

IMPROVEMENTS TO
BAYVIEW PARK / ONSET BLUFFS
Onset Village, Wareham, MA

**BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING
MAY 2, 2022**



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AGENDA

PROJECT TEAM

OVERVIEW & GOALS

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED & HEARD SO FAR

INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

CONCEPT PLAN ALTERNATIVES

DISCUSSION & NEXT STEPS

PROJECT TEAM



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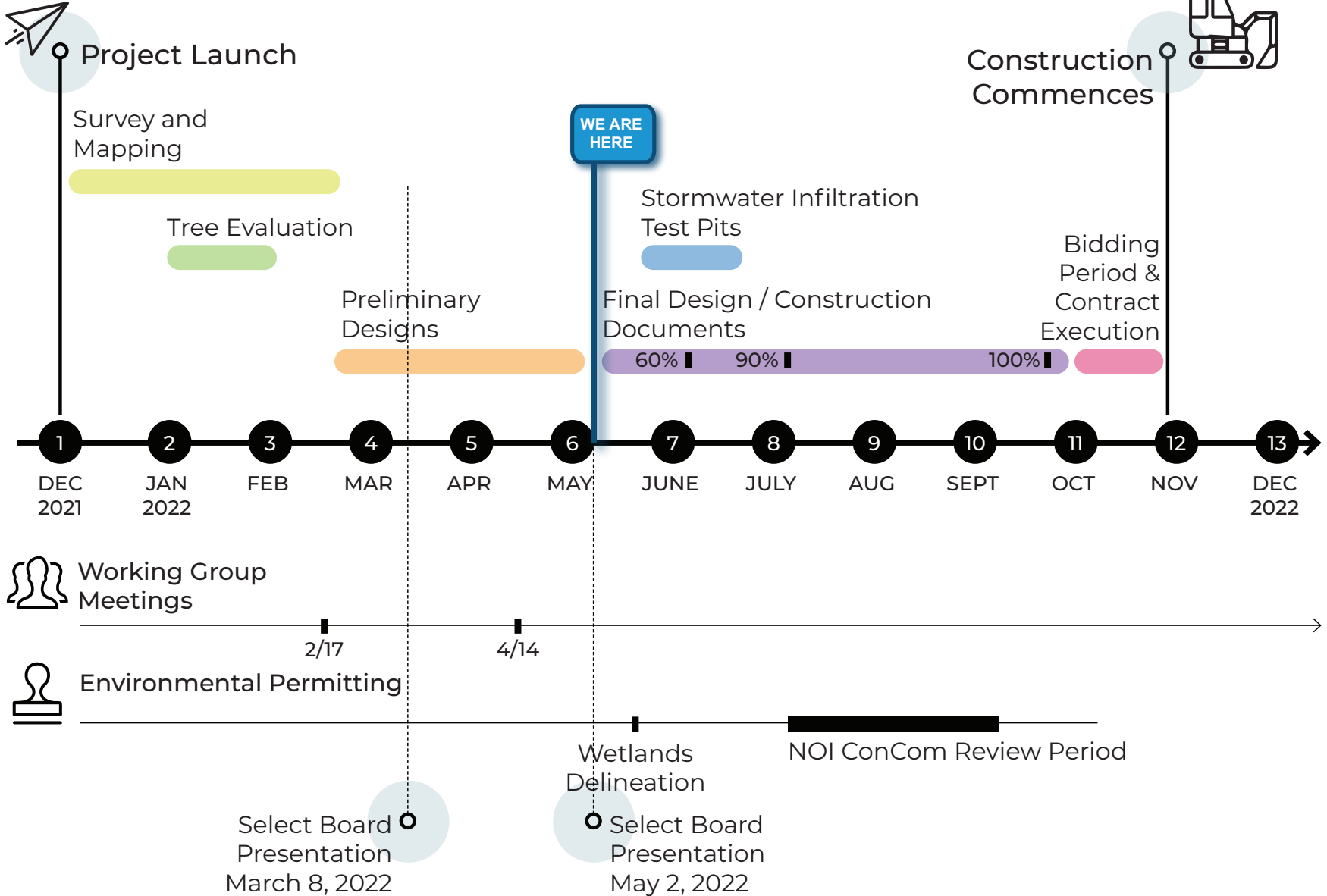
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Garry Buckminster	Harbormaster
Kat Jones	Onset Bay Association
Linda Gay	Onset Bay Association Beautification Committee
Marie Greig	Onset resident
Sandy Slavin	Conservation Commission member

