



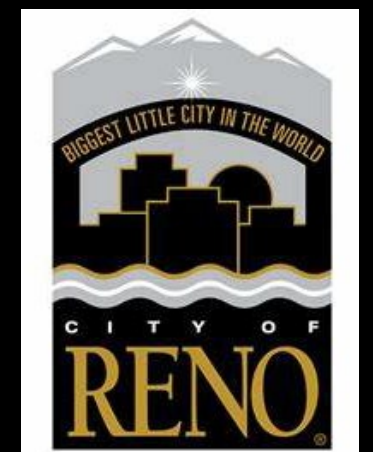
Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Parks MASTER PLAN

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01 INTRODUCTION

MASTER PLANS

Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Parks are located 1 mile south of Interstate 80 on South Arlington Avenue between First Street and Island Avenue. The Truckee River Whitewater Park is included in this study, it surrounds Wingfield Park. The location is in the heart of the Riverwalk area.

In March 2021 the City of Reno identified the need to prepare a master plan for Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Parks to coordinate park facilities and access with the nearby Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Arlington Avenue Bridges replacement project; to ensure the bridge improvements would be designed in consideration of potential impacts to the parks; and, to improve the parks when possible.

September 2022: Reno City Council approved a contract to prepare a master plan and City staff worked with Stantec on the master plan. Prior to this, the most recent planning was done with the Whitewater improvements in 2003.

Our team explored upgrades to existing facilities, new amenities and coordinating with the bridges project.

Regular extensive community wide input has been obtained throughout the master plan process including in person and virtual meetings, and separate stakeholder group meetings.



Vicinity Map

CONTEXT

Wingfield Park

Wingfield Park is a 3.21-acre City of Reno Park. The park is an island in the Truckee River between the north and south branches and is bisected by Arlington Avenue. 1st Street is to the north and Island Avenue is to the south.

Current amenities include an amphitheater, vendor areas, walkways, turf, shade trees, river access and whitewater park. The park hosts many special events, mostly during summer months.

The amphitheater was constructed in 1992 and Whitewater Park, with class 2 and class 3 rapids, opened in 2004.



Wingfield Park Island Shown- West and East of Arlington Avenue

Wingfield Park History

The following narrative is from the Reno Historical Society/Wingfield Park, by Nicholas Caparso & Alica Barber from the website.

“Surrounded by the waters of the Truckee River, the small natural island now known as Wingfield Park has long been considered a leisurely oasis, offering visitors an escape from fast-paced city life in the heart of downtown Reno. The island was purchased sometime before 1909 by attorney Lewis Hinckley, who cleared out the underbrush, carved walkways out of the natural stands of wild rose bushes, willows, cottonwoods, and poplars, and planted a large sloping lawn on one side of the island, naming it Belle Isle.

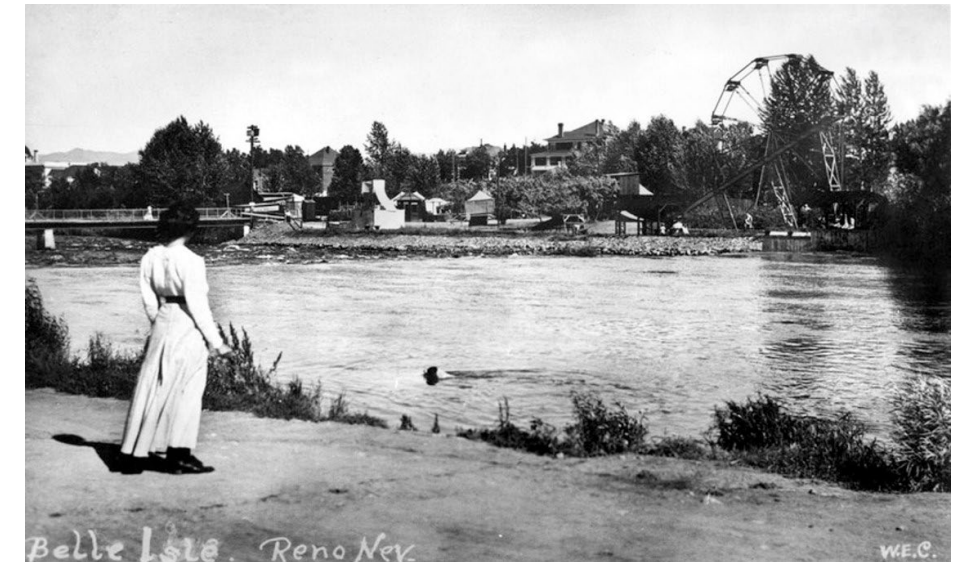
Beginning in 1911, Hinkley promoted the "beautiful island" as a pleasure resort that featured a dance hall, a 700-seat open air theater, small boat rentals, and later in 1912, a roller-skating rink. To facilitate swimming and boating around the island, the river was partially dammed to raise the water level. Guests reached the park using a narrow footbridge on the north bank of the river.

Belle Isle hosted a wide variety of events including boxing matches and carnivals, some featuring Ferris wheels, snake charmers, and other attractions. Strings of electric wires provided lighting and allowed guests to enjoy regular Saturday dances and the latest motion pictures, accompanied by a live orchestra. In early July 1911, a portion of the park was converted into a runway for famed aviation pioneer Eugene Ely to take off from and land.

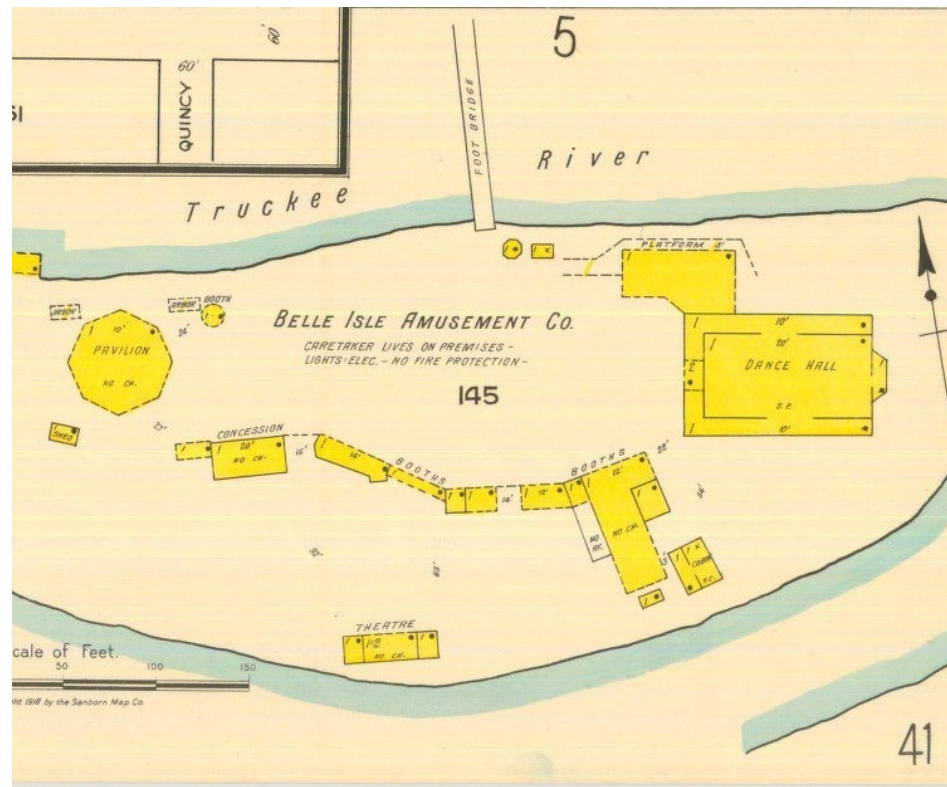
Around 1916, the resort's owners filed for bankruptcy and the property was taken over by the Reno National Bank. Soon thereafter, the Reno Businessmen's Association began improvements to make it a permanent amusement park. Influential Nevada banker and mining entrepreneur George Wingfield purchased the property in 1920 and immediately deeded it to the city with no strings attached. The city council acknowledged the generous donation by naming the island "George Wingfield Park."

Because of the park's unique location within the Truckee River, the potential for flooding has been an issue. Damages inflicted by the flood of 1928 were repaired with the financial support of Wingfield, who was commended by the city for his efforts to restore "the city's finest beauty spot." The Reno Municipal Christmas Tree was planted there in 1925 and stood until at least the mid-1980s. An amphitheater now regularly

hosts live performances of all kinds. In all incarnations, the park has remained a popular attraction in Reno and an ideal location for leisurely activities.”



Belle Isle, ca. 1911 Visiting carnivals often installed temporary Ferris wheels and other amusement rides on Belle Isle. The wooden footbridge to the island can be seen on the left. Source: Nevada Historical Society Date: ca. 1911



Belle Isle map, 1918 A Sanborn fire insurance map from 1918 shows the layout of wooden structures erected on Belle Isle, including a pavilion, dance hall, theatre, and concession booths. Source: U.S. Library of Congress Creator: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Date: 1918



Wingfield Park, ca. 1932 The view looking northward along Arlington Avenue through Wingfield Park shows a peaceful and tree-lined oasis, with the El Cortez Hotel in the distance. Source: Special Collections, University of Nevada, Reno Libraries Date: ca. 1932

Whitewater Park

The Truckee River Whitewater Park at Wingfield is a City of Reno park offering access to 2,600 feet of Truckee River whitewater. The park is located adjacent to Wingfield Park in downtown Reno and features Class 2 and 3 rapids accessible to kayaks, canoes, rafts, and inner tubes.

The following narrative is from the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation website.

“Truckee River Whitewater Park: Situated in the heart of Downtown Reno with parks such as Wingfield, Barbara Bennett and West Street Plaza, a series of concrete and boulder studded rapids can be found. Many locals like to cool off here whether wading, swimming, or rafting along the half mile stretch of Truckee River. Newcomers or younger residents of the Reno-Sparks area may think that Truckee River Whitewater Park has been around forever. However, the white waters were constructed back in the 90s and opened in 2003 with a price tag of \$1.5 million. It became Nevada’s first whitewater park and kayak slalom racing course. The history of this patch of the Truckee goes back to the days of the pioneers. Jurisdiction: City of Reno Date Opened: May 14, 2004, Image Credit: Michael Misanik

The Early Truckee River: Humans have lived across the dynamic land of the Great Basin for at least 10,000 years with rivers starting in the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains, such as the Truckee, Carson and Walker Rivers, playing a key role to those early residents. Paleo-Indians were the first inhabitants followed by the two primary tribes that lived in the Truckee Meadows in the frontier days and still do today with them being the Washoe and Northern Paiute. The Washoe have inhabited the region for at least 9,000 years, with the tribe being the original inhabitants of the lands that surround da ow, the Washoe name for Tahoe (sadly mispronounced by early settlers). Each year, tribal members still gather at Lake Tahoe’s edge to bless the water and themselves, and one of their most sacred sites is Cave Rock or De-ek Wadapush (rocks standing gray) on the southwestern shore. Today the area is protected as a State Park. Also living in the Truckee Meadows area, the Northern Paiute roamed across much of Nevada, Eastern Oregon, and Southern Idaho. The Northern Paiutes have a deep connection to the lands and environment they inhabited with this being evident in the names of different bands. The Pyramid Lake Paiutes are known as the Kuyuidokado (Cui-ui eaters), after the Cui-ui

fish, found in Pyramid Lake and nowhere else in the world. As European settlers began making their way to the rich gold fields and fertile lands of California as well as the nearby Comstock Lode, tensions between the settlers and the Native American tribes grew with the Pyramid Lake War (also known as the Paiute War) being waged in 1860s with the conflict being triggered due to lack of food and raid on both sides before the conflict. By 1874, President Ulysses S. Grant had officially established the Pyramid Lake Reservation with the Reno-Spark Indian Colony established in 1900. Image Credit: Legends of America

Reno River Festival

The Reno River Festival was born in 2003 to celebrate the completion of the Truckee River Whitewater Park which was part of a multi-million-dollar downtown revitalization campaign. Over the years, the festival has showcased the top-ranking whitewater athletes in the world. It is truly a unique venue for whitewater competitors experiencing a wild river ride in the heart of Reno. The festival routinely draws over 40,000 visitors who enjoy sunning on the riverbanks, watching pro kayakers duke it out, listening to live music, shopping merchandise tents, sampling food and beverage gardens, and learning to kayak in the beginner slalom (a sporting event on water with a winding course marked out by obstacles, typically a canoe or sailing race). The Truckee River Whitewater Park was designed with features at all water levels. Hole 3 was designed from 700 – 3,000 cfs (cubic feet), and hole 5 was designed at 400 cfs to provide every freestyle move a kayaker could tackle. The original weekend of the RiverFest was set to coincide with the annual peak runoff on the Truckee River, giving us the greatest chance for perfect flows.



Truckee River Whitewater Park

Barbara Bennett Park

Barbara Bennett Park is a 3-acre City of Reno Park located adjacent to Wingfield Park on the south side of the Truckee River. The park's recreational facilities include a playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, tables/benches, and year-round restrooms. Barbara Bennett Park is bounded by Arlington, Island and Eloise Avenues.



Barbara Bennett Park Shown West of Arlington Avenue

Barbara Bennett Park – History

The following narrative is from the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation website.

“The grassy and shaded 2.8-acre Barbara Bennett Park is a popular place to play tennis or basketball, or just relax under the beautiful trees next to the Truckee River near downtown Reno.

The park’s origins date back to the birth of Reno. Portions belonged to Wynn Lake in 1865 and the Central Pacific Railroad in 1876. In 1906, the land was purchased by Robert Grimmon from the Newlands Company, then sold to the City of Reno for \$15,100. The city established Riverside Park and it was popular with Reno residents for concerts, dances, picnics and more.

The park was renamed in 1995 to honor Reno’s first female mayor, Barbara Bennett, after her death. She served as mayor from 1979 to 1983, and she was instrumental in passing a construction tax which has helped fund many parks in Reno.

Originally the park had bath houses, a baseball diamond, and bandstand. Tennis courts were added in the 1920s and 1930s. The current amenities—playground, tennis, basketball, and restroom—were greatly improved in the 1980s.

Originally there was no way to access the park from the north side of the river or from Belle Isle (now known as Wingfield Park) without walking down to the Virginia Street bridge to cross the river. Therefore in 1915, the City Council began discussions on a proposal to add foot bridges so residents from the north side could easily access the park; the two bridges were built in 1920 and 1921.

The original name for the park was Riverside, and it dates back to 1906, although newspaper articles list activities in the park before that date, including religious services, band concerts and even a University of Nevada football rally.

In 1910, the city began improving the park with a band stand, benches, fountain, and new lawn. At that time the Washoe County Courthouse was being built, and soil from the excavation for the foundation of the new courthouse was used to improve the lawn at Riverside Park. The City also added lights which burned in the evenings.

An interesting find was made in 1911 when the park was being graded by a “chain gang” in preparation for an upcoming Independence Day celebration. One of the workers found a stash of expensive jewelry (turquoise bracelets) wrapped in a paper from 1910. The authorities assumed it was the result of foul play, and indeed, two days later the owner claimed the jewelry which she said had been stolen from her house on the date listed on the soiled paper.

A year later, the newspapers announced that Theodore Roosevelt, then known as Colonel Roosevelt, would address the residents of Reno at Riverside Park. The papers did not mention the actual event, so perhaps it was canceled.

The park’s namesake, Barbara Bennett, was born in Oakland, California, in 1923, and moved to Reno in 1964. Active in Reno politics, she successfully ran for the position of mayor in 1979, winning over the incumbent mayor. But her legacy includes more than that—she pushed for the adoption of the residential construction tax, which funds new parks. And she was the founder of the Northern Nevada Women’s Political Caucus and was an activist for women’s rights and an advocate for the less fortunate.

“All of us have grown up with her for an example of determination and success. Most important, she has accomplished all with the utmost integrity and honesty,” said her daughter, Sherry Wood. “She wasn’t in it for the money,” added her son.

One of Bennett’s primary platforms was the opposition to uncontrolled “runaway” growth in Reno in the 1970s and 1980s. Her time in office was when many major hotel/casinos opened, including the Grand Sierra Resort (at that time it was the MGM Grand). These construction projects brought large numbers of workers to Reno, but without adequate housing, many had to live in tents along the Truckee River. She fought for rent control in the housing market and mobile home parks. “She was a mayor of the people,” according to the newspaper.

After three and a half years, Bennett had to step aside as mayor, because she was unable to take care of her family on a mayor’s salary. She then served as deputy director of the state Youth Services Division.

Bennett passed away in 1993 at the age of 69 after a long illness.

The murals in the park were painted in 1998 by 30 young artists. The project was organized by Youth Artworks. The murals and artists were featured on the ABC television show "Good Morning America" with a segment by weatherman Spencer Christian. The segment featured Christian in Reno congratulating the painters, and his comment about the city was, "Reno is a lot cleaner and prettier since I was here in the summer of '84," Christian said. "It's grown so much."

