

TheVillageGreenWoods

Village Green Metropolitan Park District

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The northwest, undeveloped, natural half of the site- the “woods”





NORTH



SOUTH



WEST



EAST

OPPORTUNITIES

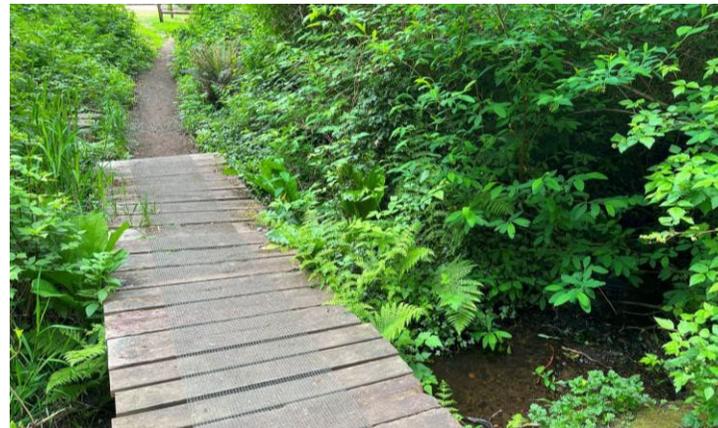
How can the site be utilized?



- Restoration of the Environment
- Improve Access & Circulation
- Promote Nature-based Recreation
- Encourage Environmental Education
- Engage the Community to Steward

CONSTRAINTS

What can be improved?



Vegetation Management-
Remove Invasive & Plant
Native

Stormwater Issues

Visitor Use

Impacts Safe

Visitor Experience

ANALYSIS

Informing the Plan

Existing Conditions:

