



# Ward Road Park Master Plan

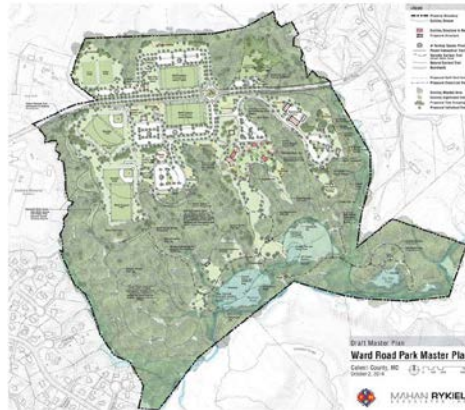
## Draft Master Plan Presentation

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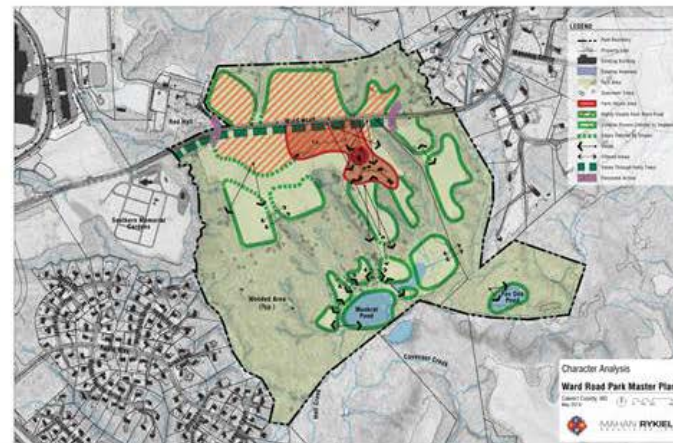
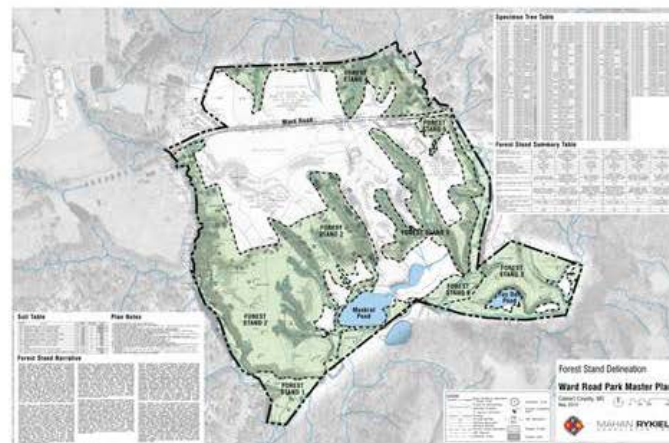
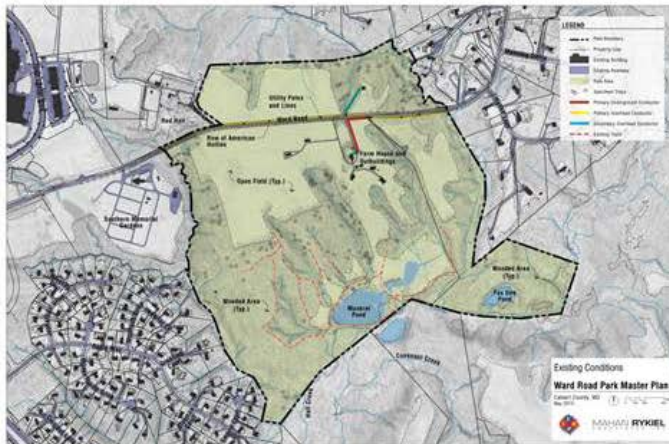
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# Purpose

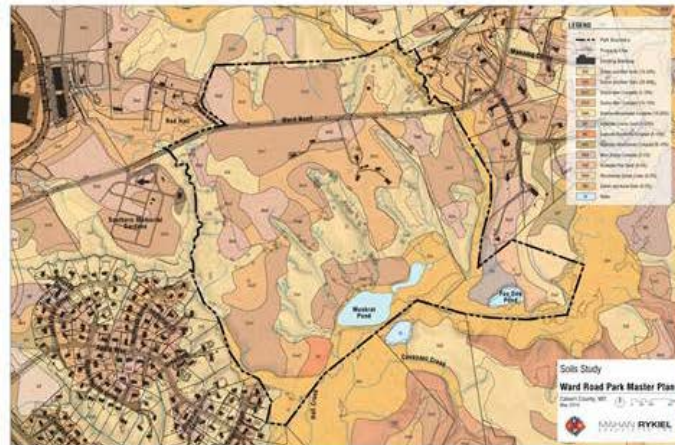
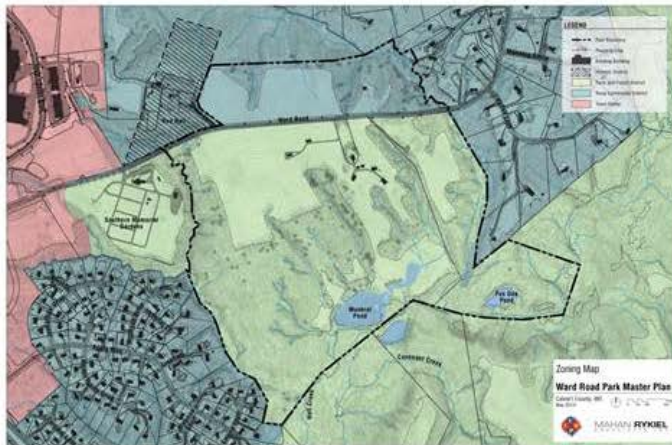
- Present the Master Plan for the long term development of our newly acquired park on Ward Road
- Receive approval of the Master Plan in order to proceed to the next step, which is Planning Commission approval
- Approve a name selection for the property