Over the years, Reno has had an outdoor, public ice-skating rink. This started in the 1990s but the location was moved to various locations over the years. In the late 1990s, the 85 by 140-foot ice rink was located at Barbara Bennett Park where it attracted 410 skaters a day. Many hailed this location over the previous location at Idlewild Park because it brought people to downtown Reno, but the neighbors complained about traffic and parking, so the rink was moved to the square on the Harrah's property the following year."

WASHOE COUNTY RTC ARLINGTON AVENUE BRIDGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT

One of the driving forces to prepare the park master plans was the potential for the RTC Washoe County Arlington Avenue Bridges replacement project to impact Wingfield Park's access and facilities. Since Wingfield Park is an island spanning Arlington Avenue, and Barbara Bennett Park is directly accessed west of Arlington Avenue, the City of Reno wanted to make sure the RTC project did not impact these access points. Developing a master plan ensured consideration and coordination of these issues.

The existing Arlington Avenue bridges which span the north and south branches of the Truckee River are structurally deficient. The Wingfield Park Island sits between the two branches of the Truckee River. The RTC completed a feasibility study and plans to replace both bridges and repave Arlington Avenue between First Street and Island Avenue. A single pier bridge type was selected for the north bridge and a clear span for the shorter south bridge. Aesthetic designs were developed and selected through extensive stakeholder and public involvement.

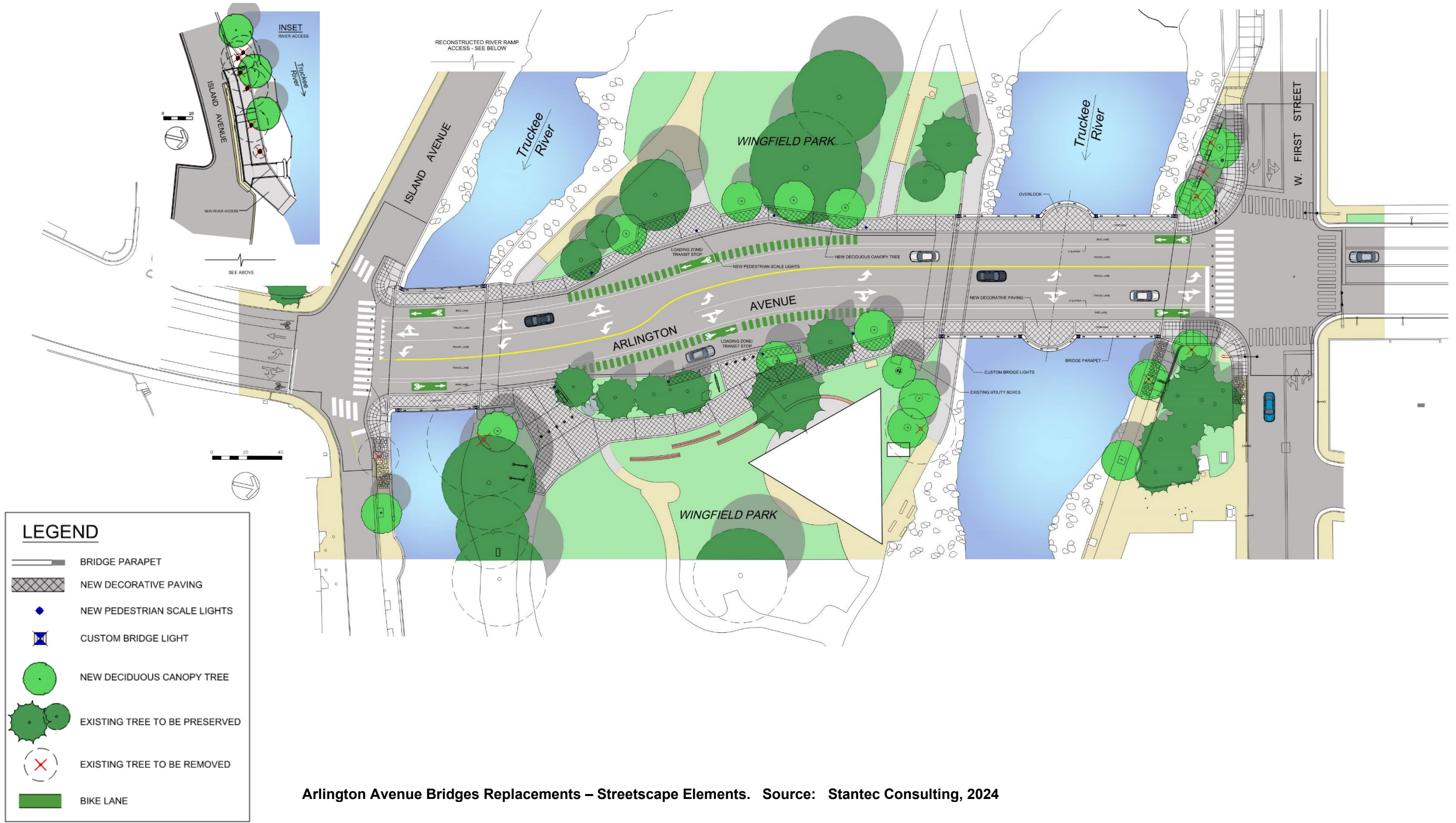
A portion of Arlington Avenue as it runs through Wingfield Park will be replaced, along with sidewalks and the path beneath the north bridge. Reconstruction will result in the removal of trees, which will be replaced along with planting of additional trees. The associated irrigation systems will also be replaced. The street will be reconstructed with the same travel lanes, bike lanes, and curb and gutters to allow for the same function during special events as exists today. The whitewater river features will be reconstructed for the new single pier on the north channel. Bridge overlooks will be provided on both the west and east sides of the north bridge with space for pedestrians to view activity in the river. Railings will be semi-transparent to allow views to the river, similar in style as the other new bridges on the Truckee River at the Virginia Street and Center Street bridges. Bus stops on both the west and east sides of the street will be provided. The pedestrian crosswalk at Island Avenue will be relocated from the south to the north side of the intersection.

Construction of the north bridge will begin in 2025, the south bridge in 2026, with construction completed in December 2026.

The funding is 36% local and 64% federal.



Arlington Avenue Bridges Replacements – Aerial View Looking East at both north and south branches of the Truckee River with Wingfield Park between. Source: Jacobs and Stantec Consulting, 2024



Arlington Avenue Bridges Replacements – Streetscape Elements. Source: Stantec Consulting, 2024

RENO PLANNING POLICIES AND VISION

The recommendations in the Reno Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROS) and the ReImagine Reno Master Plan regarding the importance of parks along the Truckee River including Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Parks guided the vision and direction of the master plan developments. A summary of policies and recommendations from both the ReImagine Reno Master Plan and Reno Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROS) can be found in Appendix A.

Specific recommendations in the plans include:

Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROS)

1) Chapter 2 – Top Recommendations

- a) Reno's Top Five Recommendations – Number 2: Improve existing or develop new parks, trails and recreation facilities to support the newly envisioned park system (pg. 58).
 - i) Community survey identified **Wingfield Park** as a Top Five Park when it comes to popularity (Chapter 2 – pg. 60).
 - (1) "The first community survey conducted as part of the Master Plan's public engagement process found that the top five parks and top five paths/trails are:"
 - (a) 39% **Wingfield Park**
- b) Reno's Top Five Recommendations – Number 4: Program, develop and activate the City of Reno Truckee River Corridor and downtown public spaces to support the newly envisioned parks system (pg. 101).
 - i) Existing Parks in the Downtown District Area (pg. 103, first paragraph)
 - (1) "Based on the overall existing park inventory, there are currently twelve (12) city-owned parks within the Downtown District area. These parks range from small pocket parks like West Street Plaza to the larger neighborhood park, **Wingfield Park**."
 - (2) "A majority of the parks in the Downtown District can be found along the Truckee River Corridor, going from Keystone Ave. to S. Lake Street. Most of these parks can be located along the northern banks of the Truckee River, with the **Wingfield Park** and Barbara Bennett

Park (the only two parks) along the southern banks of the river."

- (3) "Each of these existing parks provides outdoor recreational benefits to the Downtown District, which can further be augmented by enhancing recreational activities along the river banks of the Truckee, as well as providing pedestrian connectivity to and from each park."

1) Chapter 3 – Economic Impact and Development (pg. 131)

- a) Economic Development (pg. 132)
 - i) **Summary:** Section discusses how parks, such as the Truckee River Whitewater Park, create an economic draw to the city and more especially to Downtown Reno.
 - ii) "The City of Reno is no stranger to the beneficial influences parks and recreational facilities have on the economic development of a city. Being within driving distance of state and national parks where annually thousands of tourists visit, Reno understands that their local economy will see a boost as the visitors to these parks will also travel from those sites to visit, shop, eat, play and stay in Reno. It is not just the state and national parks that provide this economic boost, but also the local parks, such as the Truckee River and **Whitewater Park** near Downtown Reno that draw in locals and visitors alike. Each public park and recreational facility offer a unique insight into the life, cultural and history of Reno, thus drawing visitors to travel throughout the City to visit each of the facilities, but also visiting local businesses along the way." (pg. 132, first paragraph)

Reimagine Reno Master Plan

1) Chapter 3: Area-specific policies (pg. 97)

- a) **Summary:** This chapter of ReImagine Reno provides guidance on how various areas throughout the city are to be developed. This chapter supports the implementation of parks and public spaces throughout the various areas.
 - i) **More specific to Wingfield, Barbara Bennett and Whitewater Parks, the Riverwalk District within the Downtown District Framework helps provide guidance on the use of these facilities.** (pg. 103)
- b) **Riverwalk District (RD)** (pg. 107)
 - i) This provides various forms of guidance to be used in development within the area.
 - ii) Specifically relating to Wingfield, Barbara Bennett and Whitewater Park
 - (1) **DTRC-RD.3: Truckee River Frontage** (pg. 108)
 - (a) "Buildings and public spaces adjacent to the Truckee River should be designed in accordance with the Downtown Riverfront Design Guidelines. A particular focus should be placed on:"
 - (i) **"Activating and enhancing Truckee River frontage with places for people to gather and recreate"**
 - (b) Map on page 109 titled "Connectivity Framework A: Bike + Pedestrian Network identifies Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Park as major destinations within the Riverwalk District.

'Wingfield Park is the Nucleus of Our Community and the Heart of ARTOWN'

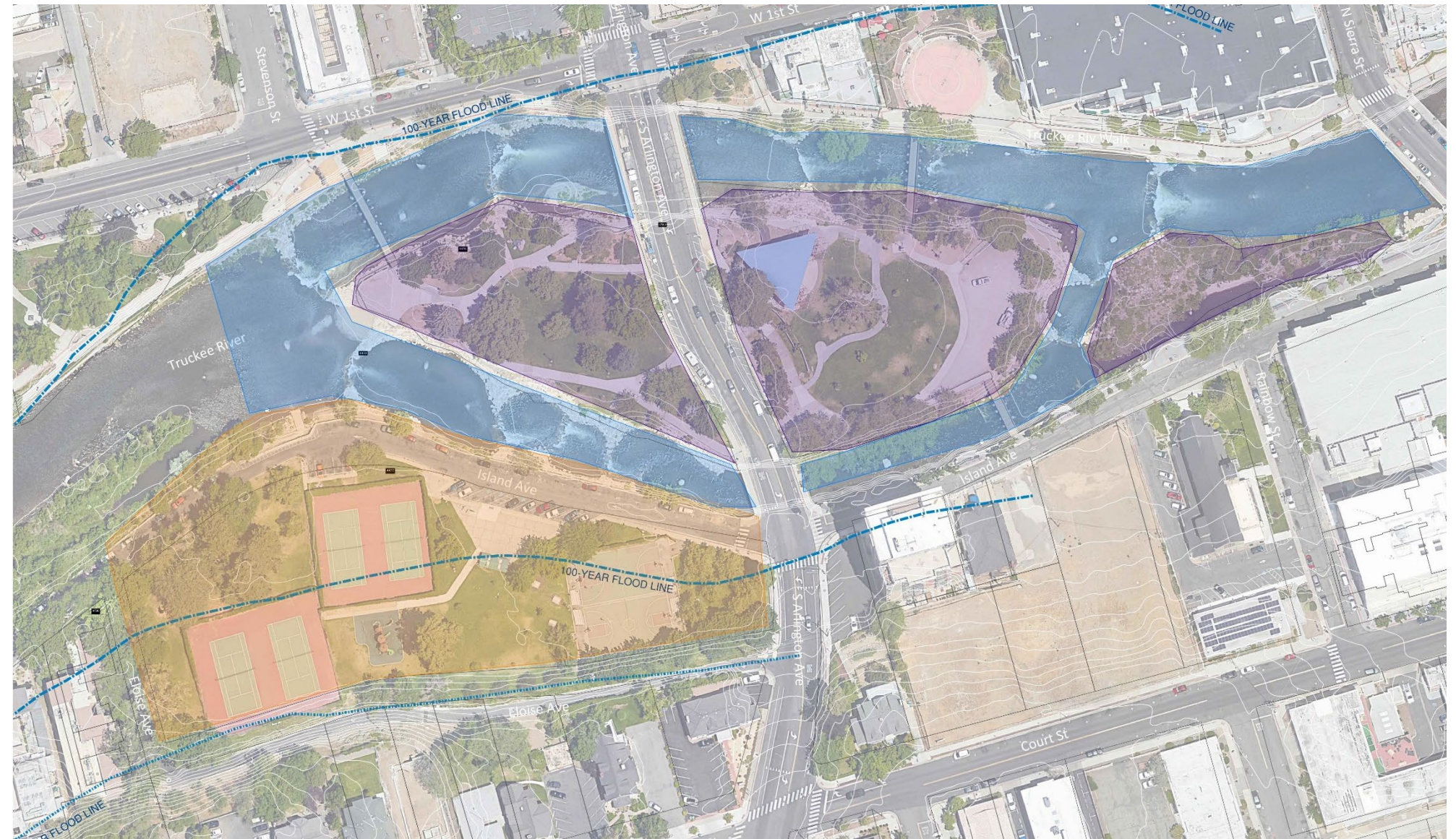
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02 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Wingfield Park Facilities | Barbara Bennett Park Facilities | Whitewater Park Facilities

The existing conditions will be presented in three areas:

- Wingfield Park Facilities
- Barbara Bennett Park Facilities
- Whitewater Park Facilities



Existing Conditions – Three Areas

EXISTING PARK AMENITIES AND FEATURES

The process to develop the master plan update began with understanding the neighborhood context and existing conditions of built improvements. A site visit was conducted with Reno parks and maintenance staff to observe and document how the public is using the parks, what the current condition is of existing improvements, and to review how the park areas connect and transition to the adjacent developments. The results were documented as existing conditions and then as a site analysis in each of the three areas:

- Wingfield Park Facilities
- Barbara Bennett Park Facilities
- Whitewater Park Facilities – This is part of Wingfield Park.

Park Amenities and Features- Wingfield Park

Wingfield Park is an island in the Truckee River between First Street and Island Avenue. The park is bisected by Arlington Avenue splitting the park into 2 areas designated as, West Island and East Island. There is no off-street parking on either the east or west portions of Wingfield Park

Landscaping includes spray irrigated turf and numerous large shade trees in turf and at the river edges.

Amenities and features in the park include:

- Amphitheater
- Storage shed at amphitheater
- Removable masonry walls
- Hardscape – often used for dancing
- Spot lights
- Bike rack-1 east
- Picnic table- 1 east

- Concrete bench – 1 east
- Log benches – 4 east
- Trash barrels
- Turf
- Trees
- Wood mulch surfacing in planter beds
- Concrete paths
- Pedestrian scaled lights
- River path below Arlington Avenue
- Decomposed granite – laydown area used for vendors and Portable restrooms during special events
- Pedestrian bridges x3
- -- Bridge overlooks
- 100-year flood line
- Hardscape overlook- west side

East Island Facilities: The amphitheater has masonry walls on 3 sides and a raised concrete pad. There is a small green room behind the stage. Due to the park being in the floodplain there is no sanitary sewer or restroom. Portable restrooms are brought in for events. Performers use the street parking spaces behind the amphitheater and sidewalk to access the changing area, to drop off equipment and to access the green room.

There are several removable masonry walls located south of the amphitheater structure that screens the view and dampens some of the Arlington Avenue traffic noise from the audience. A paved pathway circulates around the park and through the center of the amphitheater with ADA seating. The pathway system has pedestrian scaled lighting. A hardscape area north of the amphitheater provides a space for dancing. The far east side of the park is covered in

decomposed granite (DG) and is used for food trucks, vendors and portable restrooms brought in for events.

West Island Facilities: A paved pathway circulates around the park and continues below the north bridge over the Truckee River. The pathway system has pedestrian scaled lighting. A hardscape area on the west side is used for vendors and food trucks during events.

