



## F. HORSESHOE LAKE AREA CONCEPT PLAN



FINAL BIDWELL PARK MASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

# APPENDIX F HORSESHOE LAKE AREA CONCEPT PLAN

## INTRODUCTION

The Horseshoe Lake area is a primary destination within Middle Park and is an important access point for much of the Park's extensive trail system. Located adjacent to the seasonal road closure gate for Upper Park Road, the area is used year-round. The Horseshoe Lake area accommodates a diversity of user groups within the Park. Pedestrians, equestrians, mountain bikers, picnic groups, anglers, and dog enthusiasts all frequent the area, creating potential for user conflicts and the need to provide separated areas for various users. The area contains many parallel trails which currently lack a sense of hierarchy. Destination and trail access points are not clearly marked at trailhead/parking areas. Little or no separation is provided between trails, creating conflict between higher speed users passing through the area and those wishing to stroll along the lake edge. Access to the lake is not controlled, and much of the edge consists of compacted soil that becomes muddy during wet months. A concept plan for future improvements of the Horseshoe Lake Area was developed as part of the overall BPMMP Update and is provided below. Integration between the Horseshoe Lake Area Concept Plan and the Trail Plan for Bidwell Park (Appendix E of the MMP) is an important aspect of this BPMMP Update. Exhibits 1 and 2 below show the layout of the concept plan as well as conceptual drawings of what the Horseshoe Lake area may ultimately look like once the concept plan has been implemented. The specific elements are briefly described below.

## SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF THE HORSESHOE LAKE AREA CONCEPT PLAN

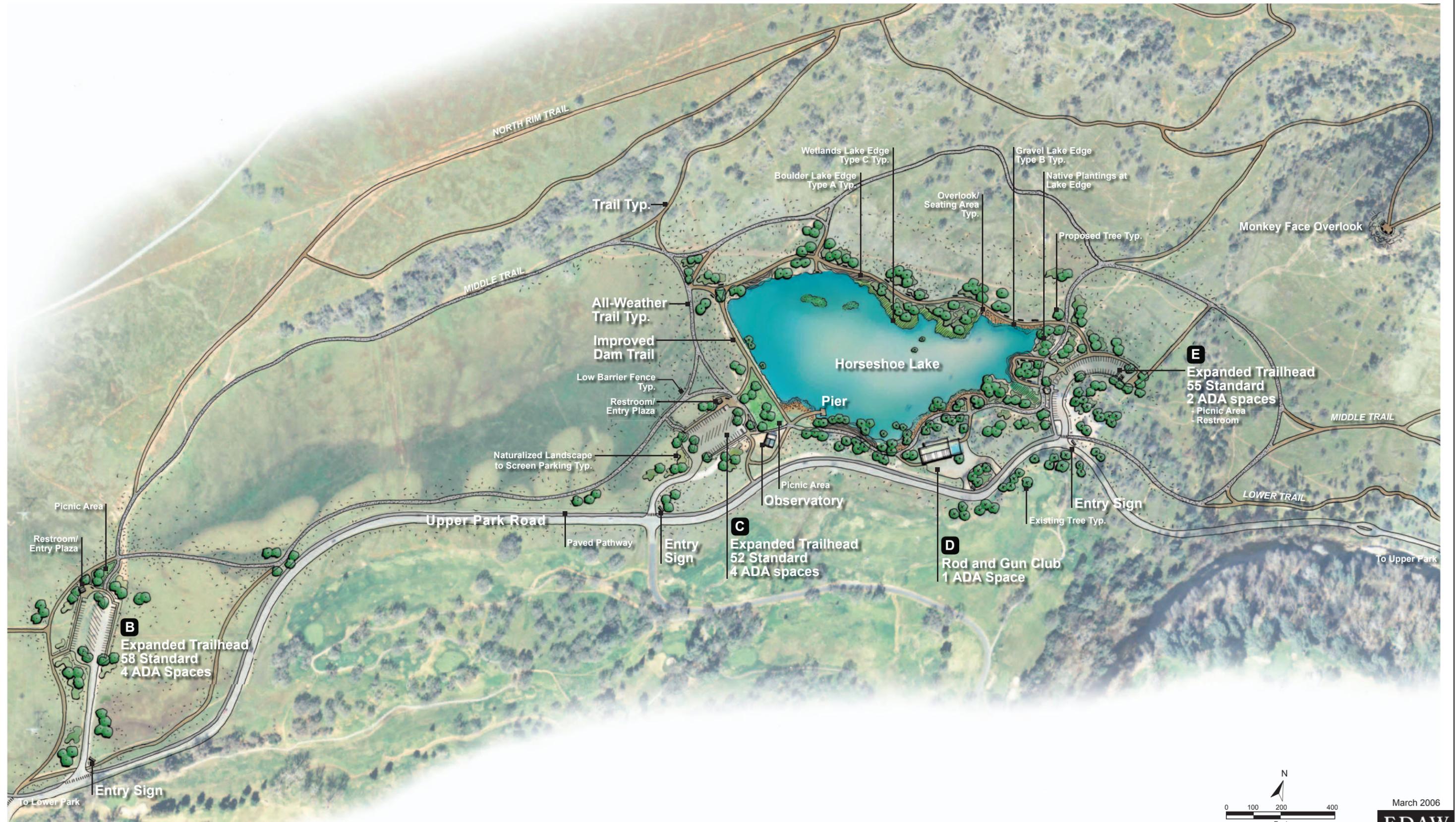
The Horseshoe Lake Area Concept Plan (Exhibit 1) formalizes the area's importance as the primary destination in Middle Park and as the primary access point to Upper Park. The Concept Plan includes elements that define destination points; clarify and delineate access; provide additional trails and reduce user conflict; close redundant unofficial trails; regulate access to the lake's edge; and provide additional parking, signage and destination points, such as overlooks and picnic areas. The Concept Plan would be implemented in close coordination with the Trails Plan. Specific elements of the Horseshoe Lake Area Concept Plan include the following:

