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Valentine Creek Water Access

Project No. P567400

Stakeholder Meeting #2 – September 16, 2025

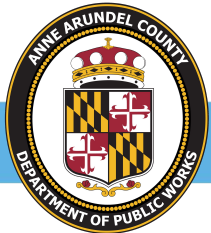


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 - You will only hear the voices of the presenters during the 1st part of tonight's presentation. Your mic and video functions will be engaged during the 2nd half.
- If you have questions or comments please utilize the raise hand function at the bottom/top of your device screen.
 - All questions will be answered at the end of this presentation
 - The presenters will call your name.



Welcome/ Introductions

- Department of Recreation and Parks
Erica Matthews (Deputy Director)
- Department of Public Works
Melissa Harlinski (Project Manager)
- BayLand Consultants and Designers, Inc.
Megan Barniea, PE (Senior Project Manager)



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome / Introductions
- Project background and purpose
- Goals and objectives
- Existing conditions
- Concept
- Next steps
- Comment Period

Vicinity Map



Stakeholder Role

STAKEHOLDER:

A stakeholder is either an individual, group or organization who is impacted by the outcome of a project. They have an interest in the success of the project.

PROJECTMANAGER

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- Provide input during the decision-making process
- Help Rec & Parks define how to achieve its vision
- Provide insight and knowledge
- Be a champion for the project
- Collaborate, seek solutions, and compromise
- Consider the greater good
- Compile feedback from the community and present it to the group for consideration
- Work toward a common goal
- Synergize – the parts as a whole should result in a greater outcome than the individual parts

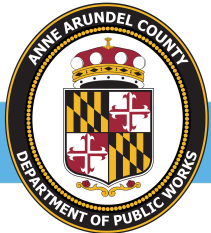


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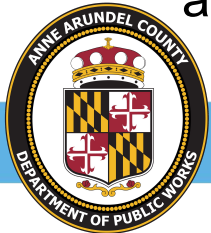
Project Background and Purpose:

- Valentine Creek Park
 - 1102 Valentine Creek Dr. Crownsville, Md
 - Purchased in 2018 with Program Open Space funding
 - 28.347 acres that are undeveloped and currently used for passive recreation
 - Provides water access to the Severn River
 - Parking is limited to the Valentine Creek Dr
- 2017 and 2022 LPPRP identify a need for increased public access to the Bay. District 6 rank water access, beach swimming , and access for cartop access as their 2nd highest want in the study.
- Expand public water access on the Severn River.



●Project History

- Stakeholders were convened in 2021/2022
- There was one stakeholder meeting to review Concepts A, B and C
- Spring of 2022 -The project was re-evaluated in response to the community input.
- 2023- Concept D was shared with the stakeholders and comments were requested from the stakeholders.
- Spring 2025- A new design team was placed under contract to evaluate water access options for Valentine Creek with concept D and the comments from 2023 as starting point.
- The project is only funded for design. Additional funding is needed to advance this project.



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Project Development Process



Vision



Plan



Build



PROJECT INCEPTION

- Identify need in LPPRP Plan
- Select potential location
- Acquire land (if needed)



MASTER PLAN

- Develop major park elements w/ stakeholder group
- **Present masterplan to public for feedback**



BUDGET APPROPRIATION

- Request funding
- County Executive proposes Budget (May)
- **County Council Approval (June)**



CONCEPT DESIGN

- Select consultant
- Develop initial design
- **Public meeting at 30% design stage**



FINAL DESIGN

- Adjust design based on public feedback
- Department approves 60% design (**additional public meeting if needed**)
- Finalize design and obtain permits



BID AND AWARD

- Advertise project
- Award bid according to county procurement process



CONSTRUCTION

- Pre-construction public meeting
- Construction begins and project is completed for public use

1. This is the typical Project Development Process; the timeline varies occasionally.
2. **Bold** denotes public input opportunities.



