



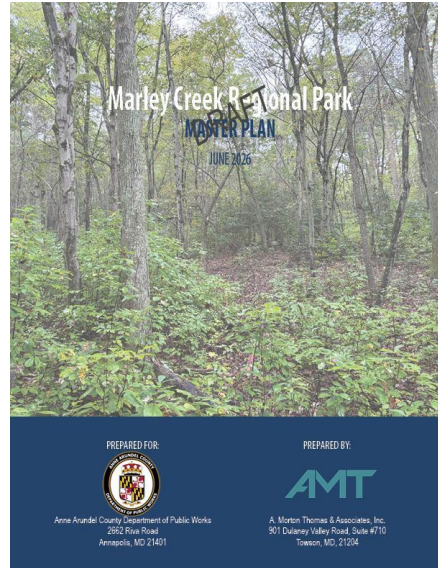
Marley Creek Regional Park Draft Master Plan

Public Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Kinder Farm Park
Visitor Center - Harvest Hall

Welcome

Thank you for coming this evening to learn about
the Master Plan for
Marley Creek Regional Park.



Introductions

County Staff and Consultants:

Bruce Bruchey - Recreation & Parks

Rich Lefebure - Recreation & Parks

Nolley Fisher - Recreation & Parks

Fred Cartwright - Public Works

Judy Salter-Brown - Public Works

Lauren Gray, ASLA - A. Morton Thomas and Associates

Aaron Smith, PE - A. Morton Thomas and Associates

Agenda

- Welcome
- Agenda/Introductions
- Meeting Purpose
- Park Planning/Master Plan Process
- Set the Vision
- Project Site/Existing Conditions
- Early Park Visioning/Preliminary Concepts
- Stakeholder Advisory Group Feedback
- Revised Concept
- Draft Master Plan
- Next Steps
- Questions

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is two-fold:

Process

- Provide an overview of DRP's planning process
- Outline the Master Plan process

Plan

- Review the draft Master Plan
- Discuss next steps in the development process

ANNE ARUNDEL DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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



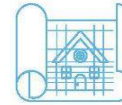
BUDGET APPROPRIATION

- 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

* **Bold** denotes public input opportunities

A complete list of Rec&Parks projects is available online at
www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/capital-projects/Projects



Park Planning

✓ Countywide Planning

Plan 2040 and Region Plans

Green Infrastructure Plan

Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan



**Anne Arundel County 2022
Land Preservation, Parks &
Recreation Plan**



COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Ordinance 59-22 - Adopted July 5, 2022

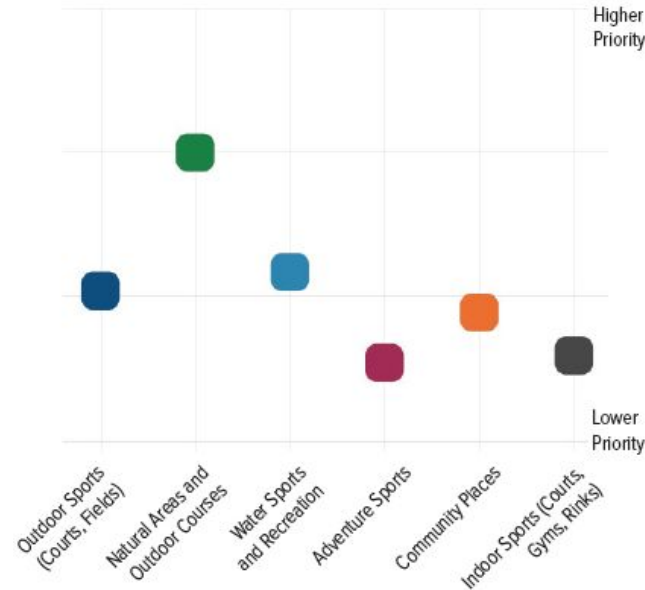
LPPRP Needs and Priorities

Countywide needs

At a Countywide level, the following are major takeaways from the surveys, Town Hall meetings, demographic analysis, visitation reports, and plan review efforts:

- Natural area preservation, and land conservation, and historic preservation are high priorities for county residents. There is also wide support for land acquisition.
- Broadly, there is also a growing desire for future county projects to include some of the following, which are consistent with the age change in demographics:
 - » Pickleball courts
 - » Dog parks
 - » Playgrounds and play fields
 - » Boat and water access
 - » Park programming for all ages (like fitness classes)
 - » Ice skating
 - » Walking and biking trails
 - » Gardens
- Support and need for new, updated, and maintained walking and biking trails is consistent throughout the survey. There seems to also be consensus around an expanding countywide trail system.
- Water sports are very popular. There is a desire for more outdoor and indoor swimming as well as beach access for swimming. Water parks were also a high priority across the County.
- There is support and desire for more programming in parks including but not limited to fitness classes, fitness trails, outdoor concerts, and more.

Priorities for Recreational Activities



Potential locations

Study of Underutilized/Unused Parklands

Bacontown Russett Park
Marley Creek Park
Stoney Creek Park

Central Avenue Park
Riva Area Park
Sullivan Park

Crofton Park
Rock Creek Park
West County Park

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Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks Launches "Plan Your Park" Campaign

October 2, 2023

Dear Anne Arundel County Resident,

The Department of Recreation and Parks is considering new park amenities at a County-owned park site near you. To ensure that we meet your needs and preferences, we are seeking your input on the types of amenities preferred at each location as part of our Plan Your Park campaign. The campaign evaluates ten park sites for possible development of park and recreational uses, facilities, and amenities.

The identified sites include Bacontown Russett Park, Central Avenue Park, Crofton Park, Jessup Elementary Park, Marley Creek Park, Riva Area Park, Rock Creek Park, Stoney Creek Park, Sullivan Park, and West County Park. Some of these locations are underdeveloped as parks, and some would be expansion of current park amenities. It's important to note that not all sites will necessarily be developed with new amenities.



Working with planners and looking at the recreation needs identified in the 2022 Land Preservation Plan, and other County plans, Recreation & Parks identified demand, proximity, and equity needs in Anne Arundel County's park system. Engineering consultants then surveyed the existing environmental conditions at each candidate site. Combining those efforts, the planning team has developed three preliminary conceptual designs for each candidate site, which incorporate the need-based and requested park uses, activities, features, and amenities with the required site development components (parking, stormwater management, utilities, etc.) to support those uses.

