Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area

Habitat and Recreation Plan Adoption

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Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area - Background

- County purchased the property with Legacy Lands and Clean Water funding
- 118-acres of conservation land
- 2.2 river miles along Salmon Creek
- Bordered by Salmon-Morgan Natural Area (108 acres)

Purpose of a Habitat and Recreation Plan

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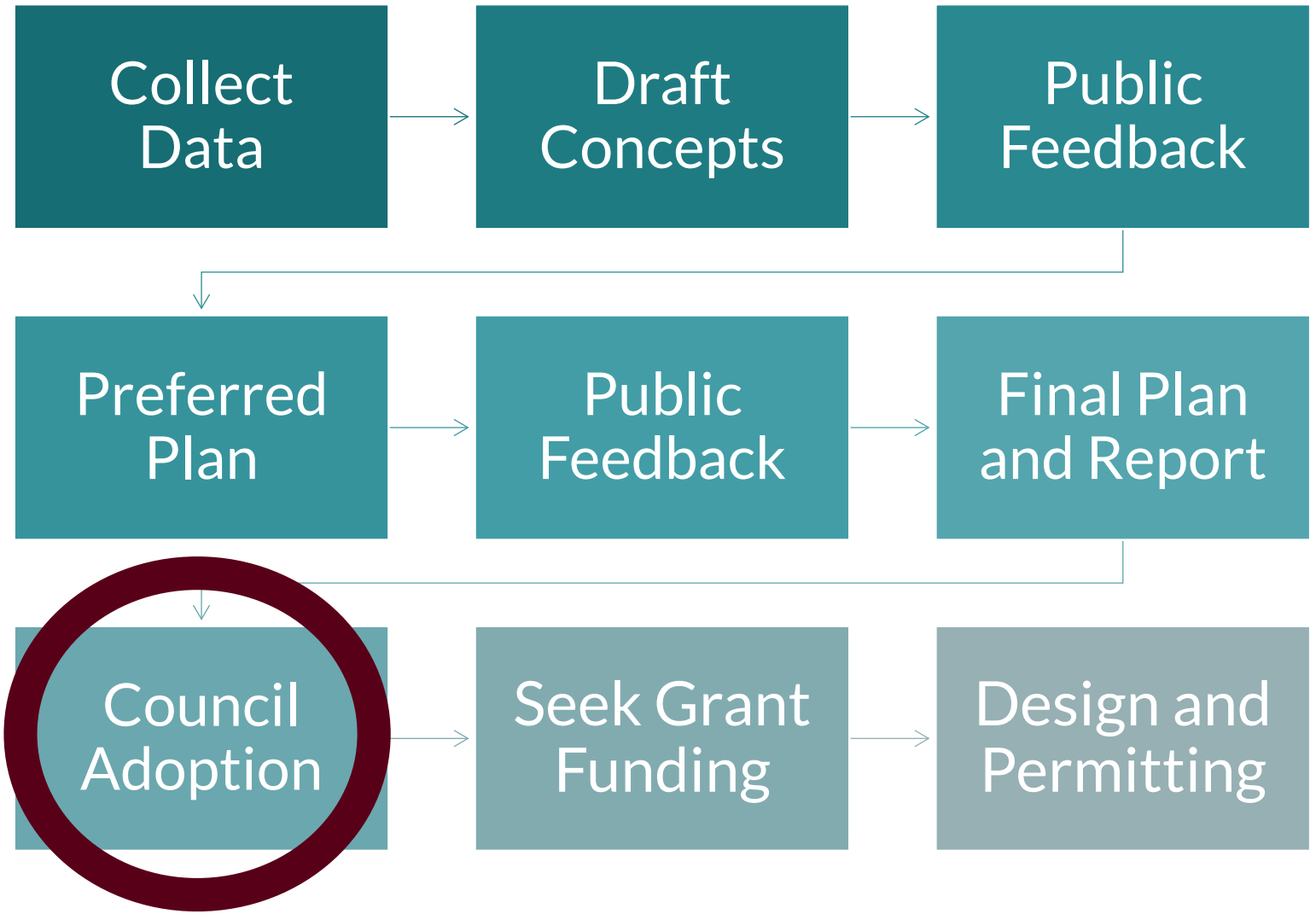
- Develop a vision for future uses at the property
- Collect and summarize public feedback and preferences
- Prepare conceptual site design figures and illustrations
- Estimate the cost for development to inform capital improvement plan budgets
- Use the plan for future funding and partnership opportunities