Wingfield Park Special Events:

The park hosts many events during spring, summer and fall including music, dance, visual arts, whitewater and bike races. Events have included Artown during July, the Reno River Festival, the Hawaiian Festival and many others. Thousands of people use the park during these events resulting in heavy impacts to the existing turf and site furnishings.

During large special events, Arlington Avenue is closed between First Streets and Island Avenue and used for food trucks and vendors. The absence of traffic allows pedestrians to cross between the west and east islands.

Park Amenities and Features – Whitewater Park

The Whitewater Park is part of Wingfield Park and is located west of the island and continues to the Sierra Street Bridge.

Amenities and features in the park include:

- Drop structures
- ADA river put in and take out
- Whitewater slalom course
- Terraced boulders at river edges
- Life jacket sign
- Conchran Ditch
- Pedestrian bridges x 3
- Parcel boundary

The Whitewater Park opened in 2024 and contains class 2 and 3 rapids. Riverbanks were reconstructed using terraced, grouted boulders providing a wide range of access from the Wingfield Park Island edges to the Truckee River north and south branches. The whitewater park has become an extremely popular swimming hole for residents and tourists during the summer months.

Park Amenities and Features – Barbara Bennett Park

Barbara Bennett Park is accessed from Arlington Avenue at Island Avenue which is a one-way driveway going west into the park. The one-way driveway continues to Eloise Avenue and then turns back east along the south side of the park, returning to Arlington Avenue. On the north side of the park, parallel parking is provided along a flood wall for the south branch of the Truckee River and continues along the driveway. Diagonal parking is provided at the hardscape plaza on the south side of the driveway where the restroom is located.

Two full basketball courts with a ball wall are located within the park. Four tennis courts and a play structure are centrally located. The park contains irrigated turf and mature trees. At the time of this document, a mature tree with a raptor nest was observed.

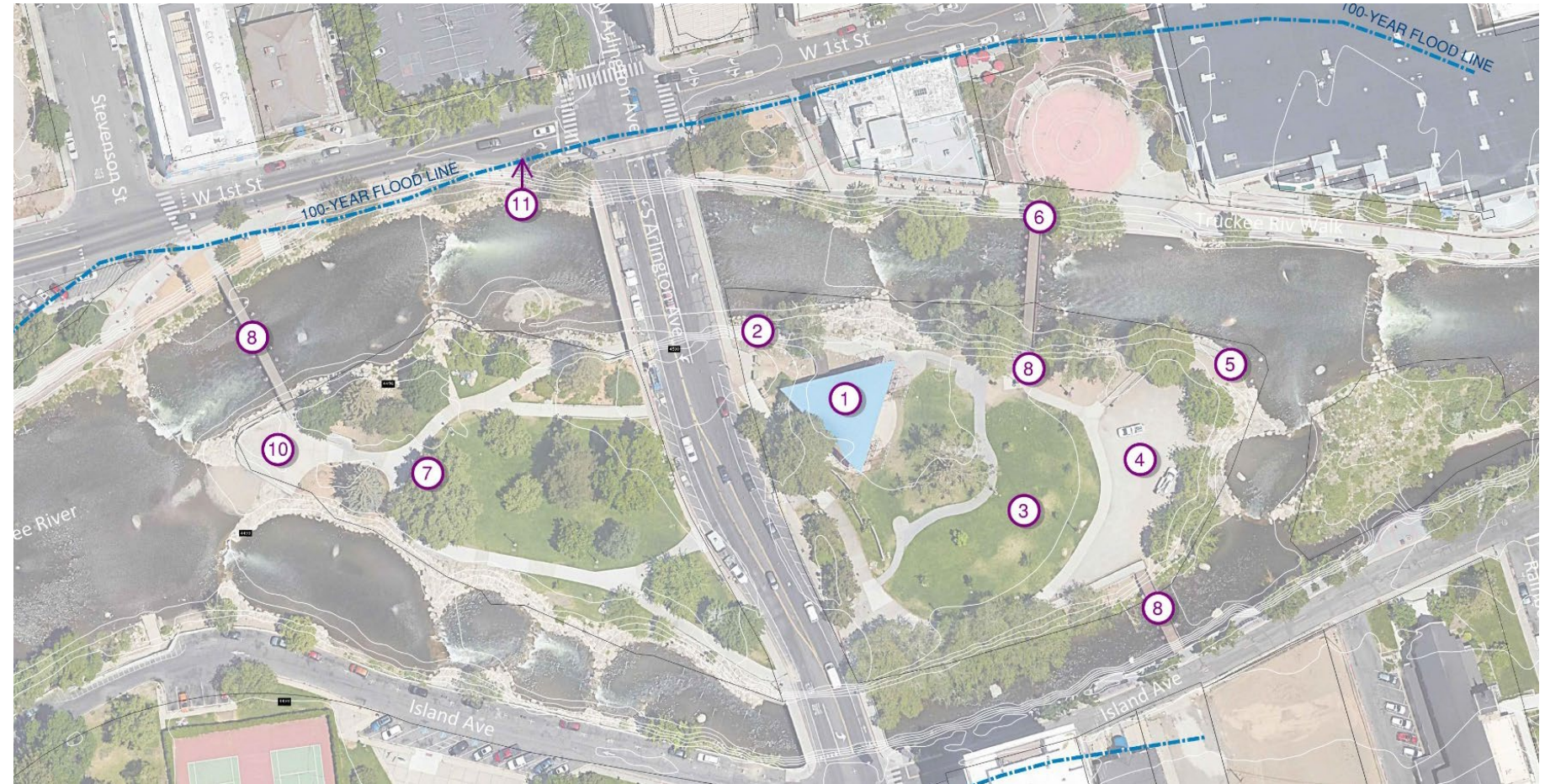
- Parking spaces.
- One way entrance from Arlington Avenue
- Sidewalk along a portion of the south driveway
- Hardscape at restroom area
- Diagonal, ADA parking at hardscape
- Food wall at south branch Truckee River
- Restroom
- Basketball courts x 2 with moveable bleachers
- Picnic tables on concrete pads x 2, 1 on turf
- Trash barrels
- Ball wall with mural

- Art bike racks
- Tahoe Pyramid Trail – Barbara Bennett Park Sign
- Tennis courts
- Playground
- Turf and trees
- Wood mulch topdressing in planter beds
- ADA river path
- 100-year flood line

Park Amenities and Features - Wingfield Park

1. Amphitheater
2. River Path Below Arlington
3. Turf and Seating
4. Vendor and Portable Restroom Area
5. ADA River Access
6. Pedestrian Bridge over North Branch Truckee River
7. Turf and Trees-West
8. Pedestrian Bridges x3
9. Spectators on Bridge Viewing River Events
10. Hardscape Overlook
11. 100 Year Flood Line

Photos Source: Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation



1. Amphitheater.



2. River Path Below Arlington Avenue



6. Pedestrian Bridge over North Branch Truckee River



3. Turf and Seating



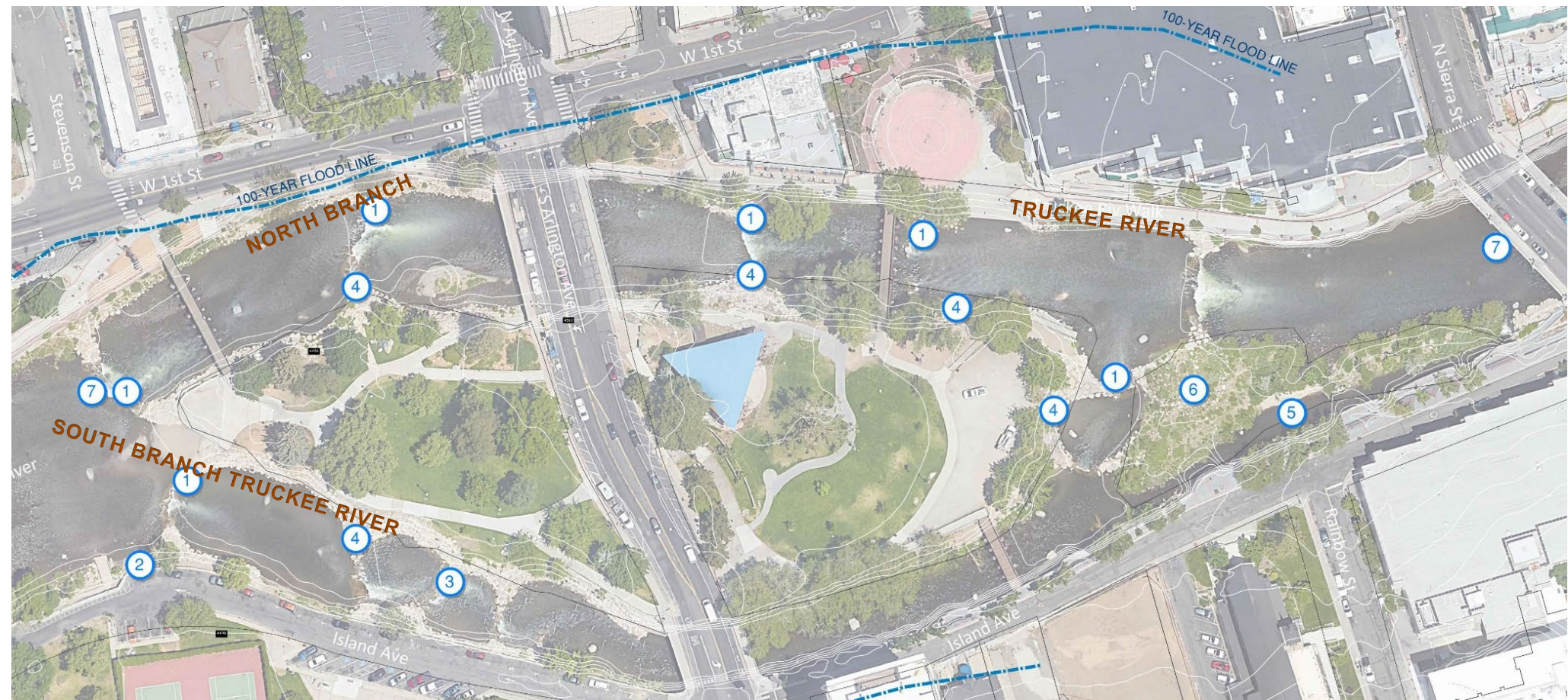
7. Turf and Trees West

Photos Source: Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation

Park Amenities and Features - Whitewater Park

The Whitewater Park surrounds the Wingfield Park.

1. Drop Structures
2. ADA River Access
3. Whitewater Slalom Course
4. Terraced Boulders
5. Cochran Ditch
6. Island
7. Whitewater Park Parcel Boundary



Photos Source: Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation.



2. Drop Structures



1. ADA River Access



3. Whitewater Slalom Course



4. Terraced Boulders



4 Terraced Boulders- South Branch Truckee River



4 Terraced Boulders- North Branch Truckee River



Whitewater Park at Wingfield- Acknowledgement Sign

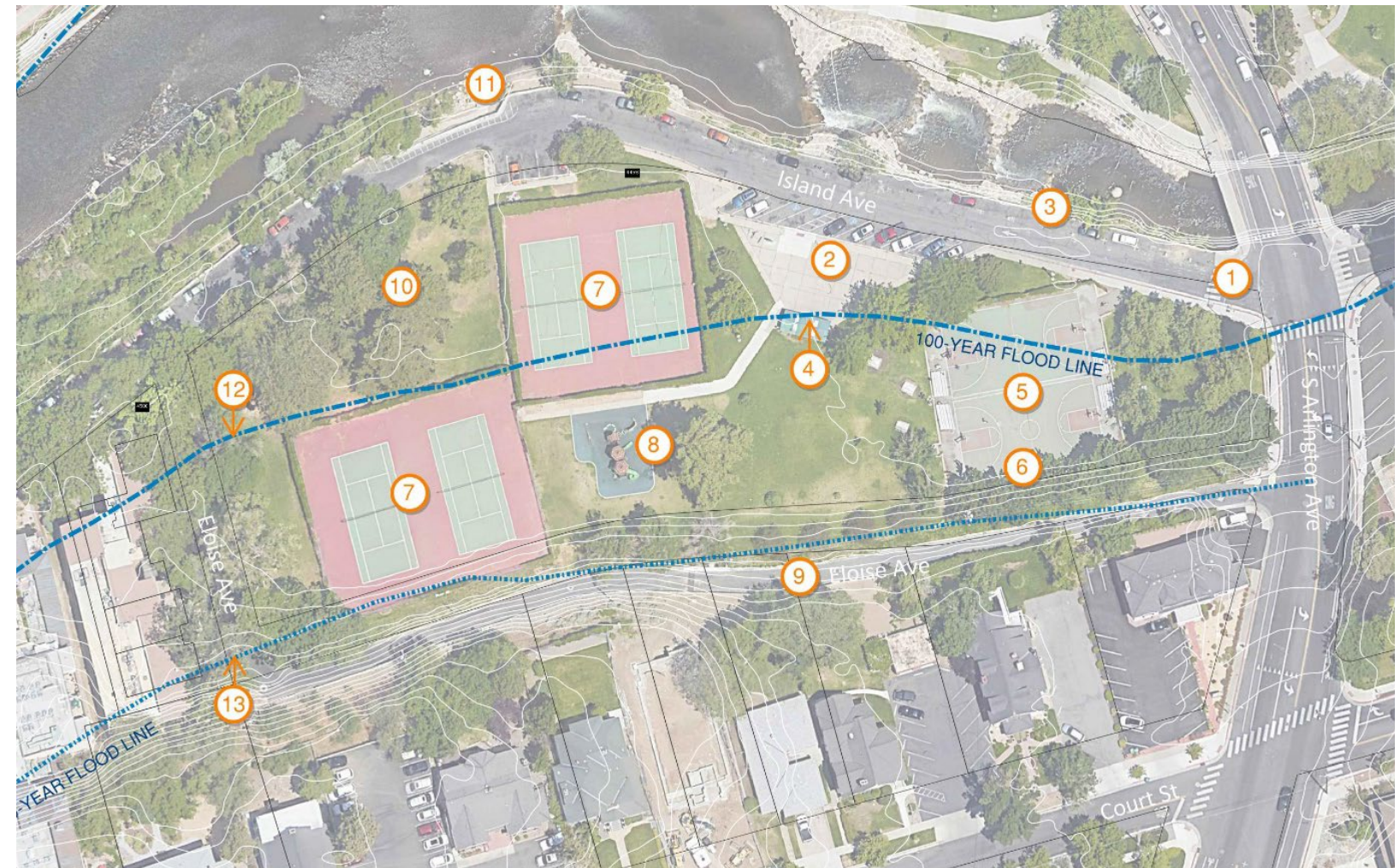


4 Terraced Boulders- East of Wingfield Park

Photos Source: Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation

Park Amenities and Features - Barbara Bennett Park

1. One Way Entrance from Arlington Avenue
2. Arrival Hardscape and Parking
3. Flood Wall at South Branch Truckee River
4. Restroom
5. Basketball Court X 2
6. Ball Wall with Mural
7. Tennis Courts
8. Playground
9. Eloise Avenue
10. Turf/Open Space
11. ADA River Access
12. 100 Year Flood Line
13. 500 Year Flood Line



3. Floodwall and South Branch Truckee River



5. Basketball Court X 2 and 6. Ball Wall With Mural



6. Tennis Courts X 4



8. Playground



9. Eloise Avenue



11. ADA River Access

Photos Source: Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation

SITE ANALYSIS/OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

Wingfield Park

G General

- Park is heavily used high number of transients, litter, trash
- Add trash receptacles
- Keep sight lines open for safety
- Look at changes that improve function during special events
- Permanent structures can be impediments during special events

1 Amphitheater

- Design replacement structure
- Needs green room for performers to prepare
- Consider having only platform / pad with structure installed for show season
- Keep clear sight lines, no hiding places
- Fence off pad when not in use to prevent camping

2 Masonry Removable Wall Panels

- Originally designed for noise abatement from Arlington Ave vehicles
- Removable during floods, were removed in 1991 and 2017 floods
- Ask Reno Special Events Staff and stakeholders noise is an issue

3 Turf

- Heavily used, desirable
- Gets compacted and requires a lot of maintenance

4 Pine Tree

- To be removed with Arlington Ave bridges replacement project, declining

5 Trees

- Difficult to grow due to compaction from heavily used turf
- Consider soil cells or system to allow root growth

6 Sound / PA System

- Performers to bring their own, as long as no climbing is required to install

7 Portable Restrooms

- usually placed rear, 50'-0" from river minimum
- Would be better placed closer to street

8 Food Vendors
- Have to drive to east / back of park - inconvenient

9 Lighting
- Acceptable now, evaluate levels needed if current lighting standards are used

10 Security Cameras
- Consider security cameras for remote monitoring

11 Paths
- Need to be vehicular rated and 10'-12' wide

12 Path Below Bridge
- Needs to be vehicular rated and 10'-12' wide

13 Large Boulders
- Keep in place, they block vehicular access well

14 Park and Arlington Ave Flooding
- Park floods, improvements must generally withstand flooding

15 Pedestrian Walkways with Removable Railings
- Evaluate potential of redesigning walkways to less than 5% so railings are not required

