

Appendix 1:

Public Involvement



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SILOS RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #1

MEETING OVERVIEW

Broadwater County, in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, hosted a public open house meeting to share information and ideas, collect feedback, and answer questions about the *Silos Recreation Area Master Plan*. The plan is being developed to identify infrastructure and amenity improvements for parking/vehicle access, trails and pathways, overnight camping areas, boating and swimming facilities, shared day use areas, and associated utilities. The plan will also outline preferred implementation phasing for redevelopment of the site.

The open house meeting format enabled attendees to review exhibits, provide comments, and speak with study representatives. A presentation was not provided.

MEETING DETAILS

Format: Open House Meeting
Location: Tent at Silos RV Park (Lawn Area Between Restaurant & Campground)
Date: August 1, 2020
Times: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

OUTREACH AND PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided in multiple formats ahead of the open house meeting. A flyer was posted at the Silos Recreation Area entrance. Electronic invitations were sent to 49 study contacts. Electronic notice was posted to the study website, Broadwater County's website, and the Broadwater County event calendar. Additionally, Steering Committee members extended invitations to personal contacts.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

A COVID-19 Plan was developed for the meeting to address health and safety guidelines and requirements in compliance with statewide directives relating to the Novel Coronavirus outbreak in Montana. The purpose of the plan was to safeguard the health and wellbeing of meeting attendees and staff. An open-air outdoor environment was selected to enable suitable ventilation. Participants were asked to sign an attendance form providing their name, address, email, and phone number for any future contact tracing needs. Signage encouraged physical distancing of six feet. Hand sanitizer was placed at comment tables, which were wiped down periodically between use. Project staff wore masks, and face coverings were offered free of charge to attendees. At the time of the event, Broadwater County had zero active COVID-19 cases. A copy of the plan is attached to this summary.

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ATTENDEES

A total of 34 members of the public attended the meeting. Additionally, the following Steering Committee and project team members participated in the meeting. Sign-in sheets are attached to this summary.

Name	Agency/Organization
Darrel Folkvord	Broadwater County Commission
Mike Delger	Broadwater County Commission
Nichole Brown	Broadwater County Planning
Chuck Hueth	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Dan Gallagher	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Dan Stremcha	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Al Christophersen	Broadwater County Trust Board
Bob Hollister	Broadwater County Airport Board
Richard Tramp	Citizens Action Group for the Silos Recreation Area
Sarah Nicolai	Robert Peccia & Associates
Kerry Pedersen	Robert Peccia & Associates

MEETING MATERIALS

Exhibits were placed on easels and on tables at stations spaced throughout the tented area. The exhibits summarized the master plan area, needs and objectives, background efforts, existing conditions information, proposed phasing alternatives and strategies, proposed improvement layout, campground density, schedule, and contact information. Attendees received copies of a two-page handout, the phasing/layout map, and a comment card. A copy of the meeting exhibits is attached to this summary.

CAMPGROUND DENSITY FEEDBACK

Attendees were asked to indicate their preference for campground density based on approximate densities at nearby campgrounds on Canyon Ferry. Attendees were provided with sticky dots to attach to the exhibit. The majority of attendees (22 of 26 dots) preferred the higher density at the Goose Bay Campground (~5.7 campsites per acre). One dot was placed on the Court Sheriff Campground (~5.3/acre), with a note indicating higher density preferred close to the main entry/marina. One dot was placed on the Riverside Campground (~4.8/acre), with a note indicating preference for access and space. Two dots were placed on the Jo Bonner Campground (~4.3/acre), with a note indicating reduced density preferred farther away from the main entrance.

In addition to the display exhibit, attendees were asked to indicate density preference on the comment card. Preferences ranged from ~3 campsites per acre to ~6 campsites per acre.

AMPHITHEATER LOCATION FEEDBACK

On the comment card, attendees were asked to indicate their preference for location of an amphitheater. Preferences varied, with some support for the day use area north of Pompe Bay, the day use area north of Broadwater Bay, and an unidentified area south of Sgt. Floyd's Bay to reduce noise for adjacent residents.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The table below summarizes comments provided in writing through comment cards and in conversations with project staff. Topics are listed alphabetically and may reflect multiple individual comments. Copies of comment cards are attached to this summary.

Table 1: Summary of Public Comments

Topic	Comment Summary
ADA Access	Mark ADA camping sites and enforce ADA usage
	Add ADA camping and recreation sites; provide more than 1 ADA pier.
	Use concrete paving to provide fully accessible at several campsites.
Airport	Drainfield, parking are appropriate uses for Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) area).
	Military uses the airstrip. Avoid placing buildings or recreational areas within entire approach/departure corridor, not just RPZ.
Amphitheater / Event Areas	Consider parking, road access, safety, and conflicts with overnight campers. Keep boat launch and overnight camping areas separate from day-use event areas.
Boat Launch Ramps & Bays	Replace north and south boat ramps
	New boat ramps may not be functional most of the year due to low reservoir levels or wind.
	Boat launching and trailer/boat parking needs to be expanded.
	Development of Seaman’s Bay with parking would be ideal. If Pompe/Seaman’s Bay used for swimming, develop boat launch at Sgt. Floy’s Bay.
	Additional docks and ramps are desired.
Camping Areas	Increase area available for camping
	Additional campsites are needed.
	Leave some campsites to be used on first-come, first-served basis. Reduce the number of reserved sites.
	List campsites online
	For most campsites, use packed gravel surfacing.
	Keep the shoreline free from individual campsite occupancy. Reserve shoreline area as public space for use by all campers.
	Plan campsites along finger-like routes to enable open views and foot traffic to the water.
	Increase campsite density near the main Broadwater Bay marina and reduce density to the north and south.
	Enable group camping for multiple RVs at a single site.
	Keep group pavilions to serve camping areas.
Enforce a time limit on site reservations (e.g., no more than 2 weeks).	
Day Use Areas	Make area adjacent to Broadwater County Airport available for day use only.
	Support group day use areas in Phase II next to the large parking area with separation from overnight camping due to different use characteristics (such as noise and traffic).
	When day use areas are not reserved, offer for general public use.
Entrance	Install access gate arms to enforce fee collection.
	Approach BLM for permission to place entrance outside BOR land.

Topic	Comment Summary
Gravel Pile	Leave the existing gravel pile in place to continue blocking view of the parking lot/boat launch area from adjacent residences.
	Level the gravel pile from the original excavation of Broadwater Bay.
	Crush and re-use gravel for site improvements including access roads.
Investment	Spend money wisely. Consider improvement costs.
	Minimize improvements, minimize costs.
Landscaping	Don't plant more trees; climate is too arid.
	Keep groundskeeping needs in mind for Phase III and IV. Identify grassy areas for irrigation using untreated lake water. Plant and irrigate trees to enhance shade and wind protection.
Maintenance	All services where contract labor is needed (including pumping, ice machines, deliveries, propane, garbage pickup) should be located near the primary service road to keep big equipment/trucks out of camping areas.
	Install gates to block off unused camping areas to minimize maintenance
Parking	Additional parking for ATV trailers, boat trailers, visitor cars, should be along the primary service roadway.
Pathways	Pathways can be gravel to start; paving can occur over time.
Roadways	Coordinate with MDT to address highway safety.
	Pave main roads and campground service roads. Do not pave camp spurs.
	Construct primary access road with services/maintenance in mind.
Signage	Add sign warning of hearing-impaired veterans
Usage / Demand	Too many people use the site; avoid attracting more people.
Utilities	Place common vault toilets and garbage dumpsters away from the shoreline and closer to the primary access roads.
	Place dump station next to drainfield.
	RVs already have their own shower facilities. Make common shower/toilet areas accessible for tent campers.
	Don't provide power or showers at the site; maintain undeveloped feel. RVs can use generators, and KOA shower facilities area available for a fee.
Waste	No need for dump station; already provided at KOA.
Weeds	Reduce or eliminate noxious weeds.

SILOS RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING

August 1, 2020

COVID-19 PLAN

Broadwater County in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is hosting a public open house meeting for the Silos Recreation Area Master Plan on Saturday, August 1, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Silos RV Park. Broadwater County has contracted Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) to develop the Master Plan and assist in facilitating the meeting.

This plan has been developed to address health and safety guidelines and requirements in compliance with statewide directives relating to the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus outbreak in Montana. The purpose of the plan is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of meeting attendees and staff.

1. MEETING SETUP

The meeting will be held in a tent on the lawn area between the restaurant and campground. The tent will be open on two sides to enable outdoor air flow. A sign-in table will be set up at the entrance to the tent, and meeting exhibits and comment tables will be spaced at a minimum of six (6) feet apart to allow for social distancing.

2. PARTICIPANT/ATTENDEE LIST

Upon arriving at the event, all participants, attendees, and event organizers will be asked to sign in and provide their name, email address, mailing address, and phone number on the form provided on page 3 of this plan. Contact information will be maintained with the project files for a period of no less than five months.

3. SIGNAGE AND EDUCATION

Signs shall be posted at the welcome table and throughout the tent reminding participants and attendees to maintain a minimum social distance of six (6) feet.



4. HYGIENE & DISINFECTION

Hand sanitizer shall be placed at the welcome/entry table and at comment tables. Event staff will wipe down comment tables at least once per hour using paper towels and bleach-based cleaner. Individual writing instruments will be provided to attendees, and sharing of equipment will be discouraged.

5. SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained for all persons outside an immediate household, and tent occupancy will be limited to enable appropriate distancing. A household is defined as individuals who live together in the same housing unit. If individuals cannot maintain a six-foot distance, they shall wear a mask that fully covers their face and nose. Masks will be available at the welcome table free of charge. If an individual refuses to maintain social distancing or to wear a mask, they will be asked to leave the event.

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6. BATHROOM FACILITIES

No designated bathroom facilities will be provided at the event. Attendees and event staff may use facilities at the Silos Recreation Area.

7. FOOD AND BEVERAGES

No food or beverages will be provided. Attendees and event staff may bring their own food and beverages.

8. VULNERABLE PARTICIPANTS

Vulnerable participants may participate at their own risk. All individuals are encouraged to take precautions such as wearing a face covering (bandana or mask) when near other people.

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PARTICIPANT/ATTENDEE FORM

Please print legibly.

NAME: (List all individuals from the same household attending) _____

JAMES WICKINS BLG / MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD

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PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

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NAME: (List all individuals from the same household attending) BOB HOLLISTER,
MARILYN HOLLISTER

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NAME: (List all individuals from the same household attending) James Washburn

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Keani Guthrie
Josh Winterrowd

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Rebecca Rico

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Fred Jakubowski

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Tina Pascin

Dave Pascin

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Frank & BJ Fleppner, Bob & Julia Rully

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406 781 5307

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AL Christophercen

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PHONE NUMBER 439-0197 E-MAIL elktrecks77@gmail.com

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

~~put~~ Make campground bigger - converted
into smaller area

Where should improvements be located within the site?

make area in front of airport - DAY USE ONLY.
do not take out gravel pile - it provides
a blocked view from the parking lot -
great launch / day use area

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1

OR

#2

(See flyer phasing map [Item F])

How closely should campsites be spaced?

Campsites per acre

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Less Dense



More Dense

Additional Feedback:

Use grassy campground

Additional Comments or Concerns:

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Handicapped-disabled sites marked and ADA laws enforced
North and South beach lounge ramps replaced

Where should improvements be located within the site?

All areas

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1

OR

#2

(See flyer phasing map [Item F])

How closely should campsites be spaced?

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Additional Feedback:

Additional Comments or Concerns:

Warning Hearing Impaired Veterans At Play sign on Silos Road
at west end of KOA campground - Silos Rd & Barnett (2) Rd.

If you would like to stay informed as the planning process progresses, please provide your contact information:

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Email Address: ~~jnavar@comcast.net~~

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Silos Recreation Area Master Plan - Comment Card

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

spray Bad weeds
help some sites for first come first serve
less reservation sites.
spend money wisely.

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1

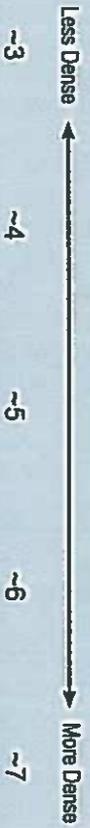
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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Maintain Noxious Weeds.
make sure there are some non reservation sites
for first come first serve.

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1

OR

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Side note: Need to work with DOT to address the highway issues. Accidents + near accidents occur daily. We don't need to attract even more people here + over crowding.

Need to address noxious weed issues, very concerned w/ attracting more people and cost of improvements.

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Minimize improvements. Don't try to cram too much more into area. Looks like relocating several of the boat ramps would be functional most of the year. Either low reservoir levels or wind.

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1 *None*

OR

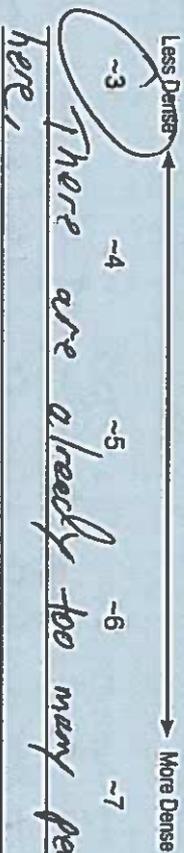
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How closely should campsites be spaced?

