NOTICE OF MEETING

The Calhoun County Historical Commission will meet June 8, 2021, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 p.m.

AT 1:10 FILED O'CLOCK P M

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ANNA GOODMAN
COUNTY CLERK, CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: _____ DEPUTY

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledges of Allegiance/Guest Welcome
4. Review and approve the May 11, 2021 Minutes
5. Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report
6. Consider/Take Necessary action on THC Correspondence
7. Consider/Take Necessary Action on the Cemetery Committee Report.
8. Consider/ Take necessary Action on the Marker Committee Report
    a. Chocolate Community Marker
    b. Matagorda Lighthouse Marker
    c. Olivia Cemetery Marker Replacement
9. Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business
10. Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business
    a. Green Lake Park Comment Request
    b. 175th Anniversary Proclamation
11. Consider/Take Necessary Action Commission Input
12. Adjournment

The Notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on:

Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 13:10 hrs

For the Calhoun County Historical Commission

Green Lake Park
Agenda – June 3, 2021

1. Timeline
2. Master Plan Overview
3. Stakeholders
4. Way Forward
5. Revised Master Plan
   Discussion / Comments
6. Tour, as conditions permit

Green Lake Park Timeline

1. Purchased by Calhoun County – 2012

2. Master Plan develop with NPS assistance in 2016 with significant technical and public input:
   - Natural Resource Advisory Committee
   - Citizens Advisory Committee
   - Public comments
     - Comprehensive document

3. Funding efforts unsuccessful

4. Parks Board formed in 2018

5. Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust funding – 2019

6. Parks Board reviews Master Plan -2020/2021
   - suggests draft revisions
   - suggests process to advance implementation

7. Begin Implementation - 2022

Calhoun County's
Green Lake Nature Park
Master Plan
2016

Key Elements:
- Natural Resources and Wildlife Management
- Recreation & Visitor Facilities
- Infrastructure

Input from:
- Natural Resource Advisory Committee
- Citizens Advisory Committee
- General public

Link to March 2016 Master Plan:
https://issuu.com/npsrtcatexas/docs/final_greenlake

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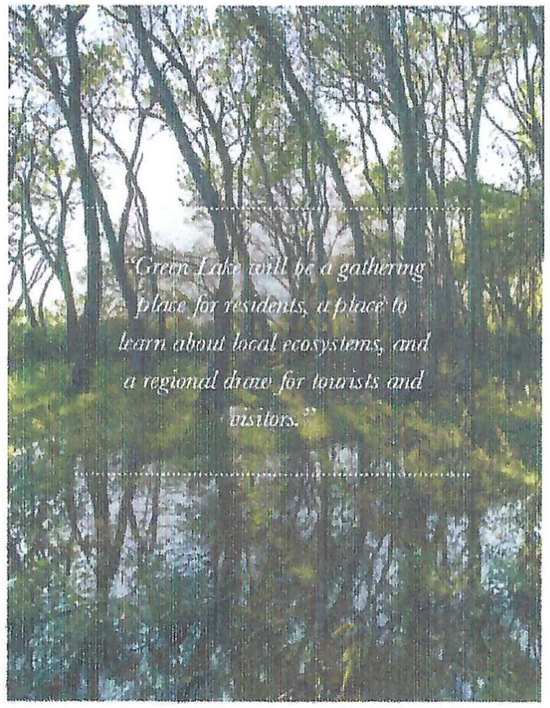
Summary of Draft Revised Master Plan 2021

- Maintains the natural resource and wildlife management elements envisioned in original Master Plan.
- Removes RV Campground – not funded by MBMT.
- Limits tent camping to events (e.g., Scouting); appointments required.
- Maintains other visitor access and amenities except:
  - consolidates Visitor Center and Educational Center into one building.
  - accommodate paddle craft or electric trolling motors only.
- Includes long-term repairs to levee breach and for a water control structure.



