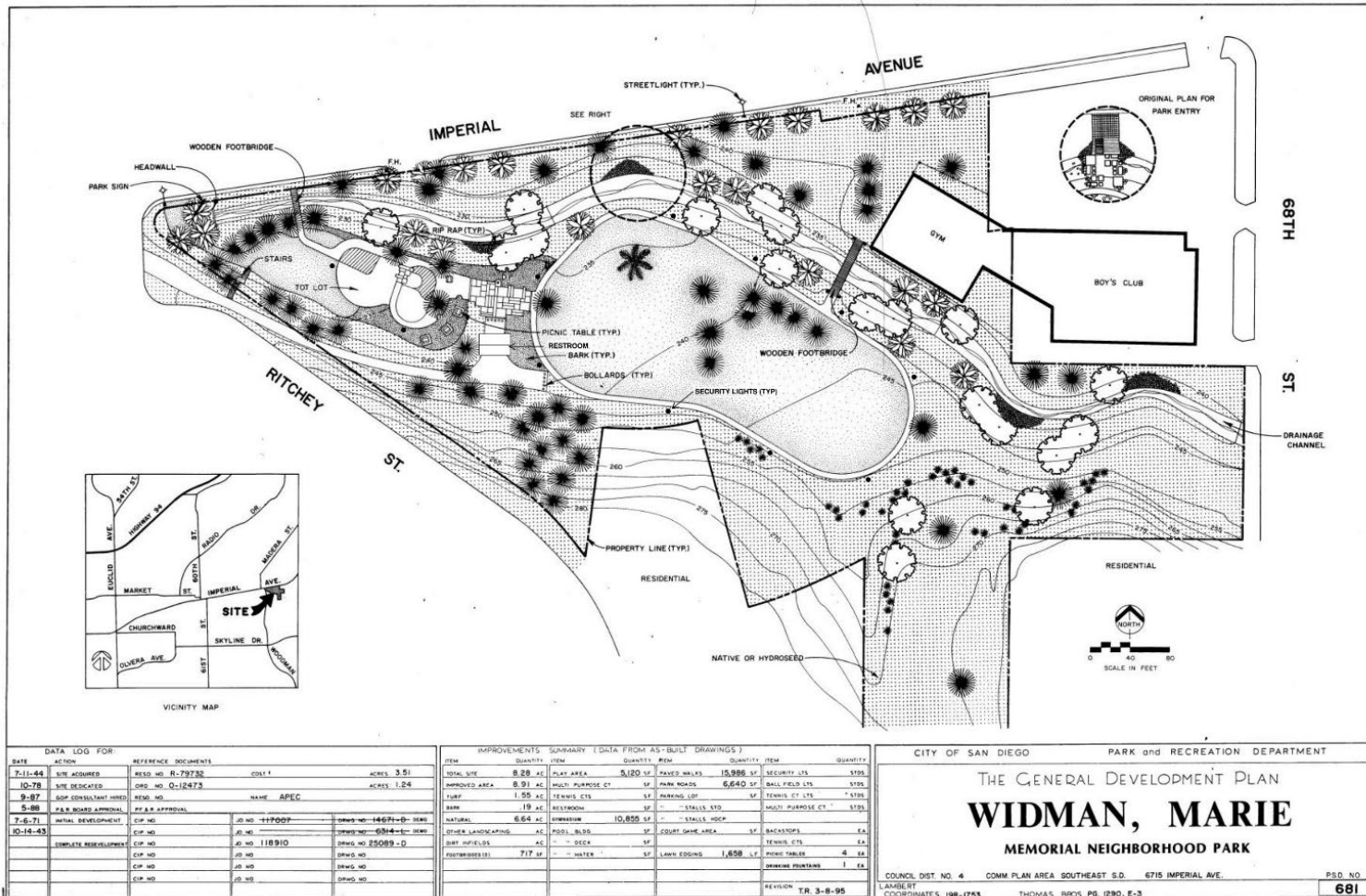
- Consultant on-boarded: Winter 2023.
- Community workshop process: Summer 2024 to winter 2025.
- Anticipated GDP completion: Spring 2025.

