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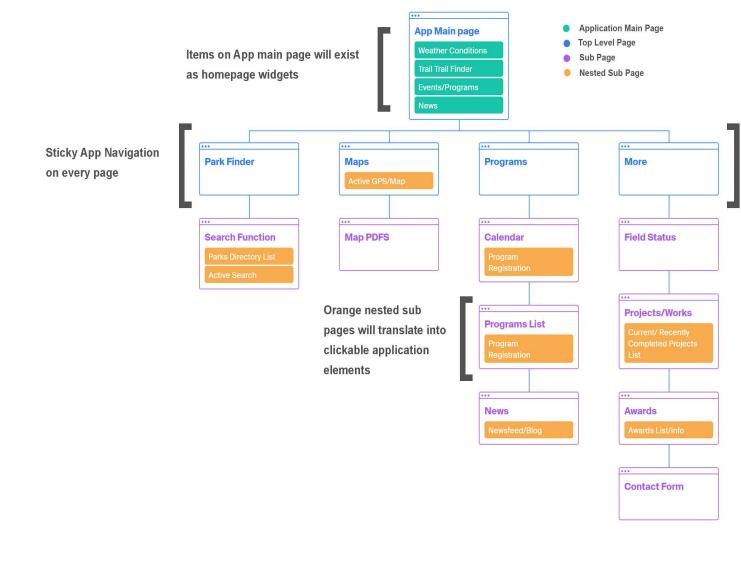
## Mobile Application Design:

IA, User Flow, Paper Prototyping, Medium & High-Fidelity Mockups

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# Introduction

Mobile application development is one of the most competitive sectors in the technology field today. There are currently millions of mobile applications available across android and apple markets. Not to mention all other minor players and competitors. With so much market competition, your application needs to be practically flawless or someone else will replace it with a better solution. Below you will see the steps of mobile application development in action.

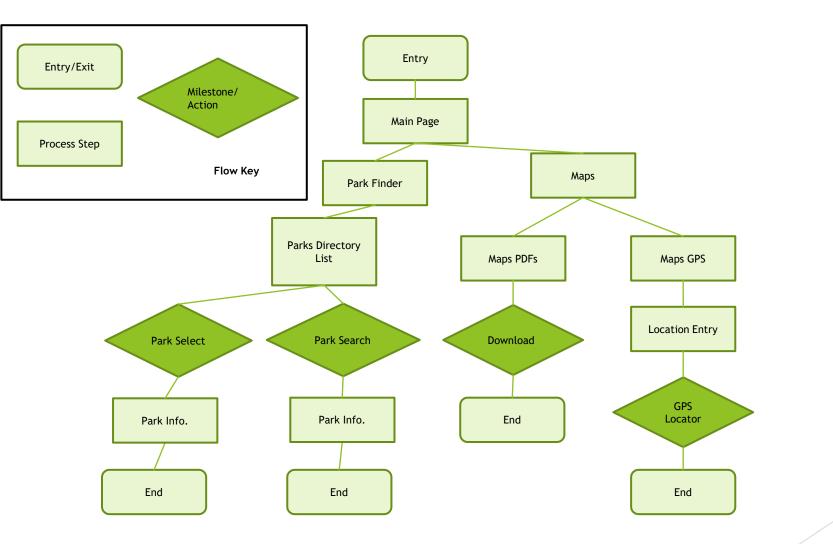


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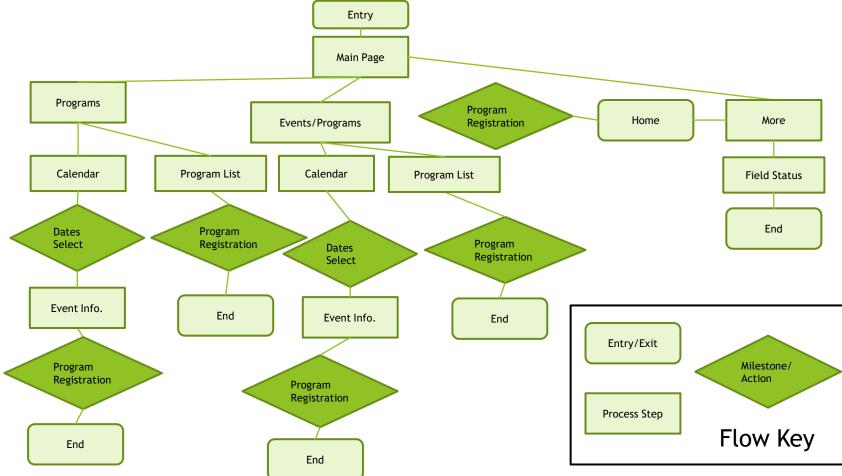
# **User Stories**

- User Story #1: A new resident to the area has been looking to explore the local trails and parks as well map out a potential route when there
- User Story #2: A current resident is wondering what events will be happening in the parks for the upcoming months. The conditions of the parks are of interest too
- User Story #3: A park visitor has noticed some dangerous spots on the trails that they would like to report. They are curious if there are ongoing projects to repair this

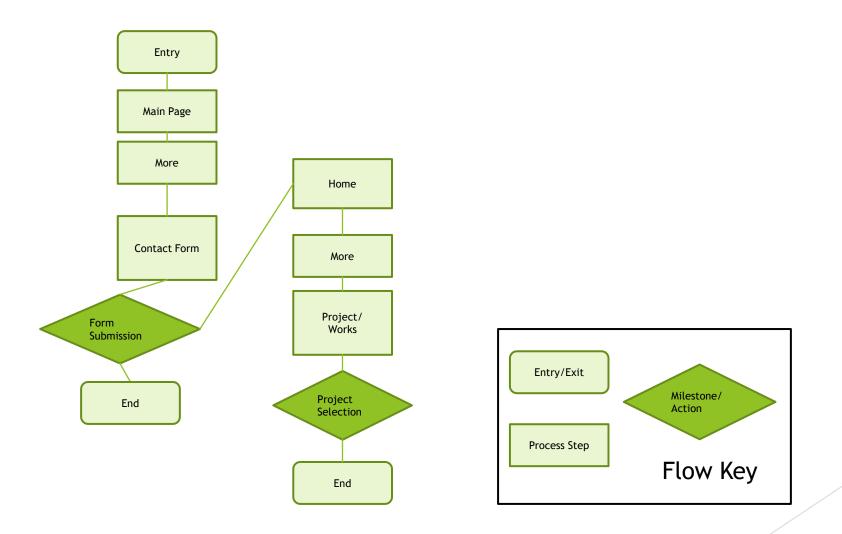
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# User Flow #2



