



Rome Parks Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Public Meeting #2
December 2025



Project Overview

The Rome Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Master Plan

- 1.) Builds off existing city plans**
- 2.) Analyzes the level of service of POST amenities**
- 3.) Analyzes the level of community satisfaction with POST amenities**

The POST Plan will:

- Guide the next 15 years in future facility development, maintenance, and improvements
- Understand if there is an excess, gap, or just right makeup of facilities budget and staff.
- Provide recommendations on how to organize and strengthen the POST system



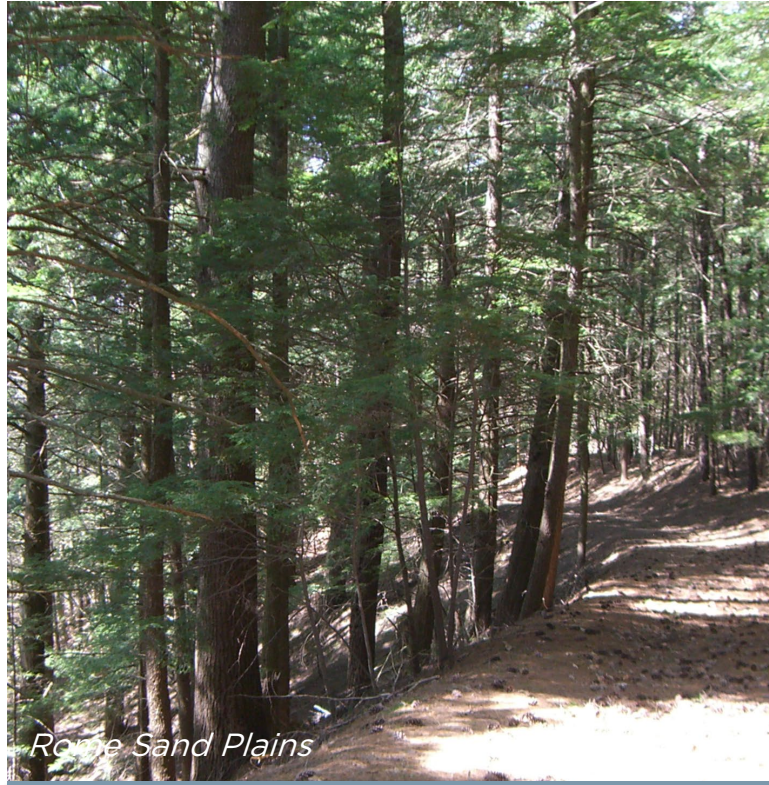
Parks



Franklyn Field

Publicly owned spaces dedicated to recreation like playgrounds, dog parks, sports fields

