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# WATERFRONT PARKS MASTER PLAN

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## THE WATERFRONT PARKS:

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# INTRODUCTION

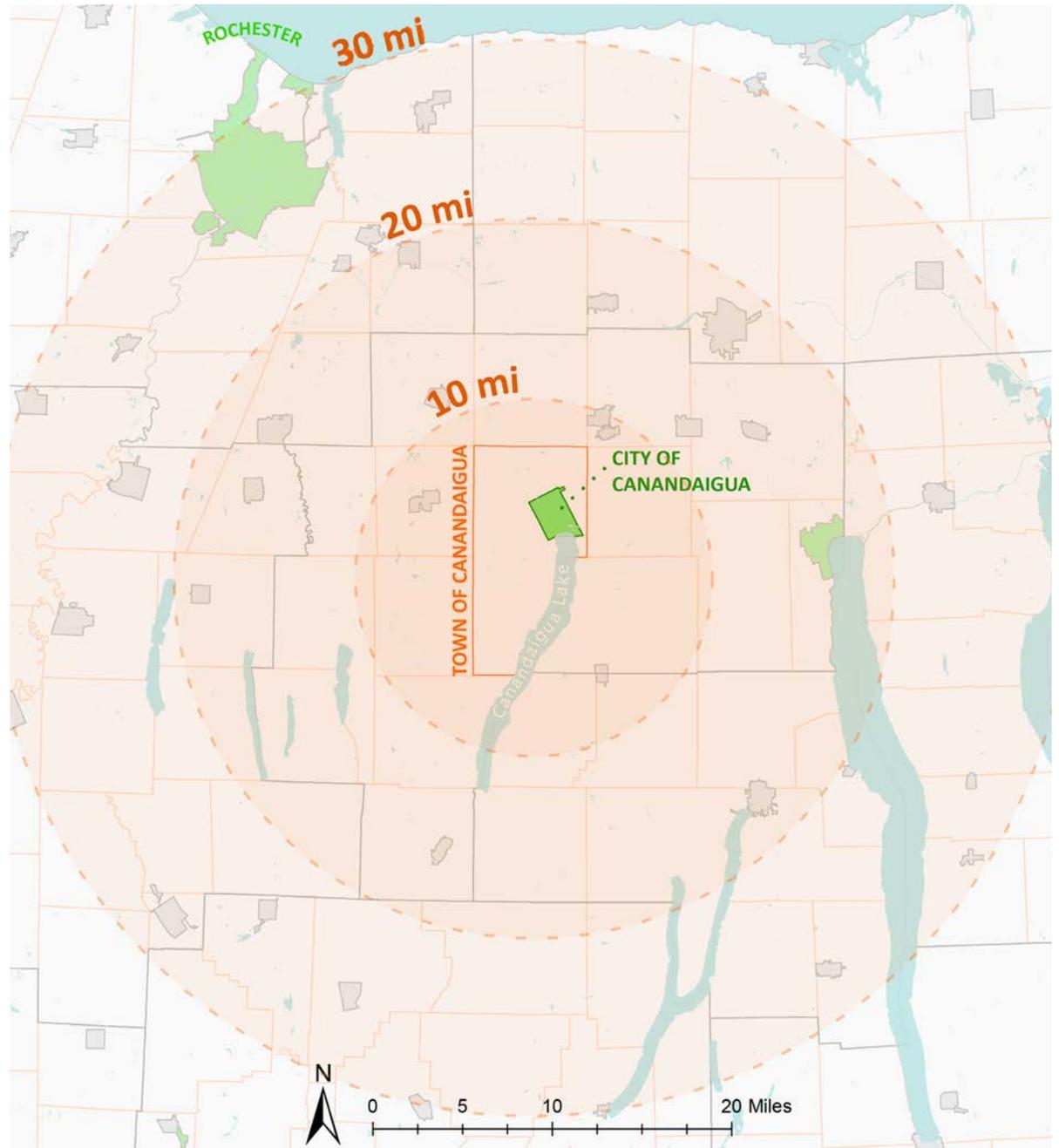
The City of Canandaigua's waterfront parks are an extraordinary destination in the Finger Lakes Region. These parks provide opportunities for active and passive recreation as well as public access to the northern end of Canandaigua Lake. This is particularly significant because the large majority of the Lake's shoreline is privately-owned. From its five waterfront parks, the City welcomes residents and visitors to explore and enjoy lakeside nature and recreation.

Recognizing the significance of these spaces, the City initiated the development of the Waterfront Parks Master Plan to identify future needs of the waterfront parks, ensure waterfront access, provide resilient park infrastructure, and set the stage for obtaining future funding opportunities. Building on the City's existing planning foundation, a site analysis and public participation process was conducted to develop conceptual designs to accomplish these objectives for each waterfront park, providing a guide for their future. The Master Plan will be an important planning tool as the development landscape along the waterfront and in the City of Canandaigua evolves over the next few years.

## REGIONAL CONTEXT

Canandaigua Lake is the fourth largest of New York's 11 Finger Lakes, which attract visitors and residents to the region's natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Although the Lake has a total of 36 miles of shoreline, less than 3 miles are held in public ownership.<sup>1</sup> Of those three miles, City Pier, Kershaw Park, Lakefront Park and Atwater Meadows Park provide approximately one mile of public lake access. The limited public access to Canandaigua Lake make the City's parks a treasured community resource for all residents and visitors.

<sup>1</sup> City of Canandaigua Comprehensive Plan 2020 Update.



## PLANNING FOUNDATION

The Waterfront Parks Master Plan builds upon a strong planning foundation in the City of Canandaigua. Incorporating aspects of recent planning efforts into the concept development for the waterfront parks, recommendations and findings are furthered for coordinated design recommendations. The following introduces these previous studies:

### Parks Building Assessment

In 2021, a Parks Building Assessment was conducted to assess the existing buildings at six City parks, including the seasonal bathhouse in Kershaw Park and the seasonal public restroom on City Pier. In addition to specific building renovation recommendations, the recommendations for the City Pier restroom included relocating bench and trash receptacles away from the building to promote drying on the block walls and allow for wider pedestrian circulation.

### Parks Inventory and Master Plan

Completed in 2016, the City of Canandaigua Parks Inventory and Master Plan addressed all 13 City parks, including its five waterfront parks. The plan serves as a guide to maintain, restore and upgrade parks, providing essential information about amenities and facilities.

### Waterfront Active Transportation Plan

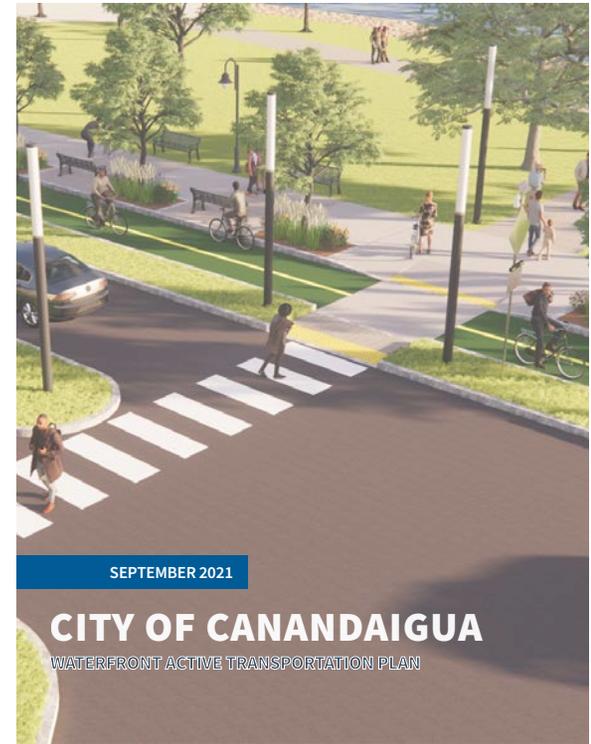
Completed in 2021, the City of Canandaigua's Waterfront Active Transportation Plan addressed the Main Street and Lakeshore Drive corridor, between Foster Street downtown and East Lake Road at the waterfront. The plan assesses the physical and market conditions of the area to recommend a range of public realm improvements.

### Downtown & Waterfront Parking Study

A parking study conducted during the 2022 summer season assessed parking in all public parking lots and spaces downtown and in the Lakeshore Drive waterfront area.

### Canandaigua Wayfinding Study

Conducted in 2022, this study looks at recommendations for vehicular and pedestrian wayfinding signage, connecting Uptown, Downtown and the Lakefront areas of Canandaigua. Major destinations were identified, including the waterfront parks, and recommendations were made for sign messaging.



*Waterfront Active Transportation Plan Cover*



## EXISTING CONDITIONS:

**INCLUDING LOCATION, SIZE, PARK TYPE, AMENITIES, CONNECTIONS, HISTORY, POTENTIALS & CONSIDERATIONS**

# WATERFRONT PARKS

There are five waterfront parks addressed within the plan, including: Atwater Meadows Park, City Pier, Kershaw Park, Lagoon Park and Lakefront Park. Together these parks provide nearly 70 acres of parkland that offer a variety of different amenities, facilities and experiences along the waterfront. The following section provides a brief overview of the character and features of each waterfront park as well as the potentials and considerations identified during the planning process.



**CANANDAIGUA WATERFRONT PARKS MAP**

# KERSHAW PARK

**LOCATION:** Lakeshore Drive

**SIZE:** 9 Acres

**PARK TYPE:** Active & Passive Recreation / Water Access

**AMENITIES:**

- Bathhouse with Seasonal Public Restroom
- Beach Area
- Benches
- Bike Racks & Bike Repair Station
- Fishing Pier
- Gazebo\*
- Grills
- Irrigation System
- Large Grassy Areas
- Outlook
- Parking Areas
- Park Signage
- Pedestrian Lighting
- Pet Waste Stations
- Picnic Pavilions\*
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Small Craft Launches
- Stonedust Trail

**CONNECTIONS:**

- East to Lakefront Park Via Walking Bridge
- West to City Pier Via Lakeshore Drive & South Main Street

\* May be reserved for a rental fee

The most prominent waterfront park in Canandaigua is Kershaw Park. A picturesque destination for recreation, Kershaw Park provides waterfront access that stretches approximately a half-mile along the northern shoreline of Canandaigua Lake. Positioned between Lakeshore Drive to the north and Canandaigua Lake to the south, this linear park attracts residents and visitors to the City's lakefront throughout the year. The peak season is the summer, when residents and visitors can enjoy its popular warm weather activities, such as swimming in Kershaw Park's beach area or paddling from its small craft launch area. In addition to providing opportunities to get out on the Lake, the park provides a great place for activities within the park. Amenities, such as a playground, gazebo and picnic facilities are located along the park's stonedust walking trail. Equipped with support facilities, such as parking, a public restroom, and pedestrian lighting, Kershaw Park is often used for a variety of events and festivities.

**History**

Kershaw Park was constructed between 1920 and 1936 to serve residents and attract tourists. The original shoreline followed the edge of Lakeshore Drive, where there was access to the former swimming school that was built on a platform in the Lake in 1905 and used until 1969. Kershaw Park was redeveloped between 1996 and 1997, when the current bathhouse was constructed to resemble the historic swimming school.<sup>1</sup>

**Potentials & Considerations**

- Additional gazebo / event space
- Additional pet waste stations
- Confirm regulations for Small Craft Launch and Dog Beach comply with City Code
- Drop-off locations
- Electrical service and plumbing installed in western portion of park
- Fence removal from swimming area
- Maintaining public access
- Maintenance
- Natural areas
- Spray park
- Traffic and parking concerns
- Year-round garbage removal
- Year-round restrooms

<sup>1</sup> Pierce, Preston E. Historical Tour of Canandaigua Lake. Ontario County.



