

La Plata County Fairgrounds Master Plan



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Master Plan Goals

Gain information from the community in La Plata County to guide phased improvements to the existing Fairgrounds.

- Conducting a robust public process to hear from the community
- Use community priorities and input from public process to develop a Master Plan design
- Complete a Master Plan design for the Fairgrounds in 2024



Today's Meeting

INFORMATION GATHERING PHASE

- Share inventory and analysis of existing facilities.
- Briefly identify areas of opportunity
- OPEN HOUSE – Gather community input as to what is important to you.



La Plata County Fairgrounds Origin

- In 1899 La Plata County wanted to promote Animas River Valley communities and the region, so they decided to hold the Colorado-New Mexico Fair.
- The Colorado-New Mexico Fair was a success 20 years later with attendance at a record high. Events like horse racing, baseball games, and trick riding lead to the events we have today.
- However, in 1921 because of financial difficulties the fair had to close.



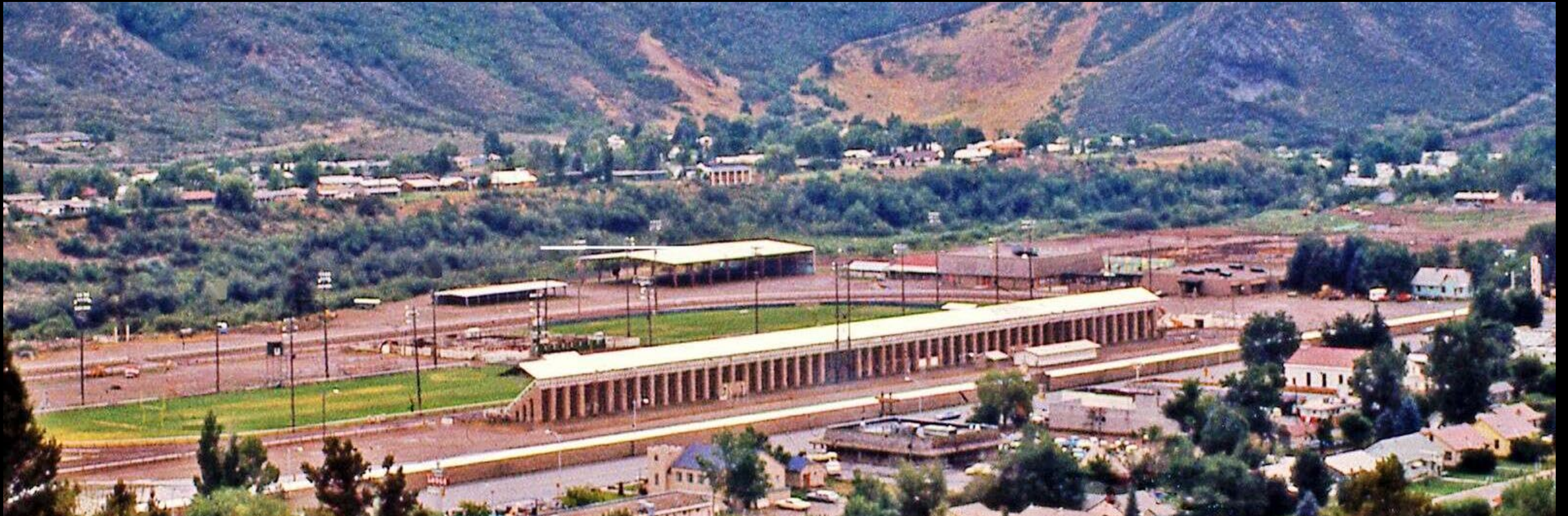
La Plata County Fairgrounds History

- During the Great Depression, the fairgrounds become the largest Works Progress Administration (WPA) architectural project in Durango.
- The La Plata County Fair officially started in 1948 and has been going ever since.
- Many people involved with the fairgrounds come from generations of agriculture trades.



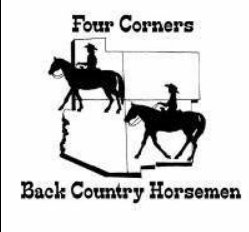
La Plata County Fairgrounds 1999-2000 Renovation

- In 1999, renovation began at the fairgrounds. Redesigning the fairgrounds from the 1937 original design.
- The renovation brought new grandstands, baseball fields, interior rodeo grounds, rodeo arena, and horse stalls.

