

“Probably no other city in this country  
has such a beautiful natural park. ...”

*1911 Hare & Hare Master Plan*



**2015 Point Defiance Park  
Master Plan Update & Development  
Regulation Agreement Proposal**



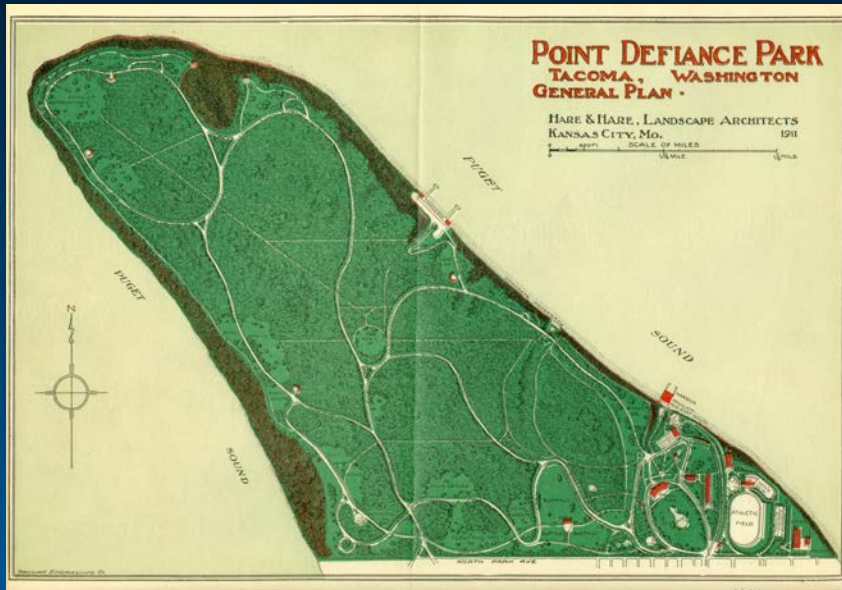
Joint Meeting : Metro Parks & Tacoma City Council - August 18, 2015

# Overview



- Destination Point Defiance is a 20-year master planning initiative to enhance the experience and honor the character of Point Defiance Park.
- A Development Regulation Agreement (DRA) between the City and Metro Parks will facilitate a coordinated and managed strategy for development of the Park. It will also provide clear expectations and predictability for all stakeholders.

# Hare & Hare Plan



“... it affords as beautiful views over land and water as can be seen in this or foreign lands.”

*1911 Hare & Hare  
Master Plan*

# Changes since 1911



- Recreational pursuits
- Automobile use
- Environmental concerns
- More than 3 million visits each year



# 2005: Planning



2005-2008

- Over 100 public meetings
- Charrettes
- Neighborhood Councils
- Committees
- Government Councils

# 2008: Concept Plan



## Mission:

Achieve a balance of: Past, Present, and Future...  
Recreation, Leisure, Education, Conservation, Preservation, History, and Progress



# Guiding Principles

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- 1. Preserve the character of Point Defiance Park**
- 2. Provide unified, safe pedestrian access to and throughout the Park and to the waterfront**
- 3. Create year-round activities that encourage visitors to utilize the Park in all seasons.**

# 2015: Refinement





# 2015 Outreach



- Public Meetings:
  - Nearly 200 people attended Jan. 29
- Steering Committee
- DestinationPointDefiance.org
  - Nearly 6,000 unique pageviews to May 15
- Online forum (MindMixer)
  - 2,000+ unique visitors
- Twitter



# 2015 Outreach (con't)



- Eblasts (25,000+ on distribution list)
- Facebook
  - More than 100 posts
  - 85,000+ total reach
- Posters, info cards
- Paper surveys
- News Media
- Direct outreach to park user groups



# Stakeholder Outreach



**PDS, Metro Parks and BCRA have collaborated with the following stakeholders:**

- **City Staff - Wetland Biologist, Historic Preservation Officer, Traffic Engineering, Stormwater Management, Source Control, ADA Coordinator, Building Code Engineers, Road Design/Management, Real Property Services**
- **Tacoma Fire, Tacoma Water, Tacoma Power, Tacoma School District**

# Stakeholder Outreach (con't)

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DESTINATION Point  
Defiance  
METRO PARKS TACOMA



- **State and Federal Agencies – WA Dept of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, WA Recreation and Conservation Office, Department of Ecology, WSDOT, WDFW, Army Corps of Engineers, EPA**
- **Adjacent Jurisdictions – Puyallup Tribe, Nisqually Tribe, City of Ruston**