Swimming School on Canandaigua Lake - Ontario County Historical Society



## KERSHAW PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP

# LAKEFRONT PARK

**LOCATION:** Lakeshore Drive

**SIZE:** 7 Acres

**PARK TYPE:** Passive Recreation / Water Access

**AMENITIES:**

- Benches
- Boat Pump-out Station
- Canandaigua Lady Dock
- Fishing Outlook
- Large Grassy Areas
- Park Signage
- Parking Areas
- Pedestrian Lighting
- Picnic Areas
- Public Dock
- Small Craft Launch Area
- Stonedust Trail
- Swing Benches

**CONNECTIONS:**

- West to Kershaw Park Via Walking Bridge Over Canandaigua Outlet
- North to Lagoon Park Across Lakeshore Drive

Just east of Kershaw Park along Canandaigua Lake is Lakefront Park. This nearly seven acre park provides approximately 0.2 miles of additional shoreline. The park is home to the Canandaigua Lady, a private dinner boat cruise that is accessible from a small pier along the park walkway. Key features in this park are its waterfront access opportunities, including its public dock, with boat pump-out station, on Canandaigua Lake as well as its small craft launch area on Canandaigua Outlet. In addition, the stonedust trail and the pedestrian amenities along the shoreline provide opportunities for passive recreation.

**History**

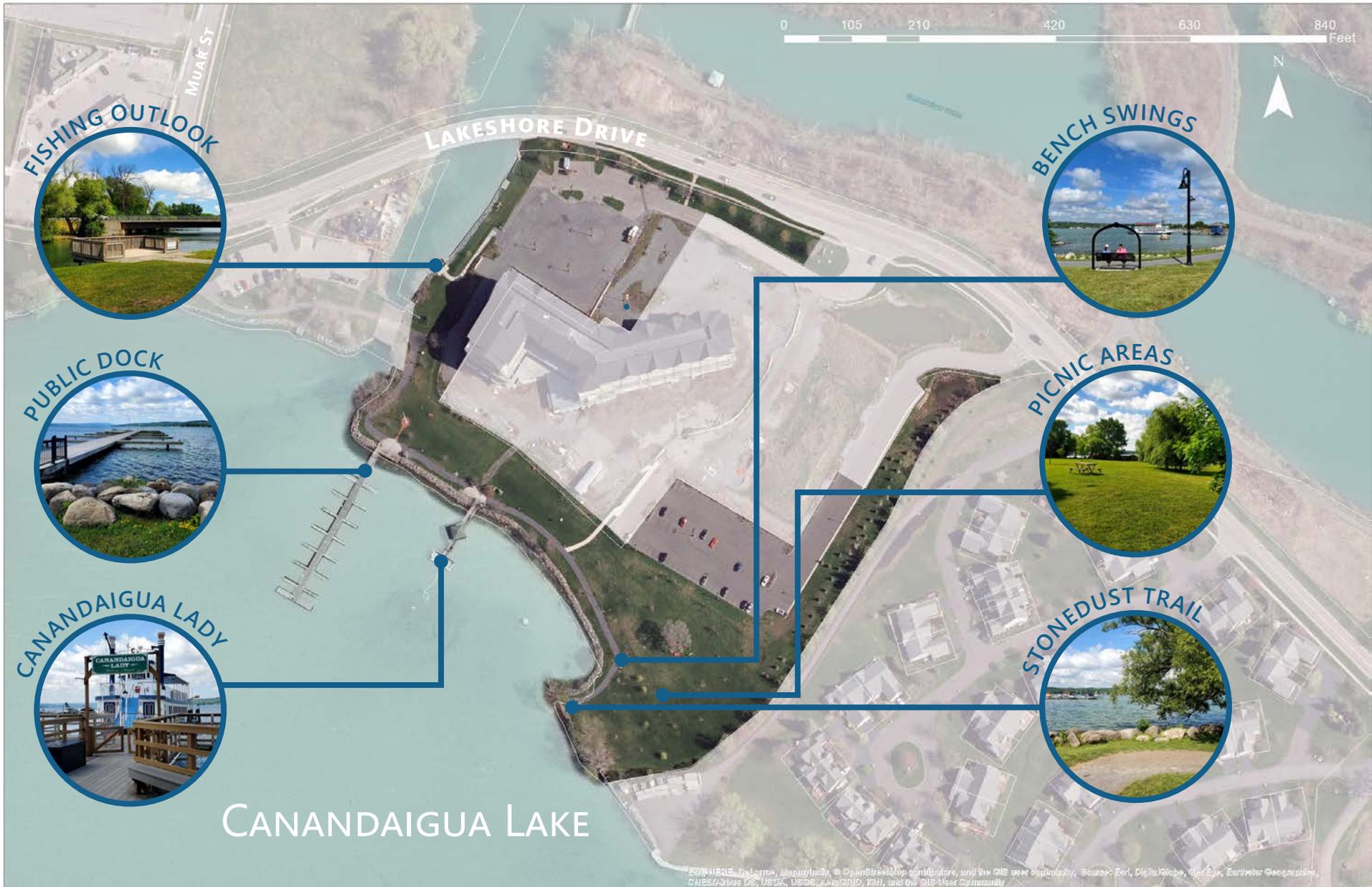
Recent history surrounding Lakefront Park relates to the development of the adjacent property. Initiated around 2015, the construction has progressed on the site and is being developed as a mix of condos and hotel units. The condos on the top floor are currently occupied and the hotel and its amenities are expected to be fully operational by summer 2023.

**Potentials & Considerations**

- Additional pavilion and picnic area
- Hotel impact concerns
- Play areas
- Potential extension of Kershaw Park irrigation system into Lakefront Park
- Splash pad



*Lakefront Park & Adjacent New Development*



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# LAKEFRONT PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP

# CITY PIER

**LOCATION:** South Main Street

**SIZE:** 2.5 Acres

**PARK TYPE:** Passive Recreation / Water Access

**AMENITIES:**

- Benches
- Bulletin Board
- Food Vendor Locations
- Garbage Cans
- Hardscape & Grassy Areas
- Historic Markers
- Parking
- Park Signage
- Pedestrian Lighting
- Picnic Tables
- Seasonal Drinking Fountain
- Seasonal Restroom
- Street Trees
- Temporary Boat Docks
- Walkway

**CONNECTIONS:**

- East to Kershaw Park Via South Main Street & Lakeshore Drive
- West to Canandaigua Lake State Marine Park via South Main Street

A feature along the Canandaigua shoreline is the City Pier. This approximately 2.5 acre park juts out into the Lake, providing excellent scenic views and fishing access. With pedestrian and vehicular access all along the pier, this unique park brings residents and visitors out onto Canandaigua Lake. Two way vehicular traffic is able to drive the length of the pier, which ends in a cul-de-sac, and provides access to the highly used public parking on the pier. The eastern edge of the pier provides pedestrian amenities including a walkway, street trees, lighting and picnic tables. During the peak season summer months, the park provides a public restroom and drinking fountain. A distinct characteristic of the park are the historic boathouses that surround three perpendicular piers off the western side of the pier that are designated as a historic district.

**History**

City Pier was originally constructed in 1847 as a steamboat dock and at one time had railroad tracks along the length of it.<sup>1</sup> While the first boathouses were built during the 1850s, the perpendicular “finger” piers were constructed in the 1903 and 1905 and boathouses were either moved or new boathouse were built along these piers.<sup>2</sup>

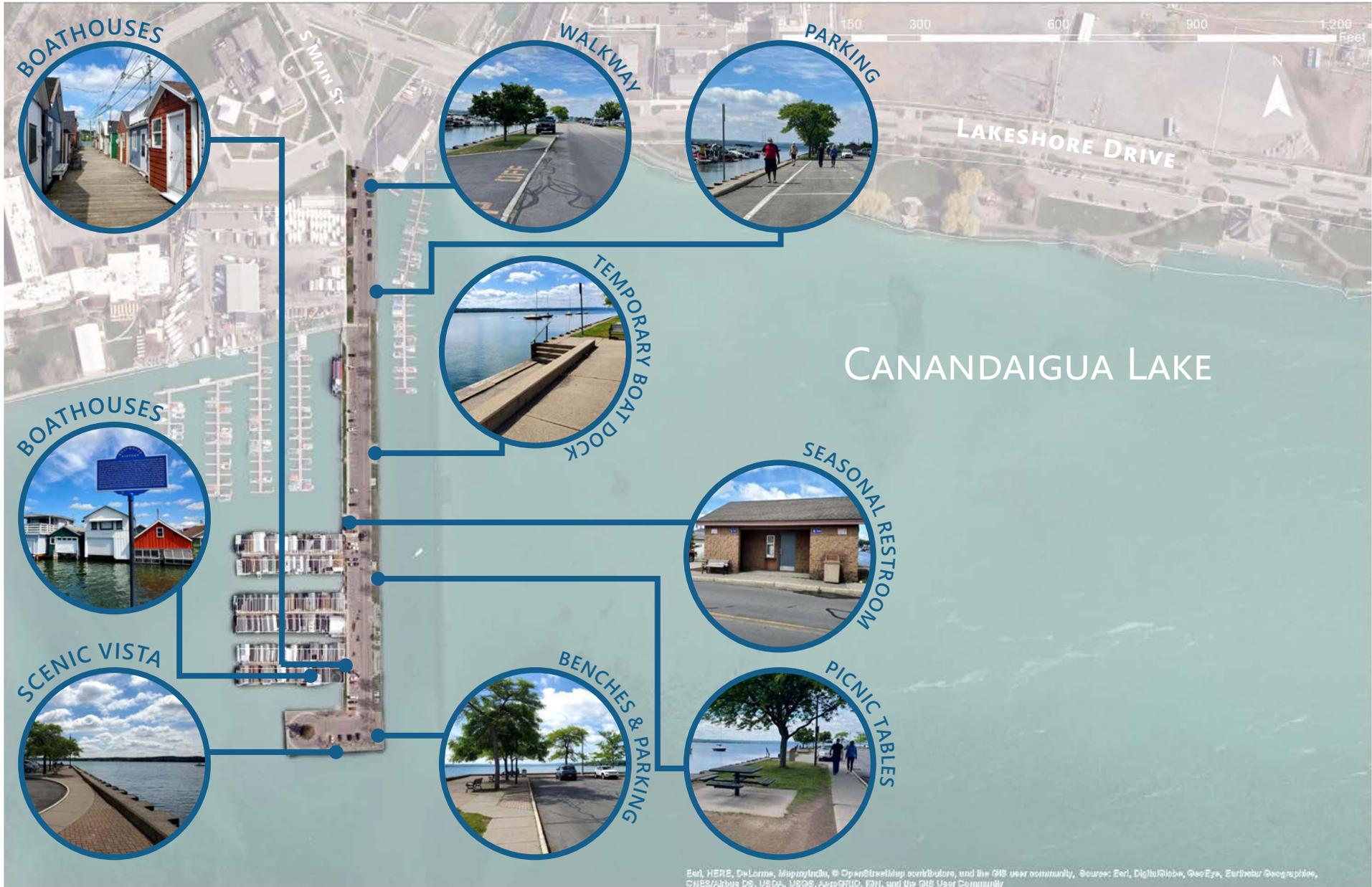
**Potentials & Considerations**

- ADA kayak launch
- Additional amenities such as picnic tables, bike racks & garbage/recycling containers
- Boardwalk on breakwall
- Designated vendor locations
- Event space
- Expansion by purchasing private marinas
- Extend pier for pedestrians
- Maintenance and beautification
- Parking concerns from the multiple users of City Pier’s existing public parking
- Prioritize pedestrian traffic
- Safety and security concerns

<sup>1</sup> City of Canandaigua Comprehensive Plan 2020 Update.  
<sup>2</sup> City of Canandaigua. Boathouses Regulations and Historic Standards for Construction and Alteration. Revised 2017.



