

BARON CAMERON PARK

Master Plan Revision
Public Comment Meeting
March 27, 2014



Meeting Purpose and Agenda

Meeting Purpose: Present draft Master Plan and listen to public comments about the draft plan

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Background Information
- Presentation of Baron Cameron Draft Master Plan
- Public Input

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
- 23,000+ acres of parkland
- 420 parks

Master Plan Purpose

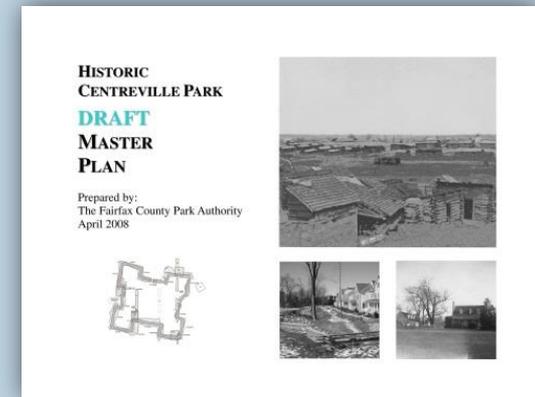
- Site-specific long range vision
- General guide for appropriate park uses
- General location of facilities
- Identifies resource protection areas
- Captures site conditions or community concerns



Master Plan Components

Written Report

- Establishes park purpose and classification
- Describes existing conditions and constraints
- Describes the desired visitor experience
- Describes the park features
- Identifies design concerns to be addressed at development stage



Conceptual Development Plan (CDP)

- Graphically shows general location of recommended facilities & use areas
- Conceptual, not engineered site plan



Staff Resources

- Archaeologists
- Landscape Architects
- Planners
- Natural Resource Specialists
- Operational Specialists
- Recreation Specialists
- Park Development Specialists



Master Plan Process

Research and Basic Site Analysis

Public Information Meeting

• May 7, 2013

Develop Draft Plan, including land use and impact analysis

Public Comment Meeting

• March 27, 2014

Public Comment Period

• 30 days

Revisions to Draft Plan

• Spring 2014

Board Action

• Summer 2014

Community Input

- Questions or Suggestions
- Email
- Mail
- Phone
- Public Input Meeting



Location of Site

- 11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston
- Hunter Mill Supervisory District
- Reston Association
- 60-acre District Park



