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TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff 

DATE: November 20, 2008

RE: Council Report: Update on the Southeast Regional Park Planning Process (Philips Lake Park and Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plans)

Fiscal Impact

YES
NO X

Other Info.

Summary: The Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing to begin the second phase of the public input process regarding the development of the Southeast Regional Park, individually known as the 140 acre Philips Lake Park and the 320 acre Gans Creek Recreation Area. Based on previous public comments and an inventory of the two sites, park planning staff has prepared two park master plan options. The department has scheduled two planning meetings (12/10/08 and 01/07/09) to introduce the plans to the public and begin the process for public comment. Philips Lake Park is currently zoned C-P (Planned Commercial) and the department has started the process to take these two options to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and approval. The department has \$250,000 for Phase I development of the Philips Lake Park. Additionally, the City has received a \$157,500 Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) grant to build fishing facilities at Philips Park. The City's match for the grant is \$52,500, funded out of the Phase I park development budget. The MDC funded facilities are shown on both options and the department is planning on returning to Council following the P&Z Commission approval process to request permission to proceed with the development of these facilities. The remainder of the Phase I development funds will be used to begin park development as so directed by those priorities identified during the park master plan process. Staff anticipates that these priorities may include passive recreation features such as a perimeter lake trail, picnic shelter, playground and related support amenities.

Detail Description: The Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing to begin the second phase of the public input process regarding the development of the Southeast Regional Park, individually known as the 140 acre Philips Lake Park and the 320 acre Gans Creek Recreation Area. Based on previous public comments and an inventory of the two sites, park planning staff has prepared two park master plan options. These options provide a great deal of flexibility. For example, the athletic fields are shown as either a football, baseball/softball, lacrosse, or soccer field. The proposed master plan allows for any one of these fields to be selected.

The department has scheduled two planning meetings to introduce the plans to the public and begin the process for public comment. These meetings are scheduled at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) with the first scheduled for December 10, 2008 and the second, January 7, 2009. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm and conclude around 9:00 pm. During these meetings, staff will distribute comment forms and explain that there will be additional options for public comment via the City's website and at various public buildings including, but not limited to the Daniel Boone Building, Gentry Building, Daniel Boone Regional Library and the ARC.

