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Lake Lure Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2021

Call to Order

Chairman Mr. Jim Walters called to order the September 2, 2021 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Jim Walters, Chairman

Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Dan Bragdon

Mr. Mark Hoek, Alternate

Mr. Robin Worcester

Mrs. Maureen Bay

Board Members absent:

Mr. Ed Dittmer, Vice Chairman

Mr. Larry Czajkoski

Town Council and Officials present:

Other Town Staff and Contributors Present:

Ms. Dana Bradley – Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation and Trails Coordinator

Laura Krejci – Communications Specialist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

The Agenda for the September 2, 2021 meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the Agenda and Mr. Worcester seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

The Minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed. The Board noted a typo to amend under the Golf Course Section in which “Min ick” should have been “Minick”. **Mr. Hoek made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended and Mr. Massey seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Presentation and Discussion

Parks, Recreation & Lake Report – Ms. Dana Bradley

Ms. Bradley presented an updated draft of the Morse Park plan, as well as the amphitheater. She also reported that extra green space was added to the Morse Park plan and some divisions were eliminated. She handed out copies of the plans to the Board members. Chairman Walters expressed approval of the

current project plans presented by Ms. Bradley and consensus of the Board was to move forward with these new plans. The Board did not call for any revisions to these plans. Ms. Bay asked about bio retention area. Ms. Bradley explained that this is a drainage system for water the park. Mr. Massey also expressed approval of the new plan and was happy about the open space included in the plan.

Ms. Bradley presented the monthly report. It was a busy month due to a major storm that took place and required a lot of clean up. Ms. Bradley asked Town Attorney about Luremont, waiting on general assembly. 263 volunteer hours this month. Mo asked about the boom. Ms. Bradley explained that it had broken and was recently fixed. There was an inspection.

Golf Course – Mr. Mark Hoek, Alternate

Mr. Hoek reported on the golf course. Mr. Hoek asked Ms. Bradley about disc golf. Ms. Bradley can get in touch about this. October 15-17 pro golf will be in Town. Mr. Hoek presented an old photograph of the golf course. Ms. Bradley asked the board if they would be in favor of disc golf for a few more weeks. Mr. Bragdon said he would like to discuss with Dale Minick and review the contract. The Board discussed disc golf holes at Dittmer-Watts. Mr. Hoek stated that trees must be removed to include course at Dittmer-Watts. Mr. Hoek recapped the August 10 Town Council Meeting. He described the consent agenda item on the council agenda regarding the golf course. The golf course will close at the end of the year. Mr. Hoek reported that he is meeting with other organization and got an NDA from Town Attorney William Morgan. IDP Resort Development Partners Company met with Mr. Hoek and toured. There would be housing, he asked about zoning, it is GU. Three other companies in discussion.

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park – Mr. Ed Dittmer

Mr. Dittmer was not present to report on Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park. Ms. Bradley said a workday took place here on August 10th. The next workday will be September 22nd and Ms. Bradley will continue to scout the area before this date.

Buffalo Creek Park, Weedpatch Mountain & the Trail to Eagle Rock

Ms. Bradley reported trail counter number for the Weed Patch Mountain Bikers was estimated this month due to the dock battery dying, but the number will be updated next month. Trail counter numbers on Weed Patch Mountain were down because trees from the storm blocked several sections of it. A Weed Patch workday will be held on September 8th and a workday will be held on Buffalo Creek Park on the 16th of September. A section of trail on the southern part of Buffalo Creek Park was blocked by a large tree last month, but it was cleared on a workday held August 24th.

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge – Mr. Bill Massey

Mr. Massey announced the Wi-Fi is now operational and the QR code is located in the Kiosk. They are creating a pollinator garden with places to sit. They're also planning to create a bench/garden for Charlene Efrid. A pathway was made from the Kiosk to the river. Fairy garden displays will be moved in the next week. Mr. Massey reported the monthly visitor report which was good. Over 120,000 so far this year and a good financial year. Ms. Bay elaborated on the Wi-Fi and QR code, stating that it can lead to the open space plan, town website, restaurants, accommodations, sights, etc. Ms. Bay is working to display the bears created by artists last month at the gallery. They should be on display next week. These bears are available to be bid on with a minimum bid. There will be a "buy it now" on all bears. She described the selling and buying process. On October 15th the auction will begin on biddingowl.com until October 24th. Ms. Bay mentioned that a discussion regarding yoga classes on the bridge has come up. There will be a fee from the instructor in which the fees will go back to the bridge. Ms. Bay believes that the bridge would like to encourage this. Mr. Bragdon questioned if there is a standard concessionary

