



PENSACOLA
& PERDIDO BAYS
ESTUARY PROGRAM

Pensacola Bay

BAYOU TEXAR

N 12th AVE

WELCOME

AIRPORT BLVD

CARPENTER CREEK

110

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MEET OUR TEAM

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INTRODUCTION



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August 22, 2025

Greetings,

My name is Matt Posner, Executive Director of the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP or Estuary Program). The Estuary Program is a non-regulatory, science-based, and community-driven agency based in Pensacola. Our mission is to restore and protect the Pensacola and Perdido Bay watersheds through restoration, education, and unbiased monitoring of the health of our bays, estuaries, and watersheds.

The Estuary Program, in partnership with the City of Pensacola and Escambia County, are pleased to announce the kickoff of the Carpenter Creek Restoration Project. Flowing through the heart of Pensacola and along or near your property, Carpenter Creek is an extraordinary and undervalued historic, cultural, economic, and ecological asset. In 2022, Escambia County completed the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Watershed Management Plan, identifying key actions necessary to improve water quality, restore habitat, and enhance community resilience. The Watershed Management Plan specifically identified the reach of Carpenter Creek between Interstate 110 and 12th Avenue in particular need of a stream restoration project to restore habitat, improve water quality, and reduce flood staging to improve community resilience while also improving community access.

With a funding commitment from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Estuary Program has engaged the Moffatt & Nichol team to advance planning, design, and permitting of this two-mile-long restoration project along Carpenter Creek. In order to proceed with the project, we need your support. Our team needs your permission to access the Creek to collect data and inform project design.

Within this packet you will find a project fact sheet, frequently asked questions, and an access agreement we will need to fully access and assess the creek and progress the project. We kindly request that you review these materials then return a signed, physical copy of the included access agreement or access the agreement online through our website where all project information can be found. To learn more about this project and meet the team please join us at our Open House event on Tuesday October 7, 2025, 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Bayview Community Center.

We invite you to join in this collaborative effort to restore the Creek and leave a legacy for generations to come. For project related questions, please contact us at CarpenterCreek@ppbep.org or call Zach Schang at 850-595-0796. Zach is the Carpenter Creek Restoration Project Manager and would be glad to connect. Thank you for your interest in restoring the Creek.

Sincerely,

Matt Posner, Executive Director
Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program

CARPENTER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

I-110 TO
DAVIS HWY

DAVIS HWY TO
AIRPORT BLVD

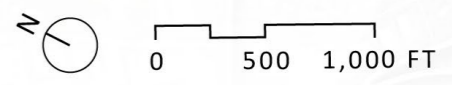
AIRPORT BLVD
TO BAYOU BLVD

BAYOU BLVD
TO 9TH AVE

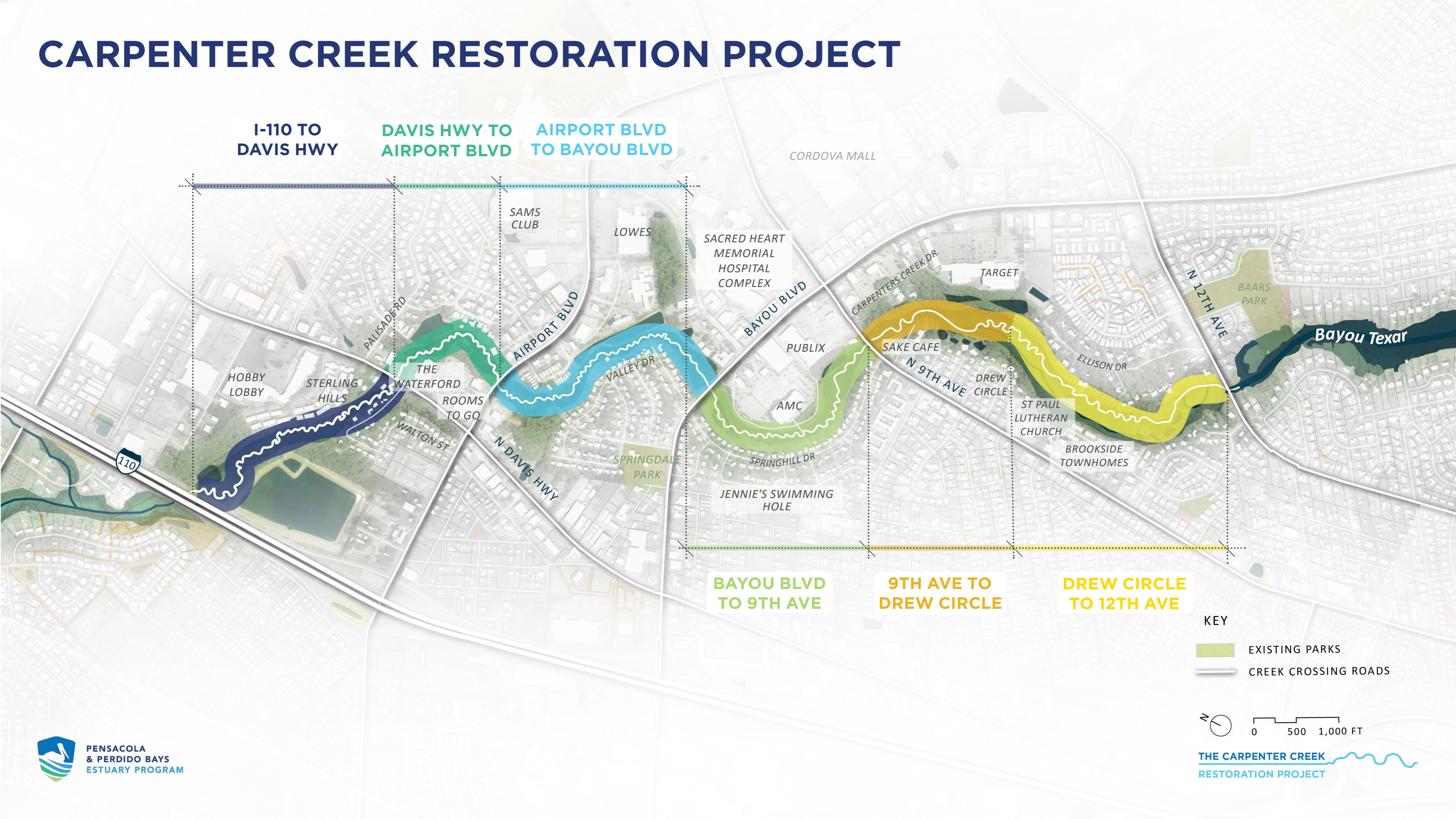
9TH AVE TO
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DREW CIRCLE
TO 12TH AVE

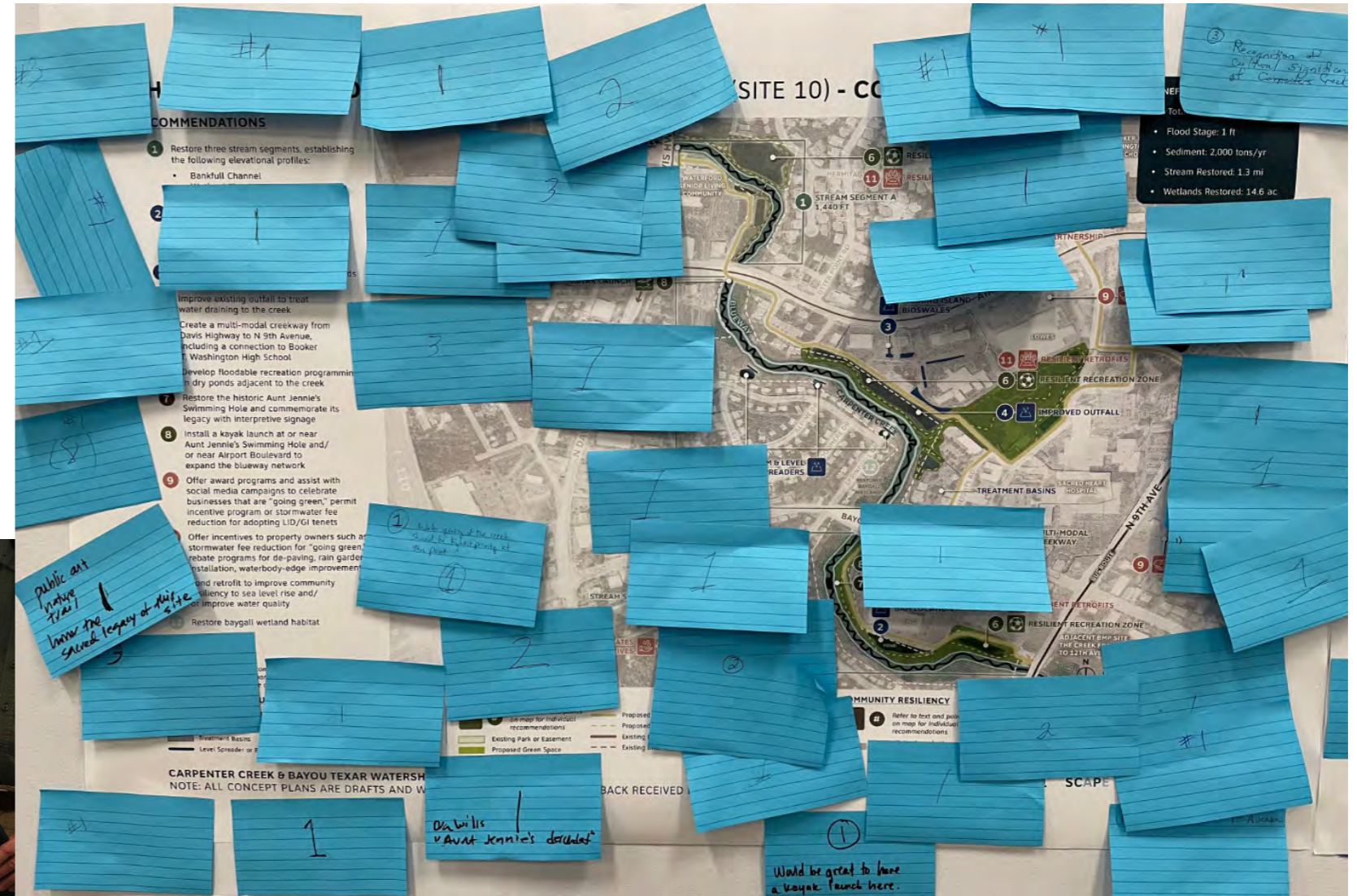
- KEY
- EXISTING PARKS
 - CREEK CROSSING ROADS