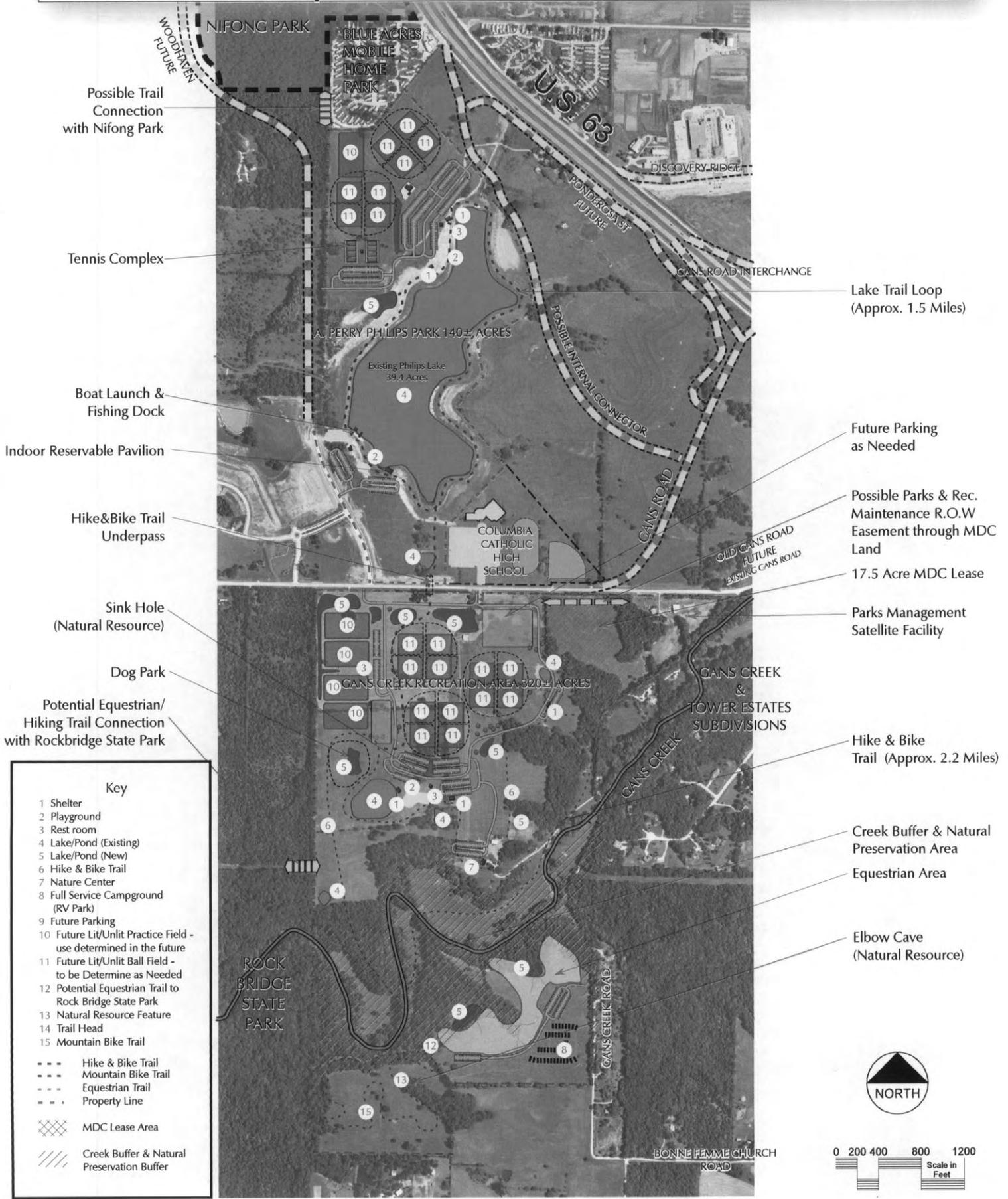
Philips Lake Park is zoned as Planned Commercial (C-P) and the department has started the process to take these two plans to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and approval. While the department does not have to include the plans for the Gans Creek Recreation Area as part of the zoning process, staff feels that it is important to show the relationship between the two parks.