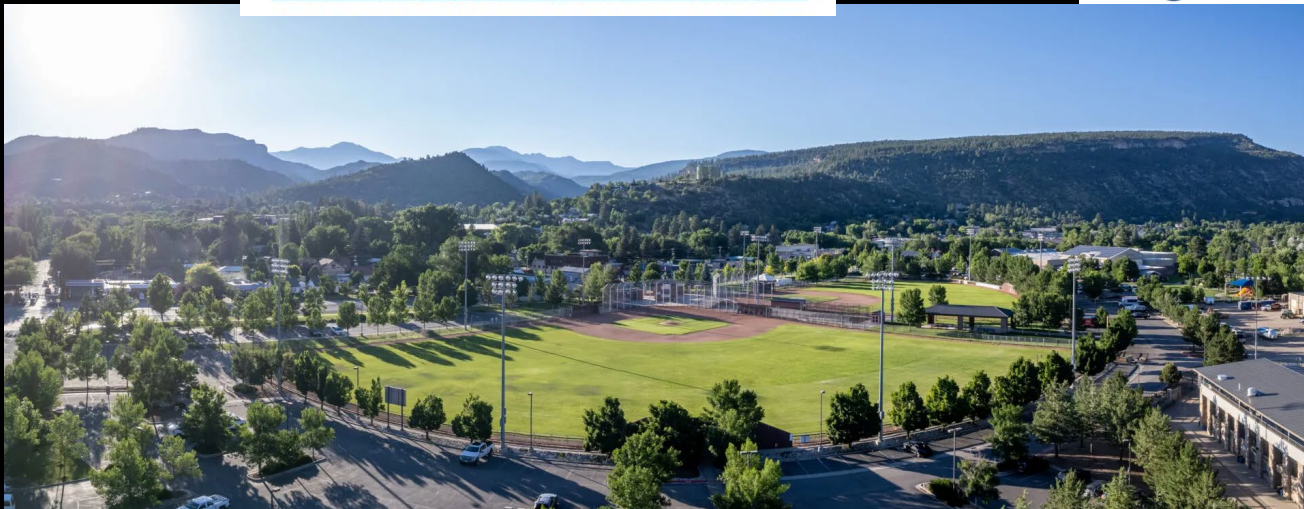


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Building Use



Baseball Field Use



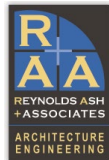
Arena Use



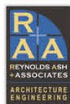
County Fair Use



La Plata County Fairgrounds Master Plan Site Inventory



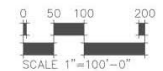
La Plata County Fairgrounds Aerial Diagram



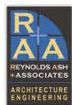
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La Plata County Fairgrounds Site Boundary



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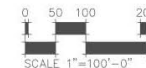


