

KEMAH PARKS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Community Workshop #2

October 16th, 2023



AGENDA

- Introductions
- Project Goals
- Existing Conditions
- What We've Heard
- Recommendations
- Discussion
- Next Steps

INTRODUCTIONS

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PROJECT GOALS

AS ESTABLISHED BY CITY LEADERS

- **Establish current baseline** of conditions of the parks and recreation facilities including size, location, type, quality, and accessibility.
- Understand the **community's current needs** within the parks and recreation system.
- Understand the community's future needs along with data regarding the **changes anticipated in Kemah that affect the parks and recreation system.**
- Increase **access to and use of the unique natural features in Kemah** including opportunities for nature based tourism and recreation.
- Guide **planning, phasing, and suggested funding opportunities** for ongoing enhancement and additions of the parks and recreation system.

EXISTING PARKS



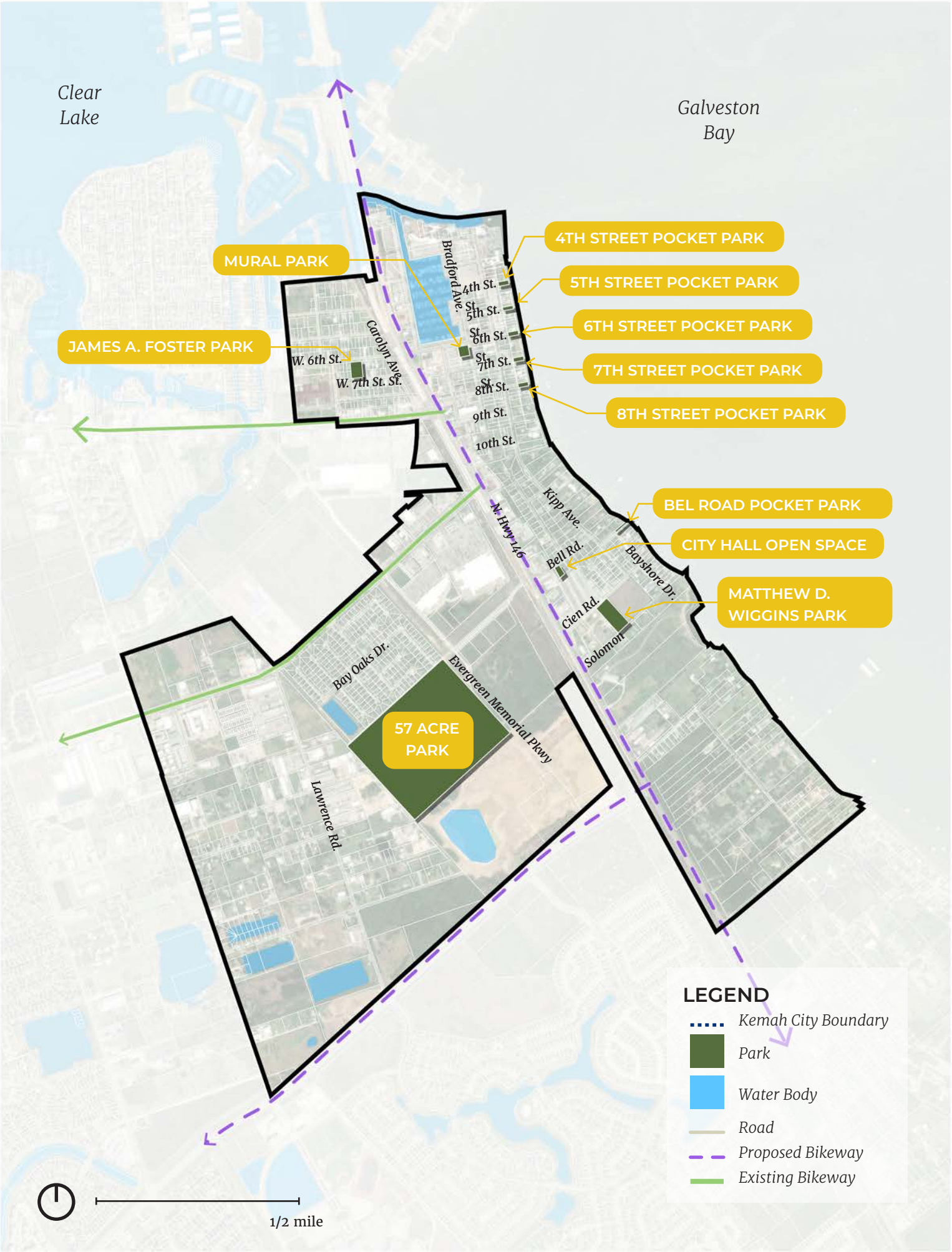
KEMAH'S PARK CONTEXT

- Kemah community members are using surrounding parks to serve their needs, specifically sports fields.



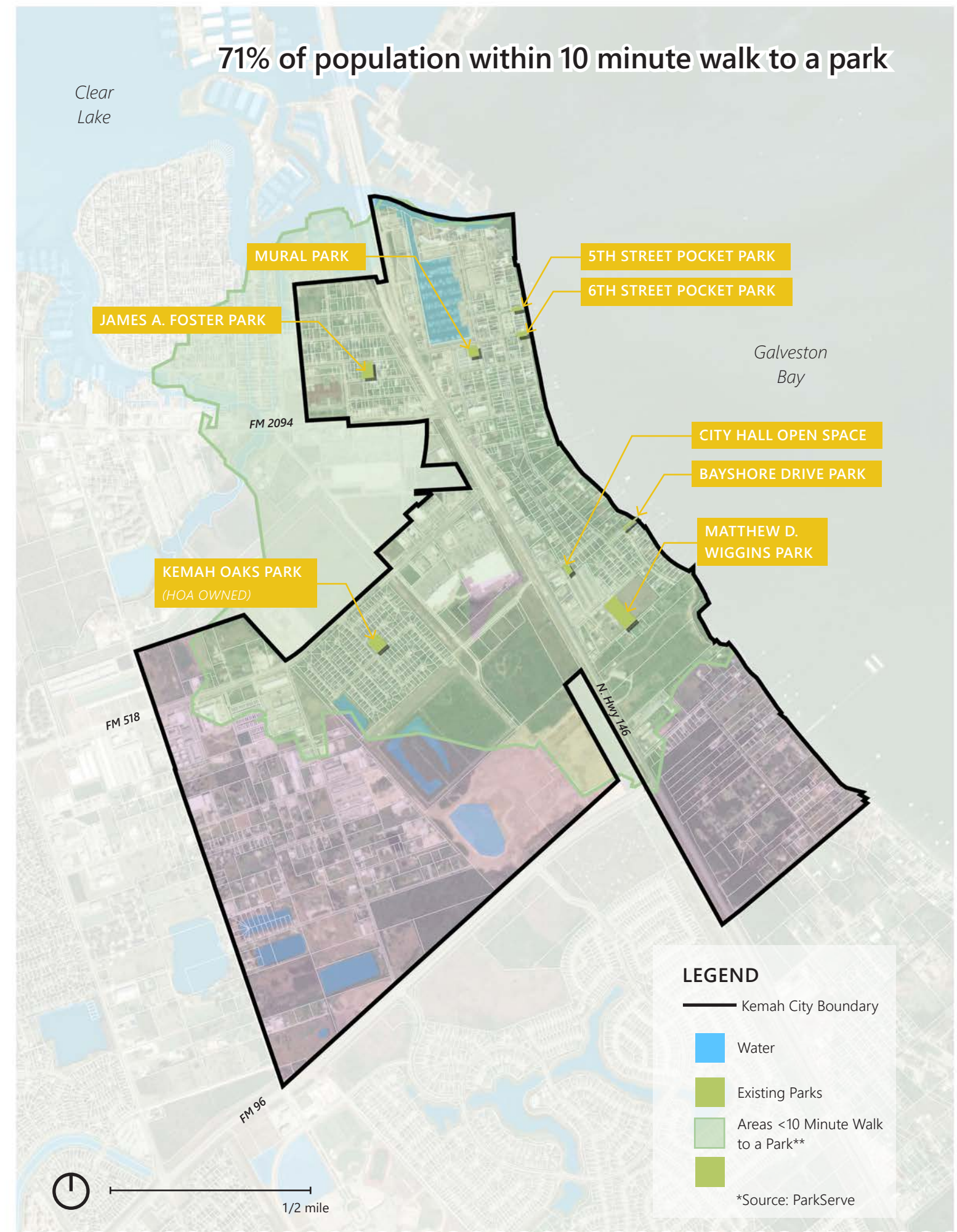
KEMAH'S PUBLIC PARKS

Name	Park Typology
57 Acre Park	Open Space
James A. Foster Park	Neighborhood Park
Matthew D. Wiggins Park (formerly Cien Park)	Neighborhood Park
Bel Road Pocket Park	Pocket Park
City Hall Open Space	Open Space
4th Street Pocket Park	Pocket Park
5th Street Pocket Park	Pocket Park
6th Street Pocket Park	Pocket Park
7th Street Pocket Park	Pocket Park
8th Street Pocket Park	Pocket Park
Mural Park	Pocket Park