Campsites per acre

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Additional Comments or Concerns:

Don't waste time + money trying to plant all the trees. It's a desert here.
This area is already too busy. Don't need to attract more people.

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Name: *Freddie Tokrowski*

Email Address: *FreddieTokrowski69@gmail.com*

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

More ADA sites (Camping, recreation)

Offer more than 2 ADA Per

No need for Dump station (KOA offers Dump service)

Move amphitheaters south of Sgt. Floyd Bay (less noise for residents)

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1

OR

#2

(See flyer phasing map [Item F])

How closely should campsites be spaced?



Campsites per acre

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Additional Campsites # Alt. 3rd is Best.

1. 1. Improved Campsites and on line Recreation. 201.

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Boat Launching & Trailer (Boat) Parking

Needs expanded. The dirt pile next

to original excavation of Broadway Bay needs

levelled (used). Development of Sherman Bay

with parking should be ideal. Launch, T Parking

all beams & ramps are needed for Swimming. 40 South to

Soft 4 loops Bay for Launching. But Boat Trailer Parking will be needed

Where should the amphitheater be located?

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How closely should campsites be spaced?



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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Phase III & IV: Keep grounds keeping maintenance needs in mind. Select certain areas for irrigation on grass using Release-It (enricher). Keep these areas fairly compact as grass maintenance requires large grounds-keeping sheets. Put irrigation to trees; trees are the single biggest improvement to viability of a campground by providing shade & wind protection.

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Pathways can be compacted gravel to start. Paving can occur over time. Pav main roads & campground service roads - do not pave camp spurs. Put concrete under a few sites to make them fully accessible but leave most sites & spurs packed gravel. Consider sand beds for hot tire up in smaller camps.

Esther Taklaoui

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1 OR #2

(See flyer phasing map [item F])

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Silos Recreation Area Master Plan - Comment Card

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Phase II - Camping development: The placement of the storage area is a good idea but not to the large parking & well separated from the other overnight camping in excellent planning. Groups have characteristics that don't mesh well with other types of camping.

Where should improvements be located within the site?

namely, constant traffic coming & going, lots of noise for noise, foot traffic & sporting activities piling the area.

When the group area is removed, it can be used as a general public area.

ESTHER TISHBAGH

Where should the amphitheater be located?

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OR

#2

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Phase II - Camping developments: Rule #1 for good planning is to keep the ground next to the natural attraction (shorelines here) free from single use occupancy (one single family campsite). Plan the shoreline to be the public spaces for all campers to have access to at any time. To accomplish this, plan the campsite & service roads to be along fingerlike borders. This will protect areas & foot traffic in strategic ways & make more sites of higher desirability. Place vaults & garbage dumps & bins further away from the shoreline & closer to the primary access road. (see back) I would make higher density sites nearest main marina & entrance & less

Phase II - Camping developments.

Where should the amphitheater be located?

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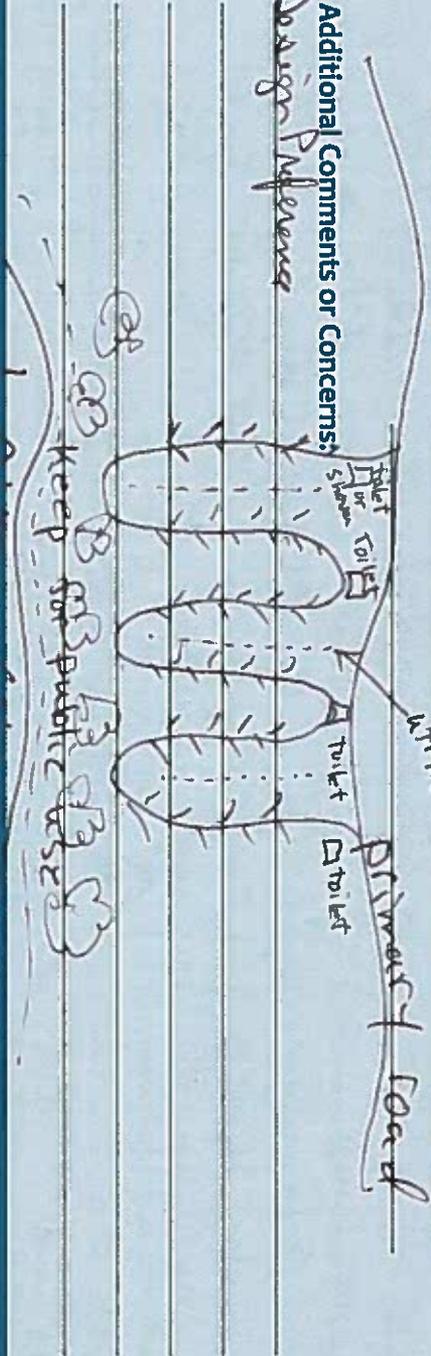
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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

Phase 1 - Primary Road. Construct road with service needs in mind. All services where contract labor is needed (pumping out hoses, filling ice machines, delivering to store, propane filling) garage pickup) should be located next to the primary service road. Tim keeps his equipment/trucks out of the camping area. It also makes a quicker service job to the contractors, both parking for ATV trailers, boat trailers, Airstos cars, etc should be along this service road on very close by. Most campgrounds do not plan enough extra parking.

All ~~hault~~ toilets should be located near the upon end of campground service roads away from

Where should the amphitheater be located? #1 OR #2 (See flyer phasing map [Item F])

How closely should campsites be spaced?



Additional Comments or Concerns:

(cont.) the lakes as much as possible.

Thanks: Canyon Enterprises, Inc

ESTHER FISHBAUM

406-581-7119

campground concessions 34 yrs.

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Name: ESTHER FISHBAUM Email Address: esthernews13@gmail.com

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What improvements do you want to see at the site?

They should put in gate arms to inform people to pay the fees for camping and boating

Where should improvements be located within the site?

Where should the amphitheater be located?

#1

OR

#2

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Public Open House

Saturday, August 1

9:00 AM to 1:00PM

Silos RV Park

(Lawn Area Between Restaurant & Campground)

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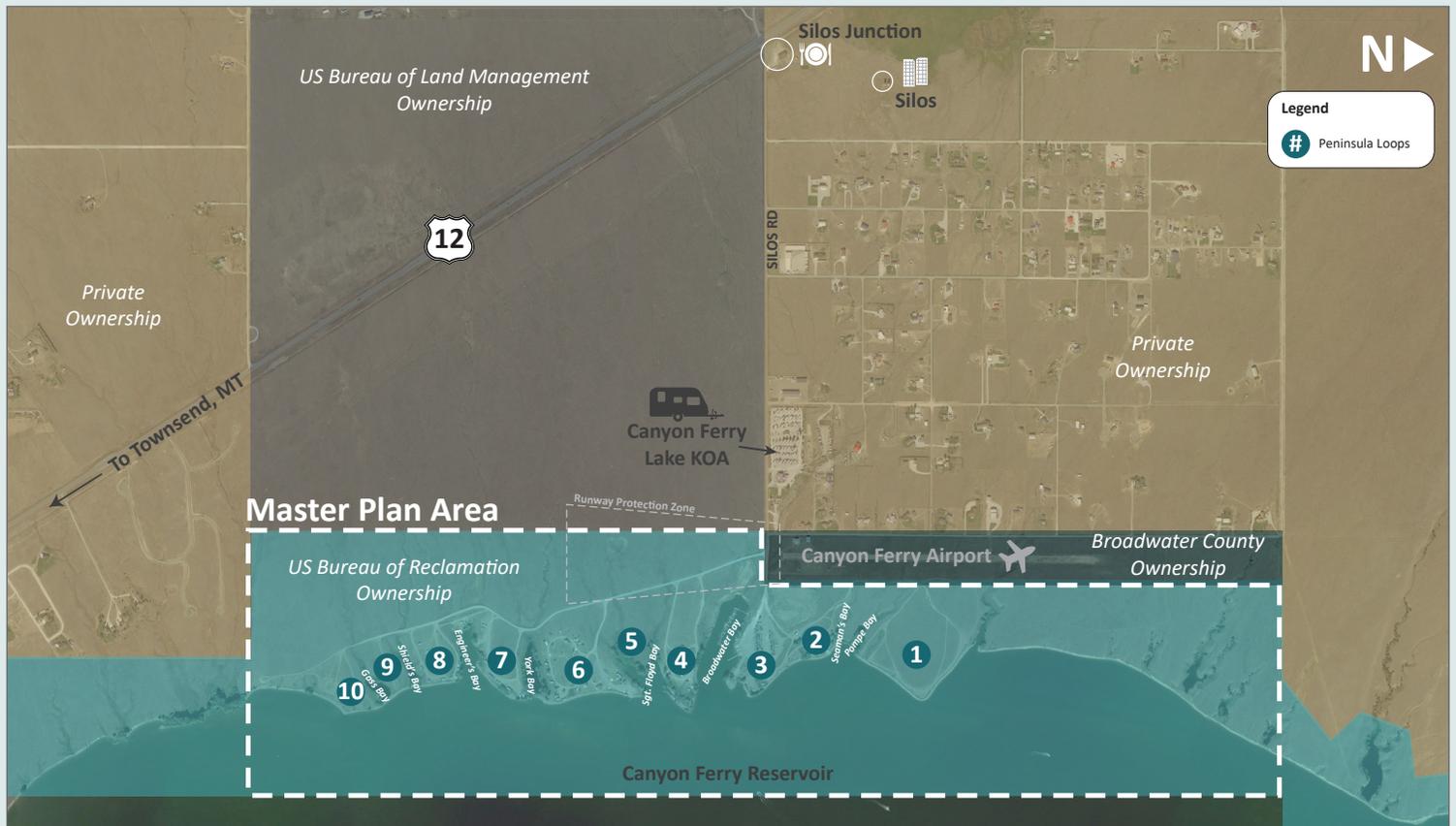
- Improve visitor health and safety,
- Enhance visitor access,
- Accommodate visitor demand, and
- Improve visitor comfort.

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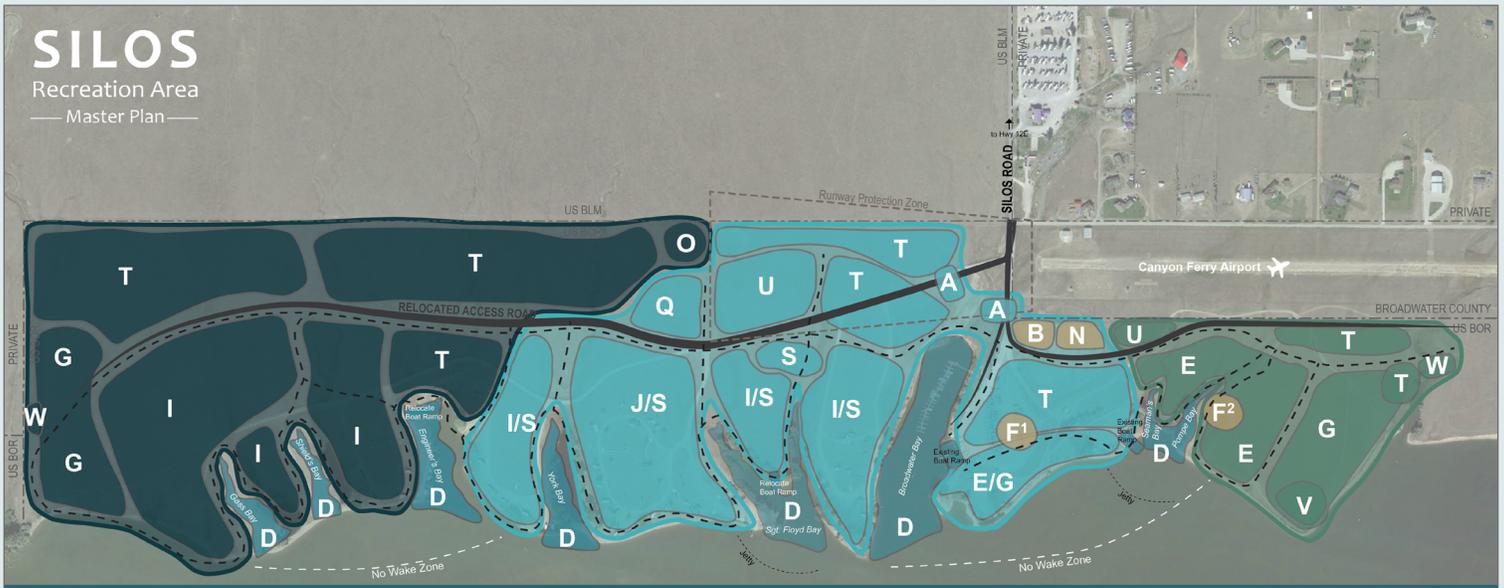
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PROPOSED PHASING OF IMPROVEMENTS

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HYBRID PHASING

PHASE I - PRIMARY ACCESS ROADWAY

- Construct new paved access roadway
- Leave existing roadway in place until areas are developed