Plan Process



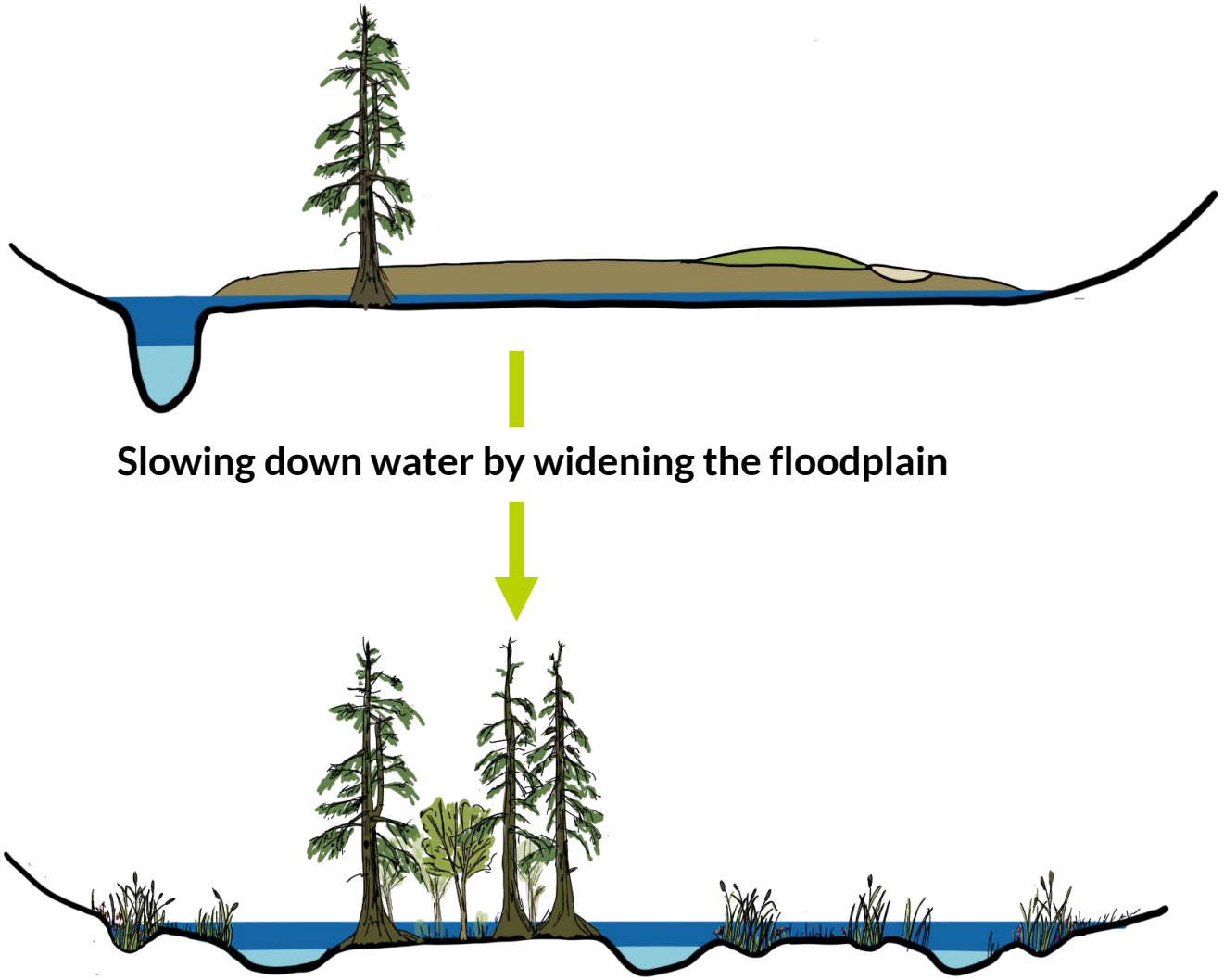
Habitat and Recreation Goals

- **Habitat Goals**
  - Improving water quality
  - Repairing salmon spawning grounds
  - Reconnecting the floodplain
  - Restoring native plant habitats

- **Recreation Goals**
  - Creating public parking and safe access routes to the natural area
  - Improving and developing accessible trails that support connection with nature
  - Providing settings for gathering and outdoor classroom spaces