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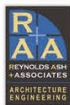
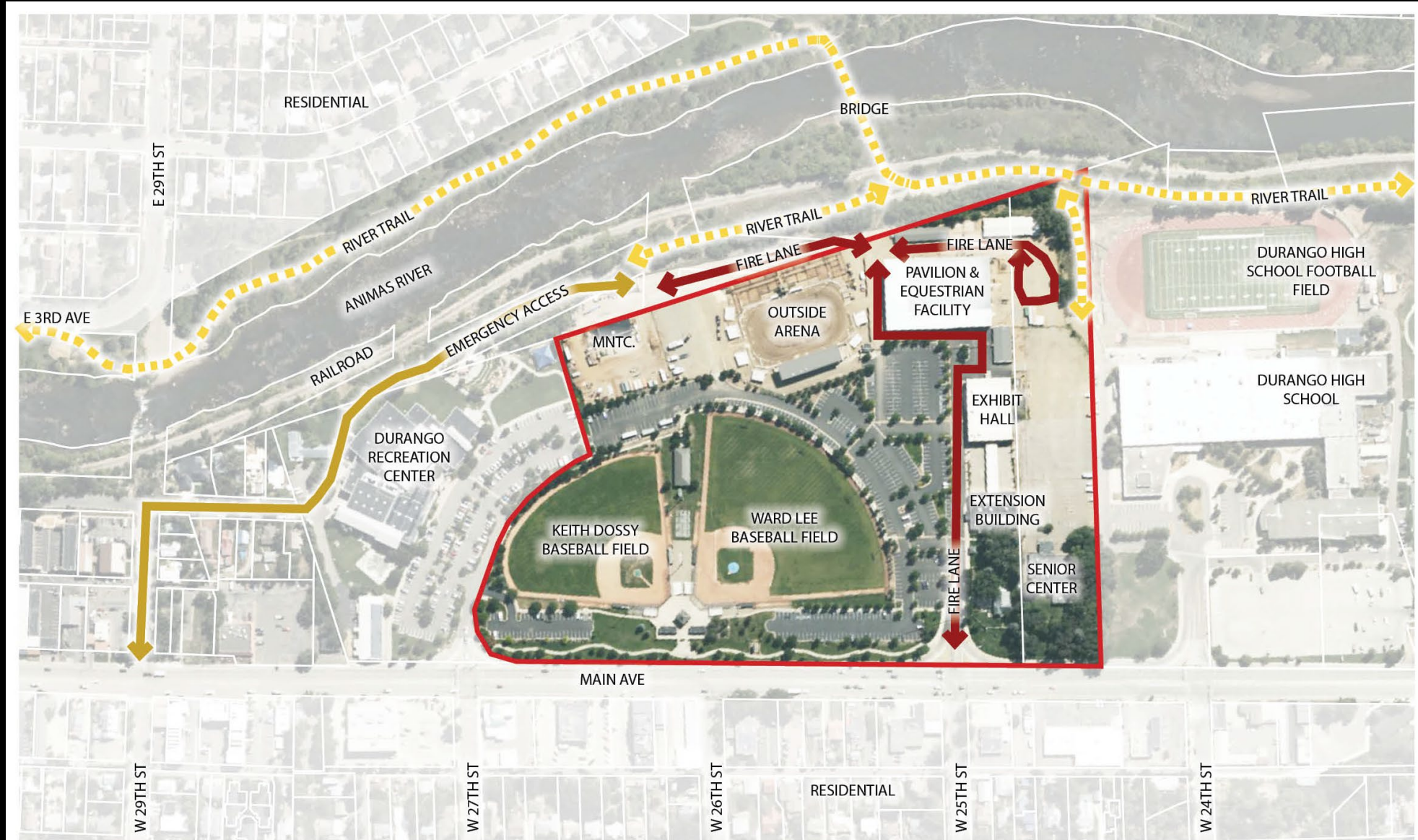
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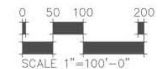
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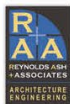
