

July 9, 2024

Steuart Pittman, County Executive
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear County Executive Pittman,

We are pleased to submit to you the attached report of the Crownsville Advisory Committee, which includes recommendations from four subcommittees on the future of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park site. These recommendations are also being given to the consultant team that is preparing the draft master plan, for their consideration.

This report and the recommendations herein are the result of hundreds of hours of volunteer time by the Advisory Committee members, as well as contributions from ex-officio members of your administration. These recommendations were shaped not only by the expertise and experience of the subcommittee members themselves, but also by public comment and stakeholder input.

The Committee hopes that you and future County Executives will consider these recommendations along with the ultimate master plan for the site as you shape the future of this important property in the heart of our County.

We would like to thank the members of the Advisory Committee and the members of each subcommittee for their diligent work to get to this point. While the Committee is taking a short hiatus to allow the consult team to put together the draft master plan, we look forward to continuing our work later this year as the master plan is finalized.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this effort.

Sincerely,

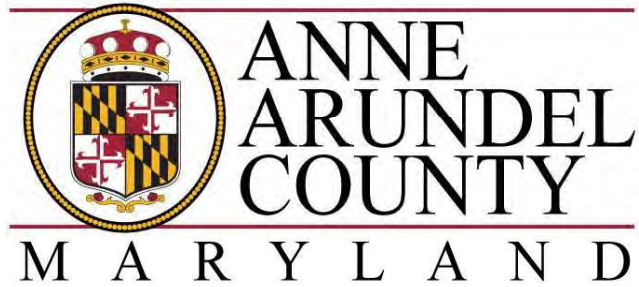
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Chris Trumbauer, Chair

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Hannah Dier, Lead Staff

cc: Members of the Committee
Members of the Council
Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer



Crownsville Advisory Committee Annual Report July 2024

Midyear Report of the Crownsville Advisory Committee

July, 2024

Purpose

County Executive Steuart Pittman created the Crownsville Advisory Committee by executive order in September of 2023. The Committee's charge is to:

- act as an advisory body and be responsible for advising the County Executive and County Departments on the planning process, including community involvement, for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park;
- make recommendations for uses of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, taking into account the cultural history of the site, the health and wellness of County residents, the need of residents for recreation and parks, and necessary infrastructure to support those uses; and
- collect and compile public input on public need and prospective uses of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.

Membership

The Committee is composed of the following members, appointed by the County Executive:

- Chris Trumbauer, Chair, Anne Arundel County Budget Officer
- Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien, District 6
- State Senator Dawn Gile, District 33
- Delegate Heather Bagnall, District 33C
- Delegate Stuart Schmidt, District 33B
- Larry Walker, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- Asha Smith, Director of Anne Arundel County's Office of Equity and Human Rights
- Jacqueline Boone Allsup, President of the Anne Arundel County NAACP Branch
- Dr. Pamela Brown, Executive Director of Anne Arundel County's Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families
- Isabella Firth, Maryland Commission on Civil Rights
- Scott Hymes, President of Crownsville Conservancy
- Joyce Rosencranz, Director, Generals Highway Council of Civic Associations
- Allison Taylor, Director of Government Relations at Kaiser Permanente
- Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer (ex-officio)

In addition, Mike Stroud, a project manager for the Department of Public Works, serves as project manager, and Hannah Dier, deputy chief administrative officer, serves as lead staff for the Committee.

2024 Activities to Date

A. Meetings

A brief summary of each meeting in 2024 is below, and additional information and meeting documents can be found on the Committee webpage, <https://www.aacounty.org/crownsville-advisory-committee>.

- January 29, 2024 (in person)
 - *The Committee received an overview of recreation and park plans at Crownsville from Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks, Erica Matthews. The Committee also had routine updates from the County Project Manager, Mike Stroud, shared subcommittee updates, and received additional public comments referred to subcommittees.*
- March 25, 2024 (virtual)
 - *The Committee heard an update on the Wastewater Facility status from County Project Manager, Mike Stroud. The Committee heard from Cecily Bedwell summarizing the Public Workshop. The Committee also shared subcommittee updates.*
- May 30, 2024 (virtual)
 - *The Committee heard an overview of the Partnership between Bowie State University and Anne Arundel County. The Committee also had routine updates from the County Project Manager, Mike Stroud, discussed draft subcommittee reports, and received additional public comments referred to subcommittees.*
- June 27, 2024 (virtual)
 - *The Committee had a routine update from the County Project Manager, Mike Stroud. The committee discussed the final subcommittee reports and adopted the recommendations.*

B. Subcommittees - Master Plan

The Committee formed four subcommittees to take a closer look at particular areas of importance to the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus:

- **Recreation and Parks**, charged with providing recommendations on the development of recreational and park amenities on the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus and use of property in the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation easement area.
- **Health and Wellness**, charged with providing recommendations on the health/wellness services and programming, offered by the County and local nonprofits, that will best serve Anne Arundel County residents at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus.

- **Cultural History**, charged with providing recommendations on the cultural heritage, interpretation and commemoration of the history (how to tell the story) at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, including the cemetery, and providing advice and guidance on the redevelopment in the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) easement area.
- **Infrastructure**, charged with providing recommendations for improved utilities for the benefit of all Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park users and in line with development plans; providing recommendations for modernization of buildings to be rehabilitated; and providing input on buildings to be demolished and general maintenance and upkeep of buildings, grounds, and roadways.

The subcommittees were tasked with reviewing public comments and developing recommendations within each area of study. In aggregate, 52 experts and members of our community volunteered their time to participate on these subcommittees over the past nine months. A summary of all public comments received by email and referred to subcommittees for review can be found in Appendix 1. Subcommittees also held meetings to solicit and discuss additional public input, as described in the final subcommittee reports.

Attached as appendices 3-6 are the final subcommittee reports, including each subcommittee's membership, a summary of activities, and final recommendations. Appendix 2 identifies all recommendations proposed by the subcommittees and adopted by the Advisory Committee.

C. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Equity

During discussion of draft recommendations at the May 2024 Advisory Committee meeting, the Health and Wellness Subcommittee recommended the creation of an equity statement for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park project. At its June 2024 meeting, the Advisory Committee chose to take action on this recommendation by creating an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Equity.

This subcommittee, chaired by the County's Director of Equity and Human Rights, will develop an equity statement for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park project that establishes guiding principles for the county to follow throughout the creation and development of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. The purpose of the equity statement is to guide decisions about the future preservation, development, and programs at Crownsville Memorial Hospital Park and ensure that all voices are heard in an equitable and respectful manner. The subcommittee will present a draft equity statement to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting in September 2024.

Recommendations

In total, the Advisory Committee adopted all 77 recommendations from the four subcommittees. Of those recommendations, 35 are categorized as high priority, 19 are categorized as medium priority, and 23 recommendations related to infrastructure are not categorized by priority. A full

list of recommendations can be found in Appendix 2, and additional context and narrative on each recommendation can be found in the relevant subcommittee report.

While the Committee understands that its role is advisory to the County administration and not all of the subcommittee recommendations may be viable or ultimately achievable, the Committee urges the County administration to review and consider all recommendations when shaping the future of Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.

The Committee's recommendations, along with public comments and input from the public workshops, will inform the master plan for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. The County's consultant team for the master plan has also been attending all subcommittee and Advisory Committee meetings to ensure that feedback and recommendations can be incorporated throughout the process of developing the master plan. Additional information about the master plan process and schedule can be found at <https://www.aacounty.org/CrownsvillePark>.

Next Steps

With the completion of subcommittee recommendations and this report, the Committee will stand in recess to allow the consultant team to incorporate its recommendations into the draft master plan. The Committee plans to reconvene later this year to be briefed and provide feedback on the draft master plan. At that meeting, the committee will also review the draft equity statement that will be developed by the Subcommittee on Equity.

Once the County administration adopts a final master plan, the Committee's work will shift towards maintaining public interest and input and advising the County on the development and achievement of the master plan going forward.

Crownsville Advisory Committee
Summary of Public Comments
Received through 6/25/24

Cultural History Jacqueline Boone Allsup, Chair	Health and Wellness Pam Brown, Chair	Infrastructure* Allison Taylor, Chair Thor Young, Acting Chair	Recreation and Parks Scott Hymes, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum commemorating past of hospital center • Cemetery and memorial • Trolley tours • History tours • Artifact preservation • Educational walking path • Non-denominational cathedral • Storyboards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care (0-3 yrs) • Mental health inpatient (adults and children) • Substance use treatment (adults and children) • Services for underserved/disenfranchised populations • Women's shelter (domestic violence, substance, other) • Veterans housing/home or service center • Wrap around service hub for caseworkers, social workers, housing, food, workforce resources • Wellness treatments • Teen parenting program • Elderly housing • Affordable housing • Cooking school • Activity therapy • Accessibility • Jobs/workforce training for individuals with ASD • Center for the arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage for nonprofit entities • State EOC/Military HQ • Solar panels • Public restrooms (free standing) • Space for existing nonprofits (Gaudenzia, Food Bank, Hope House, PC Users Group) • Housing - in reconditioned apartments/condos in existing historic buildings • Building material reuse • Security • Litter management/collection • Impervious surface goal • Affordable housing • County infrastructure (school, police or fire station, compost) • Wetland restoration • Preserve silo • Replace wastewater lagoons • Sustainable practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community gardens • Trails (bike, walker, hiker) • Access to Bacon Ridge • Green space in areas that have trees now • Sport fields (football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, basketball) • Sport courts (tennis, pickleball) • Horse trails • Dog park • Turf fields • Farmers market • Pool • Animal shelter • Horse barns, trailer storage/parking • Arts (studio space, classes for adults and children, performance space, nonprofit offices) • Landscape design • Quarter mile walking loop • Pollinator gardens • Educational walking path • Off leash walking area • Sensory garden • Outdoor music area • Inclusive play area • Labyrinth • Skate/roller skating park • Concession stand

**Note: Allison Taylor relocated out of the country and resigned from the committee in June. Thor Young, a member of the Infrastructure Subcommittee was appointed Acting Subcommittee Chair to complete the final subcommittee report and recommendations.*

Tenant Requests

Space for BIG (Books for International Goodwill)
Space for Bike AAA - Wheels of Hope
Space for Bowie State educational program
Space for Chase Your Dreams - Visionary Program
Space for Shelley's House
Space for Talent Machine
Space for Veterans Home/Services
Space for BWMC - community based wellness programming, mental health
Space for Y of Central Maryland
Space for Chase Home - women's program
New Space for Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Event Space - Abnormal Behavior Car and Truck Club
Space for World Artists Experiences
Space for Opportunities Ministry

Appendix 2

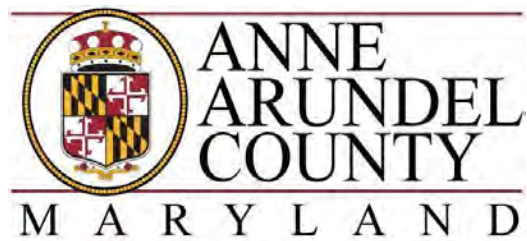
					Provide outdoor athletic areas at appropriate locations within the campus footprint and within site capacity constraints. These outdoor areas should include a maximum of four (4) multi-purpose fields, a track and field complex, and (2) baseball diamonds. Decisions about field lights and turf surfaces will be made during the design. Outdoor court should be provided and include one (1) full-size basketball court, one (1) full-size tennis court, one(1) blended tennis/pickleball court, and two (2) standalone pickleball courts as two courts should fit in the same size space as a tennis court.	High
RP1.02	Recreation and Parks	Recreational Amenities	Outdoor Athletic Areas		Provide an ADA-compatible paved shared use path network within the site that provides access to key points of interest, amenities, facilities and natural areas as well as the planned South Shore Trail.	High
RP1.03	Recreation and Parks	Recreational Amenities	ADA Compatible Paths		Provide a multi-use, sustainable natural surface trail network open in whole or in part to hikers, bikers, adaptive device users, and equestrians. This system shall include connections to local attractors such as Bacon Ridge, South Shore Trail and Annapolis Waterworks Park	High
RP1.04	Recreation and Parks	Recreational Amenities	Trail Network			High
RP1.05	Recreation and Parks	Recreational Amenities	Bicycle Playground and Track		Include a painted children's bicycle safety playground and a paved pump track.	Medium
RP1.06	Recreation and Parks	Recreational Amenities	Various Recreational Zones		Where possible create various active and passive recreational zones on this campus. This would include clustering the ball fields and more active recreational opportunities in certain sections of the park.	Medium
RP2.01	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Diverse Park Attractions		Provide diverse park attractions like adaptive playgrounds, observation areas, small outdoor amphitheater, gardens and meadows, and outdoor gathering spaces such as pavilions and gazebos.	High
RP2.02	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Storyboards and Audible Displays		To help educate visitors, provide storyboards and audible displays about the site's history and facilities throughout the campus at visible and accessible locations. Interactive benches and sculptures should also be considered.	High
RP2.03	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Cemetery Access		Public access to the cemetery and the memorial should remain.	High
RP2.04	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Water and Reflective Features		Provide water features like ponds and other natural and artificial objects that allow visitors to see their reflections to gain a deeper understanding of self and to encourage self-healing/meditation.	Medium
RP2.05	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Exceed ADA Compliance		The site should strive to exceed ADA compliance in addressing physical limitations, including those with visual and hearing limitations. The park should be accessible to all and designed as a multigenerational campus that people of various abilities and disabilities can enjoy.	High
RP2.06	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Sensory Experiences		Provide sensory experiences where appropriate. Consideration should be given to those with special needs and mental illness.	High
RP2.07	Recreation and Parks	Restorative Amenities	Transportation Accessibility		Campus visitors should be able to access the site by various means of transportation, including transit, walking, biking, and other adaptive mobility devices.	High
RP3.01	Recreation and Parks	Natural Features	Non-Invasive Landscaping		Landscaping should be non-invasive species throughout the campus. Native plant species should be prioritized over other species in all other areas except in agricultural, picnic, and active recreational areas.	High
RP3.02	Recreation and Parks	Natural Features	Stormwater Management		All stormwater from impervious surfaces should be managed on-site via smaller BMPs such as step pools, rain gardens, bioswales, rain barrels, etc, using regenerative design. Larger BMPs, such as extended detention ponds, should be used as a last option. More natural-looking and heavily landscaped options should be the first option. If possible the SWM should exceed the minimum requirements.	Medium
RP3.03	Recreation and Parks	Natural Features	Vegetative Management Plan		Vegetative management plans to manage invasive plant species on site shall be developed and implemented. This plan should include ongoing operational procedures.	High
RP3.04	Recreation and Parks	Natural Features	Preservation and Care of Natural Habitats		The redevelopment of the property shall include the preservation and care of natural habitats for animal species on the site.	High
RP3.05	Recreation and Parks	Natural Features	Educatorional Signage		Educational signage about the conservation easement, the natural history and ecology of the forest, human health benefits of the forest, pollinator gardens, stormwater management shall be installed as the campus is developed.	High
RP3.06	Recreation and Parks	Natural Features	Gardens and Ponds		Pollinator gardens, meditative and sensory gardens, ponds, and water features should be included to allow visitors the opportunity for self-reflection and contemplation as well as to connect with nature.	Medium
RP4.01	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Culturally Diverse Programming		Programming should be culturally diverse.	High
RP4.02	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Programming for All Ages		Programming should be provided for all ages, including youth, adults, and seniors .	High
RP4.03	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Cost of Programming		Cost of programming should not be a barrier to access.	High
RP4.04	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Diverse Programming Options		Recreational programming should be diverse and include a wide variety of activities. These can include, but are not limited to, summer camps, camping, childcare, theater arts, arts and crafts, wellness walks, nature hikes, gardening clubs, fitness programs, recreational classes, individual and organized sports.	Medium
RP4.05	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Onsite Pre-K and School-Aged Aftercare		The opportunity to provide onsite Pre-K and School-age aftercare should be evaluated for inclusion on the property.	Medium

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	RP4.06	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Nature Programming	Park programming should include horticultural, habitat, and other nature programs for all ages.	High
	RP4.07	Recreation and Parks	Programs and Services	Agricultural Recreation and Education	Provide opportunities for agricultural recreation and education, such as demonstrations, community gardens (vegetables and plants), livestock interactions, and workshops on sustainable practices. If possible, restore the barn and create a farmette with historical accuracy.	High
	CH1.01	Cultural History	Museum/Interpretive Plan	Establish Interpretive Plan	This primary recommendation represents the topic that was discussed the most as both a time sensitive item, as well as a long-term necessity to truly honor the space as being a place for both education, healing, and understanding the past. Engaging an interpretive planning consultant to create an interpretative plan would also serve to provide the management objectives for interpretation and education by facilitating meaningful connections between visitors and site and its resources. The process will comprehensively analyze all interpretive needs and desires and determine the interpretive services, facilities, and programs that will communicate the site's purpose, significance, and themes, as well as provide the appropriate means to achieve desired visitor experiences. As the larger master planning process is ongoing, incorporating a museum interpretive plan now should advance discussion that allows for inquiry around both the material nature of the institution and the immaterial aspects. (E.g, such as how and why the institution came to be, how and why it operated as it did, and our role as caretakers). County staff within the Office of Planning and Zoning Cultural Resources division has already advised that there are, at least, half a dozen such consultants within the DC metropolitan area. Further, this Committee noted that care should be taken to ensure that there is diversity of representation present. A museum that emerges from such discussions must present thorough and accurate information and allow for ongoing research and institutional development. The process should foster young people's involvement and consider them caretakers.	High
	CH1.02	Cultural History	Museum/Interpretive Plan	Balance Interpretive Plan	The museum interpretive plan should link the efforts of those institutions, agencies, and persons who have devoted years of work to telling an accurate and balanced story of African American life in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and the Nation. This linkage can begin with in-depth discussions with the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, oral history programmers, local historians, the Maryland Archives, and academicians whose work focuses on Maryland's history and health.	High
	CH1.03	Cultural History	Museum/Interpretive Plan	Museum Operating Plan	The operating plan for the museum should include potential funding sources, location, and initial staff levels. (E.g. director, curator, educator). The operating plan should also occur after the interpretative plan.	Medium
	CH1.04	Cultural History	Museum/Interpretive Plan	Interactive Museum	A CHMP Museum should be interactive and showcase patient craft-making and other creative pursuits along with historical information.	Medium
	CH2.01	Cultural History	Artifacts	Artifact Storage and Catalogue	All artifacts should be archived, photographed, inventories, cataloged, and safely stored.	High
	CH2.02	Cultural History	Artifacts	Artifact Preservation and Accessibility	A system should be developed to protect and preserve artifacts and a catalog of artifacts developed. Artifacts held by Anne Arundel County not displayed in the museum should be available for scholarly use.	High
	CH3.01	Cultural History	Oral Histories	Oral History Documentation	Oral history projects underway should report their methodology (including consent forms and intellectual property determinations), staff training, number of histories collected, plan for determining the end parameters of the projects, and dates for access by researchers and the public.	High
	CH3.02	Cultural History	Oral Histories	Accessibility of Oral Histories	Collected Oral Histories should be accessible through that project's portal.	High
	CH4.01	Cultural History	Interpretive Signage	Accessibility of Signage	The master plan should ensure a transparent, welcoming, and informative visitor experience. Signage placement should allow visitors to read and consider the information safely, such as in areas where people can pull over and park. (Incorporate QR Codes).	High
	CH4.02	Cultural History	Interpretive Signage	Signage for Current Status	Interpretative signage should be done in tandem with the museum master planning process. At least four interpretive signs are needed at 1520 Crownsville Road to cover the basic history of the site and inform visitors about access to the property, work underway, and plans for the site.	High
	CH4.03	Cultural History	Interpretive Signage	Walking Tour	A pilot walking tour of the core of the Crownsville hospital grounds should be developed to serve as a model for future walking tours.	Medium
	CH4.04	Cultural History	Interpretive Signage	Wayfinding System	A wayfinding system compatible with walking tours must be created.	Medium
	CH5.01	Cultural History	Website and Public Information	Interactive Website	As plans for the physical site develop, the existing website for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Complex should be updated to provide more information. While we currently have a homepage, map, images, and resources page - the website needs to be more interactive.	High
	CH5.02	Cultural History	Website and Public Information	Online Resources	Online resources for information about the hospital and what the County proposes to fulfill its charge for the site should be organized and well-vetted.	High
	CH5.03	Cultural History	Website and Public Information	Interactive Experience	Interactive experience that digitally chronicles all artifacts, such as oral histories and photographs.	High

	CH5.04	Cultural History	Website and Public Information	Coordinate Online and Physical Resources	Ensure coordination of online resources prior to signage installation to be sure the QR code or website destination has been fully vetted and determined to be accurate by the experts for the site.	High
	INF1.01	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	County Control of Water and Sewer	Transfer operations of the existing water and sewer infrastructure and treatment systems to the County's Department of Public Works.	
	INF1.02	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Design Capacities for Water/Sewer	Develop recommended design capacities for water and sewer infrastructure based on both near-term proposed uses of the site as well as an allowance for future potential uses of the site.	
	INF1.03	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Upgrade Water/Sewer	Upgrade existing water storage and delivery infrastructure and sewage collection infrastructure to meet the current and proposed future uses of the site and to protect public health.	
	INF1.04	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Evaluate Water Treatment Options	Develop a side-by-side evaluation of water treatment options for the site, to consider upgrade of the existing water treatment facilities, connecting to the County's existing water transmission system, or development of a new regional water treatment facility at the site which would serve both on-site needs as well as supplement the County's other water supply capacity demands.	
	INF1.05	Infrastructure and Rec and Parks	Upgrade Infrastructure	Decommission Wastewater and Adopt Alt 4	Decommission the current wastewater treatment facility. Adopt Alternative 4 of the RK&K evaluation report to demolish the existing wastewater plant and construct a new pumping station and forcemain (FM) to connect to the existing County gravity sewer manhole upstream of the Generals Highway pump station, ultimately connecting to the new Annapolis Water Reclamation Facility. The new pump station and forcemain should be limited to County use only and not available for general development.	
	INF1.06	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Consider Lifecycle Costs and Non-Cost Factors	In the evaluations of water and wastewater treatment options, consider both lifecycle costs as well as non-cost factors, such as community and environmental benefit.	
	INF1.07	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Prevent Future Connections to Force-Main	Any recommendation to eliminate on-site wastewater treatment at the Crownsville site and connect to the County's existing wastewater collection and treatment system should be accompanied by a plan to prevent future connections into the force-main leaving the Crownsville site from areas which are not designated as current or planned County public sewer service areas.	
	INF1.08	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Upgrade Electricity and Create Fiber Optic Network	Upgrade the electricity service and bring a fiber optic network to the property.	
	INF1.09	Infrastructure and Cultural History	Upgrade Infrastructure	Signage and Security Measures	Install signage and security measures, including the use of fencing where necessary, throughout the property for public safety.	
	INF1.10	Infrastructure and Rec and Parks	Upgrade Infrastructure	Evaluate Traffic and Roads	Evaluate the impact of CHMP on traffic and roads at Crownsville Road and Generals Highway and take appropriate next steps based on the recommendations. Establish public transportation from CHMP to Annapolis and North County. Provide road and parking upgrades dependent on the programs and/or housing included in the Master Plan.	
	INF1.11	Infrastructure	Upgrade Infrastructure	Compare to Similar Historic Hospitals	Look at similar historic hospital campuses being re-envisioned into busy and vital community assets. These project leaders likely have valuable lessons-learned and creative ideas which could be beneficially applied to CHMP.	
	INF1.12	Infrastructure and Rec and Parks	Upgrade Infrastructure	Connect Bacon Ridge to South Shore Trail	Connect Bacon Ridge trails to the South Shore Trail.	
	INF1.13	Infrastructure and Rec and Parks	Upgrade Infrastructure	Provide Adequate Restrooms and Parking	Provide adequate public restrooms and parking consistent with the Master Plan.	
	INF2.01	Infrastructure	Repurpose or Demolish Buildings	Selective Demolition	Consider both the Park's public safety and cultural history needs in determining what buildings to repurpose and demolish.* a) Based on its Existing Condition Surveys, KCI has recommended 19 buildings for demolition (of which five are described as "collapsed" and another six as in "very poor" condition), ranked by priority 1-3. It recommended an additional five buildings for demolition, but those have not been ranked at this time. b) However, in recognition that some buildings that are in poor condition have cultural significance, KCI has recommended short-term actions that can stabilize the buildings while the County makes a decision about their final disposition. We encourage the County to make timely decisions so that money is not spent unnecessarily on remediation.	

INF2.02	Infrastructure	Repurpose or Demolish Buildings	Preserve a Range of Buildings	<p>To fully tell the story of what went on in a day in the life of the patients and staff at Crownsville Hospital, preserve a range of building types on the campus, including those that accommodated housing and food service, recreation, therapy and treatment, housekeeping and laundering, and work on the farm and factories. If a building with cultural significance must be demolished, photographically document the building or preserve elements so the memory of its role at the hospital is maintained. One subcommittee member with a background in architecture and historic preservation made the following specific recommendations:</p> <p>a) In recognition of the significance that Buildings 31 (Dairy Barn 2 and Silo), 35 (Cowshed), 51, 52, and 53 have in the hospital's farm history, consider partial preservation or stabilization. If possible, preserve the ventilators in Buildings 31, 35, and 52.</p> <p>b) Take a closer look at Staff Cottages 1 and 2 in case they are intact enough to be renovated within the budget projected for their demolition (\$235,000 each).</p>	
INF2.03	Infrastructure	Repurpose or Demolish Buildings	Mothball Buildings	Mothball buildings that are covered by MHT restrictions in order to preserve artifacts contained in those buildings, and store artifacts in a climate-controlled location as appropriate as it becomes available. We understand that the County is underway with improving security and protecting structures. The subcommittee is interested in preventing further deterioration of these historic structures, which has been exacerbated by weather intrusion and vandalism.	
INF2.04	Infrastructure	Repurpose or Demolish Buildings	Use Renovated Space Efficiently	Make efficient use of the space renovated, e.g., by designing spaces that can be used by multiple agencies.	
INF3.01	Infrastructure	Promote Sustainability	Renewable Energy	Consider opportunities to use renewable energy sources to support needed infrastructure improvements. This could include solar photovoltaic, geothermal heat pump systems, wind energy, wastewater heat recovery systems, rainwater collection and greywater usage, recycling, and composting.	
INF3.02	Infrastructure	Promote Sustainability	Educate Public About Sustainable Design	Consider opportunities to educate the public about sustainable design, conservation, and green strategies incorporated into the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, as exemplified by the new and restored sites and facilities on the CHMP campus.	
INF3.03	Infrastructure	Promote Sustainability	Place Signage Early	Approve placement of signs and storyboards prior to Master Plan completion, if appropriate. Interpretive signage development and placement should follow the guidelines set forth in the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning Cultural Resources Division's Marking History: Guidelines, Best Practices, and Templates for Interpretive Signage in Anne Arundel County (2020).	
INF4.01	Infrastructure	Evaluate Programmatic Recommendations	Community Center	The Infrastructure Subcommittee agrees with the Recreation & Parks Subcommittee that the Campanella Building is a good candidate for a community center. It was originally used for this purpose and appears worthy of investment to renovate. It is also adjacent to existing ball fields.	
INF4.02	Infrastructure	Evaluate Programmatic Recommendations	Veterans and Military Families Clinic	The Infrastructure Subcommittee agrees with the Health & Wellness Subcommittee that the Meyers Building is a good candidate for a Veterans and Military Families Clinic, since it's in reasonably good condition and could be subdivided for multiple uses if necessary.	
INF4.03	Infrastructure	Evaluate Programmatic Recommendations	Renovation and Adaptive Reuse to Create Housing	The Health & Wellness subcommittee made several recommendations for housing. Some of these recommendations imply new development, and we recommend that the master plan consider renovation and adaptive reuse of current buildings ahead of new construction. The Cottages would make excellent candidates for consideration. One subcommittee member recommended that the Fairfield Hills Hospital in Newtown, CT provides an excellent example of incorporating housing onto the property of a converted hospital. We also recommend that implications of these recommendations for roadways, parking, and public transportation be evaluated.	



Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee Infrastructure Subcommittee Report

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II. Charge of Subcommittee

The Infrastructure Subcommittee is charged with providing recommendations for improved public utilities for the benefit of all Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park users and in line with development plans; providing recommendations for modernization of buildings to be rehabilitated; and providing input on buildings to be demolished and general maintenance and upkeep of buildings, grounds, infrastructure, and roadways.

III. Summary of Subcommittee Activities

Since its formation in the summer of 2023, the subcommittee had two tours and held nine meetings, which are summarized below.

- **Tour 1: July 16, 2023.** Subcommittee members met for a tour of the Crownsville property.
- **Meeting 1: August 22, 2023.** In-Person Meeting - The Subcommittee held an organizational meeting at the county offices on Riva Road. Members introduced themselves, and Karen Henry and Susan Herrold gave an overview of the condition of the property. The group agreed to meet at least bi-monthly for the coming months.
- **Tour 2: September 20, 2023.** Interested subcommittee members toured the Crownsville water and sewer facilities.
- **Meeting 2: October 27, 2023.** Virtual Meeting - The Subcommittee heard a presentation from Michael Stringer about a public psychiatric hospital redevelopment project – similar to Crownsville – that he worked on in Washington State. Design Collective gave a briefing on the master planning process. Allison Taylor provided a report from the Advisory Committee and Karen Henry and Susan Herrold provided updates from their Departments.
- **Meeting 3: November 27, 2023.** Virtual Meeting - Karen Henry and Susan Herrold opened the meeting with an overview of the subcommittee's charge, as described above. Chris Murphy and Cindy Carrier briefed the group on the water and sewer master plan. Allison Taylor reported on the activities of the Advisory Committee, and Mike Stroud and Cecily Bedwell gave an update on the master planning process.

- **Meeting 4: December 18, 2023.** Virtual Meeting - KCI gave an overview of the Building Condition Assessment & Preliminary Structure Removal List, and advocates presented a proposal to use certain structures for veterans housing. Allison Taylor reviewed the public comments received to-date and reported on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Mike Stroud and Cecily Bedwell gave an update on the master planning process.
- **Meeting 5: January 22, 2024.** Virtual Meeting - Allison Taylor reviewed the public comments received to-date and reported on the activities of the Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee began to compile a list of possible recommendations for the final report. Each liaison to the other subcommittees (Health & Wellness, Cultural History, Parks & Recreation) gave an update on the work of those subcommittees. Mike Stroud and Cecily Bedwell gave an update on the master planning process.
- **Meeting 6: March 15, 2024.** Virtual Meeting - Allison Taylor gave an overview of the KCI Final Structure Condition Report and presented a draft subcommittee report that included recommendations. Subcommittee members discussed and proposed changes to the recommendations. Mike Stroud gave an update on the public meeting and master planning process.
- **Meeting 7: March 27, 2024.** Virtual Meeting with the Health & Wellness Subcommittee - the Health & Wellness Subcommittee sought the Infrastructure Subcommittee's input on housing recommendations under consideration.
- **Meeting 8: April 30, 2024.** Virtual Meeting - Allison Taylor provided an update on the Advisory Committee's activities and led a discussion of the draft infrastructure committee report. Mike Stroud and Cecily Bedwell provided project updates. Subcommittee members provided comments on the RK&K reports for wastewater and water facilities.
- **Meeting 9: June 12, 2024.** Virtual Meeting - the Subcommittee met to discuss recommendations of other subcommittees and adopt the final report.

IV. Subcommittee Recommendations

A. Recommendation 1: Upgrade infrastructure to align with the vision for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.

1. Transfer operations of the existing water and sewer infrastructure and treatment systems to the County's Department of Public Works.
2. Develop recommended design capacities for water and sewer infrastructure based on both near-term proposed uses of the site as well as an allowance for future potential uses of the site.
3. Upgrade existing water storage and delivery infrastructure and sewage collection infrastructure to meet the current and proposed future uses of the site and to protect public health.
4. Develop a side-by-side evaluation of water treatment options for the site, to consider upgrade of the existing water treatment facilities, connecting to the County's existing water transmission system, or development of a new regional water treatment facility at the site which would serve both on-site needs as well as supplement the County's other water supply capacity demands.
5. Decommission the current wastewater treatment facility.¹ Adopt Alternative 4 of the RK&K evaluation report to demolish the existing wastewater plant and construct a new pumping station and forcemain (FM) to connect to the existing County gravity sewer manhole upstream of the Generals Highway pump station, ultimately connecting to the new Annapolis Water Reclamation Facility. The new pump station and forcemain should be limited to County use only and not available for general development.
6. In the evaluations of water and wastewater treatment options, consider both lifecycle costs as well as non-cost factors, such as community and environmental benefit.
7. Any recommendation to eliminate on-site wastewater treatment at the Crownsville site and connect to the County's existing wastewater collection and treatment system should be accompanied by a plan to prevent future connections into the force-main leaving the Crownsville site from areas which are not designated as current or planned County public sewer service areas.
8. Upgrade the electricity service and bring a fiber optic network to the property.
9. Install signage and security measures, including the use of fencing where necessary, throughout the property for public safety.²

10. Evaluate the impact of CHMP on traffic and roads at Crownsville Road and Generals Highway and take appropriate next steps based on the recommendations. Establish public transportation from CHMP to Annapolis and North County. Provide road and parking upgrades dependent on the programs and/or housing included in the Master Plan.¹
11. Look at similar historic hospital campuses being re-envisioned into busy and vital community assets. These project leaders likely have valuable lessons-learned and creative ideas which could be beneficially applied to CHMP.
12. Connect Bacon Ridge trails to the South Shore Trail.¹
13. Provide adequate public restrooms and parking consistent with the Master Plan.¹

B. Recommendation 2: After consideration of recommendations from KCI, EHT Traceries, Maryland Historic Trust, and other interested stakeholders, repurpose or demolish existing buildings on the CHMP campus.

1. Consider both the Park's public safety and cultural history needs in determining what buildings to repurpose and demolish.*
 - a) Based on its Existing Condition Surveys, KCI has recommended 19 buildings for demolition (of which five are described as "collapsed" and another six as in "very poor" condition), ranked by priority 1-3. It recommended an additional five buildings for demolition, but those have not been ranked at this time.
 - b) However, in recognition that some buildings that are in poor condition have cultural significance, KCI has recommended short-term actions that can stabilize the buildings while the County makes a decision about their final disposition. We encourage the County to make timely decisions so that money is not spent unnecessarily on remediation.
2. To fully tell the story of what went on in a day in the life of the patients and staff at Crownsville Hospital, preserve a range of building types on the campus, including those that accommodated housing and food service, recreation, therapy and treatment, housekeeping and laundering, and work on the farm and factories. If a building with cultural significance must be demolished, photographically document the building or preserve elements so the memory of its role at the hospital is maintained. One subcommittee member with a background in architecture and historic preservation made the following specific recommendations:
 - a) In recognition of the significance that Buildings 31 (Dairy Barn 2 and Silo), 35 (Cowshed), 51, 52, and 53 have in the hospital's farm history, consider partial

preservation or stabilization. If possible, preserve the ventilators in Buildings 31, 35, and 52.

- b) Take a closer look at Staff Cottages 1 and 2 in case they are intact enough to be renovated within the budget projected for their demolition (\$235,000 each).
- 3. Mothball buildings that are covered by MHT restrictions in order to preserve artifacts contained in those buildings, and store artifacts in a climate-controlled location as appropriate as it becomes available. We understand that the County is underway with improving security and protecting structures. The subcommittee is interested in preventing further deterioration of these historic structures, which has been exacerbated by weather intrusion and vandalism.
- 4. Make efficient use of the space renovated, e.g., by designing spaces that can be used by multiple agencies.

C. Recommendation 3: Consider opportunities to promote sustainability at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.

- 1. Consider opportunities to use renewable energy sources to support needed infrastructure improvements. This could include solar photovoltaic, geothermal heat pump systems, wind energy, wastewater heat recovery systems, rainwater collection and greywater usage, recycling, and composting.
- 2. Consider opportunities to educate the public about sustainable design, conservation, and green strategies incorporated into the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, as exemplified by the new and restored sites and facilities on the CHMP campus.
- 3. Approve placement of signs and storyboards prior to Master Plan completion, if appropriate. Interpretive signage development and placement should follow the guidelines set forth in the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning Cultural Resources Division's *Marking History: Guidelines, Best Practices, and Templates for Interpretive Signage in Anne Arundel County (2020)*.

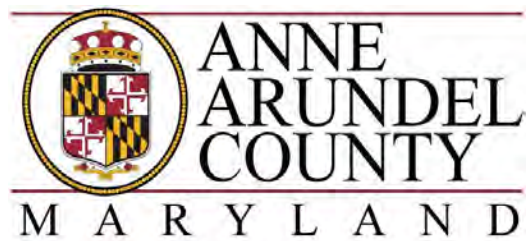
D. Recommendation 4: Evaluate programmatic recommendations in light of current or future supporting infrastructure.

- 1. The Infrastructure Subcommittee agrees with the Recreation & Parks Subcommittee that the Campanella Building is a good candidate for a community center. It was originally used for this purpose and appears worthy of investment to renovate. It is also adjacent to existing ball fields.

2. The Infrastructure Subcommittee agrees with the Health & Wellness Subcommittee that the Meyers Building is a good candidate for a Veterans and Military Families Clinic, since it's in reasonably good condition and could be subdivided for multiple uses if necessary.
3. The Health & Wellness subcommittee made several recommendations for housing. Some of these recommendations imply new development, and we recommend that the master plan consider renovation and adaptive reuse of current buildings ahead of new construction. The Cottages would make excellent candidates for consideration. One subcommittee member recommended that the Fairfield Hills Hospital in Newtown, CT provides an excellent example of incorporating housing onto the property of a converted hospital. We also recommend that implications of these recommendations for roadways, parking, and public transportation be evaluated.

¹ Recommendation made jointly with the Recreation & Parks Subcommittee.

² Recommendation made jointly with the Cultural History Subcommittee.



Crownsville Cultural History Subcommittee Report

I. Subcommittee Roster

A. Name and Organization/ Background of each participant

1. Jacqueline Boone Allsup (Chair): Former President Anne Arundel County Branch NAACP
2. Rev. Larry Walker: Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
3. Heather Ersts: Director of Tourism Development, Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County
4. Dr. Monifa Love: Bowie State University Professor/Associate Dean, Dept. of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies
5. Lyndra Marshall: Genealogist/ Historian, past Vice Chair @ Reginald F. Lewis Museum Board; Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation, Inc.
6. Dr. Carol Benson: Executive Director, Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area
7. Elizabeth Hughes: State Historic Preservation Officer
8. Susan Cline: Friends of the Crownsville Hospital Patient Cemetery
9. Chanel Compton: Executive Director, Banneker-Douglass Museum
10. Elinor Thompson: Genealogist/ Historian/Author and Maryland Commissioner on African American History and Culture (AACO)

II. Charge of Subcommittee

- A. To provide guidance on the cultural heritage, interpretation and commemoration of the history at Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park ("CHMP") (how to tell the story) including the cemetery and to provide advice and guidance on the redevelopment in MHT easement area.

III. Summary of Subcommittee Activities

- A. The Crownsville Cultural History Subcommittee ("Committee") met 12 times between September 2023 and June 2024 via Zoom. Upon the inception of the group a site tour was held.

IV. Subcommittee Recommendations

A. Museum/Interpretive Plan

1. This primary recommendation represents the topic that was discussed the most as both a time sensitive item, as well as a long-term necessity to truly honor the space as being a place for both education, healing, and understanding the past. Engaging an interpretive planning consultant to create an interpretative plan would also serve to provide the management objectives for interpretation and education by facilitating meaningful connections between visitors and site and its resources. The process will comprehensively analyze all interpretive needs and desires and determine the interpretive services, facilities, and programs that will communicate the site's purpose, significance, and themes, as well as provide the appropriate means to achieve desired visitor experiences.

As the larger master planning process is ongoing, incorporating a museum interpretive plan now should advance discussion that allows for inquiry around both the material nature of the institution and the immaterial aspects. (E.g, such as how and why the institution came to be, how and why it operated as it did, and our role as caretakers). County staff within the Office of Planning and Zoning Cultural Resources division has already advised that there are, at least, half a dozen such consultants within the DC metropolitan area. Further, this Committee noted that care should be taken to ensure that there is diversity of representation present.

A museum that emerges from such discussions must present thorough and accurate information and allow for ongoing research and institutional development. *The process should foster young people's involvement and consider them caretakers.*

Priority: HIGH

2. The museum interpretive plan should link the efforts of those institutions, agencies, and persons who have devoted years of work to telling an accurate and balanced story of African American life in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and the Nation. This linkage can begin with in-depth discussions with the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, oral history programmers, local historians, the Maryland Archives, and academicians whose work focuses on Maryland's history and health.

Priority: HIGH

3. The operating plan for the museum should include potential funding sources, location, and initial staff levels. (E.g. director, curator, educator). The operating plan should also occur after the interpretative plan.

Priority: MEDIUM

4. A CHMP Museum should be interactive and showcase *patient craft-making and other creative pursuits* along with historical information.

Priority: MEDIUM

B. Artifacts

1. All artifacts should be archived, photographed, inventories, cataloged, and safely stored.

Priority: HIGH

2. A system should be developed to protect and preserve artifacts and a catalog of artifacts developed. *Artifacts held by Anne Arundel County not displayed in the museum should be available for scholarly use.*

Priority: HIGH

C. Oral Histories

1. Oral history projects underway should *report their methodology (including consent forms and intellectual property determinations), staff training, number of histories collected, plan for determining the end parameters of the projects, and dates for access by researchers and the public.*

Priority:HIGH

2. Collected Oral Histories should be accessible through that project's portal.

Priority:HIGH

D. Interpretative Signage

1. The master plan should ensure a transparent, welcoming, and informative visitor experience. Signage placement should allow visitors to read and consider the information safely, such as in areas where people can pull over and park. (Incorporate QR Codes).

Priority: HIGH

2. Interpretative signage should be done in tandem with the museum master planning process. At least four interpretive signs are needed at 1520 Crownsville Road to cover the basic history of the site and inform visitors about access to the property, work underway, and plans for the site.

Priority: HIGH

3. A pilot walking tour of the core of the Crownsville hospital grounds should be developed to serve as a model for future walking tours.

Priority: MEDIUM

4. A wayfinding system compatible with walking tours must be created.

Priority: MEDIUM

E. Website and Public Information

1. As plans for the physical site develop, the existing [website](#) for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Complex should be updated to provide more information. While we currently have a homepage, map, images, and resources page - the website needs to be more interactive.

Priority:HIGH

2. Online resources for information about the hospital and what the County proposes to fulfill its charge for the site should be organized and well-vetted.

Priority:HIGH

3. Interactive experience that digitally chronicles all artifacts, such as oral histories and photographs.

Priority: HIGH

4. Ensure coordination of online resources prior to signage installation to be sure the QR code or website destination has been fully vetted and determined to be accurate by the experts for the site.

Priority: HIGH



Crownsville Recreation and Parks Subcommittee Report

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Introduction from the Chairman- Scott Hymes

We are excited to submit our Recreation and Parks Subcommittee report on the future of Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. In this process, we strived to keep the hospital's history in mind as we reviewed public ideas and cultivated new ones. Wellness and Healing are the themes that we chose to guide us through our recommendations.

Our committee is composed of thoughtful, committed, and passionate citizens who are leaders in their communities and have offered many great ideas and worked diligently with positivity to get here. We are grateful for the hard work of the Recreation and Parks staff for their excellent help.

Throughout this process, we have learned more about Crownsville Hospital's early history of inhumane patient treatment, its transformation in the last decades of its operation, and how it became its own tight and positive community of neighbors and families that came together and cared for the patients.

We see the future of Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park as a place for the citizens of Anne Arundel County that offers something for everyone. We do not suggest a huge sports complex but a mix of amenities with programs and services that help people grow, heal, and find peace through self-reflection.

The combination of Programs, Services, Recreational, and Restoration amenities with Natural Features overlaps with the other Subcommittees, and we are pleased to continue working with them and the design team throughout the process.

Thank you,

Scott Hymes

The Recreation and Parks Subcommittee Roster



Chair- Scott Hymes	Sarah Knebel
Robert Agee	Jon Korin
David Beugelmans	Jim Lighthizer
Michael R.E. Carter	Mike Pozdol
Jon Faber	Jawann Wills (Not Pictured)
Jessica Hardy (Not Pictured)	

Anne Arundel County Staff:

- Erica Jackson Matthews- Deputy Director- AA Co DRP
- Kristina Piergrossi- Administrative Assistant- AA Co DRP

Background of Each Participant:

Chair-Scott Hymes - is a music and video producer specializing in Bay Restoration marketing, education, and outreach as the owner of Severn Media. He is the founder and President of the Crownsville Conservancy and worked on the County's acquisition of the land for Valentine Creek Park in Crownsville. He served four years as Vice President of The Severn River Association, helped found the Severn Riverkeeper Program and, served 13 years on the Severn River Commission, worked with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for 8 years on outreach, marketing, video production, and Bay restoration policy. Scott was raised in Mayo, on the South River, and then spent 20 years as a community leader in Crownsville and now lives with his wife and 2 sons in Severna Park.

David Beugelmans- represents Mid-Atlantic Offroad Enthusiasts (MORE) as a member of the non-profit organization's board of directors and trail liaison in Anne Arundel County. Founded in 1992, MORE advocates for multi-use, natural-surface trails throughout the DC-MD-VA area and has built an impressive network of trails and a strong community of trail users that build and maintain trails for free on a volunteer basis. MORE has built and/or maintains over 800 miles of natural-surface trails in over 60 state, county, federal, and city parks, including more than 40 miles at Bacon Ridge and Annapolis Waterworks in Anne Arundel County. MORE is interested in how Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park can serve as a gateway to additional natural surface trails for people from all walks of life, with connections to neighboring trails at Bacon Ridge and Waterworks. MORE is also interested in exploring opportunities for volunteers from the local community to design, build, and maintain trails on the property at no cost to county taxpayers.

Michael R.E. Carter, MBA- President, Annapolis Pickleball Club. Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the US. It appeals to and is easily played by, all ages. The most critical aspect of pickleball is its social benefits and camaraderie. Most of our 2,000+ members are over 45 years old, and 20% are over 65. Whether they are playing inside or outside, getting out and enjoying physical activity in a social setting is beneficial for everyone's health. In a recent survey, the top answers to why members liked pickleball were the new people they met and the friendships they made.

Jon Faber- President of the Anne Arundel County Fair Board since 2021.

Jessica Hardy-Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks, Resource Conservation and Protection. I have been a Park Ranger responsible for patrolling Bacon Ridge Natural Area for five years. I now manage the area as the Superintendent for Resource Conservation and Protection. During this time, I have been interested in creating public access to more natural surface trails while preserving the natural resources in our parkland. I am interested in the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park project because we

can link Bacon Ridge and the hospital grounds together, creating an even more extensive network of trails for park patrons to enjoy.

Sarah Knebel is the executive director of Scenic Rivers Land Trust. Scenic Rivers Land Trust co-holds the conservation easement on 158 acres of the Crownsville Hospital Property with the Maryland Environmental Trust.

Jon Korin- is president of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA), an all-volunteer 501c3 advocating for safe bicycling for people of all ages and abilities. BikeAAA originated as a Leadership Anne Arundel project in 2013. He also chairs the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission and serves on the Anne Arundel County Transportation Commission. Jon feels a solid connection to the Crownsville Hospital property with BikeAAA's Wheels of Hope program located there. The program collects donated adult and children's bikes. It annually provides hundreds of refurbished bikes, helmets, locks, and lights to people in need, including those in substance recovery, homelessness, crisis, re-entry, and low income. His interest focuses on the property being accessible, welcoming, healing, and inspiring for people of all ages, abilities, and means.

Jim Lighthizer started Chesapeake Real Estate Group, LLC in 2004 after spending 16 years at CBRE, where he became Senior Vice President and Partner and was a consistent Top 5 producer. His past institutional landlord clients include RREEF, Ohio Teachers, First Industrial, Opus, Invesco, Cabot, and CalEast/LaSalle Advisors. He also served as a tenant representative leader with the National CB Global Logistics Practice Group. Since starting CREG, Lighthizer has led the company's acquisition and development of many of the highest-profile industrial business parks in the Maryland Region as part of the company's initiative to both own and develop commercial real estate. CREG has acquired, developed, and/or has held ownership in over 20 industrial, office, and retail projects that total over \$400 million in value. The company's partners have included Prudential Real Estate Investors, USAA, The Carlyle Group, EverWest Investors, TA Advisors, Atapco Properties, Osprey Property, Somerset Construction, and Holland Properties. Immediately after starting CREG, Mr. Lighthizer negotiated a few of the region's largest industrial transactions, including representing General Motors in the sale of their Baltimore Van Assembly Plant, which comprised 182 acres and two million square feet of industrial space, to Duke Realty for \$33 million. Mr. Lighthizer previously represented GM, with their acquisition of 80 acres in White Marsh, Maryland, for their 800,000 square-foot Allison Transmission Plant. Lighthizer also acquired and developed a 240-acre, 1.5 million square foot planned business park called Baltimore Crossroads @95.

Mike Pozdol- has proven leadership in the business world and his local community. Currently, Mike is the Vice President of Technical Services at Marriott International, where he leads a team responsible for estimating, engineering, project management, standards, sustainability, and business support within the Global Design Strategies

organization, working on projects and initiatives globally. He has demonstrated progressive growth in his role at Marriott over the past 18 years. Before this, he was the Chief Estimator at ONCORE Construction for 8 years. Mike holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Maryland–Robert H. Smith School of Business and a Bachelor of Civil Engineering – Construction Management from the Catholic University of America. Outside of work, he has been heavily involved with Gambrills Odenton Recreation Council (GORC) since 2012. Mike served as Vice President for 3 years before serving as the organization's President for 6 years. Since stepping back at the end of 2021, Mike has continued to assist the organization as a board member and county liaison and consulted on various other efforts with the organization. His role at GORC has led him to serve on the Anne Arundel County Recreation Advisory Board since 2023. In addition, he has served on various committees within Recreation & Parks: Dairy Farm Advisory Committee, Millersville Park Collaboration Committee, and the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee. Mike has also served as a commissioner for the Chesapeake Baseball Association since 2015. He has also been involved in many other organizations in various capacities. Mike and his wife Cindy have lived in Odenton since 2003 with their children, Michael and Kelsey.

Jawann Wills, LCSW-C-Psychotherapist and Founder of Global Health Options leads with a profound dedication to empowering individuals on their journey toward holistic wellness. With a Master's Degree in Social Work and a specialization in Behavioral Health from the esteemed University of Maryland, Baltimore, Jawann brings a wealth of expertise to the advisory board. His visionary leadership and commitment to fostering rich and meaningful lives make him an invaluable asset to our team.



Subcommittee Charge

Recreation & Parks Subcommittee Charge – To provide guidance on the development of recreational and park amenities on CHMP and the use of the property within the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation easement area.



Anne Arundel County's -Department of Recreation and Parks Vision and Mission -

- Vision- To enrich the lives of all residents of Anne Arundel County.
- Mission - We Create Opportunities to Enjoy Life, Explore Nature, and Restore Health and Well-being.

Planning Process

The Recreation & Parks Subcommittee (hereafter referred to as “RPSC” or “subcommittee”) met from October 2023 to June 2024 to provide guidance on the development of recreational and park amenities at Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park (CHMP) and the use of the property within the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation areas. The group also reviewed Anne Arundel County’s Department of Recreation and Parks’ Vision and Mission and how these statements and the committee mandate will align with the Subcommittee Recommendations. During this period, the committee had seven in-person meetings and a tour of the Crownsville property. Appendix A details these interactions.

The subcommittee began preliminary programming based on need. The Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) determines needs based on demand, proximity, and equity. Proximity compares the location of an amenity to the population it serves. Park Equity evaluates the degree to which amenities are accessible to populations that are typically underserved. The group was provided with recreational background information to determine the needs, including information about parks within a five-mile radius of the CMHP campus. The five-mile radius was selected because this facility will be a county-wide amenity, and a five-mile radius is the largest catchment area the DRP uses to determine needs and proximity in their five-year masterplan- [The 2022 Land Preservation Recreation and Parks Plan \(LPPRP\)](#). The needs identified in the 2022 LPPRP were reviewed. They were also given a list of needs identified by DRP staff, which included a preschool space and indoor spaces needed for intergenerational recreational programming. (Refer to Appendix A – Meeting 2 for more information)

The third meeting of the subcommittee was probably the most critical meeting. Design Collective was invited to participate and lead a visioning session. This resulted in the RPSC identifying Wellness and Healing as the overall theme. This was further broken down into the following ideas:

- Being present in the moment.
- Highlighting the historical value of the property and the patients.
- Committed action through land conversation, therapeutic recreation, and creating opportunities for well-being.
- Creating opportunities to find happiness, self-exploration, and to improve one's state of mind.
- And lastly, thoughtful programming that will result in diversity and inclusion.

Public engagement was discussed during these meetings. The subcommittee wanted to hear from as many voices as possible during this process. It was determined that the RPSC would not host large public workshops or solicit feedback through a public survey because the primary committee, the Crownsville Advisory Committee, was leading this effort, and that information would be filtered to the subcommittees. The RPSC was provided with the comments received during the larger public community meetings (June 27, 2023, February 13, 2024, and May 16, 2024.) Members of the subcommittee also attended these public meetings. The chairman

attended a private community event where the Crownsville Hospital Site was discussed, and he shared that feedback with the RPSC. The subcommittee wanted to hear from those who had first-hand knowledge of the property and experienced it as a neighbor or an employee of the hospital. This occurred during the fourth meeting when Ms. Marshall, a historian, and Ms. Belt, who lived near and worked on the campus, presented an oral history of their experiences at the Hospital. This first-hand recollection of the campus was informative, educational, and thought-provoking. Their insight was a unique perspective that many had not heard. While not perfect, Crownsville Hospital was a part of the local community. It was more than a place where their parents went to work or a place to house patients. It was where the children in the community played, watched movies, and enjoyed ball games and cookouts. It was a gathering place for those in the neighborhood. The property was self-sustaining, with a farm, shoe repair, and seamstress. The campus was a thriving hub of the Crownsville area of Anne Arundel County. This presentation affirmed the idea that recreational programming should reflect those activities that occurred during the height of the hospital's operations and how important it is to share all facets of the campus's complex history.

Throughout this process, the subcommittee discussed many recreational opportunities. These included active recreation using outdoor fields and indoor spaces, agricultural components, and passive recreation like trails and gardens. Regarding recreational programming, theater arts, ceramics, dance, crafts, gardening clubs, farm education, and exercise were discussed. Some more unique ideas were considered, like jousting, overnight camps, and equestrian riding.

The subcommittee agreed that the campus should not be overdeveloped. Development should be scaled and sensitive to the natural environment so that it does not feel like a large outdoor sports complex like Bachman or an office park and leaves open space for quiet reflection and a park-like environment.

