

COPE PARK MASTER PLAN

CBJ Parks & Recreation Department is in the process of creating a Master Plan for the Cope Park Area. New restrooms are designated to be constructed in the park in the next year. The Mater Plan will help to locate the restrooms and give future construction projects direction. The following are a variety of alternatives that the CBJ Parks & Recreation and Engineering have put together. The idea is not to say which option you like or do not like, but rather to evaluate specific parts of each plan. CBJ hopes that individuals will not only evaluate these alternatives, but also suggest additional ideas and concepts.

EXISTING LAYOUT-

The existing layout has 33 standard parking spaces; in addition, three Handicap parking spaces (36 total). The tennis wall is located on the edge of the parking lot, where it has been damaged. A chain link fence surrounds two tennis courts as you enter the park. Lights and bleachers block the front of the courts and trees and a shed surround the other sides. The old sledding hill is fenced off, but erosion continues to bring sediment out onto the flat play surface of the park. The baseball field has been realigned from its original position to make the existing concrete wall into the outfield fence. There are two swing sets on site, one for older children and one for toddlers. The dense tree canopy on the north side of park (along Gold Creek) provides shelter from wind and rain. Benches, picnic tables, and barbecue grills are placed in this area. The upper terrace of the park has the picnic shelter (recently repaired) and restrooms (which are in poor condition). The play structure is located within the foundation of the old pool. Both the foundations for the pool and for another building stick out of the ground in this area.

LAYOUT "A"-

Layout "A" has renovations done to the three main entrances into the park. The trail along the south and southwest sides of the park has been made into a firm gravel path and has created clear connections to the rest of the park. The parking lot has lost two spaces by moving the parking in front of the tennis courts to the former location of the tennis wall. The tennis courts have been relocated to the upper terrace in order to create a more open and soft entry. The tennis wall has been moved within the fence of the tennis courts. A deck extension has been put off the north side of the parking lot to overlook Gold Creek. This area is a popular lunch spot and with cover would allow people to be outside, but safe from the elements. A statue or item of significance is set at the entry to help set a theme in the park. The play structures are set closer to the parking lot and split into an older child's area and a toddler area. A picnic shelter has been placed between the ball fields and the play areas to provide cover while parents watch their children play. A covered barbecue area is located just off the shelter. The restrooms have been moved to a more central location, along the sewer and water pipe circuit. One swing-set remains on site located on a terrace above the field level. A retaining wall has been extended in front of the old sledding hill to open more level ground below. A bocce

ball court sits in front of the new wall. The field area would remain the same, with the dugouts removed. On the upper terrace level of the park, the old foundations have been removed and the entire area re-graded to level it out. The trees have been removed to allow more light to penetrate the area. The terrace area has two horseshoe pits, a picnic shelter, a covered barbecue area, and the tennis courts. The dense tree area would not change. Color has been added to site using many flowers (especially at the entrance), play area surfaces, and building colors (shelters and restrooms).

LAYOUT "B"-

Layout "B" has also redone the trail system. The parking lot is the same as Layout "A" but provides a little more room for a drop-off area. A statue is again located at the entrance. The tennis courts have again moved to the upper terrace area. Planting areas with lots of flowers have again been placed to soften the entry to the park. A dog obstacle/ training pen has been put in just behind these planting beds. The obstacle course is separated into big dog and small dog areas. A small fence- 4-6' high will be around the entire perimeter. The dog area idea is in response to the large amount of dogs that use the park. Off to the side of the dog area is a swing set and restrooms. The older child play area is located where the old swings were. A picnic shelter has been placed next to the baseball/ soccer field to allow for easy viewing of the games. The upper terrace area has the tennis courts, the toddler play area, a small shelter, and horseshoe pits. A bridge across Gold Creek has been put in, to replace the existing crossing over a pipe. The bridge location has been a topic of discussion.

