

# Colvin Run Mill Historic Site Master Plan Revision

Public Information Meeting

February 5, 2008



# Tonight's Topics

- **Park Authority Planning Process**
- **Colvin Run Mill Current Site Conditions**
- **Open Discussion**



# Park Authority Mission

**Enhance Citizen's Quality of Life Through:**

- **Natural & Cultural Resource Stewardship**
- **Quality Facilities & Services**
- **Recreational Opportunities**



# Fast Facts about FCPA

- **12 - Member Board**
- **24,000+ Acres of Parkland**
- **400+ Parks**



# Master Plan Components

## Written Report

- Establishes park purpose and classification
- Describes existing conditions and constraints
- Details the desired visitor experience
- Describes the park features
- Identifies design concerns

## General Management Plan (GMP)

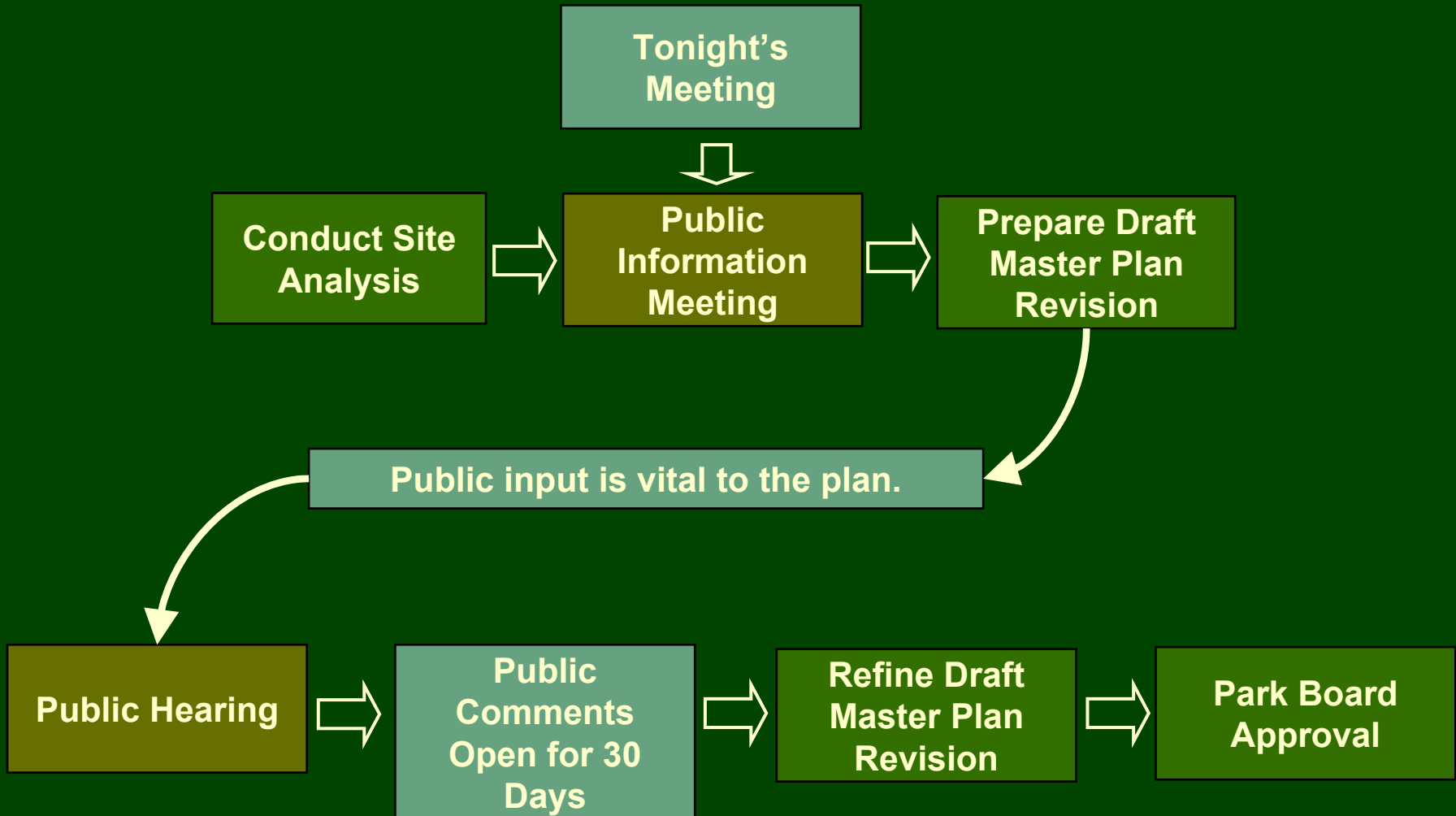