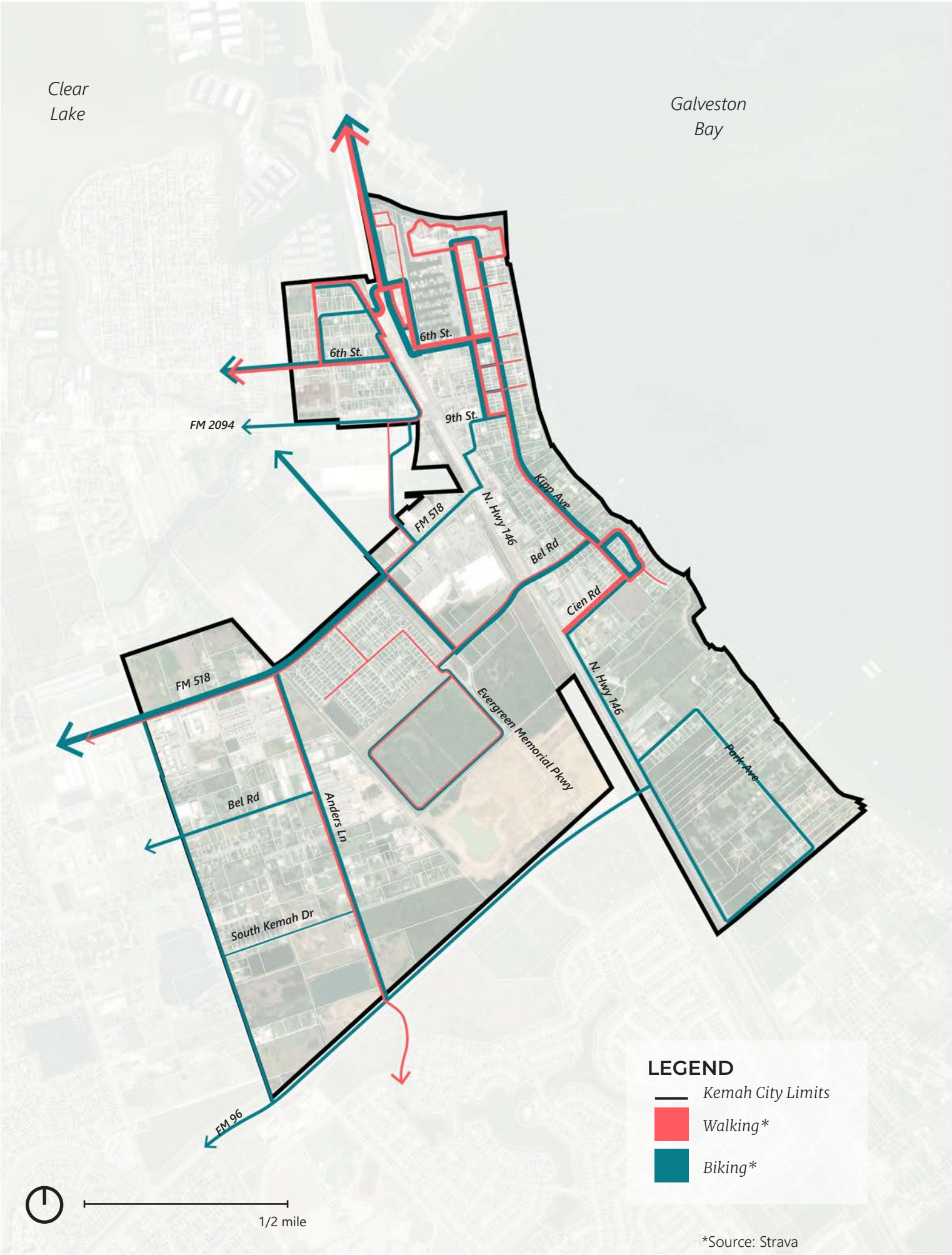
PARK ACCESS AND WALKABILITY MAP

- Matthew D. Wiggins Park
- James A. Foster Park
- Mural Park
- Bayshore Drive Park
- City Hall Open Space
- 5th Street Pocket Park
- 6th Street Pocket Park



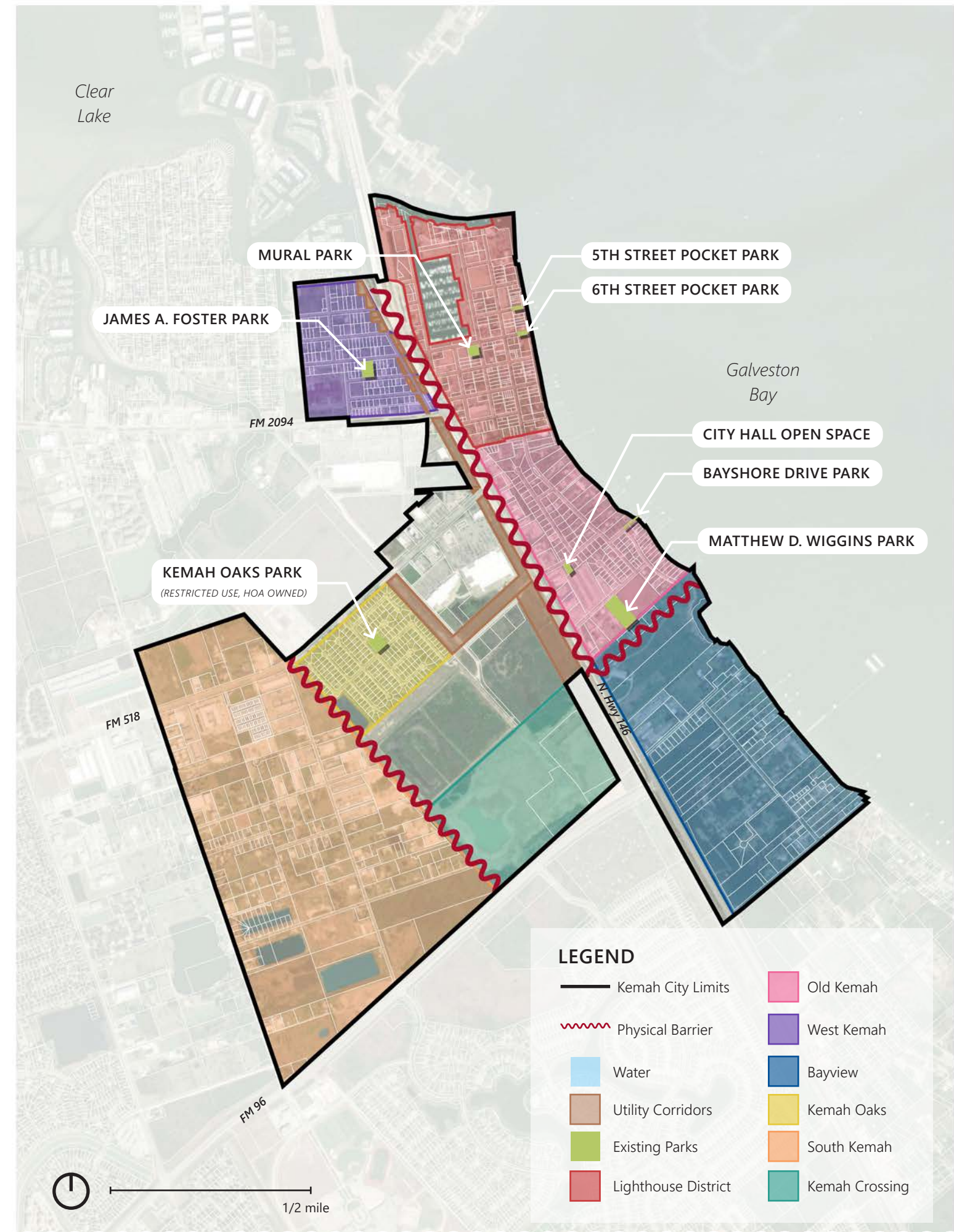
ACTIVITY MAP

Utilizing data from Strava, we're able to understand how and where people are walking, running, and biking around the community.



