

Welcome!

Community Meeting: North Albany County Park & Natural Area

October 13, 2016

6:00 – 7:30 pm



Agenda

6:00 – 6:30 pm: **Light Dinner & Expert Stations**

6:30 – 6:40 pm: **Welcome, Intro. & Background**

6:40 – 6:50 pm: **Presentation of Concept Plans**

6:50 – 7:20 pm: **Breakout Groups**

- Feedback on Concept Plans

7:20 – 7:30 pm: **Wrap Up & Next Steps**



Background

Jeff Powers, Director

Benton County Natural Areas & Parks



Outreach & Engagement

- Stakeholder Interviews: April - May
- First Community Meeting: June
- Online Survey: June - August
- In Park Survey: July



Other Important Input

- American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assessment
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Evaluation
- Physical Activity Observations



Priority Design Elements 1 of 2

- Keep as many trees as possible
- Keep open feel
- Dogs to run freely
- Make ADA accessible
- More/separate picnic space
- Improve/create pedestrian connections



Priority Design Elements 2 of 2

- Create natural surface path on park perimeter, connecting entrances
- Improve baseball/volleyball areas
- Update restrooms
- Add safety lighting
- More parking
- Safer playground
- Update playground equipment



Priority Playground Features

- ADA accessible
- Keep the boat!
- Nature play, climbing, swings, slides
- Surface to support falls
- Multi-use space (e.g., play equipment with loop path for bikes, strollers, walking, etc.)
- Toddler and youth equipment



Vegetation & Storm Water Management Plan

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Draft Park Concept Plans 1 of 2

All plans include the following:

- ADA compliant; from shelter parking area to playground, restrooms & shelter
- 2 new ADA parking spots in front of restrooms
- 10 new parking spaces around loop
- 1 new parking spot at shelter
- 2 new spots in north parking lot