- Identifies management zones

## Conceptual Development Plan (CDP)

- Shows general location of recommended facilities



# Master Planning Process



# Staff Resources

- **Archaeologists**
- **Landscape Architects**
- **Planners**
- **Natural Resource Specialists**
- **Operational Specialists**
- **Recreation Specialists**



# Community Input

- **Questions or Suggestions**
- **e-mail**
- **Mail**
- **Phone**
- **Public Hearing**



# Context

- Colvin Run Mill



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- Route 7



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- **Dulles Access Road**
- **Hunter Mill Road**
- **Lake Fairfax Park**
- **Colvin Run SV**



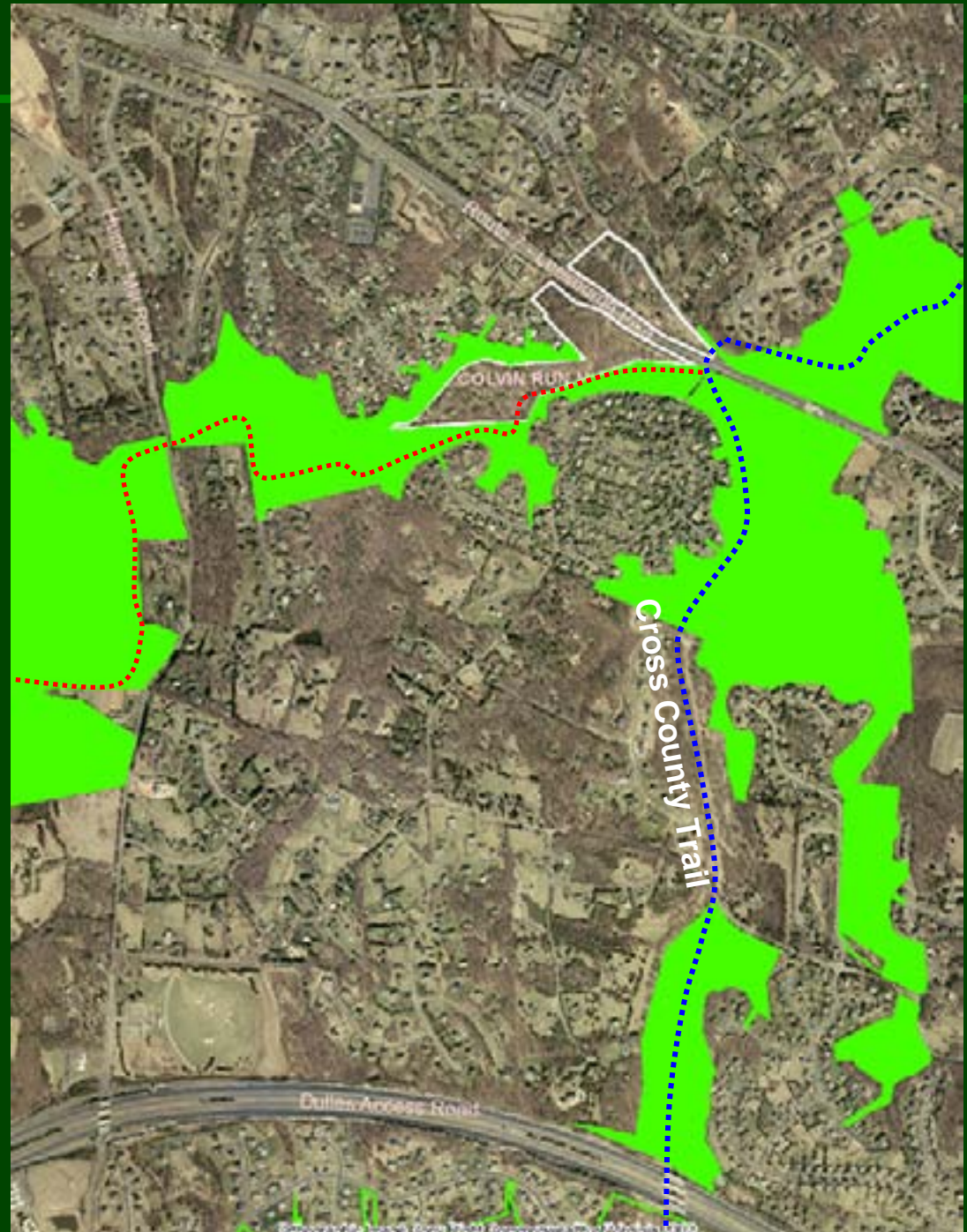
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- Trails



