Lester Park Bike Skills Area

Background

The Duluth Traverse Mini-Master Plan was approved in 2017 and recommended the creation of a bike skills development area at Lester Park (pages 25, 54, & 83) and trailhead improvements to serve the eastern terminus of the Duluth Traverse and better support the new skills area.

Bike skills areas, also referred to as bike playgrounds, are intentionally designed with bike-optimized features to allow riders to explore and progress their abilities.

Preference for a bike skills area at Lester Park was re-affirmed as the highest priority location through public engagement completed between August 2024 – May 2025. Community feedback indicated that the Lester Park bike skills area should 1) focus on features for beginners of all ages and adaptive riders, 2) reflect features common for Duluth's trail system, 3) integrate with existing natural resources, and 4) retain open greenspace.

The bike skills area will be an addition to the existing park amenities, and we will not be removing the existing traditional playground or pavilion. The project includes trailhead improvements and development of the new bike skills area while retaining most of the open greenspace.

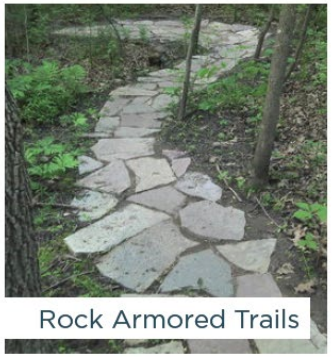
Reference Images – provided to illustrate potential features. The final layout and look may differ.