Old Pier on Canandaigua Lake - Ontario County Historical Society



## CITY PIER EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP

# LAGOON PARK

**LOCATION: Lakeshore Drive**

**SIZE: 33.5 Acres**

**PARK TYPE: Wildlife Preserve / Passive Recreation / Water Access**

**AMENITIES:**

- Nature Trails
- Pedestrian Bridges
- Fishing Piers / Outlooks
- Covered Outlook
- Park Signage
- Park Bulletin Board
- Benches

**CONNECTIONS:**

- West to Kershaw Park Via Lakeshore Drive
- South to Lakefront Park Across Lakeshore Drive

At approximately 33.5 acres, Lagoon Park is the largest park in the City. Designated as a wildlife preserve, it offers opportunities for passive recreation and nature appreciation. Located just north of Canandaigua Lake, Lagoon Park provides access to Canandaigua Outlet. The park is accessible from Lakeshore Drive, where park users can connect to the nature trails and pedestrian bridges that loop around the park. The park can also be accessed from the adjacent Wegmans parking lot to the northeast and the residential neighborhood to the southeast. For those that utilize access to Canandaigua Outlet at the small craft launch area in Lakefront Park, Lagoon Park can be explored by water.

**History**

The site of Lagoon Park was formerly Roseland Park, an amusement park in operation between 1925 to 1985. After the closure the area was left unmaintained. In 1997 the Lagoon Park property was acquired by the City of Canandaigua and in the early 2000s, the trail system in the park was upgraded. More recently, the Canandaigua Botanical Society, with the help of other organizations, has been working to manage invasive species issues and restore native species at the Park.

**Potentials & Considerations**

- Access
- Eagle Scout projects to create and install interpretive guide
- Natural areas
- Poison ivy management
- Reduce invasive species / add more native plants



# LAGOON PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP

# ATWATER MEADOWS PARK

**LOCATION:** 767 West Lake Drive

**SIZE:** 18.5 Acres

**PARK TYPE:** Passive Recreation / Water Access

**AMENITIES:**

- Nature Trail
- Shoreline Access
- Small Parking Area
- Park Sign

**CONNECTIONS:**

- North to Switchback Trail via West Lake Drive
- North to Parrish Street Provides a Pedestrian Connection to Downtown and the Waterfront

Located along the easternmost edge of the City's Canandaigua Lake shoreline is Atwater Meadows Park. Although the shoreline is proximate to the other waterfront parks, the street access is outside of the Lakeshore Drive corridor, along West Lake Drive.

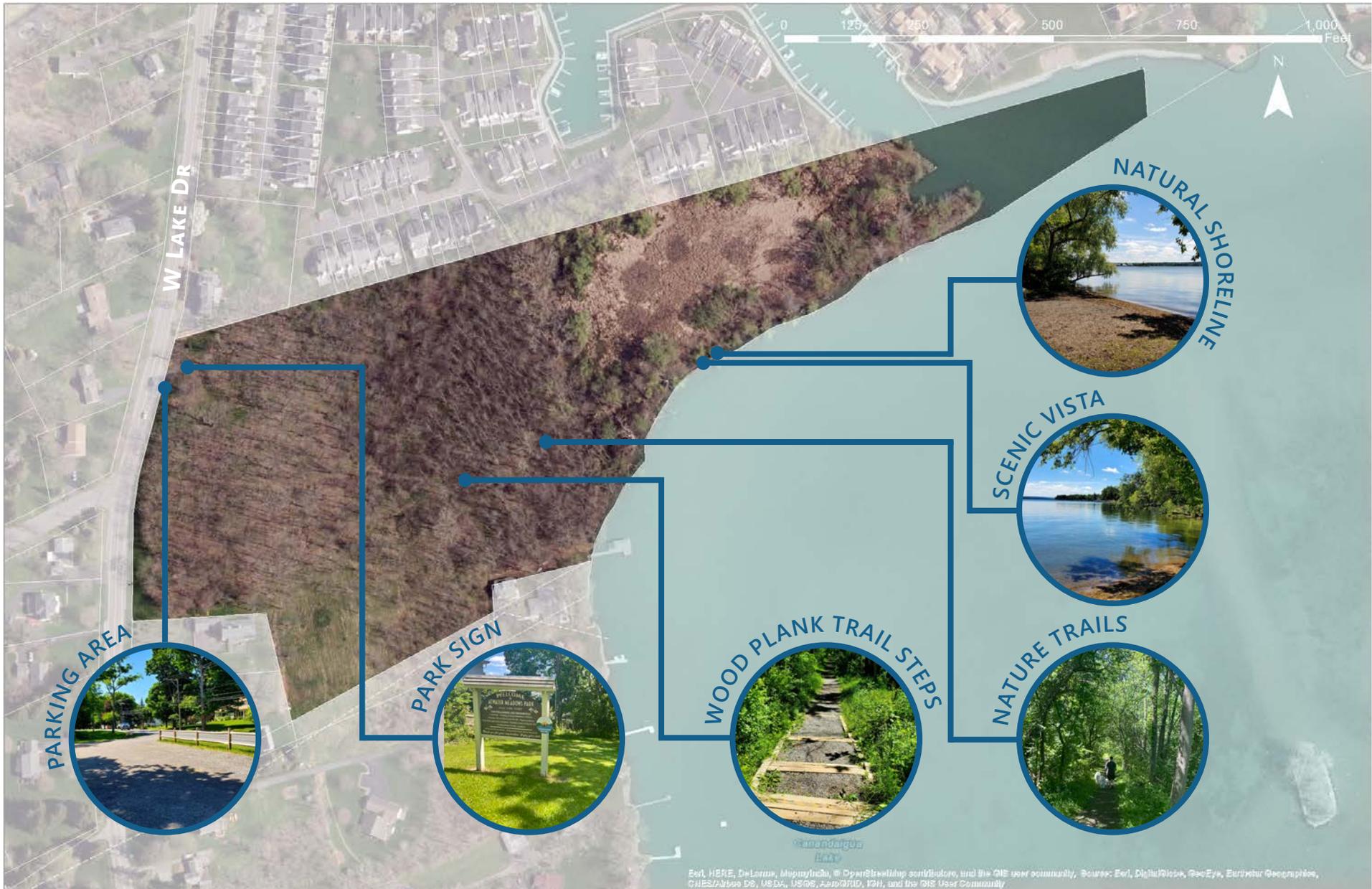
This large property provides approximately 18.5 acres of forested land that includes approximately 0.3 miles of Canandaigua Lake shoreline. The shoreline is accessible by a natural trail through the property. To access the nature trail, a small parking area and park sign are located along the east side of West Lake Drive.

**History**

In 1968, the State Finger Lakes Parks Commission had the intent of building a boat launch facility at the site of what is now Atwater Meadows Park. Due to traffic and ecological concerns, the City of Canandaigua, Town of Canandaigua and Ontario County opposed the facility. Through negotiations, the site was acquired by the City in exchange for Red Jacket Park (now the New York State Marine Park). As part of the property transfer, the Atwater Meadows Park property included a ten (10) foot permanent easement (associated with 861 West Lake Road) for a dock, mooring facilities and a path.

**Potentials & Considerations**

- Bike rack
- Connection to sidewalk network
- Defined trail network
- Natural areas
- Parking concerns
- Poison ivy management
- Small craft launch
- Small fishing piers
- Swim beach
- Switchback Trail connection
- Tree cutting concerns

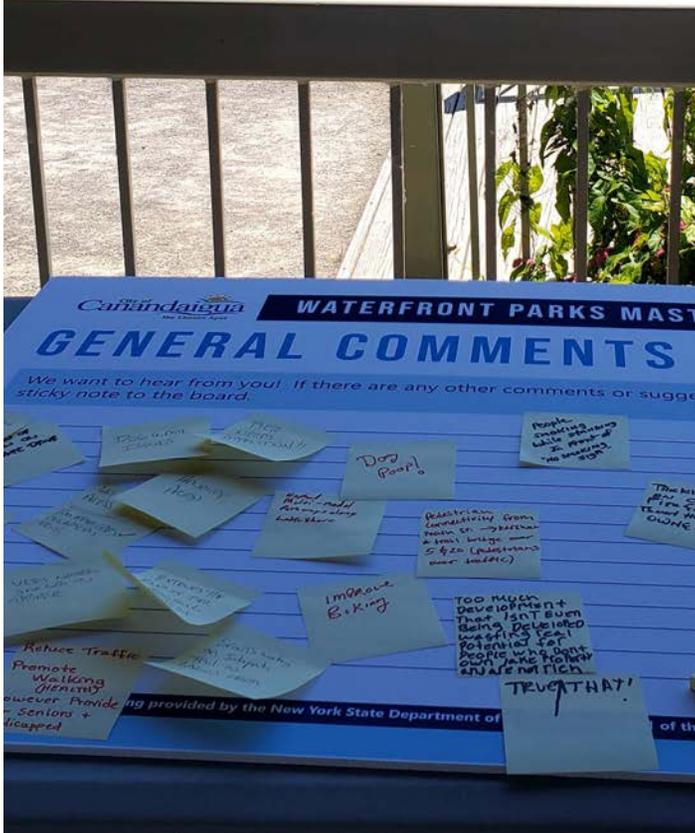


# ATWATER MEADOWS PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP



# A COMMUNITY VISION

Key to the development of the Waterfront Parks Master Plan is the community's participation in planning process. The participation was facilitated through a combination of committee and public meetings. Input gathered during these sessions provided important guidance for the development of the Master Plan vision, principles and concepts. The following provides a brief description of the various sessions and input received.



Comment Boards from Public Open House #1 (adjacent) and Public Open House #2 (above).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To provide continued guidance for the Waterfront Parks Master Plan a committee, comprised of a variety of stakeholders, was engaged in the plan development. During virtual sessions committee members were able to share important information regarding needs and opportunities as well as provide feedback on draft strategies and concepts designed for the Master Plan.



*Public Open House #3*



*Public Open House #2*

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1

On June 25, 2022, a public open house was conducted in Kershaw Park at the park's central Gazebo location. The timing and location were chosen to capture interested members of the public as well as to attract peak season waterfront park users to participate in the planning process. During the session, approximately 40 participants learned about the planning process and were invited to share their input on several interactive presentation boards regarding park needs, likes and dislikes, uses and activities, access and general comments.

Highlighted during the input session include:

- Appreciation for public waterfront access and park amenities.
- Both walking and driving are typical ways to access the parks.
- Dock on water with gazebo.
- Fireworks concerns.
- Maintenance concerns.
- Parking and traffic concerns.
- Prioritizing pedestrian needs over vehicle needs.
- Safety and security concerns.
- Specific park needs.
- Walking and nature viewing are popular activities bringing users to the parks.
- Winter events.

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2

On September 10, 2022, a public open house was conducted in two locations, one on City Pier near the seasonal public restroom and one in Kershaw Park at Park Pavilion #4. Building on the participation from the public open house conducted in June, the two locations and timing were chosen to provide additional opportunities for interested members of the public and waterfront park users to participate. During the sessions, approximately 50 participants viewed the vision, principles and concept plans for the waterfront parks and provided feedback. Input gathering techniques used included interactive sticker activities to prioritize proposed improvements and post-it note comment opportunities.

Highlighted during the input sessions were concept priorities and the following general comments:

- Focus on traditional bikes rather than motorized bikes.
- Maintenance concerns.
- Need for community involvement.
- Neighboring resident concerns at Lakefront Park.
- Parking and drop-off needs.
- Specific amenity and beautification needs.
- Splash pad and playground opportunities.
- Swimming and kayak access.
- Trail connection to Switchback Trail.
- Walking, driving and cycling are typical ways to access the parks.
- Walking, paddling, boating, swimming, biking and nature viewing are popular activities bringing users to the parks.

