

# TORREY PINES CITY PARK

## GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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- Torrey Pines State Park
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Torrey Pines City Park is a unique and remarkable place. Despite its rich history and resources, the park is today disturbed and eroded, with unchecked vehicular access, as well as continuing and costly resource degradation.

- Archeological investigations have established that the Kumeyaay people utilized these bluffs and the ocean’s bounty for thousands of years.
- In 1899, the City of San Diego dedicated a park of coastal bluffs and rare pine trees for the public use and enjoyment.
- In 1930 brave aeronautic pioneers found the persistent wind blowing up these cliffs was perfect for soaring. Currently, the park’s flight community’s active aeronautic research, development and recreation are recognized world-wide.
- During WWII the site supported Camp Callan the artillery-training base practices took its toll on the park’s natural resources.
- In the 1960s the City deeded adjacent properties to scientific and educational institutions, and recreational and tourism destinations.
- Together with the motorless flight and environmental communities, these facilities now represent a large, diverse constituency of stakeholders.

As a public treasure, Torrey Pines City Park, needs to be carefully rehabilitated. This General Development Plan (GDP) is designed to enhance the quality and diverse character of the park through programmed park uses and the composition of forms and natural materials. Its intentional forms trace paths drawn on the land over many years of activity. Introduced elements will support historic uses, serve the public and protect the park.

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## Mission Statement by the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board

To protect and preserve this world renowned soaring site and the park's unique natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources.

Consistent with this mission statement the Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan accomplishes the following as a sustainable and versatile park site which meets the needs of all stakeholders:

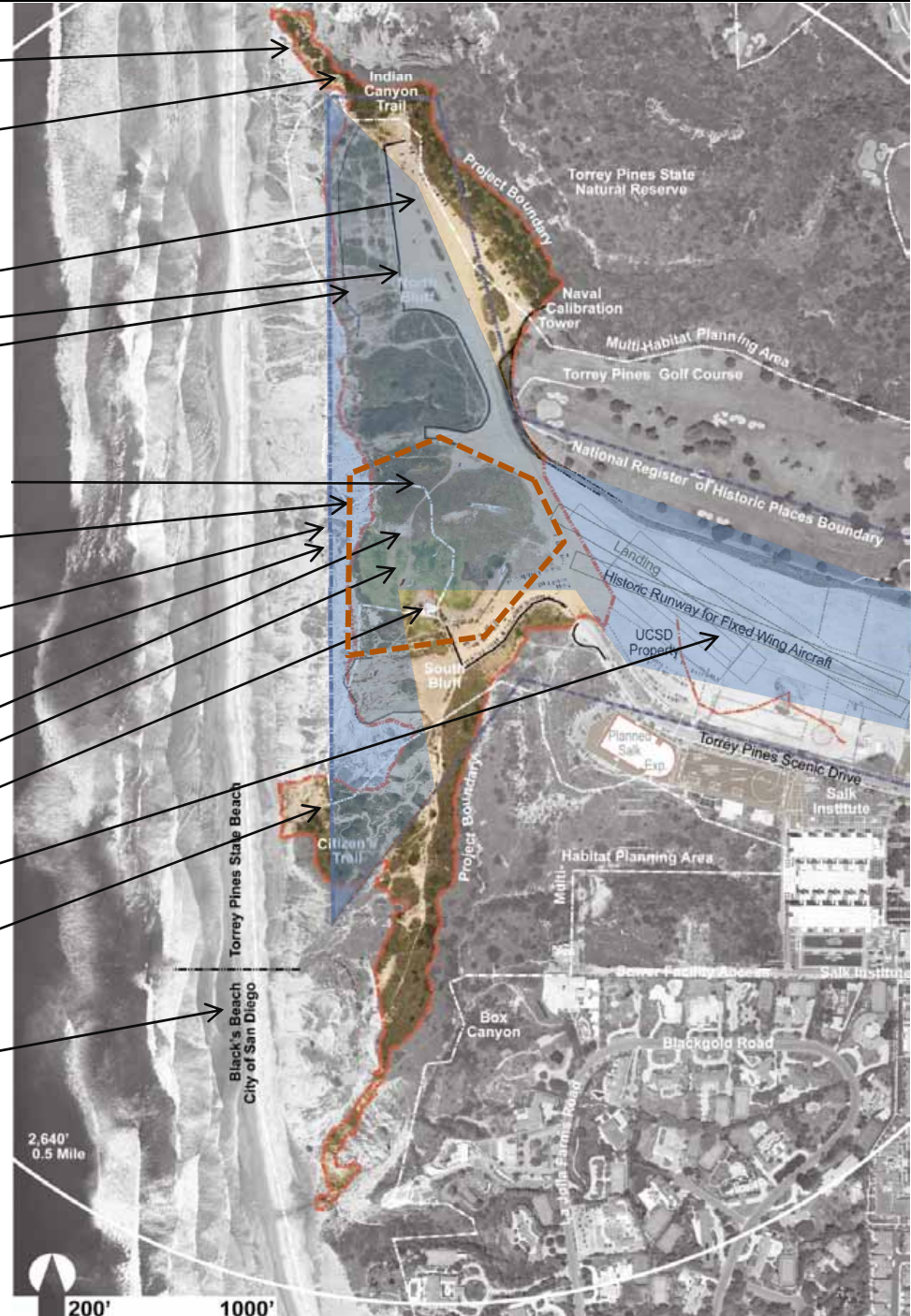
- Preserves and interprets the park's 57 acres of cultural resources associated with the Kumeyaay, Camp Callan and the history of wind-powered flight
- Improves retention of stormwater runoff for slope protection
- Improves emergency landing runway for fixed-wing glider's historic use of the park
- Improves the take off/landing area for hang glider and paraglider aircraft use
- Improves the landing area and "Pit" for radio controlled aircraft use
- Improves the flight operations center
- Improves the 2 beach access trails
- Adds 19.6 acres to the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) new native vegetation planting to restore the eroded bluffs
- Improves 2 miles of trails
- Provides picnic areas and viewing opportunities
- Improves the park entrance and perimeter security
- Improves restroom facilities with 2 new comfort stations
- Improves the public parking for 565 vehicles
- Improves access for emergency vehicles







- Project boundary 57 Acres
- “Indian Canyon Trail” to the State Beach
- Parking for 565 vehicles (whole site) on unpaved buff top
- Vehicular barriers
- Pedestrian barriers
- Multi-Habitat Planning Area boundary – adjustment required
- Gliderport lease limit (existing)
- Flight area no permanent obstacles taller than 12'
- National Historic Register Gliderport boundary
- Radio-controlled flight area
- Take-off and landing area
- Flight operations center
- Historic Runway on UCSD property
- “Citizen’s Trail” to the State Beach
- City Beach

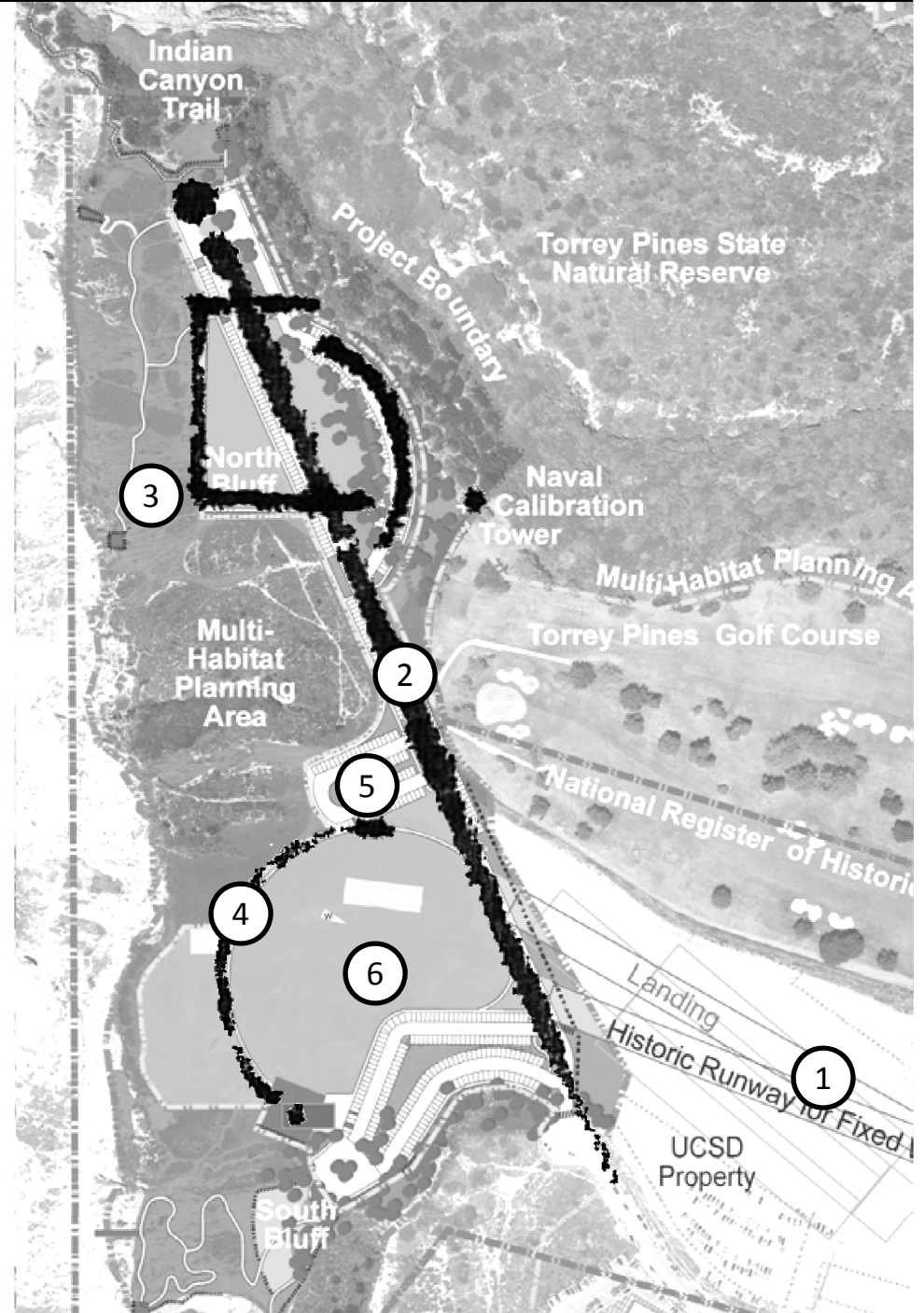


*There is no water, sewer or electrical service to the site.*



Diagram of the composition of park elements

- ① The historic runway is set into the prevailing winds for fixed wing flight in the early spring.
- ② The emergency runway makes use of the landform and provides park and beach parking on non-flight days.
- ③ The North Bluff is squared to the cardinal navigation points. It is designed to accommodate a variety of permitted events.
- ④ A pedestrian path encircles the mound connecting the radio controlled area to the flight center.
- ⑤ Parking and vehicular circulation is disciplined to enhance park use and increase native habitat restoration.
- ⑥ Cultural resources are preserved throughout the park.





# PROJECT SCHEDULE



	June, 2009	July	August	September	October	November	December	January, 2010	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
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■ Meeting with City project management  
 ▼ Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board Meeting  
 □ City Council Natural Resources & Culture Committee  
 ● Other Committees or City Council presentations

■ June 18, July 16, August 20, October 15, November 19, February 18  
 ▼ June 24, October 28, December 9,

Torrey Pines City Park is important to the City of San Diego and the region for its history, unique recreational opportunities, and natural and cultural resources. The intent of this planning and design effort is to develop a sustainable park that meets the needs of all existing and future park users.

The park program and goals were assembled through a public process consisting of public meetings and stakeholder questionnaires and interviews, consistent with the Mission Statement. The meetings were facilitated by the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board. The Advisory Board was created to consider and provide input through the GDP process. It included representatives from many user groups. A schedule of evening meetings was advertised and open to the public for a period of over nine months.

**Goals:**

- Flight**—provide access to wind powered soaring
- Beach Access** – provide a physical link from the bluff to the ocean
- Conservation** – preserve and enhance the natural & cultural resources
- Education** – provide interpretation of resources – natural & cultural
- Passive Recreation** – provide for the enjoyment of natural open space
- Support Facilities** – components to be shared by all users

To protect and preserve this world renowned soaring site and the park’s unique natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources.

*Mission Statement by the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board*



*Illustrative summary of public desires for the park*

The following park program lists elements recommended for implementation. The park GDP illustrates the location of the elements. Many of the elements are interrelated, overlapping in their function and value.



<b>Park Program</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Flight</b> <i>Goal: to provide access to wind-powered soaring</i>			
Take-off/landing set-up area, hang glider tie downs, radio-control flight pit and landing area	2 acres	2 acres	Airfield planted with native grasses, no permanent irrigation. Radio control flight pit (work area and launch) is sheltered by a low berm, landing area is 50' x 200' smooth, soft surface
Flight operations center; flight retail, meeting/classroom, food service (café) (500-1,000 square feet), flight storage (1,200 SF)	3,200 SF	3,000 SF - 6,000 SF	Located to minimize flight/wind disturbance, access to all, meet codes, shelter, inspire and educate
Exterior storage	1,070 SF		Integrated into flight operations center
Flight observation area	8,250 SF	7,600 SF	Defined for outdoor public walking and seating
Dedicated pilot parking	30 vehicles	30	30 spaces daily, with up to 50 for special events
Emergency landing strip for fixed-wing aircraft			75' width clear of obstacles
Web camera			Integrated into flight operations center
Weather station			Integrated into flight operations center
<b>Beach Access</b> <i>Goal: to provide a physical link from the bluff to the beach &amp; ocean</i>			
Indian Canyon Trail	1,000 LF	1,000 LF	Minimal wood steps and rail as needed, retreat with erosion
Citizen's Trail	1,500 LF	1,500 LF	Minimal wood steps and rail as needed, retreat with erosion
<b>Conservation</b> <i>Goal: to preserve and enhance the natural and cultural resources</i>			
Erosion control with stormwater detention-reuse			Accommodate 100 year/24 hour storm event
Preserve archaeological resources			Integrated use of imported gap-graded structural soil for stormwater detention - Lithwick
Enhance the historical functions of the site			Modifications are required to be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties, in particular the Standards for Rehabilitation
Minimize disturbance of soil and plants			Limit excavation, fill to achieve needed grade
Multi-Habitat Planning Area (net increase approximately 19.6 acres)	19.2 acres	38.8 acres approx.	Including Southern Coastal Bluff Scrub, Scrub Oak Chaparral, Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub
Planting of native plants in recreational areas			Airfield and North Bluff planted with native grasses, no permanent irrigation
Fencing			To protect cultural resources and for vegetation establishment
Irrigation			Temporary - to establish native vegetation, above ground with safeguards & monitoring



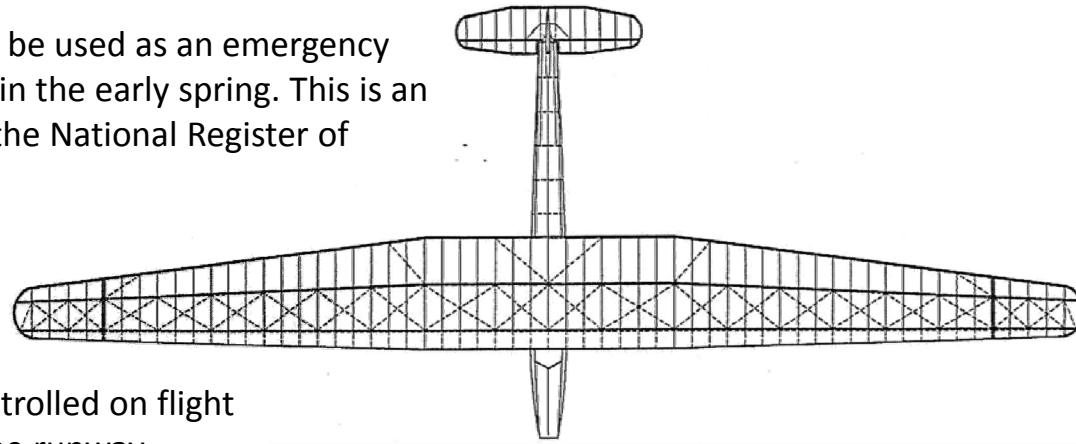
<b>Park Program</b>	Existing	Proposed	Notes
<b>Education</b>			<i>Goal: to provide interpretation of resources – natural &amp; cultural</i>
Interpretive Program and Signage			Integrated program for orientation, regulatory and interpretive for soaring, cultural & natural resources
Park Ranger			When approved by the City of San Diego
Museum (not an independent building)			Integrate interpretive and displays within the flight operation center and throughout park site
Gathering areas for programs, schools			Open grass areas of the north and or south bluffs
Website for Torrey Pines City Park			City of San Diego
<b>Passive Recreation</b>			<i>Goal: to provide for the enjoyment of natural open space</i>
Nature trails		2 miles	ADA accessible
Seating			As appropriate, out of flight zones
Picnic tables			As appropriate, out of flight zones
Observation decks - at North Bluff and South Bluff, out of flight area			3 platforms (each less than 1,200 sf) safely above natural grade to provide an experience above the coastal bluff that are ADA compliant
Multiple places to host a variety of gatherings			North bluff native grass area
Fire ring			When approved by the City of San Diego, away from MHPA
<b>Support Facilities</b>			<i>Goal: to provide components to be shared by all users</i>
Parking	565	565	including ADA spaces, and pilot's spaces
Bicycle racks	4 bikes	36 bikes	at north and south parking areas
Restrooms - at North Bluff and South Bluff (shared with flight lease) parking areas		2	2 units each structure, pre-manufactured with holding tanks, located for truck access and regular maintenance (no sewer or water service). If feasible water and sewer may be introduced to the park.
Life Guard Observation Platform "Perch"	9 SF	18 SF	For summer season use, allow public use in off-season
Life Guard storage	0 SF	100 SF	Integrated into the south bluff restroom building
Emergency lighting			Solar powered
Emergency vehicle access			Meets City of San Diego Fire Dept. standards





Bowlus Sailplane #18 Model A

The north parking area will be used as an emergency landing strip on flight days in the early spring. This is an historic use recognized by the National Register of Historic Places.