# Environmental Considerations

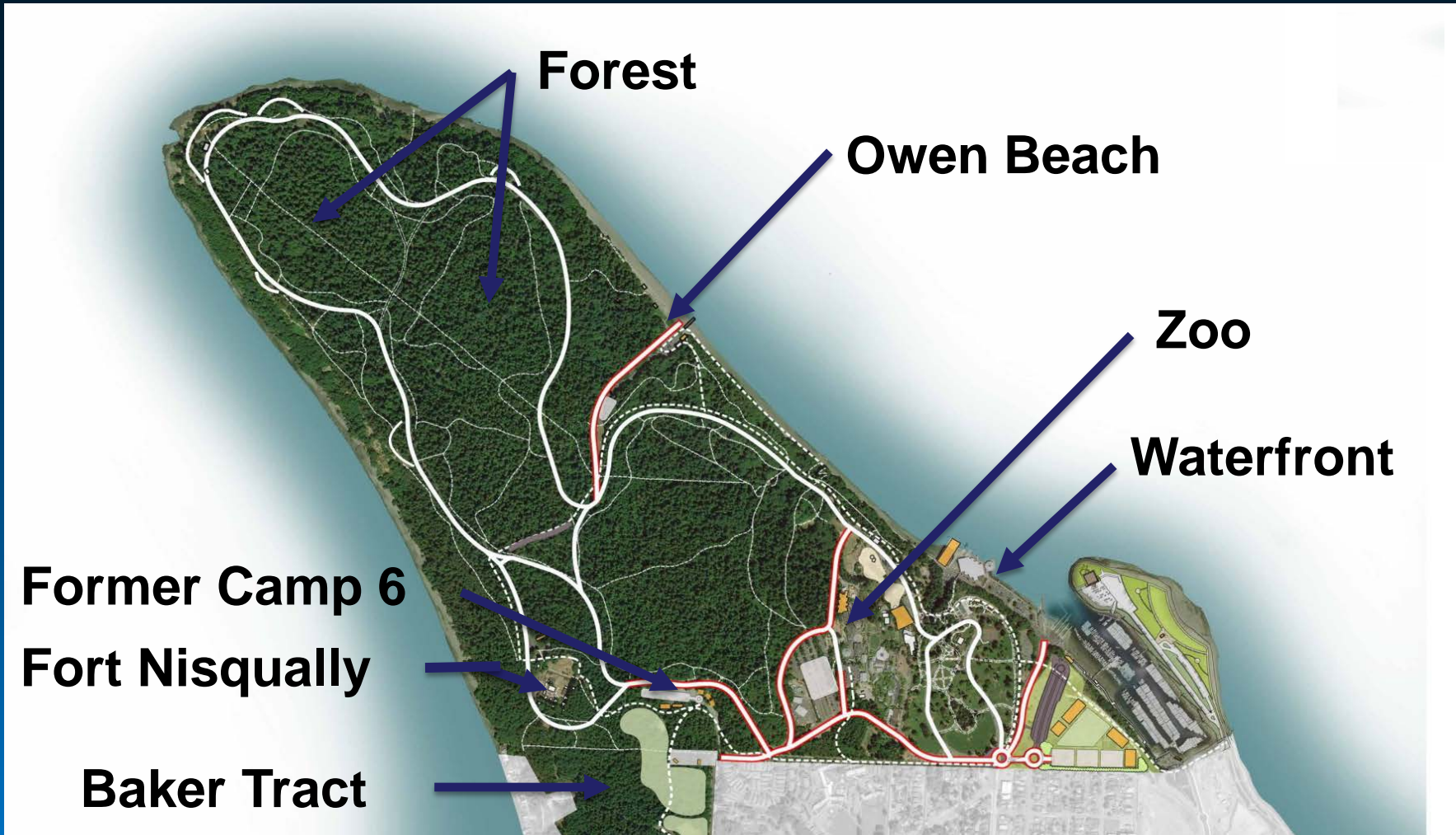
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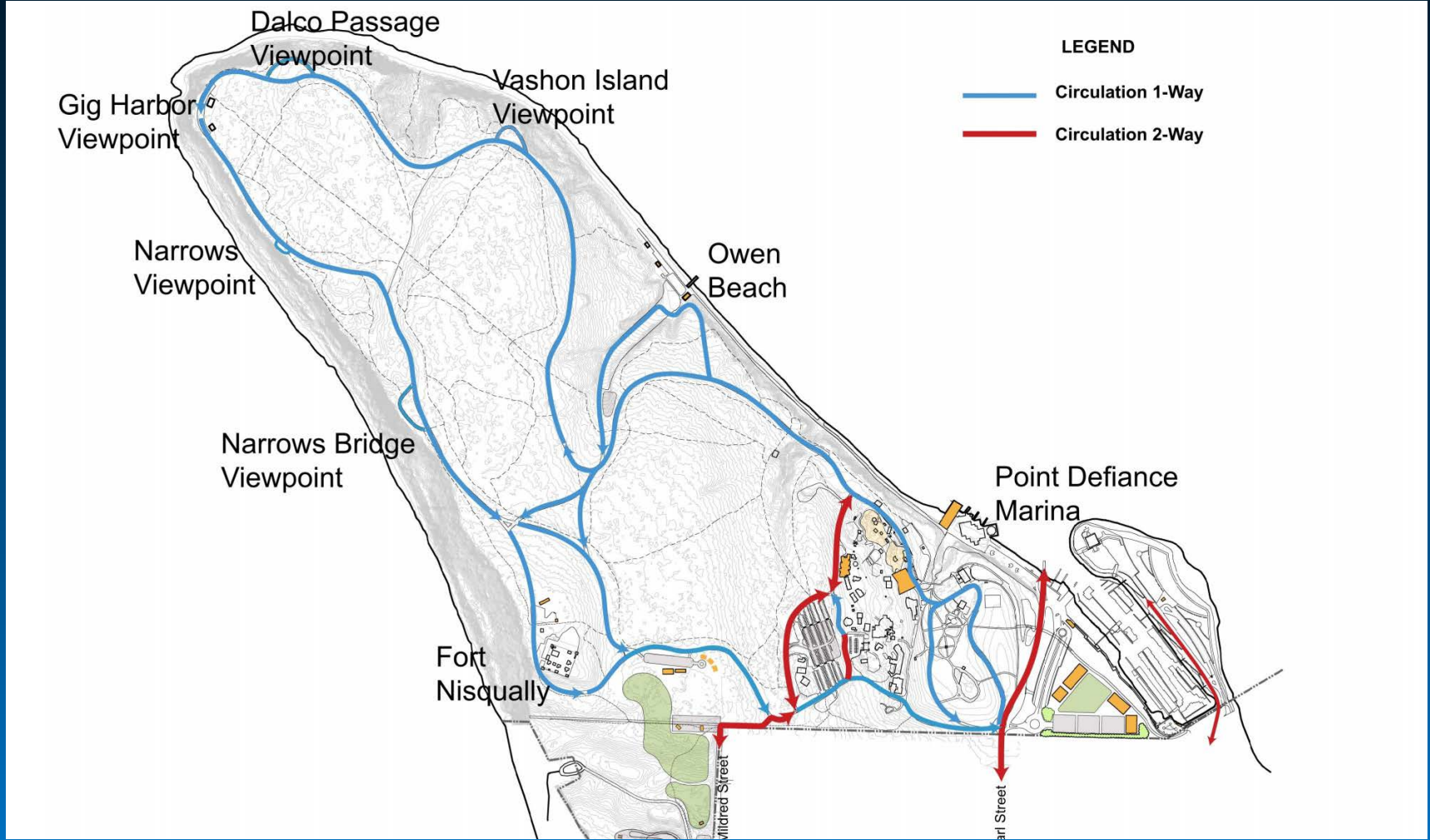
- Mapped Critical Areas and Priority Habitat and Species Analysis
- Traffic / Parking / Circulation Analysis
- Historic Property Management Plan
- Hydrology & Stormwater Analysis
- Design Guidelines
- Geotechnical Analysis