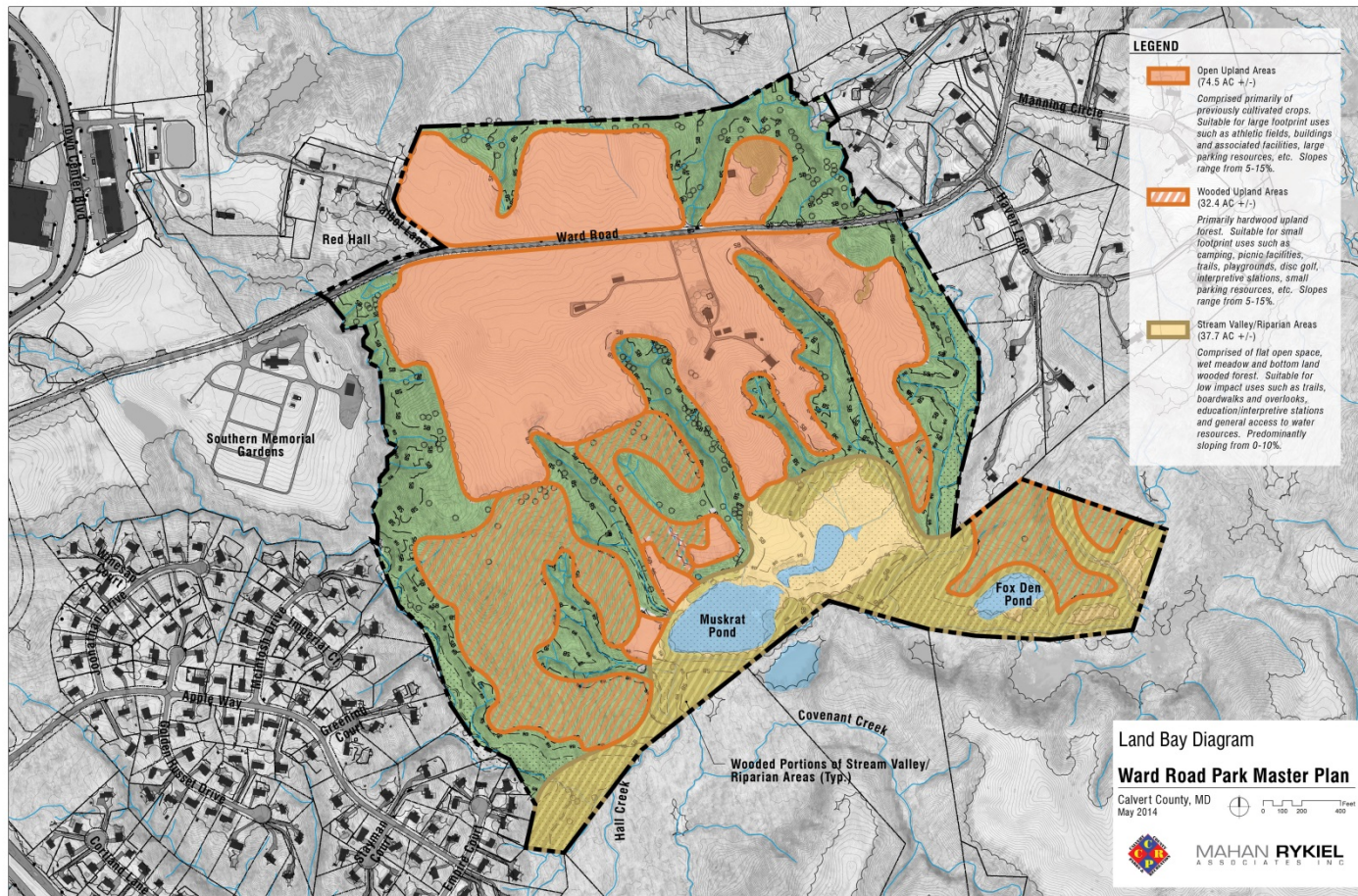












# Preliminary Park Program

## *Primary Park Elements*

### **Large Footprint/Active Uses**

One 90' baseball diamond with full size multi-purpose overlay  
Minimum 2 full size multi-purpose fields (as many as possible)  
Single Jr. fields (as many as possible)  
Open field non-sport specific to use for special events, free play

### **Small Footprint/Active Uses**

Multiple small playgrounds/Natural playground(s)  
Skate spot  
Dog Park  
Parking within walking distance of ponds and creek  
Bus turnaround and parking (school busses)

# Preliminary Park Program

## *Primary Park Elements*

### **Park Facilities/Structures**

Multiple restrooms (including some year-round)

Maintenance Facility

Park Office

Nature/Environmental Center 150 capacity-doesn't need to have self-contained restrooms if other heated restrooms are nearby.

Covered campfire, group program area (approx. 150 people)

### **Access and Low Impact Program Elements**

Wide, paved, measured distance walking path connecting facilities (and around perimeter) suitable for walking, running, biking, skateboarding. Incorporate exercise equipment. Links to nature trails.

Natural surface trails/nature trails

Handicap access to stream or pond

Picnic Shelters/picnic area

Multiple intimate interpretative spaces that accommodate 20-25 children connected via trail

Boardwalks and overlooks at ponds and wetlands

Access to Hall Creek, streams and Fox Den Pond

Fishing pier/boardwalk

# Preliminary Park Program

## *Secondary Park Elements (for Consideration)*

A site for a minimum 60,000 square foot indoor facility (non-specific) with parking

Disc golf course

Spray pad

Amphitheater

BMX trails/pump track

Demonstration house/yard to show gardens, rain barrels, energy efficiency, etc., (wildlife friendly design)

