

## **Video Transcript**

### **Station 3: Subarea 1 - Cary Lake at Rotary Park, Hoffman Park, Damisch Farm, and land along Route 31 Algonquin-Cary Subarea Plan Virtual Open House**

Subarea 1 focuses on the land east of Route 31 and north of Klasen Road, including Cary Lake at Rotary Park and the surrounding area, Hoffman Park, and the Damisch Farm.

At nearly 200 acres, Cary Lake at Rotary Park features gravel paths, a kayak launch, fishing pier, and picnic areas. The Cary Park District has secured funding to construct trails to connect the park with Hoffman Park, and preliminary plans for the park also consider adding a swimming beach, amphitheater, and mountain bike course over the long term. The plan recommends that future amenities be designed to reduce their environmental impact and protect the lake.

The park can also serve as an anchor for new residential and commercial development. Based on the plan's market study, a mix of new housing options is recommended, with higher density development along Route 31 and lower densities near the Fox Trails subdivision. As more people move to the area, additional commercial opportunities could follow. The plan recommends clustering recreational businesses near current and future park entrances and utilizing native trees and plantings to buffer existing homes from new development.

Over the years, Cary Park District has added amenities to Hoffman Park. The land along Route 31 could be used for recreation or commercial development, depending on market demands. The plan supports creating a market-feasible site plan for the property and continuing the protection and restoration of wetlands and other valuable natural resources in the park.

As new housing is built in the area, the Damisch Farm site could support commercial businesses near the Crystal Lake Walmart. The plan recommends tree and plant buffers between future development and Hoffman Park and the Cambria subdivision. It also calls for New Haven Drive to be extended through the site to provide local access.