Current Conditions

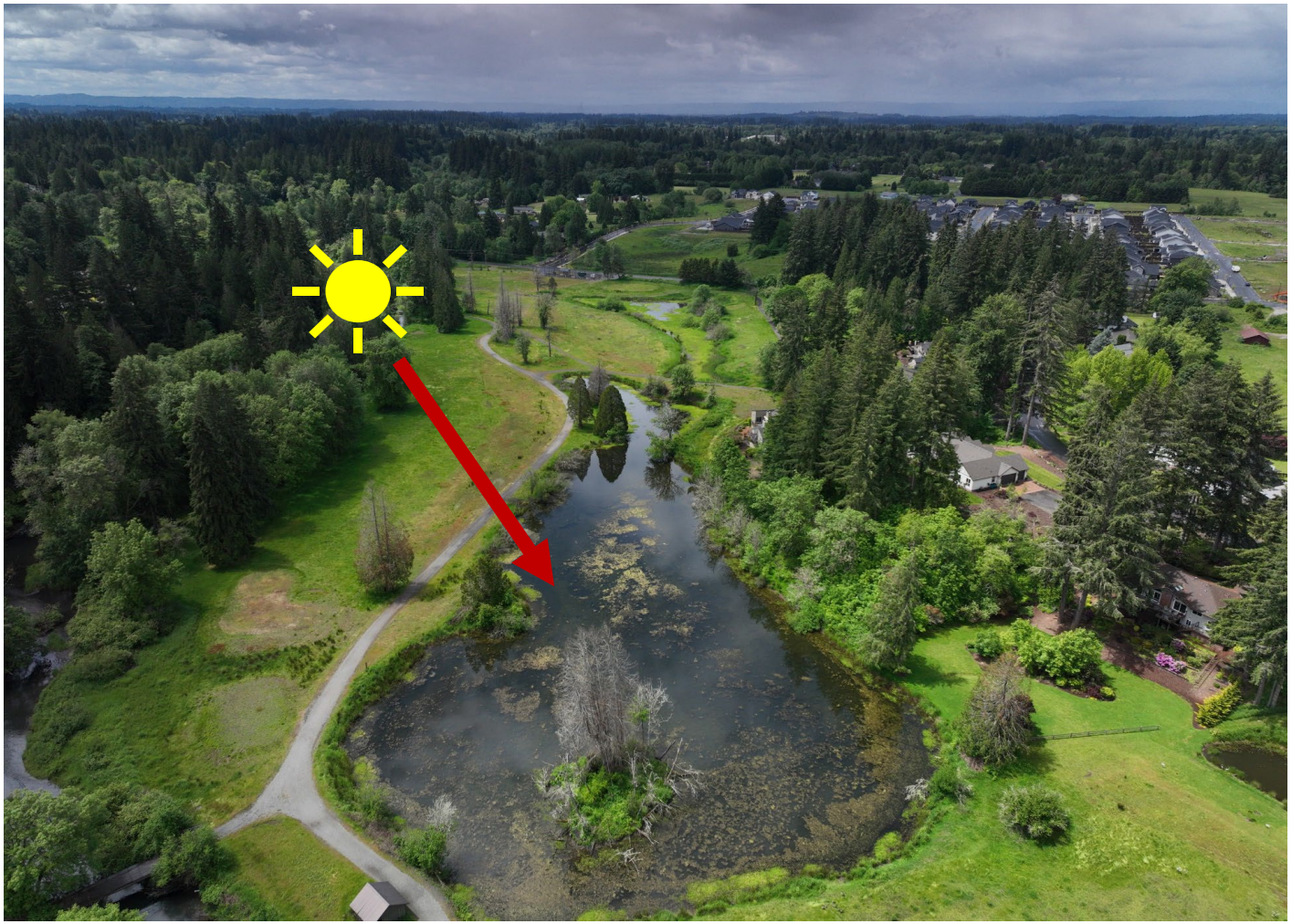
Habitat Restoration



Slowing down water by widening the floodplain

Habitat Restoration

Reducing warm water inputs by