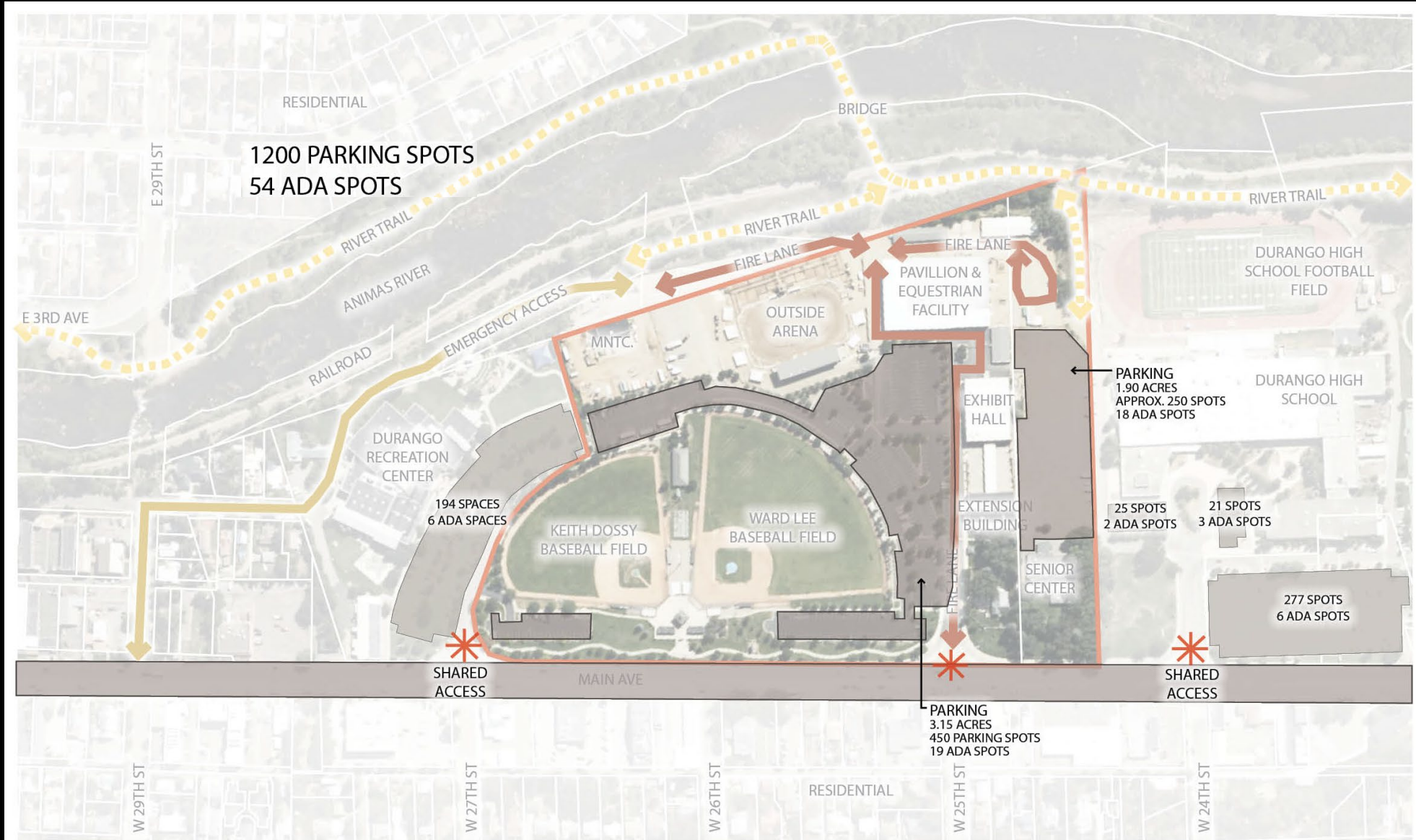
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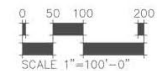
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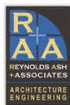
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La Plata County Fairgrounds Greenspace Inventory