For additional schedule and budget information, visit the [Capital Improvements Program project webpage](#).

Upcoming Community Meetings

- Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. | Informational item at the [SD Black Arts + Culture District Advisory Committee meeting](#) | Second Chance, 6145 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92114

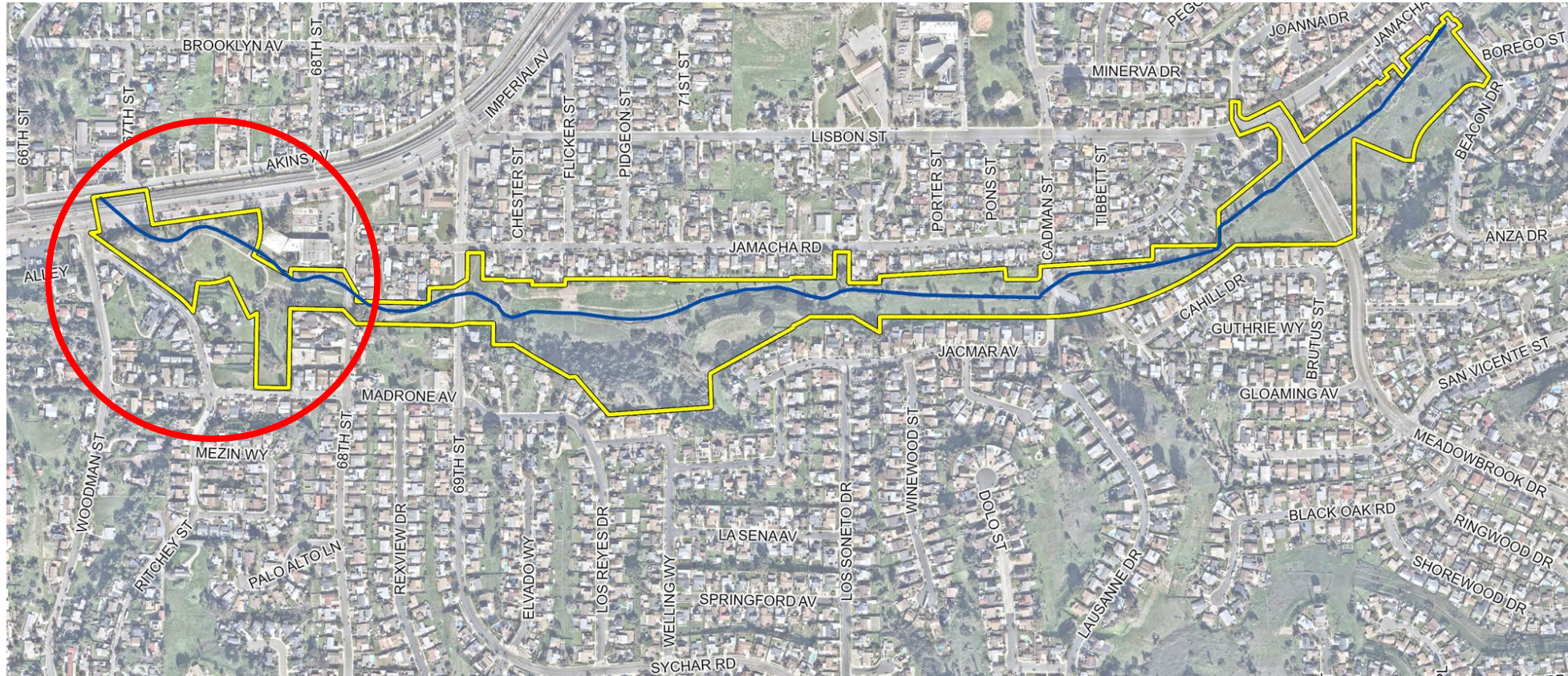
Project Background – Current GDP & Community Requests