# VISION STATEMENT

Utilizing the input provided during the community participation program, the Waterfront Parks Master Plan established a vision for the future of the City's waterfront parks:



Public Open House #1

*The City of Canandaigua's waterfront parks welcome community residents and visitors to explore and enjoy the area's unique natural beauty while ensuring access to a variety of active and passive waterfront recreational opportunities. The waterfront parks support opportunities for all to access the water and are connected to pedestrian-friendly circulation and multi-modal active transportation options. Park amenities are varied, providing different experiences within each park. A complement to the City's downtown, the waterfront parks are a connected system and feature destination in the City and the region.*

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following principles apply the vision to key planning considerations for the Waterfront Parks Master Plan to help guide the implementation of the community vision.

### Public Access

Maintain, improve and expand public access to the Canandaigua Lake waterfront.

### Park Circulation

Prioritize pedestrian and non-motorized bicycle transportation over automotive transportation in all waterfront parks.

### Environmental Considerations

Support and preserve the Canandaigua Lake ecosystem and the natural areas within the waterfront parks while providing opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education.

### Park Amenities

Provide a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities that support the needs of residents and visitors.

### Community Connections

Connect the waterfront parks to each other and to downtown Canandaigua for a destination that is a cohesive waterfront downtown community.



# CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Information from the community input, previous studies and site analysis was translated into conceptual park designs to guide the transformation of the waterfront to achieve the community vision. For each waterfront park, a plan was completed to identify park improvements. For key improvements, graphic renderings illustrate how the park might look after implementation. The following section displays these designs as well as the feedback from the second public open house regarding improvement priorities.

# KERSHAW PARK

Improvements proposed in the concept plan for Kershaw Park include:

- **2-way cycle track & expanded pedestrian space \***
- **'Swim school' boardwalk & pavilion \***
- Additional restroom facility \*
- Ice rink & winter programming \*
- **Removing fence around swim area**
- Widen & pave trail from 2-way cycle track to Lakefront Park
- Improve fishing pier
- Additional dog waste stations

*Note: Improvements in bold were most important to public open house participants. Improvements with a " \* " are illustrated with renderings.*

## Additional Restroom Facility

Utility stubs were installed on the west side of Kershaw Park for an additional restroom facility across the street from Young Lion Brewery to be used on a year-round basis. The graphics to the right show what a potential restroom facility could look like. Further analysis to locate the potential restroom facility will need to be conducted. An alternative to rehabilitate the existing bathhouse bathroom facility into a year-round facility instead of a new building was identified for further consideration.





## KERSHAW PARK CONCEPT PLAN

### 'Swim School' Boardwalk & Pavilion

The graphic to the right shows a potential boardwalk and pavilion in the former 'Swim School' location, providing additional pedestrian access out over the water. To the left of the boardwalk and pavilion is the start of a 2-way cycle track and expanded pedestrian walkway on the south side of Lakeshore Drive. Parking on the south side of Lakeshore Drive would need to be removed to accommodate the multi-modal facility. Further study is recommended in this master plan to assess feasibility of the boardwalk and pavilion, investigate necessary permits and/or approvals required, and develop conceptual cost estimate for final design and implementation.



### Ice Rink & Winter Programming

Kershaw Park has the potential to be a four-season recreation facility. The inclusion of an ice rink and programmatic elements like a winter festival were identified, having the potential to activate the park and draw visitors year round. Upon further evaluation it was determined the infrastructure and space required for a fully functioning ice rink would have negative impacts to the visual quality of the park and park users experience. An ice rink should be considered elsewhere in the City as future development occurs.



## 2-Way Cycle Track

The graphic to the right shows what a 2-way cycle track on the south side of Lakeshore Drive could look like. The designated bike facility would free up space for pedestrians on pathways in the park providing safer accommodations for all users. The 2-way cycle track and expanded pedestrian space was recommended in the 2021 Active Transportation Plan.



## Expanded Pedestrian Space

An expanded pedestrian 'boardwalk' space is shown to the right adjacent to the 2-way cycle track. The boardwalk would provide additional amenities including benches, bike racks and landscape, while also providing the opportunity for public market/festival tents to set up on the boardwalk's edge. To accommodate the 2-way cycle track and extended pedestrian space, parking on the south side of Lakeshore Drive (approximately 47 on-street parking spaces) would need to be removed. The removal of these parking spaces will be further evaluated in the Canandaigua Downtown & Waterfront Parking Study and potential mitigation solutions will be recommended as part of that study.



## Removal of Fence Around Swim Area

A potential opportunity highlighted in the concept plan is the removal of the fence around the swim area. Currently, the fence surrounds the beach and adjacent amenities including the cafe and watercraft rentals and allows the City to control entrance into the area. Access is provided through the bathhouse, which is typically open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. These park amenities provide opportunities for revenue generation including non-resident fees for use of the swimming area, which is staffed with lifeguards. City residents may purchase life-time passes for \$1.

Recommendations for removal of the fence around the swim area will need further exploration to ensure compliance with any New York State Department of Health regulations, to address public safety concerns, and to account for the loss of revenue from beach access fees to help offset the cost for lifeguards. In considering the potential to remove the fence, it should be noted that during the Waterfront Parks Master Plan public open house participants expressed a desire for free public use park amenities.



*Fenced Swim Area & Amenities  
in Kershaw Park Accessed  
Through the Bathhouse*

# LAKEFRONT PARK

Improvements proposed in the concept plan for Lakefront Park include:

- **New ADA accessible kayak launch**
- Widen & pave trail from Kershaw Park \*
- **New 12' paved trail connecting to Lakeshore Drive \*\***
- **Picnic pavilion \***
- Additional playground facility \*
- Potential multi-use side path on Lakeshore Drive

*Note: Improvements in bold were most important to public open house participants. Improvements with a " \* " are illustrated with renderings.*

*\*\*Public open house participants raised concerns regarding disturbance to the adjacent berm.*

## Picnic Pavilion, Trail & Additional Playground Facility

The images to the right depicts what a picnic pavilion located in Lakefront Park could look like. Wrapping around the pavilion is a new 12' wide multi-use trail connecting pedestrians and bikes between Kershaw Park and Lakeshore Drive. Additional playground facilities for users of all ages and abilities could also be located in Lakefront Park, adjacent to the pavilion structure as shown.





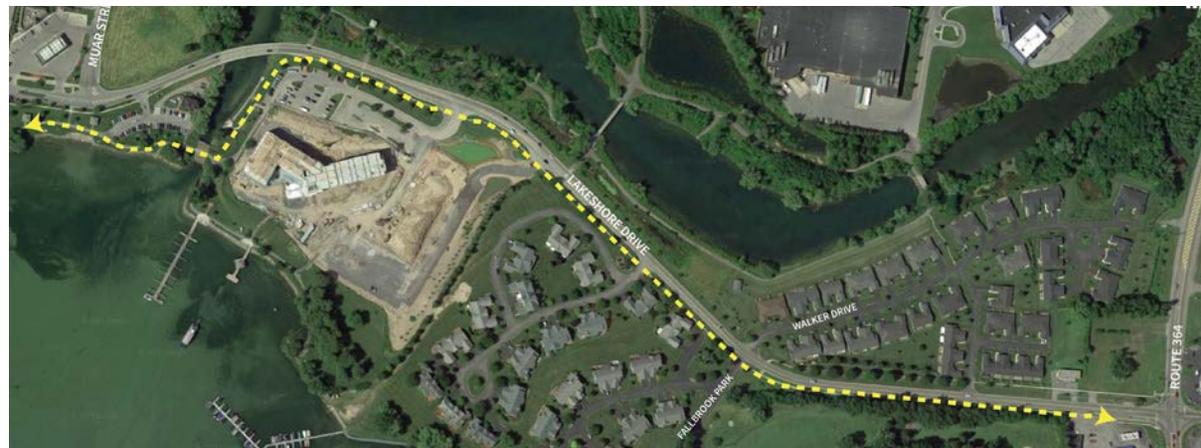
## Multi-Use Side Path on Lakeshore Drive

In the 2021 Active Transportation Plan an 8' sidepath was recommended on the South Side of Lakeshore Drive between Lakefront Park and Route 364 to the east, creating multi-modal transportation options connecting to the waterfront parks.

During the Waterfront Parks Master Plan public open house, concern was raised from the Rose Park Neighborhood on the location of the 8' sidepath on the south side of Lakeshore Drive and recommended relocating it to the north side. As implementation of the Active Transportation Plan moves forward, further evaluation of the location of the sidepath is recommended.



Top Right Image Shows Public Open House Input Board for Lakefront Park  
Bottom Right Image Shows a Plan View Illustrating a Multi-Use Path Connection from Kershaw Park to Route 364 from the City of Canandaigua's Waterfront Active Transportation Plan



# CITY PIER

Improvements proposed in the concept plan for City Pier include:

- **Widen pedestrian walkways & fill in walkway gaps** \*
- Expand amenities
- Provide ADA access to water \*
- Enhance end of pier for pedestrians \*
- Expand end of pier for pedestrians & programming \*

*Note: Improvements in bold were most important to public open house participants. Improvements with a " \* " are illustrated with renderings.*



## Widen Pedestrian Walkways & Fill In Walkway Gaps

Today, existing sidewalks on the pier are narrow and force pedestrians to walk in the road. The upper right graphic shows what expanded pedestrian space on the pier could look like, providing additional safety and space for amenities including tables, benches, bike racks, etc.

## Provide ADA Access to Water

The lower right graphic shows how the existing water access points can be made ADA accessible with the inclusion of accessible ramps.





Widen Pedestrian Walkways and Fill In Walkway Gaps

Expand Amenities Including Benches, Bike Racks, Tables, Etc.

Provide ADA Access at Water Access Points, Typ.

Enhances End of Pier for Pedestrians and Potential Expand the End of Pier for Additional Pedestrian Space and Programming

## CITY PIER CONCEPT PLAN

### Enhance End of Pier for Pedestrians

The southern end of City Pier provides breathtaking views of the lake and a unique experience like no other. The graphic below illustrates improvements to the pavement, landscape, and additional site amenities to enhance the user experience.



## Expand End of Pier for Pedestrians & Programming

The graphics to the right and below illustrate the potential to expand the pedestrian experience even further with the addition of a cantilever deck at the end of the pier. This concept provides additional pedestrian space and the opportunity for programming including small events and festivals. Further study is recommended in this master plan to assess feasibility of the pier extension, investigate necessary permits and/or approvals required, and develop conceptual cost estimate for final design and implementation.



# LAGOON PARK

Improvements proposed in the concept plan for Lagoon Park include:

- Interpretive kiosks \*
- **Enhanced pedestrian crossings \***
- Bridge & overlook maintenance
- **Trail maintenance**
- Invasive species management
- **Ash tree removal**
- Native plant planting strategy
- **Poison ivy management / awareness**

*Note: Improvements in bold were most important to public open house participants. Improvements with a " \* " are illustrated with renderings.*



## Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings

Enhanced pedestrian crossings can contribute to pedestrian safety when crossing Lakeshore Drive to and from Lagoon Park. These crossings were recommended in the 2021 Active Transportation Plan and can take on many forms, from enhanced striping or raised table crosswalks. As development continues along the waterfront, potentially increasing traffic, enhancements to the crosswalks should be further explore for both pedestrian and vehicular safety.



## LAGOON PARK CONCEPT PLAN

### **Interpretive Kiosks & Expanded Amenities at Trail Intersection**

Educational kiosks, rustic benches and wayfinding signs are shown in the image below at a one of the trail intersections in the park, enhancing the user experience.