agreement. He supports concessionary agreements. Ms. Bay asked if it's determined by fees or not. Mr. Massey mentioned that in the past issues such as this have gone to Town Council and he questions the obstacles that will take place and how to overcome in terms of the yoga class. Ms. Krejci mentioned that they could come before Town Council regarding a single event. Mr. Bragdon suggested that proof of insurance from agreement partners and other steps in a process would need to happen before coming to Town Council. Chairman Walters explained that he does not think current concession agreements are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Bay would like to establish perimeters for this current situation and future situations. Ms. Bay agreed with Mr. Bragdon that a process should be established to make these situations are simpler. Chairman Walters suggested requesting a policy to be passed by Council that will allow for easier transactions regarding Town owned recreation and concession agreements with a fee waiver. Mr. Bragdon suggested a plan for this. Ms. Bay will go to Council regarding the yoga situation. Mr. Bragdon offered to draw an expedited concessionary agreement form. The Board supported Mr. Bragdon doing this. This should be sent Board liaison Commissioner Bryant and Board Members.

Morse Park – Mr. Jim Walters

Chairman Walters did not have any more to report about Morse Park since Ms. Bradley covered this.

Parks & Recreation Programs and Initiatives

Mr. Bragdon - terms of the concession agreement document he has scope, size, proof of insurance, parameter, etc. Ms. Bay suggested fees and clean up. Mr. Bragdon mentioned concession agreement with student intern. Ms. Bradley supports this and believes it was beneficial in the past.

Input from Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Christopher Patrick Bryant

Commissioner Christopher Patrick Bryant was not present to provide input.

Other Comments:

Mr. Hoek asked Ms. Bradley who takes water samples. Volunteers currently take water samples from the lake and tributaries once a month. These are taken to Black Mountain for inspection. Ms. Bay mentioned incorporating Lake Lure Academy in projects such as that. Ms. Bradley reported Keep Rutherford County Beautiful clean-up is held twice a year and will be going on September 11th-24th. Anyone wanting to form a team and clean areas should let Ms. Bradley know and she can provide materials. High schools are having a Trash Bowl and cleaning up can help the local school win a trophy. Ms. Bay volunteered to be a worker on 23rd or 24th. She also welcomes ideas and information about areas to be cleaned, etc. Ms. Krejci told the Board about the new website and asked for any suggestions for improvement.

Adjournment

Mr. Bragdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Worcester seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Olivia Stewman

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be October 7, 2021 at 1:30 pm. It is currently scheduled to be held at the Town of Lake Lure Town Hall.

ATTEST:

Kat Canant for Jim Walters
Jim Walters, Chairman

Kat Canant
Kat Canant, Board Clerk



Dean Givens; Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

PREPARED FOR:

August 31, 2021

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>Not selected for PARTF funding</i>	2. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, legal opinion received; working on next steps</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Updating Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan – <i>Working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay on updates</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion – <i>Grant has been submitted</i>
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Applying for permits</i>	12. Naming Rights – <i>Working to update policy</i>
13. Dredging Grant – <i>Finalizing budget</i>	14. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>	15. Storm Damage Repair

PR&LD ACTIVITIES:

1. Oversee daily operations for Parks, Rec, & Lake
2. Attended multiple staff/public meetings
3. Attended multiple project meetings
4. Helped train new employee
5. Helped with storm damage clean-up efforts
6. Worked on multiple projects
 - Dredging
 - Island Creek Rd. silt disposal site
 - Deepwater Launch
 - Walkway pavers in front of beach
 - New seawall at gazebo
 - Mining permit
 - Boys Camp Rd. plans