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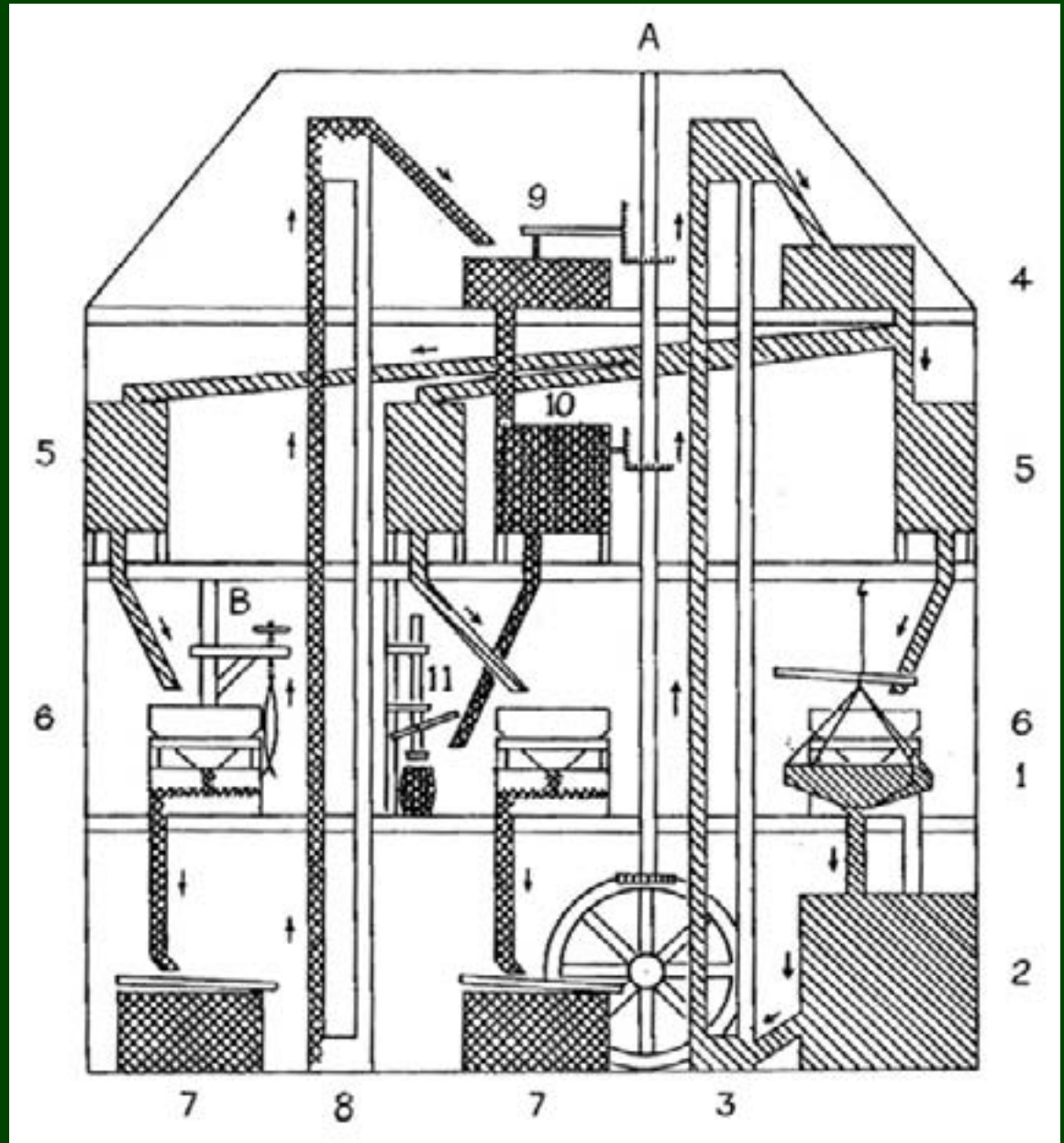
