

# Walnut Creek Wetland Park

Citizen Planning Committee Meeting #4

## Communicating the Vision

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Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan  
September 18, 2017



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## Tonight's Meeting Agenda

- Recap Meeting #3
- Master Plan Document Outline
- Walnut Creek Wetland Park: Long Term Vision
- Presentation of Illustrative Park Master Plan
- Work in groups to refine design, discuss programs
- Wrap-Up + Next Steps





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## A. EDUCATION THROUGH INTERPRETATION

*An increase in community interaction with the site through multiple connections and interpretive educational spaces allows visitors of the park to experience and gather within the Walnut Creek Wetland site.*



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## B. CULTURAL AWARENESS

*Culturally unique and artistic exhibits inform park visitors about the wetland features while preserving a significant amount of the site for invasive species management and conservation.*



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## C. STEWARDSHIP AND ACCESS

Access and views from the perimeter of the park site are improved through branding, signage, artistic entry gateways and enhancements to existing street bridge crossings to increase the community's awareness and appreciation of the cloaked wetland park.



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## Highlights from Work Session

- Internal and external signage is very important
- Provide access to Rochester Heights neighborhood
- Keep play areas and outdoor classrooms consolidated and close to Wetland Center
- Provide creek access and wetland access from boardwalks/trails
- Take advantage of improvements along adjacent streets: traffic calming, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking
- Provide a variety of trail types
- Provide loops for the walking paths
- Integrate cultural, historic, and natural elements don't make them mutually exclusive

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## Master Plan Document Outline

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- Acknowledgements
- Executive Summary
- **Park Planning Process**
  - Introduction
  - Project Schedule
  - Stakeholder Outreach
  - Situation Assessment
  - Citizen Planning Committee
  - Community Participation
  - Approval Process
- **Inventory and Analysis**
  - History and Setting
  - Site Context
  - Previous Planning Efforts
  - Physical Conditions
  - Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination
  - Stormwater
  - Unmanned Aircraft System Technology
  - Site Opportunities and Constraints
- **Concept Analysis**
  - Park Vision and Objectives
  - Park Design Program
  - Alternatives Analysis
  - Preferred Park Concept
- **Recommendations**
  - Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan
  - Enlargements and Site Details
  - Park Features
  - Programs
  - Phasing Strategy
- **Implementation**
  - Probable Costs for Master Plan Elements
  - Operations and Maintenance
  - Partnerships
  - Funding
- **Appendices**
  - Situation Assessment
  - Citizen Planning Committee Charter
  - Summary of Public Input