Way Forward

1. Parks Board solicits comments from Natural Resource Advisory Committee & Citizens Advisory Committee members.
   - open house to Committees. June 3
   - Comments by June 19
2. Parks Board publicizes Master Plan, any draft revisions, and Way Forward.
3. Parks Board recommends Revised Master Plan to Commissioner Court for their consideration
   - Parks Board Meeting of June 21.

   (Timeline Steps 1-3: July 2021)

4. County conducts preliminary engineering study to determine costs of the Revised Master Plan:
   - address details of Master Plan that are not specified.
   - essential to informing budget, priorities, and phasing decisions.

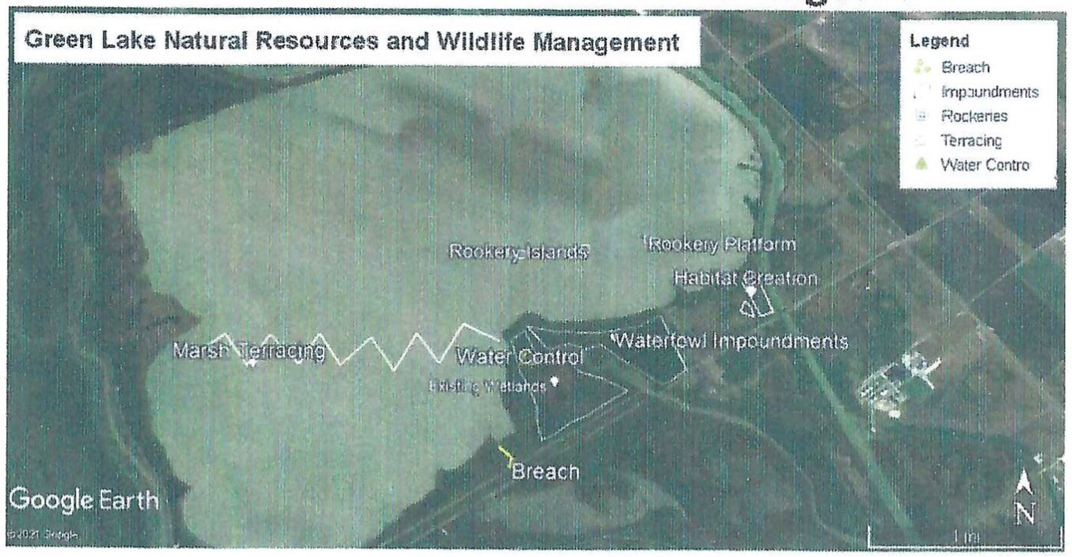
   (Timeline: 6-9 months)

   Coincident with the engineering study, Parks Board develops **Draft Operational Plan**, including:
   - Hours of Operation
   - Annual Operational Budget / Staffing
   - Entrance Fees / park operational funding
   - Specific Park Rules
   - Park Management organizational structure

5. Parks Board seeks public comment on the **Revised Master Plan** and the **Draft Operational Plan**.
   - offer open house to public

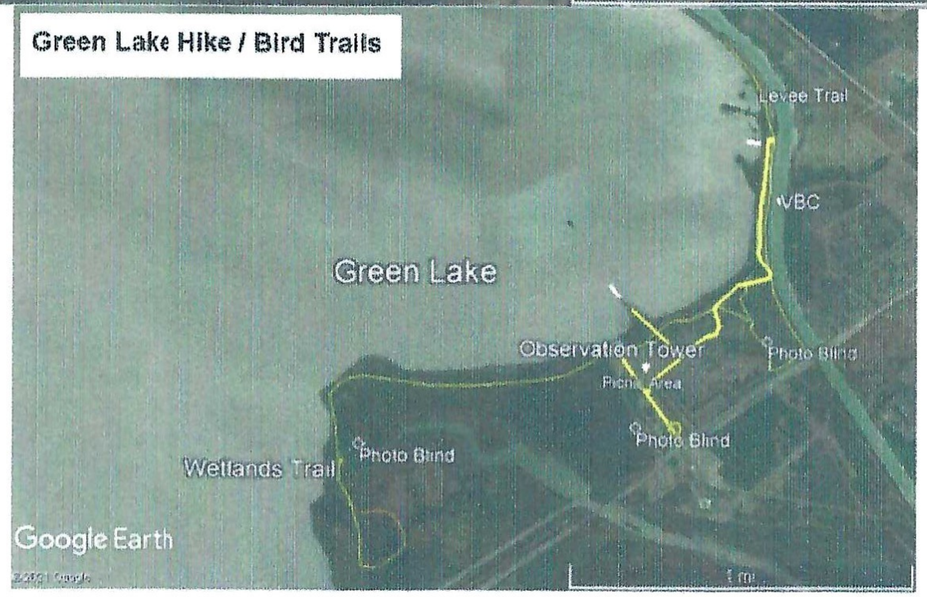
6. County decides Revised Master Plan and Operational Plan for implementation.