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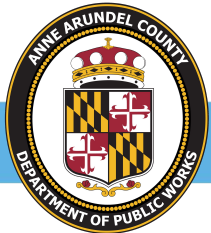
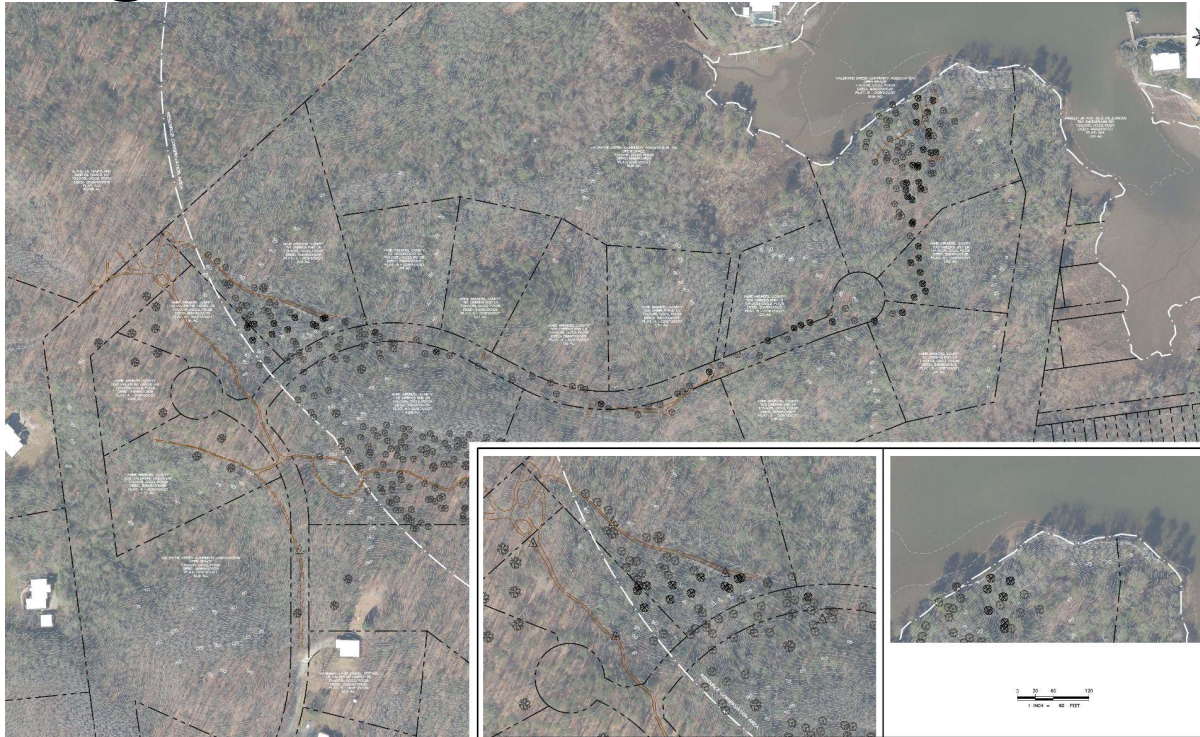


Project Goals and Objectives

- To work with the stakeholders to develop a useable public park that provides water access which includes non motorized vessel uses.
- Review the site and determine access requirements
- Identify zoning and environmental constraints
- Determine potential for parking, access to the waterfront
- Develop cost/benefit analysis



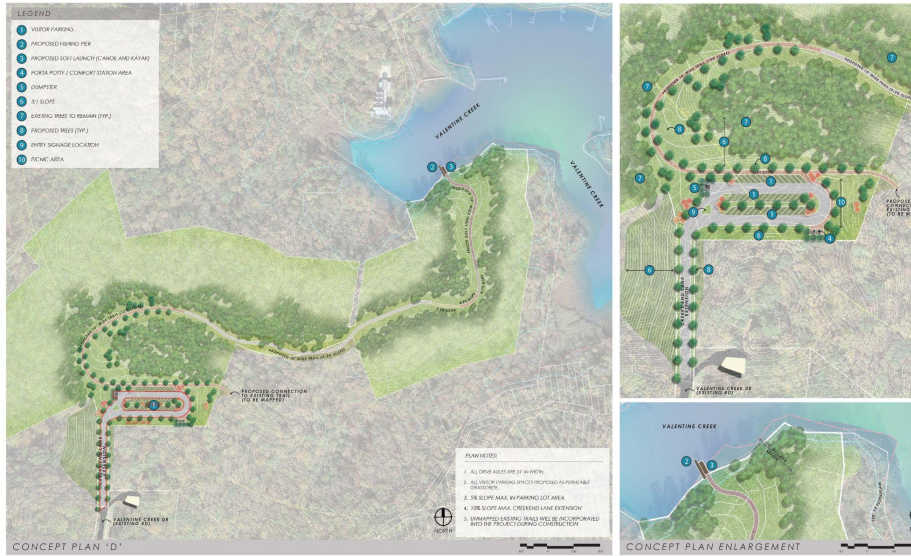
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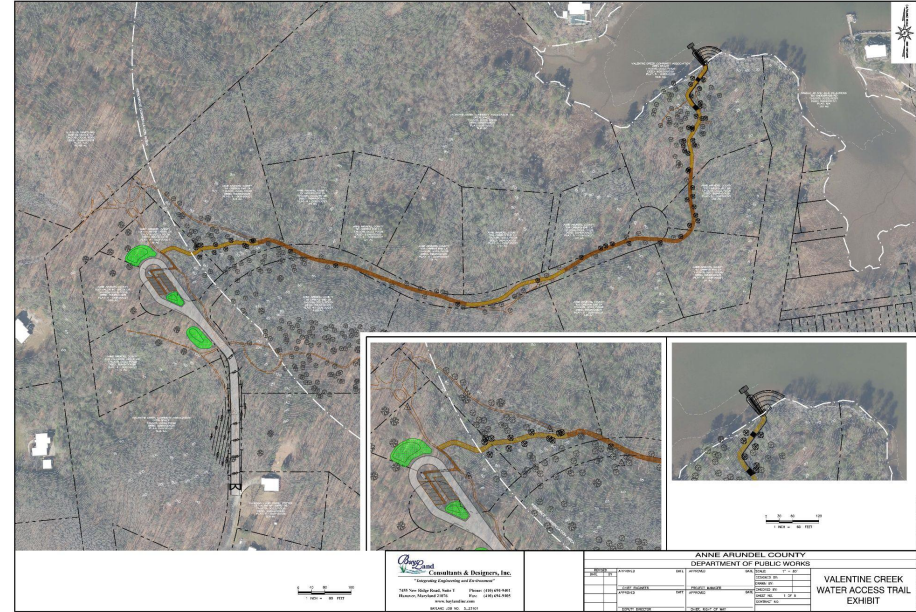


