



**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Justin Wilkins, Parks and Recreation Manager
George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager

SUBJECT: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Key Milestones for Fiscal Year 2024-25 & Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan Initiatives

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation on the key accomplishments for the second half of Fiscal Year 2024-25 and preview of major focus for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for both Parks and Recreation, and Open Spaces Divisions.

BACKGROUND:

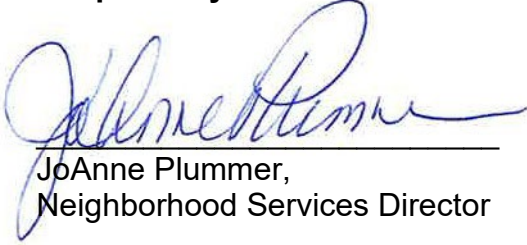
Each year, every department within the City of Goleta presents an Annual Work Program to the City Council before the adoption of the next Fiscal Year (FY) budget. The Annual Work Program serves to inform the Council of progress on existing work commitments, while also allowing the Council to recognize workloads, staffing levels and establish work priorities. On March 4, 2025, the Neighborhood Services and Public Works Departments Work Programs were presented to and adopted by City Council.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise the Goleta City Council and staff on matters related to public parks, open spaces, beaches, and indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and opportunities in Goleta. In accordance with Goleta Municipal Code 2.12 (Ord. 23-23), staff are providing a bi-annual update of the division operations to better assist the Commission in their advisory role to City Council.

The purpose of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan is to provide the Parks and Recreation Commission with an understanding of the Council's expectations for both the Parks and Recreation and the Parks and Open Space Divisions.

Respectfully Submitted:

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JoAnne Plummer,
Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENT:

1. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Key Milestones for Fiscal Year 2024-25 & Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan Initiatives

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Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Key Milestones for
Fiscal Year 2024-25 & Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan Initiatives

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space

2024-25 Milestones &
2025-26 Work Plan Initiatives



Parks & Recreation

Milestones

January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025



Administration

- ✓ Hired & On-Boarded New P&R Manager
- ✓ Secured New Commissioner
- ✓ Recruited & Hired Three New Building Monitors at the Goleta Community Center (GCC)
- ✓ Four New Policies Adopted By City Council
- ✓ Developed & Implemented Contract Classes Program
- ✓ Support to Other City Departments and Divisions
- ✓ 2025-26 Work Plan & Budget Adopted



Capital Improvement Projects – Parks

- Mathilda Park – Revised Scope and Project Re-Bid
- Stow Grove Phase One – Design 60% Completion
 - Conducted Additional Public Outreach for Bathroom Placement and Playground Design
 - Final Playground Design Selected
 - Additional Environmental Evaluation on Caretaker Cottage; Report and Evaluation from Historical Review Board
 - Bathroom Design, Layout & Selection
 - Stow Company Water Line Access Plan



Capital Improvement Projects – GCC

- Sky Light Replacement – Conceptual to 60% Design Documents
- Electrical – Design Firm Awarded; 10% Design Complete
- American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements – Construction Management Inspection & Testing (CMIT) Contract Awarded, plan and design review in process
- Pickleball – Design at 95% and foundation evaluation completed.



2025-26 Work Plan Highlights



Mathilda Park Rendering



Pickle Ball Re-Entry



Santa Barbara Shores Park



Nectarine Park

Administrative Targets

- Development of Departmental / City-Wide Volunteer Management Program (Recruitment, Training, Documentation, Scheduling, Recognition)
- Development of Temporary Employee Evaluation Program
- Development and Implementation of Internship Program to Support Parks & Recreation Programs
- Increase Contract Class/Camps to 10 offerings, serving 200 participants
- Increase Community Partnerships for Programming



Capital Improvement Projects - Parks

- Mathilda Park – Award & Complete Construction
- Stow Grove Park Phase One – Complete Design, Solicit Competitive Bid, Award Contract & Initiate Construction
- Nectarine Park – Initiate Community Planning Process for Park Re-Design
- Santa Barbara Shores Park – Remove & Replace Playground Project



Capital Improvement Projects – GCC

- Pickle Ball Courts – Obtain Competitive Bid, Award Contract, & Complete Construction
- Implement Comprehensive Marketing Plan
- Continue With Strategic Plan Implementation
- Sky Light Replacement – Finalize Design, Obtain Competitive Bid, & Award Construction Contract