### **Invasive Species Management & Tree Removal**

Due to the natural environment, plans for the management of invasive species, poison ivy and ash tree removal are recommended to further assess invasive species and other

plant issues in the park. These management plans will help to set priorities for Lagoon Park to ensure the longevity of this natural environment within the city limits.



## Interpretive Kiosks & Expanded Amenities at Overlook

The image below represents an existing overlook with expanded amenities including an educational kiosk, rustic benches and viewfinders to observe the lagoon habitat.



# ATWATER MEADOWS PARK

Improvements proposed in the concept plan for Atwater Meadows Park include:

- Enhanced signage at trailhead parking lot \*
- Sidewalk connection to Switchback Trail / Parrish Street
- **Improve existing trails \***
- **New nature trails**
- Rustic benches
- Educational/interpretive stations

*Note: Improvements in bold were most important to public open house participants. Improvements with a " \* " are illustrated with renderings.*



## Enhanced Signage & Entry

The above graphic illustrates improvements to the existing Atwater Meadows Park entry including parking lot enhancements, new pedestrian sidewalk connection on West Lake Road, and enhanced park signage.

A number of public open house participants noted they were not familiar with Atwater Meadows Park, demonstrating that there may be potential to enhance the entrance and visibility of the park.



Potential Pedestrian Sidewalk Connection to Switchback Trail and Parrish Street as recommended in the 2021 Active Transportation Plan

Improve Condition of Existing Trail

Incorporate New Nature Trails Throughout the Park with Educational Interpretation Opportunities

West Lake Road

Enhance Parking Lot and Visibility From West Lake Road Including Additional Signage

### Improved Existing Trail

The natural environment of Atwater Meadows Park has the potential to be celebrated with additional nature trails through the site.

Rustic benches and interpretive stations can enhance the user experience and provide educational opportunities.



# IMPLEMENTATION

To facilitate strategic park improvements, an implementation strategy was developed that provides critical information regarding cost estimates and potential funding sources. The strategy will help prioritize park improvements and provide information for capital improvement projects and grant opportunities.

## PARK IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Within the concept plans for each of the five waterfront parks, specific recommended improvements are identified. To help the City plan for the implementation of

these improvements, costs and potential funding sources are identified for park improvements to address feasibility at the planning level. These recommended improvements must be further evaluated and refined through final design and

may need subsequent analyses. Cost estimate identified provide support for capital improvement project planning and identification of grant opportunities.

Project	Cost Estimates*	Potential Funding Source(s)
<b>KERSHAW PARK</b>		
Improvements Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New bathroom facility</li> <li>• 2-Way cycle track and boardwalk construction actions (including pedestrian bridge over outlet and addition of related amenities such as ornamental benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, directional signage, kiosks, shade trees and signage)</li> </ul>	\$4,800,000	BUILD, DRI/NYF, EPF, RTP, TAP/CMAQ
Feasibility Study for Swim School Boardwalk & Pavilion	\$100,000	Local funding
<b>CITY PIER</b>		
Improvements Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widening pedestrian walkways &amp; filling in walkway gaps</li> <li>• Expansion of amenities along the pier (including ornamental benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, bike racks, directional signage, shade trees, kiosks and interpretive panels)</li> </ul>	\$1,800,000	DRI/NYF, EPF, GIGP
Feasibility Study for Pier Extension	\$100,000	Local funding
<b>LAKEFRONT PARK</b>		
Improvements Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New pavilion</li> <li>• New playground facility</li> <li>• ADA accessible kayak launch</li> <li>• Sidewalk replacement and boardwalk over storm retention area</li> <li>• Shade trees</li> </ul>	\$1,570,000	DRI/NYF, EPF
<b>LAGOON PARK</b>		
Improvements Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New kiosks and benches</li> <li>• Enhanced pedestrian crossings</li> </ul>	\$272,000	DRI/NYF, EPF
<b>ATWATER MEADOWS PARK</b>		
Improvements Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New park signage, kiosks and benches</li> <li>• Sidewalk connection to Parrish Street</li> <li>• Existing trail and trailhead improvements</li> <li>• New nature trail</li> </ul>	\$1,090,000	EPF, RTP, STP, TAP/CMAQ

\*Cost estimates include percentages for design, construction inspection and construction contingency.

## POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

The following table highlights general information regarding potential funding sources for park improvements. To ensure the Waterfront Parks Master Plan objectives

are progressing, the City should regularly coordinated with local and regional agencies to identify funding opportunities. An opportunity to apply for several state funding sources is the Consolidated Funding Application, typically released annually

during the summer months. Other funding opportunities include local and private funding sources such as local bonds or tax levies; business or corporate sponsorship; and private funding sources from local organizations.

Program	Description	Uses	Notes
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)	Funds the planning and construction of capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that have a significant local or regional impact.	Provides funding to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects meeting national objectives.	This program is administered by the U.S. DOT.
Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) / NY Forward Program (NYF)	Provides New York State towns, cities or villages an opportunity to apply for funding to implement proposed projects within a downtown area in order to accelerate revitalization.	Eligible project types include public improvement projects, new development and/or rehabilitation of existing downtown buildings, a grant fund or revolving loan fund, and branding and marketing projects.	The program is led by the Department of State, in close partnership with Empire State Development, NYS Homes and Community Renewal and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.
Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)	Funding for capital projects that protect the environment and enhance communities. Capital projects typically include large projects that purchase land or construct facilities.	Funds projects to restore historic sites, and create or enhance public parks, open space and trails, among others.	Applicants can apply for this program through the CFA. Programs, such as the Local Water-front Revitalization Program (LWRP) are funded through the EPF.
Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP)	The Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) provides grants on a competitive basis to projects that improve water quality and implement green infrastructure in New York State. GIGP provides up to \$15 million to cover a minimum of 40% up to a maximum 90% of the total eligible project costs. A match from state or local funds is required.	GIGP funds a range of green infrastructure-focused installation projects, including the installation of permeable pavements and stormwater street trees.	This program is funded and overseen by the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	Funds the development and maintenance of recreational trails for motorized and non-motorized uses.	Maintenance / restoration of existing trails, purchase / lease of trail construction equipment, acquisition of easements, construction of new trails, and assessment of conditions.	
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP)	Provides funding for projects to preserve and improve the conditions on highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.	Funds can be used for transportation alternatives and recreational trail projects.	Funding is through the US DOT. Program is competitive at national level.
Transportation Alternatives Program / Air Quality Improvement Program (TAP/CMAQ)	Funds from this source are used to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path and non-motorized transportation-related projects. Projects must be related to surface transportation.	Construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, and safe routes to schools, as well as community improvements such as historic preservation and projects that reduce congestion and gas emissions.	This program is federally-funded and administered by the NYS DOT.



# APPENDIX A: PLANNING LEVEL COST ESTIMATES

**Project Budget Cost Estimate (Planning Level)**

September 19, 2022

Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price (2022 \$)	Cost
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**Lakefront Park**

New Pavilion	EA	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
New Playground Facility	EA	1	\$280,000	\$280,000
ADA Accessible Kayak Launch	EA	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
Boardwalk Over Storm Retention Area Near Lakeshore Drive	EA	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
Concrete Sidewalk Replacement (Including excavation and subbase)	SY	2224	\$150	\$333,600
Large Shade Tree	EA	20	\$1,000	\$20,000
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				<b>\$933,600</b>

Basic Work Zone traffic Control (5%)	LS	1		\$46,680
Mobilization (4%)	LS	1		\$37,344
Survey Operations (2%)	LS	1		\$18,672
Erosion and Sediment Control (0.5%)	LS	1		\$4,668

**TOTAL** **\$1,040,964**

Design (10%)	\$104,096
Construction Inspection (15%)	\$156,145
Construction Contingency (25%)	\$260,241
<b>GRAND TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$1,561,446</b>

Construction Total Say	\$1,050,000
Design Say	\$105,000
Construction Inspection	\$155,000
Construction Contingency Say	\$260,000
Grand Total Say	\$1,570,000

**Project Budget Cost Estimate (Planning Level)**

September 19, 2022

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**Lagoon Park**

New Kiosks	EA	6	\$15,000	\$90,000
Benches	EA	10	\$4,000	\$40,000
High Visibility Crosswalk	EA	2	\$5,000	\$10,000
RRFB Signals	EA	4	\$1,500	\$6,000
ADA Curb Ramp	EA	4	\$3,700	\$14,800

**SUB-TOTAL \$160,800**

Basic Work Zone traffic Control (5%)	LS	1		\$8,040
Mobilization (4%)	LS	1		\$6,432
Survey Operations (2%)	LS	1		\$3,216
Erosion and Sediment Control (0.5%)	LS	1		\$804

**TOTAL \$179,292**

Design (10%)	\$17,929
Construction Inspection (15%)	\$26,894
Construction Contingency (25%)	\$44,823
<b>GRAND TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$268,938</b>

Construction Total Say	\$180,000
Design Say	\$20,000
Construction Inspection	\$27,000
Construction Contingency Say	\$45,000
Grand Total Say	\$272,000

**Project Budget Cost Estimate (Planning Level)**

September 19, 2022

Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price (2022 \$)	Cost
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**Kershaw Park**

New Bathroom Facility	EA	1	\$325,000	\$325,000
<b>2-Way Cycle Track and Boardwalk</b>				
Pedestrian Bridge Over Outlet	LS	1	\$200,000	\$200,000
Granite Curb	LF	6450	\$95	\$612,750
Accessible Curb Ramp Replacement (Including Excavation and Subbase)	EA	12	\$3,700	\$44,400
Concrete Sidewalk (Including Excavation and Subbase)	SY	2345	\$150	\$351,750
Mill and Resurface Eastbound Lanes Only	SY	3181	\$25	\$79,525
12' Wide Cycle Track 1 - 3" HMA / 12" Subbase (Including Excavation and Subbase)	SY	2886	\$100	\$288,600
Crosswalk Striping (12" Wide Stripes)	LF	1170	\$6	\$7,020
Pavement Striping (6" Wide Stripes)	LF	6450	\$3	\$19,350
Topsoil - (4" Topsoil Depth)	CY	160	\$70	\$11,200
Turf Establishment	SY	1433	\$2	\$2,866
Tree Removal	EA	50	\$800	\$40,000
Large Shade Tree	EA	75	\$1,000	\$75,000
Ornamental Bench	EA	125	\$4,000	\$500,000
Trash Receptacles	EA	40	\$2,000	\$80,000
Bike Racks	EA	50	\$1,000	\$50,000
Directional Sign	EA	6	\$3,500	\$21,000
Kiosk	EA	3	\$20,000	\$60,000
Bike Markings	EA	16	\$200	\$3,200
Cycle Track Signage	EA	6	\$350	\$2,100
Concrete Sidewalk (Including Excavation and Subbase)	SY	560	\$150	\$84,000
			<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,857,761</b>

Basic Work Zone traffic Control (5%)	LS	1		\$142,888
Mobilization (4%)	LS	1		\$114,310
Survey Operations (2%)	LS	1		\$57,155
Erosion and Sediment Control (0.5%)	LS	1		\$14,289
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,186,404</b>

<b>Design (10%)</b>	<b>\$318,640</b>
<b>Construction Inspection (15%)</b>	<b>\$477,961</b>
<b>Construction Contingency (25%)</b>	<b>\$796,601</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$4,779,605</b>

<b>Construction Total Say</b>	<b>\$3,200,000</b>
<b>Design Say</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>
<b>Construction Inspection Say</b>	<b>\$475,000</b>
<b>Construction Contingency Say</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>Grand Total Say</b>	<b>\$4,800,000</b>

**Feasibility Study for Swim School Boardwalk & Pavilion \$100,000**

Project Budget Cost Estimate (Planning Level)