PHASE IIA - BAYS

- D: Excavation / Marina / Boat Ramps / Watercraft Launching

PHASE IIB - BROADWATER, SGT. FLOYD, & YORK BAY AREAS

- A: Entrance Station
- G: Day Use Park
- I: RV / Tent Camping
- Q: Sanitary Waste Dump Station / Fish Cleaning
- R: Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- S: Utility Infrastructure (Power and water)
- T: Parking Areas
- U: Drainfield

PHASE III - SOUTH OF SGT. FLOYD BAY

- G: Day Use Park
- I: RV / Tent Camping
- J: Group RV Camp
- O: Maintenance
- R: Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- S: Utility Infrastructure (Not Illustrated, Power Only)
- T: Parking Areas
- W: Trailhead

PHASE IV - NORTH OF SEAMAN'S BAY

- E: Event and Group Day Use
- G: Day Use Park
- R: Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- S: Utility Infrastructure (Not Illustrated, Power Only)
- T: Parking Areas
- U: Fish Cleaning / Drainfield
- V: Fishing Access / ADA Pier
- W: Trailhead

PHASE V - THROUGHOUT SITE

- B: Visitor Center (TBD)
- F: Amphitheater Potential Locations
- N: Camper Services (TBD)
- R: Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)

Legend

- Property Boundary
- - - Trail
- Phase I Improvements
- Phase IIA Improvements
- Phase IIB Improvements
- Phase III Improvements
- Phase IV Improvements
- Phase V Improvements

NEXT STEPS

- Confirm **LOCATION** and **TYPE** of recreation area **AMENITIES**
- Determine desired **CAMPGROUND DENSITY**

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CALL
SARAH NICOLAI, PE, PTP
CONSULTANT PROJECT MANAGER
AT 406-447-5000
WITH A COMMENT OR QUESTION



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TO SUBMIT A COMMENT OR TO SIGN UP
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Saturday, August 1
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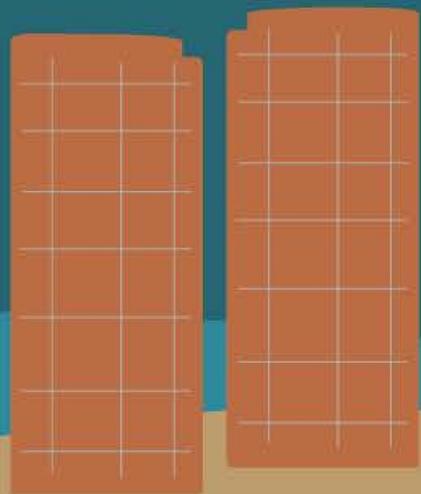


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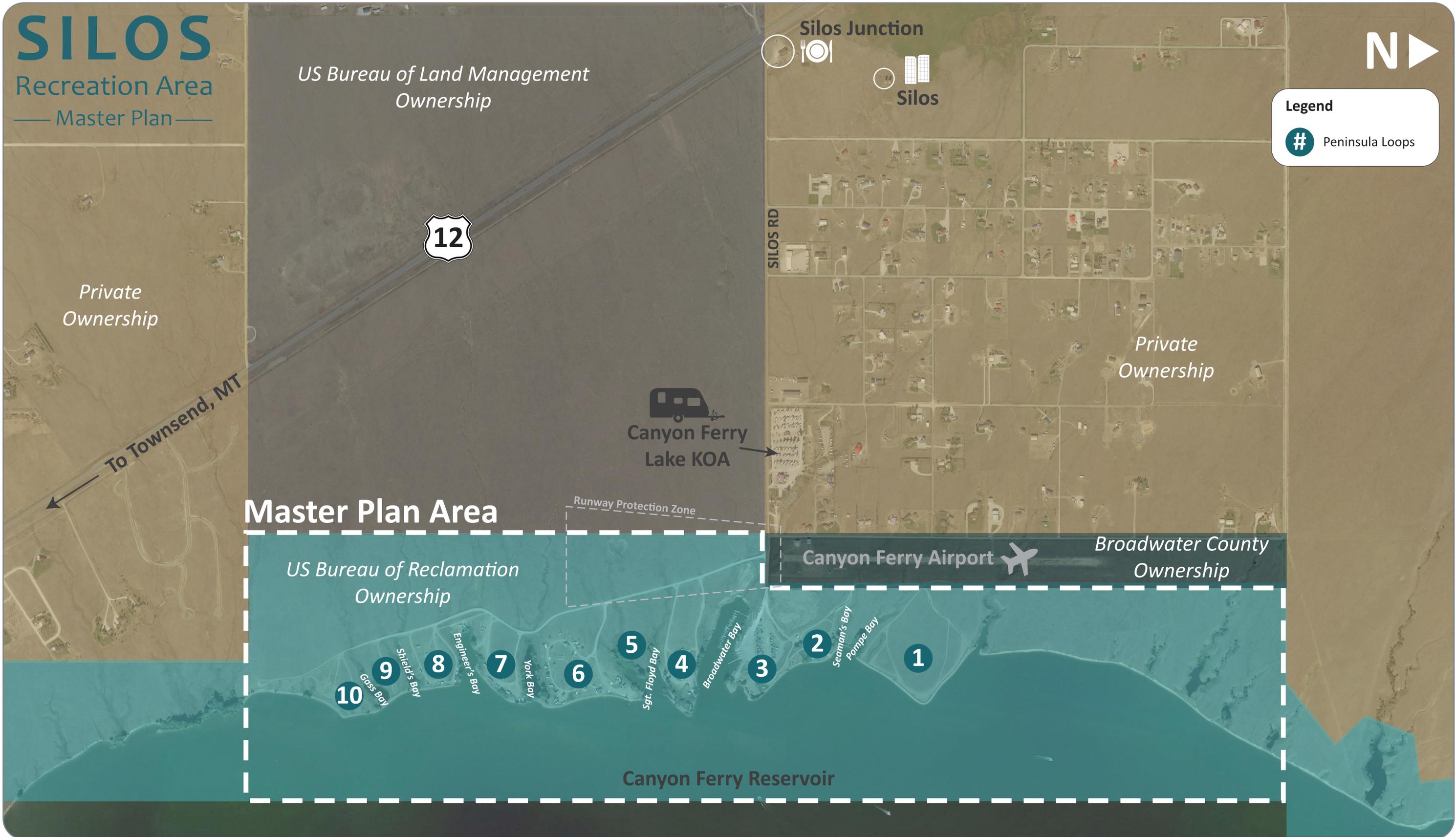
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Why are improvements needed to the Silos Recreation Area?

Need 1: Improve Visitor Health and Safety



Objectives

- Rehabilitate existing facilities and/or construct new facilities to meet current design standards.
- Provide adequate water, waste, and sanitation systems and facilities.
- Provide designated facilities and areas to ensure compatibility and minimize use conflicts.

Need 2: Enhance Visitor Access



Objectives

- Provide accessible paths and facilities for individuals and disabilities.
- Improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation, connectivity, and wayfinding.
- Enhance and expand boater access at site bays.

Need 3: Accommodate Visitor Demand



Objectives

- Increase designated vehicular parking.
- Augment boat launch and storage capacity.
- Provide adequate overnight camping and day-use facilities.

Need 4: Improve Visitor Comfort



Objectives

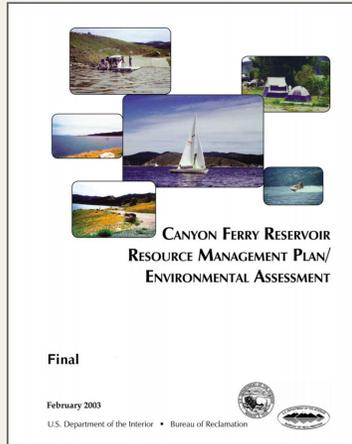
- Modernize site facilities and amenities.
- Provide shade, dust abatement, and privacy for site users.
- Provide utility connections to enhance user convenience.

What are other considerations affecting the way improvements are prioritized, funded, designed, constructed, and maintained?

- Environmental resource conservation and protection
- Local and regional planning
- Temporary construction impacts
- Funding availability
- Construction feasibility and physical constraints
- Economic development and local economy
- Adjacent uses and quality of life
- Maintenance cost, responsibility, and management sustainability
- Regulatory and permitting requirements

BACKGROUND

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (2003)

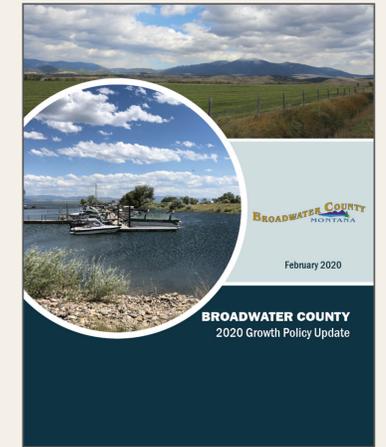


- Management framework for conserving, protecting, enhancing, developing, and using the physical and biological resources at Canyon Ferry Reservoir
- Calls for a **site-specific master plan** to be prepared for each recreation area to be expanded or rehabilitated

BROADWATER COUNTY GROWTH POLICY UPDATE (2020)

Goals:

- Maintain quality of life, open spaces, and rural lifestyle.
- Improve job opportunities, retail shopping options, recreational opportunities, housing options, and Broadband internet services.
- Focus on economic development and enhancing emergency medical services and fire protection.



2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

BROADWATER COUNTY



JSJ, INC. (KOA)

CURRENT CONCESSIONAIRE AGREEMENT (ONGOING)

- Broadwater County is contracted with JSJ, Inc. (doing business as Townsend Canyon Ferry Lake KOA) as its concessionaire to perform **day-to-day operations and maintenance** at the site.
- The *Concessionaire Agreement* outlines stipulations for staffing, management, maintenance, repairs, insurance and accident reporting, fee collection, group use permits, rules/policies, and compensation.

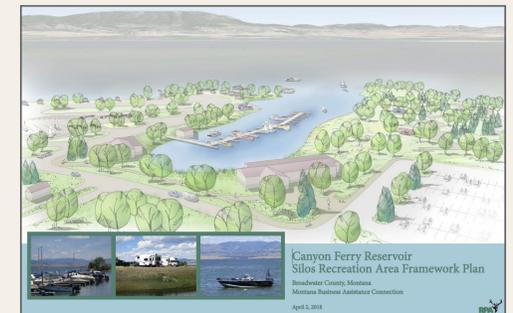
BROADWATER COUNTY



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

CURRENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (ONGOING)

- BOR authorizes **Broadwater County to develop, manage, operate, and maintain the Silos Recreation Area** for public recreation purposes.
- BOR retains ownership of the property while Broadwater County is authorized to develop new facilities, charge and retain fees for use of the facilities, and issue third-party permits or concessions contracts associated with its operation and management of the site.



SILOS RECREATION AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN (2018)

- **Foundation document** for future master planning and design phases for redevelopment of the Silos Recreation Area.
- Outlines a preferred development program with conceptual diagrams for expanded recreation activities and conservation areas.
- Framework Plan Option A (Preferred) – **Starting Point for Master Plan**
 - Realigned Main Recreation Area Road
 - New and Expanded Campgrounds and Day Use Areas
 - Boat Ramp/Bay Improvements
 - Greatest Area for Expansion



MASTER PLAN COMPLETE

EXISTING CONDITIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Soils, Water Resources, Wetlands, Vegetation, Fish & Wildlife, Protected Species, Social & Economic Characteristics, Land Use, Recreation, Heritage Resources



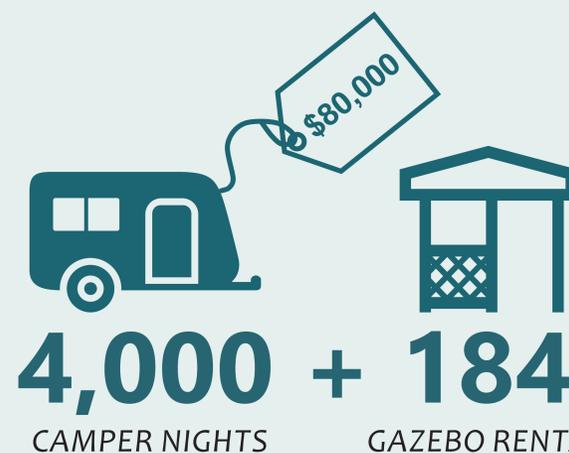
SITE FACILITIES & USAGE

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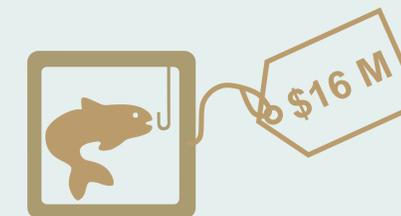


NEARLY
6,500

BOAT LAUNCHES
AT THE SILOS
RECREATION AREA
IN 2019



CAMPER NIGHTS GAZEBO RENTALS
RECORDED IN 2018 AT SILOS RECREATION
AREA GENERATING NEARLY **\$80,000**



CANYON FERRY
ANGLER ACTIVITY
GENERATED OVER
\$16 M
IN 2017

PHASING ALTERNATIVES

IDENTIFIED PHASING ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 0: No Build

