WESTWOOD LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS FINAL CONCEPT PLAN



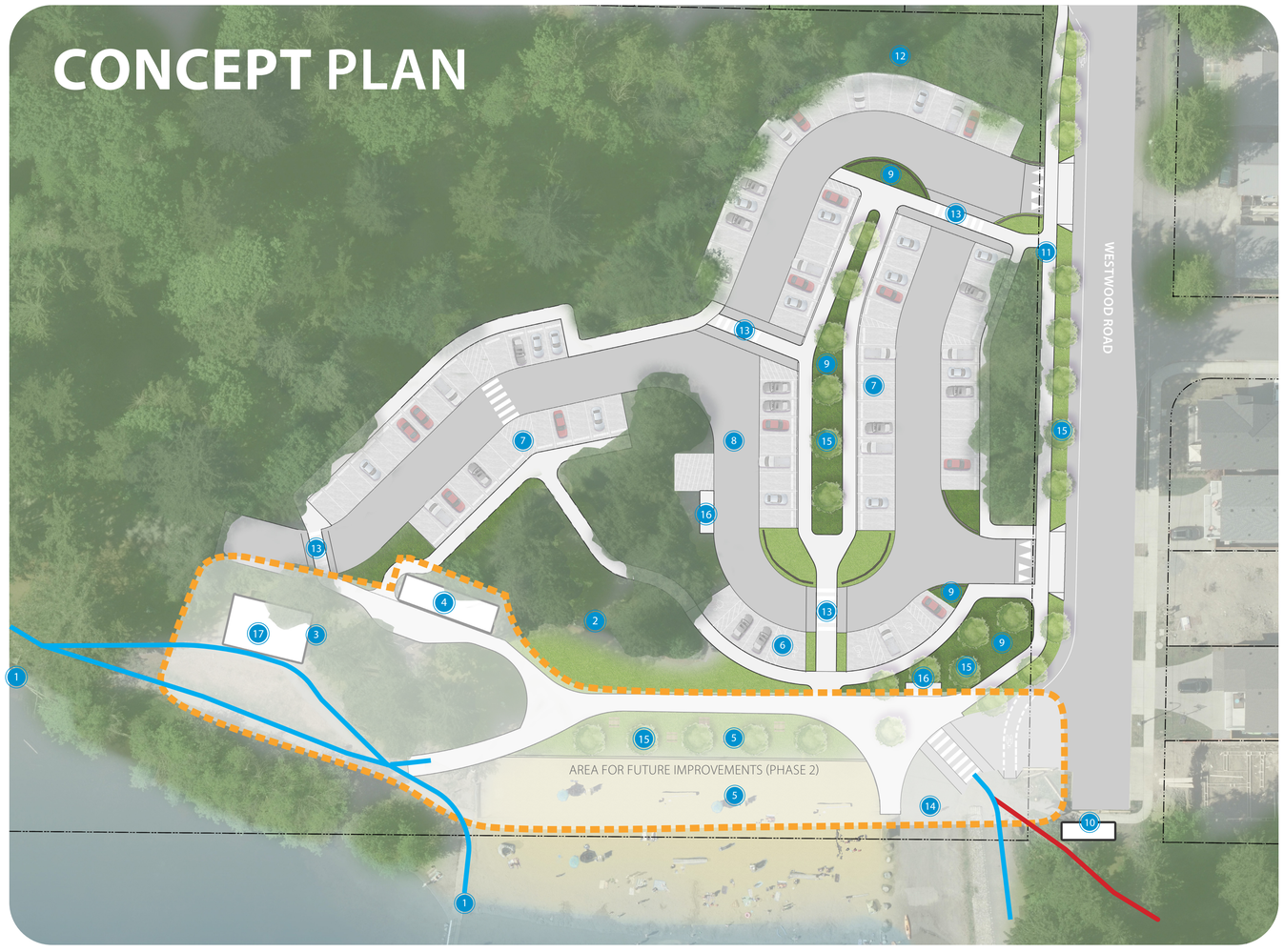
FIRST BEACH AND ENTRANCE

The City of Nanaimo is REIMAGINING many spaces to better meet the needs of the community. Westwood Lake is on of Nanaimo's busiest park spaces. This constructed lake and surrounding open spaces are popular for diverse uses including swimming, walking, running, special events, paddling, biking, fishing, dog walking and nature appreciation.