returning ponded water to the creek



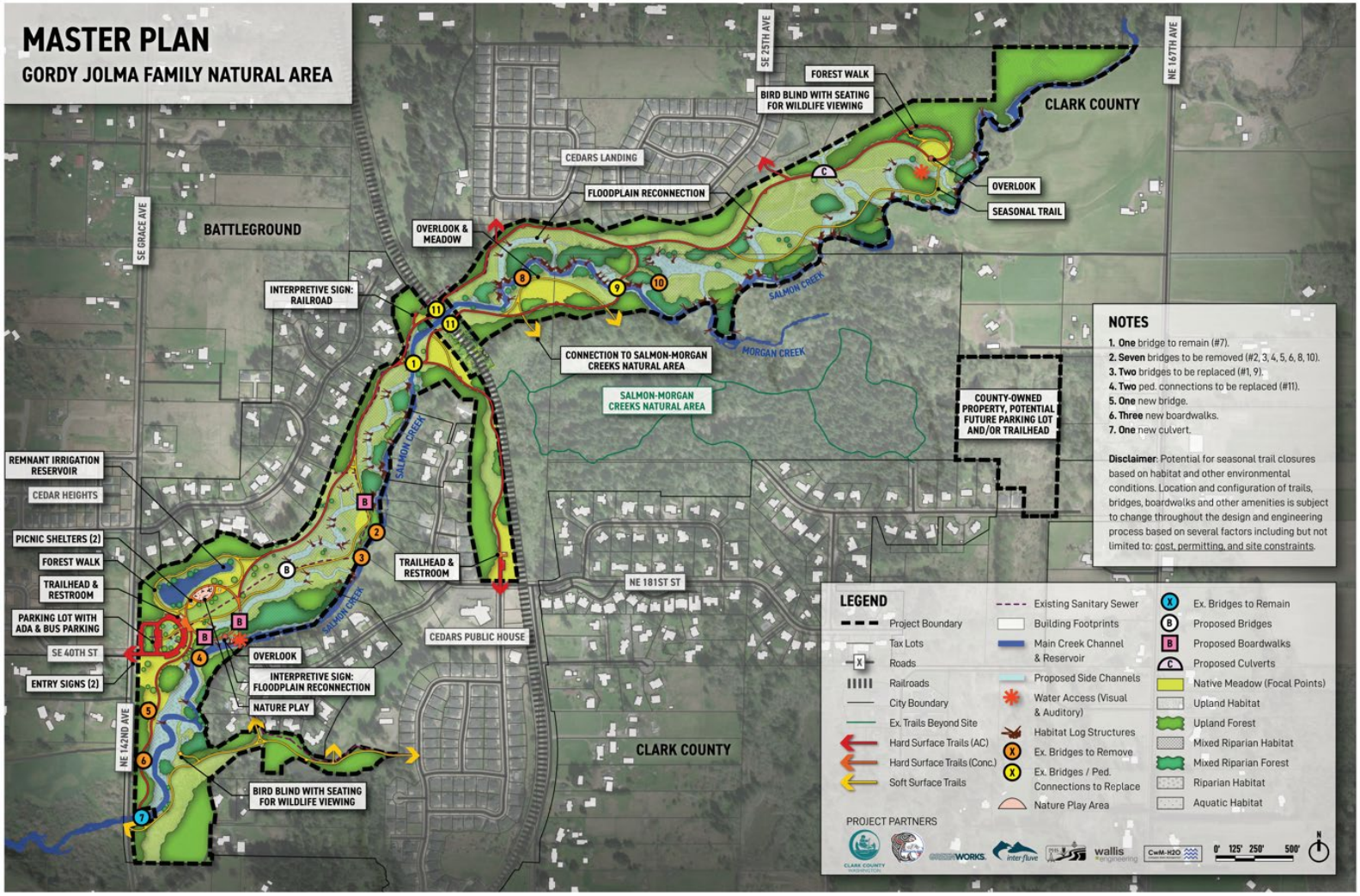
Habitat Restoration

Removing fish barriers to increase available spawning grounds

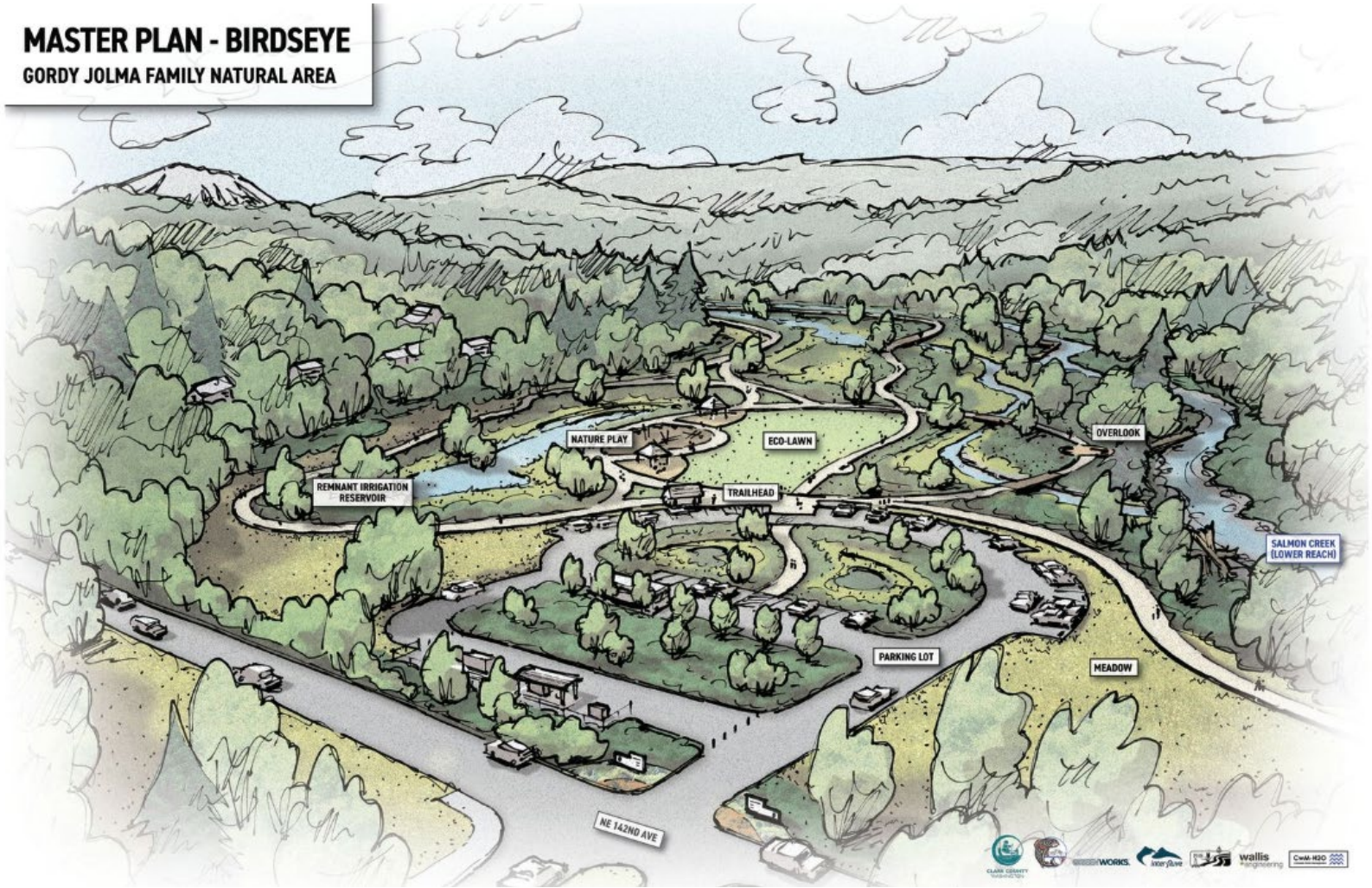
Public Feedback

- Two open house events
- One online survey
- Public comment collection on preferred plan
- Individual meetings and site visits with stakeholder groups