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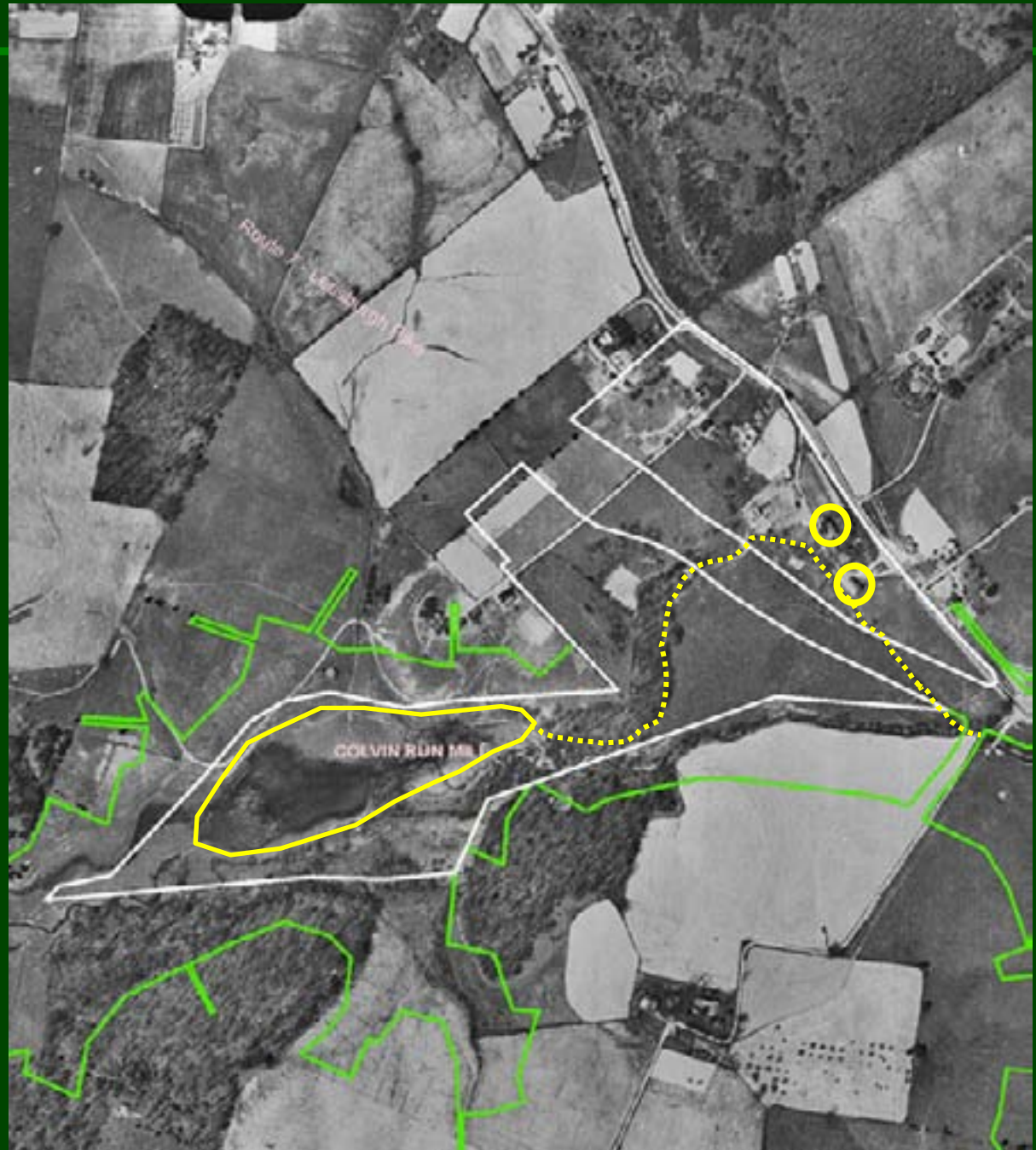