This site plan illustrates a multi-phased vision to improve the park entrance and beach and is based on public input received through 2020 and 2021.

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CONCEPT PLAN



AMENITIES EXPECTED IN PHASE 1 (2022)

- Overall natural aesthetic
- Improved and additional central usable green space for gathering and recreation
- Parking located in disturbed areas with least disturbance to trees and site
- 36 additional standard parking stalls for a total of 95 standard parking stalls
- 4 additional accessible parking stalls for a total of 8 universally accessible stalls. All accessible parking stalls will have both rear and side loading options. This is 6 stalls over code requirement
- Parking circulation allows for an in and out loop and moves the traffic away from the busy First Beach area
- Parking lot design promotes slower traffic with raised pedestrian crossing tables and various surface types
- Allows bus and trailer access into parking lot for future potential transit connections
- Emergency vehicle access integrated
- Motorcycle parking included
- 36 existing trees affected with new trees to be planted in excess of trees removed and in accordance with City bylaws. Only one significant tree is being impacted
- Integration of stormwater management areas and raingardens to capture and filter rainwater
- Integration of permeable and impermeable surfacing for parking lot
- Landscaped buffer for park neighbours
- Conduit for future potential electrical needs
- Non motorized boat launch to remain with "good neighbour" signage to let users know how to access/ park
- Existing vendor space and power kiosk to remain
- Active Mobility improvements along Westwood Road (2.0m wide sidewalk and street bike lane)

AMENITIES FOR FUTURE DESIGN CONSIDERATION PHASE 2 (2023)

- Overall natural aesthetic
- Central green open space for events and future park amenities
- Expansion of beach area (to be further detailed in phase 2 but approx. 800m2)
- More shade at First Beach—Trees and inclusion of amenities such as removable umbrellas, awnings etc.
- Improved and expanded fishing pier with universal access and fishing line recycle station
- Universal access across sand and to the water
- New picnic areas and additional seating
- Improved multi-use trail and connections to parking and park entrance
- Integration into existing single track and multi-use trail systems
- Underground Servicing for a future amenity building and conduit for future park needs
- Landscaped buffer for park neighbours
- Bike wash and bike tools moved to another location to help reduce conflicts.
- Bike parking

AMENITIES FOR FUTURE DESIGN CONSIDERATION BEYOND 2023

- Consideration of covered picnic and special event facilities
- New amenity building with universal washrooms and integrated information, outdoor shower, storage and first-aid/lifeguard locations
- Reduction of conflicts between multiple users and mountain bikes at the First beach park entrance.
- Consideration of other park amenities such as sand volleyball
- Overall parking planning consideration for the entire park site including biophysical assessments, park carrying capacity and environmental restoration opportunities.
- New playground for children 2-12 years old

LEGEND

- EXISTING SINGLE TRACK TRAIL
- EXISTING ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
- AREA FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)

1. EXISTING ACCESSIBLE FLOAT
2. FUTURE SPECIAL EVENT AREA/GREEN SPACE
3. EXISTING VENDOR AREA & POWER KIOSK
4. NEW ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM/ LIFEGUARD STATION
5. ADDITIONAL BEACH / PICNIC AREA
6. ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALLS
7. PERMEABLE PAVERS
8. RECYCLED ASPHALT PAVEMENT
9. STORMWATER AREAS/ RAINGARDENS
10. BIKE WASH FACILITY (TO BE RELOCATED)
11. MULTI-USE TRAIL
12. VEGETATED BUFFER
13. RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
14. BOAT LAUNCH
15. NEW PLANTED TREES
16. BIKE PARKING
17. EXISTING WASHROOM AND LIFEGUARD STATION (UNIVERSAL UPGRADES CONSIDERED AS AN INTERIM MEASURE)

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WESTWOOD LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPT

FIRST BEACH AND ENTRANCE (PHASE 1- EXPECTED 2022)









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