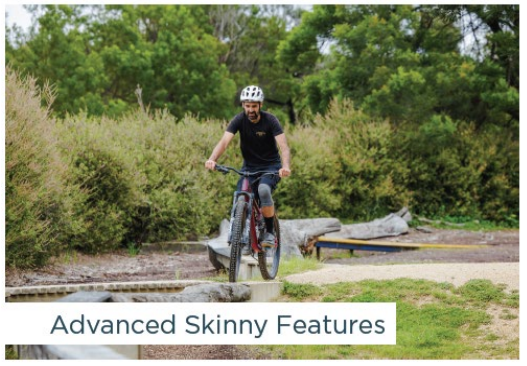

Rock Garden Feature

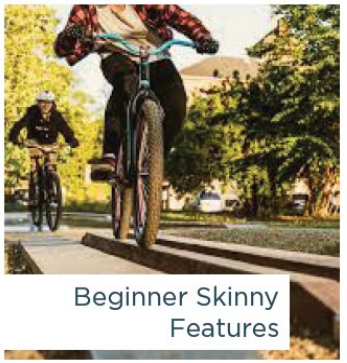

PreFab Skills Features


Constructed for All Riders


Boulder Features

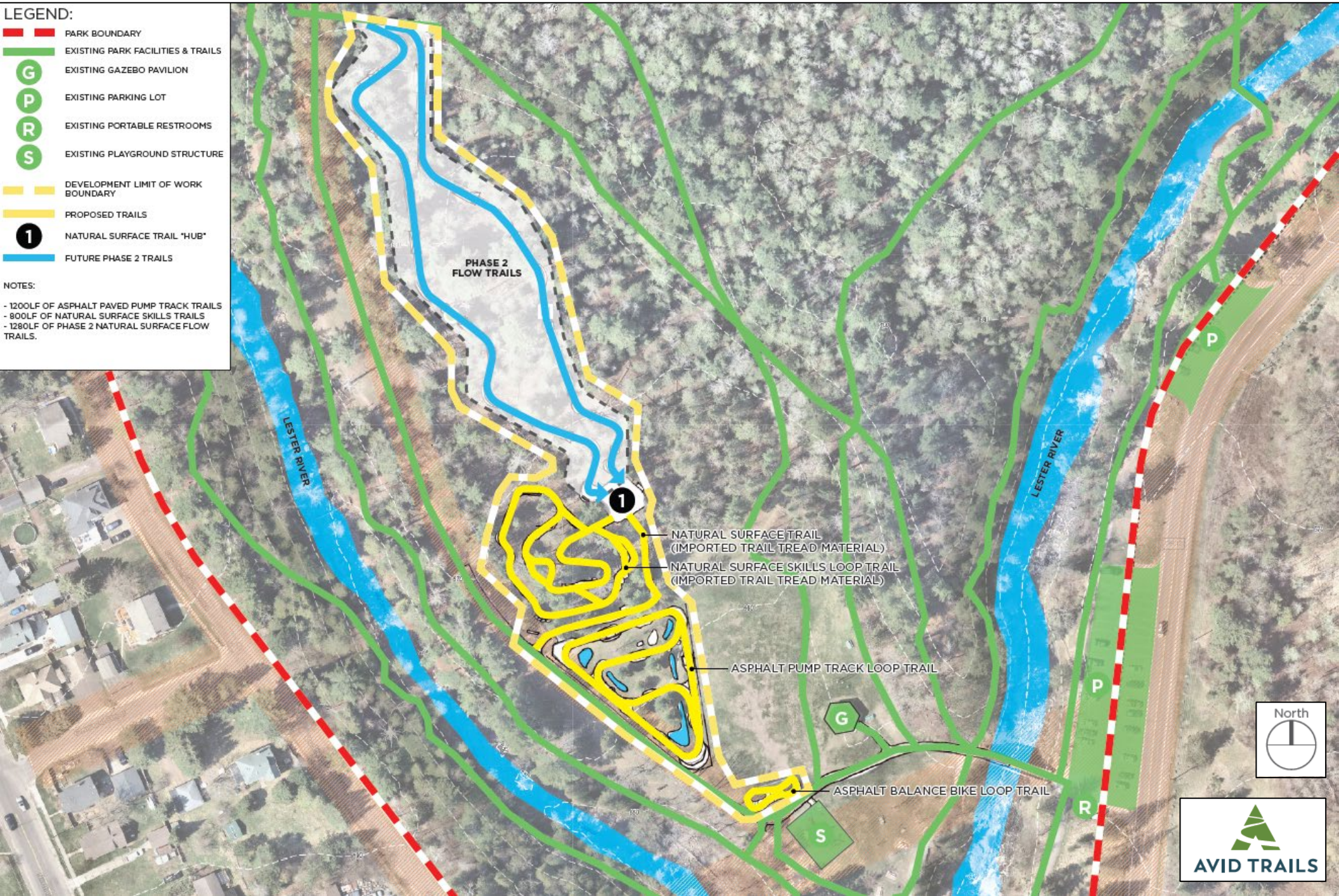

Rock Armored Trails


Advanced Skinny Features


Beginner Skinny Features

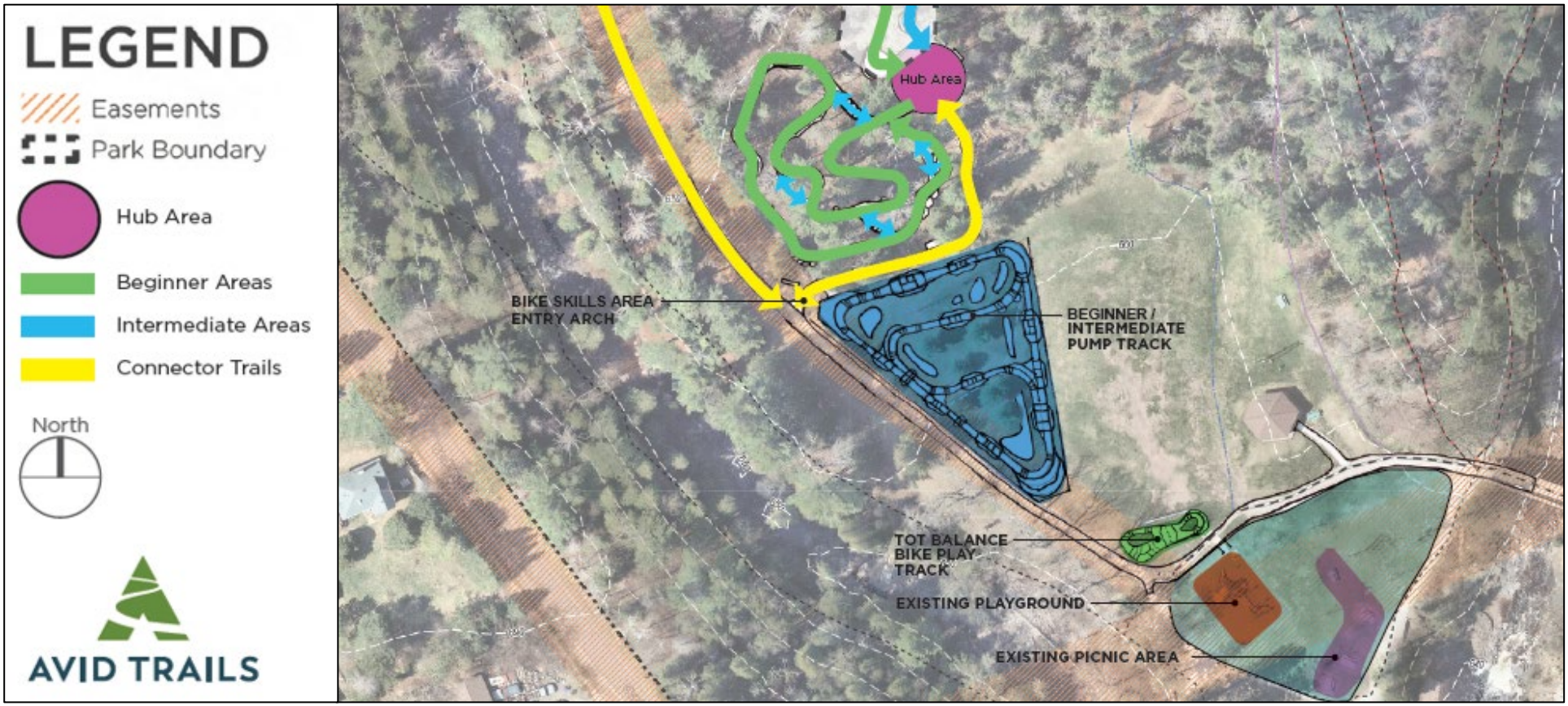
Lester Park Bike Skills Area – Site Plan

Note: the Phase 2 Flow Trails are not included in the current project.



Lester Park Bike Skills Area – Site Plan Diagram

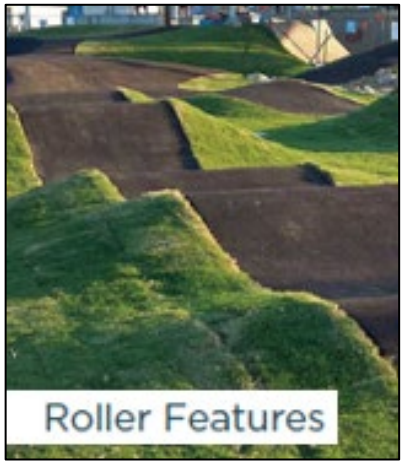
Conceptual diagram and images illustrate intent. Final layout and look may differ. Skills area will be intentionally designed for riders of all ages to explore and progress their abilities.





Tot Balance Bike Skills Track




Roller Features

Lester Park Bike Skills Area – Feature Detail

Conceptual feature detail identifies the types of skill development features that will be incorporated. Final layout and look may differ. Skills area will be intentionally designed for riders of all ages to explore and progress their abilities. Appropriate signage will be posted.

List of Features:

1. Berm turns with entry + exit rollers
2. Rollers
3. Camelback roller
4. Hub Area
5. Benches
6. Wide A-frame
7. Rock armored berm turn
8. 48” wide straight bridge
9. 48” wide beginner drop
10. Advanced rock garden
11. Dual wood skinny feature
12. Log skinny
13. Intermediate rock garden
14. Pump track start mound
15. Perimeter fencing
16. Roller
17. Table-top
18. Berm
19. Progressive dual-lip jump
20. Drainage collection areas

