



AGENDA

Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Worksession

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 3:30 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

Homer City Hall

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, 3:30 P.M.**
- 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS- SPRING PARK WALK THROUGH INSPECTIONS**
 3. A. Jack Gist Park
 3. B. Bayview Park
- 7. ADJOURNMENT, NO LATER THAN 5:10 P.M.**

Next regular meeting is Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.



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Memorandum PARC 23-021

TO: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: MATT STEFFY, ASSOCIATE PLANNER PARKS & TRAILS

THRU: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II/ADA COORDINATOR

DATE: JUNE 15, 2023

SUBJECT: BAYVIEW PARK AND JACK GIST PARK MASTER PLANS AND SPRING PARK WALK
THROUGH INSPECTION VISITS

Background:

At the May 18, 2023 Commission meeting the following information was presented

BAYVIEW PARK

The City of Homer staff have been working with various user groups to coordinate future planning of Bayview Park. This project has been on the CIP list for many years, and we are making some very quick headway on development. The City has identified about \$70k in federal funding, along with Rotary contributions, and funds from HART Roads, and HART Trails.

This is a very exciting time to move forward very quickly and achieve our community's goals in short time with some complicated coordination and planning.

Content provided for information only. We can discuss more at the Park Walkthrough.

BAYVIEW PARK

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Park Plan

REV: 2023-01-30

Park Plan and Priorities



- ① Regrade ADA parking space. Pave with asphalt if feasible, provide striping to show access aisle.
- ② Provide accessible pathway connection between ADA parking space and playground structures, with compacted gravel or asphalt. Longitudinal slopes shall be less than 4.5% and cross slopes shall be less than 1.75%. End pathway with small roundabout at end with digging area in center. Provide accent plantings between pathway and fence.
- ③ Replace white picket fence and gates along West, South, and East perimeter of park with new fence design.
- ④ Install new play structure, 2-bay swingset, and rubber tile play surfacing with timber edge.
- ⑤ Create park entrance area. Provide accessible surfacing, location for future artwork/play sculpture, provide trash can, park signage, benches, BBQ grills, and drinking fountain (if possible).
- ⑥ Add more seating on other side of drainage.
- ⑦ Create look-out or birdwatching station at highpoint in northwest corner of site, with a deck to allow creative play.



Note: Aerial photo, property lines, and contours are aligned approximately and shown for conceptual planning purposes only.

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JACK GIST PARK

The City of Homer staff have been working with various user groups and Landscape Architect Corvus Engineering on a preliminary Master Plan for Jack Gist. This is a park with high usage levels hosting our only softball complex as well as our first disc golf course. In advance of adjacent future residential developments, increased usage, drainage issues, parking limitations, and deferred maintenance, we feel it's time to work towards a formalized plan for this property that reflects the current and future needs of our growing community.

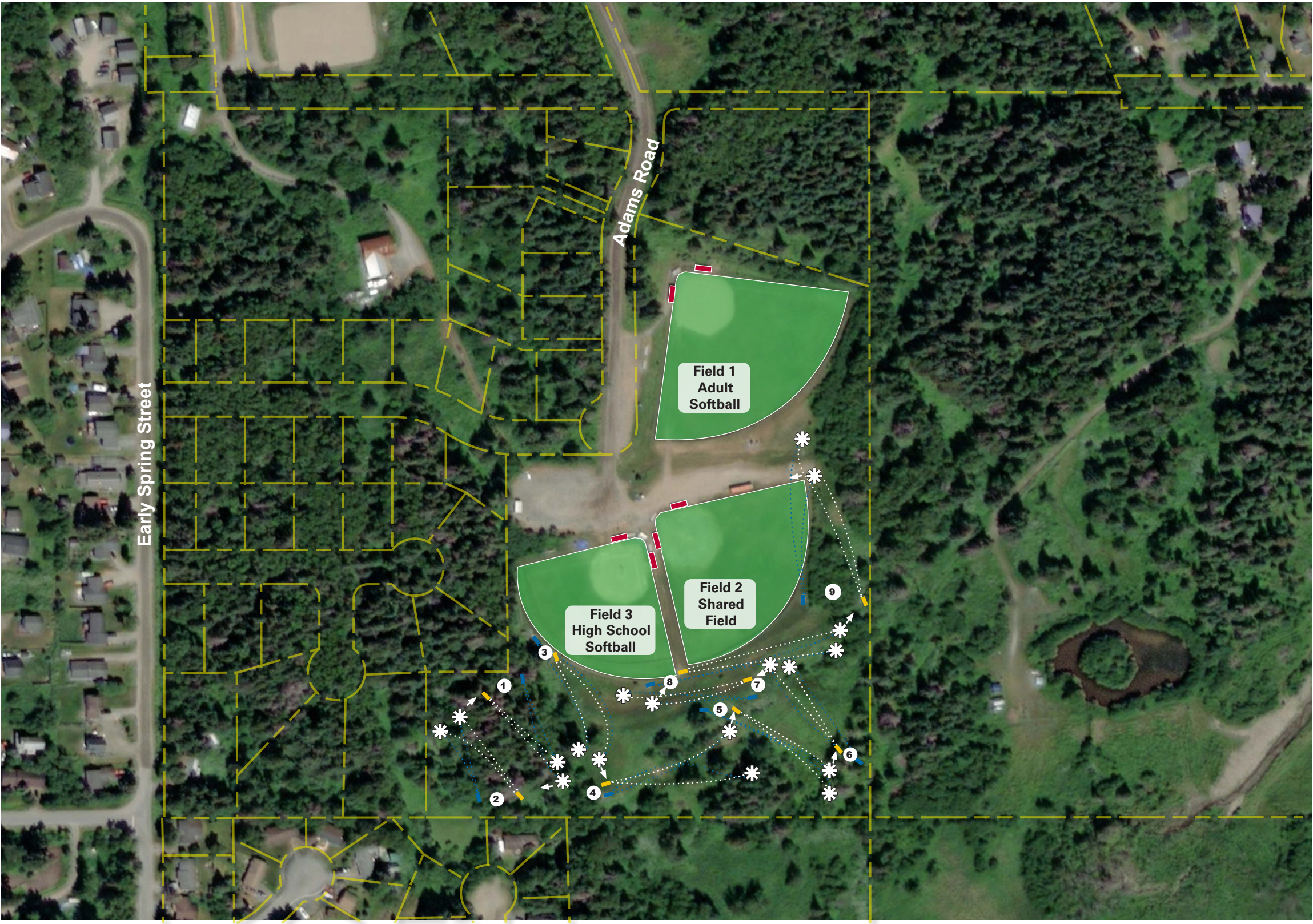
User groups such as Homer Softball Association, Homer High School Softball, Tsunami Softball, and the disc golf community have been involved with the initial planning phase, and we look forward to finalizing a plan that will benefit all of our users, both programed and passive.