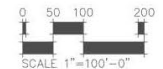


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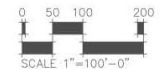
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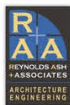
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La Plata County Fairgrounds Building Inventory



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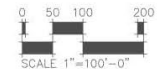


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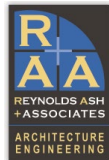
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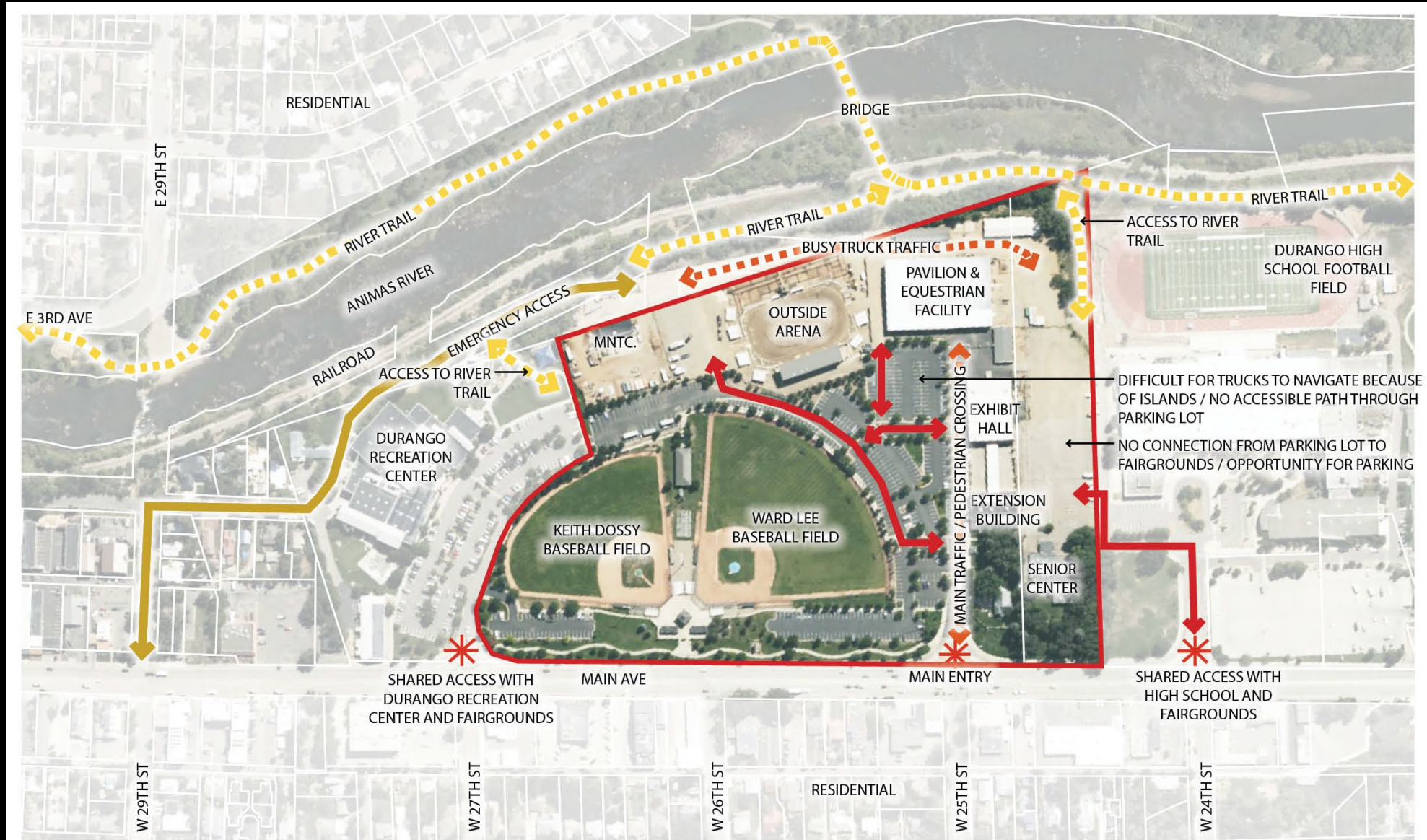
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La Plata County Fairgrounds Master Plan Site Analysis



La Plata County Fairgrounds Circulation Analysis



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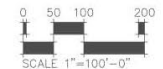


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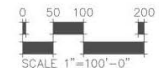


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La Plata County Fairgrounds Baseball Field Analysis



UNDER UTILIZED GREEN SPACE

- GRASS AND FENCE ARE IN GOOD CONDITION
- 90 FT BASE PATH
- 400 FT FIELD

- NO ACCESSIBLE ROUTE FROM PARKING LOT TO BASEBALL FIELD
- PARKING LOT IF DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE BECAUSE OF ISLANDS