# User Flow #3







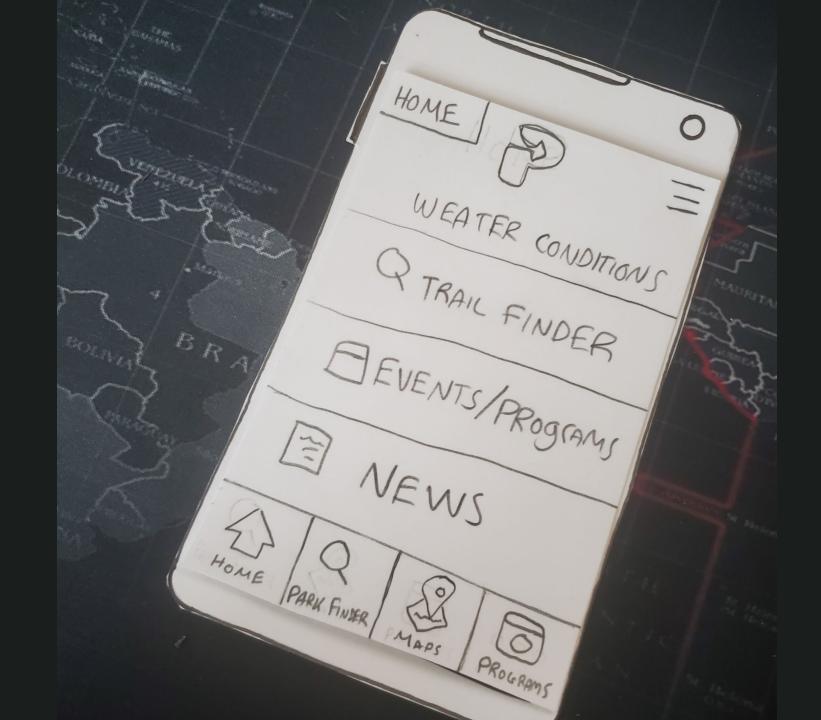
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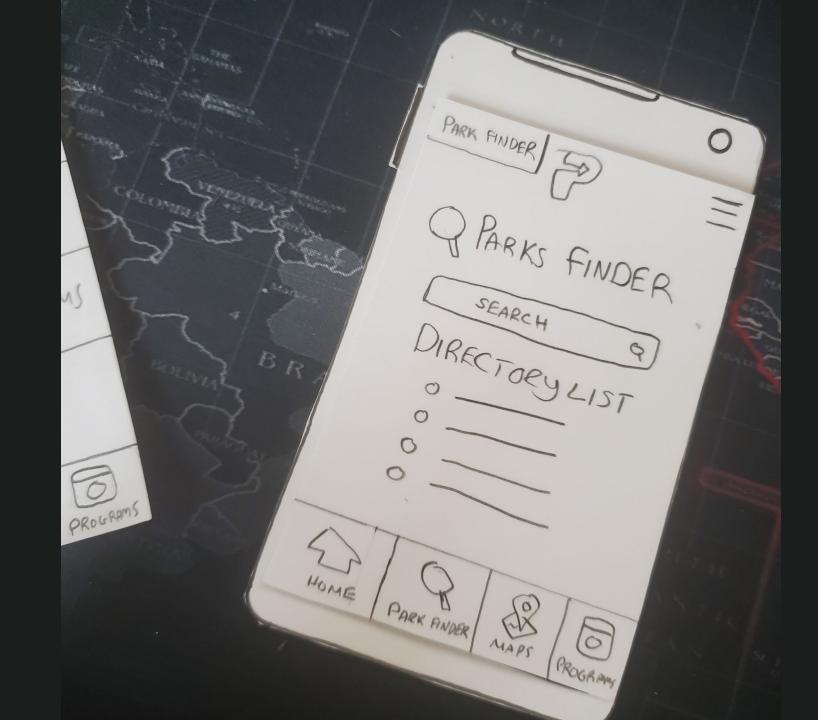
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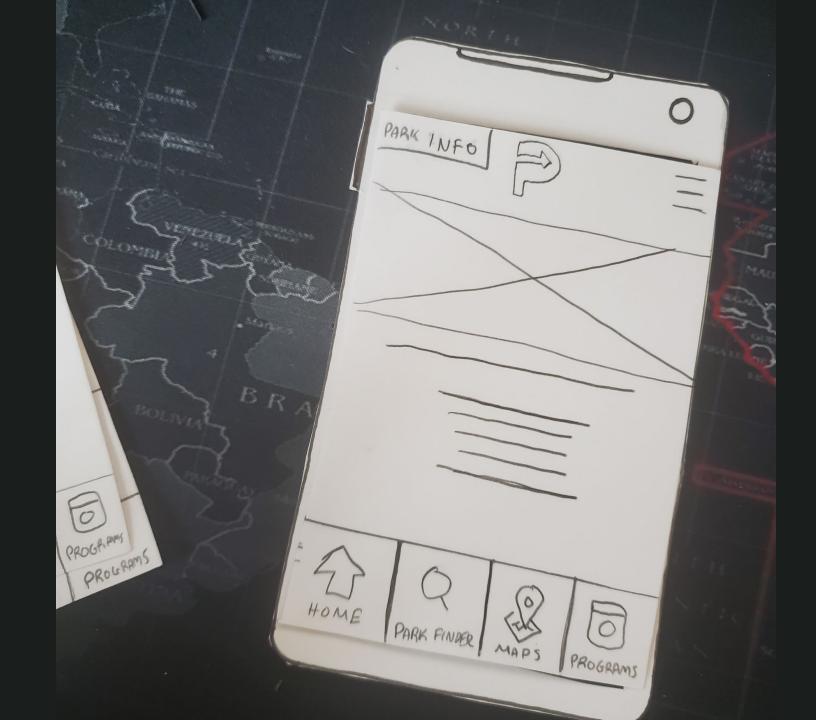
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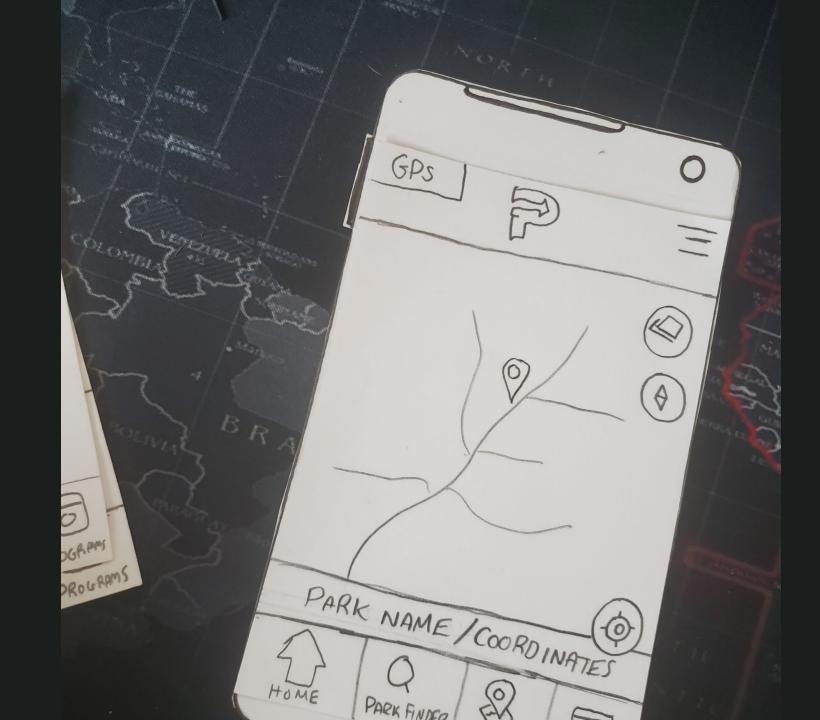
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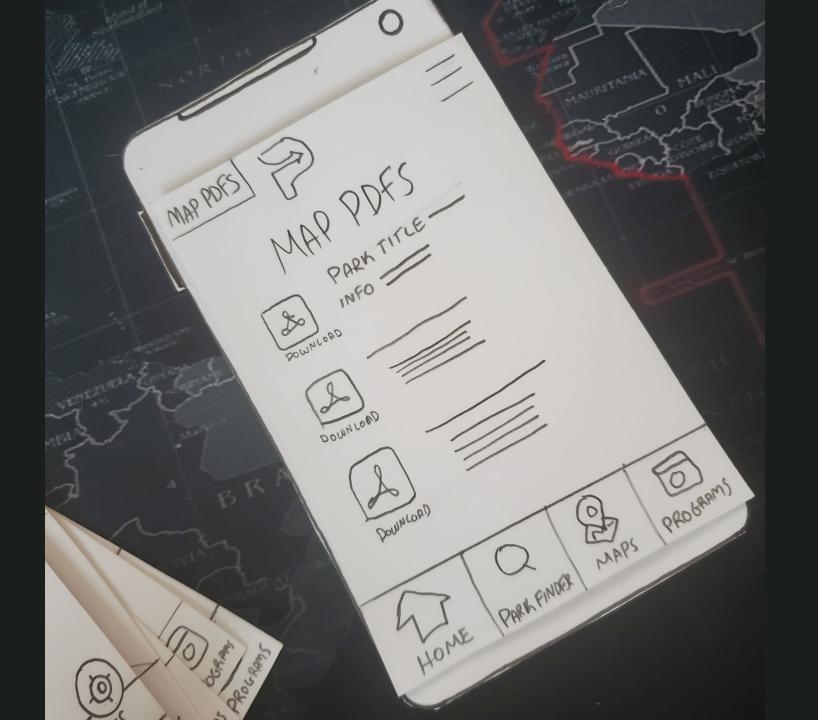




