

Morses Pond, Wellesley



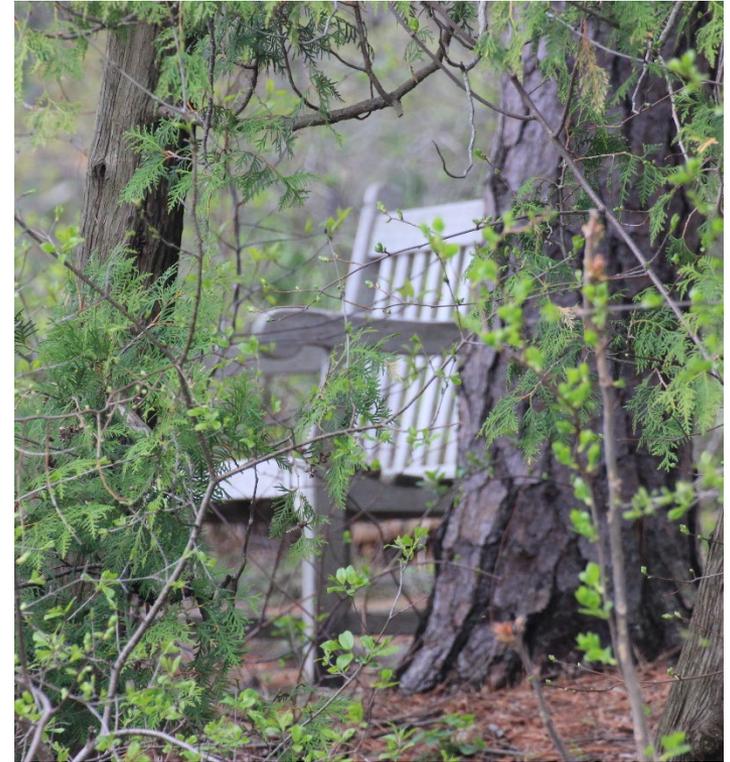
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Presentation Outline

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- . Project Challenges + Opportunities
- . Questions to Prompt Discussion
- . Open Discussion



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Project Team

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- Landscape Architects, Aquatics Specialists + Engineers
- *“Motivated by collaborative public park and open space system initiatives”*



Maryann Thompson Associates

- Architects, Landscape Architects, Planners, Visual Arts
- *“Motivated by the Potential for Architecture to Engage the Human Subject”*



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User Groups/Interested Parties

- . Recreation
 - . Wellesley residents
 - . Wellesley & other town camps
 - . Non-resident guests
- . Public Works/Water Department
- . Engineering
- . Natural Resources Commission
- . Wetlands Protection Committee
- . School Department
- . Friends of Moses Pond
- . Friends of the North 40
- . Neighborhood residents
- . Others



Morses Pond Management + Priority Goals

Top Level Priority:

Drinking Water – Provide a safe drinking water supply to the Town of Wellesley.

Second Level Priority:

Quality of Water – Maintain water clarity, health standards and aesthetics of the beach area, and promote overall favorable lake conditions for swimming.

Third Level Priority:

Non-Motorized Boating – Maintain and expand passive boating activities such as canoeing, kayaking, and rowing.

Environmental and Wildlife Protection – Maintain wetlands, vernal pool habitats, and wildlife habitat.

Fishing – Enhance fishing opportunities.

On-Shore Recreational Use – Encourage and maintain access to recreational opportunities such as walking, nature watching, and educational and general aesthetics.



