

RACETRACK POND FISHING ACCESS SITE AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Racetrack Community Center

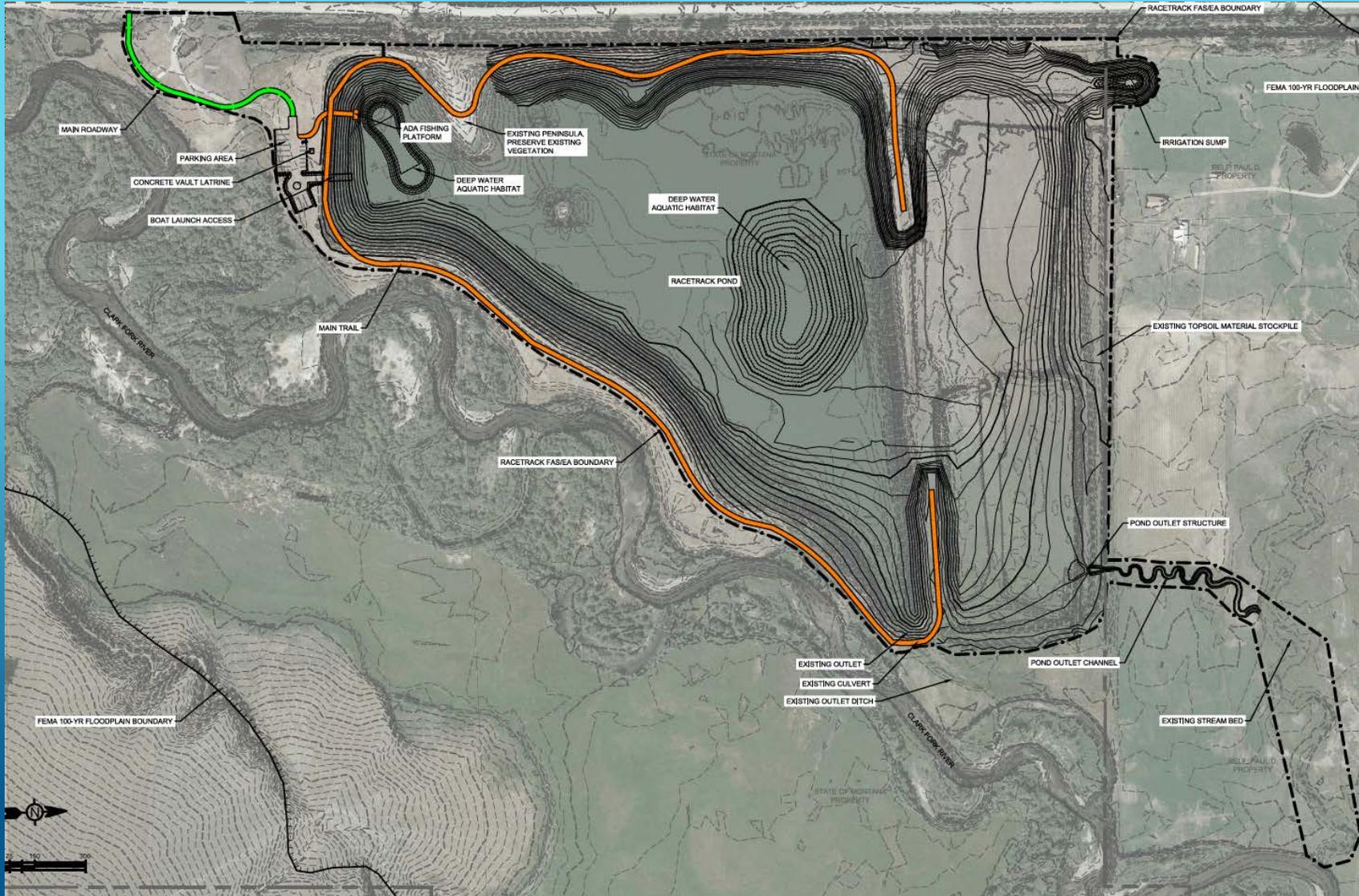


BACKGROUND

- ▶ The pond was originally created in the 1970's as a borrow area for the construction of Interstate 90.
- ▶ In 2010 the property was acquired by the State of Montana through an NRDP grant sponsored by the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The acquisition was to replace lost fishing and habitat services due to injuries from historic mining and smelting activities.
- ▶ In 2011 NRDP conducted junk cleanup and vacant structure removal from the property.
- ▶ In 2012 NRDP's UCFRB Restoration Plans allocated Fish Wildlife and Parks some funding for Fishing Access Site (FAS) acquisition and development that is to be used for this project.
- ▶ Funding will also be from the 2008 NRDP Settlement of the Clark Fork River claim to enhance and improve aquatic and riparian habitat.
- ▶ Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed improvements are only for the Racetrack Pond area (west of the river) and do not include the remediation of the Clark Fork River or floodplain.
- ▶ After completion of the project the property would be managed under existing FWP public use regulations.