Preferred Plan



Main Park Entrance and Active Zone



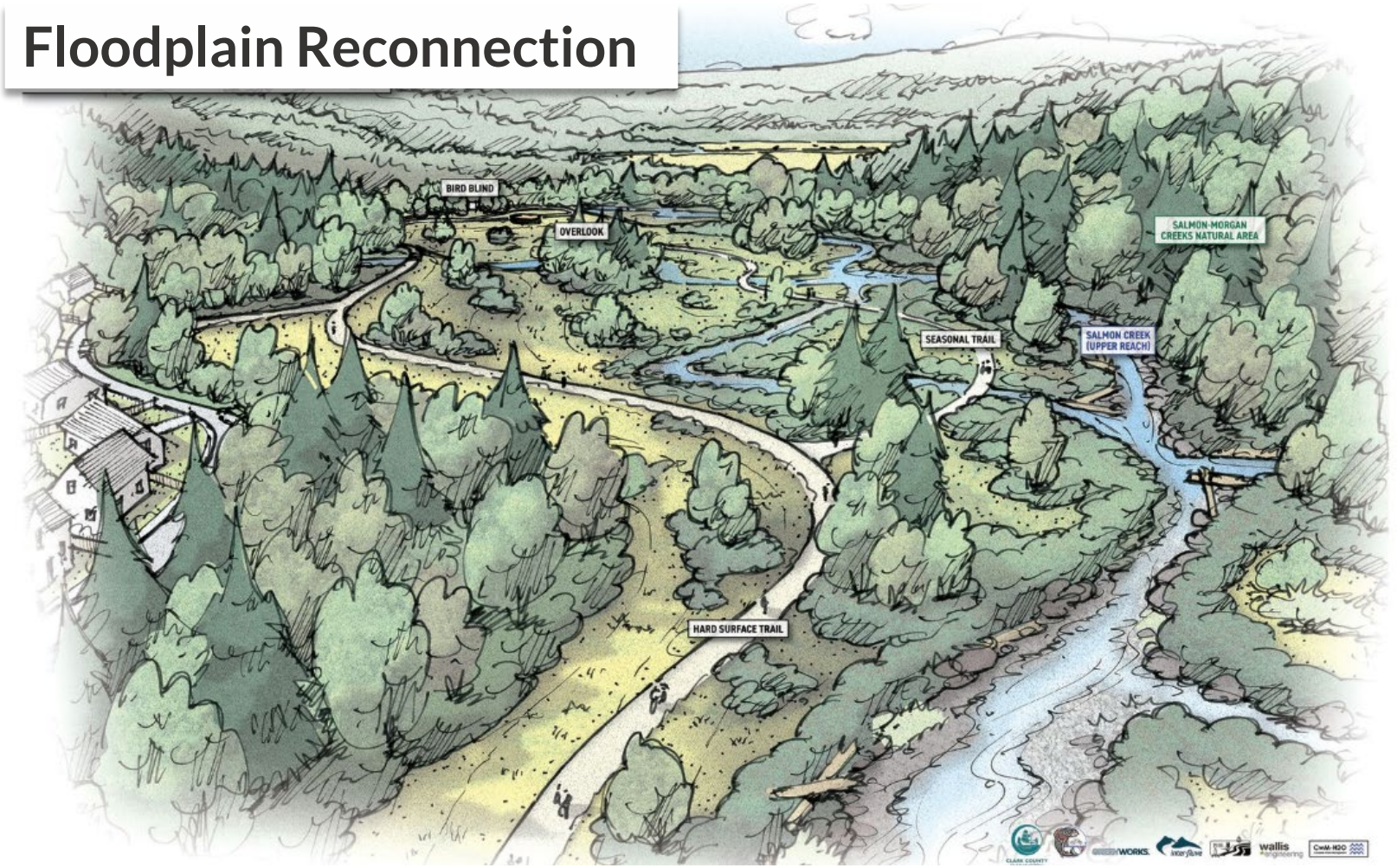
Community preferences

Boardwalks and overlooks, outdoor classroom or group seating, and birding opportunities