Project Goals

- Improve the bathhouse, staff areas, storage
- Improve exterior site and landscape elements
- Enhance water-based play experience and accessibility
- Facilitate walking/hiking and related passive recreational use
- Enhance natural resources and habitat
- Expand user amenities and revenue generation opportunities



Improve Bathhouse



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Enhance Water-based Play Experience + Accessibility



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Facilitate Walking/Hiking



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Enhance Natural Resources + Habitat



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Expand User Amenities + Revenue Generation Opportunities

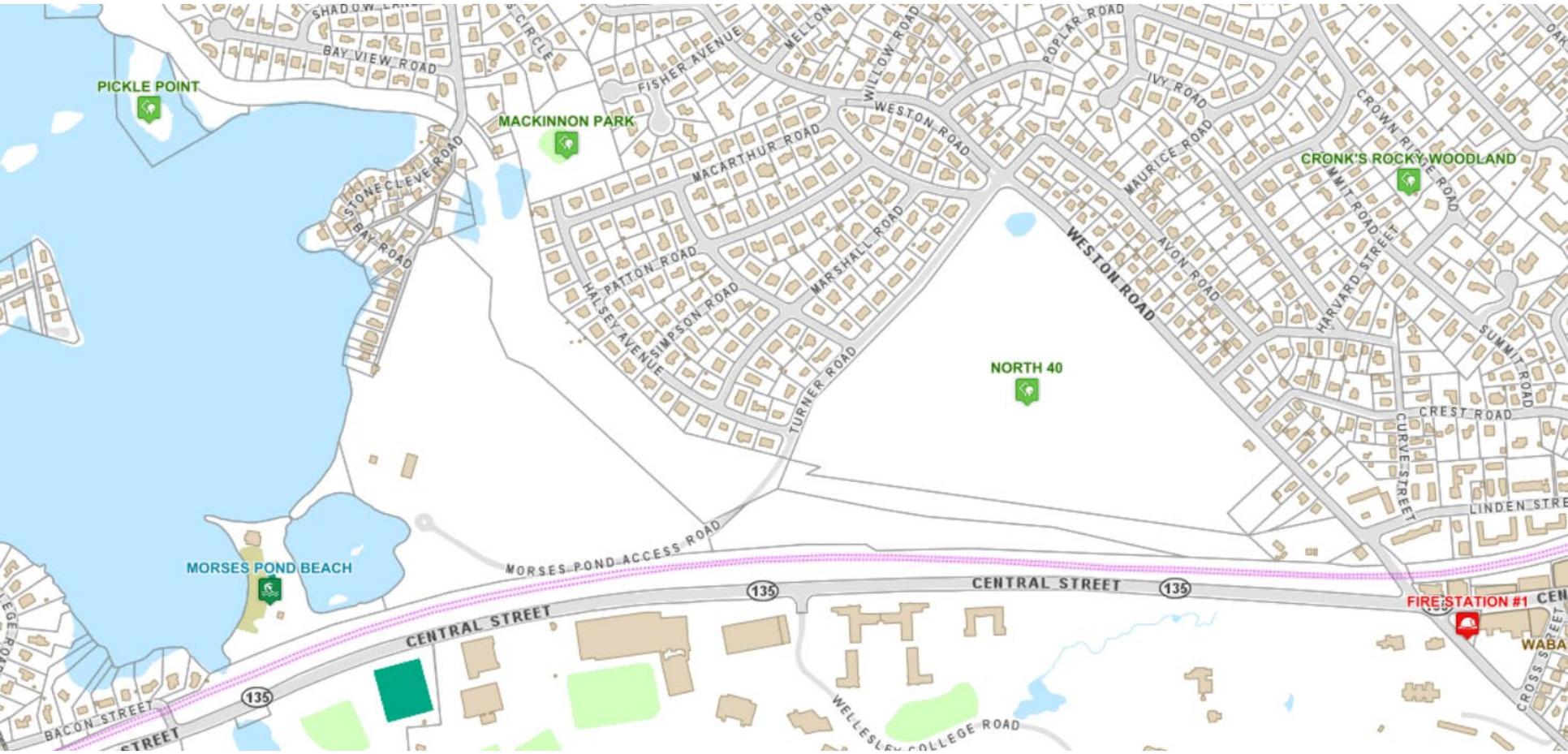


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Existing Conditions: Overall Site