The subcommittee's process was one of open discussion between the members. Each member had an equal voice in the decision-making. Several group members also participated with other CHMP subcommittees or county stakeholder groups. In this role, they served as conduits for information. The group's experience and expertise fostered lively conversation on many topics, such as the site's history, mental health and well-being, impervious coverage, transportation, stormwater management, accessibility, sports, agriculture, and the care and protection of the natural environment. The County's staff would only intervene to inform the committee of county policies and procedures, provide requested information, and help moderate the discussion. The subcommittee embodied the idea that a stakeholder is a project champion and works to develop an outcome that will serve the most, most of the time.

Recommendations

The property should be transformational and focus on the health and wellness of those who visit the campus, and this idea remains the overall guide for the recommendations. The Recreation and Parks Subcommittee has met, listened, and learned from people with deep connections to Crownsville Hospital and attended public meetings to hear from county residents to develop the recommendations presented in this report. The campus needs to have a sense of and be a part of the community. The site should be welcoming and accessible to all ages and abilities. Resources, programming, and amenities should be implemented to result in diversity, equity, and inclusivity. The Campus should be a national model of healing- community healing, historical healing, and self-healing. This campus should be converted from a place where people did not want to come to a destination for all.

Activities, programming, and amenities developed on this site should improve the health and wellness of those who visit the campus. Park spaces should allow people to self-reflect, rest, and restore themselves. The property should be a place for social gatherings, allowing residents to connect regardless of age, ability, or economic status.

The site's historical significance was an ongoing topic of discussion. The Recreation and Parks Subcommittee felt that it was essential to the park's development and that history should be highlighted and shared in many ways. While the historical subcommittee is charged with the campus's storytelling, the property should be developed so that people can better understand it through storyboards, exploration, educational programming, and re-creation of spaces and experiences that would have been formally on the campus. This includes the agricultural and recreational components of the property.

A transportation plan that includes various means of transportation for visitors to reach the campus should be developed. This should include public transportation, shared-use pathways and sidewalks, ride-share drop-off/pick-up locations, and connections to the planned trails system. Once people arrive on the campus, they should be able to navigate it with minimal driving. This would be achieved by including natural and paved pathways, bike lanes, and surfaces to allow adaptive vehicles to traverse the campus. This idea of multimodal transportation options should reduce the amount of parking needed on campus and reduce vehicles on the road traveling to and from the campus.

The group was very sensitive to the idea that the property should not be overdeveloped. This included not increasing the impervious coverage on-site, improving stormwater management, reusing the buildings if possible, shared use of spaces, and having designated active and passive zones on the property. Amenities should be organized logically, considering the other activities, environmental features, and present and planned resources. Development of the campus should be mindful of the environment, and preserving green space on the property. During the development process, intentional planning for the visitors to connect with the natural environment should be determined. There should also be plans for the care and preservation of the natural environment should be included.

The committee has some concerns about the site's capacity for visitors. The committee believes that the spray fields need to be removed to utilize the property best and the option to convert the site to public sewer should be pursued. While there is a plan that focuses on what buildings should be removed, there does not seem to be a plan for preserving those that should remain. This idea of capacity was never resolved by this committee but referred to infrastructure for review. They understand this is not an easy problem to overcome.

(Recommendations for other committees are included in this report under Appendix B.)

Proposed Themes and Goals

The Recreation & Parks Subcommittee adopted these overarching themes to guide our Goals, Strategies, and Recommendations:

THEMES
1. Honor and respect the history of the site
2. Ensure amenities are welcoming, accessible, and Inclusive for all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and means
3. Provide opportunities for restoration, well-being, contemplation, present awareness, reflection, recreation, and community
4. Ensure preservation, exploration, and access to natural features
GOALS
Goals to categorize the Strategies and Recommendations
1. Recreation Amenities
2. Restorative Amenities
3. Natural Preservation, Access and Features
4. Programming & Services

Category	Strategy	Goal	Priority
1. Recreational Amenities			
1.1	Provide a Community Center or multiple indoor spaces that can house various recreational programs and activities. The spaces should include a gym, court games (basketball, pickleball, tennis, racquetball), and flexible meeting spaces that can be used for workshops, crafts, and fitness classes. This space should function similarly to how the Campenella Building was historically used for recreational activities. The historical significance of Campenella should be shared by recreation and modernization of the space or with the use of storyboards at its location on the campus.	1. Recreation	High
1.2	Provide outdoor athletic areas at appropriate locations within the campus footprint and within site capacity constraints. These outdoor areas should include a maximum of four (4) multi-purpose fields, a track and field complex, and (2) baseball diamonds. Decisions about field lights and turf surfaces will be made during the design. Outdoor court should be provided and include one (1) full-size basketball court, one (1) full-size tennis court, one(1) blended tennis/pickleball court, and two (2) standalone pickleball courts as two courts should fit in the same size space as a tennis court.	1. Recreation	High
1.3	Provide an ADA-compatible paved shared use path network within the site that provides access to key points of interest, amenities, facilities and natural areas as well as the planned South Shore Trail.	1. Recreation	High
1.4	Provide a multi-use, sustainable natural surface trail network open in whole or in part to hikers, bikers, adaptive device users, and equestrians. This system shall include connections to local attractors such as Bacon Ridge, South Shore Trail and Annapolis Waterworks Park	1. Recreation	High
1.5	Include a painted children's bicycle safety playground and a paved pump track.	1. Recreation	Medium
1.6	Where possible create various active and passive recreational zones on this campus. This would include clustering the ball fields and more active recreational opportunities in certain sections of the park.	1. Recreation	Medium
2. Restorative Amenities			
2.1	Provide diverse park attractions like adaptive playgrounds, observation areas, small outdoor amphitheater, gardens and meadows, and outdoor gathering spaces such as pavilions and gazebos.	2. Restore	High
2.2	To help educate visitors, provide storyboards and audible displays about the site's history and facilities throughout the campus at visible and accessible locations. Interactive benches and sculptures should also be considered.	2. Restore	High
2.3	Public access to the cemetery and the memorial should remain.	2. Restore	High
2.4	Provide water features like ponds and other natural and artificial objects that allow visitors to see their reflections to gain a deeper understanding of self and to encourage self-healing/meditation.	2. Restore	Medium
2.5	The site should strive to exceed ADA compliance in addressing physical limitations, including those with visual and hearing limitations. The park should be accessible to all and designed as a multigenerational campus that people of various abilities and disabilities can enjoy.	2. Restore	High
2.6	Provide sensory experiences where appropriate. Consideration should be given to those with special needs and mental illness.	2. Restore	High
2.7	Campus visitors should be able to access the site by various means of transportation, including transit, walking, biking, and other adaptive mobility devices.	2. Restore	High
3. Natural Features			
3.1	Landscaping should be non-invasive species throughout the campus. Native plant species should be prioritized over other species in all other areas except in agricultural, picnic, and active recreational areas.	3. Nature	High
3.2	All stormwater from impervious surfaces should be managed on-site via smaller BMPs such as step pools, rain gardens, bioswales, rain barrels, etc, using regenerative design. Larger BMPs, such as extended detention ponds, should be used as a last option. More natural-looking and heavily landscaped options should be the first option. If possible the SWM should exceed the minimum requirements.	3. Nature	Medium

3.3	Vegetative management plans to manage invasive plant species on site shall be developed and implemented. This plan should include ongoing operational procedures.	3. Nature	High
3.4	The redevelopment of the property shall include the preservation and care of natural habitats for animal species on the site.	3. Nature	High
3.5	Educational signage about the conservation easement, the natural history and ecology of the forest, human health benefits of the forest, pollinator gardens, stormwater management shall be installed as the campus is developed.	3. Nature	High
3.6	Pollinator gardens, meditative and sensory gardens, ponds, and water features should be included to allow visitors the opportunity for self-reflection and contemplation as well as to connect with nature.	3. Nature	Medium
4. Programs & Services			
4.1	Programming should be culturally diverse.	4. Programs	High
4.2	Programming should be provided for all ages, including youth, adults, and seniors .	4. Programs	High
	Cost of programming should not be a barrier to access.	4. Programs	High
4.3	Recreational programming should be diverse and include a wide variety of activities. These can include, but are not limited to, summer camps, camping, childcare, theater arts, arts and crafts, wellness walks, nature hikes, gardening clubs, fitness programs, recreational classes, individual and organized sports.	4. Programs	Medium
4.4	The opportunity to provide onsite Pre-K and School-age aftercare should be evaluated for inclusion on the property.	4. Programs	Medium
4.5	Park programming should include horticultural, habitat, and other nature programs for all ages.	4. Programs	High
4.6	Provide opportunities for agricultural recreation and education, such as demonstrations, community gardens (vegetables and plants), livestock interactions, and workshops on sustainable practices. If possible, restore the barn and create a farmette with historical accuracy.	4. Programs	High

Summary by County Department of Recreation and Parks Staff

The Crownsville Advisory Committee, specifically the Recreation and Parks Subcommittee, has worked over the last eight months to develop recreational recommendations for the future development of the Crownsville Hospital Campus. The group is very diverse in its makeup as it includes land developers, former and current municipal employees, agricultural enthusiasts, a licensed therapist, environmentalists, and leaders of sports organizations. Members were asked to have open minds, be champions for the project, and make recommendations that would serve the most people most of the time. The committee members provided their vast insight and knowledge to the process.

This subcommittee had the overwhelming task of trying to find a balance between maximizing recreational opportunities, land conversation, and development while trying to preserve the site's history. Early in the process, the theme of wellness and healing was developed and this concept helped to prioritize and formalize ideas. They wanted their ideas to fit cohesively into the other groups' work. This idea forced them to think outside of their silo, and it also encouraged them to think on a bigger scale vs the outcome of individual desires. The group wants to be intentional about diversity and inclusion.

The recommendations in this report document the goals and themes developed by this subcommittee. Some of the ideas presented in this report may impact infrastructure and planning efforts beyond the boundaries of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Campus and will require additional efforts through specific long-range planning and capital development processes. While those off-campus efforts will be developed independently, they should be informed of the spirit of this document.

The subcommittee has developed recommendations that achieve their mandate and align with the mission and values of the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation. They have developed something that will enrich the lives of the residents of Anne Arundel County while creating opportunities to enjoy life, explore nature, and restore health and well-being.



**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
Appendix A
Meeting Timeline
Document List**

Interaction	Date	Document Reviewed	Summary of Interaction
Meeting #1	10/24/23	Powerpoint includes Agenda Building Inventory Crownsville Map Meeting Notes	Reviewed the project, role of a stakeholder and the process for property development
Site Visit - Tour of Hospital Campus	11/17/23	None	Tour of the Hospital Campus
Meeting #2	12/6/23	Agenda DPW / Design Collective Presentation Masterplans and DRP Staff Feedback Map and List of Parks within a 5 radius Easement Language * Meeting Notes	Reviewed Background Information, Design Collective Presentation
Meeting #3	1/10/24	Meeting Notes Agenda Shared Tennis and Pickleball Courts	Visioning Session Facilitated by Design Collective
Recreational Subcommittee Update	01/29/23	Power Point	To update the larger committee on progress
Meeting #4	02/21/24	Agenda Community Presentation Concept Trails Presentation Meeting Notes	Two Presentations: (1) from a representative who worked at Crownsville Hospital and (2) by the Trails Subcommittee
Meeting #5	03/13/24	Agenda Meeting Notes Public Workshop Comments 02/13/24* Impervious Coverage Map Final Structural Report*	Begin Working on Draft Recommendations
Meeting #6	05/21/24	Agenda Meeting Notes	Work on Draft Recommendations
Meeting #7	06/06/2024	Agenda Meeting Notes	Finalize Draft Recommendations
		* Document not included, the design consultant should have the final version for public use	

**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
Appendix A1
Meeting #1 Documents**

Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park – Recreation and Parks Subcommittee Stakeholders Meeting #1

Tuesday October 24, 2023

6pm to 8pm

1 Harry S. Truman Parkway

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome- Jessica Leys, Director DRP
- Introductions - Scott Hymes, Chairman
- Goals for this Meeting -Scott Hymes, Chairman
- Role of Stakeholder - Erica Matthews, DRP
- Project Background -Erica Matthews, DRP
- Open Discussion - Scott Hymes, Chairman
- Recap -Scott Hymes, Chairman
- Adjourn

Introductions



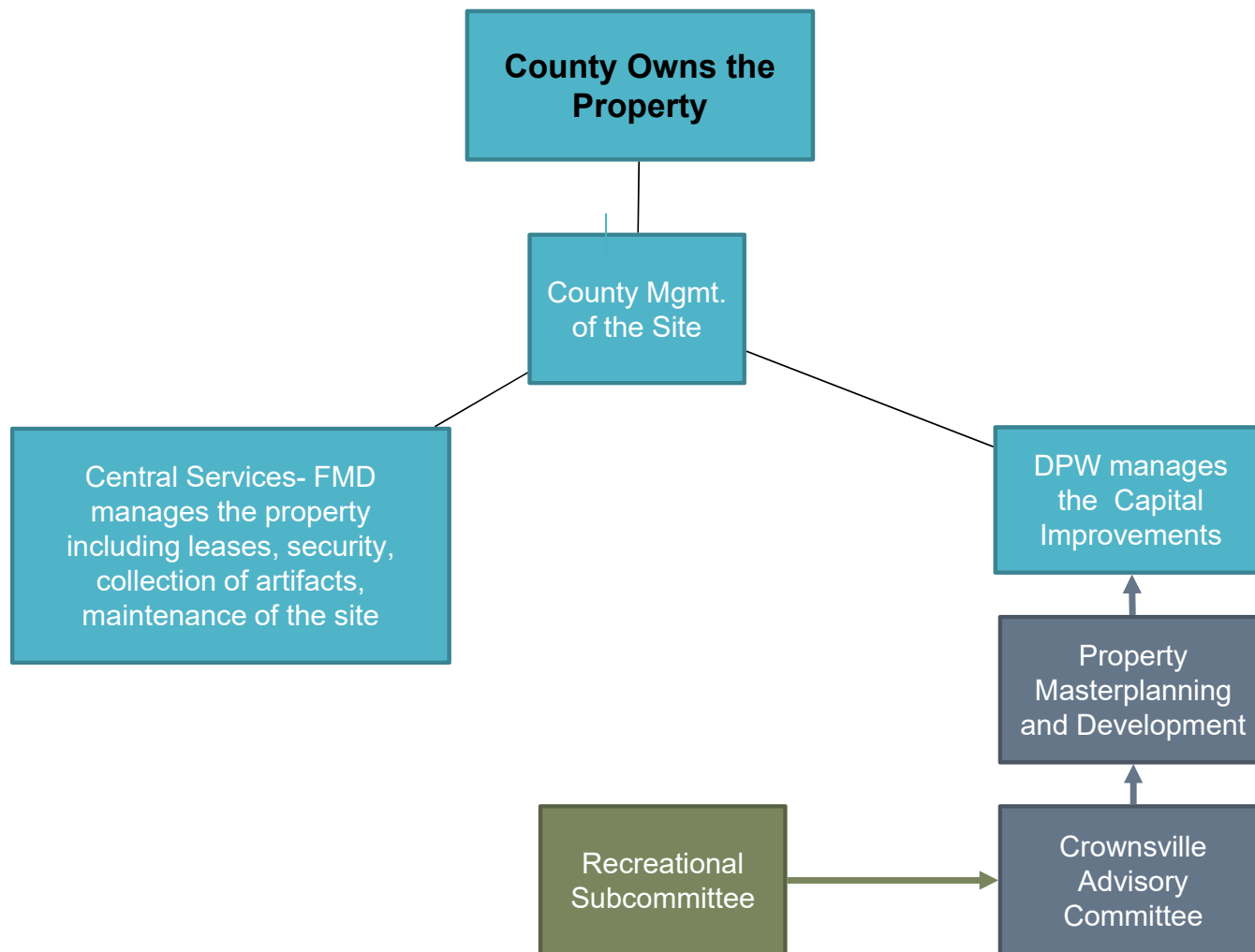
Goals for Today

1. To understand the process
2. To have a better understanding of the CHMP's background
3. To begin brainstorming on how this group will help to develop overall project recreational components.

Role of a Stakeholder Group

- Provide input during the decision making process
- Provide insight and knowledge
- Be a champion for the project
- Collaboration, seeking solutions, and compromise
- Consideration is given for the greater good
- Compile feedback from the community and present it to the group for recommendation.
- Works toward a common goal
- Synergy- the parts as a whole should result in a greater outcome than the individual parts





Committee Role and Responsibility

- Executive Order #61 CHMP Advisory Committee—To provide oversight and input into the development of CHMP and coordination with the four subcommittees.
- There are four themes for the Campus – Cultural History, Health and Wellness, Infrastructure, and **Recreation and Parks**
- Committee Mandate Recreation & Parks— To provide guidance on the development of recreational and park amenities on CHMP and the use of the property within the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation easement area.
- Participate on the overall Campus masterplan committee. The technical review committee has met to discuss the proposal. DPW will need to secure the consulting services. This will help define the project's goals and hopefully result in preliminary space analysis for all County agencies. The goal is to integrate passive and active recreational opportunities into the park.

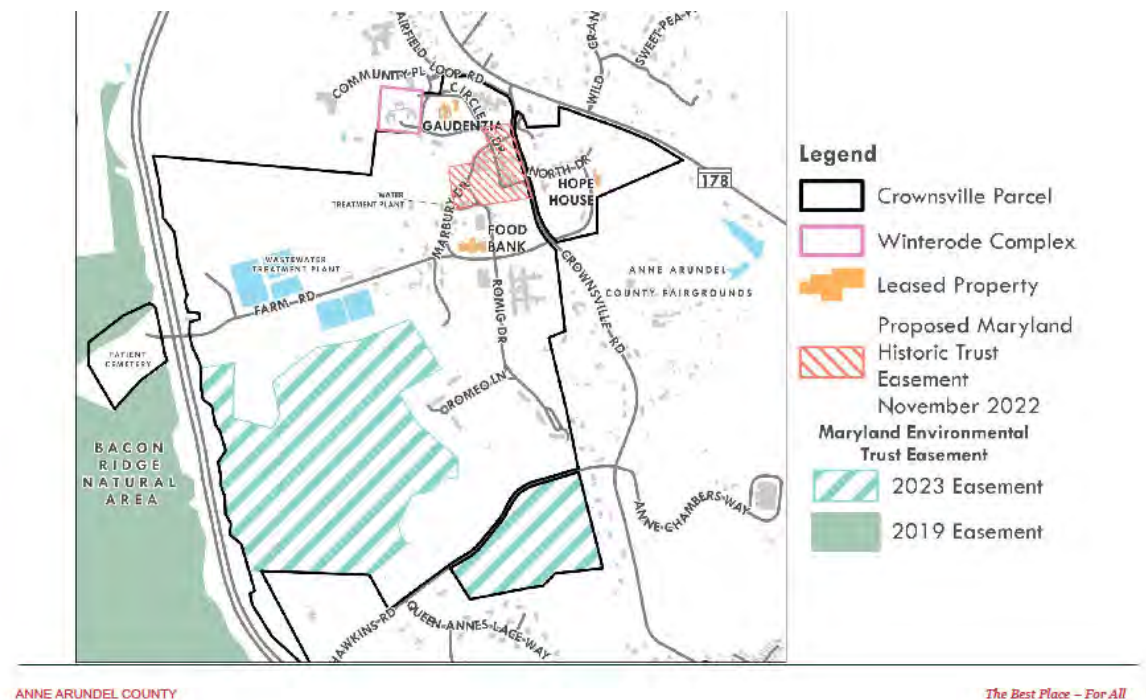
Property Background

- Former home of the Crownsville State Hospital
- Addresses: 41,45 Community Place, 1520 Crownsville Rd, Crownsville 21032
- The County acquired the property in December 2022, some of the property remains with the state
- Current Budget for the entire project is \$30M
- Full Parcel: Approximately 500 acres containing 76 structures
 - Maryland Environmental Trust Easement: Approximately 160 acres
 - Maryland Historic Trust Easement: Approximately 20 acres- surrounding the core historic building complex comprised of 10 structures, all property development will be reviewed which limits on what we can do for these structures
- Water Utilities: Water treatment facility, drilled wells, two 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tanks, and a distribution network
- Wastewater Utilities: Wastewater treatment facility and collection network

Property Background (continued)

Easements: There is an environmental easement and a historical easement (shown on the map); both restrict development

Current use: Health and Human Services, Utilities that serve the region, Rec use, Cemetery use.



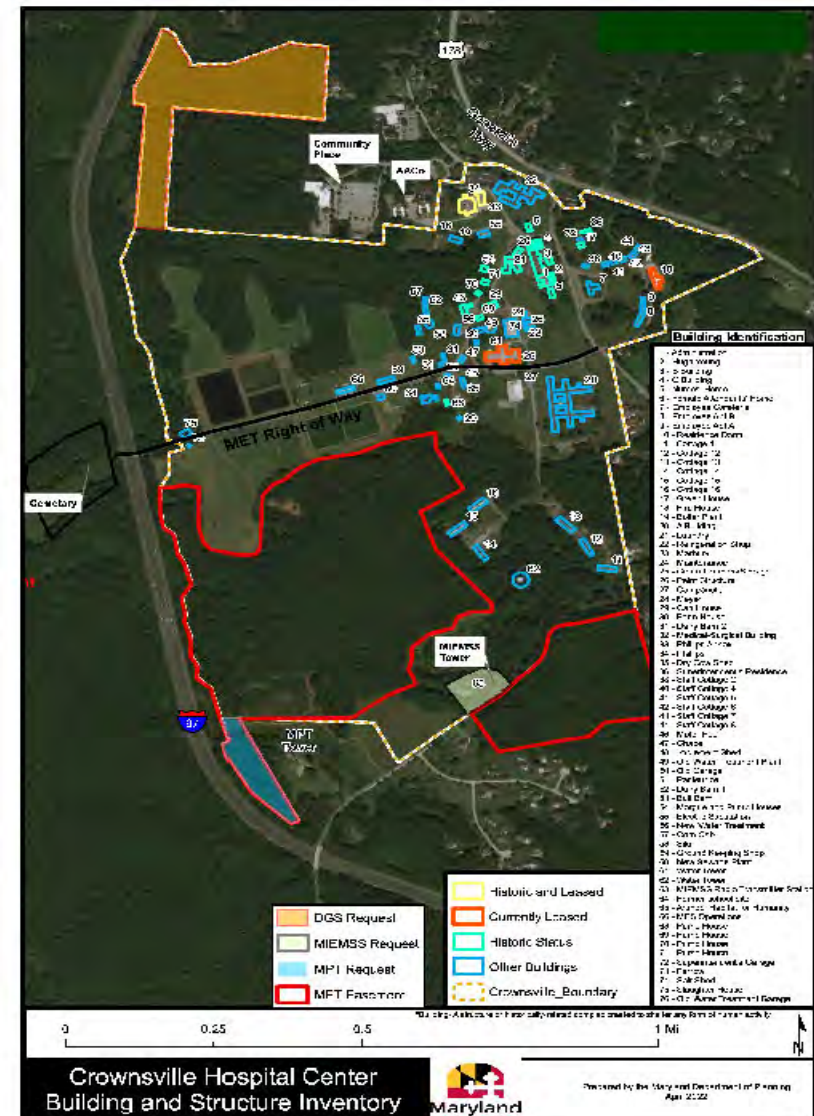
Current work underway

Capital Contract Names:

- C452122-Crownsville Hospital Structure Condition Assessment
- P588400 - Crownsville Memorial Park - Recreation & Parks
 - 01- Crownsville Memorial Park Master Planning
 - 02-Crownsville Patient Cemetery Memorial

Other Interested Parties and Groups:

- Friends of the Cemetery – Oral History, Say My Name
- Trails Committee- Trail connections from Bacon Ridge and other County Trail Segments to connect to the CMHP
- Scenic River Land Trust (SRLT)- 1st Day Hike



Questions



Open Discussion

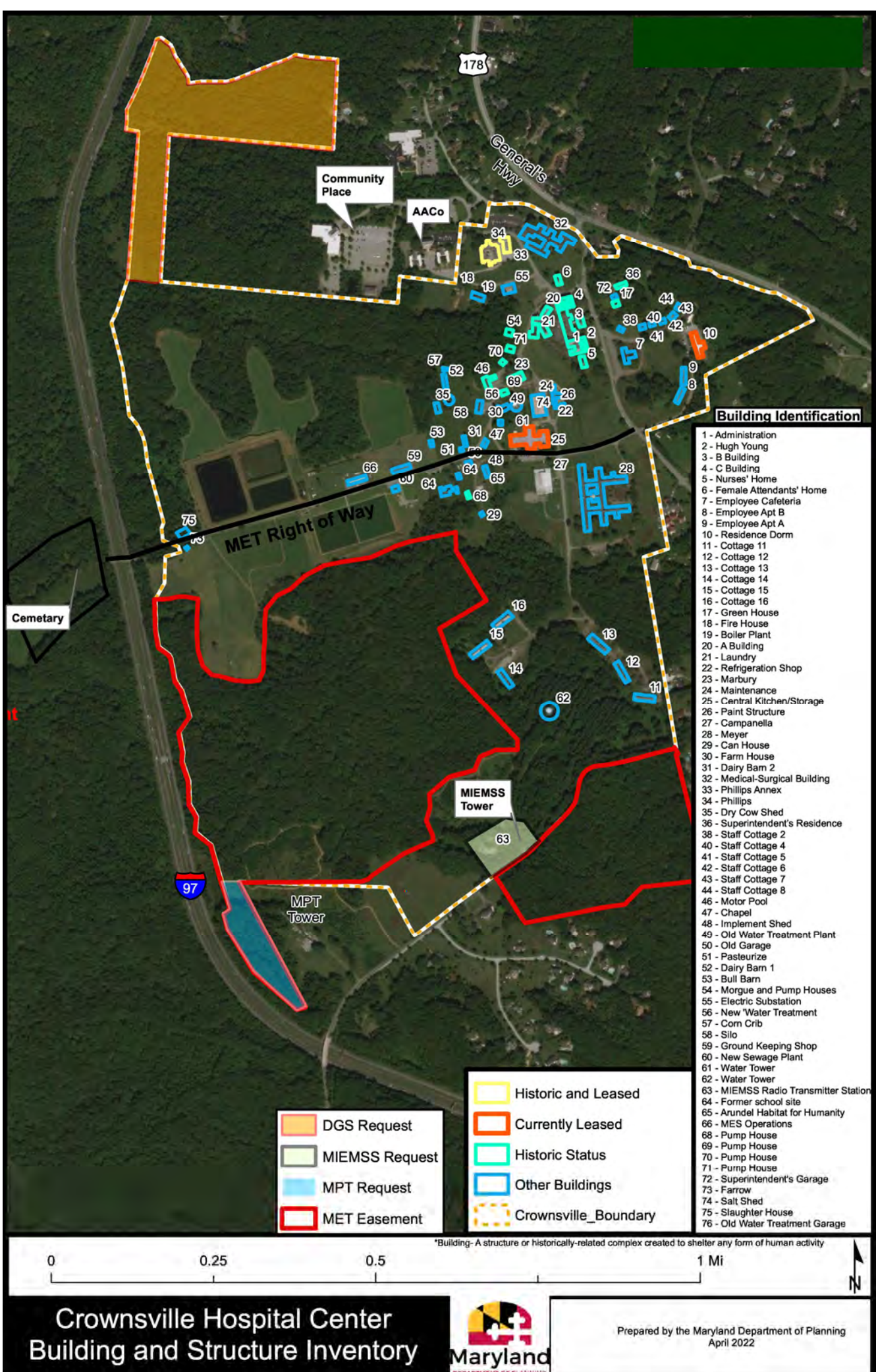
1. Begin to brainstorm on what the committee would like to see developed in the park.
2. Create a framework for this committee to complete public engagement that is not in conflict or disruptive to the overall master planning process.
3. Areas of concerns? What additional information does the group need?
4. Establish a Regular Meeting Schedule

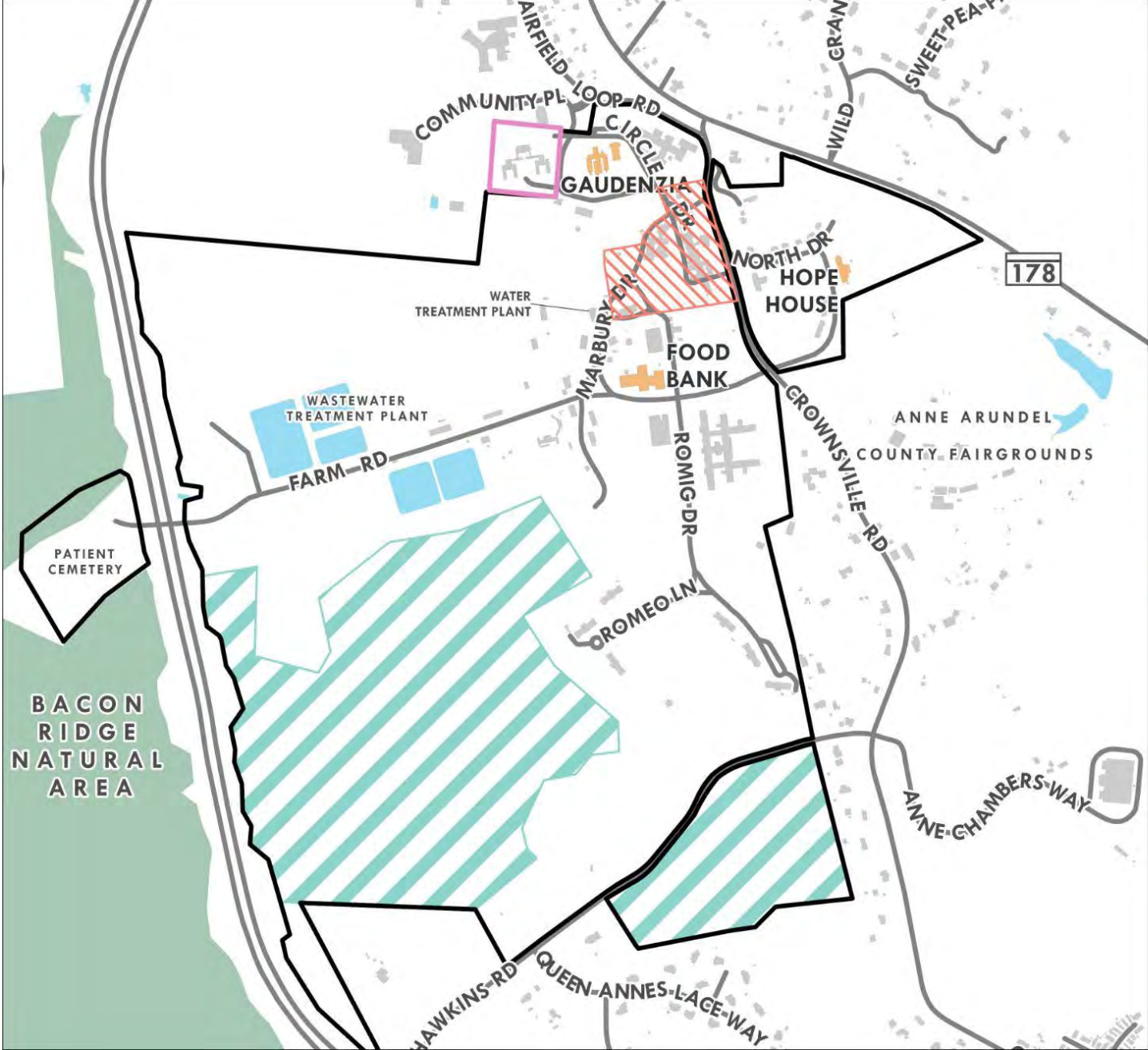


Where does this leave us?









