

# Existing Conditions

## Parking

- A gravel parking lot and overflow parking is provided
- The existing tree is declining due to parking lot compaction
- There is an adjacent large open space that is underutilized and has a wastewater disposal field with lines located in it
- Parking is for truck and trailers only
- A significant amount of water flows through this area during storm events which creates potholes and other maintenance issues

## Boat Ramp

- There are 2 paved boat ramps
- The ramps become slick with algae buildup, causing poor traction on pavement
- Erosion control issues at the ramp

## Water Access

- There are 2 boat docks with minimal lighting
- The bank is showing signs of destabilization

# Observations, Opportunities, and Constraints



**Parking**

- Parking lot circulation issues include:
- Unpaved parking areas and drive lanes do not allow for striping
  - Parking lot layout could be more efficient with angled parking
  - There is no separation between the driving lane and the backing lane for the ramp



**Boat Ramp**

- Single bay ramps are easier to use than multi-bay ramps
- The boat docks need to be repaired or replaced
- There are no buoys separating the ramps from the swimming area
- Commercial vehicles use this area without permission which adds to the maintenance issues



**Water Access**

- Area acts as emergency access for all watercraft emergencies
- Bumpers may be needed to protect the boats
- Boat dock access is difficult after sunset due to inadequate lighting
- Erosion control improvements will soon be implemented between the boat ramps



# Boat Ramp and Water Access Area

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# Public Comments





# Boat Ramp and Water Access Area

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**Observations, Opportunities, and Constraints**

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Conditions**

**Central Lawn**

- The central lawn encompasses over 13 acres of the site
- Area for picnicking, sports, or just relaxing
- Parts of the central lawn are utilized for overflow parking
- Sandburs are very prevalent in this area

**Swimming Area**

- Maximum number of park users along the shoreline is approx. 2,000 individuals
- One mile of lake front
- 250' long sand beach area
- 2 swimming docks
- This area is not patrolled by lifeguards

**Day Use Area**

- Provides group picnicking opportunities
- Multiple grills are located throughout the area
- Restroom building
- 3 volleyball courts
- 1 basketball court
- Parking located along the road



**Central Lawn**

- Great views toward Lake Austin
- Lacks a community space and children's play area
- There is a limited amount of shade in this area
- Additional overflow parking could be beneficial
- The relatively flat area provides opportunities for multiple program elements



**Swimming Area**

- Sand beach utilizes about 10 percent of the lakefront
- Buoys demarcate swimming area from boating area
- Existing Bald Cypress trees are helping stabilize the bank
- Ladder access onto the docks is becoming challenging



**Day Use Area**

- Portable restroom facilities, trash receptacles and dumpsters are located throughout the area
- There are very few sidewalks which causes accessibility issues throughout the site
- Most of the parking is not striped which leads to inefficient parking



**Central Lawn, Swimming and Day Use Area**

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# Central Lawn, Swimming and Day Use Area

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# Existing Conditions

# Observations, Opportunities, and Constraints

# Public Comments

## Circulation

- Tent camping is accessed by a one way gravel road
- The RV camping area is accessed by a two lane paved road and has 2 turnaround locations

## Tent Camping

- There are 46 tent camping spaces
- Primitive camping includes spaces with no utilities and spaces with water
- All tent camping is located together along the treeline

## RV Camping

- There are 20 RV camping spaces
- A restroom building is located by the RV area
- 20 and 30 Amp electrical pedestals and water hookups are provided
- RV spaces are provided on a first come first serve basis
- The RV site is located near the water which provides easy access to Lake Austin



Circulation

- Better signage at the one way drive could help alleviate tent campers from missing their turn
- If the park is at capacity, turning around with a boat trailer or RV is difficult
- RV camping area occupies the most remote site within the park
- Parking spaces are undersized for some RV's



Tent Camping

- Tent campers occasionally set up in the RV area to be near the water
- The location provides great morning shade from the trees
- Blocking the afternoon sun can be challenging in this location
- Opportunity to provide multiple tent camping locations that cater to different users



RV Camping

- RV camping location requires people to drive across the entire park to access the area
- Online reservations coming soon
- There is not a strong connection between this area and the rest of the park
- Providing larger angled spaces would help make parking easier



# Circulation, Tent and RV Camping Use Area

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**Observations, Opportunities, and Constraints**

**Existing Conditions**

**Infrastructure**

- The RV area transformer is nearing the end of its life span
- The pedestals are damaged
- No electrical service provided at the tent camping area



**Infrastructure**

- Overhead poles and lines are visible throughout park area
- Modern RV's are not served with proper electrical requirements
- Electrical capacity at restroom buildings should be upgraded
- Site lighting is sparse and provides minimal coverage for overnight users

**Utilities**

- Water for the site is pumped from the river, treated onsite, and stored in a tank
- Water is provided for the 2 restroom facilities, some picnic areas, and the RV camping area
- The wastewater system consists of 2 disposal fields