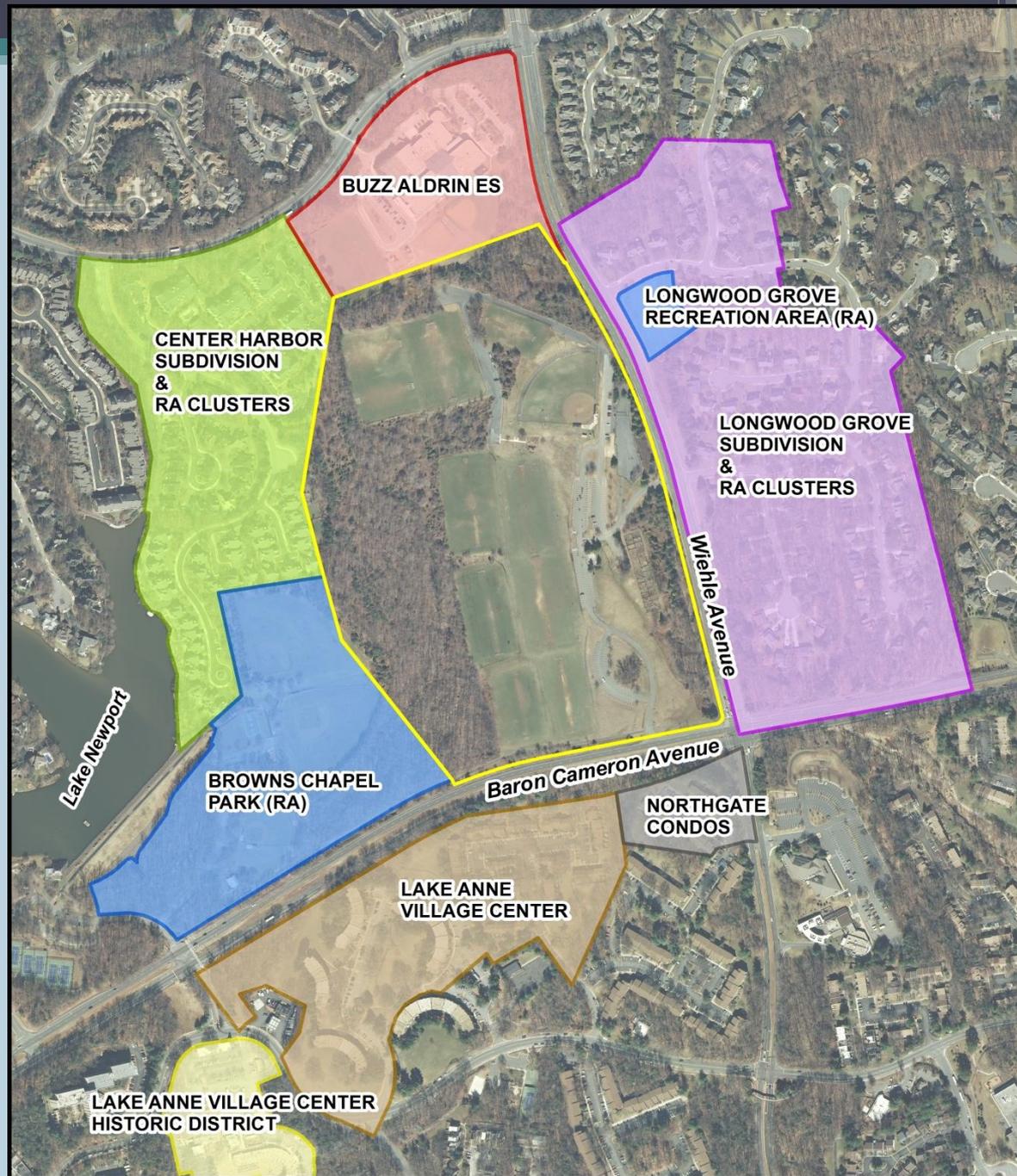
Baron Cameron is a District Park

“District Park” Defined *According to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan:*

- The District Park classification includes **larger parks that serve larger geographic areas** of the County and provide a variety of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and park experiences.
- These parks **offer diverse experiences and activities** that typically involve an individual or group **for a time period of up to a half day and may attract spectators or participants.**

Vicinity of Site

- Residential neighborhoods
- Reston Association public parks
- Elementary school
- Lake Anne Village Center and Historic District



History of the Site/Master Plan

Prior to 1971 through 2000

- Fairfax County Public Schools obtain ownership of the vacant site
- Park Authority coordinates with Public Schools to allow interim recreational uses on the vacant site
- Park Authority Board approves Master Plan for Baron Cameron Park and develops the park thereafter

History of the Site/Master Plan (continued)

2000

- Park Authority receives a request from the Reston Dog Park Coalition (Reston Dogs) to consider an off-leash dog area in Baron Cameron Park

2001

- Park Authority Board approves the request for an off-leash dog area
- Master Plan is amended to add the off-leash dog area use and parking, and to reflect as-built additional parking

History of the Site/Master Plan (continued)

2006

- Public Schools deems site as surplus and transfers ownership to the Board of Supervisors

