



Ossian Hall Park

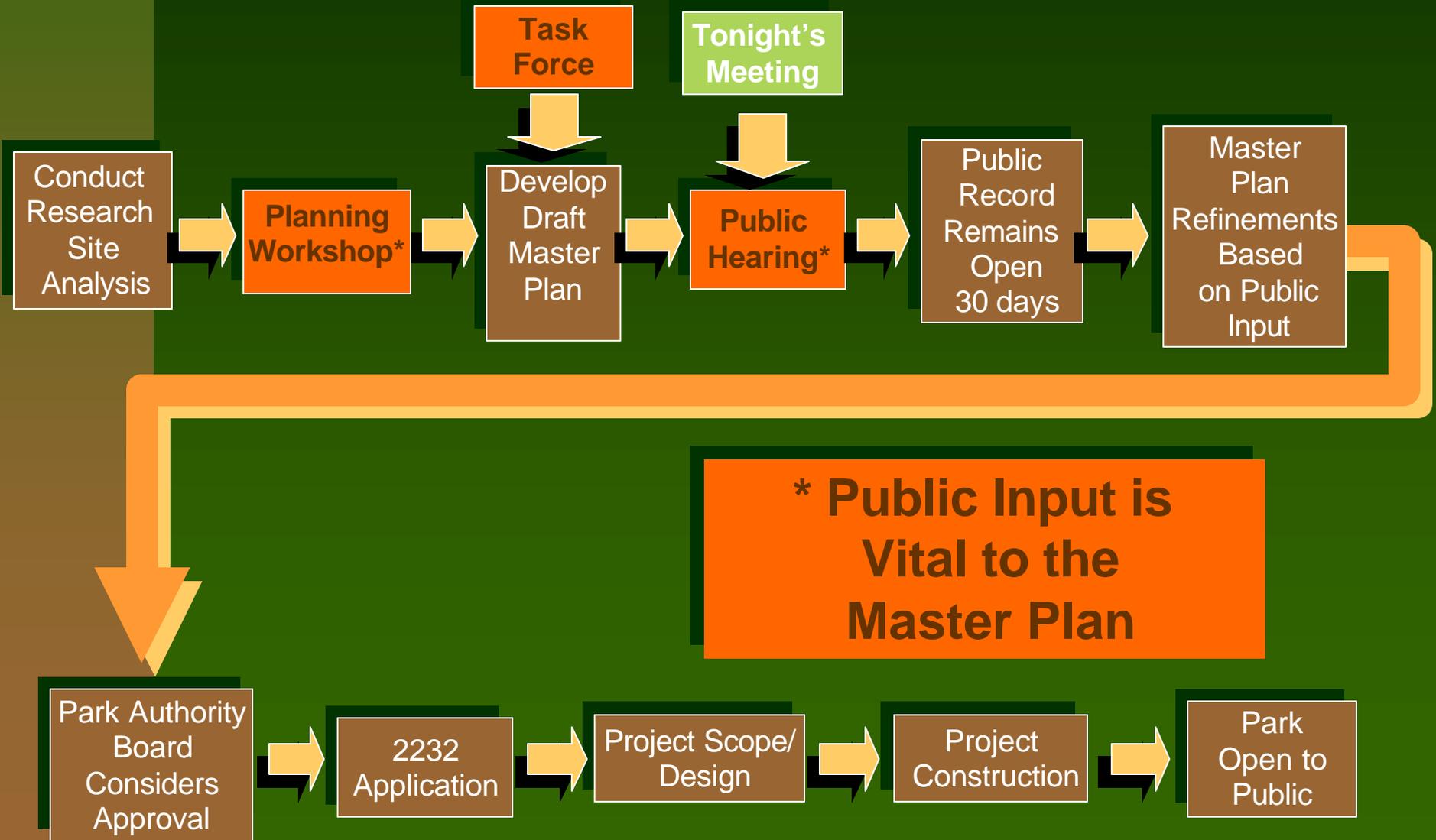
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*Conceptual
Development Plan*