Feedback prior to GDP Amendment Outreach:

- New or renovated tot lots or playgrounds
- New special activity park, i.e., a skate park, dog park, nature play area, etc.
- New recreation building
- New outdoor amphitheater or stage
- New ADA-accessible walkways and park access points
- New sports courts
- New or renovated comfort station
- New picnic shade structures
- Future use of existing gymnasium
- Security Lighting
- Accessibility improvements
- Signage upgrades

Project Background



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Stormwater Department's B-14078 Jamacha Drainage Channel Upgrade Project Limits



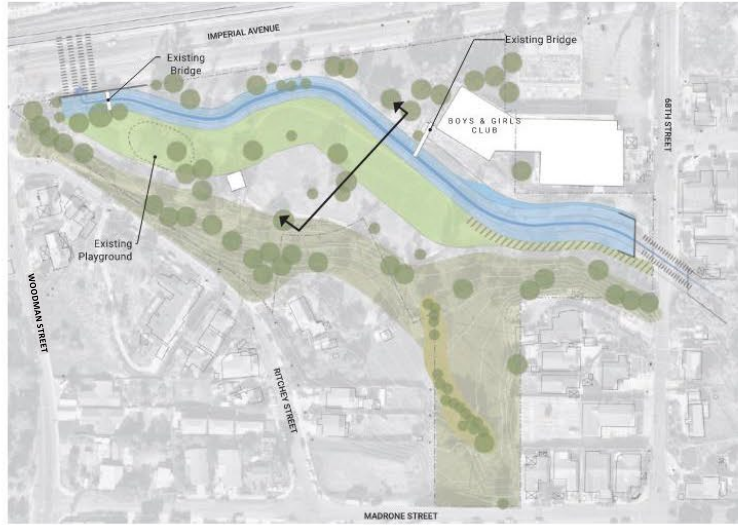
Chollas Creek

Representatives from the Stormwater Department are available for questions after the presentation.