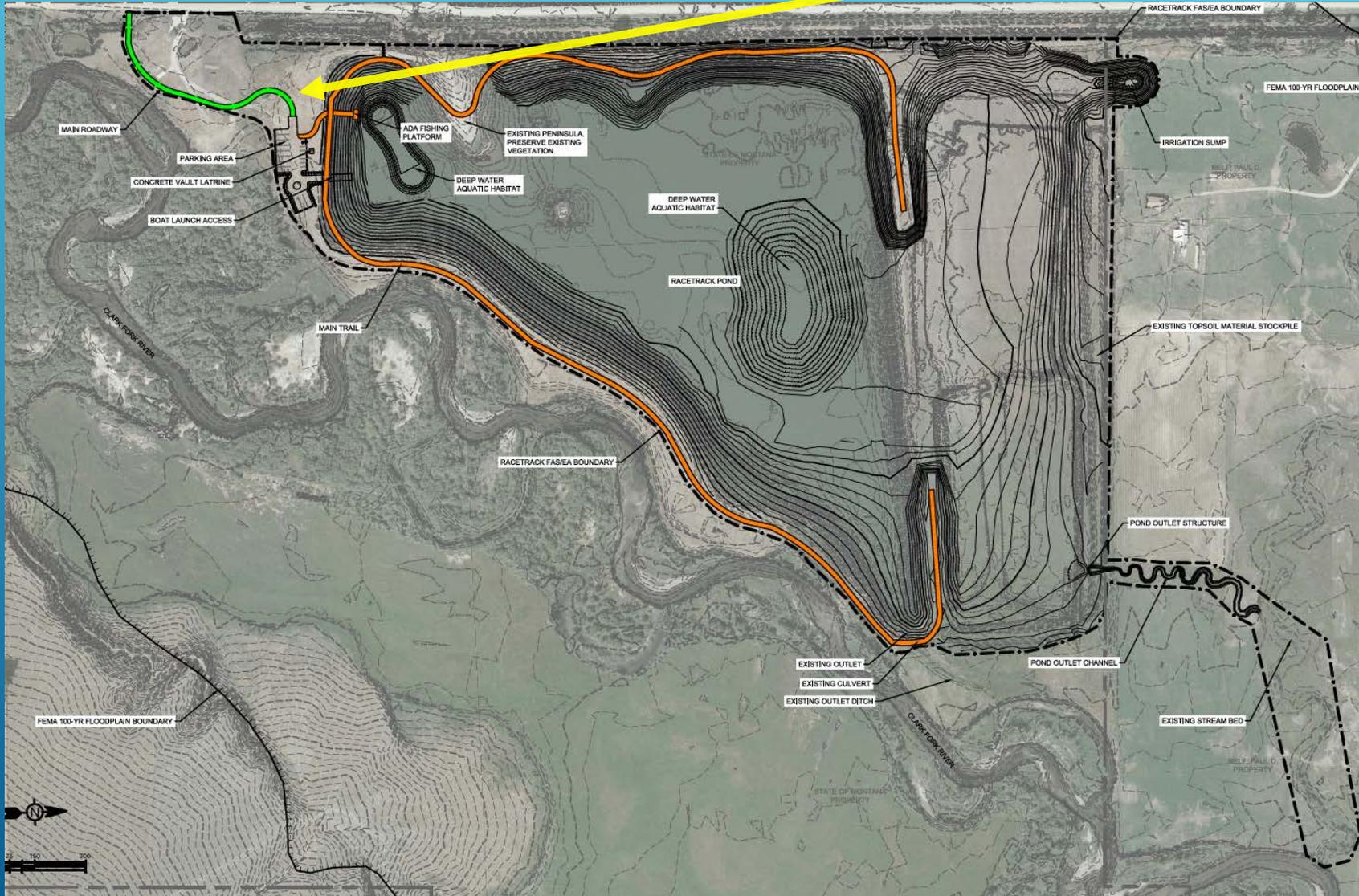
PROJECT OVERVIEW



- Access Road Improvements
- Parking Area with boat launch
- Vault Latrine
- ADA Accessible walking trails
- ADA Fishing Platform
- Aquatic Habitat Improvements
- Shoreline Habitat Improvements
- Outlet Structure and Channel Improvements



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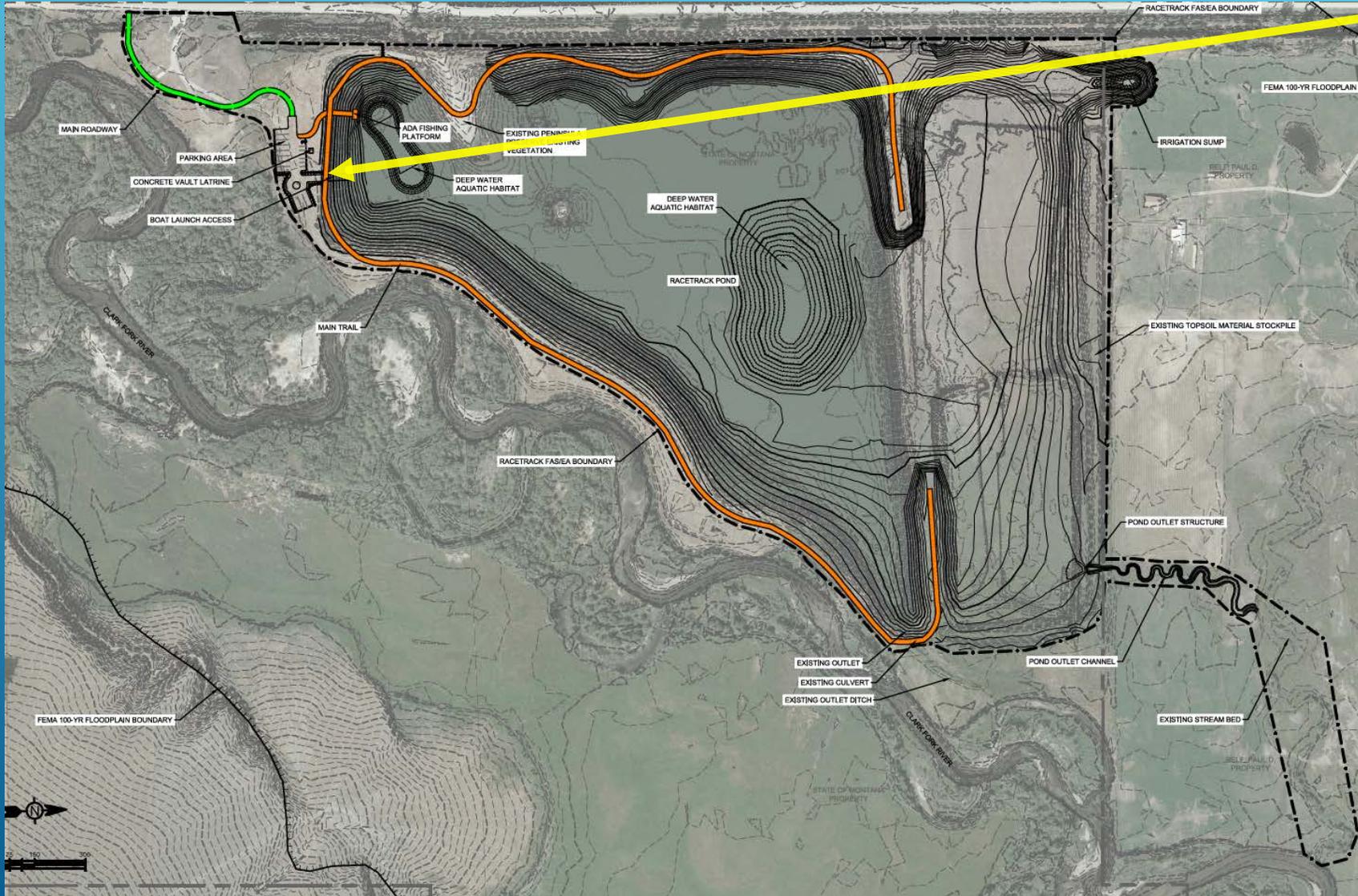
Aquatic Habitat Improvements

