



August 20, 2026

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk
Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Oak Brook Park District under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under [HUD grant or contract number]. The proposed project(s) is located at 1510 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, DuPage County and is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain / wetland. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. The proposed project includes the construction of a new pedestrian bridge over Ginger Creek, the removal of an existing gabion control weir and an existing crossing at the water level, the construction of a new control weir, and the construction of stepped stone features to promote fish passage. There is existing Zone AE floodplain present associated with Ginger Creek and wetlands have been identified on the fringe of the channel. The project will provide a net benefit to the public as the existing pedestrian crossing was just above the water level and the new crossing will be passable in up to a 100-year flood event. The wetland areas will be impacted by construction but will be replanted along the banks of the creek. The total wetland area potentially impacted is approximately 0.014 acres. The project will also create an aquatic benefit by allowing fish passage opportunity through the stepped rock in place of a vertical weir.

The Oak Brook Park District has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain/wetland:

The proposed project must take place within the floodplain limits because the project goals are to provide safe pedestrian access to park facilities on both sides of Ginger Creek and to promote better fish passage within the channel. None of the alternatives listed below meet both of those goals and the selected project results in a net benefit to public safety and the natural environment.

Considered Alternatives:

1. Longer Bridge with no update to control weir or fish passage. This alternative evaluated a longer pedestrian bridge to span the entire 0.2 percent flood plain. To keep the pedestrian bridge up and out of the 0.2 percent flood plain at the same location of the current pedestrian crossing, the bridge span would need to be at least 475-feet long which is not

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viable without additional piers within the floodplain limits. Even if the bridge location was shifted to the more narrow section of the 0.2 percent floodplain within the site, the pedestrian bridge would still need to be at least 275-feet long which is also longer than what is feasible with a single span pedestrian bridge. Since the existing weir structure would remain under this alternative, this alternative would not address the goal to promote fish passable through this section.

2. Re-route Pedestrian Traffic to Jorie Boulevard Crossing. To promote pedestrian safety, this alternative evaluated re-routing pedestrian traffic to the existing crossing on the west side of Jorie Boulevard. This is very similar to what currently needs to occur after large storm events when the existing crossing is not passable. For public safety, this option would close the existing crossing to pedestrians and force them to walk approximately one half mile further to cross at Jorie Boulevard. The existing trail leading to the crossing would be removed and replaced with turf grass or other vegetation. Since the existing weir structure would remain under this alternative, this alternative would not address the goal to promote fish passable through this section of the river.

In order to minimize adverse impacts to and preserve natural and beneficial functions of the existing floodplain and wetlands, the final design and construction will consider the following:

- Work will be performed in the dry as permitted by the regulatory agencies.
- Dewatering and/or bypass pumping will be performed in accordance with regulatory requirements and inspected regularly to avoid impacts to water quality.
- No materials or equipment will be stored or staged within the floodplain limits.
- Construction limits will be staked and followed so no additional disturbance will occur within floodplain and wetland areas.

Prior to work beginning, proper permits and authorizations will be required from:

- Village of Oak Brook
- DuPage County
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Office of Water Resources
- USACE
- Kane-DuPage Soil Water Conservation District

The Oak Brook Park District has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to the floodplain / wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and/or Executive Order 11990 will be available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain/wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas.

Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments about floodplain/wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas.

Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain/wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Oak Brook Park District at the following address on or before August 28, 2026.

Oak Brook Park District
1450 Forest Gate Road
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523
Attention: Bob Johnson, Deputy Director
630.990.4233

A description of the project may also be reviewed from 9am-5pm at the same address above and by visiting www.obparks.org.