**Utilities**

- Due to the age of the water and wastewater systems, corrosion has become an issue
- Opportunity to tie into the City water system may exist
- Water line is provided at every third tent camp site
- Opportunity to add septic hookups for the RV area may exist

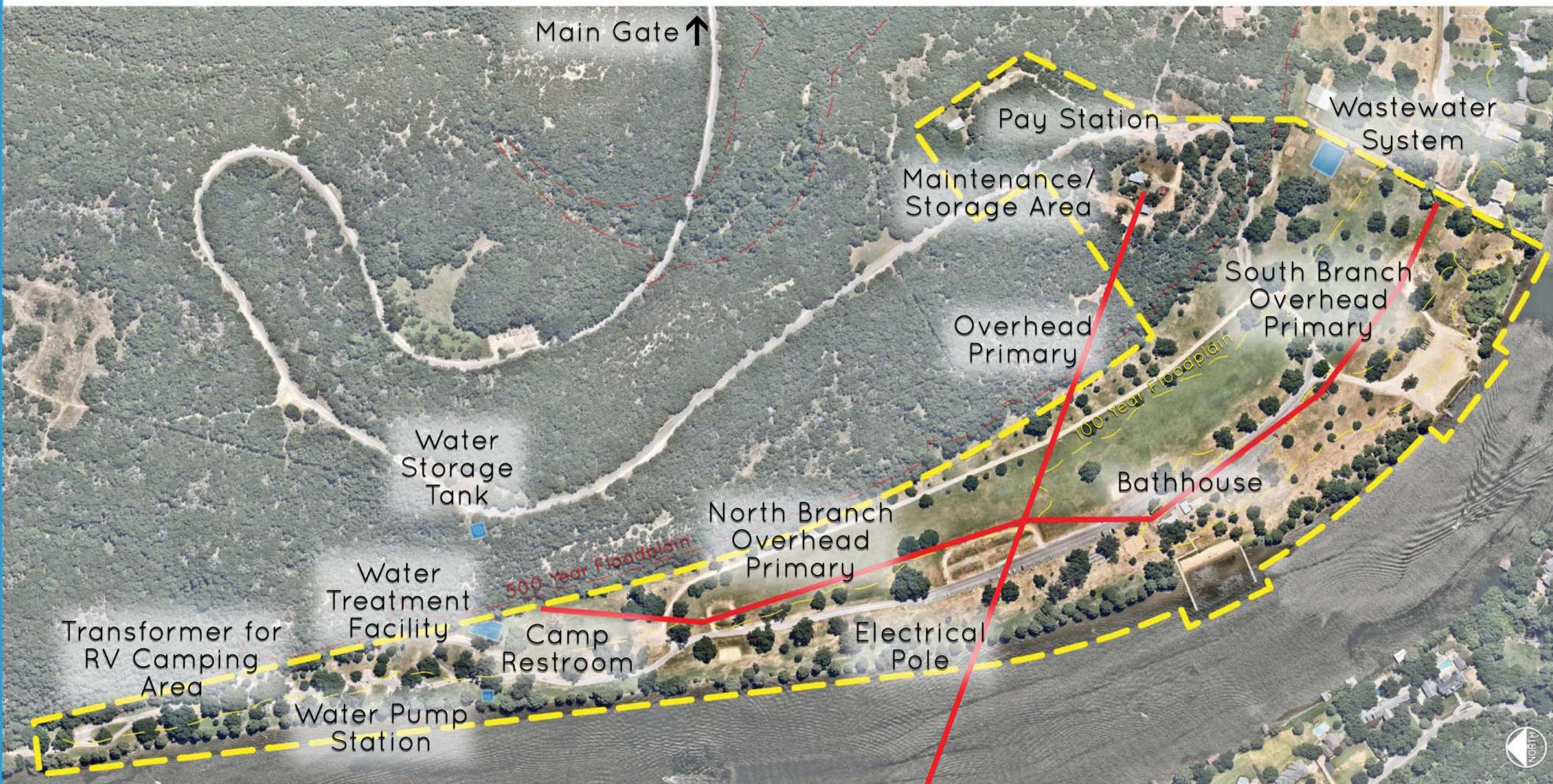


**Operations**

- There is no continuous overnight presence at the park
- The 500 car limit is established by fire marshall as a result of having only 1 park access point
- PARD personnel is required at the pay station / guard shack
- Weekend park traffic makes commuting difficult for surrounding neighbors

**Operations**

- Park entry is 6 miles from FM 2222 turnoff
- There is no signage indicating when park is at capacity
- Day use park entry fee is \$5 per day on weekdays and \$10 per day on weekends and holidays
- Daily camping fees range between \$10 and \$25 per night



**Infrastructure, Utilities and Operations**

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