# Overall Site Plan

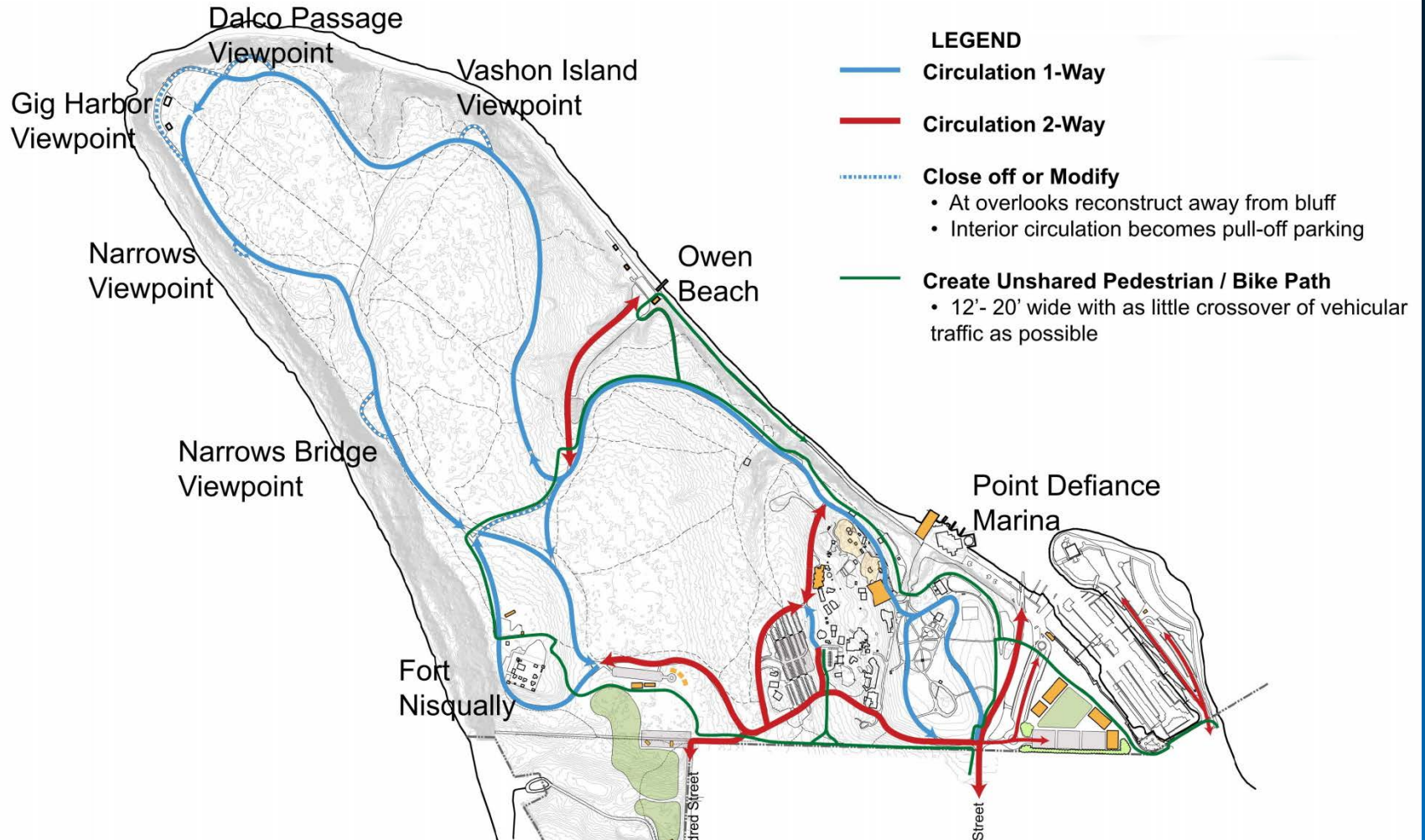


# Existing Circulation



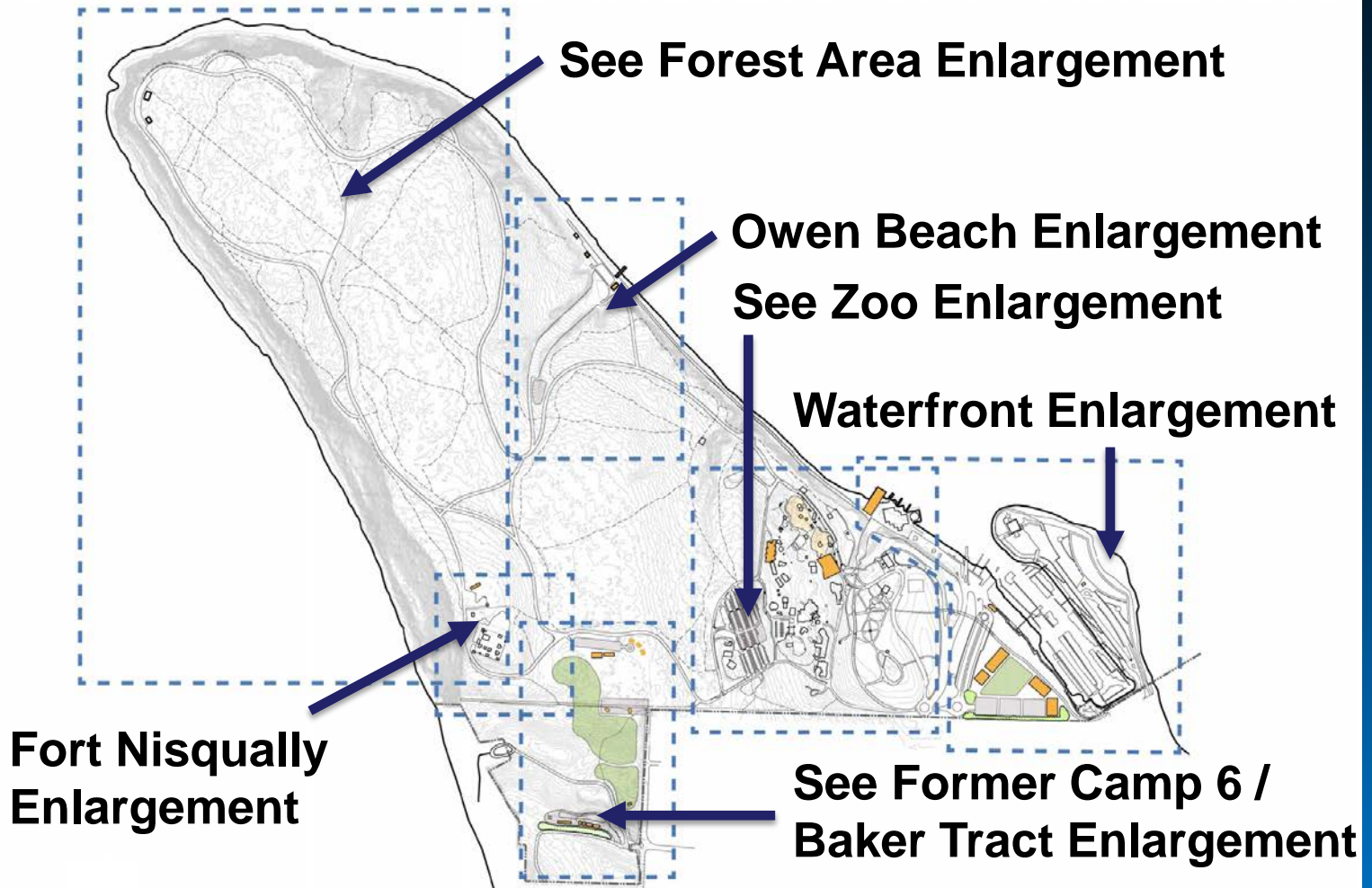
# Proposed Circulation

DESTINATION **Point Defiance**  
METRO PARKS TACOMA












# Key Map



# Forest Area

- LEGEND**
-  Circulation 1-Way
  -  Close off or Modify
    - At overlooks reconstruct away from bluff
    - Interior circulation becomes pull-off parking
  -  Create Unshared Pedestrian / Bike Path
    - 12'- 20' wide with as little crossover of vehicular traffic as possible

-  Relocate Five Mile Drive to protect bluff
-  Becomes pull-off parking (no through-access)
-  Restore WPA Picnic Shelters and Replace Restroom
-  Trail Enhancement for Pedestrian and Educational Opportunities; Construction of New Trailheads











# Owen Beach

## LEGEND

 Two-Way Vehicular Circulation