KEMAH'S PRECINCTS

- Lighthouse District
- Old Kemah
- West Kemah
- Bayview
- Kemah Oaks
- South Kemah
- Kemah Crossing



WHAT WE HEARD

Summary of Community Engagement Round 1



ROUND 1 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

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**RESPONSES TO OUR
ONLINE SURVEY**

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**INTERACTIVE MAP
COMMENTS**

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**PEOPLE
AT COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP**

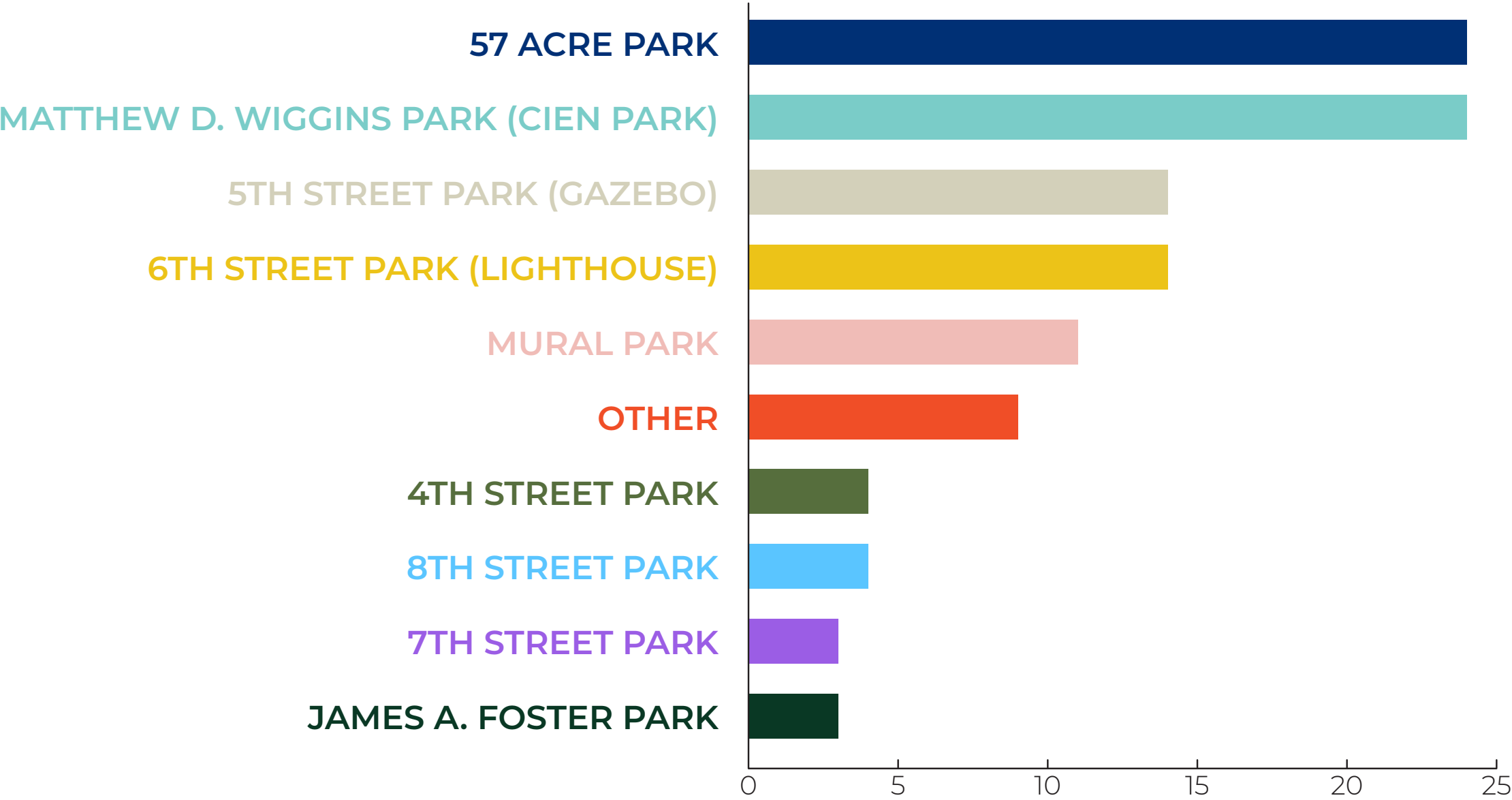
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**PEOPLE
AT POP-UP EVENTS**

= ~80 PEOPLE REACHED

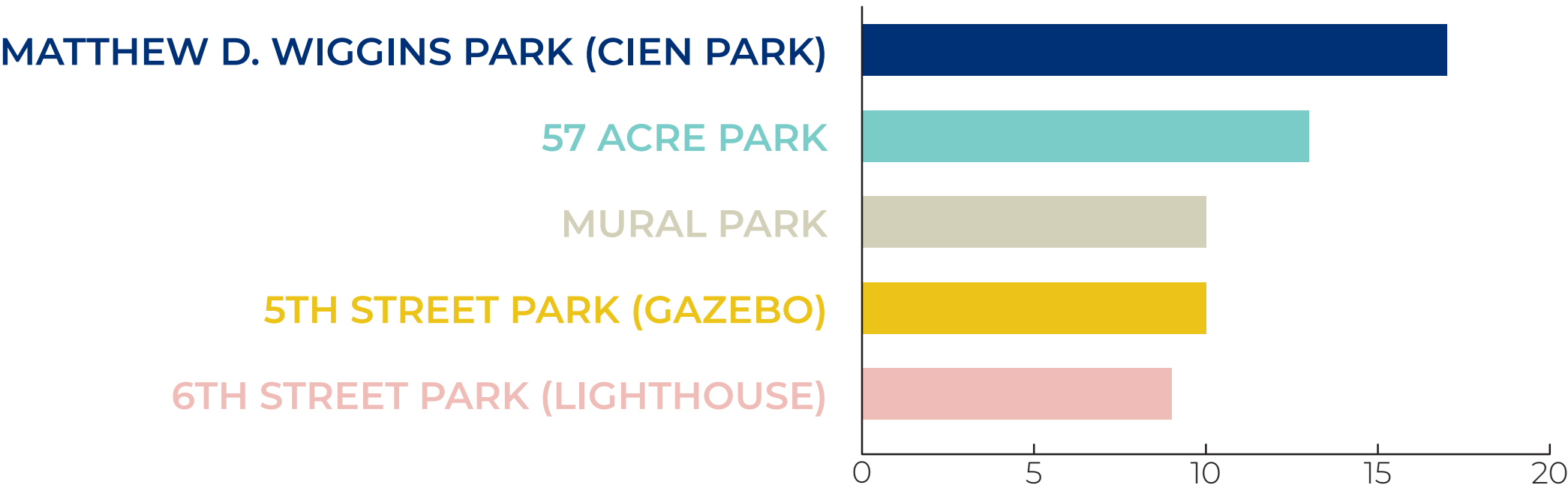
MOST-USED PARKS

Parks rated by reported visits over the last year:

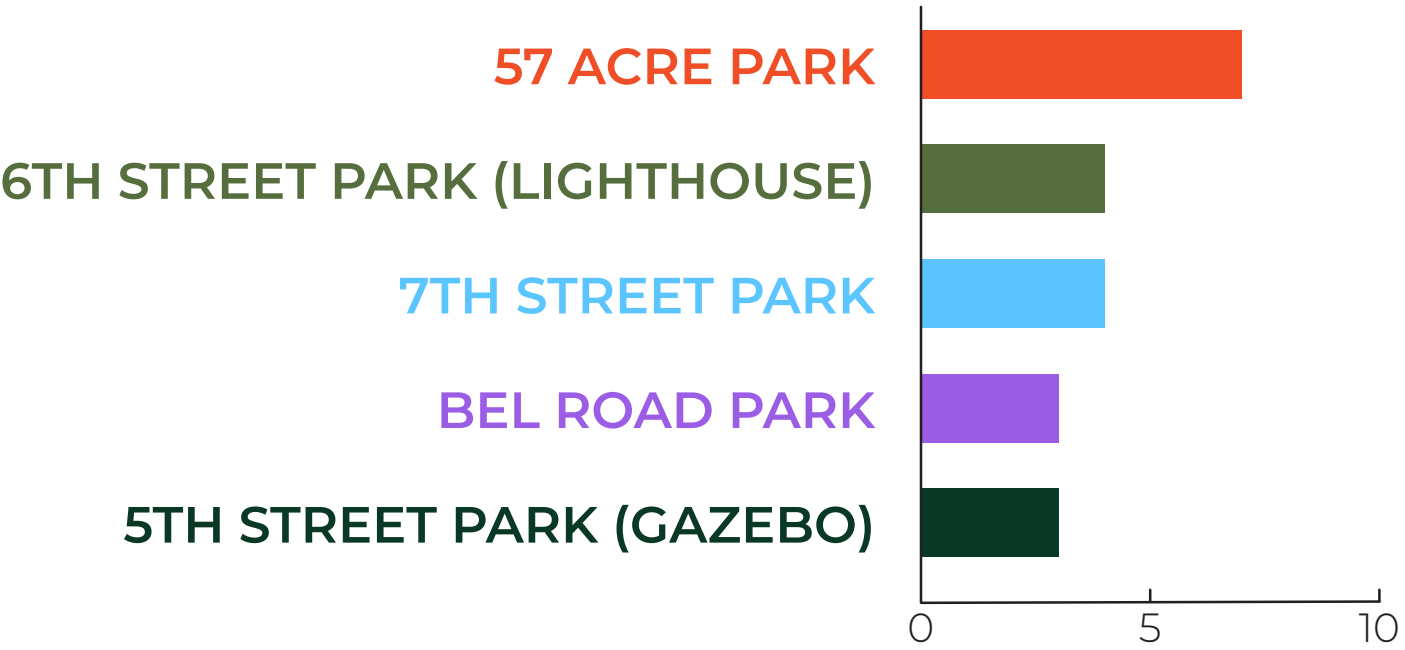


PARK EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Top 5 park experiences rated excellent and good:

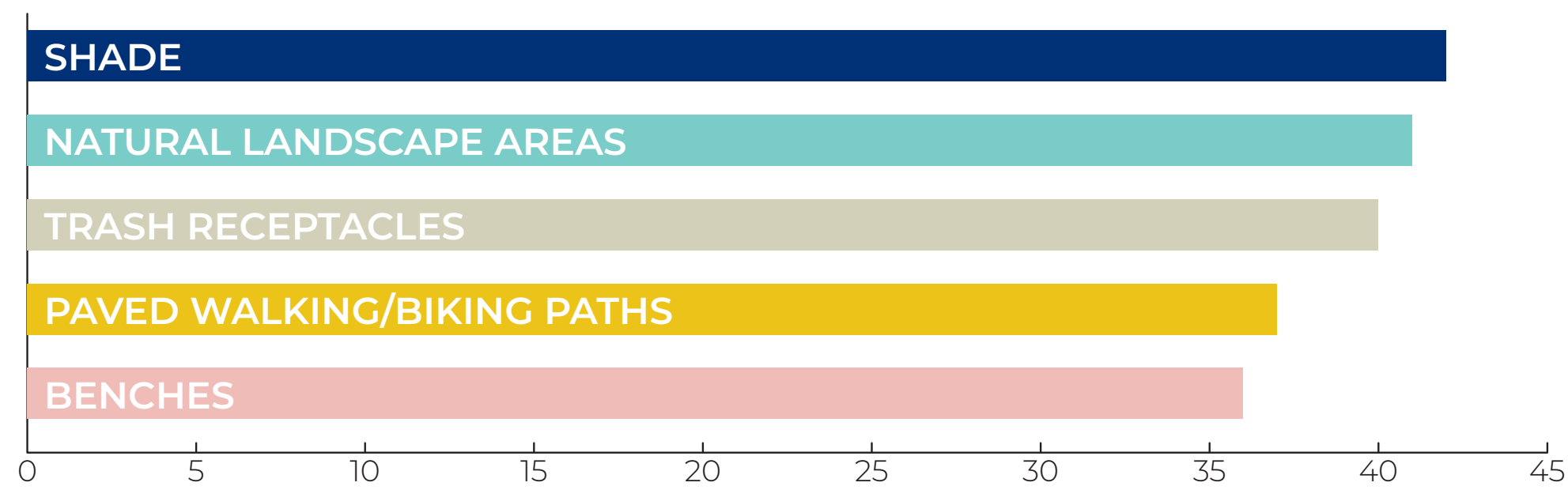


Top 5 park experiences rated poor:

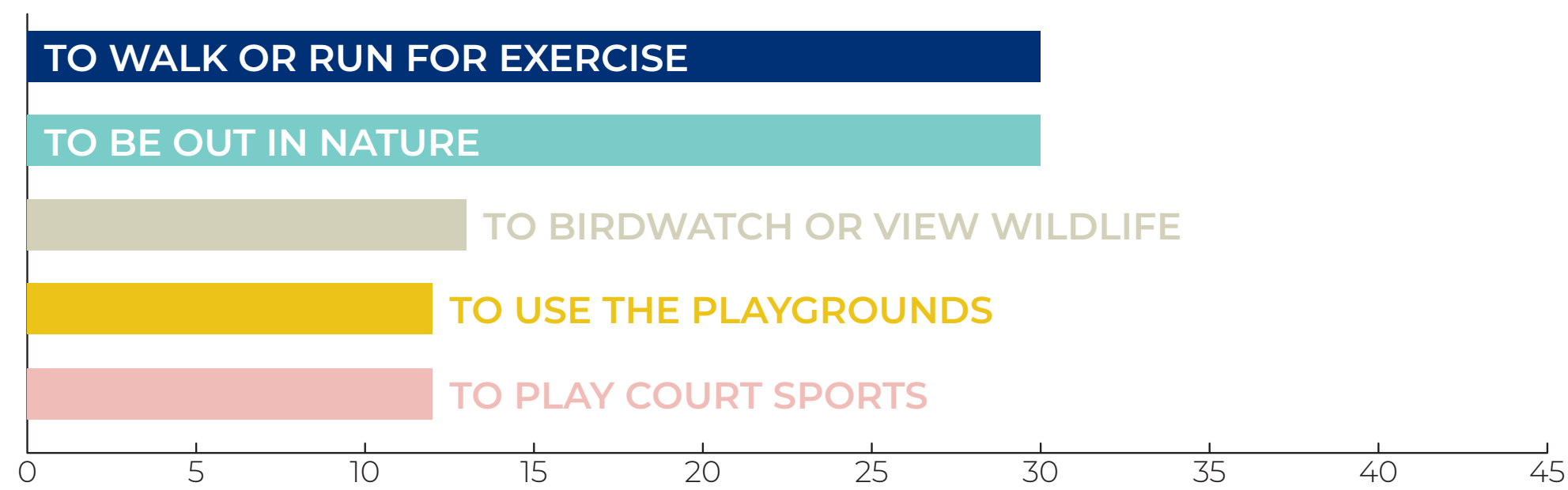


IMPORTANT PARK FEATURES

The top 5 most important park features to respondents:



The top 5 reason people visit park in Kemah:



TOP 10 REQUESTED AMENITIES

The top 10 amenities and/or facilities needed were:



RECOMMENDATIONS

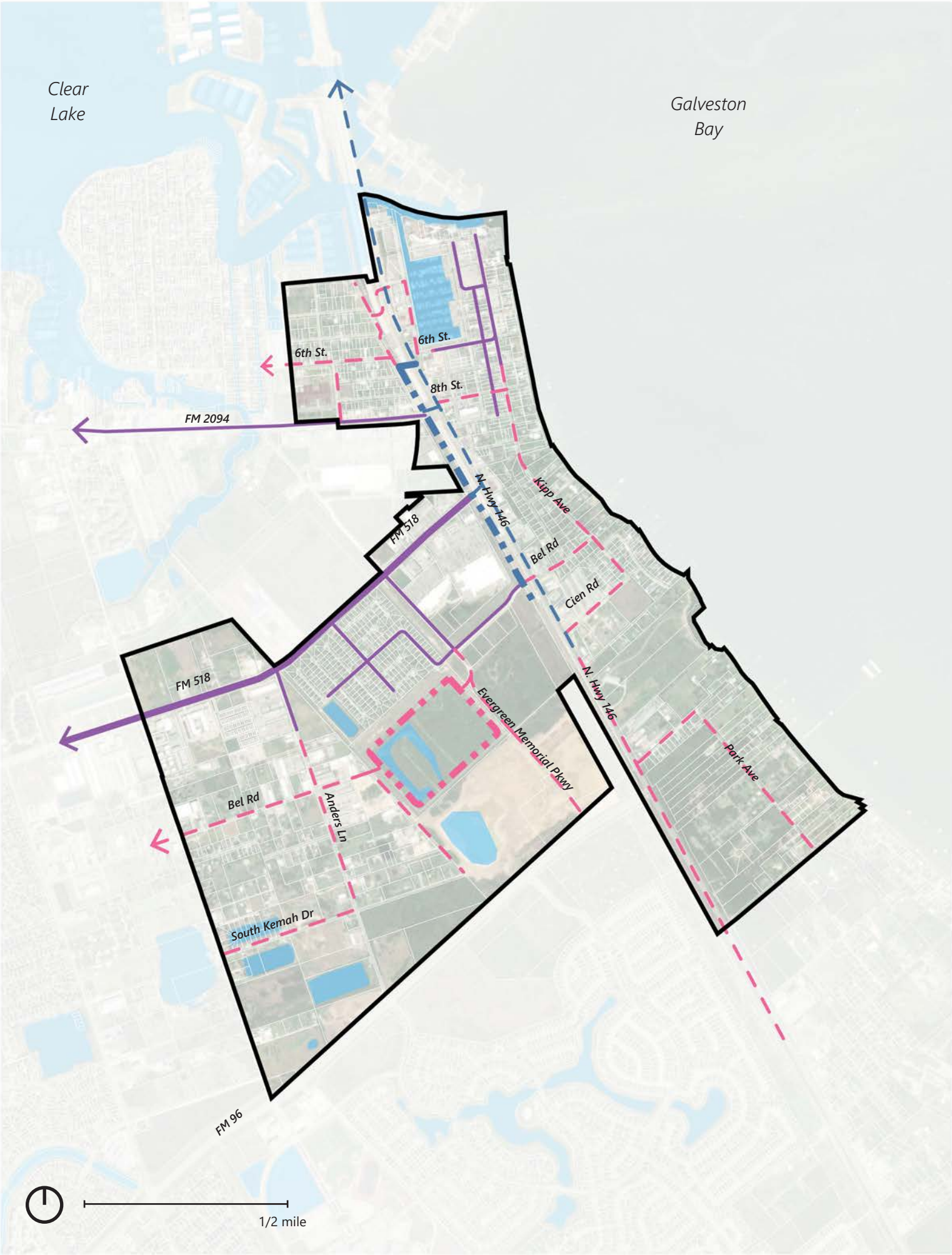


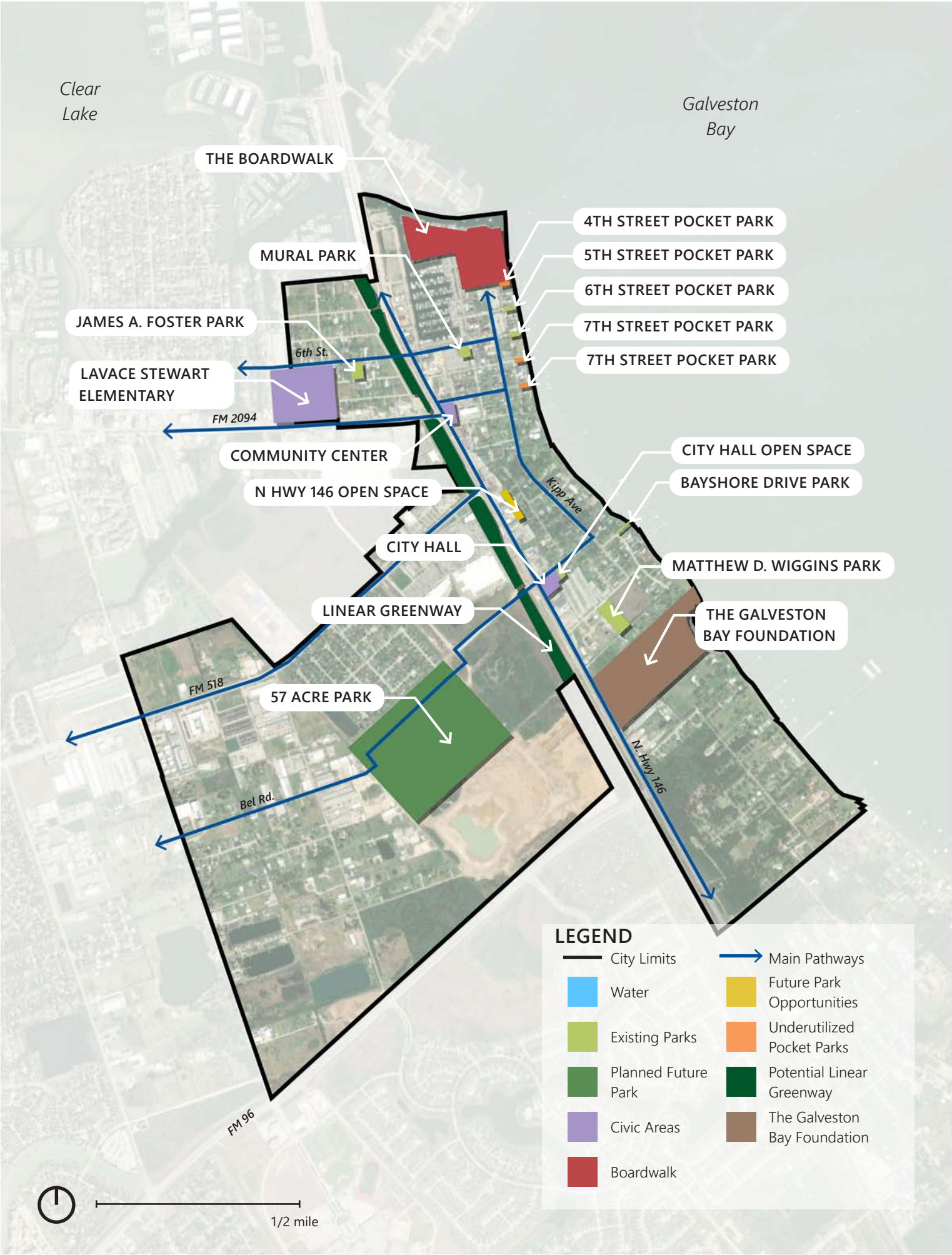
PROPOSED CONNECTIONS

- Bel Road
- South Kemah Dr.
- Along N Hwy 146
- 57 Acre Connections
- Kipp Ave

LEGEND

	City Limits		Existing 10' (ft) Sidewalk
	Existing 5' (ft) Sidewalk		TXDOT Future 5' (ft) Sidewalk
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	Proposed 5' (ft) Sidewalk		Proposed 10' (ft) Sidewalk





PROPOSED AMENITIES

Through an inventory of existing facilities within the City of Kemah, as well as regionally in neighboring cities and communities, open space improvements can fill in gaps of service via renovation or introduction of new amenity types.

- EXISTING AMENITIES
- PROPOSED AMENITIES

	HIKING/BIKING TRAILS	NATURAL AREAS	GATHERING SPACES	DOG PARK	SHELTER / PAVILION	BASKETBALL	VOLLEYBALL	RAQUET SPORTS	PLAYGROUND	SKATE PARK	OCEAN FRONTAGE
EXISTING PARKS											
Matthew D. Wiggins Park											
James A. Foster Park											
Mural Park											
5th Street Pocket Park											
6th Street Pocket Park											
Bayshore Drive Park											
City Hall Open Space											
PROPOSED PARKS + PARK OPPORTUNITIES											
57 Acre Nature Facility											
SH 146 Linear Greenway											
SH 146 Open Space											
4th Street Pocket Park											
7th Street Pocket Park											
8th Street Pocket Park											

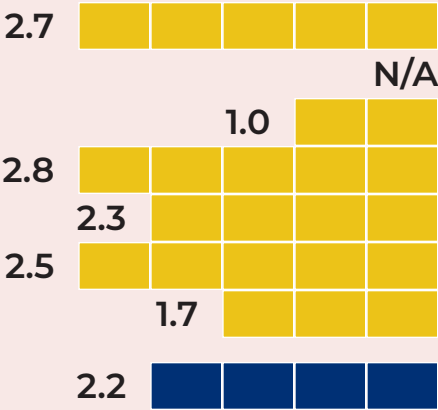
Priority amenities based on public engagement