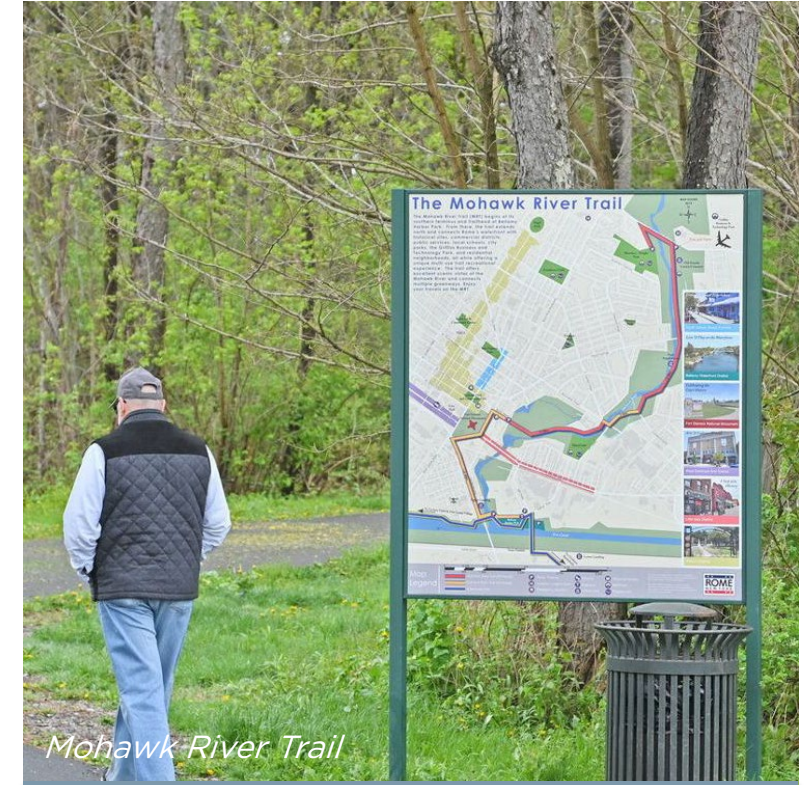
Open Space



Rome Sand Plains

Amenities like schools and sports fields, golf course, cemeteries, and natural areas

Trails



Mohawk River Trail

Linear paths for walking, biking, hiking and snowmobiling, including routes you might take to access parks

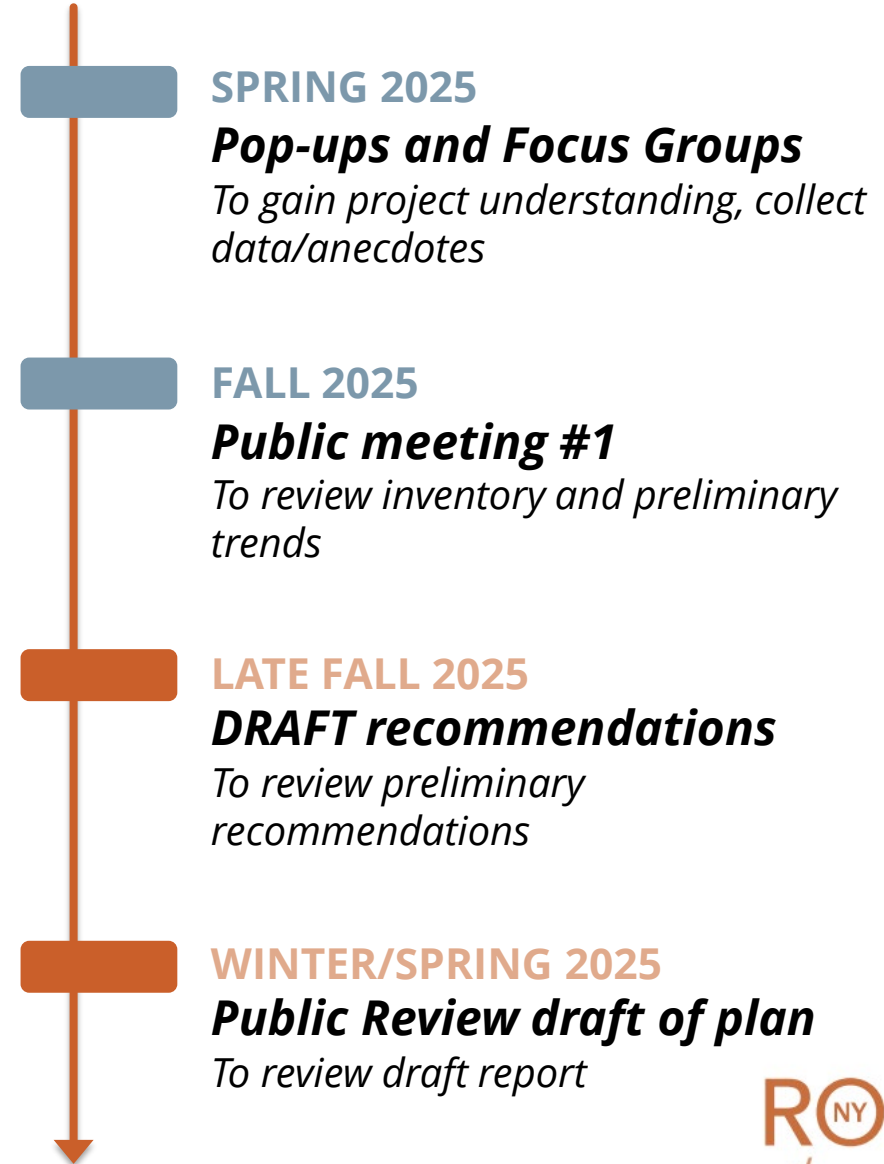
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Public Engagement to date