 One-Way Vehicular Circulation







-  1 Add 2nd Picnic Shelter
-  2 Remove existing Restroom Building
-  3 Replace Existing Concession with Larger Building Including Restrooms
-  4 Improved Launching Ramp for Human-powered Watercraft
-  5 Restripe and Improve Existing Parking
-  6 Provide Area for Overflow Parking
-  7 Pedestrian / Bicycle Use of Existing Entry Road
-  8 Two-way Vehicle Entry from Five Mile Drive Into Parking

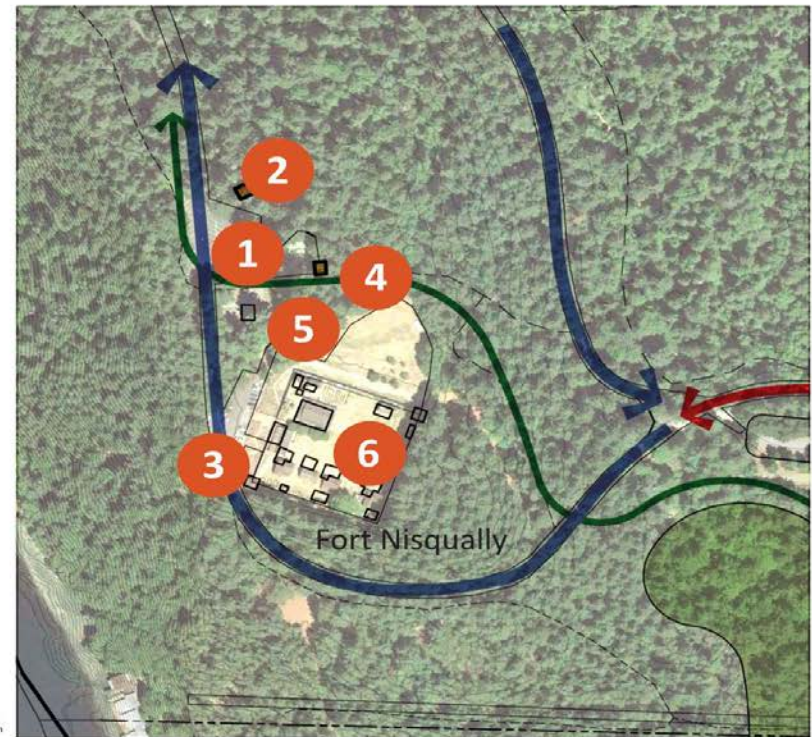


# Fort Nisqually

## LEGEND




-  Two-way Vehicular Circulation
-  One-way Vehicular Circulation
-  Pedestrian Circulation









-  Rework Existing Parking Lot
-  New Native American Plank House
-  Eliminate Parking along Five Mile Drive (Bluff Side)
-  Replace / Relocate Restroom Facility
-  Restore WPA Picnic Shelter
-  Fort Nisqually Master Plan