Habitat – Current Conditions

Habitat – Future Vision

Floodplain Reconnection



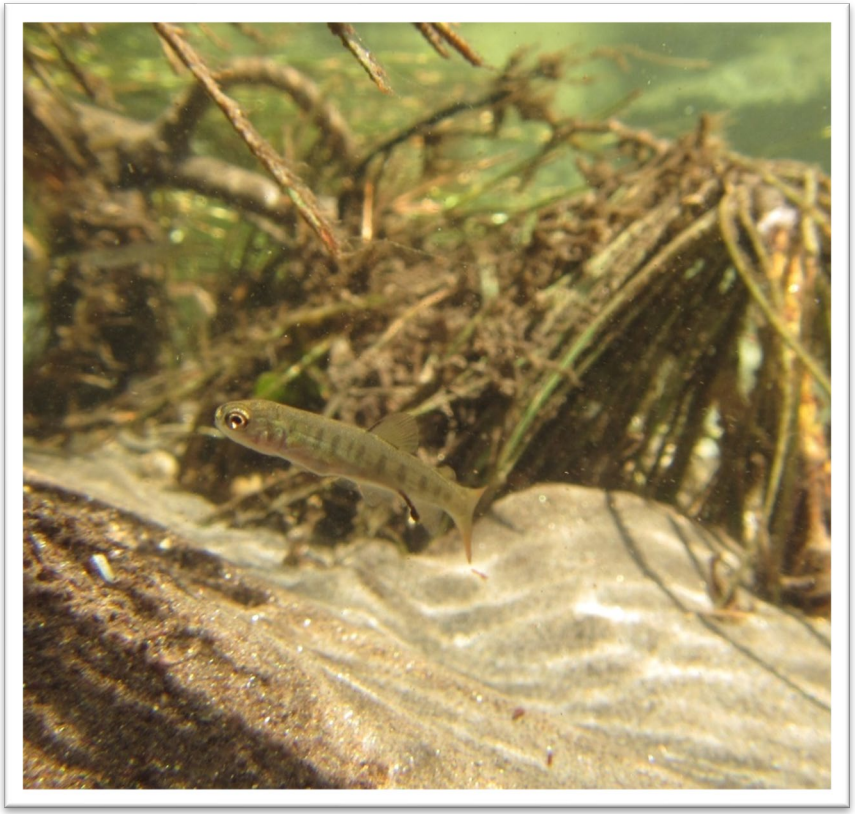
Development Probable Cost – Recreation Detail

