



Spy Pond Edge Protection and Erosion Control Project

Town of Arlington, MA

Public Meeting #3

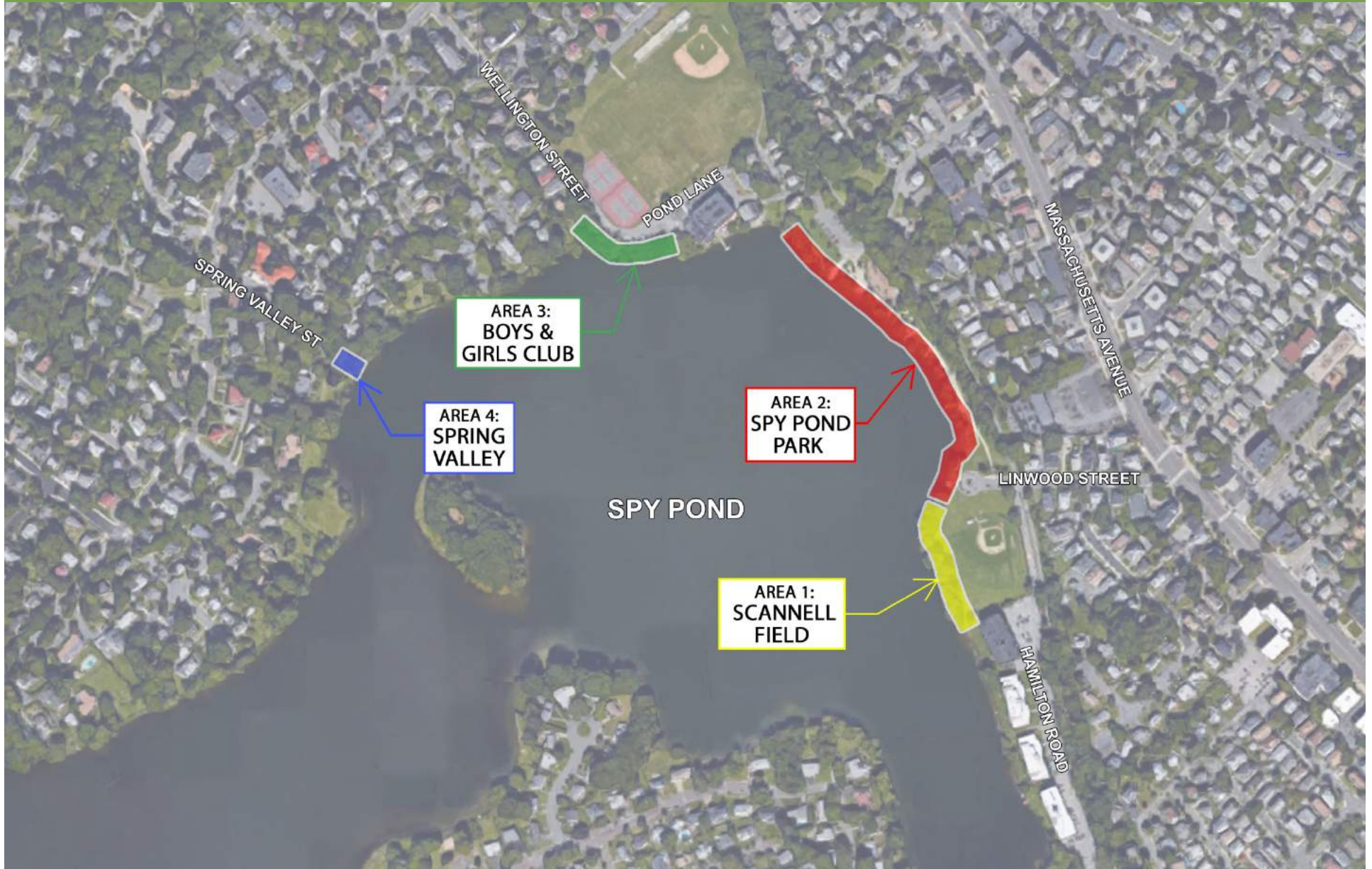
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Agenda – Spy Pond

- Introductions (Conservation Commission)
- Project Location and Goals
- Existing Shoreline Conditions
- Preferred Concepts
- Next Steps
- Questions and Comments

Project Location



Project Goals

1. Preserve, stabilize & strengthen the pond's banks
2. Control bank erosion
3. Protect & enhance wildlife habitat
4. Control access to prevent unauthorized paths
5. Broaden & strengthen constituency groups
6. Increase quality & opportunity for water use
7. Promote stormwater infiltration along the shoreline
8. Implement environmental education

Site Activities

Activities

- Ball Playing
- Jogging & Walking
- Kayaking & Canoeing
- Fishing
- Picnicking & Gathering
- Children's Play
- Crew Team



Shoreline Categorization

STABLE

- Vegetated
- Uncompacted soils
- Controlled runoff
- Shallower slopes
- Controlled human use
- Hard or soft edge

VS.

UNSTABLE

- Loss of stabilizing vegetation
- Compacted soils
- Uncontrolled runoff
- Steep slopes
- Uncontrolled human use

Three Categories:









- Unstable
- Marginally Stable
- Stable

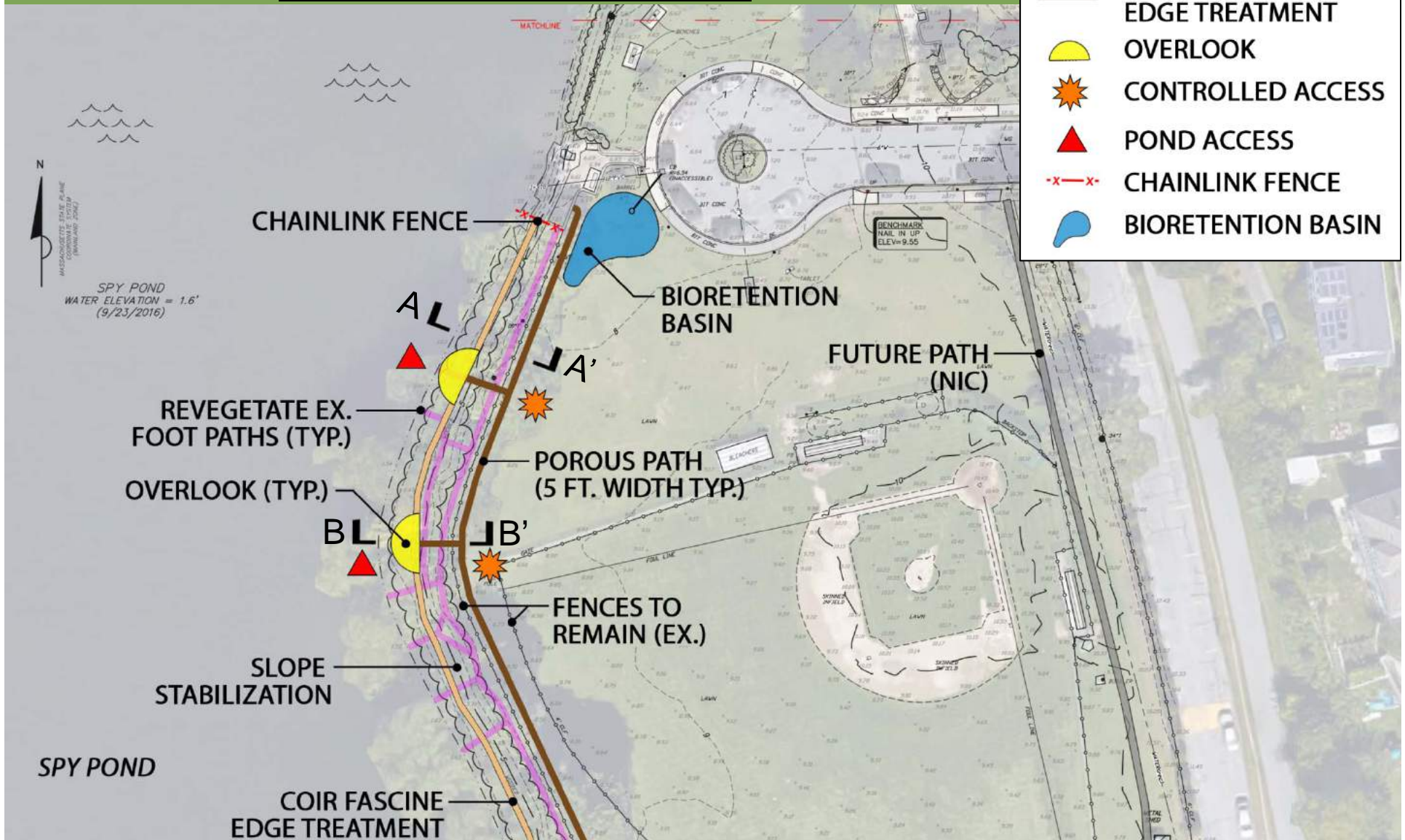
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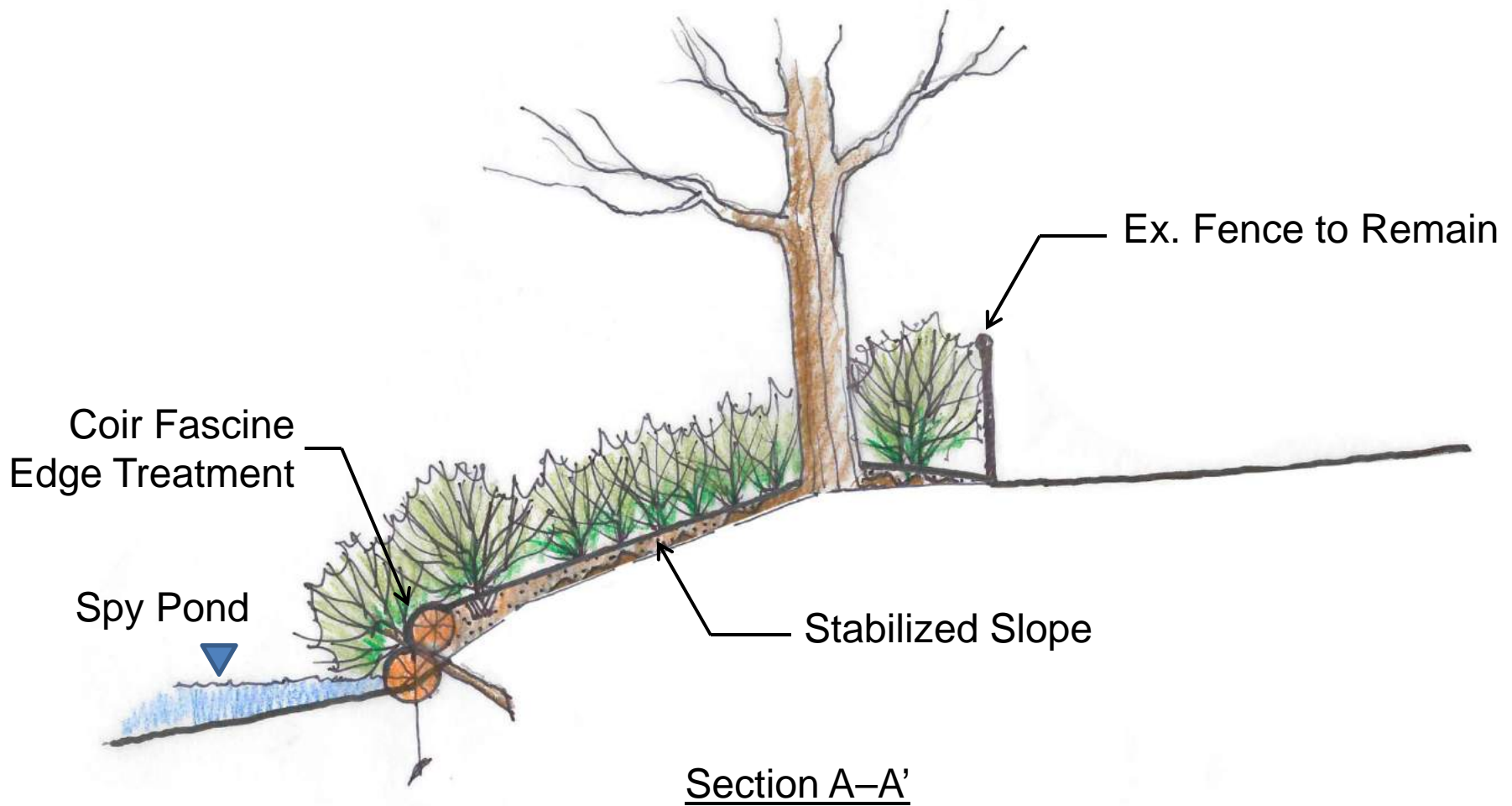
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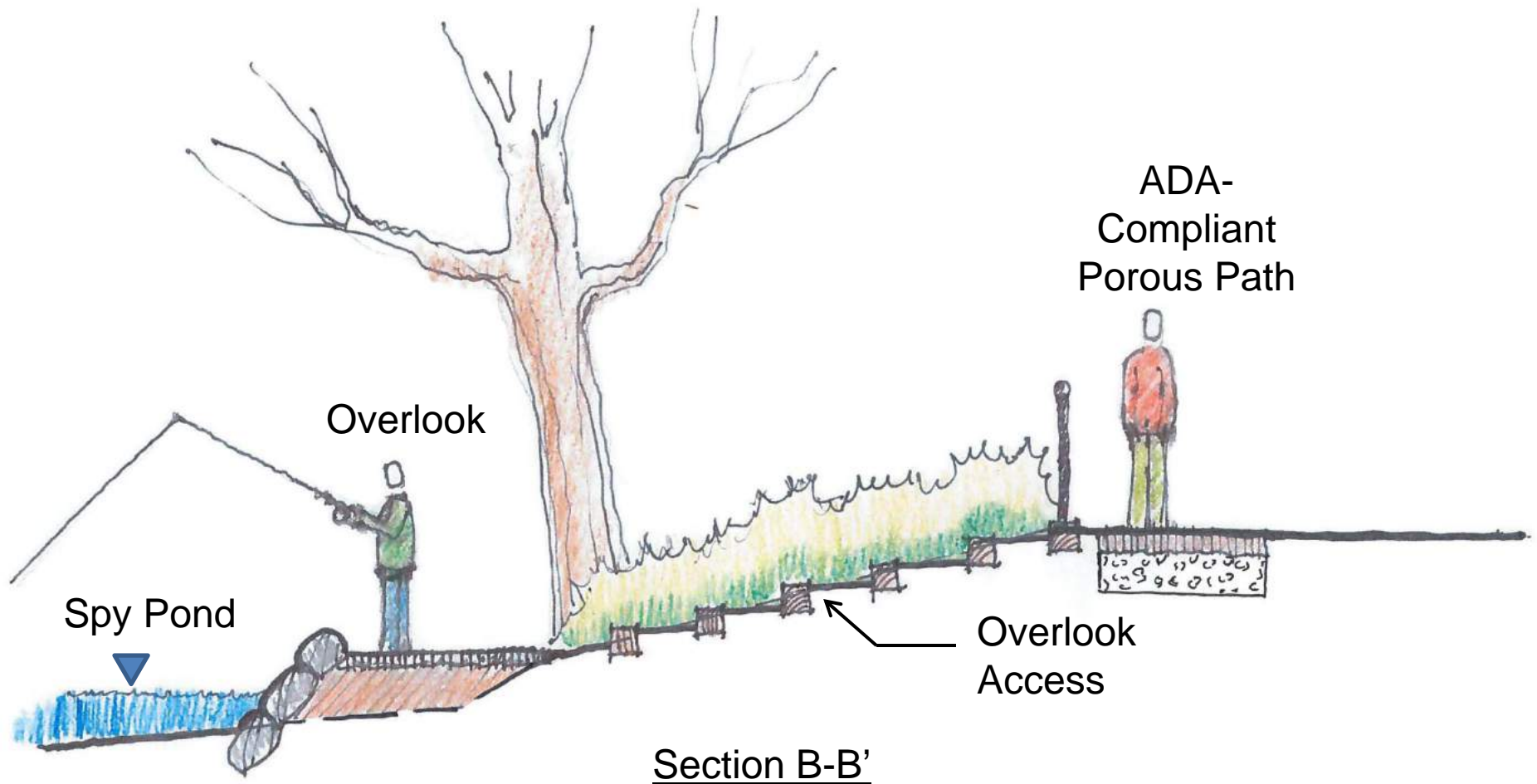
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-  POROUS PATH
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-  COIR FASCINE EDGE TREATMENT
-  OVERLOOK
-  CONTROLLED ACCESS
-  POND ACCESS
-  CHAINLINK FENCE
-  BIORETENTION BASIN



