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Aesthetics	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Preservation of historic camping structures</p> <p>No further impacts to the wetlands on-site.</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Close spacing of campsites provide limited privacy and a poor camping experience</p> <p>A negative impact exists from campsite noise on the surrounding environment</p> <p>Break up of natural habitat by infrastructure</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Infrastructure removed that interrupts the environment</p> <p>Diversity of habitat types from edge to interior specific habitat for both the forest and the wetlands</p> <p>Space has a reduction of noise and human activity</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>It does not include the removal of all the infrastructure from the site</p> <p>Limited planting will keep habitat succession at a slow pace at locations of asphalt removal</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Infrastructure removed that interrupts the environment</p> <p>Diversity of habitat types from edge to interior specific habitat for both the forest and the wetlands</p> <p>The advancement of succession through intensive plantings in some areas</p> <p>Space has a reduction of noise and human activity</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Not all areas on the east side will receive the intensive planting. Limited planting will keep habitat succession at a slow pace at asphalt-only removal locations</p>
Capital Cost	<p><u>Cost Estimate: \$0.0</u></p> <p>Advantages:</p> <p>No upfront costs for implementation</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Long-term maintenance costs will continue to be an issue</p>	<p><u>Cost Estimate: \$3.56 Mil.</u></p> <p>Advantages:</p> <p>Design solutions will alleviate on-going operational costs by implementing solutions to improve issues</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>There are significant costs associated with mitigating impacts on the west side through mitigation banking.</p> <p>There are significant costs for the east side, which has the potential to be transferred to another agency</p>	<p><u>Cost Estimate: \$3.68 Mil.</u></p> <p>Advantages:</p> <p>Design solutions will alleviate on-going operational costs by implementing solutions to improve issues</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Significant cost associated with mitigating West side impacts on the East side at</p>

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<i>Environmental Value</i>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>No added impacts to the critical areas</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>There is a continuation of the fragmented habitat, especially the wetlands</p> <p>The adverse effects, such as noise, compaction, and pollution, are caused by visitor intrusion into the habitat</p> <p>There is an increased compaction of the soil structure caused by human activities</p> <p>Existing infrastructure reduces water quality, water storage capabilities, and soil chemistry</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Asphalt removal that negatively affects the habitat, soils, and flood storage capabilities on site</p> <p>Reconnected wetlands</p> <p>By starting the rehabilitation of successional habitat, the matrix of habitat types diversifies</p> <p>Environmental resources are enhanced and preserved for current and future communities</p> <p>Wetlands and associated habitat rehabilitated at an off-site location</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Proposed planting is not as intensive to fully establish a new habitat in the impact areas</p> <p>There will still be some leftover infrastructure on site</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Asphalt removal that negatively affects the habitat, soils, and flood storage capabilities on site</p> <p>Reconnected wetlands</p> <p>The rehabilitation of successional habitat will diversify the matrix of habitat types on-site in some areas of the east side</p> <p>Environmental resources are enhanced and preserved for current and future communities</p> <p>Wetlands and associated on-site habitat rehabilitated</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Proposed planting is not entirely throughout the impact areas on site</p>
<i>Maintenance & Monitoring Cost</i>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>No upfront costs for improvements</p> <p>No increased staff workload</p> <p>No monitoring of mitigation</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Existing maintenance hurdles will continue for the foreseeable future</p> <p>Flooding will occur in areas that will require yearly maintenance to allow park utilization</p> <p>The park, split by the highway, provides difficult access and safety concerns for operations and maintenance</p> <p>The need for continued short-term solutions to keep the park functioning is not efficient or effective</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Closure of the East side to visitors can ease time, money, and energy for park staff</p> <p>No monitoring of mitigation</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>There will still be some maintenance on-site to the pump station and boneyard</p> <p>Invasive species control will be needed to inhibit growth at the site of the removed infrastructure</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Closure of the East side to visitors can ease time, money, and energy for park staff</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>There will still be some maintenance on-site to the pump station and boneyard</p> <p>Invasive species control will be needed to inhibit growth at the site of the removed infrastructure</p> <p>There is some required on-site monitoring for the on-site mitigation areas</p>

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<i>Recreational Experience</i>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>There is a tent and RV camping for visitors</p> <p>Visitors can cross the highway over to the west side and use the amenities there and go to the beach</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Most of the campsites are closed perennially</p> <p>Flooding and safety concerns limit available camping</p> <p>The highway limits accessibility of visitors from the east side over to the west side</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>There is no recreational experience</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>There is no recreational experience</p>
<i>Sustainability</i>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>No new upfront costs</p> <p>Revenue and staffing will not change</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>A considerable effort into the on-going maintenance of the park, with limited to little value in return regarding the environment or the recreational experience</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Tremendous benefits exist for the health and survivability of the environment on the east side due to the investment</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Due to capital limits, there is a limit to potential east side rehabilitation</p>	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Tremendous benefits exist for the health and survivability of the environment on the east side due to the investment</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Due to capital limits, there is a limit to potential east side rehabilitation</p>