- No major construction; maintenance/repair of existing facilities
- Update terms of management agreements

Alternative 1: Phasing By Geography

- Full buildout of all improvements within phasing areas

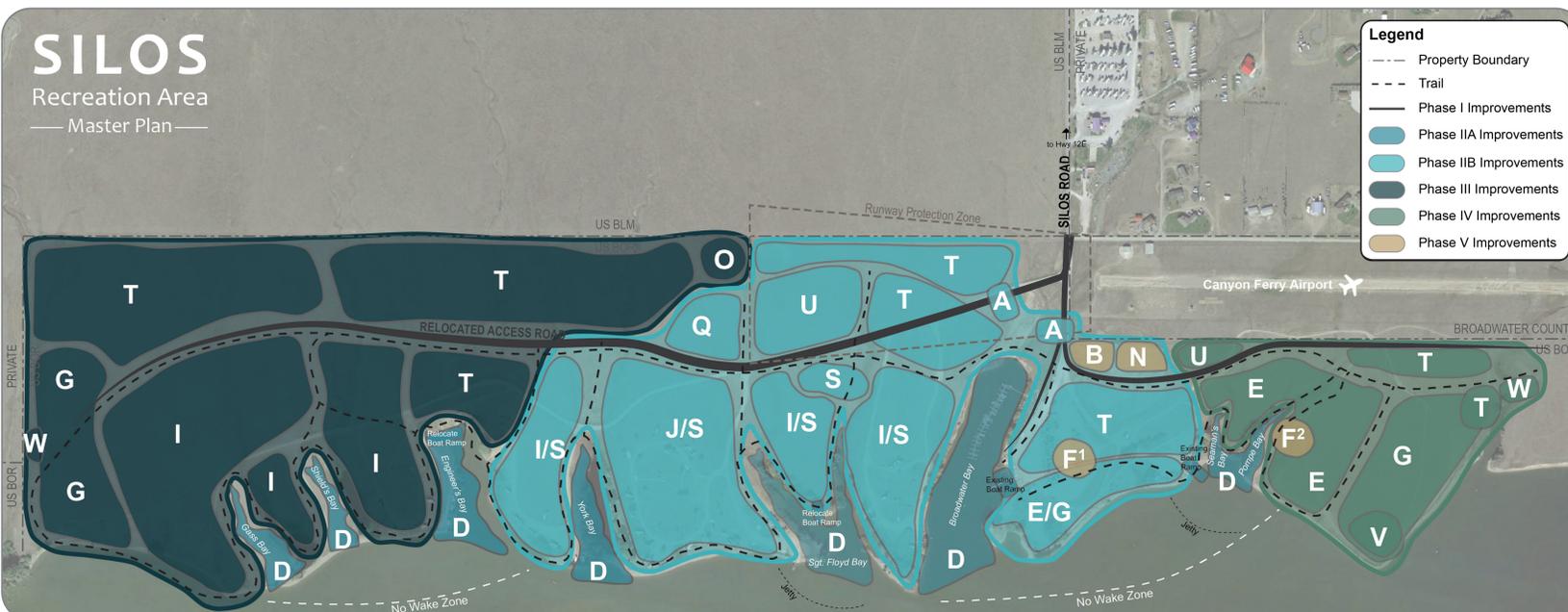
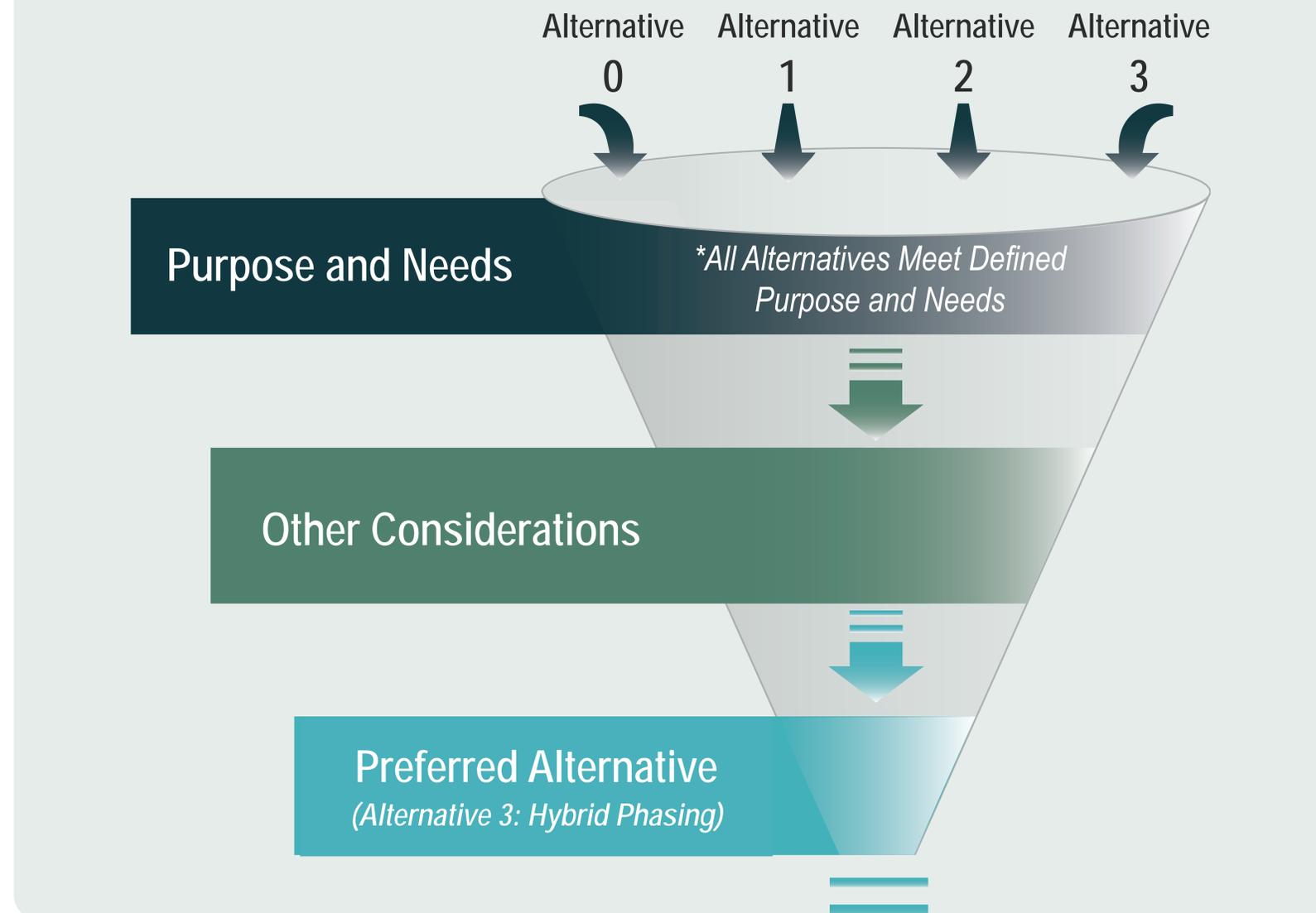
Alternative 2: Phasing By Improvement Type

- Full buildout of a single improvement type sitewide (such as all excavation/bay improvements sitewide, all RV camp sites sitewide, all comfort stations, etc.)

Alternative 3: Hybrid Phasing (PREFERRED)

- Address some sitewide elements (such as road and bay improvements)
- Construct primary improvements by geography, addressing higher-use areas first
- Address secondary improvements during final phase (optional, as desired)

SCREENING PROCESS



Alternative 3: Hybrid Phasing (Shown Left)

- Best balances the priorities, interests, and other considerations at the site
- Enables the greatest flexibility for funding and construction, while concentrating investment within the most heavily used areas first

PHASING



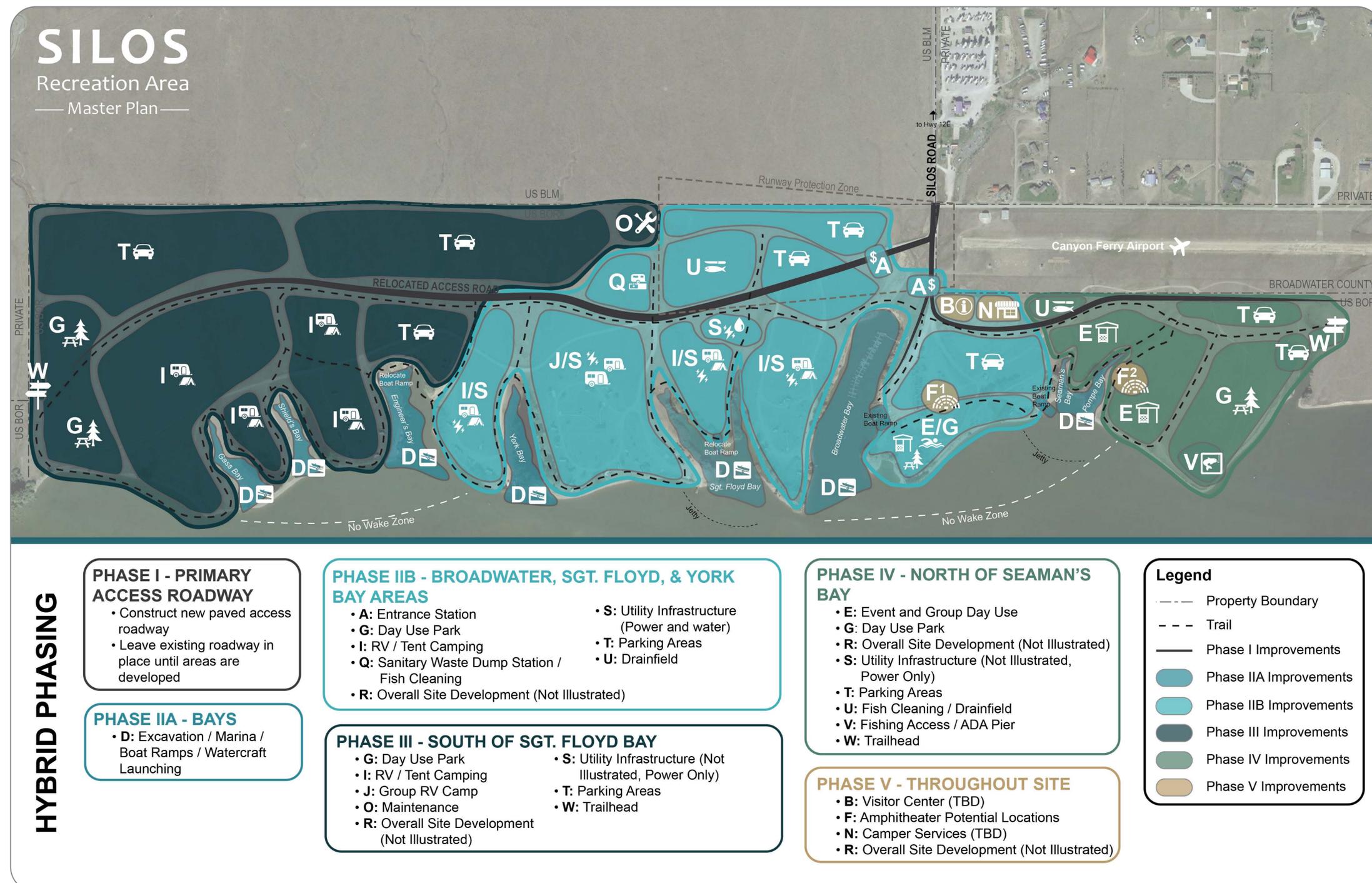
IMPROVEMENTS

Please review the proposed improvements and phasing

and tell us what you think!

→ What improvements do you want to see at the Silos Recreation Area?

→ Where should improvements be located?



PHASE I

SILOS

Recreation Area

— Master Plan —



HYBRID PHASING

PHASE I - PRIMARY ACCESS ROADWAY

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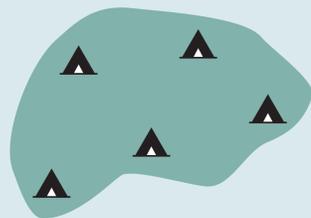
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CAMPGROUND DENSITY

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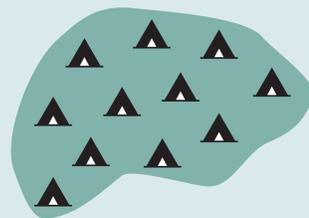
The number of camping spots within a defined area

LOWER DENSITY



- Accommodates **fewer** camping groups
- Provides **more** space and privacy between each group

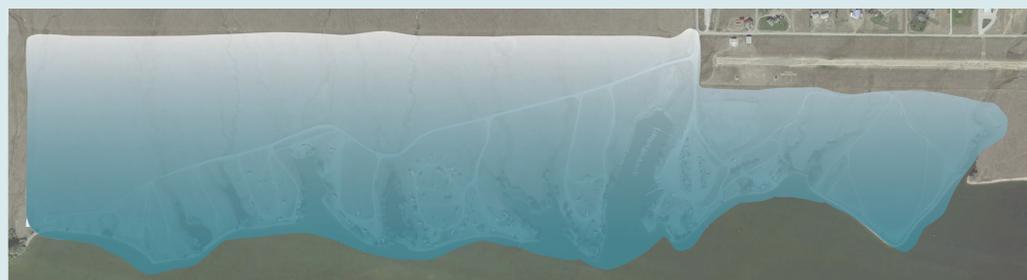
HIGHER DENSITY



- Accommodates **more** camping groups
- Provides **less** space and privacy between each group

RECOMMENDATION

LOWER DENSITY further from water



HIGHER DENSITY closer to water

JO BONNER CAMPGROUND

~4.3 campsites per acre



RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND

~4.8 campsites per acre



COURT SHERIFF CAMPGROUND

~5.3 campsites per acre



GOOSE BAY CAMPGROUND

~5.7 campsites per acre



CAMPGROUND DENSITY

Which do you prefer?