OVERVIEW & GOALS

- Improve universal access and safety.
- Strengthen connections to the Bandshell, nearby open spaces and downtown Onset Village.
- Prune and manage existing trees.
- Enhance park visibility and view sheds.

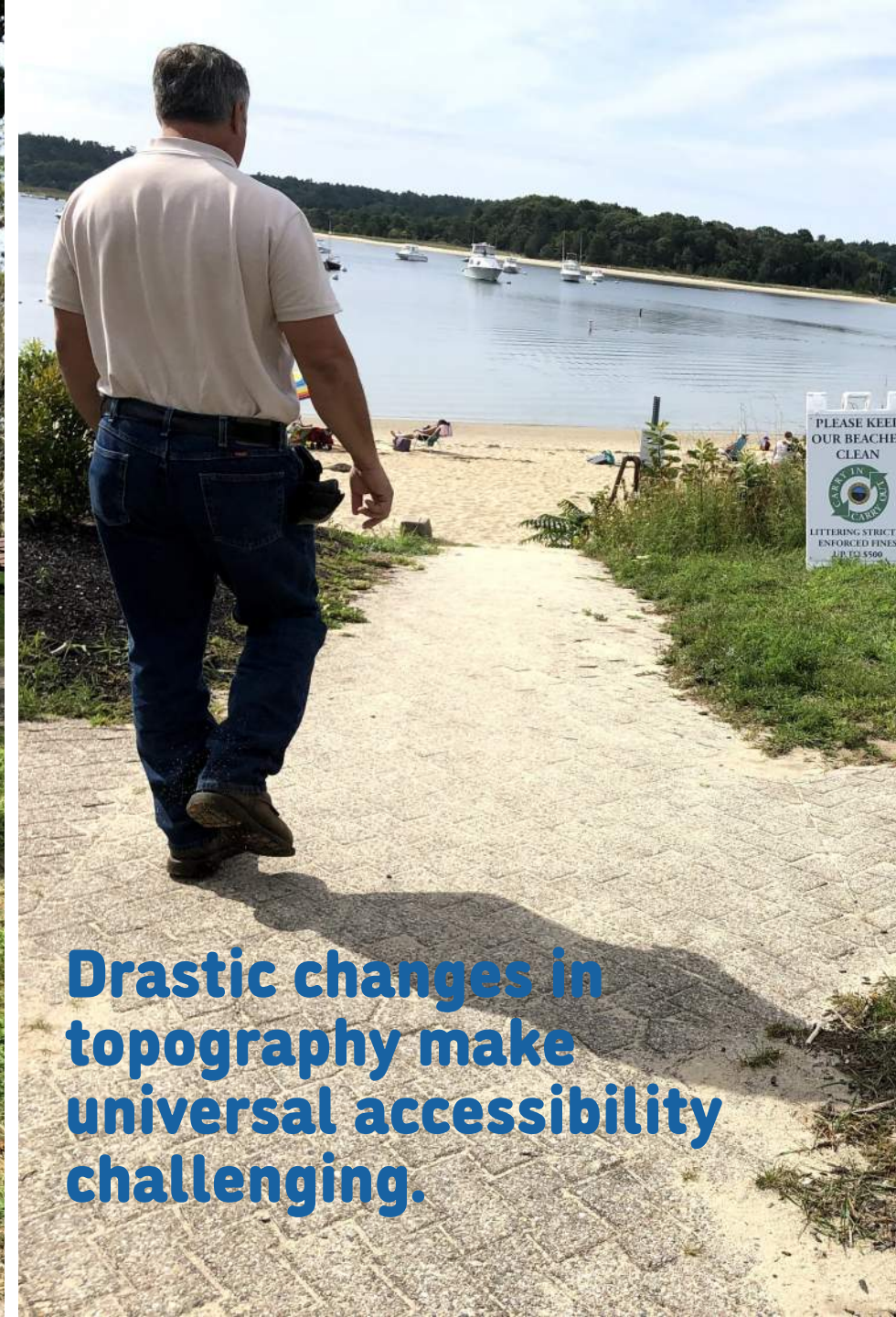


ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



**Views of Onset Bay are
unsurpassed.**





Drastic changes in topography make universal accessibility challenging.



The sidewalk along Onset Avenue is narrow, the guardrail needs to be upgraded, and the railing at the Memorial Rock needs refurbishment.



Large mature canopy trees are beautiful and provide ample shade.

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BEAUTIFICATION
TEAM
MEMBERS
AT WORK!

Enhance edges
and entrances
into the park.

