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REHABILITATION OF LAKE SEBAGO WITHIN HARRIMAN STATE PARK



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
JULY 9, 2025 / 6:30 – 7:30PM

Welcome

Joshua Laird

Executive Director

Palisades Interstate Park Commission

Regional Director, OPRHP



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Tonight's Conversation

This meeting is being recorded.

Meeting Format: 30-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute question and answer period with participants.

Project personnel are available to answer questions from the community following the meeting. For additional information on the proposed project, please contact:

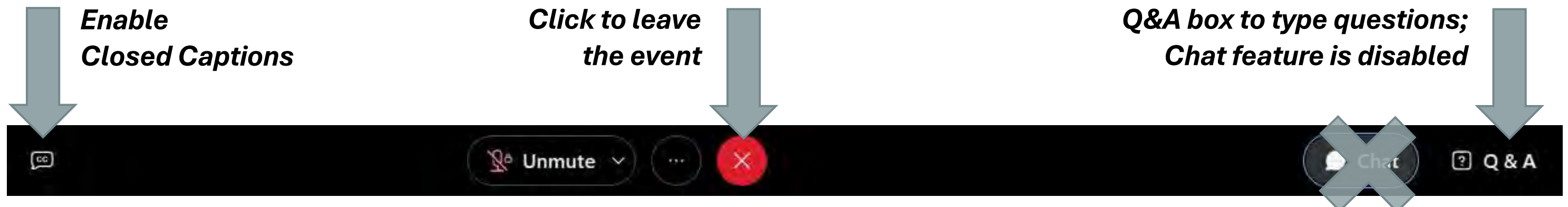
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Please submit questions before 5:00 PM on July 10, 2025.

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Lake Sebago Beach Rehabilitation: Project Goals



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Rehabilitation of Lake Sebago Beach within Harriman State Park

Project: Rehabilitation of Lake Sebago within Harriman State Park

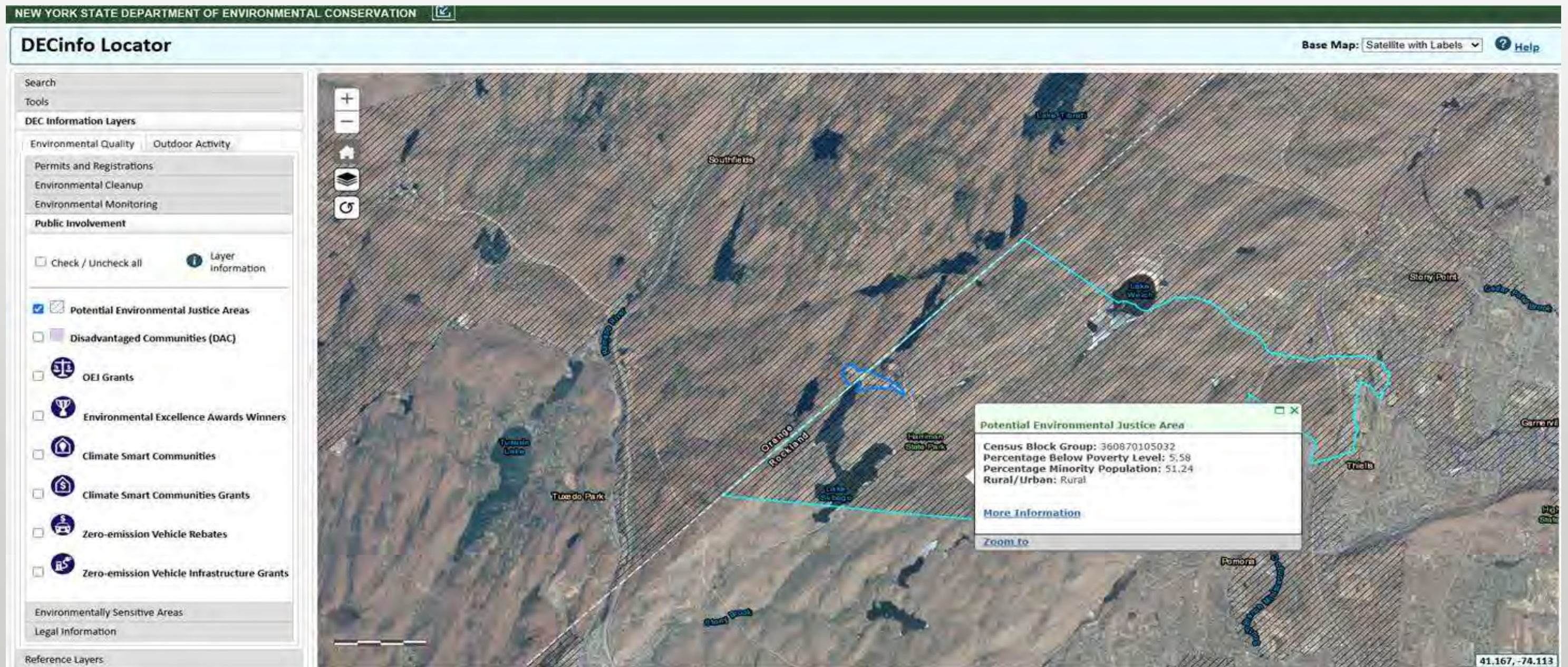
Applicant: New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)