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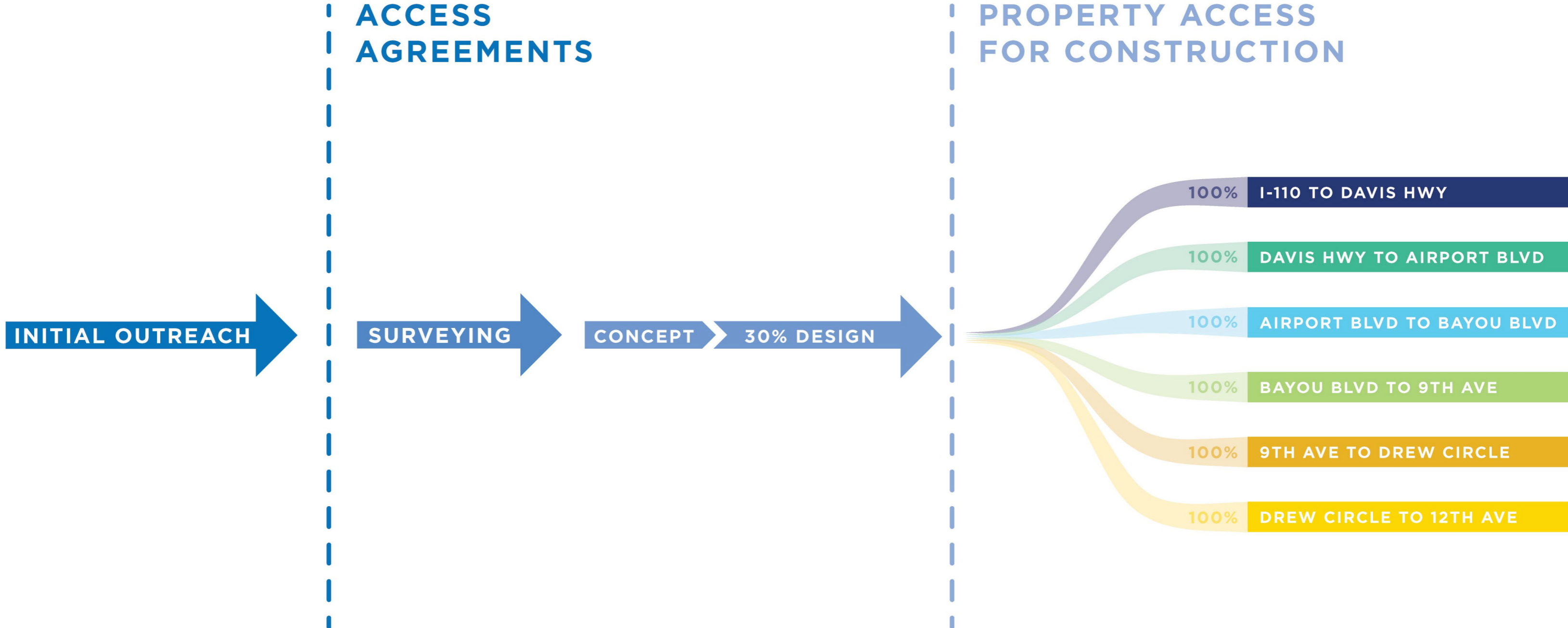


BUILDING ON THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN



This project builds on the project recommendations that were voted highest priority during the Watershed Management Plan, and seeks to restore the ecological and cultural landscape of Carpenter Creek

WHY WE'RE HERE



WE ARE HERE

DOWNTOWN

Pensacola Bay

BAYOU TEXAR

N 12th AVE

BAYOU BLVD

N DAVIS HWY

AIRPORT BLVD

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CARPENTER CREEK

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WATERSHED APPROACH



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GETTING TO KNOW THE CREEK

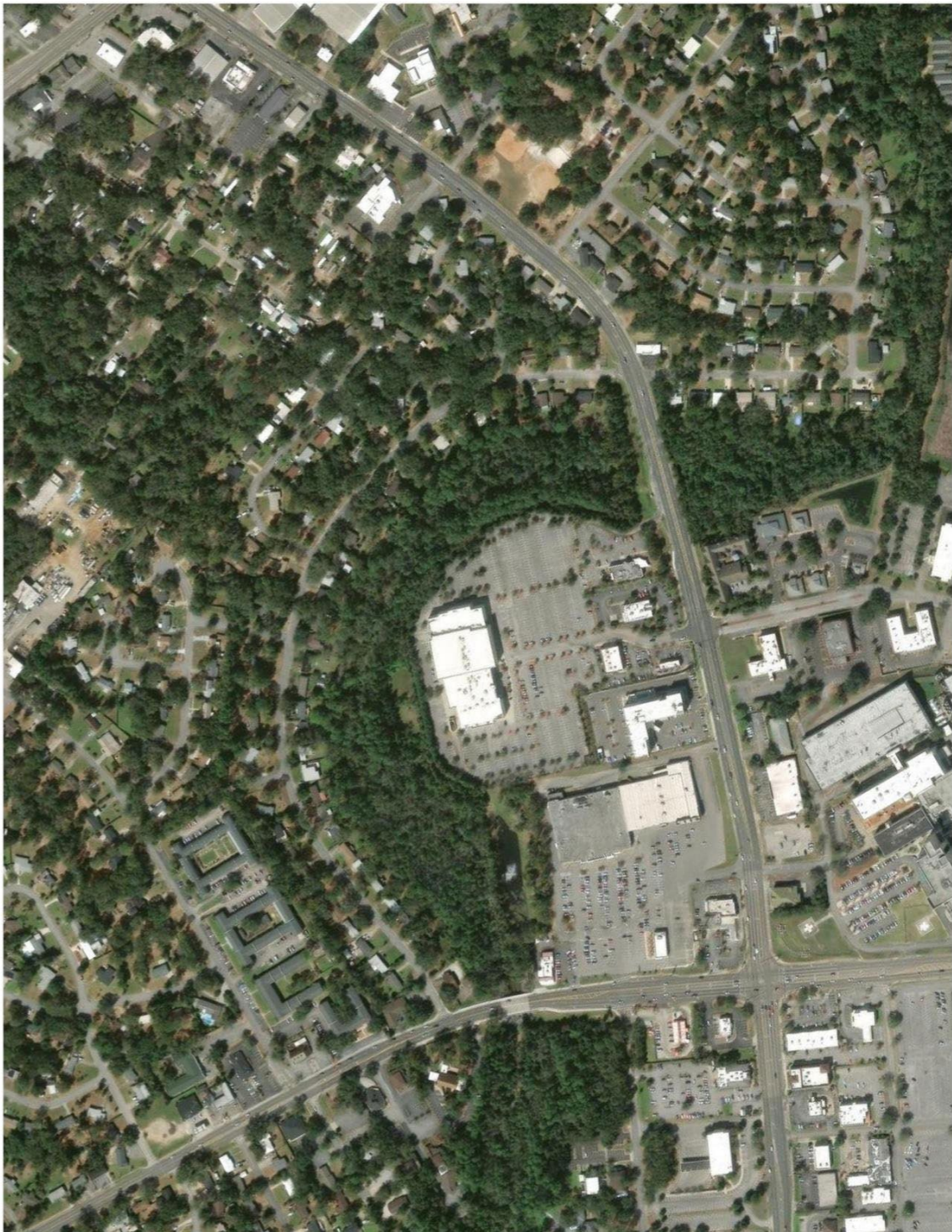
CHANGE OVER TIME



1951



1961



TODAY

PLACE OF COMMERCE, GATHERING, AND RECREATION



Sawmill on Carpenter Creek, 1925



Ora (Dawson) Wills (L), Jennie Hudgins (seated), Doris Dawson (R) Jennie's Legacy