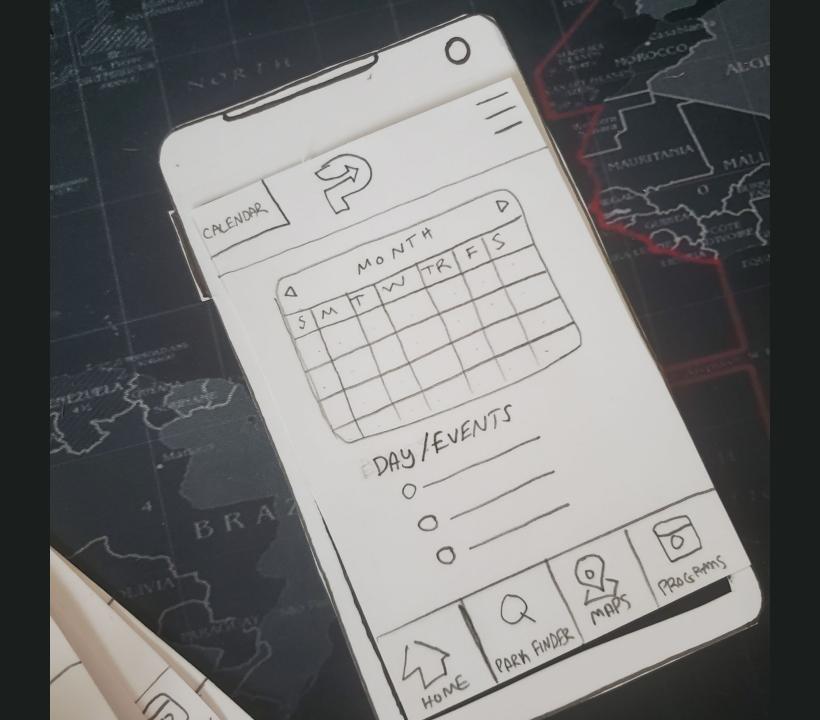




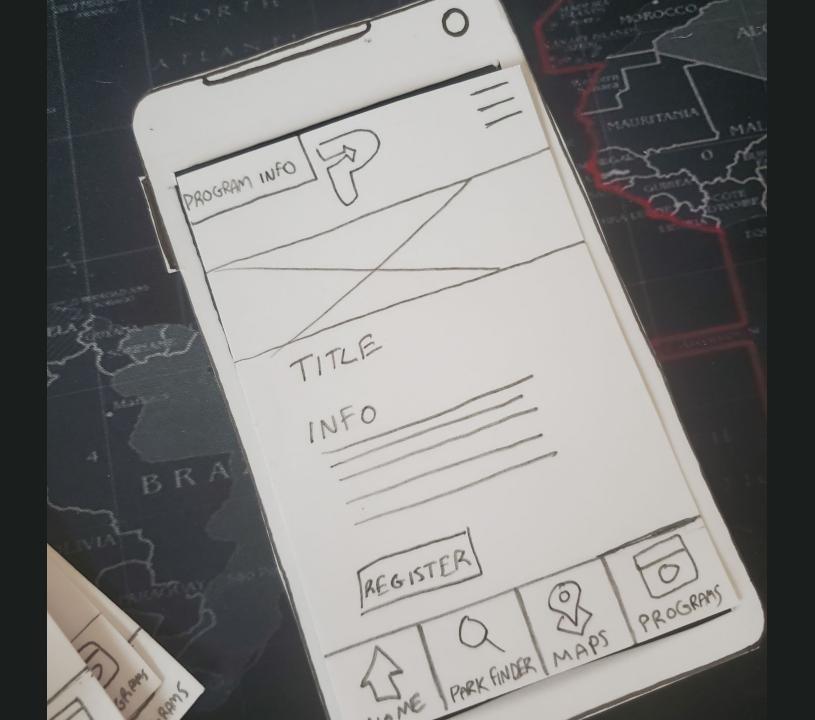


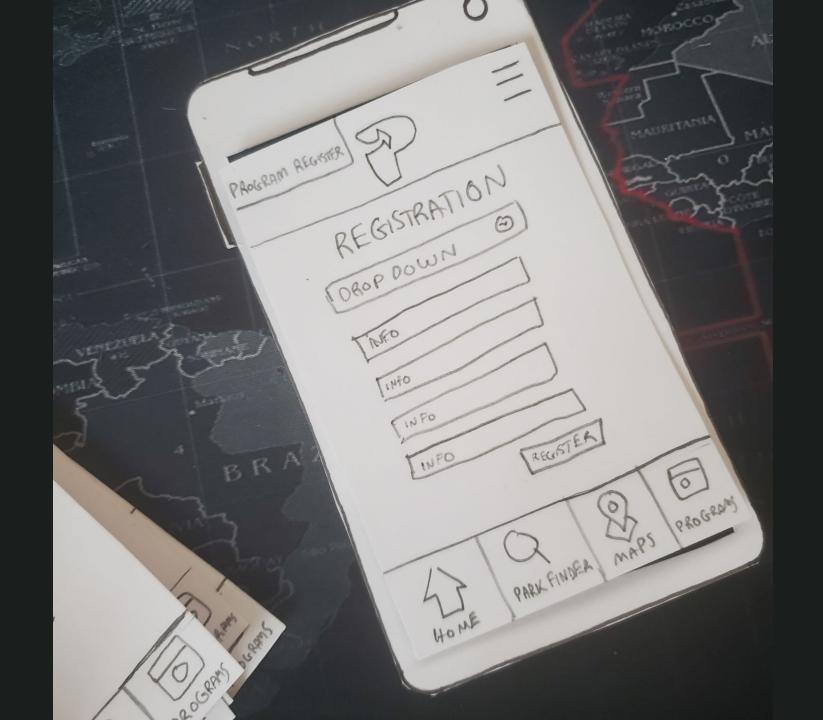




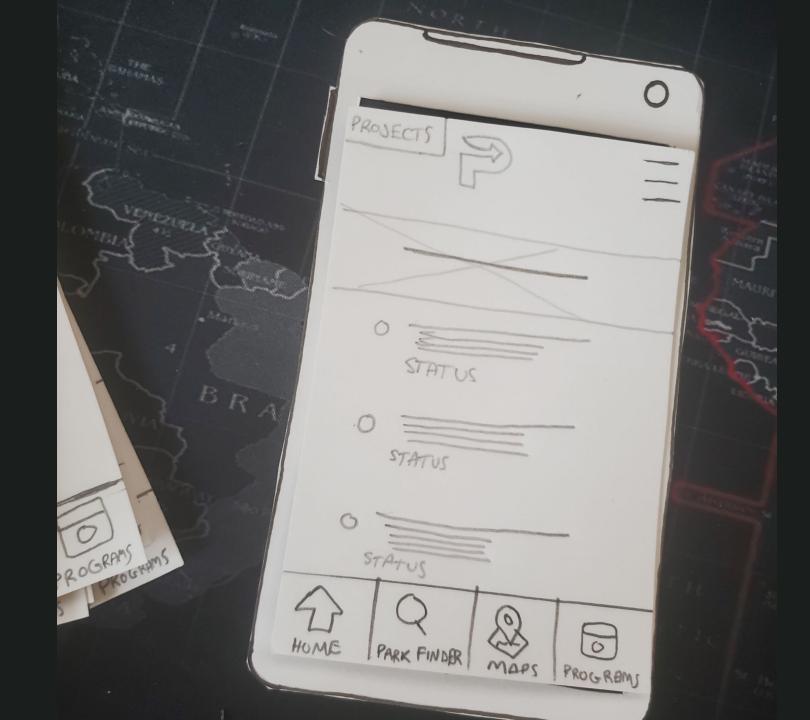


