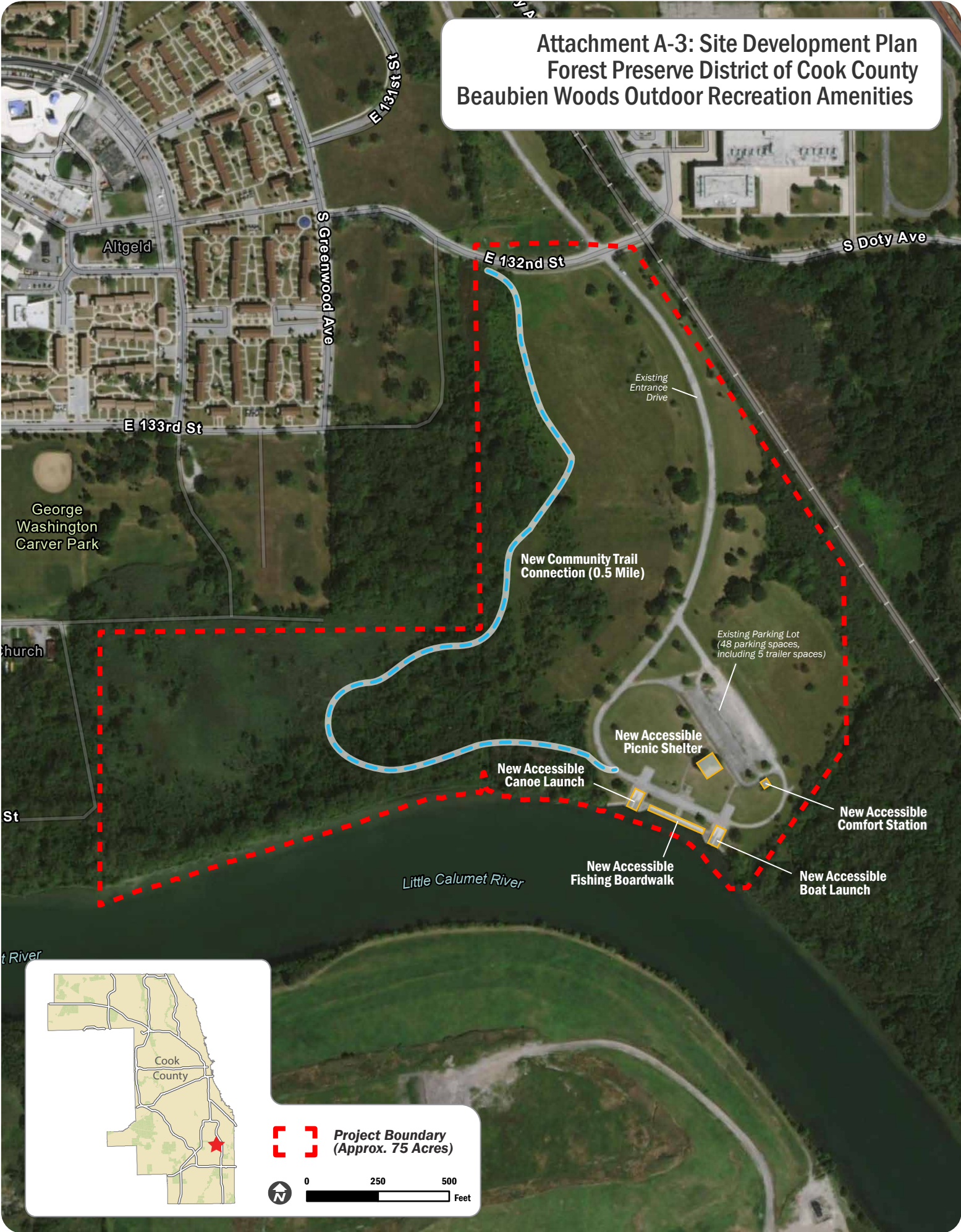
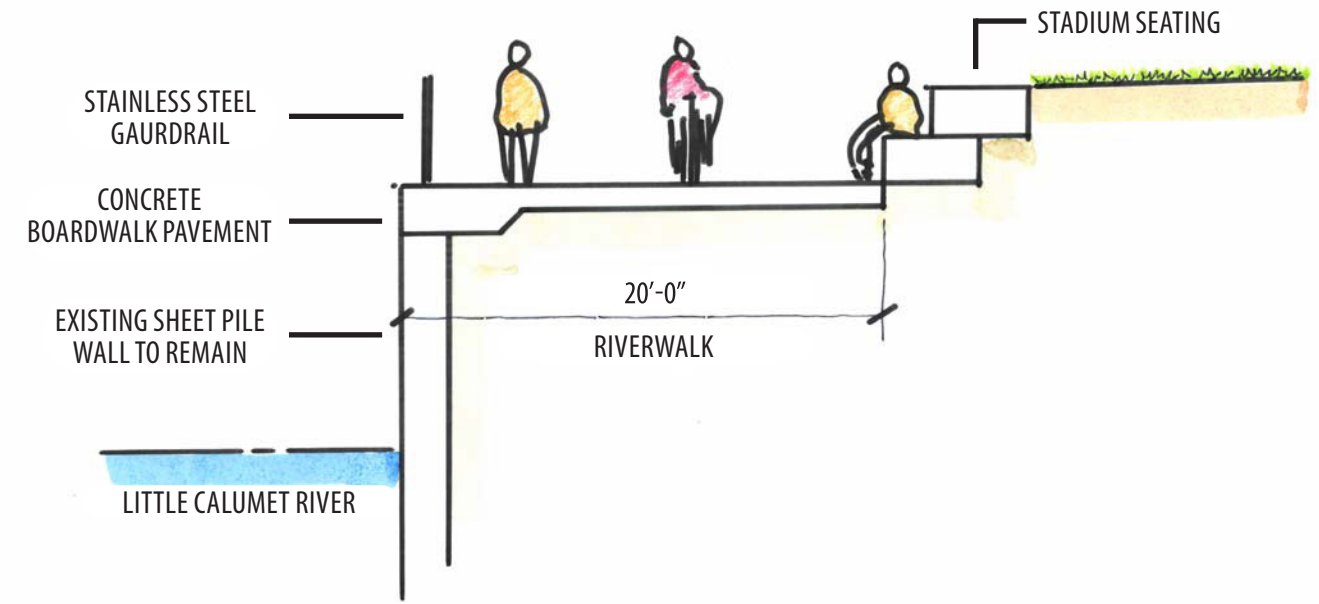