Parks & Open Spaces

Parks and Open Space Team



CITY OF GOLETA STAFF

- Juan Jimenez, Public Works Supervisor
- Jesse Sanchez, Maintenance Worker I
- Mark Thomas, Maintenance Worker II
- Diego Camacho, Maintenance Worker I
- Pablo Macias, Maintenance Worker I
- Alexander Rosario, Maintenance Assistant
- Lead Maintenance Worker (Starting 9/22)
- Simone Albuquerque, Management Analyst
- **Landscape Maintenance** – Enviroscaping
- **Janitorial** – Big Green Cleaning Co.
- **Tree Maintenance** – Various Companies
- **Skilled Trades** – Various Plumbers, Electricians, Painters, Beekeepers, Plant Nurseries
- **Wildfire Fuels Reduction** – County Fire, Private Contractors
- **Habitat Stewardship** – UC Santa Barbara Cheadle Center, Your Children's Trees, Bucket Brigade, Community Volunteers, Ellwood Friends
- **Trails Stewardship** – Sage Trails Alliance, Santa Barbara Trails Council



Parks and Open Space Team Training & Skills Development



Playground Safety Training & Inspections



HazMat First Responder
Awareness Certification



Native Plant Commercial Nursery
Site Visit



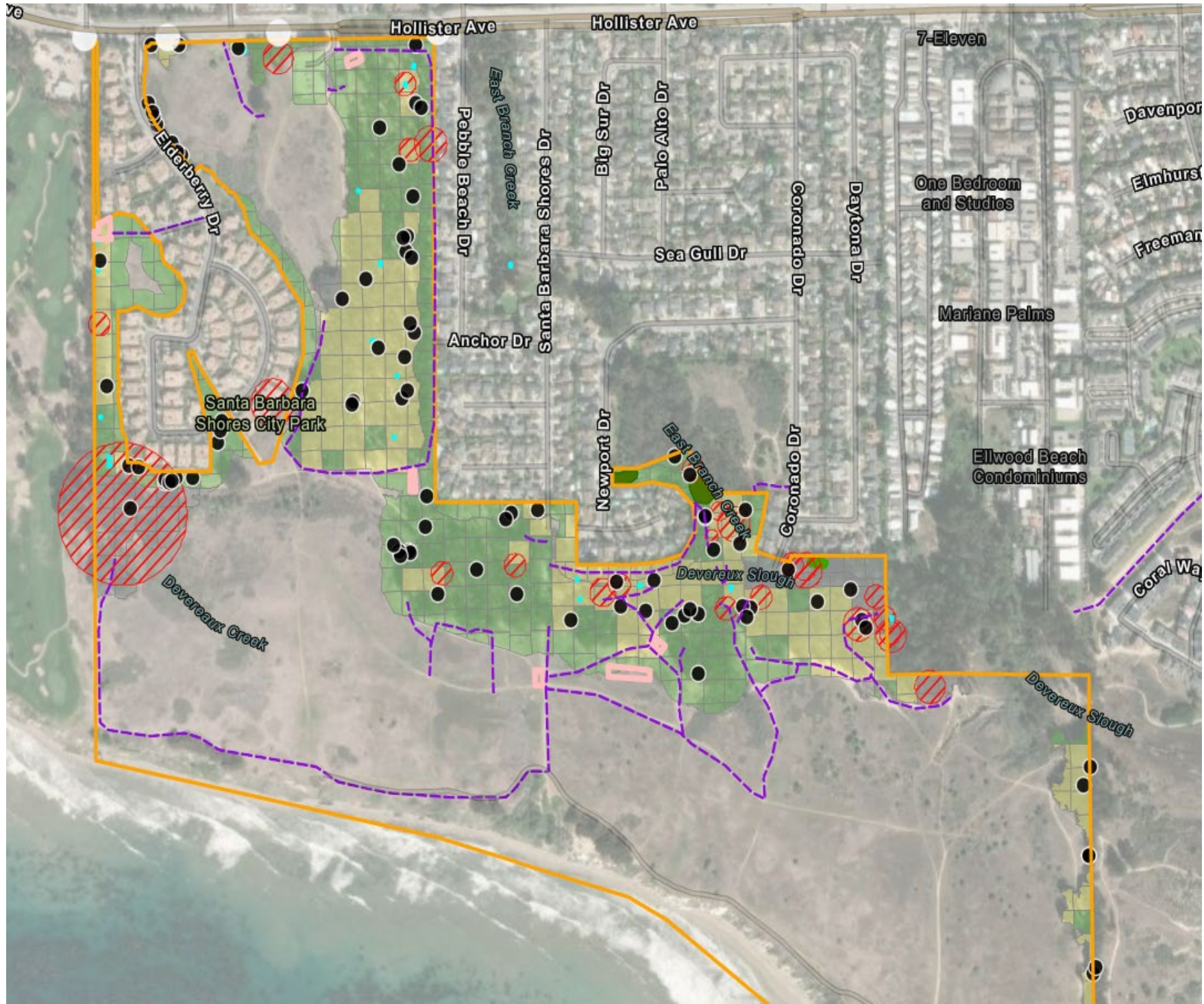
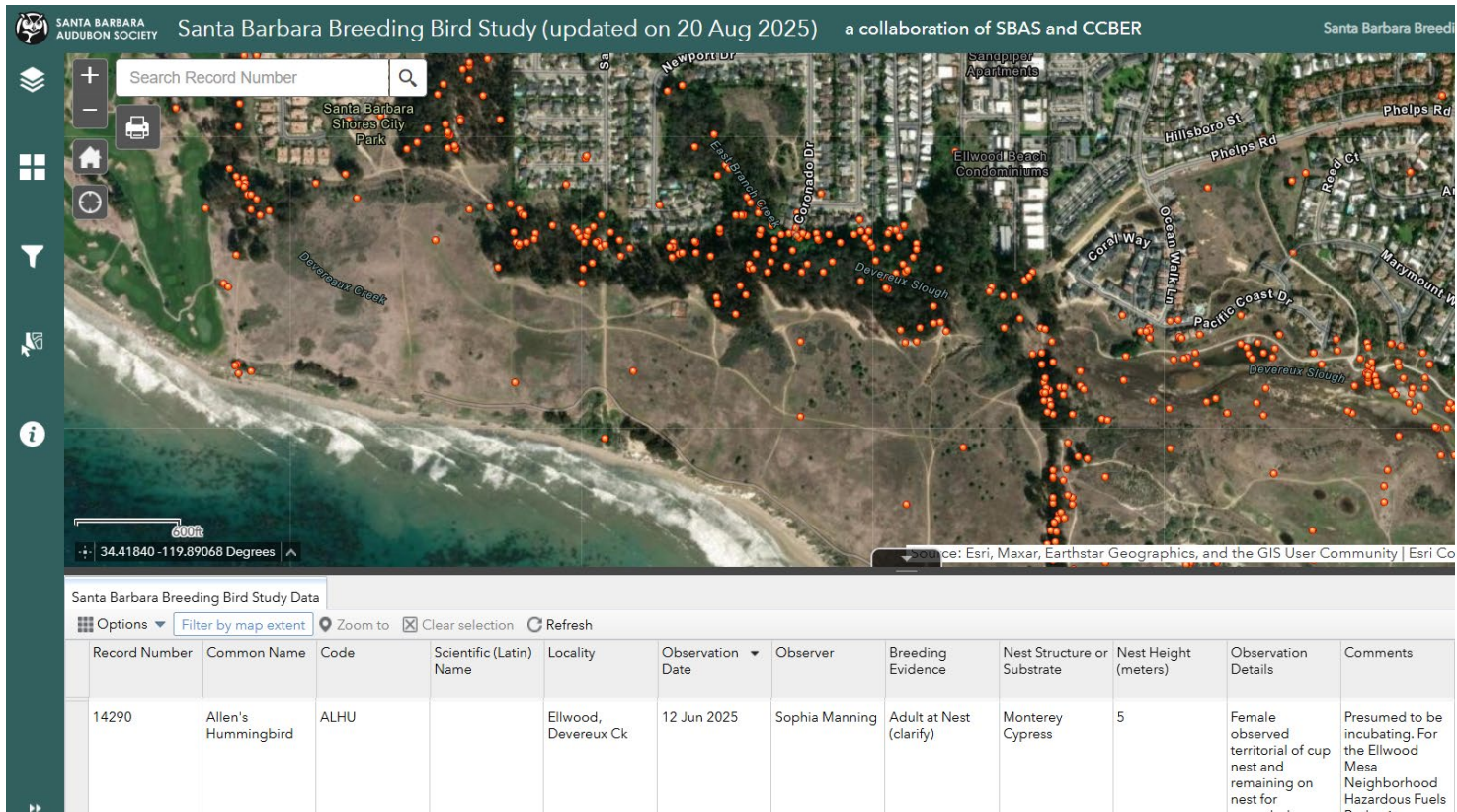
Parking Access Improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park



