



Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch

Growing for the Future





Integrate a new library into JFK Park, providing a new community hub for East Helena while increasing the usage and enhancing the Park.

The Vision



- Economic growth – attracts residents and visitors
- Business resources and information
- Early childhood education is key to long-term success and graduation
- Place for after-school, juvenile crime reduction
- Enhances STEM learning and overall education
- Resources for home-schooling

The Value of Libraries



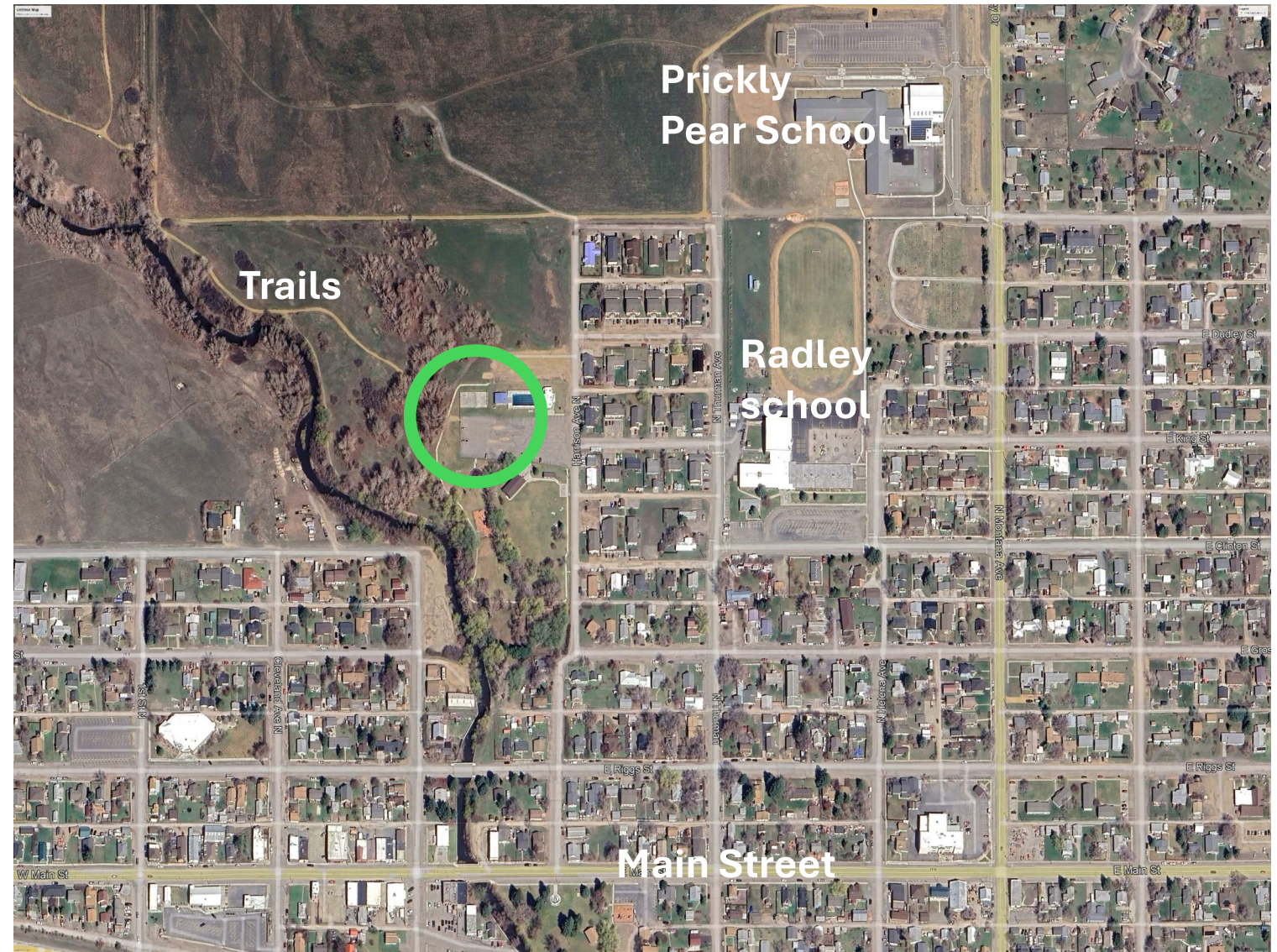
- East Helena has experienced significant growth which is expected to continue to increase
- The Library has outgrown the existing facility with no ability to expand on the current site
- The Library's programs continue to grow and serve East Helena
- A new Library would provide for growth of programs and much-needed community space for the needs of other organizations

A wide-angle photograph of a landscape with rolling hills and mountains in the background, some trees in the middle ground, and a clear sky. The image is slightly hazy.