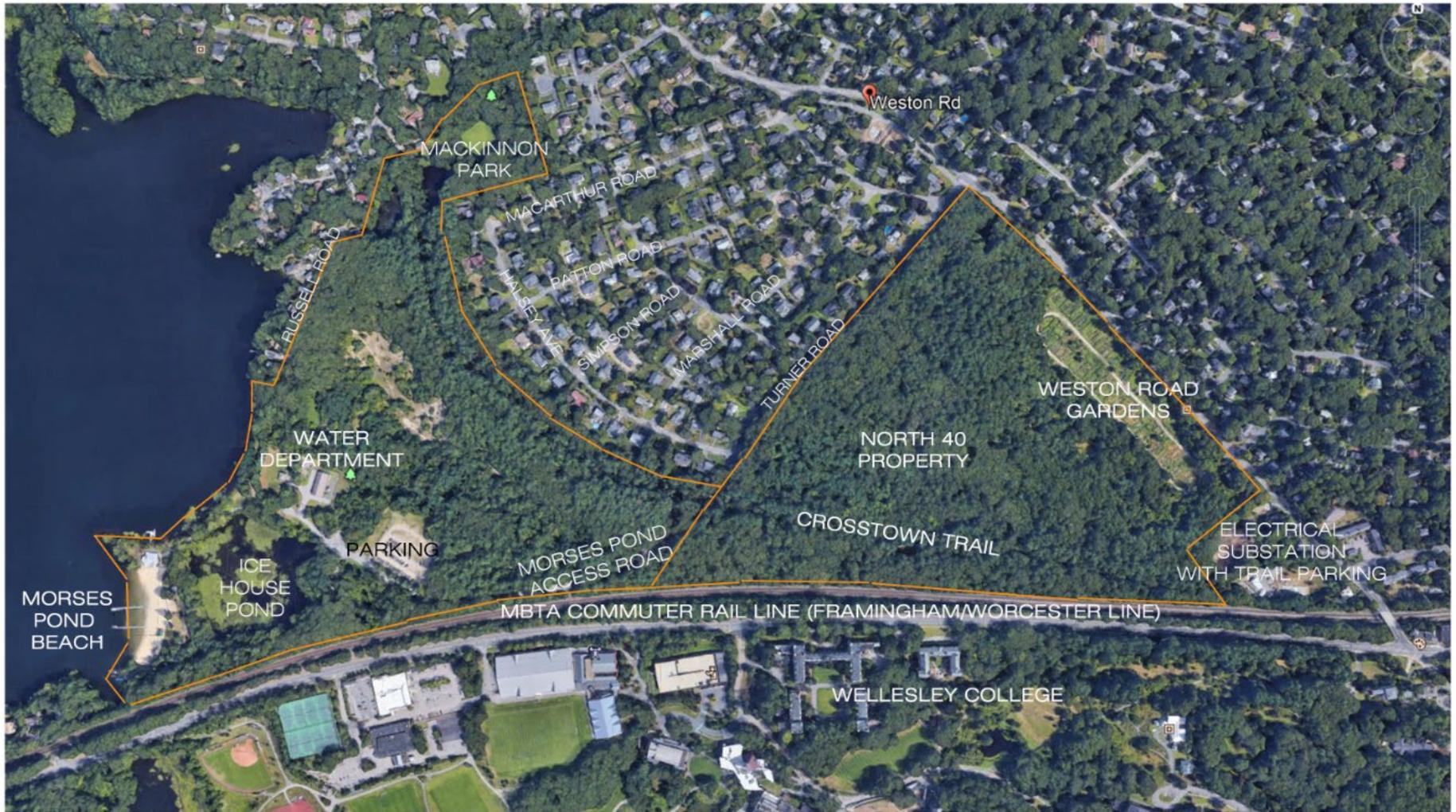


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Existing Conditions: Overall Site



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Existing Conditions: Main Focus Area



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Existing Conditions: Trails



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Existing Conditions: Beach Area



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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Beach Area

- ADA access can be greatly improved
- Lack of proper storage
- No Park Ranger station