Ellwood Mesa Wildfire Risk Reduction



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Ellwood Mesa Infrastructure Improvements



Butterfly Grove Replanting



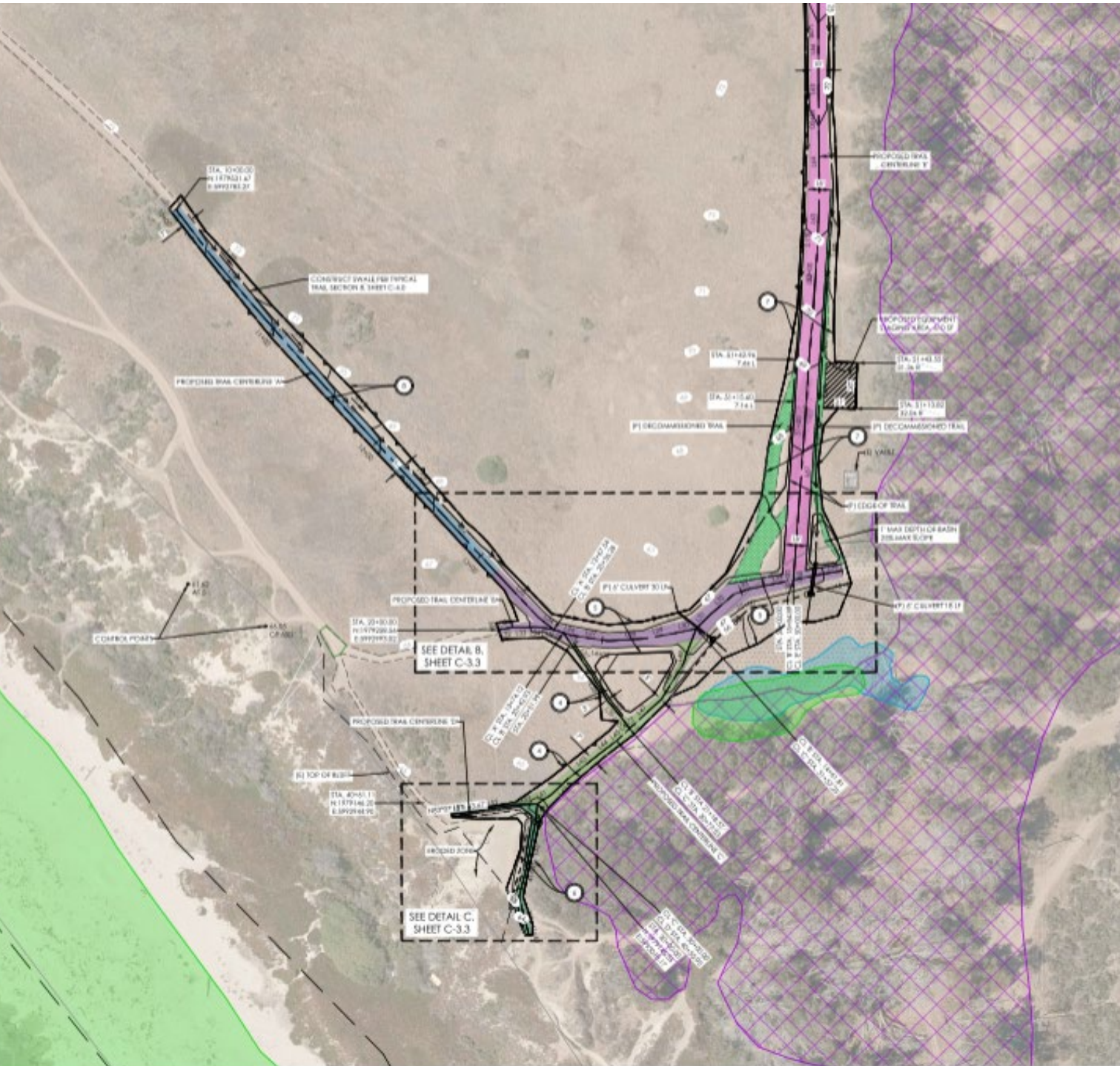
Butterfly Grove Wetland Enhancement



Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa 20th Anniversary Celebration



100%



Ellwood Beach Access Improvements

