OLD GOLF COURSE – Master Plan
Cape Coral, Florida

Public Engagement Meeting 1 – November 13, 2025



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5. *Q&A / Next Steps*
6. *Breakout Session*

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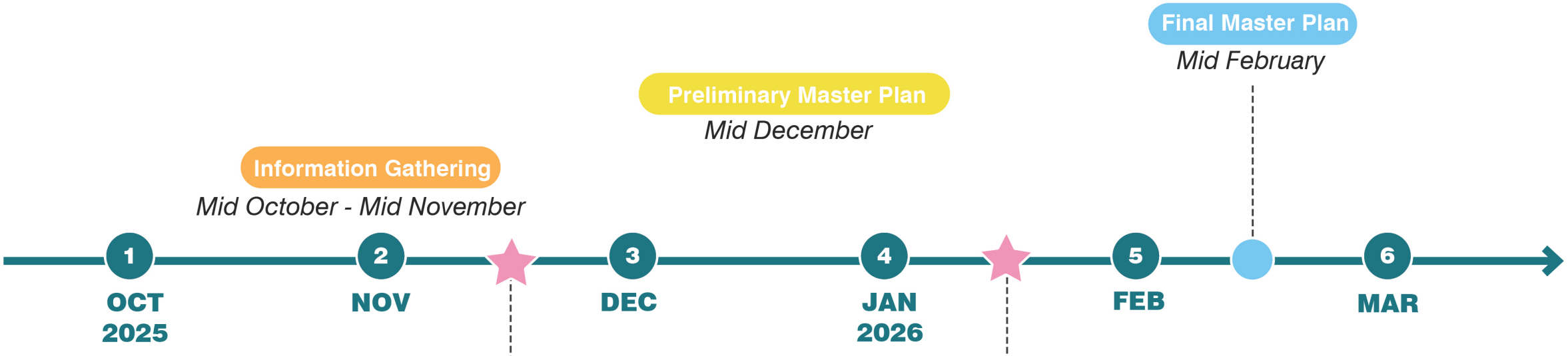
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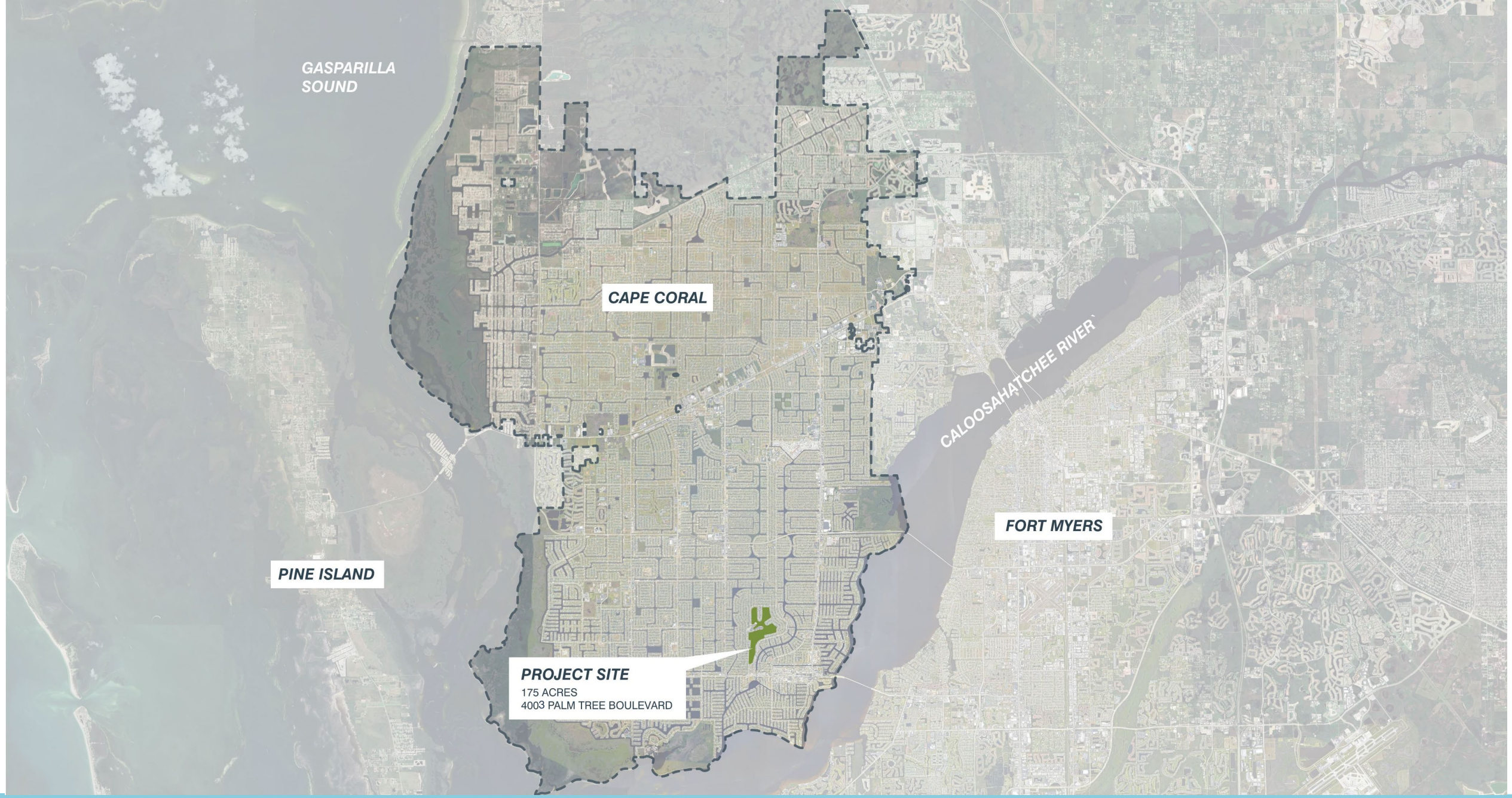