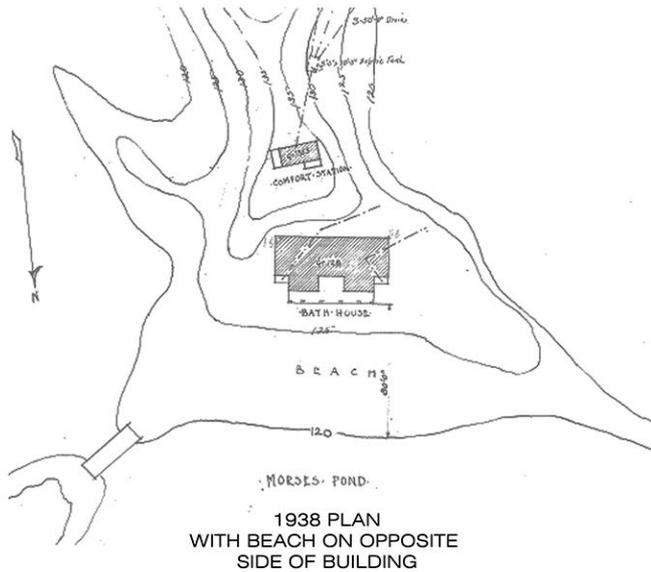


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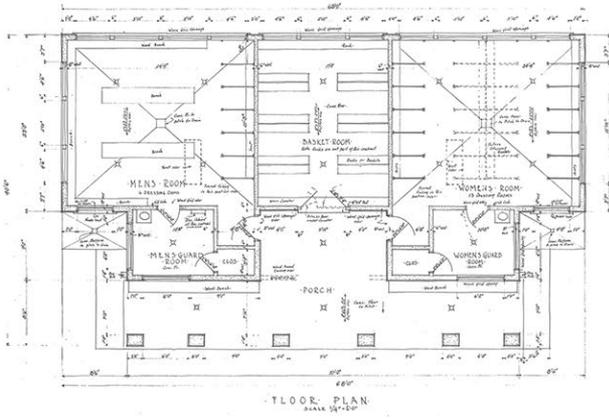
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Existing Conditions: Bathhouse



1938 PLAN WITH BEACH ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF BUILDING



FLOOR PLAN SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"



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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Bathhouse



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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Bathhouse

- Overall building physical and structural condition: worn out and poor layout exacerbated by building orientation reversed as result of beach location change
- Barely meeting ADA requirements
- No family changing areas
- Lack of proper storage
- Inadequate guard/staff areas
- Building location forces access roadway through site



Project Challenges + Opportunities: Improve Exterior Site + Landscape Elements

- Signage/Wayfinding
- ADA Access
- Enhance Natural Resources + Habitat
- Storage
- Aesthetics
- Parking
- Shade

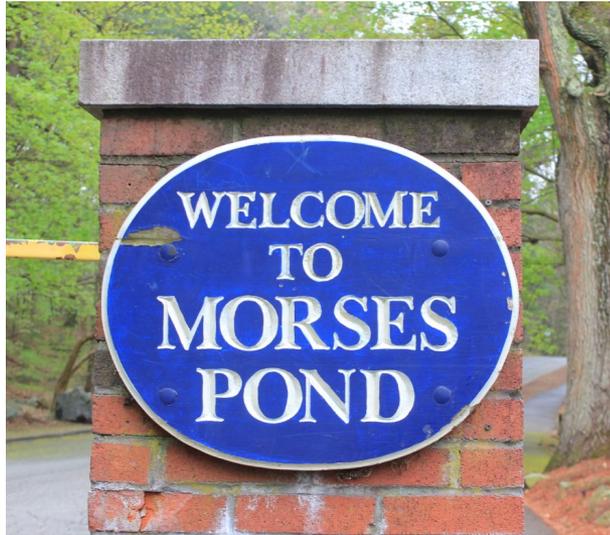


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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Signage/Wayfinding



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Project Challenges + Opportunities: ADA Access



