



NAPA RIVER ECOLOGY CENTER

A PROJECT OF THE AMERICAN CANYON COMMUNITY & PARKS
FOUNDATION

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About the Foundation

Where nature and community flourish together

- Grassroots community group launched in 2015
- 501(c)3 Non Profit Organization
- Serving Napa County and beyond
- Focus on youth and the environment
- Funded through private donations, grants, sponsorships
- Year round programming serving 3,000 each year
- Developing the Napa River Ecology Center
- Strong community and partnerships

Our Impact

Youth & Education

Providing learning for students throughout Napa County.

- Watershed Explorers
- Watershed Protectors
- Classroom Presentations
- Teen WILD

Community in Nature

- Year round programs deepen our community's connection with nature
- The Outdoor Connection Mobile Classroom
- Trail programs and events
- Story Walk

Capital Improvements

- Volunteer Trail Days
- Fund Development
- Wetlands Fitness Center
- Napa River Ecology Center





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REUSE & IMPROVE

- Adaptive reuse project located along the Napa River Wetlands
- Repurposes existing 5,000 square foot building and surrounding three acre parcel
- Removes blight and improves wetlands habitat
- Beautifies the neighborhood
- Generates new education, recreation, and tourism opportunities
- Future kayak launch access to Napa River
- New green demonstration features
- Located along San Francisco Bay Trail



PROJECT GOALS

A once in a lifetime opportunity

EXPAND YOUTH EDUCATION

- A new hub for outdoor science and hands-on learning, the Eco Center will allow the Foundation to quadruple program capacity and reach
- Environmental science workforce development program build the next generation of STEM science professionals

NEW PUBLIC ACCESS

- The project creates .5 miles of new walking paths and wetlands viewing areas
- Outdoor classrooms, wildlife viewing deck
- Future kayak launch
- Removes blight and beautifies the neighborhood

CLIMATE RESILENCY

- Protects and enhances sensitive wetlands habitat
- Buffers future sea level rise
- Enhances endangered wildlife species habitat
- Citizen science programs get community involved in solutions