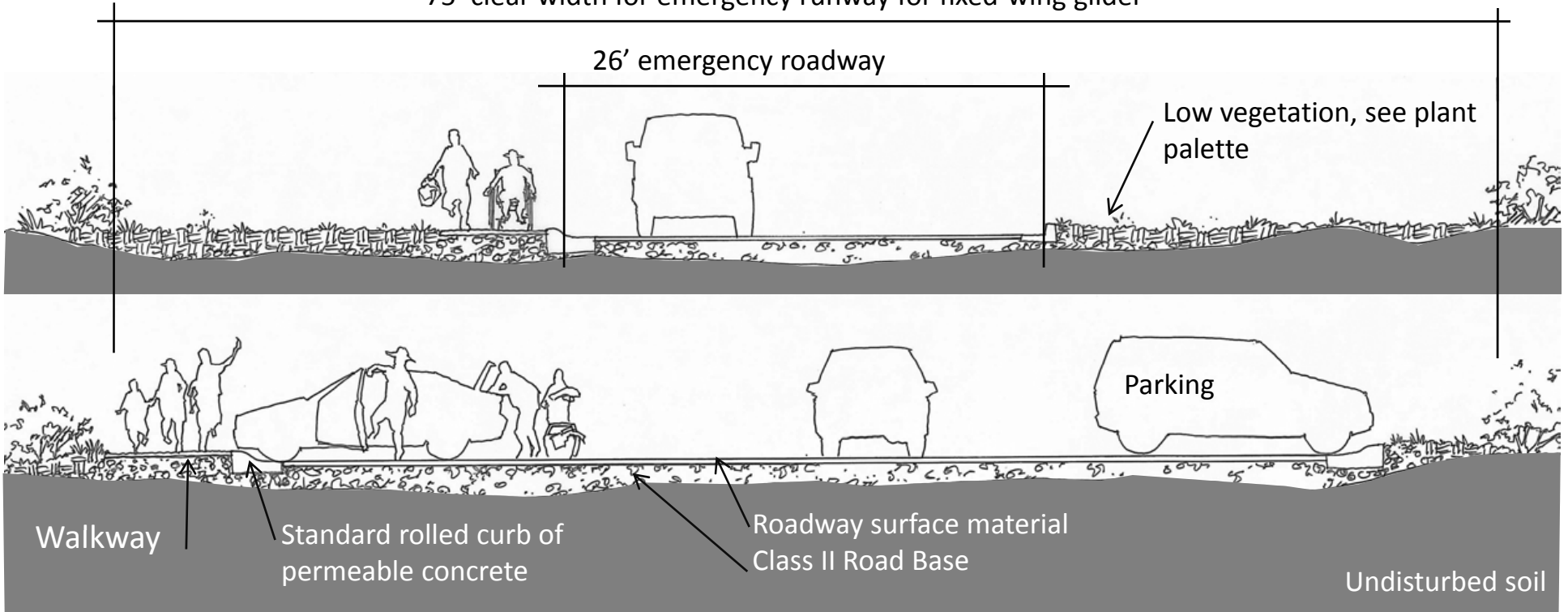


Vehicular traffic will be controlled on flight days at the gate south of the runway.

75' clear width for emergency runway for fixed-wing glider

26' emergency roadway

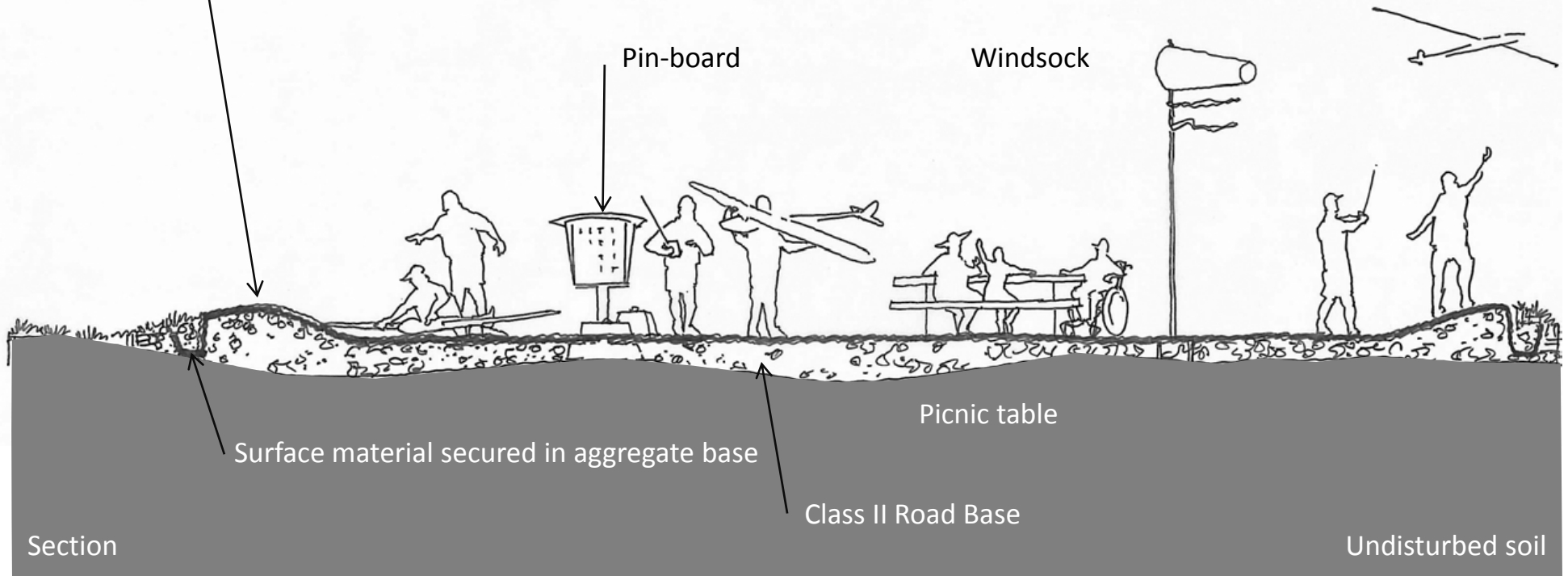
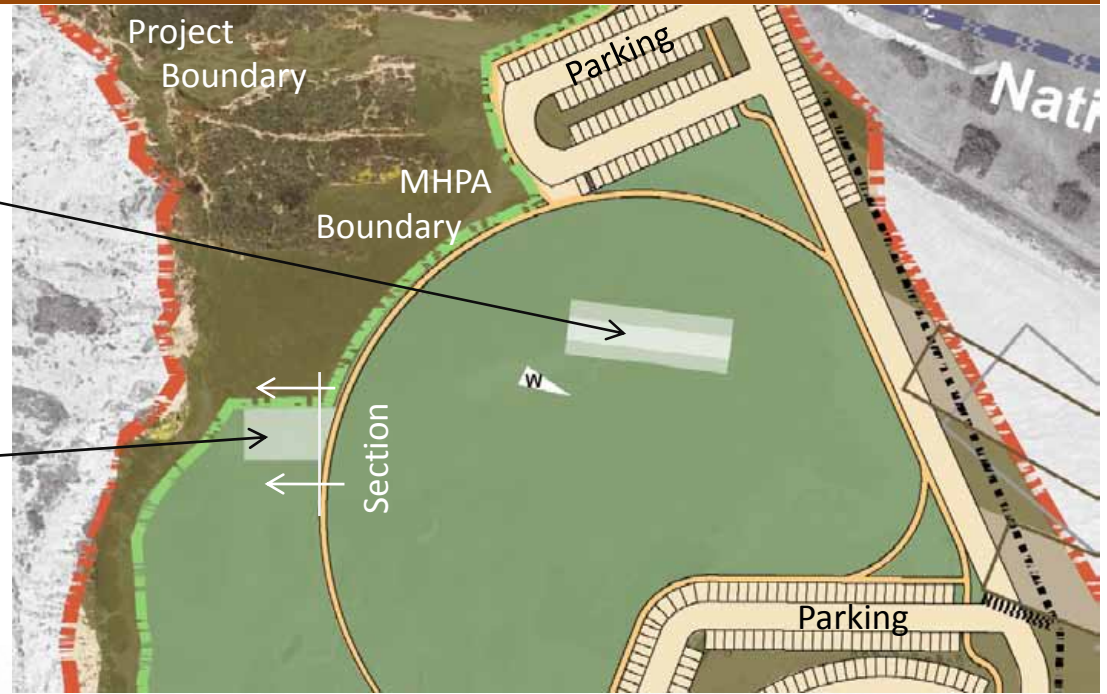
Low vegetation, see plant palette

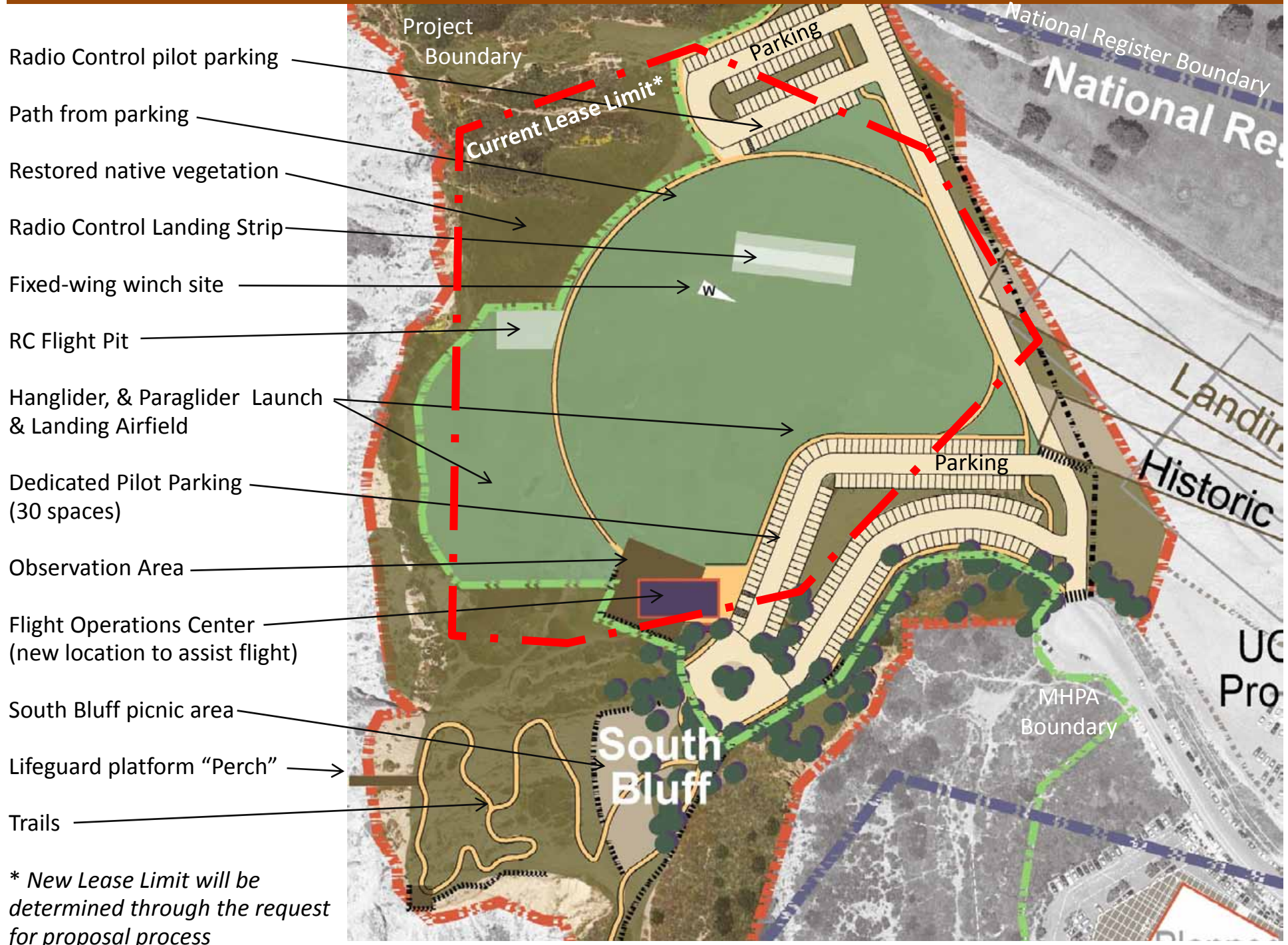




Radio Control Landing Strip  
Surface material should be a soft artificial fabric, permeable to water.

Radio Control Flight Pit  
Raised berm to block wind for aircraft set-up







**Existing  
Flight Operations Center**

Building Area = 3,200 square feet

Observation Area = 8,250 sf.  
Including roof deck

Outdoor Storage Area = 1,070 sf

*Areas are approximate*





**Flight Operations Center**

Requirements

- Minimize wind disturbance to the airfield;
- Limit excavation – protect cultural resources and minimize geological impact;
- Solar powered- electrical system, including emergency lighting;
- No water, sewer or electric service;
- Incorporate interpretive & educational displays;
- Incorporate the multiple official site monuments;
- Set back (eastward) from the bluff – minimum 50’;
- The design of the public building should consider the contextual architectural styles of the original Salk Institute as well as materials used in wind-powered aircraft.

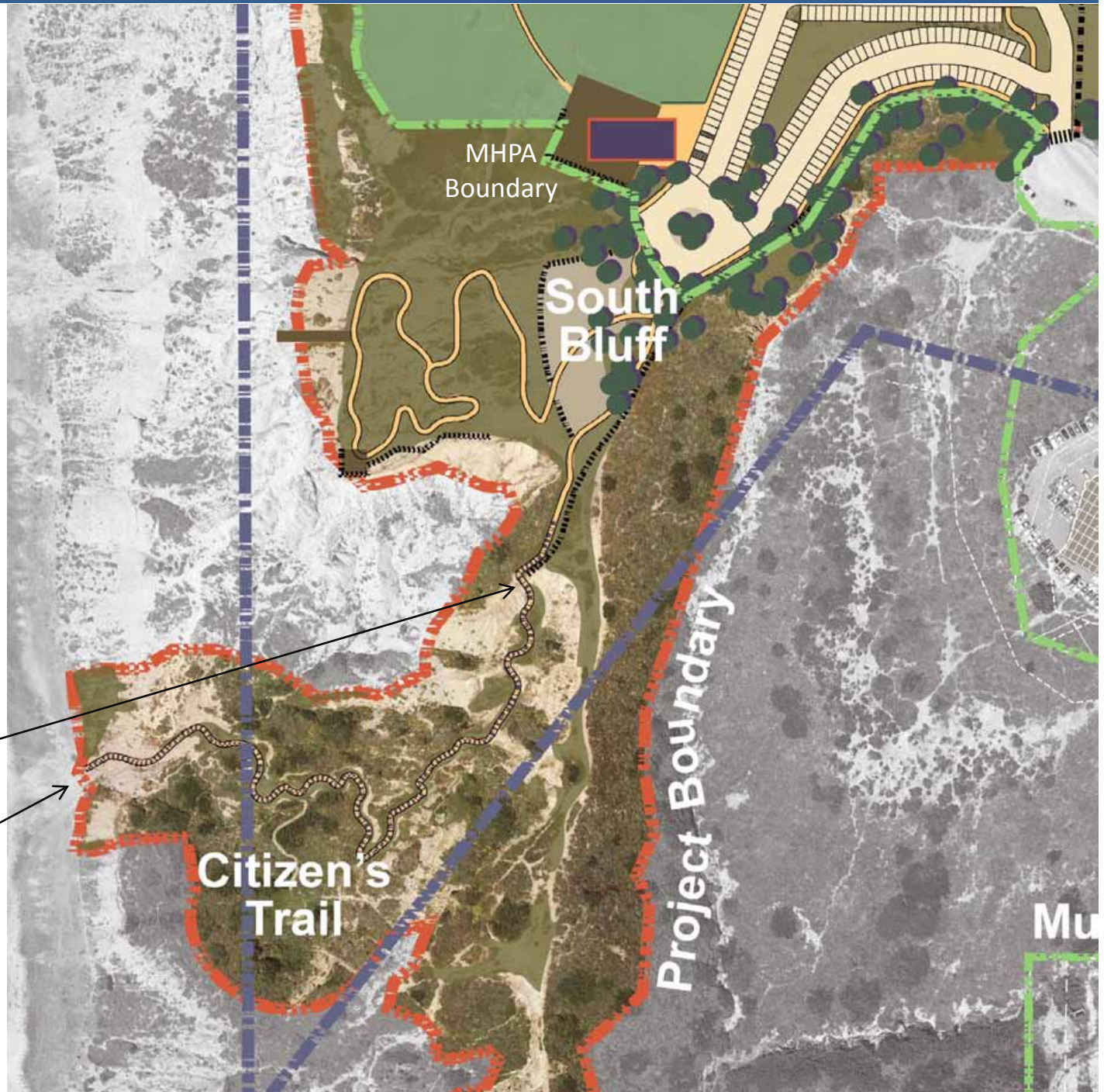
*If feasible water and sewer service may brought to the building.*











