

PARKS - MONTAGE & BADGER PARK

PROJECT SUMMARY

While Montage and Badger Parks are incredibly unique sites with different possibilities for and relationships to the greater Healdsburg area, they are both large scale spaces roughly at the northern and southern edges of the city. And, while their size affords the opportunity to support new and existing programs and amenities, developing a deep understanding the inventory of resources at existing parks, balanced by potential future need, must inform this. We understood the PDT as recognizing that both Montage and Badger possess enormous potential to support expanded recreation, new amenities, and opportunities for ecological resiliency and conservation. The PDT indicated that the expectation is not to maximize activation and amenities, but to understand these sites within the context of Healdsburg. Badger and Montage should be analyzed, activated, and designed through careful study of their particular contexts, with a robust understanding of the existing assets and resources within Healdsburg, and with a careful eye towards the future conditions that will shape Healdsburg's open space needs.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

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RIVER ACCESS

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Our trip to the Healdsburg Museum helped further our preliminary research regarding the multifaceted and diverse relationship that Healdsburg and the surrounding area has had with the Russian River throughout its history. As the County, City, and other agencies revalue and push for enhanced access, protection, and conservation along the River, incredible new opportunities can be realized to develop precedent setting work at the local, regional, and potentially national levels. However, given the fragile state of the River and the risk of over-formalizing access, or over-expanding access to the River – the risks of environmental degradation and endangered human safety are ever-present. As the climate continues to change, and a variety of social groups find a renewed value and sense of place along the river, access will have to be developed in concert with adjacent communities, partner agencies, and key stakeholders to ensure the River's vitality is protected and enhanced.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- County, City, and other agencies revalue and push for enhanced access, protection, and conservation along the River.
- Incredible new opportunities can be realized to develop precedent setting work at the local, regional, and potentially national levels.
- The River is currently in a fragile state.
- We have to be careful not to over-formalizing access, or over-expanding access to the River.
- The risks of environmental degradation and endangered human safety are ever-present.
- As the climate continues to change, and a variety of social groups find a renewed value and sense of place along the River.
- Access will have to be developed in concert with adjacent communities, partner agencies, and key stakeholders to ensure the River's vitality is protected and enhanced.