Attachment A-3: Site Development Plan Forest Preserve District of Cook County Beaubien Woods Outdoor Recreation Amenities





SECTION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

LEGEND

- 1 TERMINUS OF PROPOSED TRAIL
- 2 PROPOSED COMFORT STATION
- 3 CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- 4 PROPOSED PICNIC SHELTER
- 5 PROPOSED PRECAST CONCRETE BOAT LAUNCH
- 6 BERMED LANDSCAPE ALONG BOARDWALK
- 7 ONSHORE FISHING BOARDWALK
- 8 EXISTING PARKING LOT
- 9 PROPOSED KAYAK/CANOE LAUNCH

**Attachment A-3 Development Plan Narrative
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Beaubien Woods Outdoor Recreation Amenities**

If the primary project use will be a natural area or retention of natural features, a detailed narrative noting the ways in which the public will be assured of outdoor recreation opportunities must be prepared (i.e., interpretive programs, hiking-bicycle trails, etc.) Also, a site plan is required noting all proposed access and parking areas, if any.

The proposed development project will significantly enhance outdoor recreation opportunities at Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve, a 279-acre forest preserve that is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The proposed improvements include the reconstruction of existing boat launch ramps and onshore fishing boardwalk, an accessible canoe/kayak launch system, a new program shelter and interpretive signs, comfort station and a new trail connection to the adjacent neighborhood.

These amenities will ensure that people of all abilities can enjoy the natural resources of the area and can participate in healthy outdoor recreation activities including paddling, fishing, hiking, walking, cycling, and exploring nature. Beaubien Woods hosts a wide variety of interpretive programs including guided walking tours that highlight the sites Underground Railroad history, as well as guided paddling activities that introduce people to the Little Calumet River's nature and history. Stewardship and other volunteer activities are regularly held at the site and are open to all. Outdoor recreation and interpretative programs are offered by the Forest Preserves' Conservation and Experiential Programming staff, as well as a wide range of partners, including the Field Museum, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Friends of the Chicago River, and local organizations including We Keep You Rollin', TCA Health, the Chicago Public Library Altgeld Garden Branch, and the Chicago Park District's Carver Park.

The proposed improvements would advance goals identified in a significant Beaubien Woods planning effort that the Forest Preserves undertook in 2018. The effort included partners, local government officials, and community residents and was led by the American Institute of Architects in Chicago and focused on identifying infrastructure that would contribute to health, wellness, and economic opportunity in this area. A key finding was the importance of healthy outdoor recreation opportunities. These improvements would ensure that the public has access to healthy outdoor recreation opportunities, like paddling, and can experience the health benefits that come from spending time in nature.

Beaubien Woods is easily accessible by car and is within walking distance of the surrounding communities. A parking lot offers easy and accessible parking to the amenities. Additional future improvements to the site are planned by the Chicago Housing Authority and Chicago Transit Authority including enhanced transportation, neighborhood retail and job training in the immediate area. In late 2019, the Chicago Transit Authority committed \$310 million to extend the Red Line south from 95th/Dan Ryan Terminal to 130th Street to a site just north of the Forest Preserves' Beaubien Boat Launch site. Although still years from breaking ground, that investment will serve as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization. For more information visit <https://www.transitchicago.com/rle/>.