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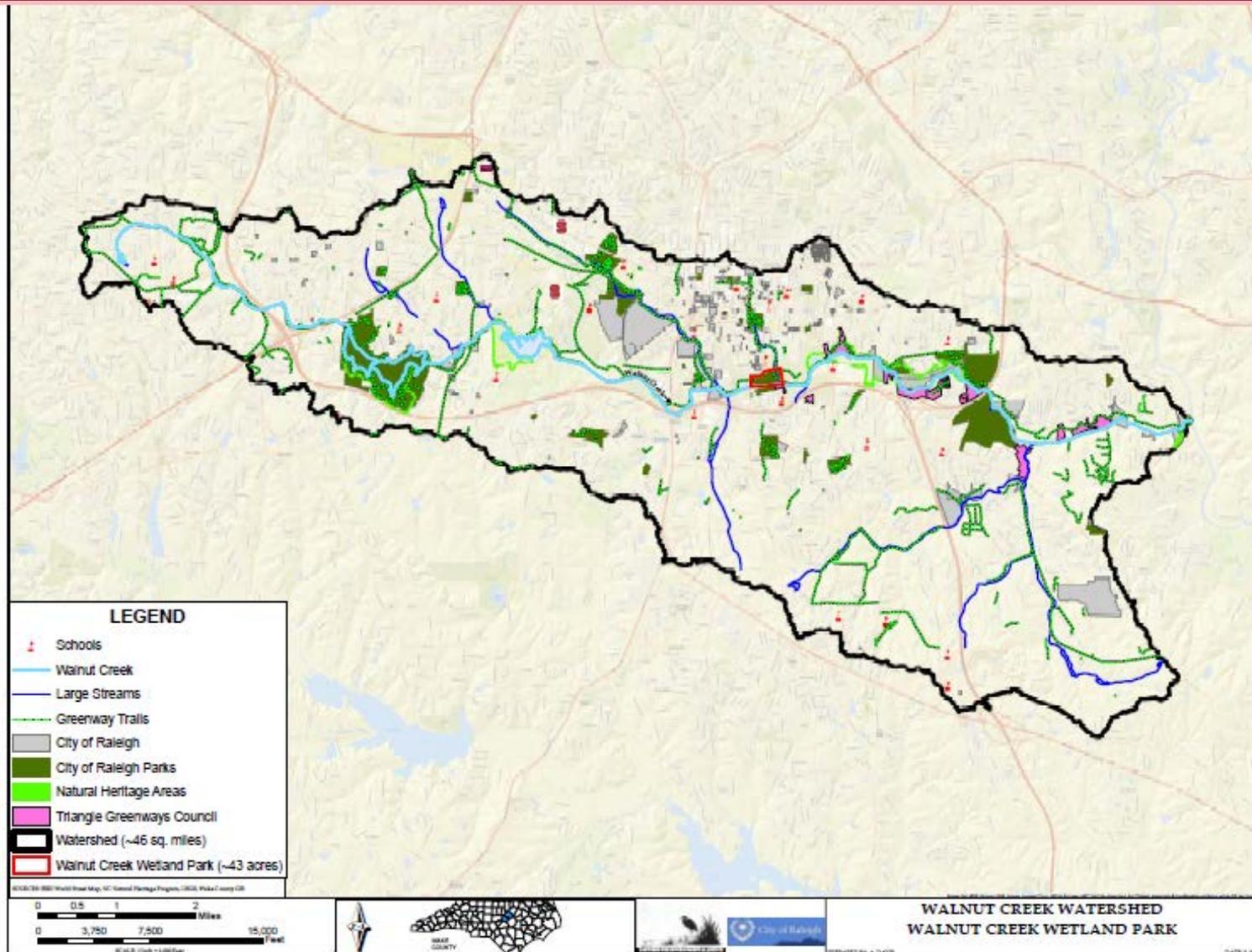
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Long Term Vision:

Bill Flourney

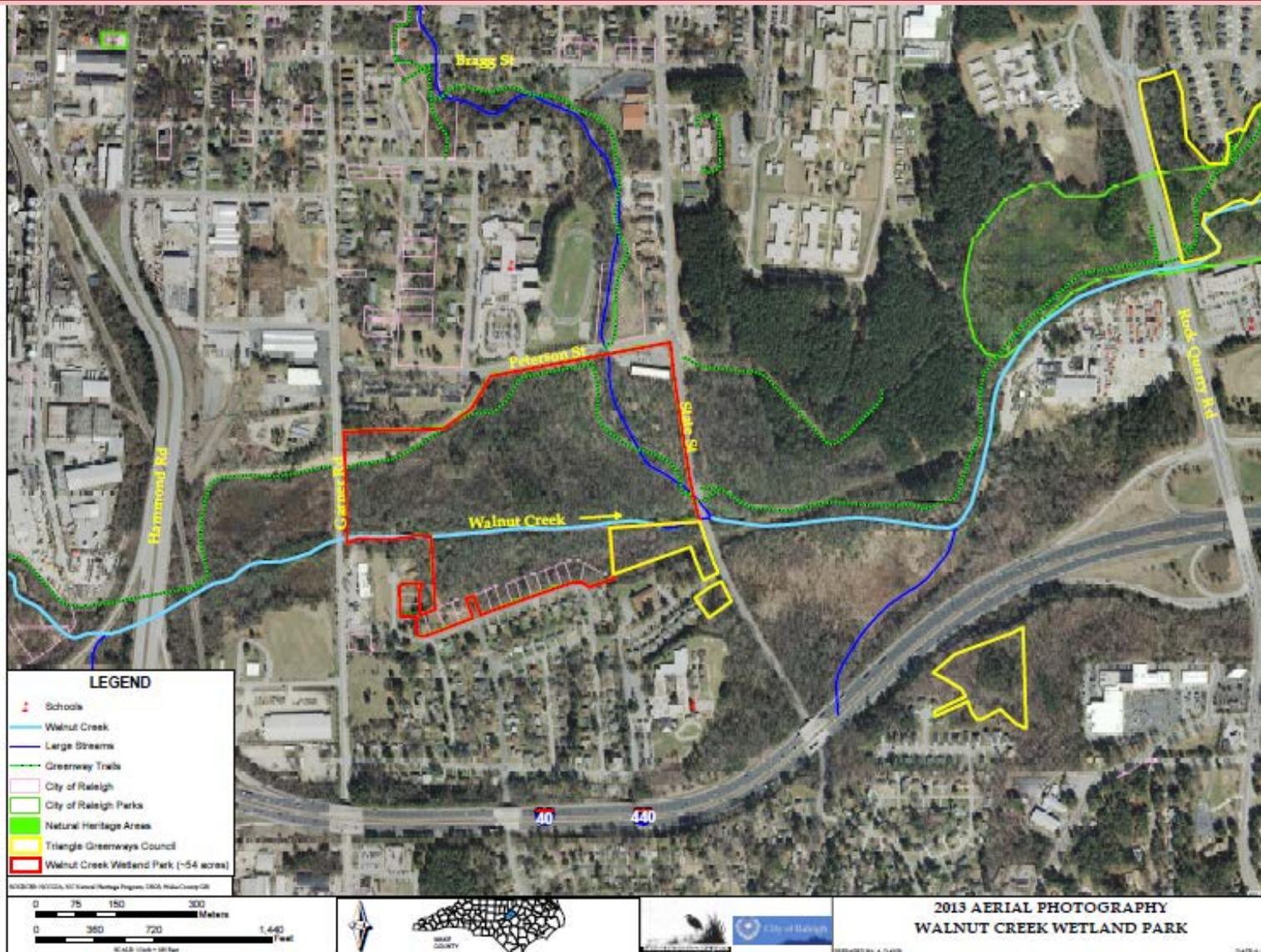
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Let's Vote!



