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**Cape's Pond
Conceptual Park Plan**

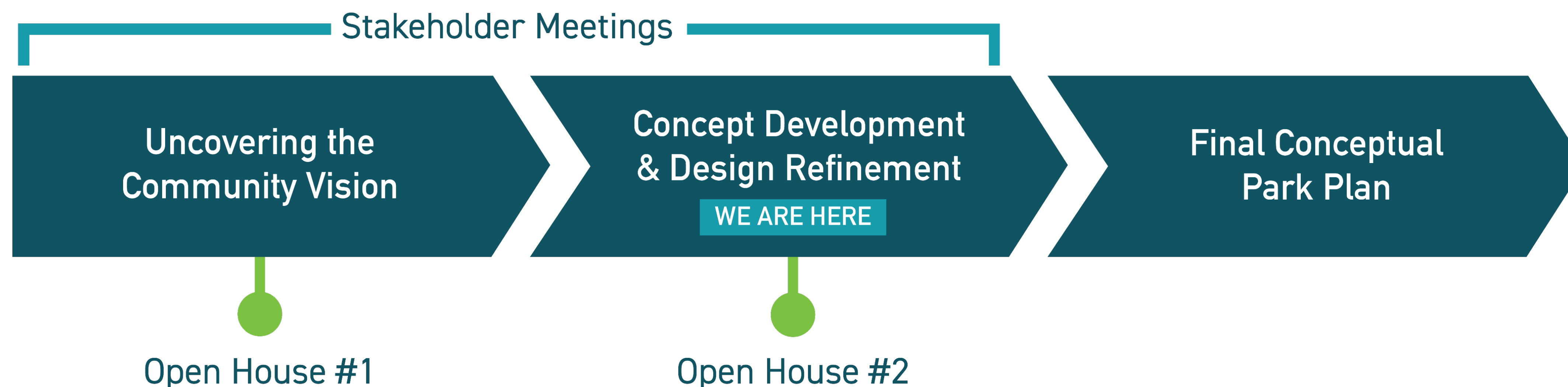
OPEN HOUSE

September 26, 2024

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2020, Hays County residents voted for the Parks & Open Space Bond (Proposition A) which provided \$75 million to fund parks open spaces, conservation lands, and other recreational opportunities over the next several years.

As a part of that Parks & Open Spaces bond package, Hays County is working with the San Marcos community to develop a Conceptual Park Plan and implementation strategy for Cape's Pond Park. This Conceptual Park Plan will serve as a guide for further design development, with specific design elements coming at a later phase in the project development.



Goals of the Project:



Assess community preferences and identify characteristics and factors that will shape the park



To create a defined action plan for moving forward with the development of the park



Build a consensus and commitment between the community and County

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Cape's Pond Park is a 28.7-acre parcel of undeveloped parkland located at Cape Road and Luciano Flores Blvd, that features a 5.8-acre spring-fed pond.



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Fish Hatchery is south of the site, and Stokes Park is on the east side of the site, separated from Cape's Pond Park by the San Marcos River.