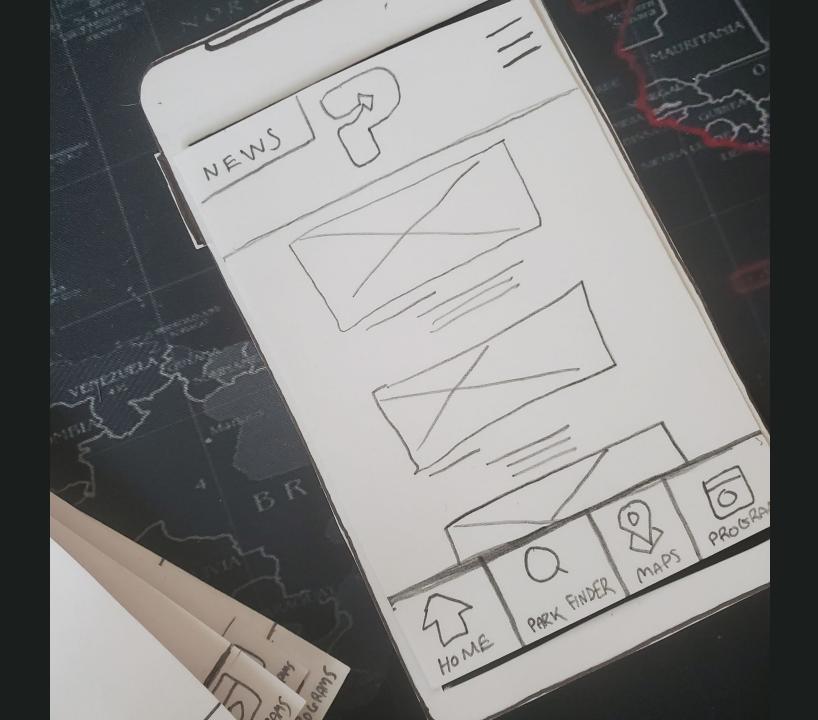
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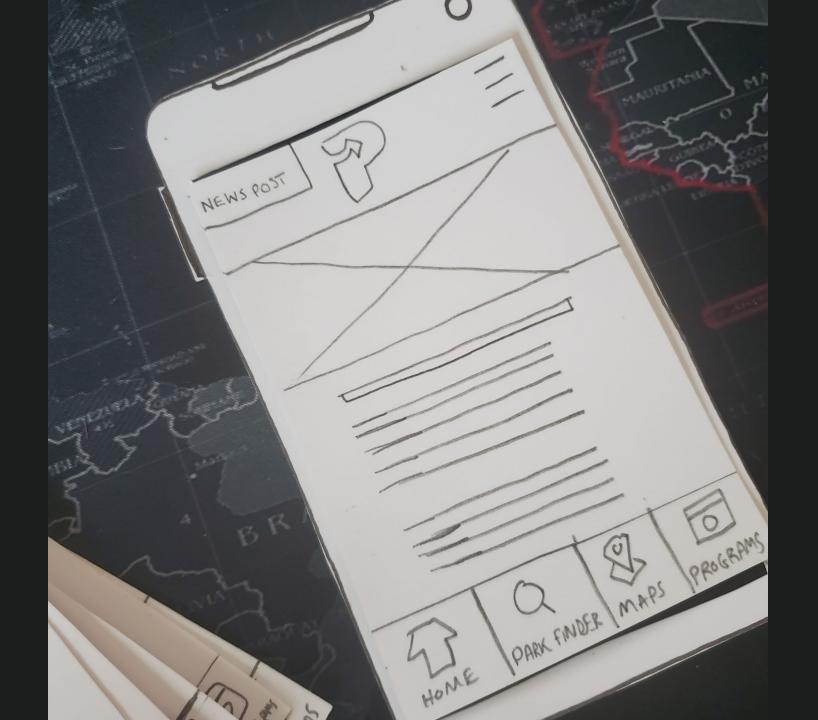