JO BONNER CAMPGROUND



~4.3 campsites per acre

Why?

RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND



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Why?

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Why?

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Why?

Public Feedback Provided at Public Open House Meeting #1 on 8/1/20

CAMPGROUND DENSITY

Which do you prefer?

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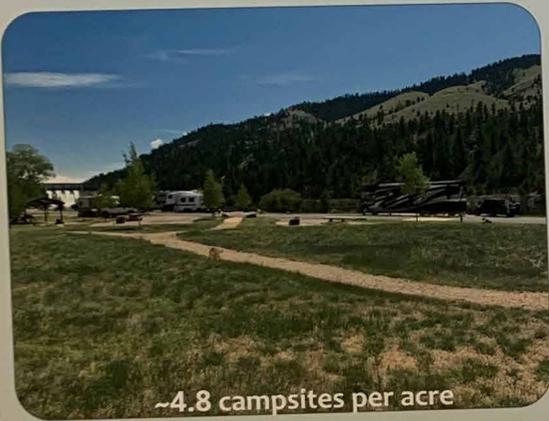


Why?

quiet
family
friendly



RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND



Why?

peace
or
space

COURT SHERIFF CAMPGROUND



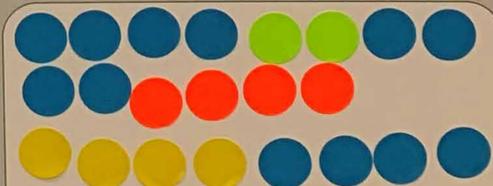
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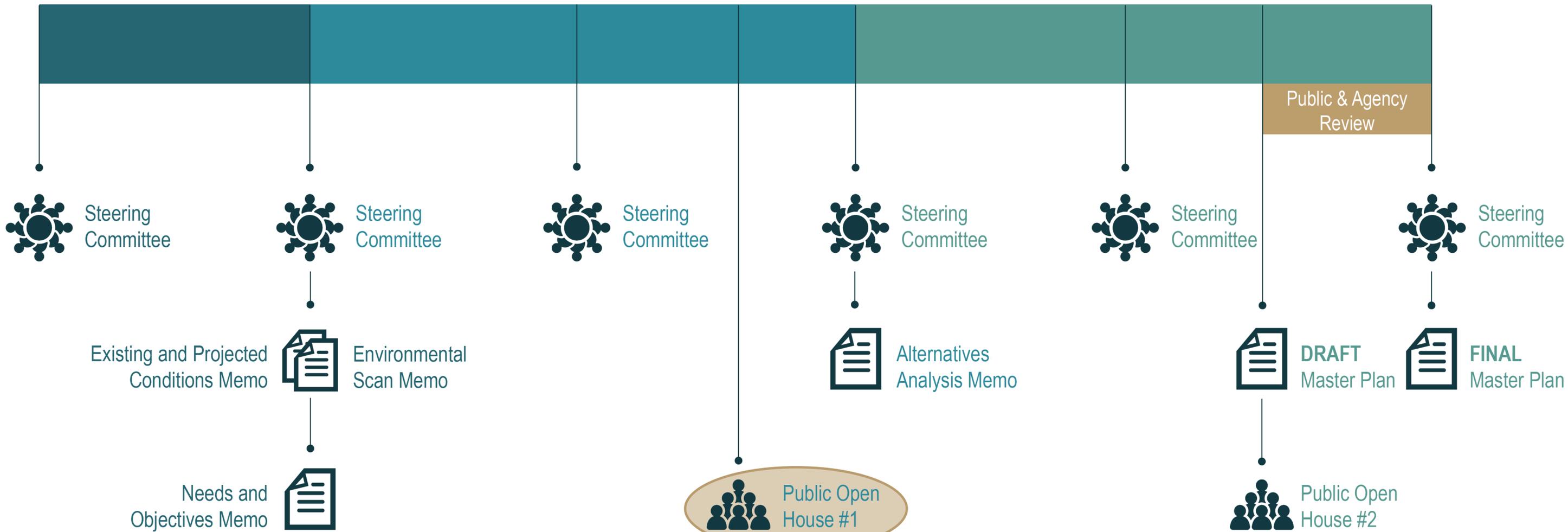
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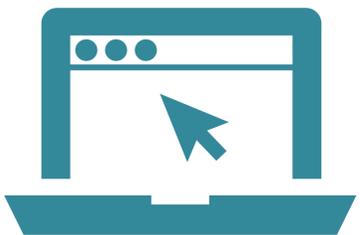
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SILOS RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #2

MEETING OVERVIEW

Broadwater County, in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, hosted a virtual informational meeting to present plan recommendations, collect feedback, and answer questions about the *Silos Recreation Area Master Plan*. The plan was developed to identify infrastructure and amenity improvements for parking/vehicle access, trails and pathways, overnight camping areas, boating and swimming facilities, shared day use areas, and associated utilities. The plan also outlines preferred implementation phasing for redevelopment of the site.

Study representatives gave a brief presentation to share key elements from the *Master Plan*. A question/answer session followed. A video recording of the meeting was posted to the website for those unable to attend the live presentation.

MEETING DETAILS

Format: Virtual Informational Meeting (Zoom)
Date: January 12, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

OUTREACH AND PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided in multiple formats ahead of the informational meeting. Electronic invitations were sent to study contacts and through the County's list serve. Electronic notice was also posted to the study website and to the County website. Additionally, Steering Committee members extended invitations to personal contacts.

ATTENDEES

A total of 39 individuals registered for the meeting and 27 people attended including Steering Committee members, project team members, and members of the public. The following people were present at the meeting. An additional three attendees not listed below joined by phone and were not identified by name.

Name	Agency/Organization
Darrel Folkvord	Broadwater County Commission / Steering Committee
Mike Delger	Broadwater County Commission / Steering Committee
Debra Randolph	Broadwater County Commission / Steering Committee
Nichole Brown	Broadwater County Planning / Steering Committee
Chuck Hueth	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation / Steering Committee
Dan Stremcha	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation / Steering Committee
Al Christophersen	Broadwater County Trust Board / Steering Committee
Bob Hollister	Broadwater County Airport Board / Steering Committee
Steven McCullough	Not indicated

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Name	Agency/Organization
Chad Schoenwald	Not indicated
David Payne	Not indicated
Deborah Blagg	Not indicated
Ed Shindoll	Not indicated
Joe Brakke	Not indicated
Lesters Thiessen	Not indicated
Mike Cysewski	Not indicated
Sharon Walker	Not indicated
Roxanne Tubbs	Not indicated
Tyrel Murfitt	Montana Department of Transportation
Jerome Kelliher	Not indicated
Christine Klein	Not indicated
Douglas Breker	Not indicated
Sarah Nicolai	Robert Peccia & Associates
Kerry Pedersen	Robert Peccia & Associates

MEETING FORMAT

The meeting started with a presentation providing an overview of the study area and planning process, needs and objectives, alternatives, recommended phasing and site elements, estimated costs, policy/management considerations, and next steps. A copy of the presentation is attached to this summary. Following the presentation, attendees were invited to ask questions or offer comments on the draft plan.

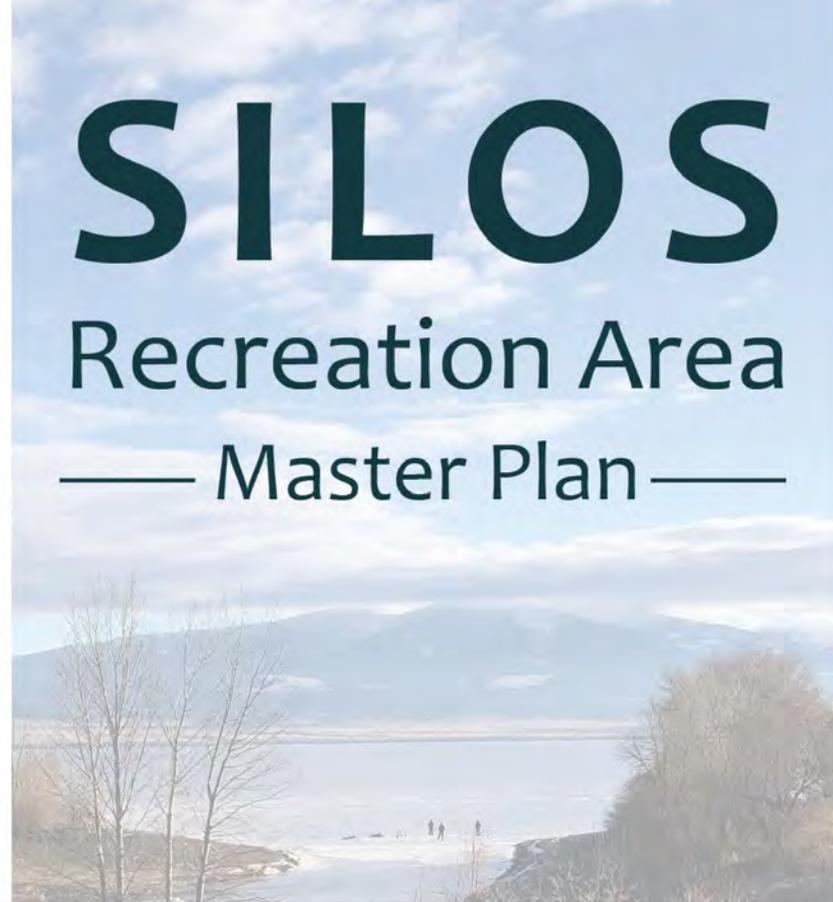
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The table below summarizes public comments received during the meeting and the responses provided.

Table 1: Summary of Public Comments

Name	Comment/Question	Response Summary
AI Christopherson	Does the draft Master Plan address various alternatives for the entrance station, including the possibility of a consolidated entrance to the west?	The Steering Committee has discussed the possibility of siting a combined entrance station on land owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to the west of the Silos site. Page 39 of the plan indicates it may be possible for Broadwater County and the BOR to negotiate with the BLM to use land outside the BOR right-of-way, although this would need to be explored further following completion of the Master Plan.

Name	Comment/Question	Response Summary
Steven McCullough	Will only one shower facility be enough to serve the site? Will there be multiple public restrooms?	The Master Plan includes only one centralized full-service comfort station with showers and flush toilets near the Sgt. Floyd Bay parking area mainly due to cost and maintenance concerns. It would be expensive to run wastewater utilities throughout the site, and BOR officials have experienced challenges maintaining similar facilities in other campgrounds. To supplement this full-service comfort station, larger, modernized vault toilets would be provided throughout the site. Additionally, multiple potable water sources would be provided within the central camping areas.
Tyrel Murfitt	What is the timeframe for dredging of the bays and is there a designated site where the material will be stockpiled?	Since funding sources have not been secured for the improvements, construction timing is unknown. However, excavation is expected to occur during Phase II following completion of the main access roadway. A gravel pile from previous excavation of Broadwater Bay is currently located at the site. The intent will be to use the material for site improvements such as parking or campsite surfacing rather than stockpiling permanently.
	Would the material be available for use by other agencies? MDT has a project on Highway 287 in 5 years or so, depending on funding availability. MDT may be interested in an opportunity to partner for use of the material during roadway construction.	If excavation material is not used for Silos improvements, it may be possible to partner with MDT for use of these materials. Further coordination between Broadwater County, the BOR, and MDT would be needed.
David Payne	Page 43 of the Master Plan states that individual electricity hookups would be provided at each campsite. Just want to verify that statement.	Yes, that is correct. We heard from the public that electric power is desired throughout the site, and the Master Plan reflects that. In addition to individual electricity hookups at each campsite, electricity would also be supplied at shared facilities such as group pavilions and entrance stations.
Tyrel Murfitt	A plan to build trails and trailheads connection to other facilities was mentioned. Are you aware of any construction or design of trails outside of the Silos Recreation Area (SRA)?	The Steering Committee is interested in connecting the SRA to the community of Townsend. There may be an opportunity to construct trails on BOR land extending south from the SRA along the waterfront.
	<i>Dan Stremcha:</i> Trails indicated in the Master Plan are the only ones under consideration at this time, although it is the intent that others would be identified later.	
	<i>Al Christopherson:</i> There are no plans at this time but there are discussions to tie into the Townsend trail – it would be a nice connection. The intent is for the trailheads developed at the SRA to tie into future facilities.	
	<i>Nichole Brown:</i> There are some county road easements that could potentially be improved for non-motorized vehicle trails. <i>Steven McCullough:</i> The Broadwater Trust has assisted in trail development from Townsend to the Silos area. Part of that trail is already installed.	