Natural Resources and Wildlife Management



Revised Master Plan for Green Lake Nature Park - Draft 1

Natural Resources & Wildlife Management	Description
1 Breach Repair / Water Control Structure	Repair recent breach to GBRA Diversion Channel; Install structure to control lake water level
2 Waterfowl Impoundments	Create waterfowl impoundments: Levees and water control structures to allow flooding in fall/winter & dewatering in spring/summer. Approx. 100 acres.
3 Artificial Rookeries a. Islands (2) b. Wooden Platform	Creation of Artificial Rookery Islands Enhance and expand old oil pads Build adjacent to existing 0.4 acre island; 50'x200'
4 Marsh Terracing of SW Lake	V shaped, 40' at base, 10' at top; 2' above water to reduce wave action, decrease turbidity, and create conditions favorable to the establishment of marsh vegetation and prevent erosion of south shore. Approx. 1.75 miles across to western shore.
5 Habitat Creation - a. Spoil Area - 15 acres b. Artificial marsh - 2.5 acres	Provide year-round water source; water control structures Existing berm; Remove invasive plants Restore old waterfowl area



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	Visitors Facilities	Description
6	Fishing Pier & Rookery Observation	300' with 50' T; Remote parking - 10 vehicles- 150x50'
7	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Single lane ramp; accommodate paddle craft and electric trolling motors only, Parking for 20 vehicles
8	Observation Tower	Provides outstanding views across lowlands, the southern edge of Green Lake and waterfowl impoundments, the existing bird rookery and the lake
9	Picnic Facilities - Main	Signature picnic facility. Screened, include access to water and electricity
	a. Picnic tables - covered	10 covered tables each with grill and trash receptacles
	b. Group site	Signature picnic facility. Screened, include access to water and electricity
	c. Levee Area	5 covered tables each with grill and trash receptacles
10	Restrooms	
	a. Toilets	
	b. showers	for use by Event camping only - 2 stalls
11	Tent Camping Sites- 20	For event camping only, eg Boy Scouts; Permit required
12	Hiking / birding trails	
	a. Existing Waterfowl area	1.6 miles
	b. Board walk	.3 miles
	c. Waterfowl impoundment / levees	1.4 miles
	d. Middle Trail	.5 miles
	e. Barge Canal Levee Area	2.0 miles
13	Birding / Photo Blinds	At existing wetlands, waterfowl impoundments, and Fresh water marsh
14	Small fishing pier & VBC Bank fishing	300'; parking 5 vehicles
15	Educational Facility	This structure should serve dual purposes as educational / classroom space for weekday school field trips and interpretive exhibits re Green Lake's uniqueness for visitors. Restroom facilities provided also. Appropriately sized parking area.

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	Infrastructure	Description
16	Park Highway Entrance	
17	Entrance Station	Fee collection
18	Roads	
	a. Limestone Entrance Road	.4 miles
	b. Pier Road	.4 miles
	c. Levee Road	1.1 miles
	d. Maintenance Road	.1 miles
	d water Control Structure	
19	Parking	
	a. Observation Tower	10 vehicles
	b. Main Pier	10 vehicles
	c. Levee	5 vehicles
20	Perimeter Fencing	
21	Water Well	
22	Maintenance	To be determined
	a. Facility	
	b. Equipment	