- Pop-up events at community events throughout Study
- Focus groups
- Surveys
- Public Meeting #1
- **Public meeting #2**

Future Public Engagement

- **Public review and comment of draft POST Master Plan**



Guiding Principles and Objectives

Developed from community and stakeholder outreach

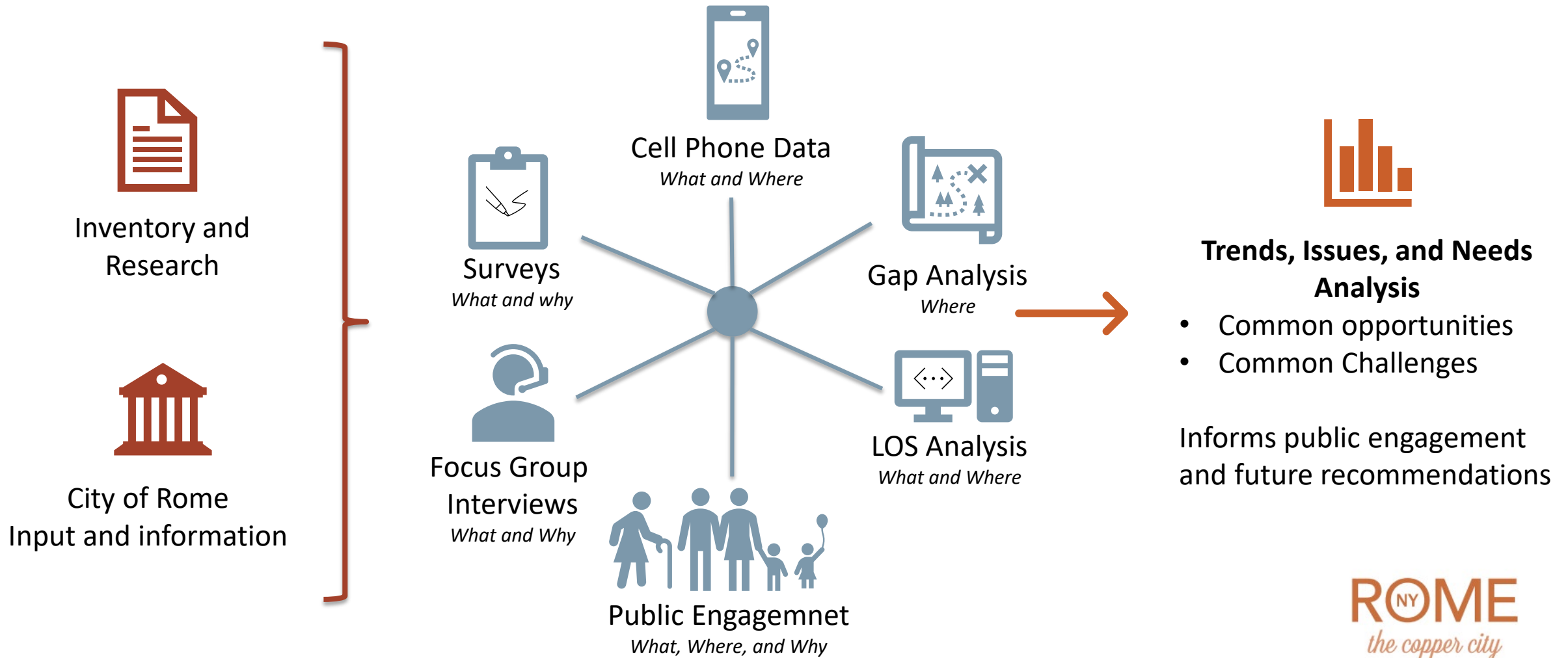
- **Develop a plan that reflects the needs of the community**
- **Create a roadmap for a bright future**
- **Foster an environment inclusive of all users**



Draft Recommendations

How were Recommendations Developed?