16 Food Trucks / Vendors
- Access to this area is difficult for trucks, need improvement

17 Site Furnishings
- Consider adding picnic tables here

20 Bridge Landing
- Awkward design, look at redesign

21 River Construction Access
- Ramp could double for river access

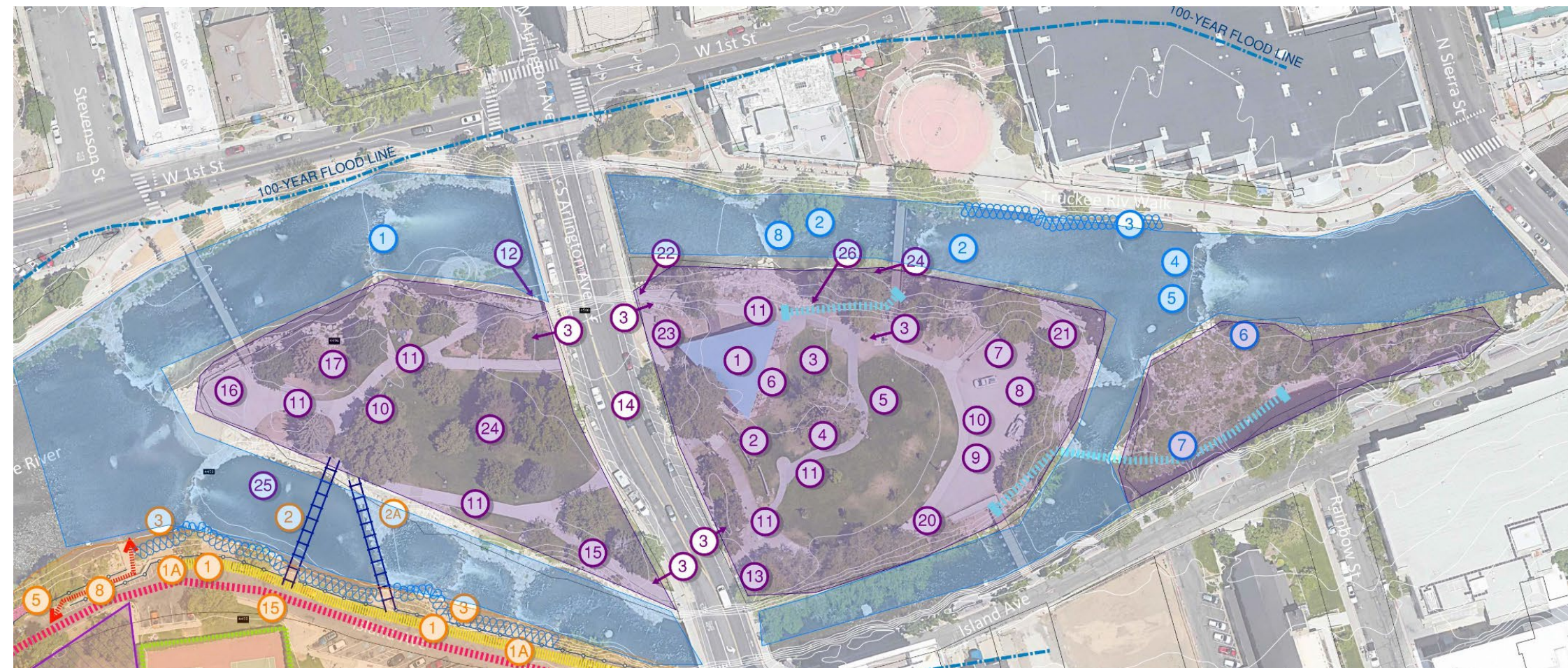
22 Steps for Riverbank Access
- Would improve access to river

23 Utility Boxes
- Unsightly, look for ways to put in vaults

24 Trees
- Arborist to evaluate health, plan for replacement, additional trees

25 River
- Sediment cleanout needed for maintenance of river park feature in multiple areas
- Federal watermaster has dropped the mandatory low water levels, evaluate for whitewater features existing and proposed

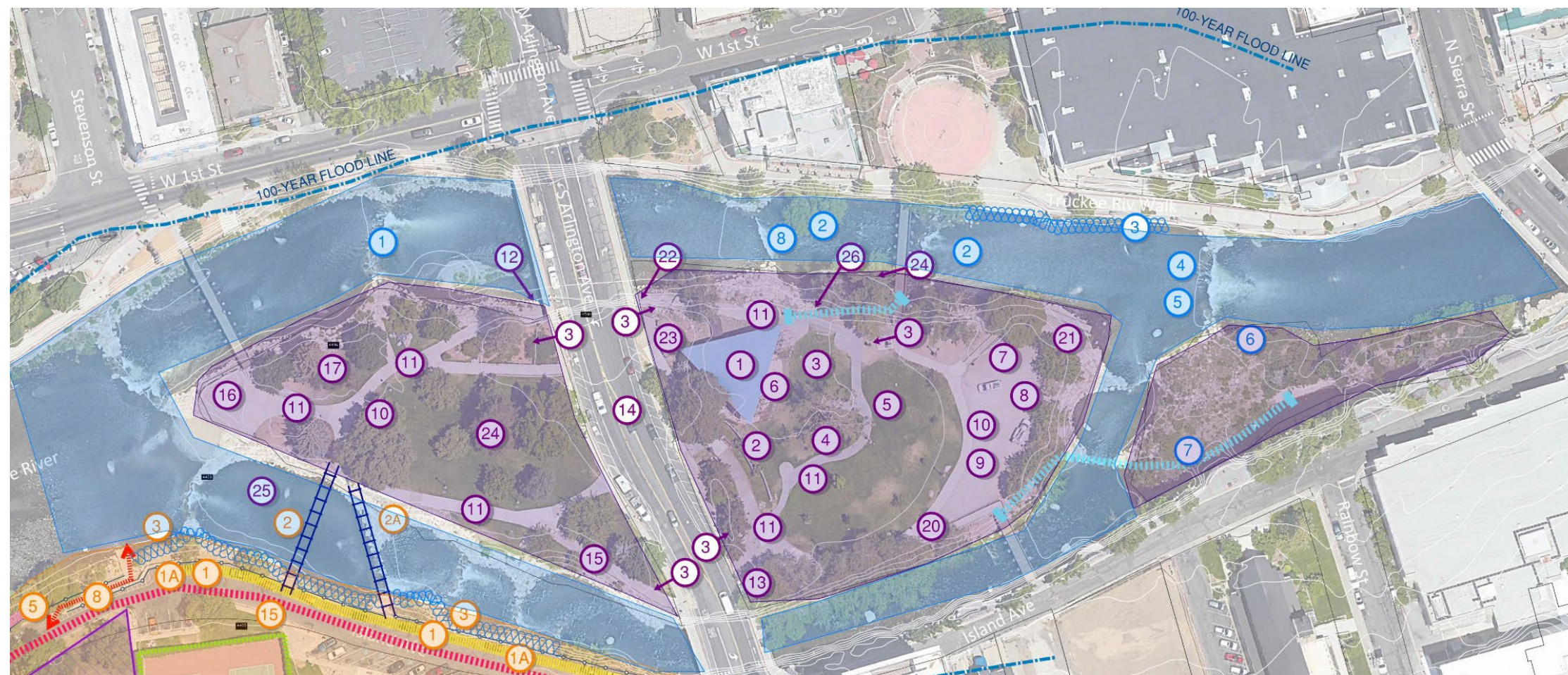
26 Riverbank
- Bank at south side bridge needs to be evaluated for pedestrian access and use



Site Analysis/Opportunities and Constraints – Wingfield Park

Whitewater Park

- ① Revised Drop
- ② Remove Cobble
- ③ New New Boulder Toe Pedestrian Access
- ④ New Dedicated Fish Passage
- ⑤ New Surf Wave
- Consider developing this feature with a dedicated fish passage facility
- ⑥ Preserve Vegetation
- ⑦ Extend Trail to Existing Access on SW corner of Sierra St Bridge and Potentially beyond
- ⑧ Kayak Freestyle Area

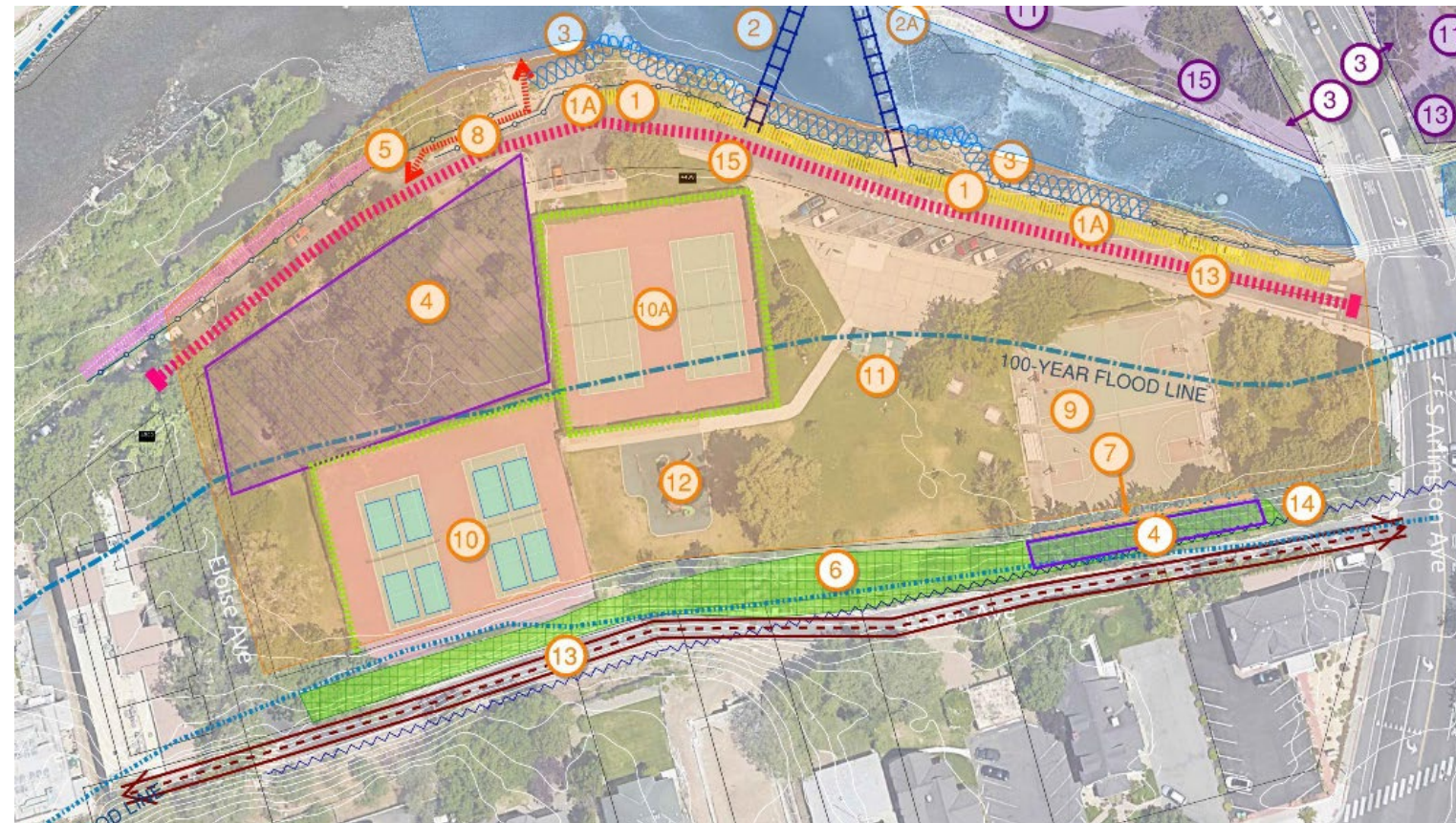


Site Analysis/Opportunities and Constraints – Whitewater Park

Barbara Bennett Park

- 1 Relocate Parking**
- Existing parking detracts from park / river
ambiance
- 1A Railing needed, does not meet ADA
requirements**
- 2 Opportunity for Pedestrian Bridge**
2A - Consider new pedestrian bridge to join
Wingfield Park
- 3 Modify River Edge**
- Modify River Edge to soften riverbank
- 4 Secluded Area(s)**
- Secluded - draws unhoused
- 5 Potentially Historic Rock Wall**
- Rock Wall - likely has historic status
- 6 Steep Slope**
- Turf on steep slope is difficult to mow
- 7 Potentially Remove Wall and Fence**
- Wall with fence on top - not needed and
could be removed to enhance overall side
visiblity
- 8 ADA Modifications**
- ADA - scheduled for modifications with
Arlington Ave Bridges
- 9 Existing Basketball Courts**
- Existing basketball court heavily used
- 10 Existing Tennis Courts**
- Heavily used
- Could have 2 tennis / pickleball courts
- 10A** Consider moving 2 tennis to Retrac Lid
- 11** - Vines on fences block views / feels unsafe
- Restroom Improvements Needed**
- Consider moving closer to Arlington Ave for
access from both parks
- Do not relocate into 100-year flood zone
- Auto-locks are broken

- 12 Expand View into/from
Playground**
- Replaced within last 5 years
- Hidden, feels unsafe
- Consider Relocation
- 13 Roadway Circulation
Improvements**
- consider making this two-way for
apartments; will require tree removal, road
widening and adding a short retaining wall
to support roadway
- then riverfront drive could become
pedestrian only and parkway
- 14 Overhead Power Line**
- Overhead power line - consider
under-grounding s part of the roadway
circulation improvements
- 15 Lighting**
- The only lighting is on drive at river,
remaining park area is dark



Site Analysis/Opportunities and Constraints – Barbara Bennett Park

03-PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SURVEYS CONDUCTED:

Public outreach was conducted through meetings with stakeholder groups, community workshops, public meetings and surveys to ask what existing amenities they would like to see improved and what new improvements they would like to see built in the park.

Ward 1 Neighborhood Advisory Group	1/9/2023
River Users Stakeholder Meetings	3/2023
Special Events Stakeholder Meetings	4/2023
Survey #1, Online - Programming	6 /1-6/30/2023
Public Workshop #1 - Concept Plans:	11/16/2023
Survey #2, Online - Concept Plans	3/1 - 4/1, 2024
Stakeholder Meetings	5/1-8/1/2024
Public Workshop #2 - Preferred Plan, Virtual	10/30/2024
Survey #3, Online - Preferred Plan, Virtual	11/1-12/12/2024
Reno Recreation and Parks Commission – Draft Final Plan	1/28/2025

Stakeholder Group Meetings:

Meetings were held with the following River Users stakeholder groups to obtain specific input on facilities and amenities :

River Users Stakeholder Outreach

- Reno Whitewater Facebook Group
- Reno Whitewater SUP Group
- Reno Riverfest
- Truckee Paddlers
- Reno Fly Shop

River Users Facilities and Amenities Questions:

1. What existing instream whitewater features do you think need to be upgraded or changed?
2. What existing instream whitewater features do you love, and think should stay the same?
3. Is there anything about the whitewater park as a whole that bothers you and you think should be changed?
4. Are there any locations around the whitewater park where you think river access could be improved?

Comments:

- Sediment has accumulated in most of the pools which should have been removed/maintained by City of Reno; This has dramatically impacted performance which is now degraded and cannot be used as originally intended
- More maintenance access points will make sediment removal easier on a regular basis.
- River fest has not been held as regularly due to pool not useable and low water.
- City needs a long-term maintenance plan moving forward for regular sediment removal.
- Fix pool #5. Add boulders to raise water level.
- Access at West Street Plaza is not used by river boaters for put in/take out because it is too far from parking.
- Rafting has exploded in popularity. Add a width to the channel at Barbara Bennett Park if possible.
- New base flow is 200 cfs. Design for new features should keep this in mind if it can be done.
- Need crosswalks at Island Avenue for crossing safety.
- After the 2017 flood, the 2nd drop structure was completely blocked and needs to be cleared.
- Stand up paddle boarding is very popular around the country and this feature should be added.

Special Event Stakeholder Outreach:

- Artown
- City of Reno Special Events Staff
- River Festival/Liquid Blue Events
- Bike Race
- Reno Tahoe Odyssey

Special Events Users Facilities and Amenities Questions:

1. Do you host/manage events at the Wingfield amphitheater?
2. What types of events do you host (music, dance, etc)
3. What features of the amphitheater do you like?
4. What features of the amphitheater do you dislike?
5. What features of the amphitheater could be improved?
6. What features of the amphitheater should be retained, if any?
7. Is performer access to the amphitheater acceptable?
8. If not, what could be improved?