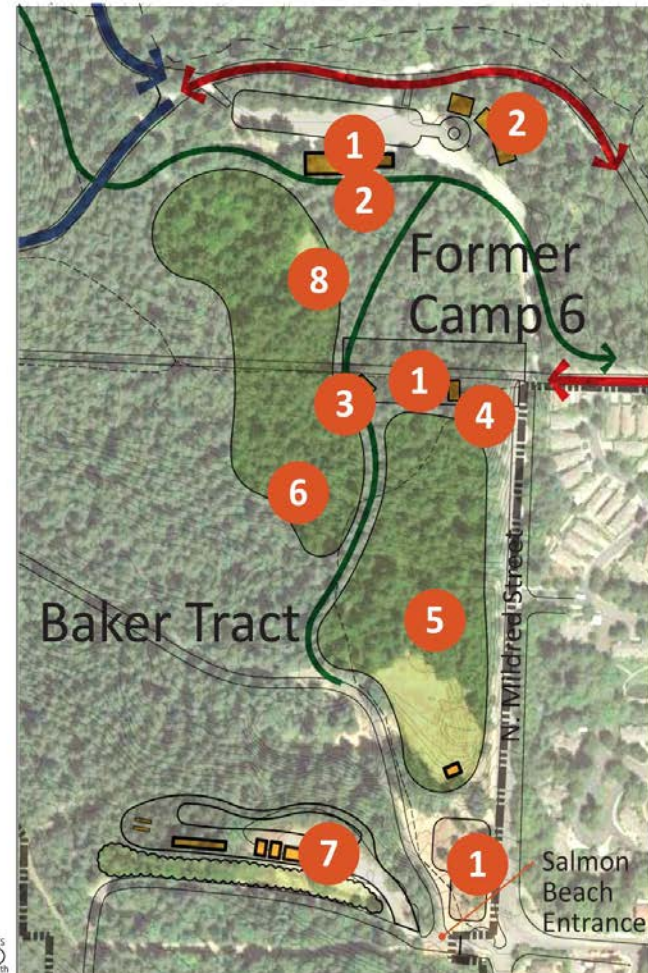


# Camp 6 / Baker Tract

## LEGEND

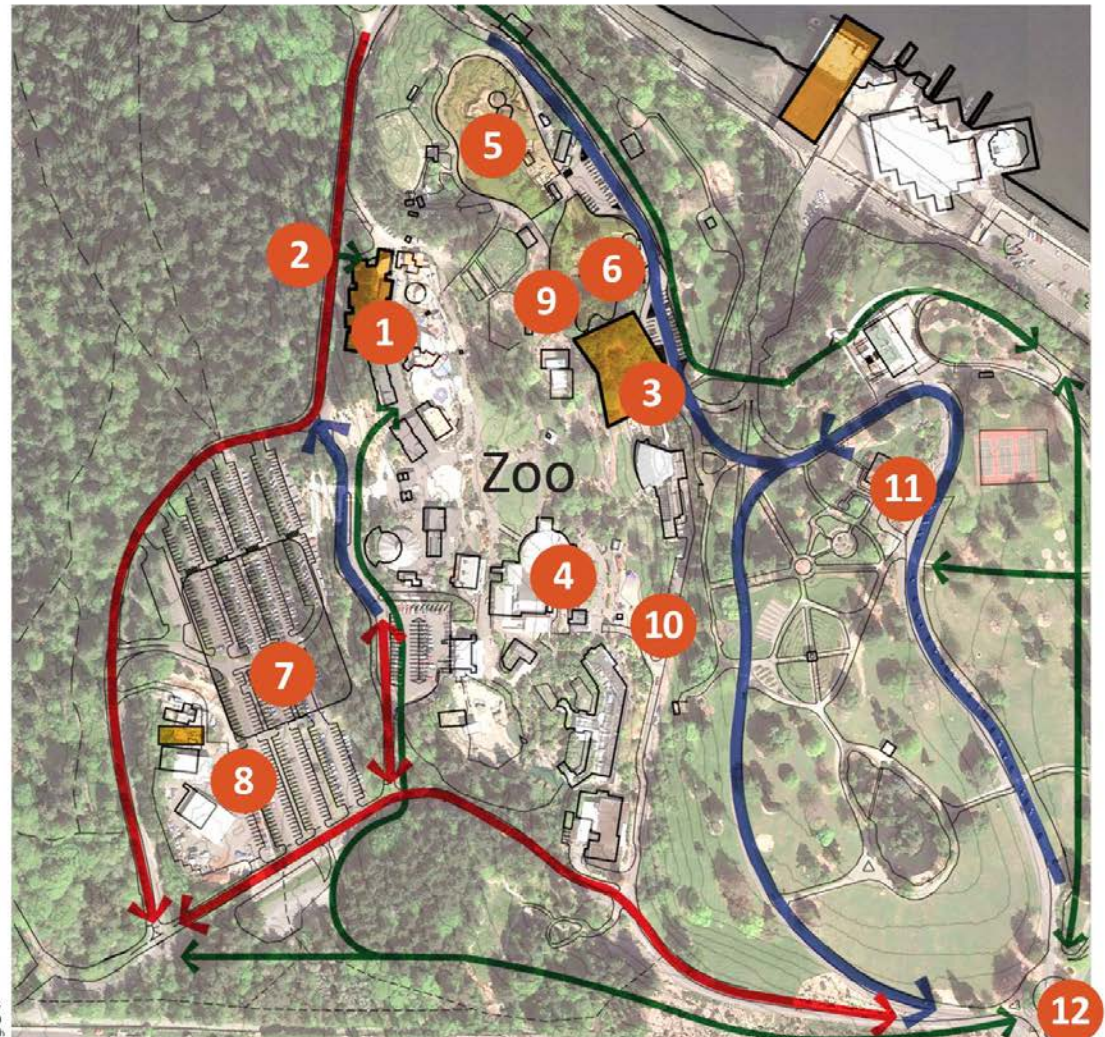
-  Two-Way Vehicular Circulation
-  One-way Vehicular Circulation
-  Pedestrian Circulation