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— Master Plan —

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Study Area & Planning Process
- Needs & Objectives
- Alternatives, Phasing & Site Elements
- Estimated Costs
- Policy/Management Considerations & Next Steps
- Question/Answer Forum



Introductions

Steering Committee

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Broadwater County Commission
- Broadwater County Planning
- Broadwater County Trust Board
- Broadwater County Airport Board
- Citizens Action Group for the Silos Recreation Area (CAGSRA)





Legend

Peninsula Loops

US Bureau of Land Management
Ownership

Silos Junction



Silos



SILOS RD

Private
Ownership

Private
Ownership



Canyon Ferry
Lake KOA

To Townsend, MT

Master Plan Area

US Bureau of Reclamation
Ownership

Canyon Ferry Airport



Broadwater County
Ownership

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Gass Bay

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Shield's Bay

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Engineer's Bay

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York Bay

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Sgt. Floyd Bay

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Broadwater Bay

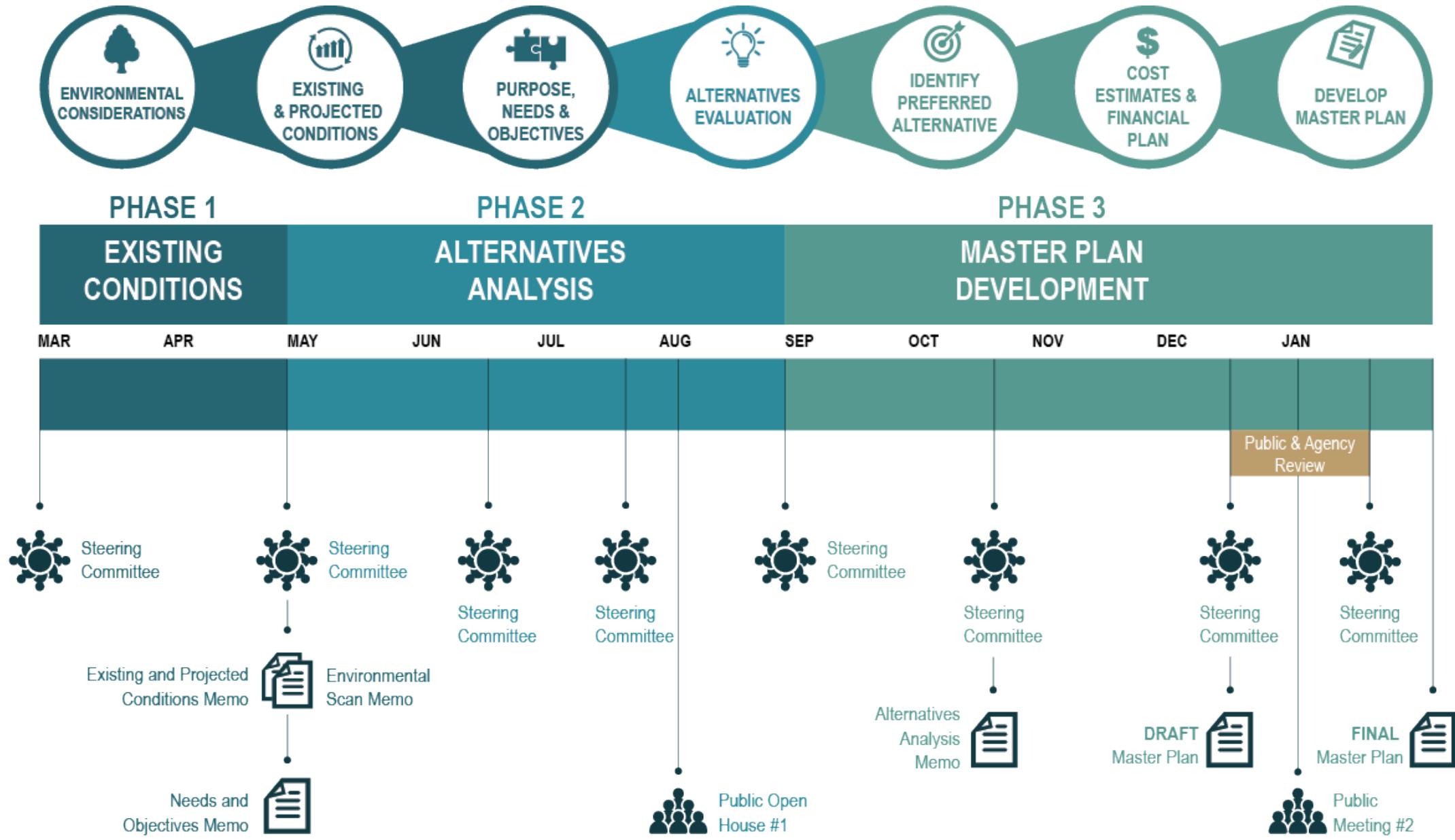
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Canyon Ferry Reservoir

Planning Process

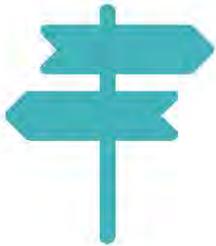




Need 1: Improve visitor health and safety.

Objectives

- 1.1: Rehabilitate existing facilities and/or construct new facilities to meet current design standards.
- 1.2: Provide adequate water, waste, and sanitation systems and facilities.
- 1.3: Provide designated facilities and areas to ensure compatibility and minimize use conflicts.



Need 2: Enhance visitor access.

Objectives

- 2.1: Provide accessible paths and facilities for individuals with disabilities.
- 2.2: Improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation, connectivity, and wayfinding.
- 2.3: Enhance and expand boater access at site bays.



Need 3: Accommodate visitor demand.

Objectives

- 3.1: Increase designated vehicular parking.
- 3.2: Augment boat launch and storage capacity.
- 3.3: Provide adequate overnight camping and day-use facilities.



Need 4: Improve visitor comfort.

Objectives

- 4.1: Modernize site facilities and amenities.
- 4.2: Provide shade, dust abatement, and privacy for site users.
- 4.3: Provide utility connections to enhance user convenience.

Alternatives Evaluation



Phasing & Site Elements

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HYBRID PHASING

PHASE I - PRIMARY ACCESS ROADWAY

- Construct new paved access roadway
- Leave existing roadway in place until areas are developed
- **A:** Entrance Station
- **O:** Maintenance

PHASE IIA - BAYS

- **D:** Excavation / Marina / Boat Ramps / Watercraft Launching
- **T:** Parking Areas

PHASE IIB - BROADWATER, SGT. FLOYD, & YORK BAY AREAS

- **E:** Event and Group Day Use
- **I:** RV / Tent Camping
- **J:** Group RV Camp
- **Q:** Sanitary Waste Dump Station
- **R:** Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- **S:** Utility Infrastructure (Power and water)
- **T:** Parking Areas
- **U:** Drainfield
- **X:** Fish Cleaning

PHASE III - SOUTH OF ENGINEER'S BAY

- **G:** Day Use Park
- **I:** RV / Tent Camping
- **R:** Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- **S:** Utility Infrastructure (Not Illustrated, Power Only)
- **T:** Parking Areas
- **W:** Trailhead

PHASE IV - NORTH OF SEAMAN'S BAY

- **G:** Day Use Park
- **R:** Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- **S:** Utility Infrastructure (Not Illustrated, Power Only)
- **T:** Parking Areas
- **V:** ADA Fishing Access
- **W:** Trailhead

PHASE V - THROUGHOUT SITE

- **B:** Visitor Center
- **F:** Amphitheater/Event Space
- **N:** Camper Services
- **R:** Overall Site Development (Not Illustrated)
- **T:** Parking Areas
- **U:** Drainfield

Legend

- Property Boundary
- - - Trail
- Boat Ramp
- Phase I Improvements
- Phase IIA Improvements
- Phase IIB Improvements
- Phase III Improvements
- Phase IV Improvements
- Phase V Improvements

Bay Improvements



Legend



Existing Boat Ramp (5)



New Boat Ramp (2)



Deep Excavation (3)



Shallow Excavation (4)

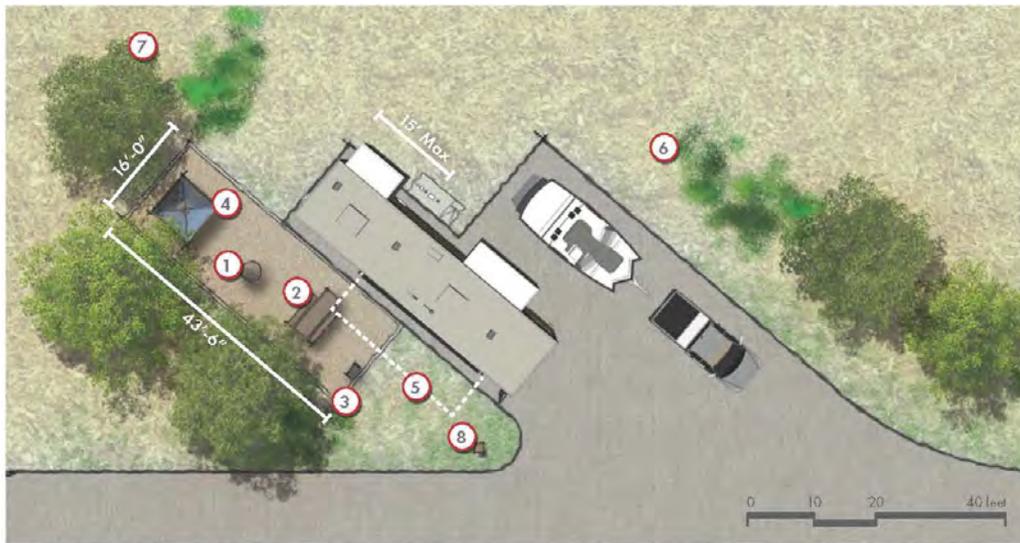
Primary Day Use Area

DAY USE AREA CONCEPT

- 1 Parking
- 2 Event Lawn
- 3 Event Plaza/Pavilion
- 4 Stage/ Amphitheater
- 5 Group Picnic Area
- 6 Nature Play Area
- 7 Traditional Play Area
- 8 Restroom
- 9 Family Pavilion
- 10 Cabana
- 11 Paved Trail/ Access
- 12 Crusher Fines Trail
- 13 Swim Beach
- 14 Non-Motorized Ramp
- 15 Boat Ramp
- 16 Marina Slips
- 17 Existing Trees to Remain