Comments:

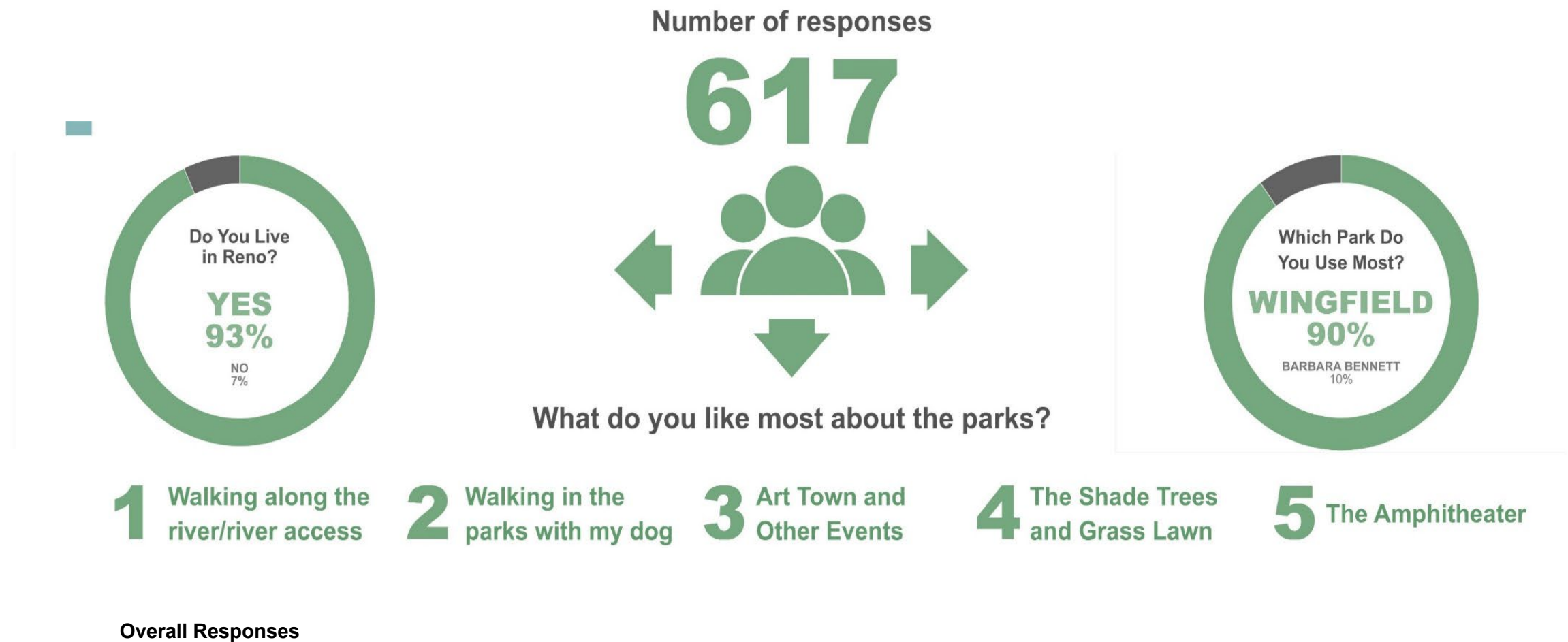
- Vehicular pathways are too narrow to avoid driving over grass and damaging sprinklers. Suggest make a slightly wider pathway so vendors can access the DG area and park.
- More shade is needed. Shade could possibly be portable to remove in winter.
- Would like power in DG area for vendors. (3 phase power).
- Align center path to pedestrian bridge over north Truckee River branch.
- Amphitheater:
 - Vandalism has increased and security has been less post-Covid. It doesn't feel safe anymore in the park. Kids programs have been moved to Idlewild due to this (Artown).
 - Vandalism and damage to the amphitheater structure is easily happening because the structure has walls and hiding spaces from Arlington Avenue. These walls make it, very difficult to monitor.
 - Possibly move the amphitheater to the east. It is, better to have vendors and portable restrooms near Arlington Avenue.

- If the amphitheater is moved east, there must be shade for the instruments before performances. Facing the sun is OK after performances.
- The Green room is too small.
- A Green room at amphitheater is needed and should be approximately 15' x 15' with AC, mirrors, and make up tables.
- The sound system is outdated. Most performers bring their own equipment.
- Would be ideal if the city could provide a restroom/green room trailer and park and allow it to remain at the amphitheater during spring/summer. It could be stored/removed in fall. It would need 120 W power.
- Theft of items left in structure is a problem.
- Stage back wall should accommodate videos.
- Add a fence off amphitheater during summer to keep from vandalism.
- Even with Winfield Amphitheater flaws the amphitheater is still highly valued by the community and artists as a venue. "The heart of Artown".
- 2500 people at Wingfield is ideal, though it has had 3500.
- Artown doesn't charge food trucks at shows.
- Reno can't bring alcohol.
- Needs dance area but it should not block people that are sitting.
- Need to keep ADA seating.
- Storage area is needed during events – City does bring in trailer during events season then remove.
- Would like City of Reno to pay for more operational costs- security, trash removal, restrooms, electricity.
- Add potable water on east side – drinking fountain.
- Add water fill stations.
- Lighting needs upgrading as well as receptacles, hangars for banners, art, string lights, Christmas lights.
- Add security cameras tied to City IT system on lights.
- Trees are blocking vision and there needs to be clear sight lines from Arlington Avenue. Suggest limbing up evergreens and replace evergreens with deciduous trees in the future.

- Security problems include squatters that hang out on east island.
- Special event users should be able to use power at park instead of bringing their own generators.
- Users bring their own sound systems but could use structures to place them.
- Vandalism to portable restrooms results in event organizers having to pay for cleanup which is expensive to remedy.
- Remove short walls- hiding spaces result in vandalism
- Lack of restrooms is a challenge.
- Lack of perimeter fencing makes security during special events difficult. Can fencing be added, even if temporary? Need security guards for ped bridges.
- Could utilize in street bollards on Arlington Avenue at First and Island Avenue for traffic control. Perhaps of the automatic type.
- West Island – have a designated spot for portable restrooms- remove guesswork.
- Trash enclosure/dumpsters – Right now in Barbara Bennett, there is a designated location. In Wingfield, they are unsightly.
- Barbara Bennett – ball wall creates a hiding space. Remove.
- Make the parks a landmark, the jewel of Reno, give it all.
- Add interpretive pole with flood lines on it showing historical floods.

RESULTS OF SURVEY ONLINE #1 - PROGRAMMING

Circulated from May 25 to June 30, 2023





Which existing park facilities and activities are most important to you?



Which park facilities do you think need the most improvement?



What activities or amenities would you most like to see added in the park (from list)?



What activities or amenities would you most like to see added in the park (write-ins)?



WINGFIELD PARK SURVEY RESPONSES

- ① Performance
- ② Pathways
- ③ Street Festivals
- ④ Community Events
- ⑤ Lawn
- ⑥ River Access for Swimming
- ⑦ Portable Restrooms
- ⑧ Kayaking

- ① Furnishings (Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)
- ② Amphitheater
- ③ Shade and Trees
- ④ Landscaping
- ⑤ Pathways
- ⑥ Signage and Messaging
- ⑦ Portable Restrooms
- ⑧ Lawn
- ⑨ River Access for Swimming
- ⑩ Whitewater Park

- ① Benches for Passive Sitting/Observing
- ② Programmed Events
- ③ Food Trucks
- ④ Picnic Tables
- ⑤ Interpretive Signage
- ⑥ Social/Club Gatherings

- ① Address Issues with the Unhoused
- ② Provide Permanent Restrooms
- ③ Improve Circulation Between Parks
- ④ Improve Lighting within Parks for Safety
- ⑤ Provide More Trees/Shade
- ⑥ Plan additional events (include elderly)
- ⑦ Organized Bike Races
- ⑧ Restoration of Whitewater Features
- ⑨ Organized Kayak Competitions

Wingfield Park Survey Responses

BARBARA BENNETT PARK SURVEY RESPONSES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Pathways ② Playground ③ Restroom ④ Lawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑤ Basketball ⑥ Parking ⑦ River Access ⑧ Tennis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Pathways ② Playground ③ Restroom ④ Basketball Courts ⑤ Furnishings (Benches, Bike Racks, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑥ Tennis Courts ⑦ Landscaping ⑧ Parking ⑨ Signage and Messaging ⑩ Lawn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Benches for Passive Sitting/Observing ② Walking/Running Paths ③ Dog Park ④ Individual Picnic Tables ⑤ Pickleball Court/s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑥ Group Picnic Shelter ⑦ Fitness Equipment ⑧ Bocce Court/s ⑨ Social Gatherings ⑩ Trike Riding
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← Which park facilities do you think need the most improvement?

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Barbara Bennett Park Survey Responses

RESULTS OF SURVEY ONLINE #2 CONCEPT PLANS

Survey conducted 3/1/2024 to 4/1/2024

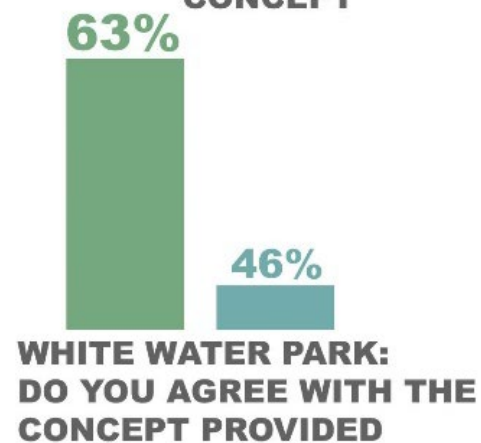
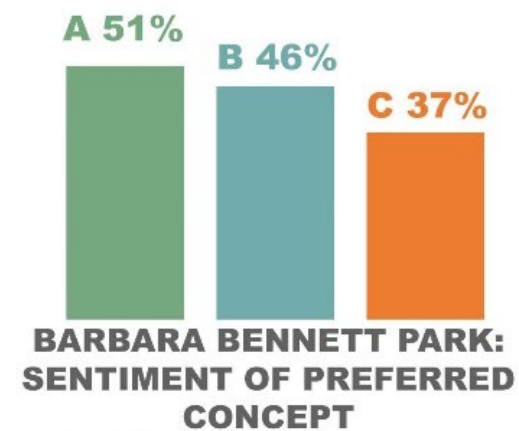
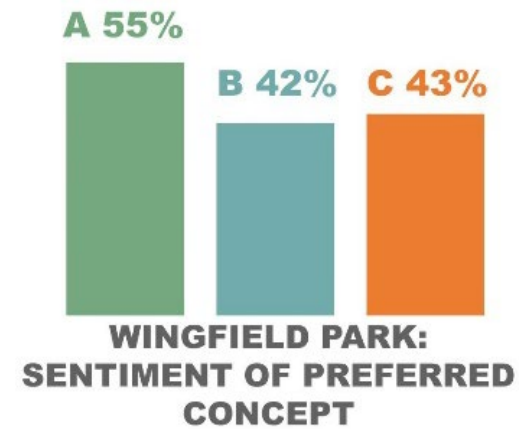
The three concept plans were presented at Public Workshop Meeting #1 on November 16, 2023, which was held at the McKinley Building. Twenty-eight (28) people attended.

Following the public workshop meeting Survey #2, was conducted online to obtain input on the concept plans. The survey ran from 3/1/1 - 4/1, 2024 with one-hundred and forty-four (144) responses.

Concept C received the greatest support at Public Workshop #1 conducted and Survey #2 reflected both close and mixed results on the concepts.

Additional meetings were conducted to review the concepts with City of Reno Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff. Additional Stakeholder Workshops and Meetings were held between 5/1-8/1/2024.

Based on all of the feedback from Public Workshop #1, online survey #2, stakeholder meetings and City of Reno staff input, it was decided to base the preferred plan on Concept C.



Survey #2 Responses

04 MASTER PLAN

CONCEPT PLAN ALTERNATIVES

Based on the results of Survey #1, Online – Programming and Stakeholder meetings, three Concept Plan alternatives were developed.

These were presented at Public Workshop #1 on 11/16/2023.

The three concept plans contain the same program for security and landscaping as detailed below.

Security and Safety:

- Lighting and Cameras: Replace existing lighting and add security cameras tied to City IT system to monitor activity.
- Trees: Limb up existing trees for views into parks, particularly from Arlington Avenue and. choose new trees with higher branching for views into parks.
- Replace trees at Arlington Avenue with deciduous, higher limbed trees allowing view into parks.
- Remove items that obstruct views as walls, other structures.
- Improve vehicular circulation allowing easier patrolling.

Landscaping:

- Develop a tree protection and replacement plan with City of Reno Urban Forester
 - Protect existing trees, evaluate condition for timing of replacement
 - Add trees at river's edge for shade and habitat
 - Add trees for shade at amphitheater but avoid placing that block views to stage
 - Add trees for wildlife habitat
- Turf: Replace irrigation system with a type that withstands heavy use.

Concept Plan A

Wingfield Park

- Renovate existing amphitheater in place
- Remove existing screen walls at Wingfield to allow for viewing into the park and reduce vandalism. Replace with removeable perforated panels.
- Add pad for portable restroom and green room.
- Regrade turf for improved view to amphitheater.
- Create a log play climber using salvaged trees.
- Replace vehicular paths to new 12' wide paths.
- Add accessible picnic nodes to the east side.

Whitewater Park

- Add one new surf wave.
- Add a new Fish passage.
- Add a floodable path for the north channel on the north side at base of flood wall east.
- Add a floodable path on the island and foot bridge at the south channel east.
- The following improvements are included as a part of the Arlington Avenue Bridges project: sediment removal, pool repair, change to features from 2 piers to 1 pier.

Barbara Bennett Park

- Add a pathway promenade along flood wall with railings, overlooks and trees.
- The new Pedestrian Bridge from Wingfield Island west to Barbara Bennett improves circulation and park use.
- Keep driveway from Arlington Ave to Eloise one-way.
- Revise Parking for 39 parallel spaces.
- Replace sidewalks and add walks along the driveway.
- Replace restroom with one that is positioned more east for easier access from Wingfield Park.
- Retain the 2 basketball courts.
- Remove the ball wall for improved site lines for security.
- Retain the two tennis courts.
- Add six new pickleball courts.
- Add a new themed playground, in the center front for safety/visibility. Playground to have shade sails.
- Preserve and protect all turf and trees.



Concept Plan B

Wingfield Park

- Replace the amphitheater with an open pavilion; the pavilion is to have no sides and/or a removeable stage.
- Remove existing screen walls at Wingfield to allow for viewing into the park and to reduce vandalism. Replace with removeable perforated panels.
- Add a pad for a portable restroom and green room.
- Regrade the turf area for improved viewing to the amphitheater
- Create a log play climber using salvaged trees.
- Replace vehicular paths with 12' wide paths.

Whitewater Park

- Add one new surf wave.
- Add a new Fish passage.
- Add a floodable path for the north channel on the north side at base of flood wall east.
- Add a floodable path on the island and foot bridge at the south channel east.
- The following improvements are included as a part of the Arlington Avenue Bridges project: sediment removal, pool repair, change to features from 2 piers to 1 pier.

Barbara Bennett Park

- Create a river access utilizing terraced boulders and a promenade sidewalk along flood wall with trees.
- Provide a pedestrian Bridge from Wingfield Island west to Barbara Bennett for all 3 plans. The bridge will improve circulation and access to the park increasing the use.
- Revise the driveway from Arlington Ave from a one-way to a two way to Eloise.
- Replace sidewalks and add sidewalks along the driveway.
- Replace the restroom and position the structure further east for easier access from Wingfield Park
- Retain the basketball court.
- Retain the two tennis courts.
- Add three new pickleball courts.
- Add one new tennis court.
- Create a new themed playground in the center front for safety/visibility. Add shade sails.
- Preserve and protect the turf and trees.



Concept Plan C

Wingfield Park

- Replace the amphitheater with an open pavilion; the pavilion is to have no sides and/or a removeable stage.
- Remove existing screen walls at Wingfield to allow for viewing into the park and to reduce vandalism. Replace with removeable perforated panels.
- Add a pad for a portable restroom and green room.
- Regrade the turf area for improved viewing to the amphitheater
- Create a log play climber using salvaged trees.
- Replace vehicular paths with 12' wide paths.

Whitewater Park

- Surf wave
- Fish passage
- Floodable path north channel, north side at base of flood wall east
- Floodable path on island and foot bridge south channel east
- Improvements are included as a part of the Arlington Avenue Bridges project: sediment removal, pool repair, change to features from 2 piers to 1 pier.

Barbara Bennett Park

- Re-align the driveway from Arlington Ave- away from the river to provide a large bank and play area. Re-align Eloise for a One-way drives in and out
- Create more river access with terraced boulders and turf play area.
- Pedestrian Bridge from Wingfield Island west to Barbara Bennett to improve circulation and park use.
- Replace sidewalks and add sidewalks along the driveway.
- Replace the restroom and position the structure further east for easier access from Wingfield Park
- Retain one basketball court
- Add a dog park.
- Add a new themed playground in the center front for safety/visibility. Add shade sails.
- Preserve and protect turf and trees.