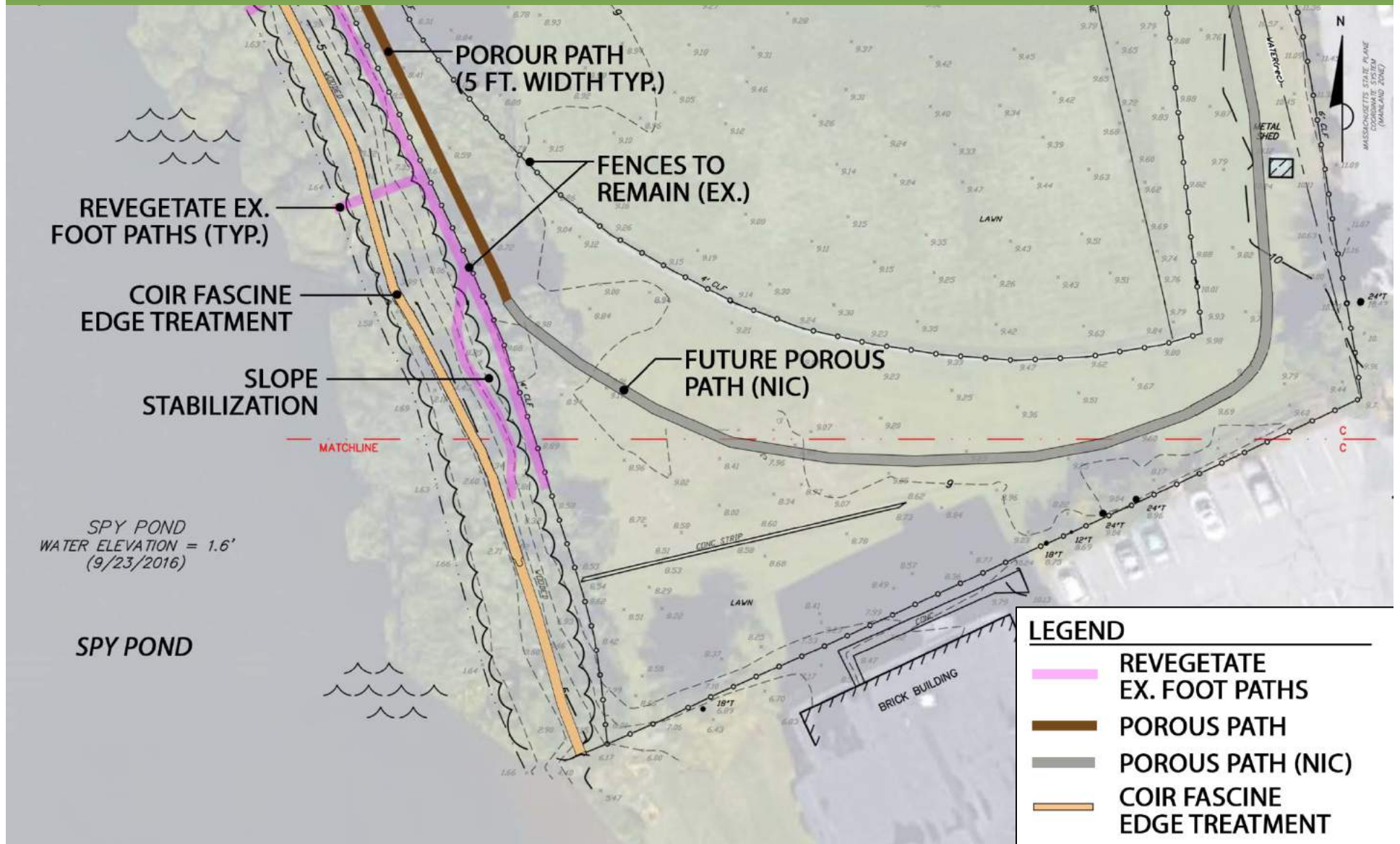
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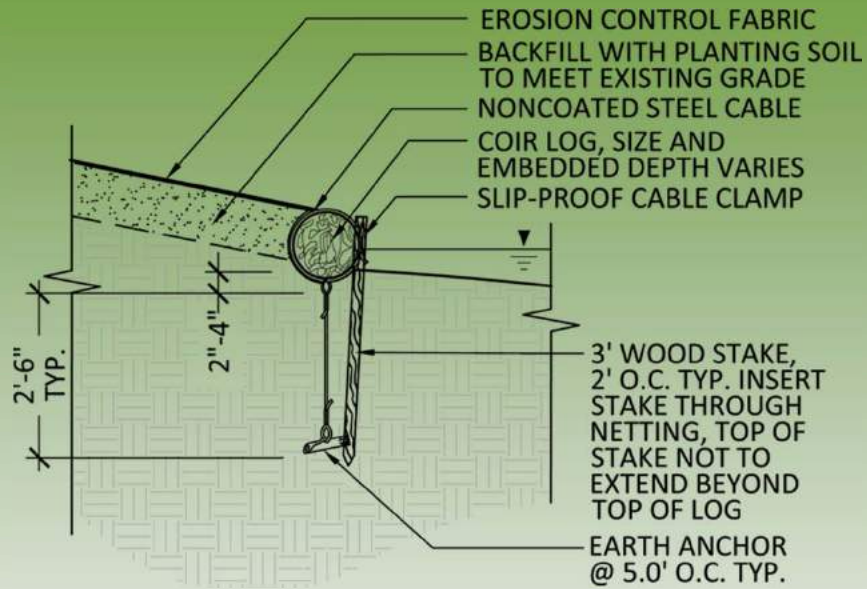
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Stormwater Management