Developed from Trends, Issues, and Needs Analysis



System Planning and Best Practices



Simplify maintenance
and **improve conditions**
at existing facilities



Ensure POST amenities
are **serving the greatest**
number of people

Provide **essential**
amenities community is
wanting throughout the
system:

- Bathrooms
- High quality play areas
- Pavilions and seating
- Picnic areas and grill stations
- Fitness trails



Programming



Increase **offerings for older populations** by coordinating with existing providers



Create a suite of programming that is **adaptable to changing trends** and demographics



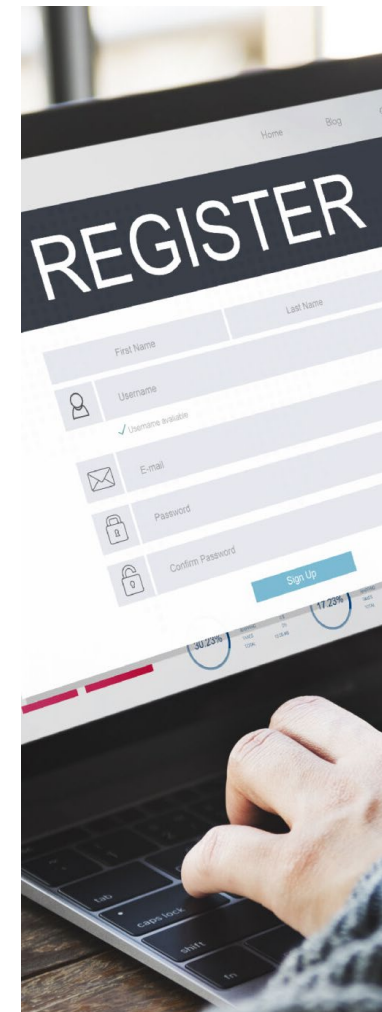
Simplify and streamline the management of programs **utilize software for sign-ups and tracks participation**



Increase **visibility** and marketing of programs



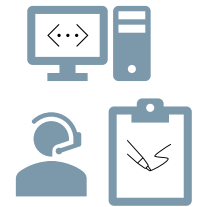
Utilize **volunteer partnerships** for programming



Pools, Aquatics, and Natural Waters



Address the **aging infrastructure and needs** at aquatic facilities



“Right size” aquatics offerings for the population and usage throughout the city



Repurpose closed pools for **community assets** that can utilize existing infrastructure like splash pads and ice rinks