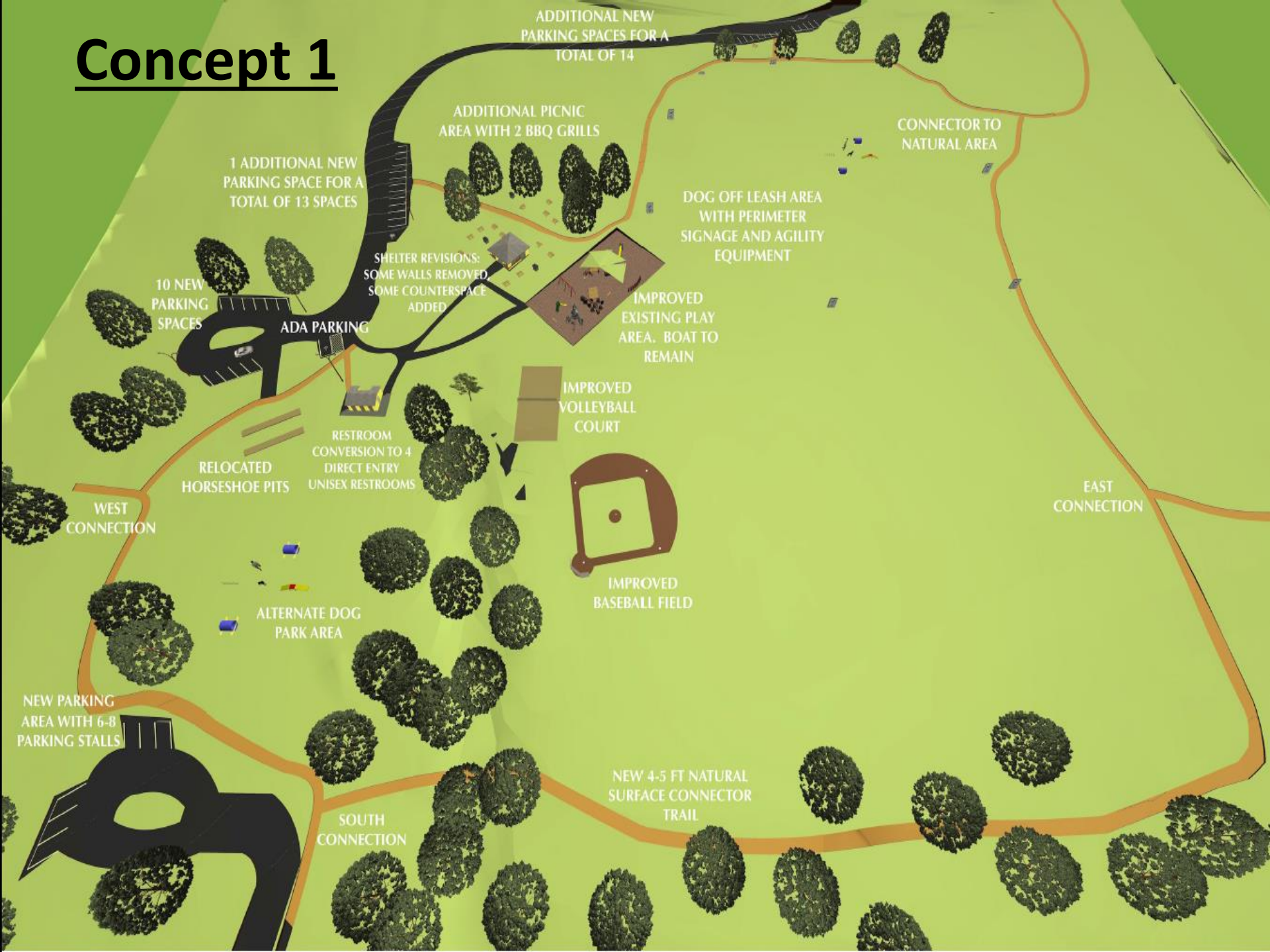


Draft Park Concept Plans 2 of 2

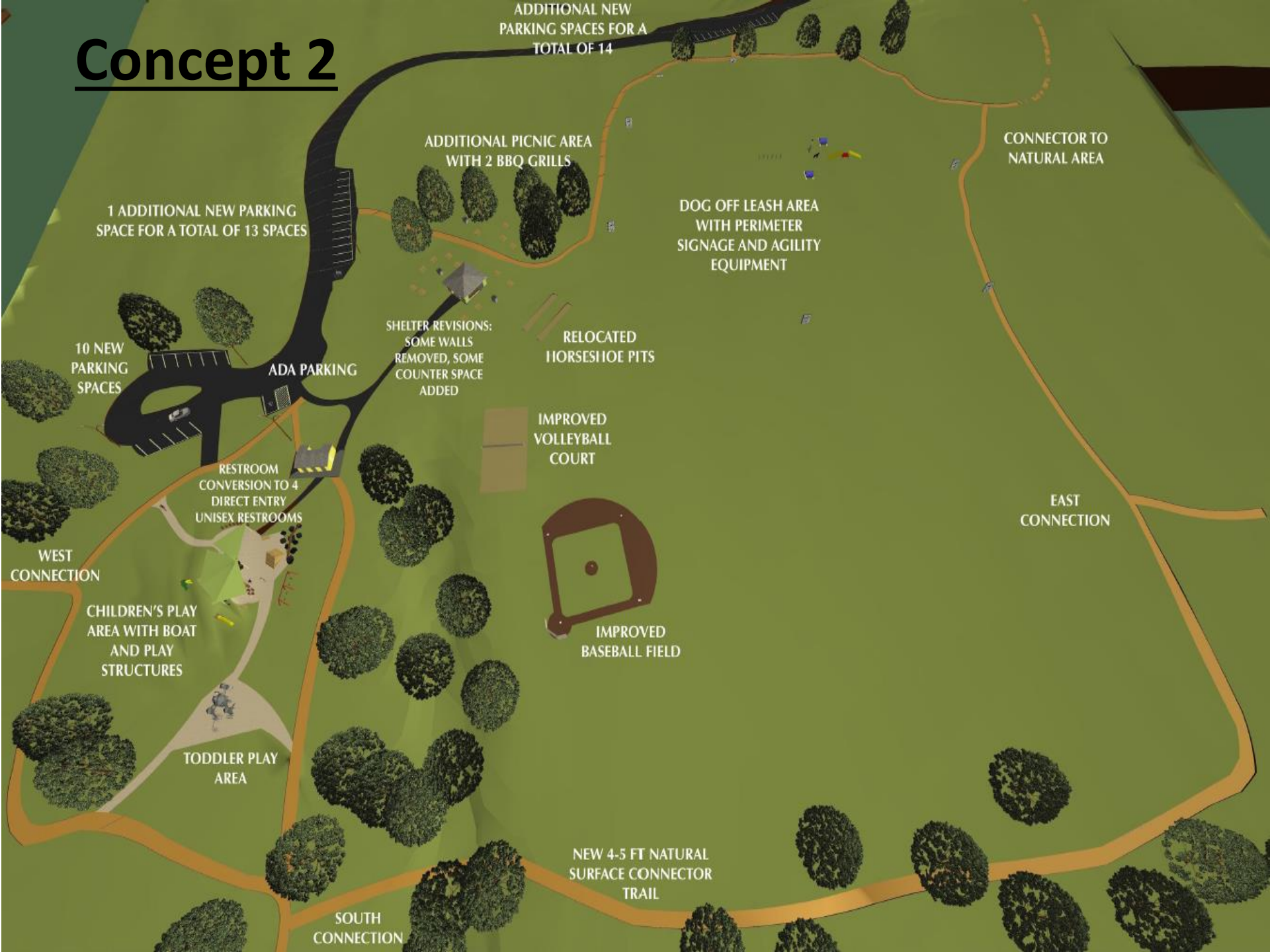
- New 4ft. wide natural surface perimeter connector trail
- Restroom upgrade to four direct-entry unisex restrooms
- LED lighting
- Improved volley ball and baseball fields
- New alternate picnic area with BBQ, north side of shelter
- Shelter revisions