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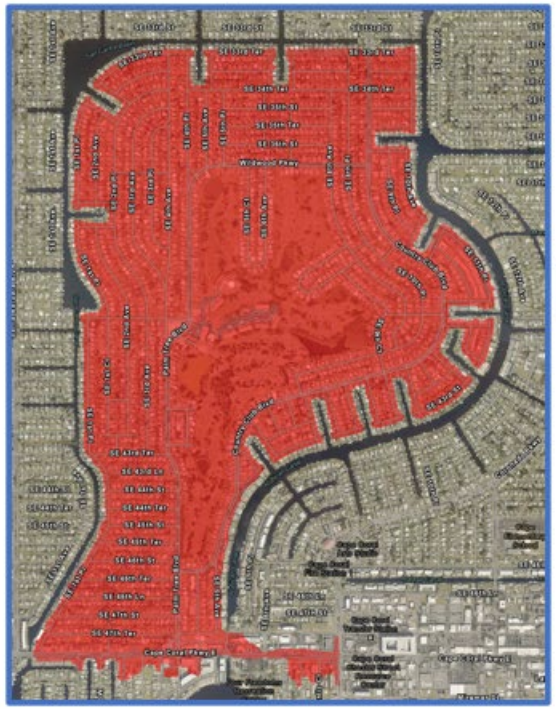
Simultaneous Stormwater Analysis Study Being Done (By Others)

- The City engaged a Consultant to conduct a comprehensive Stormwater Analysis in parallel with the development of a Park Master Plan to start the Planning Phase.
    - The Stormwater Analysis will evaluate the benefits of integrating site Design Alternatives to improve flood control, water quality and environmental sustainability within Parks elements.

Project runs from May 2025 to November 2026, with key milestones:

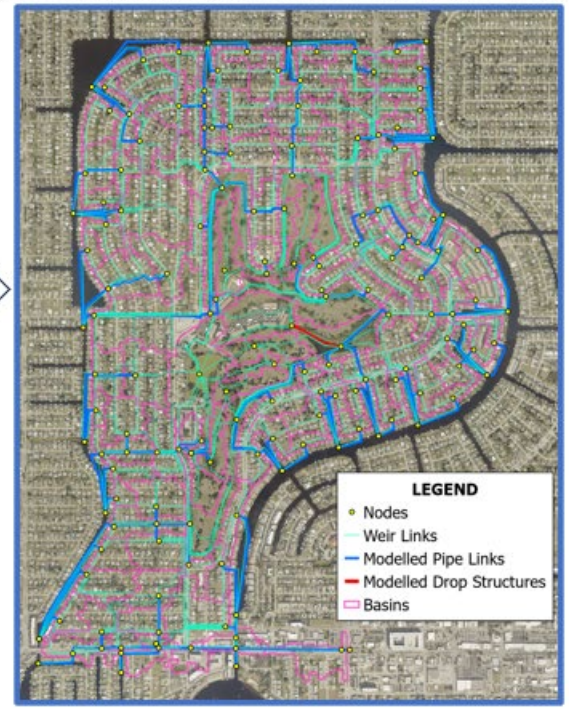
- Field surveys and data collection underway.
- Analysis of existing conditions and past stormwater issues completed.
- *Upcoming: Review funding options, compare design alternatives, and share results in a final public report.*

STUDY AREA



MODEL DEVELOPMENT

STUDY AREA WITH EXISTING CONDITIONS DEVELOPPED SO FAR FOR THE MODEL









BACKGROUND: SITE OPPORTUNITIES

Input from the Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes feedback important to the design of the Old Golf Course

- Engagement included: public meetings, focus groups, stakeholder meetings, surveys, online mapping & vision board

What we gather from you today will be used along with the Social Pinpoint website (*now live!*)

- Social Pinpoint includes a short survey and community forum
- Social Pinpoint site link: https://engagepros.mysocialpinpoint.com/cape-coral