NYS Canal Waterfront Facilities



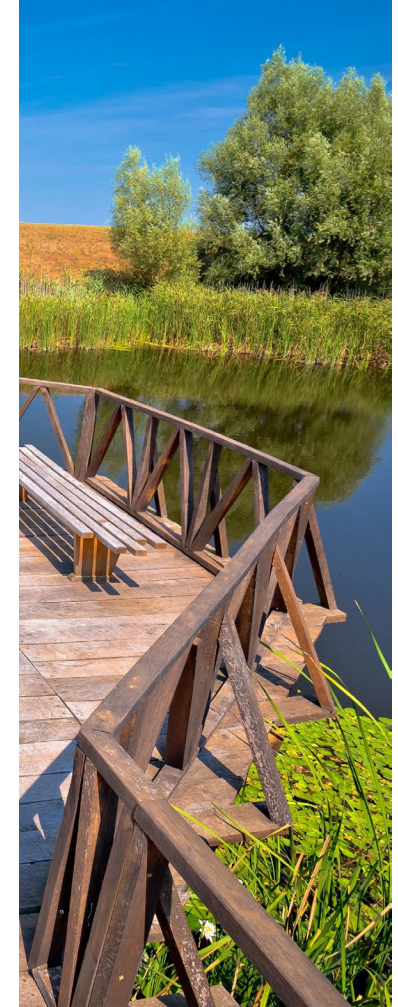
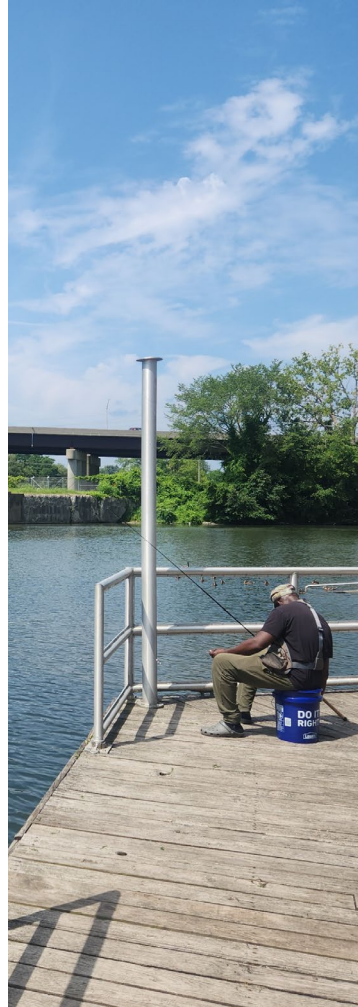
Create amenities that can support events along the waterfront



Develop and strengthen waterfront amenities to **support economic development and waterfront access**



Increase access to **natural waterways** for fishing, boating, kayaking, canoeing



Indoor and Outdoor Recreation



Develop recreation spaces that can be **used in all 4 seasons**



Increase access to emerging recreation trends such as **pickleball** and **action sports**



Repurpose vacant and underutilized areas for in demand sports, passive recreation, and natural areas



Increase access and facilities for youth sports, and provide support to boost registration



Trails and Connectivity



Use the trail system as the “spine” of the POST system



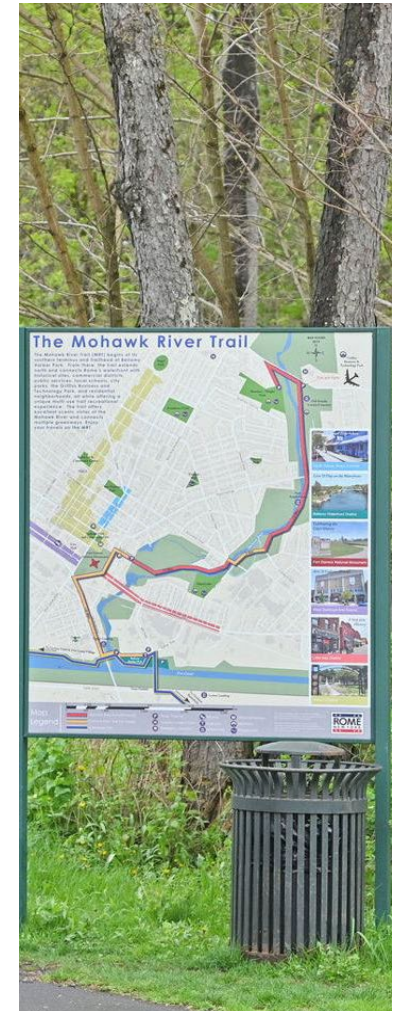
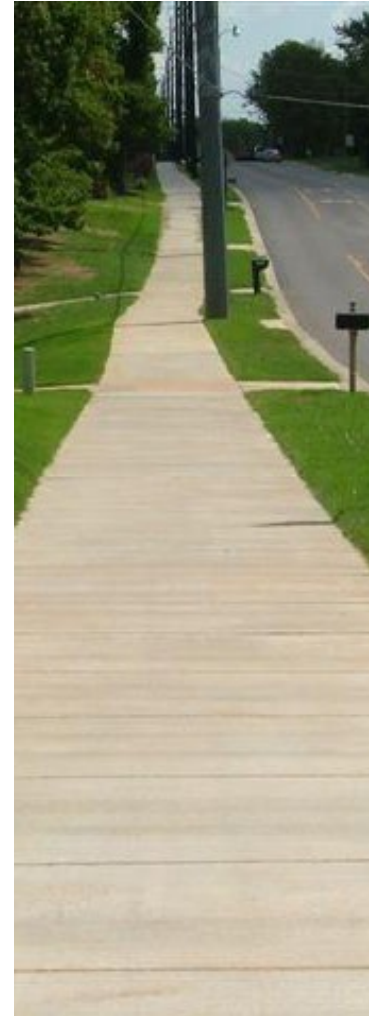
Create intuitive connections and routes to POST amenities, residential communities, and employment centers (sidewalks, trails and safe bicycle routes.)