Shoreline Habitat Improvements

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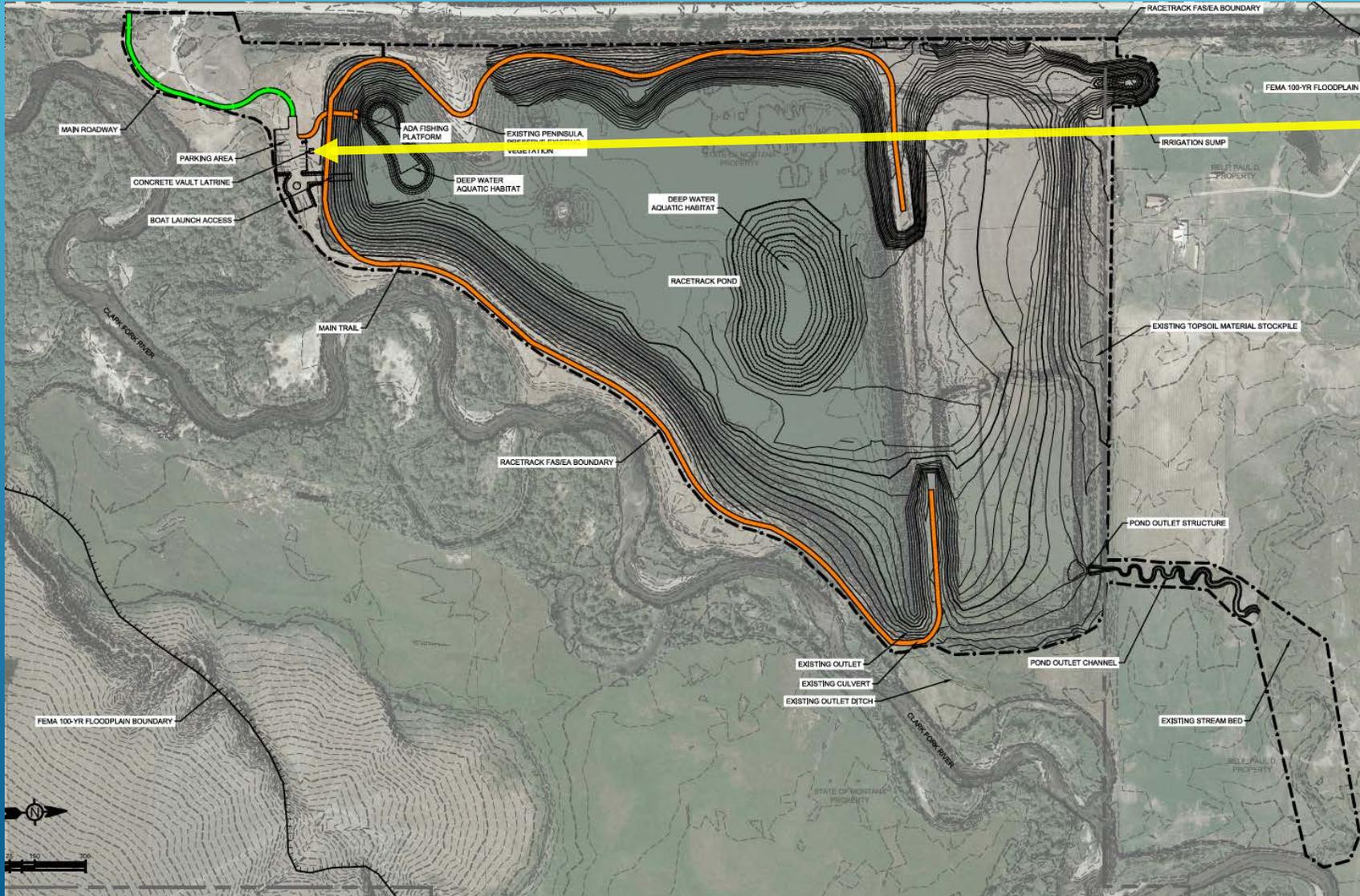
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