Trails

Access Points

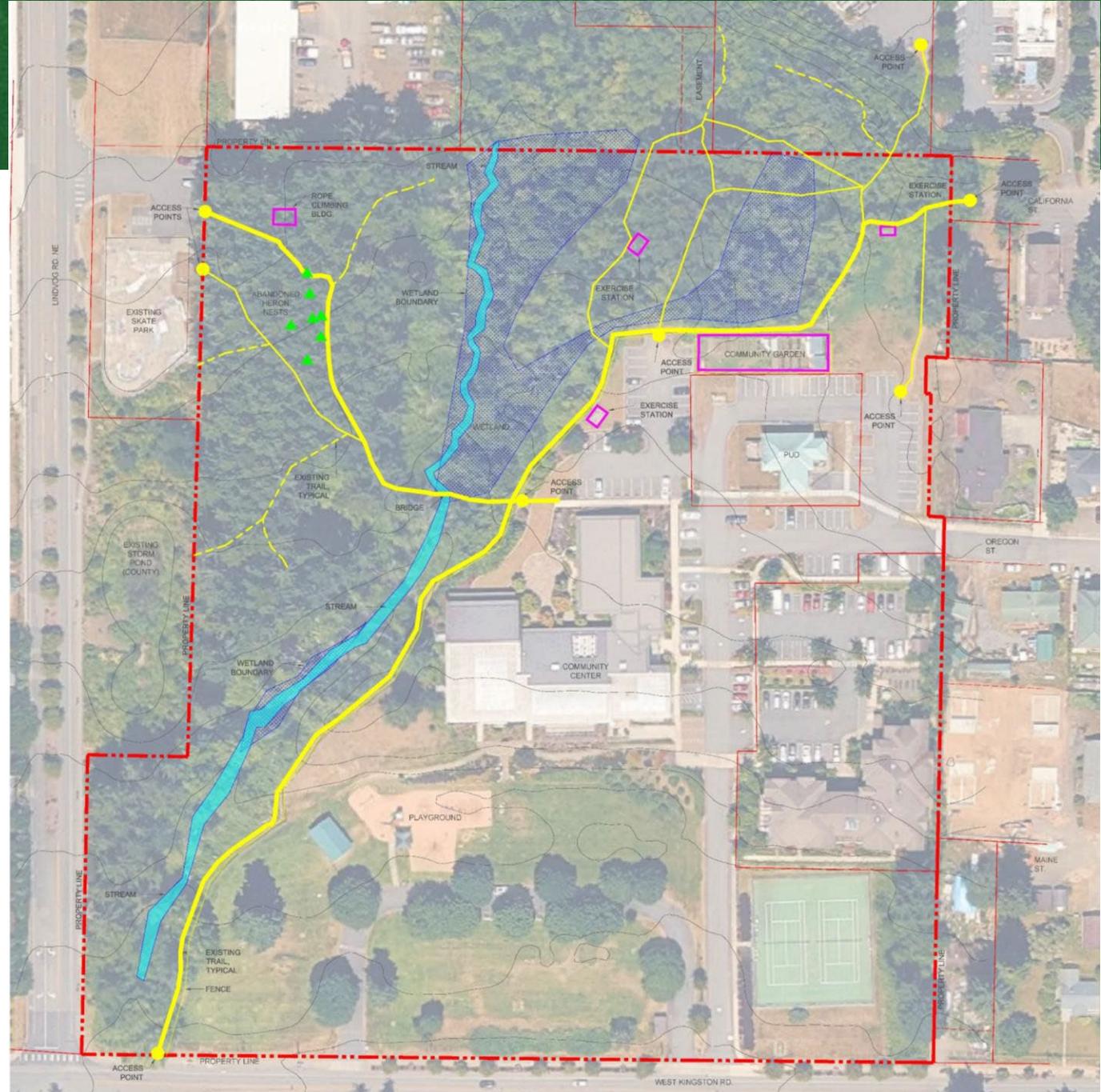
Stream- Type F

Vegetation- Riparian & Upland

Wetlands- Category III

Topography

Data/analysis from reports by Peninsula Environmental Group in 2023