Themed nature trails

Overnight primitive camping

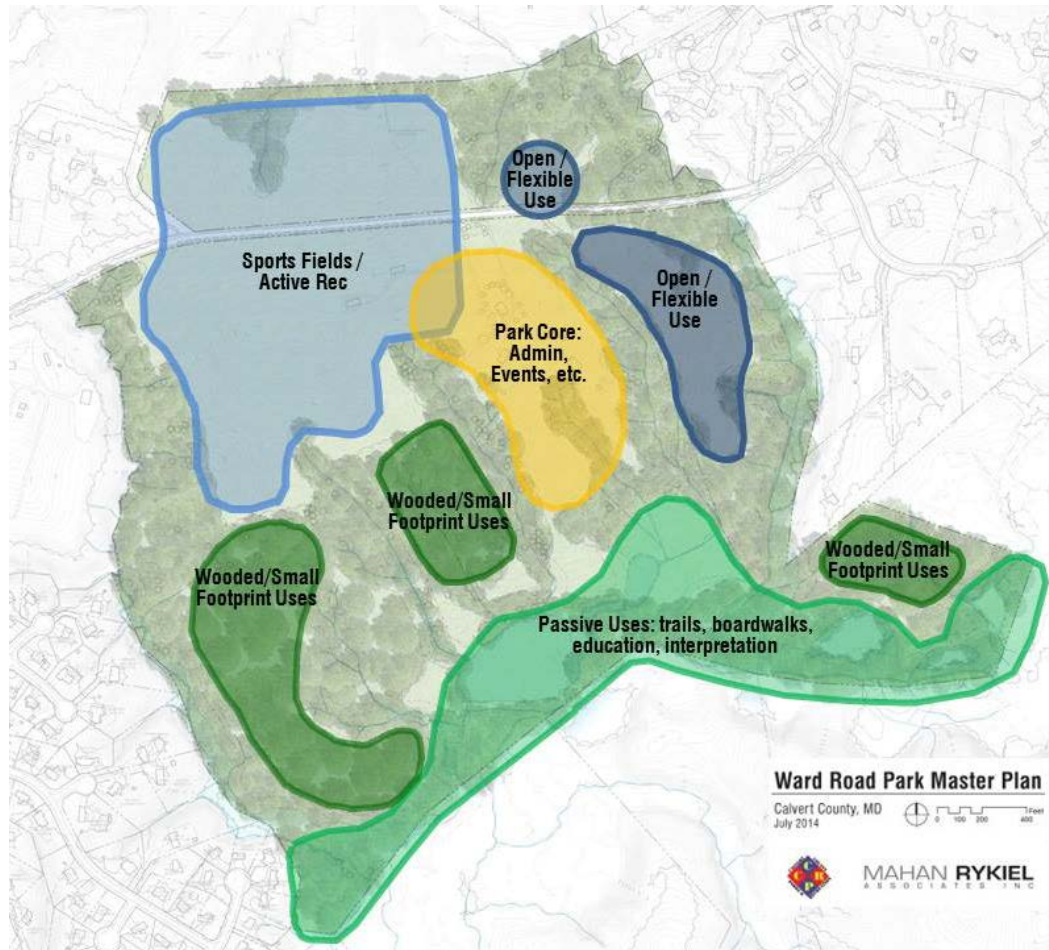
\* Tennis

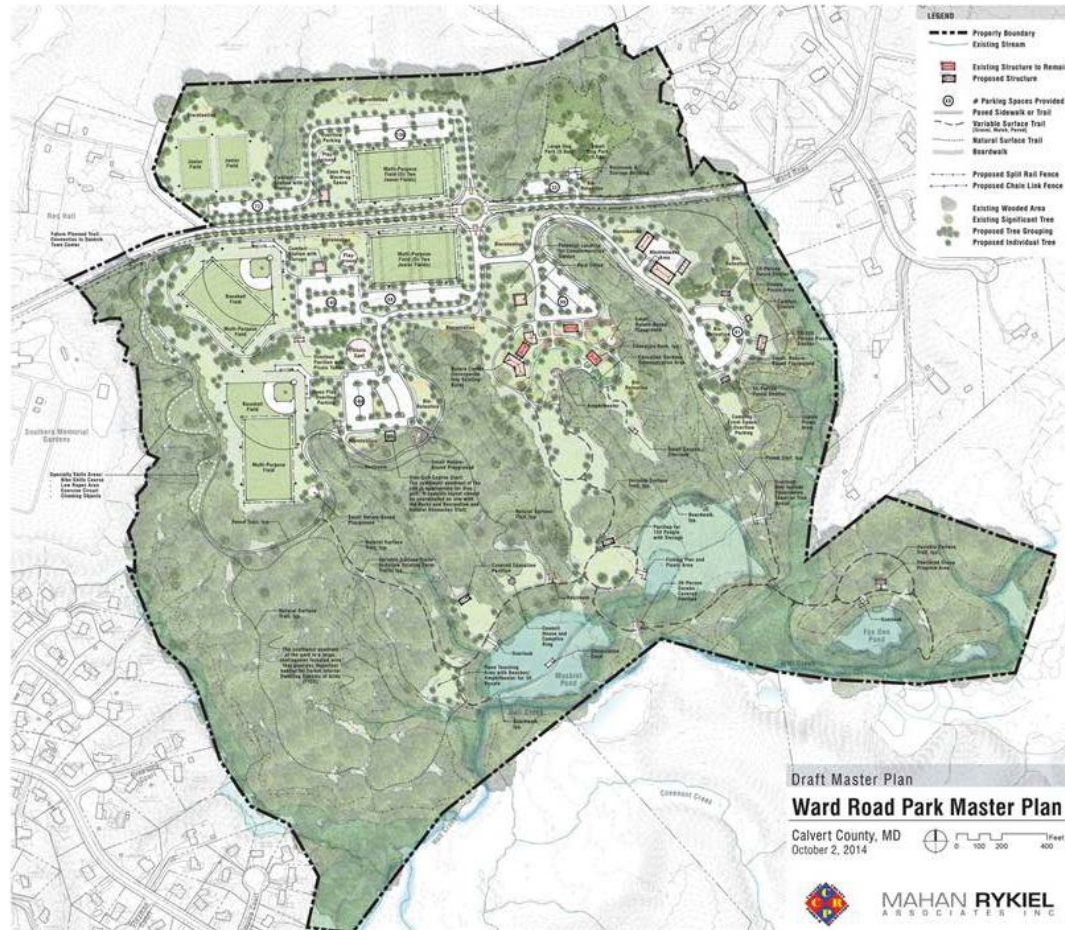
\* In-line skating



# Guiding Principles

- Recognize that some uses only work in certain areas of the park,
- Access and circulation will establish a framework,
- Endeavour to establish different identities for the active and passive areas of the park,
- Provide sufficient parking as convenient as possible to park uses without allowing it to overwhelm the park experience,
- Provide for multiple trail loops/experiences,
- Maintain flexibility to accommodate future uses,