- ▶ Enhancement and clear delineation of Parking Lot B to provide 58 standard and 4 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) spots;
- ▶ Enhancement and clear delineation of Parking Lot C to provide 52 standard and 4 ADA spots;
- ▶ Enhancement and clear delineation of Parking Lot E to provide 55 standard and 2 ADA spots;
- ▶ Restrooms, picnic area and informational signage at each parking lot;
- ▶ Consolidation of trails to formalize key access points and destinations and discourage social trails;
- ▶ Native plantings to provide shade for picnic areas and overlooks and screen parking lots;
- ▶ Entry signs at access points;
- ▶ Upgrades to the lake perimeter trail to provide all weather access;

- ▶ Consolidation of access trails to Monkey Face;
- ▶ Overlook on the top of Monkey Face;
- ▶ Low barrier fencing and education signage to discourage the continued use of unmitigated trails;
- ▶ Three types of lake edge treatments to reduce erosion, control/guide access, and provide varied user experiences around the perimeter of Horseshoe Lake;
- ▶ Native tree plantings to provide shade to key use areas and visual separation between users; and
- ▶ Overlook and seating areas around the lake.

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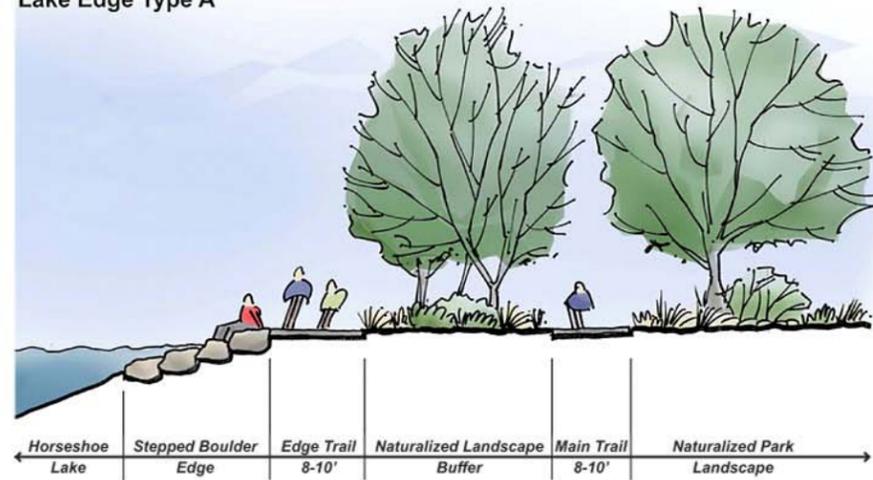
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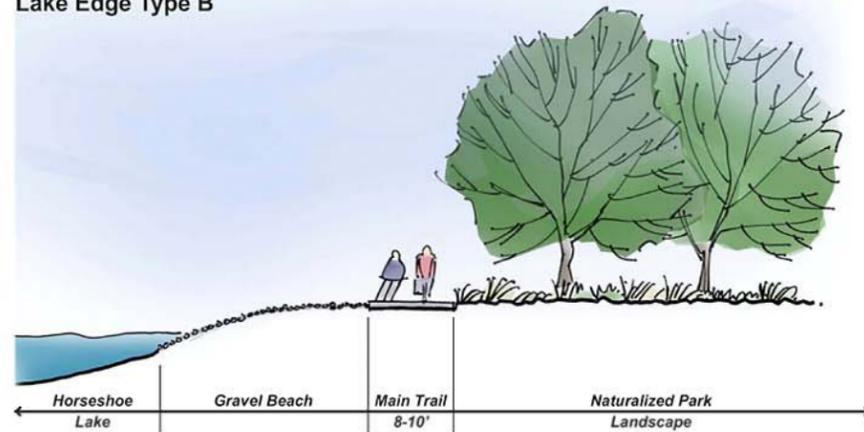
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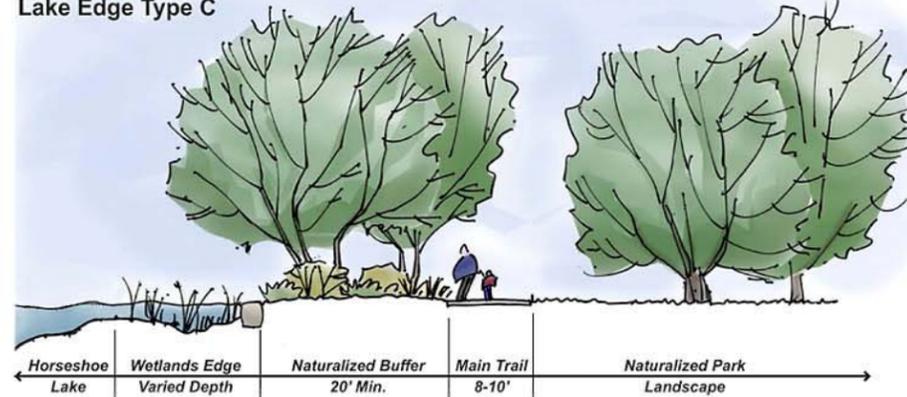
Lake Edge Type A



Lake Edge Type B



Lake Edge Type C



Horseshoe Lake Edge Concepts

Exhibit 2