September 19, 2022

Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price (2022 \$)	Cost
<b>City Pier</b>				
Granite Curb	LF	300	\$95	\$28,500
Concrete Sidewalk (Including Excavation and Subbase)	SY	2,100	\$150	\$315,000
Permeable Paving (Including Excavation and Subbase)	SF	10,125	\$35	\$354,375
Ornamental Bench	EA	26	\$4,000	\$104,000
Picnic Tables	EA	18	\$5,000	\$90,000
Trash Receptacles	EA	12	\$2,000	\$24,000
Bike Racks	EA	12	\$1,000	\$12,000
Topsoil - (4" Topsoil Depth)	CY	50	\$70	\$3,500
Turf Establishment	SY	425	\$2	\$850
Large Shade Tree	EA	27	\$1,000	\$27,000
Directional Sign	EA	3	\$12,000	\$36,000
Kiosk	EA	3	\$20,000	\$60,000
Interpretive Panel	EA	2	\$7,000	\$14,000
Crosswalk Striping (12" Wide Stripes)	LF	300	\$6	\$1,800

**SUB-TOTAL \$1,071,025**

Basic Work Zone traffic Control (5%)	LS	1		\$53,551
Mobilization (4%)	LS	1		\$42,841
Survey Operations (2%)	LS	1		\$21,421
Erosion and Sediment Control (0.5%)	LS	1		\$5,355

**TOTAL \$1,194,193**

Design (10%)	\$119,419
Construction Inspection (15%)	\$179,129
Construction Contingency (25%)	\$298,548
<b>GRAND TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$1,791,289</b>

Construction Total Say	\$1,200,000
Design Say	\$120,000
Construction Inspection Say	\$180,000
Construction Contingency Say	\$300,000
Grand Total Say	\$1,800,000
Feasibility Study for Pier Extension	\$100,000

**Project Budget Cost Estimate (Planning Level)**

September 19, 2022

Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price (2022 \$)	Cost
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**Atwater Meadows Park**

Concrete Sidewalk (Including Excavation and Subbase) 5' Sidewalk to Parrish Street	SY	1111	\$150	\$166,650
New Park Signage	EA	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
New Kiosks	EA	6	\$15,000	\$90,000
Benches	EA	10	\$4,000	\$40,000
Existing Trail Improvements	LF	1150	\$130	\$149,500
New Nature Trail	LF	1976	\$65	\$128,440
Miscellaneous Trailhead Improvements	EA	1	\$50,000	\$50,000

**SUB-TOTAL \$649,590**

Basic Work Zone traffic Control (5%)	LS	1		\$32,480
Mobilization (4%)	LS	1		\$25,984
Survey Operations (2%)	LS	1		\$12,992
Erosion and Sediment Control (0.5%)	LS	1		\$3,248

**TOTAL \$724,293**

Design (10%)	\$72,429
Construction Inspection (15%)	\$108,644
Construction Contingency (25%)	\$181,073
<b>GRAND TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$1,086,439</b>

Construction Total Say	\$725,000
Design Say	\$75,000
Construction Inspection	\$110,000
Construction Contingency Say	\$180,000
Grand Total Say	\$1,090,000

# **APPENDIX B: PUBLIC WORKSHOP MEETING SUMMARIES**

# City of Canandaigua

## WATERFRONT PARKS MASTER PLAN

Public Workshop #1  
 June 25, 2022 – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

### MEETING SUMMARY

Ted Liddell (Bergmann) and Allison Harrington (Sustainable Planning Design) facilitated a public workshop in Kershaw Park, June 25, 2022 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The workshop consisted of a series of boards providing information about the project and soliciting feedback from participants to help inform the master planning process. Key takeaways from the workshop are summarized below.

#### Attendance

Approximately 40 people participated in the public workshop (See attached sign-in sheet). A number of participants elected not to sign-in. A tally was kept at the workshop of the number of participants.

#### About the Master Plan



**City of Canandaigua**  
 the Charm Spot

## WATERFRONT PARKS MASTER PLAN: 2022

# ABOUT THE MASTER PLAN

**What is the Purpose?**

- ✓ To identify future needs of the parks and waterfront area.
- ✓ To ensure waterfront access.
- ✓ To provide resilient park infrastructure.
- ✓ To set the stage for obtaining future funding opportunities.

For example, many of the City's Active Transportation Plan project recommendations have been used to support the City's application for **New York State's \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative**. The City continues to pursue this and other funding opportunities and projects proposed in this planning process could demonstrate implementation ready objectives.

**The Parks:**

- LAKEFRONT PARK
- KERSHAW PARK
- LAGOON PARK
- CITY PIER
- ATWATER MEADOWS PARK

*Your input will guide the plan!*

**TIMELINE:** SPRING → INFORMATION & INPUT GATHERING → SUMMER → CONCEPT & MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT → FALL

This presentation board was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.



Where are You From? / What Brings You to the Park? / How do you typically Access the Parks?



- Majority of participants were from the City of Canandaigua.
- Walking and Nature Viewing were popular activities bringing users to the parks.
- Walking and Driving were the typical ways users access the parks.



Where Did You Park Today?



Out of the participants that drove to the parks, 13 noted where they parked and how long it took them to find a parking spot. Most participants found on-street parking spots on Lakeshore Drive and noted it took 0-5 minutes to find a space.

General Comments on Boards

- Would like to see a parking garage by scoops.
- On Memorial Day there were 200 cars in the stone lot across from Kershaw. Hotel parking full and behind gas station.



Which Park do You Use Most?



Of the 40 participants, 12 chose to let us know which park they use the most

- Atwater Meadows Park: 1
- City Pier: 1
- Kershaw Park: 5
- Lakefront Park: 2
- Lagoon Park: 3



What are the Park Needs?



- Atwater Meadows Park
  - Natural Areas (x3)
- City Pier
  - Event Space
- Kershaw Park
  - Access
  - Natural Areas
  - Event Space
- Lakefront Park
  - Play Areas (Splash Pad Noted)
- Lagoon Park
  - Access
  - Natural Areas (x2)



**Additional Comments Noted on Board Park Needs Board**

City Pier

- Turn on the water behind the bathroom On City Pier for fisherman.
- Don't widen the road on City Pier.
- More bike friendly/less vehicle friendly.
- Fewer Vehicles.
- Green space improved.
- Focus on ped and bike access
- Addition on pier – picnic tables, etc.

Lakefront Park

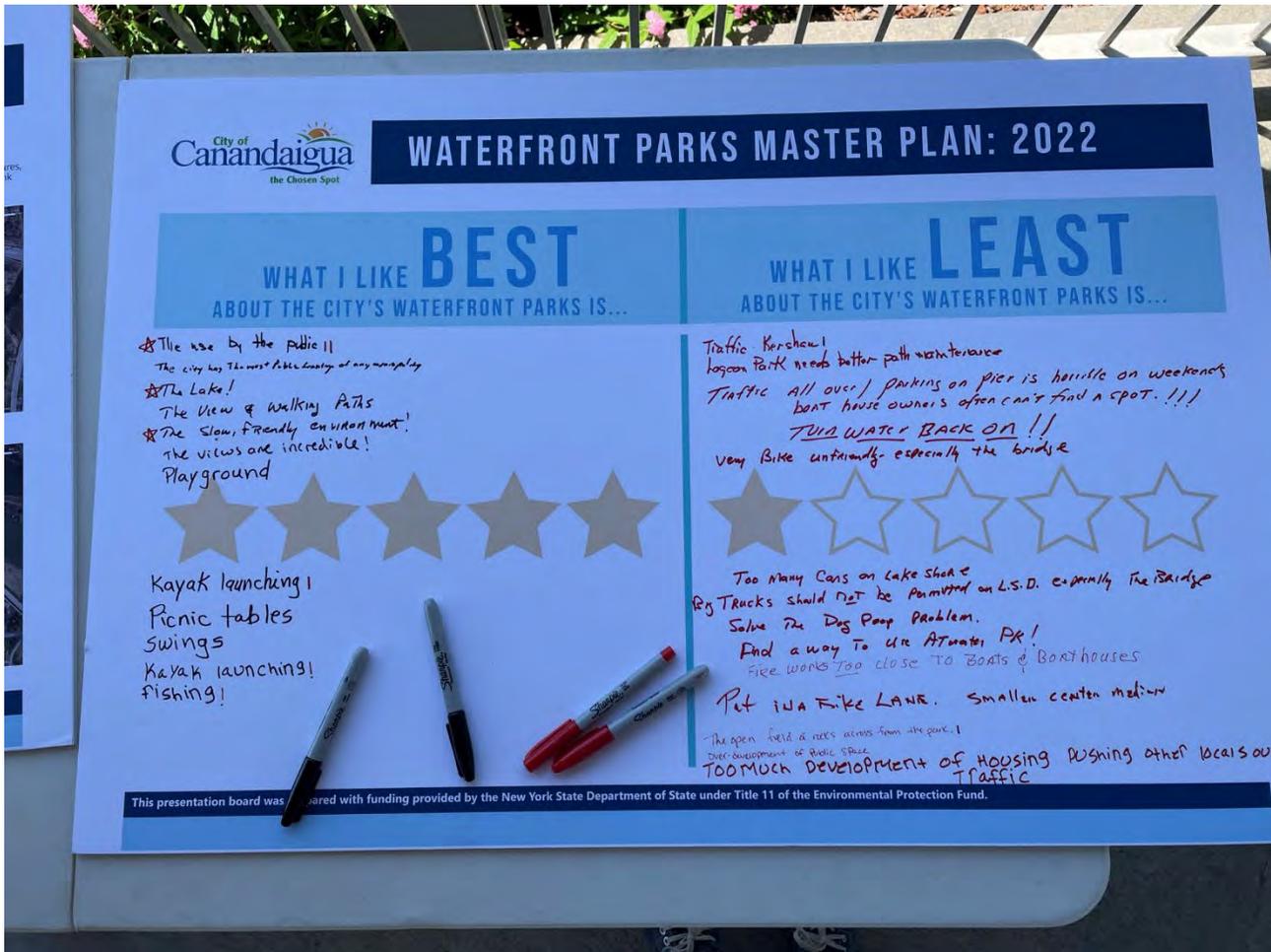
- Splash pad

General

- Suggesting for a potential parking facility across Muar St from Speedway.



What do you like BEST and LEAST about the parks?



What I Like Best?

- The use by the public
- The City has the most public frontage of any municipality
- The lake
- The view and walking paths
- The slow friendly environment
- The views are incredible
- Playground
- Kayak launch
- Picnic tables
- Swings
- Fishing

What I Like Least?