Expand the trail network to reach destinations throughout the City



Continue public safety efforts and explore options for safety communications and alerts systems



Concept Plans



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Created for parks with existing aquatic facilities

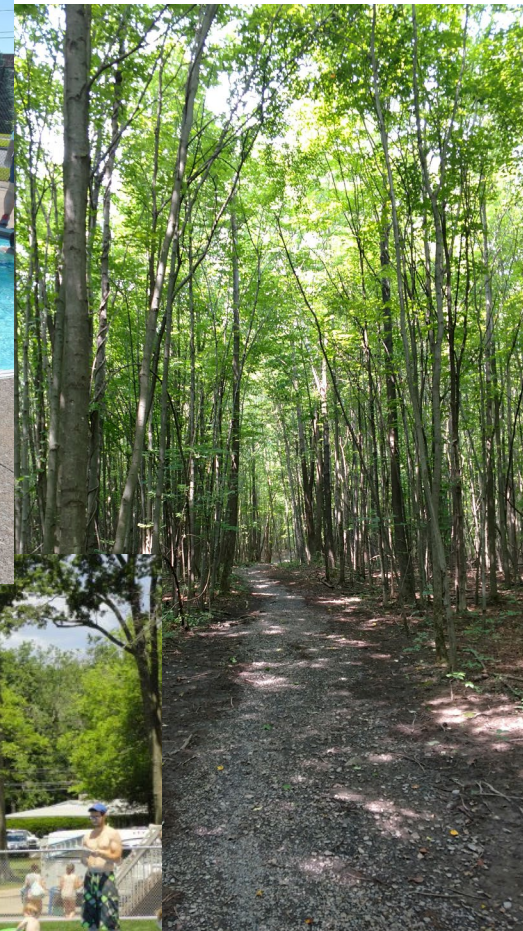
- **Stevens Field**
- **Guyer Field**
- **Kennedy Arena/Municipal Pool**
- **Gryzeic Field**
- **Pinti Field**