Dive Team on Bayou Texar, circa 1920s

WHY THIS PROJECT IS NECESSARY



Sewage Discharge into Carpenter Creek, 1976



Streambank Hardening, 1976



Sedimentation in Carpenter Creek, 1977

IMPACTS OF AN UNSTABLE SYSTEM

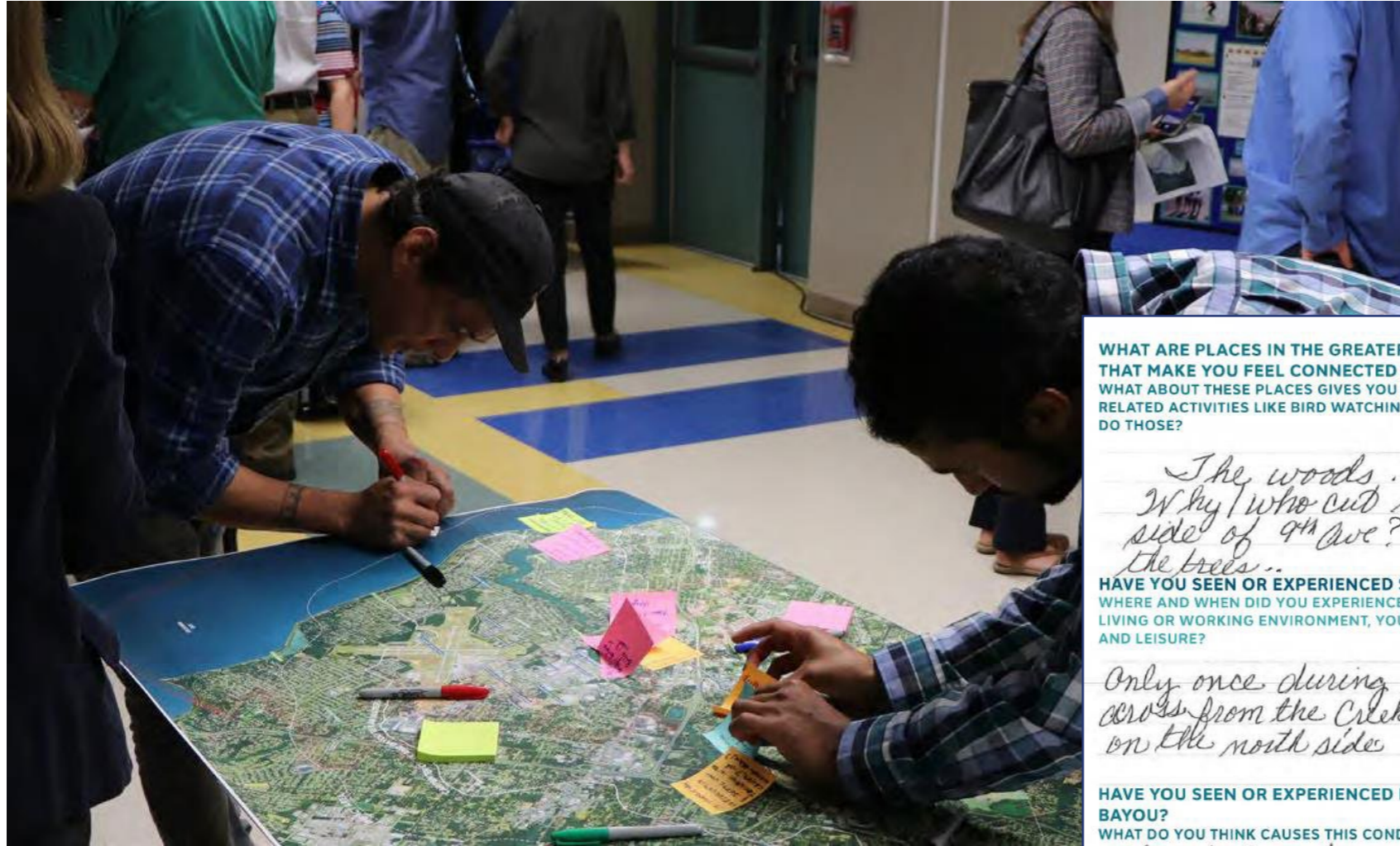


Learning from the Bank Erosion Downstream of Davis Highway

A photograph of a concrete bridge spanning a river. The bridge has a simple, functional design with a wide, flat deck. In the foreground, there are dense, vibrant green trees and bushes, some of which are in the process of growing through the bridge's structure. The river below is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the bridge. In the background, more trees and a clear sky are visible. The overall scene is lush and natural, suggesting a focus on environmental integration or restoration.

PROJECT BENEFITS

BUILDING ON PUBLIC FEEDBACK



Community members adding feedback to a map during the Watershed Management Plan

WHAT ARE PLACES IN THE GREATER WATERSHED (NOT JUST ALONG THE WATER!) THAT MAKE YOU FEEL CONNECTED TO NATURE? WHAT ABOUT THESE PLACES GIVES YOU THIS FEELING? DO YOU ENJOY ENVIRONMENT-RELATED ACTIVITIES LIKE BIRD WATCHING, BEACH CLEANUPS, HIKING? WHERE DO YOU GO TO DO THOSE?

The woods!
Why? Who cut the trees on the west side of 9th Ave? They butchered the trees..

HAVE YOU SEEN OR EXPERIENCED SEVERE FLOODING IN THE WATERSHED? WHERE AND WHEN DID YOU EXPERIENCE FLOODING? HOW DID THE FLOODING IMPACT YOUR LIVING OR WORKING ENVIRONMENT, YOUR COMMUTE OR OTHER TRAVEL, YOUR RECREATION AND LEISURE?

Only once during 62 years of living across from the Creek. It flooded the houses on the north side

HAVE YOU SEEN OR EXPERIENCED POOR WATER QUALITY IN THE CREEK OR BAYOU? WHAT DO YOU THINK CAUSES THIS CONDITION? HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS?

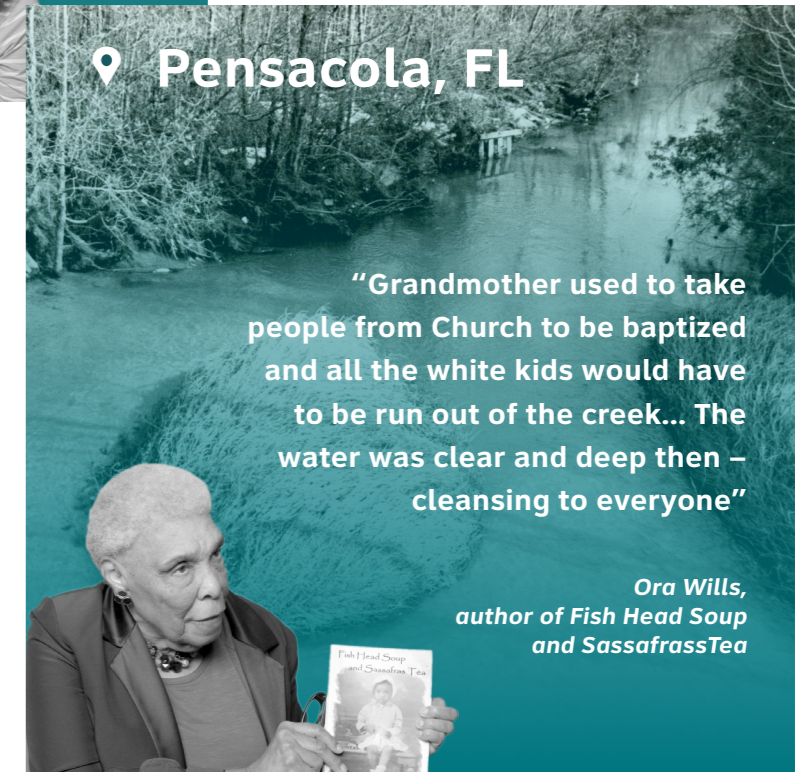
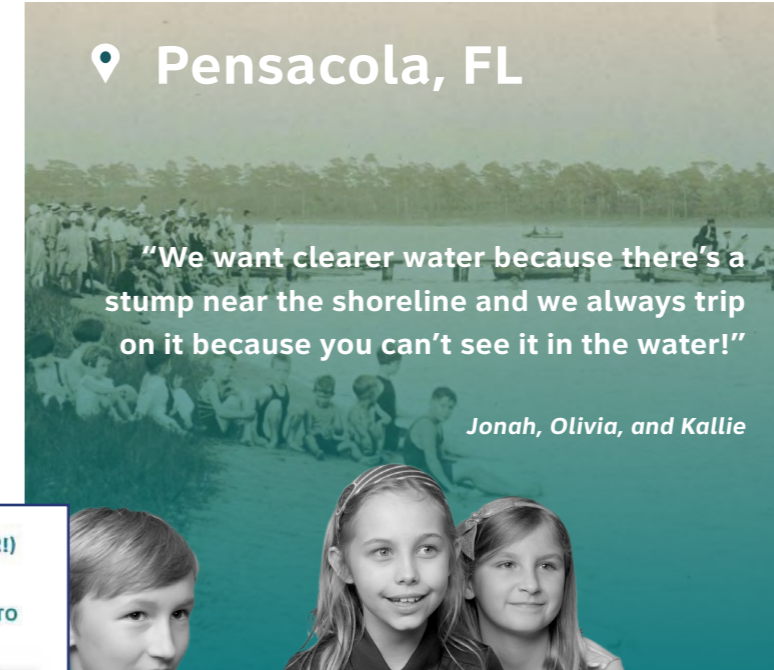
The drains from businesses along side the Creek have direct drainage to the Creek. Whatever they pour down goes right into the Creek

WHAT DO YOU THINK CONNECTS YOU TO THE WATER, AND MAKES YOU PART OF THE GREATER WATERSHED? ALL THOUGHTS AND ANSWERS WELCOME!

It's been by my home since I was a kid and my brothers and I enjoyed walking in that woods many times

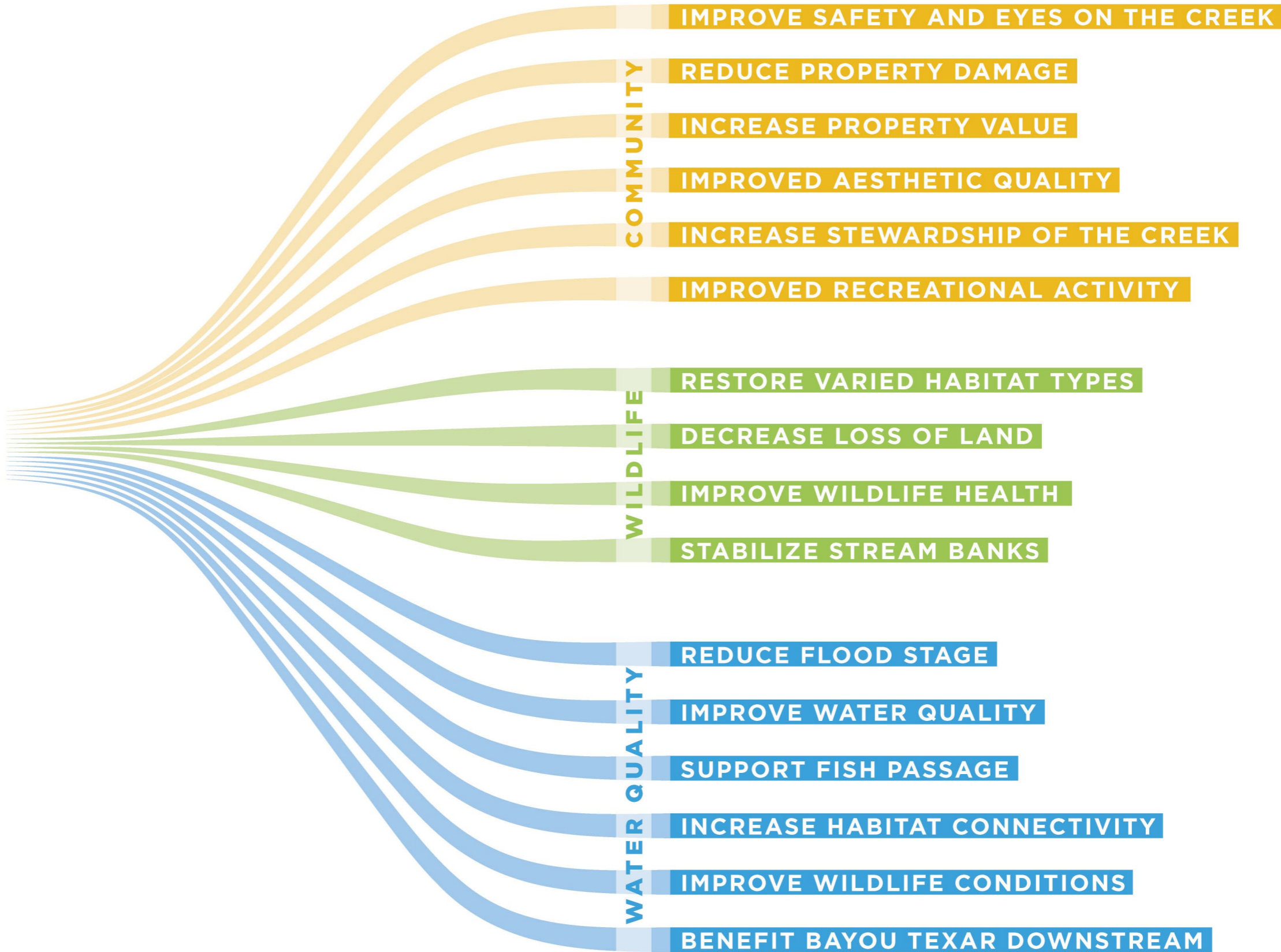
WANT TO STAY CONNECTED?