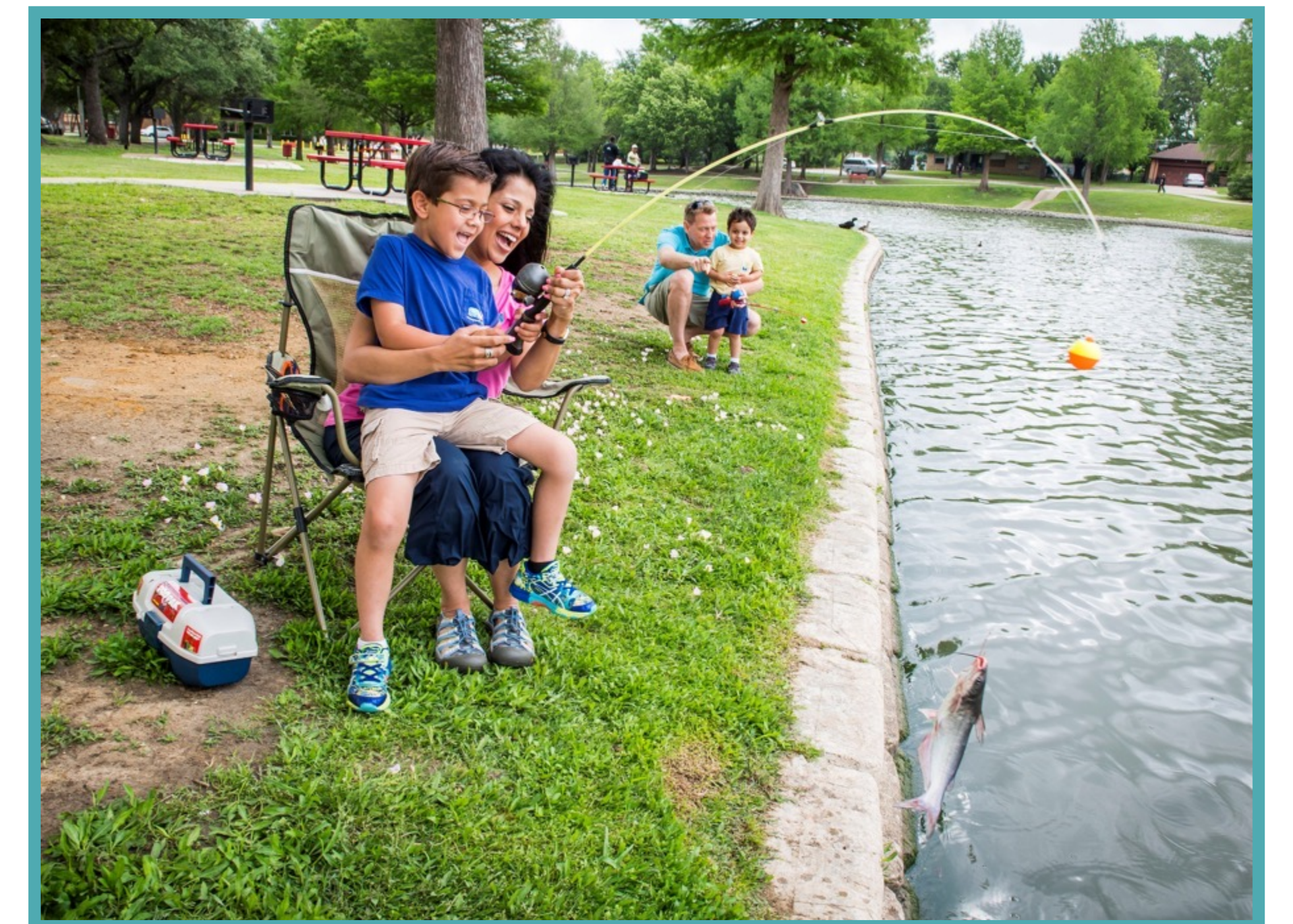
Vegetation consists primarily of grasses, with small trees around the perimeter of the pond, along the swale through the park and along the south and eastern property lines.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMUNITY FISHING LAKE

In 2020, Hays County Commissioners Debbie Ingalsbe and Mark Jones collaborated with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) to designate Cape's Pond as a future TPWD Community Fishing Lake.

Key Features of Community Fishing Lakes

- Regular Stocking
 - Community Fishing Lakes are regularly stocked by TPWD with channel catfish, rainbow trout, or other species
- Easy to Follow Regulations
 - Daily bag limit of 5 fish total (all species combined), of which only 1 may be a black bass
 - No minimum length limits, except black bass which must be 14 inches or greater in length
- Youth-Friendly
 - Kids 16 & under can fish without a license
 - Anyone 17 years or older must have a fishing license, unless exempt