Please view the park concepts and provide feedback by scanning the QR code, or by visiting aarecparcs.org/PlanYourPark. The survey will remain open through November. For more information on capital projects at Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks, please visit aarecparcs.org/CapitalProjects. Any questions or further comments on Plan Your Park Campaign, please email: drp_capital-projects@aacounty.org.



PLAN YOUR PARK
CAMPAIGN

Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks is seeking your input to better serve you!

The Plan Your Park campaign evaluates ten park sites for possible development of park and recreational uses, facilities, and amenities.

Residents are encouraged to review the proposed concepts and share feedback on preferred amenities.

Campaign Deadline: 11/30/2023
aarecparcs.org/PlanYourPark



2018 School concept



Figure 15: Illustrative Site Plan



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**PUMPHREY PROPERTY
 ILLUSTRATIVE SITE PLAN**

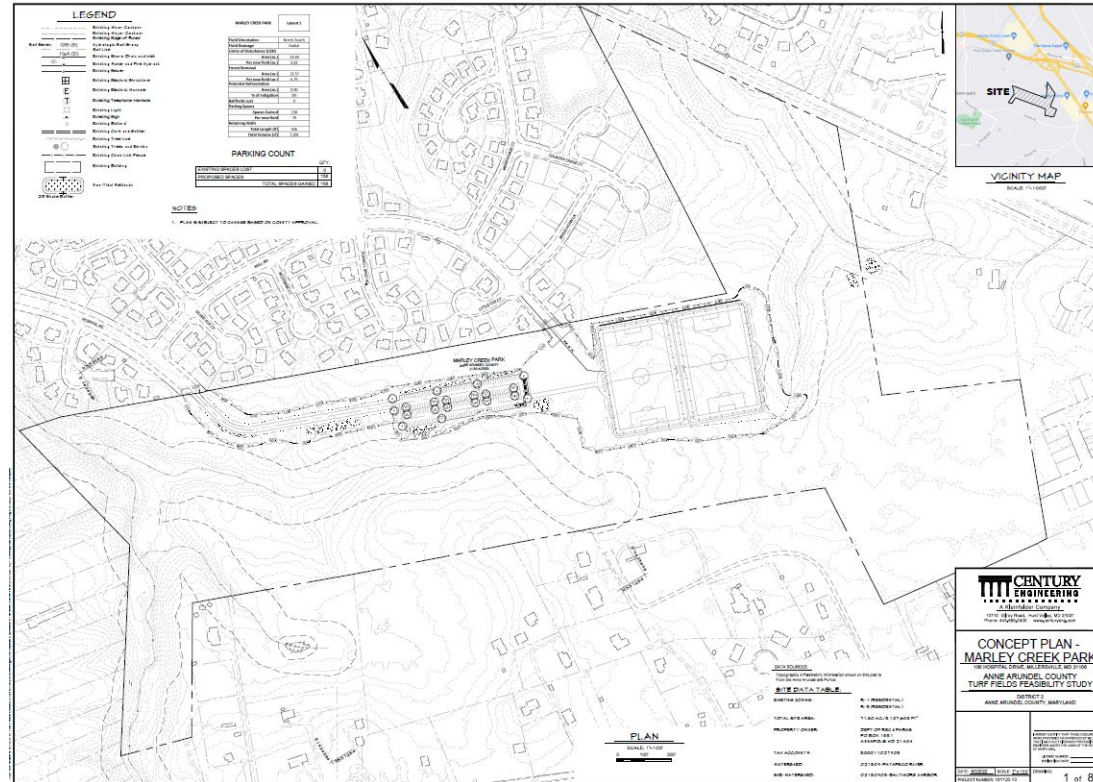
**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

OCTOBER 2018

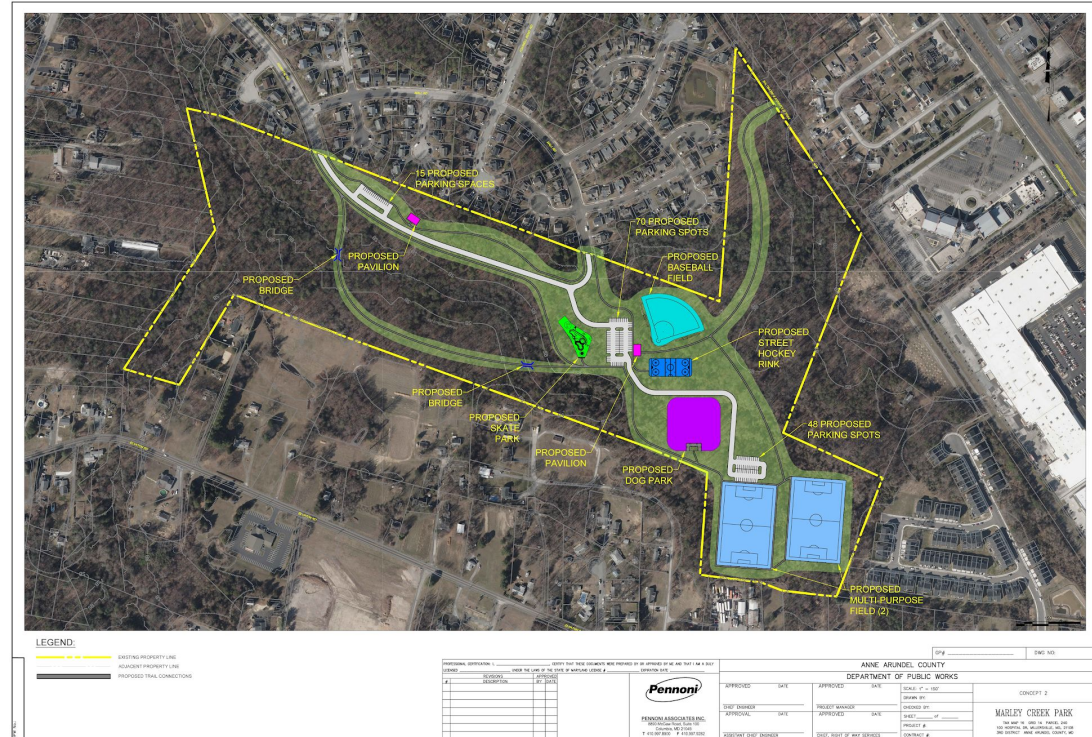
Pumphrey Property
 Proposed Concept
 Feasibility Study