Facility: Lake Sebago Beach - Harriman State Park - Seven Lakes Drive / Bear Mountain Circle, Ramapo, New York 10974

NYSDEC Application Number: 3-9903-00135/00001 (P3S)

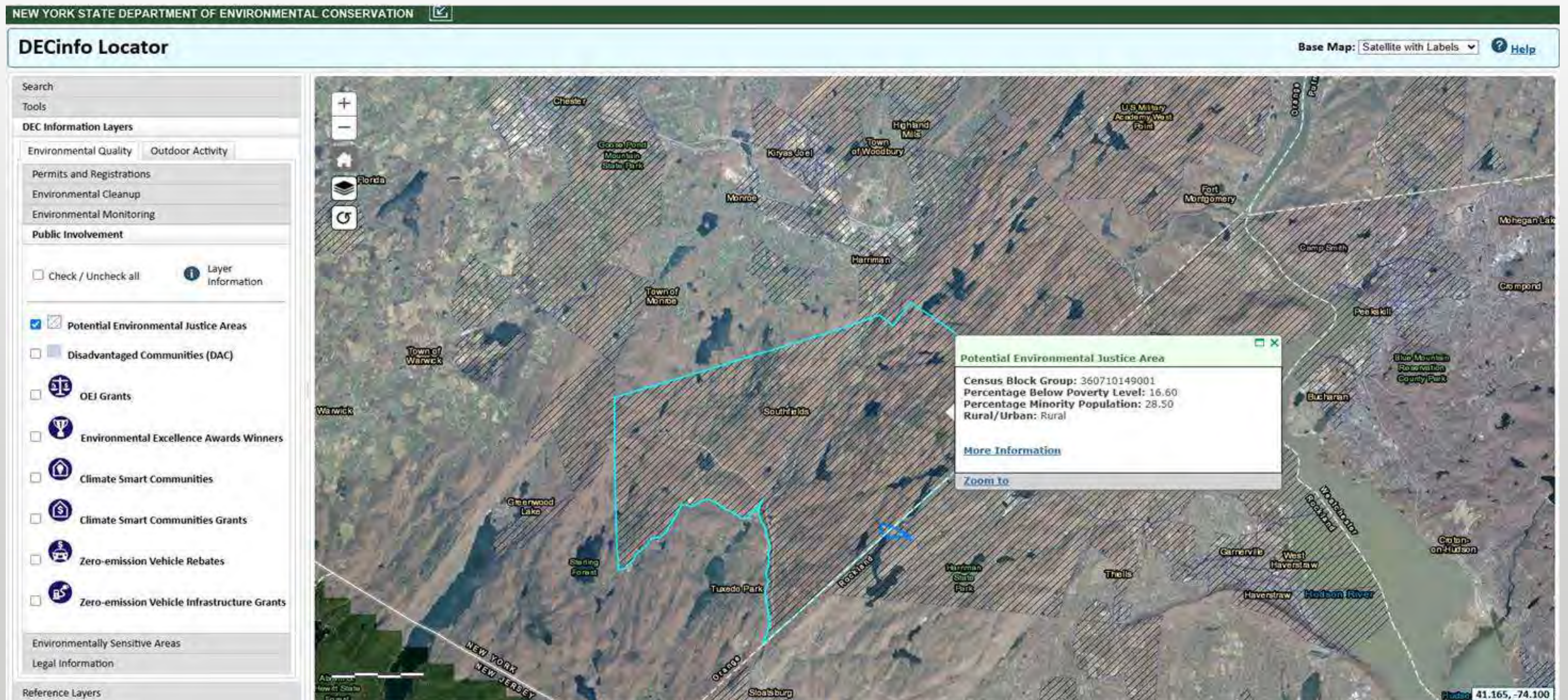
NYSDEC Review

“The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a Dams and Impoundment Structures Permit, a 401 Water Quality Certification, and an Individual SPDES and SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (SPDES General Permit GP-0-20-001) for the proposed Rehabilitation of Lake Sebago within Harriman State Park project...



NYSDEC Review

....A Public Participation Plan (ePPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). **The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about the project and to involve the community during the SPDES permit application review process.”**



Project Team

Client Team

**New York State Office of
Parks, Recreation &
Historic Preservation**

**Palisades Interstate Park
Commission**

Design Team

Stantec | Landscape Architecture, Engineering,
Architecture, Interpretive Design, Project Management

Beyer Blinder Belle | Architecture

Phyto Studio | Horticulture

AKRF | Environmental Permitting

KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. | Survey

R.L. Young, LLC | Cost Estimating

Cinilittle | Kitchen Design Consultation

Atlantic Testing | Environmental Testing

Construction Manager

LiRo-Hill

Why does OPRHP need to obtain NYSDEC Permits?

NYSOPRHP is seeking to reopen the Lake Sebago beach, bathhouse, and picnic areas within Harriman State Park to reactivate this area which has been closed since 2011.

Reopening this area will require some changes to the Park infrastructure to provide a safe and enjoyable recreational experience while promoting ecosystem health.

Permits will be obtained to facilitate daylighting the stream and to construct the necessary WWTP improvements to bring the WWTP back online and improve water quality by setting water quality standards to be monitored.

Lake Sebago Beach Rehabilitation: Project Goals

The proposed project is meant to be a model of climate resilience and is designed with long-term sustainability in mind. This includes reducing patron capacity to 4,500 from a historic 10,000 to improve visitor experience and environmental quality, prioritizing water quality, daylighting Stillwater Creek, and the overall naturalization of the park landscape.

The Rehabilitation of Lake Sebago Beach will result in reduced traffic, wastewater treatment volumes, and noise to the surrounding community and park patrons. The reopening of Lake Sebago Beach will also expand swimming capacity in Harriman State Park.

The project will be financed by the Environmental Bond Act passed in 2022.