Channel Realignment



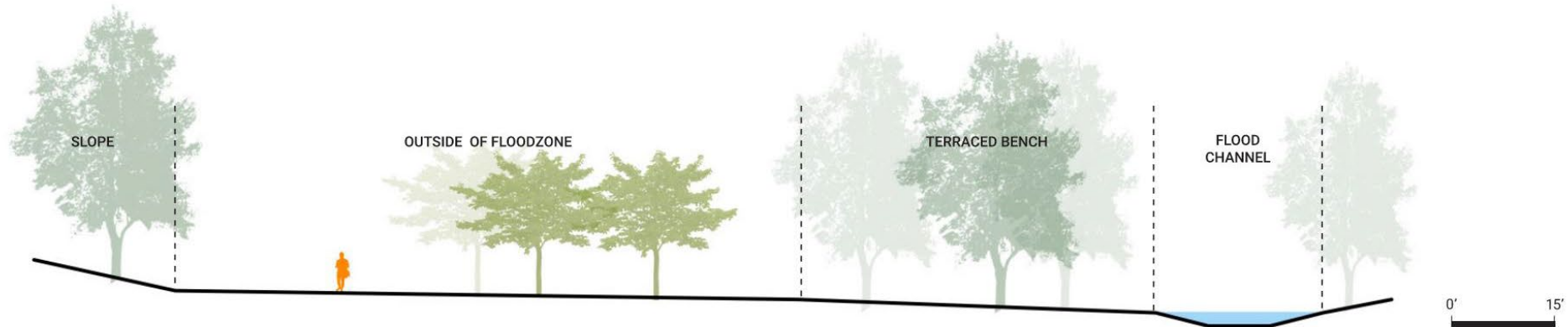
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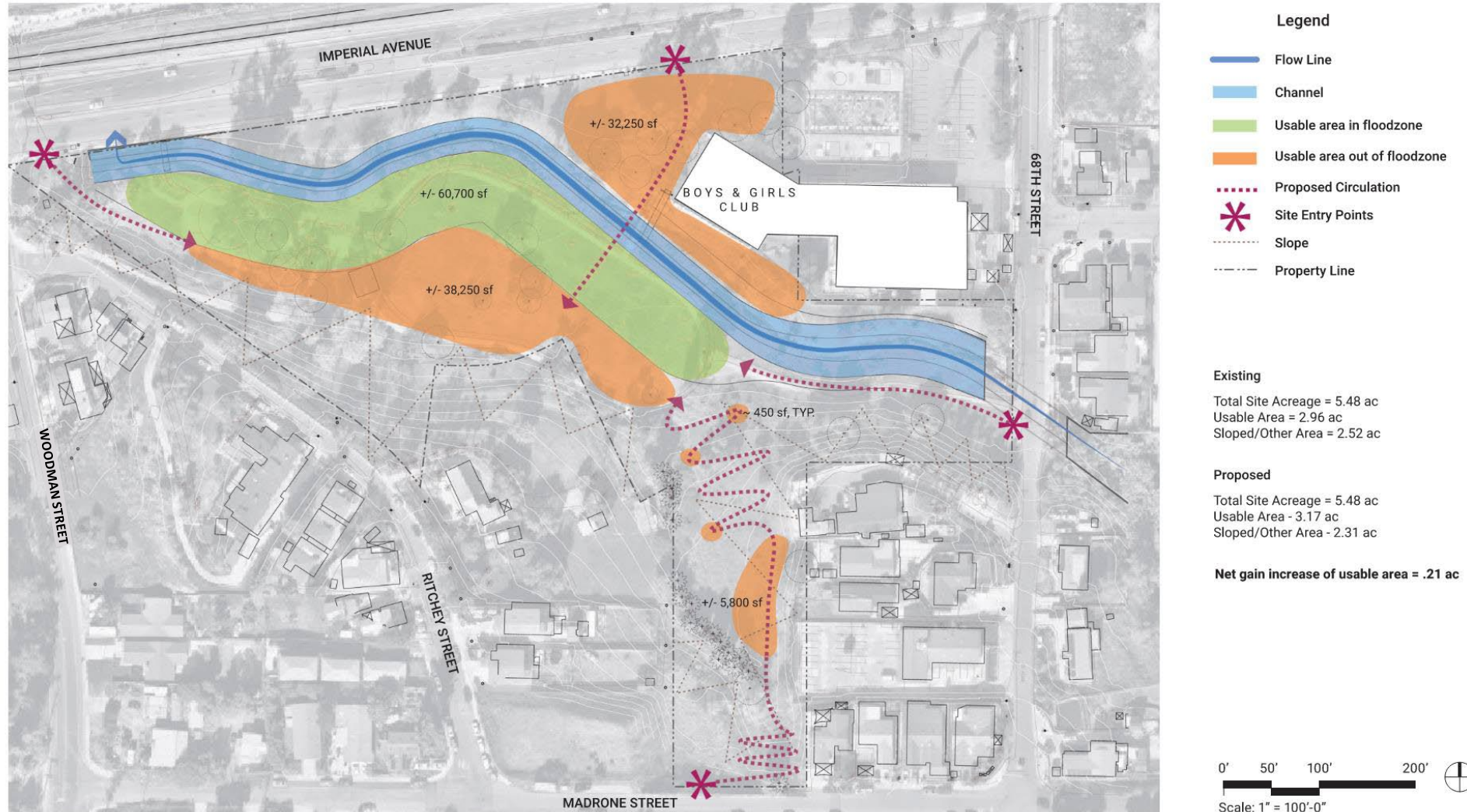