LAYOUT "C"-

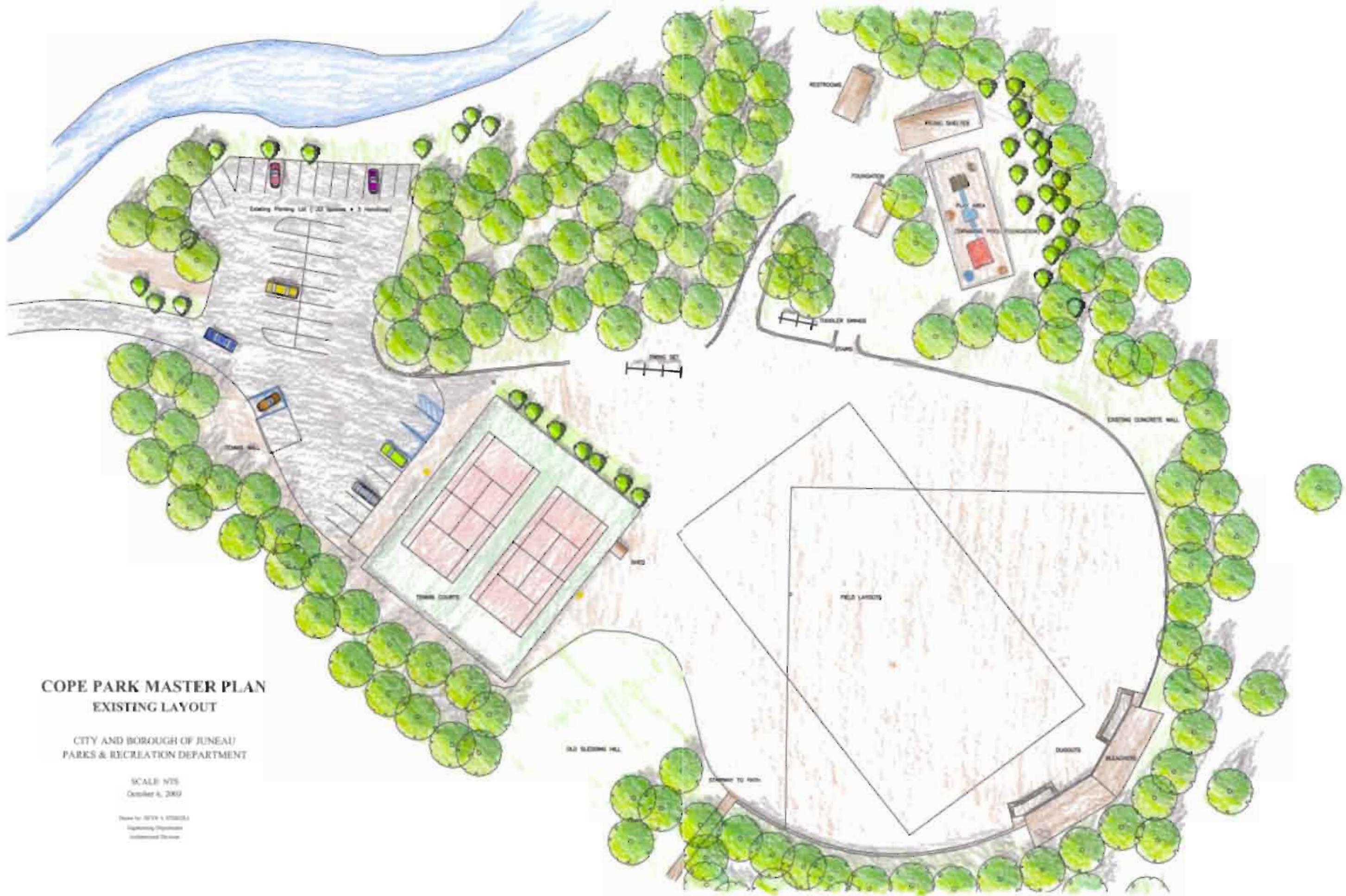
Layout "C" has removed the parking in front of the tennis courts and added some in similar to the previous Layouts. Instead of parking spaces, the area in front of the tennis courts is full of flowers and shrubs to soften the space. The tennis wall has been set within the tennis courts. The restrooms have been put in the same location as Layout "A". The retaining wall has been extended through the old sledding hill. A bocce ball court sits below the new wall. Lights have been added throughout the park, since it is a very dark area. The upper terrace area has again been completely re-graded and only a couple of trees are left. The terrace area hosts both toddler and older child swings and play areas, two picnic shelters with covered barbecue areas, and horseshoes. The concept in this plan is to create a family environment. The shelters are set up so they can interact with one another and allow for easy supervision on both the ball fields and the play areas.

LAYOUT "D"-

Layout "D" has expanded the parking along the West Side to incorporate more spaces. A section of trees will need to be removed in order to expand the parking. The parking in front of the tennis courts has been removed, but with this layout, six new spaces were created. This plan shows the deck over with a shelter over Gold Creek. The bridge is further up the trail in this plan, closer to where the current crossing is. The entry area has lots of vegetation and a statue. The older child play area, an outdoor seating area, a picnic shelter/ covered barbecue area, and a single tennis court are all located in the frontal zone of the park. Restrooms have been built in the same location as Layouts "C" and "A". The retaining wall has been extended through the old sledding hill. A