CONNECTIVITY

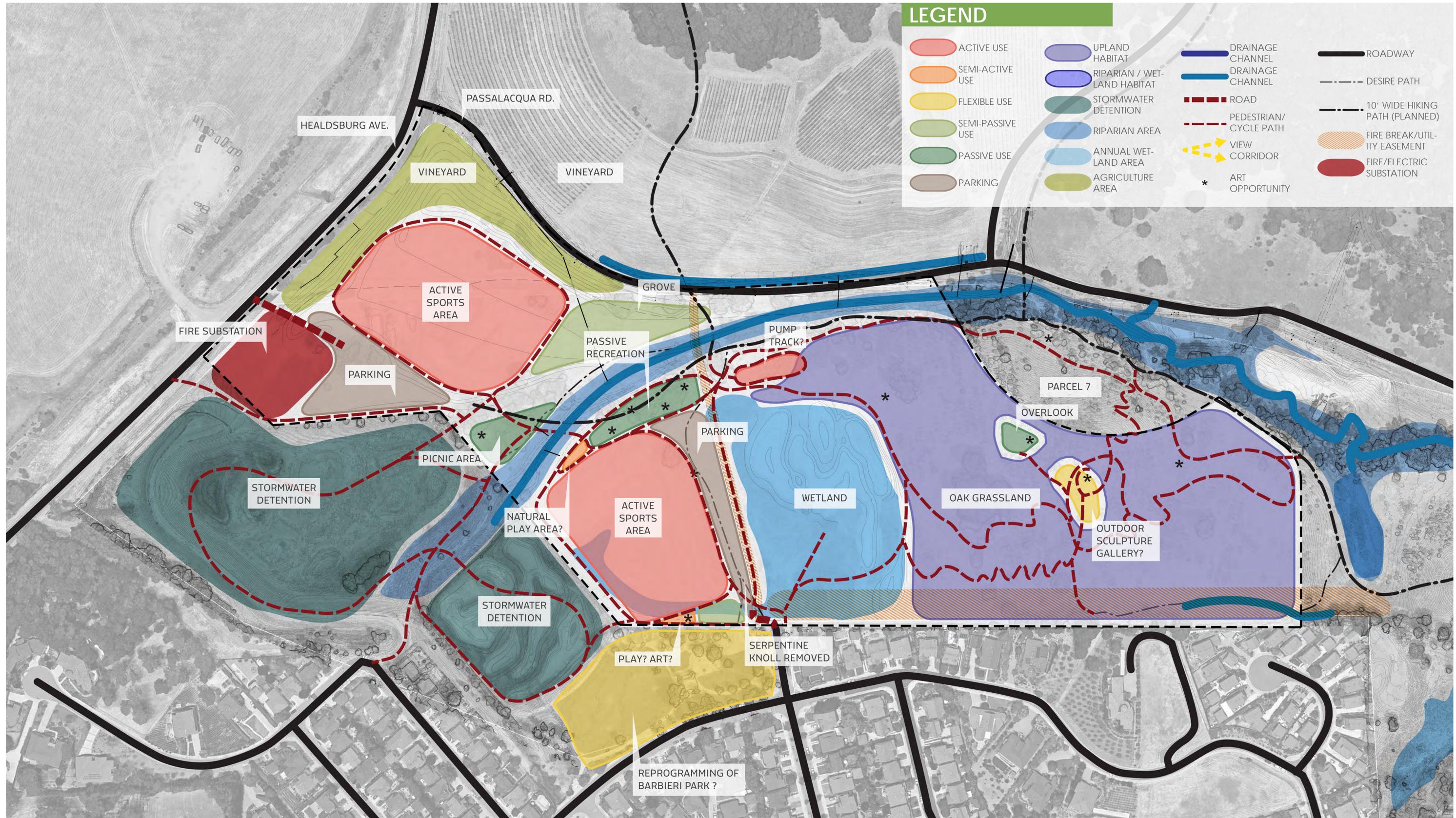
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We immediately recognized connectivity as a key component for the project's success early on. However, after hearing over 70% of the PDT specifically name connectivity as integral to the project's success during the August 15 Meeting, combined with many of the conversations we had with you during our site walks, its already high-importance has only been further demonstrated. The value placed on expanded access, enhanced safety, and inclusive access for pedestrians and cyclists of all ability levels was clear. People spoke about wanting to rely on their cars less, and wanting to feel safe and excited moving about Healdsburg with their families and friends whether on foot, by boat, or on bicycle. Healdsburg's natural areas, preserves, parks, and waterways are uniquely special open space assets, their individual integrity and possibilities are deeply important. However, the connections between them will be the critical factor in not only strengthening individual assets, but collectively realizing a truly transformative master plan that takes interconnectivity, quality of experience, and the safety and integrity of multi-modal transportation as a core guiding principle.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Connectivity was identified repeatedly as a key component for the project's success, base.
- Clear value was placed on expanded access, enhanced safety, and inclusive access for pedestrians and cyclists of all ability levels.
- Desire to rely on cars less
- Desire to feel safe and excited moving about Healdsburg
- Healdsburg's natural areas, preserves, parks, and waterways are uniquely special open space assets, their individual integrity and possibilities are deeply important.
- Create connections between natural areas are critical factor to the success of this master planning effort.
- Interconnectivity, quality of experience, and the safety and integrity of multi-modal transportation are core guiding principles.