Informational only. We will discuss more at the Parks Walkthrough in June.

JACK GIST PARK

Park Parcel and Adjacent Context

Jack Gist Park is a City of Homer sports complex with three ballfields and a disc golf course. In general, the complex is in need of better defined and expanded parking; drainage improvements to reduce seasonally saturated areas; better aesthetics and function for restroom facilities and storage; and family amenities such as a playground.



Legend

Parcel Lines

Dugout

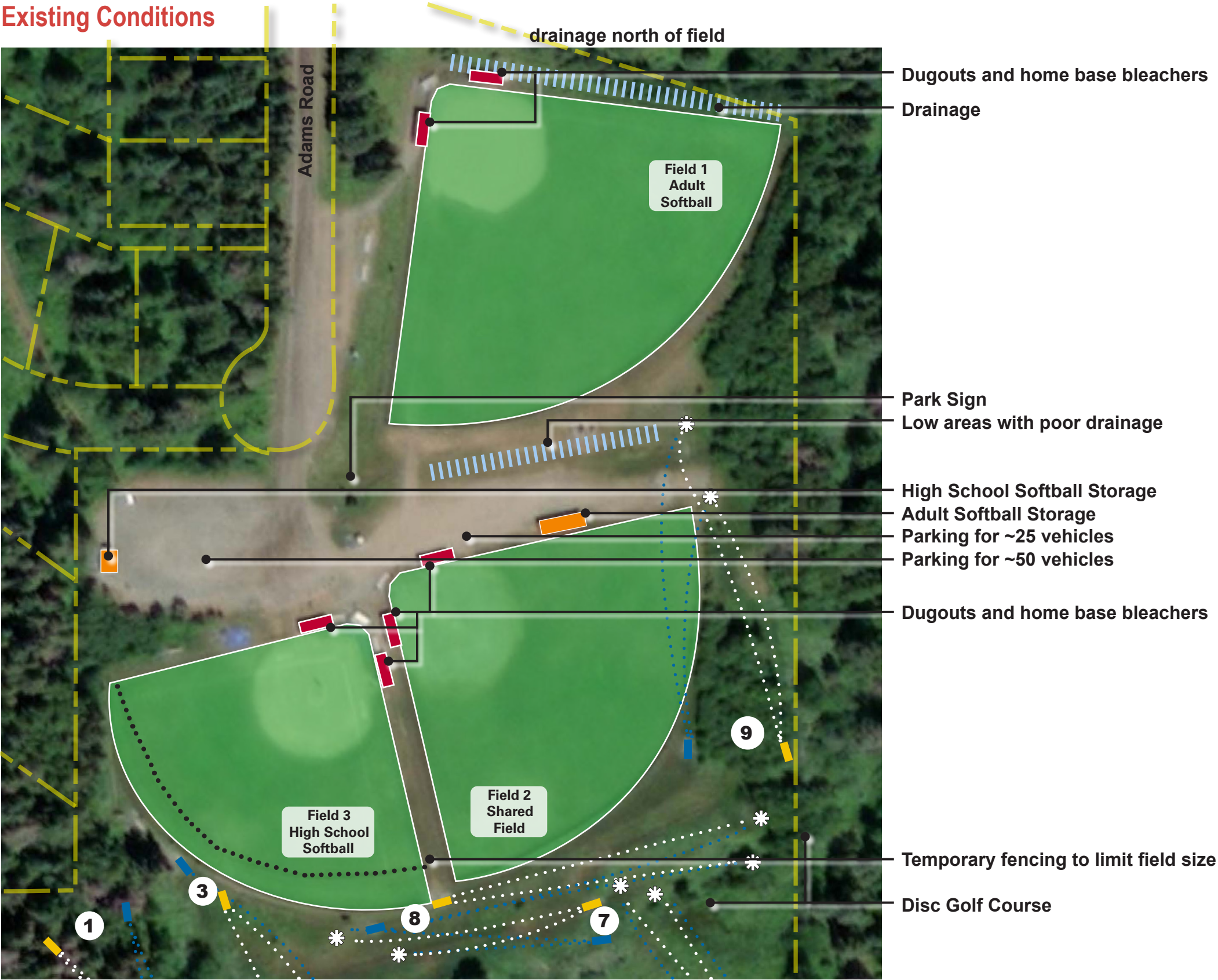
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Disc Golf Basket