Our work builds on past feedback from community members like you!

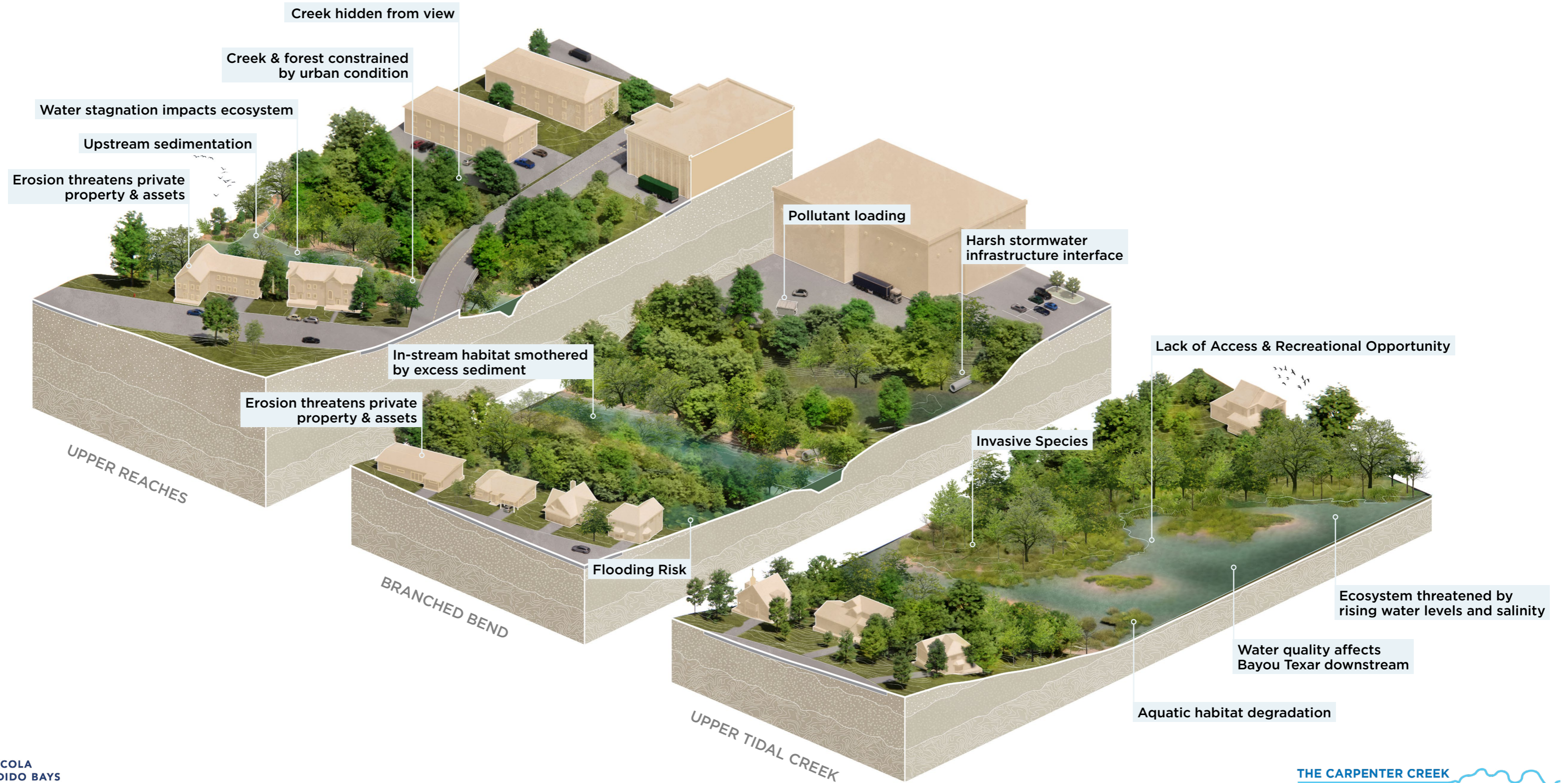


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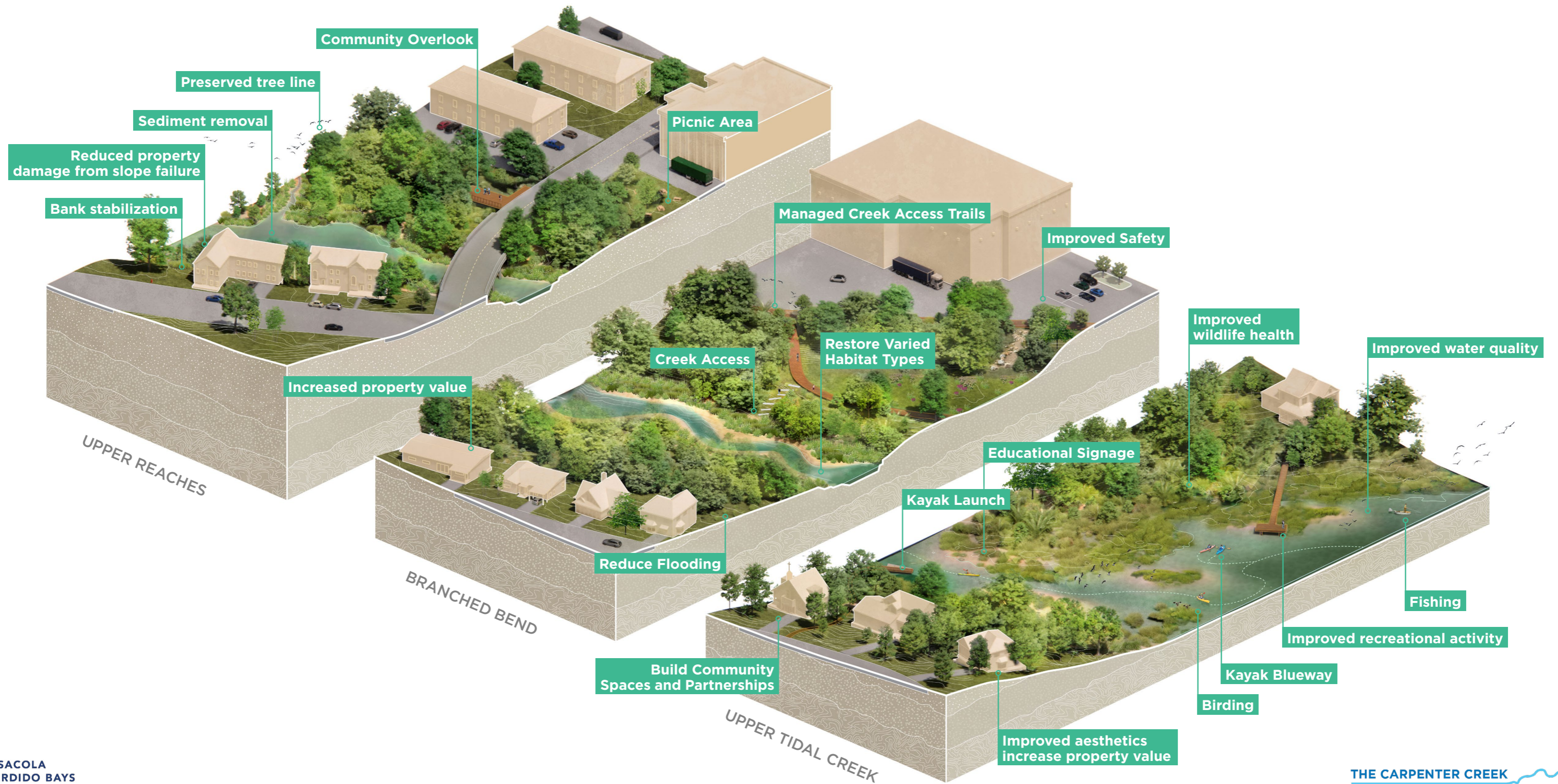
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EXISTING