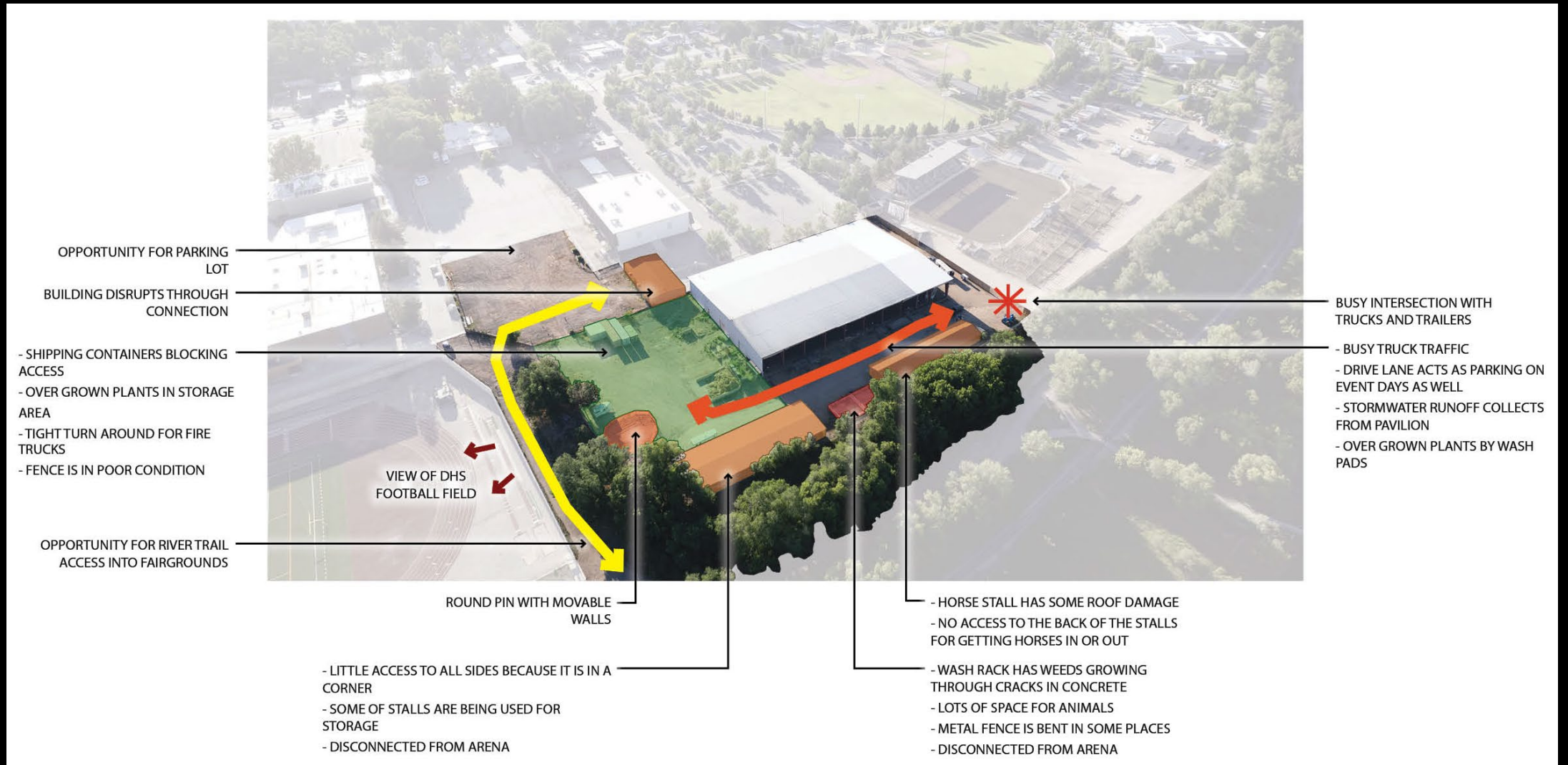
- SHARED ACCESS WITH DURANGO RECREATION CENTER
- DRAINAGE FOR BASEBALL FIELD
- GRASS AND FENCE ARE IN GOOD CONDITION
- INTERMEDIATE FIELD
- 350 FT FIELD
- NO ACCESSIBLE ROUTE TO STANDS PAST PAVILION
- OPPORTUNITY FOR GREAT EVENT SPACE WITH BETTER SITE CONNECTION
- NO ACCESSIBLE ROUTE TO STANDS FOR ADA PARKING SPACE

