

ELEVEN POINT STATE PARK

CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

September 2024

Location: Oregon County
Established: 2016
Size: 4,167 Acres

MISSION STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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SITE GOALS

- Preserve the unique natural and cultural resources located within the park's boundaries;
- Provide recreational opportunities and public use facilities compatible with the park's mission, resources, and public needs;
- Provide interpretive programming to enhance visitor experience;
- Provide administrative support facilities to ensure successful operation and maintenance of the park.

INTERPRETIVE THEMES

- Natural History, Features and Scenic Landscapes
- Native Flora and Fauna
- Pre-contact History (Osage, Quapaw and their Ancestors)
- Designation of the Eleven Point River as a National Wild and Scenic River in 1968
- Natural Resource Management
- Historical Euroamerican Settlement in the Ozarks
- Significant Historic Resources
- The Beatles Visit to the Pigman Ranch in 1964

SITE STRUCTURES

Eleven Point State Park encompasses approximately twenty-seven structures, at least one of which may have some historical significance*. None of the structures are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and a fuller assessment of their potential eligibility for inclusion on the NRHP still needs to be completed.

Rock House & Barn Complex

1. Rock House
2. Screened-In Porch
3. Generator Building
4. Smokehouse
5. Pool-house
6. Main Shop
7. Implement Shed
8. Blacksmith Shop
9. Hay Barn
10. Pole Barn
11. Fuel Shed
12. Cistern Building/Well-house
13. Big Barn*
14. Livestock Shed
15. Scale House

Cow-House & Outbuilding

16. Chicken House
17. Cow House

Bunkhouse & Outbuilding

18. Bunkhouse
19. Outbuilding/Shed

Ranch Manager's House & Outbuildings

20. Ranch Manager's House
21. Chicken Shed/Hay Barn
22. Outbuilding

23. Outhouse

Fredrick Creek Ranch Building Complex

24. Frederick Creek Ranch House
25. Hunting Cabin
26. Shed
27. Shop

See page 4 for additional information. See appendix for site structure identification/location.

USE AREAS & DEVELOPMENT

Eleven Point State Park's development should complement the preservation and interpretation of the park's significant natural and cultural resources. Park improvements should provide access and connectivity to these resources for public appreciation, and support a variety of compatible recreational opportunities. Future development will be dependent upon archeological surveys, and no development shall occur within the Eleven Point Wild & Scenic River Easement.

1. **Rehabilitate Rock House**

The Rock House is to be rehabilitated for overnight lodging to accommodate approximately 10-12 guests.

2. **Improve Bunkhouse**

The Bunkhouse is to be improved to serve as AmeriCorps/seasonal housing, accommodating large groups working at the facility.

3. **Rehabilitate Big Barn**

The Big Barn is to be rehabilitated and developed into a reservable event space for large gatherings, similar to Weston Bend State Park's Bee Creek Shelter. Consideration should be given to an enclosed kitchen, event/seating space, and restrooms. A portion of the structure should be semi-open and provide unobstructed views of the park's river hills.

4. **Expand and Stock Pond**

One of the existing ponds within the park, preferably the pond north of the Rock House, is to be expanded and stocked for recreational fishing opportunities; provided soils are conducive for water retention and an adequate water source is present.

5. **Develop ADA Trail**

An ADA trail is to be developed extending from the Rock House/Barn Complex to a nearby vista, providing scenic views of the river hill landscape. A shade shelter is to be developed at the trail's terminus, similar to Don Robinson State Park. The trail will transition to natural surface and connect to the park's trail system.

6. **Develop Lodging Area**

A Lodging Area is to be developed around/near the pond north of the Rock House. This area will provide overnight lodging opportunities along with appropriate amenities.

7. **Develop North Day-Use Area**

A minimally developed Day-Use Area is to be located near the fork of the existing farm road, east of the Bunkhouse (36°37'30.0"N 91°11'36.0"W). This location should provide a scenic view of the surrounding landscape. Potential area amenities include but are not limited to parking, vault toilet, picnic tables, and trailhead.

8. **Construct Hiking-Only Trails**

Hiking only trails are to be developed throughout the park, excluding the Eleven Point Wild & Scenic River Easement. Approximately 3 designated backpack campsites should

be established along the trail. Dispersed camping opportunities may be available in accordance with Missouri State Parks guidelines.