October 8, 2018

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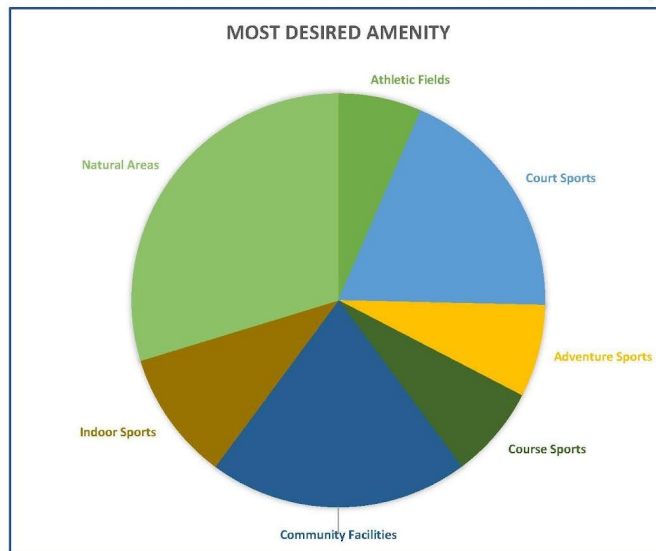


2023 Plan Your Parks concepts



2022 Plan Your Parks survey

MARLEY CREEK PARK – 400 responses

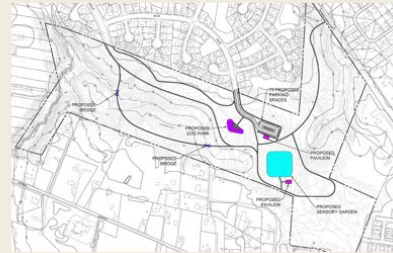


Specific Mentions in Written Comments

- 21 – Trails Only
- 7 – Playground
- 5 – Dog Park
- 4 – Sports Fields

42% of survey respondents recommended that the parcel be left “as is.”

Initiate Planning for Marley Creek Park



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Marley Creek Regional Park P000425-New Request

This project will fund the design and construction of a new Glen Burnie area regional park on County property on Hospital Drive. The undeveloped 72-acre site was purchased in 2019 and was envisioned to include the conservation of green space and environmental features while incorporating community park amenities.

The development will include observation areas, playgrounds, paved & unpaved walking trails, community-gathering spaces, parking, utilities, stormwater management, environmental and wildlife habitat protection and landscape improvements. The site was evaluated as part of Capital Project Nos. P561705 & P452553.



What is a Master Plan?

- ✓ A Master Plan is a road map to achieve a long-term vision for the park:
 - Overall theme
 - Amenities and programming
- ✓ Community input is sought and considered:
 - Not all preferences can be accommodated

Master Plan Development Process

- Identify vision
- Establish a Stakeholder group
- Meet with Stakeholders:
 - Hear their thoughts and desires
 - Discuss physical limitations of the site
 - Analyze needs and preferences
 - Develop a prioritized plan to achieve the vision
- Review initial concepts with Stakeholders
- Integrate ideas and comments to develop a preferred concept and review draft plan with Stakeholders
- Present draft to public for additional input
- Finalize Master Plan



We are here

County Vision for Marley Creek Park

- Natural
- Accessible
- Passive recreational use
- Respect Marley Creek

Stakeholder Advisory Group



MARLEY CREEK PARK STAKEHOLDERS

The Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking volunteers to assist in the development of Marley Creek Park. This 71-acre former orchard and farm was purchased in 2019 and is being transformed into a new regional park for passive recreation.

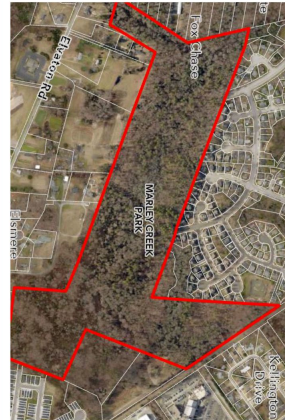
The stakeholder group will serve in an advisory capacity and will provide recommendations for the park's development.