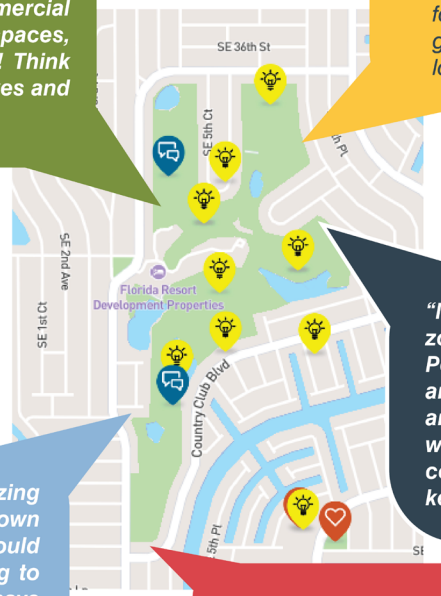
TOP PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS | *CITY-WIDE*

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COMMUNITY QUOTES | *SOCIAL PINPOINT MAP*

"This abandoned golf course needs to be developed as a park. Cape Coral does not need another residential / commercial development. We need green spaces, walking trails, picnic areas, trees! Think Central Park in NYC, or the city lakes and parks system in Minneapolis!"

"Keep most of the old golf course a green open space for hiking, picnicking, biking, and running. Maybe dedicate a small area for playground and water feature. A disc golf course would be wonderful there, very low environmental impact."



"Maybe a zoological garden with petting zoo area focused on Florida wildlife/plants. Possible amphitheater, community pool, and splash pad could work...bike paths and walking trails a must! Concessions with food truck space (special events only) conference center...spare no expense but keep it natural."

"This area would make an amazing walking park area close to the downtown area. It is amazing for wildlife and would love to see it turned into something to give our local animals a place to have refuge."

"Restore the vey much needed golf course."

KEY TAKEAWAYS & INSPIRATION

#1 EXPAND TRAILS & CONNECTIVITY



Build a multimodal trail network for walking, jogging, and biking, and connect the park to the community.

Inspiration: Beltline, Atlanta, GA

#2 PROTECT OPEN SPACE FOR PASSIVE RECRECATION



Dedicate portions of the park as passive recreation zones. Incorporate flexible spaces for events and picnics.

Inspiration: Bonnet Springs Park, Lakeland, FL

#3 IMPROVE WATERFRONT ACCESS & RECREATION



Activate existing ponds for kayak launches, fishing, and passive recreation.

Inspiration: Julian B. Lane Riverfront, Tampa, FL

#4 INCORPORATE COMMUNITY-ORIENTED RECREATION FOR ALL AGES



Incorporate diverse, multi-generational recreation opportunities, such as an indoor fitness center, amphitheater, and community gardens.

Inspiration: River Walk, Bradenton, FL

#5 INVIGORATE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH



Create areas for wildlife habitat, consider low-impact recreational amenities, and incorporate native plants and education.

Inspiration: Miami University, Miami, FL

EMERGING THEMES | *CITY-WIDE*

- NEW AMENITIES
- OPPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT
- TRAILS & CONNECTIVITY
- PARK PRESERVATION & OPEN SPACE
- AQUATIC ACCESS
- LAND ACQUISITION
- FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
- SAFETY & MAINTENANCE
- PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS

Preliminary Master Plan: *Winter* 2025

Community Meeting #2: *Winter/*Spring 2026

Final Master Plan: Spring 2026

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THANK YOU!

RECREATION *HOW DO YOU WANT TO RECREATE?*

I PLAN TO USE THE NEW TRAILS FOR...

BIKING 

WALKING 

RUNNING 

HIKING 

DOG WALKING 

TRAIL BIKING 

EXERCISING 

OTHER

I'D LOVE TO USE THE PARK'S EXISTING WETLANDS FOR...

KAYAKING 

FISHING / PIER ACCESS 

SMALL BOAT USE 

BOARDWALK WALKS 

OTHER

I'D LOVE TO USE THE OPEN SPACE FOR....

VIEWING NATURE 

INFORMAL SPORTS 

GATHERING 

ATTENDING EVENTS 

READING 

STARGAZING 

OTHER

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY *WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PRESERVE OR CREATE?*

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE OR CREATE...

NATIVE PLANTS / ECOSYSTEMS 

ECO-ZONES 

WILDLIFE HABITAT 

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER 

NATIVE BOTANIC GARDEN 

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNAGE 

OTHER

AMENITIES *WHAT AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?*

I'D LOVE IF THE PARK INCLUDED A / AN...

INDOOR FITNESS CENTER 

INDOOR WALKING / JOGGING TRACK 

OUTDOOR AQUATIC FACILITY 

INDOOR AQUATICS CENTER 

COMMUNITY GARDENS 

DOG PARK 

9-HOLE GOLF COURSE 

PICNIC / SHADE STRUCTURE 

SPLASH PAD 

AMPHITHEATHER 

PLAYGROUND 

COMFORT STATION 

OTHER