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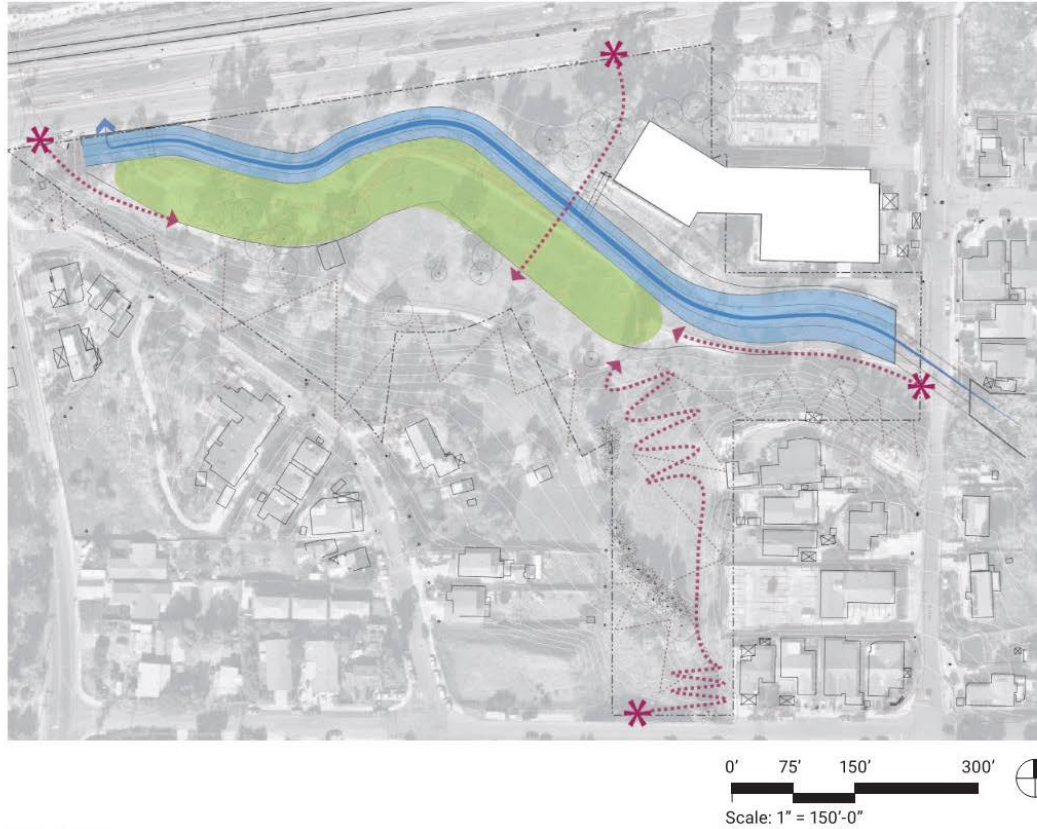
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Program Opportunities