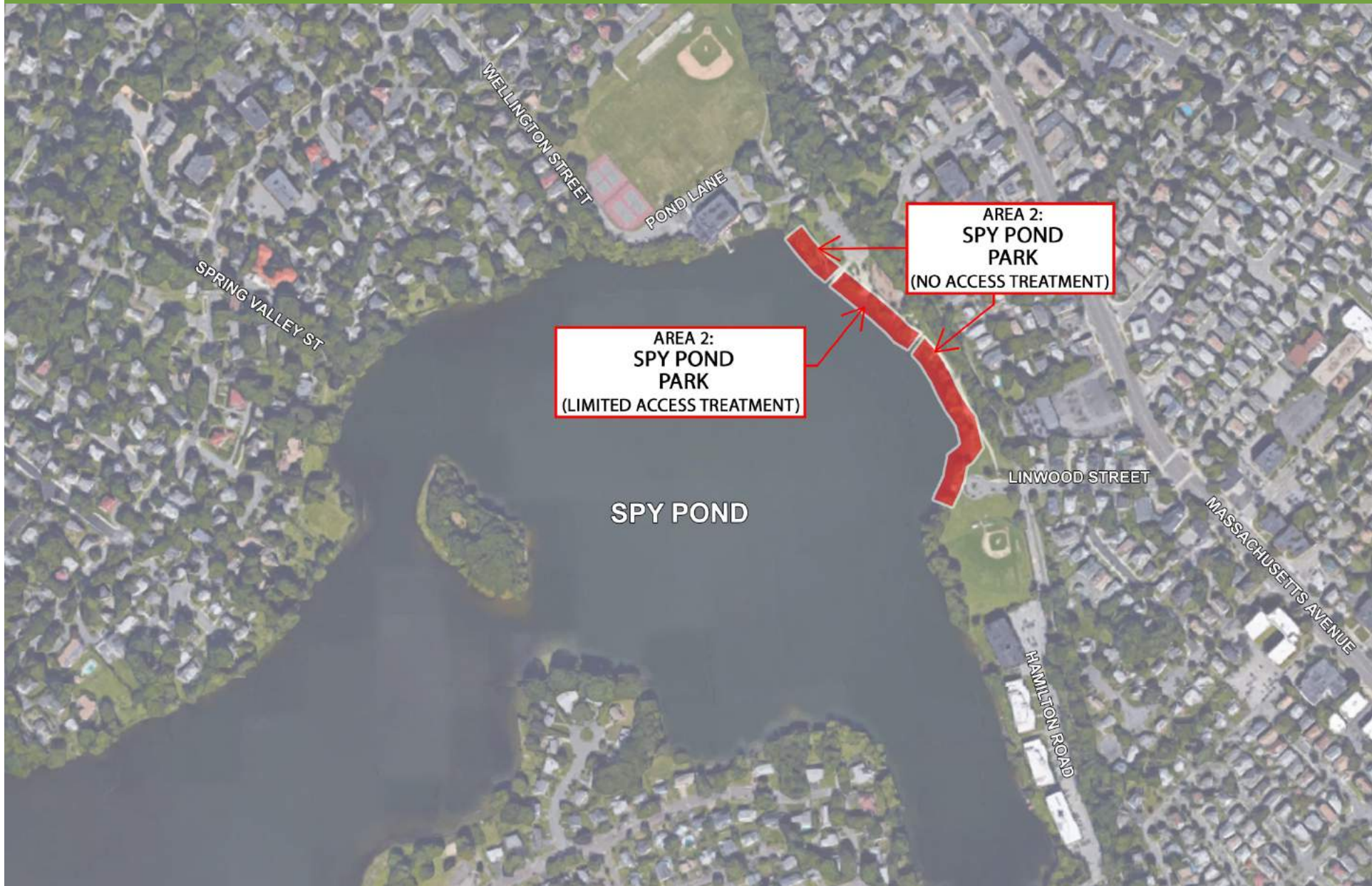
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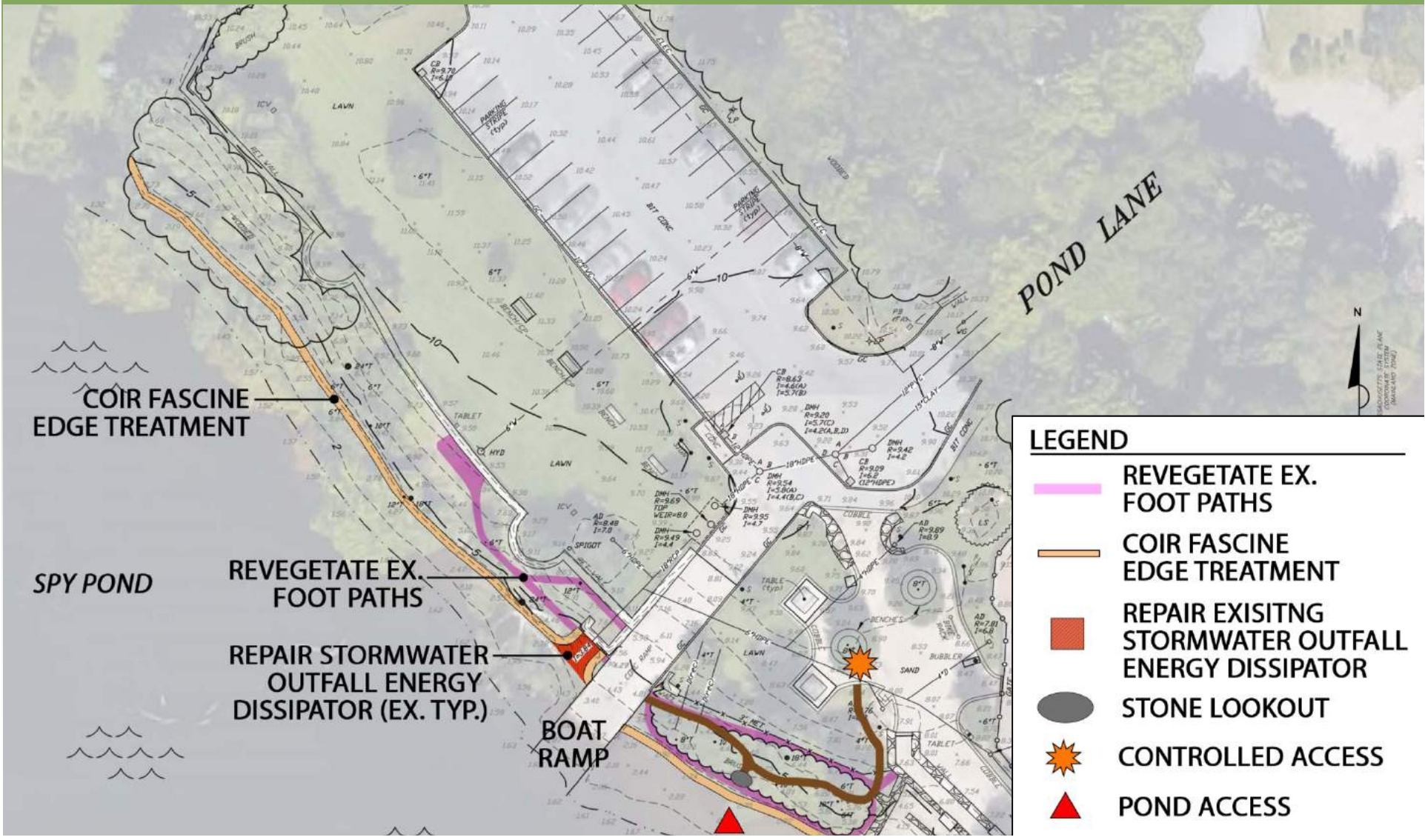
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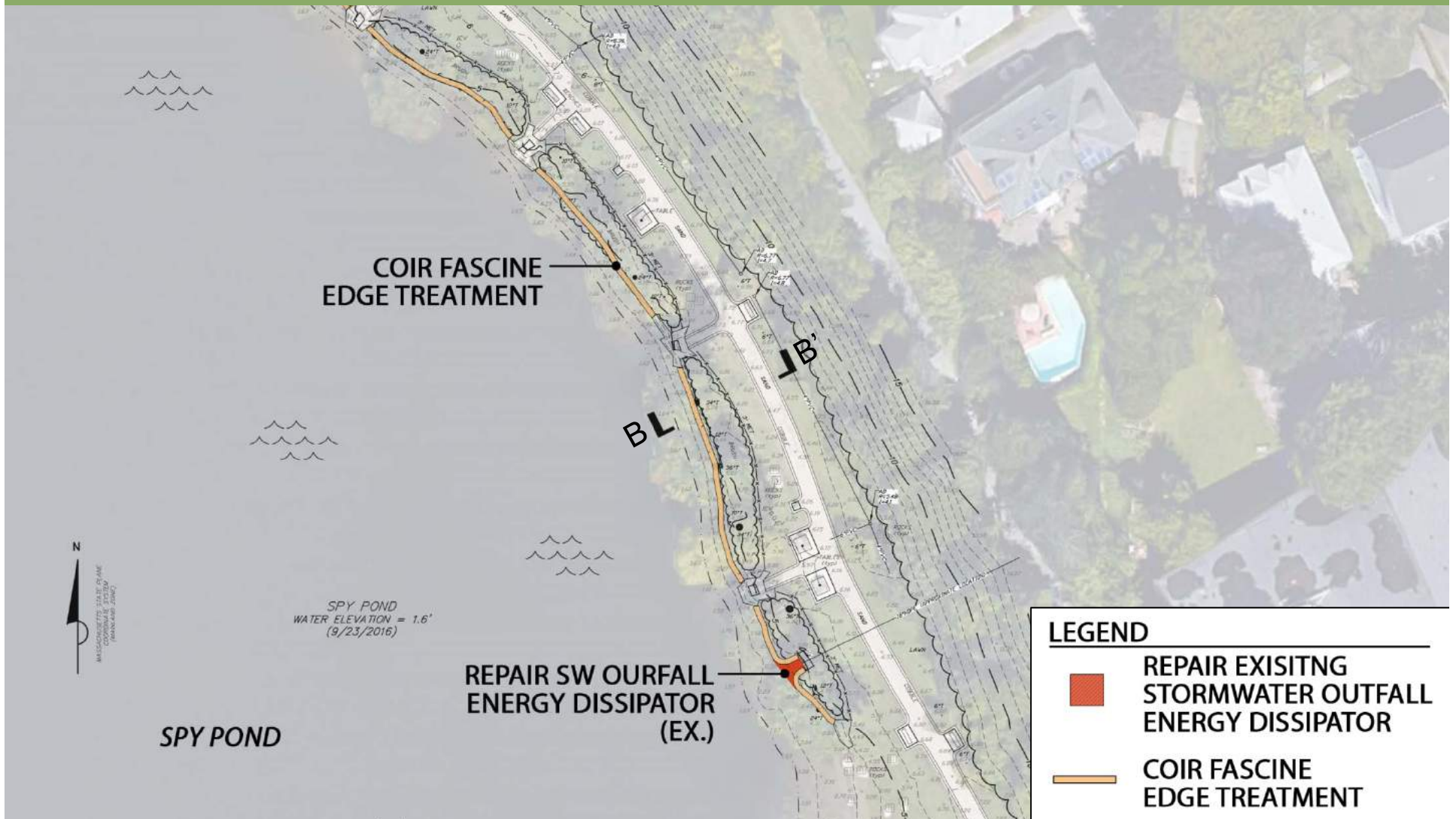
Spy Pond Park