Legend

-  Crownsville Parcel
-  Winterode Complex
-  Leased Property
-  Proposed Maryland Historic Trust Easement November 2022
-  Maryland Environmental Trust Easement
-  2023 Easement
-  2019 Easement

Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #1 Minutes

24 October 2023 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

Scott Hymes (Chairman), Mike Podzol, Dave Beugelmans, Jim Lighthizer, Sarah Knebel, Jon Korin, Michael Carter, Jawan Wills, Jessica Hardy, Gene Deems, Bob Agee

County Staff: Jessica Leys, Erica Matthews, Kristina Piergrossi

Not Present: Tonya Montgomery, John Faber

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
- II. **Welcome-**Jessica Leys, Director of Recreation and Parks
 - A. The Department of Recreation began the meeting with a welcome from Jessica Leys, Director, Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks.
 - B. Jessica Leys spoke to the intentional naming of CHMP as a healing place for the mental well-being of the county.
- III. **Introductions-**Scott Hymes, Chairman, R&P Subcommittee
 - A. As this was the first meeting, committee members were asked to introduce themselves and state why they were interested in the project.
- IV. **Purpose of the committee-** -Erica Matthews
 - A. Role of R&P Subcommittee- To guide developing recreational and park amenities on CHMP and the use of property in the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation easement area.
 - B. Project Background- Erica Mathews outlined the project's Organization Chart, and the committee's role and responsibilities, and provided the background on the property itself. She suggested viewing the CE's vision of Crownsville Hospital. Erica also reviewed the steps to public engagement, reiterating that the best project will hear the voices of many and meet the needs of most. Health and Human Services uses the property, recreational organizations (use the existing multipurpose fields), and SRLT (annual hike). A cemetery is on the property, and a memorial is underway. A group of volunteers hosts the annual "Say My Name" event at the cemetery and routine events to clean the cemetery. The property has two easements that will need to be considered during development. A separate committee is working on trail connections near the campus, which will

be discussed in that group. There are several projects underway onsite that include building assessments and overall campus masterplans.

V. Open Discussion

- A. Brainstorming yielded some great ideas for using the space, ie, zipline, ropes course, BMX, pavilions and picnic areas, meditation garden, and possibly a dog park. Cell towers nearby could provide free internet, enable educational walking tours, and digital signage for the park and the region.
- B. A tour of the property would be a good place to start. Additionally, establishing scale drawings for people to mark up to visualize land constraints would be useful in decision-making about suggested park features.
- C. Active and passive recreation were discussed as they relate to what activities are permissible in what areas.
- D. Also discussed were the easements on the property and what areas can be developed. Additionally, it was determined that the final Building assessment would be very helpful.
- E. What is the status of the assessment report?
- F. There was a discussion about the schedule and timeframes to complete the stakeholder outreach and how that aligned with the overall master plan process.
- G. From a procedural standpoint, it was determined that the meeting would be in person once a month with a Zoom link. Working groups will be formed for specific tasks, reporting as needed.
- H. The next meeting will be a tour of Campus CH-information to follow.

VI. Action Items

- A. Scott Hymes to send a YouTube link of drone footage of the area
- B. Erica Matthews to post a link to the June Town Hall Meeting with the CE
- C. Erica Matthews to Outline of Easement Language, i.e., what is allowed, and add easement language to the project folder

**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
Appendix A2
Meeting #2 Documents**



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Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park- Recreation & Parks Sub-Committee

Meeting Agenda- Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- I. Call to order
 - II. Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting
 - III. Old Business
 - Tour of Campus
 - Drone Footage
 - Documents that have been posted to the shared drive:
 - Easement Language
 - 5 Mile Study-Preliminary needs
 - IV. New business
 - a. Presentation from DPW and Design Collective
 - V. Open Discussion
 - VI. Adjournment
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AGENDA

- 1. PROJECT SCHEDULE & SCOPE**
- 2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW**
- 3. CONSULTANTS INTRODUCTION & SCOPE**

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- 4. WORK TO DATE & NEXT STEPS**



A PHASED & PROGRESSIVE APPROACH

Our process aims to build consensus in a step-by-step fashion among county departments and offices, elected officials, a steering committee(s), nearby residents, nonprofits, historic preservation advocates, MHT, current users and tenants, and other important stakeholders.

Our team encourages a meaningful, inclusive, and robust stakeholder, community, and public engagement approach. Our master planning process consists of three (3) primary phases, including a variety of engagement opportunities throughout each phase:

Phase One:

*Data Collection, Assessment,
and Existing Conditions Analysis*

Phase Two:

Visioning, Planning, Evaluation of Options, and Draft Plan

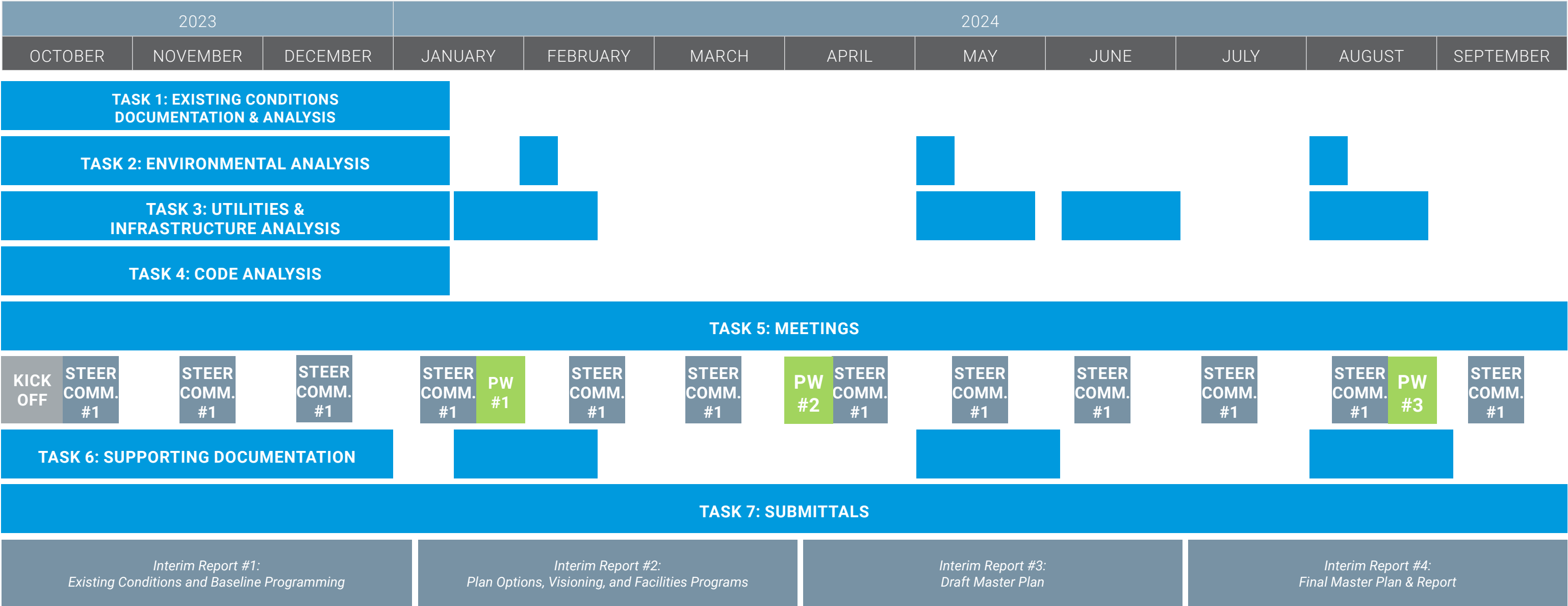
Phase Three:

Final Master Plan and Implementation Strategy

- **Task One:** Existing Conditions
- **Task Two:** Environmental Analysis
- **Task Three:** Utilities and Infrastructure
- **Task Four:** Code Analysis
- **Task Five:** Meetings
- **Task Six:** Supporting Documentation
- **Task Seven:** Submittals



PROJECT SCHEDULE





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

PUBLIC WORKSHOP # 1 INTRODUCTION / VISIONING ~ MID JANUARY [TBD BY COUNTY]

- Format: Presentation, Round Tables and/or Board Stations
- Tools: Existing Conditions site map, diagrams, and photos; precedent example images; sticky notes, postcards, pens, etc.



PUBLIC WORKSHOP # 2 PLAN OPTIONS ~ APRIL [TBD]

- Format: Presentation and Board Stations
- Tools: Existing Conditions site map, diagrams, and photos; Plan Options (sketches, massing models, building test fits/floor plans, and/or similar); precedent example images; polls or survey; sticky notes, pens, etc.



PUBLIC WORKSHOP # 3 DRAFT MASTER PLAN REPORT ~ AUGUST [TBD]

- Format: Open House
- Tools: Existing Conditions site map, diagrams, and photos; Preferred Plan Options (renderings, building floor plans, elevations, or similar); precedent example images; Analysis Findings; Implementation Strategy; Draft Report; sticky notes, pens, etc.





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Anne Arundel County

Design Collective

FIRM OVERVIEW

Design Collective is a 100% employee-owned multi-disciplinary design firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. The firm’s practice includes projects in over 30 states, and in China, South Africa, and India. Design Collective offers design expertise in planning, architecture, landscape architecture, interior design and graphic design. For many of our clients, these design disciplines coalesce to create design solutions.

Years in Business: 44
Employees: 80+
Office Location: Baltimore, MD & Chicago, IL
Core Competencies

- Planning
- Urban Design
- Streetscape Design
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Signage, Graphics, and Branding

Award Winning Projects and Places

- 350+ Design Awards

Website: www.designcollective.com





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PROJECT SCOPE

Task One: Existing Conditions Documentation and Analysis

- *Tour the site and buildings*
- *Review background information*
- *Research precedents and best practices*
- *Coordinate with subconsultants, client, and agencies*
- *Compile and/or prepare conceptual building floor plans and/or elevations for key buildings, for proposed reuse test fits (see below)*

Task Four: Code Analysis

- *Review county zoning code*
- *Document current accessibility conditions and problems*
- *Document and understand any current code violations that may suggest a major cost or impediment to renovation and outline findings*
- *Meet with key permitting, zoning, and Public Works County personnel*

Task Five: Meetings

- *Meet with Key Stakeholders, Committees, and Subcommittees*
- *Participate in and help to facilitate Public Workshops*

Task Seven: Submittals

- *Review and format Existing Conditions, Options, Draft, and Final Reports (4 Submittals)*
- *Create a conceptual and illustrative site plan and diagrams*
- *Study new facility plans, building reuse floor plans, and renovation needs*
- *Direct and review cost estimate*



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carmichael associates

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Dennis Carmichael is the founder and sole practitioner of Carmichael Associates, an intentional firm of one, allowing Dennis to pursue projects that reflect his values of landscape in the public realm. His values have been shaped by over 45 years of practice, the majority of which was with EDAW, the largest landscape architecture firm in the world. So his experience is global and he is a thought leader in narrative landscapes, but he chooses a curated practice. He regularly teams with like - minded firms to provide a larger reach and production capabilities.

Years in Business: 4

Employees: 1

Office Location: Alexandria, VA

Core Competencies & Values

- Master Park Planning
- Places for people
- Narrative Landscapes

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Anne Arundel County

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PROJECTSCOPE

Task One: Existing Conditions Documentation and Analysis

- *Site visits*
- *Site analysis*
- *Review relevant background information*

Task Five: Meetings

- *Participate in Key Stakeholder, Committee, and Subcommittee meetings*
- *Participate in and help facilitate Public Workshops*

Task Seven: Submittals

- *Conceptual design drawings*
- *Lead park master plan design effort*
- *Collaborate with Design Collective Landscape Architecture team on park planning*



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Anne Arundel County



FIRM OVERVIEW

Years in Business: 100

Employees: 1,300

Office Location: Baltimore, MD (Headquarters)

Core Competencies

- *Transportation*
- *Environmental/Natural Resources*
- *Construction Management*
- *Healthy Communities*
- *Energy & Corrosion*
- *Land & Site Development*
- *Utility Engineering*

Award Winning Projects and Places

- *#62 on the Engineering News Record's 2020 listing of the Top 500 Design Firms.*

Website: www.rkk.com



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PROJECT SCOPE

Task One: Existing Conditions Documentation and Analysis

- Site analysis
- Document Existing Conditions: GIS Mapping, Topography, Forests, Wetlands, Waters of the U.S., Buildings, Utilities, Roads and Parking, SWM, and athletic fields

Task Two: Environmental Analysis

- Review available environmental background information and coordinate with MDNR and USFWS
- Conduct a NRI (Natural Resources Inventory), including Forest Stand Delineation, Specimen Tree Inventory and Wetland/water delineation
- Forest Mitigation Options



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PROJECT SCOPE

Task Three: Utilities and Infrastructure Analysis

- Conduct utility mapping
- Evaluate and document Stormwater Management
- Traffic and Transportation - Gather traffic data, develop Traffic Baseline, Traffic Analysis (based on future capacity needs)
- Inform master planning efforts with up to two scenarios

Task Five: Meetings

- Participate in Key Stakeholder, Committee, and Subcommittee meetings
- Participate in and help facilitate Public Workshops

Task Seven: Submittals

- Provide Narrative and Exhibits for Existing Conditions - Natural Resources, Utilities, Traffic, and Stormwater Management
- Provide Narrative and Exhibits for Master Plan - Natural Resources, Utilities, Traffic, and Stormwater Management



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EHT Traceries, Inc., is a certified woman-owned small business specializing in history and historic preservation. We provide our clients with a wide range of professional services, including archival research, survey and documentation, evaluation, regulatory compliance, and preservation planning.

Years in Business: 45

Employees: 16

Office Location: Washington, DC

Core Competencies

- *Preservation Planning*
- *Historic Tax Credits*
- *Technical Preservation*
- *Survey & Documentation*
- *Environmental Sustainability*

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CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK
Anne Arundel County

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECTSCOPE

Task One: Existing Conditions Documentation and Analysis

- Review existing documentation and conduct additional archival research
- Identify and determine potential character-defining features
- Evaluate the significance and integrity of all resources including, buildings, structures, objects, and sites.
- Assess existing cultural resource conditions and confirm any historic preservation easements on the property
- Supporting meetings and deliverables

Task Five: Meetings

- Participate in Key Stakeholder, Committee, and Subcommittee meetings
- Participate in and help facilitate Public Workshops

Task Six: Supporting Documentation - Regulatory Compliance, MHT Coordination, Eligibility, & Consultation

- Provide consultation related to the legal historic preservation requirements, as well as to physical fabric of the buildings
- Assist with the development of design parameters
- Serve as a liaison between the team and MHT

Task Seven: Submittals - Historic preservation, adaptive reuse, and preservation planning

- Assist design team with developing alternatives and treatment recommendations
- Review design options and make recommendations regarding appropriate treatment



WORK TO DATE & NEXT STEPS



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Work to Date

- Consultant team has visited site multiple times (3+) to tour grounds and building interiors
- Met with committees and subcommittees
- Began Site Existing Conditions Inventory
- Began Precedent and Best Practice Research
- Began reviewing existing documentation and conducting additional archival research
- Began identifying and determining potential character-defining features
- Held coordination calls with other contract consultant teams



Next Steps

- Complete Existing Conditions documentation (draft reports), including utilities, traffic, and historic assessments
- Create Base Site Plan with all known current conditions (layered)
- Meet with Key Stakeholders, including MHT
- Continue to meet with committees and subcommittees
- Prepare for Public Workshop #1



Arden on the Severn Park - 1103 SUNRISE BEACH RD

- Baseball Fields
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Trails

Arundel Olympic Swim Center- 2690 RIVA RD

- Swim Center
- Paved Trail
- Playground
- Gazebo

B and A Trail

- 16.29 mile paved trail
- From Sawmill Creek Park near BWI to Jonas Green Park near MD Rt450

Bacon Ridge Natural Area

- Forest
- Wetlands
- Natural Trails
- Bike Skills Park
- Development of the Forney Section underway

Bell Branch Park - 1150 Barbara Swann Way

- Baseball
- Dog Park
- Grills
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Trails

Bestgate Park- 714 BESTGATE RD

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Tennis / Pickleball courts
- Trails

Brewer Pond- 987 SAHLIN FARM RD

- Tidal Pond
- Forest

Broad Creek Park -1A Harry S. Truman Parkway

- 2.095 mile natural trail

Broadneck Peninsula Trail

- Paved Trail,
- Several sections in construction. This will extend to Sandy Point State Park

Cattail Creek Natural Area- 430 Ritchie Highway

- Natural Area
- Trails

Crofton Fields at MACC Church- 2485 DAVIDSONVILLE RD, 21054

This is a leased site

- Baseball
- Multi-Purpose Fields
- Pavilion
- Restroom

Crofton Natural Area- 1805 CROFTON PKY

- Natural Area
- Trails

Crofton Park- 2285 DAVIDSONVILLE RD

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Trails

Cypress Creek Park- 11 CYPRESS CREEK RD

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Pavilion
- Pickleball
- Restrooms
- Tennis/Pickleball
- Trails

Dairy Farm – 100 DAIRY LN

This is a lease area that is not really used for recreational activities

General's Highway Corridor Park- 1758 CROWNSVILLE RD

- Baseball
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Trails

Herald Harbor Park -350 Kyle Road

- Basketball
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Tennis/Pickleball
- Trails

Homeport Farm Park -11 HOMEPORT DR

- Cartop Boat Launch
- Restroom
- Trails

King's Branch Flat Creek Natural Area - 953 SAINT GEORGE BARBER RD

- Natural Area

Linthicum Walks- 2295 Davidsonville Road

- Historic Site
- Picnic Area

McKnew Community Garden- 2672 Solomon's Island Rd

- Will be developed into a community garden site

Millersville Park-1580 MILLERSVILLE RD

- In Design for a new community park

Parole Green Space- 2201 Forest Drive

- Trails

South Shore Park- 1202 GENERALS HWY

- Will be developed into indoor/outdoor turf spaces

Sullivan's Cove Natural Area -111 Bay Parkway

- Trails
- Natural Area

Valentine Creek Park -1102 VALENTINE CREEK DR, 21032

- Has been evaluated for a fishing pier and natural trails
- Current use of natural trails and natural use

Waterbury Park- 1251 Sunrise Beach Road

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Pickleball
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Tennis/ Pickleball courts
- Trails

Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #2 Minutes

6 December 2023 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

Scott Hymes (SH), Chairman, Mike Podzol (MP), Dave Beugelmans (DB), Jim Lighthizer (JL), Jon Korin (JK), Michael Carter (MC, online), Jawann Wills (JW), Gene Deems (GD), Bob Agee (BA), John Faber (JF)

County Staff: Erica Matthews(EM), Kristina Piergrossi (online), Jess Hardy

Not Present: Tonya Montgomery, Sarah Knebel

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes** from Meeting #1. There were no meeting minutes from the visit to Crownsville. There was a request for one change to the minutes. There was also a request to place the minutes on Google so that comments could be suggested before the meeting.
- III. **Presentation from DPW and Design Collective**

Erica Matthews opened with introductions of Michael Stroud (MS) from DPW, who introduced Cecily Bedwell (CB) from Design Collective, the lead firm in the Master Plan effort for the CHMP project.

- A. Most of the subcommittees have had briefings from Design Collective.
- B. CB indicated that Design Collective was gathering feedback from email, the web, town halls, subcommittees, etc., as they are beginning stages; however, the feedback collection would be continuous throughout the entire process.
- C. CB reviewed the project team's structure and the project schedule. The project is currently in the inventory and documentation phase. The team will include Dennis Carmichael, park planning and RKK, and infrastructure review. The work being completed by RKK will be integrated into Design Collective's work product. She indicated that the preliminary analysis would be available in January at a public workshop so all involved would better understand the site's condition.
- D. JK asked if transportation would reflect all models. CB- The final campus planning will integrate trails, mountain bikes, equestrian, walking, and general biking.
- E. JK- Will the meeting be in person, CB- yes.

- F. DB asked how the work of the subcommittee fit into the process. CB - Design Collective will be attending all the subcommittee meetings. They are seeking input from the subcommittees to help determine the overall master planning, including input on suggested amenities and placement on site. Each subcommittee, by way of its chairman, is represented on the larger committee. This is another way for information to roll up. CB noted that nothing will go to the public without going through the steering committee first. DPW would share all information from the various subcommittees with the project team.
- G. JL- Task Four- Code Review what does that cover? CB- This will ensure that all applicable county, state, and federal codes are reviewed and that this project will comply.
- H. JL - What process will MDE expect? MS- indicated that the project is not yet at that point in the process for MDE review but acknowledged that MDE be a part of the review process.
- I. CB stated that Design Collective will test fit ideas and programs in the project's second phase. They will provide feedback on all options, including cost. In the project's third phase, the Master Plan will be drafted. It would be a consensus-driven design outlining what will be included in the project. Lastly, the fourth phase will deliver a final plan and report.
- J. SH asked about the status of the building conditional assessment that is currently underway. MS-this is ongoing and a draft is being circulated for review. Once it is complete it will be shared with the subcommittees. CB stated that the report was quite detailed and discussed the structural integrity of each building in detail.
- K. MC asked if the concrete surfaces under the buildings could be utilized for amenities that require hard surfaces. MS said that would depend on the overall layout but that it is too early to tell until we have the plan and the building analysis. Some buildings have sub-basements and crawl spaces and are not on concrete slabs.
- L. Cecily discussed the work completed to date and outlined the next steps. Much information was covered, and she said she would provide us with a copy of her presentation for future reference. EM will place the Design Collective presentation in the group's working folder.
- M. Members of the group agreed that the next and most crucial step would be visionary planning. Design Collective would be willing to help facilitate that. There is GIS data available that has because line work but there is not a detailed existing conditions plan at this time. There is enough information using GIS to do some visionary work. DPW will provide a scaled plan once it is complete. MS indicated that the expected completion is after the holidays, and something should be available for this group's next meeting.
- N. There was a discussion about the impervious coverage onsite. JL asked if there had been any calculations to determine the amount of impervious surfaces

onsite as that might be a limitation that should be considered during design. CB asked where this idea came from. JL indicated that it would seem no increase in impervious surface was an administrative decision.

- O. BA said that KCI had studied the site a few years ago for the State Health Department, and it provided a detailed review of Crownsville and asked if that had been used as a resource. MS said that he had not seen that and that perhaps it was buried in the data transferred to Design Collective and that he would look into that.
- P. SH said that Anne Arundel County was currently using innovative and effective techniques for stormwater management, regenerative by design, and he hoped that the project would include some of them. CB said that Collective Design would welcome the input, and MS followed by stating that all stormwater would be treated on-site and that only the best techniques would be implemented.
- Q. SH thanked Cecily and Mike for attending this meeting and invited them to stay to view the drone footage he took of the CHMP site.

IV. **Chairman Update**-Scott Hymes, Chairman, R&P Subcommittee

SH reported that at the last Steering Committee meeting, Design Collective gave the same presentation just shared with the group. He noted that the architect selected for the project has a history of developing troubled properties like Crownsville. SH believes that they would be very considerate of the property's history and the events on the site.

SH informed the group that DPW gave an update on the infrastructure of the spray fields. The site will be converted from spray fields to public sewer lines. With the removal of the spray fields, a sizeable amount of property could be used better. However, it is important to note that people may oppose underground sewer lines.

V. **Review of Old Business**

- Tour of Campus- completed-
- Drone footage- SH shared the drone footage.
- Easement language and the 5 Mile Study preliminary needs document have been completed and posted to the shared group folder.
- The easement language is pretty ironclad. The easement holder would be the decision maker, but bridges and graded footpaths would likely be allowed.