MULTIPLE PROPOSED BENEFITS



WATER QUALITY & QUANTITY BENEFITS



BANK STABILIZATION PRECEDENT

McCoys Creek: Jacksonville, FL



Stream Bank Stabilization and Planting Construction



After 1 year



After 2 years

FLOODPLAIN BENEFITS

Edwards Bottomlands: Starke, FL



3 years after construction



6 years after construction

WILDLIFE BENEFITS



RESTORING FISH PASSAGE PRECEDENT



Unconfined Tidal Marsh at McCoys Creek, 2024



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

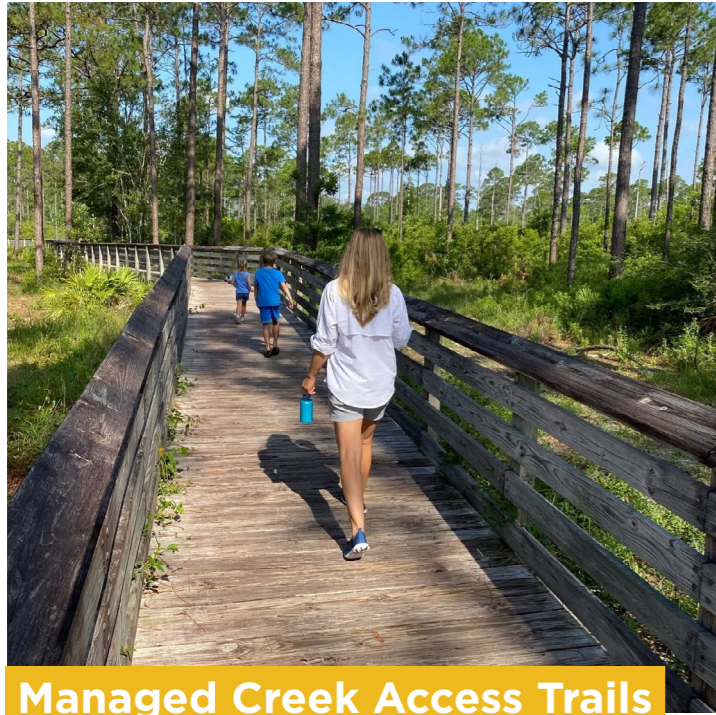


TYPES OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

FILL OUT A SURVEY AT FAQ STATIONS



Managed Creek Access Trails



Creek Get-Down



Blueway Access



Small Overlooks & Viewing Platforms



MAX INTENSITY

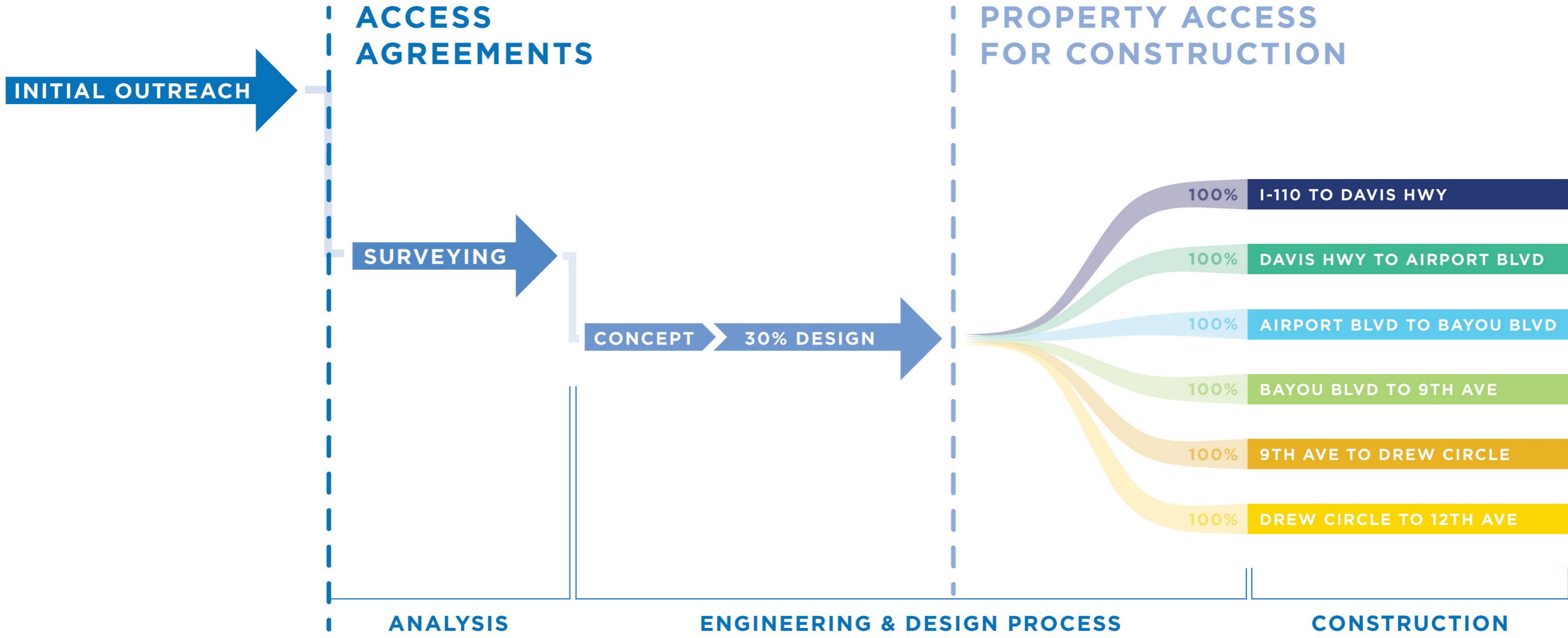
MIN INTENSITY

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WHAT'S NEXT?

ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE

Starting in June 2025, the Design Team began a desktop analysis and initial outreach and engagement. The grant timeline stipulates that the project be completed in 2027. Each signed access agreement gets us closer to that end-date.



SURVEY ACCESS AGREEMENTS

YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED THIS IN THE MAIL

THE CARPENTER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT



The Carpenter Creek Restoration Project will improve the health of the creek ecosystem while enhancing public access to this regional amenity. The project will prioritize **improving water quality and connectivity** while **bolstering community resilience** throughout the system. The benefits extend to nearby properties and contribute to the long-term vitality of Bayou Texar and health of the watershed. Restoration efforts will take different forms to best respond to the many unique conditions along the creek's length, and will be designed holistically to support overall increased ecological value and community resilience for the watershed. This will be measured by total reduced sediment loads, nitrogen levels, and localized flood levels and increased acreage of restored wetlands. Additionally, the Project will seek to create a network of destinations that will bring people to the water's edge, promoting stewardship and conservation of the creek for all.

WHERE

The project area, a 2.5 mile long stretch of Carpenter Creek, is located within the City of Pensacola and is bounded upstream by Interstate-110 and downstream by 12th Avenue. The creek is broken into **six segments**, informed by the Watershed Management Plan (published in 2022) and the Design Team's understanding of the creek. The segments each have their own unique stressors and capacity to contribute to the overall resolution of key watershed issues.

- I-110 to Davis Hwy
- Davis Hwy to Airport Blvd
- Airport Blvd to Bayou Blvd
- Bayou Blvd to 9th Ave
- 9th Ave to Drew Circle
- Drew Circle to 12th Ave

WHAT

The Carpenter Creek Restoration Project includes **design, engineering, modeling and permitting services**, in addition to **community engagement and site access coordination and support**. This project is made possible through a generous grant from the **Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council**.

WHEN

The design and engineering started in **June 2025** and will be completed in **2027**. Public engagement will start in **Fall 2025**, for more information and updates please refer to the project website.

HOW

The timing and focus of the design work depend on what we learn from earlier steps in the project. Therefore, the project is divided into **Phase 1** and **Phase 2** to help us focus first on the most important parts of the creek and adjust the design as we go based on what we find, community priorities, and most urgent need.

Phase 1 includes the conceptual design of the entire 2.5-mile creek, primarily data collection and feasibility and alternative assessments with respect to creek restoration and public access design.

Phase 2 advances the project from conceptual design through 100% design. The timeline for advancement of the six project segments will be determined after phase one based on the findings of data investigations, the status of landowner coordination and community outreach, project budget, and other contributing factors at the time of execution.

WHO

The Carpenter Creek Restoration Project is managed by **The Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP)**. The Design Team is led by Moffatt & Nichol, with collaborators in Stream Restoration (Black & Veatch), and Public Engagement and Access (Waggonner & Ball), known collectively as the "Design Team".

This project is not possible without your input! Engagement with those who live, work or play in the area will be proactive and ongoing throughout the project timeline. Our team is committed to addressing questions, actively listening to feedback, and building a collective vision for the future of the watershed.

To stay involved, you can subscribe to the PPBEP newsletter, visit the project website, or follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram). We hope to connect with you soon!

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To learn more, go to our website: <https://www.ppbep.org/what-we-do/restoration/carpenter-creek>



RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT

I/We _____, the owner(s) of the property commonly identified as _____ (street address)

do hereby give freely, and without coercion, permission to the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program, its employees, agents, and contractors access to my property to perform site assessments associated with the Carpenter Creek Restoration Project.

For consideration and purposes set forth in this Agreement, I have executed this Agreement on the day of _____, 2025.

Owner

Owner

Email

Phone Number

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE CARPENTER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

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Q: Are there any benefits to me as a property owner?

A: Yes, there are! Property owners along the creek have reported past flooding, erosion, foul odors, and sedimentation covering up what was once a deep gravel bottom creek running through a forested floodplain in their backyards. The Carpenter Creek Restoration Project is designed to address these concerns and to deliver localized environmental and economic benefits that will positively impact homeowners like yourself while catalyzing watershed improvements that will extend these benefits to your neighbors, local businesses and future generations.

If you experience erosion, collapsing streambanks, falling trees, dense accumulations of trash and debris, frequent flooding or worsening flood conditions, please let us know. This project seeks to lower high water levels associated with storm events and lessen erosion around the creek by stabilizing the stream banks. These measures will help reduce property damage upstream and lower sediment accumulation, improving water quality downstream in Bayou Texar.

Water quality improvements will enhance conditions for fish and wildlife by restoring riparian and wetland habitats, increasing habitat connectivity, and supporting fish passage and the growth of submerged aquatic vegetation. Healthier ecosystems benefit everyone by providing cleaner water, more resilient landscapes, and a stronger natural foundation for future growth, often increasing property value in the affected properties and neighborhoods.

Historically, this creek served as a gathering place for all Pensacolians – a place of baptisms, a place to wash clothes, hunting and fishing, or respite. Our design team hopes to not only physically restore the waterway but also restore the beauty and cultural value of the creek and provide access for the community. Re-establishing community stewardship of this shared waterway will have generational benefits for all.



WHAT DOES THE SURVEY INCLUDE?

Phase I, Fall 2025

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS + SITE WALK

The Design Team will walk sections of the creek to identify outfall locations and erosion hot spot locations not identified via desktop analysis. Our subject matter experts in fluvial geomorphology and stream corridor ecology, (the “Creek Geeks” from the Watershed Management Plan) will conduct a rapid visual assessment of alignment stability and environmental quality, delineating endpoints of reaches. Additionally, recreational feature locations will be field assessed to understand existing conditions and inform design feasibility.



Phase II Proposed Schedule, Spring 2026

TOPOGRAPHIC + BATHYMETRIC

Southeastern Surveying & Mapping Corp. will be measuring ground elevations and underwater features to help guide restoration efforts.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

UWF Archaeology Institute will be determining if any archaeological or historic resources are present within the restoration project area.

ECOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

Wetland Sciences, Inc. will conduct wetland delineations, protected tree surveys, and invasive species mapping.

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Tierra, Inc. will conduct a limited number of geotechnical investigations to study below ground conditions in strategic locations within the project area.

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HOW CAN I GIVE FEEDBACK?