-  Paved Parking
-  Environmental Learning Center- 20,000 sf
-  Group Picnic Shelter
-  Restroom
-  Fenced Dog Park with Shelter
-  Nature Play Area
-  Maintenance Area
-  Outdoor Educational Venue



# Zoo















- 1 Environmental Learning Center
- 2 Pedestrian Bridge From New Environmental Learning Center to Trails
- 3 New Aquarium
- 4 Convert existing Aquarium to South American Exhibit
- 5 New/Improved Arctic Tundra Exhibit
- 6 Improved Rocky Shores Exhibit
- 7 Parking Deck Over Existing to Add 300 Cars
- 8 New Storage Building
- 9 New Russian Far East Exhibit
- 10 New Australia Exhibit
- 11 Lodge Renovations
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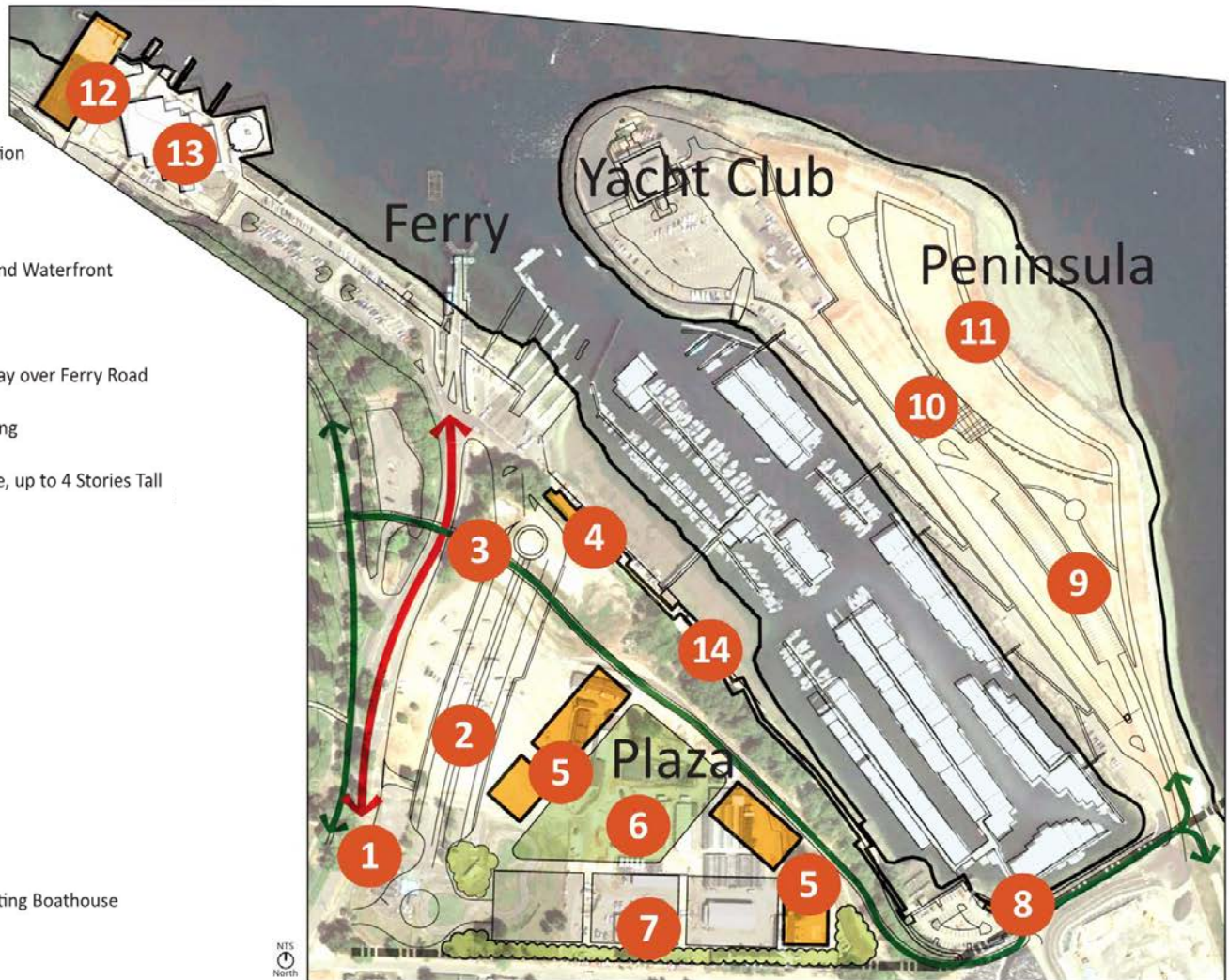