Lake Sebago Beach Rehabilitation: Required NYSDEC Permits

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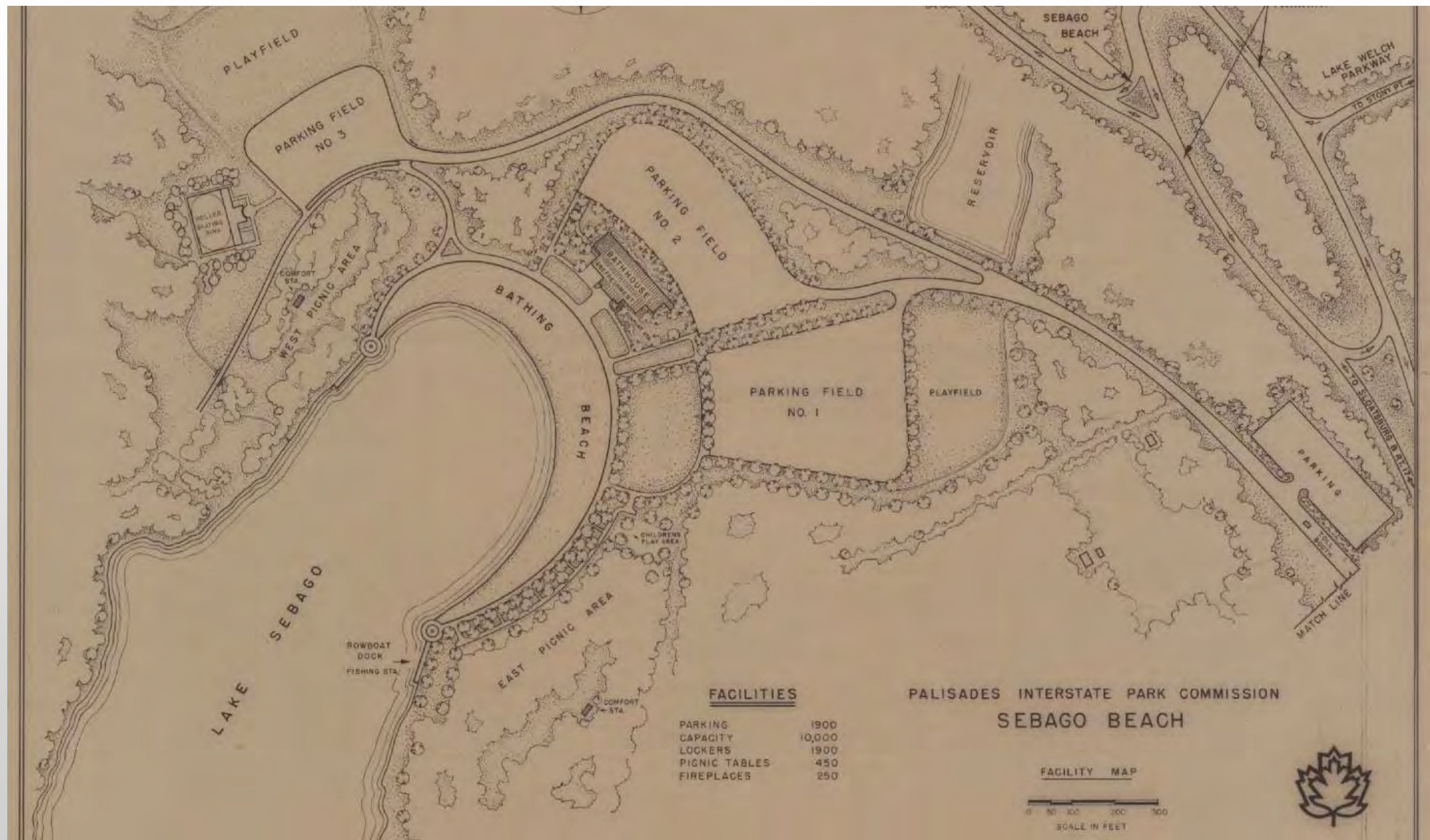
Harriman State Park



Lake Sebago Beach Project Area



Lake Sebago Beach (Original Site Plan: 1950)



Lake Sebago Beach (June 1953)



Lake Sebago Beach (1957)



Lake Sebago Beach (July 4, 1961)



Lake Sebago Beach (September 1961)



Lake Sebago Beach (1962)



Lake Sebago Beach (Summer 2011)