Add signage at the top of the trail

Citizen's Trail to the beach improve with segments of wooden steps and handrails following existing route



July 12, 1993 the Gliderport was listed on the **National Register of Historic Places** under Criterion A: Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

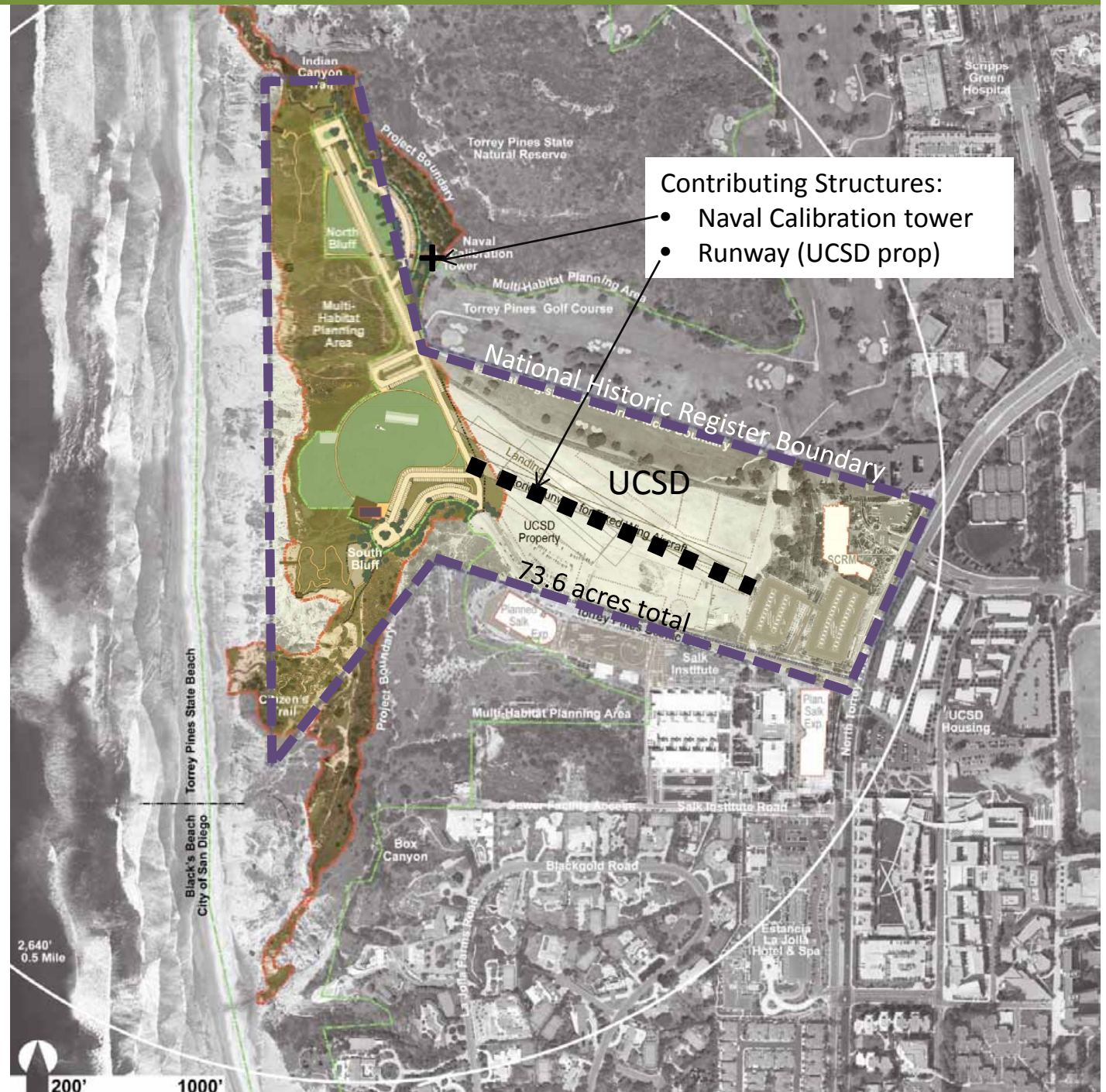
Historical functions:

- recreation & culture
- education
- transportation, and
- landscape

Historical significance:

- Associated with Southern California’s history and aviation industry
- Used for advancement of aviation technology and recreation since the 1930s

Period of Significance is from 1928 to 1942.



Contributing Structures:

- Naval Calibration tower
- Runway (UCSD prop)



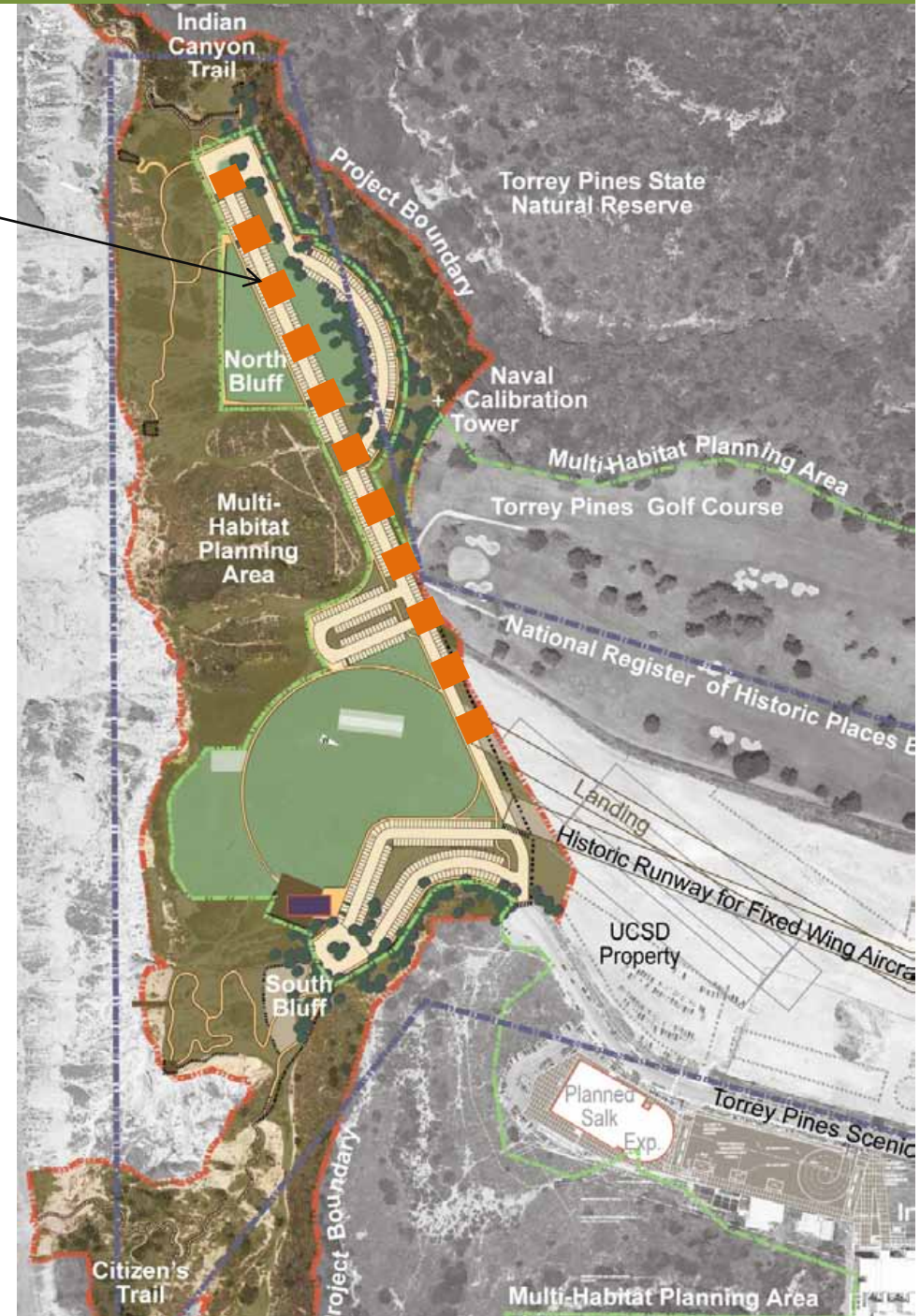
Modifications to historical features within the National Register boundary would be:

- Improvement of the emergency landing strip
- Improved access to the gliderport
- Improved beach access
- Adds 19.6 acres to the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) new native vegetation planting
- New pedestrian trails, picnic areas and observation areas
- Interpretive program

These modifications are required to be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties, in particular the Standards for Rehabilitation.

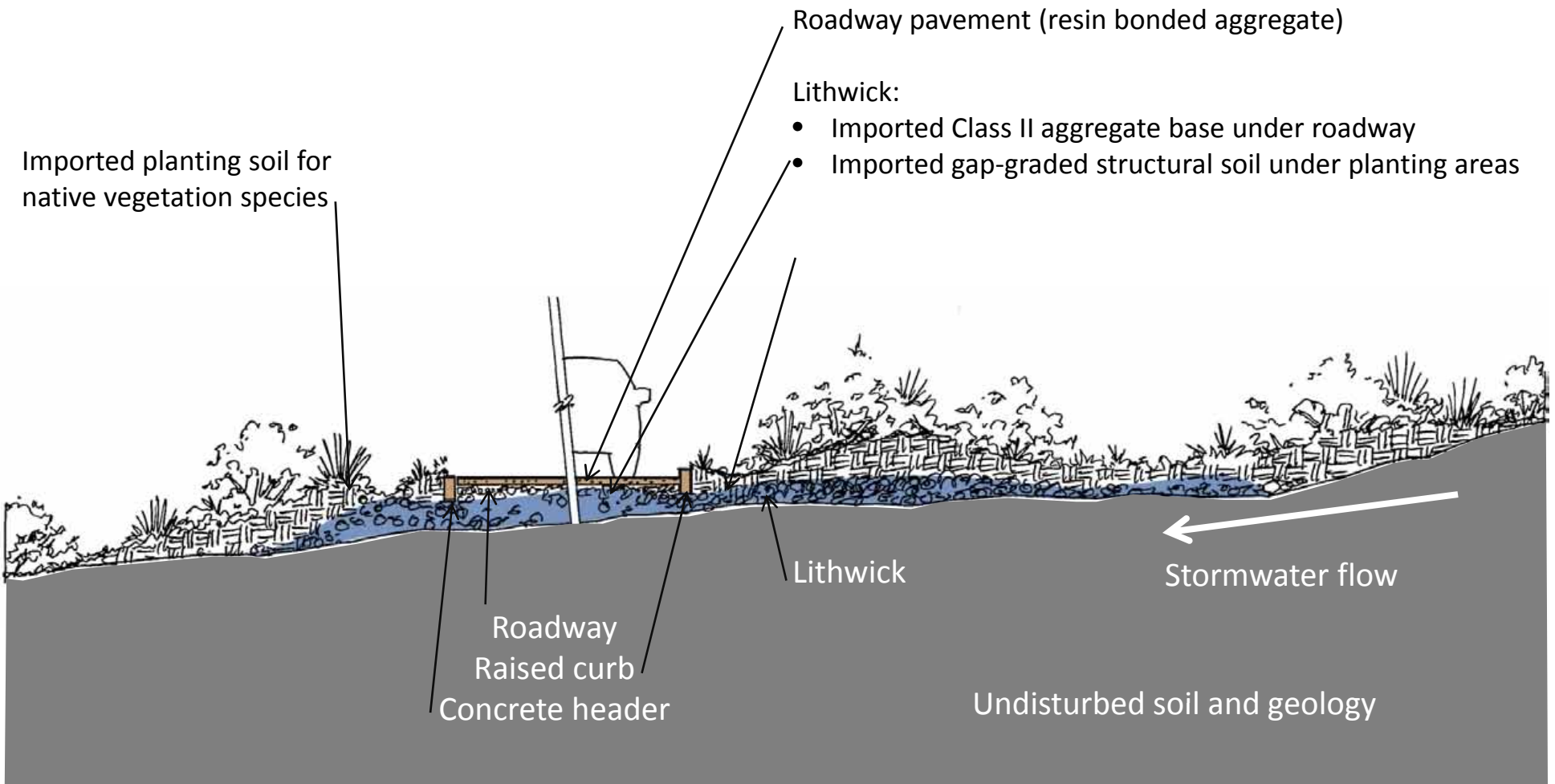
The City of San Diego’s list of historic resources should be amended to include significant archaeological resources.

All future development requires Native American consultation related to impacts and mitigation to archaeologically and culturally significant resources and values.



Add new soil horizons to preserve the potential cultural resources, geological structure and to detain stormwater runoff and direct it to the establishment and long term viability of native vegetation.

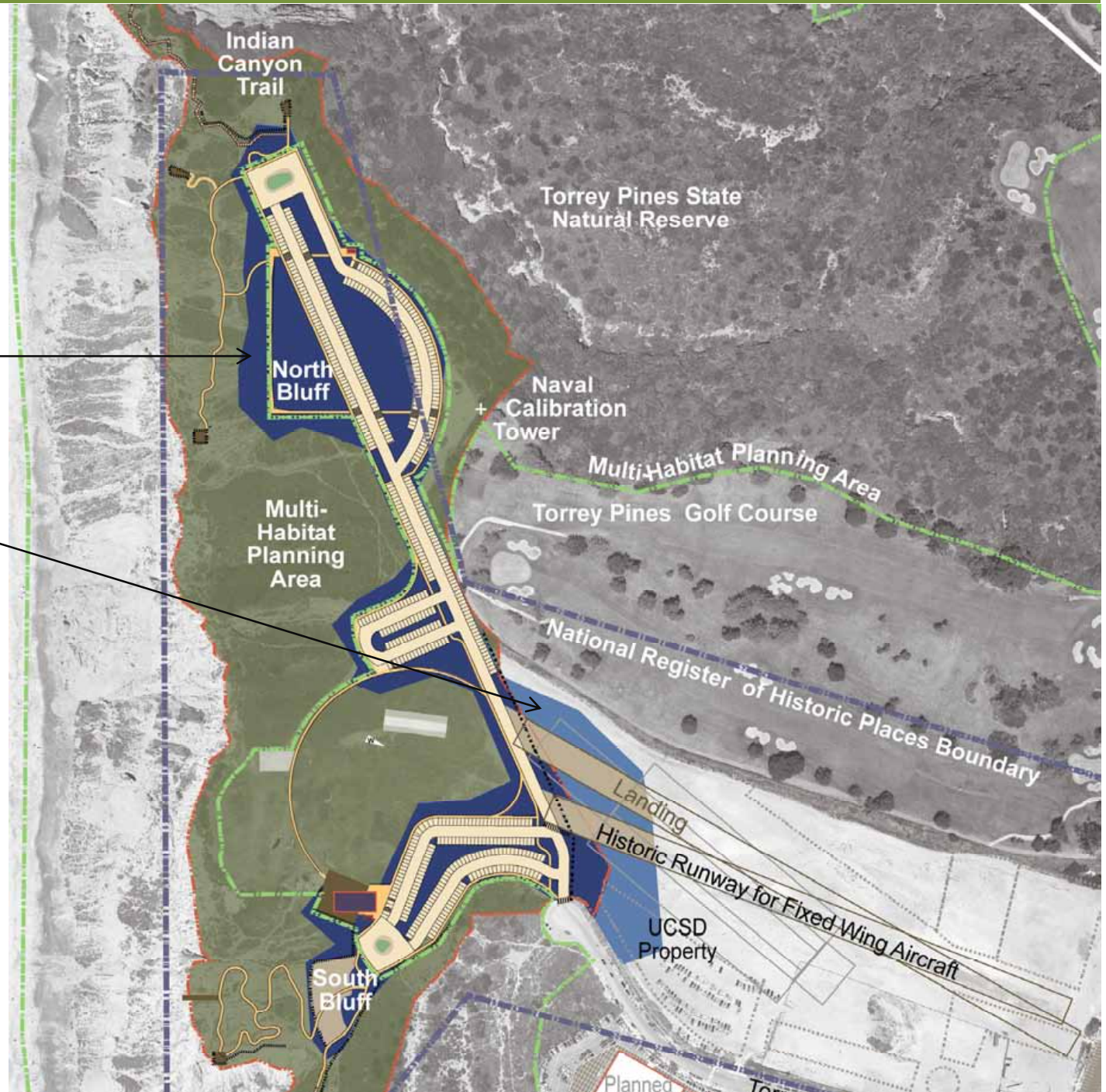
Stormwater will be captured in new planting areas. Excess water (calculated to accommodate a 100-year storm event) will be detained in the 'lithwick' and slowly dispersed through planting.






Area of lithwick - fill and planting required within city property to accommodate stormwater.

A significant amount of stormwater in the southern portion of park drains off UCSD property. UCSD should contribute to the character of the park entry and eastern boundary as well as mitigate the problems of erosion by extending the lithwick of stormwater detaining fill, raising the grade to smooth out the fixed-wing runway and planting.







**Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) Boundary Line Adjustment Scenario**

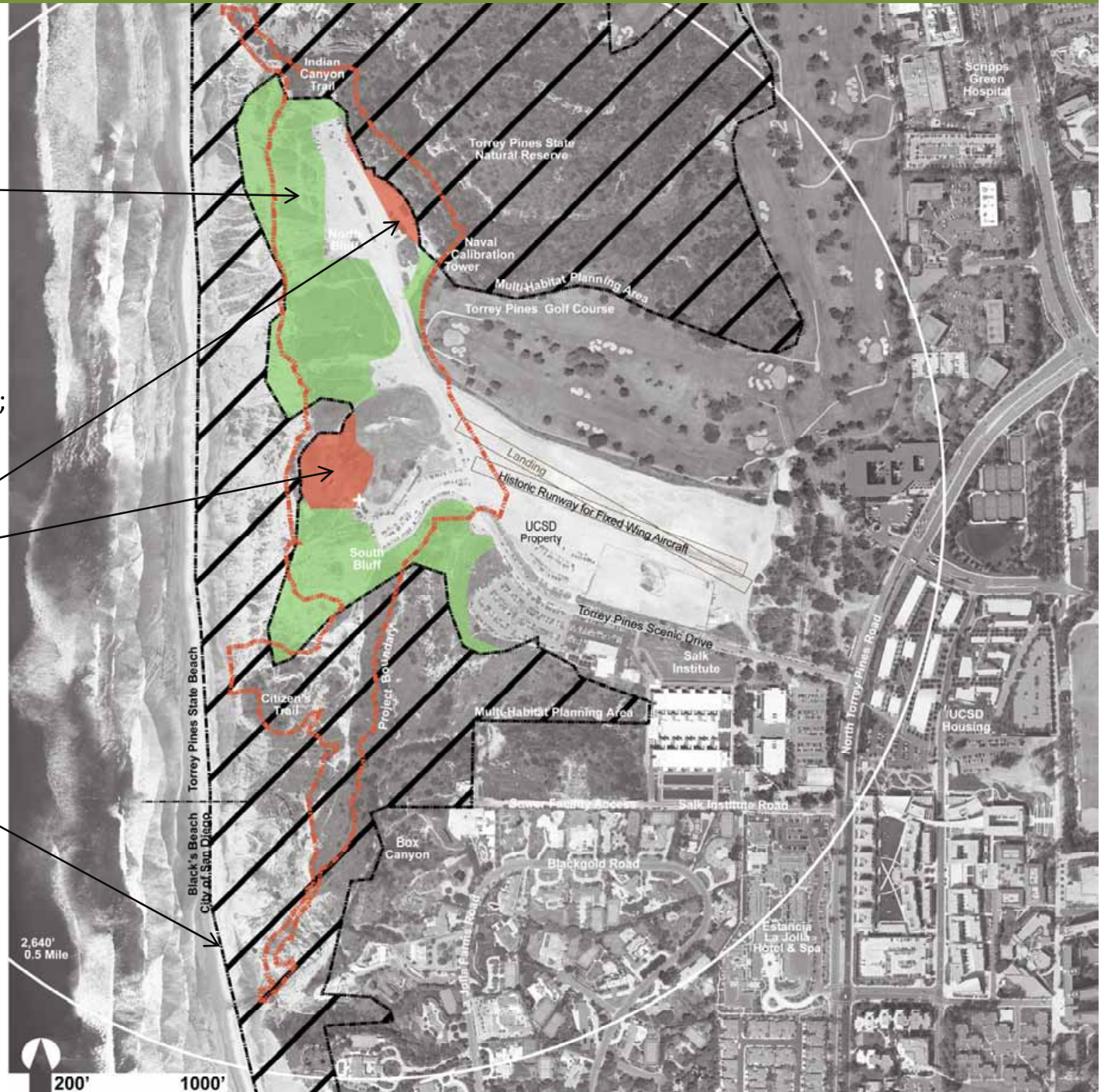
 Proposed MHPA addition area  
 Approximately 19.6 Acres net increase into the MHPA within the project area for existing and enhanced:

- Southern Coastal Bluff Scrub;
- Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub;

 Proposed MHPA subtraction and correction area to be removed to allow continued gliderport use and parking in the north.

 Multiple Habitat Planning Area

19.2 Existing MHPA acres  
 + 19.6 net increase  
 38.8 total MHPA  
 + 18.5 non-MHPA acres in the  
 = 57.3 acre project area











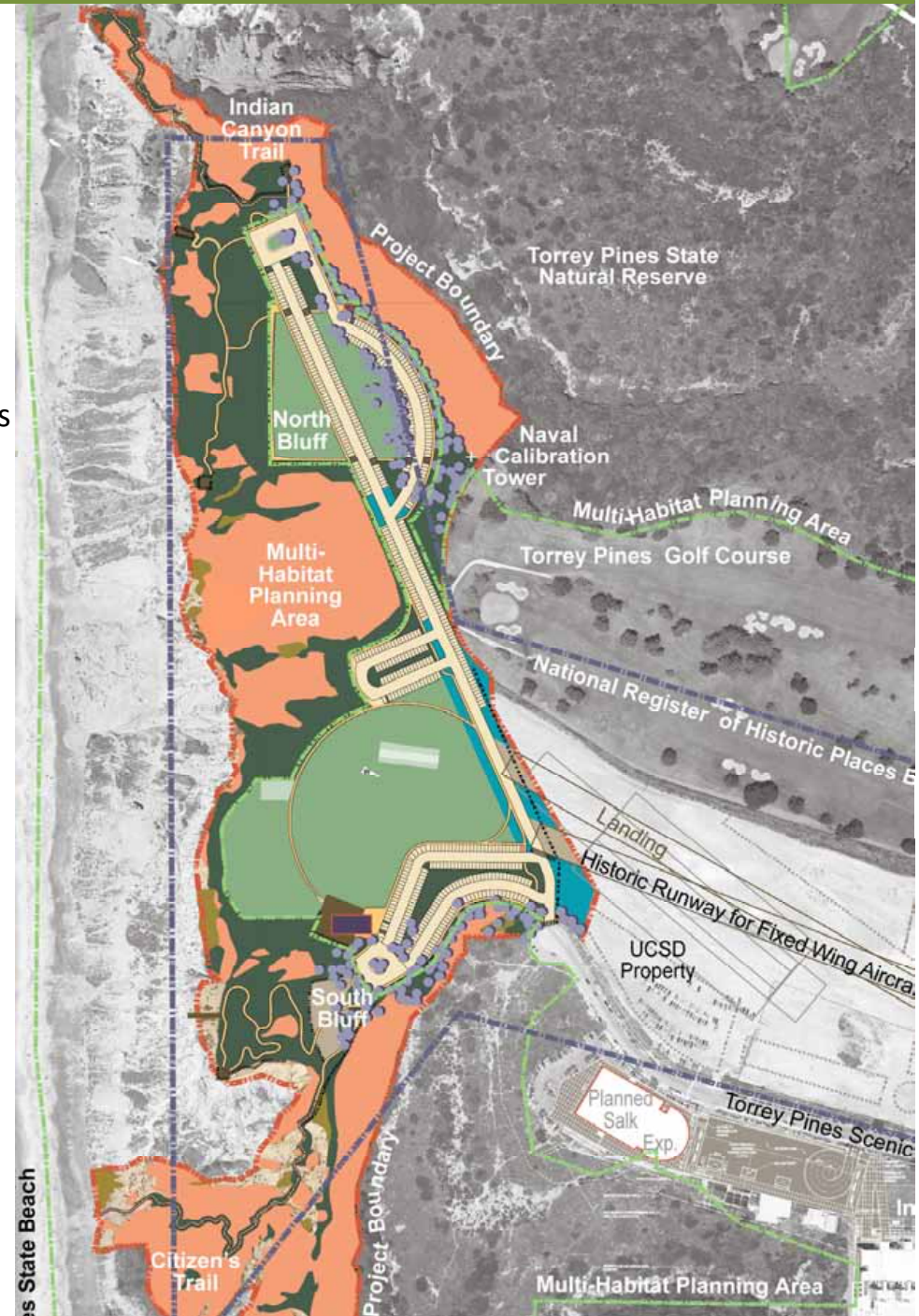
**Vegetation Criteria**

- Water-efficient: temporary, above ground irrigation for establishment, dry-season irrigation by hand (minimizes erosion and slope stability concerns)
- Native to region
- Adapted to site conditions (wind, salt spray, coastal fog)
- Minimal maintenance needs
- Compatible with naturally occurring vegetation
- Interpretive opportunities: cultural and biological resources
- Appropriate for the use, i.e. no trees in the flight path

**Legend:**

-  Active-use groundcover
-  New native plants in areas where invasive plants need to be removed or no vegetation exists
-  New native plants in sparse and disturbed habitat area
-  Accent & transition plants
-  Meadow
-  Existing native habitat vegetation to be protected

*“The most commonly used definition of a native plant is one that is considered to have been present in a specific region of the country prior to European settlement.” USDA*



**Vegetation Criteria**

**Active Use Groundcover:**

- Airfield takeoff & landing area
- North Bluff area

Characteristics:

- Drought-tolerant (occasional hand irrigation)
- Primarily grasses and sedges
- Non-invasive
- Durable (for foot traffic)
- Low spreading growth form

**New Plants:**

- Revegetation in eroded and degraded areas
- Focus on native scrub plant communities

Characteristics:

- Compatible with MHPA (Multi-Habitat Planning Area) where applicable
- Prevent further erosion
- Restored areas supplement existing scrub habitats: Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub, Maritime Succulent Scrub, and Coastal Bluff Scrub

**Accent & Transition:**

- Vegetation associated with structures and non-soaring activity areas
- Provides transition between activity areas and natural habitat

Characteristics:

- Palette has variety to accommodate different functions: screening, backdrop planting, shade, frame views, provide focal point, define gathering areas

**Meadow:**

- Areas to minimize risk of damage to fixed-wing gliders near runways
- To help retain and treat stormwater
- Associated with areas that generate relatively large runoff volumes (parking lots, rooftops, other impervious areas)

Characteristics:

- Low-growing grasses and forbs
- Good for erosion control
- Occasional color for seasonal interest
- Tolerates pollutants of concern that may be found in stormwater
- Compatible with gap-graded structural soil and any underdrains



Native Coastal Vegetation

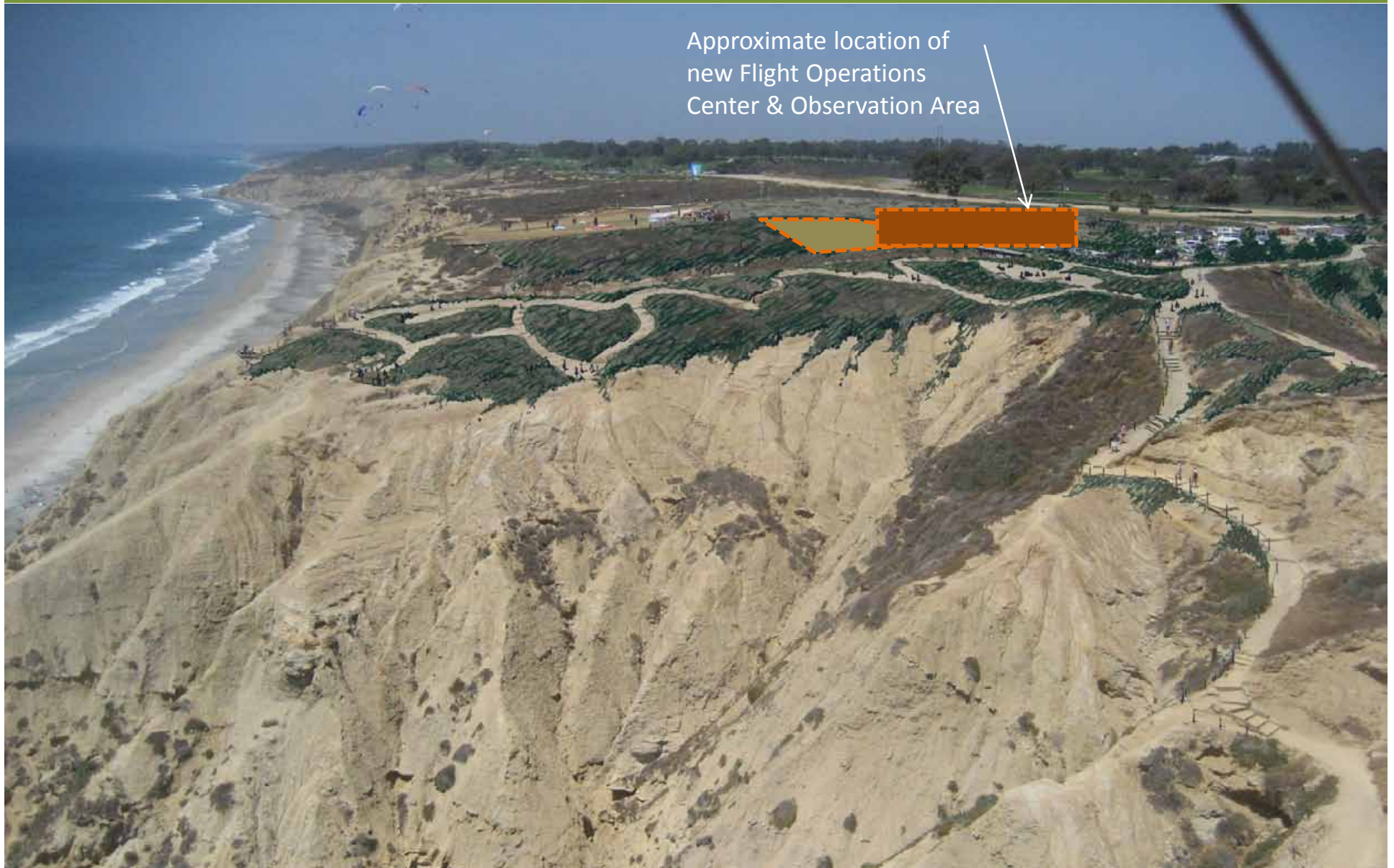
Plant Palette

Native Coastal Vegetation		Restoration					Growth form	Native Coastal Vegetation		Restoration					Growth form	
Latin name	Common name	Active Use Groundcover	Accent & Transition	Meadow	Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub	Maritime Succulent Scrub		Coastal Bluff Scrub	Latin name	Common name	Active Use Groundcover	Accent & Transition	Meadow	Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub		Maritime Succulent Scrub
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	X	X	X	X			<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	X						shrub
<i>Agave shawii</i>	Shaw's Agave		X					<i>Isocoma menziesii</i>	Menzies' Goldenbush	X	X		X			shrub
<i>Agrostis pallens</i>	San Diego Bent Grass	X						<i>Isomeris arborea</i>	Bladderpod			X		X		shrub
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift Seapink		X					<i>Juncus patens</i>	California Gray Rush			X				rush
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California Sagebrush				X	X	X	<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>	Tree Mallow; Malva Rosa	X						shrub
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Fourwing Saltbush					X		<i>Layia platyglossa</i>	Tidy Tips							herb
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Bush		X					<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i>	California Aster	X						herb
<i>Calystegia macrostegia</i>	Island Morning Glory		X	X		X		<i>Leymus condensatus</i>	Giant Wild Rye			X	X			grass
<i>Carex pansa</i>	California Meadow Sedge	X	X					<i>Leymus triticoides 'Gray Dawn'</i>	Gray Dawn Creeping Rye	X	X					grass (spreading)
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Clustered Field Sedge	X	X					<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax			X				herb
<i>Castilleja affinis</i>	Coast Indian Paintbrush			X		X		<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed				X	X		shrub
<i>Ceanothus hearstiorum</i>	Hearst's Ceanothus		X					<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	Miniature Lupine			X				herb
<i>Ceanothus maritimus</i>	Maritime Ceanothus		X					<i>Malacothrix saxatilis</i>	Cliff Aster					X		herb
<i>Cylindropuntia prolifera</i>	Coastal Cholla				X	X		<i>Malosma laurina</i>	Laurel Sumac	X						shrub
<i>Deinandra fasciculata</i>	Clustered Tarweed				X	X	X	<i>Marah macrocarpus</i>	Wild Cucumber				X	X		herb
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Salt Grass	X	X					<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Bush Monkeyflower	X	X					shrub
<i>Dudleya edulis</i>	San Diego Dudleya		X					<i>Nassella lepida</i>	Foothill Needlegrass	X	X	X	X	X		bunchgrass
<i>Dudleya pulverulenta</i>	Chalk Dudleya		X					<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	Purple Needlegrass	X	X	X	X	X		bunchgrass
<i>Encelia californica</i>	Coast Sunflower				X	X	X	<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Coastal Prickly Pear				X	X	X	succulent
<i>Eriogonum arborescens</i>	Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat		X	X	X	X		<i>Pinus torreyana</i>	Torrey Pine	X						tree
<i>Eriogonum cinereum</i>	Ashy Leaf Buckwheat		X	X	X	X		<i>Quercus dumosa</i>	Nuttall's Scrub Oak	X	X	X	X	X		shrub
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California Buckwheat		X	X	X	X		<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonadeberry	X	X	X	X	X		shrub
<i>Eriogonum grande var. rubescens</i>	Red Buckwheat		X	X	X	X		<i>Salvia apiana</i>	White Sage	X						shrub
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	Golden Yarrow		X	X	X	X		<i>Salvia brandegei</i>	Brandegee's Sage	X						shrub
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy			X				<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black Sage				X			shrub
<i>Euphorbia misera</i>	Cliff Spurge					X		<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	Checkerbloom	X	X					herb
<i>Ferocactus viridescens</i>	Coast Barrel Cactus					X		<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	X	X					herb
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue (Molate)	X	X					<i>Yucca schidigera</i>	Mohave Yucca			X	X			succulent
<i>Grindelia stricta var. platyphylla</i>	Spreading Gum Plant		X	X												herb



South Bluff - Existing Condition





South Bluff – Proposed Habitat Restoration, Trails and Places





**North Bluff – Existing Condition**





North Bluff – Proposed Habitat Restoration, Trails, View Points





**Airfield – Existing Condition**





Airfield– Proposed Habitat Restoration, Trails, View Points

### Interpretive Program

Interpretive themes and subthemes will:

- Educate visitors about the site’s history and unique character
- Compel a visitor to use the information after receiving it

Objectives must be developed with appropriate stakeholders.