9. Construct Administrative Residence

An administrative residence is to be constructed to accommodate the park superintendent. The location of the residence is yet to be determined, but will be dependent upon several factors including operations, site access, utilities, and resource clearances. One potential opportunity is to build the administrative residence in the footprint of the Fredrick Creek Ranch House.

10. Preserve and/or Rehabilitate Structures

According to field assessments, approximately twenty seven structures are present on site. The following structures should be considered for preservation and/or rehabilitated for their cultural, recreational, interpretive, and/or operational values.

Rock House & Barn Complex

- 1. Rock House
- 2. Screened-In Porch
- 4. Smokehouse
- 6. Main Shop
- 8. Blacksmith Shop
- 13. Big Barn*

Bunkhouse & Outbuilding

- 18. Bunkhouse

Fredrick Creek Ranch Building Complex

- 25. Hunting Cabin
- 27. Shop

The remaining structures should be considered for demolition to mitigate public safety risks and operational concerns. However, cultural clearances and research/documentation will be sought before demolition determinations are confirmed.

11. Repurpose Hunting Cabin

The Hunting Cabin, directly east of the Fredrick Creek Ranch House, is to be relocated and repurposed/rehabilitated into to an office/contact station.

12. Develop Camping Area

A Camping Area is to be developed following the ridgeline southeast of the Fredrick Creek Ranch House (36°35'15"N 91°12'49"W). The Camping Area is to accommodate 30-35 electric and/or full hookup sites, dependent upon the electrical grid, and 10-12 walk-in sites. Area amenities include but are not limited to a restroom and showerhouse.

13. Construct Leisure Bike Path

A leisure bike path is to be developed amongst the South Day-Use Area and the Camping Area.

14. Develop South Day-Use Area

A Day-Use Area is to be developed southeast of the Fredrick Creek Ranch House (36°35'11"N 91°13'06"W). Potential area amenities include but are not limited to parking, EV charging, flush restroom, picnic tables, shelter, playground, and trailhead.

Special Considerations

- Proposed Wild Area: The area east of the Scenic Easement, extending from Sibkey Spring to the southern park boundary, has resource characteristics compatible for a Wild Area designation. This proposed Wild Area encompasses approximately 945 acres, and includes a 100 yard buffer from the western park boundary for operations.
- Proposed Sensitive Ecological Area: The area surrounding Sibkey Spring and extending to the US Forest Service inholding, has resource characteristics compatible for a Sensitive Ecological Area designation.
- Dark Sky Conservation: Measuring to have one of Missouri State Park's darkest skies (Class 2 Bortle), design standards are to be identified, prior to development, to reduce light pollution within Eleven Point State Park. In the future, a Night Sky Viewing Area may be designated in an appropriate area of the park.
- Hiking-Only Trails: Equestrian and multi-use trails are not recommended at this time due to limited area suitable for appropriate trail development and mileage opportunity (Scenic Easement and Proposed Wild Area considerations), steep topography, concern for social trails and land disturbance/erosion, and to ensure the protection and preservation of the Eleven Point River and associated watershed.
- The Scenic Easement Deed generally restricts the following activities (please review the Scenic Easement Deed in the Appendix and consult with legal counsel for specific use questions):
 - Construction of roads, buildings, or other structures except as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture or his duly authorized representative
 - Commercial use of the land and/or buildings and structures
 - Initiation of mining or industrial activities, including gravel operations
 - Placement of trash, junk, garbage, sewage, or any unsightly or offensive materials
 - Changes to the general topography of the landscape, land surface or riverbed
 - Pruning, removal, or destruction of trees or shrubs
 - Erection, display, placement, or maintenance of signs, billboards, outdoor advertising structures, or advertisements of any kind
 - Archeological or paleontological explorations
 - Launching of watercraft
 - Operation of livestock feedlot or holding operations
 - Construction of new fencing of previously unfenced areas
 - Location of utility rights-of-way
 - Construction of airstrips or helipads, or landing or storage of aircraft
 - Use of the area to gain access to the river or any gravel bar located therein
 - Access by the general public
 - Public vehicular access or travel via off-road or all-terrain vehicle

PROJECT PHASING

1. Phase 1

- a. Improve Bunkhouse
- b. Demolish Structures of Public Safety and Operational Concerns
- c. Construct Hiking-Only Trails
- d. Develop South Day-Use Area (excluding EV Charging Station)
- e. Develop Camping Area
- f. Construct Leisure Bike Path
- g. Repurpose Cabin (office/contact station)
- h. Construct Admin. Residence (location TBD)
- i. Expand and Stock Pond