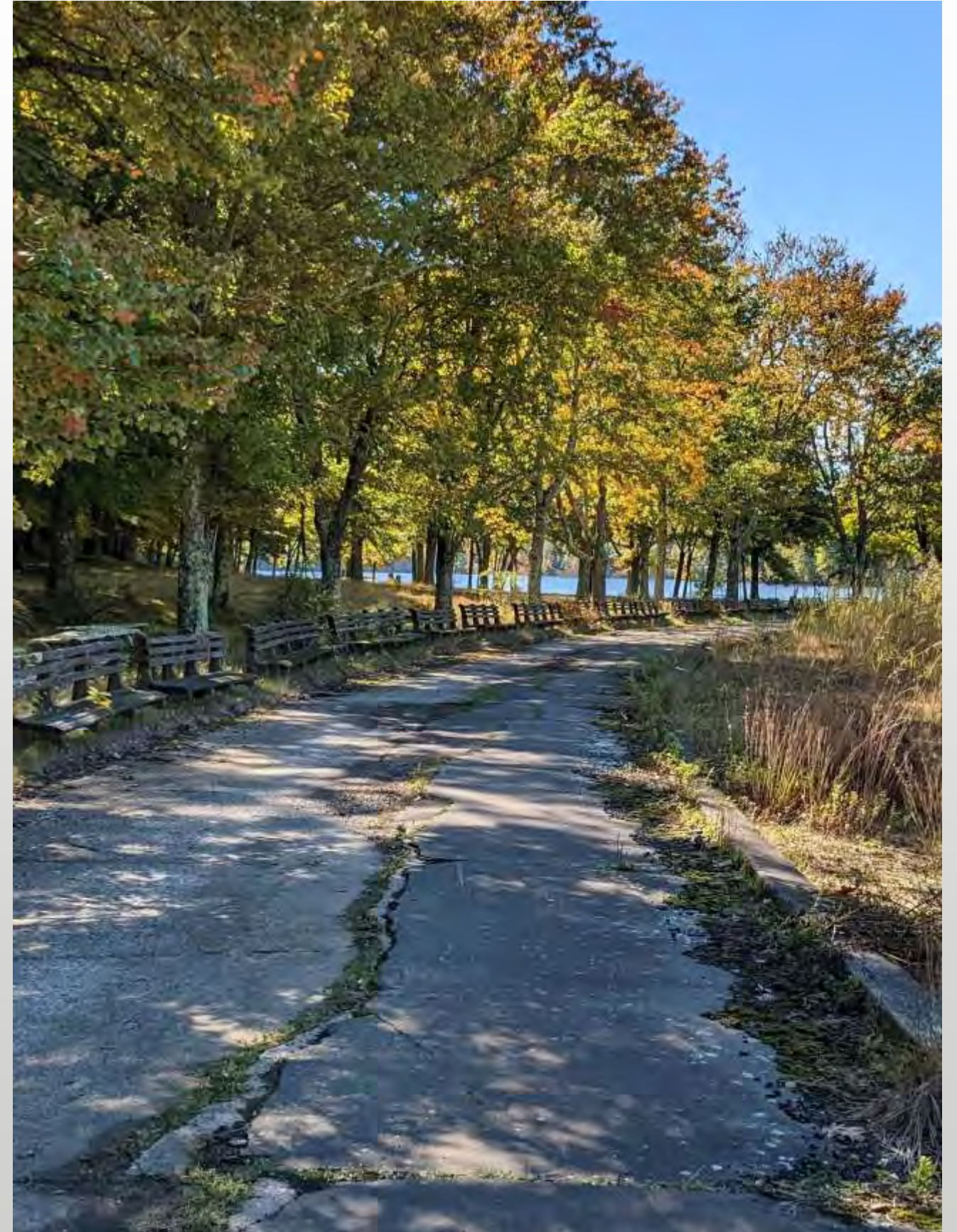
Lake Sebago Beach (March 2023)



Impoundment (View to north of Project Area)



Lake Sebago Beach and Promenade (2023)



Lake Sebago Beach Allee



Lake Sebago Beach Swimming Area (2023)



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Lake Sebago Beach: Proposed Features & Improvements

- Dam removal and bridge over daylighted stream
- Renovated parking areas, roadways, and pathways
- Picnic areas
- Swimming beach
- Rehabilitated promenade
- Wetland creation
- Renovated bathhouse
- New restrooms
- Site dedicated wastewater treatment facility
- Maintenance building
- Invasives species removal
- Landscape planting
- Site amenities and games area
- Future playgrounds

LAKE KANAWAUK

SEVEN LAKES DRIVE

PARKING

BATHHOUSE

BEACH & SWIM AREA

LAKE SEBAGO

PROPOSED DAYLIGHTED CREEK

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPGRADES

ENTRY BOOTH AND TURNAROUND

LAKE SEBAGO BEACH ENTRANCE/EXIT

An aerial map of Lake Sebago State Park. The map shows the lake on the left, with a large 'SWIMMING AREA' and 'SWIM BEACH' along the shore. A 'WETLAND' area is also marked near the beach. To the right of the beach is a 'PICNIC BOGQUE' and a 'GAMES' area. Further right is a 'NATURE PLAY' area. The map includes several 'PICNIC LAWN' areas, a 'ROCK FORMATION PICNIC' area, and a 'CASCAD' stream. A 'BRIDGE' is shown on the right side. A 'PARKING' area and a 'DROP OFF - BUS PARKING' area are located near the top. A 'BERM' is marked near the bottom. The map also shows various trails and a 'PICNIC AREA' at the bottom. The text 'LAKE SEBAGO' is prominently displayed in the center-left.