Program Opportunities Within Floodzone



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- Limited vertical elements (doesn't obstruct flow during floods)
- Permeable surfaces (allows drainage)
- Withstands periodic flooding



Seating



Nature Exploration

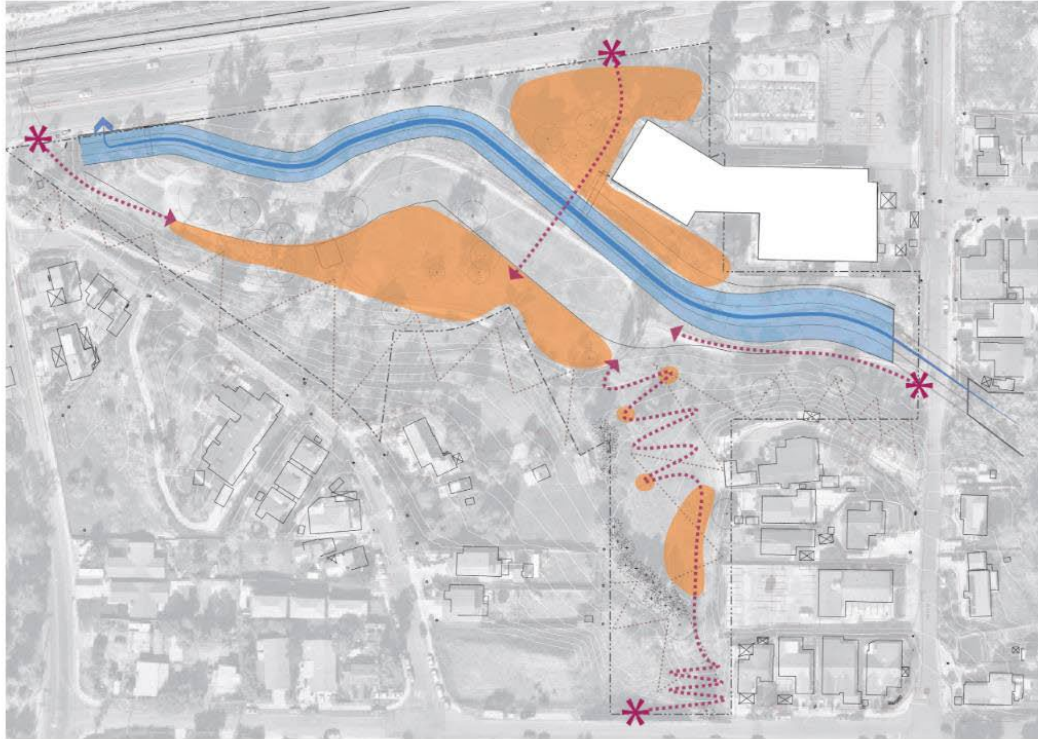


Trails and Exercise Routes



Open Lawn Recreation

Program Opportunities Outside of Floodzone



0' 75' 150' 300'

Scale: 1" = 150'-0"

CRITERIA

- Fixed structures / Vertical elements
- Impermeable surfaces
- Comfort Station
- Performance Pavilion