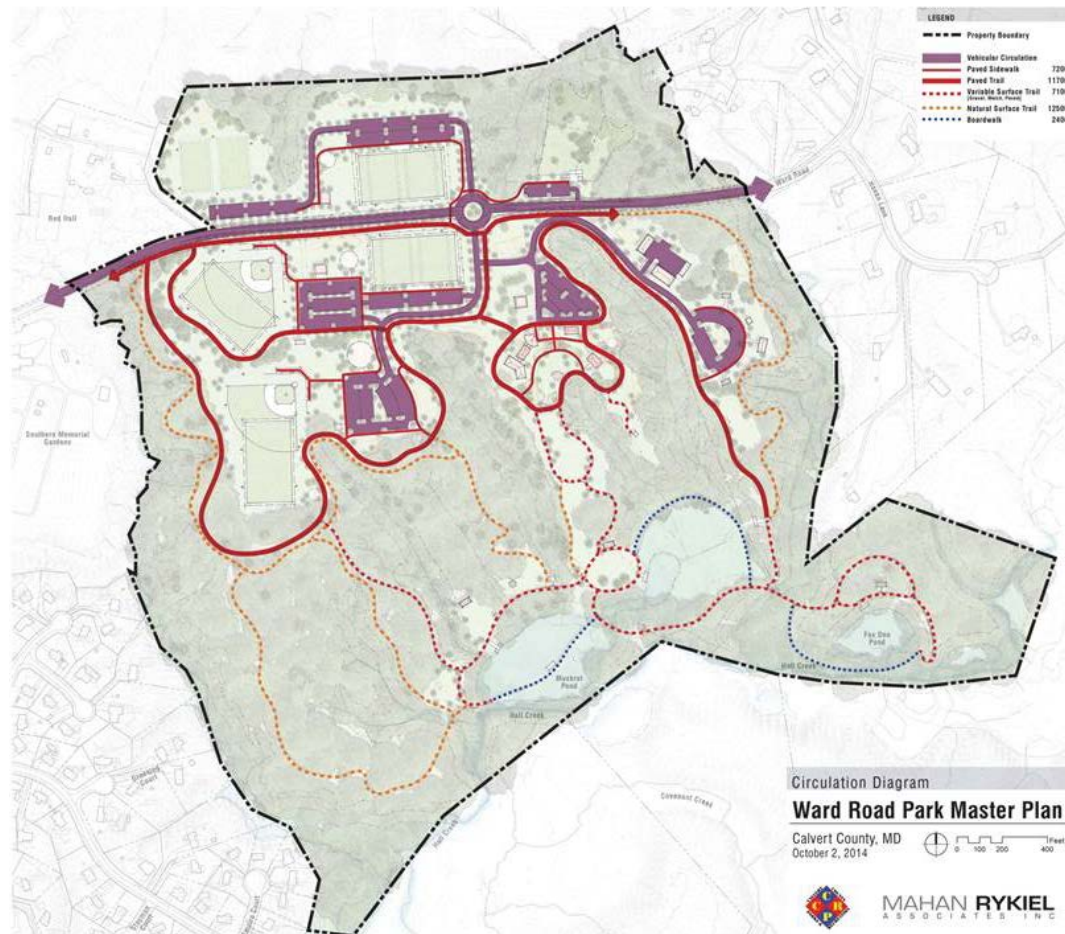


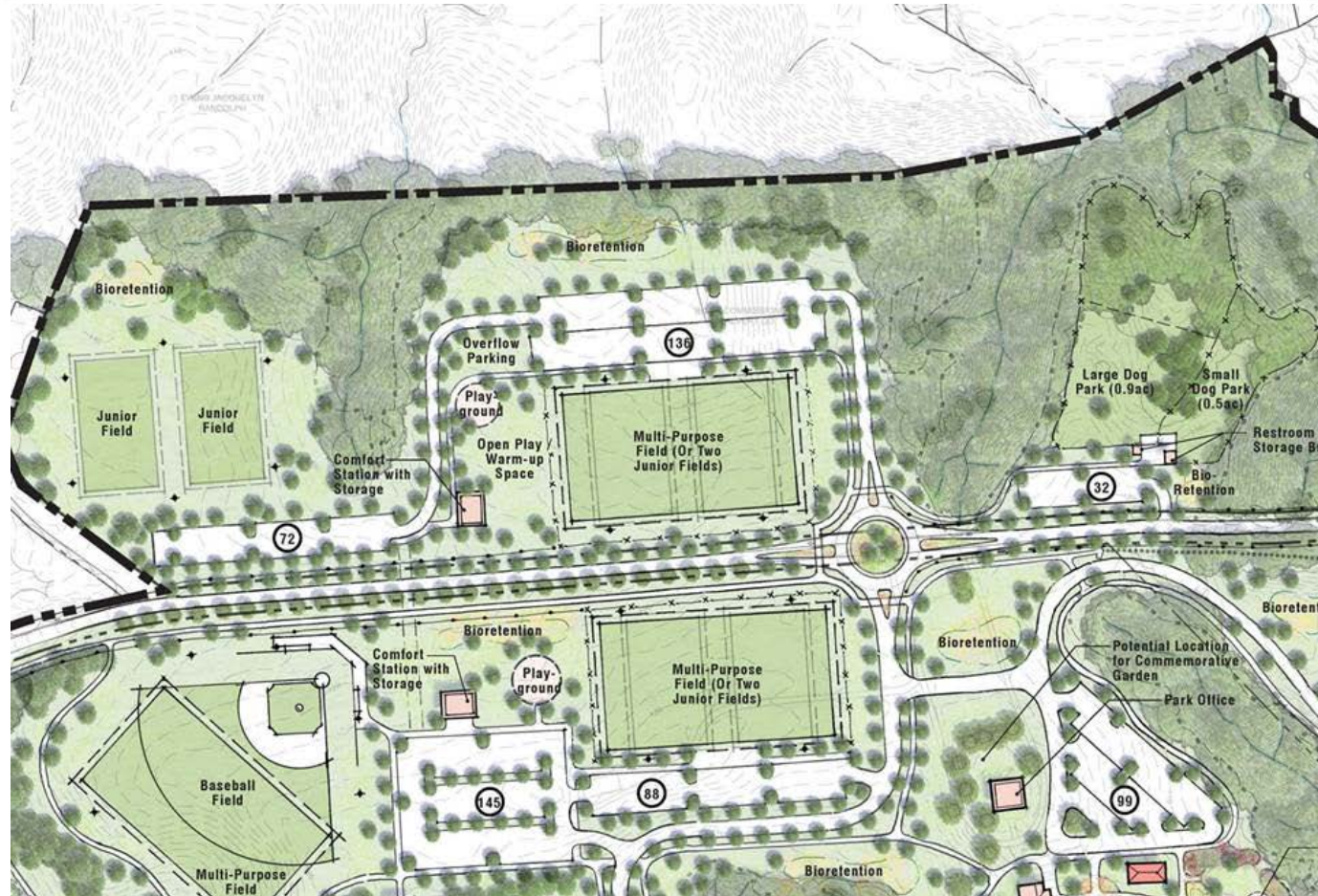
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