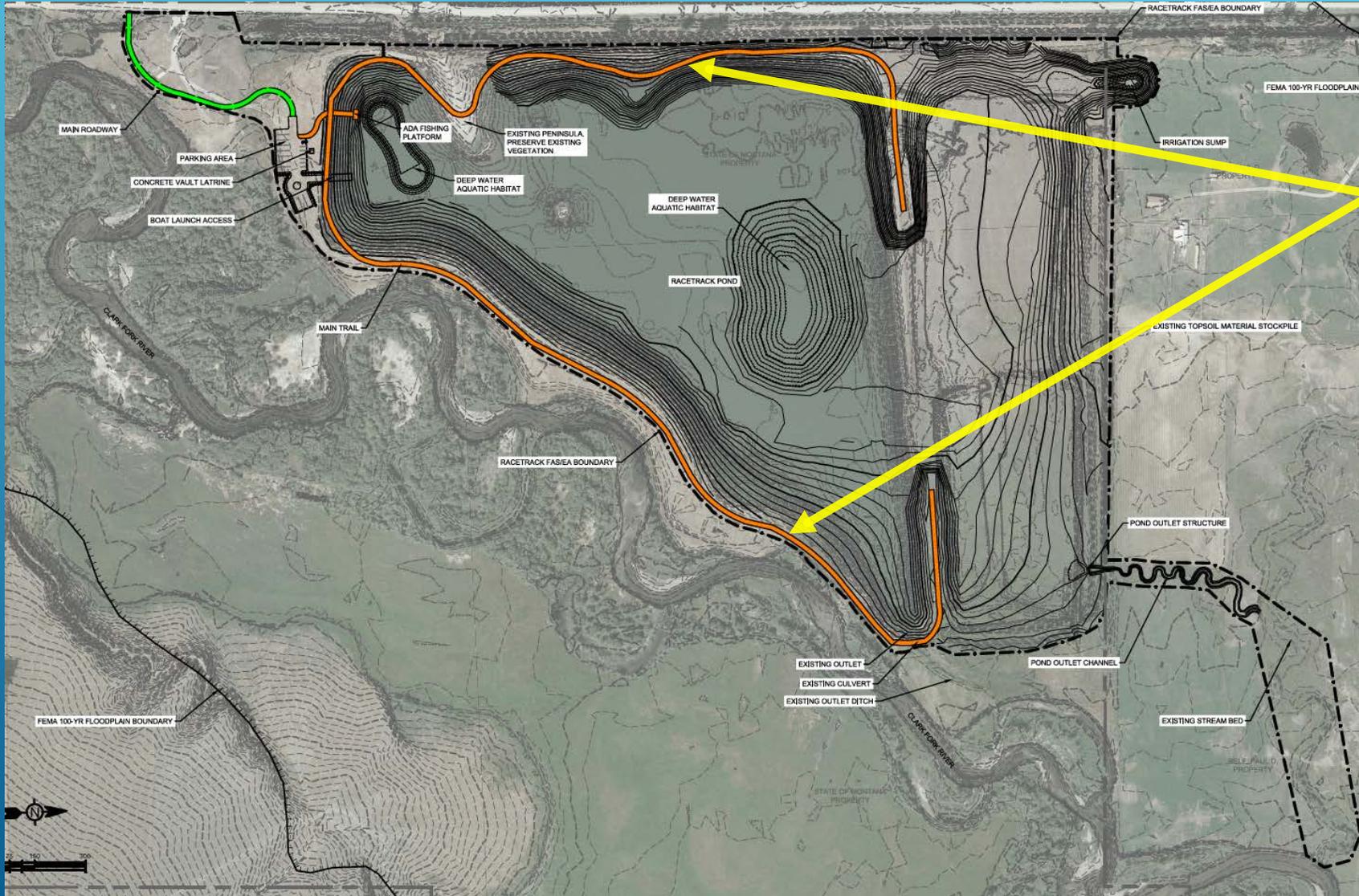
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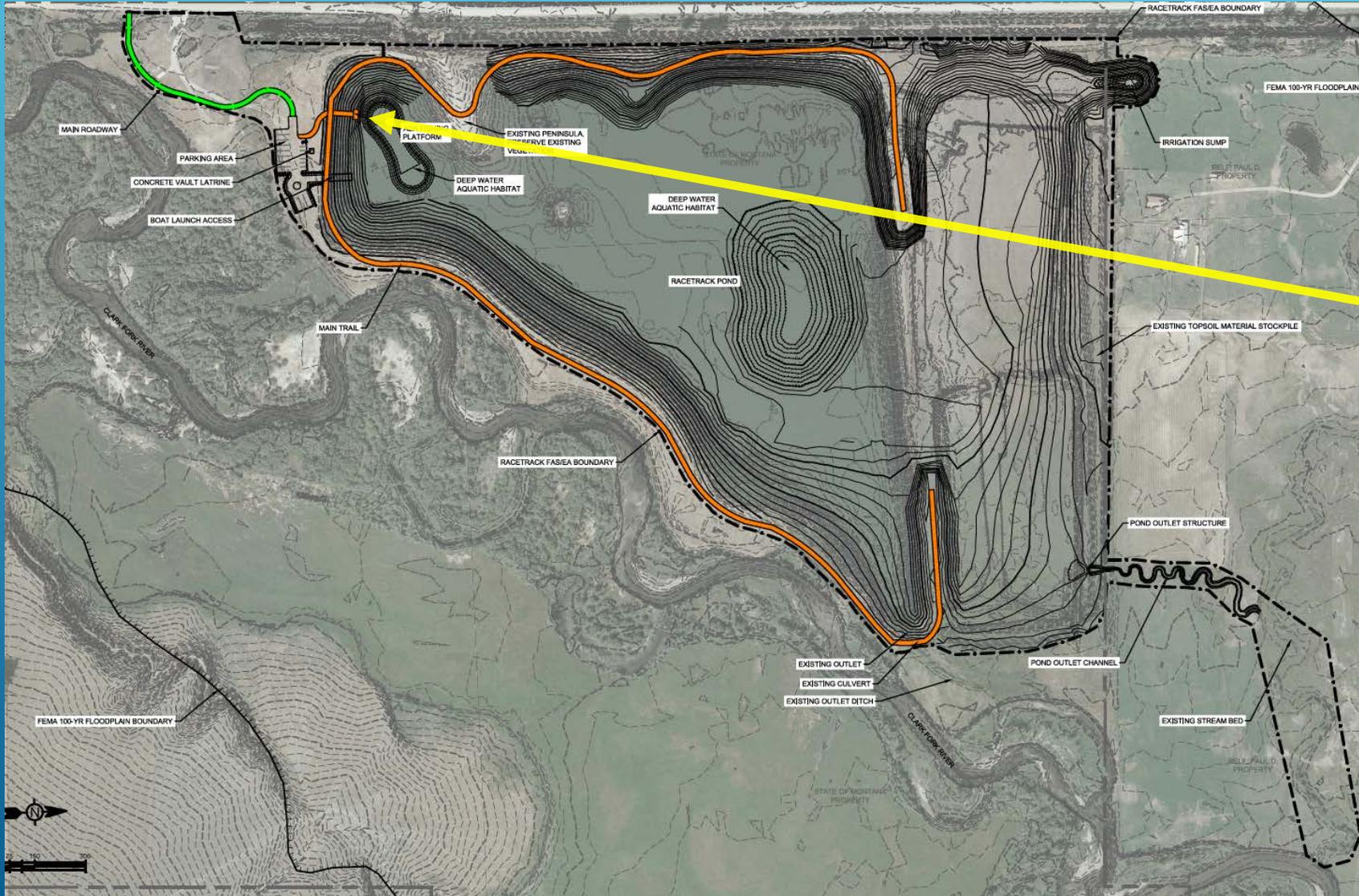