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Took over commercial boat licensing and boat slip rentals
2. Helped train new employee
3. Worked with Moe Bay on the Open Space Plan updates
4. Added more information to the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department Standard Operating Procedures
5. Ed Dittmer, trail boss for Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, walked the trails and reported issues that needed to be repaired. 1 volunteer; 2.5 volunteer hours
6. Led Dittmer-Watts workday on 8/10 to remove trees and repair minor erosion – 6 volunteers; 18 volunteer hours
7. Helped remove large debris from the lake on 8/18.
8. Recruited volunteers to help with lake debris clean-up. They have helped almost every day since 8/18 – 2 volunteers; 152 volunteer hours
9. A volunteer walked biked Buffalo Creek Park on 8/19 and removed 8 trees from the trail – 5 volunteer hours
10. Robin Worcester, trail boss for Buffalo Creek Park, walked the trail and gave a report on areas where trees were still down and areas that were damaged on 8/21 and 8/22. He also removed some small trees and debris from the trail – 1 volunteer; 8.5 volunteer hours
11. Walked Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails to assess trail damage from storm, found multiple trees down, and cleared debris from the trail
12. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 8/24 to repair erosion and clear multiple downed trees – 6 volunteers; 30 volunteer hours
13. Cleared the downed trees from Dittmer-Watts and another large tree completely blocking the start of the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 8/24
14. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 8/31 to remove fallen trees – 5 volunteers; 35 volunteer hours
15. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
16. Checked trail counters on 8/31
17. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for further damage
18. Utilized volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
19. Utilized a total of **263 volunteer hours**
20. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Helped with storm damage clean-up on the trails
2. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
3. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
4. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach
5. Took down Olympiad and library banners

Lake Activities:

1. Buoy maintenance
2. Debris pickup
3. Storm debris clean-up
4. Debris boom repairs and deployment

1. FOLLOW UP

1. Open Space Plan: Will continue working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay to update the Open Space Plan
2. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; working on next steps
3. Boys Camp Road: Not selected for PARTF funding.
4. Dredging Grant: \$637,500 grant awarded, working to finalize budget
5. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
6. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