Playground



Picnic Area with seating



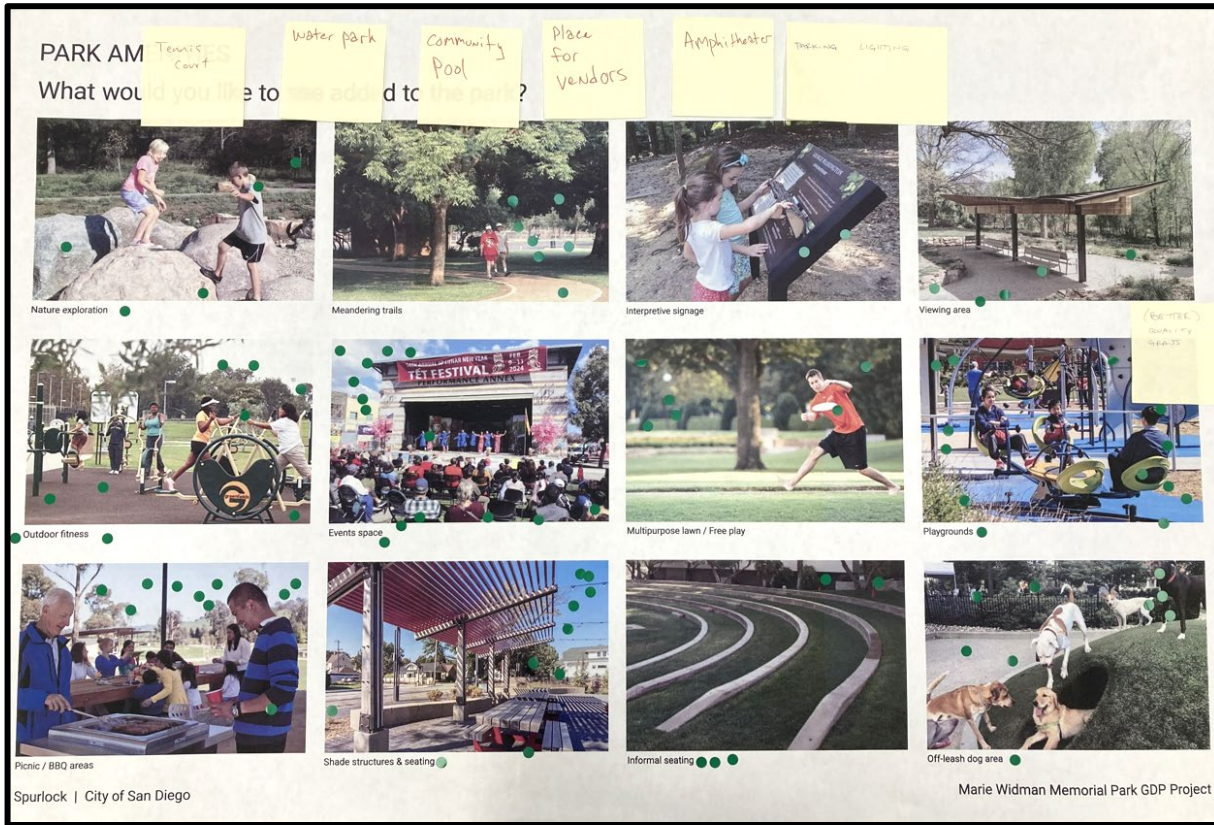
Fitness Area



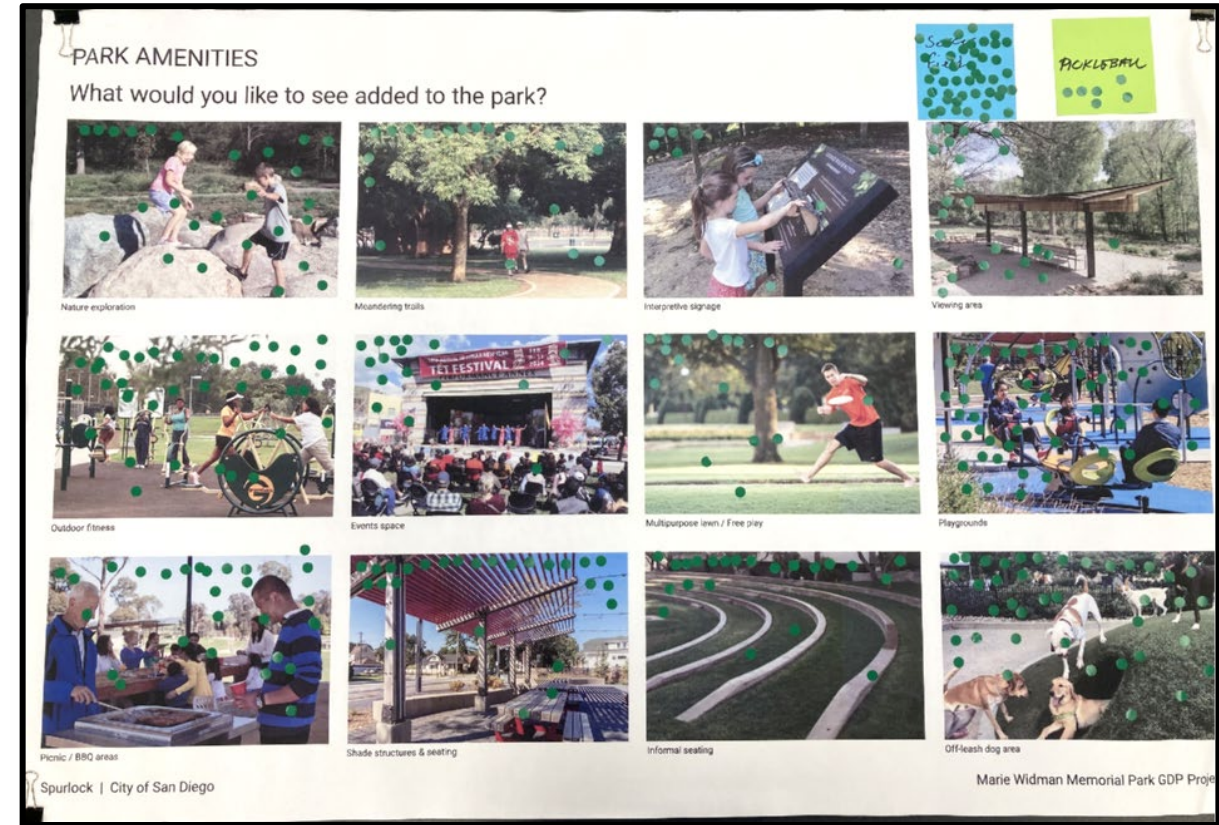
Off-leash dog area

Community Feedback – Park Amenities

Workshop #1: Encanto CRG 7/31/2024



National Night Out: Gompers 8/6/2024



Community Feedback – Park Activity Level

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Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP Project

1. What do you like about the park?

2. What would you like to see improved in the park?

3. How often do you use the park? (Select one)

- ☐ Multiple times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Once every 2 weeks
- ☐ Once every month
- ☐ Once every few months
- ☐ Less frequently

4. How do you use the park? (Select one)

- ☐ Playground
- ☐ Exercise/Sports
- ☐ Walking Dog
- ☐ Small Gatherings (i.e. play groups, picnics, exercise groups, etc.)
- ☐ Large Gatherings (i.e. parties, events)
- ☐ Enjoying nature
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

5. Park Features and Amenities: Which existing features of the park do you value the most? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Green spaces/lawns
- ☐ Walking paths
- ☐ Playground equipment
- ☐ Picnic areas
- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ Natural Areas
- ☐ Trees
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

6. What would you like to see added to the park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Fitness equipment
- ☐ Small sports courts
- ☐ Expanded playground
- ☐ Multi-purpose event/gathering areas
- ☐ Off-leash dog area
- ☐ Nature trail
- ☐ Overlook/Interpretive signage
- ☐ Shade structure
- ☐ Picnic areas
- ☐ BBQ
- ☐ Shaded seating
- ☐ Walkway/Trail connections to the adjacent community
- ☐ Culture & Arts Center
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

7. Community Activities and Events: What community activities or events would you like to see held in the park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Farmer's markets