VI. **Open Discussion**

- A. EM began the discussion by asking if anyone would like to be a liaison for another Committee. As a CHMP tenant, Jon Korin has been asked to be on the Health subcommittee. Jim Lightheizer and Bob Agee have expressed interest in

the Infrastructure subcommittee. Jawann Wills might be interested in the Wellness subcommittee as well.

- B. Was asbestos mentioned in the documents- No. Can the asbestos be capped? The old KCI report made some recommendations on the pipes and possibly filling and sealing them to prevent leaching. A question was asked about leaching?
- C. The committee had numerous questions:
 - a. Has a study been done to determine how many people the campus can serve, i.e., roads, buildings, water, and sewers?
 - b. Will there be septic? Port-a pots?
 - c. Will DPW use the current systems and then convert them to sewer?
 - d. Would the lines come from Bestgate Rd to the park?
 - e. What would the impact of that be on the local community?
- D. There was a brief discussion on parking and paving. Parking is the limiting factor for most parks. The group agreed that shared parking should be considered. The community would likely support pervious paving. A lagoon could be added for the impervious surfaces, or a liner could be put in that makes it impervious.
- E. All agreed that the committee needs to discuss what amenities it would like in the park. Keeping in mind that this will be a regional facility, this opens up bigger ideas. There was discussion about doing a public survey, like the Plan Your Park campaigns. It was noted that there would be no stakeholder-facilitated public meeting. It would be open for all public feedback. The group decided to table this discussion until after the first public meeting.
- F. In the next meeting, the group will focus on what amenities they would like to see and not so much on where they would go. The goal would be to produce a prioritized list of amenities, including, facilities, activities, and indoor and outdoor programming. The chairman can get that list to the planning committee. More details can be added later.

VI. Action Items

- A. Create the meeting schedule through the Summer
- B. Post the Design Collective presentation in the project folder.
- C. Cecily Bedwell and Mike Stroud need to be added to the group shared drive to the group email list.
- D. Invite Design Collective to participate in next month's planning meeting.

**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
Appendix A3
Meeting #3 Documents**

**Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park
Recreation & Parks Sub-Committee
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Meeting #3 Agenda**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting-Erica Matthews**
- III. Chairman Update-Scott Hymes**
- IV. New Business**
 - a) Jon Korin – Trails Information
 - b) DPW and Design Collective to facilitate Brainstorming Session
- V. Open Discussion**
- VI. Adjournment**
- VII. Next Meeting-Wednesday, February 21, 2024**



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Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #3 Minutes

10 January 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

Scott Hymes (SH) (Chairman), Mike Pozdol (online), Dave Beugelmans, Jim Lighthizer, Jon Korin, Jawann Wills (JW), Bob Agee, John Faber (online), Sarah Knebel

Design Team: Brian Reetz (BR), Matt Damico (MD), and Dennis Carmichael (online)

County Staff: Erica Matthews(EM), Jessica Leys, Kristina Piergrossi, Jessica Hardy, Michael Stringer, April Aviles

Not Present: Mike Carter, Gene Deems

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes** from Meeting #3.
- III. **Welcome**

EM opened with introductions of Brian Reetz, Matt Damico, and Dennis Carmichael from Design Collective, who were present to help facilitate the committee's discussion of park amenities and features, as well as two outside guests, Michael Stringer, a Senior Planner from Planning and Zoning and April Aviles, the Assistant Director of the Equity Office of the County Executive and is an active member of the CHMP Health and Wellness subcommittee.

IV. Chairman Update

SH- There is an upcoming committee meeting in the next couple of weeks, and he is hoping to show some progress on the work this committee is doing.

V. Open Discussion

A. Trails Information:

EM gave a brief update on the South Shore Trail, its connection points to the CHMP project, and progress on work currently underway. The South Shore trail is a paved trail. Phase 4 of the trail (currently in design) would run along Crownsville Rd and connect to the Crownsville campus at Marbury Rd and Hawkins Rd. From Hawkins, the trail would continue along Crownsville Rd and reach WaterWorks. Natural trails would extend from Bacon Ridge to the

Cemetery across Farm Rd onto the main park campus. The internal trail connections would connect to this larger trail system. The internal locations have not been determined, but they should be shared use and function as pathways throughout the campus to connect attractors.

B. Brainstorming Session

1. Design Collective facilitated this exercise, and it was an open discussion to share ideas about recreational programming and amenities that should be provided on this site.
2. MD assured the group that they would be provided with a synthesis of all the work planned in the session. He asked each member of the group their thought on the uniqueness of the site and what each member of the committee thought should be celebrated.
3. BR reminded the group of the historical component of the site, and asked that the group tell the Crownsville story with dignity and respect for the lives of the people who were a part of its troubled history.
4. The group agreed that wellness and healing should be the theme for how programming is determined. JW shared a well-known Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) model and suggested it be used to convert therapeutic themes such as Modality into action/activities on-site. The hexaflex model includes Acceptance, Values, Mindfulness/Present Moment Awareness, Committed Action, Self as Context and Cognitive Defusion. Collectively the group thought the model should be applied when determining recreational programming:
 - Present- Being present in the moment, exploring and enjoying the campus
 - Values- Highlight the history of the site, honor the site, good sportsmanship, environmental conservation, rest, community,
 - Committed Action- preservation of environmental features, therapeutic recreation, Create Opportunities to Enjoy Life, Explore Nature, and Restore Health and Well-being.
 - Self As Context- The observing of self. Meditation, wildlife observation.
 - Cognitive Defusion- thoughtful programming that will result in diversity and inclusivity.
 - Acceptance - Create opportunities for happiness and a healthy mind through physical activity.

C. Group discussion on the **overall ideas** for the campus produced the following:

- The campus needs to be a part of the community.
- Health and Wellness are the focus.

- Transportation- The campus should be walkable/bikeable. Other modes of transportation should be present on-site and connected to the County Trail system.
- The park should be accessible to all and should be designed to be a multigenerational campus that persons with various abilities and disabilities can enjoy.
- Determine the Campus Capacity as a result of potential constraints like restrooms, parking spaces, SWM, and road capacity.
- There was some comments the park should consider lower intensity uses to reduce the traffic to this site and reduce the need for parking.
- Remove the spray fields and move the property to the public sewer.
- Exceed SWM requirements
- Reuse of spaces where it makes sense
- Combined use of spaces across subcommittees
- This should be a countywide amenity

D. Group discussion on **recreational ideas** for the campus produced the following:

- Community Center- Indoor space for a range of activities such as recreational programming, community gathering, gym, etc
- Organized Recreational use- field use should be limited, track should be considered. It was suggested not to make this look like a large athletic complex but rather cluster the fields in areas to maintain topography as much as possible. Also, indoor track was suggested.
- Agricultural use- Gardens, Equines onsite
- Attractors- Pump/ Bike Skills park, playground, observation areas, multi-use trails, campgrounds, outdoor amphitheater, art in the park, different types of gardens
- Overnight recreational opportunities
- Programming: Summer Camps, childcare, theater arts, arts and crafts, wellness walks, nature hikes, gardening clubs, fitness programs, organized sports.

G. What is next in terms of making recommendations:

- Additional engagement to refine recreational recommendations: feedback from larger public meetings and committee outreach to those with a connection to the property is needed.
- Refine the program to fit the campus.
- Determine placement for on-site amenities to be constructed, being considerate of shared use, the campus functionality, and the preservation of environmental features.

VI. Action Items

- A. Determine the Date for the next public meeting
- B. Begin reaching out to hear from others who have a personal connection to the property.
- C. Follow up on the campus capacity question

VII. Next meeting 2/21 at 6pm at 1 Harry S. Truman



Two tennis courts = 6 Pickleball Courts Similar to Annapolis Truxtun Courts approx. 130' x 110'

Crownsville Advisory Committee-

Recreational Subcommittee
Update
01/29/2023



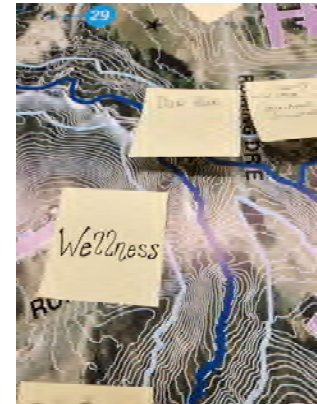
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR



Topics:

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Progress so far
- ❖ Preliminary Recreational Programming
- ❖ Next Steps



Some photos were taken from various websites and the Design Collective Report

Introduction

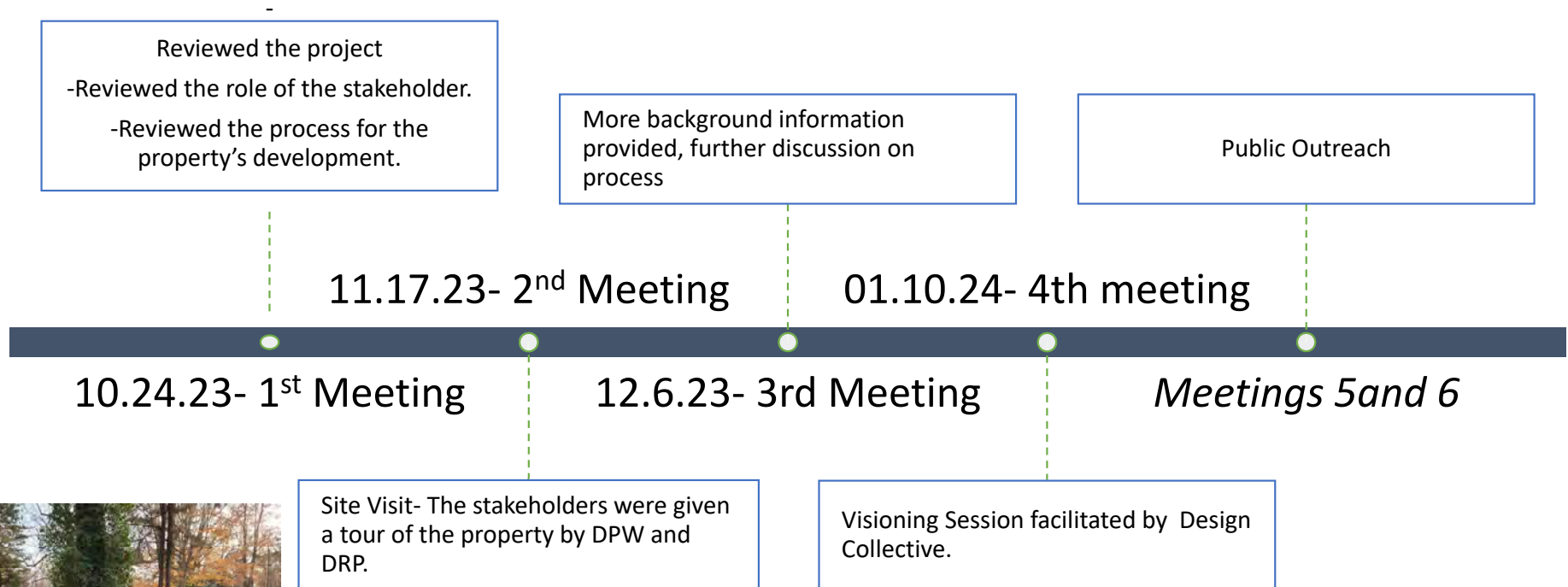
Committee Mandate Recreation & Parks– To provide guidance on the development of recreational and park amenities on CHMP and the use of the property within the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation easement area.

DRP Vision and Mission - To enrich the lives of all residents of Anne Arundel County.

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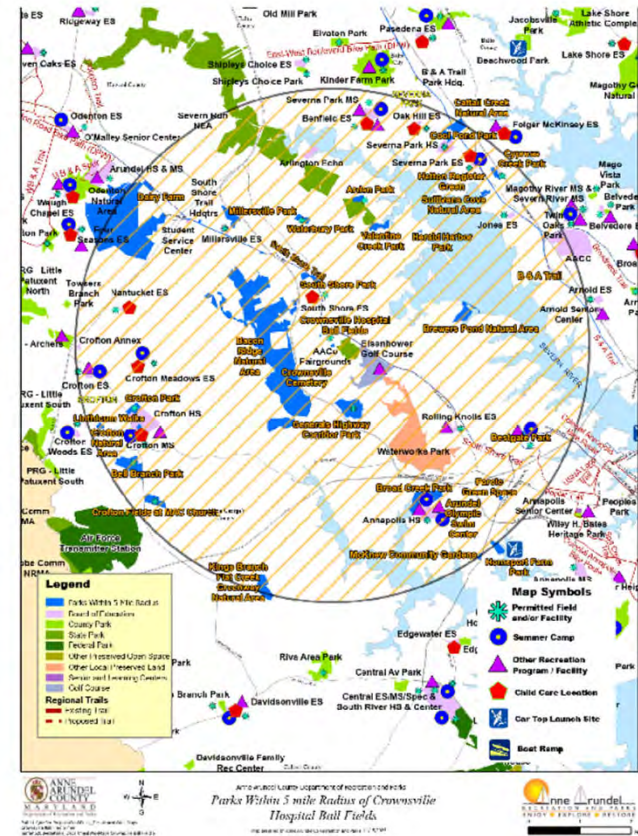


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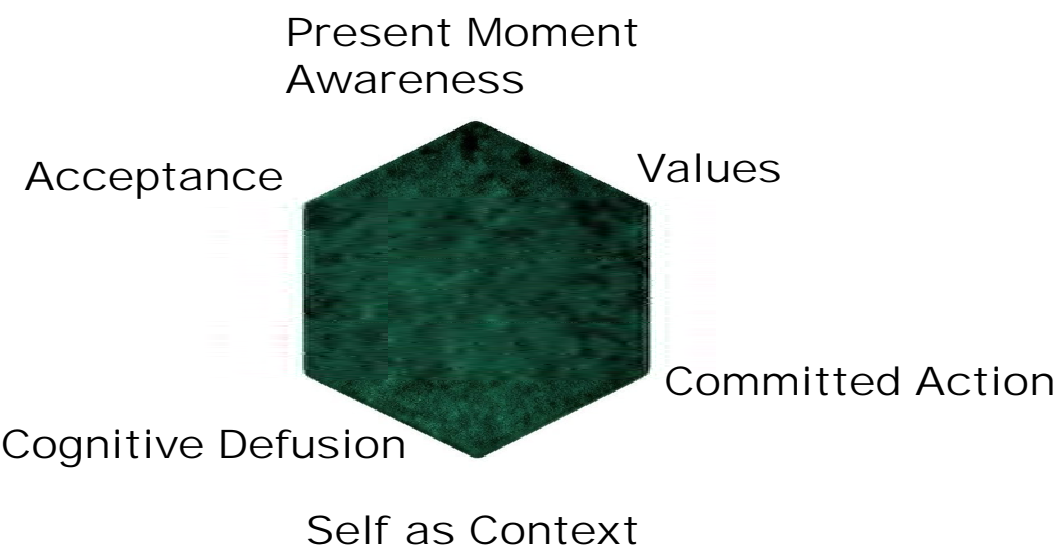


Preliminary Recreational Programming- Need/Proximity

- As this facility will be a Countywide amenity, there was discussion about the current recreational opportunities that exist in this region and what is planned.
- LPPRP Identified needs
 - Community Places ranked as a high need in District 6
 - Natural areas, conservation, and green space
 - Walking and biking trails
 - Track and field facilities
 - Turf fields,
 - senior resident activities,
 - playgrounds,
 - indoor swimming,
 - gymnastics, dance,
 - and picnic and pavilion areas
- Other capital projects in the area that could potentially meet some of the needs:
 - Development of the South Shore Trail to abut Crownsville Rd to connect the paved trails to Waterworks
 - Development of SUP paths from Bacon Ridge to the Crownsville Site, then continuing to the paved trails to Waterworks
 - Eisenhower Golf Course - Clubhouse
 - South Shore Park- Potential site for 1-2 indoor/outdoor turf fields
 - Millersville Park- New Community park with 3 Multipurpose fields
 - West County Pool



Preliminary Recreational Programming- Theme



- **Wellness and Healing** should be the theme for how programming is determined
- **Convert therapeutic themes such as Modality into action/activity on-site:**
 - **Present-** Being present in the moment, exploring and enjoying the campus
 - **Values-** Highlight the history of the site, honor the site, good sportsmanship, environmental conservation, rest, community,
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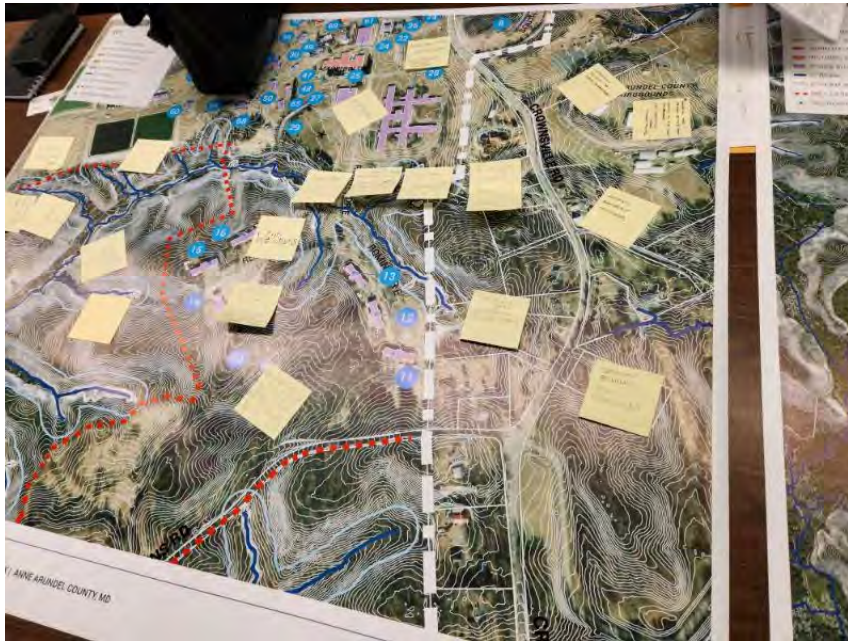
Preliminary Recreational Programming

Overall Campus Ideas

- The campus needs to be part of the community.
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Preliminary Recreational Programming



Recreational Ideas

- Community Center- Indoor space for a range of activities such as recreational programming, community gathering, gym
- Organized Recreational use- no more than four fields, track
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- Overnight recreational opportunities
- Programing: Summer Camps, childcare, theater arts, arts and crafts, wellness walks, nature hikes, gardening clubs, fitness programs, organized sports,

Next Steps: Short Term- Outreach to Influence Committee Recommendations

FEEDBACK FROM LARGER PUBLIC MEETINGS

- What were some of the themes from the 1st public meeting and the upcoming meeting , and how can they be incorporated into the project?
- They have been encouraged to attend the 2/13/24 public meeting

COMMITTEE OUTREACH

- Reach out to those who have a connection to the property to hear their desires for the property.
- The goal is to create community and be respectful of those who have connections to the site.

ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- This is still being determined and need to align with overall masterplanning
- Possible ideas:
 - Recreational survey to define ideas
 - Recreational public meeting
 - Open the recommendations up for comment prior to final recommendations

Next Steps: Long Term- Committee Recommendations

- Monthly meetings planned through July 2024
- Additional engagement to refine recreational recommendations.
- The program wants maybe to big for the campus and it will need to be refined.
- Determine Placement on-site for amenities to be constructed. Consideration for shared use, campus functionality, and preservation of environmental features.
- Make recreational programming recommendations.



Summary

The stakeholder group is making significant progress on the defined goal. Health and wellness are the themes for recreational development. The campus should be a transformational site. Public engagement needs to be conducted. The final work product should be complementary to the work being developed by the other committees. Recommendations have not been determined yet. Work will continue through the summer.



Thank you

Erica Matthews, Deputy Director Anne
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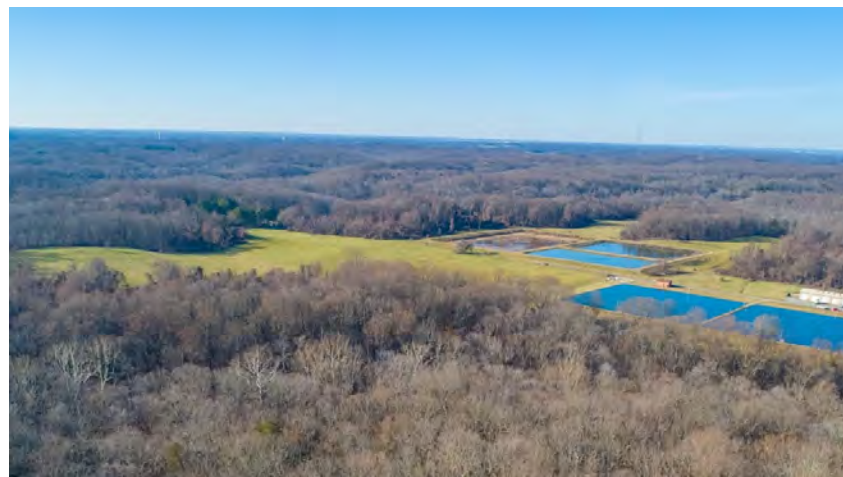
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**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
Appendix A4
Meeting #4 Documents**



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Appendix 5

Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #4 Agenda

21 February 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes from Meeting #3.**
- III. **Chairman Update- Scott Hymes**
- V. **New business**
 - A. Community Presenters
 - B. Trails Presentation
 - C. Review of the 2/13/24 public meeting
 - D. Additional public engagement
- VI . **Open Discussion**
- VII. **Next meeting 3/13 at 6pm at 1 Harry S. Truman**

CROWNSVILLE HISTORY MAKERS SUGGESTIONS

Appendix 5

Presented by Lyndra Marshall and Faye Belt

February 21, 2024





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CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL



How We Met?

Appendix 5



'IT'S JUST PLAIN EVIL'

2 killed, 28 wounded
in mass shooting at
Baltimore block party

By Lily Price, Lia Russell
and Darcy Costello

An evening block party that started as a joyful celebration of the Brooklyn community turned into a terrifying scramble for safety when at least two shooters opened fire early Sunday morning.

South Baltimore's Brooklyn neighborhood was hosting its annual "Brooklyn Day" community event when gunfire erupted,

wounding dozens and killing two. Police officers responded to multiple shooting reports at about 12:35 a.m. Sunday in the 800 block of Gretna Court.

An 18-year-old woman and 20-year-old man died in the shooting, authorities said. Twenty-eight other gunshot victims were transported or walked to area hospitals for treatment. Three of those 28 were in critical condition as of early Sunday morning.

Later Sunday officials said their preliminary investigation indicated 14 of the 28 surviving shooting victims were under age 18.

The Sunday violence is likely the largest shooting in Baltimore history. But official data about

mass shootings only dates back to 2014. The Gun Violence Archive, a Washington, D.C., based nonprofit that documents the nation's shootings, lists no Baltimore incidents with more than a dozen victims since 2014, the earliest mass shooting report available.

It comes as Baltimore continues to grapple with persistently high levels of violent crime, reaching more than 300 homicides in 2022 for the eighth year in a row. Attention this year has increasingly centered on young people who are committing or falling victim to gun violence.

Acting Baltimore Police Commis-
Turn to Shooting, Page 6



Investigators look for more evidence as law enforcement searches for the shooting of 30 people, including two who died, at a block party at Brooklyn. Homicides in Baltimore early Sunday morning. AMY GATES/BALTIMORE SUN

Celebrating Columbia Beach



Kavir Thompson, from left, Kwesi Adam and Jonathan Broadus play traditional African drums as part of Saturday's Columbia Beach Day. The event marked the 83rd anniversary of the community. PAUL W. G. ELLIS/PHOTO BY CAPITAL GAZETTE



Skimmer Hoffmann and her father, Ray Hoffmann, look at model Chesapeake Bay waterman boats.



Faye Bell, outgoing president of the Columbia Beach Citizens Improvement Association, cuts a ribbon on a historic marker.



MARKET HOUSE

Lease renewal draws criticism

Some question deal following failure to file financial reports

By Rebecca Rizmi

Market House, a city-owned downtown Annapolis landmark, has been leased for another five years by a team that includes Mayor Garin Buckley's business partner.

The original lease expired Friday. The renewal was issued despite an apparent violation: Jody Dank, who operates the Market House, never filed annual financial reports for the building's business and never paid "percentage rent," which would have been triggered if reports showed gross sales at the restaurant, coffee shop and other vendors topped \$1.5 million.

Dank is the mayor's partner on several other restaurant projects, but not Market House.

The renewal is drawing criticism from area business owners and the mayor's political opponents because the \$8,400-per-month rate is below market value in downtown Annapolis, according to real estate professionals and several business owners interviewed by the Capital Gazette.

John Kassis, a principal at Bess Commercial Real Estate Service in Annapolis, said businesses around Market Space, City Dock and Main Street typically rent for \$40-\$55 per square foot each year, however he is aware of a few paying \$65-\$75 per square foot.

Under the renewal terms, Dank and his partners will pay \$18,922.