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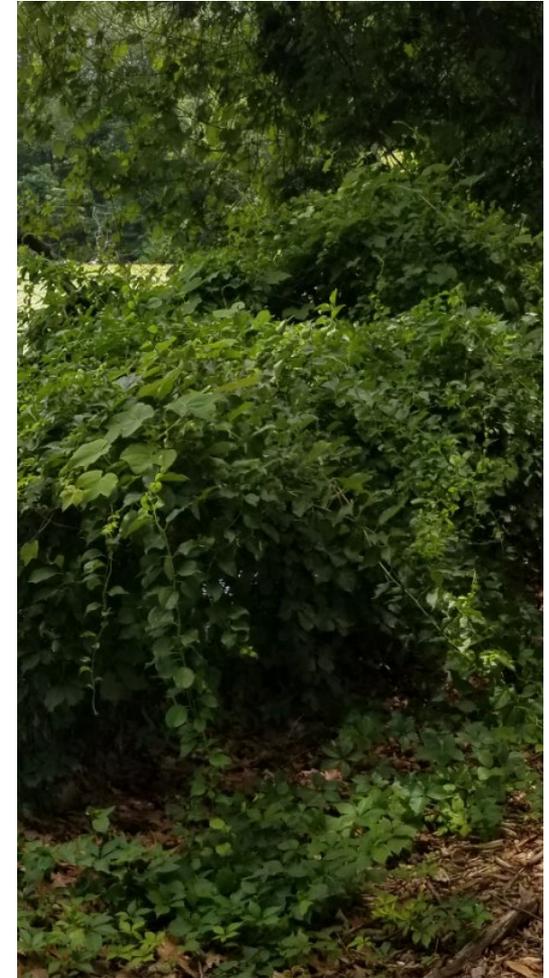
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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Enhance Natural Resources + Habitat

Reduce Erosion/Runoff

Remove Invasive Species

Increase Biodiversity



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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Storage



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Project Challenges + Opportunities: Aesthetics



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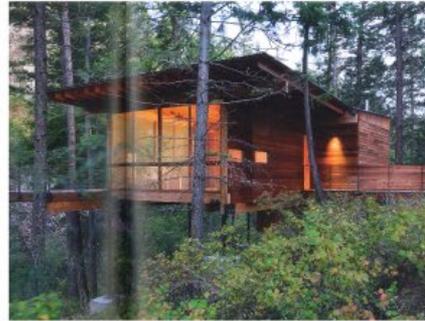
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New Bathhouse Ideas + Character Studies

- Sustainable/Net Zero Impact Design
- Natural but Durable Material Selections
- Fully ADA Accessible
- 2/3/4 Season Availability/Usage (Restrooms for off-season)



Bathhouse Character Studies



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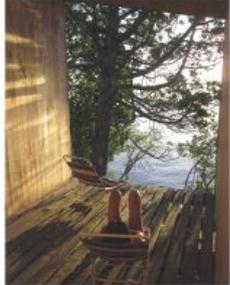


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Bathhouse Character Studies



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Potential ideas

Poolhouse

- Demolish poolhouse and build new facility in same location
- New control/arrival building separate from restroom/poolhouse closer to parking area
- Relocate pool house to south side of beach to be closer to drive:
 - Opens up beach and point for passive recreation/day camps
 - Closer for maintenance and trash pick up
 - Closer for ADA access/parking



Potential ideas

Site

- Remove road and create pedestrian trail around pond
 - Tear down fence around Ice House Pond, remove invasive species, and introduce boardwalk, viewing platforms, and bbq areas.
- Improve trail grading and erosion controls
- Improve parking and keep open for year-round use, rather than locking gate at top of entrance road.
 - Issues of security/vandalism will have to be addressed.
 - Reduce vehicular traffic/parking along Turner Road



Questions/Thoughts

- What makes Moses Pond great?
- If you could change one aspect about Moses Pond what would it be?
- What is the second thing you would change?
- Is there anything missing that could be added at Moses Pond?
- What ideas have been discussed for the North 40 property?



Morses Pond Beach Area & Bathhouse

What are your concerns and ideas?
Questions + Discussion



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