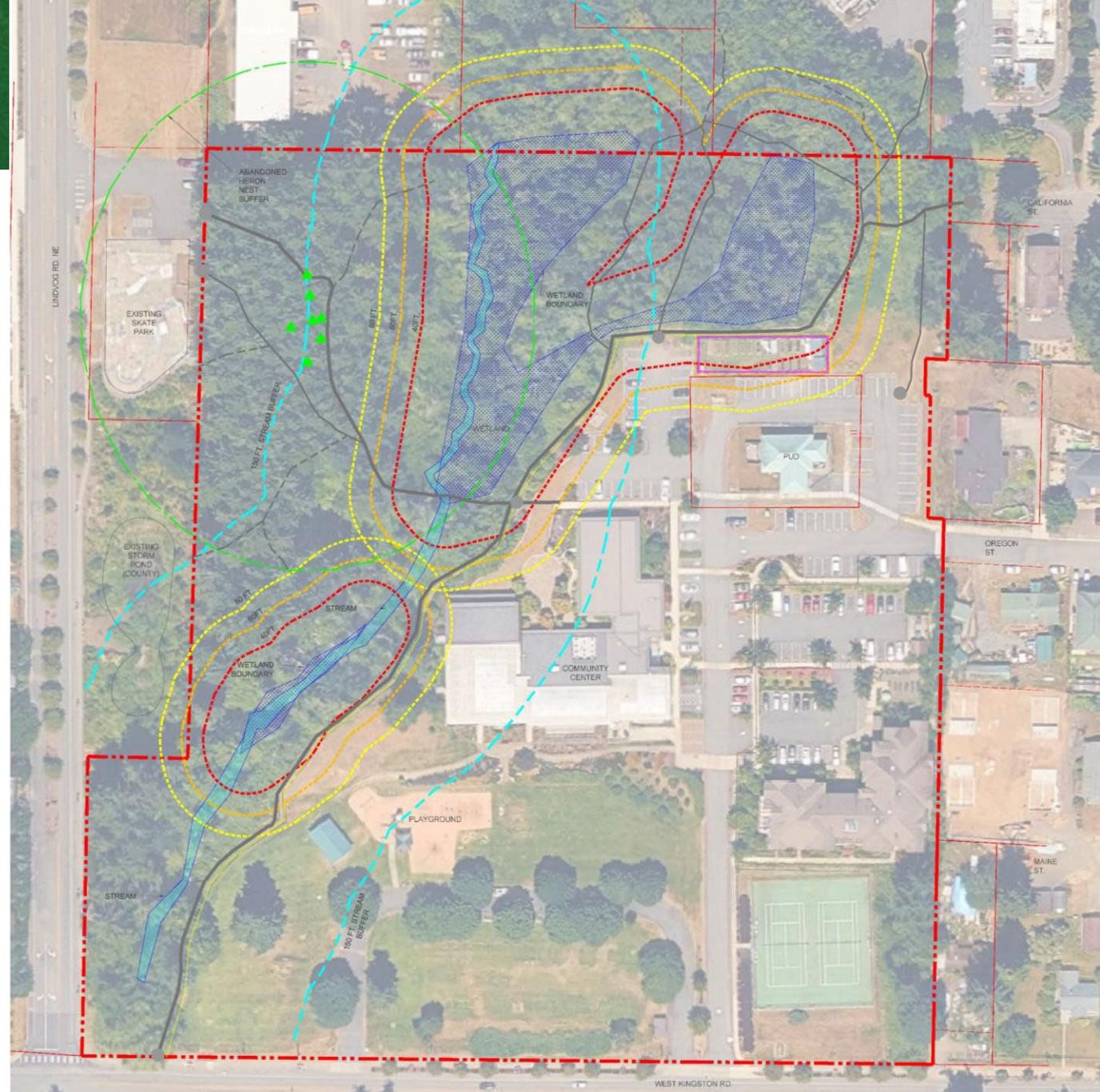
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Environmental & Regulatory Parameters:

Wetland Buffers - 40', 60', 80'

Stream Buffer - 150'