MONTAGE PARK CONCEPT A (ACTIVE)



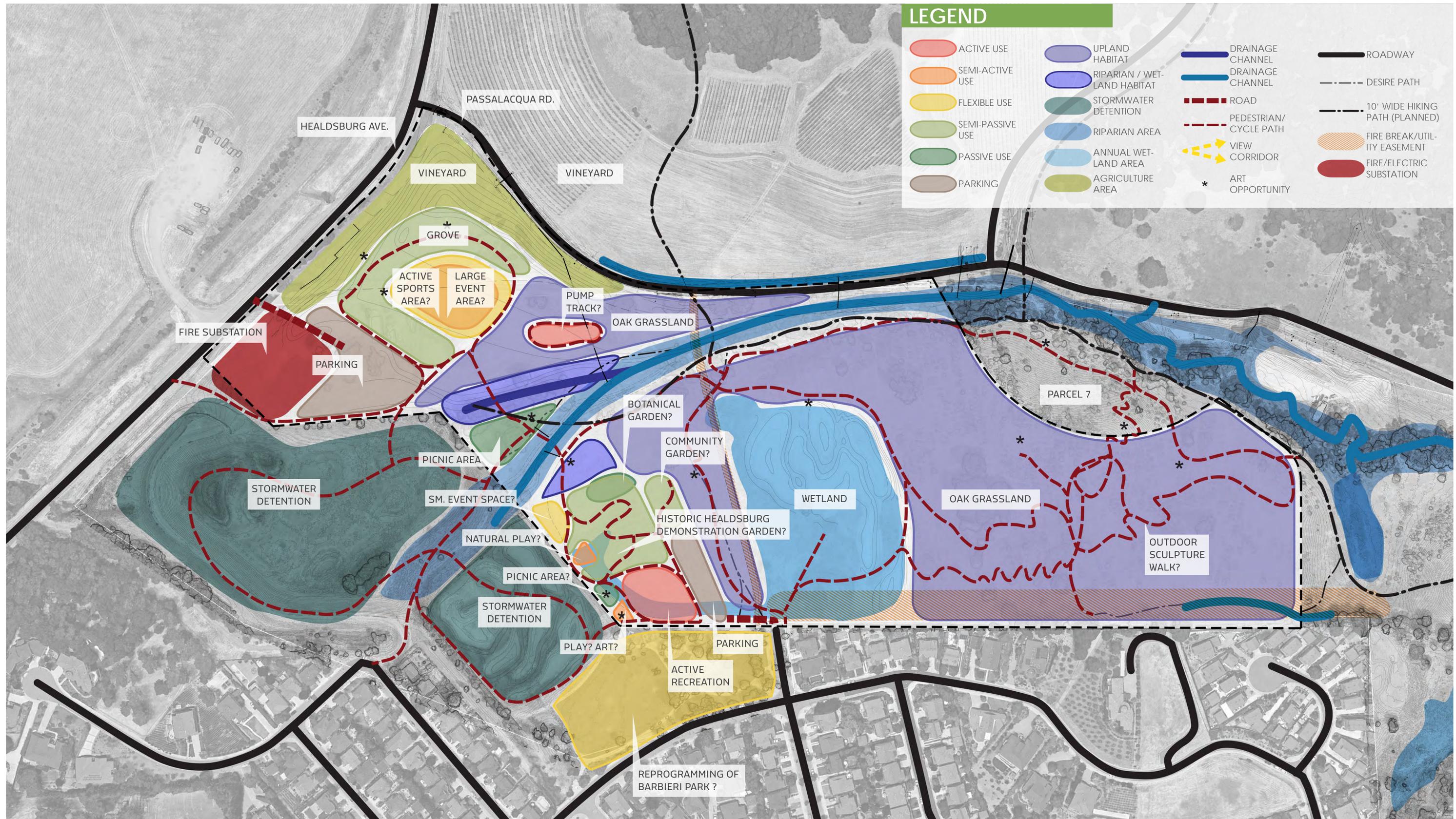
SPORTS & RECREATION



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