100 Hospital Drive
Glen Burnie, MD

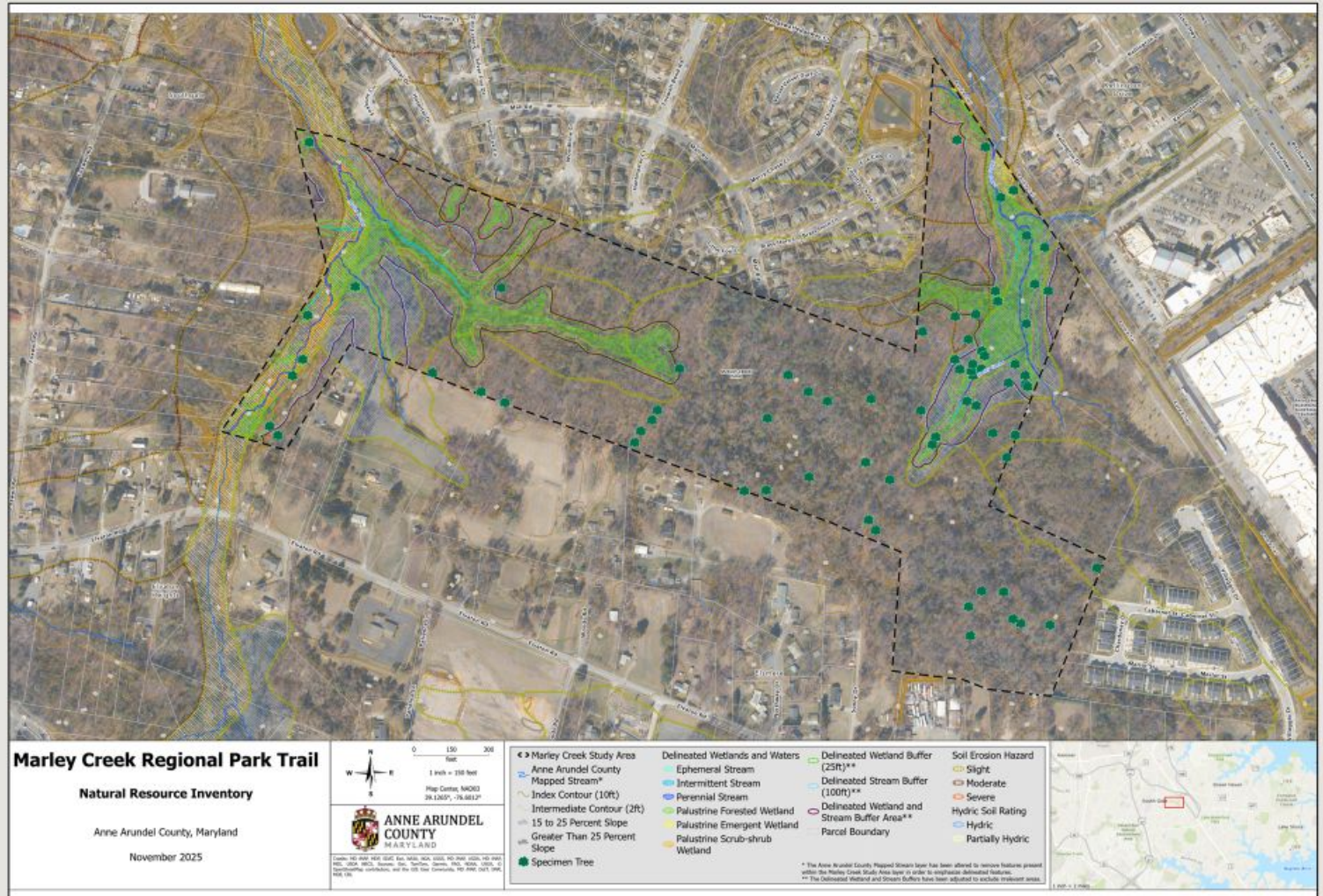


Application Deadline
01/31/25

aarecparks.org/marleycreekpark



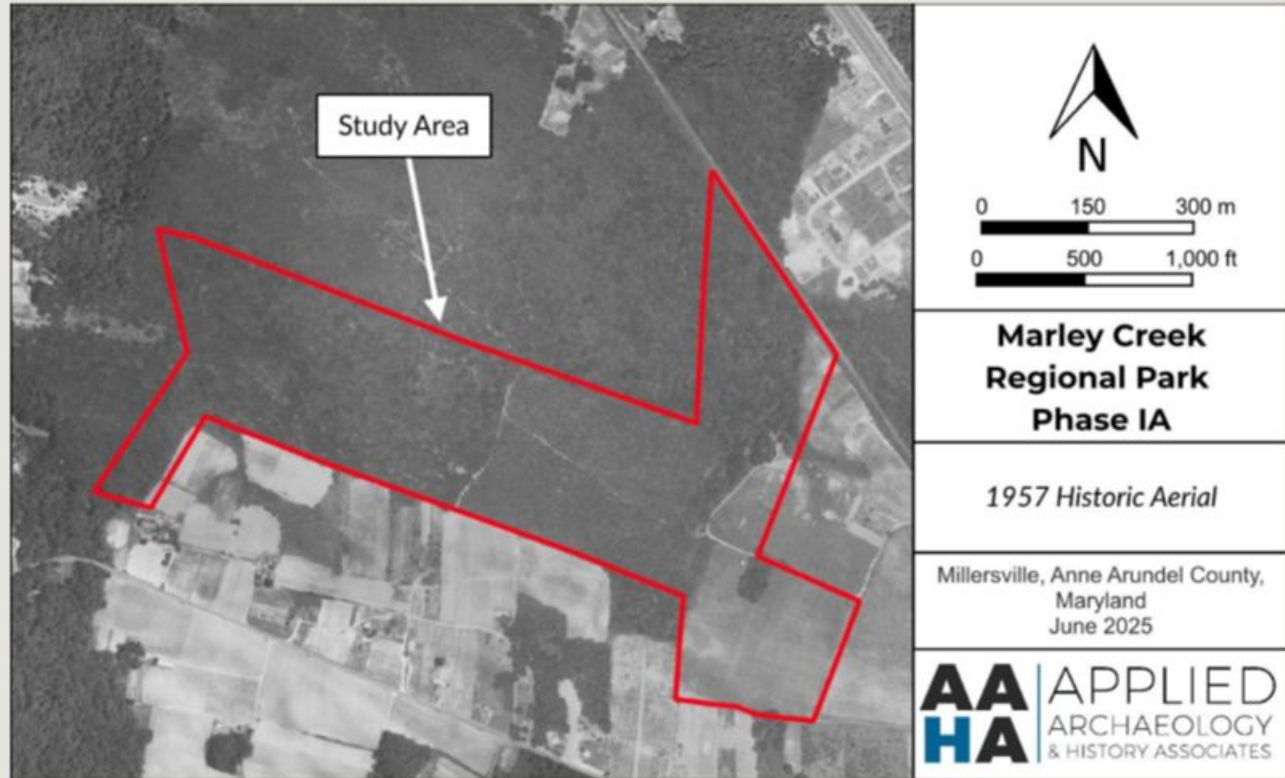
Existing Environmental Conditions



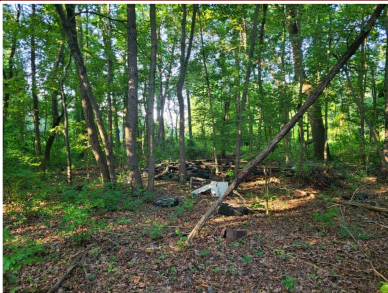
Existing Cultural Conditions



- (A) Machine-made container glass (Lot 13.3)
(B) White granite body sherd (Lot 13.2)
(C) European hard paste porcelain rim sherd (Lot 7.1)
(G) Clam shell fragment (Lot 11.1)
(H) Terra cotta flower pot fragment (Lot 11.4)



Existing Conditions and Constraints



- Site primarily un-used, some evidence of dumping and hunting (tree stand)
- Large population of invasive plant species and underbrush
- Specimen trees
- Large areas of wetlands and buffers
- Streams and stream buffers cover large areas of the East and West parts of the parcel
- Steep slopes are located near streams
- Extensive amount of trash and debris observed on site. Areas of site appear to have been used for trash disposal.
- Unhoused encampments located in the central to eastern portion of the site



Possible Park Amenities

- Trails/Paths
- Boardwalks
- Entry Road and Parking Lot
- Planted area like Meadows/Groves/Gardens
- Wildlife viewing areas
- Interpretive/Education signage
- Outdoor classroom/amphitheater
- Comfort station/Restroom
- Benches & Picnic tables
- Maintenance Shed
- Environmental Restoration/Protection

