

Lake Benson Park Master Plan Update

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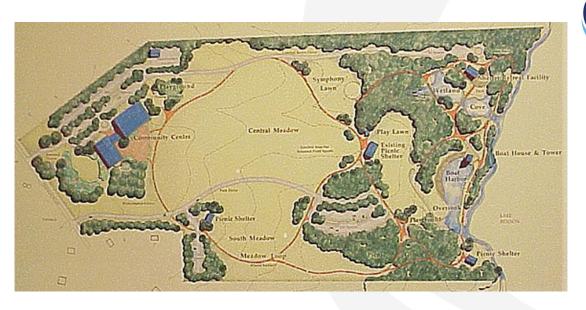


- Present to Town Council the early concepts for the Lake Benson Park Master Plan update
- Obtain Town Council feedback and guidance regarding the options



Lake Benson Park

- Property acquired by the Town in 1989-1990
- 64-acre park has become one of the most popular park destinations in the community
- Various components have been added through the years, but the park's master plan has not been formally updated







Lake Benson Park Master Plan Update



- Why do this now?
 - The development of the South Garner Greenway Buffaloe Road alignment will cause the future relocation of the boathouse
 - Adding an amenity of this scale will have an impact on the rest of the park
 - Stormwater considerations for the Lake Benson Overlay

- Funding is NOT allocated for projects identified in a master plan
 - Without a current master plan, we cannot apply for PARTF or other NCDCR grants
 - Guidance for maintenance or replacement projects in future years funded through Penny for Parks
- Early concepts presented to PRCR Advisory Committee for feedback





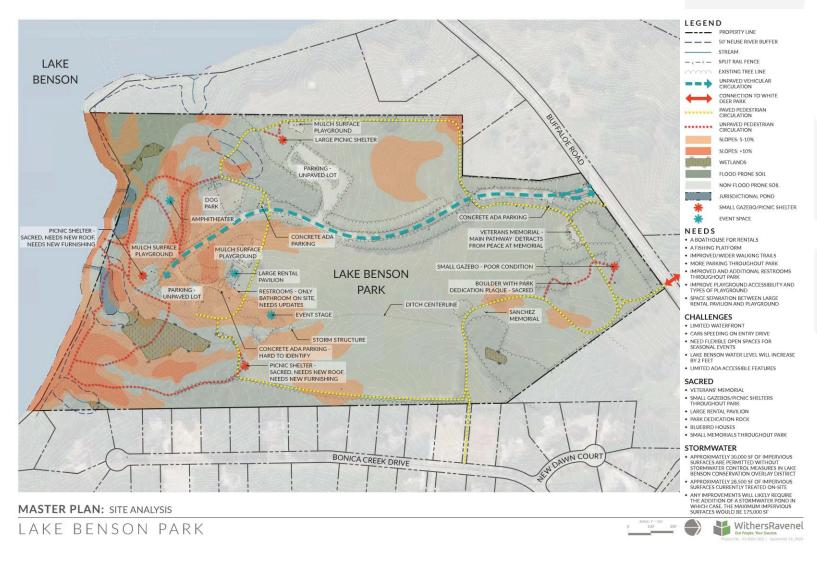


- Signature park for the Town
- Identify optimal location(s) for a future boathouse
- No changes to Veterans Memorial
- Permanent re-routing of walking path for runners and bicyclists not to cross the Memorial, but maintain a pedestrian pathway for visitors
- Park's capacity to handle large events like the Garner Independence Day Celebration
- Consider a secondary emergency-only exit for large special events
- Walking trail and natural trails
- Parking, playground, picnic shelters, dog park, stormwater
- Funding is not currently allocated



Site Analysis





Option 1





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Option 2





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Option 3





BUBBLE DIAGRAM: OPTION 3

LAKE BENSON PARK