57 ACRE NATURE FACILITY

57 Acre Park is.....
a large natural area that is currently undergoing improvements and is the largest park in Kemah.

CATEGORIES

- Park Access
- Park Features
- Supportive Facilities
- Safety and Maintenance
- Aesthetics
- Health
- Culture and Accessibility
- Total Score



WORKOUT STATIONS

ADDRESS	1894 Park Oaks Drive
ACREAGE	57
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Natural Area
AMENITIES	Benches, Dog waste bags, Flexible open lawn, Natural area, Picnic tables, Trails, Trash cans

CONCEPT
PLAN

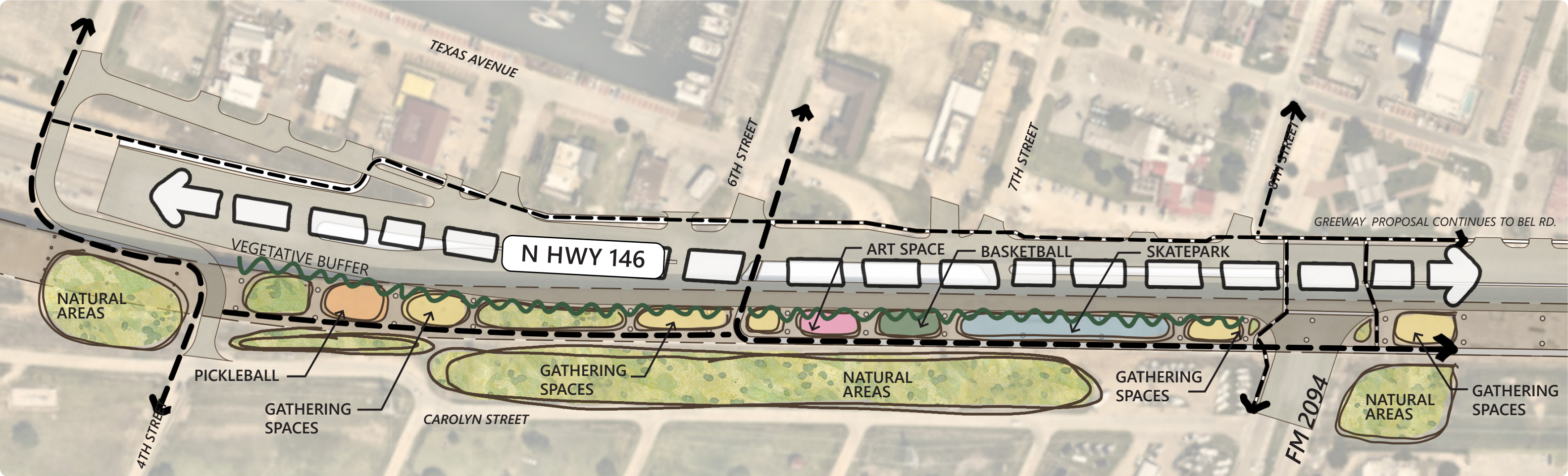


RECOMMENDATIONS

- Hiking/Biking Trails
- Natural Areas
- Visual Landmark
- Shelter/Pavilion
- Ecology
- Playground

LINEAR GREENWAY

Highway 146 Underpass area will be.....
a large, physical barrier with limited use and intersections between neighborhoods. It has the potential to be much more.



RECOMMENDATIONS



NATURAL
AREAS



GATHERING
SPACE



PICKLEBALL
COURT



ART SPACE



BASKETBALL



SKATEPARK



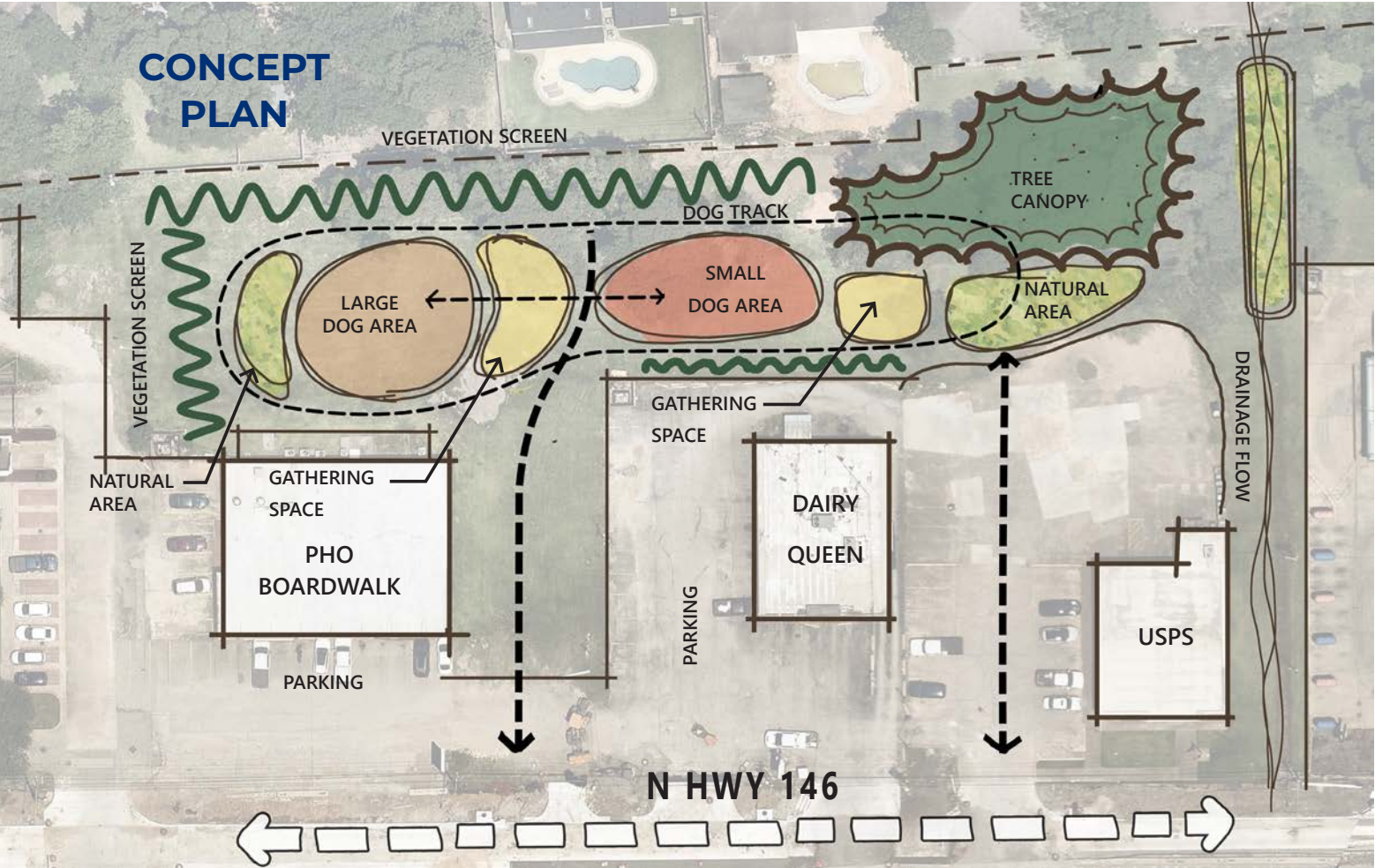
TRAILS

HIGHWAY 146 OPEN SPACE

High 146 Open Space is.....
1.25 acres of undeveloped municipal property located behind several businesses facing highway 146.