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## Presentation of Illustrative Master Plan

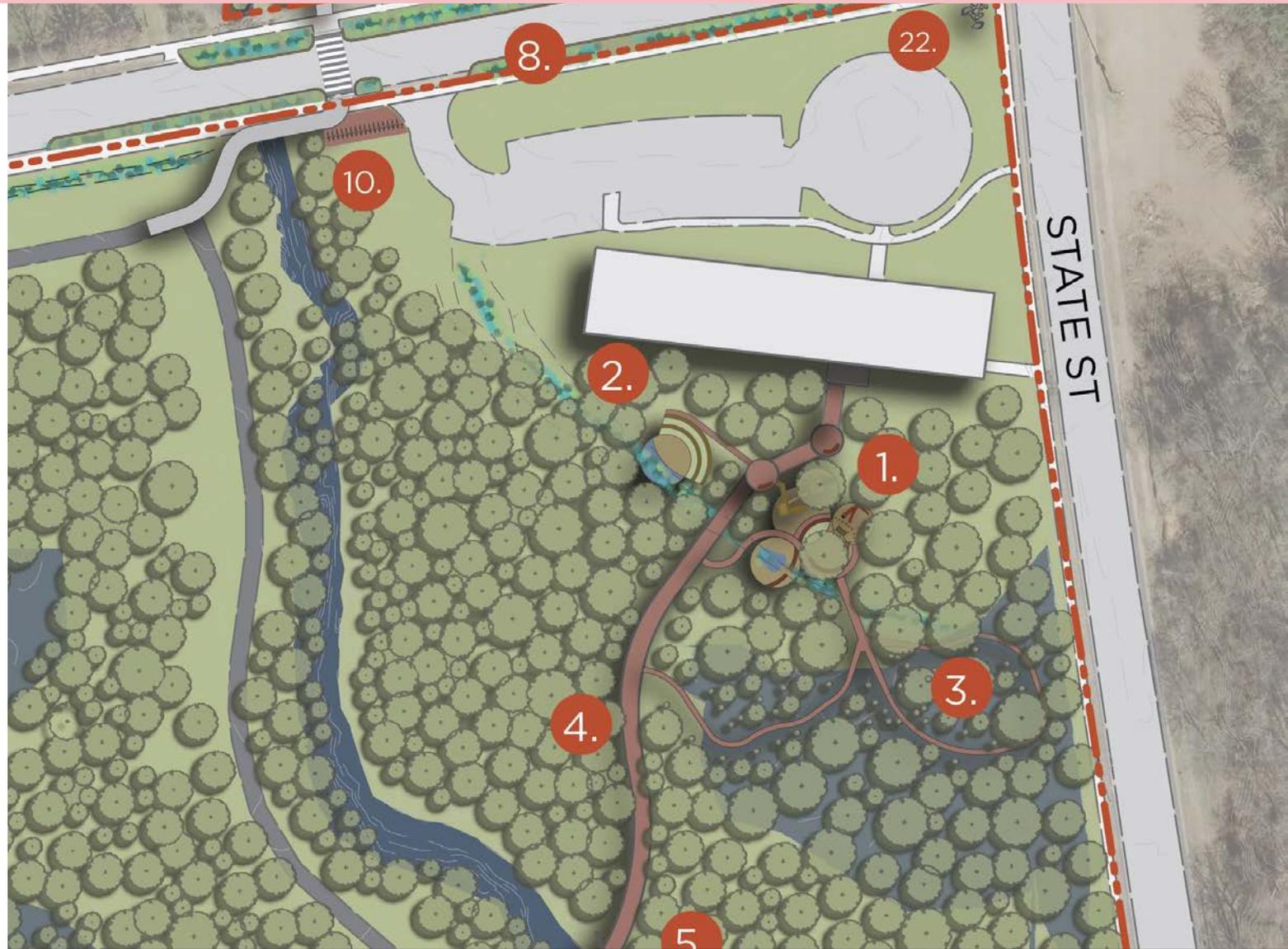
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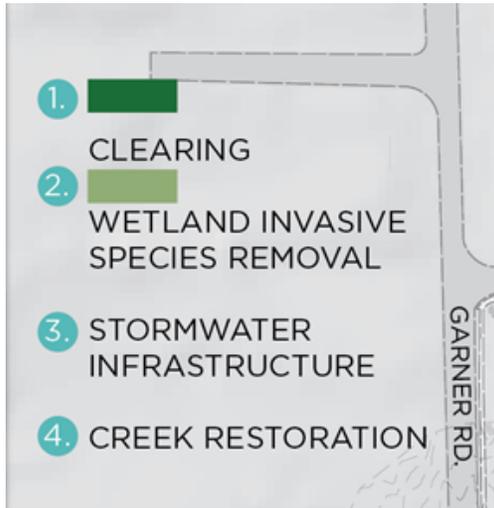
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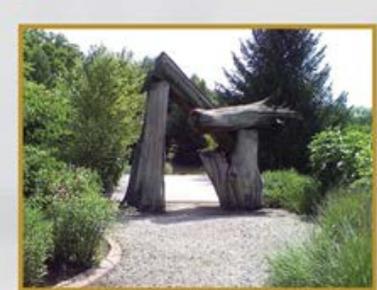
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## PATHWAYS AND CONNECTIONS

