

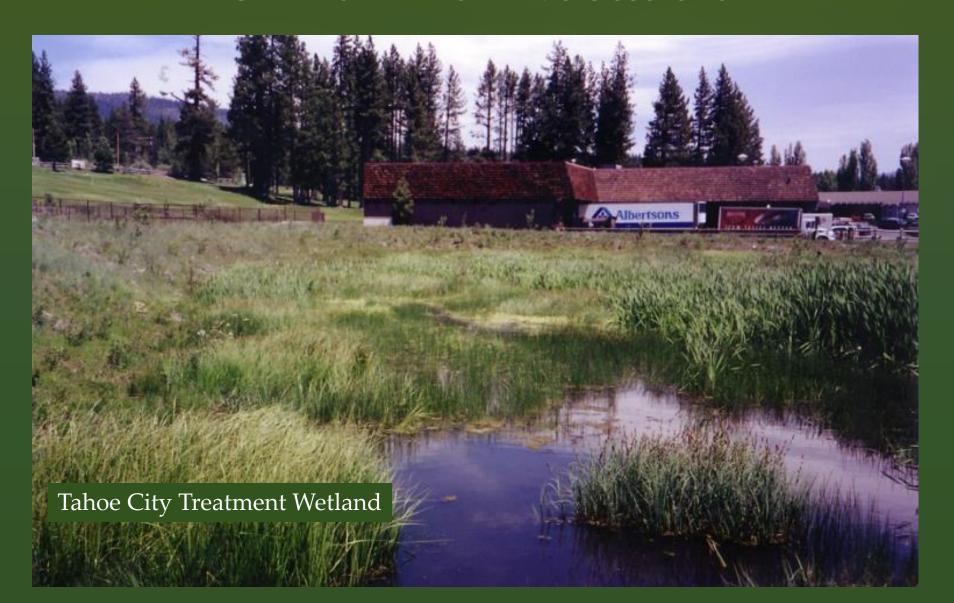
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    - City of Eufaula
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  - Brent Wall and OU Graduate Landscape Architecture Studio Students
    - Oklahoma Conservation Commission





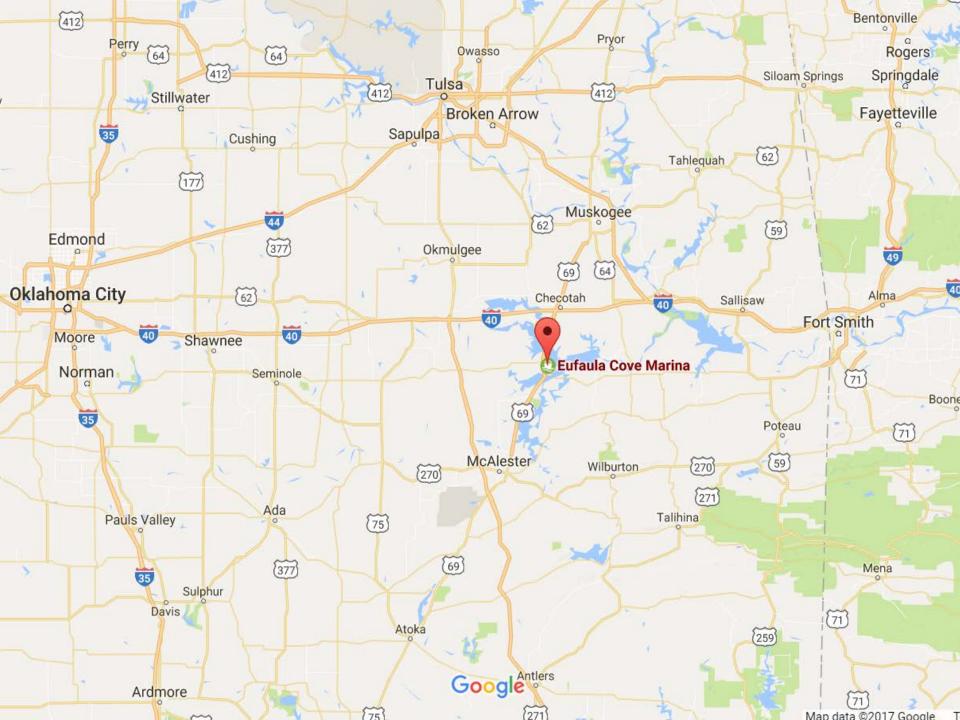
## OCLWA 2015 Oklahoma Wetlands Sessions