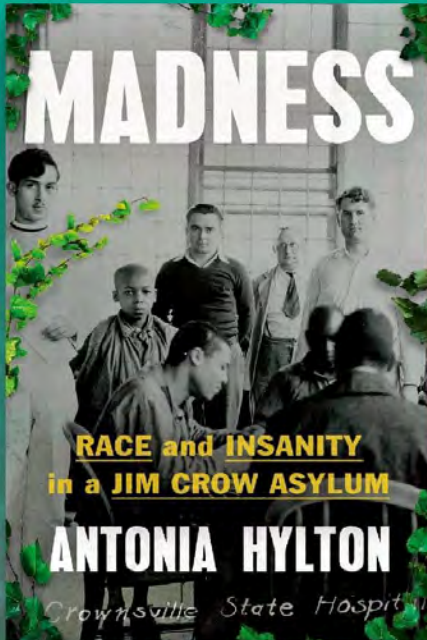
"That's a pretty sweet deal," said Steven Sturm, who has owned and operated the Sturm Bros. ice cream shop since 1976. Once Market House was leased for \$8,000 a month in 2018, Sturm successfully won out of the

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SAVE THE DATE: MADNESS BOOK TOUR



JOIN AUTHOR ANTONIA HYLTON FOR A
DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEW BOOK
MADNESS: RACE AND INSANITY IN A JIM
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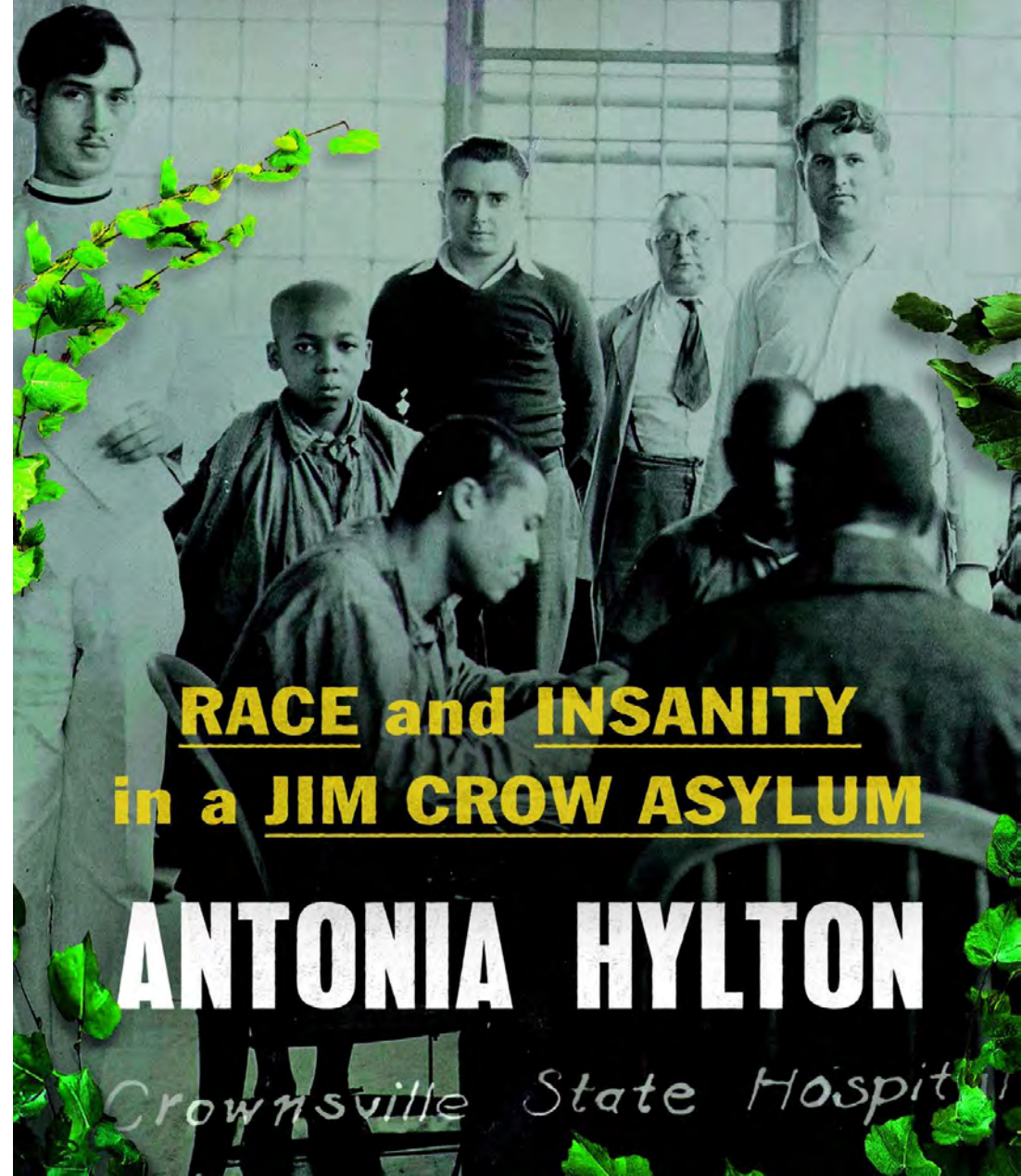
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in a JIM CROW ASYLUM

ANTONIA HYLTON

Crownsville State Hospital

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Thomas Arthur	Marie Gough	Dr. George McKenzie Phillips
Edward Austin	Betty Hawkins	Joyce Phillips
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Faye Belt	William Jones	Dr. Maria Reyes-Soto
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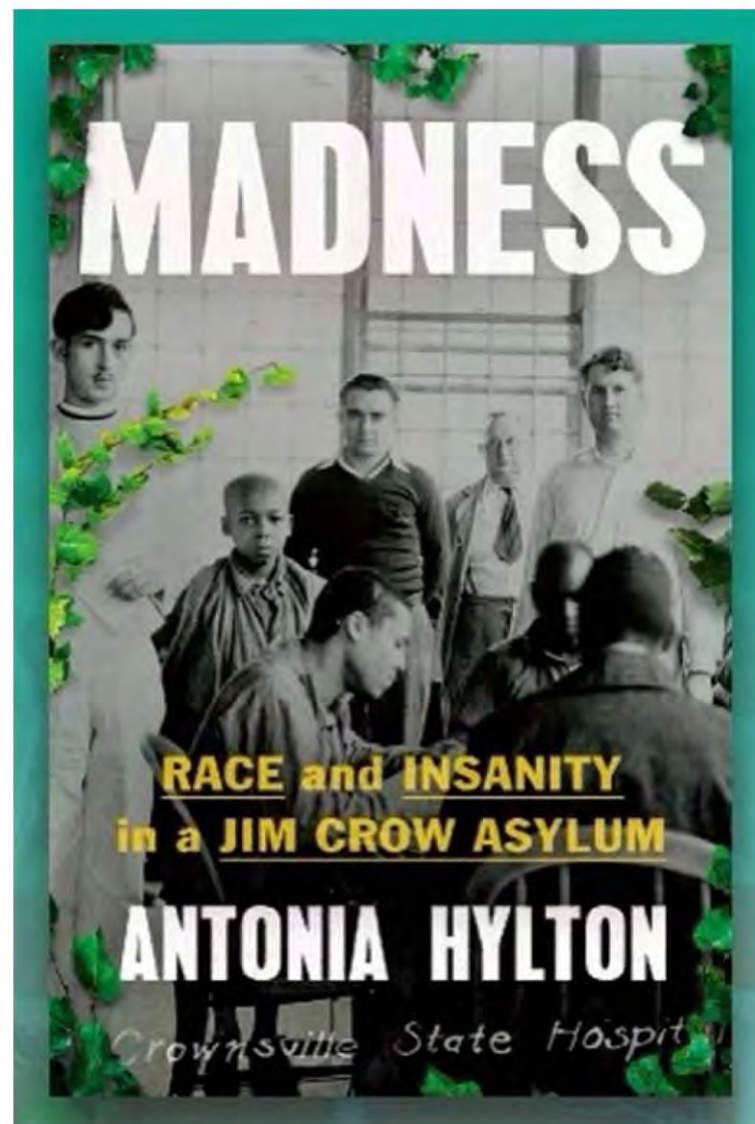
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BOOK SIGNING CEREMONY

Friday, January 26, 2024 | 7:00 P.M.



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AUTHOR



Antonia Hylton is a Peabody and Emmy-award winning journalist at NBC News reporting on politics and civil rights, and the co-host of the hit podcast *Southlake*. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University, where she received prizes for her investigative research on race, mass incarceration and the history of psychiatry. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Antonia is the author of the newly released book ***Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum***. In “Madness,” she explores the hidden history of Crownsville State Hospital, and America’s continuing failure to care for Black minds.

GUEST PRESENTER



Zinhle Essamuah is known for her eclectic mix of broadcast, documentary, and digital storytelling that attracts diverse audiences to traditional and new mediums. Previously, she was a correspondent at *NowThis* News of Vox Media Group. Zinhle opened and led the company’s D.C. bureau, soon tapped to anchor *KnowThis*, a daily evening news show, and *KnowThis* Live, a weekly

political interview magazine program. She holds a Master’s in Strategic Communication and Documentary Film from The George Washington University. Zinhle reports on justice, culture, and poverty and is based in New York City.

PROGRAM

Opening – Faye Belt, Visionary & Chair

Opening Prayer – Rev. Zelda Childs

Selections – Extensions of Faith

Introduction of Elected Officials – Lyndra Marshall, Chair

Governor Wes Moore, State of Maryland

County Executive Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County

Introduction of Book Author and Special Guest

Tara Kennedy, Hachette Book Group

Melody Wukitch, Park Books

Author’s Talk – *Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum*

Antonia Hylton, Author

Zinhle Essamuah, Guest Presenter

Q & A – Antonia Hylton & Guests

Special Recognition – Faye Belt & Lyndra Marshall

Former Crownsville Staff & Patient

Presentations – Faye Belt, Lyndra Marshall & Elected Officials

Closing Remarks – Honorable Carl Snowden

Closing Song – “Say My Name” by Scotti Preston

Book Signing or Pick-up Instructions – Melody Wukitch

Reception & Mingle

Special thanks to everyone for supporting this historic event!









About Lyndra Marshall (née Pratt)

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THE SELLMAN FAMILY One Family, Two Centuries



General Jonathan
Sellman Jr. (1753-1810)
Portrait by Howard Chandler Christy
Courtesy of the National Archives

The Sellmans were among Maryland's earliest European settlers. Seven generations of Sellmans lived in this house between 1735 and 1908.

John Sellman (ca. 1645-1707) arrived in America in 1658 as an indentured servant from England.

His son, William Sellman (ca. 1689-1743) purchased this land in 1729 and built Woodlawn in 1735.

Jonathan Sellman Jr. (1753-1810) served as a major in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. After the war, he was promoted to the rank of general in the Maryland state militia.

Alfred Sellman (1797-1854) was a colonel in the Mexican-American War. He built the 1841 extension you are standing in now.

Wesley Sellman (1880-1961) and his family were the last Sellmans to live in the house. Unable to support their children on the income the farm provided, they moved to Baltimore around 1908.

Sellman family descendants still live in the area today, including African American family members descended from the family's slaves.



Colonel Alfred
Sellman (1797-1854)
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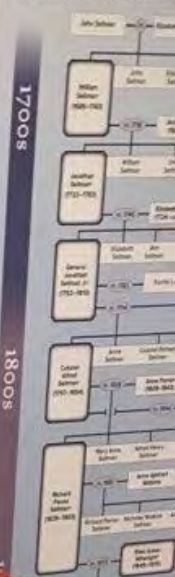


Wesley Sellman
(1880-1961)
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Elise Bryant Sellman (1912-1979)
was one of several African American
Sellman family descendants
who lived in the area.
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WOODLAWN OWNERS



About Faye Belt

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Faye Belt holds her hand on a large wooden cross while she prays for those buried in the cemetery, as Antonia Hylton stands by her side. The **17th annual "Say My Name" ceremony in remembrance of the 1722** institutionalized patients buried at the former Crownsville State Hospital for the Negro Insane, was held, April 30, 2022.

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CROWNSVILLE: A HEALING PLACE FOR ALL



Crownsville Hospital and Civil Rights: From Tragedy to Transformation (1940s-1950s)

When major media exposed Crownsville Hospital's overcrowding, underfunding and understaffing in the early 1950s, concerns for patient welfare were answered from within the African American community. Transformation began as more Black staff members were hired and through community-led initiatives that reformed patient standards of care. This period of community and staff empowerment led to much-needed facility growth and improvement, including modern medical and psychiatric services at Crownsville Hospital.

Following the Great Depression, Crownsville became severely overcrowded. Combined with underfunding and chronic staff shortages, patient conditions during this period were horrific. In 1949, a series of exposes in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore Afro-American detailed incidents of patient neglect and abuse. Three patient riots in the understaffed "C" Building between 1950-55 made headlines, and underscored the need for radical transformation in the facility's resources, personnel, and capacity.

In the wake of the riots and newspaper coverage, public outcry led to the most substantial physical expansion in the hospital's history. Between 1948 and 1954, 42 new structures were added to provide support for what was at the time considered cutting-edge psychoanalytical and drug treatments, as well as expanding physical plants, patient and staff residences, and agricultural support buildings.



Beginning as early as the 1930's, local papers like the "Baltimore Sun" and the "Baltimore Afro-American" began reporting on the overcrowding, abuse and inhumane conditions suffered by patients at Crownsville Hospital. The ongoing reporting, combined with an institutional communication blackout about patient updates and welfare, resulted in widespread community distrust, fear, and ultimately, backlash. Ultimately the Black community was galvanized by the shocking headlines and stories from inside the facility, and came together to transform the hospital into a modern, integrated psychiatric facility.

The most important transformation came in the form of community activism and empowerment. The African American community became involved in the affairs of Crownsville as church groups and families of patients gained access to the Hospital, bringing increased public accountability to the standard of patient care. The Crownsville Auxiliary, founded in 1954 in collaboration with the NAACP, brought Black and white female volunteers to the campus where they supported—and observed—day to day activities. The group was also instrumental in pushing to diversify Crownsville's mostly-white staff and physicians—the first African American psychiatrist, Dr. Vernon Sparks, had only recently been hired in 1949.



Gwendolyn Lee chatting with a staff member as some of Crownsville's Black nurses walk past patients at work, 1953.

Dr. Jacob Morgenstern (below, left), a Holocaust survivor, became Superintendent in 1947 and ushered in a new era of reform, integration, and humanity at Crownsville. In 1948, he hired the facility's first Black medical staff member, Dr. Vernon Sparks, as a staff psychologist. He also hired Gwendolyn Lee (above, right) as Supervisor of the Social Services Department, which supported some 1,800 patients in 1949. Lee hired African Americans to staff the social services department, which during her tenure, was entirely Black.



Dr Jacob Morgenstern cuts the ribbon with staff members for the facility's new beauty parlour, 1949.



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Crownsville Hospital and Civil Rights: A New Era of Healing (1960s-1970s)

Civil Rights, the evolution of mental health care and the push for racial equality transformed Crownsville Hospital in the 1960s and 70s. As community activism improved conditions throughout the hospital, civil rights rulings led to the integration of the facility in 1962. Nationally, treatment of mental health began to shift away from centralized large facilities, and in response, Crownsville's first community care units were established in 1969.

As the hospital began to reform on a grassroots level, great national changes began to shape Crownsville in ways that would radically impact the patients, the facility, and the fundamental approach to mental health care.

The American struggle for civil rights touched communities around the country as organizers and freedom fighters protested inequality—Crownsville Hospital included.

Civil rights also shaped the institution from the inside. Efforts to expand Black empowerment at Crownsville continued to improve the facility and patient conditions, and after failing to meet American Psychiatric Association operating standards for almost 10 years, Crownsville finally gained accreditation in 1962. That same year the patient population integrated, with adolescents first and adults in 1963.



FASTING FOR EQUALITY — Discussing the signs to continue to fast until freed of trumpeting charges, Wallace Nelson, the wife Mrs. Jussula Nelson and King Rose Robinson, met with delegates from Baltimore on Tuesday. Short examination at Crownsville proved they were not mentally deficient. Trial on Thursday refused to accept guilty verdicts with provisions and were in the sentence this morning (Friday).

Elkton Three hoped 'to say something' to Marylanders by long fast in jail

At the height of the Civil Rights protests in September 1961, three Black activists were arrested for ordering a meal at a segregated restaurant near Elkton, Maryland. In protest, while held at the Cecil County jail, they initiated a hunger strike. After 12 days the activists were transferred to Crownsville State Hospital. Despite vocal opposition from white police and officials, the activists were evaluated and found mentally sound by Crownsville psychiatrists. The three were later freed with suspended fines.

Nationally, mental health care evolved from large institutions like Crownsville to community-centered care. In 1961, the hospital established its first outpatient clinic in Baltimore to provide support for discharged patients. The Community Mental Health Act in 1963 spurred further changes, and under the leadership of Dr. George Phillips, the first Black Crownsville superintendent, four community care units were established in Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties in 1969.

Another big shift was in Crownsville's use of patient agricultural, trade, construction and custodial labor. Under the guise of "industrial therapy," patients had worked for the hospital since its establishment. In the early 1970s, the Department of Labor ruled that patients must be paid for all work, and for the first time in 60 years, unpaid patient labor in the fields and the workshops stopped.



Under Phillips' tenure as Superintendent, the staff continued to diversify, with regular Red Cross and other professional development classes to offered to new staff members like this Auxiliary group from XXXX.



Dr. George Phillips, the first Black Superintendent of Crownsville Hospital, was an accomplished physician who sought to modernize the facility. A 1948 Howard University graduate, Phillips arrived at Crownsville in 1955 for his residency, later becoming a staff psychiatrist, chief of psychiatric services and clinical director. He became Superintendent in 1965, serving until 1980. Phillips, a native of Tobago who became a US citizen in 1960, is credited broadening professional opportunities at Crownsville for a generation of medical professionals that hailed from across the world.



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THANK YOU!
Lyndra & Faye



Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Trails Concept Plan

Working Draft
February 21, 2024

Guiding Principles

In order to promote non-vehicular travel and recreation to, from, and within the park:

- People of all ages and abilities should be able to travel to, from and within CHMP without a car (walk, bike, assistive device, scooter, etc)
 - ADA-compatible paved shared-use paths (SUP) that connect to the planned South Shore Trail
- Trails for both transportation and recreation
- ADA-compliant paved trail connection to the Anne Arundel Trail Network
- Natural surface or gravel trail network for hikers, runners, cyclists [and equestrians?] in wooded areas of CHMP
- Multiple natural surface connections from CHMP to Bacon Ridge and Waterworks trails for hikers, runners, cyclists
- Consider paved and/or natural surface trails for adaptive device users
- Wayfinding signs that direct trail users to attractions, points of interests and other trails
- An interpretive trail tour that explains the history, present, and future of CHMP

Trails and Trail Users

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Adaptive Devices

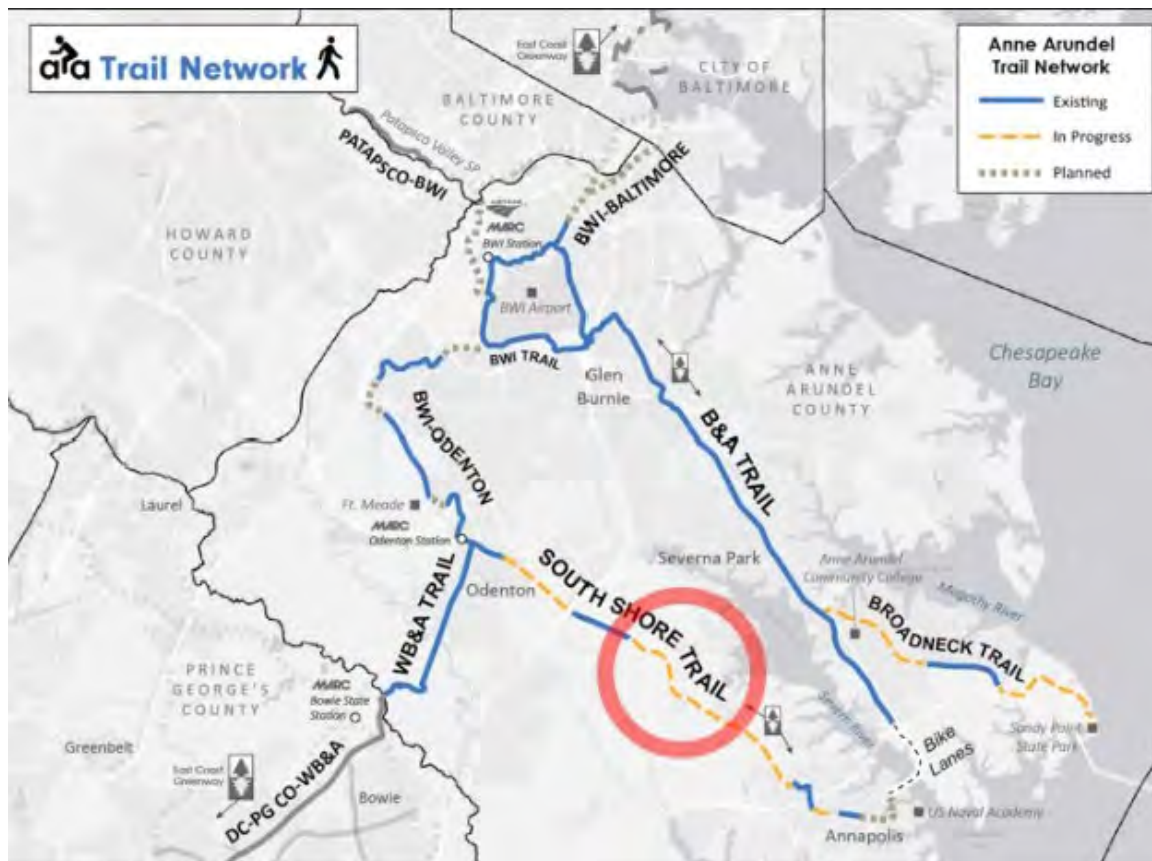


Shared-Use Path (SUP)

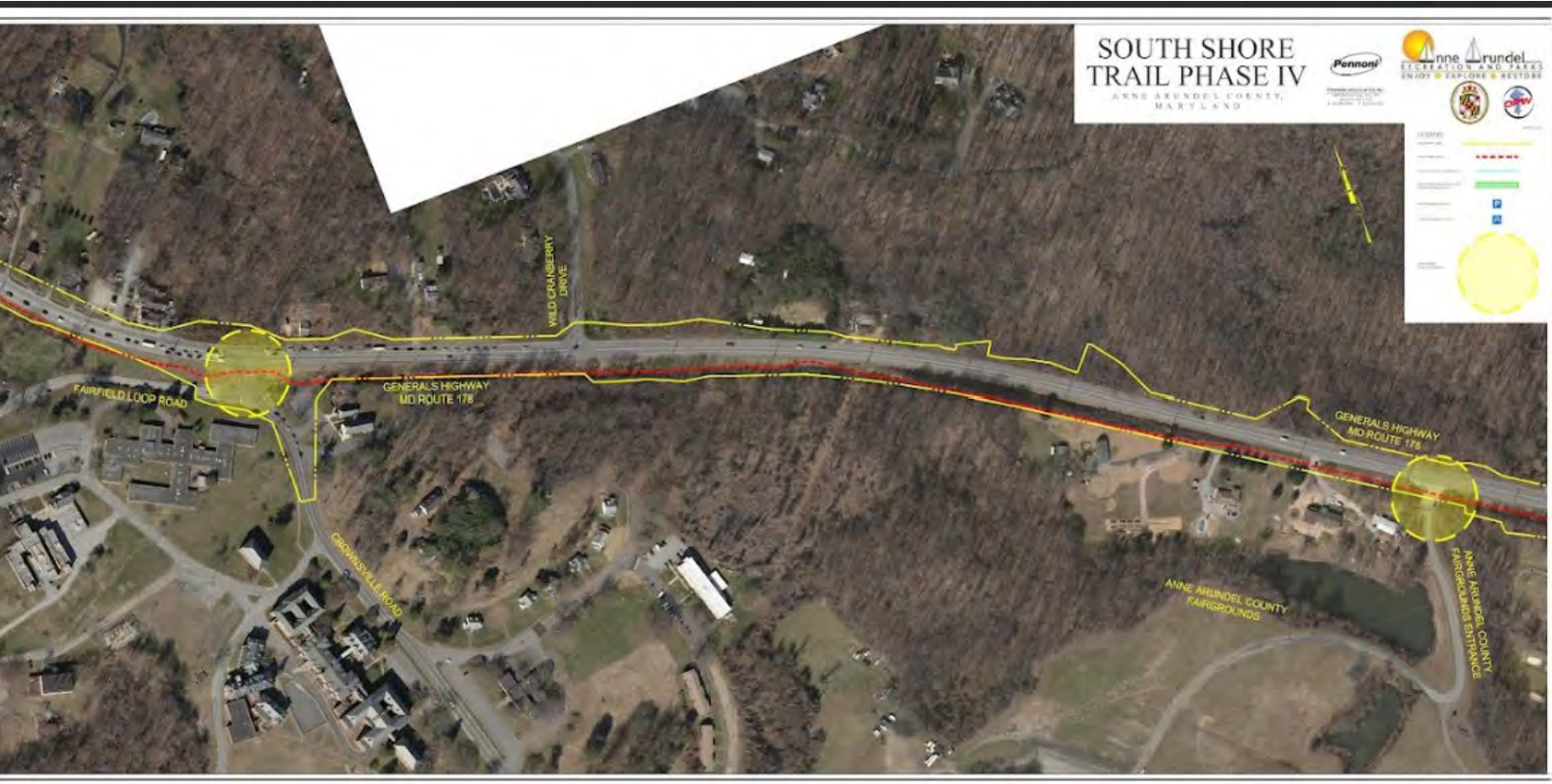


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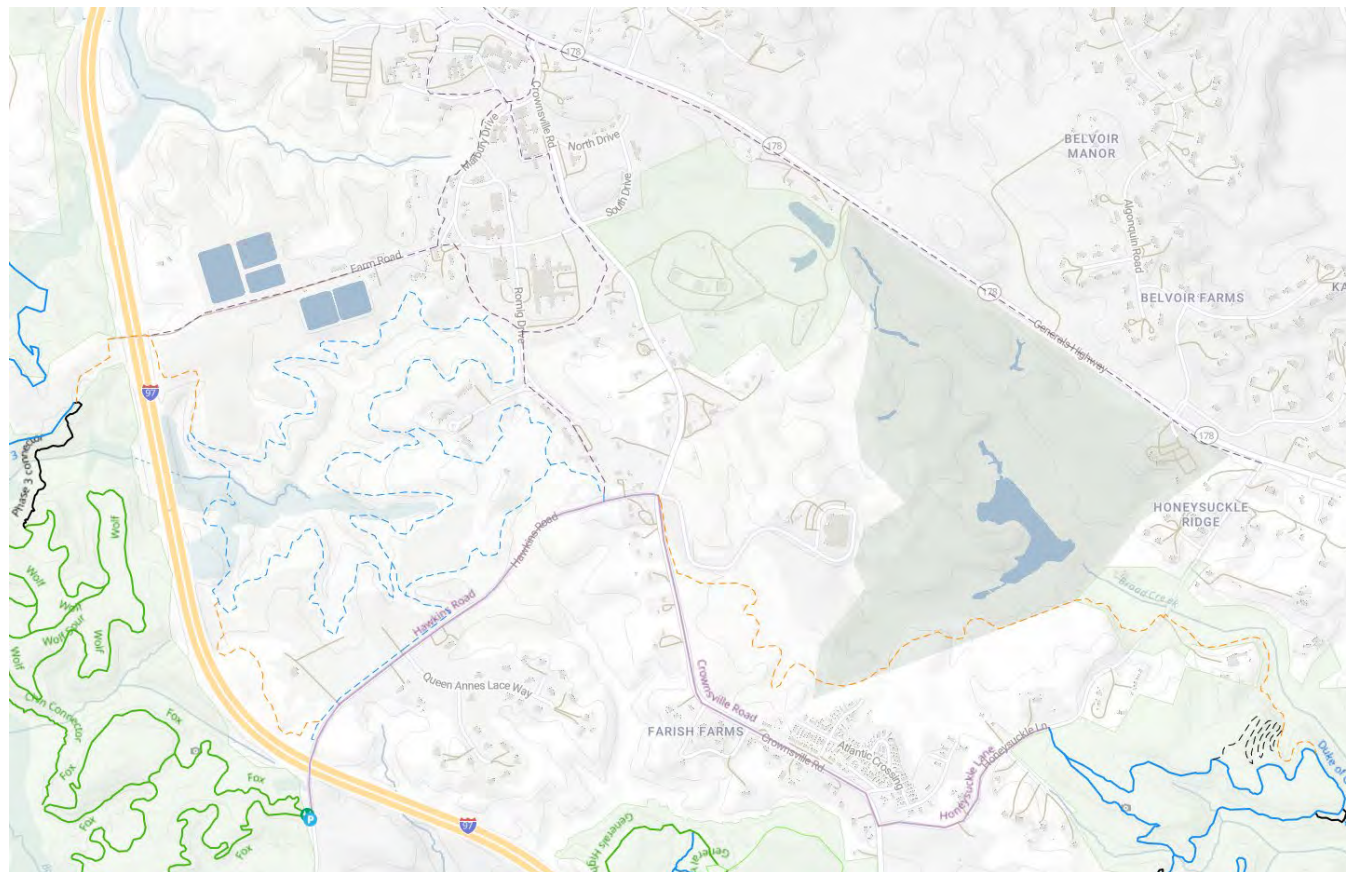
CHMP is located along the planned South Shore Trail,
Part of the envisioned paved Anne Arundel Trail Network



South Shore Trail Original Alignment Crosses Crownsville Rd. on South Side of Generals Hwy



Concept for Paved & Natural Surface Trails within CHMP and Connections to the South Shore Trail and Bacon Ridge Trails