EMAIL



OPEN HOUSES x3



WEBSITE



PHONE

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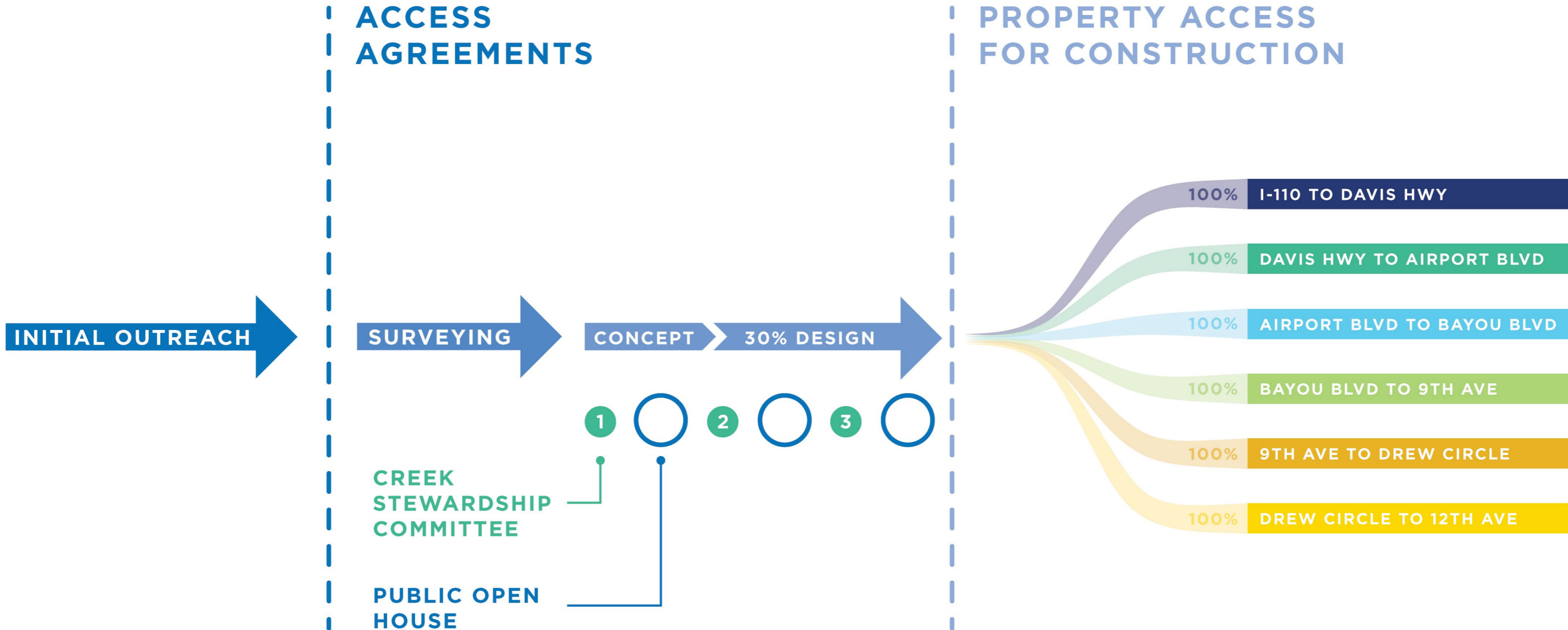


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SIGN UP FOR OUR CREEK STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

A core group will be identified to participate in the Creek Stewardship Committee meeting, providing technical feedback on the restoration design as it moves forward, building consensus with agencies key to the permitting and approvals process, and empowering individuals from the group to act as ambassadors for the project moving forward

SIGN UP FOR THE CREEK STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE AT THE FAQ TABLE!



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TODAY'S OPEN HOUSE

HOW TO GIVE FEEDBACK



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SEGMENT A + B



SOPHIE RIEDEL
SEGMENT A + B



HALEY BLAKEMAN
SEGMENT C + D



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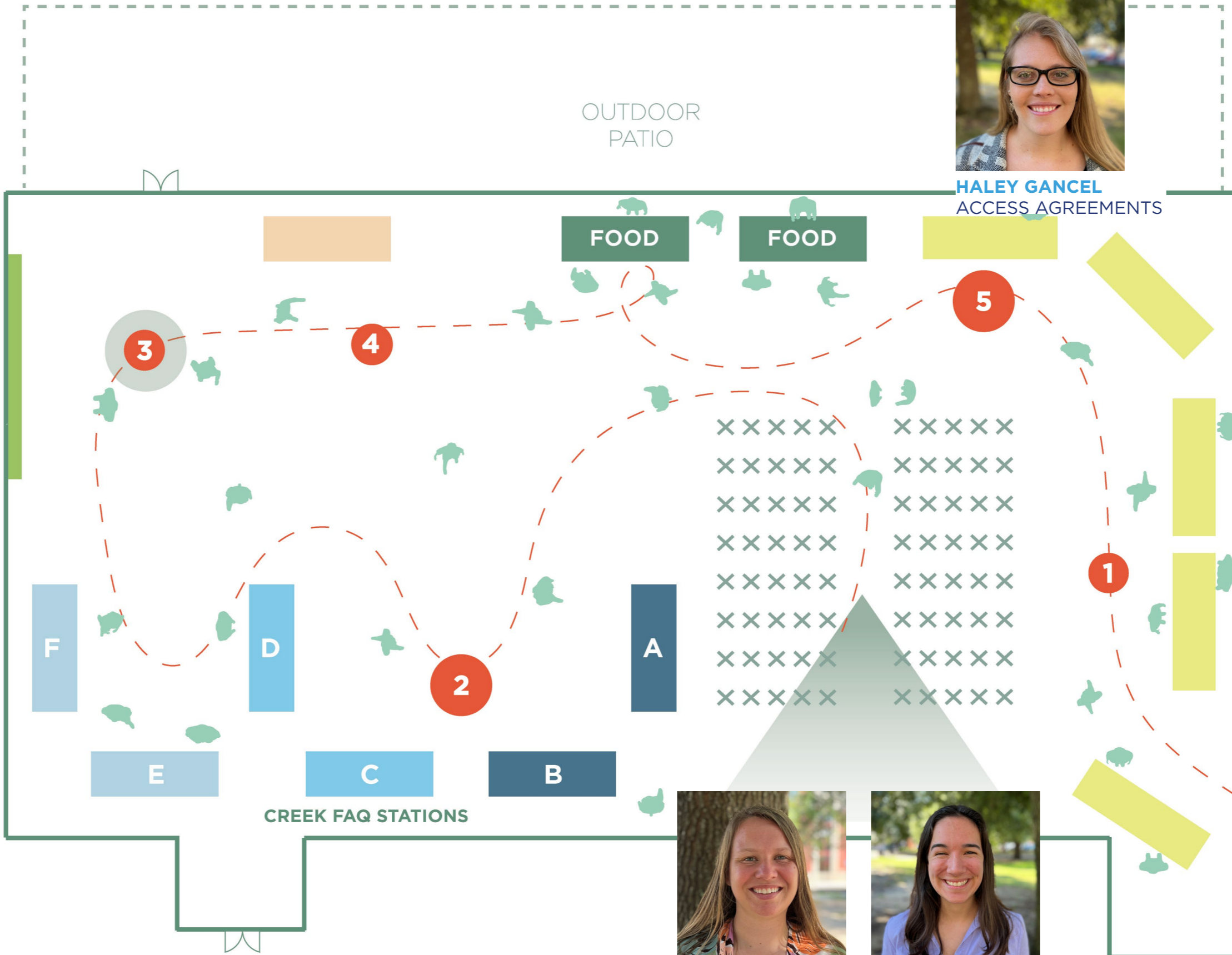
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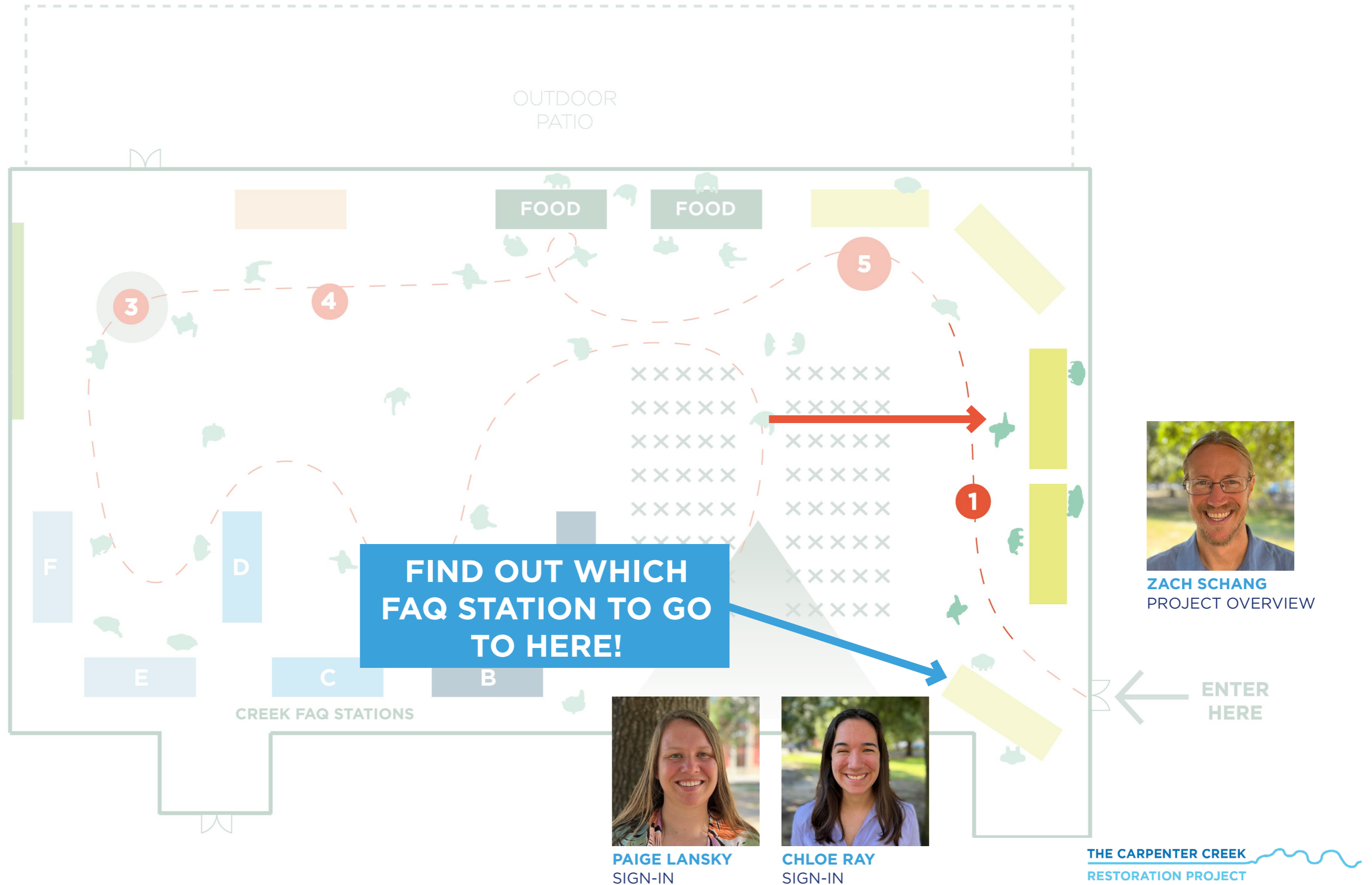
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THE CARPENTER CREEK
RESTORATION PROJECT