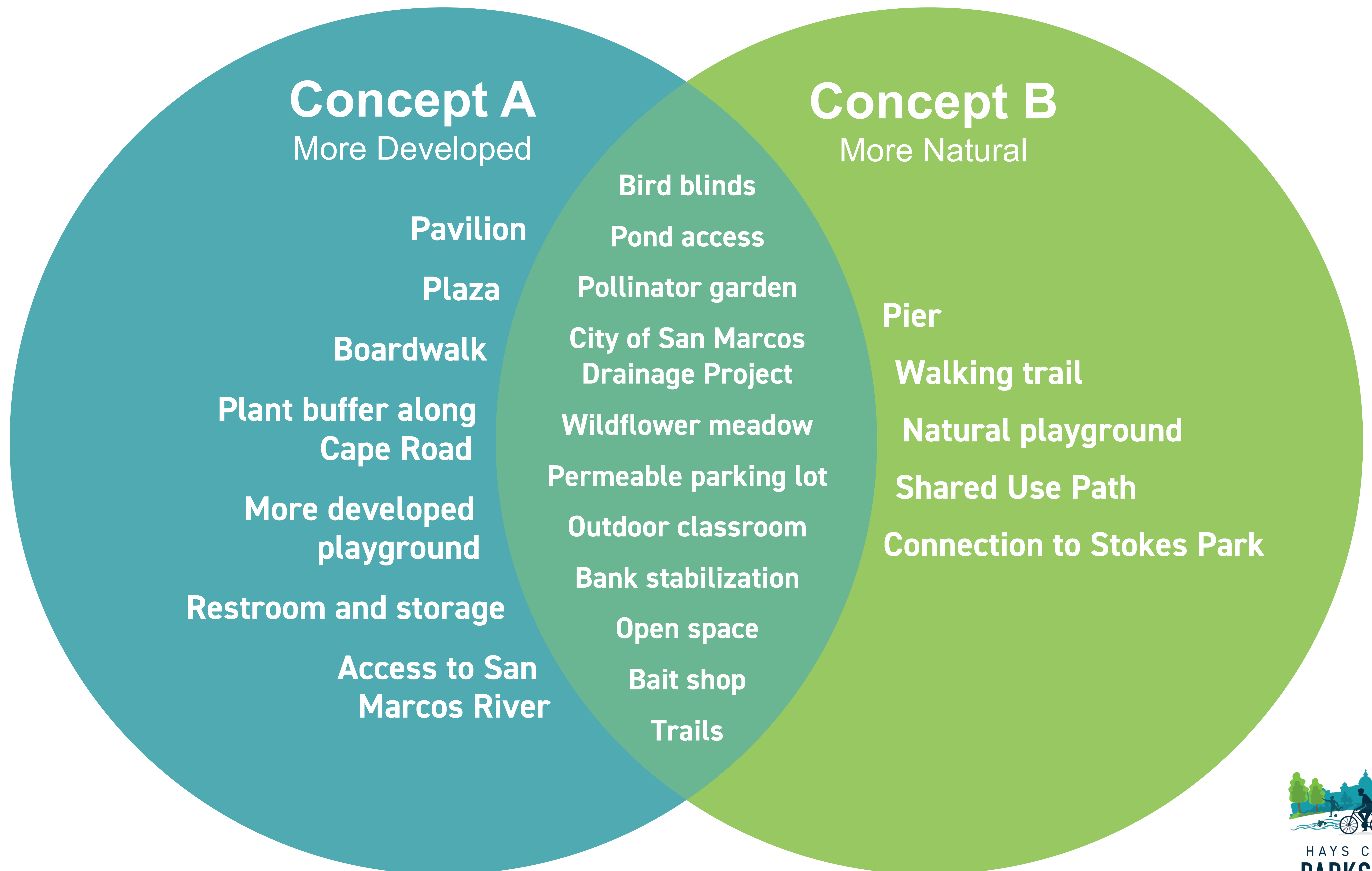
PREVIOUS FEEDBACK GATHERED

Throughout the project development, including the first Open House and stakeholder meetings, the project team has identified the below key takeaways from input gathered:

- Preserve the existing nature of the park
- Consider connectivity to nearby trails, parks, and attractions
- Honor local and Indigenous culture and history related to the park and surrounding historic areas
- Provide adequate parking
- Desire for on-site restrooms
- Implement bank stabilization along the San Marcos River
- Consider the relationship between any proposed improvements and flood zones
- Ensure adequate tree coverage or shade options
- Ensure adequate separation from vehicles and unsafe driving conditions along Cape Road