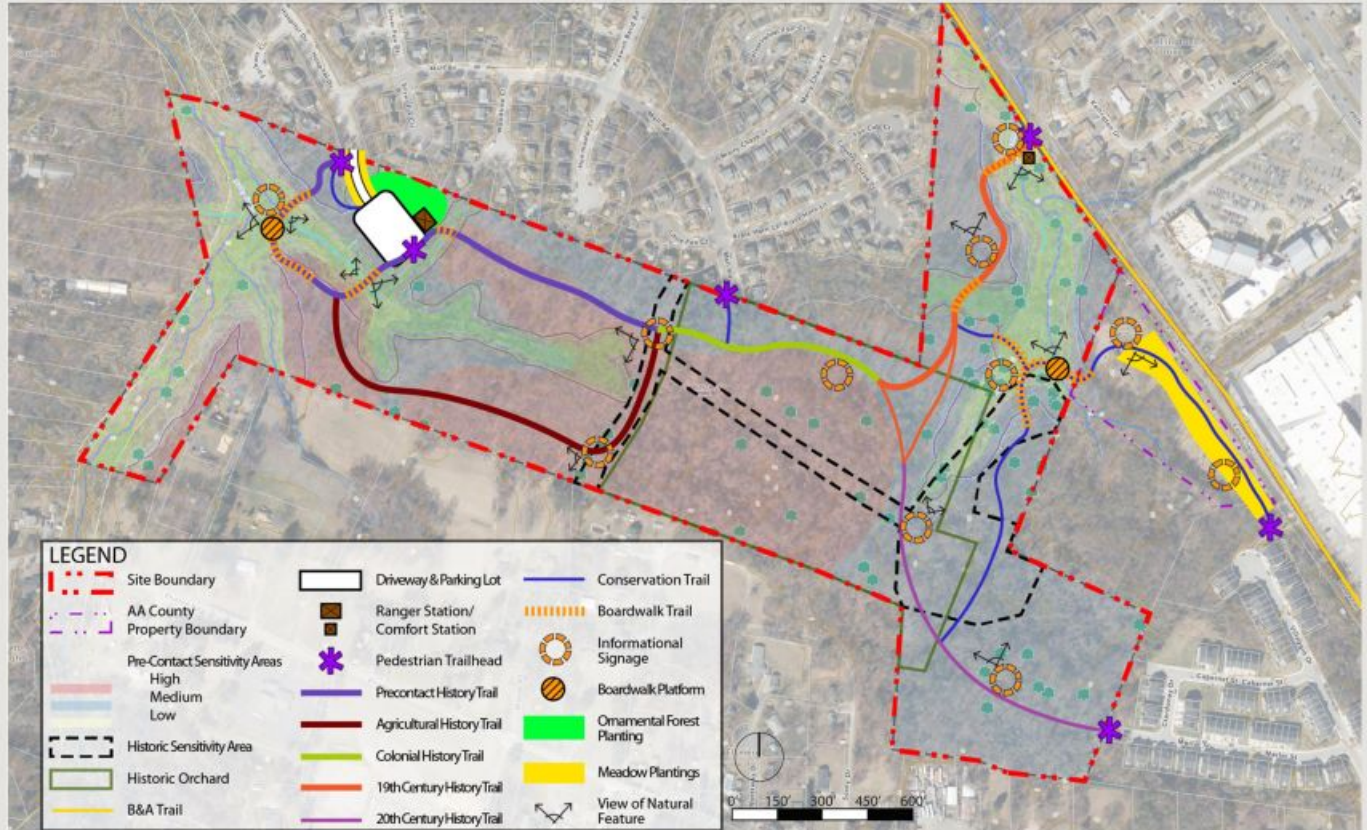
- Connection to B&A Trail
- Bike Racks
- Stormwater Treatment
- Nature Play Space
- Adult Fitness Area
- Story/Themed Trail
- Screening Plantings



Preliminary Concept 1: Emphasizing History

Site Features

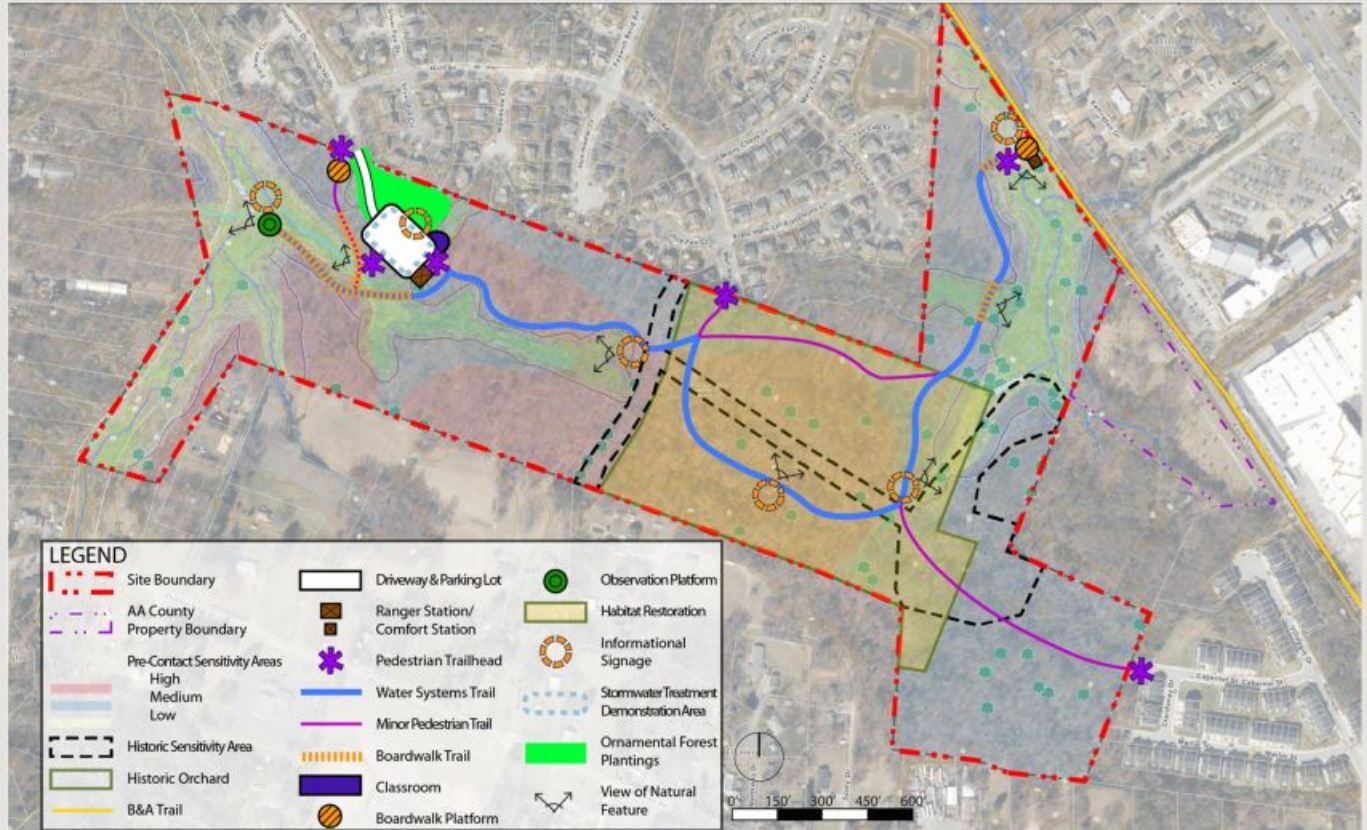
- Ranger & Comfort Stations with Bathrooms
- Large History Themed Trail System
- Boardwalk Platforms
- Education Signs
- Screening Planting & Meadow Areas