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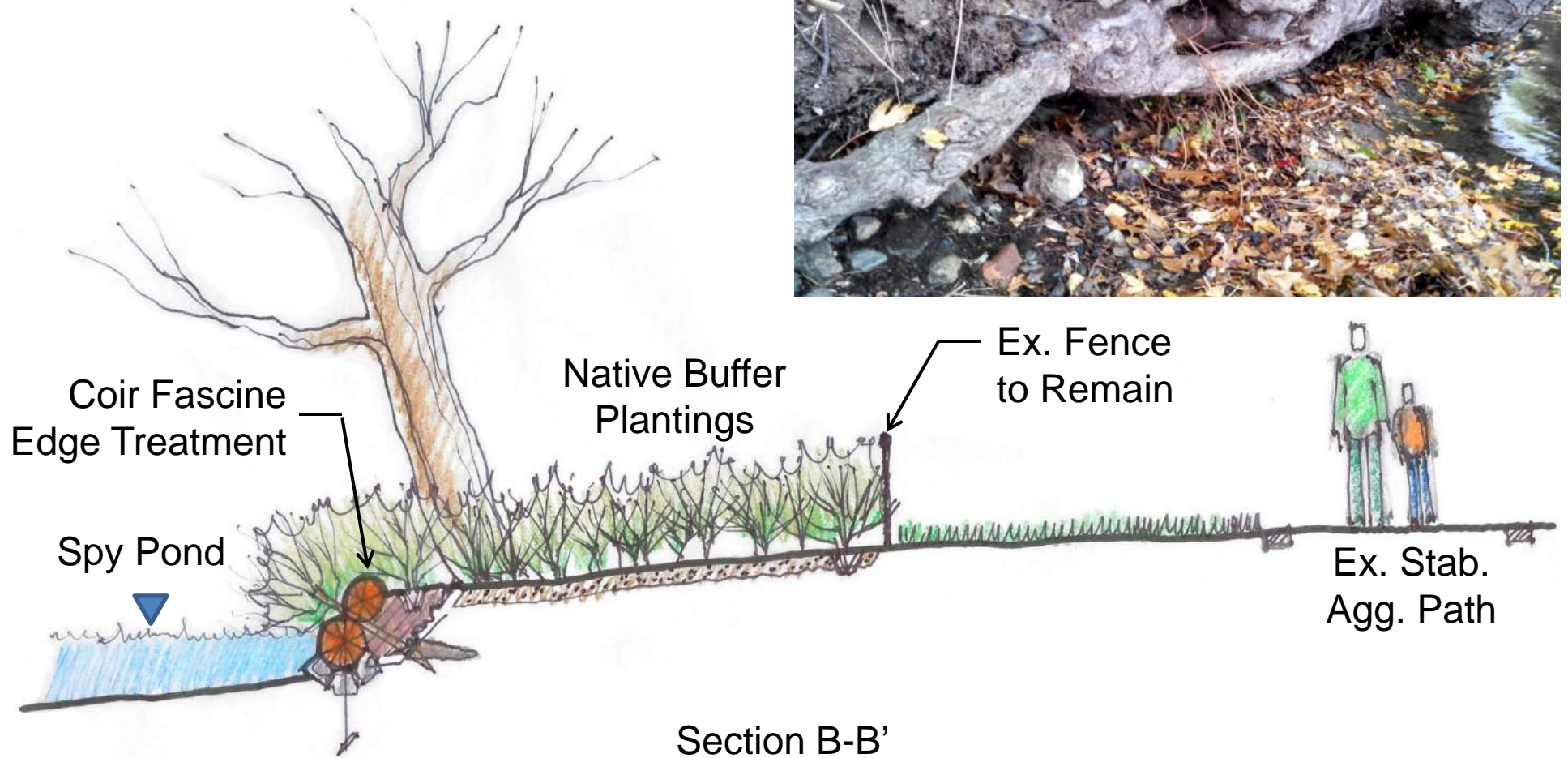