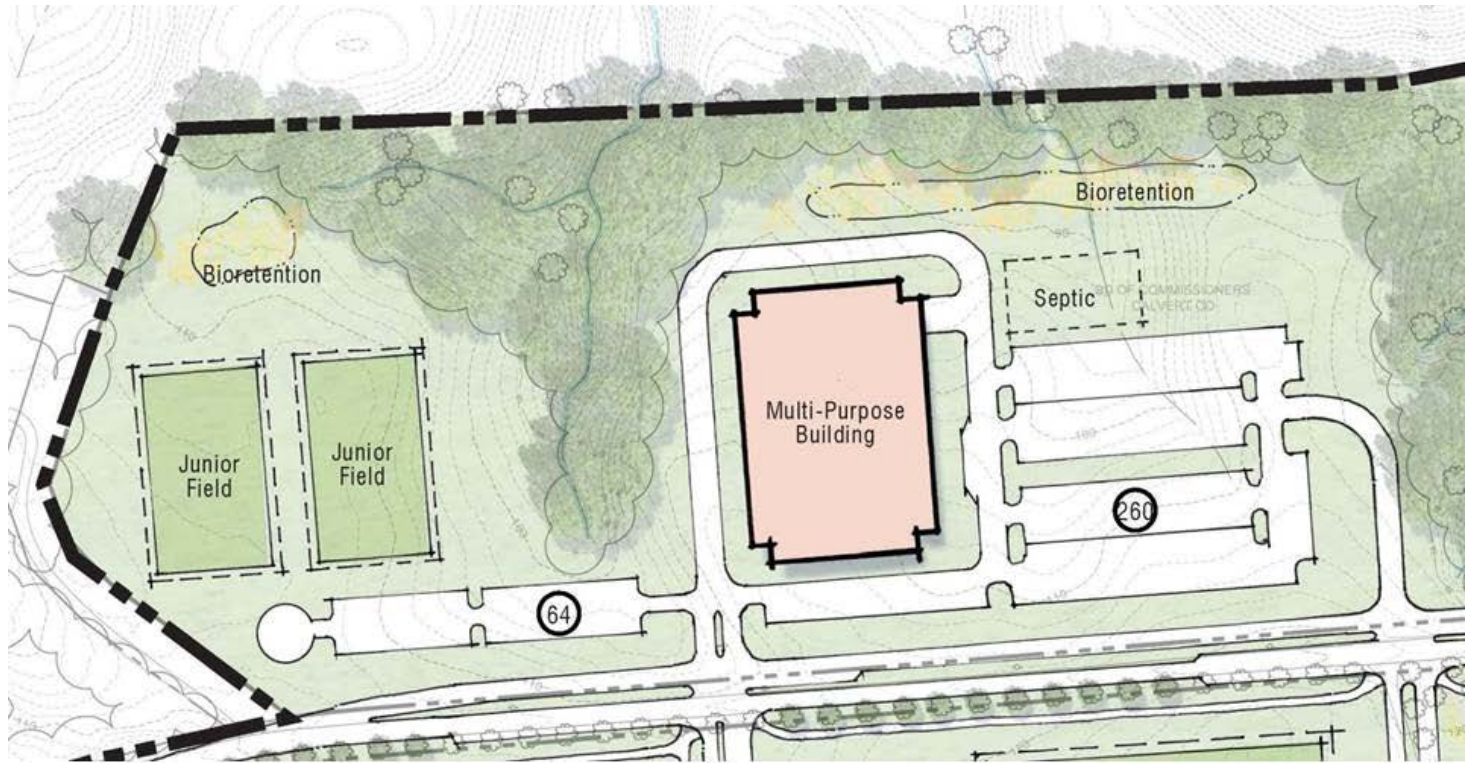
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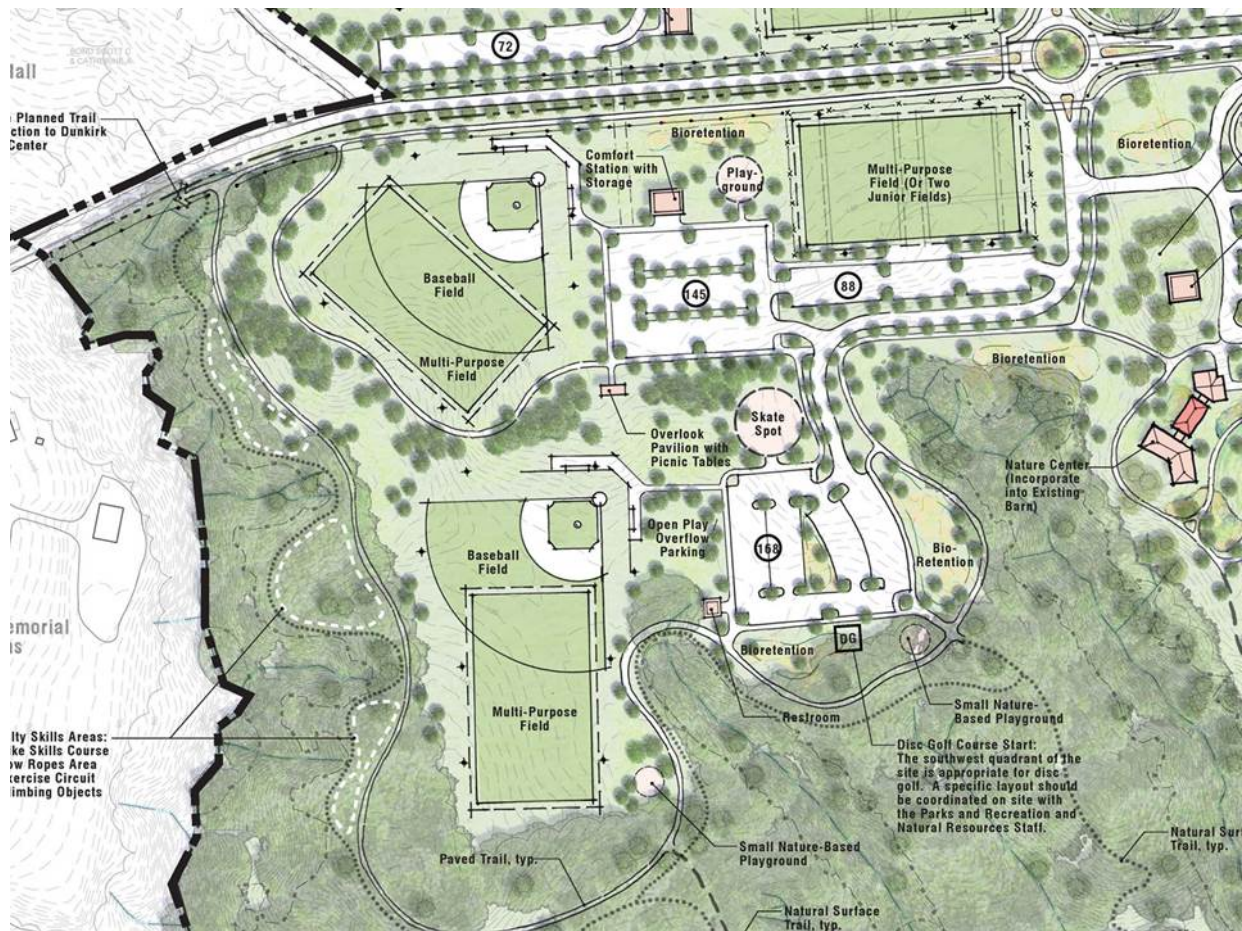