ADDRESS	1201 N Hwy 146
ACREAGE	Approximately 1.25 Acres
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Vacant Lot
AMENITIES	None



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Dog Park
- Gathering Spaces
- Walking Trails
- Natural Areas

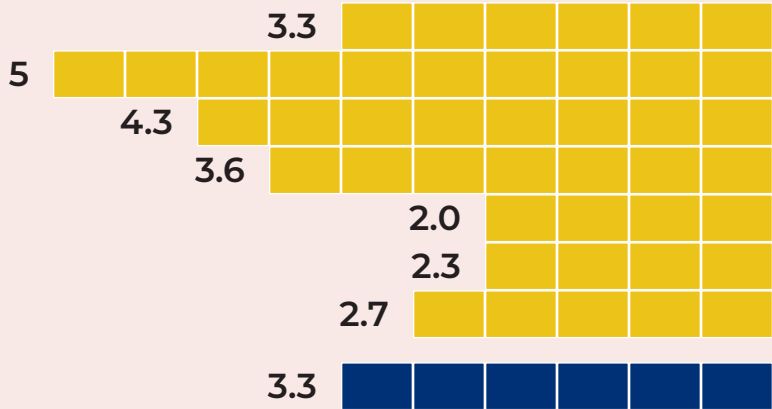
MATTHEW D. WIGGINS PARK

FORMERLY CIEN PARK

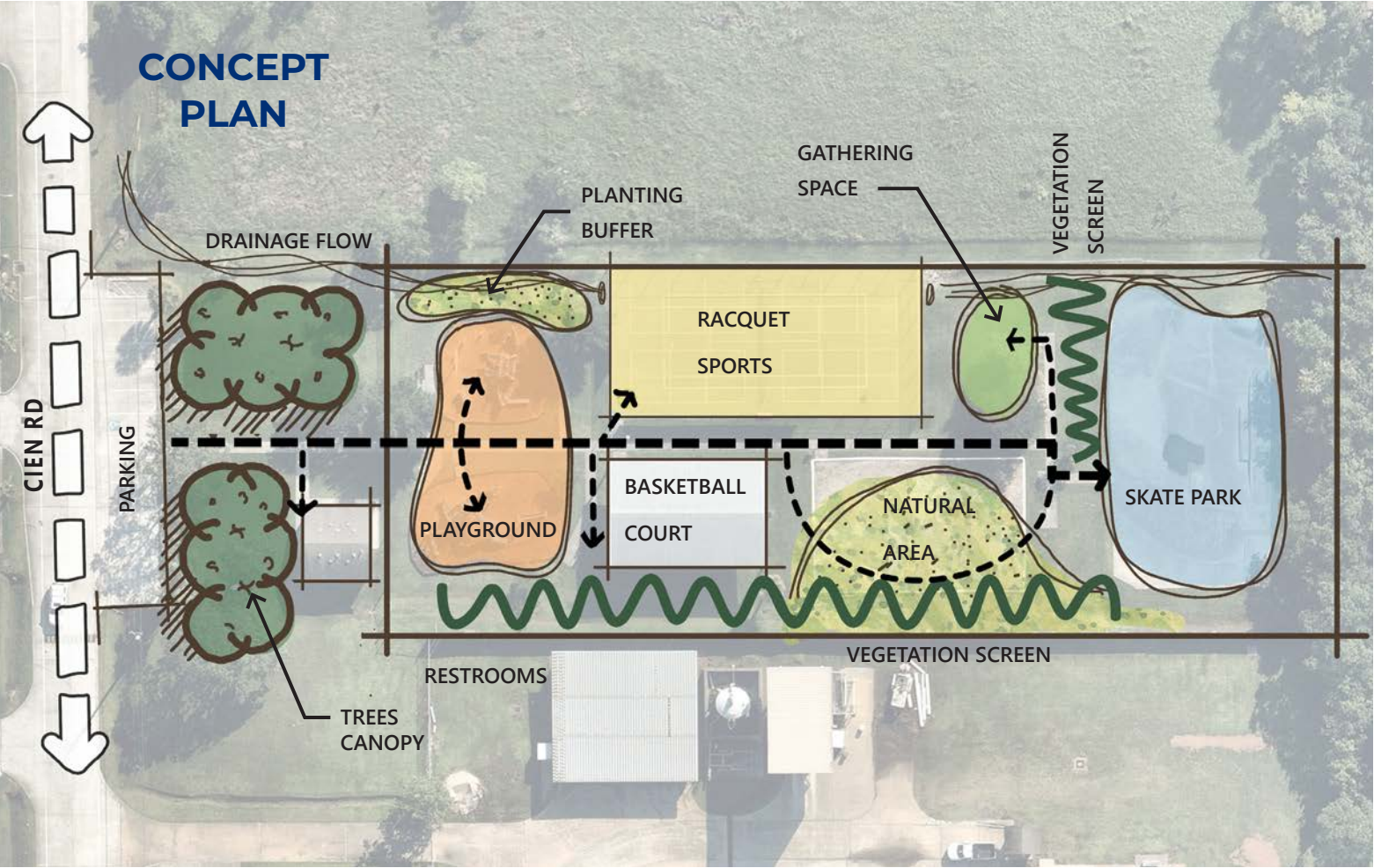
Wiggins Park is.....

a 1.5 acre, highly programmed public park located in the south end of Old Kemah. Areas include sport courts, covered basketball, skate park, playgrounds, restrooms, and an underused beach volleyball court.

CATEGORIES	Park Access
	Park Features
	Supportive Facilities
	Safety and Maintenance
	Aesthetics
	Health
	Culture and Accessibility
Total Score	



ADDRESS	636 Cien Road
ACREAGE	1.5
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Neighborhood Park
AMENITIES	Athletic fields, Benches, Dog waste bags, Natural area, Pavilion, Picnic tables, Play structure, Restrooms, Trash Cans, Water fountain



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Natural Areas
- Ecology
- Wastewater plant screening
- Increase shade
- Remove volleyball court

CITY HALL OPEN SPACE

City Hall Open Space is...

adjacent to the municipal building and includes a small pavilion and open lawn with trees.

CATEGORIES	Park Access	1.3		
	Park Features	1.4		
	Supportive Facilities	N/A		
	Safety and Maintenance	4.3		
	Aesthetics	1.6		
	Health	2.2		
	Culture and Accessibility	N/A		
Total Score		2.1		



ADDRESS	524 Bel Road
ACREAGE	0.3
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Pocket Park
AMENITIES	Flexible open lawn, Pavilion, Picnic tables



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Natural Areas
- Walking Paths
- Gathering Space
- Shade

MURAL PARK

Mural Park is.....

a small-sized park by the Visitor Center that has many murals displaying the unique culture of the city of Kemah and is designated as a Drug & Alcohol free space.

ADDRESS	604 Bradford Ave
ACREAGE	Art Space
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Unknown
AMENITIES	Art Display

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Natural Areas
- Gathering Space
- Lights



4TH STREET POCKET PARK

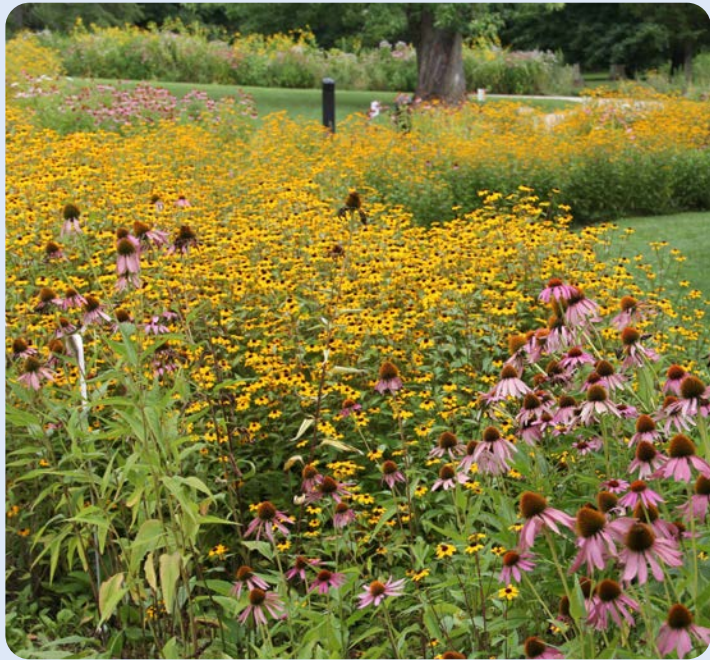
4th Street Park is.....

a small park that provides the public access to Galveston Bay.