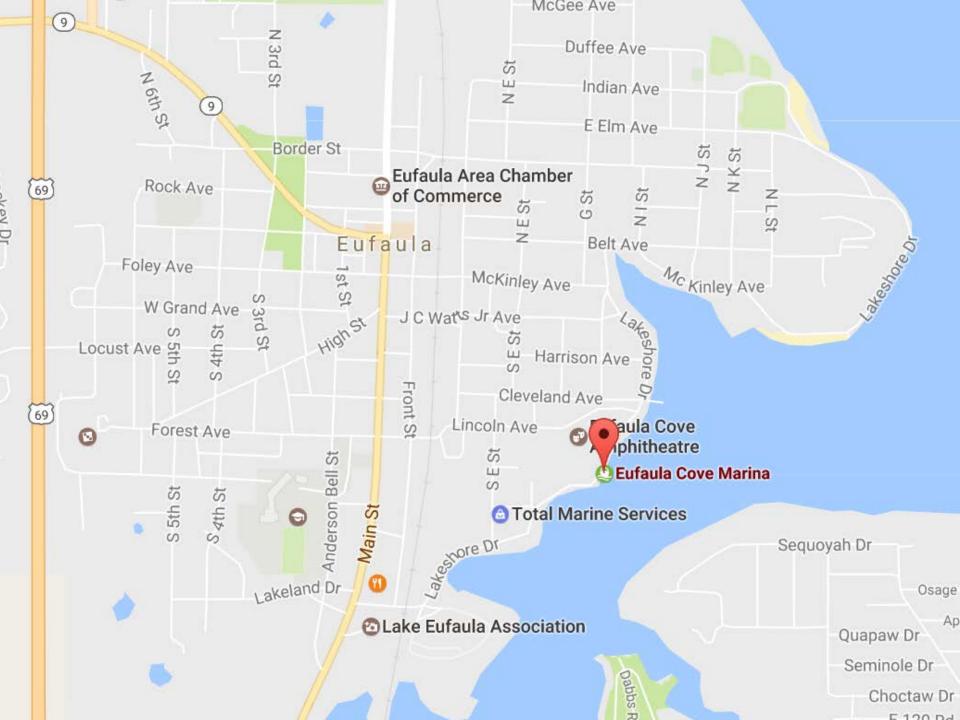




### Project goals:

- Create educational opportunities
- Improve water quality
- Create wildlife habitat
- Develop recreational opportunities
- Connect with and support other enhancement activities e.g, shoreline trail, downtown development