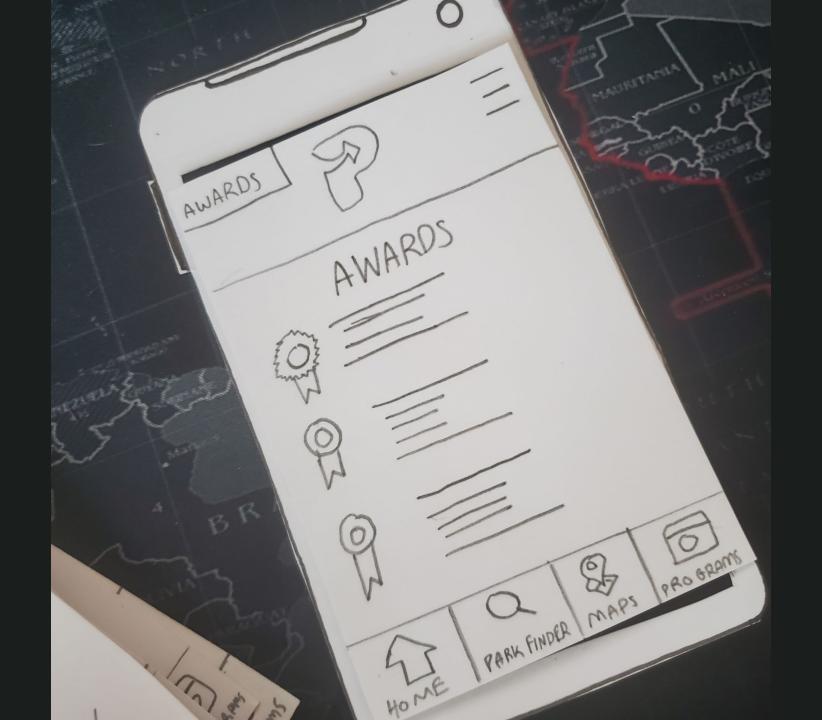
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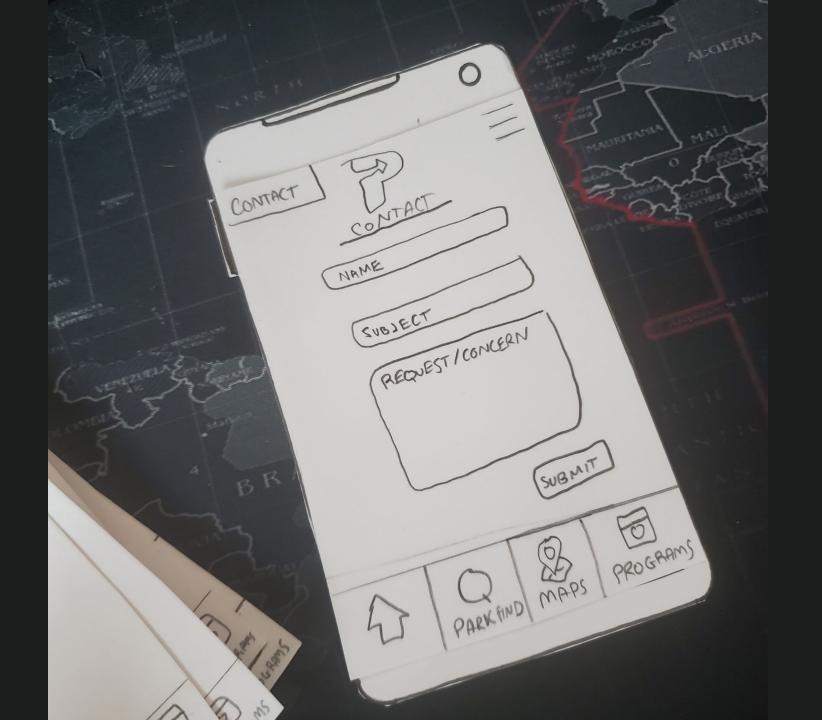