CATEGORIES	Park Access	1.0		
	Park Features	2.0		
	Supportive Facilities	2.0		
	Safety and Maintenance	2.0		
	Aesthetics	1.4		
	Health	1.9		
	Culture and Accessibility	1.0		
Total Score		1.6		



ADDRESS	731 4th Street
ACREAGE	0.05
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Pocket Park
AMENITIES	Benches, Pavilion



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ocean Frontage
- Natural Areas
- Gathering Space

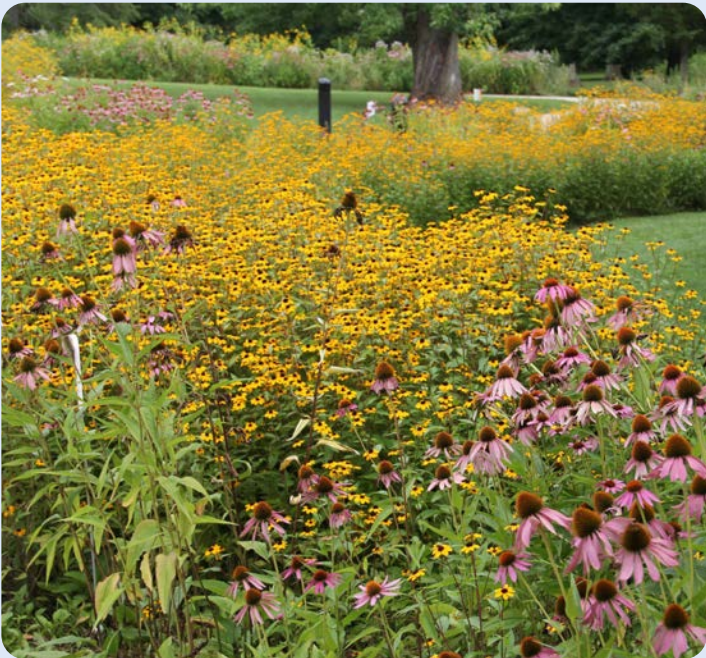
7TH STREET POCKET PARK

7th Street Park is.....
a small park overlooking
Galveston Bay.

CATEGORIES	Park Access	1.0		
	Park Features	1.0		
	Supportive Facilities		N/A	
	Safety and Maintenance	3.1		
	Aesthetics		N/A	
	Health	1.5		
	Culture and Accessibility	1.0		
Total Score		1.5		



ADDRESS	708 7th Street
ACREAGE	0.03
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Pocket Park
AMENITIES	Flexible open lawn



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ocean Frontage
- Natural Areas
- Gathering Space

8TH STREET POCKET PARK

8th Street Park is.....

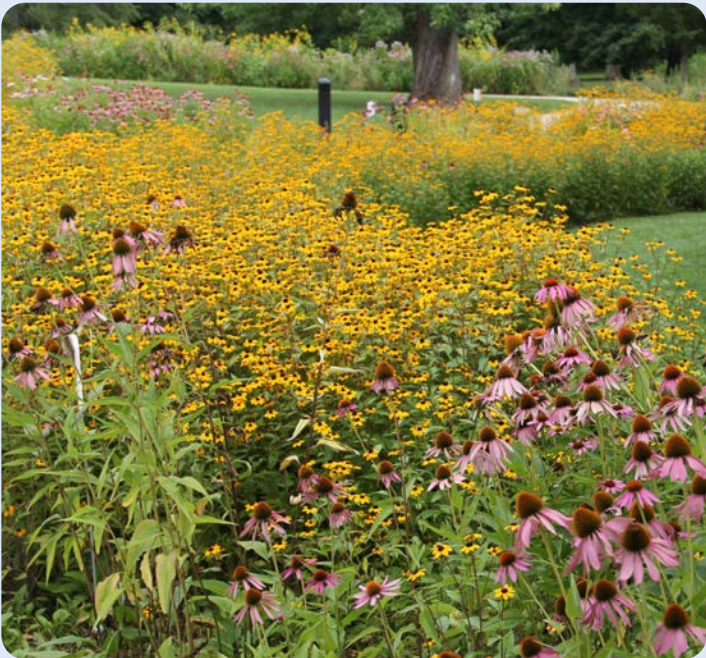
a small park on Galveston Bay that features lawn and palm trees, in addition to the view.

CATEGORIES	Park Access	1.0		
	Park Features	1.0		
	Supportive Facilities		N/A	
	Safety and Maintenance	3.1		
	Aesthetics		N/A	
	Health	1.5		
	Culture and Accessibility	1.0		
Total Score		1.5		



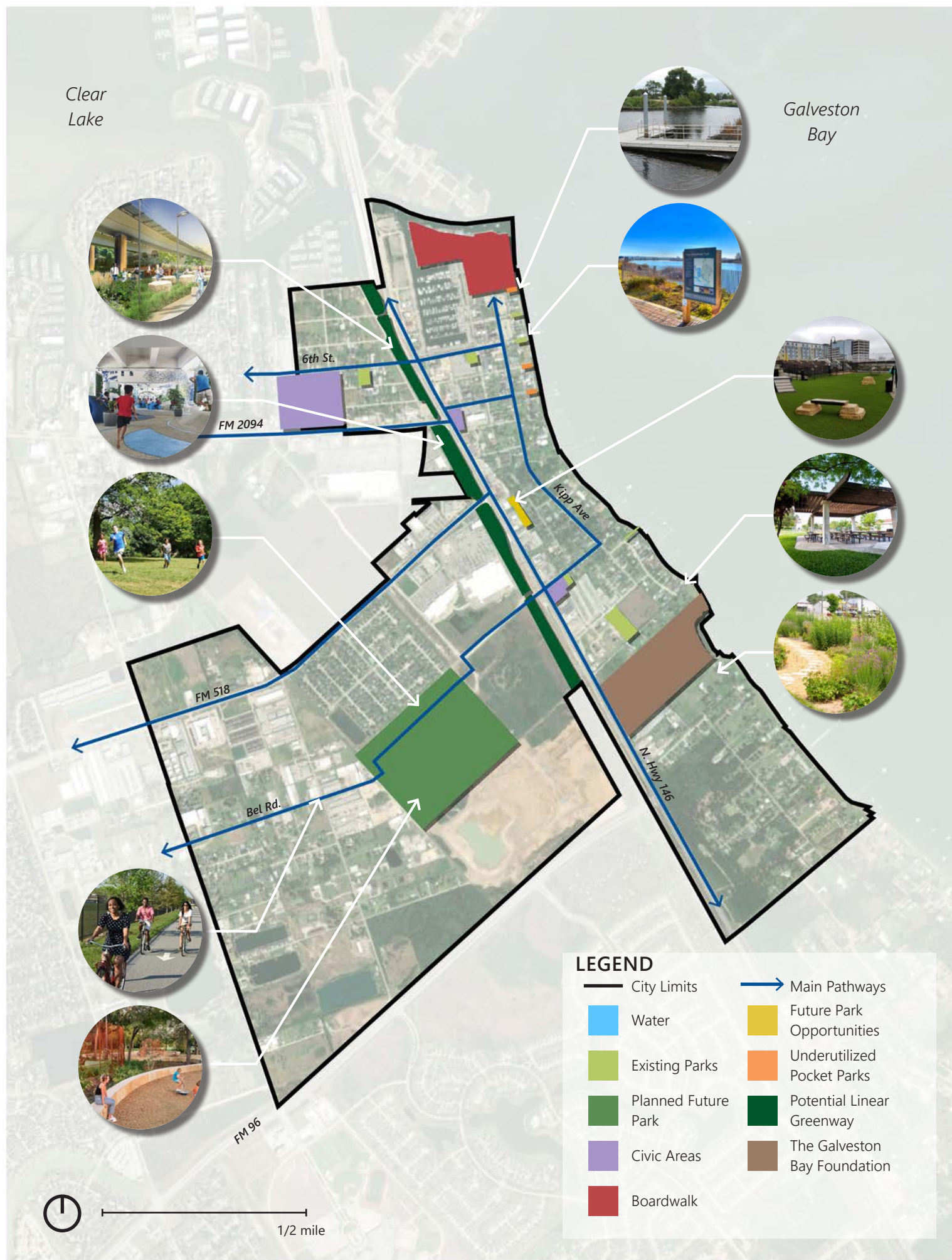
PALMS AND LAWN

ADDRESS	712 8th Street
ACREAGE	0.1
OPEN SPACE TYPE	Pocket Park
AMENITIES	Flexible open lawn



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ocean Frontage
- Gathering Space



CITY WIDE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Dog Park



Kayak & Canoe Launch



Oceanfront Park Space



Shaded Picnic Areas



Underpass Gathering Space



Art Space



Underpass Trails & Greenspace



Butterfly Wildflower Planting



Natural Area



Playground



Golf Cart Rental



Coastal Restoration



Multi Purpose Sport Court



Sport Court



Group Recreational Programs



Gathering Spaces



Shared Use Path



Urban Greenspace

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WHAT
YOU'VE SEEN TODAY?**

**WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU
HAVE FOR IMPROVING THIS
PLAN?**

ANY OTHER FEEDBACK?

NEXT STEPS

- Integrate feedback into final design
- City Council to Approve
- Implementation

THANK YOU!