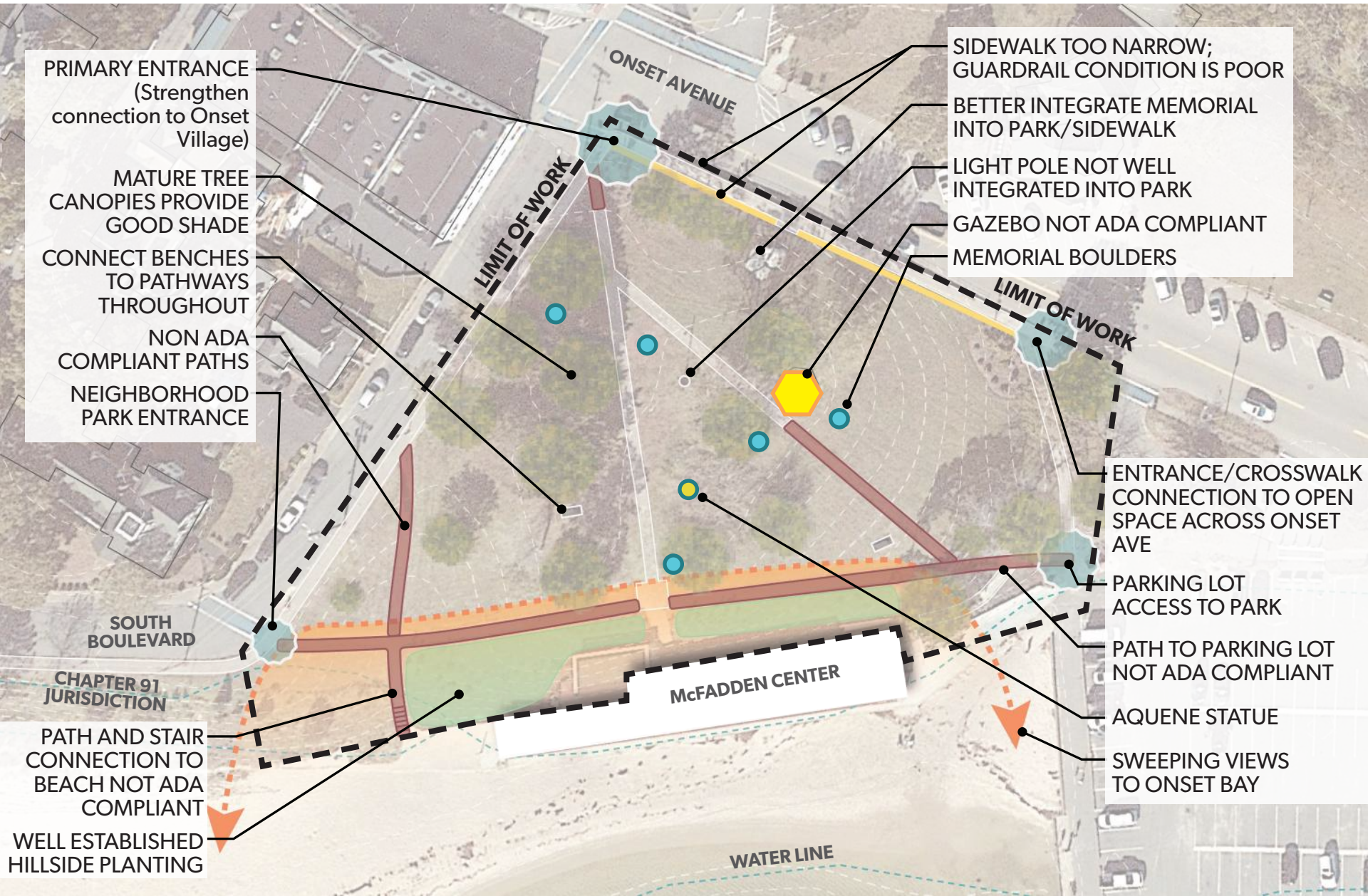


WHAT WE HEARD

- Quantify number of benches with water views and retain that number in the improvements.
- Consider skateboarding on handrails.
- Inventory and incorporate the memorial stones and monuments in the proposed improvements.
- Consider local references (i.e. shells and sea life) in paving and entrance materials.
- Add pedestrian lighting throughout.
- Add additional power at the Gazebo.
- Consider the permitting challenges around a ramping system down to the beach at South Boulevard.



INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS



PRIMARY ENTRANCE
(Strengthen
connection to Onset
Village)