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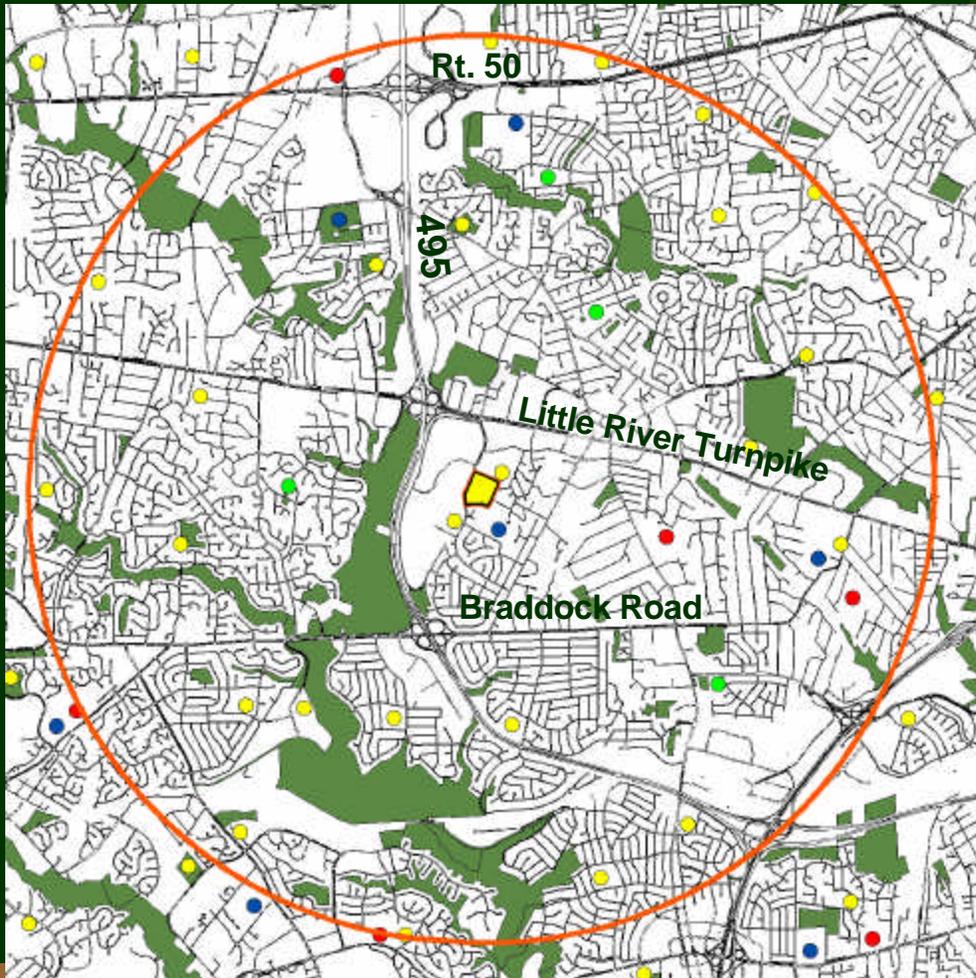


- Located at the corner of Heritage Drive and Four Year Run
- 22.75 acres in size
- Braddock Supervisory District
- Community Park Designation

PARK LOCATION



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3-MILE SERVICE AREA

Community Park Classification

- Provide variety of individual and organized recreation activities conveniently located for short term visits
- Primarily support active recreation and may be intensely developed
- Typically 10-50 acres in size
- Service area is 5-10 min. drive or 15-20 bicycle trip, generally extending up to three miles
- Service standard is 5 acres/1,000 people



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Purpose of Plan

- Update existing 1973 plan
- Serve as a guide for renovations and new development
- Address community concerns and issues