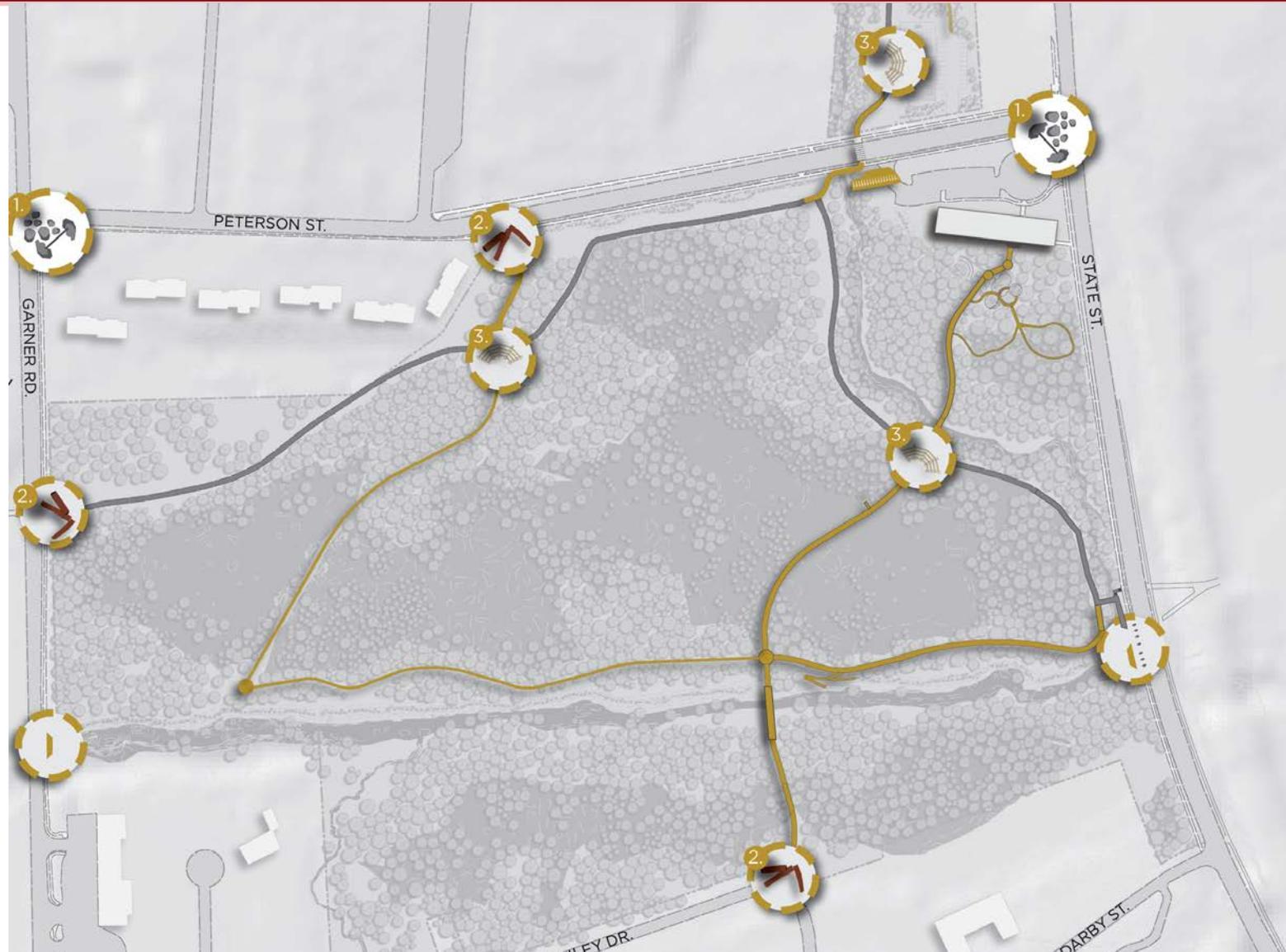
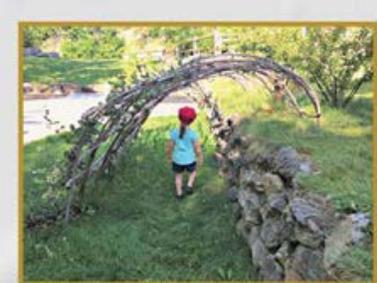
### 1. VEHICLE GATEWAY



### 2. PEDESTRIAN GATEWAY



### 3. INTERIOR SITE WALK GATEWAY



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- 1.** NATURE PLAY/  
WILDLIFE EXHIBIT,  
WETLAND GARDEN, AND  
AMPHITHEATER  
**PROGRAM: AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
HISTORY; THE SITE'S  
NATIVE PLANTS AND  
WILDLIFE**
- 2.** PUBLIC GARDENS  
**PROGRAM: POST CIVIL  
WAR, THE YOUNG FAMILY,  
AND THE SITE AS A FARM**
- 3.** HORTICULTURAL WALK  
**PROGRAM: BRIMLEY  
BROTHERS AND THE  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES, SHAW  
UNIVERSITY, AND NC  
STATE; A SITE FOR  
RESEARCH AND HIGHER  
EDUCATION**

- 4.** CREEK RESTORATION  
WALK  
**PROGRAM:  
URBANIZATION AND  
IT'S EFFECTS ON OUR  
WATERWAYS**
- 5.** CREEK ACCESS AND  
BRIDGE  
**PROGRAM: PARTNERS  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE (PEJ): ST.  
AMBROSE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH, TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND  
THEIR RECENT WORK TO  
PROTECT THE WETLAND**
- 6.** OBSERVATION TOWER  
**PROGRAM: THE MASTER  
PLAN AND THE FUTURE  
OF THE PARK**



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## Group Work Session

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## CPC Schedule + Duration

- **Second Public Workshop:**  
Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:30 PM
- **Final CPC Meeting: Monday,**  
October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM

