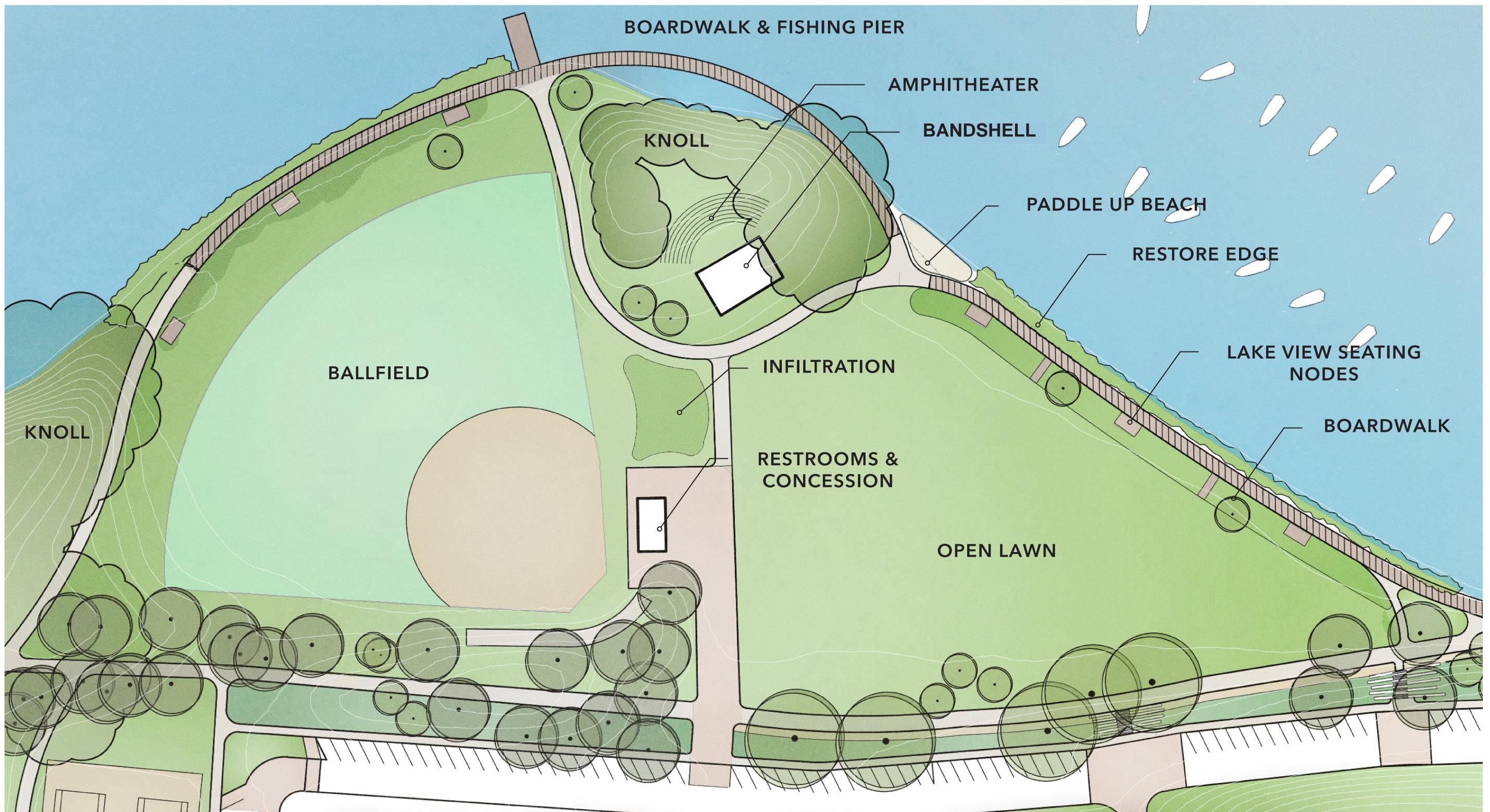


LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA EXISTING CONDITIONS

The historic ballfield and Lawn area provide significant recreational benefits and flexibility for community gathering in The Commons. Two significant knolls on either side of the ballfield frame views of the Lake. The existing shoreline offers picturesque views of the Lake. The band shell and concession/restroom structure are in disrepair and is in need of updating. The following additional issues were identified as areas for improvement:

- Ballfield requires grading and drainage improvements
- Challenging access to the lake edge
- Shoreline erosion
- Bandshell could be replaced for multi-purpose use
- Challenging access from neighborhood to park
- Concession stand and restroom facility is obsolete
- Tree canopy on knolls require maintenance
- Unmanaged run-off into the lake



LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA IMPROVEMENTS

DESIGN PRINCIPLES **LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA**

IMPROVEMENTS:

Recommendations – The master plan recommends maintaining the current uses of this area but improving the overall supporting infrastructure to facilitate that use. Ecological, circulation and facility improvements in this area will enhance use while maintaining the current character. Proposed improvements include:

- Shoreline fortification and restoration
- Perimeter loop trail and boardwalk
- Multi-functional, bidirectional, bandshell with seating on the knoll
- Infiltration basins to filter runoff prior to discharge into the Lake
- New concession and restroom building that serves events on ballfield and open lawn area
- Enhanced neighborhood entries across Lake Street
- Refurbish ballfield
- Invasive species removal on knolls
- Preservation of existing tree canopy
- Fishing pier
- Enhanced lighting, minimizing light pollution and glare



LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA EXISTING

The knoll provides picturesque views of Lake Minnetonka, but views are obstructed due to the presence of invasive species.



LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA IMPROVEMENTS

The creation of a loop boardwalk on the backside of the existing knoll allows for a continuous perimeter walk within The Commons and claims area that is currently not used. The boardwalk also connects to a fishing pier (seen in the distance) that provides new recreational opportunities. Invasive species have been removed on the knoll to open up views to the Lake and the boardwalk.



LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA **EXISTING**

The current lake edge has seen significant erosion, does not filter runoff water and is not ADA accessible.



SHORELINE RESTORATION

BOARDWALK

WET MEADOW

LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA IMPROVEMENTS

The master plan recommends the development of a boardwalk system along the lake edge with gathering areas that promote interaction and conversation. New fortification of the lake edge and the introduction of a buffer infiltration area on both sides of the walk will create an immersive experience that promotes improved ecological function of The Commons.



LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA EXISTING

The current bandshell and concessions buildings are obsolete and do not take advantage of the 360 degree nature of their settings. An opportunity exists to re-envision these structures to better serve the evolving needs of park users.



LAWN AND BALLFIELD AREA IMPROVEMENTS

This illustration depicts a new two sided bandshell with tiered seating on the knoll for more intimate events and a large stage facing the open lawn for large community events. The asphalt driveway has been replaced with a permeable paver plaza that allows for vehicles but feels more pedestrian in nature. The concession stand and bathroom building has been replaced with more modern amenities and access on both sides to serve events on the open lawn and ballfield. A picnic shade structure extends from the concession stand towards the Lake to accommodate picnicking. New infiltration areas filter storm water and invasive species on the knoll have been removed to open new views of the Lake.