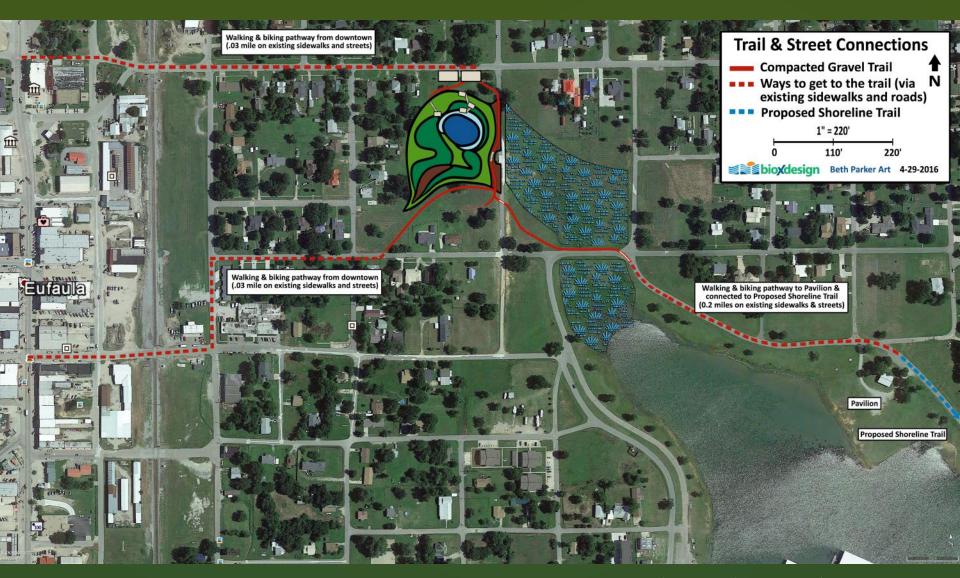






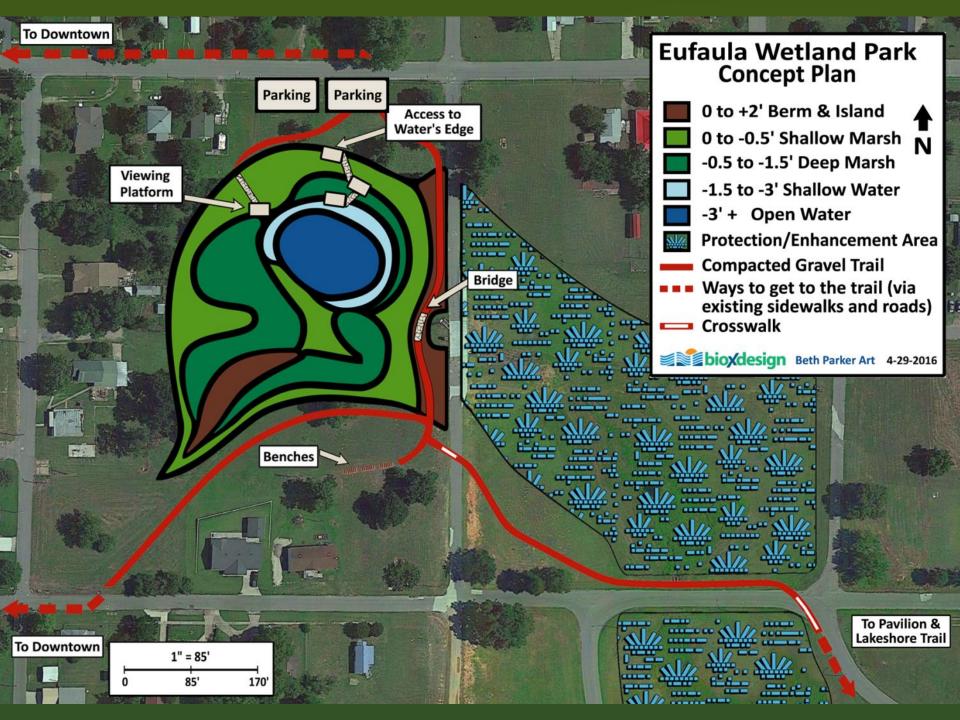






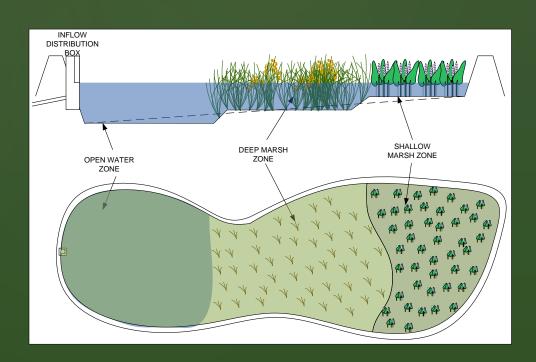
Wetland Park in Context





# Water depths & wetland vegetation types:

- Shallow marsh
- Deep marsh
- Shallow water
- Open water







## Wetland processes that provide water quality improvement:

150

120

30

Beginning of

Concentration ug/L

#### Sedimentation & trapping:

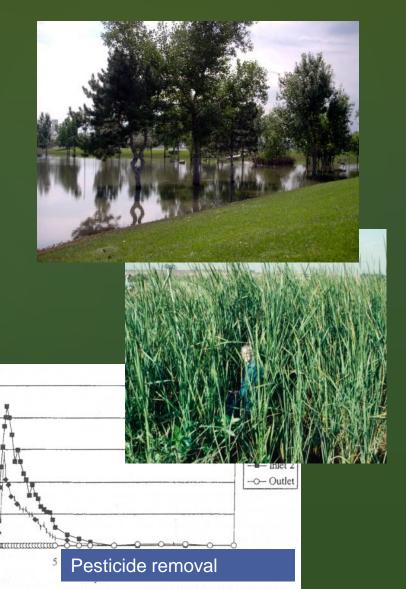
- of particles & sediment; shallow quiescent water + biofilm capture & flocculation
  - no carbon required