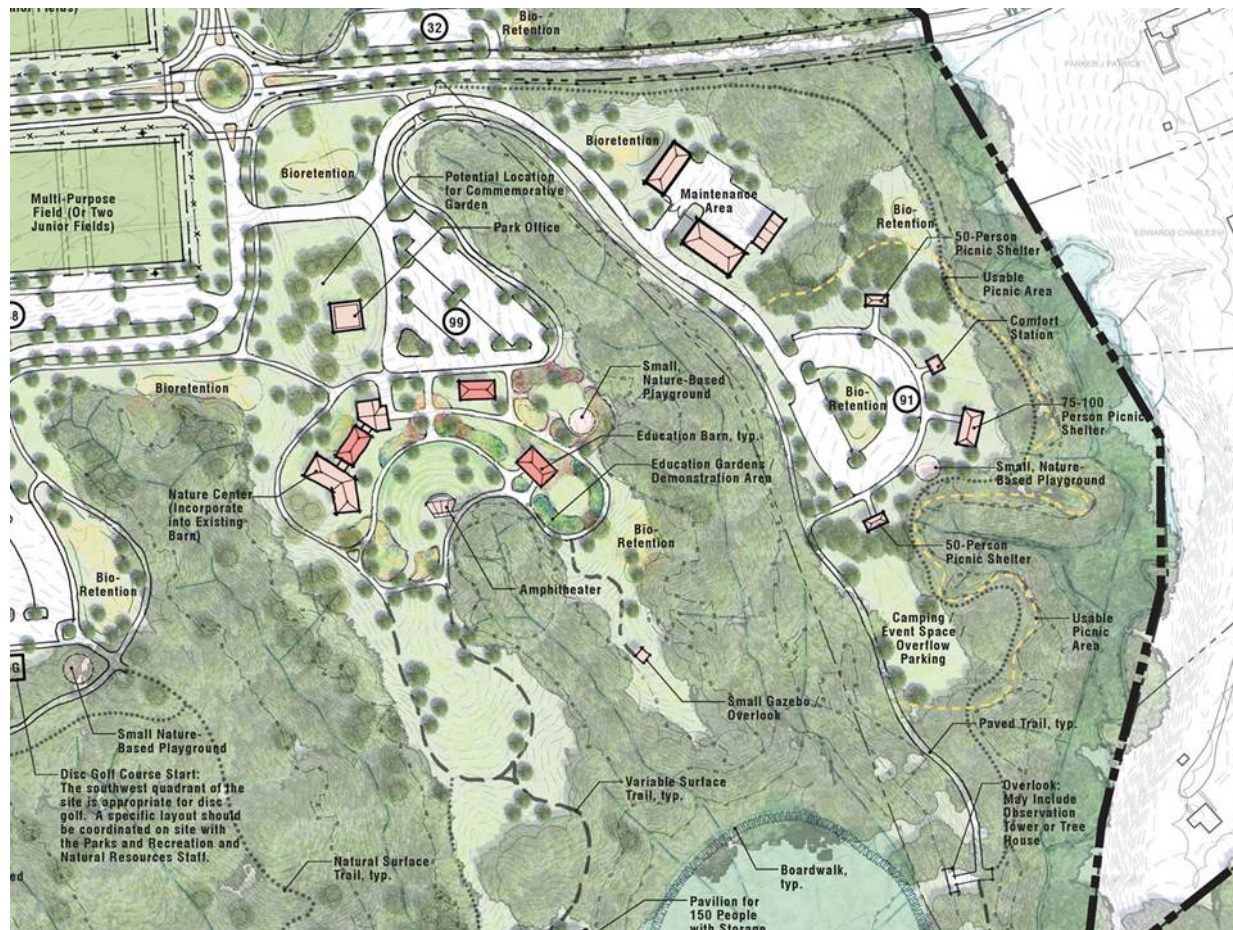


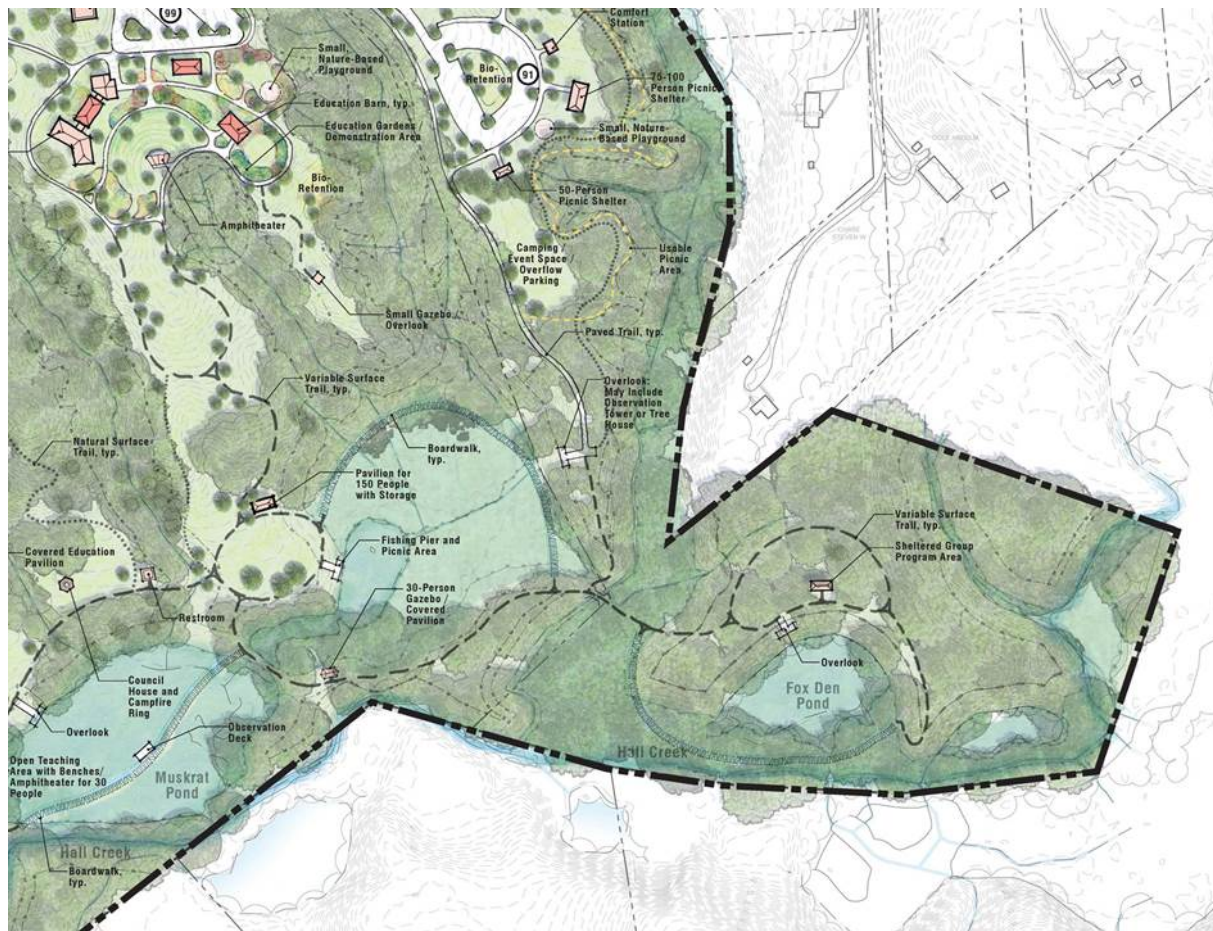




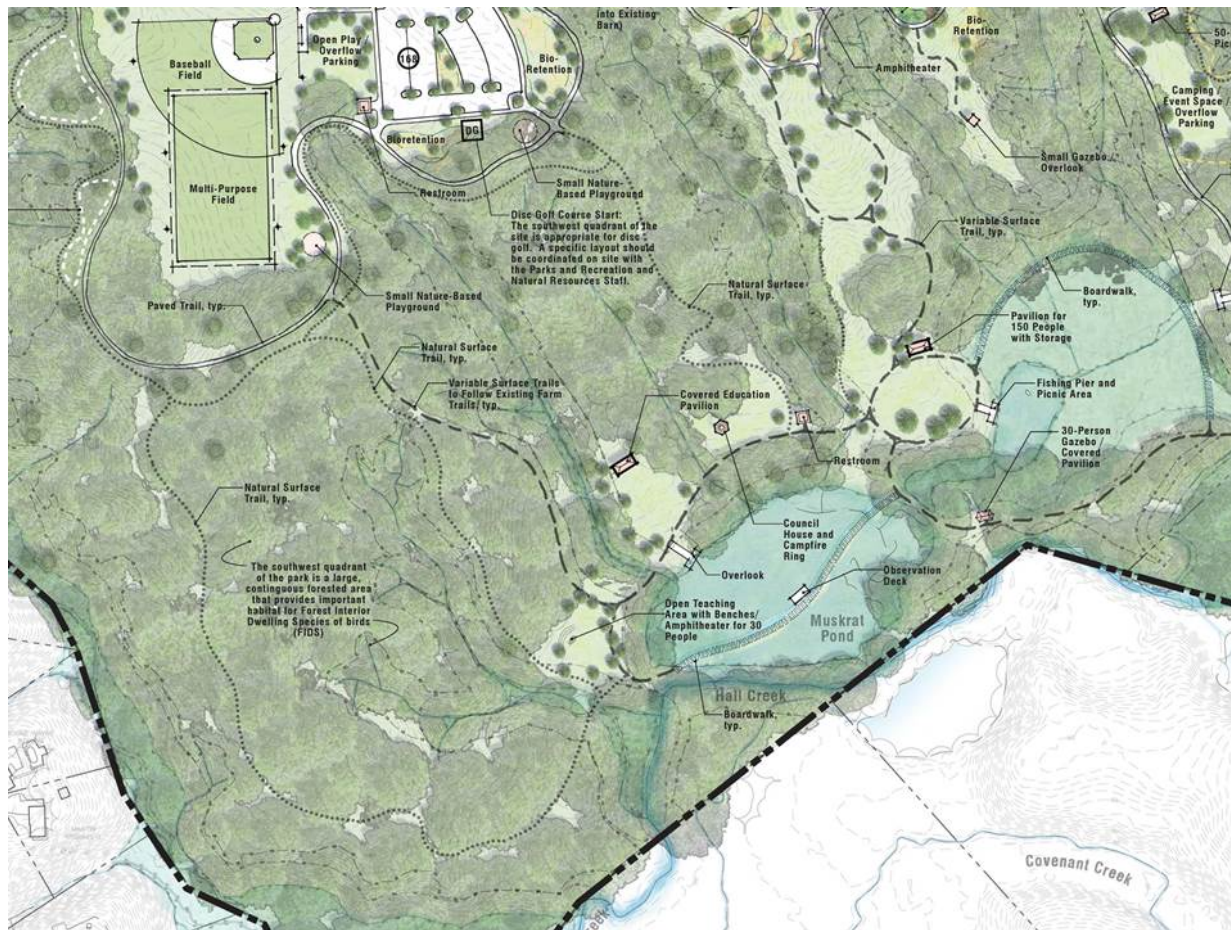


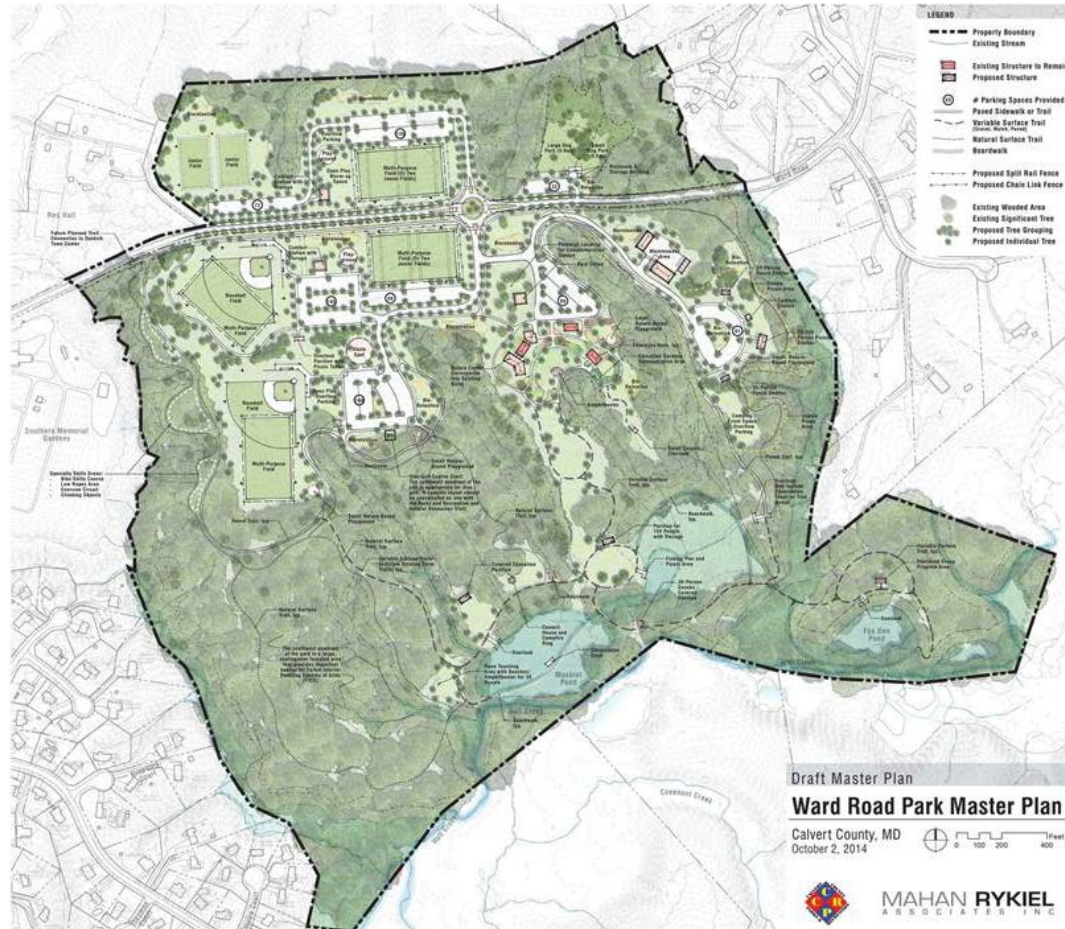










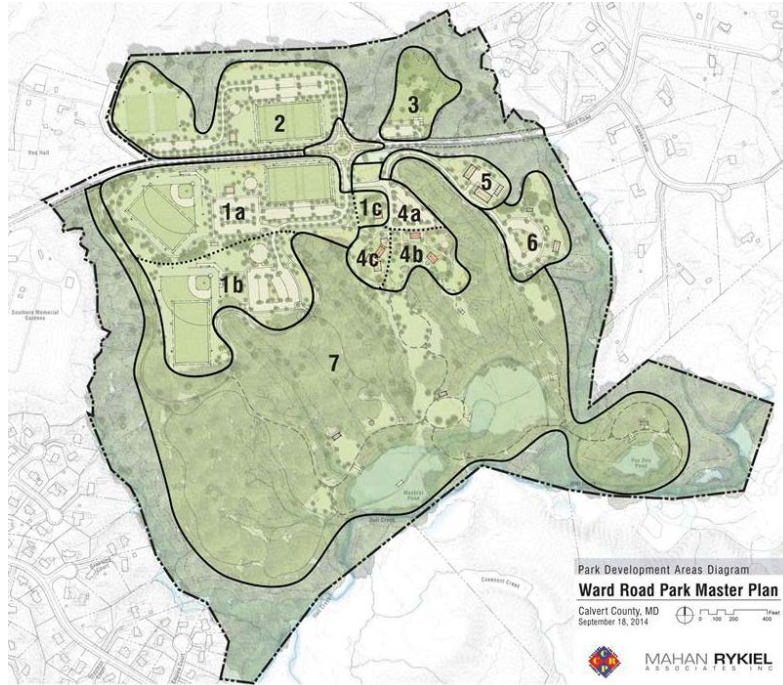


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Phase	
Ward Road Improvements	\$ 1,263,808.00
Well and Water Distribution System	\$ 1,237,600.00
Phase 1a - Rec Fields South - Upper Terrace	\$ 5,939,609.80
Phase 1b - Rec Fields South - Lower Terrace	\$ 4,560,450.34
Phase 1c - Existing House Renovation	\$ 150,000.00
Phase 2 - Rec Fields North	\$ 3,764,856.85
Phase 3 - Dog Park	\$ 987,362.13
Phase 4 Nature Center, Parking, and Educational Area	\$ 4,197,524.93
Phase 5 - Maintenance Facility	\$ 2,425,586.80
Phase 6 - Picnic/Camp Area	\$ 1,846,474.93
Phase 7 - Trail System	\$ 2,378,068.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,751,342.42</b>



# Park Names

60 survey responses suggesting names in 3 board categories:

- **A local cultural reference**

- The Ward name  
*(received the most votes)*
- Dunkirk
- Red Hall

- **A wildlife reference**

- Turtles
- Eagles

- **A local geographic reference or physical site feature**

- The Chesapeake
- Hall Creek
- The farm itself
- Fox Den Pond/Muskrat Pond
- Meadows and wetlands
- The holly trees along Ward Road

# Park Names

The property itself is rich in history, culture, and has unique natural features such that the park name should be a reflection of one or more of those. Also, there are two distinct characters to the uses being proposed for the park. One is defined by active recreation and is made up of sports fields and their associated support needs. The other is passive, and is focused on providing access to the unique natural resources of the property, as well as, the interpretation and education of those resources.

**The park name should be one that works for both characters and uses.**

# Park Names

Suggested Names:

*Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park*

*Hall Creek Recreation and Nature Park*



# Recommendations

- Approve Master Plan for Ward Road Property
- Approve a name selection

# Questions