Upland Recreation Items	Cost Range		
Mobilization and General Conditions (Includes bonding, insurance, overhead and profit)	$4,168,000	to	$5,419,000
Site Preparation (Demolition, clearing and grubbing, etc.)	$380,000	to	$494,000
Earthwork (Cut and fill in Recreation Zones only)	$245,000	to	$318,000
Utilities	$250,000	to	$325,000
Paths and Trails	$2,900,000	to	$3,770,000
Bridges and Boardwalks	$2,150,000	to	$2,800,000
142nd Avenue Trailhead	$507,000	to	$659,000
181st Street Trailhead	$72,000	to	$94,000
Nature Play Area	$840,000	to	$1,092,000
Site Structures (Shelter, restrooms, bird blinds and walls)	$916,000	to	$1,191,000
Site Furnishings (Tables, benches, bike racks, etc.)	$250,000	to	$325,000
Irrigation	$375,000	to	$488,000
Soil amendment and site preparation	$121,000	to	$157,000
Landscape (Trees, shrubs, grasses, mulch, etc.)	$606,000	to	$788,000
Subtotal Cost (Upland Recreation Site Improvements)	$13,780,000	to	$17,920,000
Design	$1,102,000	to	$1,434,000
Permitting	$137,000	to	$179,000
Construction Management	$276,000	to	$358,000
Upland Recreation Improvements Total Cost	$15,295,000	to	$19,891,000

Development Probable Cost – Summary

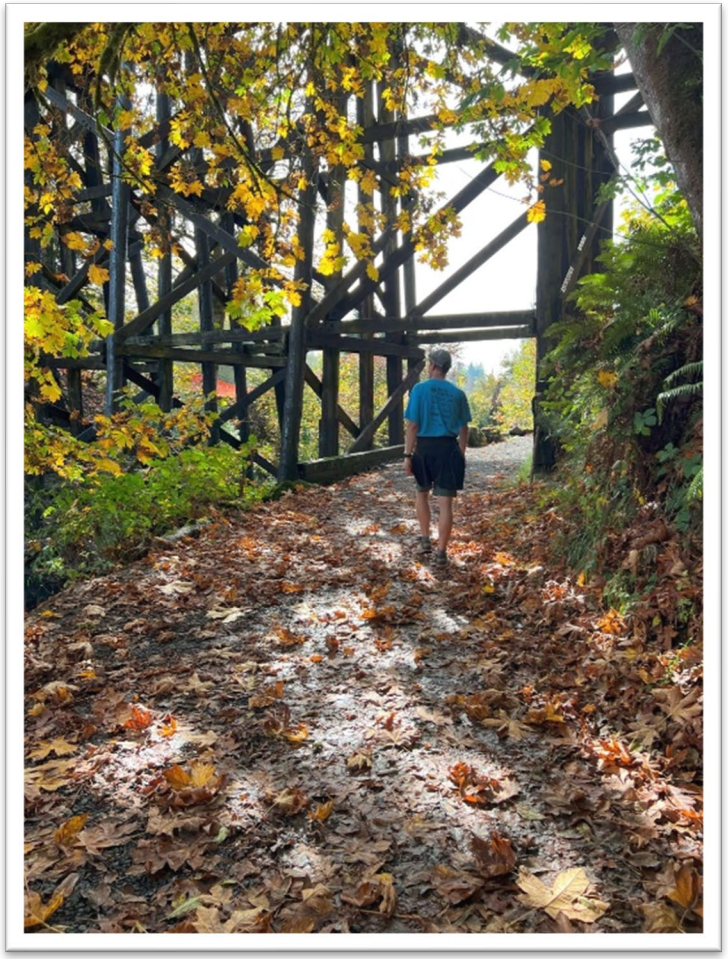
- Recreation: $15 - $20 million dollars
- Restoration: $25 - $35 million dollars (funding pursued by others)

- Considerations:
  - Phasing
  - Grant funding
  - Partnering opportunities



Next Steps

- **Public Hearing**
- **Partner grant applications**
- **Acquisitions**



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Comments and questions

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