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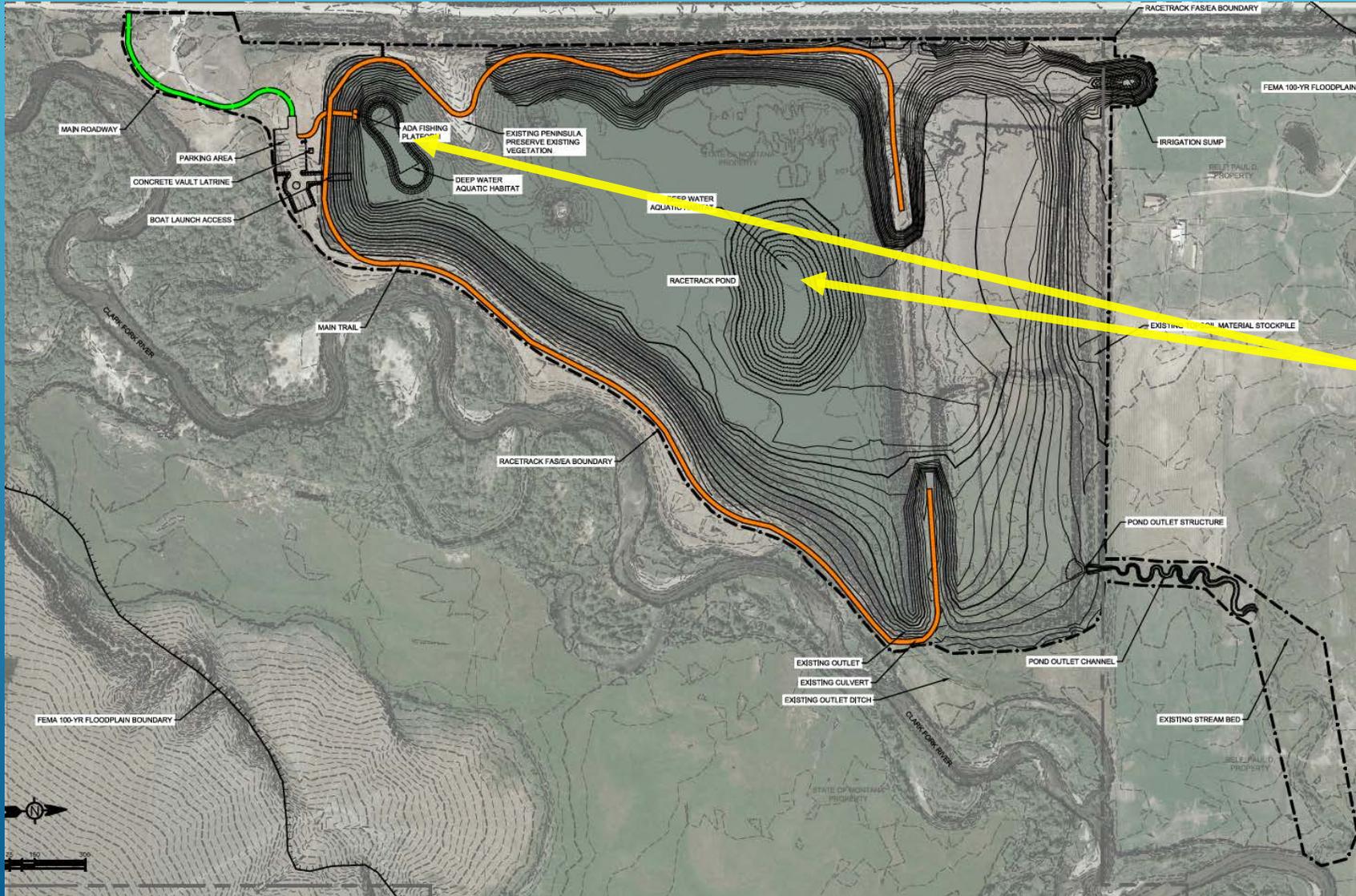
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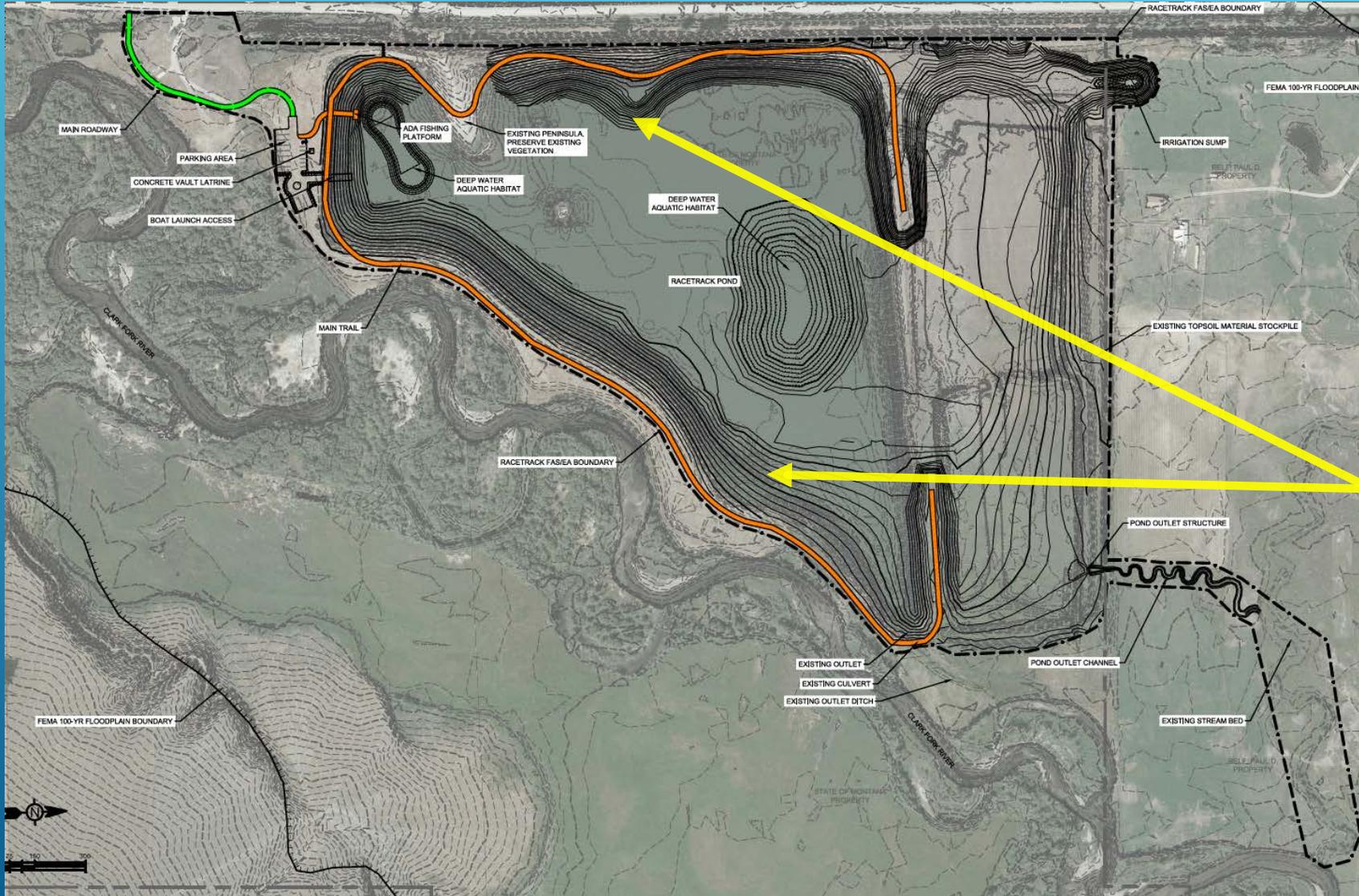