2. OTHER

1. Marina Slips Available: 0

Lake Lure Morse Park Master Plan

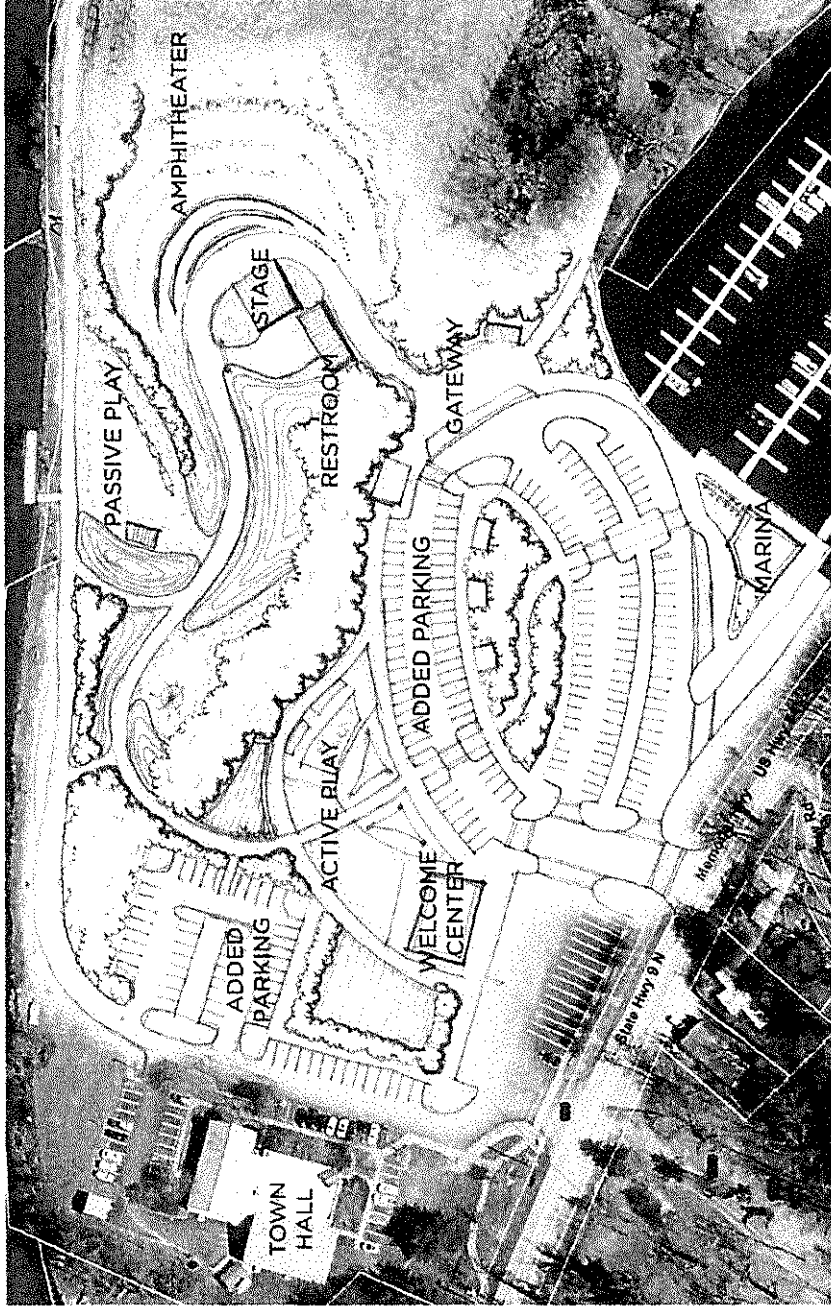
Design Concepts

Monday, August 30, 2021

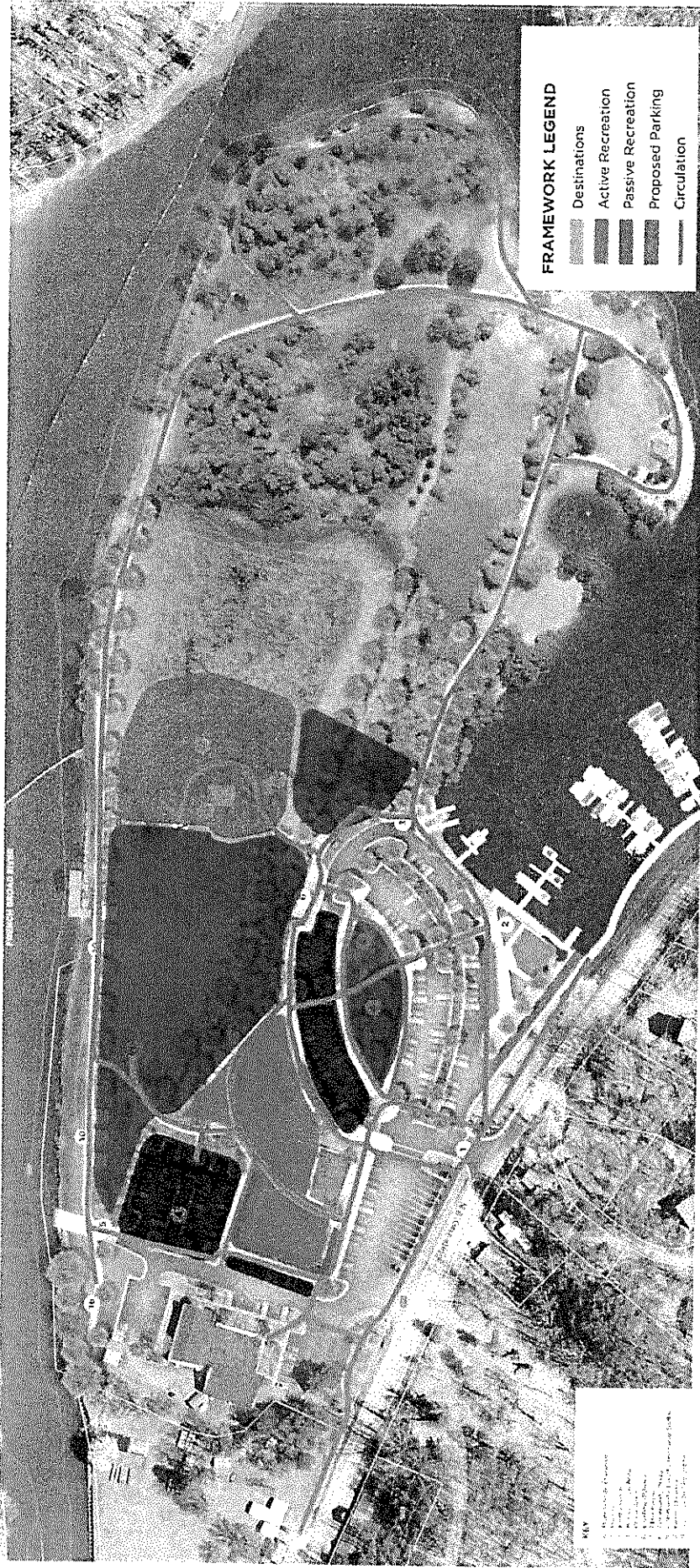
Lake Lure Marina Park
Site Master Plan Preliminary Concept