Preliminary Concept 2: Emphasizing Ecosystems

Site Features

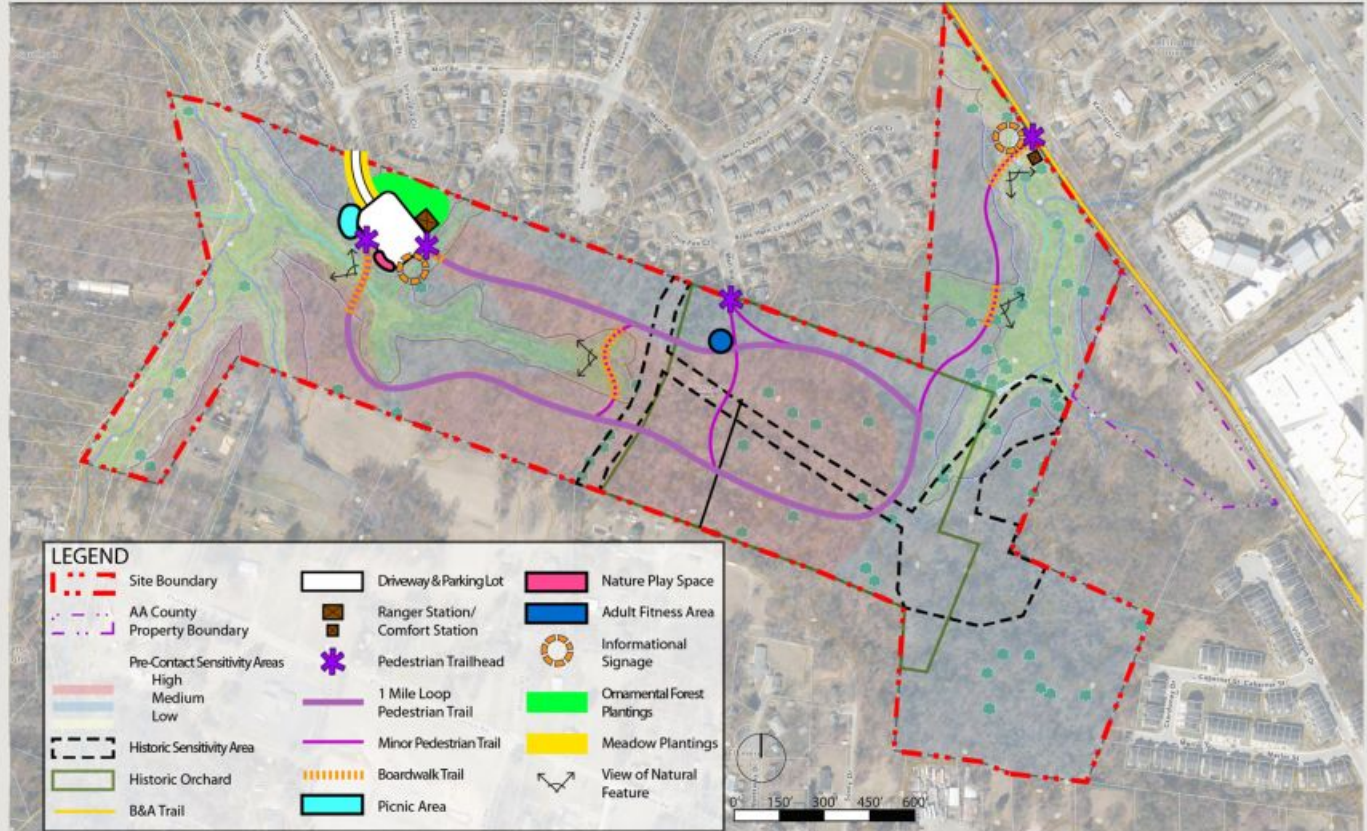
- Ranger & Comfort Stations with Bathrooms
- Water Themed Trail System
- Observation Platform
- Outdoor Classroom & Informational Signs



Preliminary Concept 3: Emphasizing Recreation

Site Features

- Ranger & Comfort Stations with Bathrooms
- 1-mile Loop Trail
- Picnic Area
- Nature Play Space
- Adult Fitness Area
- Screening Planting & Meadow Areas