Concept Plans guide aquatic reorganization and future amenities at these parks

City of Rome: Aquatic Facilities - Distance from Residential Parcels



Stevens Field



Guyer Field



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Gryzeic Field



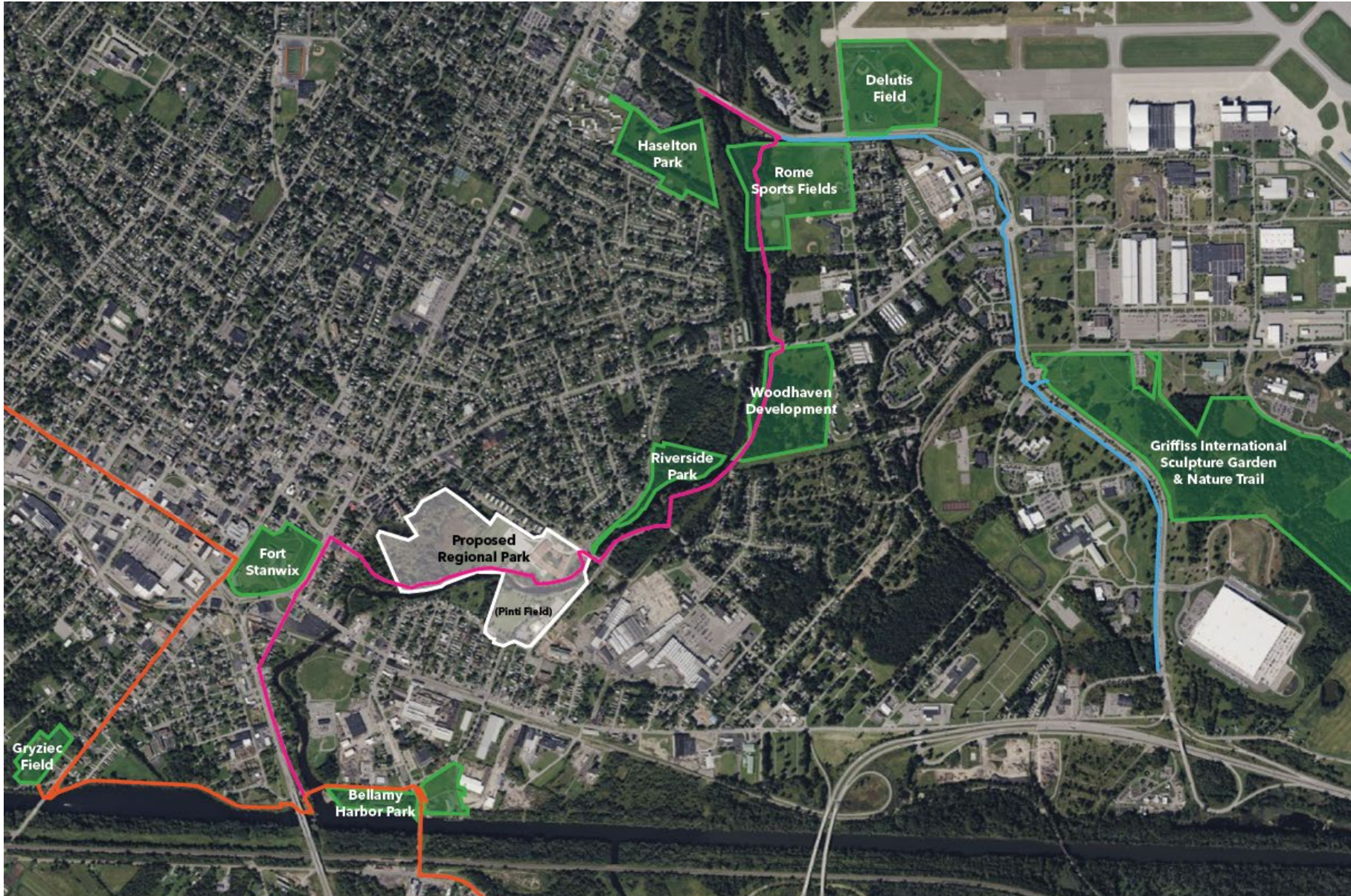


“Regional Park” at Pinti Field and Staley School

Goals:

- Create a flagship park centered on natural assets
- Serve existing and developing communities
- Envision a bright future for Staley School property
- Relocate Parks maintenance and grounds into the parks system

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Connections to:

- Downtown Rome
- Ft. Stanwix
- Griffiss AFB, parks, and new development
- Woodhaven development
- Multiple POST assets

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Engagement Activity

1. Read the detailed recommendations and concept plans around the room
2. Vote on the recommendations! Which three recommendations are the most important to you? Place 3 stickers in each category
 - See something missing from the recommendations? Write it in!
3. Comment on the concept plans using sticky notes – provide feedback on the types and locations of amenities shown in the comments