Changes we heard from last meeting:

- remove splash pad
- provide more combined open space
- remove hammock area
- updated framework plan to show connection to the gazebo
- terraces to include concrete like POPS
- terraces to be 60' wide for mowing + 5' for concrete
- like natural playground image
- more shelter opportunities
- keep shade sails as-is



Lake Lure Morse Park
 Site Framework Plan

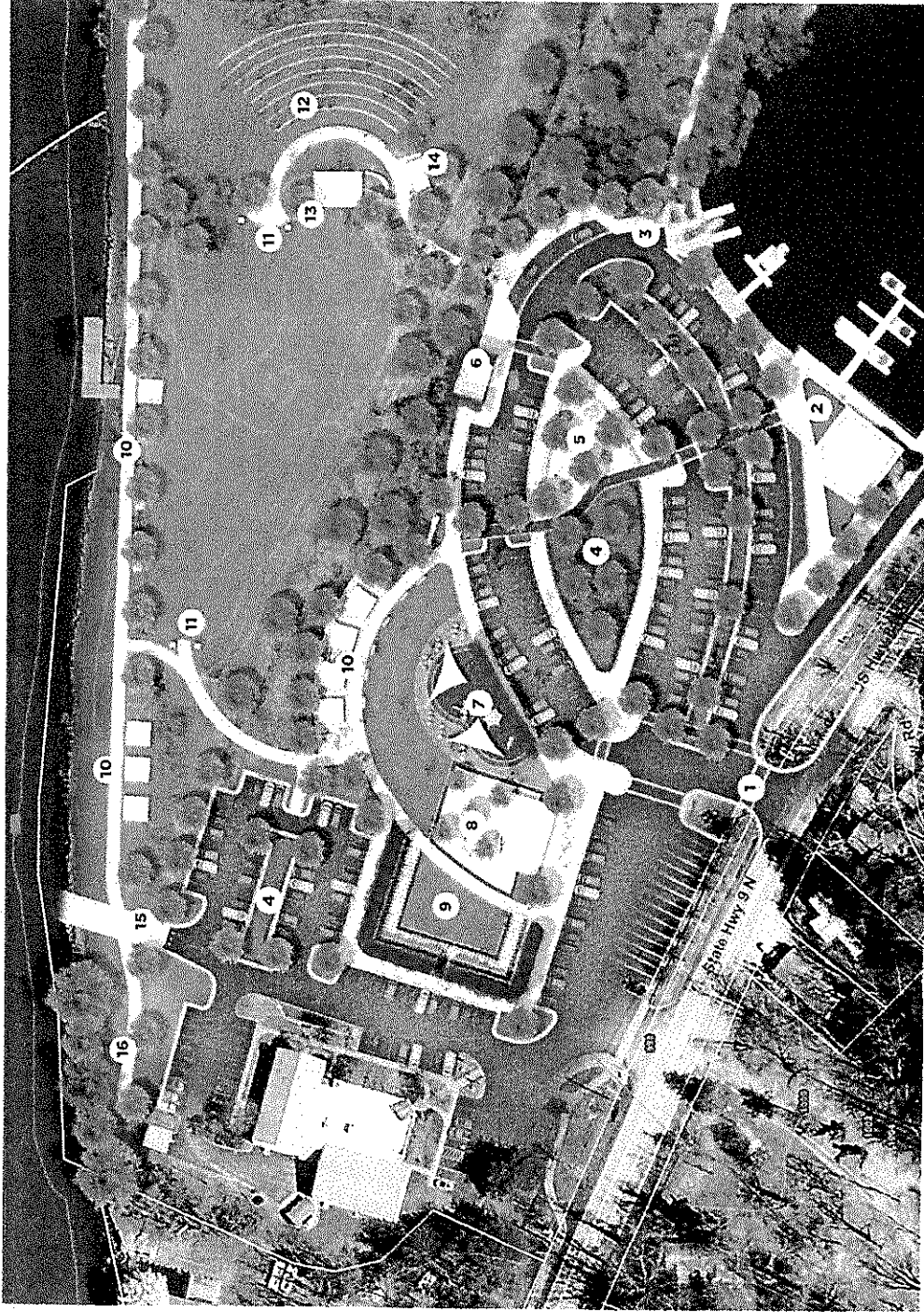


Lake Lure Mouse Park

Site Master Plan Enlargement

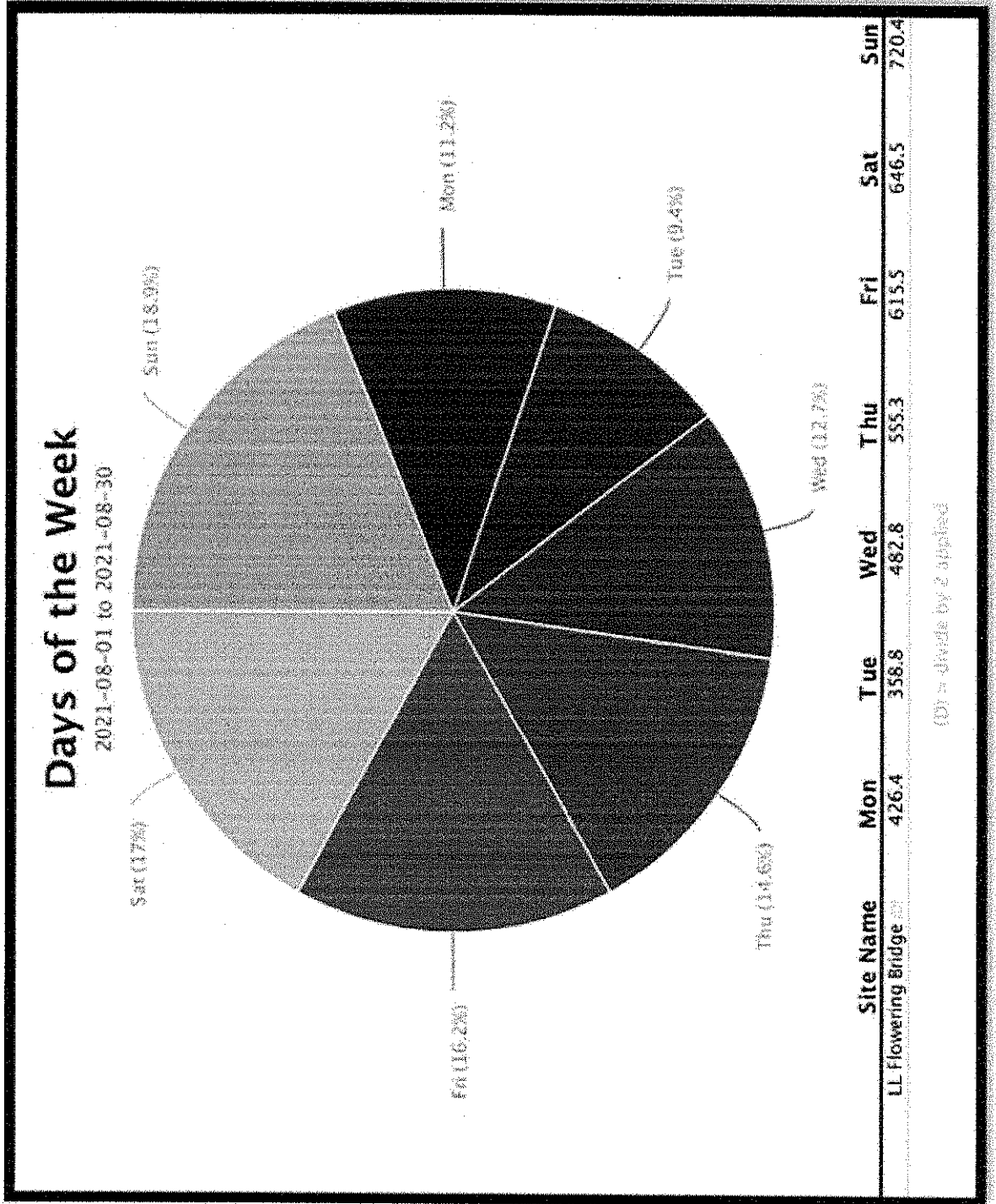
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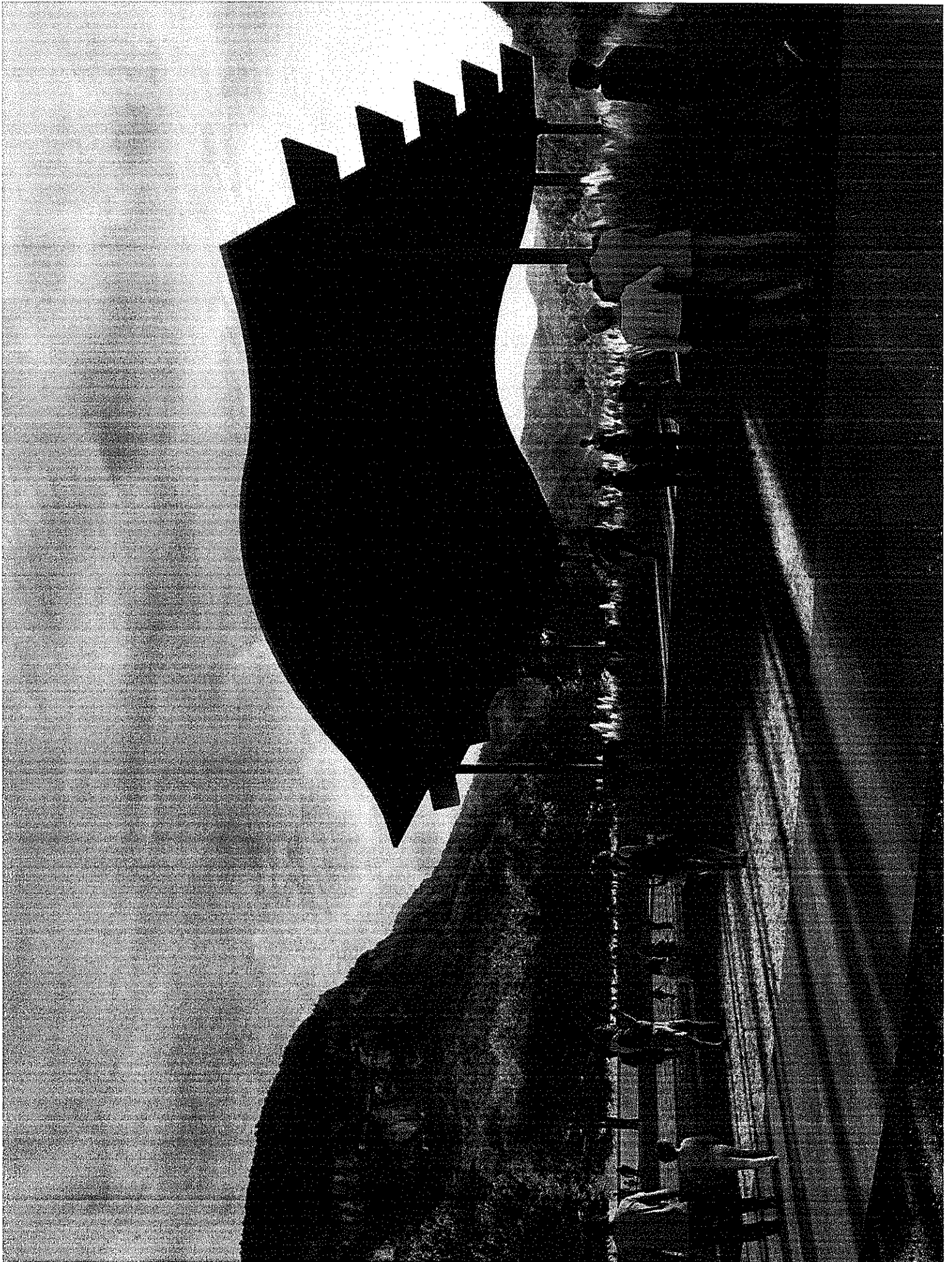
1. Main Vehicle Entrance
2. Marina
3. Boat Launch
4. Bioretention Area
5. Picnic Area
6. Existing Utilities
7. Playground
8. Community Plaza
9. Community Event Green and Trellis
10. Picnic Shelters
11. Gateway to The Green
12. Amphitheater
13. Stage (30' x 40')
14. Six Stall Restroom
15. Controlled Access Road and Trail
16. Potential Connection to Neighboring Property