A variety of media can support the interpretive program, including signage panels, icon-type graphics associated with trail or other experiential discovery sequence, special oral history and other programs, and displays that indicate where users can find web-based content. Audio as well as visual interpretative programs will reach the whole community.



Camp Callan Artillery Battalion from 1942

Naval Calibration Tower 1926



*Theme #1: Torrey Pines City Park has a rich history of human use that continues today.* Subthemes - Possible Objectives for Visitor

**Native American use** – understanding:

- this site in larger context of Kumeyaay use of the coast
- the many ways this site has been used
- appreciation that this and similar sites still have cultural significance and may have physical artifacts that should not be disturbed

**Aviation use: A place of “Firsts”** – understanding:

- site association with early aviation
- the site’s unique features that contribute to its use for gliding and soaring activities
- the differences among gliding and soaring activities currently conducted
- appreciation that sites for this type of activity are rare and should be preserved

**Military history** – understanding:

- historic military activities in the immediate vicinity
- the relationship with other U.S. military installations in San Diego County and the Pacific rim
- the long-lasting effects of past military activities on current land uses and environmental conditions

Kuməyaay



CAMP CALLAN

*Theme #2: Torrey Pines City Park showcases unique geological and biological elements of California's coastal bluffs.*

Subthemes - Possible Objectives for Visitor

**Bluff physical features**

- Understanding of how the site's physical features allow it to be used for gliding
- Understanding of bluff soils and beach evolution
- Understanding of things that affect bluff stability

**Biological resources**

- Understanding of different coastal scrub habitats and why they are increasingly rare
- Understanding of importance of native habitats
- Understanding of traditional Native American use of local plant and animal resources



Rufous Crowned Sparrow



Peregrine Falcon



Sea Dahlia



San Diego Barrel Cactus



**Objectives for Signage**

- Create an image and sense of place through themed signage program
- Identify TPCP to entering visitors
- Direct vehicle circulation to parking and drop-off areas
- Facilitate pedestrian way-finding around park and direct visitors to facilities and points of interest
- Support interpretation as appropriate
- Group and integrate signage to minimize its impact to the site. Information will be designed into elements such as pavement, fencing, buildings, seating
- Make sign posts within the flight zone flexible, and carefully locate them to minimize hazard to pilots.
- Install removable signs within the emergency runway for fixed-wing aircraft for flight days.
- Show the variety of physical challenges, facilities, seating, seating and interpretive areas on trail maps.

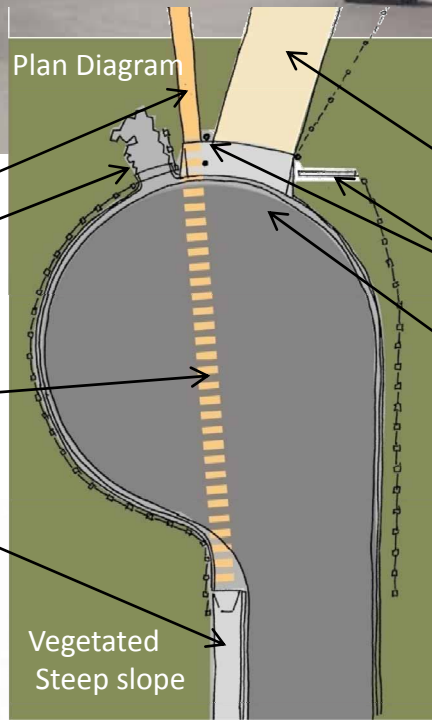


Flexible sign-posts as used by Calif. State Parks



- Sign Locations:
- Park identity
  - Park rules
  - ▲ Vehicle direction
  - ▲ Pedestrian direction
  - \* Facility marker
  - Interpretive exhibit

Park Entry



New pedestrian entry trail with new access

Existing drainage

Pedestrian route on asphalt

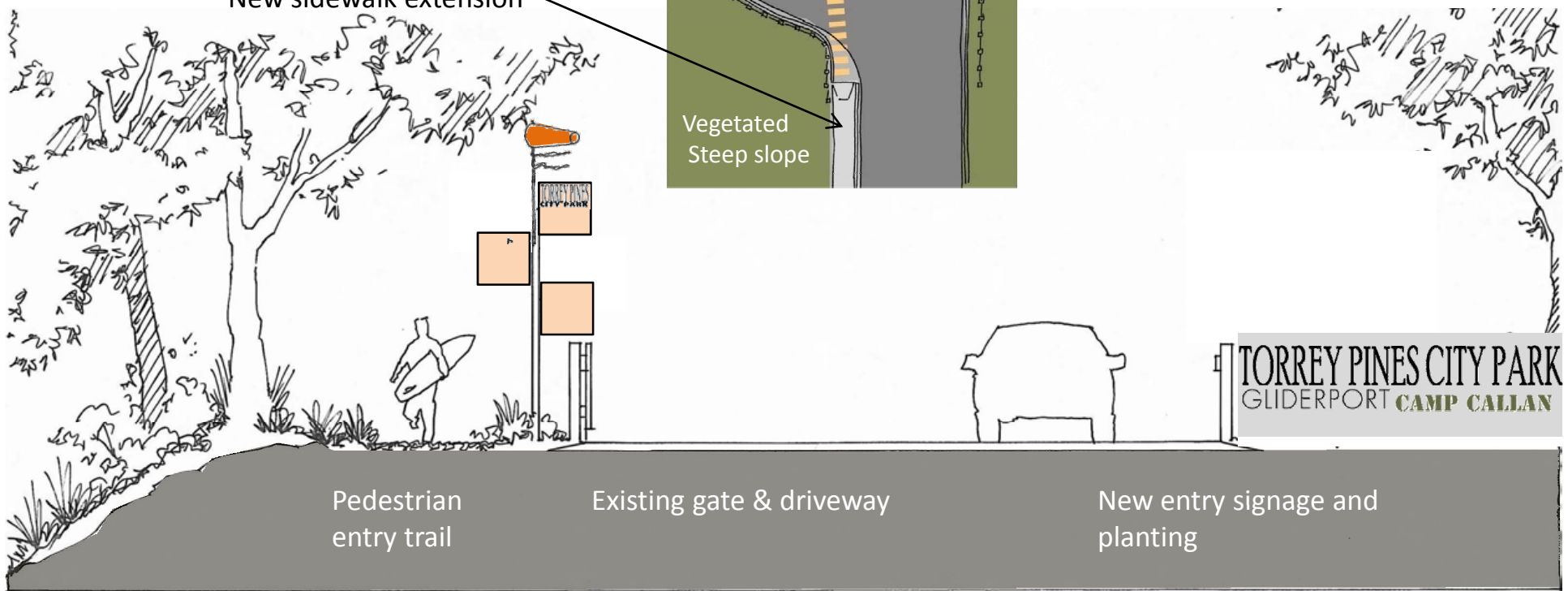
New sidewalk extension

Vegetated Steep slope

New park road & fence

New entry signs

Existing driveway & barriers





Trail to the beach

Park trails –ADA accessible, linked to parking and the park entry. Maps and signage will identify the park features, trail routes and challenges.

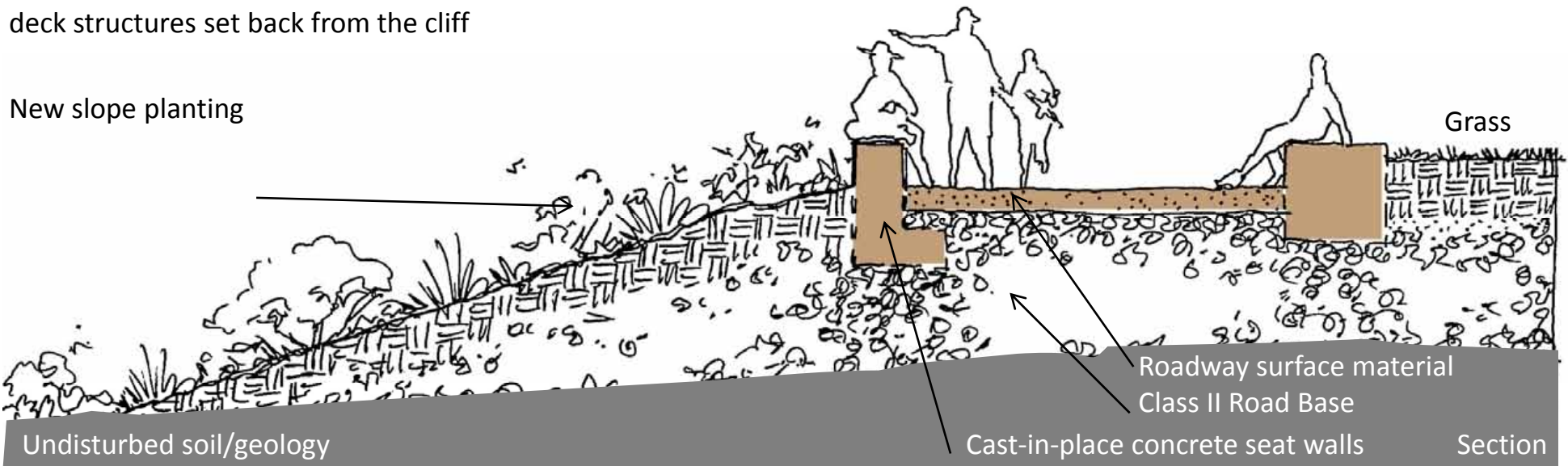
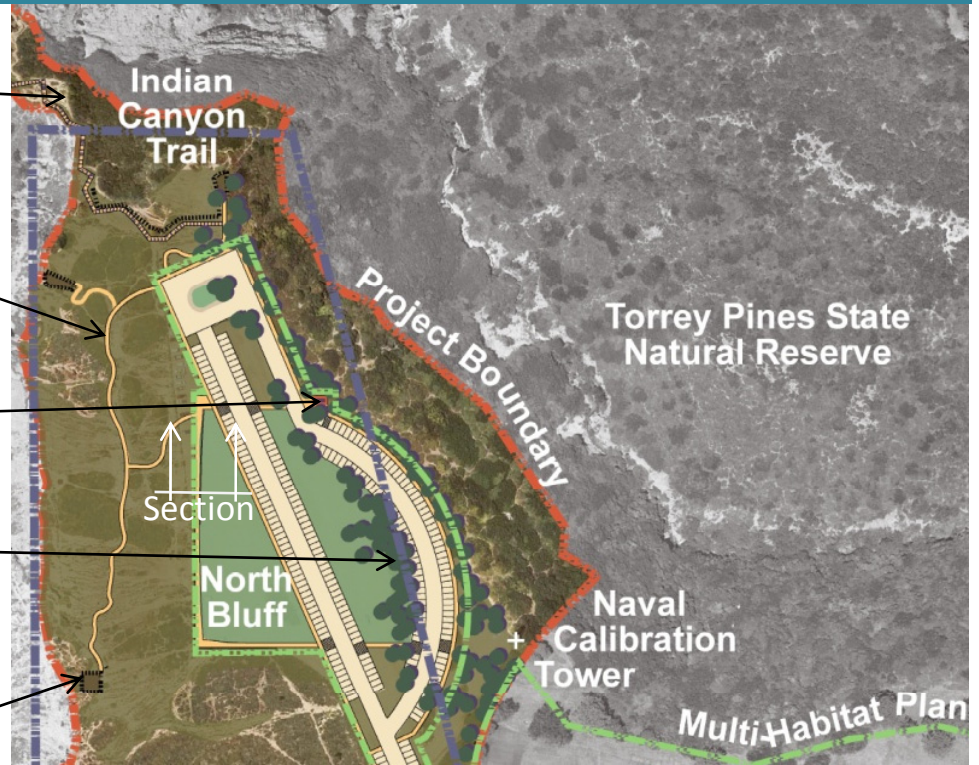
Restroom building

North Bluff picnic areas:

- On the open grass rising above the coastal bluff
- In the trees along the canyon rim

View points may be further enhanced with deck structures set back from the cliff

New slope planting





Park trails –ADA accessible, linked to parking and the park entry. Maps and signage will indentify the park features, trail routes and challenges.

Extend sidewalk along Torrey Pines Scenic Drive to the park entrance

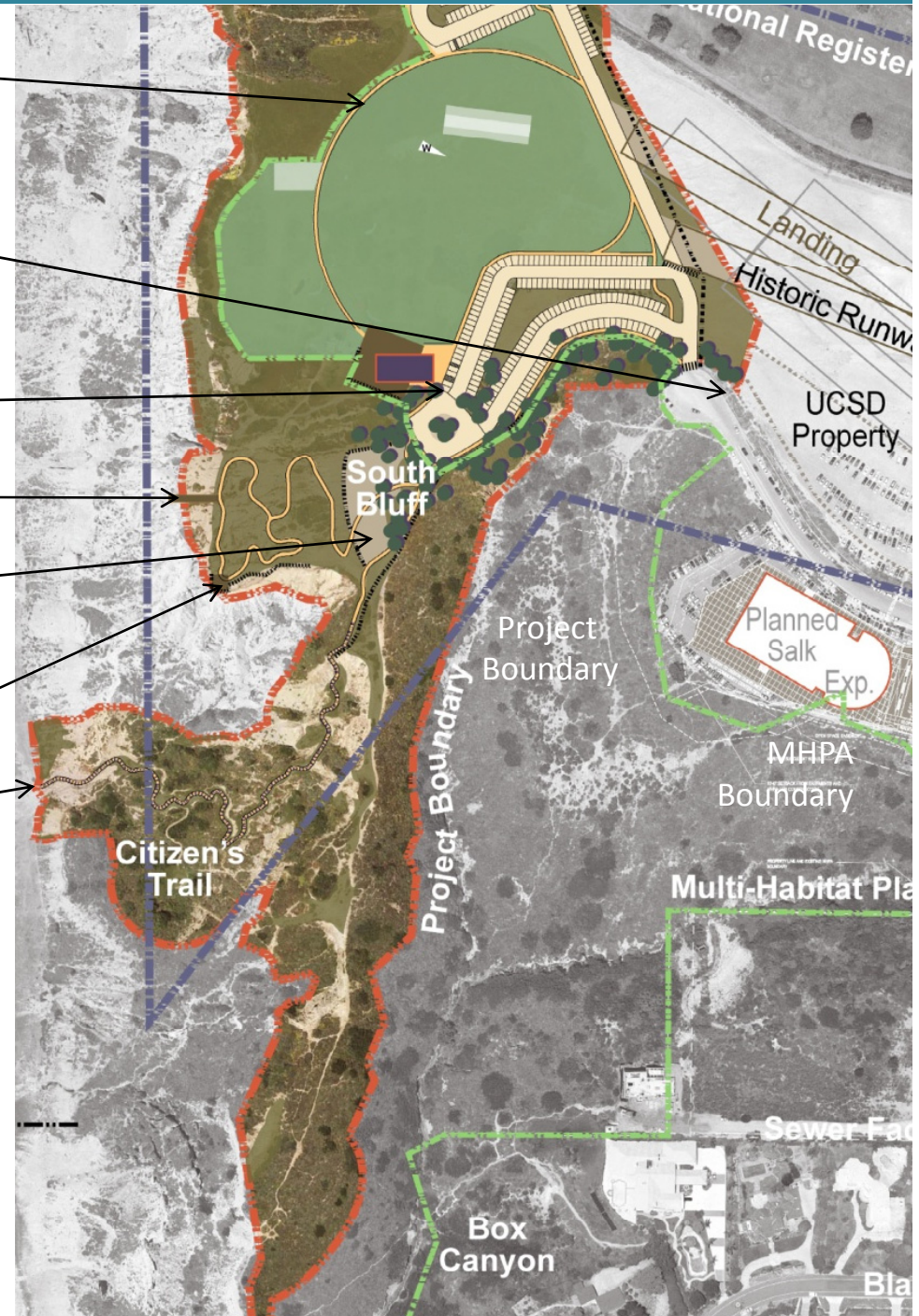
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Lifeguard Platform “Perch”

South Bluff picnic area on open area with tables on decomposed granite surface

View points may be further enhanced with deck structures set back from the cliff

Citizen’s Trail to the beach



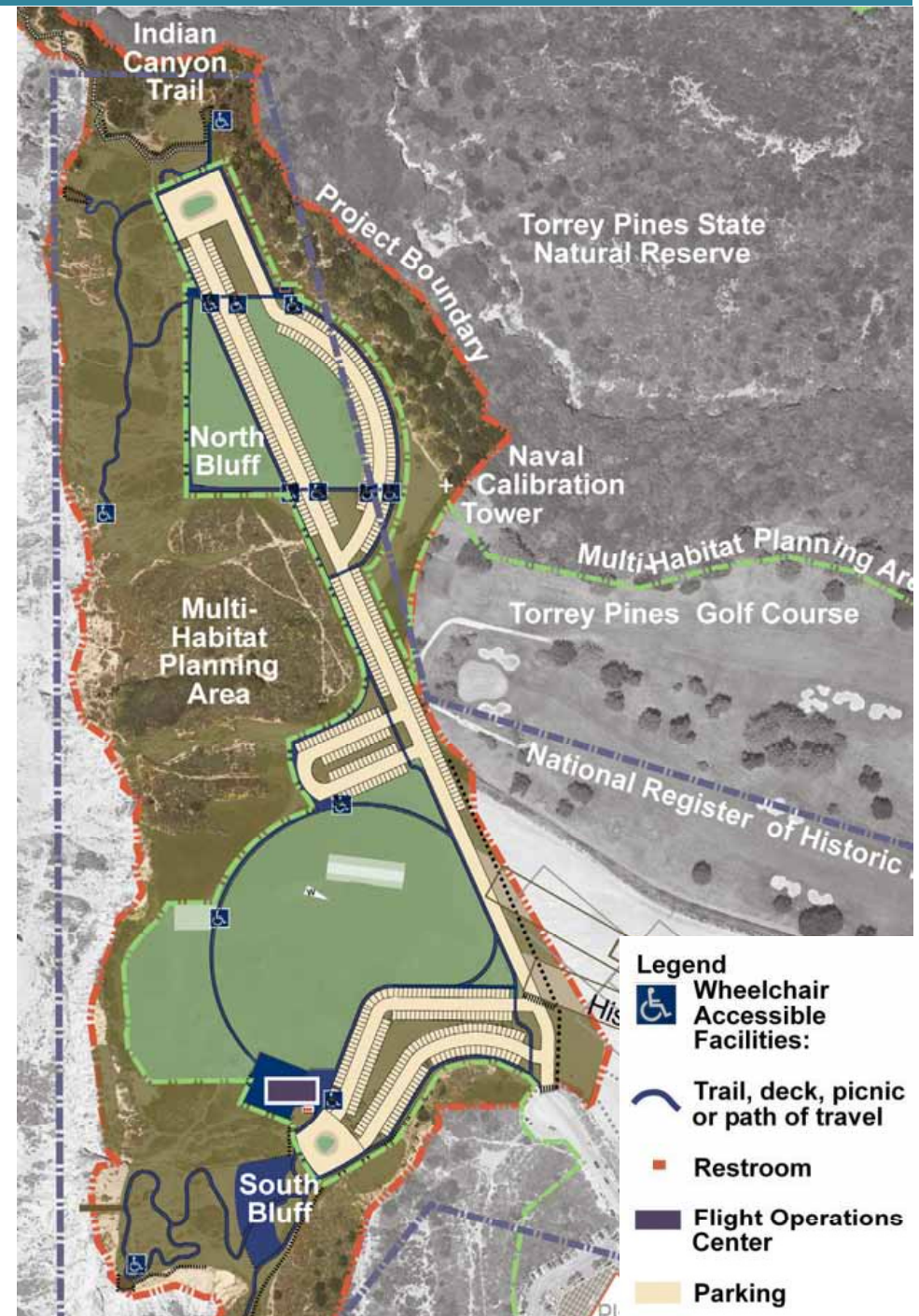


Park trails –ADA accessible, linked to parking and the park entry. Maps and signage will identify the park features, trail routes and challenges.