Concept 1



Concept 2



ADDITIONAL NEW
PARKING SPACES FOR A
TOTAL OF 14

CONNECTOR TO
NATURAL AREA

ADDITIONAL PICNIC AREA
WITH 2 BBQ GRILLS

DOG OFF LEASH AREA
WITH PERIMETER
SIGNAGE AND AGILITY
EQUIPMENT

1 ADDITIONAL NEW PARKING
SPACE FOR A TOTAL OF 13 SPACES

SHELTER REVISIONS:
SOME WALLS
REMOVED, SOME
COUNTER SPACE
ADDED

RELOCATED
HORSESHOE PITS

10 NEW
PARKING
SPACES

ADA PARKING

IMPROVED
VOLLEYBALL
COURT

RESTROOM
CONVERSION TO 4
DIRECT ENTRY
UNISEX RESTROOMS

IMPROVED
BASEBALL FIELD

EAST
CONNECTION

WEST
CONNECTION

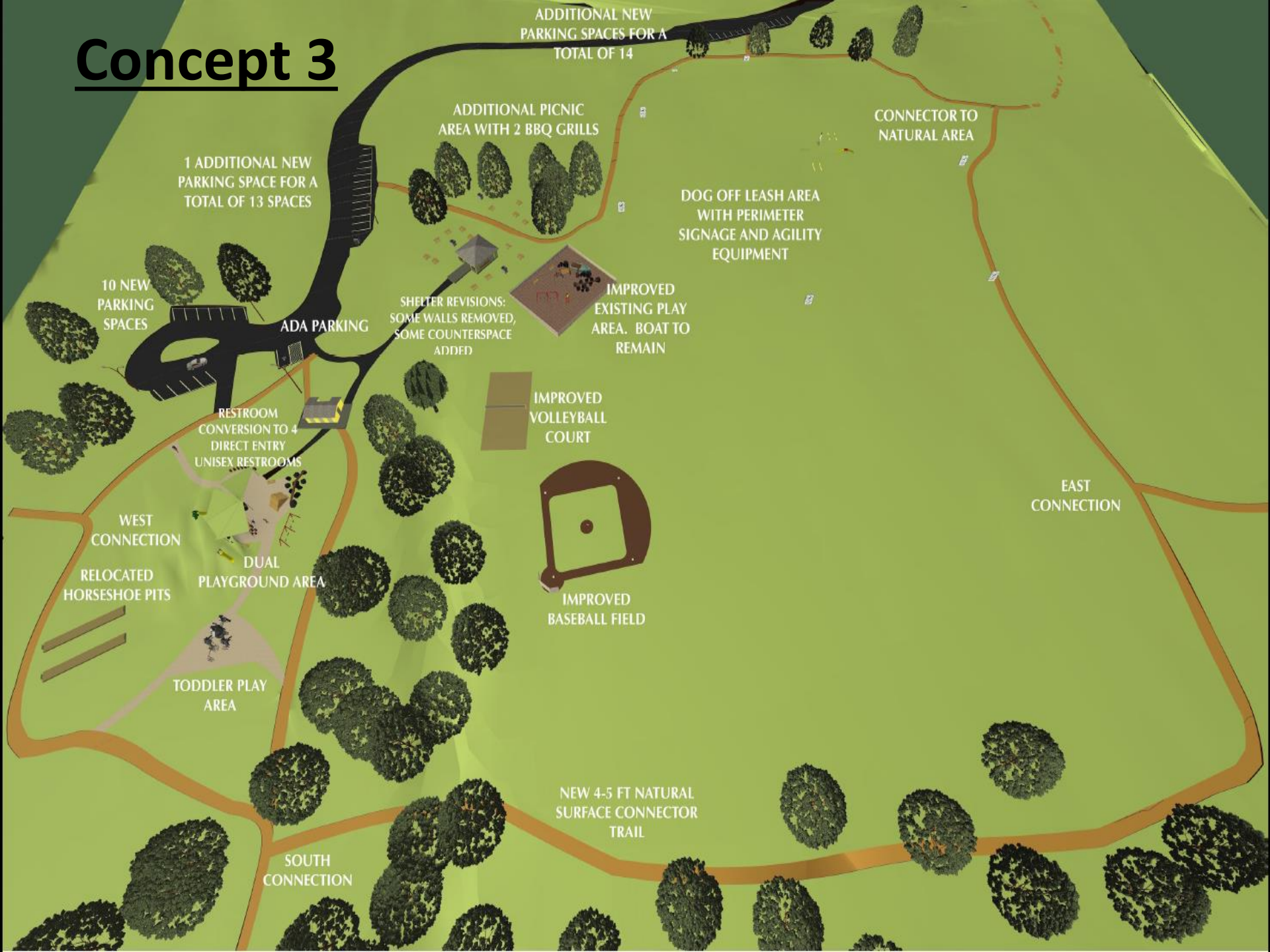
CHILDREN'S PLAY
AREA WITH BOAT
AND PLAY
STRUCTURES

TODDLER PLAY
AREA

NEW 4-5 FT NATURAL
SURFACE CONNECTOR
TRAIL

SOUTH
CONNECTION

Concept 3



Concept A



Legend

- Concept_trail
- North Albany Park
- North Albany Park Natural Area
- Taxlots

Benton County Natural Areas & Parks
2016

Total gross area = 10.75
SW 1/4 Section 25, T 10 S, R 4 W
City of Albany, County of Benton Oregon

Concept B



Intermittent water

846.25'

Footbridge
4'x 25'

Kiosk

Kiosk

98.00'

73.18'

133.21'

298.00'

180.00'

305.00'

243.85'

VALLEY VIEW DR NW

Grace St

Partial paved Maint.
Entrance 30'x30'

HILLCREST ST NW

NW CROCKER LN

Bloom Ln

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Parking

Concept C



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Breakout Groups

- 30 minutes total
- 4 rotations, 6 min. per concept station
- Nametag indicates starting station
 - Park Concept #1
 - Park Concept #2
 - Park Concept #3
 - Natural Area #4 (Concepts A, B, C)
- 4-8 per station



Breakout Questions

- 1) What are the positive aspects about this concept?/ What do you like?
- 2) What are the negative aspects about this concept? / What don't you like?
- 3) What's missing? What changes would you make?



Next Steps

- Compile input and use to update the Concept Plan
- Next version of the Concept Plan ready by early December
- Concept Plan distributed for review
- Master Planning process finished by the end of December



Thank you!

Before you leave:

- Please vote with your dots on the overall Park Concept Plan and Natural Area Concept you like the best.
- Vote with your dots however you like.
- Examples:
 - 3 dots on the park concept you really like, and 1 on the natural area concept you like the most.
 - All 4 dots on the park concept you really like.
 - Or....