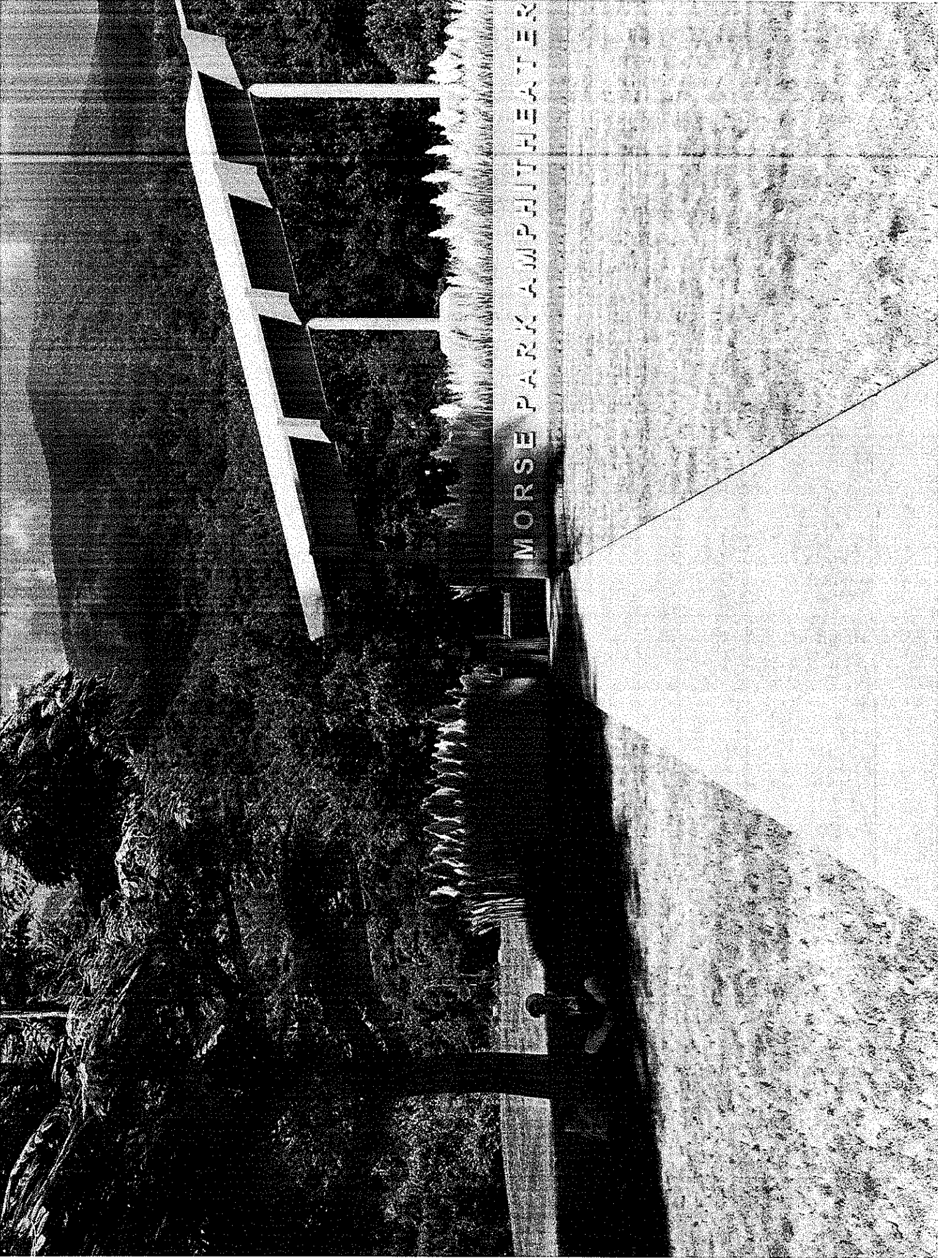


LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Day
Flowering Bridge						8,412	23,829	17,368	11,199	14,662	7,051	4,006	
Flowering Bridge	1,248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Flowering Bridge							7,798	16,105	17,342	17,876	11,900	6,809	
Flowering Bridge	3,440	3,723	12,230	17,130	22,236	24,620	27,586	16,915					







MORSE PARK AMPHITHEATER