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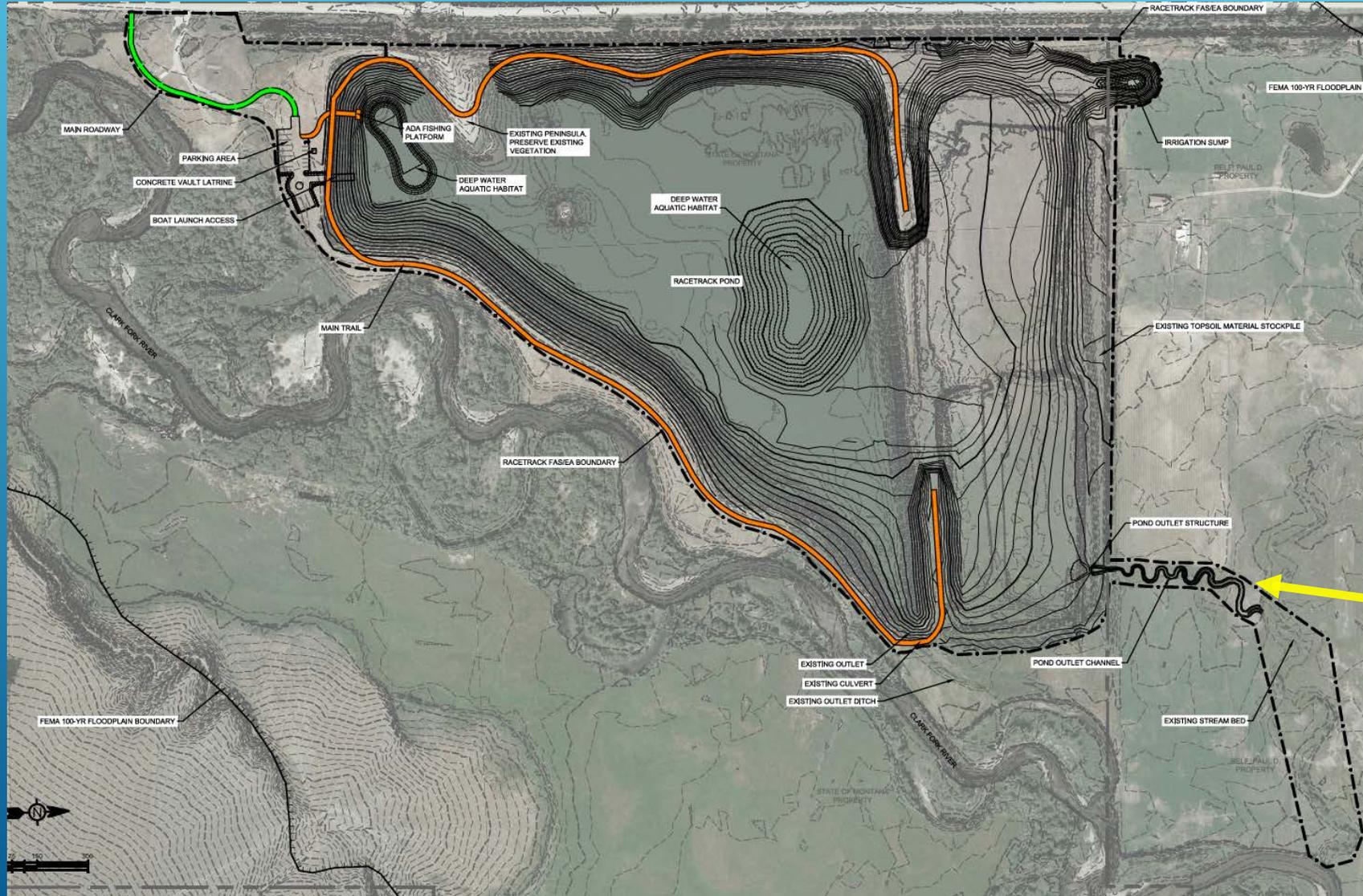
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AMENITIES