PREFERRED PLAN

Public Meeting #2 virtual workshop was held on October 30, 2024 and Survey #3 was conducted in November 2024 to obtain input on the Preferred Plan which was based primarily on Concept C. Based on feedback received the Preferred Plan was slightly modified to become the Master Plan. See the survey results below. Modifications included:

- Observation Tower removed. This feature was developed as a new landmark feature to provide views to the Sierra and Downtown and create a regional attraction. The tower could be located in West Street Plaza or Believe Plaza. Appendix B shows renderings of the tower
- Terraces in Wingfield Park reduced for more green space.

Survey #3 – November 2024, 60 Responses

Wingfield Park

1. Do you support the new bandshell structure and stage with removeable restroom/greenroom?

Yes - 81%

No - 19%

2. Do you support turf seating terraces?

Yes - 75%

No - 25%

3. Do you support locating vendors and food trucks near Arlington Avenue?

Yes - 90%

No – 10%

4. Do you support the observation tower?

Yes - 19%

No – 81%

5. Do you support the plan as presented?

Strongly Support – 17%

Moderately Support – 52%

Neither Support or Oppose – 4%

Do Not Support – 23%

Whitewater Park

1. Do you support the new pedestrian bridge connecting Wingfield to Barbara Bennett Park across the south channel?

Yes – 83%

No – 17%

2. Do you support adding a surf wave with dedicated fish passage downstream of the Arlington Avenue Bridges?

Yes – 76%

No – 24%

3. Do you support the plan as presented?

Strongly Support – 13%

Moderately Support – 60%

Neither Support or Oppose – 12%

Do Not Support – 15%

Barbara Bennett Park

1. Do you support removing the floodwall and providing a terraced boulder river edge with grass?

Yes – 87%

No – 13%

2. What are your highest priorities for new/improved amenities? (Select All that Apply, Multiple Choice Question)

Destination Playground -23%

Basketball Courts -24%

Dog Park – 12%

Group Picnic Shelter – 23%

Tennis Court – 17%

3. Do you support the plan as presented?

Yes – 61%

No – 39%

MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan represents elements from all of the concept plans, public input, stakeholder input and input from the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments.

Security and Safety Elements Include:

- Lighting and Cameras: Replace existing lighting and add security cameras tied to City IT system to monitor activity.
- Trees: Limb up existing trees for views into parks.
- Trees: Choose new trees with higher branching for views into parks.
- Remove items that obstruct views such as walls and other structures.
- Improve vehicular circulation allowing easier patrolling.



Master Plan Elements

Wingfield Park– East Side

- The revised site plan improves pedestrian flow from Arlington Avenue for users to access the vendor/food truck area and to walk down to seating and the amphitheater.
- The amphitheater is replaced with an open pavilion and relocated east, utilizing the natural grade that falls east. Although the new location would change the orientation the consensus was this was a preferred site plan*.
 - Upgraded structure that can accommodate aerial silks.
 - Larger Stage Platform - 70'W X 32'W.
 - Retractable shade devised for instrument protection.
 - No columns that block view of stage.
 - No permanent sides
- Develop a tree canopy plaza near Arlington.
 - Entry pavilion shade structures will create transition into the park.
 - Food trucks/ vendors and portable restrooms to be located near Arlington offering better access and flow of pedestrians from Arlington Avenue.
 - Picnic tables to be placed within a tree canopy area when no special events are scheduled.
- Remove existing screen walls at Wingfield to allow for viewing into the park and to reduce vandalism. Replace screen walls with removeable perforated panels.
- Add a pad for portable restroom and green room.
- Add a pad for portable storage.
- Regrade turf for improved view to amphitheater-follows natural grade west to east, terraces with granite seat walls, 14"-16" H.
- Add a log play climber using salvaged trees.
- Replace vehicular paths to meet the 10-12' wide requirement. Regrade ADA path to remove railings if possible.
- Optional removal of pedestrian bridge over south river channel, due to improved ADA access that will be constructed with Arlington Avenue Bridges. Removes obstructions to south channel and open river channel edge.

note is the Reno Philharmonic has not used the Wingfield Park Amphitheater for several years due to other City of Reno requirements.

Wingfield Park – West Side

- Add accessible picnic tables on pads
- Replace vehicular paths with paths that are 10-12' wide
- Regrade ADA path to remove railings if possible.
- Provide a shade canopy over existing concrete pad for more comfortable daily function, maintain access for vendors and food trucks.

Whitewater Park

- Add a surf wave.
- Add a fish passage.
- Add a floodable path along the north channel at base of the flood wall; would continue to Believe Plaza and river access in the future.
 - This feature will require complex permitting.
- Add pedestrian bridge from the east park to the island. Add a floodable path on the island to the Cochran Ditch. Add a low water crossing over the Cochran Ditch outlet and connect to the proposed pedestrian path below the Sierra Siera Street Bridge.
 - This feature will require complex permitting.
- Some improvements are included as a part of the Arlington Avenue Bridges project: sediment removal, pool repair, change to river features due to change from 2 piers to 1 pier.

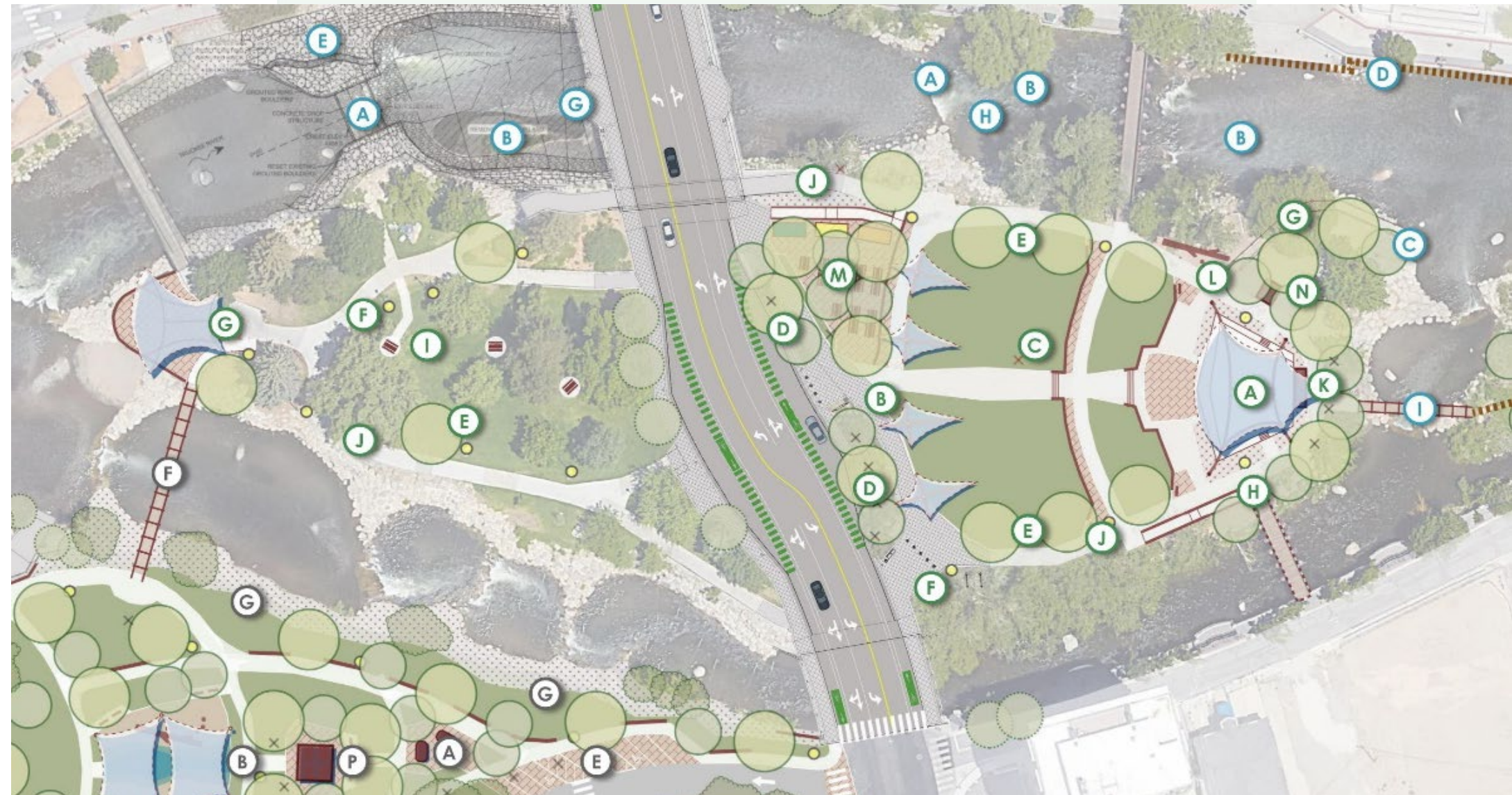
Barbara Bennett Park

- Revise site plan for the driveway from Arlington Ave to be realigned away from the river to provide a large turf and play area and river access. Drive access remains as one-way to Eloise and out to Arlington Avenue.
- Add river access with terraced boulders and turf play; the design mimics other river edge conditions constructed with the Whitewater Park.
- Add pedestrian bridge from Wingfield Island west to Barbara Bennett will improve circulation and park use.
- Replace sidewalks and add sidewalks along the driveway.
- Replace restroom with Portland Loo type restroom for greater security and position the structure further east for easier access from Wingfield Park,
- Retain one full basketball court and two half courts. Half courts are conducive to greater youth skills practice and play and allow for less competitive play than full courts. The combination of courts provides for more diverse play.
- Add a new themed playground located in the center front area for safety/visibility. Add shade sails.
- Create a new dog park.
- Preserve and protect turf and trees
- Preserve tree with raptor next
- Provide flex play area; could be a pollinator garden, added dog park area.

* Input from the Reno Philharmonic received in January 2025 indicated the musicians collective bargaining agreement prohibits them from performing in direct sunlight. Their performances could be scheduled for late summer/early fall when the sun sets later to prevent direct sunlight on the stage. Of

Wingfield Park Enlargement

WINGFIELD PARK LEGEND <i>(all keynotes with green outline/letters)</i>	
A Permanent Signature Bandshell Structure w/ Stage	H Bridge Removal or Landing Redesign
B Remove Walls (Improved Visibility & Flood Flows)	I Accessible Picnic Node
C Turf Terraces w/ Seat Walls Improves Viewing	J Vehicular Access Path
D Limb Up or Replace Trees for Visibility/Safety	K New Pad for Removable Restroom/Greenroom
E New Trees: Perimeter Turf and River Edge	L Climb on Tree Trunk from Salvaged Tree
F Lighting: Replace + Add Cameras (Whole Park)	M Food Truck & Vendors Area w/ Trees
G Regrade Path for ADA Without Railings	N Portable/Removable Storage Unit for Events



WHITEWATER PARK LEGEND *(all keynotes with blue outline/letters)*

A Concrete Drop Structure*	H Kayak Freestyle Area
B Remove Cobble*	I Pedestrian Bridge Built in Flood Shadow of Island
C Improved River Access*	J Trail, 10' Wide Concrete, Flood-Proof, Built on Existing Concrete/Rock (No Wetland Impact)
D New Boulder Toe Pedestrian Access	K Non-ADA River/Cochran Ditch Access*
E New Dedicated Fish Passage	L ADA River Access Improved*
F New Surf Wave	M Floodable Trail*
G Rock Island at Pier	

*indicates work by separate project



Barbara Bennett Park Enlargement

BARBARA BENNETT PARK LEGEND <i>(all keynotes with grey outline/letters)</i>	
A Portland Loo Restrooms (2)	I Dog Park (quarter-acre)
B Destination Playground w/ Shade (5,000 sf)	J Perimeter Loop Path or One-Way Roadway
C Full Court (1) and Half Court (2) Basketball	K Lighting: Replace + Add Cameras (park-wide)
D Vehicular Circulation: One Way Loop	L Removed Wall for Improved Sight Lines
E Parking: Parallel (35), Angled (7)	M Tennis Court (1) with Pickleball Overlay (2)* <i>*optional removal to Open Turf</i>
F Pedestrian Bridge	N Existing Sycamore Tree w/ Raptor Nest
G River Edge: Grass Picnic w/ Terraced Boulders <i>(solution to match opposite side of channel)</i>	O Flexible Space
H Open Turf Picnic Area	P Formal Shade Picnic Structure

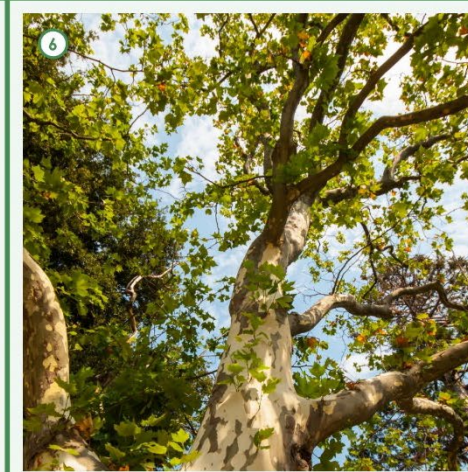
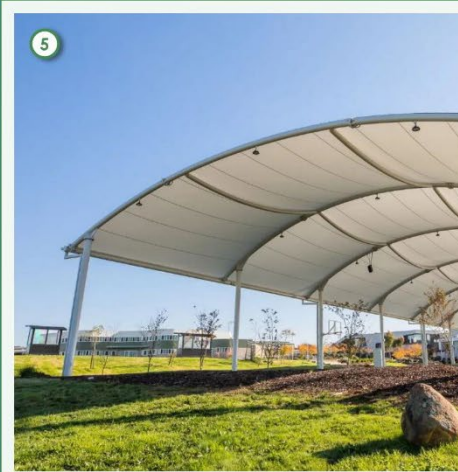


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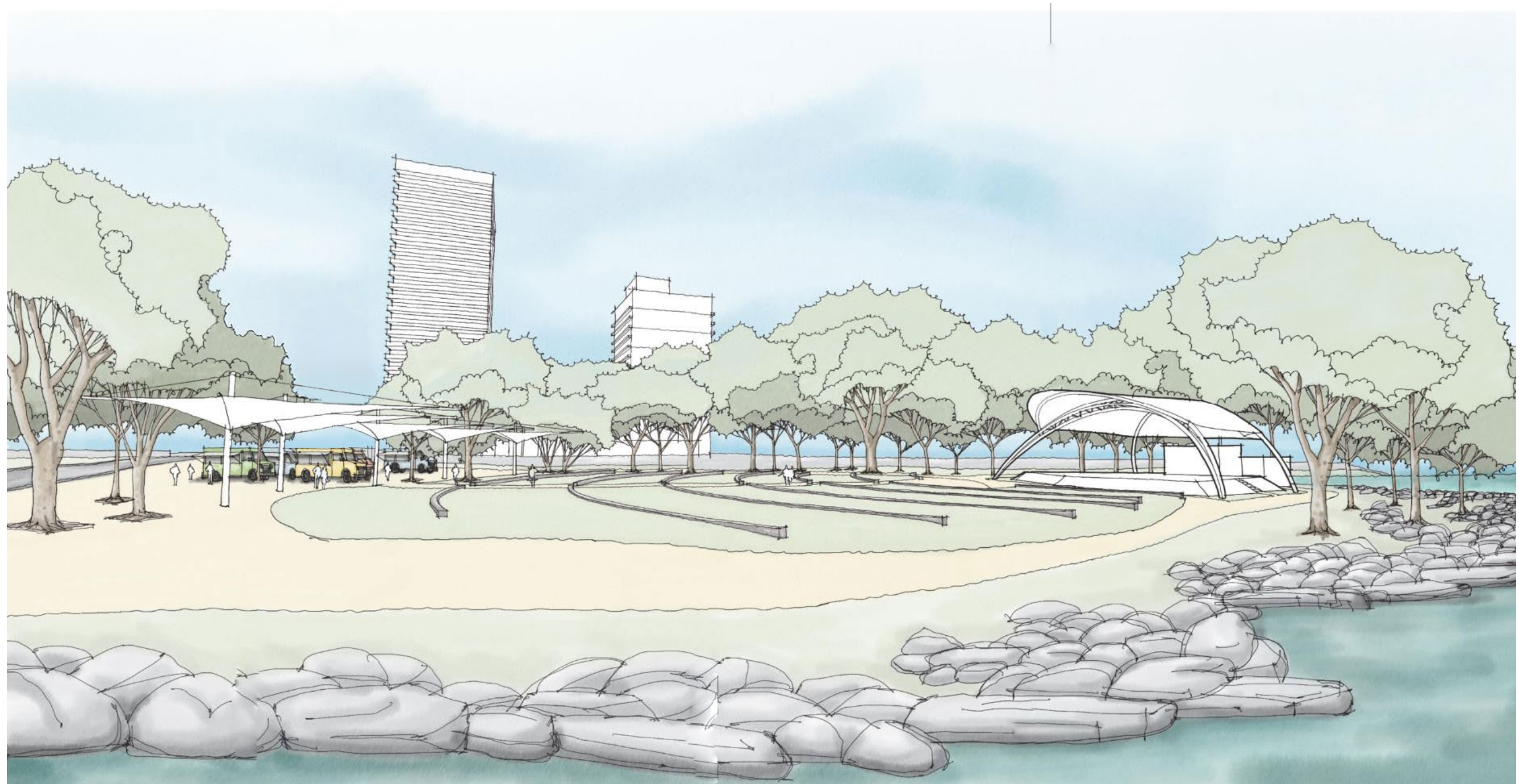
Wingfield Park Reference Images