La Plata County Fairgrounds Baseball Field

Existing Site Photos



La Plata County Fairgrounds Pavilion Analysis



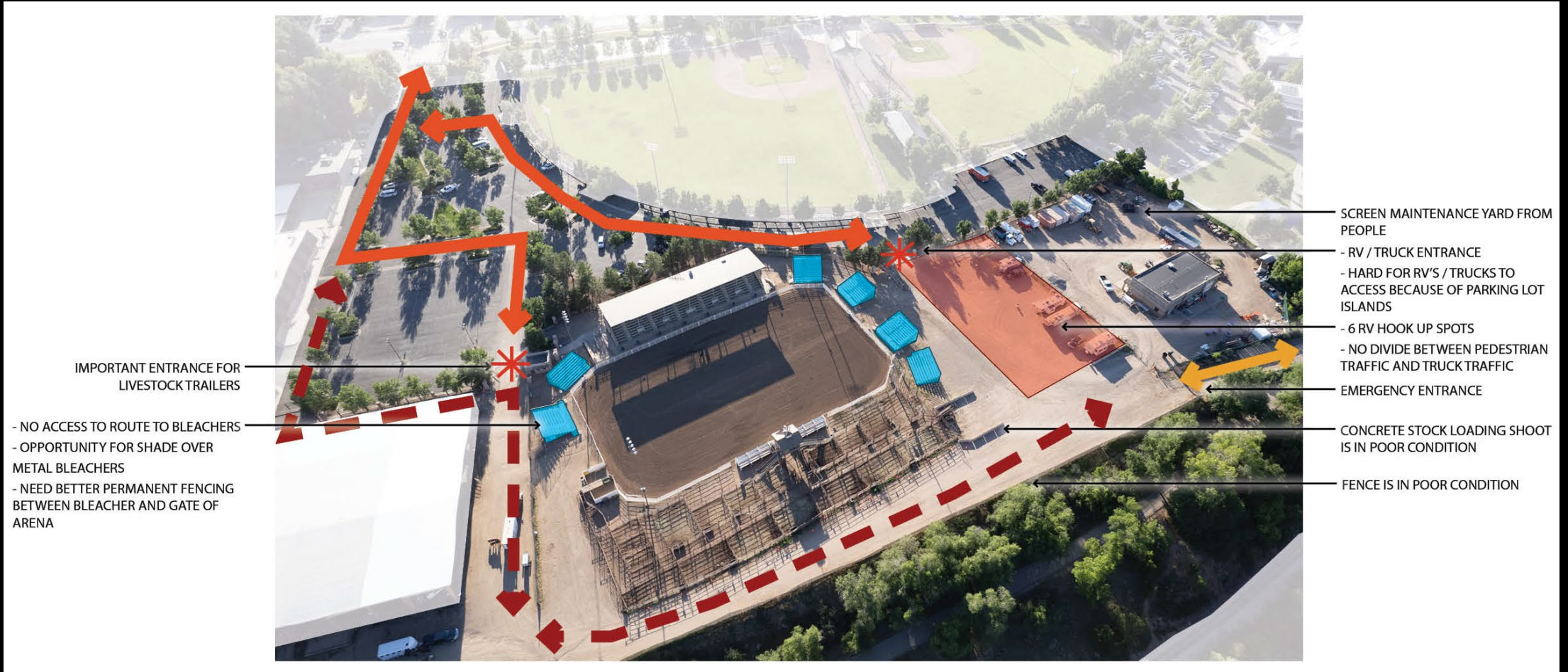


BUNNY BUILDING



COVERED PAVILION

La Plata County Fairgrounds Outside Arena Analysis





MAIN EVENT ARENA + GRANDSTANDS

La Plata County Fairgrounds Outside Arena Existing Site Photos



La Plata County Fairgrounds Courtyard Analysis





EXTENSION BUILDING



EXHIBIT HALL

La Plata County Fairgrounds Courtyard Analysis

Existing Site Photos





MANAGER'S HOUSE



MAINTENANCE BUILDING

La Plata County Fairgrounds Site Opportunities

Site Opportunities

- Improve Site Accessibility
- Reduce Overhead Expenses
- Improve Site Circulation
- Design Versatile Spaces



La Plata County Fairgrounds Facility Opportunities

Facility Opportunities

- ADA Improvements
- Exterior envelope energy code upgrades
- Maximize flexibility + adaptability for existing spaces
- Improve overall visibility + curb appeal of facades
- Improve connectivity + wayfinding
- Develop outdoor rooms
- Improve current functionality (kitchens, acoustics, technology)
- Improve safety + security
- Upgrade materials + finishes
- Reduce long term maintenance issues for County



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Next Steps

Upcoming Schedule

- Booth at the La Plata County Fair - August 7th -10th
- Design Charette Meeting – August 22nd
- Final Master Plan Presentation meeting - TBD



La Plata County Fairgrounds Master Plan Survey

Please help and fill out this survey



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