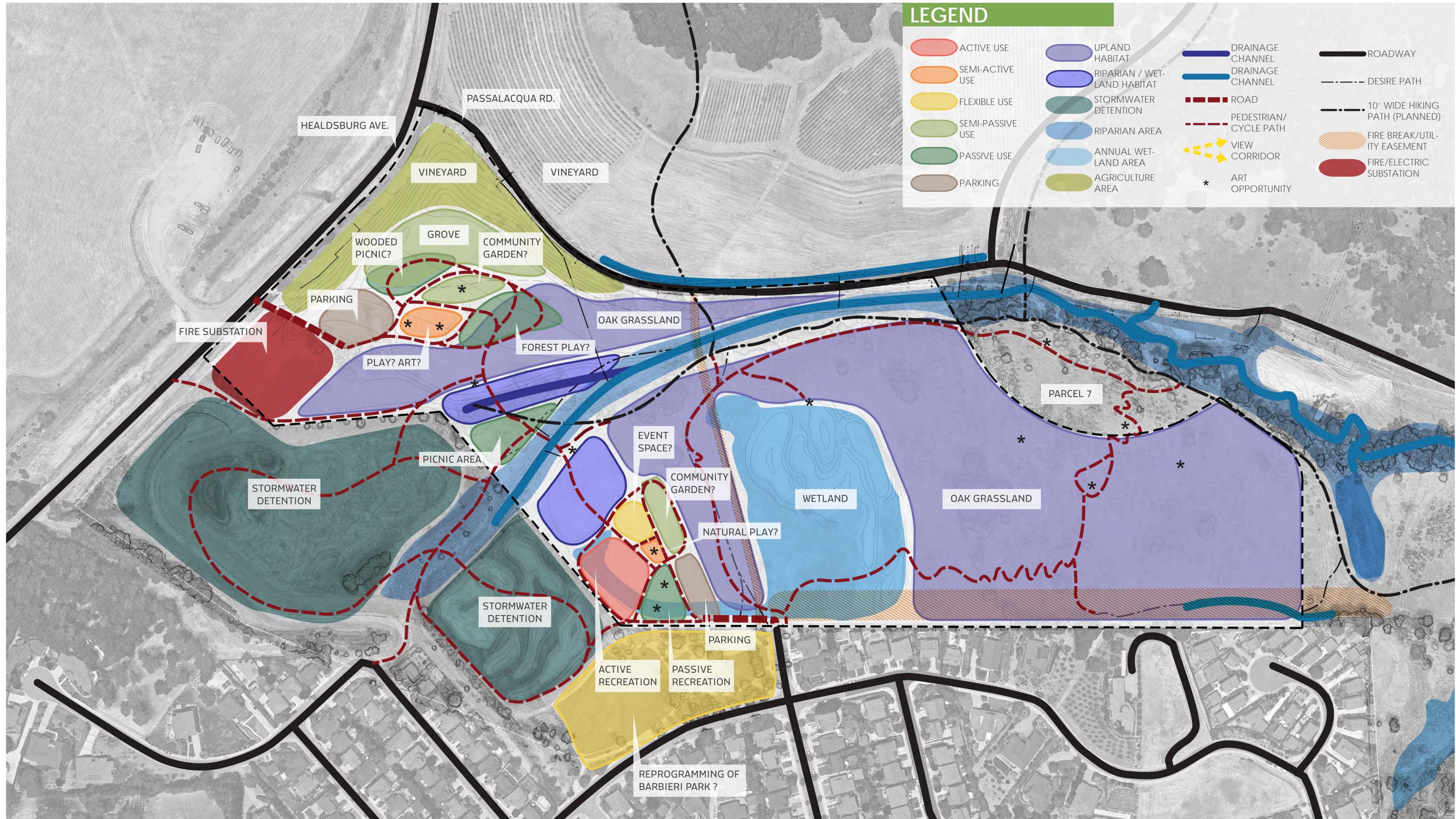


MONTAGE PARK CONCEPT B (HYBRID)



ARTS / CULTURE / EVENTS

MONTAGE PARK CONCEPT C (PASSIVE)