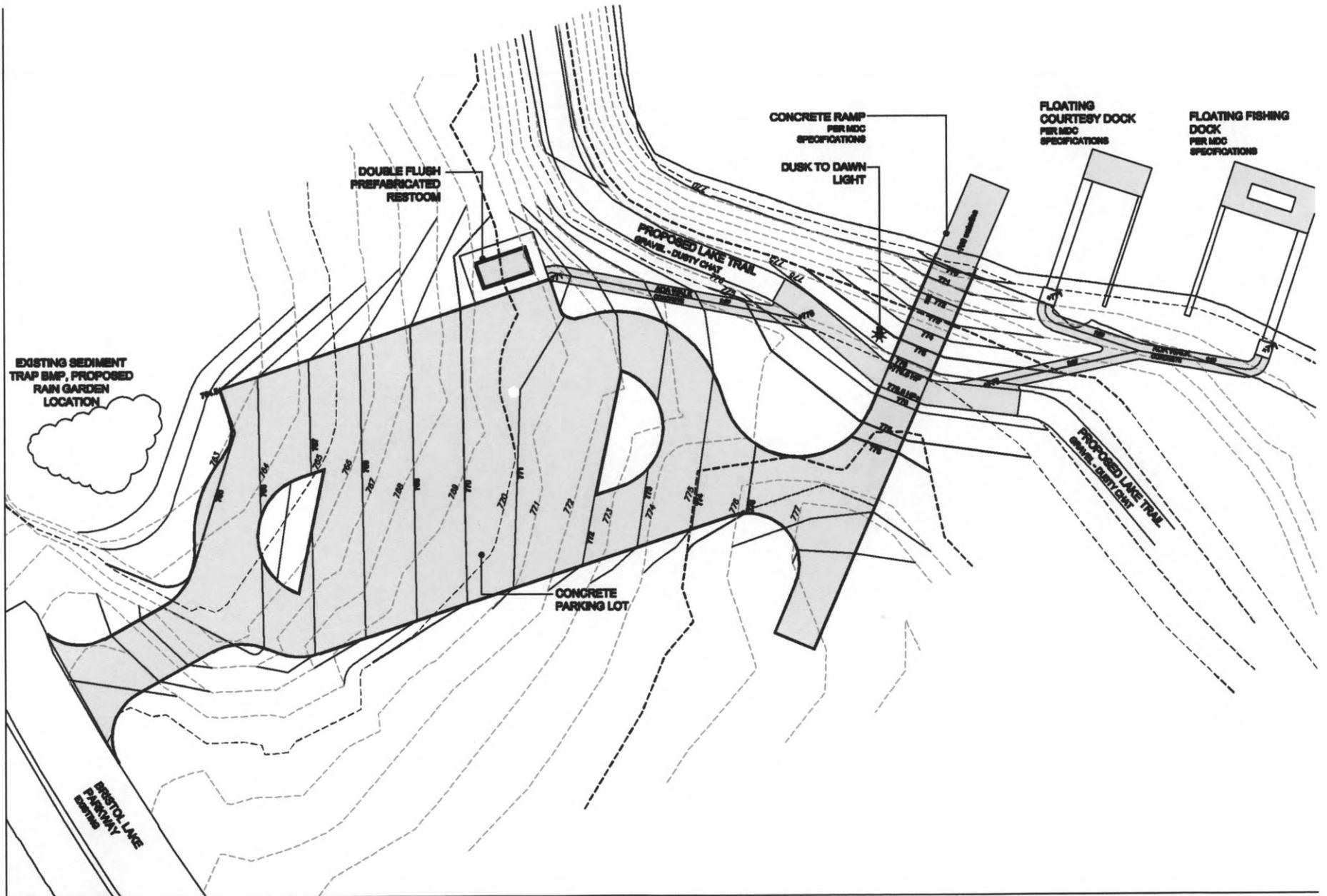
As approved and funded by the 2005 Park Sales Tax, the department has \$250,000 for Phase I development of the Philips Lake Park. Additionally, the City has received a \$157,500 Missouri Department of Conservation grant to build fishing facilities at Philips Park. The City's match for the grant is \$52,500, funded out of the Phase I park development budget. The following amenities are to be constructed as part of the grant agreement: entrance road, parking lot (minimum 10 vehicles + 10 vehicles w/trailer), boat ramp, courtesy boat dock, floating fishing dock, restrooms, security lighting, and sidewalks connecting facilities. The MDC funded facilities are shown on both options. The department has also attached detailed plans on the boat dock, ramp, parking lot and restroom. As required by the grant, these plans have been reviewed and approved by MDC planners. The department is currently in the process of getting the required Army Corp of Engineer's 404 permit as required by the Clean Water Act. This permit is required for the construction of the boat ramp, fishing dock and boat dock.

Following the P&Z Commission approval process, the department is planning on returning to Council to request permission to proceed with the development of these facilities. The department would like to begin construction late this winter or early spring on the parking lot and fishing amenities. The remainder of the Phase I development funds will be used to begin park development as so directed by those priorities identified during the park master plan process. Staff anticipates that these priorities may include passive recreation features such as a perimeter lake trail, picnic shelter, playground and related support amenities (walkways, drinking fountains, landscape, etc.).

Recommended Council Action: This is an update on the Southeast Regional Park Master Planning process. Unless there are objections to the process, no action is required.

A. Perry Philips Park & Gans Creek Recreation Area Proposed Master Plan - Option 1





Philips Lake Fishing Facilities - Plan View

Columbia Parks and Recreation