Key

Solid Lines = Existing Natural Surface Trails and Road Connections

Dashed Lines = Proposed/Conceptual Trails

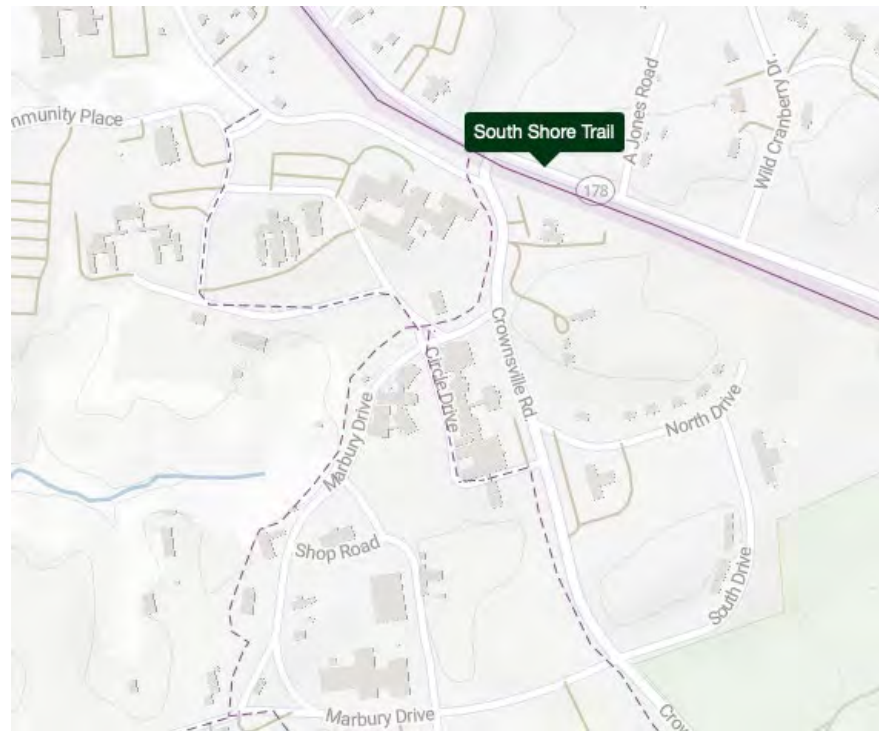
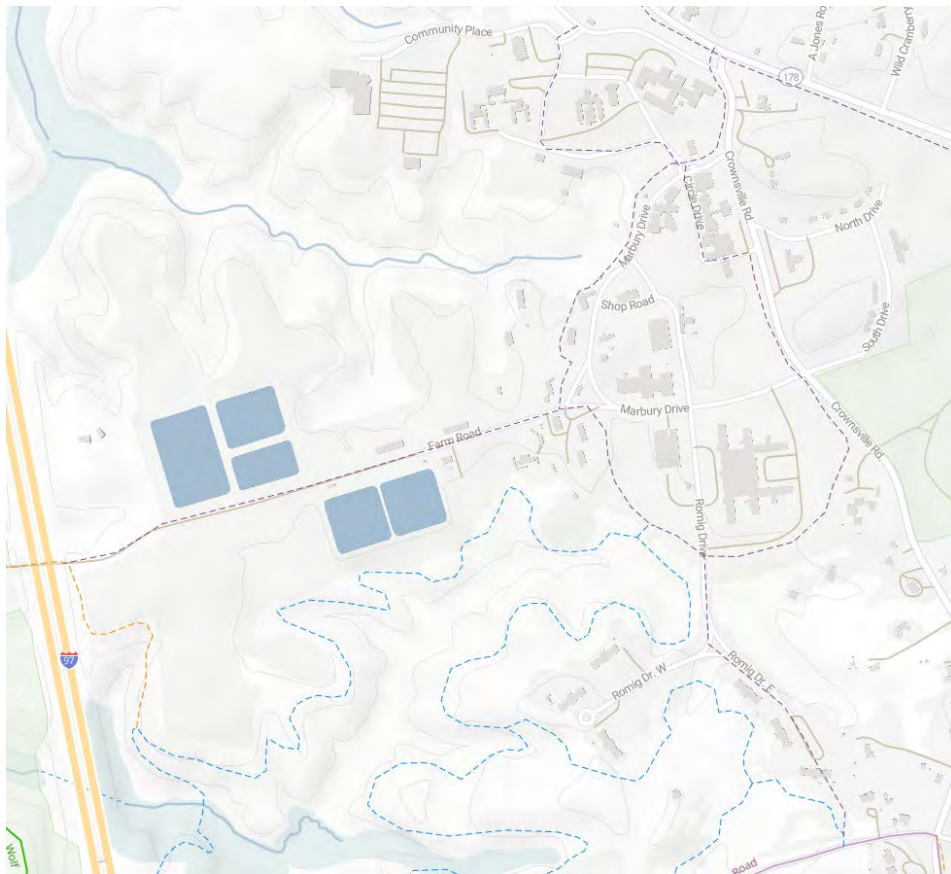
Purple = Paved

All Other Colors = Natural Surface

NOTE: Most of the proposed trails in this presentation are conceptual and have not been walked. While these conceptual outlines follow contour lines on public maps and have been cross referenced with LIDAR data, any final trail alignment will need to be confirmed via an on-site trail assessment reviewed and approved by relevant land managers.



Conceptual Paved Shared Use Path Network (Purple) Appendix 5



Conceptual Natural Surface Trail Network (Blue)

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Conceptual Natural Surface Trail Network (Blue)

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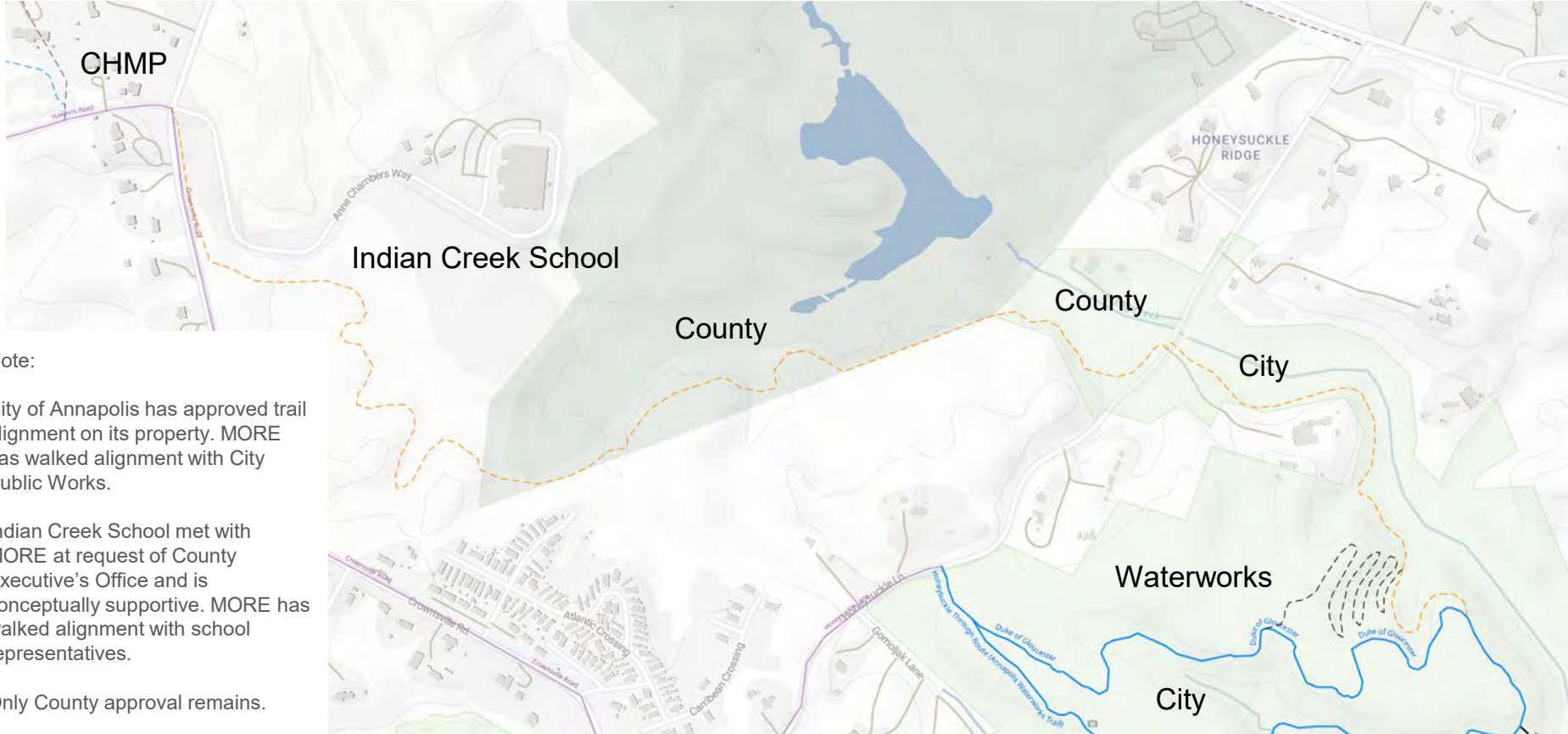


**Red line =
approximate
SRLT/MET easement
area**

Conceptual Natural Surface Trail Connections (Bacon Ridge)



Conceptual Natural Surface Trail Connections (Waterworks)



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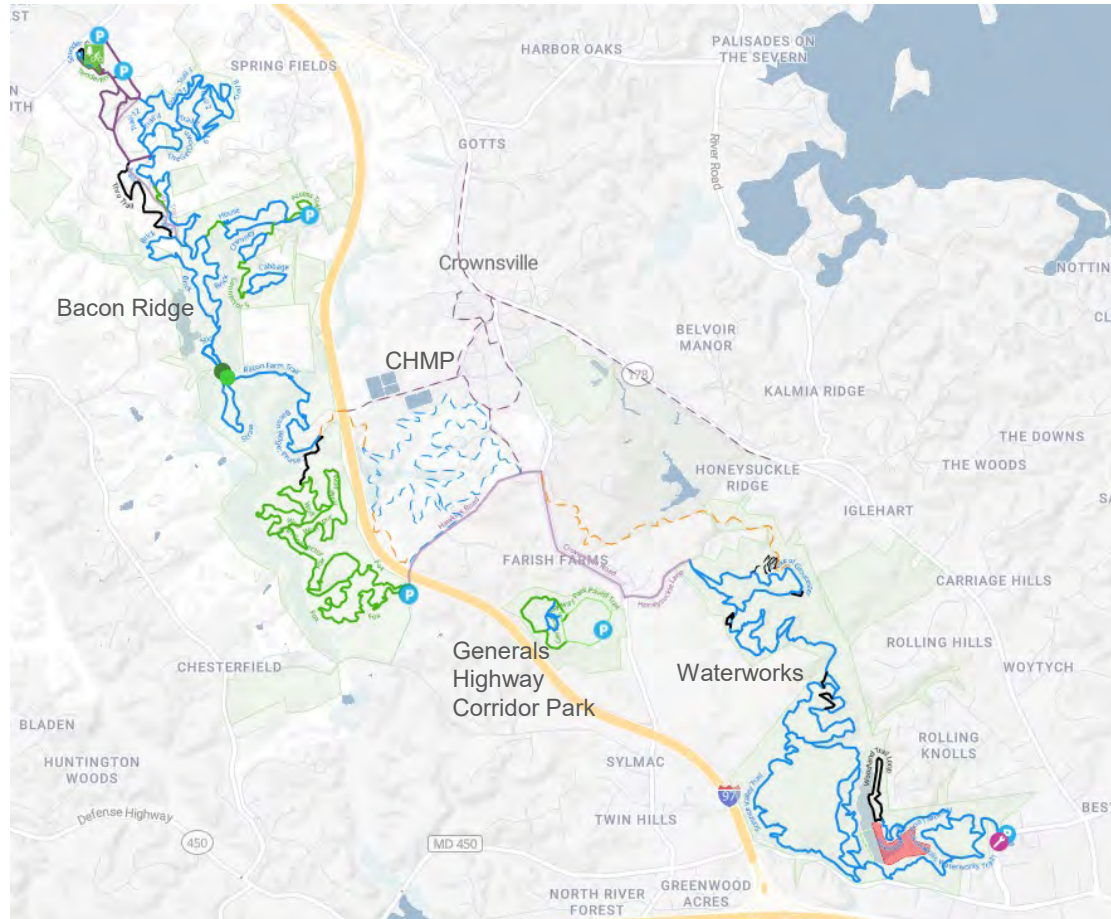
City of Annapolis has approved trail alignment on its property. MORE has walked alignment with City Public Works.

Indian Creek School met with MORE at request of County Executive's Office and is conceptually supportive. MORE has walked alignment with school representatives.

Only County approval remains.

Regional Overview

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Natural Surface Trail Road Crossings Precedent



Children's Bike Safety Park With Interpretive Art

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- Safety Course for kids of all abilities to practice safe walking, biking, mobility
- Add interpretive art appropriate to site with students and volunteers
- Shown at left is at Lindale MS, Linthicum

Paved Pump Track

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- Compact paved cycling skills course suitable for children and adults.
- Example paved pump track projects in Maryland include Wheaton Regional Park (Montgomery County) and City of Frederick

Events & Programs

- Utilize Trails, Parking and Other Facilities for events and programs such as
 - Nature Tours for hikers, birders, bikers and adaptive device users
 - History / Cultural remembrance ceremonies, tours, and educational events
 - Bicycle events such as
 - Kids Bike Safety
 - Youth/Adult MTB events (NICA Youth League Cycling)
 - Cyclocross
- Considerations
 - Parking constraints
 - Trail volume and maintenance
 - Invasive species control needs



Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #4 Minutes

21 February 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

In-person stakeholders: Scott Hymes (SH) (Chairman), Mike Pozdol (MP), Dave Beugelmans (DB), Jim Lighthizer (JLi), Jon Korin (JK), Bob Agee (BA), John Faber (JF), Mike Carter (MC),

Online Stakeholders : Jawann Wills (JW), Sarah Knebel (SK)

Design Team: Cecily Bedwell (CB) (online),

County Staff: Erica Matthews (EM), Jessica Leys (JLe), Kristina Piergrossi, Jessica Hardy (JH), Michael Stringer (MS) (online)

Guests: Lyndra Marshall, Faye Belt, Roger Marshall

Not Present: Gene Deems (GD)

- I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes** from Meeting #3.
- III. **Welcome/Guest Presentation/Oral History of Crownsville**

EM opened with introductions of honored guests for the meeting, Lyndra Marshall and Faye Belt, who were present to share with the committee some of the Crownsville Hospital history as it related to the people who lived there, worked there, and grew up on the hospital grounds and in the surrounding area. Ms. Marshall's presentation included information about her relationship with Rec and Parks and her involvement in the opening of HotSox Field. As a genealogist, she spends her time researching the families, churches, schools, organizations, and communities of Maryland, specifically Anne Arundel County, home of her ancestral roots. She is committed to the Crownsville project and has over 86 people ready to tell their stories of Crownsville. Ms. Marshall then introduced Faye Belt. Ms Belt's mother was a Nurse at Crownsville, and she was a nurse aide when she worked there herself. Many of the stories she shared involved recreational elements, similar to the subcommittee's list. EM commented that almost all of the committee ideas were a part of the stories she told.

Some of the recreational activities were: camping, cook-outs, hiking, and exploring the property, including the stream, reading, corn fields, grove/outdoor theater, baseball on the Ball Field, Music (rhythm sticks, dancing), movie night, other events in Campanella,

concerts, outdoor games, hopscotch, checkers, chess, as well as playing on the playground. The campus was self-reliant through its farming of vegetables and animals, and agricultural activities. They grew and canned food, there were horses on the property and there were numerous gardens. The residents sewed, worked on quilts, ran a hair salon, and repaired shoes and furniture. There were community days, family days, and parades on the campus.

The WBA train did have a stop near or on the property.

Nature was healing.

Aside from the recreational elements, Ms. Belt and Ms. Marshall want everyone who visits the park to remember somehow and experience what life was like at Crownsville. Crownsville was a part of the community. There is beauty in the campus. Honor the staff with statues, monuments, and perhaps even a model hospital ward. A museum and using auditory components in key areas (hospital services, notable staff, cemetery, patient life, education/college credit course work, and the history of the enslaved on the property) should also be incorporated.

They believe that this should be a transition from darkness to light.

IV. Trails Update

DB and JK presented a proposed concept plan for the CHMP Trails. The overall focus of the plan presented is to promote non-vehicular travel and recreation to and from the park for people of all ages and abilities via a trail system for transportation and recreation. The plan provided a regional overview and detailed:

- Concepts for paved and natural surface trails within CHMP and connections to the South Shore Trail and Bacon Ridge Trails.
- A Conceptual paved shared-use Path Network
- A Conceptual Natural Surface Trail Network
- Conceptual Natural Surface Trail Connections to Bacon Ridge and Waterworks

Additionally, the plan provided a precedent for natural surface road crossings, details on a Bike Safety Park, and a Paved Pump Track.

V. Chairman Update

SH summarized the Public Meeting held on February 13, 2024. Seemingly, everyone involved in the project is on the same page regarding the importance of input from the Community. The R&P Committee must break down the meeting report and explore the public comments and recommendations provided.

VI. Action Items

- A. EM needs to post the impervious calculations.

- B. EM Follow up on the campus capacity question.
- C. EM will continue to track the progress of the building assessment report
- D. EM will share the comments received from the county-wide public engagement as they become available.

VII. Next meeting 3/13 at 6 pm at R & P Headquarters, 1 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401

**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
Appendix A5
Meeting #5 Documents**



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Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #5 Agenda

13 March 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes from Meeting #3.**
- III. **Chairman Update- Scott Hymes**
- V. **New business**
 - A. Review of the 2/13/24 public meeting
 - B. Additional public engagement
- VI. **Open Discussion**
- VII. **Next meeting 4/17 at 6pm at 1 Harry S. Truman**

Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #5 Minutes

13 March 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

In-person stakeholders: Scott Hymes (SH) (Chairman), Dave Beugelmans (DB), Jim Lighthizer (JLi), Jon Korin (JK), Jawaan Wills (JW), Sarah Knebel (SK),

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Not Present: Gene Deems (GD), Bob Agee (BA), Mike Pozdol (MP)

- I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes** from Meeting #4.
- III. **Chairman Update-Scott Hymes**

Scott Hymes gave the floor to EM. EM gave an update on the To-Do list for the group. The current schedule requires a report from the R&P Subcommittee in May. EM reviewed the report format. The working documents are in the group meeting folder, including impervious surface data and structural reports. All committee members were asked to provide goals and organize them according to the themes before the next meeting. Additionally, the group was reminded that each member's required biography is needed and will become a part of the final committee report. The committee believes that the overall theme/ should be a transition from darkness to light.

IV. Public Outreach

SH polled the group's position on the need for additional Public Outreach. He referenced the close look at trails, the CHMP property (structures), and the comments from the public meetings. Seemingly, there is no disparity or random ideas. The group decided that since public outreach will be available during the development process, there is no need for a separate R&P outreach campaign. Feedback received to date includes lists for use or services for specific buildings; the County has different locations where some services can be provided, but that should not be the focus. The group decided to stay on the topic of Recreation, recognizing that there will be shared spaces.

V. Planning Discussion

The group began drafting their recommendations. EM asked the group to recall the planning session from Meeting #3. Focus on broad statements, e.g., Field House, MP Fields, Amphitheater, Museum, Communal Areas, Adaptive Trails. Goals need to be achievable and measurable, and amenities should be available for people of all abilities.

Capacity and scale should also be considered.

CB highlighted the Structural Assessment done by KBI. Buildings are all ranked using the same criteria. The list was refined by the structural integrity of the structure—a demo list was established from there. Design Collective will decide where the amenities will fit best within the overall design of CHMP.

Design Collective is trying to balance the requests and goals of all Stakeholders. She noted that the Trail Plan had already been incorporated and that there would be a second public workshop. Once the committees present their goals, the larger Committee will begin their decision-making, and costing will begin.

The group discussed using volunteers to save labor costs and various Bond Initiatives and Grants for additional funding.

VI. Action Items

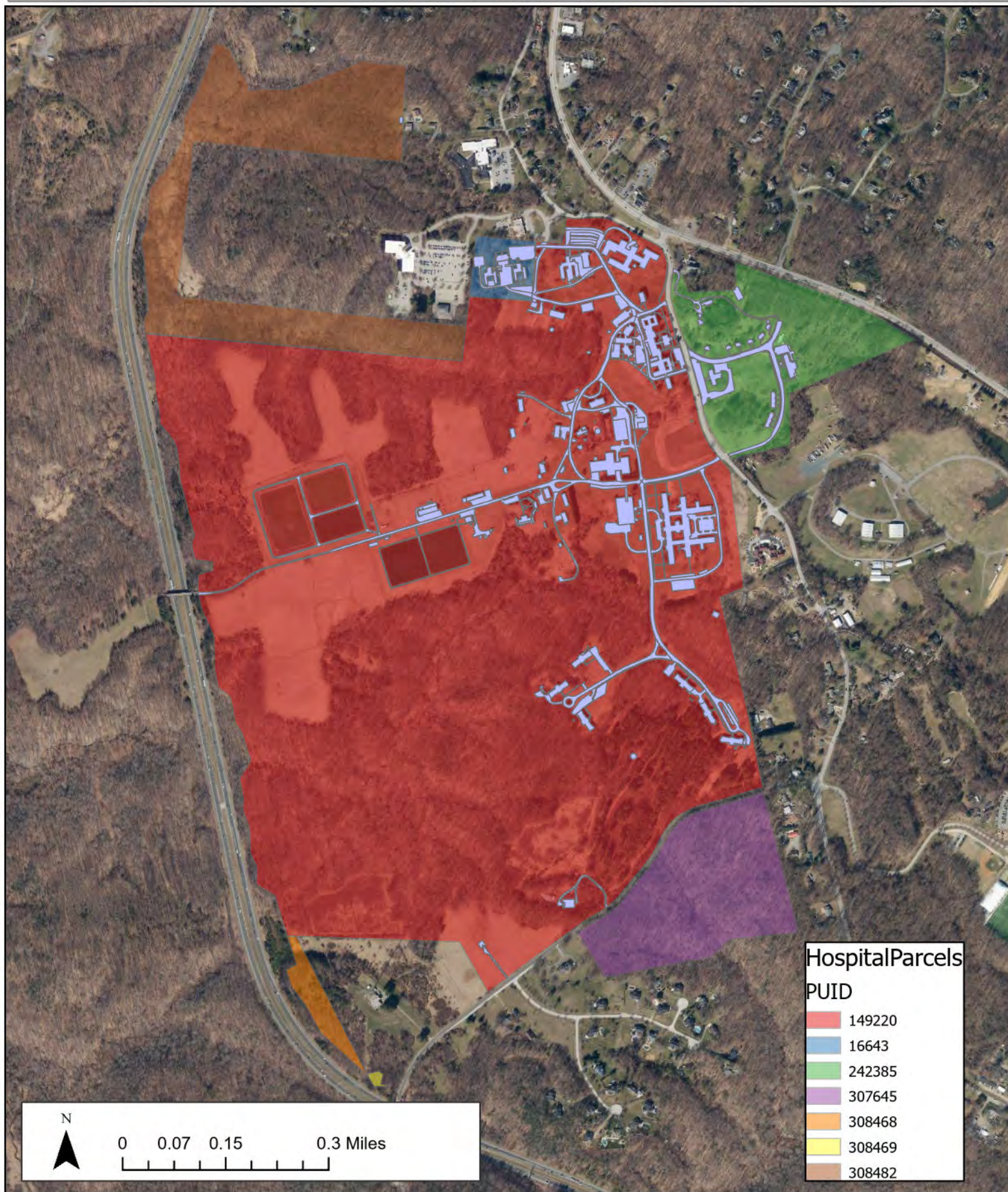
- A. The committee will update the list of recommendations and prioritized goals.
- B. Committee members will provide the biographical data for the report.
- C. R&P will begin formatting the final report.

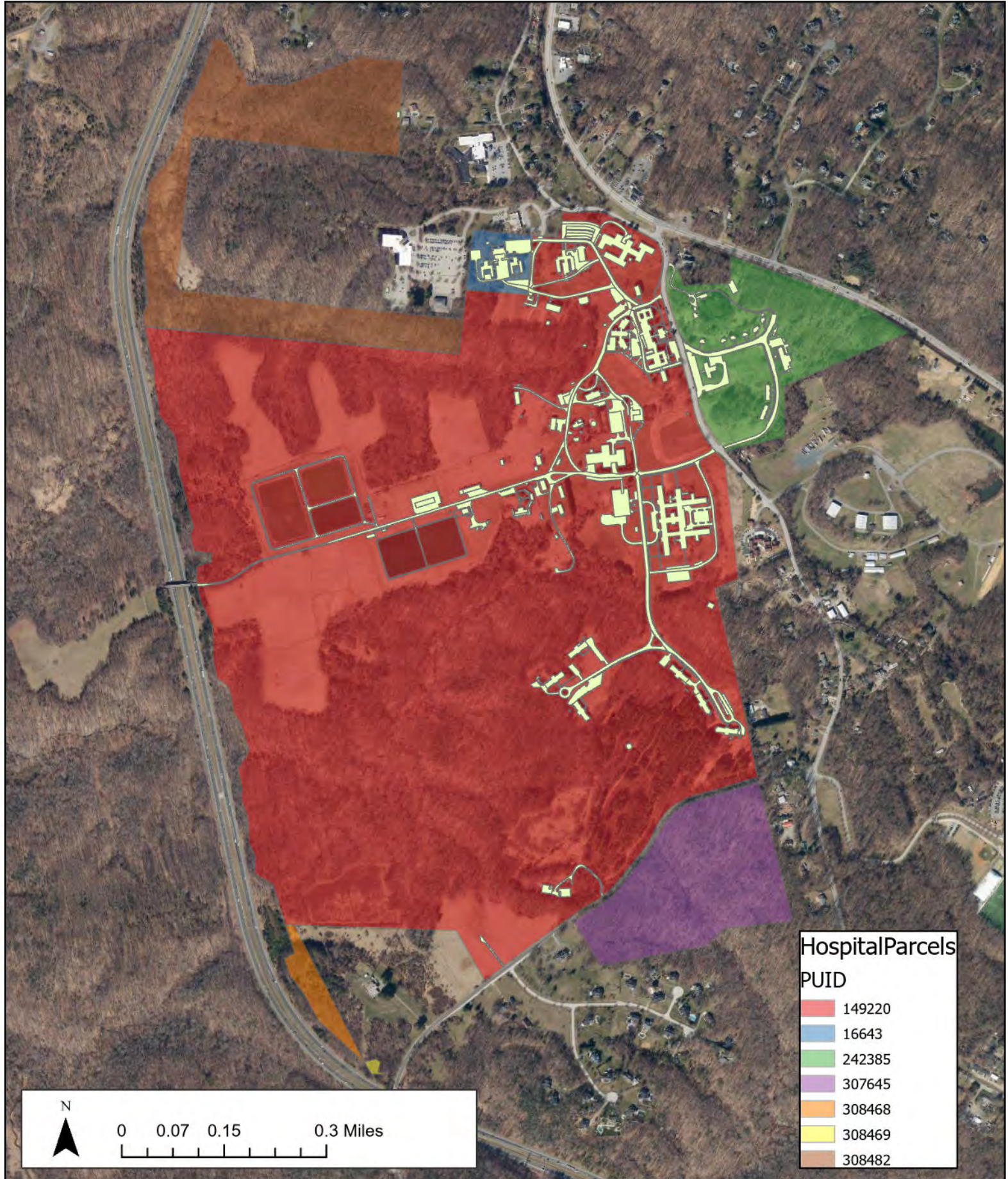
VII. Next meeting 4/17 at 6 pm at R & P Headquarters, 1 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401 (This meeting was canceled)

Crownsville Hospital Site Impervious

Parcel Color	Parcel (PUID)	2020 Impervious (sq ft)	DRAFT 2023 Impervious (sq ft)	Associated Tax Account(s) in County Parcel Layer
Red	149220	1,345,189	1,355,554	200011033710
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Blue	16643	88,739	89,849	200090040969
Green	242385	181,244	183,327	200011033710
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Meeting #6 Documents**



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Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #6 Agenda

May 21, 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Review and approval of the meeting minutes from the March Meeting**
- III. Chairman Update- Scott Hymes**
- V. New business**
 - A. Report - Draft Recommendations need to be completed.**
- VI . Open Discussion**
- VII. Next meeting 6/5/24 at 6pm at 1 Harry S. Truman**



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R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #6 Minutes

May 21, 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

In-person stakeholders: Scott Hymes (SH) (Chairman), Mike Carter (MC), Dave Beugelmans (DB), Jim Lighthizer (JLi), Jon Korin (JK), Jawaan Wills (JW), Sarah Knebel (SK), Bob Agee (BA), Mike Pozdol (MP)

Online Stakeholders: None

Design Team: Brian Reetz (online),

County Staff: Erica Matthews (EM), Jessica Hardy (JH)

Not Present: Jim Lighthizer (JLi), John Faber (JF)

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes** from Meeting #5.
- III. **Chairman Update-Scott Hymes**

None

IV. New Business

- May 16, 2024, Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Affected Communities Workshop Meeting

JK- Provided an update on the May 16, 2024, Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Affected Communities Workshop Meeting. The workshop was well attended and the format changed from a workshop to a Town hall. The public was given two minutes to provide testimony. There was a sentiment that this group was being overlooked and their ideas were not being heard. This group wants to be heard and support the recommendations of the Crownsville Caratakers United group and the report.