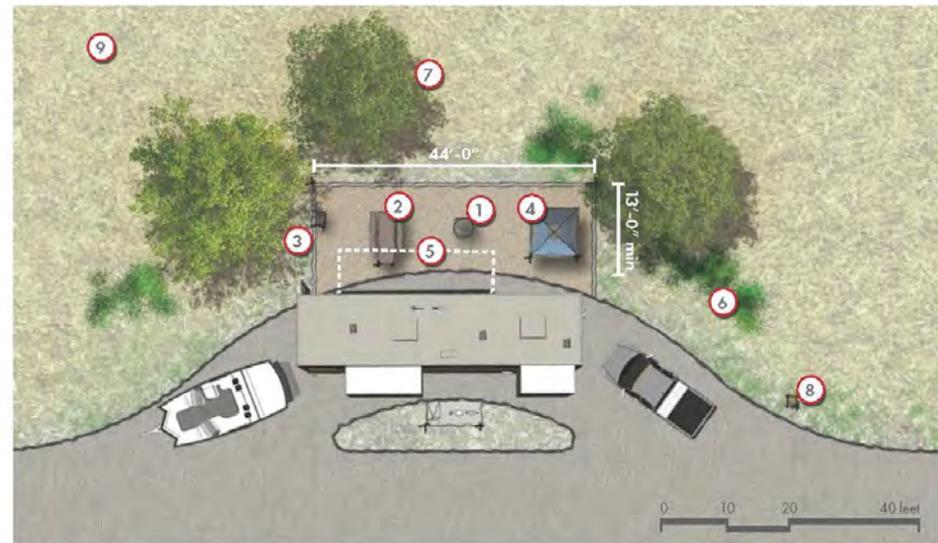


Example Campsites



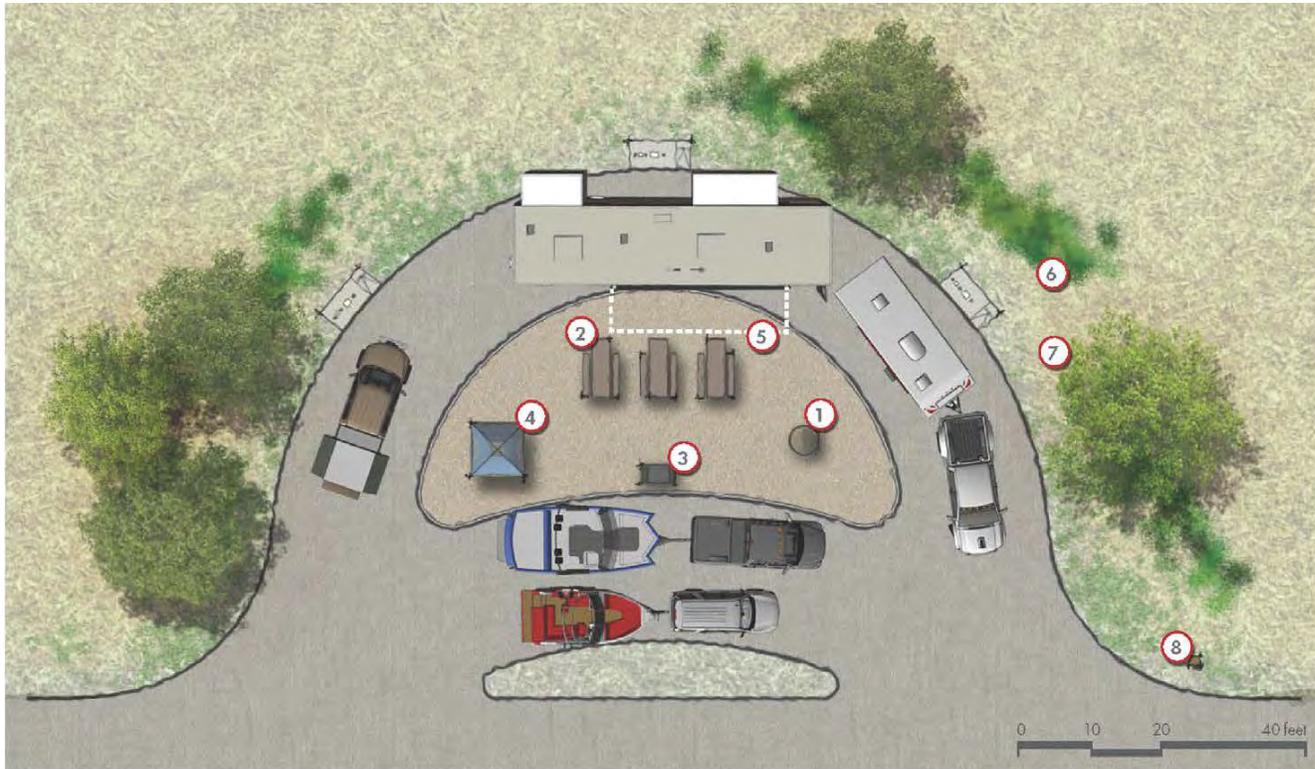
BACK-IN SITE - WITH TENT PAD

Facility/Tent Pad Size = 645 SF



PULL-THROUGH SITE - WITH TENT PAD

Facility/Tent Pad Size = 635 SF



GROUP SITE

Facility/Tent Pad Size = 645 SF

- ① Fire Ring - 36" dia.
- ② ADA Picnic Table
- ③ Grill - 24"
- ④ Tent - 92" x 92"
- ⑤ Awning
- ⑥ Native Shrub Massing
- ⑦ Shade Tree
- ⑧ Site Marker #
- ⑨ Native Seed

Note: Trees and shrub massings only in loops where irrigation water is available.

Example Campground



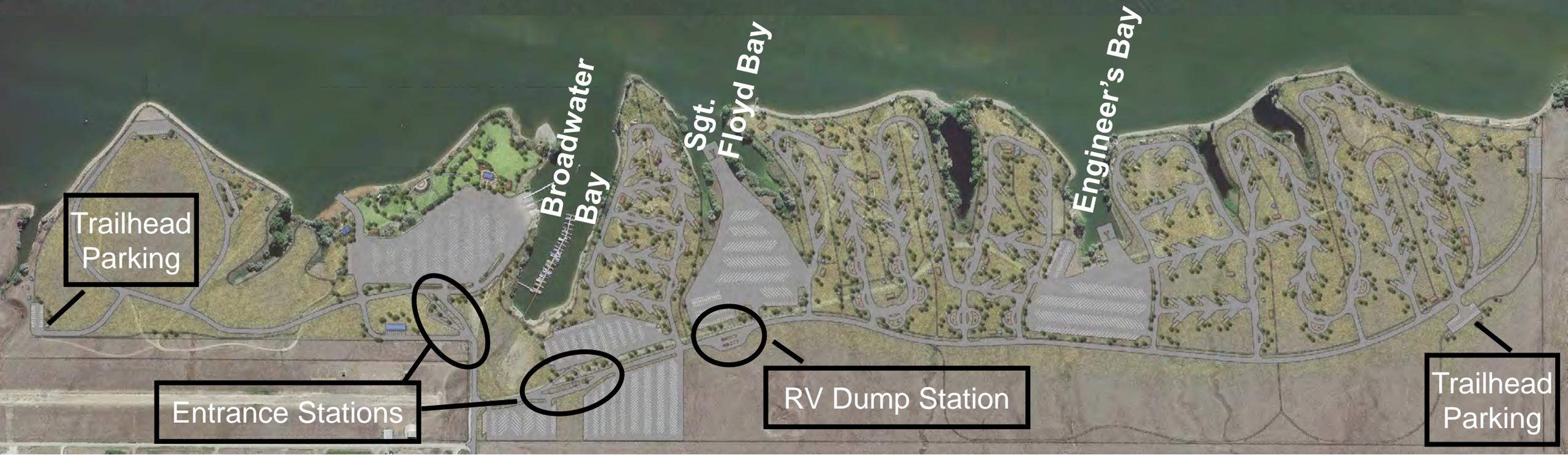
Example Campground



Conceptual Site Plan

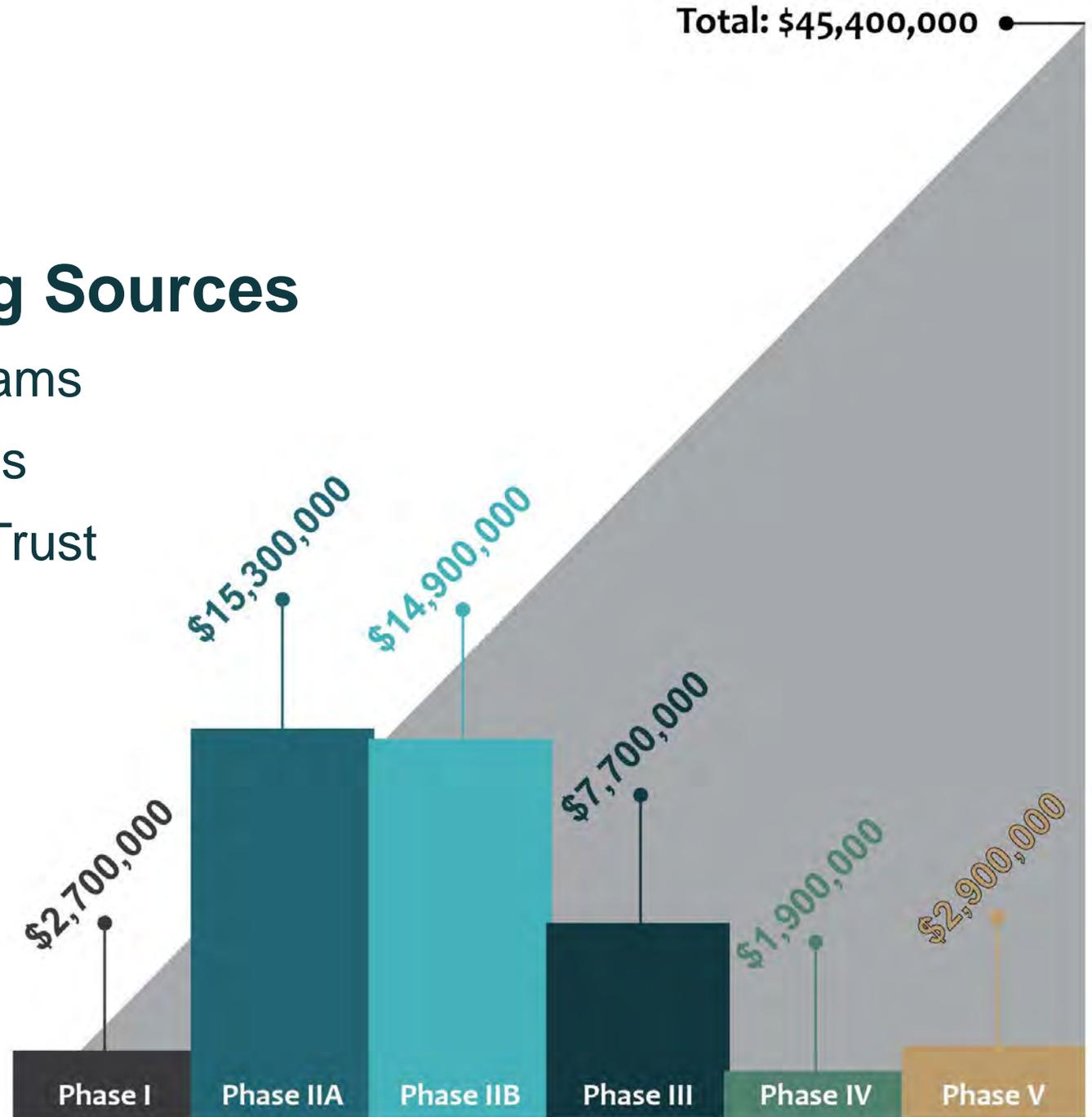


Conceptual Site Plan



Possible Funding Sources

- Federal Grant Programs
- State Grant Programs
- Broadwater County Trust
- Agency Partnerships
- Private Funding



Policy & Management Considerations

Recreation Season

Fee Collection

Facility Reservations

Site Maintenance, Utilities, and Sanitation

Safety Policies

Reservoir and Waterfront Access

Resource Conservation



What happens after the plan is complete?



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#	Date Received	Name	Written Comment	Response
1	12/29/2020	Leon Scoles	As a long time camper, fisherman and native Montanan, I am now retired and have been to a few of our neighboring states fishing and camping. In those travels, I have noticed a few things that our campgrounds and boat ramp areas here in Montana could be improved on. The two big ones are the lack of fish cleaning and RV dump stations. Please consider these two improvements in your planing if possible. I feel that both are very important and worth cost even if fees have to be raised. Here in Montana I see many people dumping their gray water in the campgrounds. Even though it's not their black water, it can still stink and possibly cause a health risk. Keeping fish cleaning confined to cleaning station keeps the smell down and the wasted fish parts out of the garage cans and out of the areas where people might go swimming. Thank you so much for considering these two improvements in your plans.	Thank you for your comment on the Silos Master Plan. The Steering Committee has also stressed the importance of a fish cleaning station and RV dump station at the site, and we have included these amenities in the draft plan. Please refer to the description on page 46 of the draft plan and proposed locations on sheets C203 and C204 in Appendix 8. The final decision to construct these amenities would be dependent on funding. We did note on page 53 of the draft plan that a partnership with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks may be possible to support a fish cleaning station as a shared investment.
2A	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	I have been a campground concessionaire for 34 years and have managed over 50 unique campgrounds in that time. As the primary maintenance contractor for those campgrounds, I have learned what good design entails and understand how the public is most likely to use the facility. I have extensive experience with waste collection and management in the campground setting and have the primary care of over 60 water systems from hand pumps to fully pressurized and automated water delivery.	Thank you for submitting these comments. We appreciate your expertise as a concessionaire for similar campgrounds, and this input will be valuable as improvements proceed at the site.
2B	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	The Silos Master Plan has many admirable features but still lacks some clarity on details as one would expect at this stage of planning. Here are some concepts to keep in mind as these details are fleshed out.	Thank you for your comments. The <i>Master Plan</i> sets out a planning-level layout concept, and many of the details noted in your comments would be addressed during future design and construction phases.
2C	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase 1 encompasses building and paving the primary entrance roads that service the interior campground roads. I would encourage the establishment of the parking areas in this phase to at least a level gravel surface. The biggest resource damage to an area and source of continued environmental impact to the lake water quality is the unhardened surfaces that the campers create/use. To put the parking areas in early will help keep erosion and dust pollution under control and will service one of the big camper needs early on. The situation of the parking areas is really good in relation to the other use areas.	Parking areas are identified for completion in Phase IIA, immediately after the main access roadway is constructed and at the time the bays are excavated and improved. Ultimately, construction sequencing will depend on identification of funding sources.
2D	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIA: excavation of bays. Just a question and thought here. Is the material being excavated suitable for making some of the proposed camping areas more level? If this can fulfill some of the need for infill in some of the design it may be helpful to have a stockpile for the excavation material to be used later on.	It may be possible to use excavated material from the bays for site improvements such as parking areas, interior loop roads, and campsite pads.
2E	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: When developing the RV and Tent areas, keep the tent area separate from the RV areas as generator noise is a problem in mixed use areas. The tent area could be an irrigated area with grassy common areas, a common "cooking/dishwashing" site near shower house or outhouse (built in tables/nearby grills/sinks for washing dishes). Having one area tent only will not preclude tents in the RV areas but will help give choices to those who do not like the noise of the RV areas.	Public and Steering Committee feedback suggested that tent usage is low at the site and can be accommodated within the combined RV campsites. Each campsite provides an adjacent pad for tent camping next to vehicle parking. The plan calls for individual electricity hookups at each campsite, which would reduce generator noise. Less developed campgrounds at the southern end of the site may attract fewer RV campers, potentially leaving more sites available for tent camping. For these reasons, the plan does not designate an area for tent camping only.
2F	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: The entrance/pay station should have electricity and WiFi to facilitate payments with debit and credit cards reducing the amount of cash in the unit at any one time. Consider a unit that collects payment from credit cards without the need for a cashier.	Both entrance stations would have electric power and communications utilities. The southern entrance station is intended as an automated kiosk to collect payment, while the northern entrance station could be staffed in the future as desired.
2G	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: In the group area (day use), build the group shelter near the parking area since the groups always have lots to unload from vehicles as they use the shelter. A short unloading area near the shelter would work as well. Group shelters need electricity. Maximize the level area for recreation use of a general nature, build outhouses and shelters on the sloped or rougher areas and on the edges not the middle of the flat area. Preserve the shoreline for multiple users, no single user monopolizing the shoreline. Remember to place outhouses well away from the shoreline and in an area easy for service personnel to access by vehicle.	Throughout the site, we have attempted to indicate vehicular access and parking adjacent to group-use facilities. In the day-use area north of Broadwater Bay, the event pavilion and group picnic shelters are placed immediately next to the parking area, whereas the future amphitheater location was selected closer to the waterfront for enjoyment of the reservoir view. In the campgrounds, individual campsites have been placed facing inward away from the reservoir to enable pedestrian waterfront access. The final location of all pavilions, vault toilets, group-use facilities, trails, and campsites will be determined during future design and construction phases.