NATURE / ART



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BADGER PARK

AERIAL PLAN



EXISTING CONDITIONS



ACTIVE OPEN SPACE



WOODED WALKING TRAILS

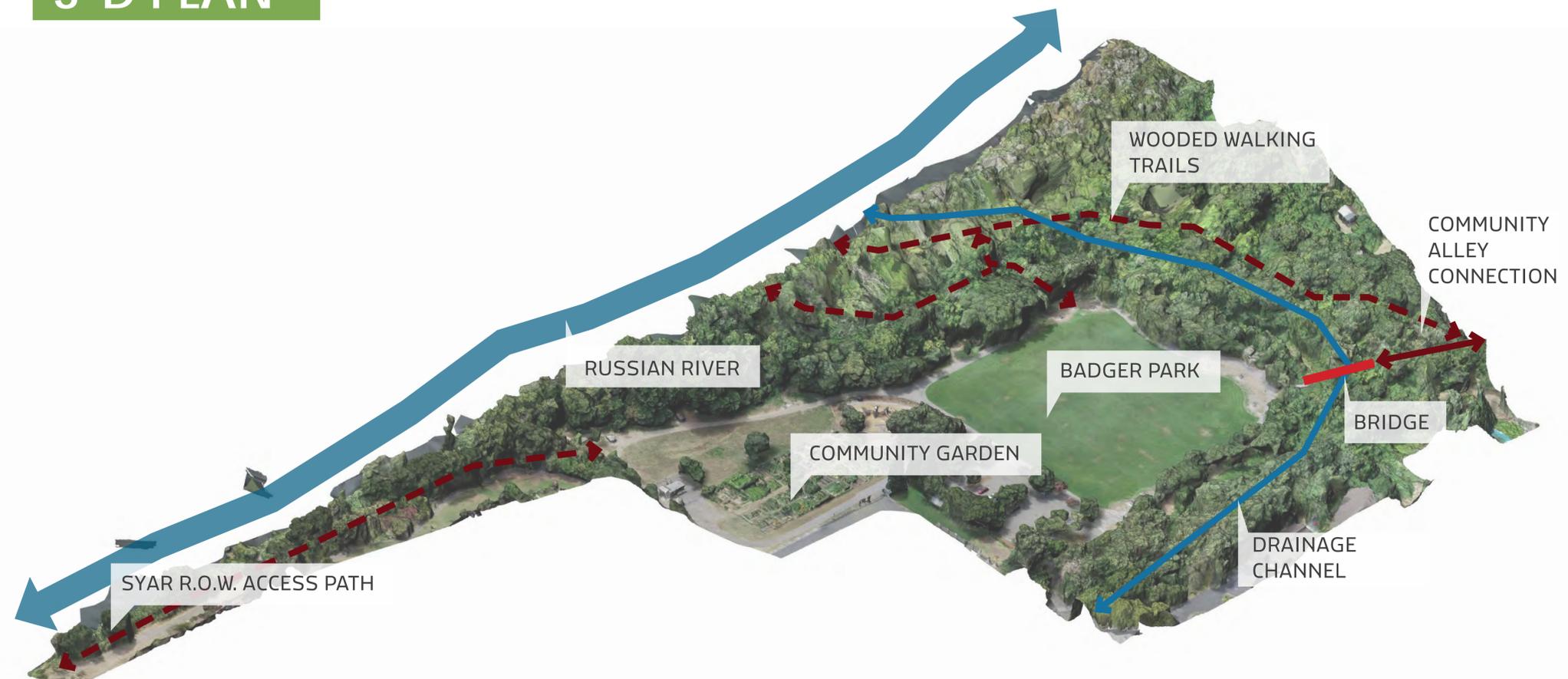


RIVER ACCESS

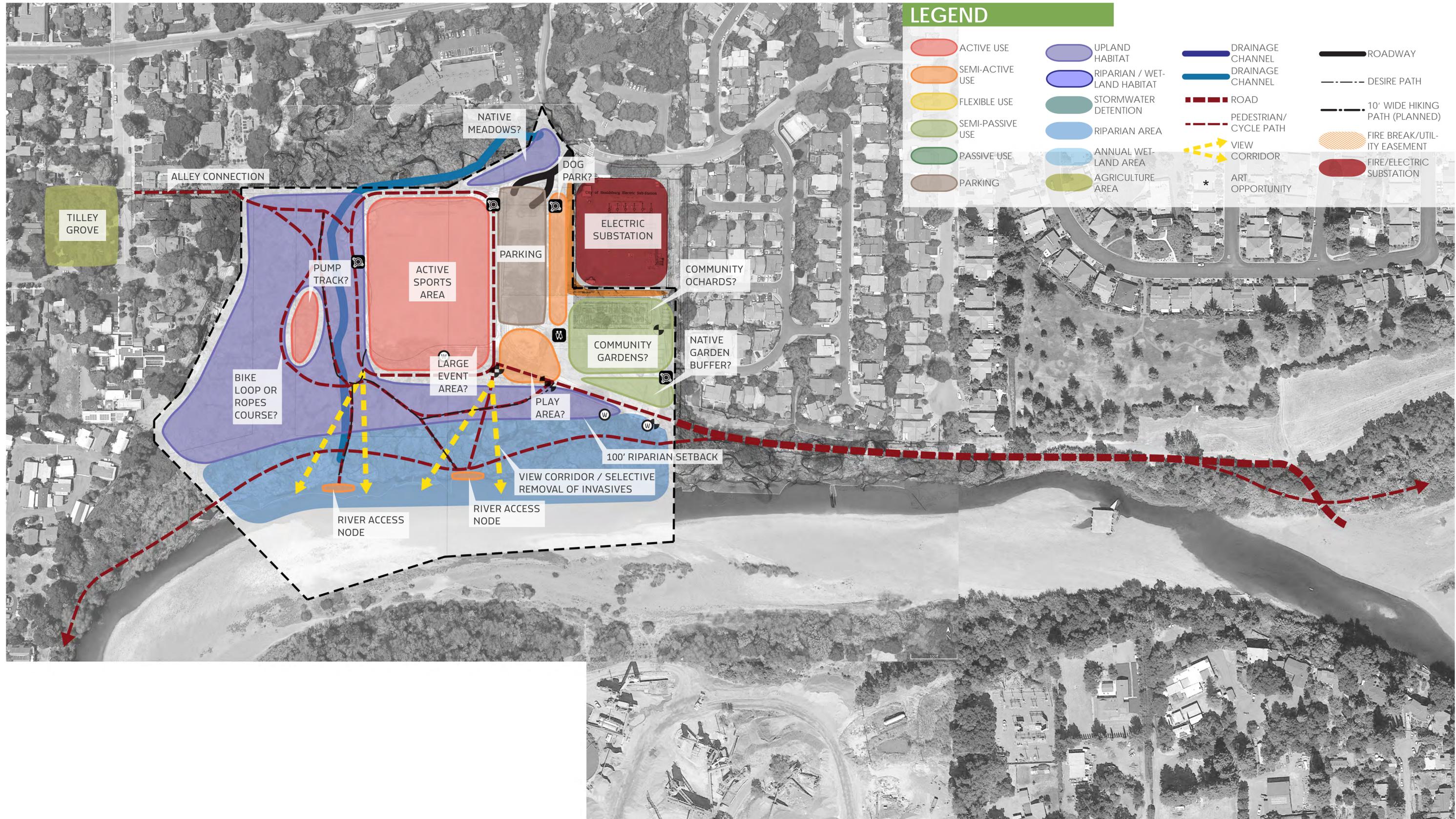
PROGRAM

- » 20 Acres
- » Existing walking loop, turf area, play structure, dog park & community garden
- » Russian River Frontage
- » Additional privately-owned river frontage
- » Developing a master plan, cost estimates, and related information for redevelopment of the City's 20-acre Badger Park located along the Russian River.