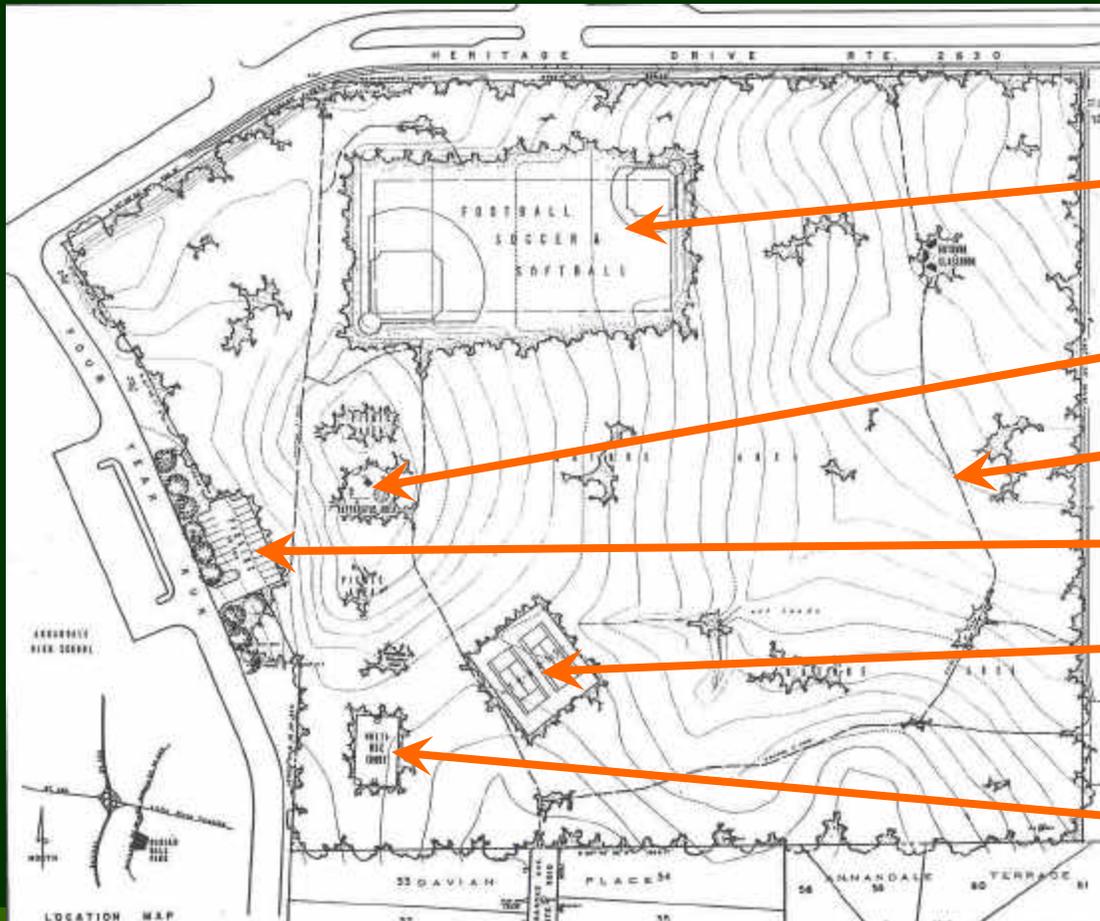
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1973 MASTER PLAN