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# Park History

1965 Original Parcels



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1968 Restoration



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1972 Mill Opens



# Park History

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1973 Acquisition



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1973 Master Plan



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1978 Acquisition



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1978 Acquisition

1980 Acquisition



# 1973 Master Plan





# Park Significance

**Functioning Evan's Mills are Scarce**  
**Virginia Landmark**  
**National Registered Historic Site**  
**Historic Mechanical Engineering**  
**Landmark**  
**Colvin Run Historic District**

**1700s – 1800s Era Industry**  
**Community development**  
**Technology use and development**



# Current Park Uses

## Living History Park

- Mill Runs Most Sundays
- History & Community

## Products

- Flour
- Corn meal
- Honey
- Maple Syrup

## 30,000 + Visitors Annually

- Mill Tours
- Walking Trails
- Events & Programs
- Regional School Programs



# Existing Conditions

## Vegetation



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Water Features

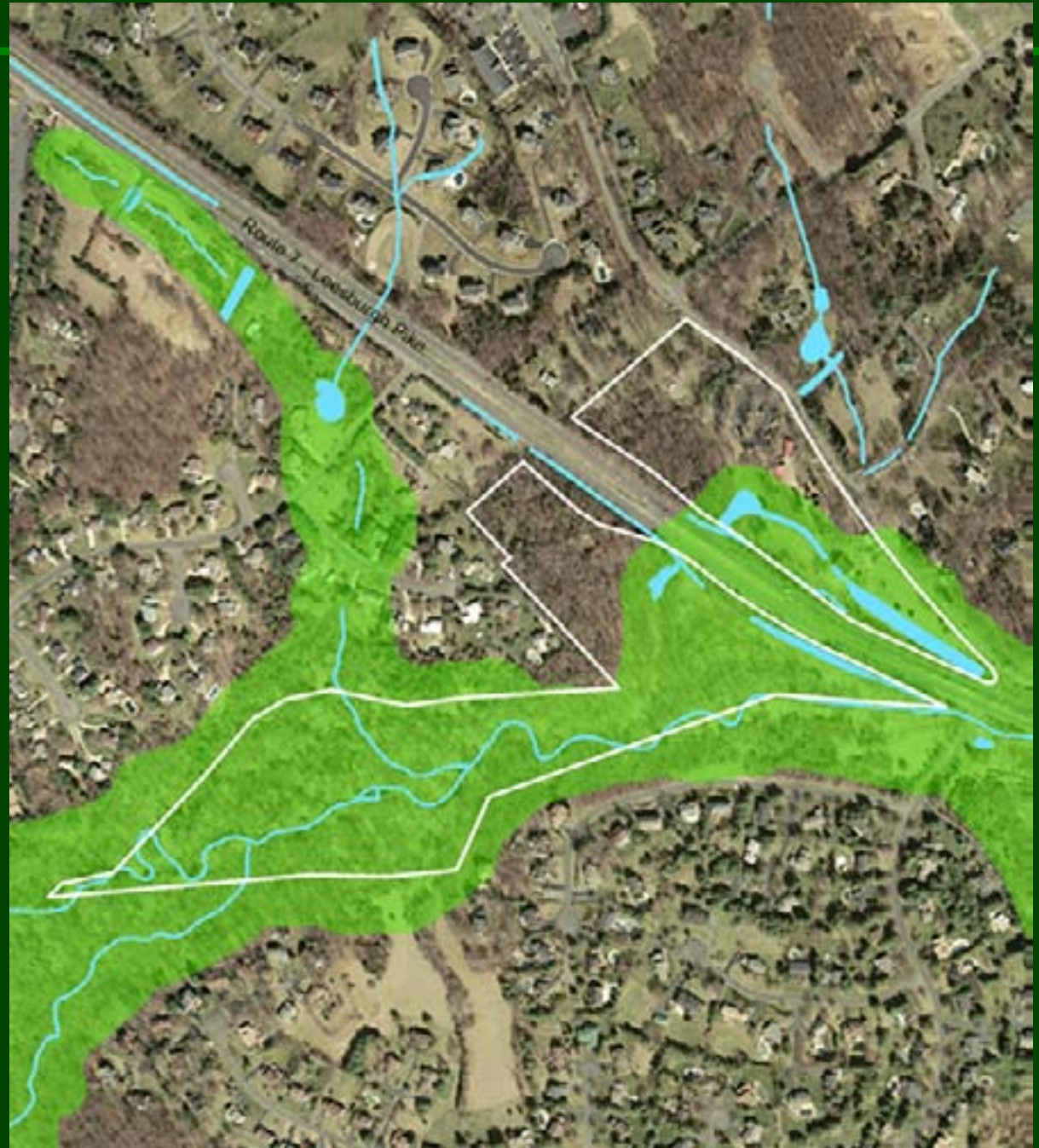


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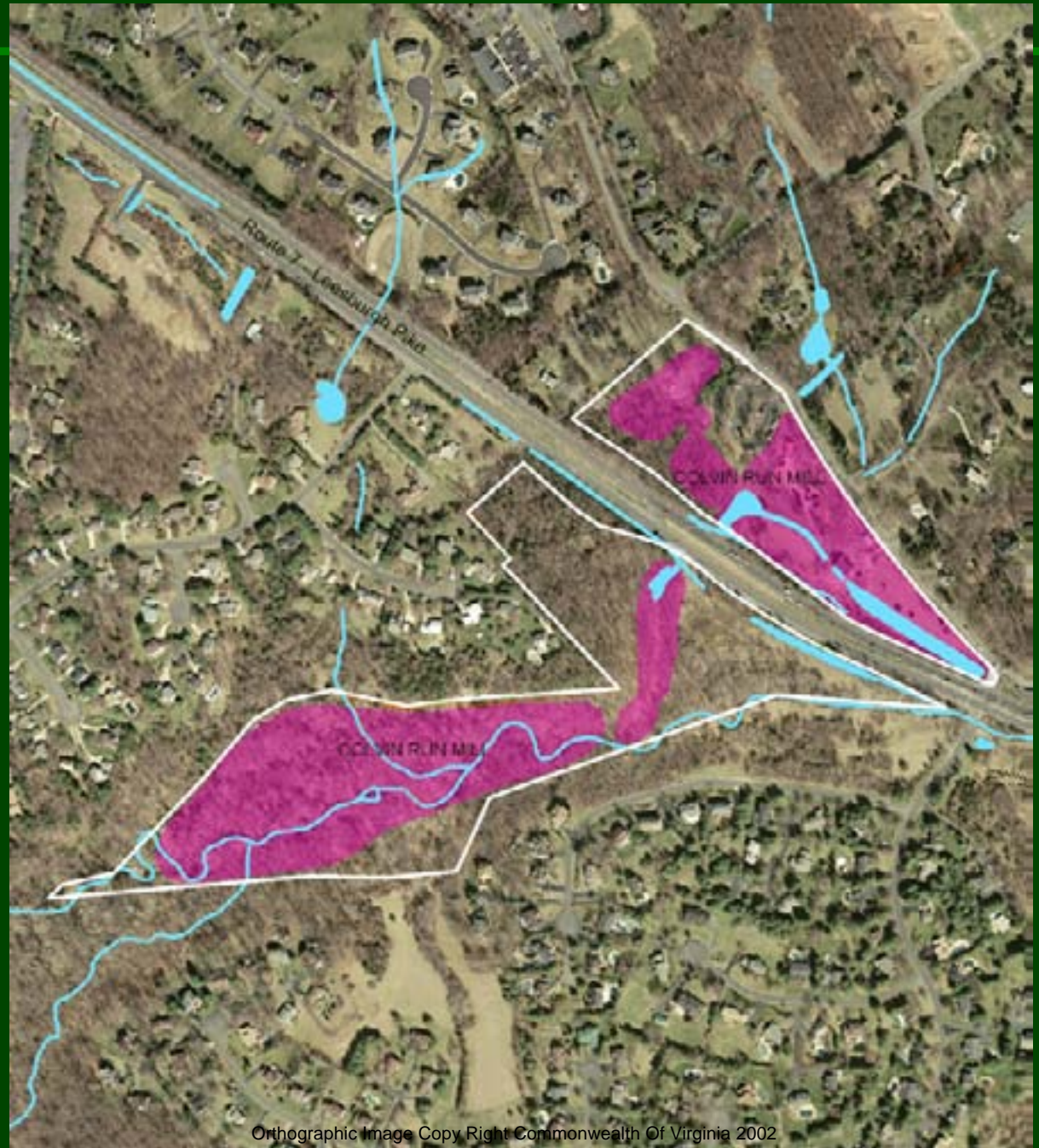