- Traffic at Kershaw
- Lagoon Park needs better path maintenance
- Traffic all over.....parking on pier is horrible on weekends. Boat house owners cannot find a spot

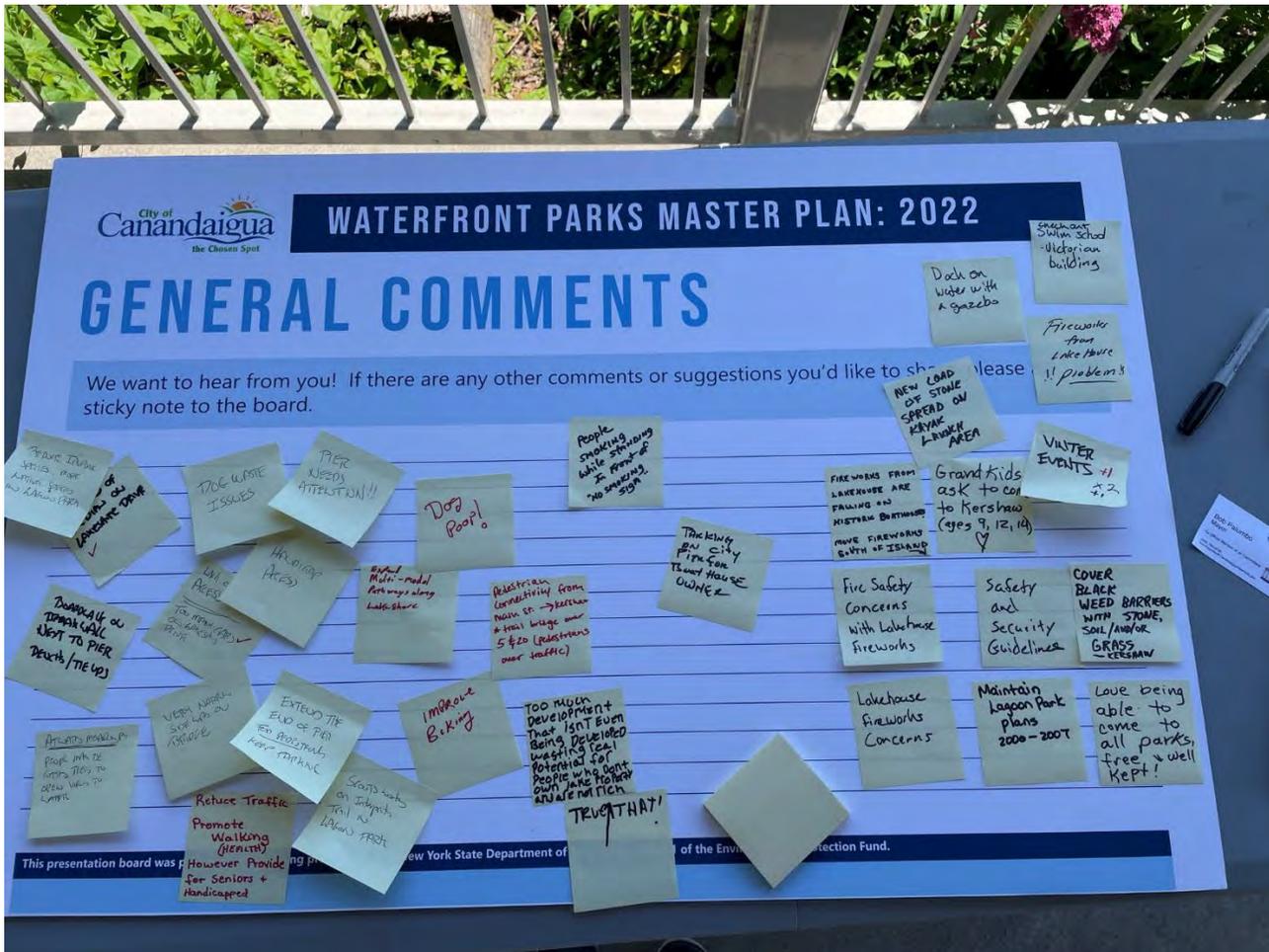


## CANANDAIGUA WATERFRONT CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- Turn water back on
- Very bike unfriendly – especially the bridge
- Too many cars on Lakeshore Drive
- Big trucks should not be permitted on Lakeshore Drive, especially the bridge
- Solve the dog poop problem
- Find a way to use Atwater Park
- Fireworks too close to the boats and boathouses
- Put in bike lanes, smaller center median
- The open field of rocks across the park
- Over-development of public space
- Too much development of housing pushing other locals out
- Traffic



General Comments



General Comments

- Atwater Meadows Park
  - People may be cutting down trees on public property to open views up to the water from private residences
- City Pier
  - Pier needs attention
  - Boardwalk on breakwall next to pier with benches/tie ups
  - Extend end of pier for pedestrians / keep parking
  - Parking on City Pier for boathouse owners
- Kershaw Park
  - Reduction of median on Lakeshore Drive
  - Too many cars on lakeshore drive
  - Expand multi-modal access along Lakeshore Drive
  - Check out swim school – Victoria Building
  - Grandkids ask to go to Kershaw Park
  - Cover black weed barriers with stone, soil and or grass
- Lakefront Park



## CANANDAIGUA WATERFRONT CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- No Comments
- Lagoon Park
  - Reduce invasive species / more native plants
  - Scouts are working on interpretive trail in Lagoon Park
  - Maintain Lagoon Park Plans 2000-2007
- General
  - Dog waste issues (x2)
  - Lack of access
  - Handicap access
  - Very narrow sidewalk on Lakeshore Drive bridge
  - Reduce traffic
  - Promote walking
  - Improve biking
  - Too much development that isn't even being developed wasting real potential for people who don't own lake front property and are not rich
  - Lakehouse firework concerns (x5)...safety of boathouses
  - Pedestrian connectivity from Main Street to Kershaw Park
  - People smoking while standing in front of no smoking signs
  - Dock on water with gazebo
  - New load of stone spread on kayak launch area
  - Winter events
  - Safety and security guidelines
  - Love being able to come to all parks, frere and well kept!

# WATERFRONT PARKS MASTER PLAN: 2022

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City of Canandaigua

## **WATERFRONT PARKS MASTER PLAN**

**Public Workshop #2**

**September 10, 2022**

**City Pier | 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Kershaw Park | 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Ted Liddell (Bergmann) and Allison Harrington (Sustainable Planning Design) facilitated a public workshop on City Pier and in Kershaw Park, September 10, 2022 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. The workshop consisted of a series of boards providing information about the project and concepts developed for each of the (5) waterfront parks based on feedback from the community, past planning efforts and the City of Canandaigua. Key takeaways from the workshop are summarized below.

#### **Attendance**

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Vision and Guiding Principals



**WATERFRONT PARKS MASTER PLAN: 2022**

**VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPALS**



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The guiding principles apply the vision to key planning considerations for the Waterfront Parks Master Plan to help guide the implementation of the community vision.

**Public Access** | Maintain, improve and expand public access to the Canandaigua Lake waterfront.

**Park Circulation** | Prioritize pedestrian and bicycle transportation over automotive transportation in all waterfront parks.

**Environmental Considerations** | Support and preserve the Canandaigua Lake ecosystem and the natural areas within the waterfront parks while providing opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education.

**Park Amenities** | Provide a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities that support the needs of residents and visitors.

**Community Connections** | Connect the waterfront parks to each other and to downtown Canandaigua for a destination that is a cohesive waterfront downtown community.



The draft Vision and Guiding Principles for the Waterfront Parks Master Plan was available for the public to review and comment on.

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waterfront parks.

**Environmental Considerations** | Support and preserve the Canandaigua Lake ecosystem and the natural areas within the waterfront parks while providing opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education.

**Park Amenities** | Provide a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities that support the needs of residents and visitors.

**Community Connections** | Connect the waterfront parks to each other and to downtown Canandaigua for a destination that is a cohesive waterfront downtown community.

General Comments on Board:

- For Park Circulation, clarify 'bikes' to be traditional bikes and not motorized bikes.



Where are You From? / What Brings You to the Park? / How do you typically Access the Parks?



- Majority of participants were from the City of Canandaigua.
- Walking, paddling, boating, swimming, biking and nature viewing were popular activities bringing users to the parks.
- Walking, driving and cycling were popular ways people access the parks.



### Where Did You Park Today?



Out of the participants that drove to the parks, 6 noted where they parked and 11 participants noted how long it took them to find a parking spot. Most participants were able to find public on-road or off-road parking spots and noted it took 0-5 minutes to find a space.

#### General Comments on Boards

- Today was a slow day though.



Park Concept Plans

Using feedback gathered from Public Workshop#1 on June, 25, 2022, past planning studies, feedback from local stakeholders and the City of Canandaigua, concept plans and graphics were presented for Lakefront Park, Kershaw Park Lagoon Park, City Pier and Atwater Meadows Park. Below are the comments and feedback provided by workshop participants.

Lakefront Park



Improvements most important to participants:

- New ADA accessible kayak launch.
- New 12 paved trail connecting to lakeshore drive.
- Picnic pavilion.

Comments:

- Concerns over the planted berm between the Lakefront Park / hotel parking lot and Rose Park. Move trail to be on the edge of the parking lot away from the berm and trees. Rose Park residents noted the berm was part of an agreement that permitted the hotel parking ramp.



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- Rose Park residents do not want the sidepath located on their side of Lakeshore drive. They want it moved to the north side. Concerns over increased traffic adjacent to their homes and who will maintain the widened path. Several residents commented they are responsible for cleaning the sidewalk and widening the sidewalk and additional 3' feet would be a hardship on them.
- Rose Park residents are concerned a new playground in Lakefront Park would bring additional noise to their development.
- Rose Park residents are concerned about additional traffic next to their development and the accumulation of trash along their fence.
- Create a Kayak and small craft drop off zone.
- Create parking across Lakeshore Drive from Twisted Rail.
- More walking / biking.
- Close down driving on parts of Lakeshore Drive.





Improvements most important to participants:

- Removing fence around swim area.
- 2-way cycle track & expanding pedestrian space.
- 'Swim school' boardwalk & pavilion.

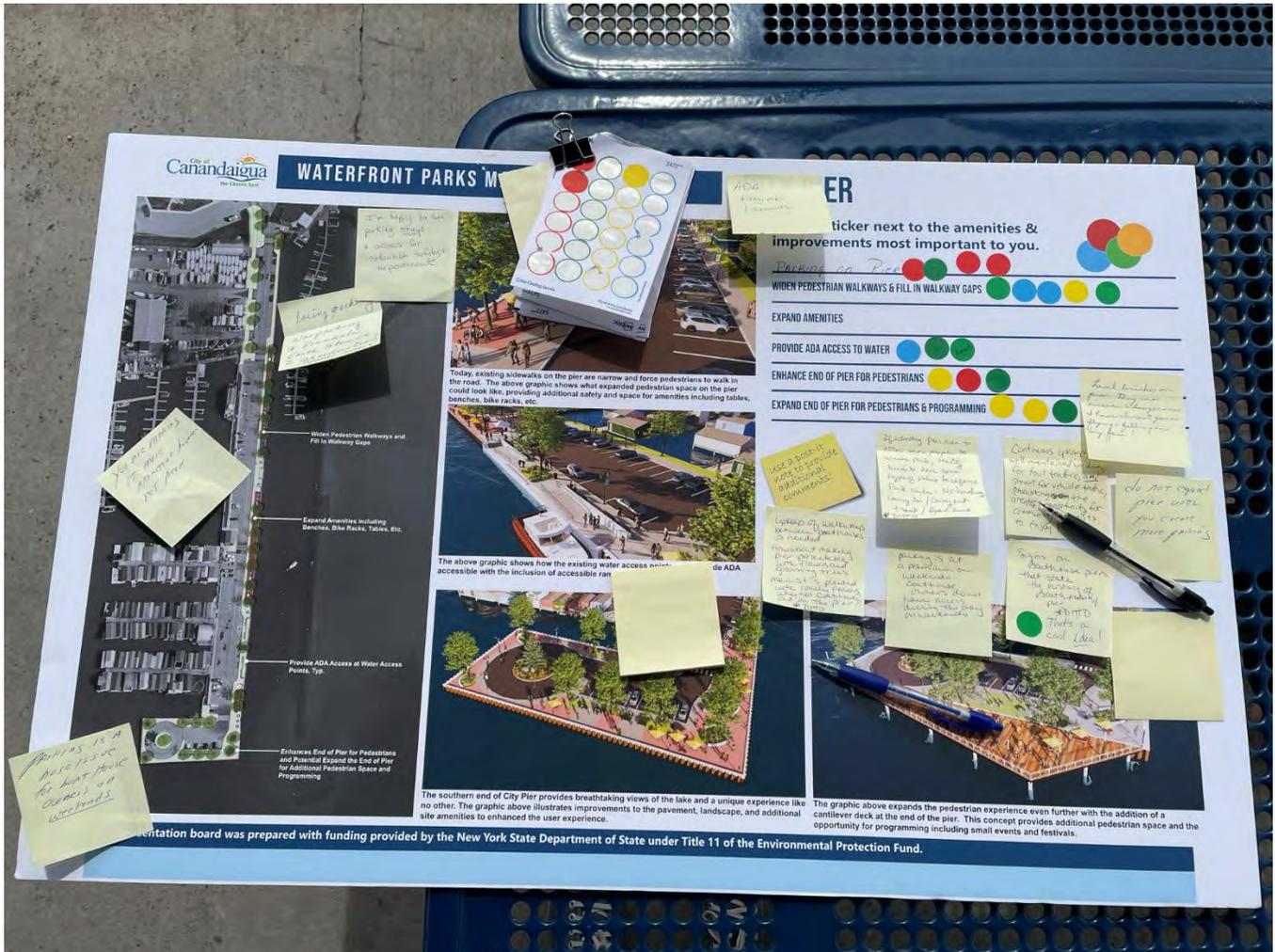
Comments:

- Keep restrooms open and maintain restrooms in the winter.
- Maintenance concern – Ice in the wintertime.
- Please don't cut off access to marina with pier (Swim School boardwalk). Southern wind wave chop is broken by the stone breakwall, provides relief for kayaks and paddle boards.
- Parking removed (for 2-way cycle-track)? Where will these cars go?
- Provide a drop off for people renting pavilions.
- If street were made walking only in summer, something needs to be considered for drop offs and kayaks.
- Another gazebo for weddings and other events.
- More dog waste stations.
- Year-round garbage removal.
- The vacant lot across the street from Kershaw Park has been used for parking all summer.
- End residential building as it crowds out access for general public.
- Keep the high rises away. Make this the peoples park – no more private land.