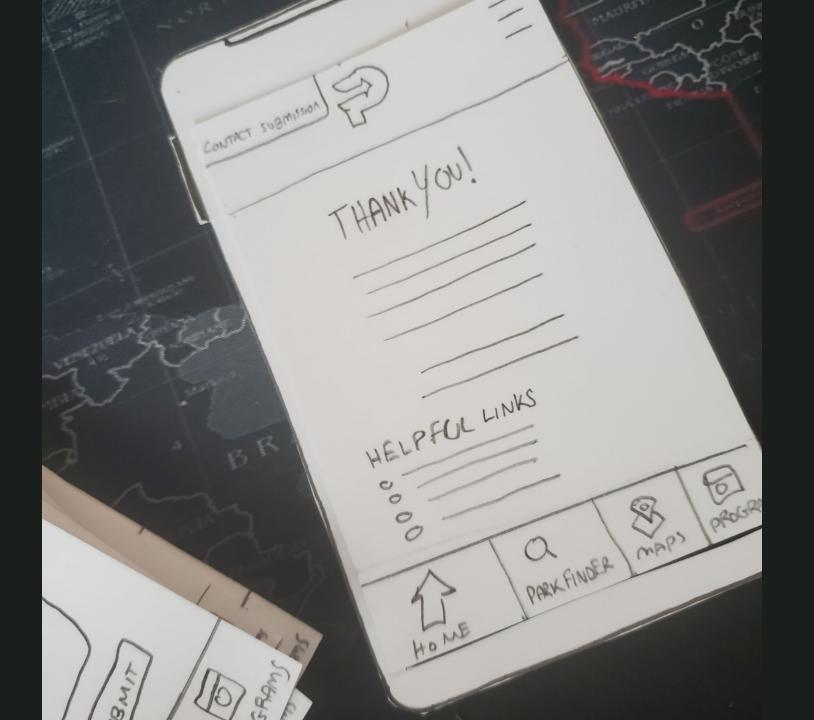










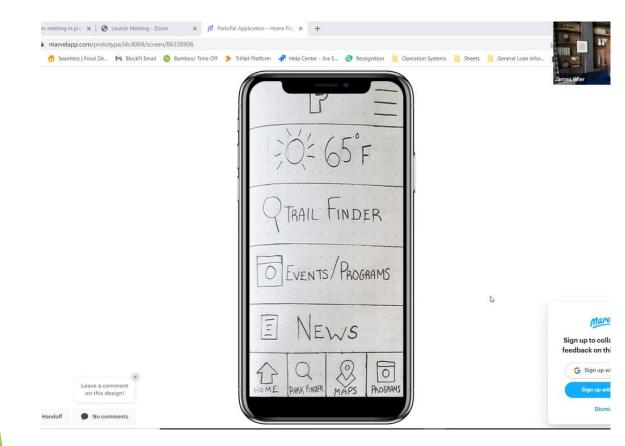


### Learnings

- There is an opportunity here to streamline the proposed navigation items. I would also be interested to think through the final designs and the amount of copy that might be needed versus the proposed menu, link, and document functionality.
- I might also re-consider the homepage widgets depending on real user feedback and widget usefulness.
- Overall, I found this exercise insightful and enjoyable. It was interesting to see how quickly one could create a new screen while also trying to imagine how you would want to use the application were you one of the users



## The Process



- Using previous paper protypes a clickable version was created.
- Three users were recorded walking through predetermined tasks to better study the UI/UX of the application
- Notes and learnings recorded.

# **User Information**

- User #1: A crypto currency loan servicing analyst from Philadelphia Pennsylvania
- User #2: A credit union sales support representative from Philadelphia Pennsylvania
- User #3: A start-up software developer from Seattle, WA

# **User Tasks**

- Task #1: Find an event/program of interest. Click into the event details and register for the event.
- Task #2: Find PDF maps of the parks & then find your own GPS location within the park you are currently located in.
- Task #3: Go through the process of submitting a contact request or request for feedback/information.

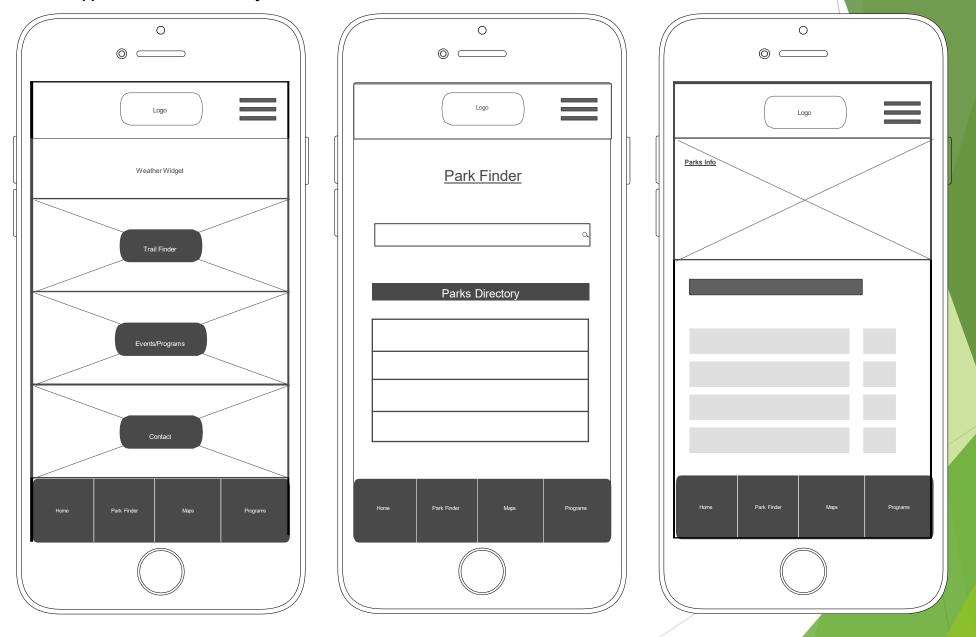
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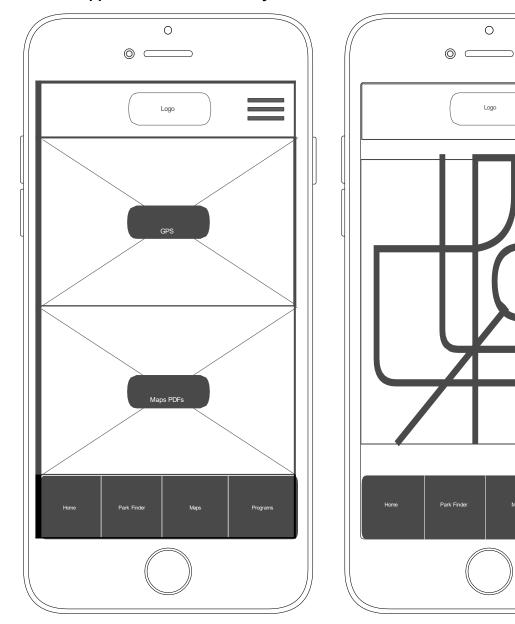
- There is a persistent confusion between the verbiage for "parks" as in the recreational area, and "park" as in where you would station a vehicle. This is something that will need to be front of mind as we begin to further develop this interface.
- The other thing that was brought to light is the need for the contact field to be more front and center and to potentially include a phone number for emergency contacts. This really does speak to the mode of instant gratification that we all currently live in but also the need for prioritizing communication methods.
- Some other things were making sure the right information is showing on pages as well as what types of information people would want to see on things like parks info pages, confirmation pages, and registration pages.