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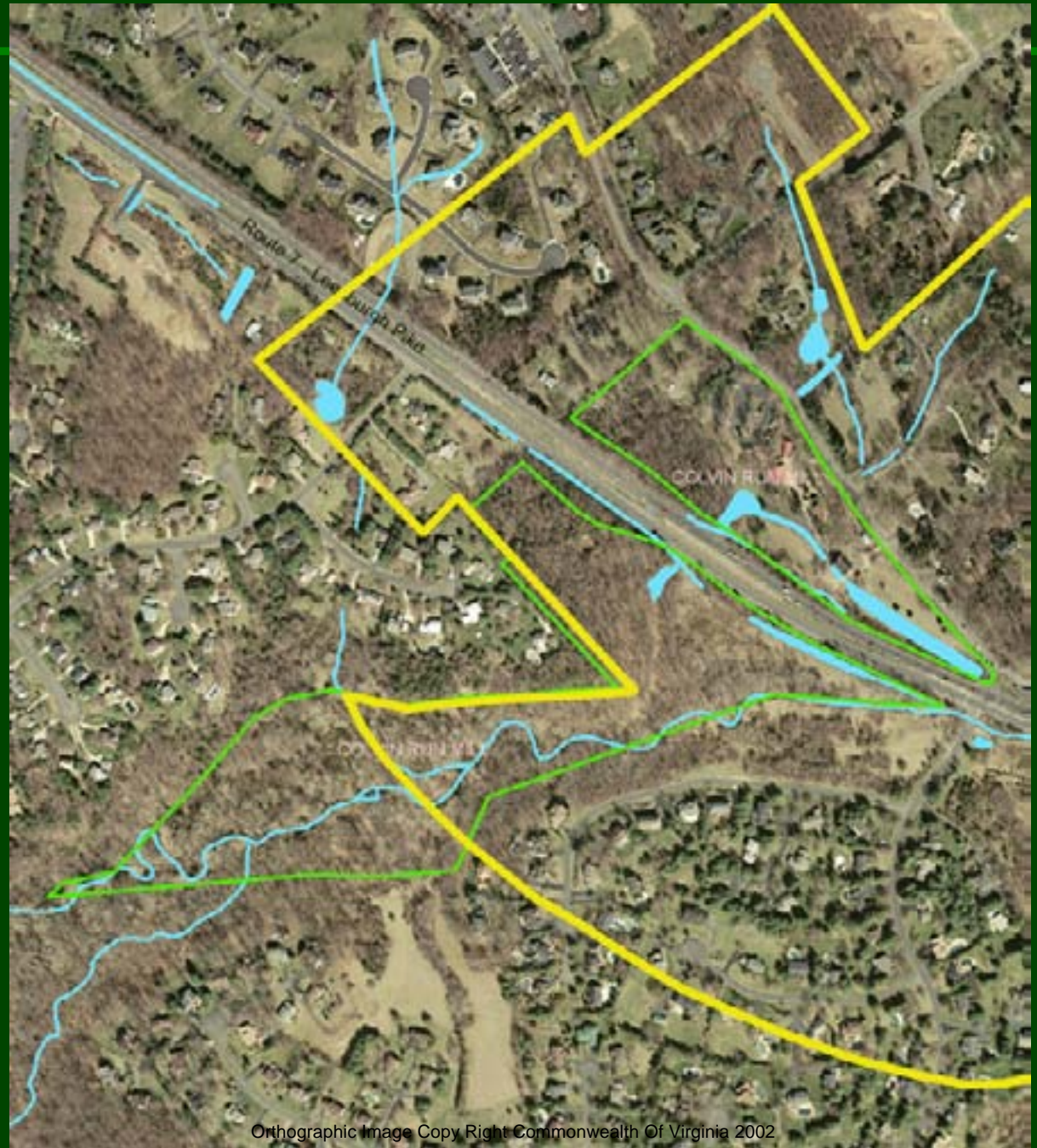
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Historic District



# Park Purpose & Visitor Experience

- **Preserve & Interpret Resources**
- **Provide Passive Recreation**
- **Enjoy Natural Environment**



# Why A Master Plan Revision?

**Plan for Entire Park**

**35 Years of Change**

**-Park Use**

**-Visitor Expectations**

**Improve Visitor Experience**

**Improve Stewardship**



# Master Plan Revision Considerations

## Visitor Experience

- Interpretive center
- Visitor Circulation
- Parking
- Eras of Significance
- Community History

## Improved Stewardship

- Historic Buildings
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Artifacts



# Help Plan Your Park

## Please Give Us Your Feedback

- Questions
- Comments
- Ideas



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**Please visit our website:**

**<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/colvinrunmill.htm>**

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