2. Phase 2

- a. Rehabilitate Rock House
- b. Rehabilitate Big Barn
- c. Develop Lodging Area
- d. Develop North Day-Use Area
- e. Develop ADA Trail
- f. EV Charging Station

Notes:

- Archeological survey of park's development areas are to be contracted in Phase 1.
- New water/sewer infrastructure will be needed in the north and south portion of the park.
- Cultural and natural resource clearances will be required before on-site modifications and development occur.
- Coordination with legal counsel and the U.S. Forest Service is recommended before conducting activities within the Scenic Easement area.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH GOALS

- Completion of the park's General Management Plan.
- Continued documentary research and exploration of the park's cultural and natural resources.

ACQUISITION UNITS

If offered, acquisition of adjacent property may be pursued only through willing sellers or donors. To be considered, units should enhance the mission of Missouri State Parks through one of the following categories:

- Resource preservation and protection
- Recreational access and opportunity
- Management facilitation

CONTEXTUAL PLANNING INFORMATION

Public Input

Public input is an integral part of the CDP process. The following includes input opportunities throughout the planning process:

1. **Public Survey #1, October 4, 2023 – November 2, 2023**
 - a. n = 857
2. **US Forest Service Meeting, December 8, 2023**
3. **Public Open House, April 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
 - a. Eleven Point State Park
 - b. Public attendance: 800
 - i. Held in conjunction with 2024 Solar Eclipse Celebration and Annual Public Meeting
4. **Public Survey #2, April 8, 2024 – May 8, 2024**
 - a. n = 706
5. **US Forest Service Meeting, August 28, 2024**

Communication methodologies: News release, legislative letters, social media posts, mostateparks.com/CDP, email bulletin, and QR business cards/flyer.

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RESOURCES

- [Public Law 90-542 \(Original Wild and Scenic Rivers Act\)](#)
- [Eleven Point Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan \(2024\)](#)

APPENDIX


- CDP Map
- Public Survey #1 Results
- Public Survey #2 Results
- Eleven Point National Scenic River Scenic Easement Deed
- Financial Agreements
- Eleven Point Buildings Maps & Labels

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PREAMBLE & MISSION STATEMENT

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Prior to Euroamericans settling in the area, the southern Ozarks were considered territory of the Osage, Quapaw and their ancestors. No archaeological surveys have yet been conducted in Eleven Point State Park, but nearby archaeological sites suggest use of this landscape as far back as 10,000 B.C.

Euroamerican settlers began homesteading this region as early as 1808. Beginning in 1817, the lands that today comprise the park were surveyed and platted by the federal government. The land surveys were approved around 1850, with land patents sold largely between 1859 and 1908. Farming and raising livestock were typical economic pursuits. Archeological surveys on the nearby Mark Twain Nation Forest have identified numerous, small historic homesteads, along with associated gristmills, blacksmith shops and other historic sites. Within the park's boundary, remnants of late 1800/early 1900s structures can be found, as well as a small historic cemetery.

Before becoming a state park, the known modern human history of the property has been primarily economic. Agriculture was the long-term prevailing use, largely grazing lands for cattle and other livestock; and hay production especially in the river bottoms. All park forests have been logged through modern times, although not since 1968 within the Wild and Scenic River Easement. Many buildings dot the landscape. These include residences from simple to stately; barns and outbuildings; sheds and hunting cabins. Notably, the historic giraffe-stone house was a brief respite for the British rock group The Beatles in the midst of their 1965-1966 U.S. tour.

The Eleven Point River was one of eight rivers originally designated by Congress in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was established to preserve rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing state for the enjoyment of current and future generations. Among Missouri's many floatable rivers and streams, the Eleven Point River is especially valued for its distinctively wild, natural character. Today, the river's associated floodplain and much of the adjacent river hills are managed by the United States Forest Service's Wild & Scenic River Easement to assure protection of the natural and majestic character of this river's corridor.

Today, the property is comprised of oak-hickory woodlands and oak-pine forests of varying age and degree, a mix of upland and bottomland grazing/hay pastures possessing a savanna-like

arrangement of mature post oaks and Spanish oaks, and minor components of mature bottomland forests and woodlands along the river. A dozen tributary hollows seasonally carry water to the Eleven Point River and Frederick Creek. Other natural features located within the park include glades, seeps, fens and two permanent springs.