Stakeholder Feedback

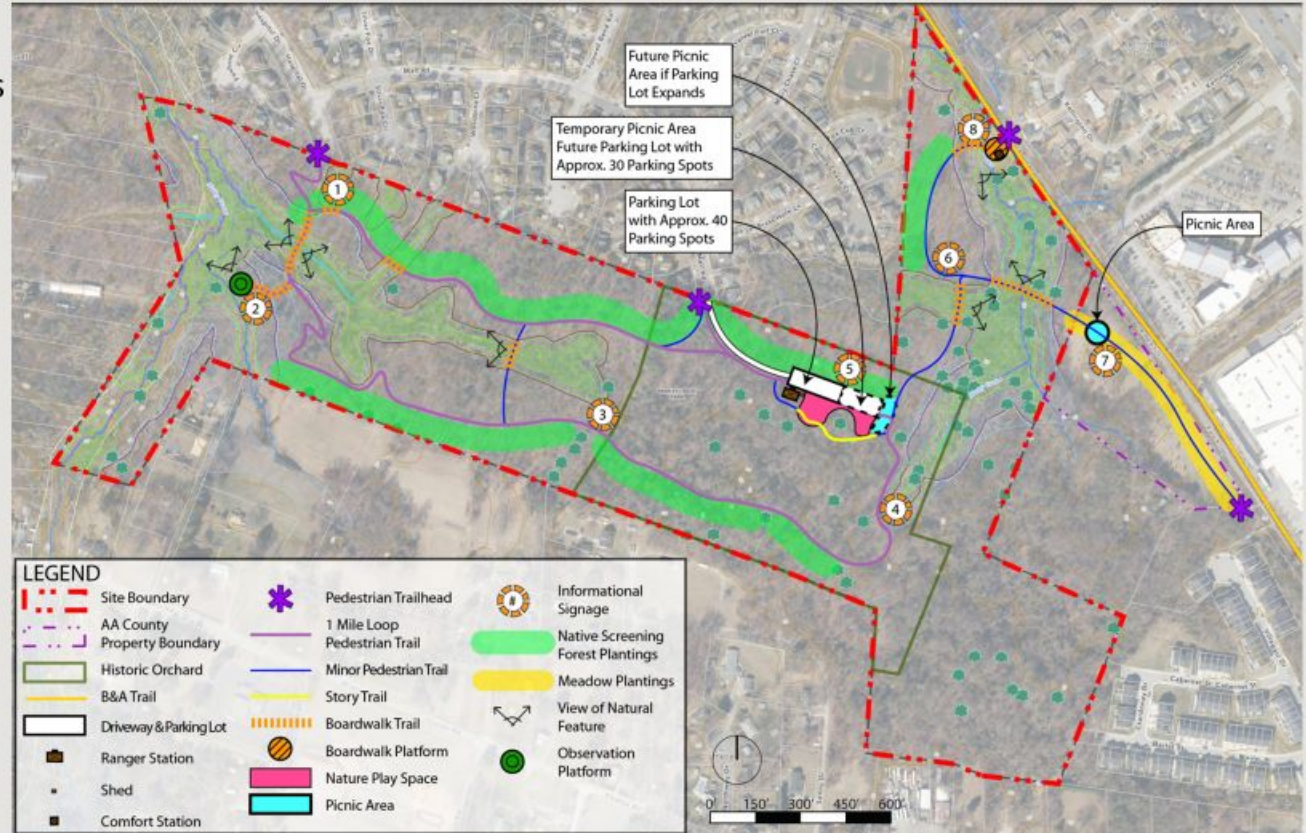


- What was good: the 1-mile trail, observation platform, nature themed playground, connecting to the B&A Trail, hiker/walker-centric trails, site history and environmental information available across the park through signage
- What was not wanted: a park theme, outdoor classrooms and adult fitness area
- Points of concern: size and location of parking lot, impacts to surrounding neighbors, and impacts to Marley Creek,
- Key takeaway: Parts of each concept were good, but no one concept felt like the vision for the park

Combined Concept

Site Features

- Ranger & Comfort Stations with Bathrooms
- Vehicular Park Entrance off Mall Road
- 1-mile Loop Trail
- Picnic Area
- Nature Play Space
- Increased Screening Planting & Meadow Areas



Architectural Site Features

Ranger Station



Shed



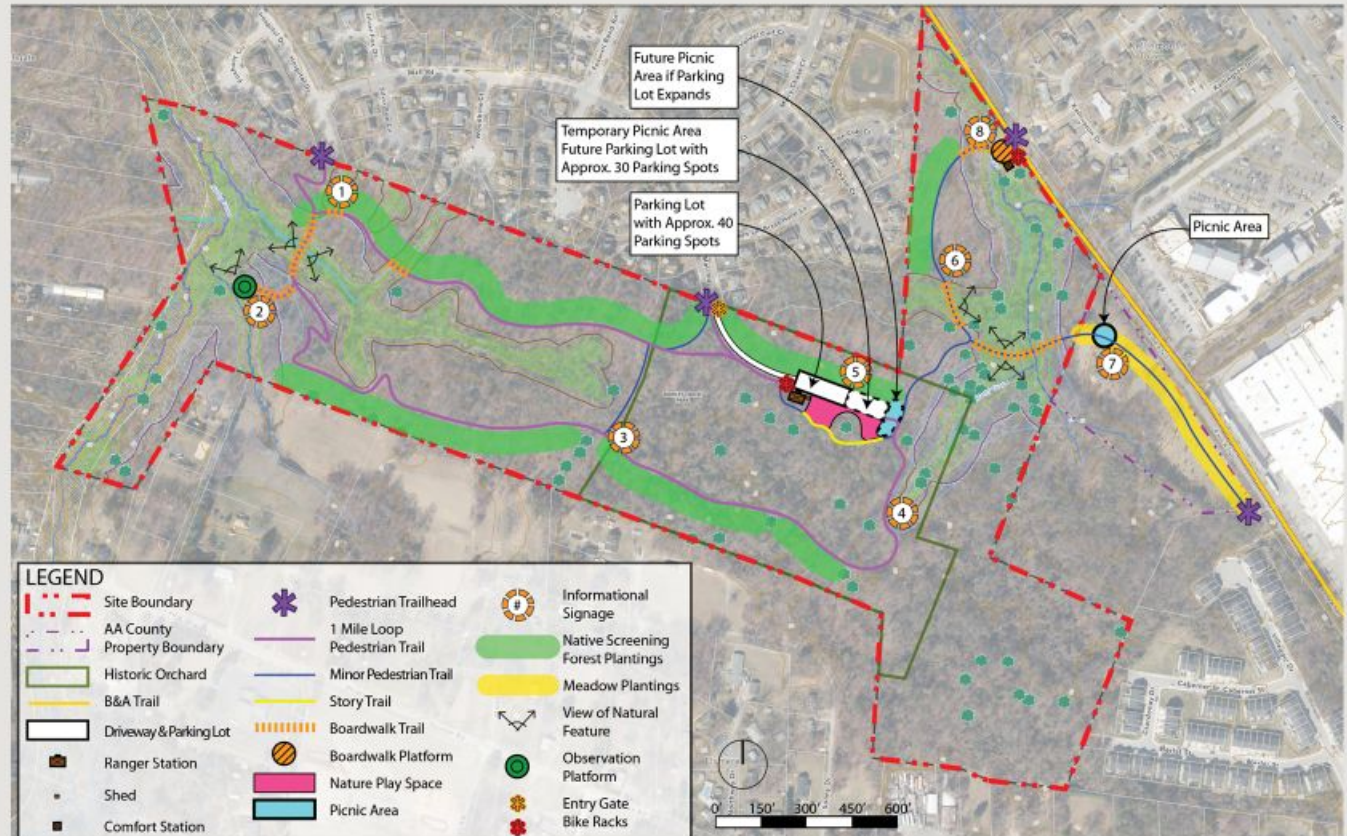
Comfort Station



Refined Concept

Adjustments

- Bike Racks included at Ranger & Comfort Station
- Entry Gate shown
- Adjusted Comfort station along boardwalk platform
- Eastern connector trail to B&A Trail and minor pedestrian trail moved to avoid animal habitat