## Medium-Fidelity App Mockups:

ParksPal Application Medium Fidelity - iPhone 7



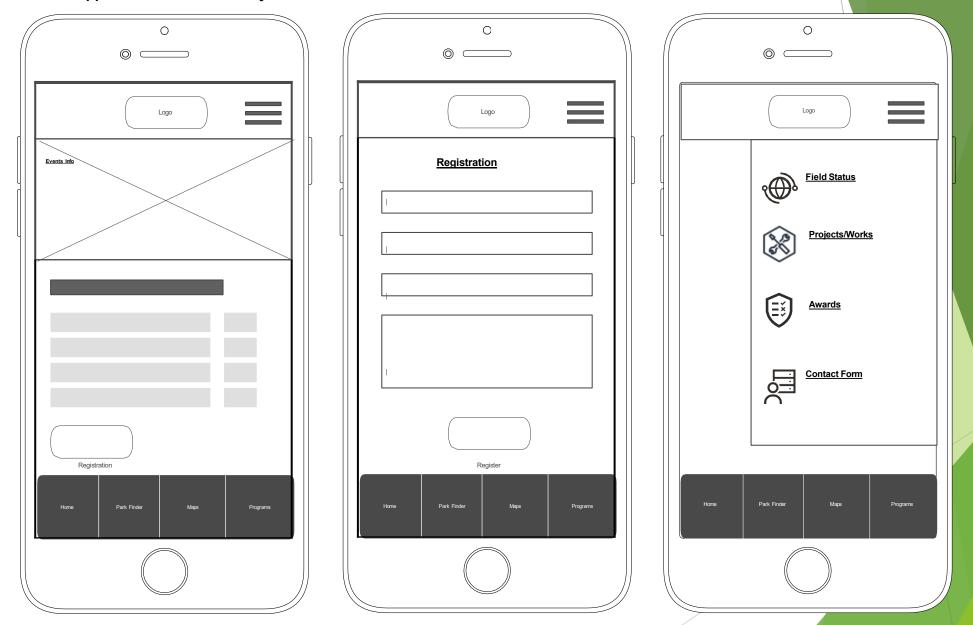


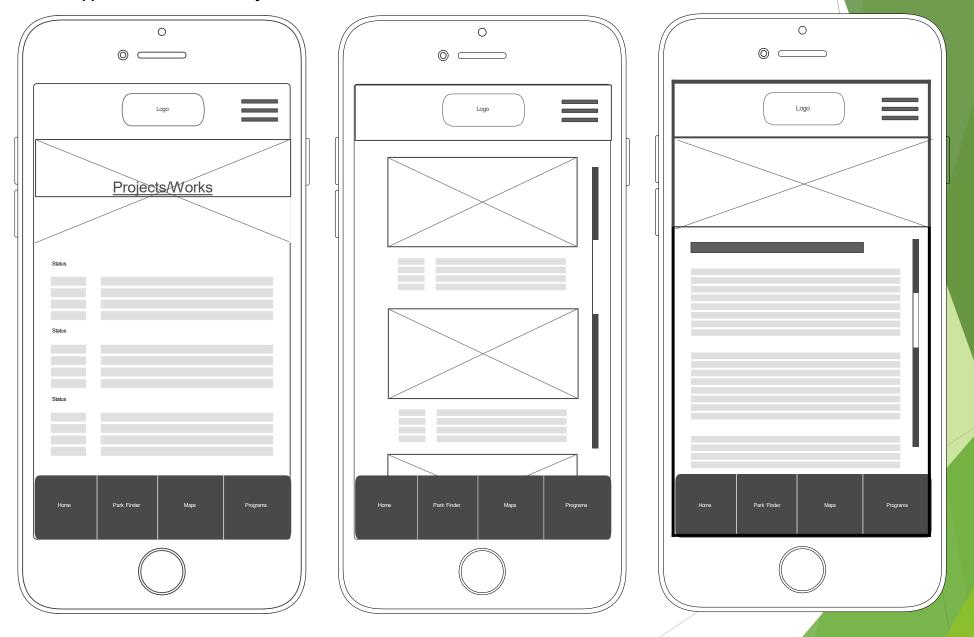
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## High-Fidelity App Mockups:

# Design Changes/Reasoning

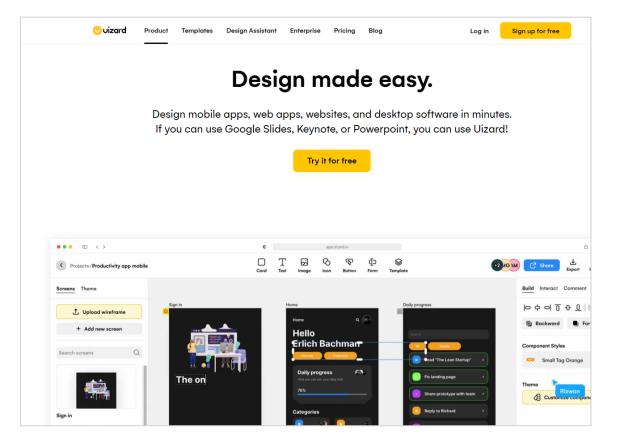
Based on user study learnings:

- The "contact us" widget was prioritized
- "Helpful Links" were specified
- Other designs and information was reorganized/prioritized

## Designs/Walkthrough:

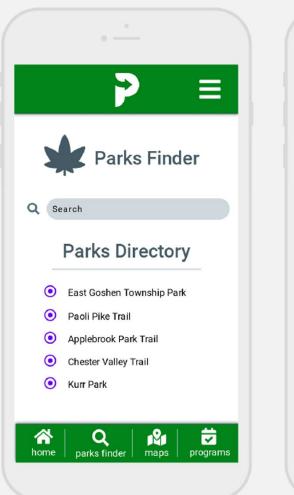
The high-fidelity mockups may be found below, and a video walk through may be found here: https://youtu.be/MXDqHMVSYxo