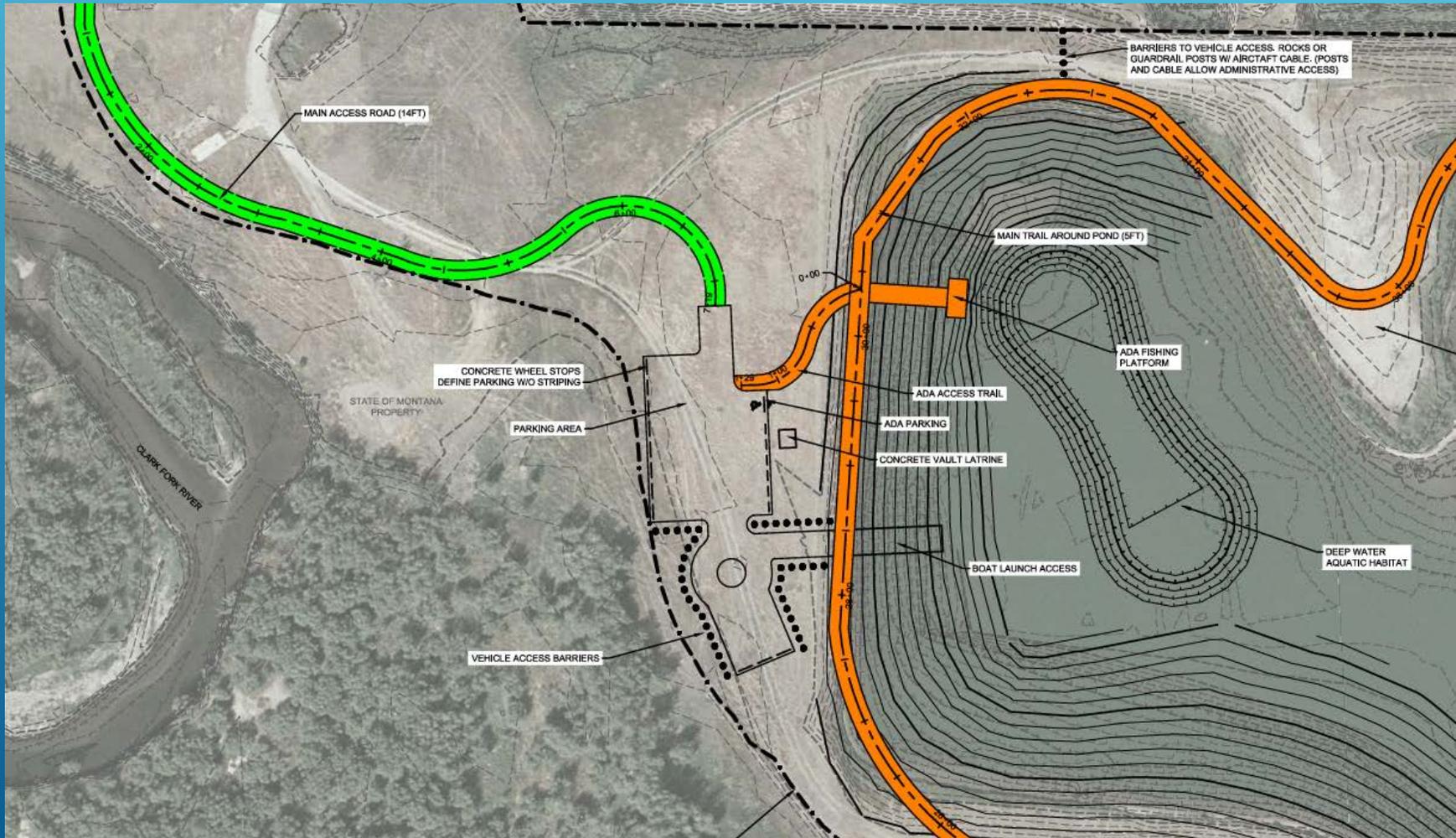
- 14 foot wide Access Road
- Parking Area with boat launch