Refined Concept





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| ① Site Boundary | ⑧ 1 Mile Loop Trail | ⑩ Native Screening Plantings |
| ② Driveway | ⑨ Minor Pedestrian Trail | ⑪ Meadow Plantings |
| ③ Parking Lot | ⑩ Story Trail | ⑫ Observation Platform |
| ④ Temporary Picnic Area / Parking Lot Expansion | ⑪ Boardwalk Trail | ⑬ Entry Gate |
| ⑤ Ranger Station | ⑫ Boardwalk Platform | ⑭ Bike Racks |
| ⑥ Shed | ⑬ Nature Play Space | ⑮ Existing Wetlands |
| ⑦ Comfort Station | ⑭ Picnic Area | ⑯ Existing Waterbody |
| | ⑮ Informational Signage | |

Hospital Drive Park Entry Views

8) 1-Mile Loop Trail



11) Boardwalk



16) Native Screening Buffer



18) Observation Platform



15) Information Signage



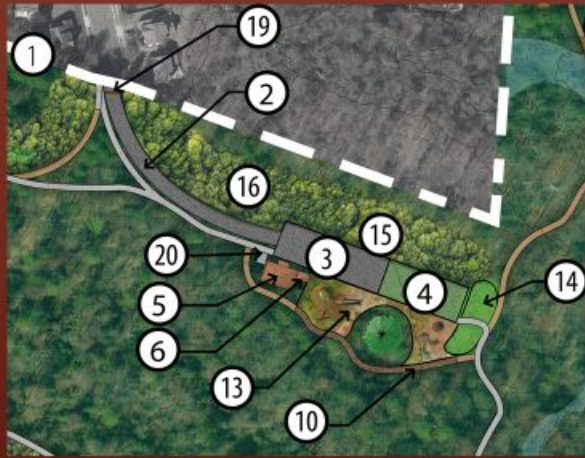
View of Trail

Site Features Shown in View

- 1-Mile Loop Trail
- Native Screening Buffer Plantings



Mall Road Park Entry Views



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| ① Site Boundary | ⑧ 1 Mile Loop Trail | ⑯ Native Screening Plantings |
| ② Driveway | ⑨ Minor Pedestrian Trail | ⑰ Meadow Plantings |
| ③ Parking Lot | ⑩ Story Trail | ⑱ Observation Platform |
| ④ Temporary Picnic Area / Parking Lot Expansion | ⑪ Boardwalk Trail | ⑲ Entry Gate |
| ⑤ Ranger Station | ⑫ Boardwalk Platform | ⑳ Bike Racks |
| ⑥ Shed | ⑬ Nature Play Space | Existing Wetlands |
| ⑦ Comfort Station | ⑭ Picnic Area | Existing Waterbody |
| | ⑮ Informational Signage | |

3) Parking Lot



14) Picnic Area



16) Native Screening Buffer



13) Nature Play



10) Story Trail



View of Mall Road Entry

Site Features Shown in View

- Ranger Station and Shed
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Area
- Nature Play Space





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B&A Trail Park Entry Views

12) Boardwalk Platform



17) Meadow



14) Picnic Area



15) Information Signage



16) Native Screening Buffer



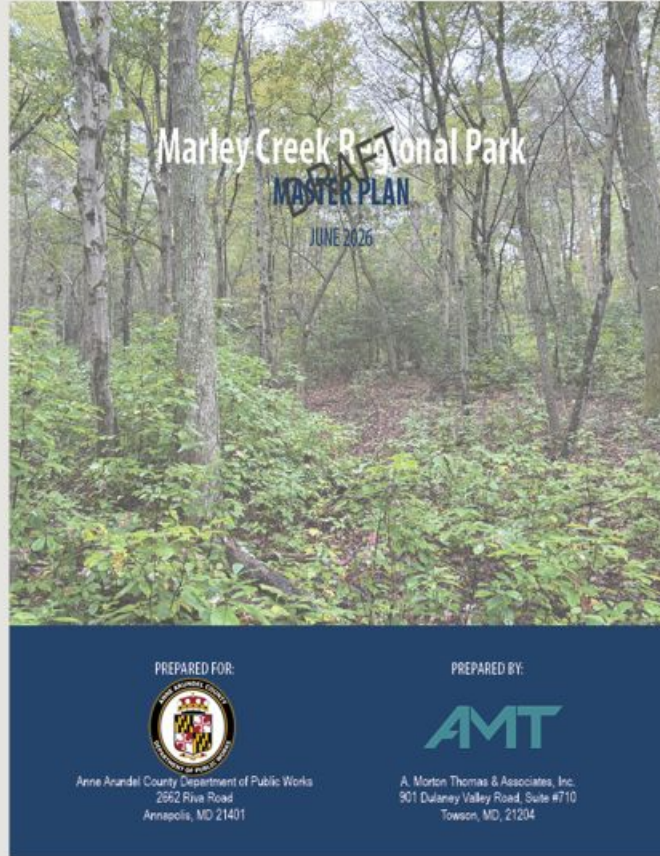
View of B&A Trail Boardwalk Entry

Site Features Shown in View

- Comfort Station
- Boardwalk Platform
- Boardwalk Trail
- Bike Rack
- Information Signage



Draft Master Plan



Can be found on Anne Arundel County website.

<https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/capital-projects/marley-creek>



Next Steps

PUBLIC PROCESS

- Present draft Master Plan at in-person Public Meeting
 - Mailing to neighbors within 300 ft of the park's boundary (OPZ guidelines)
 - Post notice on DRP website, social media, and weekly newsletter
 - CE's office and County Council members post the notice in their newsletters
- Public comment period
- **DRP review of public comments and input**
- **Final Master Plan**

**Please submit your comments on the
draft Master Plan via email to:**

marley-creek-park-planning@aacounty.org

Check the Rec & Parks Capital Project webpage at
<https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/capital-projects/marley-creek>
for project information and updates

Questions