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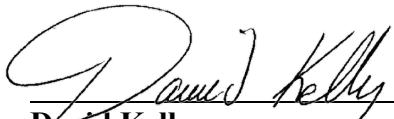
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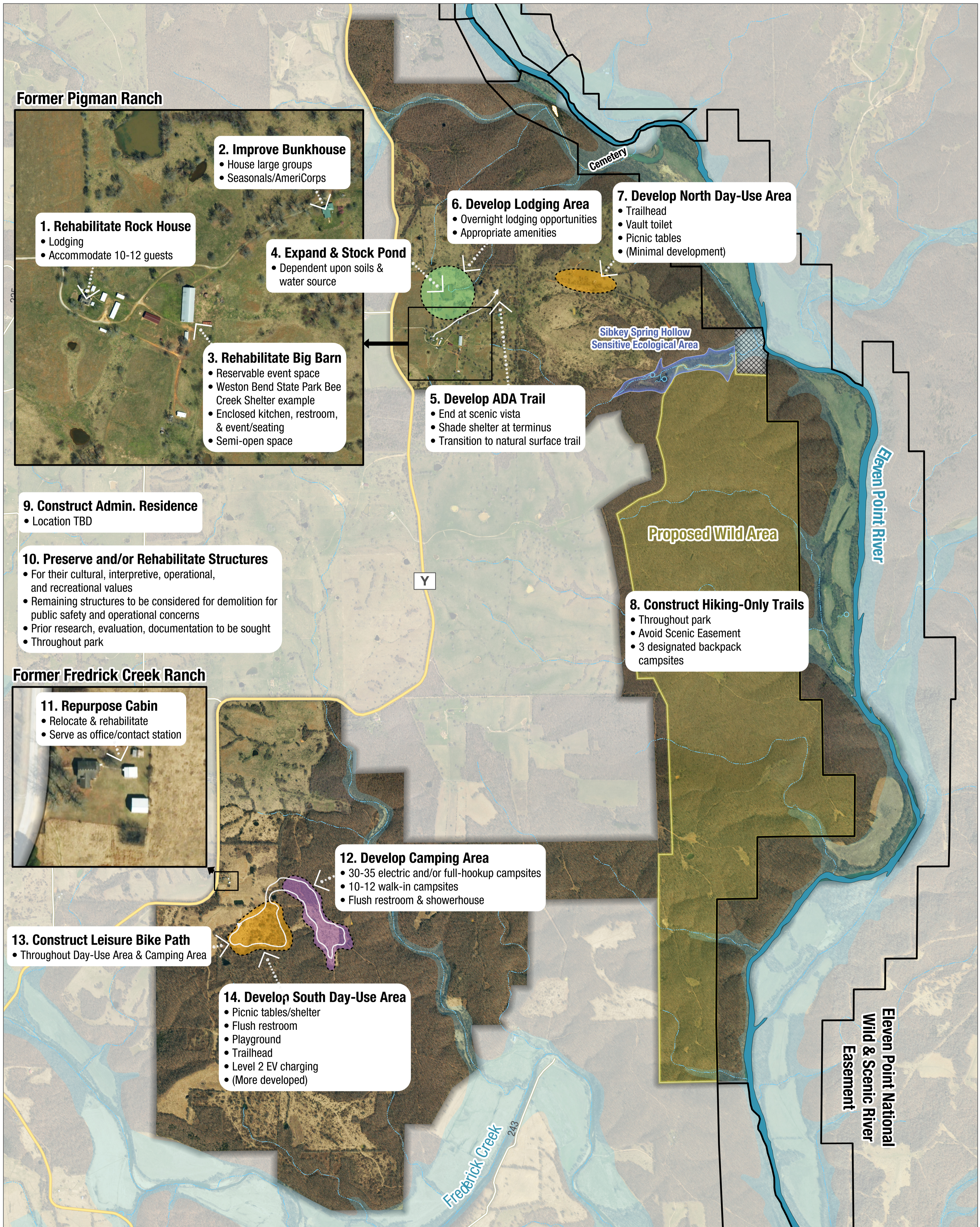
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Projected Coordinate System:
 NAD 1983, UTM Zone 15N
 Absolute Scale: 1:11,000
 Park Acreage: 4,167
 Easement Acreage: ~625

NORTH

Legend

	Eleven Point River		Sensitive Ecological Area
	1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard		Day Use Area
	Wild & Scenic River Easement		Camping Area
	Glade		Lodging Area
	Highway		MTNF Property
	County Road		
	Stream		
	Spring		
	Proposed Wild Area		



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