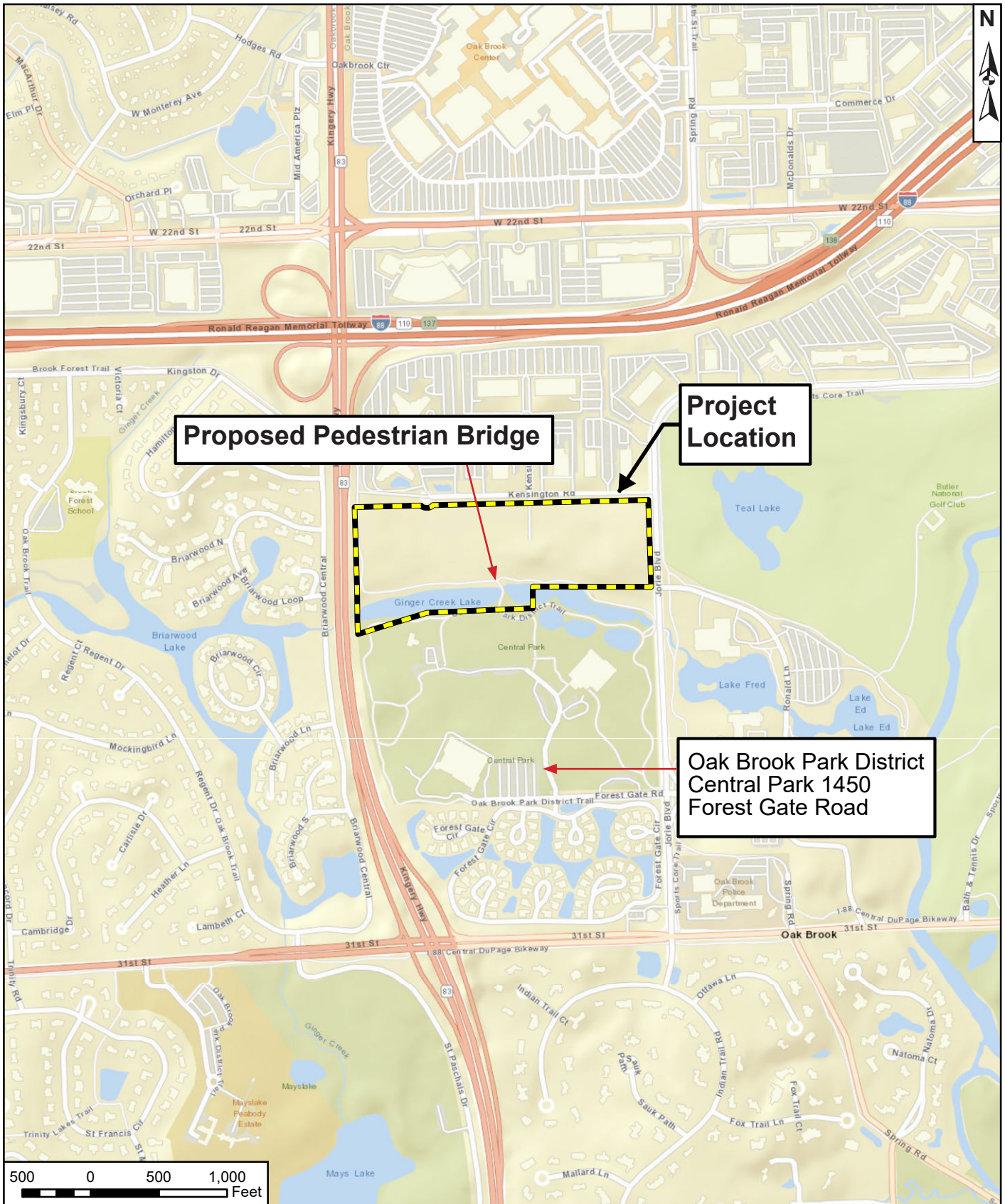
Comments may also be submitted via email at bridge@obparks.org

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Proposed Pedestrian Bridge

Project Location

**Oak Brook Park District
Central Park 1450
Forest Gate Road**

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Feet

 7325 Janes Avenue Woodridge, IL 60517 630.724.9200 phone www.v3co.com Visio, Vertere, Virtute... "The Vision To Transform with Excellence"	PROJECT NO.: 230579	CLIENT: Oak Brook Park District 1450 Forest Gate Road Oak Brook, IL 60523	TITLE: PROJECT LOCATION	
	CREATED BY: CJL			
	DATE: 07/19/2024	BASE LAYER: ESRI World Street Map	SITE: Ginger Creek Dam Phase II Oak Brook, DuPage County, IL	FIGURE: 1
	SCALE: See Scale Bar			



Ginger Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project Description

The proposed project at Central Park in Oak Brook along Ginger Creek includes several components. First and foremost, the existing dam and path crossing will be removed and will be replaced by a sheet pile dam and new pedestrian bridge in a similar location. The new pedestrian bridge will have a span of 100 feet and will be set on two concrete abutments set above the floodplain elevation. The paths north and south of the new bridge crossing location will be revised to connect to the new pedestrian bridge in a manner compliant with ADA standards.

Second, stone pools will be installed within the channel to step the flow down from the dam elevation to the existing channel elevation with 9-inch maximum step height. These stone steps will be designed to allow for improved fish passage from the downstream river section.

Third, the slopes on the north and south side of the bridge will be regraded to a maximum slope of 4:1 and will be planted with native vegetation above the normal water line. This includes the areas on the north and south banks of Ginger Creek in the vicinity of the bridge. Immediately downstream of the dam and bridge, the existing deteriorating sheet pile wall will be removed and the bank will be re-graded and planted.