CONCEPT SIMILARITIES AND KEY FEATURES



LEGEND

1. BAIT SHOP
2. BOARDWALK
3. CONCRETE PATH
4. WILDFLOWER MEADOW
5. BANK STABILIZATION
6. BRIDGE
7. RIVER ACCESS
8. BIRD BLINDS
9. EXISTING TREES
10. OPEN SPACE
11. PLAZA
12. PERMEABLE PARKING LOT
13. POLLINATOR GARDEN
14. RESTROOM/STORAGE
15. CITY OF SAN MARCOS DRAINAGE PROJECT
16. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
17. PAVILION
18. PLAYGROUND W/ SHADE
19. PLANT BUFFER
20. TRUCK ACCESS FOR FISH STOCKING



CAPE'S POND PARK CONCEPT A

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CONCEPT A KEY FEATURES

Playground



Pavilion



Bridge



Plaza



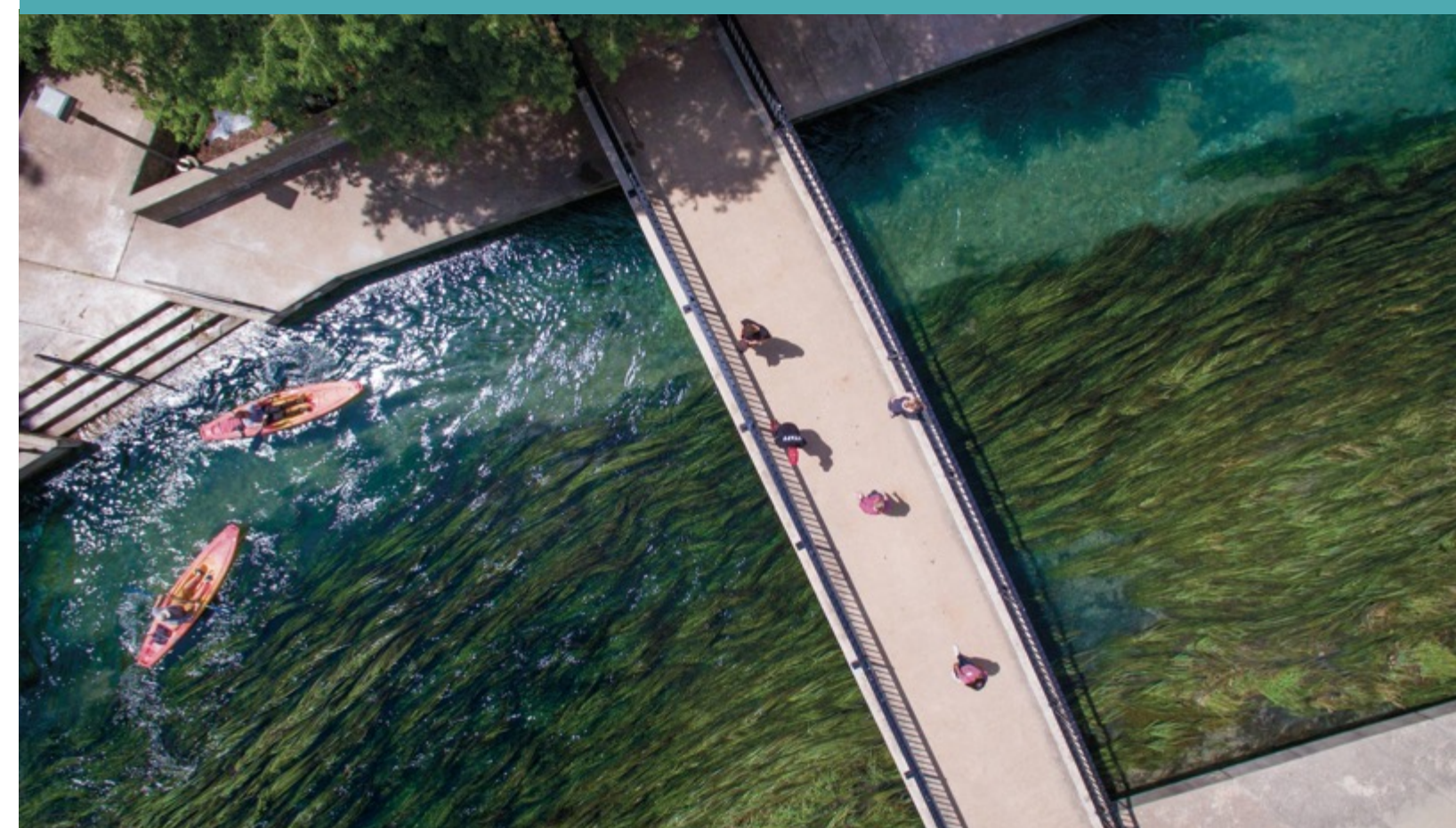
Restroom



Outdoor Classroom



River Access



Boardwalk



LEGEND

1. SHARED USE PATH W/ PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BARRIER
2. NATURE PLAY
3. BANK STABILIZATION
4. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
5. BRIDGE
6. WILDFLOWER MEADOW
7. EXISTING TREES
8. BIRD BLINDS
9. CONCRETE TRAIL
10. GRAVEL TRAIL
11. OPEN SPACE
12. PERMEABLE PARKING LOT
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16. TRUCK ACCESS FOR FISH STOCKING
17. PIER

 FISHING NODES

LOCATION MAP



CAPE'S POND PARK CONCEPT B

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NORTH

0 50 100 200 300 400 500 Feet

CONCEPT B KEY FEATURES

Natural Playground



Fishing Pier



Outdoor Classroom



Gravel Trail



Bridge



Shared Use Path



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT CONCEPT A?

Place a sticker on your four favorite features.

KEY FEATURES	VOTE FOR YOUR TOP 4
LARGER SPACE FOR PARKING	
MORE OPEN SPACE	
PLAZA WITH RESTROOMS AND STORAGE	
MORE DEVELOPED OUTDOOR CLASSROOM	