Proposed Concept



VALENTINE CREEK
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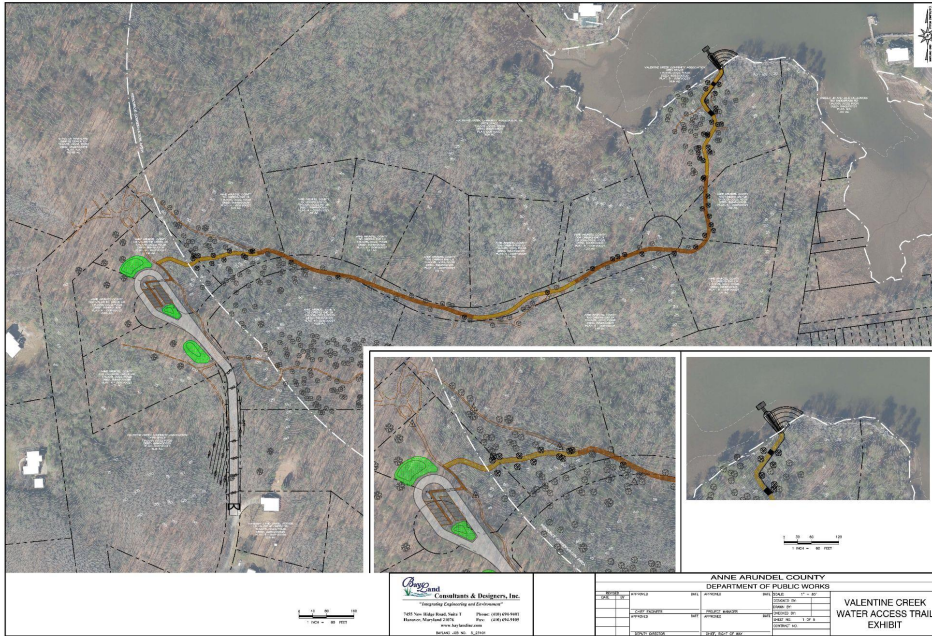
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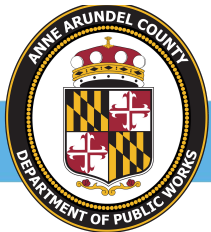
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Proposed Concept



- Parking lot reduced from 40 spaces to 10 spaces
- Parking lot facilitates emergency vehicle turnaround
- Electronic gate proposed to reduce nuisance
- Proposed grading limits reduced
- Redacted impacts to the critical area
- Reduced tree clearing
- Utilizes existing, natural beach
- Kayak slide to traverse steep terrain
- Access from Snodgrass Road and Arden?
 - Lacks County-owned property
 - Shoreline consists of mudflats



Next Steps

- Stakeholders to provide feedback to DRP by September 30th
 - This allows the stakeholders the time review the concept with those they represent.
 - Send your comments to valentine-creek@aacounty.org
- The County will integrate the comments from tonight's meeting into a revised concept.
- DRP will update its [website](#) by 10/16 with the revised concept for review prior to the public meeting.
<https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/capital-projects/valentine-creek-park>
- Public meeting will be on 10/23 for further discussion with the community
 - Post the documents from the public meeting online.
 - Collect feedback and refine the concept.



Next Steps- Currently Unfunded

- As this project is not funded beyond design at this point, additional funding to advance this project would be requested as part of the FY27 budget request in Spring 2026.
- Assuming the project is approved design and permitting would continue throughout calendar 2026.
- Construction would be sometime in 2027.



Thank You

Thank you for meeting with us this evening on the
the future of Valentine Creek Park



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Comments

- Please use the hand raise function
- Once called upon please introduce yourself and your affiliation to the project (Agency reviewer, Community rep, User, etc)