All new parking, facilities and trails on the bluff top will meet the Barrier Free Trail Design and ADA Recommendations.

Individual picnic tables will be sited near trails in a variety of settings. Tables and seating should be vandal resistant and in keeping with the natural character of the park.

Seating along the trail and at gathering areas are designed to allow for wheelchair users to sit shoulder-to-shoulder with ambulatory companions.





Indian Canyon Trail

North Bluff Parking for 231 vehicles

Restroom

Parking for 85 vehicles

Parking for 69 vehicles

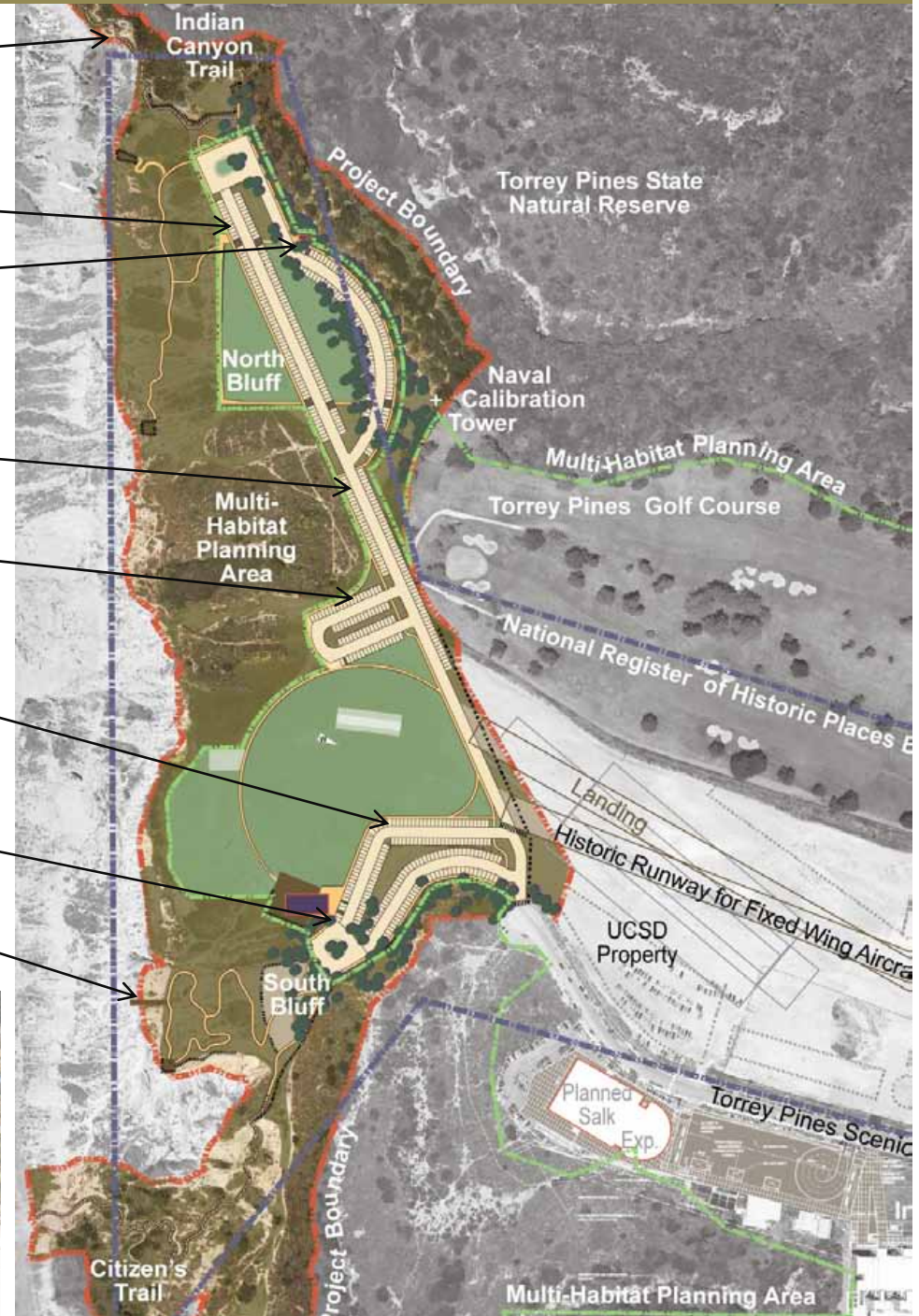
South Bluff Parking for 180 vehicles

Restroom

Lifeguard Platform “Perch”

Receptacles for trash and recyclable materials with lids to minimize bird access.

Bicycle Racks





Emergency vehicle access route  
 The proposed roads, parking and trails are designed to minimize impact to existing native vegetation, soil, geology and cultural resources.

Restroom

North Bluff Parking for 231 vehicles

Parking for 85 vehicles

Parking for 69 vehicles

Removable bollards for seasonal fixed-wing sailplane runway

Gate for flight days

Existing vehicular gate

South Bluff Parking for 180 vehicles

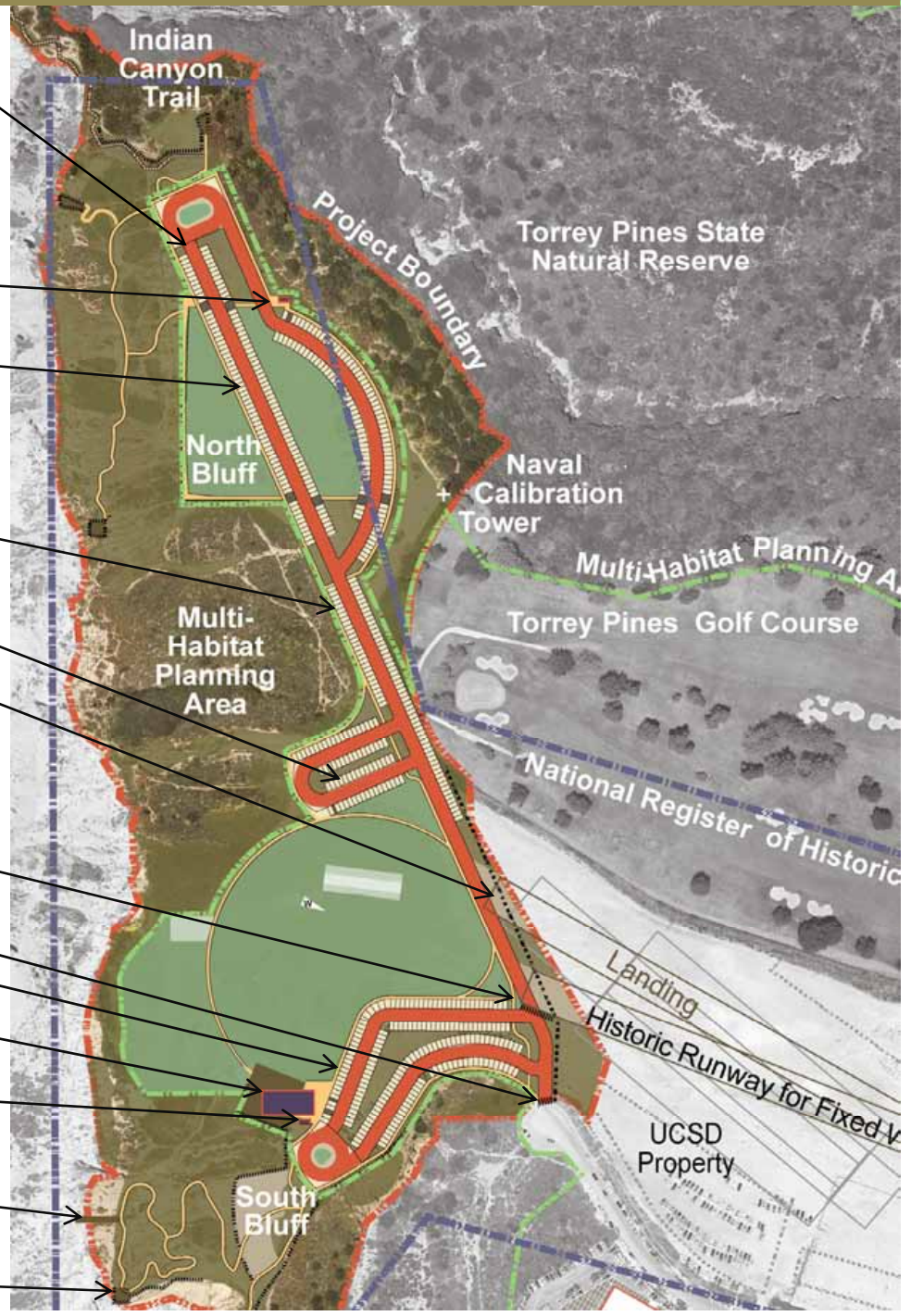
Flight Operations Center

Observation Area

Restroom

Lifeguard Platform "Perch"  
 Lifeguard storage in new restroom building

South Bluff observation deck





# Support Facilities – components to be shared by all users

# PARK PLAN

Rail at stair segments as necessary on Beach Trails

Railing at the north observation decks

Adjust existing chain link fence along the golf course to original alignment

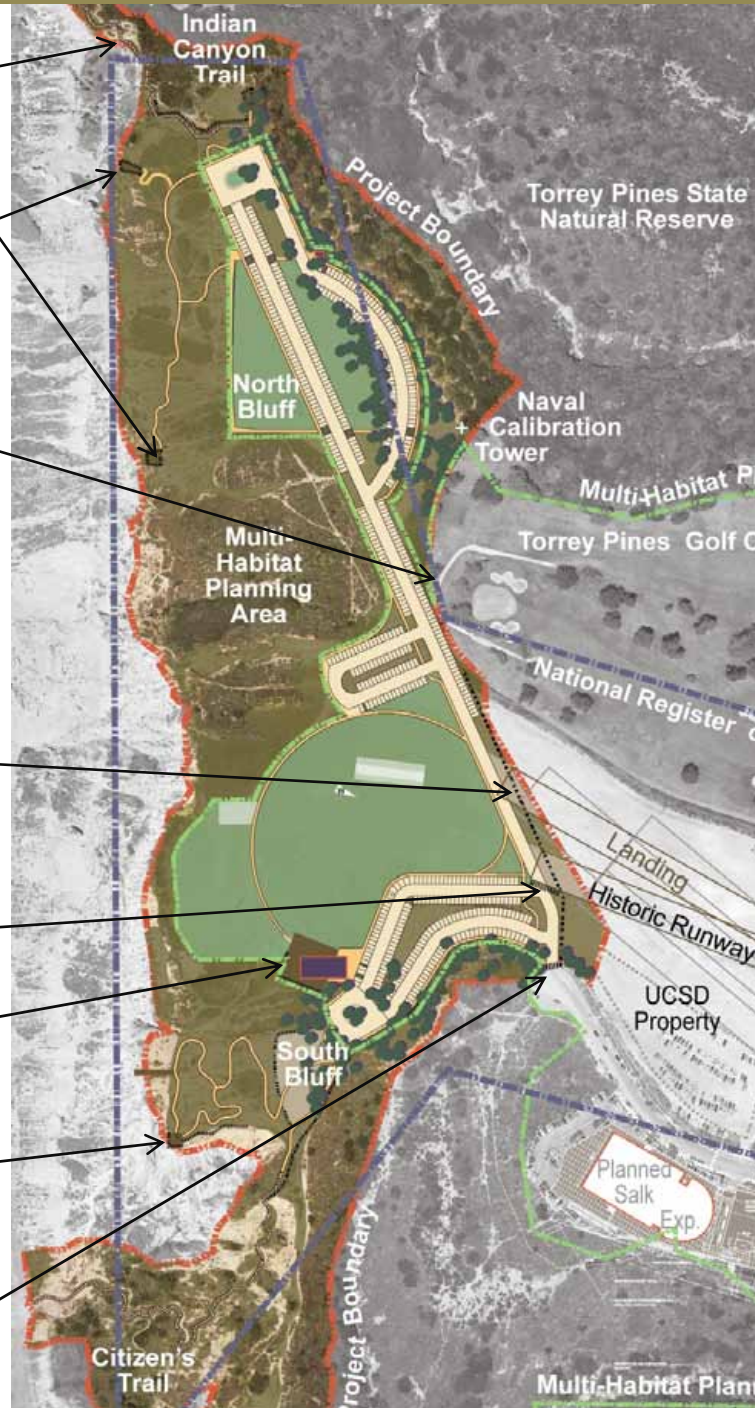
Removable bollards for seasonal fixed-wing sailplane runway