small staircase would need to be built from the trail down to the park along the sledding hill. A volleyball court has been set just below the new wall. The old staircase has been removed (or moved towards the tennis court) and a new staircase has been put in closer to the bleachers. This allows the kids to climb out of the field to pick up homerun balls. The trail has been extended to go around the entire edge of the park. A permanent backstop has been set for baseball, and vegetation can help minimize the visual effect on the rest of the park. A hydraulic mining monitor replica has been placed just below the terraced area to explain the history of Cope Park. The terraced area has more vegetation than other Layouts, but fewer trees than exist now. The tot playground is set where the tot swings are currently located. This keeps them off the field level and makes them very visible for parents to supervise. A multi-use court (basketball, volleyball, and tennis is set in the corner of the terraced area and next to that is a pickleball/ badminton court. Also located on the terrace is a small shelter and horseshoe pits. Adding these additional courts/ uses to the park allow for a variety of activity and may encourage more use from high school PE classes. Color is added in this plan through colored concrete pavers (as used in Marine Park), flowers, courts, plantings, and play area surfaces.

Parks and Rec is going to be installing one Frisbee golf basket, located behind the restroom/ shelter, for a “nine around gam”. There will be nine tees arranged in a circular fashion around the basket. Tee 1 is 12’ from the basket and each subsequent tee is set 2’ further back (14’, 16’, 18’, etc). Tee 9 is 28’ from the basket. The basket has been shown in each of the four alternatives.



**COPE PARK MASTER PLAN
EXISTING LAYOUT**

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October 4, 2003

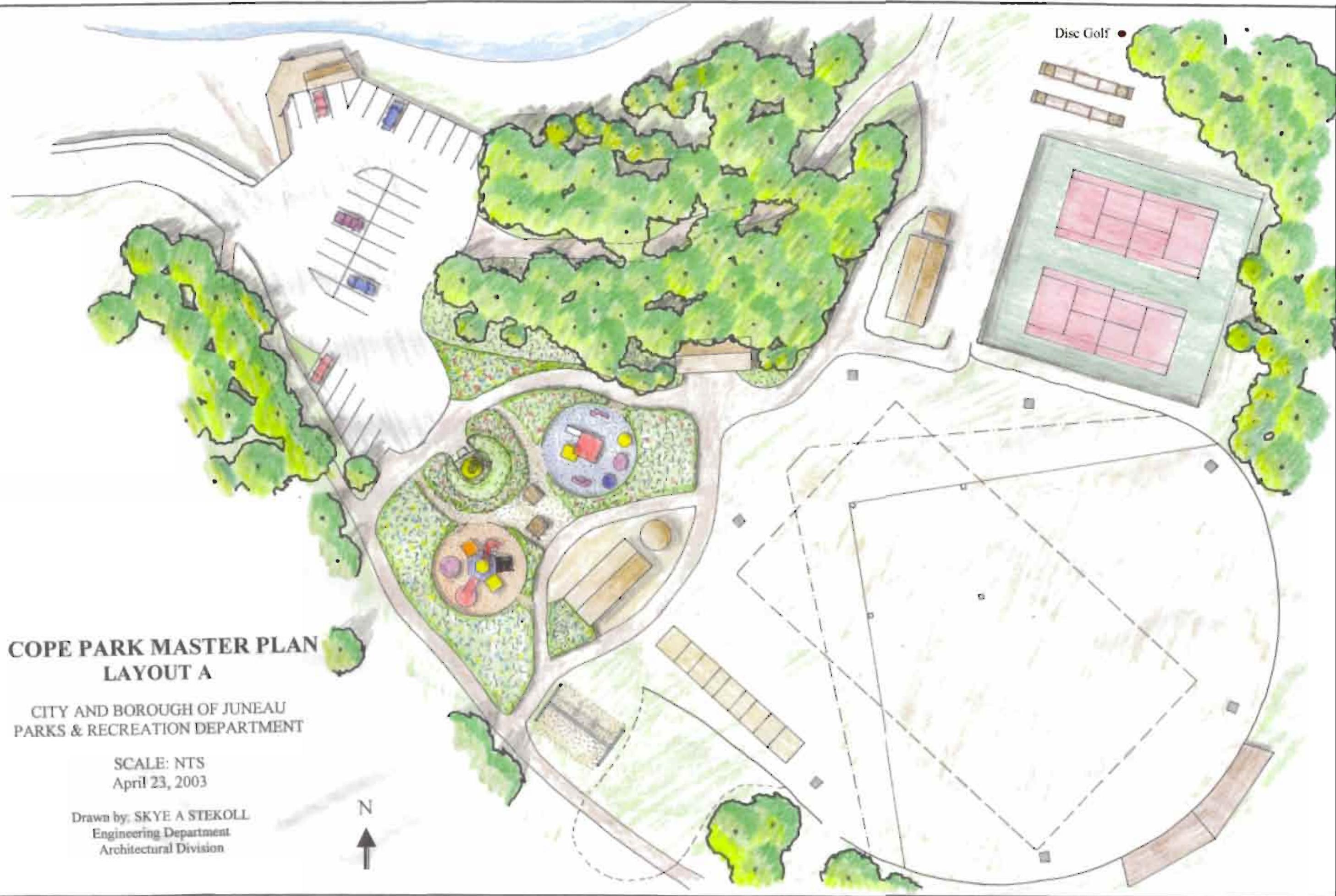
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COPE PARK MASTER PLAN LAYOUT A