# Waterfront

## LEGEND

-  Two-way Vehicular Circulation
-  Pedestrian Circulation

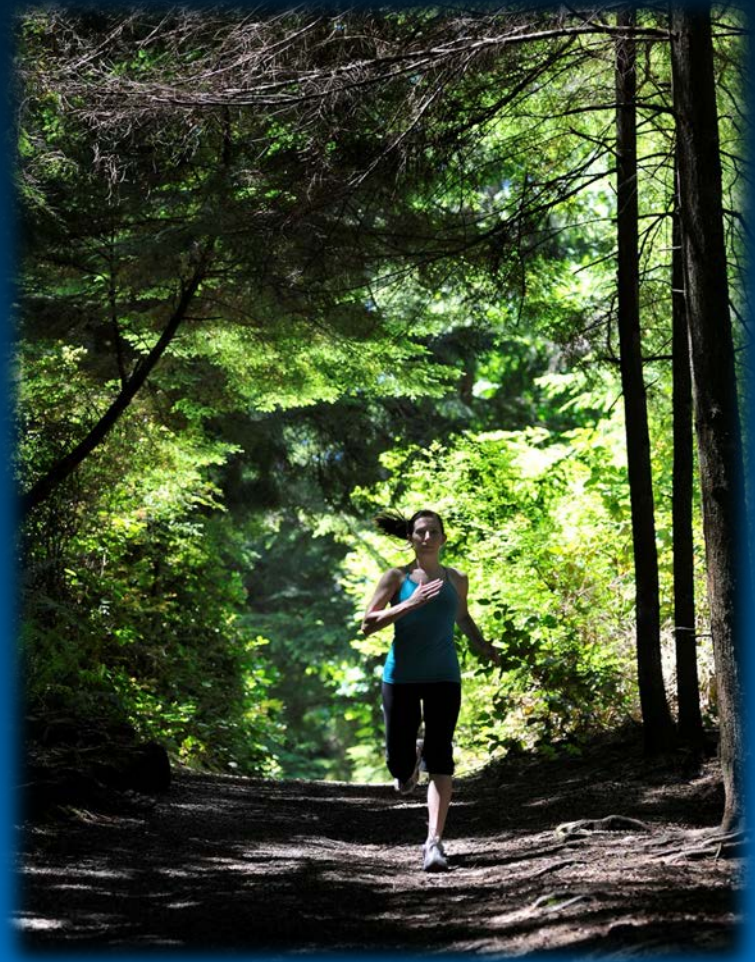
-  Improved Access to Ferry and Waterfront
-  Boat Trailer Parking
-  Elevated Pedestrian Walkway over Ferry Road
-  New Marine Services Building
-  150,000 sf of Building Space, up to 4 Stories Tall
-  Event Plaza
-  Parking for 450 Vehicles
-  New Storage Building
-  Parking for 100 Vehicles
-  Restrooms
-  Open Air Event Lawn
-  Add Level to Boathouse
-  Interior Renovations to Existing Boathouse
-  Estuary and Boardwalk



# Project Development



- In-Depth Public Processes for Areas That Need Additional Design
- Development Regulation Agreement (DRA)





# Next Steps - DRA Process

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- **Joint Metro Parks Board & City Council Meeting (today)**
- **SEPA Prelim Determination & City Council Public Hearing Notice – September 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **City Council Public Hearing – October 13<sup>th</sup> / Close of Comment Period – October 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Economic Development Committee (Recommendation) – October 27<sup>th</sup>**
- **City Council 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – November 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **City Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – November 10<sup>th</sup>**