HIGH-LEVEL PROJECT OVERVIEW



FAQ STATIONS DIVIDED BY CREEK SEGMENT



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SEGMENT A + B



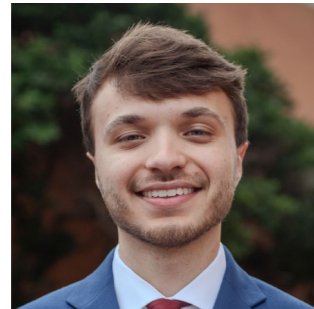
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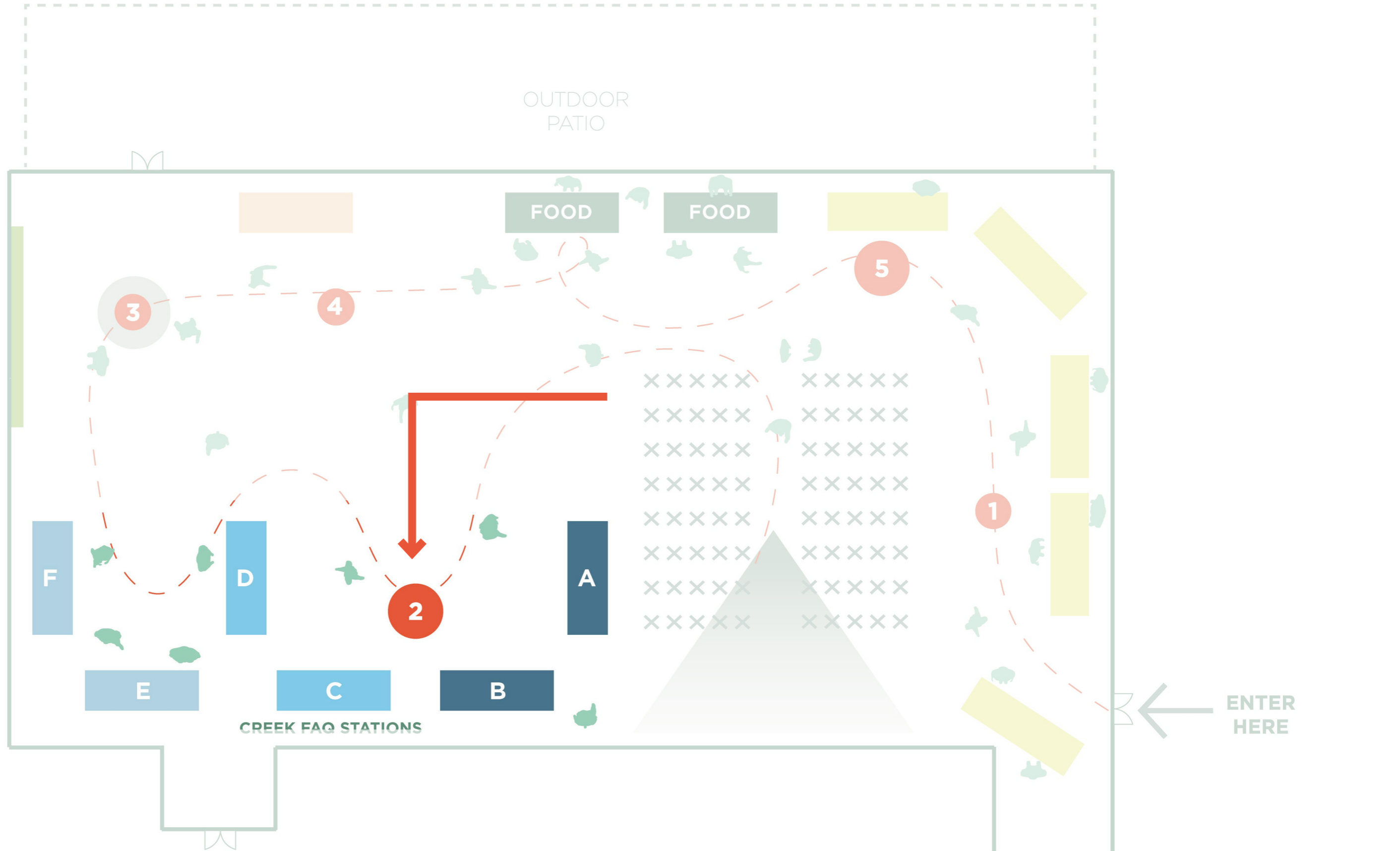
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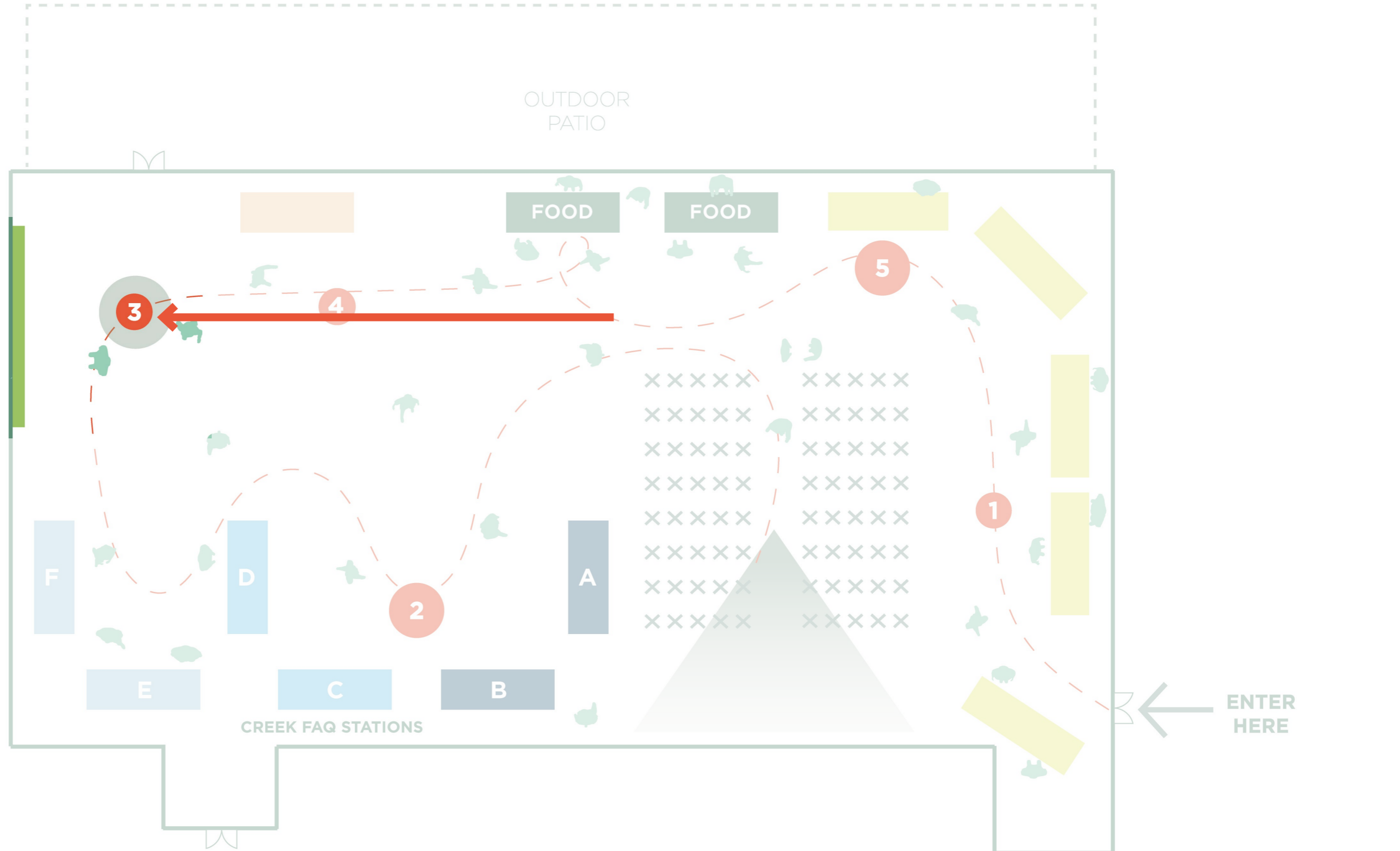
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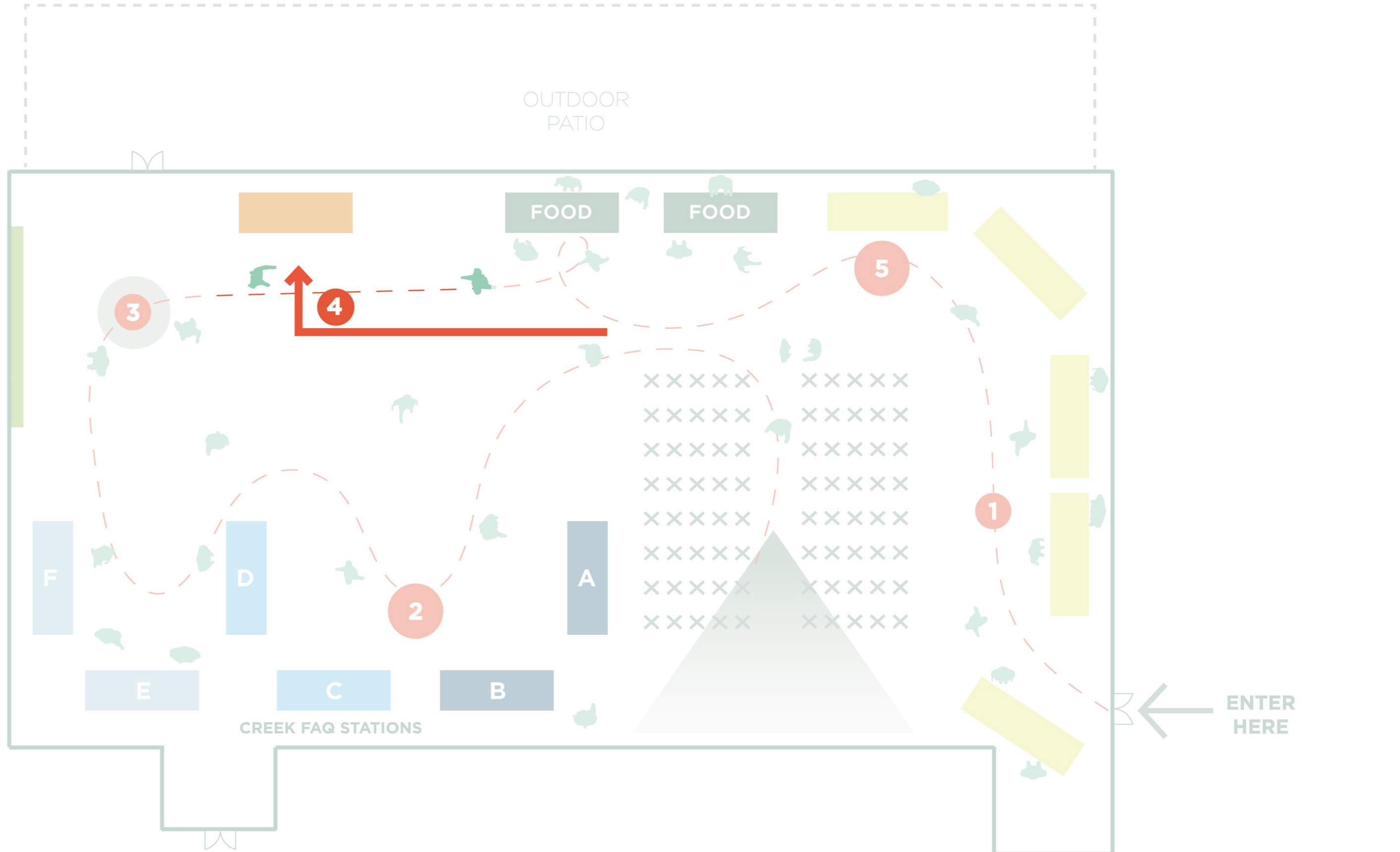
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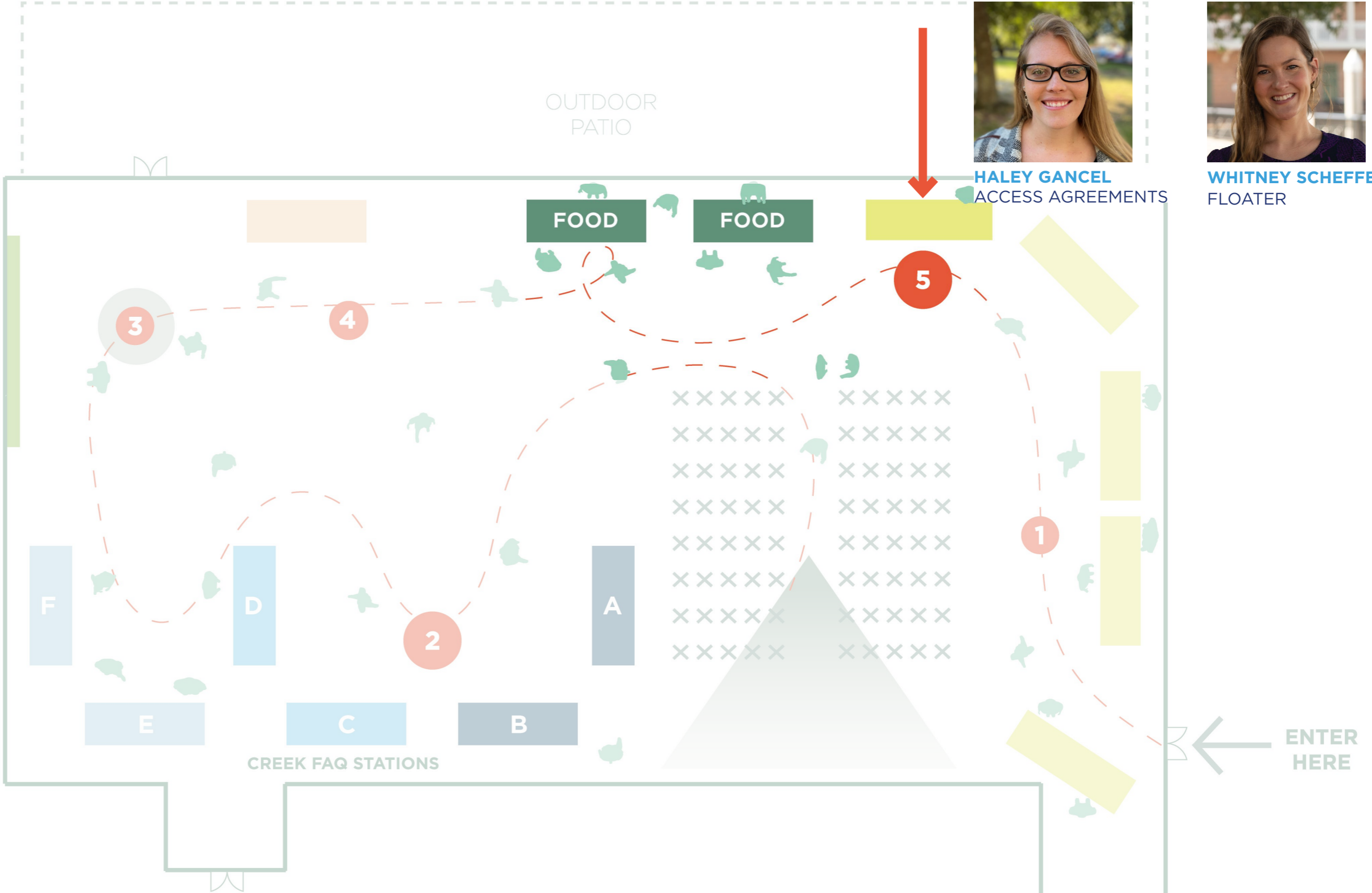
LEARN ABOUT THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN



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I/We _____, the owner(s) of the property commonly identified as _____
(street address)

do hereby give freely, and without coercion, permission to the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program, its employees, agents, and contractors access to my property to perform site assessments associated with the Carpenter Creek Restoration Project.

For consideration and purposes set forth in this Agreement, I have executed this Agreement on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

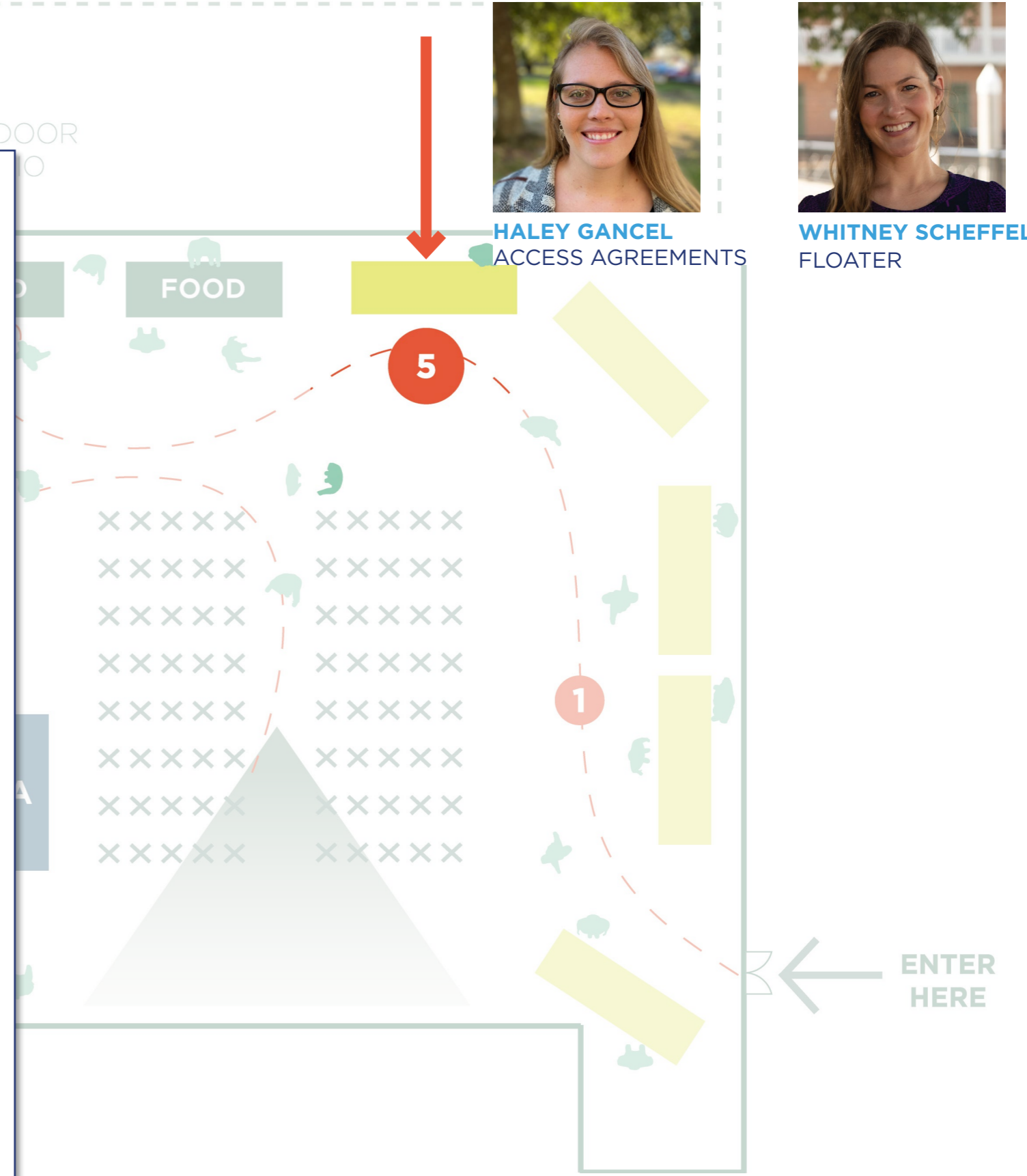
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OVERVIEW

The Carpenter Creek Restoration Project will improve the health of the creek ecosystem while enhancing public access to this regional amenity. The project will prioritize improving water quality and connectivity while bolstering community resilience and providing public access



<https://www.ppbep.org/what-we-do/restoration/carpenter-creek>

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