Disc Golf Tee Pads & Flight Paths

JACK GIST PARK

Existing Conditions

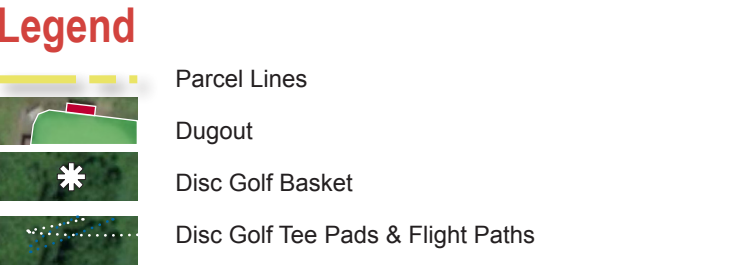


The ballfields include a regulation-sized adult softball field in the northeast, a regulation sized high school softball field in the southwest (when provided with outfield fencing to shorten the field size), and a shared field in the southeast that is smaller than regulation size for adult, and larger than that for high school. The fields are supported by a small storage shed in the west (high school use) and a connex container (adult use). Each field has two dugouts (covered), backstop and line fencing, infield soil mix and outfield grass.

The disc golf course has nine holes with two baskets and two tee pads each.

The western area is undifferentiated parking that is estimated to park approximately 50 cars when efficient. The eastern area is estimated to park approximately 25 cars depending on efficiency, maybe more if parking on adjacent grassed areas.

In general, the site appears to have poor drainage, resulting in saturated soils. This eastern area between fields 1 and 2 is of specific concern for poor drainage.



JACK GIST PARK



Drainage Improvements

Pathways (typical)

Drainage Improvements

Adult Softball Storage Building

52 Parking Spaces (incl. 2 ADA)

Park Sign

Bleachers

Restroom (4 rooms)

Playground Equipment

54 Parking Spaces (incl. 2 ADA)

High School Softball Storage Building

Increase height of outfield fence

Relocated outfield fence

Disc Golf Course

The goals for future improvements to the sports complex include:

- Maximize parking quantities and efficiency of use
- Effective drainage. The key area of concern is to the east, between fields 1 and 2.
- Provide a plumbed restroom building. In the short term, provide a decorative enclosure for seasonal use of portable toilets.
- Provide storage for high school and adult users. This could be separate rooms in one structure, or separate structures.
- Full replacement of dugouts on field 1. Renovate dugouts on fields 2 & 3. All dugouts to have concrete pads and permanent benches.
- Provide a central playground with good visibility from adjacent fields, and separation from vehicle areas.
- Raise outer fence for field 2 to make it meet regulations for adult softball.
- Move fence for field 3 to meet regulations for high school softball
- As possible, maximize accessibility on the site. For linear travel, keep longitudinal grades less than 5%. For plazas, ensure all slopes in any direction are less than 2%.
- Ensure that site design accommodates emergency response.

The sports complex inherently produces noise, and adjacent property owners should be aware of how this affects adjacent parcels. Future improvements could include sound reinforcement for announcing of games, or other changes appropriate for a sports complex that may have impacts on neighbors.

Adjacent property owners are encouraged to retain vegetation at their property lines to help mitigate potential impacts.

Food concessions are not expected for the park, but there is the possibility for food trucks or user group provision of food on-site.

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- Parcel Lines
- Dugout
- Disc Golf Basket
- Disc Golf Tee Pads & Flight Paths



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