- 19 parking spots
- Turn around
- Boat Launch

Concrete Pre-Cast Vault Latrine

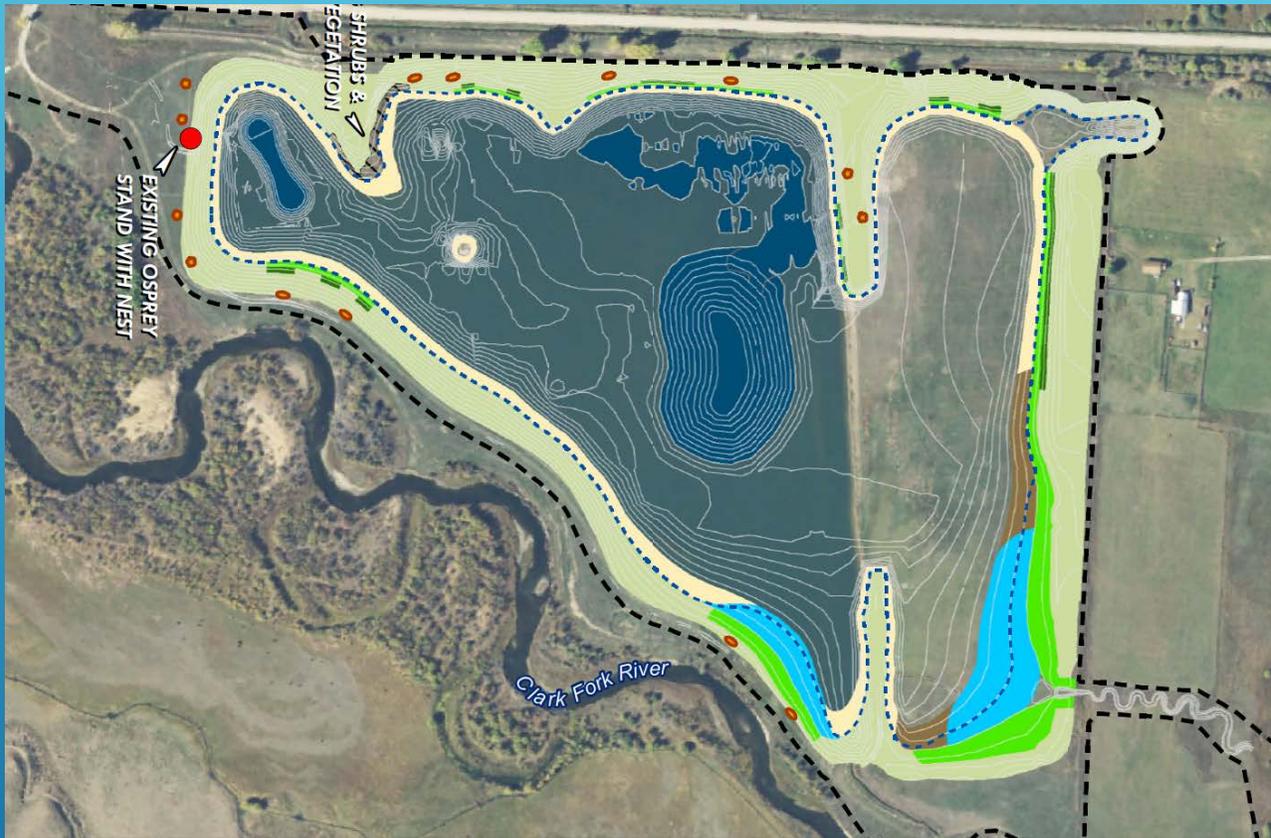
5 foot wide ADA Accessible walking trails

ADA Fishing Platform



HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

- Deep Water Habitat
 - 15 feet deep
 - 22 feet deep
- Shorebird Habitat
- Preserve existing shrub and wetland vegetation
- Shade trees
- Meandering outlet channel w fish barrier



RACETRACK POND DESIGN HABITAT FEATURES

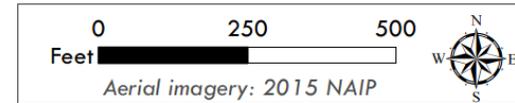
- Preserve existing habitat
- Terrestrial habitat (herbaceous)
- Shorebird habitat (shallow mud)

- Shallow, wading bird habitat
- Emergent marsh habitat
- Deep water habitat

PLANTING

- Wetland herbaceous
- Wet shrub
- Dry shrub
- Shade trees

- Project area
- Approximate water surface elevation
- 1 ft design contours



PUBLIC COMMENTS

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