

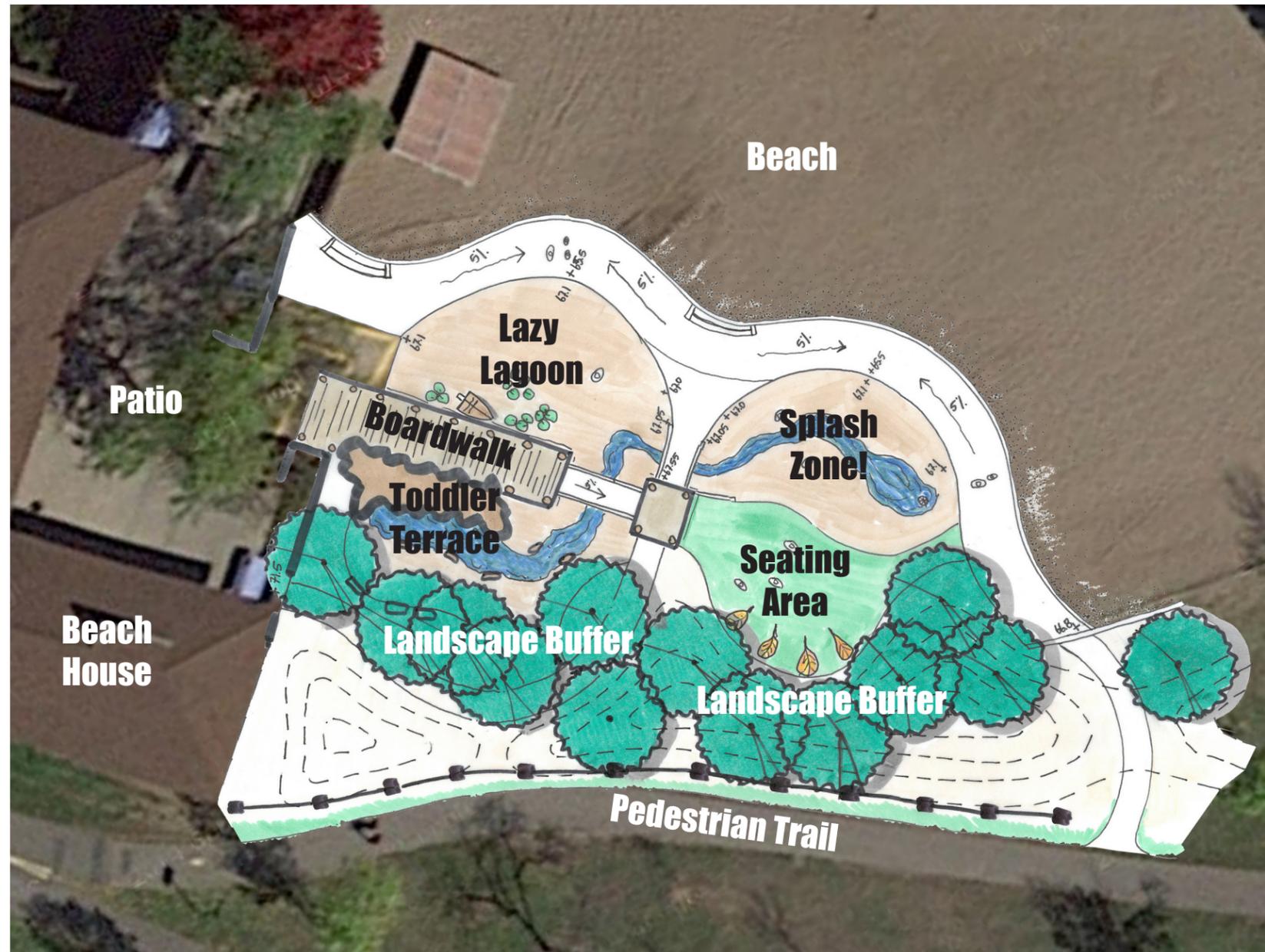
PHALEN REGIONAL PARK SPLASH PAD INSPIRATION

During development of the Phalen Regional Park Master Plan in 2009, participants from the community indicated a strong desire to **preserve and enhance the natural attributes** of Phalen Regional Park.

While splash pads are oftentimes large, flat concrete pads with in-ground and brightly colored overhead spray features, feedback from the Phalen Master Plan process provides us with an opportunity to challenge that standard. When a person thinks about a Minnesota lake, stream, or beach, images of a dock, water cascading down a limestone channel, lily pads, cattails, or sand castles may come to mind. Any or all of these images may contribute to the splash pad concept that fits within the existing character of the park.

The splash pad is located on the beach adjacent to the beach house. This location provides easy access to the beach facility entrance, restrooms, and plaza seating area. This location also provides great visibility for staff, as well as, access to existing mechanical equipment space. A landscape berm/buffer provides separation of the splash pad and the pedestrian trail that passes nearby. Three unique use/splash areas, linked by a meandering stream feature, are proposed with features suited to children of different age groups.

The Phalen Regional Park Splash Pad is sure to have something for everyone to splash in, but will also fit respectfully into the Phalen landscape.



Toddler Terrace

This area could include small bubblers, spray jets, waterfalls, a meandering stream, and elevated pools of water to provide an area for little kids and their parents to splash around in without concern of older children causing commotion around them.



Lazy Lagoon

This area could have overhead and in-ground spray features, waterfall, and a meandering stream suited to older children.



Spray Zone!

This area could have high-energy, interactive spray features such as water cannons or dumping buckets which may interest young teen users.



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SPLASH PAD CONCEPT

reengineered
...a fresh perspective on the standard

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