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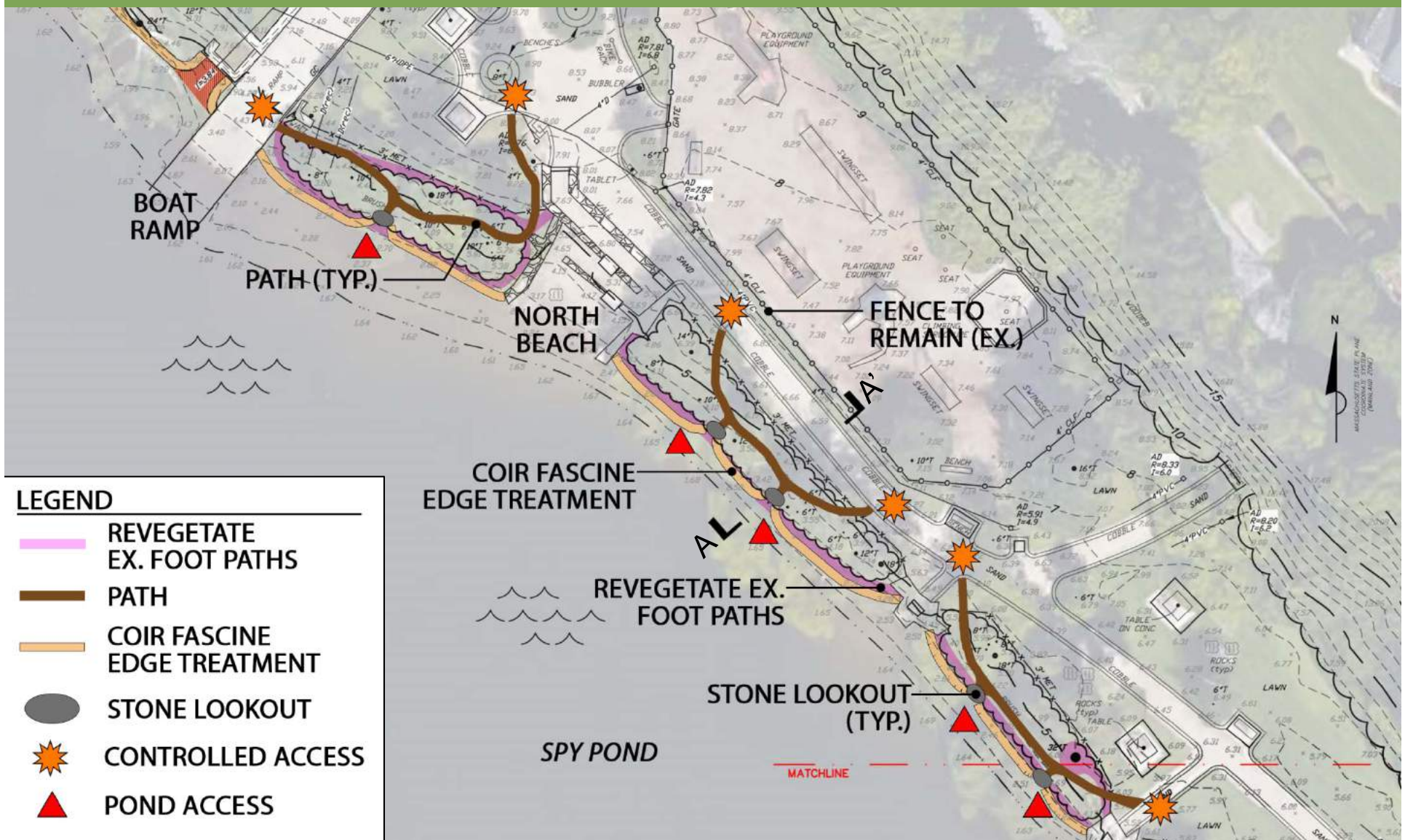


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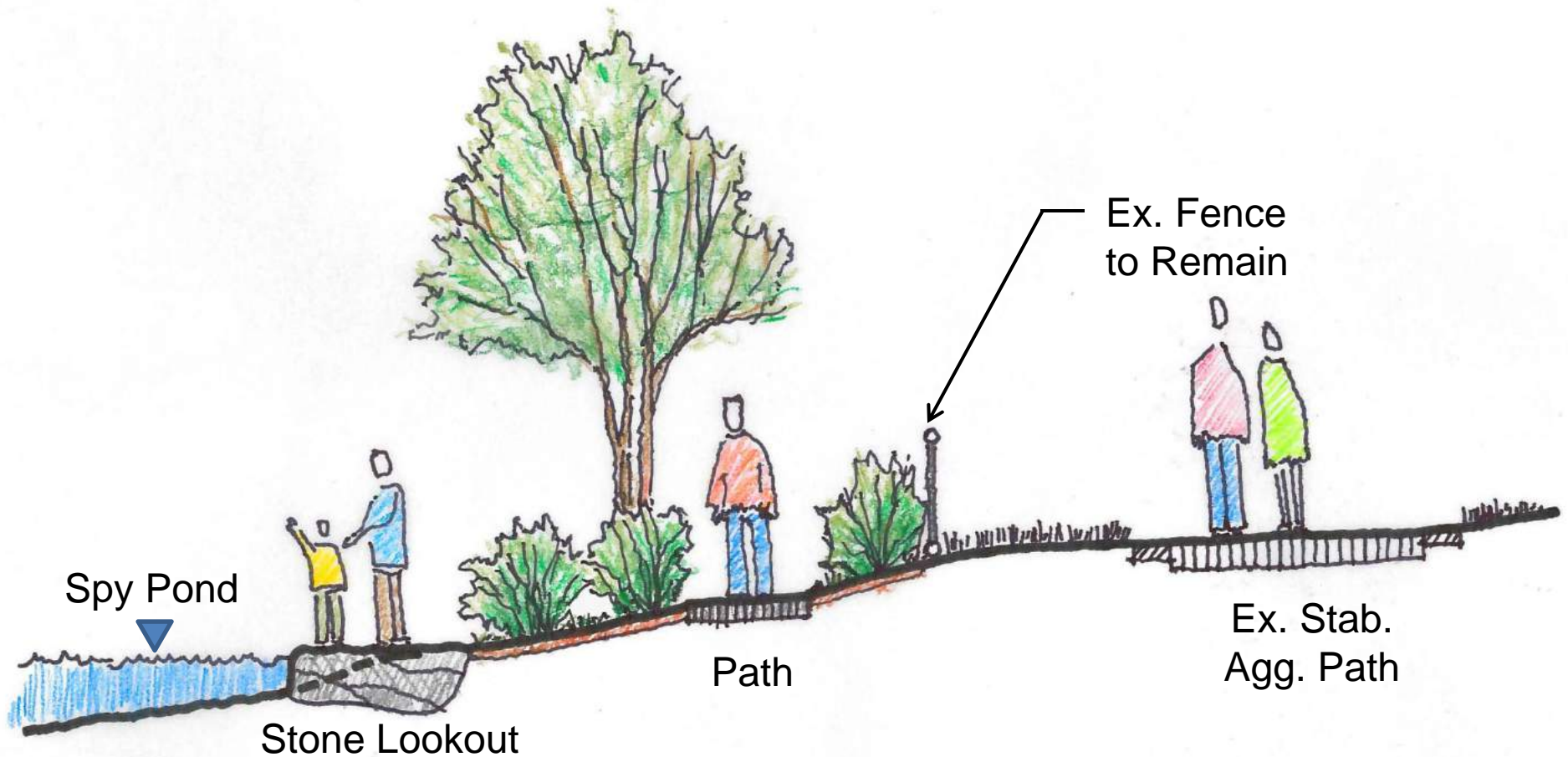


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Spy Pond Park (Limited Access Treatment)



Section A-A'

Educational Signage - Examples

Fresh Pond Reservation
Protecting the Cambridge Water Supply since 1889

Stream C Woodland Restoration

Area Features

- Native woodland wildlife habitat
- Wildlife nesting area
- Vegetated buffer

To protect this habitat *for all* to enjoy

- ▶ Stay on roadway
- ▶ Keep dogs out

Thank you for helping us protect the ecological functions of these water supply lands and their natural beauty

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Permanent



Temporary



Black's Nook Site Improvements

The Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan identifies reconstruction and stabilization of the degraded shoreline of Black's Nook as a very high priority. In response, this restoration project aims to increase wildlife habitat value and water quality by fostering native wetland and woodland plant communities and stabilizing the shoreline with native vegetation, soil logs, and erosion control matting. In order to enhance the use of the pond as a natural resource study area for children, the plan includes a redesigned woodland trail using porous pavement, observation platforms, and an elevated wooden path. A created vernal pool will also provide important breeding habitat for amphibians and invertebrates. By widening paths and improving the Concord Avenue entrance, this project will allow for universal accessibility while also preserving the sense of wildness that makes Black's Nook unique.

Construction Schedule: Site improvements begin in the Fall 2010 and will be completed by Summer 2011.

Black Nook timber observation platforms: A shorter trail, an elevated wooden platform, and observation platforms improve access to the pond and protect environmentally sensitive resource areas.

Plant community-based woodland and wetland restoration: The plan includes a redesigned woodland trail using porous pavement, observation platforms, and an elevated wooden path.

Shoreline restoration and plant community-based woodland and wetland restoration: A created vernal pool will also provide important breeding habitat for amphibians and invertebrates.