MATURE TREE
CANOPIES PROVIDE
GOOD SHADE

CONNECT BENCHES
TO PATHWAYS
THROUGHOUT

NON ADA
COMPLIANT PATHS

NEIGHBORHOOD
PARK ENTRANCE

SOUTH
BOULEVARD

CHAPTER 91
JURISDICTION

PATH AND STAIR
CONNECTION TO
BEACH NOT ADA
COMPLIANT

WELL ESTABLISHED
HILLSIDE PLANTING

LIMIT OF WORK

ONSET AVENUE

McFADDEN CENTER

WATER LINE

SIDEWALK TOO NARROW;
GUARDRAIL CONDITION IS POOR

BETTER INTEGRATE MEMORIAL
INTO PARK/SIDEWALK

LIGHT POLE NOT WELL
INTEGRATED INTO PARK

GAZEBO NOT ADA COMPLIANT

MEMORIAL BOULDERS

LIMIT OF WORK

ENTRANCE/CROSSWALK
CONNECTION TO OPEN
SPACE ACROSS ONSET
AVE

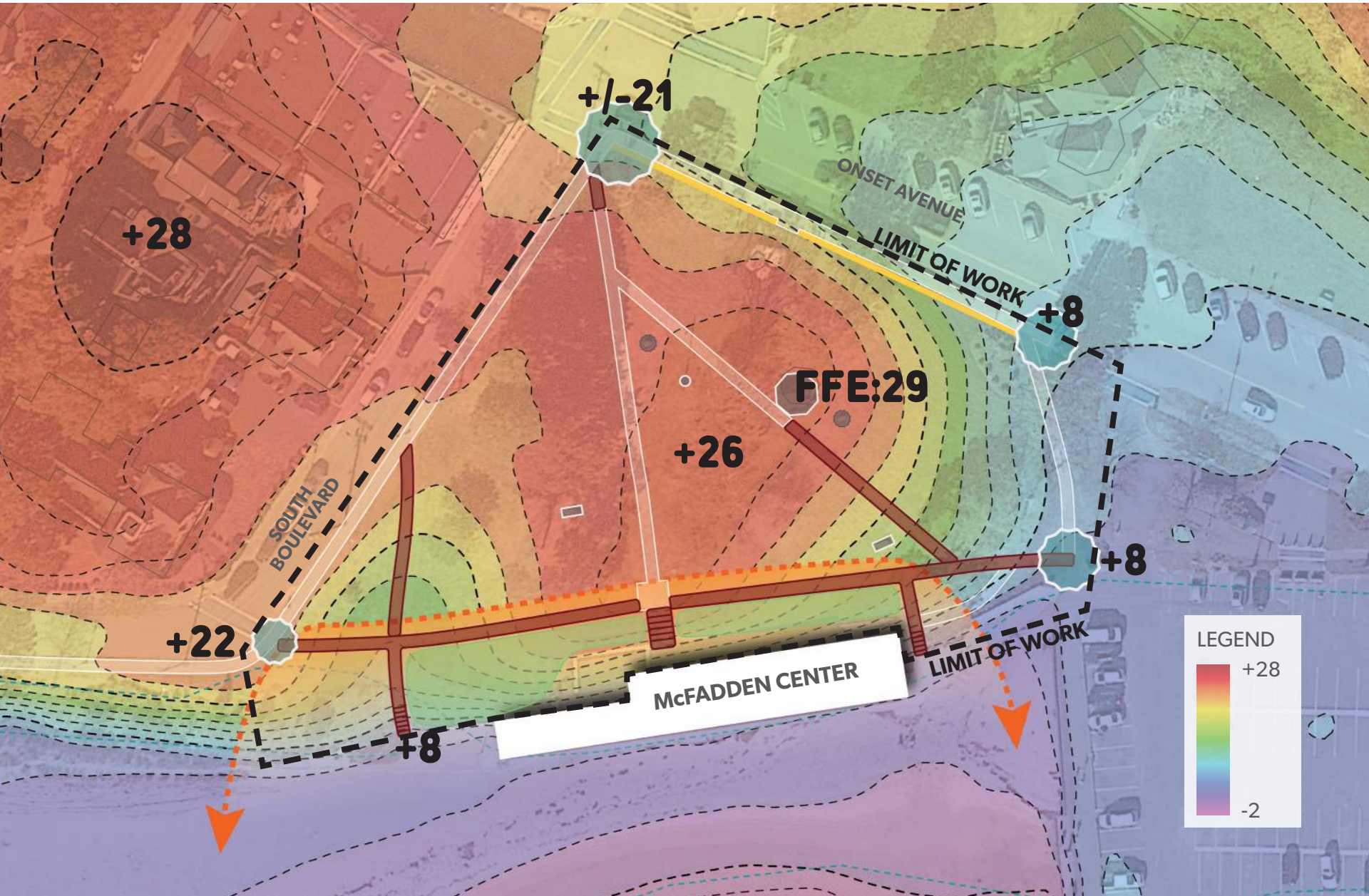
PARKING LOT
ACCESS TO PARK

PATH TO PARKING LOT
NOT ADA COMPLIANT

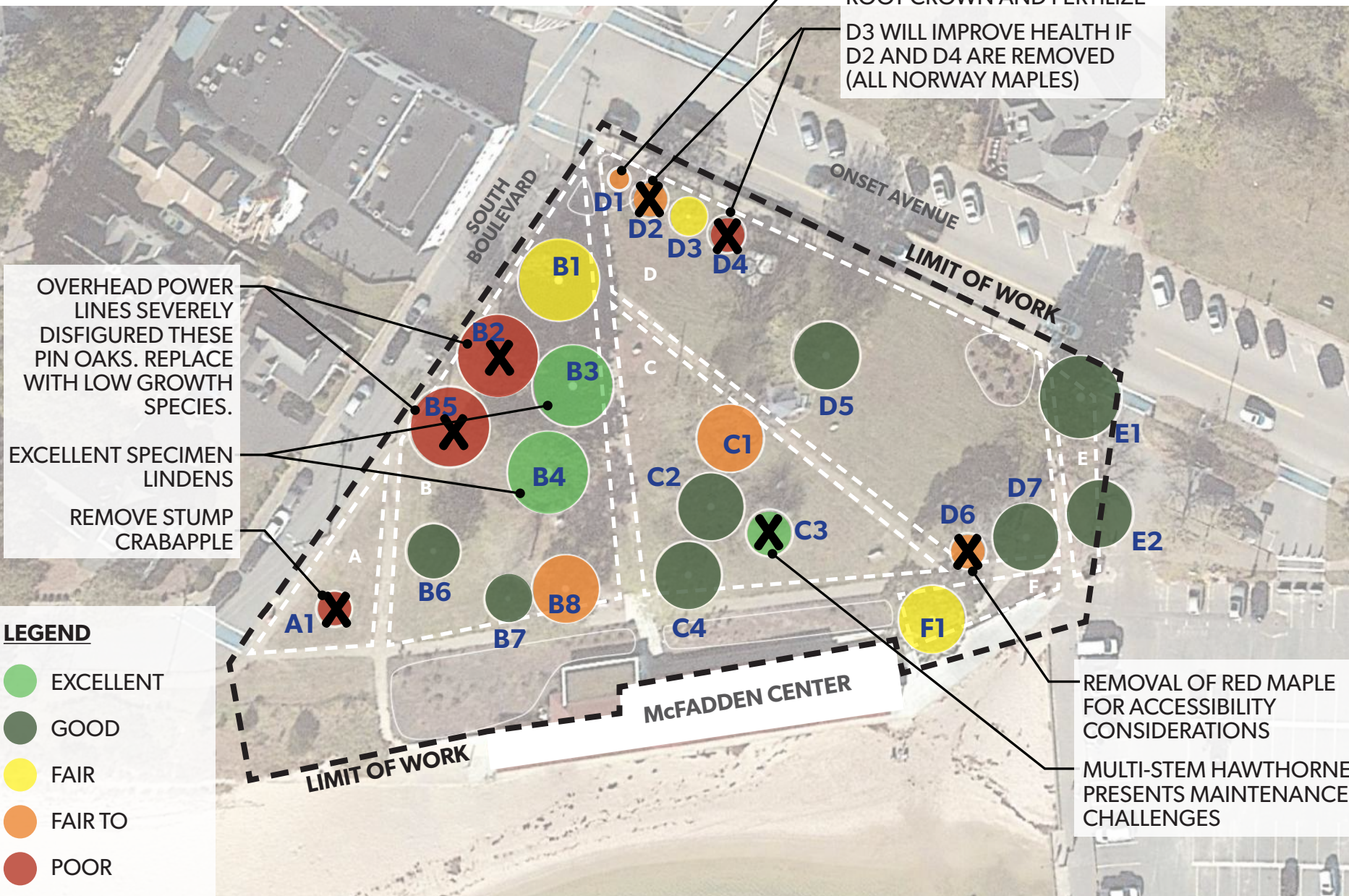
AQUENE STATUE