- ☐ Festivals (i.e. Music, Arts, Culture, Dance, etc.)
- ☐ Outdoor concerts
- ☐ Fitness classes

108 total surveys collected from:

- San Diego Black Arts & Culture District Music Festival
- Encanto CRG Workshop #1
- National Night Out at Gompers
- MLK Recreation Center
- Skyline Hills Library
- Online



How to Stay Informed



Join the Email List!

Visit the Marie Widman Memorial Park Project page for more information and to sign up for future updates, meeting dates, and online surveys.

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As part of the GDP process, we need input from the community. Please click on the button below to take a quick survey about what potential elements of this project are important to you.

Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP Survey (English)

Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP Survey (Spanish)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Sign up to receive information about the Capital Improvements Program.

Email Address:

NOTE: In each email you receive, there will be a link to unsubscribe or change areas of interest.

Search for a Construction Project

<https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/mariewidmanmemorialparkgdp>



Sign up to stay in touch!

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 - ☐ Project Updates: Meadow Lark Dr/Health Center Dr Water Main
 - ☐ Project Updates: Mission Bay Navigational Safety Dredging
 - ☐ Project Updates: Mission Beach Water & Sewer Replacement
 - ☐ Project Updates: Mission Gorge Road Settlement Emergency Repair Project



Next Steps

Next Steps for Marie Widman Memorial Park GDP Project:

- What: Public Workshop #2
- Who: All Interested Parties. PLEASE ATTEND!
- When: Spring 2025 ([Join the Email List to receive Updates & Notifications](#))
- Where: Black Arts + Culture District Advisory Committee Meeting
Second Chance, 6145 Imperial Ave, SD, CA 92114
- Why: Contribute to the park's design, ensuring it reflects community needs and aligns with local priorities.

THANK YOU!