#### Metabolization:

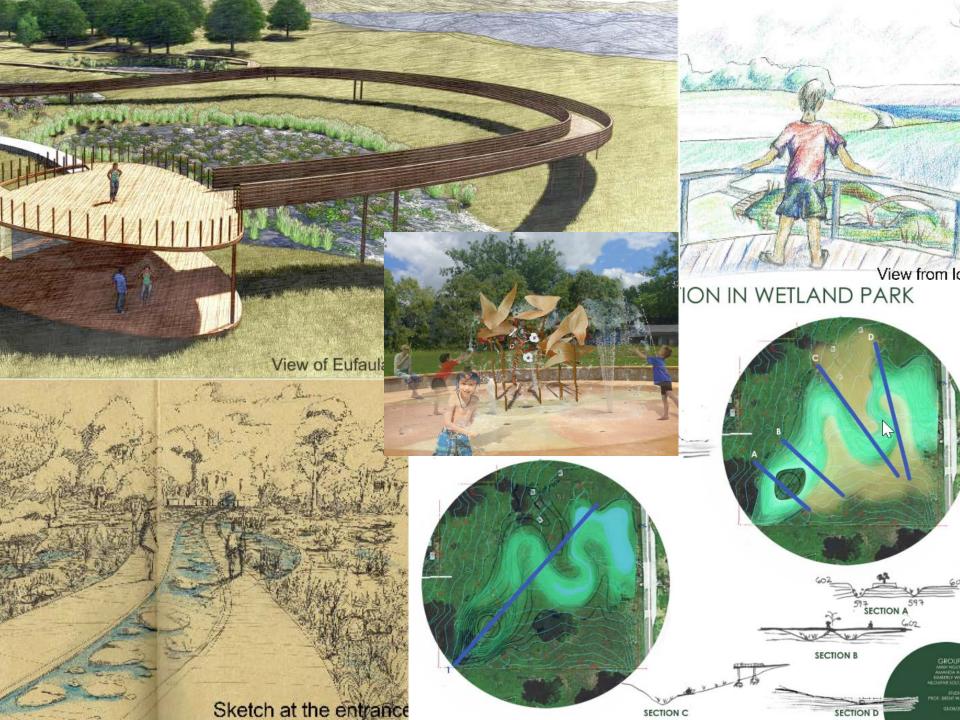
- of pollutants (eg, nitrate, some pesticides)
  - · labile carbon (e.g., cattail)

#### Immobilization:

- Of pollutants
- (eg, heavy metals & some pesticides)
  - refractory carbon
  - (e.g., bulrush)







# OWRB awards \$100,000 towards wetlands project

Community hears three wetlands presentations



Sam Sylvester and wetlands project coordinator Jerry McCormick look over a proposed design presented by University of Oklahoma students last Thursday. (Staff photo by Shauna Belycu)

By Shauna Belyeu General Manager

University of Oklahoma students from India, New York, China, Vietnam, Iran and Oklahoma presented three different proposals on wetland ideas Thursday, March 23 at the Eufaula Community Center.

Plans are moving right along for a new wetlands project, thanks to the foresight and determination of Save Our Water and Team Up to Clean Up (TUCU) member, Jerry McCormick.

"The project is two years in the malding." McCormick said. I attended a wetlands meeting and listened to Restoration Ecologist, Steve Patterson speak, and I was so impressed."

contacted McCormick Patterson and together they scoped out potential wetland areas around Lake Eufaula. They narrowed the potential location down to the area at Broadway and Bell.

The 2.5 acre area that we were looking at was already wet," said Patterson. We could create an educational opportunity for a school. Wetlands improve water quality, create wildlife habitats and develop recreational locations."

Patterson did the preliminary work, reviewing the logistics and hydrology

aspects. He then brought in the architectural landscape class from the University of Oklahoma.

Students visited and walked the area for a site analysis. They spent two weeks working on their conceptual ideas then spent another two weeks working on their designs and presentations.

ideas posed during the presentations included raised boardwalks, accesaible terraces, water ring gardens, fountains, docks, interactive signage and viewing decks.

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Spectators and neighbors were impressed by the presentations.

This is a great project for our community. As with anything, it all comes down to fundamental budget," said City Manager Greg Buckley.

Enter Shannon Phillips with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

\*Our department works with the Oldahoma Water Renources Board iOWRBI to offer low interest and principal forgiveness loans and waterquality funding.

Phillips made the announcement that her agency was offering a principal forgiveness loan of \$100,000 toward construction. The principal will be forgiven when the project is completed.

OCC officials attending the OWRE's monthly meeting in support of the loan application included Shanon Phillips, Water Quality Director and Jert Fleming, Environmental Programs Manager.

We will work with Save Our Water. TUCU and the city to find contractors who meet state guidelines. Then we will work with and reimburse contractors," Phillips said.

#### What's next:

- · Review team designs to create best approach
  - . List of professional engineers
- · Get the professional engineered planes
  - Develop a constuction budget

The group will have to secure permits from the Corp of Engineers for earth movements.

'I am confident we can get this project completed and the community involved. This loan is great, it will get us started. This will be great for the community, McCormick said."



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Really cool digitally fabricated wetland models hanging around the @OU\_MLA studio. @OUCollegeofArch