SWEEPING VIEWS
TO ONSET BAY

EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY



EXISTING VEGETATION



NEARBY PRECEDENTS FOR PARK GATEWAYS



CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES

CONCEPT A



CONCEPT B








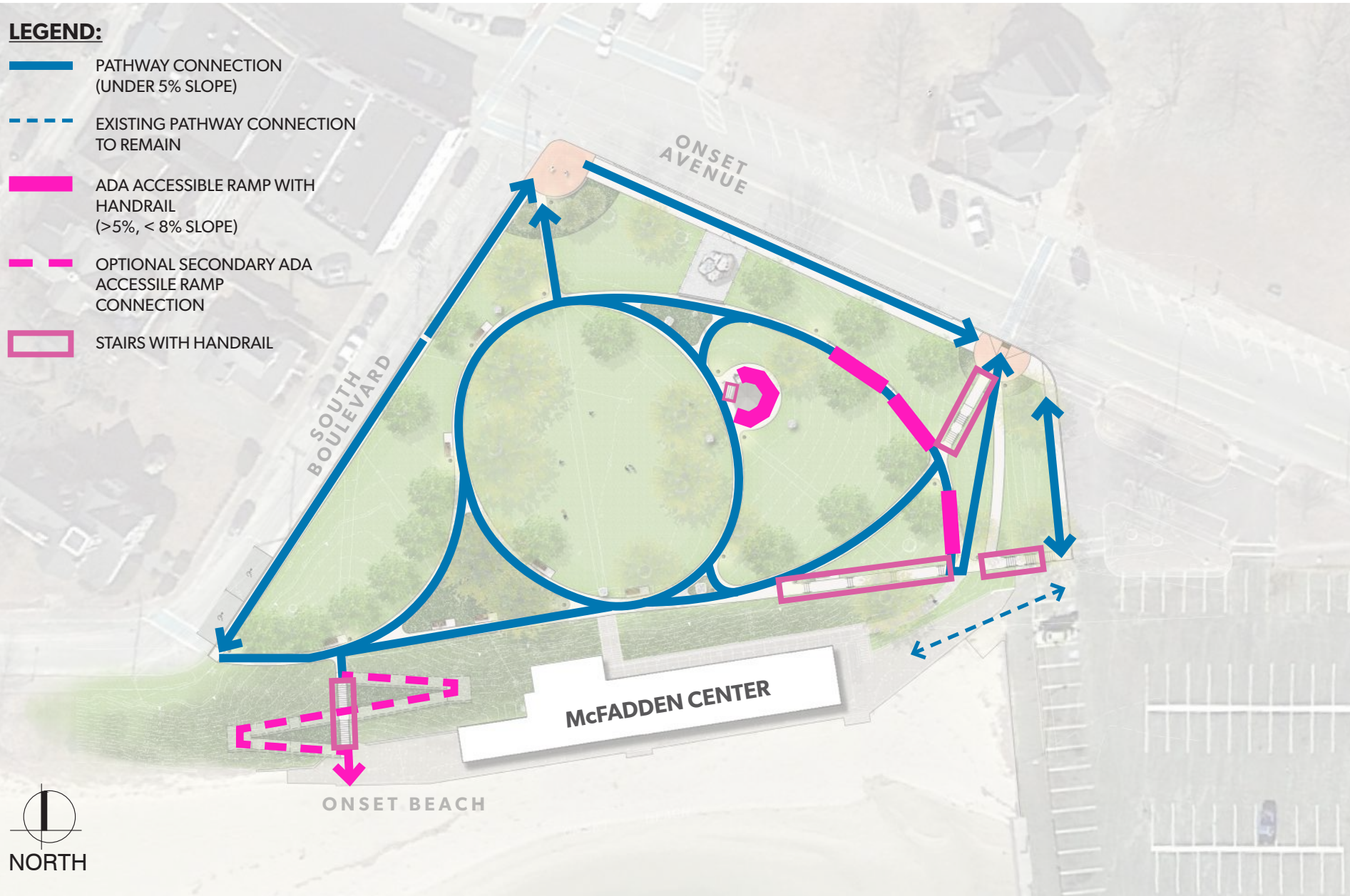
PREFERRED PLAN



PREFERRED PLAN ACCESSIBILITY

LEGEND:

-  PATHWAY CONNECTION (UNDER 5% SLOPE)
-  EXISTING PATHWAY CONNECTION TO REMAIN
-  ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMP WITH HANDRAIL (>5%, < 8% SLOPE)
-  OPTIONAL SECONDARY ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMP CONNECTION
-  STAIRS WITH HANDRAIL



Thank you!

Questions and Thoughts?



For additional comments or questions,
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