

# Owl Park Plan

- Worked on by the previous PRAC Committee
- Looking to get seed funds to get this project shovel ready, so that grants, and fundraising can begin.
- The land is already owned by the city, and has owls on the property, but could be dramatically improved aesthetically and provide an additional place for residents, and visitors to enjoy burrowing Owls without stopping on others property
- Provide educational opportunities for students to visit the park, and enjoy the owls in a unique setting
- Provides an additional green space on the island that will be preserved.

# **Fits The Parks & City Masterplan**

## **From City Master Plan:**


Objective 1.2 Continue planning for the maintenance, acquisition, and enhancement of open space, parks and recreation facilities, and programs for the enjoyment of Marco Island residents.

Policy 1.2.1 The City will develop a parks and open space master plan to assess desired and needed parklands, open space and amenities and continue to plan to improve identified current and projected shortfalls based on population or other community goals. The parks master plan will identify:

g: opportunities for protection of sensitive habits and species and historical, archeological, and cultural resources.

# Parks Master Plan Presentation 9/17/24

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## High-Priority Needs | Summary Findings

**Facility/ Amenity Needs:**

- Natural parks for local wildlife
- Paved multi-purpose trails
- Public beach access
- Shelter, shade structures, and picnic areas
- Pickleball Courts
- Boating access (motorized)
- Bandshell/ event area
- Indoor fitness center
- Food truck park space
- Food concession
- Boating access (non-motorized)
- Restrooms in existing parks
- Community gardens

**Programs/ Service Needs:**

- Community special events
- Adult fitness/ wellness/ dance
- Outdoor dining
- Community programming
- Farmers market
- Nature/ environmental education
- Education lecture series
- Cooking classes

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A 9 inch tall male burrowing owl in the City of Marco Island, Florida appears on The Americas Season 1 Episode 6 "The Gulf Coast".  
Photo: BBC Studios

Tonight's new episode, the series' sixth installment, "highlights a range of species, from Florida's manatees seek-



OWL PARK  
SITE PLAN  
LELAND WAY, MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145



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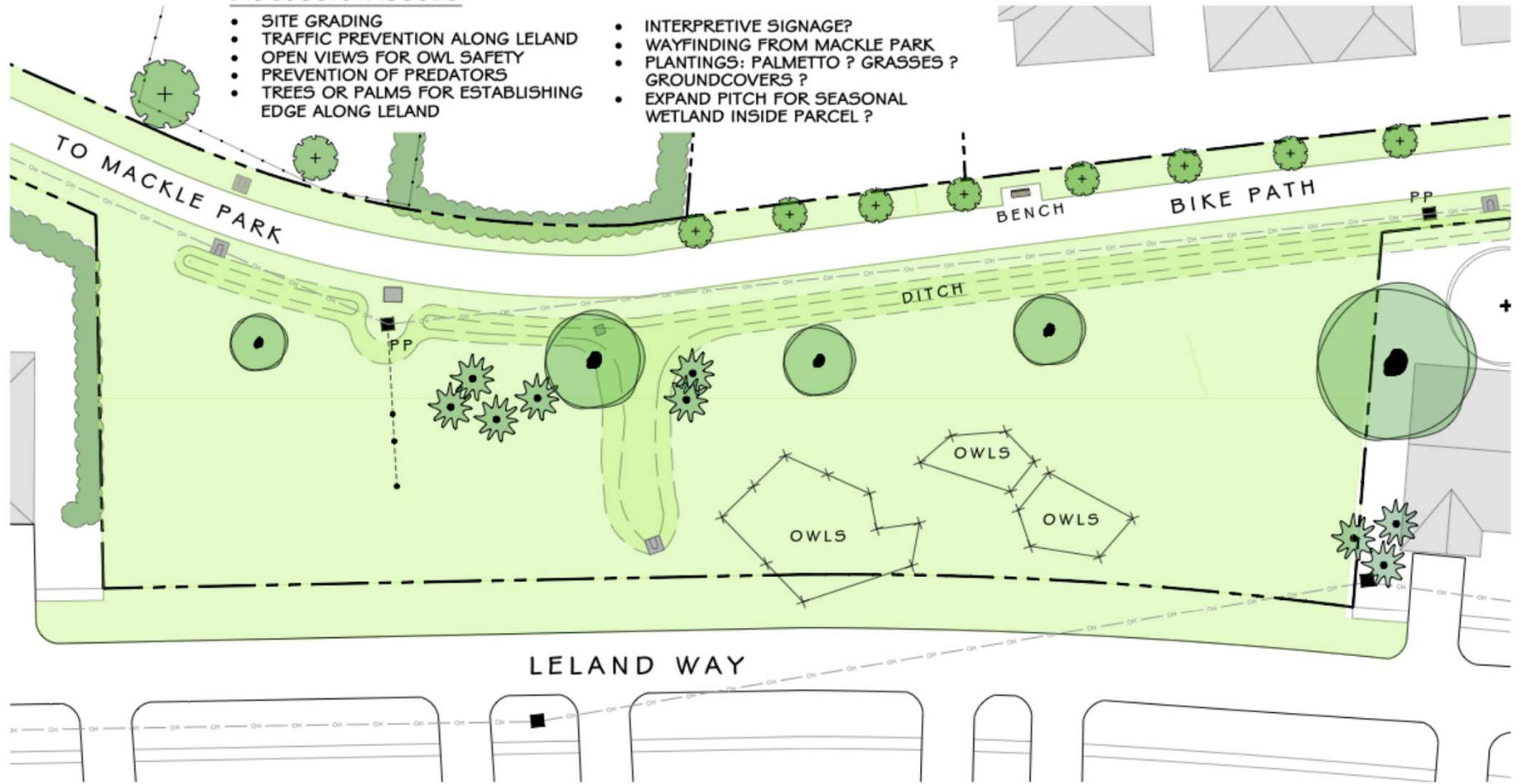
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# DISCUSSION ISSUES:

- SITE GRADING
- TRAFFIC PREVENTION ALONG LELAND
- OPEN VIEWS FOR OWL SAFETY
- PREVENTION OF PREDATORS
- TREES OR PALMS FOR ESTABLISHING EDGE ALONG LELAND
- INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE?
- WAYFINDING FROM MACKLE PARK
- PLANTINGS: PALMETTO ? GRASSES ?
- GROUNDCOVERS ?
- EXPAND PITCH FOR SEASONAL WETLAND INSIDE PARCEL ?



OWL PARK  
EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN  
LELAND WAY, MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145



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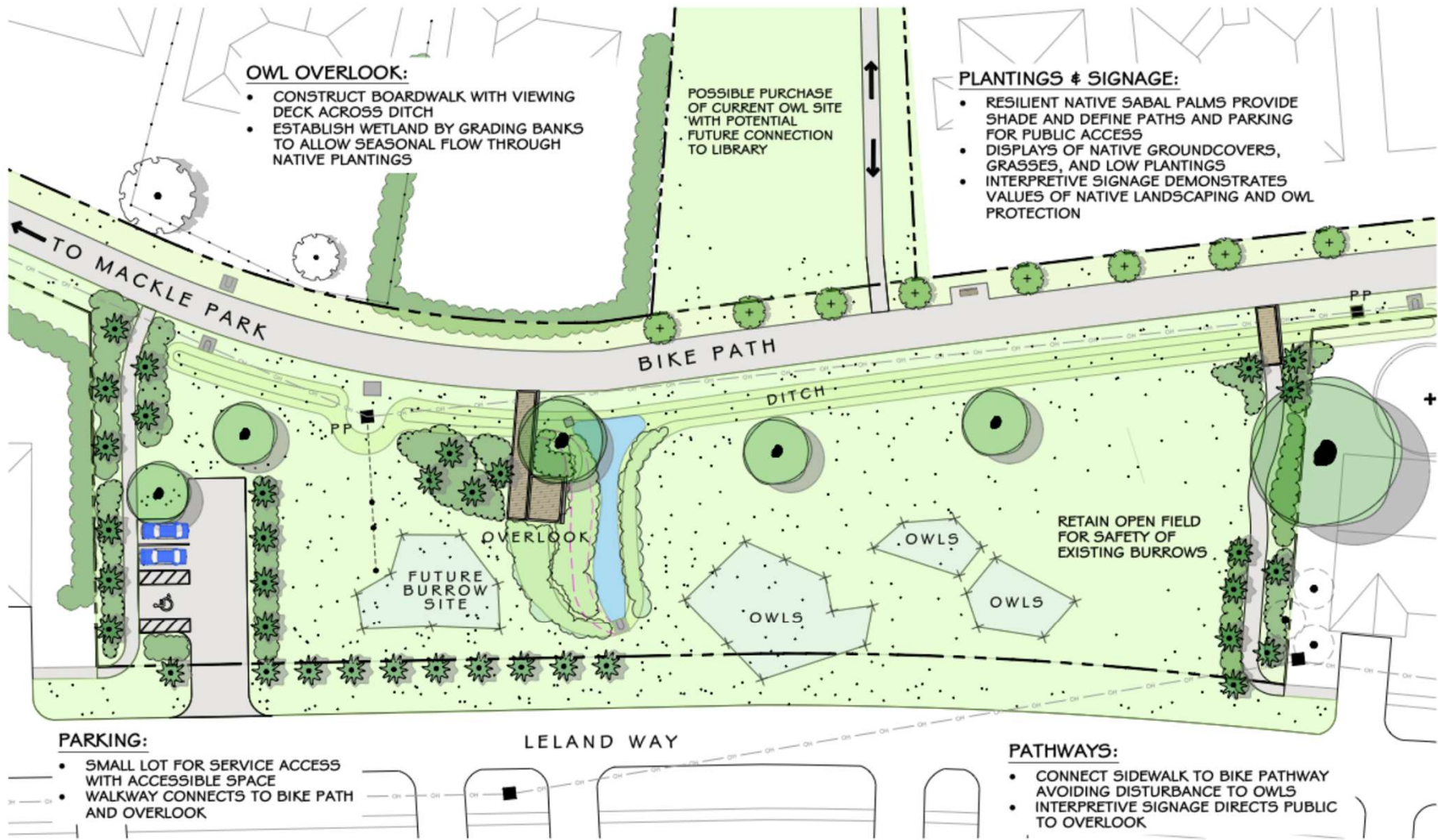








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**CONCEPT PLAN**  
 LELAND WAY, MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145



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Cape Coral is home to the largest population of burrowing owls in the state, with an estimated 1,000 nesting pairs.

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# Grant Opportunities

- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) - Burrowing Owl Habitat Protection Grant
- State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Traditional Conservation Grants - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- National Foundation Grants
- EPA Environmental Education Grants Program
- Private Foundation Opportunities
- Corporate Partnerships



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