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Built Facilities

2 Lighted Diamond Fields

Playground

Trails

Lighted Parking

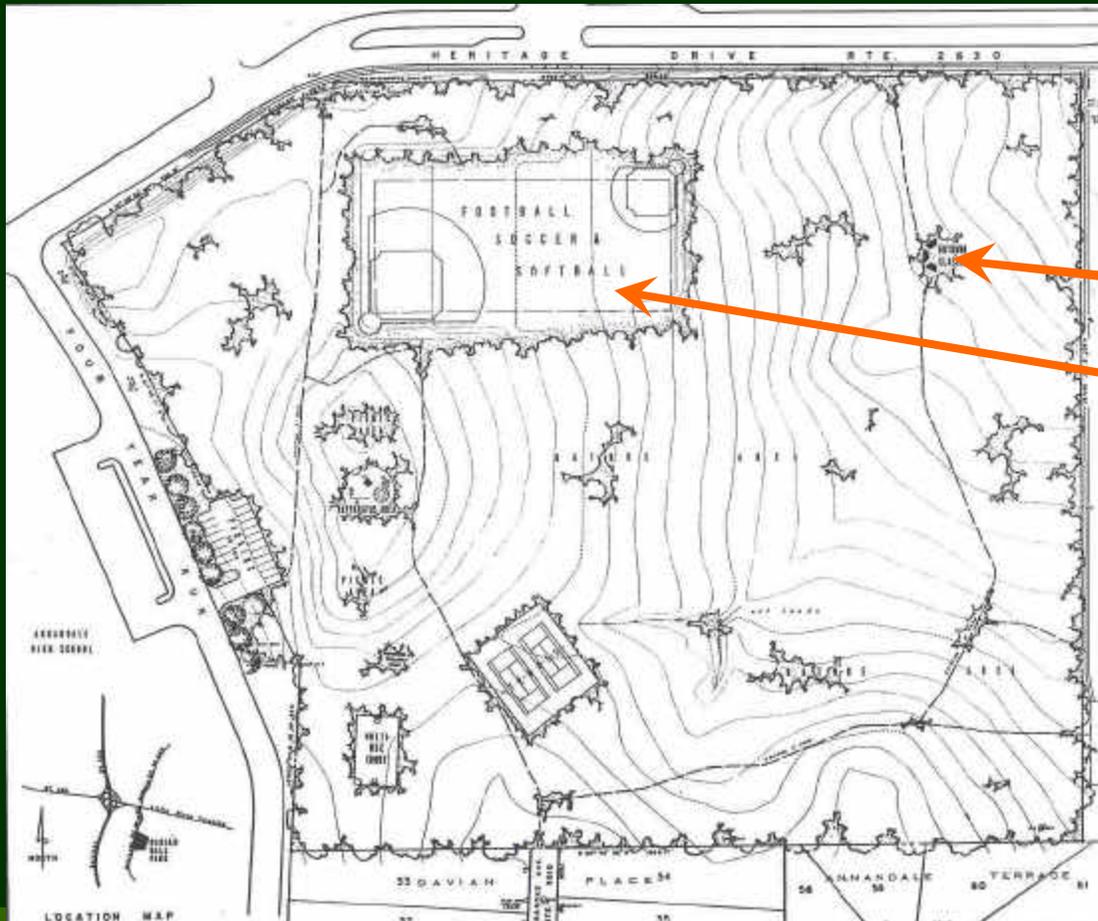
2 Lighted Tennis Courts

1 Basketball Court

EXISTING FACILITIES



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Unbuilt Facilities on Master Plan

Outdoor Classroom

Rectangular
Overlay Field

EXISTING FACILITIES



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Site History

- 1856 - Part of a 250 acre parcel belonging to Henry Warren Sommers
- 1867- estate divided among his widow and children
- Ossian Hall Park site-allotted to daughter Mary Windsbecker who owned property until 1904
- Property changed hands in 1906 and 1913
- Ossian Hall manor built in 1780's located $\frac{3}{4}$ south of park on Regina Drive
 - Burned by Annandale Fire Department in 1959
- FCPA acquired the smaller parcel in 1962 and the main parcel in 1963
- Pedestrian walkover revealed no above ground remains of outbuildings from Ossian Hall or period artifacts



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Dominant Tree Species—Tulip Poplar

- Fast growing deciduous tree
- Relatively low in habitat value

Understory Species—American Holly

- Prospers in poor soil

Invasive Species

- English Ivy, Shrub Honeysuckle, Wintercreeper

NATURAL RESOURCES



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Land Use

-  Single family residence
-  Multi-family residence
-  Commercial
-  Schools
-  Other (churches, etc...)

SITE CONTEXT



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- Recommendation for future park development
- Contains descriptions of concept plan elements, design concerns, and the **general** location of recommended elements while still allowing for flexibility

CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



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Improved pedestrian entrance with a small plaza

Existing pedestrian entrances

Existing vehicular entrance with expanded parking

ENTRANCES



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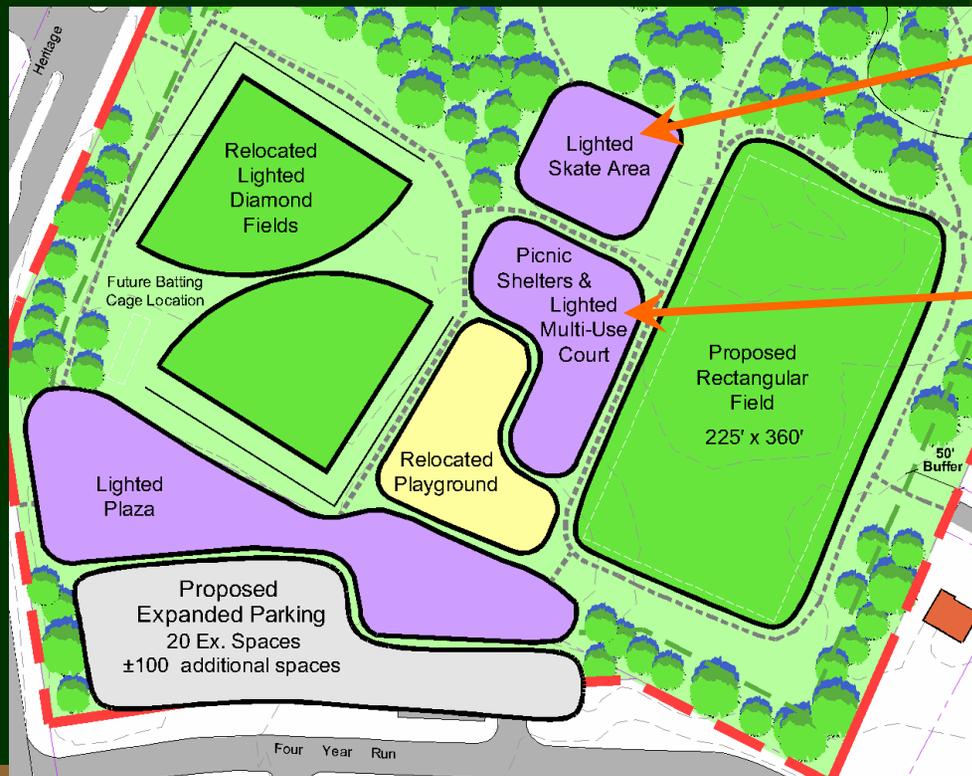
Existing diamond fields—relocated in future to remove overlap condition, proposed batting cage addition