WINGFIELD PARK IMAGE LEGEND

- ① Signature Bandshell Structure w/ Stage, Observation Tower in background
- ② Terraced Amphitheater
- ③ Salvaged Tree as Climable Feature
- ④ Food Truck & Vendors Area w/ Trees
- ⑤ Custom Shade at Western End of Park
- ⑥ New Large Sycamore Shade Trees



Wingfield Park Amphitheater – Sketch Rendering



Whitewater Park Reference Images

WHITEWATER PARK IMAGE LEGEND	
① Kayak Freestyle Area	⑥ Dedicated Fish Passage
② Kayak Freestyle Area	⑦ Existing Flood Resistant Trail
③ Flood Resistant Trail w/ Cobble Edge	⑧ Surf Wave Feature in River
④ Flood Resistant Trail w/ Cobble Edge	⑨ Surf Wave Feature in River
⑤ Terraced Boulder Improvements	⑩ Surf Wave Feature in River



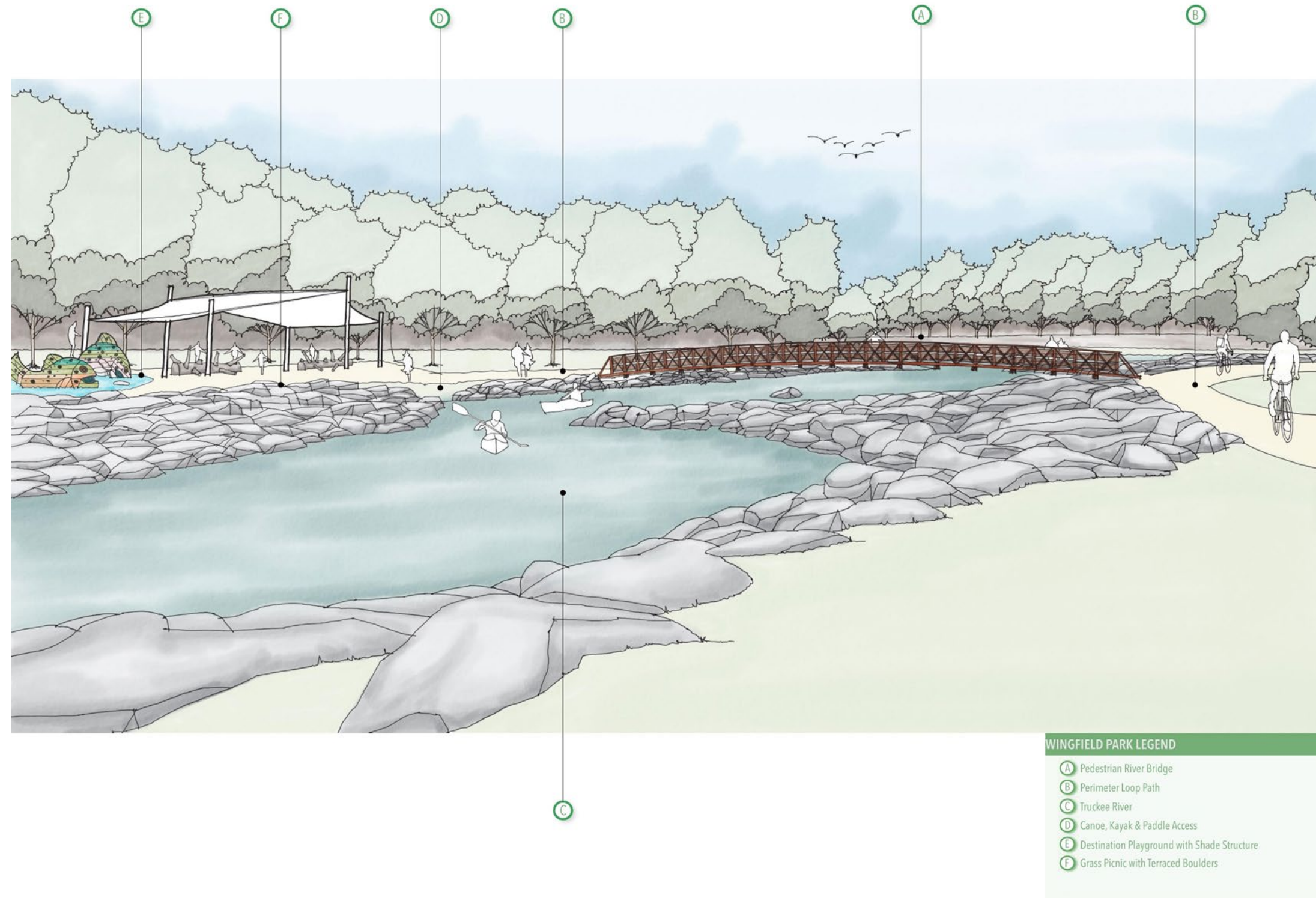
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BARBARA BENNETT PARK IMAGE LEGEND

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| ① Restroom Replacement (Portland Loo) | ⑥ Shade Over Play Areas |
| ② River Access: Terraced Boulders | ⑦ Playground Nest Seating Outpost |
| ③ Basketball (Reconfigure/Renovate) | ⑧ Dog Park with Salvaged Logs/Stumps |
| ④ Reused Tree Trunk Play Features | |
| ⑤ Trout-Themed Nature Play Structure | |

Barbara Bennett Park – Sketch Rendering of Modified River Bank with Terraced Boulders and New Pedestrian Bridge Over the South River Channel



05 OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

February, 2025



Barbara Bennett, Whitewater, and Wingfield Parks
 Reno, NV
 Preliminary Conceptual Design Probable Construction Costs

Barbara Bennett, Whitewater, and Wingfield Parks					
Description					Total
Barbara Bennett Park					\$5,963,361
Wingfield Park					\$4,361,069
Whitewater Park					\$1,474,020
Construction Subtotal					\$11,798,450
Construction Base Bid Total					\$11,798,450

NOTES: 1. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT STANTEC HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE COSTS OF MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, LABOR, OR THE CONTRACTOR'S METHOD OF DETERMINING BID

APPENDIX A

Appendix A contains a summary of policies and recommendations from both the Reimagine Reno Master Plan and Reno Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROS) relevant to Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Parks.

Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROS)

A City of Reno Planning Document that directly addresses the Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Parks is the Reno Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROS).

PROS: Wingfield Park

2) Chapter 2 – Top Recommendations

- a) Reno’s Top Five Recommendations – Number 2: Improve existing or develop new parks, trails and recreation facilities to support the newly envisioned park system (pg. 58).
 - i) Community survey identified **Wingfield Park** as a Top Five Park when it comes to popularity (Chapter 2 – Pg. 60).
 - (1) “The first community survey conducted as part of the Master Plan’s public engagement process found that the top five parks and top five paths/trails are.”
 - (a) 39% **Wingfield Park**
 - b) Reno’s Top Five Recommendations – Number 4: Program, develop and activate the City of Reno Truckee River Corridor and downtown public spaces to support the newly envisioned parks system (pg. 101).
 - i) Existing Parks in the Downtown District Area (pg. 103, first paragraph)
 - (1) “Based on the overall existing park inventory, there are currently twelve (12) city-owned parks within the Downtown District area. These parks range from small pocket parks like West Street Plaza to the larger neighborhood park, **Wingfield Park**.”
 - (2) “A majority of the parks in the Downtown District can be found along the Truckee River Corridor, going from Keystone Ave. to S. Lake Street. Most of these parks can be located along the northern banks of the Truckee

River, with the **Wingfield Park** and Barbara Bennett Park (the only two parks) along the southern banks of the River.”

- (3) “Each of these existing parks provides outdoor recreational benefits to the Downtown District, which can further be augmented by enhancing recreational activities along the river banks of the Truckee as well as providing pedestrian connectivity to and from each park.”
- 3) Chapter 5 – History and Past Planning Efforts (pg. 221)
 - a) History (pg. 222) – The Early Years for Reno Parks (pg. 223)
 - i) “George Wingfield’s outright gift of **Wingfield Park** to the City, then known as Belle Isle, also transpired in 1920, helping to establish the importance of dedicated public spaces for citizens and tourists alike.” (pg. 223, first paragraph in section)
 - b) History (pg. 222) – Parkland Acquisition (pg. 224)
 - i) “What followed, up to approximately 1940, was the early establishment of specific park properties that we know today as Legacy Parks. These parks include Newlands, **Wingfield**, Barbara Bennett/Riverside, Idlewild, Wilkinson, McKinley, Stewart, and Virginia Lake. These eight parks formed the foundation of the park system for the City of Reno and are still enjoyed today. These parks now range between 86-120 years old.” (pg. 224, first paragraph in section)
 - c) History (pg. 222) – Early Recreation and Special Events (pg. 224)
 - i) “Reno has a long history of offering amusements, entertainment, music, and outdoor recreation opportunities to its residents and visitors. Belle Isle Amusement Co., operating on what is now known as **Wingfield Park**, offered outdoor playground competitions as early as 1911.” (pg. 224, first paragraph in section)
 - 4) Chapter 6- Classifications, Standards and Inventory
 - a) Park Inventory (pg. 246)
 - i) “The following table identifies Reno’s park system classifications, including their description, classification

standards, site selection and design considerations.” (pg. 246)

- (1) **Wingfield Park** (pg. 246, Table 6-2: Reno Park Inventory)
 - (a) Type: Neighborhood Park
 - (b) Acres: 3.21
 - (c) Park District: 2
 - (d) Ward: 1
 - (e) Pathway/Trails: Yes
 - (f) Tables/Benches: Yes
 - (g) Lake/Pond/River: Yes
 - ii) Neighborhood Park Imagery - **Wingfield Park** (pg. 255)
 - (1) Address: 2 S. Arlington Ave.
 - (2) Type: Neighborhood Park
 - (3) Acres: 3.21
 - (4) Park District: 2
 - (5) Ward: 1
- 5) Chapter 7 – Needs Assessment (pg. 269)
 - a) Standards-Based Assessment (pg. 276)
 - i) Recreational Facilities (pg. 282)
 - (1) Whitewater Park (pg. 286)
 - (a) “In addition, there is a master planning process underway for **Wingfield Park**. The design of additional whitewater and recreation amenities to be potentially added to this facility will depend upon the outcome of these two master plan processes.”
 - 6) Appendix – Supporting Documents (pg. 295)
 - a) Appendix A.a – Spring 2021 Community Survey Findings (pg. 296)
 - i) “Q3. Which City of Reno Parks and Recreation services and facilities have you or your family used in the last two years?” (pg. 297)

- (1) Top 5 Parks
 - (a) Idlewild Parks – 70.3%
 - (b) Wingfield Park – 39.0%**
 - (c) Oxbow Park – 26.4%
 - (d) Mira Loma Park – 20.5%
 - (e) Double Diamond Park – 17.9%

PROS: Barbara Bennett Park

- 1) Chapter 2 – Top Recommendations (pg. 39)
 - a) Reno’s Top Five Recommendations – Number 4: Program, develop and activate the City of Reno Truckee River Corridor and downtown public spaces to support the newly envisioned parks system. (pg. 101)
 - i) Existing Parks in the Downtown District Area (pg. 103, first paragraph)
 - (1) “A majority of the parks in the Downtown District can be found along the Truckee River Corridor, going from Keystone Ave. to S. Lake Street. Most of these parks can be located along the northern banks of the Truckee River, with the Wingfield Park and **Barbara Bennett Park** (the only two parks) along the southern banks of the River.”
 - (2) “Each of these existing parks provides outdoor recreational benefits to the Downtown District, which can further be augmented by enhancing recreational activities along the river banks of the Truckee as well as providing pedestrian connectivity to and from each park.”
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formed the foundation of the park system for the City of Reno and are still enjoyed today. These parks now range between 86-120 years old.” (pg. 224, first paragraph in section)

- 3) Chapter 6- Classifications, Standards and Inventory
 - a) Park Inventory (pg. 246)
 - i) “The following table identifies Reno’s park system classifications, including their description, classification standards, site selection and design considerations.” (pg. 246)
 - (1) **Barbara Bennett Park** (pg. 246, Table 6-2: Reno Park Inventory)
 - (a) Type: Neighborhood Park
 - (b) Acres: 2.84
 - (c) Park District: 5
 - (d) Ward: 1
 - (e) Restrooms: Yes
 - (f) Playground: Yes
 - (g) Tennis Courts: Yes
 - (h) Basketball Courts: Yes
 - (i) Tables/Benches: Yes
 - (j) Lake/Pond/River: Yes
 - ii) Neighborhood Park Imagery – **Barbara Bennett Park** (pg. 255)
 - (1) Address: 400 Island Ave.
 - (2) Type: Neighborhood Park
 - (3) Acres: 2.84
 - (4) Park District: 5
 - (5) Ward: 1

PROS: Truckee River Whitewater

- 2) Chapter 2 – Top Recommendations (pg. 39)

- a) Reno’s Top Five Recommendations – Number 4: Program, develop and activate the City of Reno Truckee River Corridor and Downtown Public Space to Support the Newly Envisioned Park System (pg. 101)
 - i) **Summary:** Gives a descriptive breakdown of the Whitewater Park as well as what access it provides to and from the Downtown area.
 - ii) “In 2004, the City of Reno officially opened the **Truckee River Whitewater Park** to the public. This recreational feature was developed along the section of the Truckee River that travels through the Downtown District of the City. This park is one-half mile in length and includes various features such as drop pools and kayaking channels ranging from Class 2 to Class 3 rapids. The Park also includes pedestrian walkways along the bank from Arlington Avenue to Virginia Street. The **Whitewater Park** also has direct access points to the Downtown and the Riverwalk District. Visitors to the Truckee River and the Whitewater Park can go to historic sites such as the Riverside Hotel and the Post Office. Other local amenities such as retail stores, eating/drinking establishments, museums, hotels, other public parks and entertainment venues are all within walking distance from the Truckee River in Reno.” (pg. 101-102, last paragraph on pg. 101 that goes into pg. 102)
- b) Existing Parks in the Downtown District Area (pg. 103)
 - i) **Summary:** Provides a description of what parks are located within the Downtown District along with Whitewater Park. Also explains that many of these parks are located along the Truckee River.
 - ii) “Based on the overall existing park inventory, there are currently twelve (12) city-owned parks within the Downtown District area. These parks range from small pocket parks like West Street Plaza to the larger neighborhood park, Wingfield Park. And there are also a couple of specialty parks such as the **Truckee River Whitewater Park** and the Biggest Little Dog Park within the Downtown District. A majority of the parks in the Downtown District can be found along the Truckee River Corridor, going from Keystone Ave. to S. Lake Street. Most of these parks can be located along the northern banks of the Truckee River, with the Wingfield Park and Barbara Bennett Park (the only two parks along

the southern banks of the River). Outside of the parks that are along the Truckee River Corridor, there are three pocket parks and one neighborhood park. Each of these existing parks provides outdoor recreational benefits to the Downtown District, which can further be augmented by enhancing recreational activities along the river banks of the Truckee as well as providing pedestrian connectivity to and from each park.” (pg. 103, first paragraph)

3) Chapter 3 – Economic Impact and Development (pg. 131)

a) Economic Development (pg. 132)

- i) **Summary:** Section discusses how parks, such as the Truckee River Whitewater Park, create an economic draw to the city and more especially to Downtown Reno.
- ii) “The City of Reno is no stranger to the beneficial influences parks and recreational facilities have on the economic development of a city. Being within driving distance of state and national parks where annually thousands of tourists visit, Reno understands that their local economy will see a boost as the visitors to these parks will also travel from those sites to visit, shop, eat, play and stay in Reno. It is not just the state and national parks that provide this economic boost, but also the local parks, such as the Truckee River and **Whitewater Park** near Downtown Reno that draw in locals and visitors alike. Each public park and recreational facility offer a unique insight into the life, cultural and history of Reno, thus drawing visitors to travel throughout the City to visit each of the facilities, but also visiting local businesses along the way.” (pg. 132, first paragraph)

4) Chapter 6- Classifications, Standards and Inventory (pg. 239)

a) Park Inventory (pg. 246)

- i) “The following table identifies Reno’s park system classifications, including their description, classification standards, site selection and design considerations.” (pg. 246)
- (1) **Truckee River Whitewater Park** (pg. 247, Table 6-2: Reno Park Inventory)
 - (a) Type: Special Use Park

(b) Linear Feet: 2,600

(c) Park District: 2, 4, 5

(d) Ward: 1 & 5

(e) Lake/Pond/River: Yes

ii) Special Use Park Imagery – **Whitewater Park** (pg. 264)

(1) Address: W. 1st St. & Arlington Ave.