3-D PLAN



BADGER PARK CONCEPT A (ACTIVE)



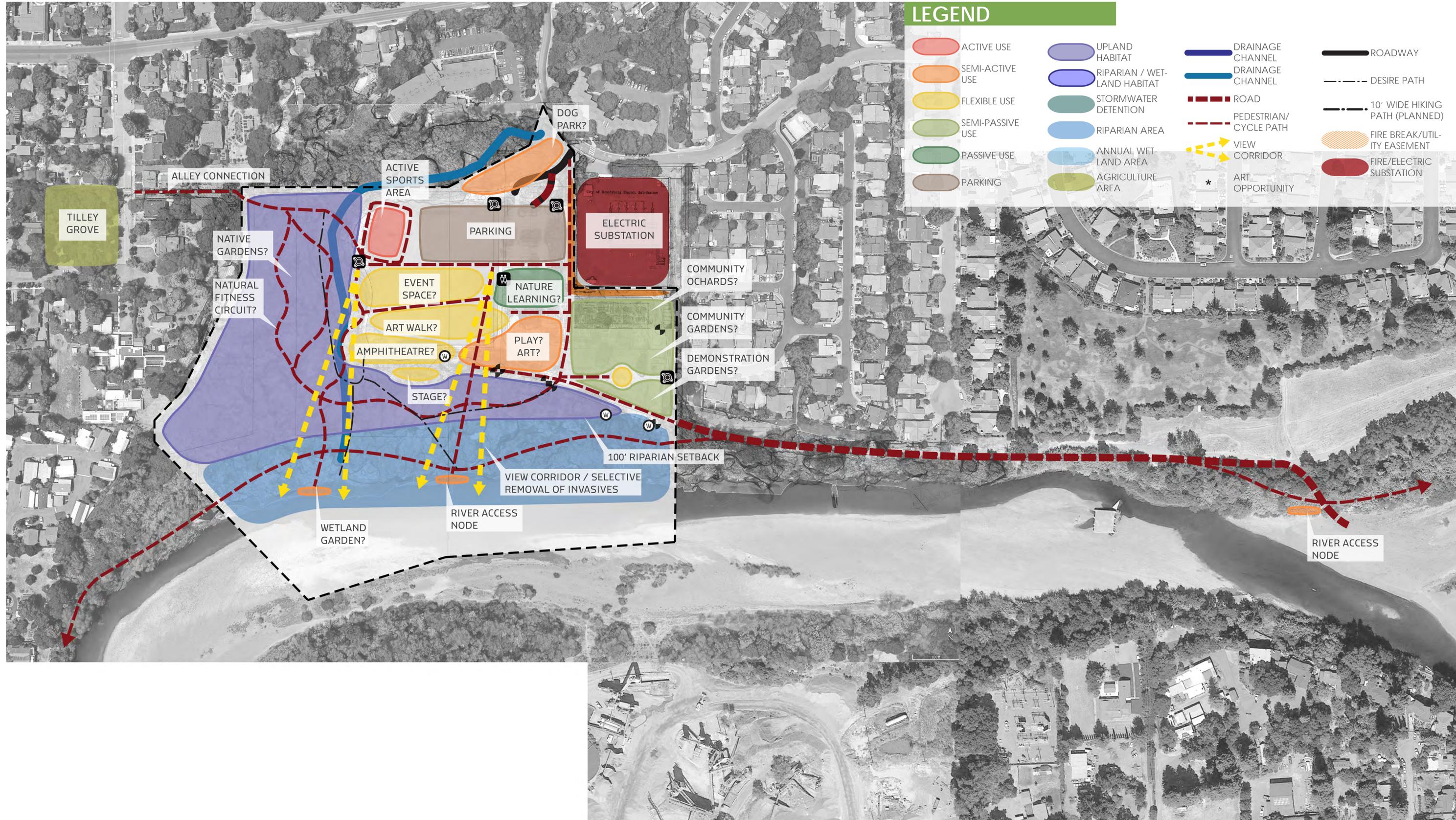
RIVERSIDE RECREATION



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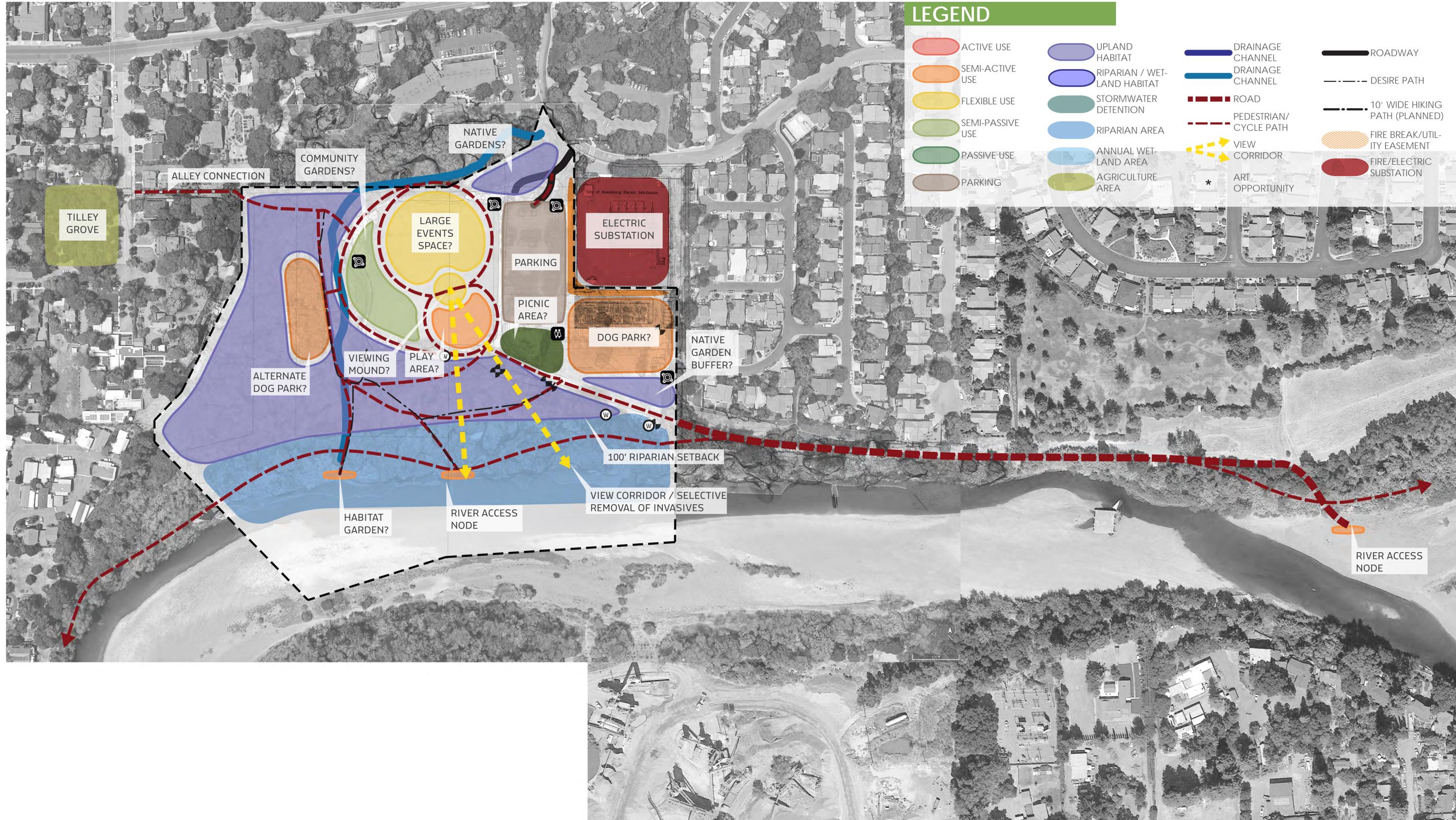
ARTS / GARDENS / TERRACES



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BADGER PARK CONCEPT C (PASSIVE)



EVENTS & WALKING GARDEN



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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

12TH - PDT MEETING NO. 2

OCTOBER

**3RD - PDT MEETING NO. 3
- PDT BIKE ABOUT (RESCHEDULED)**

26TH - COMMUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA EVENT

27TH - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

NOVEMBER

14TH - DESIGN HEALDSBURG EVENT