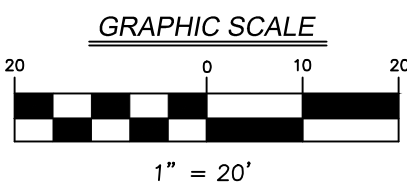
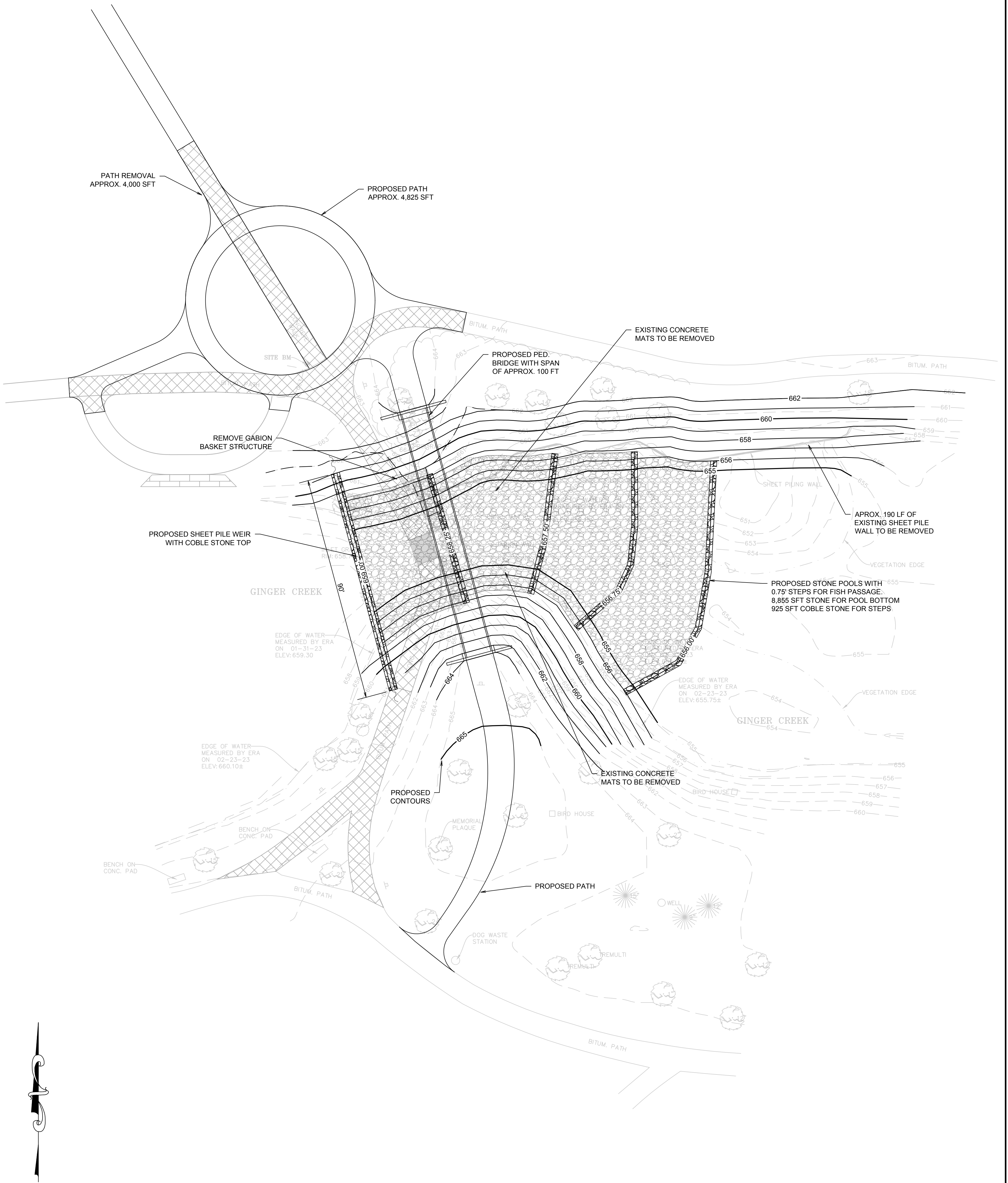
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REVISIONS		
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NO.:	230579
FILE NAME:	230579
ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE:	01/15/2025
SCALE:	1" = 20'

DESIGNED BY:	SAV
DRAWN BY:	SAV
CHECKED BY:	CWH
PROJECT MANAGER:	CWH

GINGER CREEK		
GINGER CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE		
OAK BROOK	PHASE	ILLINOIS

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EX 1