



# North Beach Eco Park



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# North Beach Eco Park

(Background)



The northern end of North Beach contains thirty city-owned acres comprised of wetland habitat, grassy areas, and a popular beach.

This area has played an important role as a shorebird feeding ground and as a recreational amenity for residents and visitors alike.



*North Beach Eco Park Wetlands*



# North Beach Eco Park

(Site Map)





# North Beach Eco Park

(Current Condition)



*North Beach Eco Park Wetlands and Beach*



*Existing Observation Platform*

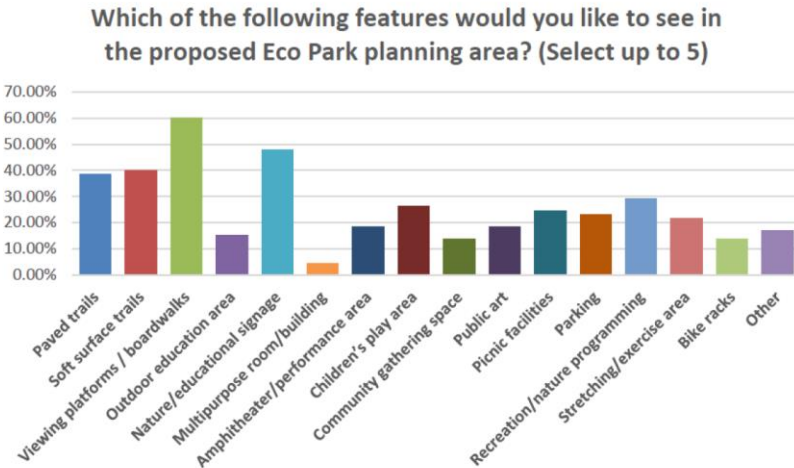


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(Public Engagement Process)



During the public engagement phase, the City conducted two surveys, a meeting with experts and residents, a land management experts roundtable, and a public community design workshop.





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(Public Engagement Process)



## Visions for the Park

*"An environmentally healthy park popular not just for locals but an inspiration for other areas."*

*"Clean, walkable, attractive area -- a model park for Corpus Christi!"*

*"A mixture of residential and tourist type amenities."*

*"A safe, comfortable, educational and inspirational place in our community."*

*"A calm environment with separate areas for children's and adult activities, an Exploratorium for kids, preservation of some of the 'funky' feel of the area."*

*"Clean and beautiful preserved nature for people to visit and play. Trails to walk and bike and a shelter for birds."*

*"Easy access. Well maintained. Benches for sitting. Green space."*

*"Areas where one can sit and enjoy nature's diversity, as well as areas for active play and exercise."*



# North Beach Eco Park

(Design Concept)



Concept 2 was identified as the preferred option. The final plan is based on public feedback and the guidelines and recommendations made by the experts consulted includes the following defining elements:

- Restored wetland habitat
- Multipurpose pavilion
- Boardwalks
- Shade structures
- Trails
- Traffic accommodations for Timon Blvd
- Observation tower
- Vegetative buffer along US 181
- Living shoreline and oyster reefs



# North Beach Eco Park

(Next Steps)



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## Design Phase

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) in collaboration with Contracts and Procurement (CAP) and Engineering Services Department (ES) have developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a firm that is interested and qualified to provide professional architectural services for the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Bond 2022 projects, *North Beach Eco Park* being one of them.

### RFQ Schedule:

Qualifications & Interviews – late March 2023

Final Scores – April 2023

Contract for City Council Approval – May 2023



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