Concord Avenue entrance improvements: By widening paths and improving the Concord Avenue entrance, this project will allow for universal accessibility while also preserving the sense of wildness that makes Black's Nook unique.

Woodland trail surfacing using porous pavement: A shorter trail, an elevated wooden platform, and observation platforms improve access to the pond and protect environmentally sensitive resource areas.

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Plant Establishment



Goose Exclusion Fence



Establishment Fence

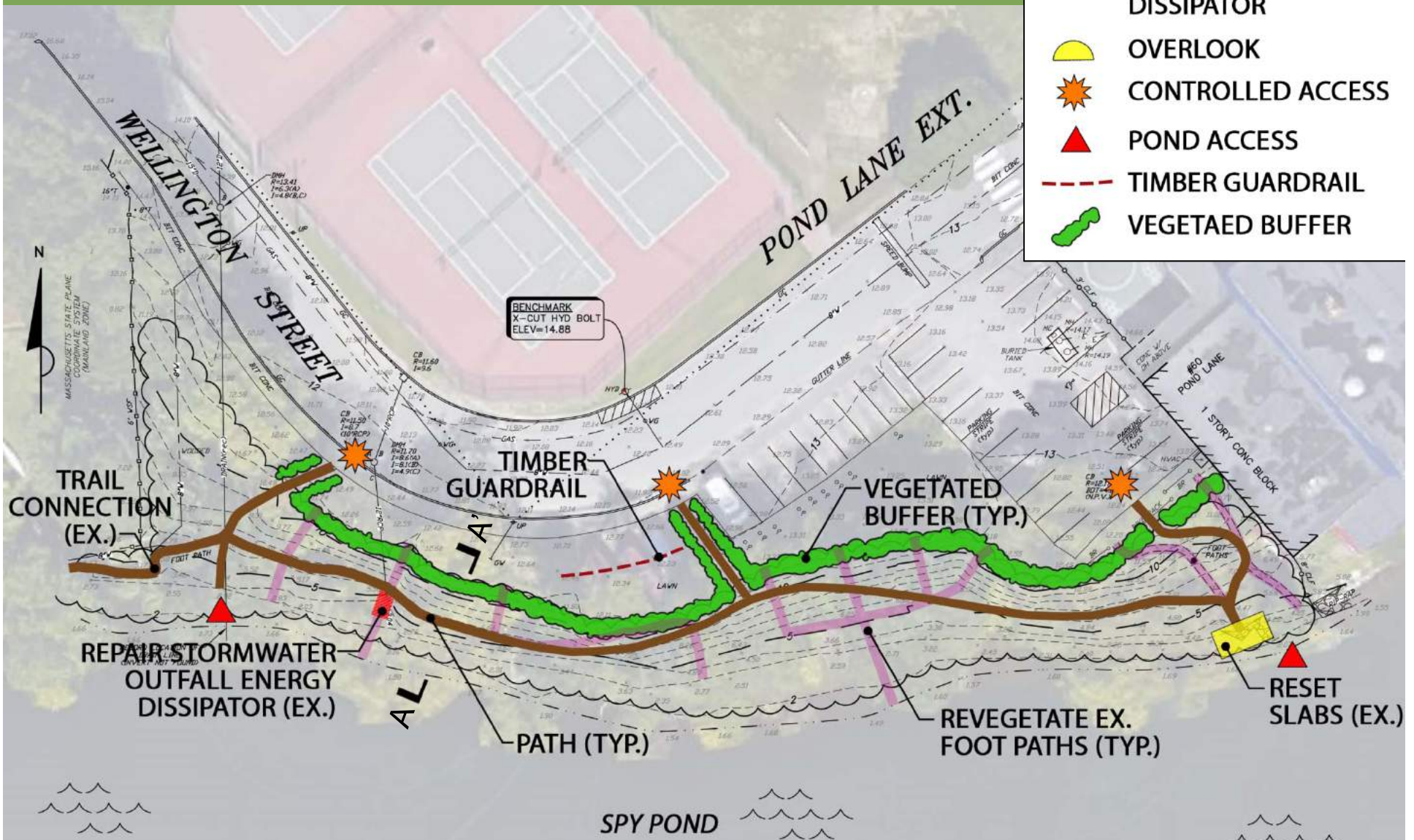
Boys & Girls Club



Preferred Concept Boys & Girls Club

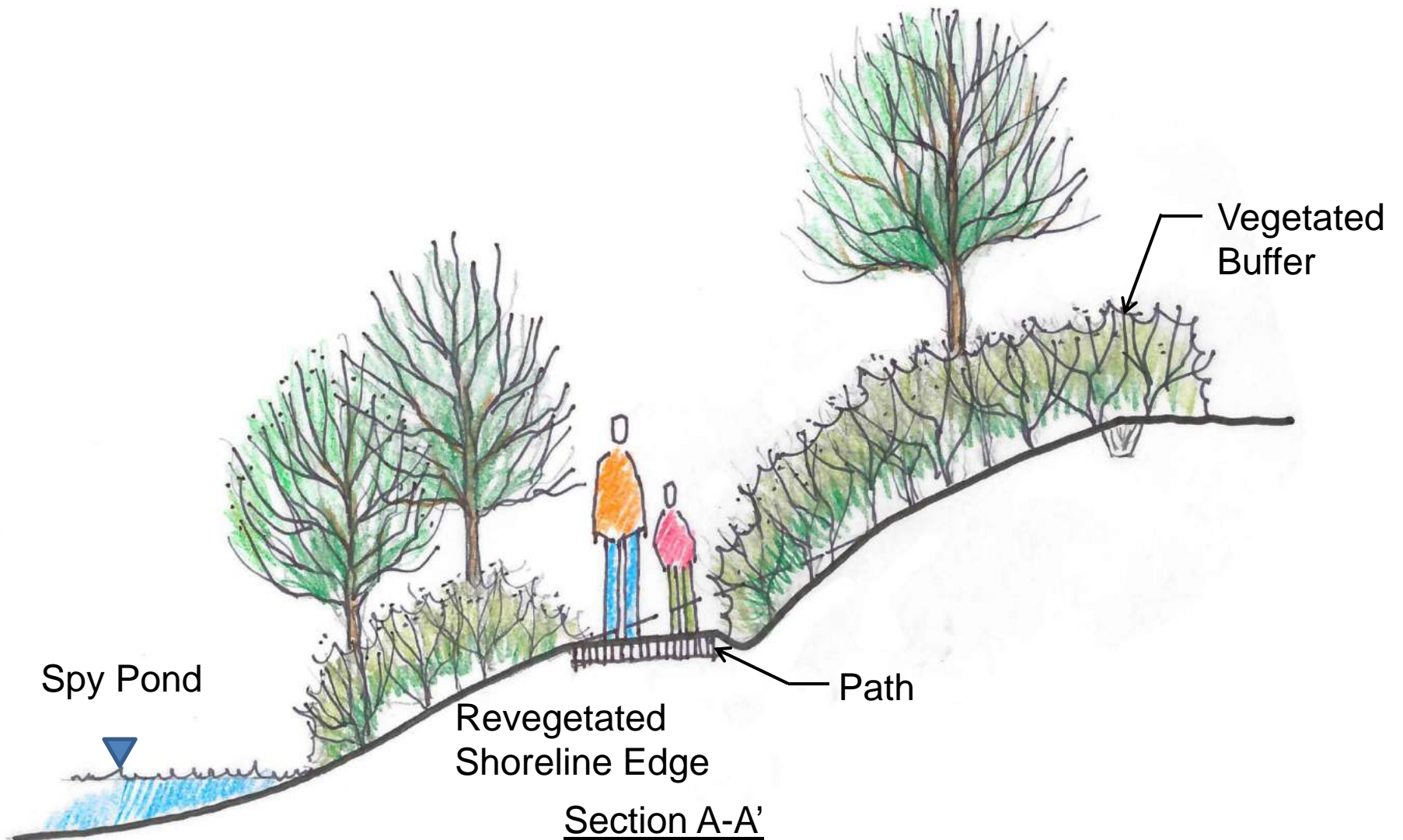
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-  PATH
-  REPAIR STORMWATER OUTFALL ENERGY DISSIPATOR
-  OVERLOOK
-  CONTROLLED ACCESS
-  POND ACCESS
-  TIMBER GUARDRAIL
-  VEGETATED BUFFER