Gate for flight days

Seat rail on the observation area

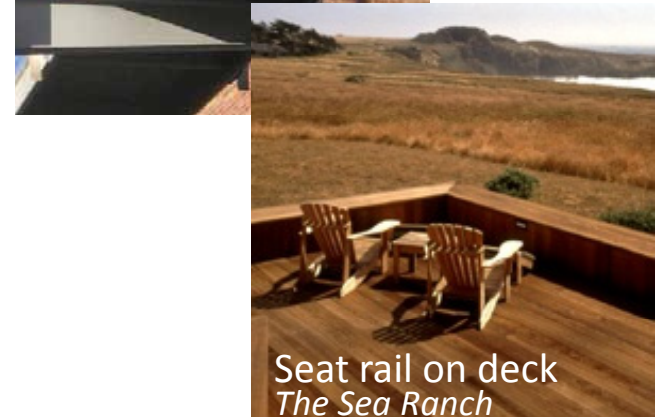
Railing at the south observation deck

Existing vehicular gate



View Point Structures

Luce et Studio



Seat rail on deck  
The Sea Ranch

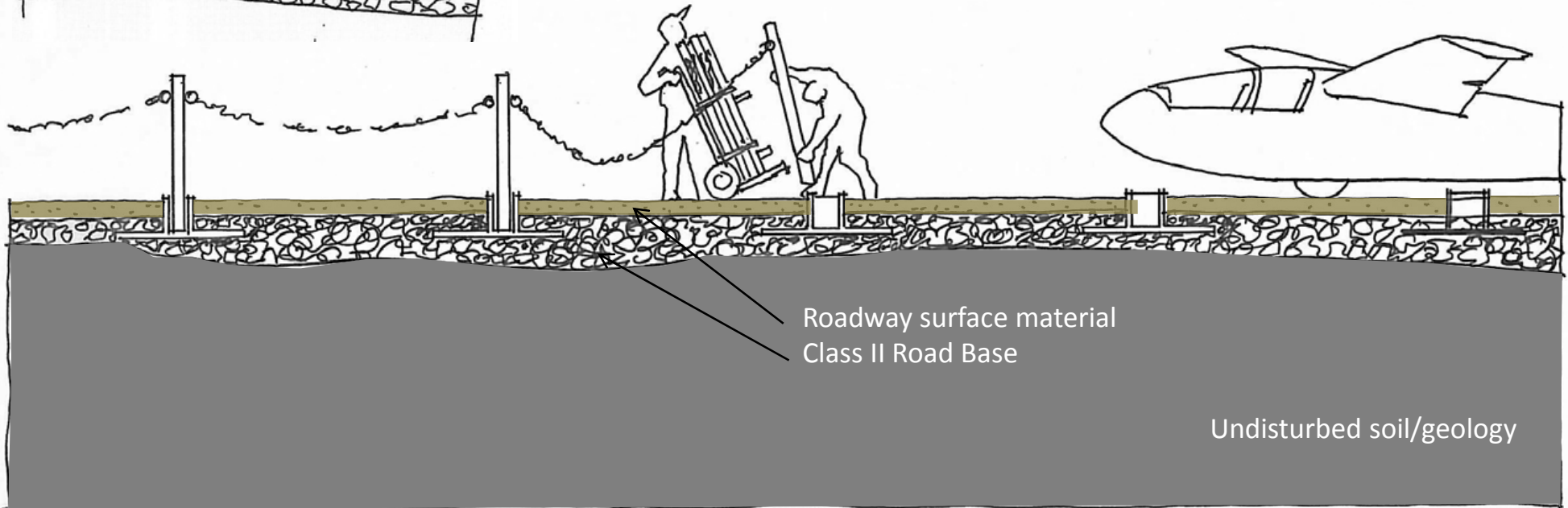
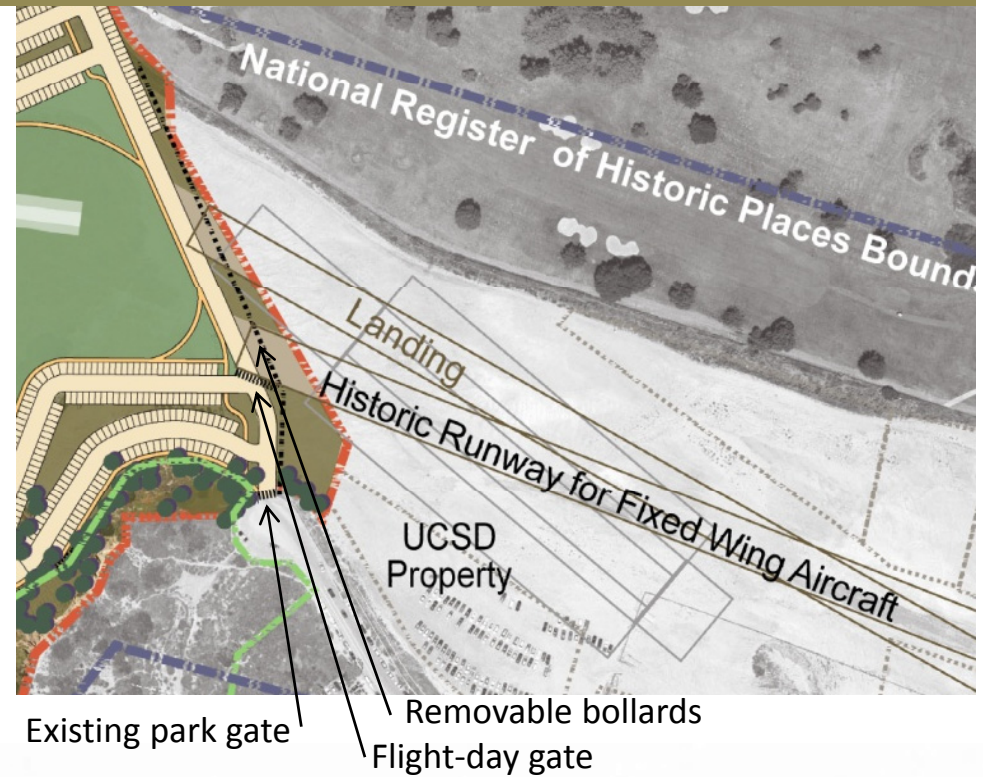
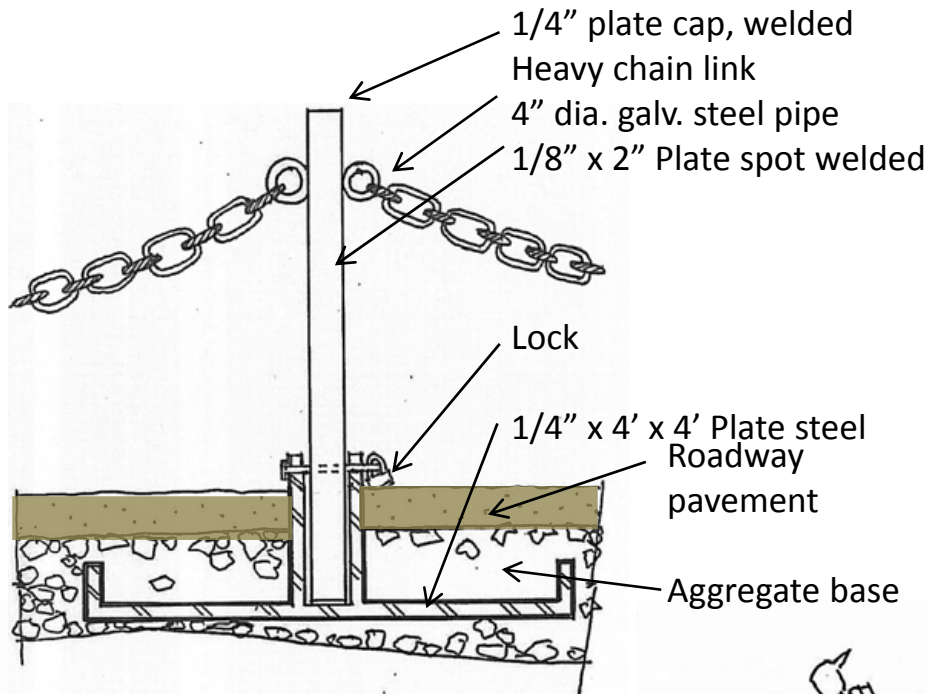


Observation Deck

La Jolla Coastwalk, Goldfish Point



Removable bollards for seasonal fixed-wing sailplane runway



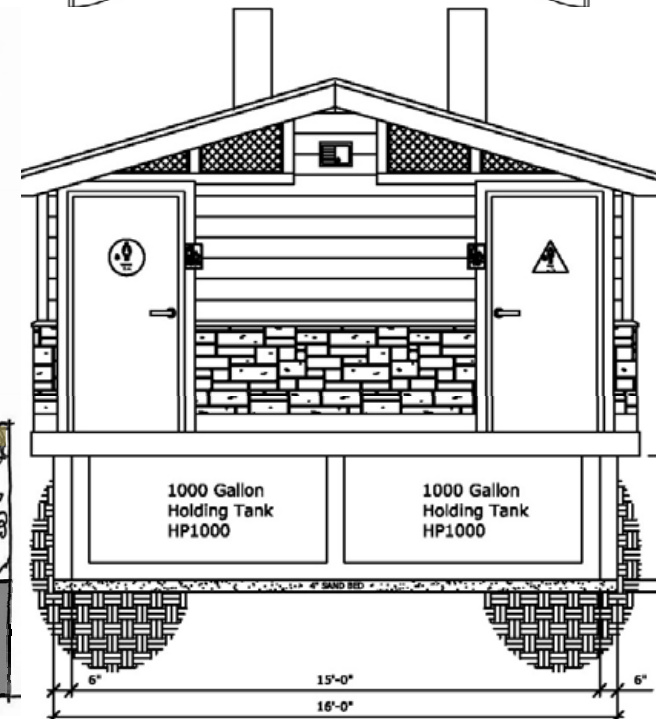
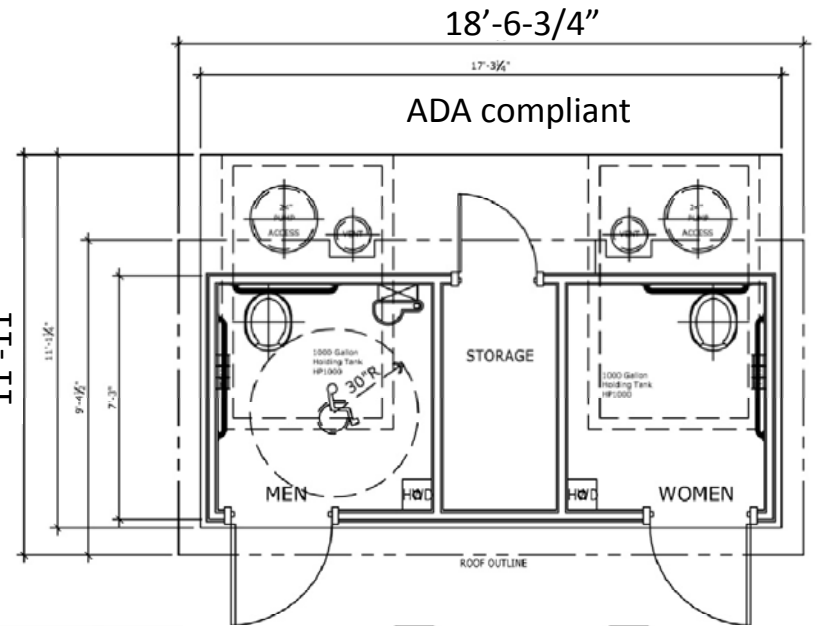
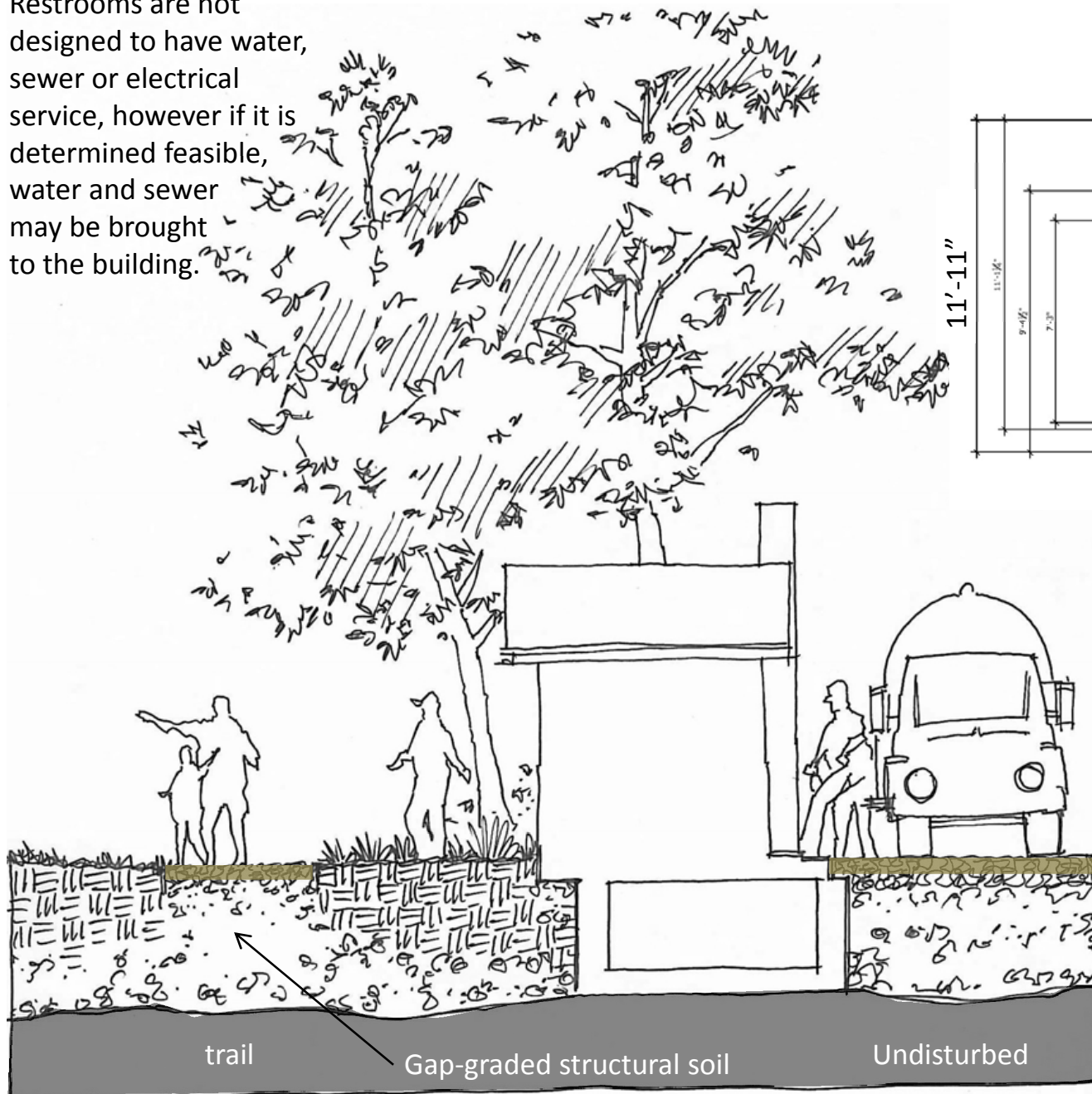
# Support Facilities – components to be shared by all users

# PARK PLAN

The park restrooms are pre-manufactured and set onto the site.

Restrooms are not designed to have water, sewer or electrical service, however if it is determined feasible, water and sewer may be brought to the building.

Restrooms





# TORREY PINES CITY PARK GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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## Cultural Resources

### BRIEF SITE HISTORY (DRAFT)

#### Kumeyaay Period:

*In 1769 the Spanish documented the aboriginal territory of the Kumeyaay to reach from the San Luis Rey River south into Mexico, from the coast to the desert. This area is recognized by the state of California and the U.S. government to have been continuously occupied by the Kumeyaay, with particular concentrations within the San Dieguito River corridor and Torrey Pines Mesa.*

#### Spanish Period:

18<sup>th</sup> century Spanish sailors used the landmark of the Torrey Pines bluffs for navigation, naming it ‘Punta de los Arboles’—Point of Trees. (Schaelchlin)

1850 *Pinus Torreyana* was identified by botanist Dr. Parry during an international boundary survey expedition. He named the genus after his noted botany professor at Columbia University, Dr. John Torrey. (Schaelchlin)

1889 The *Coast Pilot* publication referred to the same area as ‘Pine Hill’. *As this is the only pine-covered hillock for miles along this coastline, it is an important landmark to vessels that are running close along shore in foggy weather.* (Schaelchlin)

1899 The first Torrey Pines City Park reservation consisted of 369 acres of Pueblo lands by city ordinance; subsequent ordinances added another 600 acres. (Marston)

Ordinance 648 declared Pueblo Lots 1332, 1333, 1336, and 1337: *the same shall forever be held in trust by the municipal authorities as a free and public park.* (Schaelchlin) (Note: Does not include current City Park Pueblo Lots 1325 and 1324.)

1908-12 A tract of 200 acres, Pueblo Lots 1338 and 1339, containing the choicest Torrey pines was purchased and bequeathed to the city in the will of Miss Ellen B. Scripps, 1836-1932. (Marston) (Schaelchlin)

1921 Botanist, and naturalist, Guy Fleming was appointed by Miss Scripps and the City Park Commission as the first custodian of the park. (Marston)

1922 Noted Los Angeles landscape architect, Ralph D. Cornell, was commissioned by Miss Scripps to generate a master plan for the Torrey Pines City Park. His emphasis was: design “Restraint”, respect for the natural landscape and open spaces, and great deference to the rare species, *Pinus Torreyana*. (Marston)

1922-23 Torrey Pines Lodge built, funded by Miss Scripps and designed by architects Requa & Jackson. (State Parks)

1924 Pueblo lot 1340 was added at the recommendation of the City Park Commission, bringing the total to approximately 1000+ acres. (Schaelchlin) The boundary covered the area from approximately the bluffs above the San Dieguito Lagoon to south of what is now Genesee Avenue.