Need for a new Library



- Central Location - walkable
- Close to Schools
- Synergy with JFK Park
- Connection to trails
- Ability to support community events



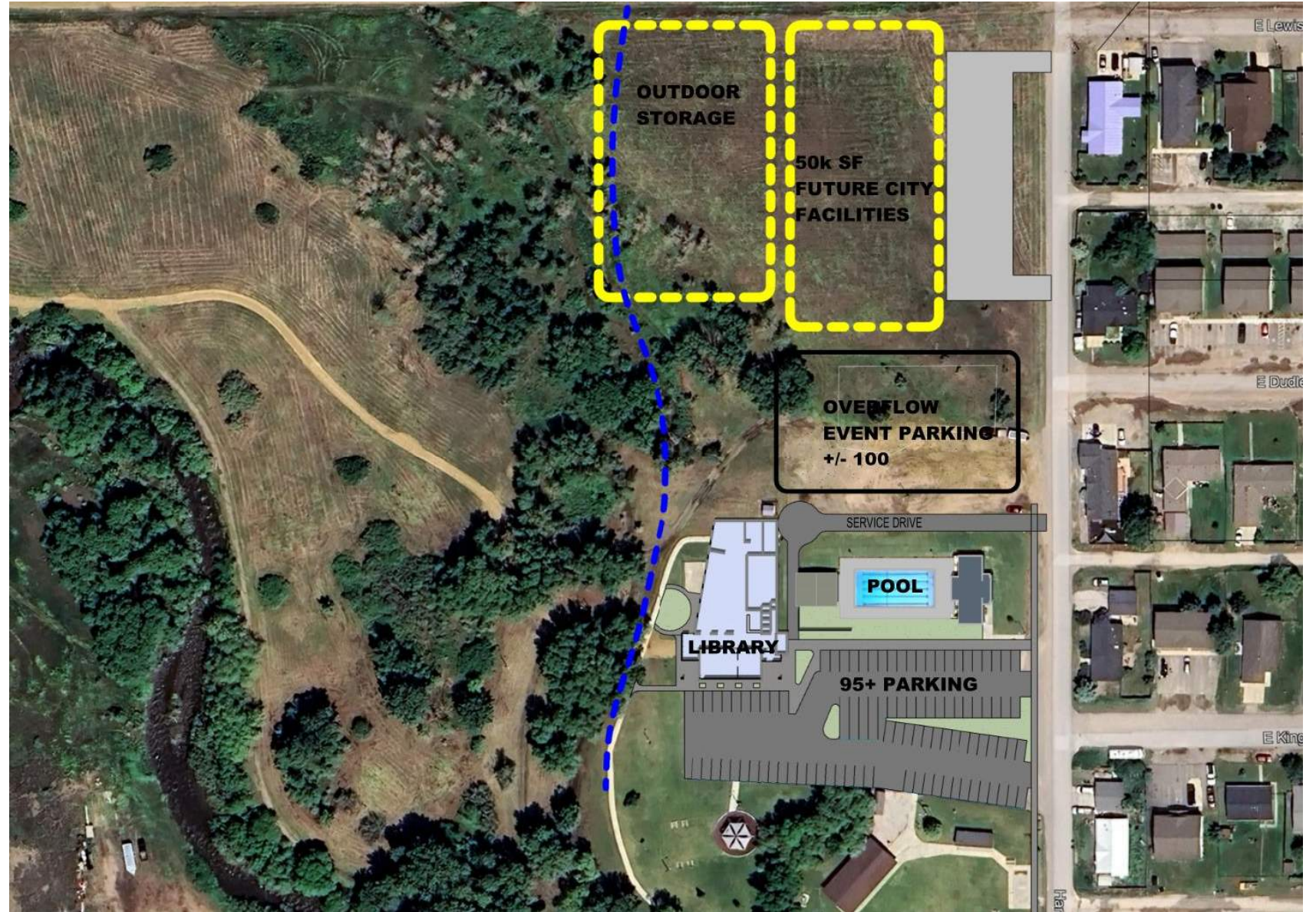
The Park Site

LC Library has been looking for an appropriate site for over a year. No other central sites were available, and JFK Park site met all the Library site selection criteria





- Located on under-used property
- Upgrades to parking and sidewalks
- Provides data on usability of remainder of site
- Provides park presence



Park Improvements



- Community space as focal point
- Can serve community events
- Connection to trails and park
- Upgrades service access



Design Concept



RECENT & PLANNED
MONTANA LIBRARY
PROJECTS:
Missoula
Helena
Billings
White Sulphur Springs
Lewistown
Polson
Troy
Hamilton
Darby
Belgrade
Bozeman
Bigfork
Great Falls

Design Examples



Feasibility Study Includes

- Identify best method for agreement (lease, land-use agreement)
- Get City staff Input
- Public outreach
- Verify flood plain
- Verify utilities
- Identify park Improvements
- Identify storm water needs, Create design concept to test fit on-site
- Create cost-estimate to confirm financial feasibility
- Forecast operations and maintenance costs

The Next Step – Feasibility Study



Motion to express support for the idea of a new LC Library in JFK Park, and for LC Library to pursue a detailed feasibility study



- LC Library conducts detailed feasibility study
- LC Library works with City and Community
- LC Library returns to City for review of study
- City and Library craft agreement for land use and defines responsibilities for each party including extent of park improvements, maintenance etc.

The Proposal