SH- Indicated that he had participated in a different meeting with members of the community led by Ms. Belt. He said that this group had asked for recommendations. He has not seen the final recommendations.

DB—There are so many layers to this process, and there is a limit to what the subcommittee can reasonably be expected to do. These concerns should be addressed at a higher level.

The sub-committee agreed that this was something beyond their capabilities to resolve.

(Not Discussed- EM reached out to the leadership of the Masterplan committee to see if the report was available for review. As of 5/17/24, the Crownsville Caretakers United indicated that they were in the process of working through their recommendations for the County and will communicate them to the County in the near future. EM also reached out to Mrs. Marshall to see if she had additional comments that she wanted to submit after her presentation on Feb 21, 2024, to this subcommittee. As of 6/5/24, no response was received.)

V. Planning Discussion

The group continued drafting their recommendations.

VI. Action Items

- A. The committee will update the list of recommendations and prioritized goals.
- B. R&P will begin formatting the final report.

VII. No additional meetings.

**CHMP R&P Subcommittee
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Appendix 5

Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #7 Agenda

June 5, 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes from Meeting #6.**
- III. **Chairman Update- Scott Hymes**
- V. **New business**
 - A. Complete the recommendations
- VI . **Open Discussion**
- VII. **Next meeting: None. Thank you for your participation.**



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Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park

R&P Subcommittee-Meeting #7 Minutes

June 5, 2024 / 6:00 PM / R&P Conference Room

Attendees

In-person stakeholders: Dave Beugelmans (DB), Jim Lighthizer (JLi), Sarah Knebel (SK), Bob Agee (BA)

Online Stakeholders: Mike Carter (MC), John Faber (JF), Jon Korin (JK),

Design Team: Brian Reetz (BR) (online),

County Staff: Erica Matthews (EM), Kristina Piergrossi, Jessica Hardy (JH)

Not Present: Scott Hymes (SH) (Chairman), Bob Agee (BA), Mike Pozdol (MP), Jawaan Wills (JW),

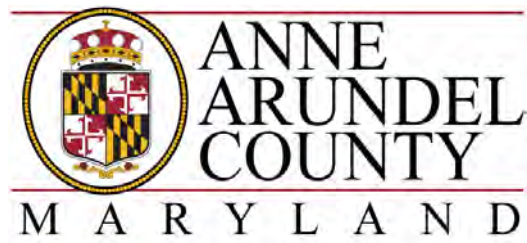
- I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.
- II. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes from Meeting #6**
- III. **Chairman Update-Scott Hymes**- no report
- IV. **Planning Discussion**- The group continued drafting their recommendations.
- V. **Action Items**
 - A. Complete the report

Appendix B: Recommendations for Other Sub-Committees

#	Requested Committee to review for inclusion	Recommendations	Priority
1	Infrastructure	Removal and decommissioning of the treated wastewater spray fields will provide more opportunities for meaningful use of the space.	High- This would result in more space for recreational use and possible preservation of open spaces or areas to be reforested.
2	Infrastructure	Determine the campus capacity based on potential constraints such as restrooms, parking spaces, SWM, and road capacity.	High- This helps determine just how much development is needed.
3	Recreational and Infrastructure	Connection to the County's recreational trail system should be prioritized. This should be coordinated with the recreational themes	High- This is highly probable with the current efforts of the ongoing South Shore Trail Capital project and the planned connection points at northern and southern campus properties
4	Infrastructure	Where possible, spaces should be used by multiple agencies that may need space for similar activities. An example would be a gym and indoor meeting spaces, which various agencies could use.	High—This would result in maximum space utilization while reducing the need for additional infrastructure such as parking, SWM, and utilities.
5	Infrastructure	Renovate the older apartments, cottages, or dormitories into usable space for overnight camps	Low- The DRP currently does not have an urban or overnight child-focused camp or operational model to execute this option fully
6	History	Create and implement a method for people to submit memorabilia for preservation and display.	High- This should be a priority so that oral histories and documents are preserved and available for viewing at the museum.
7	History	Consider the use of Docents to explain the cultural and historical significance of	Low- This may be cost-prohibitive, and the

		the property	museum may accomplish this goal
8	History	Consider the inclusion of interactive experiences in the museums	Medium- This may be cost-prohibitive, and this could be accomplished by other means like storyboards, exhibits, and photos displayed on the campus
9	ALL	Provide opportunities for Volunteers to help with the development of specialized areas.	Medium- This would have to be done in accordance with County policies and procedures.
10	History	Recreate one of the wards so visitors can see how a ward would have been set up with a nurse's station, patient rooms, social service offices, and other community workshops, training, and classes. This could also house recreational programming. Consider reusing the Meyer Building for this purpose.	Medium- This may be cost-prohibitive, and this could be accomplished by other means like storyboards, exhibits, and photos displayed on the campus
11	History	Share exceptional history about the contributions of black people to Anne Arundel County as well as to the site. Commonly neglected values include collaboration, connection and contribution. How are these patients and their families a part of the greater story of Anne Arundel County? Highlighting the victimization of vulnerable populations could be a trigger for visitors depending on the way it is framed.	High-All the stories need to be told.
12	History	Highlight the history of illness through the inhumane treatment of vulnerable populations by those in power. Create a call to action for the privileged through opportunities to uplift, honor, and celebrate change through wellness. Take value-based action steps.	High-All stories need to be told and efforts made so that those who can affect policy will not victimize other disadvantaged members of society.
13	Infrastructure	Within reason, preserve and reuse the	High- There is value in these

		historic buildings on site. There needs to be a proactive approach to reuse, not just demolition.	spaces.
14	Infrastructure	Provide a Community Center that can house various programs and activities. The center should include a gym, court games (basketball, pickleball, tennis, racquetball), and flex meeting spaces that can be used for workshops, crafts, and fitness classes. Consider the reuse of the Campanella Building for this use.	High—The structural report should dictate which building should be rehabilitated/renovated. If it was previously used for this purpose, the goal is to reuse it as much as possible.



Crownsville Health & Wellness Subcommittee Report



**Recommendations for the
Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Master Plan
May, 2024**

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Executive Summary

The charge of the Health & Wellness Subcommittee was to provide guidance on the health/wellness services and programming offered by the County and local nonprofits that would best serve Anne Arundel County residents at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus. The committee members' tasks were; to brainstorm ideas, gather background information or data based on initial discussions, solicit ideas from their networks to report back to the larger advisory committee, identify community needs and existing resources, prioritize ideas, and create a document describing the process with a prioritized list of recommendations for the administration's consideration.

The subcommittee was made up of 19 members offering some diversity, including a veteran, a resident of the Crownsville area, and four Crownsville providers with lived experience of working at the site. The subcommittee met online or in-person a total of nine times from October, 2023 to May, 2024, including two special meetings; to discuss housing and to hear lived experience of Crownsville's history. Over the course of six months, the subcommittee discussed current needs of county residents and any gaps in health and human services, conditions at the site and needs of current tenants, barriers to the project, the importance of using an equity lens (in adherence to Anne Arundel County's equity policy) throughout the entire process, potential opportunities for collaboration and specific proposals for site use.

Committee members created three goals for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, including equity and healing, respect for the history of Crownsville, the surrounding environment and its buildings; dedication to holistic health, wellness, and intentional collaboration and; with connection to the local community but welcoming and accessible to everyone.

In April, 2024, the subcommittee met in person and used a nominal voting process to prioritize 14 recommendations received and documented since October, 2023, from public sources as well as suggestions made by committee members themselves. An 'other' option was added for recommendations not previously suggested or offered. The recommendations were cross-walked with the three committee goals to ensure consistency. Although some recommendations overlap and/or could complement others, there were three primary themes: Direct Services, Housing, and Learning/Gathering Spaces.

The top five priorities of the Health and Wellness Committee are out-patient mental health services, community gardens, a wraparound service center, affordable housing, transitional housing and inpatient youth mental health/Substance Use Disorder services. Further explanation of these priorities can be found in the report.

Subcommittee Roster

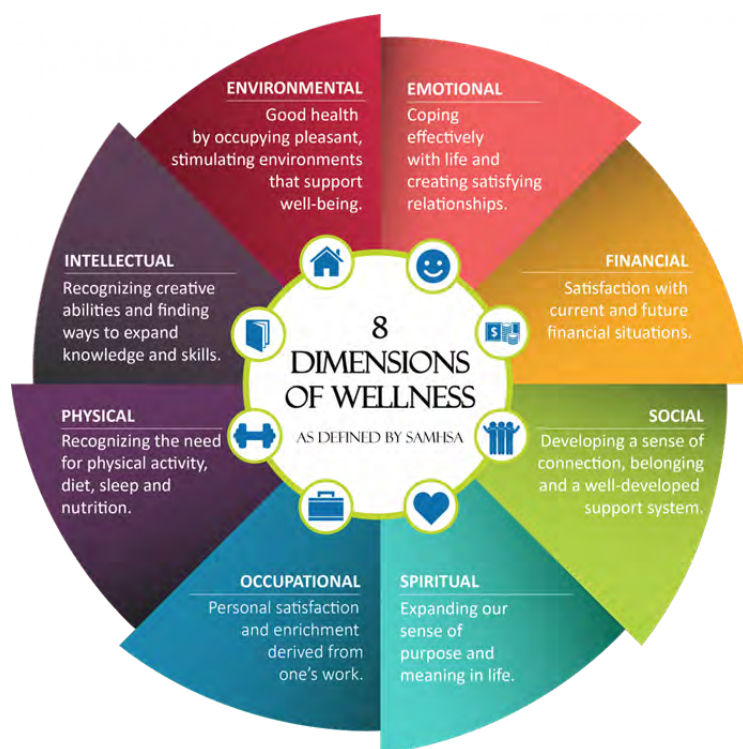
<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Heather Bagnall	Delegate, District 33C	Maryland House of Delegates
Kristy Blalock	Executive Director	Gaudenzia
Carol Boyer	Chief Strategy/Engagement Officer	Hope House
Pam Brown	Executive Director Subcommittee Chair	Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families
Beth Brush	Planning Director	Arundel Community Development Services
Jen Corbin	Director	AACo Crisis Response System
Peggy Cruz	Director, Family Health Services	AACo Department of Health
Isabella Shycoff	Division Director, Housing Services	State of Maryland
Laticia Hicks	Mentor/Volunteer Director	Charting Careers
Joi Howard	Co-Founder	EnSprout/EnBloom
Kathy Lane	Educational Consultant Founding Consultant /Owner's Representative	New Village Academy Public Charter School
Leah Paley	Chief Executive Officer	Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Tom Parlett, Sr.		
Robin Rickard	Executive Director	Chrysalis House
Joelle Ridgeway	Deputy Director	Dept. of Aging and Disabilities
Jonathon Rondeau	President & CEO	The Arc Central Chesapeake Region
Celeste Seger	Assistant Professor	UM School of Nursing
Dan Tootle	Member	Veterans & Military Families Advocate
Danny Watkins	Sr. Director, Behavioral Health Operations and Nursing	Luminis Health / AAMC

Staff: Jennifer Purcell, Executive Director, Nonprofit Center @ 41 Community Place

Charge of the Subcommittee

The charge of the Health & Wellness Subcommittee was to provide guidance on the health/wellness services and programming offered by the County and local nonprofits that will best serve Anne Arundel County residents at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus.

Definition of Health and Wellness



Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Health and wellness is holistic, crossing multiple areas and applies to both individuals and communities.

Health & Wellness Subcommittee Goals

The Health and Wellness Committee identified three overarching goals for the future Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. All recommendations in this report relate to these three goals directly.

The Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park is a campus:

- **Built on equity and healing that respects the history of Crownsville, the surrounding environment and its buildings**
- **Dedicated to holistic health, wellness, and intentional collaboration**
- **Connected to the local community but welcoming and accessible to everyone.**

Summary of Subcommittee Activities

The Health and Wellness Subcommittee met online or in-person a total of nine times from October 2023 to May 2024, including two in addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Key activities and outcomes of each meeting are described in Appendix B and provide context for the recommendations in the next section.

Several members also attended the monthly Advisory Committee meetings, public meetings facilitated by the Design Collective, and discussions of *Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum*. One member presented the subcommittee's work and solicited feedback from the Caucus of African American Leaders.

Over the course of six months, the subcommittee discussed:

- Current needs of county residents and gaps in health and human services
- Conditions at the site and needs of current tenants
- Barriers to the project
- The importance of using an equity lens throughout the entire process
- Potential opportunities for collaboration
- Specific proposals for site use

Lived Experience as Data

Lived experience related to the history of the site was shared by Mrs. Faye Belt, a former nurse at the Crownsville Hospital who was featured in Antonia Hylton's book, *Madness, Race and Insanity*. Membership of the committee included four current tenants of the buildings and one Crownsville resident. Each one offered a unique perspective related to their lived experience of the Crownsville site.

Process for Subcommittee Recommendations

The Health & Wellness Subcommittee met in person and used a nominal voting process to prioritize 14 recommendations received and documented since October, 2023, from public sources as well as committee members themselves. An 'other' option was added for recommendations not previously suggested or offered.

The following recommendations are based on the needs identified through existing county needs assessment research, expert opinion, review of stakeholder and public feedback, consideration of community resident concerns, history and equity. The table below shows the results. Note that several recommendations received the same number of votes. Those are listed alphabetically. The themes noted in the table are described in the next section.

Recommendations are organized by priority, theme and process. Subcommittee members' hope is that presenting this report will not only inform decisions made in the master planning process, but provide historical documentation for future administrations.

Health & Wellness Subcommittee Recommendations by Theme

Cross walked to the three goals

Although some recommendations overlap and/or could complement others, there were three primary themes: Direct Services, Housing, and Learning/Gathering Spaces.

A. Theme: Direct Services

1. Mental Health Services [HIGH priority]

Out-patient mental health services for the general population, including veterans, based on the growing need in the county. The subcommittee acknowledged the current lack of mental health therapists in the county. Treatment should be available with or without insurance. There should be some emphasis on alternate wellness. We should honor those with mental health issues and give opportunities

for their upward mobility. They should also be considered for housing on the grounds.

2. Wrap-Around Service Center [HIGH priority]

A multi-provider center offering continuity of care. The center must be focused on healing and family wellness with the potential for dental chairs, resource navigators, telehealth, employment, training, community education, and support groups. The center should be attached to available recreation at the site.

3. Inpatient Youth Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Services [MED priority]

This recommendation was made based on the need in the county. There are no bed spaces in-county for youth with mental health issues. The site should offer temporary assessment, respite for youth and families and treatment to include meds management.

4. Farming/Agriculture [MED priority]

Part of the purpose of this recommendation was to connect with the agricultural history of Crownsville and honor it. Large-scale food production on site could help alleviate food insecurity in the County. It could be distributed by the Food Bank and used as a teaching site for students. Commercial kitchen spaces with cold storage could be used for job training.

5. Veterans and Military Families Clinic [MED priority]

A veterans & military family clinic, potentially in the Meyer building, to address their unique circumstances. This would be modeled after an established clinic and does not include housing

B. Theme: Housing

1. Affordable Housing [HIGH priority]

Based on the high need in the county and not for any special population or low income families only. It could be ‘middle housing’ that fits with the overall theme of the site. Middle Housing is the development of “starter” home type housing that is affordable to low and moderate income families. One example is adding a duplex to a typical single lot. This concept is rethinking the typical suburban

design to allow for greater density and thereby more affordability. It should not be restricted to rental units. The county should consider a community land trust.

2. Transitional Housing [MED priority]

The suggestion is for much needed temporary and transitional housing with wraparound services. For instance we have no medical respite for residents discharged from hospital. Many are discharged to homeless shelters. Residents could use the wraparound services offered in the service center.

3. Recovery Housing [MED priority]

For those in treatment at Crownsville and other sites in the county where step-down services are necessary.

4. Senior Housing [MED priority]

The recommendation is based on the rising number of seniors who are a threat of homelessness or homeless in the county.

C. Theme: Learning and Gathering Spaces

1. Community Gardens [HIGH Priority]

Create community gardens that can be used to encourage community connection to nature and healthy eating. They can facilitate family bonding and serve as a teaching location for youth. Patients in existing facilities could tend gardens as part of a therapeutic program. The county should also consider a community land trust.

2. Community Gathering Spaces [MED priority]

Use the site for festivals, community gathering and celebrations to honor the history of Crownsville

3. Educational / Learning Spaces

Create spaces throughout the site that encourage collaboration and provide opportunities for learning and growth such as workforce development, programs

for underserved youth, volunteerism, and classes centered on overall health and well-being. Educational programs should not only be accessible to the communities most impacted by Crownsville's history, but also built around their needs.

Health & Wellness Subcommittee Recommendations by Priority

Table 2. Recommendations by Priority (Green = high priority; Yellow = medium priority)

Recommendation	Number of Votes	Primary Theme	Secondary Theme
Community Gardens	11	LG	DS
Mental Health Services (<i>outpatient, no specific population</i>)	11	DS	
Wrap-Around Service Center	11	DS	
Housing: Affordable	9	H	
Housing: Transitional	4	H	DS
Inpatient Youth Mental Health/SUD Services	4	DS	H
Community Gathering Space	3	LG	
Educational / Learning Space (includes job training)	3	LG	
Farming (to help address food insecurity)	3	DS	LG
Housing: Recovery	3	H	DS
Housing: Senior	3	H	
Veterans Center / Clinic (not housing)	3	DS	LG
Food Bank (write in)	2	DS	
Food Service or Restaurant for Job Training (write in)	2	LG	
Childcare Facility	1	DS	LG
Housing: Veterans	0	H	

Key for themes: DS = Direct Service, H = Housing, LG = Learning/Gathering Space

Other write-in recommendations included a historical museum and a walking history trail. These recommendations are not included above because they do not fall under the subcommittee's health and wellness charge. However, the feedback has been shared with the Cultural History subcommittee.

Health & Wellness Subcommittee Process-Related Recommendations

The subcommittee commends the county's leadership for engaging stakeholders throughout the master planning process. As the subcommittee work winds down, the group presents three process-related recommendations to consider moving forward.

- **Equity** - Members recommend writing an equity statement specific to the CHMP project, setting goals with specific measures (e.g., % MBE in procurement, % programs available and accessible to underserved populations), and distributing clear criteria about how organizations will be selected to offer programs on site). The health and wellness committee also recommends the advisory committee outline a selection process to provide the necessary guidance to the county executive to ensure final selections are fair, equitable, and objective. The establishment of the park is not the beginning nor the end and that the future of Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park should continue to utilize the equity lens (that hopefully will be) established by the county.
- **Communication** - the subcommittee is aware of how long the logistical tasks, such as government approvals, permitting, and the contracting process, will take. Members recommend being very transparent with stakeholders about the amount of time it will take to implement any of the recommendations submitted by the four subcommittees.
- **Timing** - As noted above, many recommendations will take a significant amount of time to implement. However, current tenants are providing services on the site today. The group recommends improving the conditions for existing tenants in the short-term while other programs are being developed.
- **Transportation** - The existing public transportation system was discussed several times. Without adequate public transportation routes in Crownsville, the trajectory of the CHMP project could be stunted. The committee recommends identifying/directing funding to support the transportation systems required for this project.

Equity Lens

The subcommittee had intended to have a formal presentation of the Equity Lens early in their meetings. However, issues with illness and scheduling made that impossible. Instead, at the final meeting, Georgia Noone-Sherrod (previous Human Relations Commission Chairperson) agreed to review the process and discuss the subcommittee's report using an equity lens. Asha Smith, the county's Equity Officer, also attended the meeting. Overall, Ms. Noone-Sherrod gave the committee praise for their focus on equity and made some suggestions for future work, including adding those with lived experience of Crownsville, to the subcommittee.

Appendix A: Definition of Terms

Equity (Executive Order 50)

Equity recognizes that some groups were (and are) disadvantaged in accessing opportunities and are, therefore, underrepresented or marginalized in organizations and institutions. Equity, therefore, means providing disadvantaged groups the resources they need to compete on a level playing field.

Health and Wellness

Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Health and wellness is holistic, crossing multiple areas and applies to both individuals and communities.

Wraparound

Wraparound is a youth-guided, family-driven team planning process that provides coordinated and individualized community-based services for youths and their families to help them achieve positive outcomes.

Appendix B: Health & Wellness Subcommittee Meeting Summaries

October 18, 2023

The first meeting of the H&W committee included introductory information and a discussion of what information was needed to complete its charge.

- Committee member introductions, including why Crownsville is important to them
- Summary of the Advisory Committee Meeting
- Health & Wellness Subcommittee Charge
 - Discussed definition of health and wellness. See the appendix for a definition.
 - In general, health and wellness is holistic and applies to both individuals and communities.
 - The campus must be welcoming and accessible to everyone. Connection was a key word.
- Discussed the importance of using an equity lens at every step in the process.
- Identified what additional data was needed and who was missing from the subcommittee.
- Asked about space and infrastructure limitations that the subcommittee should consider noting land easements, lack of transportation, and timeline for approvals.

December 6, 2023

The planned agenda to discuss health and human services needs and project barriers was postponed to January to allow the Crownsville project manager and master planning consultants (Design Collective) to present the project process and timeline to the group. The presentation included:

- Project schedule (12-month process) and phases
- Team members
- Public engagement
- Project scope (tasks)
- Work to Date and Next Steps

The remainder of the meeting was a series of questions and answers. In general, the committee was concerned about the timeline, the community engagement process, and the role of the subcommittees.

January 3, 2024

This meeting began with answering questions that had been asked after Design Collective's presentation at the December meeting. These questions included:

- The relationship between the subcommittees and the design team
- The status of leases with existing tenants
- The timeline

Members again requested equity lens training (94%).

- Staff schedules at the time (and later staff changes) required the subcommittee postpone the equity discussion.
- Asked how equity was being incorporated into the overall master planning process.
- The GARE Equity Tool Kit emphasizes the importance of incorporating the equity lens early in any decision making process.

The Chair shared content about the color and geography of the social determinants of health, noting the need for more information about individuals with disabilities, seniors, and veterans.

Three big needs have remained unchanged since 2009:

- Transportation
- Affordable housing
- Affordable, quality child care

Group listened to the lived experience of existing tenants on the property.

- Tenants in attendance included Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Gaudenzia, and Hope House. Other tenants discussed their concerns at the following meeting.
- Each shared current challenges: buildings needing constant repairs, transportation to site, “look” of the property being a deterrent to potential clients, poor water quality, poor lighting and the need for more security.
- Although not a current tenant and using another building outside the Crownsville acquisition, Jennifer Purcell shared the vision for a Nonprofit Center at 41 Community Place, the time required to get through the HUD approval process, and potential collaborations.

February 7, 2024

Most subcommittee members participated in a tour of the property prior to the scheduled meeting. The takeaways from being able to view the property first-hand included:

- How important it was to see the property before making recommendations
- How important it is to understand infrastructure limitations
- Lack of security on the site
- Concern about funding required to complete even a small subset of recommendations
- How much larger the site was than expected
- How can we create an equitable environment across the entire property, not just the cemetery

- A request to take down the sign at the front of the campus sooner than later.

The formal meeting included:

- Additional insights from current tenants, including Wheels of Hope and Chrysalis House.
- Design Collective staff shared the historical timeline, which was well received by the subcommittee.
- Recap of previous Advisory Committee meeting
- Small group discussion of opportunities for collaboration among existing and potential tenants. Details are in the Appendix.

March 6, 2024

The subcommittee listened to specific proposals from several organizations. All presenters were members of the subcommittee. The chair reiterated the subcommittee's role to recommend general services based on needs, not specific organizations or vendors. Proposals included:

- Veterans and Military Family Clinic (Dan Tootle, subcommittee member)
 - Needed to address mental health
 - In discussion with CE Pittman since 2019
 - Duplicate successful services at clinic in Silver Spring
 - ACDS confirmed that county has met needs of homeless veterans
- EnBloom healing and wellness space (Joi Howard, subcommittee member)
- Anne Arundel County Food Bank (Leah Paley, subcommittee member)
 - in discussions with county leadership about new space

Laticia Hicks presented the importance of working together, ensuring Black voices and those impacted by life on the property are heard throughout the process, creating specific criteria and metrics to select what organizations / projects are part of the property, and making decisions based on data.

March 27, 2024

At the DCAO's request, the Health & Wellness and Infrastructure committees met to discuss housing options on the Crownsville property. Thirteen H&W members attended.

- Dr. Brown presented data on the housing needs of special populations, Beth Brush from ACDS articulated the need for affordable housing in the county and shared potential options such as "middle" housing.
- The committees reviewed public comments and a proposal by the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County.
- The Infrastructure committee shared issues related to water, sewage, significant renovation of buildings and transportation.

April 3, 2024

Guest speaker, Faye Belt who was featured in *Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum*, was unable to attend. The subcommittee agreed to schedule another evening meeting at her convenience before the final meeting.

Members used the full session to prioritize recommendations and discuss how they fit within the goals. Goals are listed by priority and by theme below.

April 24, 2024

A subset of committee members met with Ms. Faye Belt, a former nurse at the Crownsville Hospital who was featured in Antonia Hylton's book, *Madness, Race and Insanity*. Ms. Belt shared her lived experience as a nurse at the Crownsville hospital site. Her message emphasized the good work done by staff at the hospital. She explained that the inherent racism baked into Crownsville was part of normal life for African Americans. They had few choices yet they stayed to care for the inhabitants. Their voices were not heard until Antonia Hylton published her book 'Madness; Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum.

Ms. Belt wants everyone to understand that the Crownsville grounds are sacred and that the voices of those who lived and worked there are most important for the future of the grounds. Those voices should be part of all decisions related to the grounds. She made the following recommendations:

- Housing, sustainable grounds, canteen, education building, safe spaces.
- Emphasized having Black caretakers and professionals who specifically understood Black culture and the ability to communicate and honor it.

May 8, 2024

Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Executive Director of the Anne Arundel County Conflict Resolution Center, and previous Human Relations Commission Chair for the county, shared her thoughts related to the subcommittee's process and subsequent report. Overall the committee received praise for addressing equity. She suggested adding those with lived experience of Crownsville to the subcommittee and to the larger committee. The draft was approved, with changes, for submission to the External Advisory Committee.