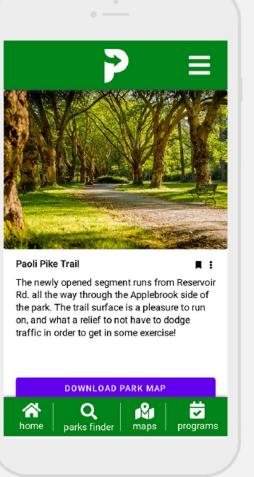




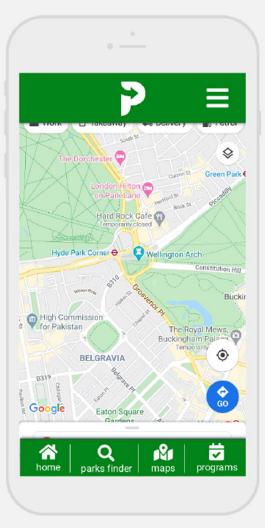
- Uizard was chosen to create the high-fidelity mockups and walkthrough
- It provides an easy user experience to create device specific mockups and testing
- It also provides several predesigned and customizable templates

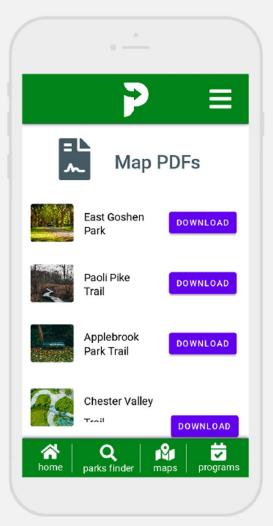


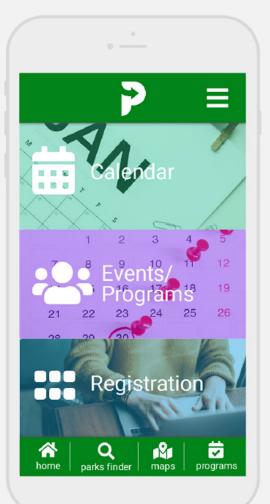






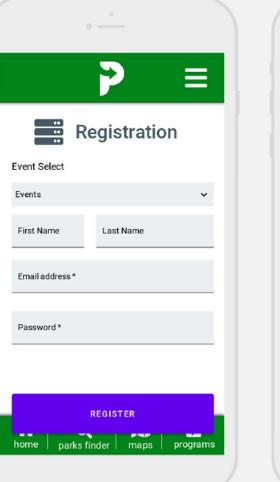


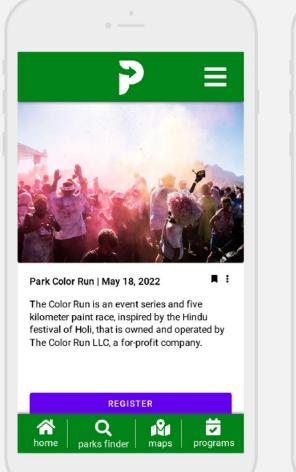


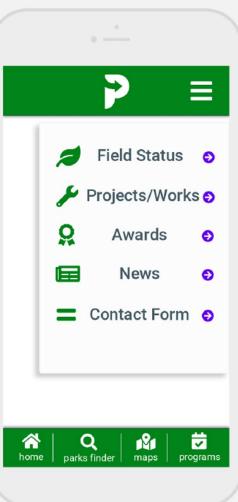


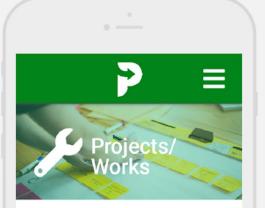
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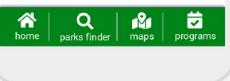








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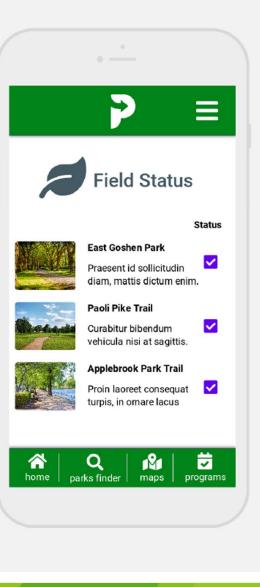
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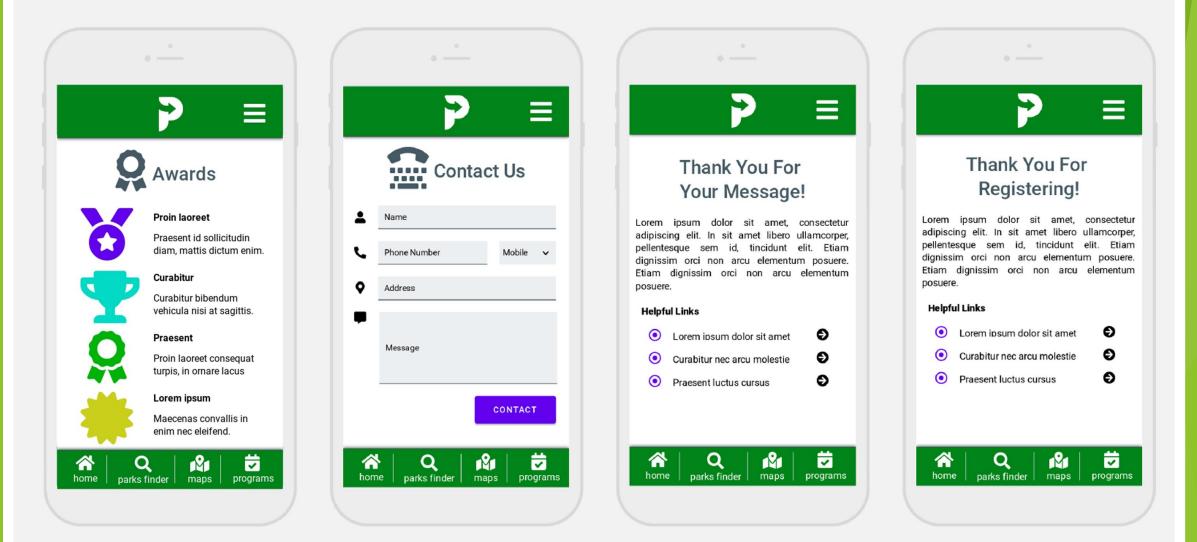
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# Conclusion

### **Process is Key:**

The process enlightens every aspect of decision making. From IA mapping, User Flows, Low-fidelity mockups, User Testing, medium-fidelity mockups, and an ultimate final high-fidelity design and walkthrough, each step leads to the next. Informing the next step in the process and making everything more effective and user centric, which is the most crucial part. This is an excellent example of every step needed to ensure the user is satisfied.