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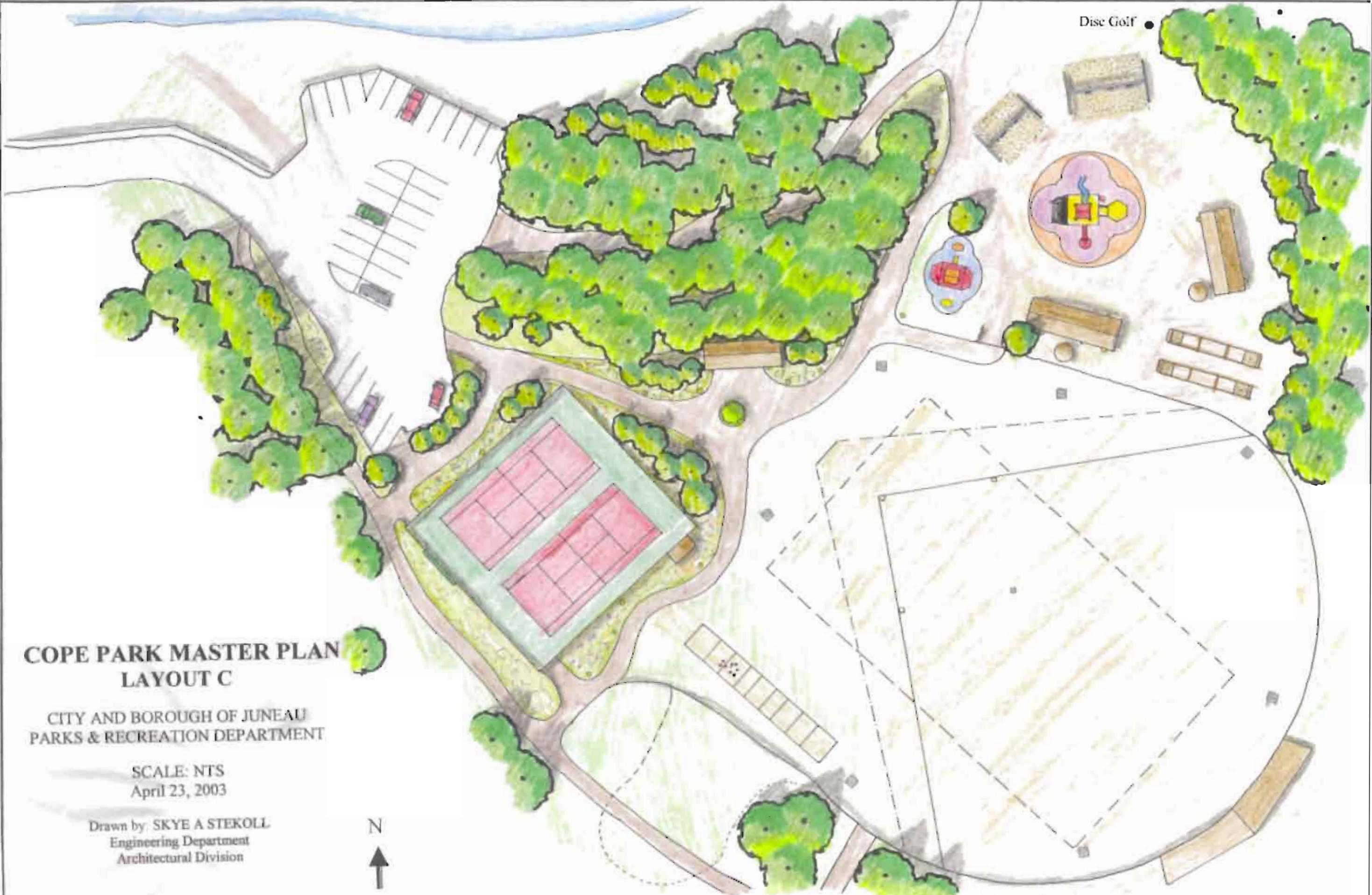
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LAYOUT B**

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COPE PARK MASTER PLAN LAYOUT C

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**COPE PARK MASTER PLAN
LAYOUT D**

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