Proposed rectangular field—irrigated, not lighted

ACTIVE RECREATION CORE



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Proposed lighted, neighborhood-scale skate area

Relocated lighted multi-use court



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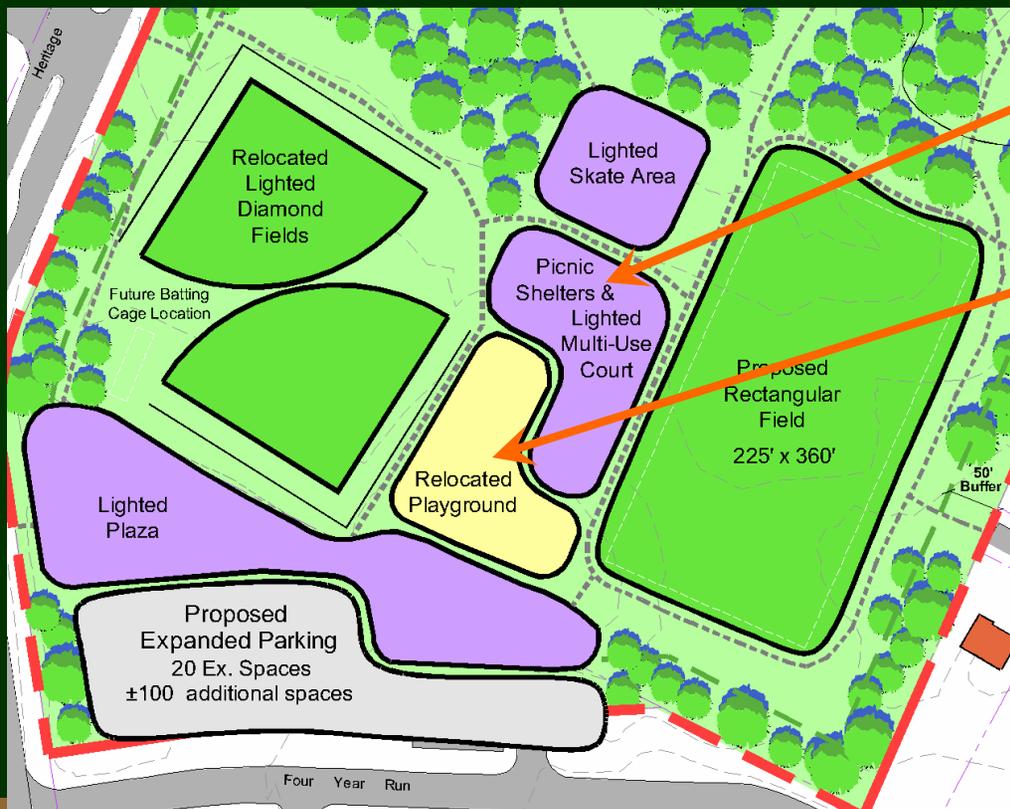
Lighted Plaza

- Decorative hardscape
- Benches and/or seatwalls
- Potentially site for water feature or sculptural element
- Sight lines to fields and other activity areas

SOCIAL & FAMILY GATHERING SPACES



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Community picnic area
with shelters

Relocated playground



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Create large open areas and pockets in forest canopy—potential to be developed into meadows, dells, and small seating areas

Provide openings along edge to allow for visibility into the park

Trails throughout, connecting to activity centers

LANDSCAPED AREA



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Landscape Maintenance

- Understory thinned—removal of invasive species
- Intention is to **increase visual connectivity and extend sight lines** into the site
- Result:
 - Active edge and inviting presence in community
 - Informal surveillance
 - Improved safety

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