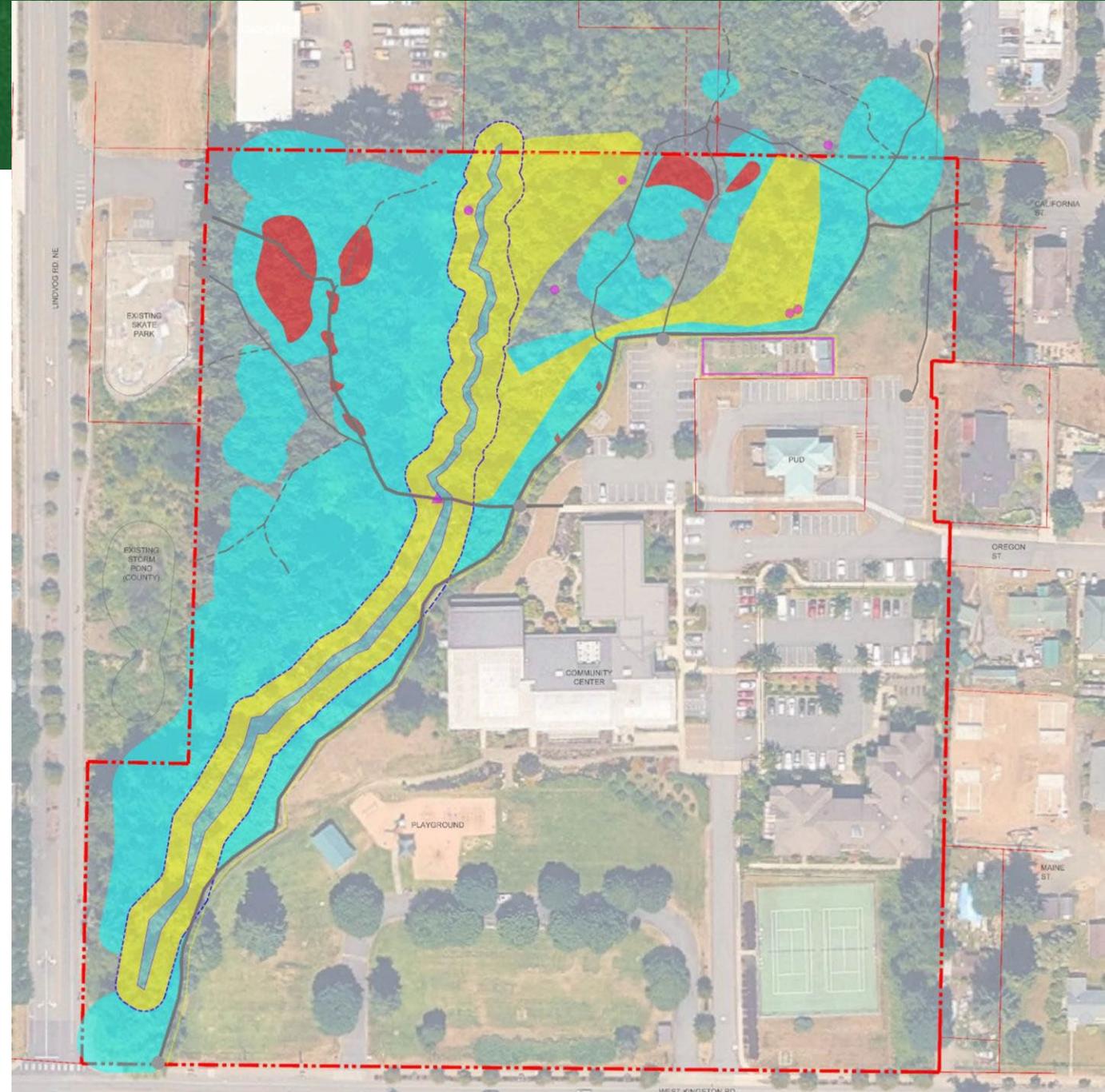
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Vegetation Management Areas:

Priority Areas for Invasive Removal

Per Invasive Plant Management Plan, Peninsula Environmental 2023



PLAN

Elements & Zones



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Edge/Threshold Elements:

Entrance

Circulation

Art Walk

Spiral Hill Viewpoint

Community Garden

Nature Play



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Elements & Zones

Interior Zones:

Habitat Preservation

Wetland & Interpretation

Restoration & Recreation



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Main Entrance

- Central location- a gateway to the Village Woods
- A place to meet before exploring other areas
- Kiosk, benches, art



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Paths & Access Points

- Trailheads with appropriate signs
- Connections to trails/sidewalks off site
- Loop trails for better connectivity
- Remove dead end trails
- Boardwalks over sensitive areas



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Habitat Preservation

- Minimal access for people in these areas
- Remove invasive species
- Replant with native species



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Wetland & Interpretation

- Access by boardwalk to protect sensitive areas
- Education and interpretation- signs, blinds, viewpoints
- High restoration potential to improve habitat



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Restoration & Recreation

- Upland area with dense monoculture of conifer trees
- High restoration potential in areas
- Assessment and management to increase forest health
- Possible recreational use: ropes course, exercise stations, nature play



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Art Walk

- Local, nature-based
- Along pathways- an “art walk”
- Rotating competitions for display



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Spiral Hill Viewpoint

- Utilize existing mound
- Spiral path for accessibility and interest
- Viewpoint destination



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Nature Play

- Complements setting adjacent to both natural areas and typical playground
- Natural materials such as stone, logs, and landforms



ZONES / ELEMENTS

Community Garden

- Existing facility to be improved and supported
- Plan for expansion if necessary
- Promote pollination



THE PLAN

“The Village Green Woods”