MORE DEVELOPED PLAYGROUND	
POSITION OF BIRD BLINDS	
MORE TREE COVERAGE	
BOARDWALK	

Any additional
comments? Place a
sticky note here:



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT CONCEPT B?

Place a sticker on your four favorite features.

KEY FEATURES	VOTE FOR YOUR TOP 4
SMALLER SPACE FOR PARKING	
GRAVEL TRAIL	
BAIT SHOP NEAR PARKING LOT	
MORE NATURAL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM	
NATURE PLAY AREAS	
POSITION OF BIRD BLINDS	
SHARED USE PATH ALONG CAPE ROAD	
PIER	

Any additional
comments? Place a
sticky note here:



WHAT KEY FEATURES DO YOU PREFER?

Place a sticker on your preference level for each key feature.

T-Shaped Pier	Boardwalk
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Developed Playground	Natural Playground
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Restrooms	No Restrooms
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River Access	No River Access
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Shared-use-path on Cape Road	No shared-use-path on Cape Road
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Covered Classroom	Uncovered Classroom
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More Trails	Less Trails
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More Parking	Less Parking
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Key:

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Prefer This Option	Indifferent	Prefer This Option

THANK YOU!



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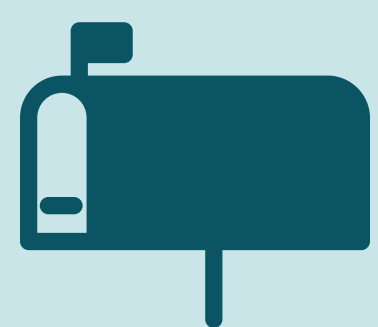
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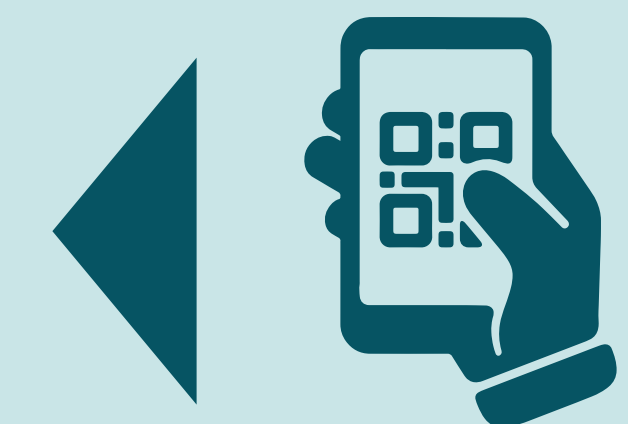
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