City Pier



Improvements most important to participants:

- Widen pedestrian walkways and fill in walkway gaps.
- Parking.

Comments:

- Happy to see parking stays and allows for sidewalk safety and improvement.
- You are making it more attractive however not accommodating.
- Parking is a huge issue for boat house owners on weekends.
- ADA kayak launch.
- Upkeep of walkways between boat houses is needed.
- How about making pier presentable with flowers and grooming trees.
- Main street is planted with lovely flowers, why not continue out onto the pier.
- If extending the pier area to allow more people to access park, the city needs to have some type of police to enforce park rules – no smoking, carry in/carry out trash, speed limits.
- Parking is at a premium on weekends. Boathouse owners do not have access during the day on weekends.

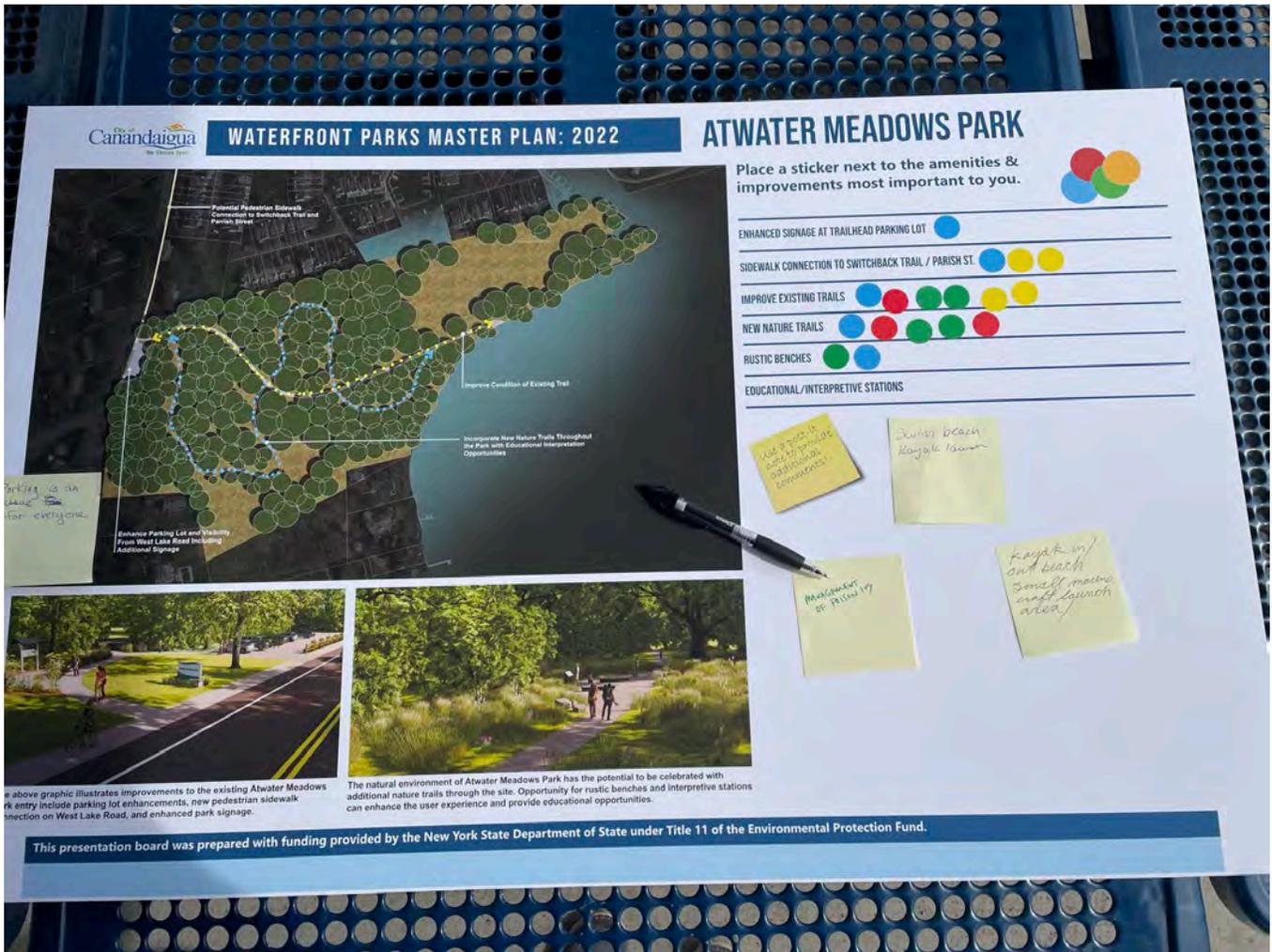


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- Level brinks on pier. They are uneven and dangerous. I have almost gone flying and falling on my face.
- Do not expand the pier until you create more parking.
- Continuous upkeep, well-maintained walkways for foot traffic and street for vehicle traffic, promoting the greatest opportunity for community to enjoy.
- Signs on boathouse piers that state the history of boathouses / pier.



Atwater Meadows Park



Improvements most important to participants:

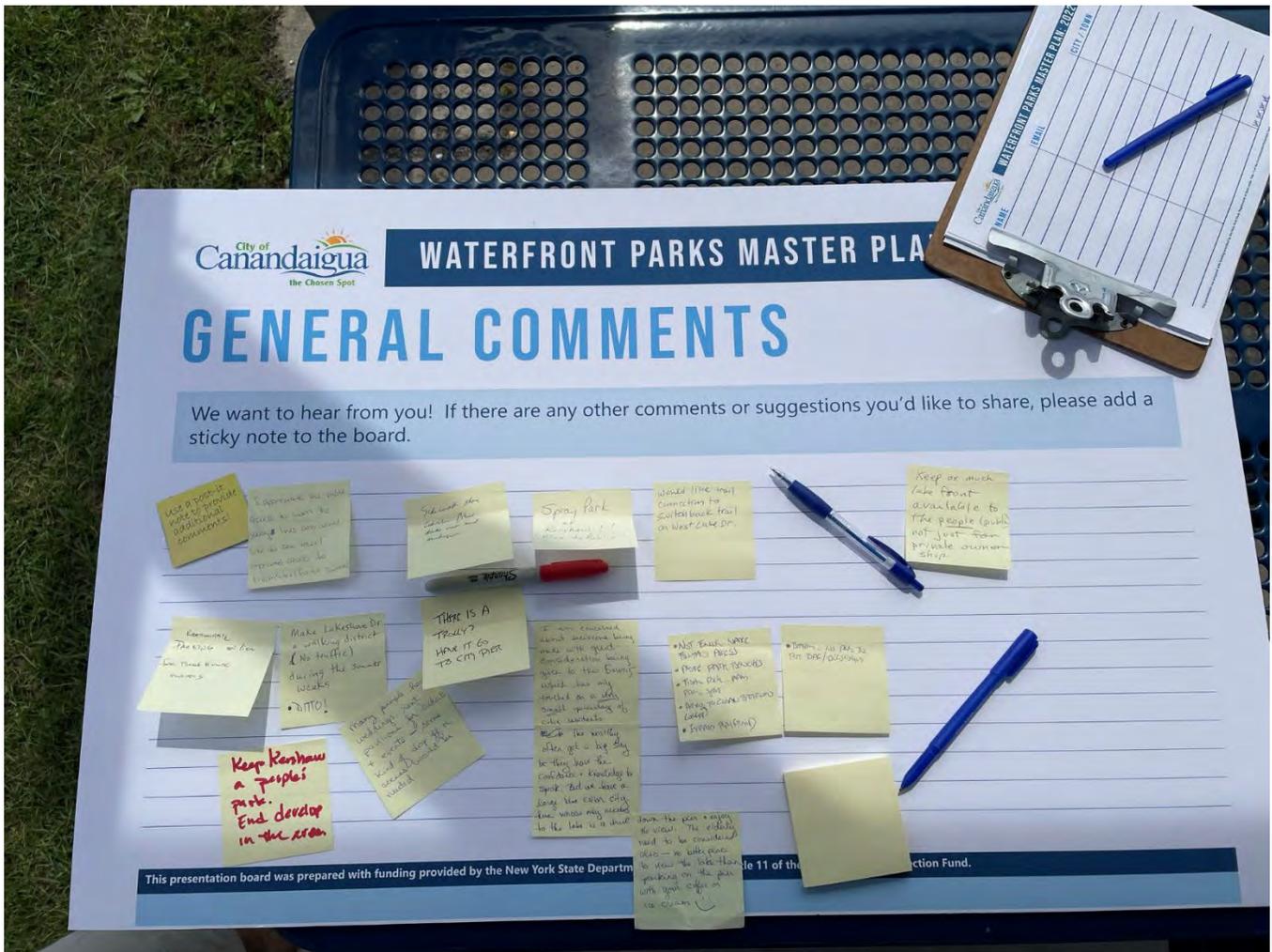
- Improve existing trails.
- New nature trails.

Comments:

- Swim beach
- Kayak Launch
- Management of Poison Ivy
- Kayak in/out beach
- Small marine craft launch area.
- Parking is an issue for everyone.



General Comments



General Comments:

- I appreciate the public access to swim the buoy lines and would like to see more improved access for the triathletes/fitness swimmers.
- Spray park at Kershaw, free to the public!
- Would like trail connection to switchback trail on West Lake Drive
- Keep as much lakefront available to the people not just for private ownership.
- Reasonable parking on pier for boat house owners.
- Make Lakeshore Drive a walking district (no traffic) during the summer weeks.
- Trolley service between downtown, City Pier and Kershaw Park.
- Keep Kershaw Park a people's park. End development in the area.
- Many people have weddings, rent pavilions for cookouts and events. Some kind of drop off or access would be needed.
- I am concerned about decisions being made with great consideration being given to this survey which has only touched on a very small percentage of city residents.
- The wealthy often get a big say because they have the confidence and knowledge to speak. But we have a large blue collar city resident population who's only access to the lake is a drive down the



pier and enjoy the view. The elderly need to be considered also. No better place to view the lake than parking on the pier with your coffee or ice cream.

- Not enough water fountain access.
- More park benches.
- Make fishing dock in Kershaw Park Kayak parking.
- Longer access to clean restroom facilities.
- Expand playground opportunities.

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