(2) Type: Special Use Park

(3) Acres: 2,600 linear feet

(4) Park District: 2, 4, 5

(5) Ward: 1 & 5

5) Chapter 7 – Needs Assessment (pg. 270)

a) Recreation Facilities (pg. 282)

i) Whitewater Park (pg. 286)

(1) **Summary:** This is a brief explanation of the Whitewater Park, its funding and future expansions.

(2) “The current **Whitewater Park** has no funding projections for repair and replacement. A second Whitewater Park (or extension of the first park) is on hold pending further discussion and outcome of changes in eco-channel project and identification of capital and operating funding sources and is tentatively estimated at \$3.35 million. The City and Washoe County are currently in the process of conducting a Truckee River Plan. In addition, there is a master planning process underway for Wingfield Park. The design of additional whitewater and recreation amenities to be potentially added to this facility will depend upon the outcome of these two master plan processes.” (pg. 286)

b) Resource-Based Assessment (pg. 292)

i) Truckee River & Open Waters Area (pg. 292)

(1) **Summary:** Section discusses the impacts and use of Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River. Truckee River has become a source of recreation and attraction.

(2) “The Truckee River is the major waterway that makes its way from Lake Tahoe to the High Sierra Nevada through Reno. It provides 85% of the water supply for over 400,000 people and 7,000 businesses in Reno/Sparks. As it travels through the City, the river has become a source of recreation for the residents and visitors of Reno. A one-half mile of the river within the downtown area has been made into the Truckee River Whitewater Park. At this park, enthusiasts of kayaking, canoeing and inner tubes can ride the currents of the river through various channels that include different grades of rapids. The City has also constructed a walkway along the river to provide pedestrians the ability to walk along the river enjoying the views.” (pg. 292, first paragraph)

ReImagine Reno: Does not include any specific information on Barbara Bennett, Wingfield, nor Whitewater Park.

ReImagine Reno does call out through some of its **guiding principles** as to how it will work to address the parkland needs and requirements of the community.

2) GP2: Responsible & Well-Managed Growth (pg. 22)

a) Citywide Policy 2.3: Ensure effective, efficient, and equitable delivery of City services and infrastructure. (pg. 27)

i) **Policy 2.3E - Parks and Recreational Facilities (pg. 27):** Provide residents with access to park and recreational opportunities, recognizing that projected needs, types of opportunities, and facilities will vary based on location and that not all neighborhoods will have the same level of access. (See also Policy 6.3a.)

b) Specialized Departments, Agencies and Organizations (pg. 29)

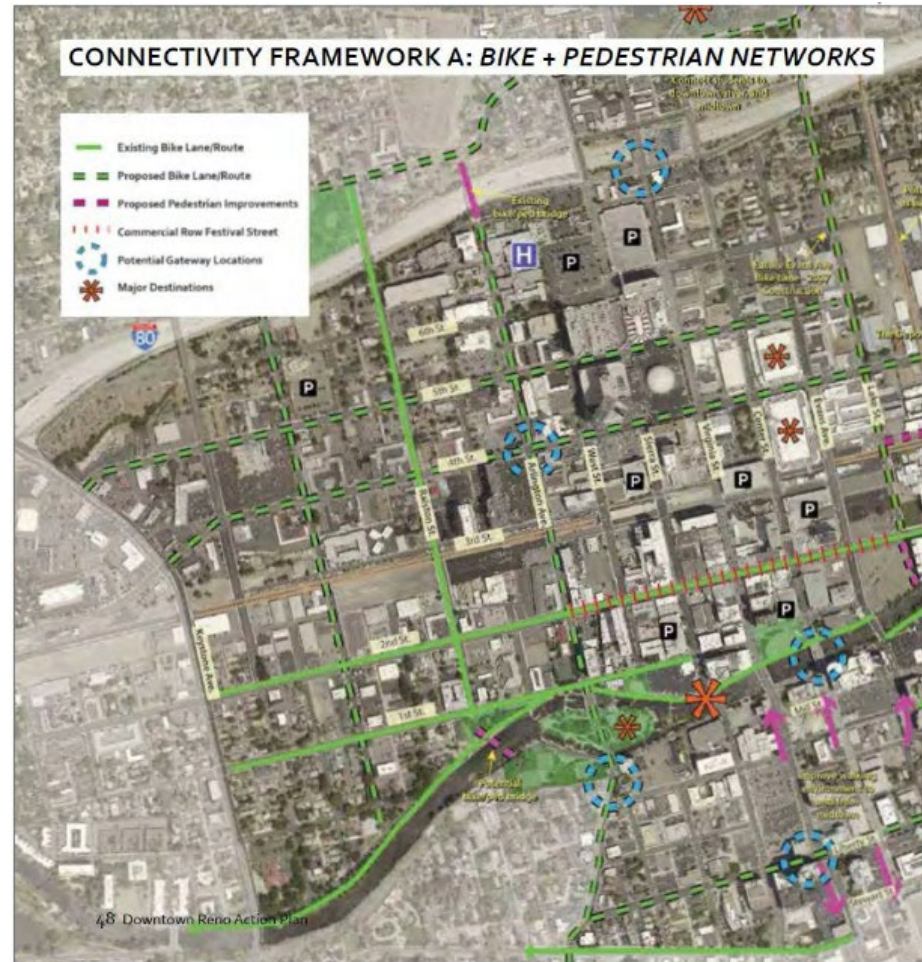
i) GP2 emphasizes the need of coordination among City departments, partner agencies, and organizations to accomplish special projects which includes parks and recreation.

(1) City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services

(2) Washoe County

- (3) City of Sparks
- c) GP3: Thriving Downtown & University District (pg. 32)
- i) “Reno’s Downtown is an area of great importance to the community, and many consider it the “heart of the city.” Downtown is the historic center of the community with many great assets and amenities that draw residents and visitors throughout the year. **The most prominent of these assets is the Truckee River, which flows through the center of Downtown and features an urban river walk, kayak course, and multiple pedestrian plazas and parks.**”
- ii) Citywide Policy 3.2 – Enhance public safety and create inviting streets and public places for people. (pg. 35)
- (1) Policy 3.2B – **Public Spaces**
- (a) “Continue to enhance existing **pedestrian plazas, pocket parks, outdoor seating**, and other public gathering and event spaces that increase year-round activity; expand recreational opportunities; increase opportunities for and the visibility of public art; improve access and public safety; and provide for the enjoyment of downtown residents, visitors, and workers. Limit the addition of new public spaces to those that will be programmed year-round.”
- d) GP4: Vibrant Neighborhoods & Centers (pg. 38)
- i) Citywide Policy 4.2 – Promote the development of new neighborhoods that offer a range of lifestyles options and amenities that meet the short- and long-term needs of the community. (pg. 41)
- (1) Policy 4.2E – Neighborhood Connections
- (a) Connect new and existing neighborhoods together with features such as sidewalks, **trails, parks, schools, community gardens**, and other gathering spaces to provide opportunities for interaction and strengthen sense of community.
- ii) Citywide Policy 4.3 – Support continued investment in and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure and amenities in established neighborhoods. (pg. 42)
- (1) Policy 4.3C – Park and Facility Maintenance (pg. 42)
- (a) Regularly maintain existing **parks** and other public facilities in established neighborhoods and periodically monitor usage and issues over time to address changing demands and needs.
- iii) Citywide Policy 4.5 – encourage pedestrian and bicycle connections as part of new development and integrate into established neighborhoods. (pg. 44)
- (1) Policy 4.5A – Connectivity and Access
- (a) Promote safe, clear, and direct pedestrian and bicycle connections within neighborhoods, as well as to adjacent **trails, greenways** or other publicly accessible drainageways, **open space areas**, schools, **parks**, neighborhood centers, employment centers, and to the broader regional system.
- e) GP6: Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community (pg. 56)
- i) Policy 6.3F – **Parkland Retention** (pg. 62)
- (1) Retain developed, **City-owned parks** throughout the community for the primary purpose of active and passive recreation to the maximum extent feasible. Where alternative uses or possible disposal of an existing park are considered, seek broad input on impacts to park users and ensure reuse of the park to meets other community objectives.
- f) GP7: Quality Places and Outdoor Recreation Opportunities (pg. 70)
- i) **Summary:** This guiding principle primarily is focused on providing the community a parks and recreation system that creates a warm, welcoming, friendly, and open feeling for Reno.
- (1) GP7 places emphasis on the use of the City’s Open Space and Greenways Plan.
- ii) Citywide Policy 7.3 – Maintain access to public lands at the urban/rural interface. (pg. 79)
- (1) Reno: Base for Outdoor Activities: (pg. 79)
- (a) “Reno is recognized as a base for countless outdoor activities—snow sports, water sports, fishing, hiking, cycling, hunting, horseback riding, outdoor motor sports, bird watching, kayaking, and ballooning, among others. Within close proximity of their homes, Reno residents are able to access the Mt. Rose Wilderness Area, Peavine Peak, the Toiyabe National Forest, Lake Tahoe, the Truckee River, Pyramid Lake, Washoe County regional parks and open space, and seemingly unlimited BLM lands. As the city continues to grow, maintaining access to these and other outdoor amenities will be a priority.”
- iii) Citywide Policy 7.6: Improve the quality of the public realm (e.g., parks, public spaces, streets) through context-sensitive design, targeted investment, and regular maintenance. (pg. 85)
- (1) **Summary:** All policies within this Citywide Policy speak to the use of parks to improve the public realm.
- 3) Chapter 3: Area-specific policies (pg. 97)
- a) **Summary:** This chapter of ReImagine Reno provides guidance on how various areas throughout the city are to be developed. This chapter support the implementation of parks and public spaces throughout the various areas.
- i) **More specific to Wingfield, Barbara Bennett and Whitewater Parks, the Riverwalk District within the Downtown District Framework helps provide guidance on the use of these facilities.** (pg. 103)
- b) **Riverwalk District (RD)** (pg. 107)
- i) This provides various forms of guidance to be used in development within the area.
- ii) Specifically relating to Wingfield, Barbara Bennett and Whitewater Park
- (1) **DTRC-RD.3: Truckee River Frontage** (pg. 108)
- (a) “Buildings and public spaces adjacent to the Truckee River should be designed in accordance with the Downtown Riverfront Design Guidelines. A particular focus should be placed on:”
- (i) **“Activating and enhancing Truckee River frontage with places for people to gather and recreate”**

(b) Map on page 109 titled “Connectivity Framework A: Bike + Pedestrian Network identifies Wingfield and Barbara Bennett Park as major destinations within the Riverwalk District.



Downtown Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Framework. The *Downtown Action Plan* includes recommend pedestrian connections/improvements in Reno’s downtown area, drawing on plans established by the Regiona

- 4) To further support the use of at Park and Recreation Master Plan, Relmagine Reno includes the “Land Use Plan” beginning on page 167.
 - a) **Summary:** This is a tool that is to guide the future development of the City. Within most land uses contained in this section are recommendations on the placement of parks, thus providing more support to the enhancements of Wingfield Park, Barbara Bennett Park and Whitewater Park within the Riverwalk District.
 - b) **Downtown Mixed Use (DT-MU)** (pg. 171)
 - c) **Parks, Greenways and Open Spaces (PGOS)** (pg. 174)

APPENDIX B

Observation Tower

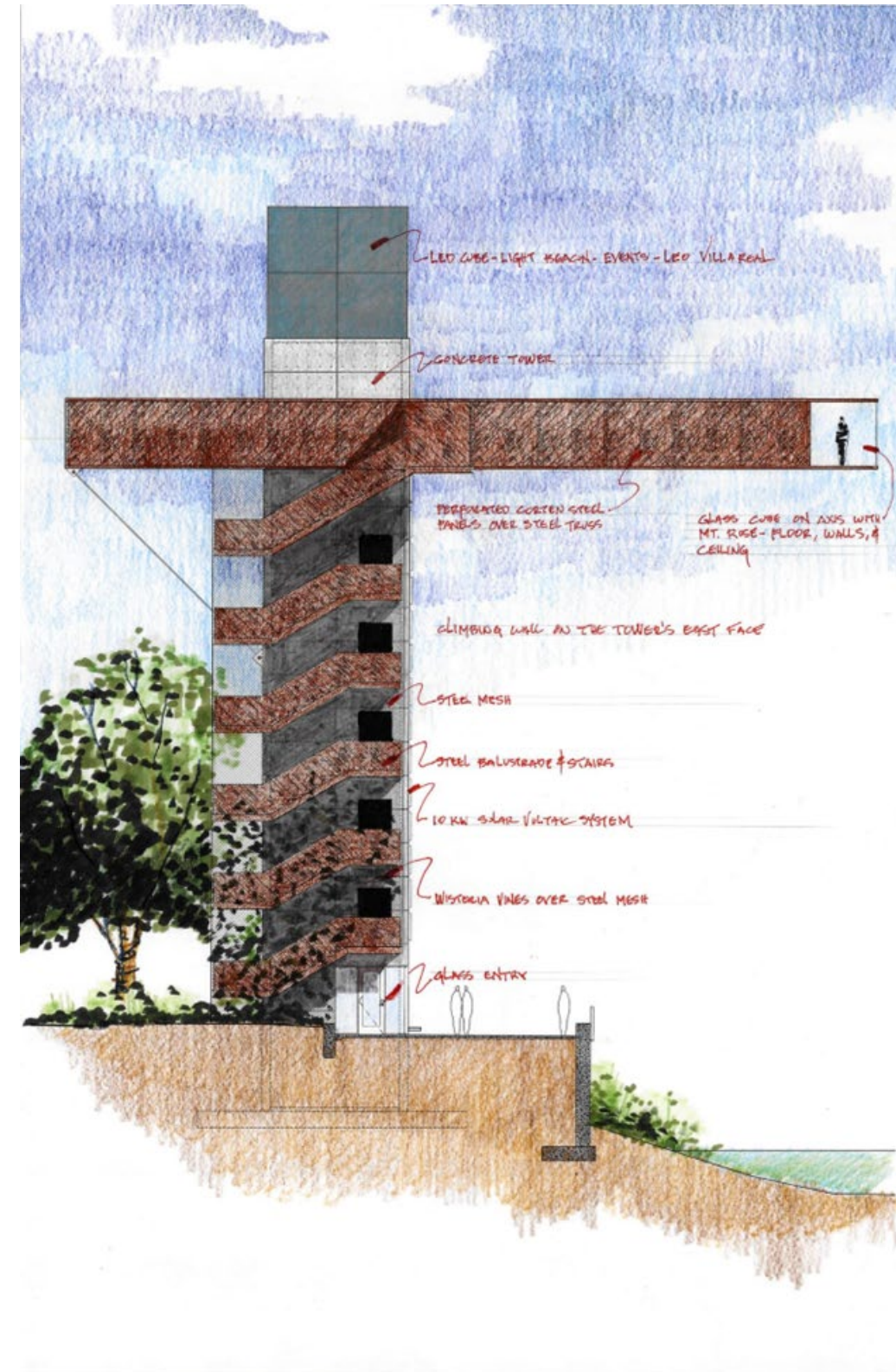
Concept

Hawkins Architecture developed a design for a landmark feature called the Observation Tower. It was proposed to be in Fulton Corner which is on the southeast corner of First Street and Arlington Avenue.

The concept for tower is to develop a landmark element as desired by Reno City Council during Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; that Reno should develop the Truckee River with landmark features.

Although it was not selected to be included in the master plan the observation tower could be located elsewhere on the Truckee River such as in West Street Plaza or Believe Plaza. Elements include:

- Must see attraction for Reno residents and visitors
- On the Truckee River
- Observation platform on top- views of Mt. Rose, Sierra, Truckee River, downtown Reno.
- Shows how Reno fit into the geographical region.
- Top is lighted sculpture at night, a beacon, could promote city events.
- Concrete and Steel
- Portholes to view out all the way up.
- Stairs with history of Reno and Great Basin portrayed inside.
- Solar voltaic, energy neutral, passive colling.
- East side – climbing wall, vendor operated.
- Rent for parties, weddings.
- ADA elevator
- Vandal resistant, stairs with covering, no jumping.
- Similar as landmark viewing at the Dejung in San Francisco.
- Funded through corporate sponsorship



Observation Tower – Sketch



Observation Tower – Viewing West



Observation Tower – Viewing East at Night



Observation Tower – View of Glass Top



Observation Tower – Viewing South to the Sierras