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2H	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: For the camping areas (RV), make the site parking spurs as long as possible. (We all are bringing numerous toys to camp with.) Do not put any sites on the shoreline; save the shoreline for multiple person recreation. Shoreline campsites are always the most popular and overused and most likely to cause pollution in the lake waters; keeping all sites off the premium property (shoreline) makes all sites more equal in popularity, preserves the view for more campers, prevents stranger encroachment across sites (causing disputes) as others try to get to the shoreline, and provides a larger area for multiple users to access the water.	Double-wide back-in campsite designs were developed to enable parking for a combination of vehicles including RVs, trailers, boats, and personal vehicles. Pull-through and group campsite layouts were also developed to accommodate multiple vehicles. Campsites were generally placed facing inward away from the reservoir to enable general pedestrian access to the waterfront. The final campground configuration will be determined during future design and construction phases.
2I	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: Consider placing utilities in the infield location behind the RV sites and not in roadways to minimize disruptions when they need to be dug up. Electrical pedestals and sewer connections are located in the mid-section of most RVs so do not place these services at the back of the parking pad. Place them about 2/3 back and on the side.	Thank you, these comments will be considered as the design is finalized for the site during a future project phase.
2J	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: Place garbage dumpsters outside the RV loops or at the top of the loop so big machinery does not need to come into the recreation area. Keeping the dumpsters separate from recreation/sleeping areas minimizes disruption due to odors and user/servicing noises. It is better to make customers walk a bit to dispose of their trash than to mix that use into the areas where the people congregate around their tables or shelters, etc.	Thank you, these comments will be considered as the design is finalized for the site during a future project phase.
2K	1/8/2021	Esther Fishbaugh	Phase IIB: To save on costs initially, consider not paving any spurs, or putting concrete for parking pads until a later upgrade. Same with walking paths. Use the dollars to establish the paths and spurs; these can be paved in increments at a later date.	Thank you, these comments will be considered as the design is finalized for the site during a future project phase.
3A	1/11/2021	W. Scott McDonald	Will camping be on a reservation only basis?	Thank you for your questions. No management decisions have been made with this plan. Reservation policies will need to be updated as site improvements are designed and constructed in the future. See Chapter 6 for a discussion on management and policy considerations.
3B	1/11/2021	W. Scott McDonald	Will additional bays be excavated out at each of the 10 locations on the proposed site map; boat ramps be constructed at each of the 10 sites; docks installed at each of the 10 bays?	Excavation is intended for all of the bays to improve access and use. Figure 10 (page 42) illustrates proposed bay improvements, with deep excavation at Broadwater Bay, Sgt. Floyd's Bay, and Engineer's Bay, and shallow excavation at the other bays. New boat ramps and adjacent parking areas are planned for Engineer's Bay and Sgt. Floyd Bay, and expanded parking would be provided at Broadwater Bay. Existing boat ramps would be maintained for smaller craft and beach access.
3C	1/11/2021	W. Scott McDonald	Anticipated camping fees?	No management decisions have been made with this plan. Policies on fee collection will need to be updated as site improvements are designed and constructed in the future.
3D	1/11/2021	W. Scott McDonald	Restriction on number of continuous camping days?	No management decisions have been made with this plan. Policies on camping duration will need to be updated as site improvements are designed and constructed in the future.
3E	1/11/2021	W. Scott McDonald	Will there be any full service campsites planned?	The plan calls for a variety of utility services to serve the recreation area. Electric power would be provided throughout the site, with individual electricity hookups provided at campsites. For campsites in the central area surrounding Broadwater Bay, Sgt. Floyd Bay, and York Bay (Phase IIB area), a shared well/potable water source would be provided to serve each peninsula campground. Group-use pavilions with electric power and potable water sources would also be situated within the campgrounds. For more primitive campsites to the south (Phase III area), no potable water source would be provided. Vault toilets would be placed throughout the site to serve day use areas, campgrounds, and boat launch areas. Additionally, a centralized comfort station with flush toilets and a fish cleaning station with power and water utilities would be located near the parking area for the new Sgt. Floyd Bay boat launch. These services would be centralized to minimize maintenance requirements.

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4	1/11/2021	Joe Brakke	My initial questions are on how this project will be financed. Tax payer, grants or private funding? Does the financing impact the timeline of completion of each phase? Is there an estimate on overall costs of the initial phase?	<p>Thank you for your questions. Section 7.1 of the plan discusses potential funding sources, including capital funding administered through the BOR, federal and local grants, Broadwater County Trust funds, and private donations. Currently, no funding has been identified or secured to complete any of the recommended improvements included in this plan.</p> <p>Section 5.3 and Appendix 9 present planning-level cost estimates reflecting the elements included in the plan. Based on final design and investment decisions for construction of new elements and rehabilitation of existing features, costs could range from approximately \$10 million to more than \$45 million (in 2020 dollars), depending on which facilities and amenities are ultimately selected for implementation. If additional features or amenities are desired beyond what is shown in the plan, costs may exceed this range. Construction timing will depend on funding identification.</p>
5	1/12/2021	Helene Galzagorry	I just wondered if I could listen to the meeting after the fact because I can't watch tonight.	Yes, the public meeting will be recorded and posted to the website at https://www.silosmasterplan.com/public-and-stakeholder-involvement through April 2021, at which time the site will be disabled. Thanks for your interest in the plan.
6A	1/12/2021	Patrick Plantenberg	Note: Plant nomenclature after Lesica, P. 2012. Manual of Montana Vascular Plants. Brit Press. 771 pages. Comment: Observations of photos in the document indicates the need for regular pruning of dead wood on existing trees and shrubs at the site. Another observation indicates the widespread occurrence of common mullein <i>Verbascum thapsus</i> on the site.	Thank you for these comments. Policies for routine vegetation maintenance and control will be revisited as improvements are designed and constructed at the site.
6B	1/12/2021	Patrick Plantenberg	<p>Appendix 7, Comments: I think the goal of the vegetation plan should be all native species in the non-irrigated areas. Some non-native species are still included in the plants lists and some natives that won't grow there are listed:</p> <p><u>Shrubs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -AMELANCHIER ALNIFOLIA / SERVICEBERRY-won't grow on this site. -CHAMAEBATIARIA MILLEFOLIUM / FERNBUSH- non-native species -PRUNUS BESSEYI PAWNEE BUTTES / CREEPING WESTERN SAND CHERRY-non-native species <p><u>Recommended Seed Varieties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Add <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> Blue grama to the list -Remove DURAR HARD FESCUE and add Idaho fescue or Sheep fescue to the list -Remove PLAINS COREOPSIS - non-native species -Add <i>Ratibida columnifera</i> Prairie Coneflower to the list and remove the two Mexican Hats-Mexican hat usually refers to a non-native orange flowered species rather than the yellow coneflower. -Add <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> Sand Dropseed to the list. <p><u>Ornamental grasses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Add Basin Wildrye <i>Elymus cinereus</i> to the list <p><u>Perennials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Remove BAPTISIA AUSTRALIS / BLUE WILD INDIGO – it is not native -Remove the two non-native PENSTEMON PINIFOLIUS / PINELEAF PESNSTEMON and PENSTEMON STRICTUS / ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON-we have some native penstemons to choose from but not many would grow in this dry area. 	Thank you for offering these suggestions. These recommended modifications to the Appendix 7 plant list have been incorporated.
6C	1/12/2021	Patrick Plantenberg	Appendix 7, Comments: It may be advantageous to fence the entire site rather than trying to fence each individual tree and shrub planted.	Thank you for offering this suggestion. Final decisions on fencing to protect plantings will be determined during future design and construction phases.
7A	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	Comments provided as MDT Representative: Existing Conditions: Page 12. Table 1. There is new data for this traffic recorder. The 2020 AADT was 5,314.	Thank you for providing updated traffic volumes. This data has been incorporated in the final plan.
7B	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	Page 12. 3.3.1. Highway Access. Highway 287 is a Principal Arterial, Non-Interstate.	Thank you, we will clarify that Highway 287 is not part of the Interstate system.

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7C	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	<p>The Townsend North project was re-scoped to a Road Smoothing (Diamond Smoothing) with seal and cover. It is still a “Rehab” project because we are replacing the Plant Mix Surfacing at the intersection of HWY 287/12 in Townsend with PCCP. The project is currently being prepared for advertisement and will be constructed in the 2021 construction season. I would suggest a revised paragraph describing the Townend – North project as follows:</p> <p>“MDT has programmed the Townsend – North rehabilitation project on Highway 287 beginning in Townsend and proceeding approximately 10.3 miles north. MDT’s 2020-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the upcoming projects website indicates that the Townsend – North project is planned for construction in the summer of 2021. The project will rehabilitate the roadway to address rutting via diamond roadway smoothing, a chip seal, and intersection resurfacing at HWY 287/12 (Broadway and Front St.) with concrete pavement.”</p>	<p>Thank you for providing an updated description of this project. The suggested paragraph has been incorporated.</p>
7D	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	<p>MDT has also nominated a capital improvement project called Silos – South, the project is not in the STIP but is on the MDT active project map. The project is anticipated to extend the current five lane configuration to the south from the Silos Road on HWY 287. The limits of the extension are yet to be determined as the project is in the early design stages.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing this information. The final plan now includes information about this project.</p>
7E	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	<p>Costs of improvements Section 5.3. In the past when dealing with corridor studies, MDT typically provides projected costs with inflation and risk factors based on the improvement type. We have experienced that documents such as these are used as the basis for the improvements (as they should be) but when the funding comes around a year or even five years later the first estimate by the Engineer typically is met with sticker shock because of time changes in money and the economy. This information would help when funding sources are identified so that adequate funding can be secured without have to put improvements on a diet right away because of lack of funding. Because funding is difficult to predict, MDT uses the short (1-3 years), medium (3-5 years), and long (5-10 years) then the dollars are provided at a determined point. Might be a consideration to help with sticker shock in the future.</p>	<p>Thank you for this suggestion. Inflation costs were not included in the planning-level cost estimates because the timing of construction is unknown and will be based on funding availability. The plan indicates costs were estimated using 2020 pricing information and that costs will need to be refined during design and construction to reflect final configurations and materials.</p>
7F	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	<p>As a citizen that uses this area occasionally the area I offer the following comments: The improvements look good and well thought out and I hope that funding can be secured for these improvements as the facility does need some updating. The additional boat ramps will be nice to spread out the amount of use. It would be beneficial to consider the density of the campsites so you don’t feel like you’re in your neighbors backyard when camping. The provision for electrical hookups at the campsites are huge, because it eliminates the need to run noisy generators.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The Master Plan provides an example of the type and number of campsites that could be developed, however final decisions on campsite density will be determined during design and construction phases based on privacy considerations and site constraints.</p>
7G	1/13/2021	Tyrel Murfitt	<p>Has there been thought to a roundabout entrance where all the roads meet somewhere between the A and A/O designated area on page 41 of the master plan overview. That might facilitate vehicular use of the site and tidy up the multiple intersections and conflict points at the entrance to the SRA.</p>	<p>Thank you for this suggestion. A roundabout configuration was briefly considered, however it proved challenging due to the configuration of the entrance roadway, airport property boundaries, runway protection zone limitations, and topographical constraints. Final entrance configuration will be determined during design and construction phases based on survey information and the potential for a consolidated entrance through partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.</p>