Lake Sebago Beach: Aerial View (looking north)



Daylighted Stream and Bridge Crossing



Promenade



Promenade & Boardwalk



Picnic Area



Picnic Area



Games Area



Games Area

Games Area Amenities

Chess Tables
Dominoes Tables
Table Tennis (3)
Corn Hole (3)
Seating
Group Seating
Shade Structures



Games Area



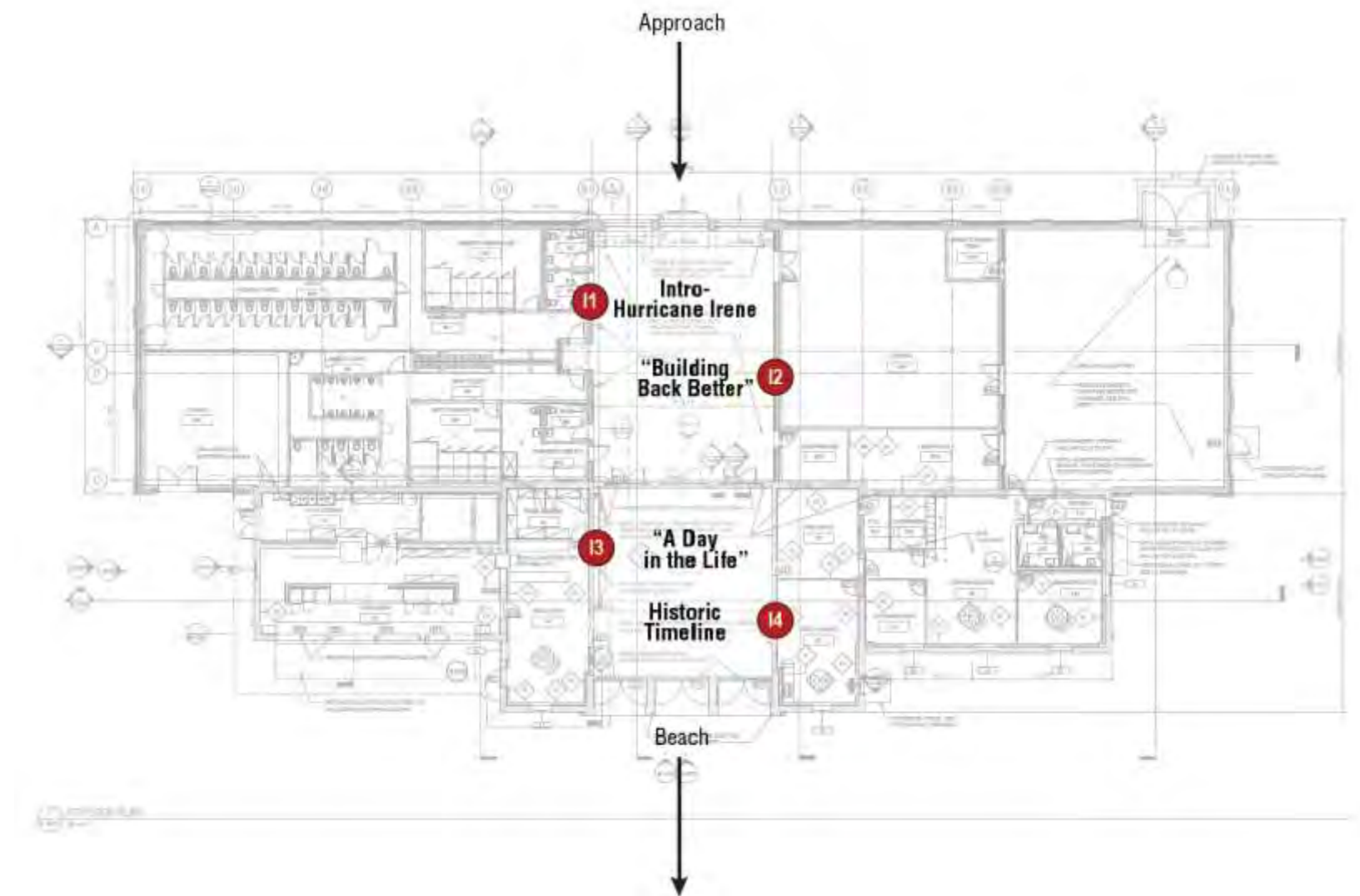
Games Area



Games Area



Interpretive Design (Main Bathhouse)



Project Schedule

Design and Permitting	October 2022 to December 2025
Construction Bidding and Contractor Selection	Summer/Fall 2025
Construction	Fall 2025 to Summer 2027
Lake Sebago Beach Opening	Summer 2027
Site Monitoring	Following Lake Sebago Beach Reopening



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