Preferred Concept

Boys & Girls Club



Shoreline path during
construction (1996)



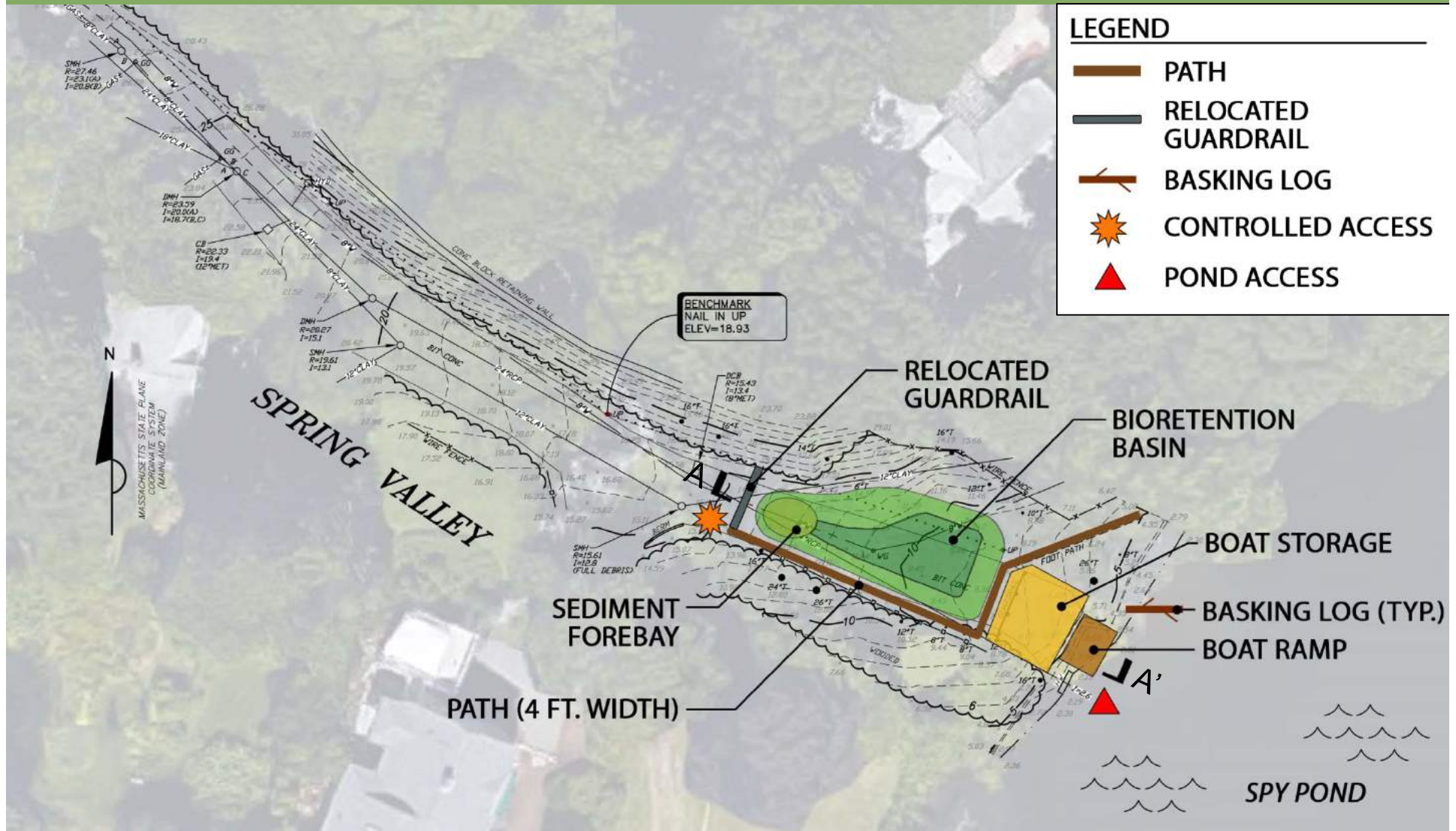
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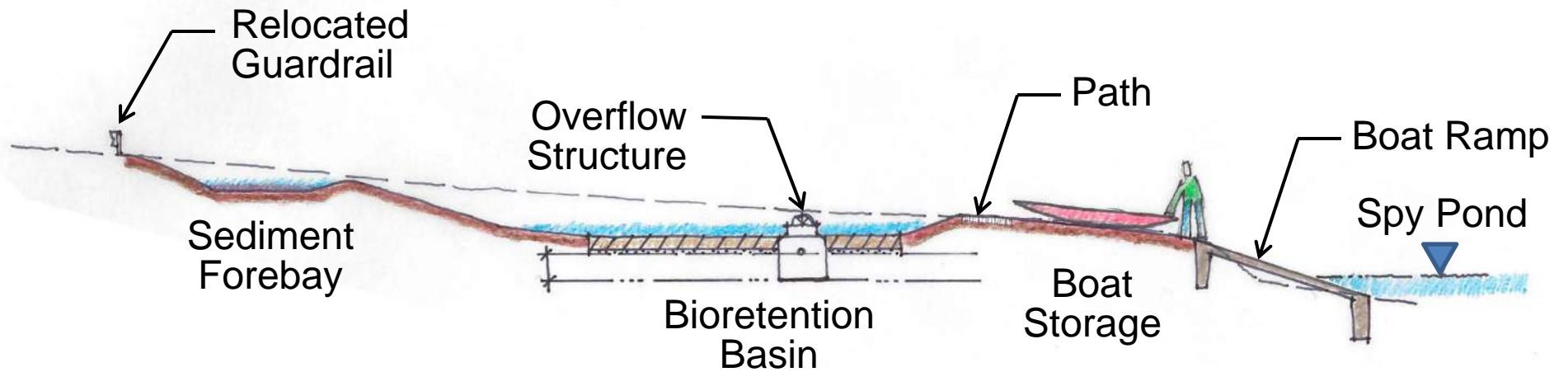
Spring Valley Street



Preferred Concept Spring Valley Street



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Section A-A'

Shoreline Planting

High Marsh Herbaceous Plants



Left to Right: *Eupatorium maculatum*, *Eupatorium perfoliatum*, *Juncus canadensis*, *Juncus effusus*



Left to Right: *Carex stipata*, *Carex vulpinoidea*, *Caltha palustris*



Left to Right: *Hibiscus moscheutos*, *Scirpus cyperinus*, *Leersia oryzoides*

Shoreline Planting

Native Shrubs (Low to Medium)



Left to Right: *Spiraea tomentosa*, *Cornus sericea*, *Rosa palustris*



Left to Right: *Rhus aromatica*, *Clethra alnifolia*, *Photinia pyrifolia*

Shoreline Planting

Native Shrubs (Tall)



Left to Right: *Cornus amomum*, *Ilex verticillata*, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*



Left to Right: *Alnus rugosa*, *Vaccinium corymbosum*, *Salix discolor*

Next Steps

Final Concept Plan

- Permitting Schedule
- Maintenance Schedule
- Preliminary Estimate of Construction Costs
- CPA Funding Application for Phase 2

Project Schedule

- July - December 2016 - Phase 1:
Existing Site Analysis & Concept Plan
- December 2016: CPA Funding
Application for Phase 2
- July 2017 - Phase 2: Construction
Documents
- November 2017: Permit Applications
- February 2018: Project out to Bid
- April - August 2018: Construction

Questions or Comments?

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Presentation will be posted on the
Conservation Commission website