THE NAPA RIVER ECOLOGY CENTER



An education and conservation center for Napa County

Teaching
Gardens

Indoor & Outdoor
Classrooms

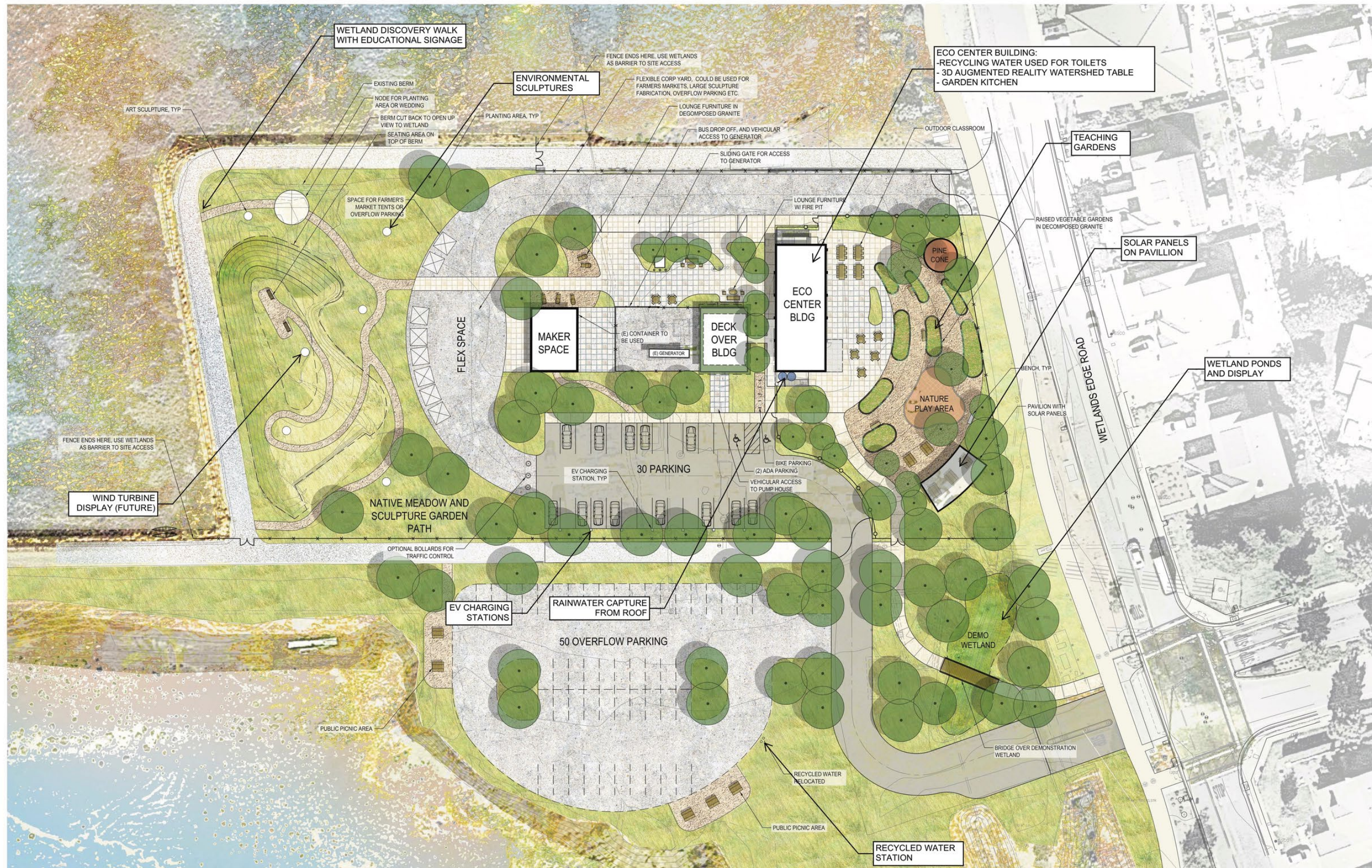
Wildlife Viewing
Deck

Environmental
Artist Studios

Wetlands Trails
and Viewing
Area

Nature Based
Playground





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Green Elements



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PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning and Outreach Begins

The Foundation leads a robust community outreach process to plan and design the center

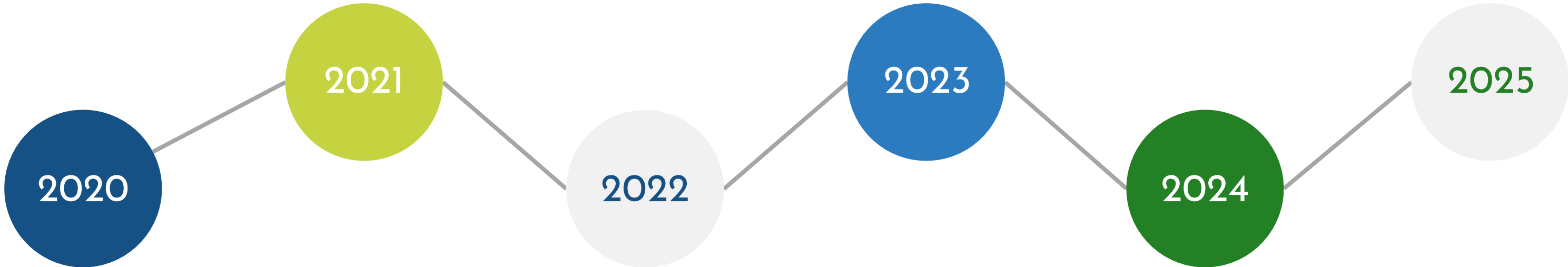
Funding and Design

Private, Government, and Corporate funding supports early phases of development

Design permit and lease agreement approved by the City

Ground Breaking & Opening

With \$3,000,000 of the estimated \$8,000,000 project costs in place, ground breaking is scheduled for Fall 2025 and opening a year later



A community need

With no formal watershed education and community gathering space in American Canyon, the Ecology Center idea is born

Foundation and City agree on a location

Building the Team

Project teams are hired and first conceptual drawings are unveiled

Engineers and consultants study the site for re-development

Permits, Approvals and Capital Campaign

Design and construction documents in development

“Quiet” phase of capital campaign

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Our Mission: Inspiring generations to build environmental curiosity, understanding, and respect for the natural world; and for each other.





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