Further to the south the City passed Ordinance #0-9549 that included Pueblo Lots 1324 and 1325 as City Park (current City Park land), *“to reserve forever the said lands and the (unreadable) frontage thereof within said limits for the public use and enjoyment and to that end to have said lands reserved and dedicated forever to the public use as and for a public park as an addition to and extension of Torrey Pines Park. . . .”*

## Cultural Resources

- 1920-30 Lands along Highway #101 (Torrey Pines Road) were leased by various owners for agricultural interests in annual crops.
- 1930 Charles Lindbergh and his sailplane, the *Good Ship Anne*, launched off Mount Soledad, flew over La Jolla Shores and then flew north landing on the beach at Del Mar. He set a 'Western Regional Distance Record' and the flight was regarded as, 'the most spectacular glider flight ever made in this section'. *"Most significantly, Lindbergh's flight represented the earliest recorded use of the lift along the cliffs at Torrey Pines by a pilot in a true sailplane."* (Fogel)
- 1937 The City of San Diego issued the first lease of the gliderport to the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, AGCSC. (Fogel)
- 1938 The first annual glider meet of the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California. At the three-day dedication event 2000 feet of dirt runways were graded. More than 1000 spectators were on scene. (Fogel)
- 1939 The gliderport land was dedicated by then City of San Diego Mayor Percy Benbough. (Fogel)
- 1940-45 WWII - Camp Callan built for anti-aircraft artillery training. Named in honor of Major General Robert E. Callan (1864-1936), a distinguished Coast Artillery Officer who served during the Spanish American War. The camp was approximately 1200 acres located between Genesee Avenue and Torrey Pines Road adjacent to Highway 101. It consisted of 297 buildings, covering 23 blocks, with 5 post exchanges, 3 theatres, and 5 chapels serving about 15,000 personnel at one time. (Coast Defenses) Gliderport activities were suspended during this installation.
- After the war the camp buildings and infrastructure were bought by the City and moved to various sites. All materials were recycled, sold, or salvaged. A few remnants can be found on site.
- 1949 Landscape Architect Ralph Cornell returns and authors a second plan that would concentrate of programmatic issues, which included; the formation of a Board of Counselors; the preparation of a master plan; establishment of a maintenance policy; a financial plan; and an enforcement plan.
- Guy Fleming generates a map outlining areas of protection for the Torrey Pines tree clusters and areas of open space.
- 1950 The Torrey Pines Association (TPA) was founded by Guy Fleming for the conservation and protection of Torrey pines. (State Parks)
- 1956 The Regents of the University of California authorized a San Diego campus. By a vote of the citizens of San Diego 59 acres closest to the Scripps Institute was transferred to the Regents. The Regents subsequently requested an additional 550 acres of land northeast of Scripps and 500 acres of Camp Matthews, a U.S. Marine Corps rifle range adjacent to the site. (Stadtman)
- Ballot measure Propositions 'I' and 'M' conveyed portions of Pueblo Lot 1324. Prop 'I' conveyed 1000 acres to the state for the Torrey Pines State Park. Prop 'M', a smaller portion went to UCSD without a requirement for park use, which included the gliderport, often referred to as the 'Torrey Flight Park'. Both measures passed with a 2/3 thirds vote. (City Attorney letter to Fogel 1992)



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- 1956-59 Guy Fleming becomes the new Torrey Pines state park's first superintendant. 100 acres to the south were retained by the city for the Torrey Pines Golf Course. (Stadtman)
- 1958-60 The election in 1958 secured the Regent's request for additional property. In 1960 the City of San Diego and UC Regents approved construction for the new campus. (Stadtman)
- 1981 A Park Master Plan was generated for the remaining acreage of Torrey Pines City Park south of the State Park encompassing the Torrey Pines Gliderport. The plan was never executed. (City of San Diego)
- 1992 Torrey Pines Gliderport was designated a National Landmark by the National Soaring Museum and Soaring Society of America. (Fogel)
- 1992 Torrey Pines Gliderport listed on the City of San Diego Historic Register, Site #315. (HRB)
- 1993 Torrey Pines Gliderport listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (NPS-NHRP)
- 1998 Torrey Pines Lodge listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (NPS-NRHP)
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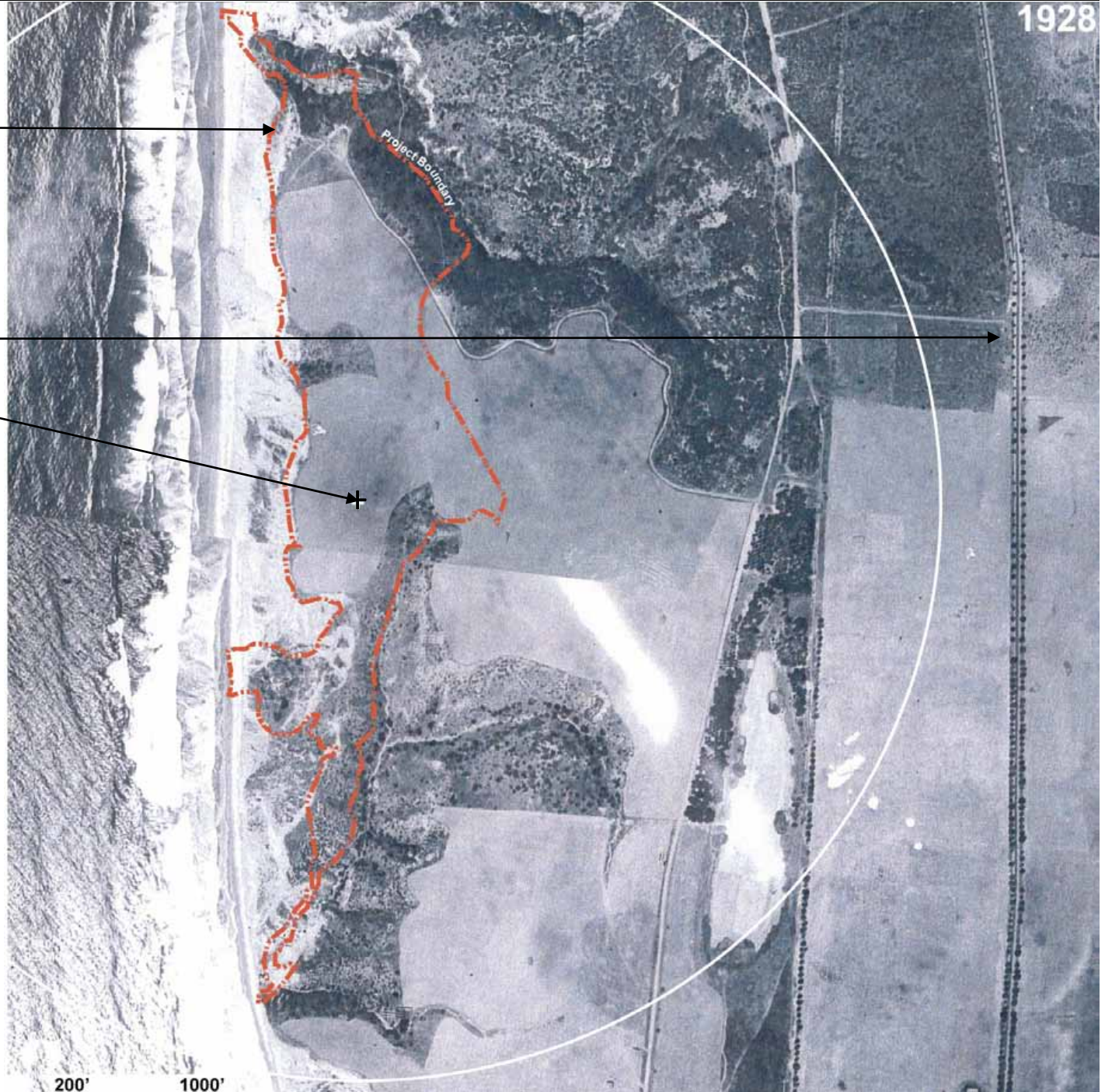
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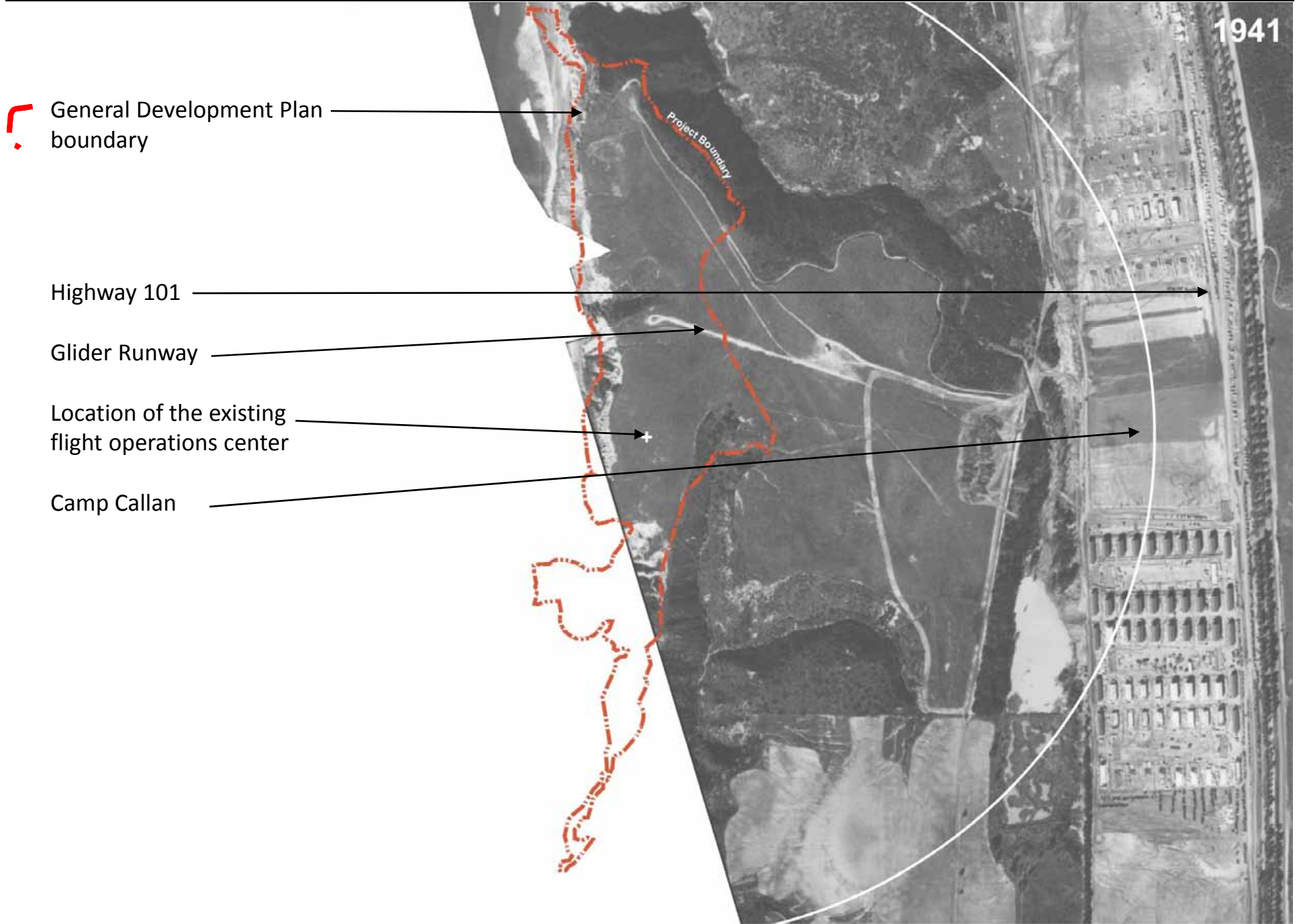
Highway 101

Location of the existing flight operations center



Anne Morrow Lindbergh in a Model A Albatross, (Charles on the ground) launched from Mt. Soledad Pines, January 1930.





1941

General Development Plan boundary

Highway 101

Glider Runway

Location of the existing flight operations center

Camp Callan

Project Boundary

200'

1000'



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Glider Runway

Location of the existing flight operations center

Camp Callan water tank, amphitheater

Military Secrets  
Camp Callan Artillery Battalion







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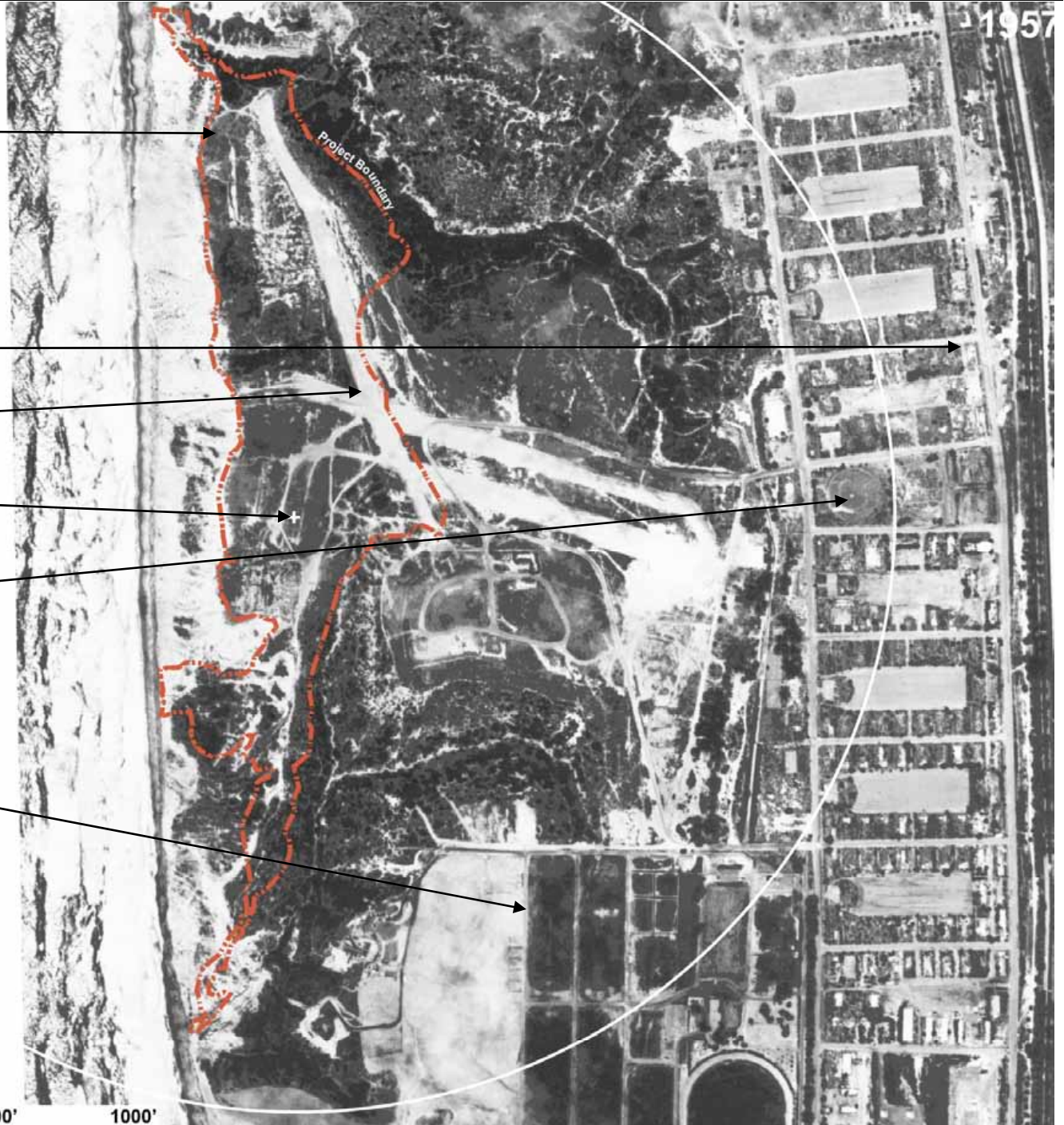
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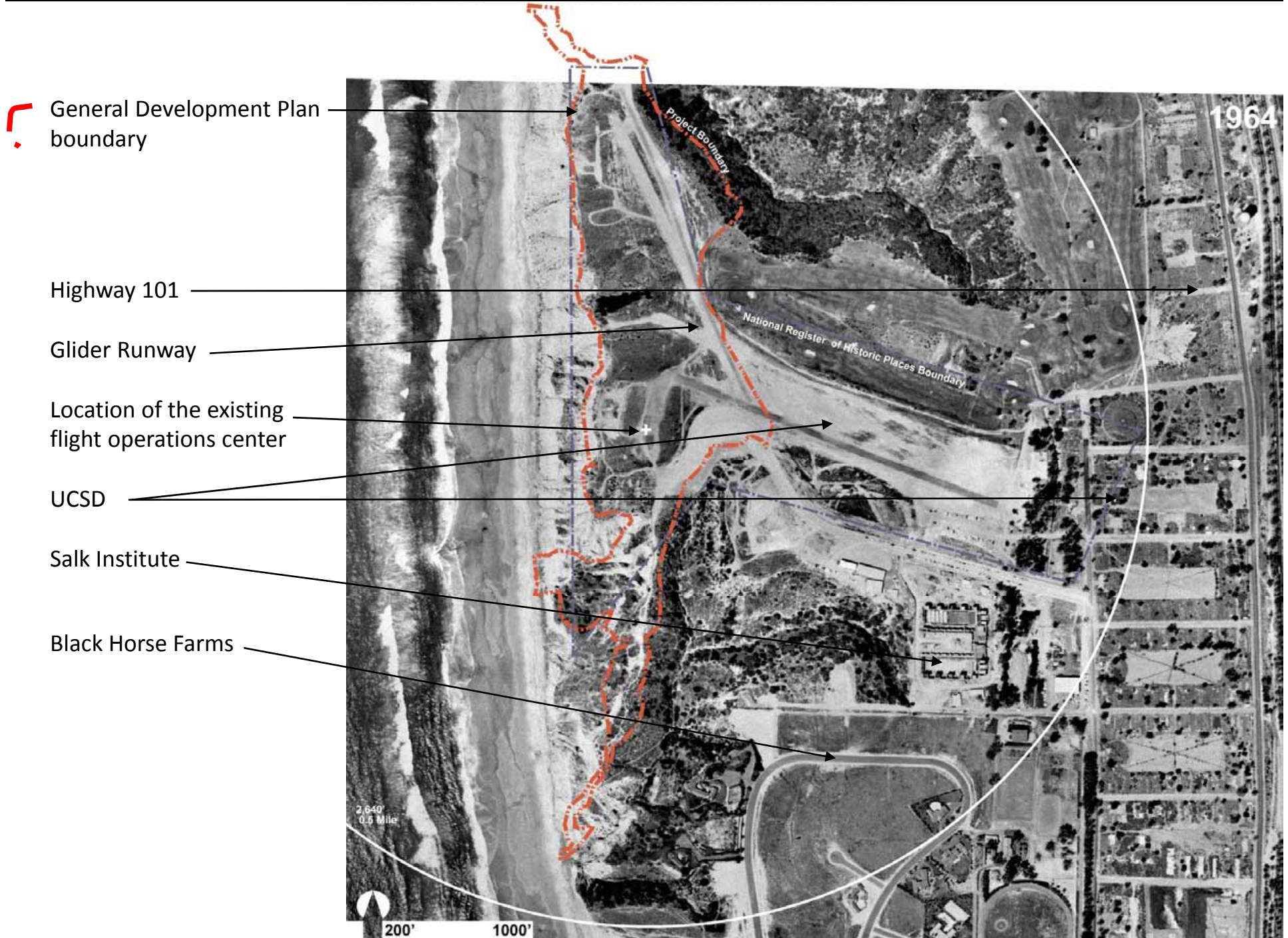
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