2011

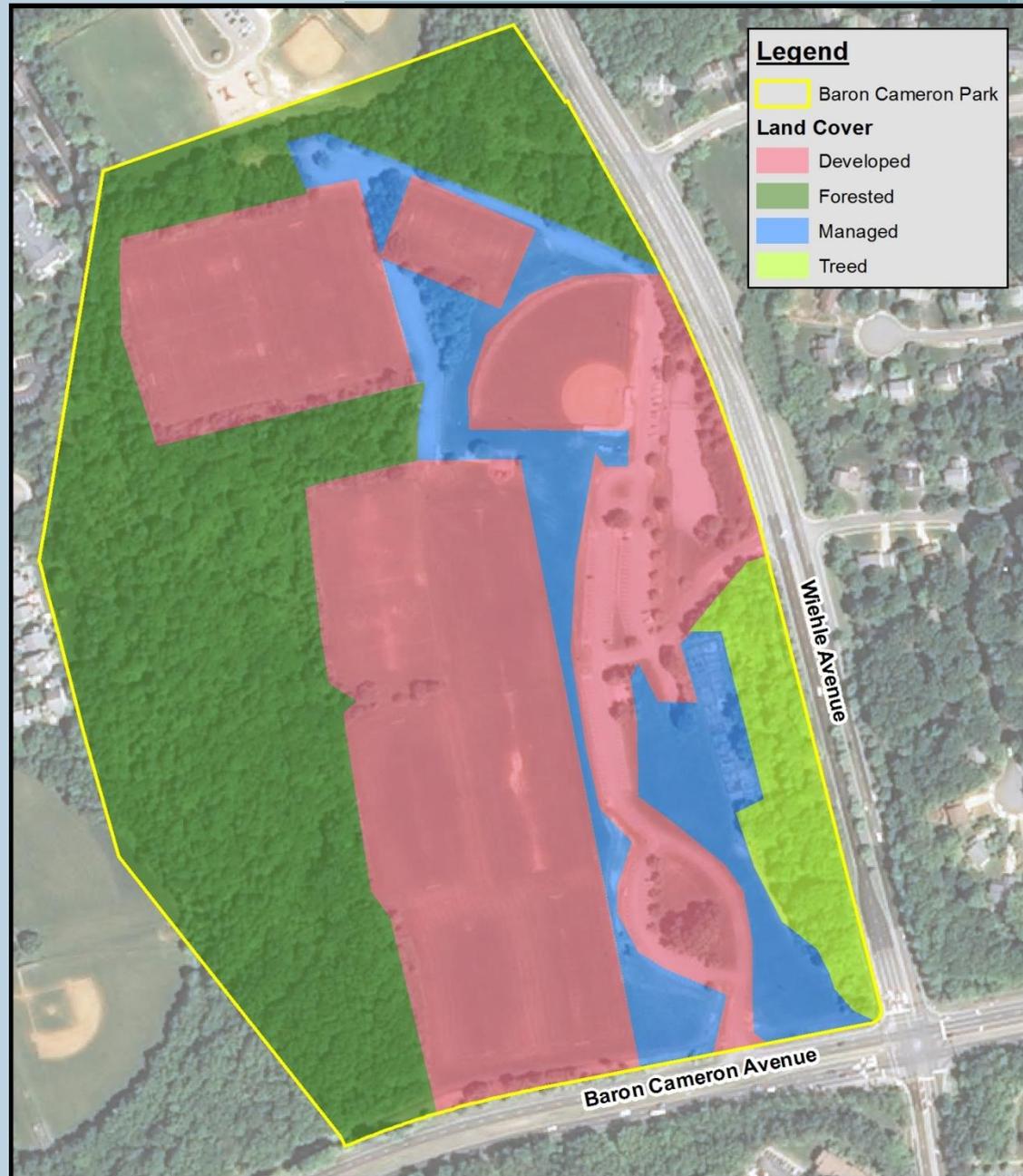
- The Board of Supervisors transfers ownership to the Park Authority

2012-2013

- Park Authority begins the park planning process to revise the Master Plan

Existing Land Cover

- Developed = 46% (~27.5 acres)
- Managed = 13% (~8 acres)
- Forested = 35% (~21 acres)
- Treed = 6% (~3.5 acres)



Existing Facilities

- 9 rectangle fields
- 1 lighted diamond field
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Off-Leash Dog Area
- 32 community garden plots



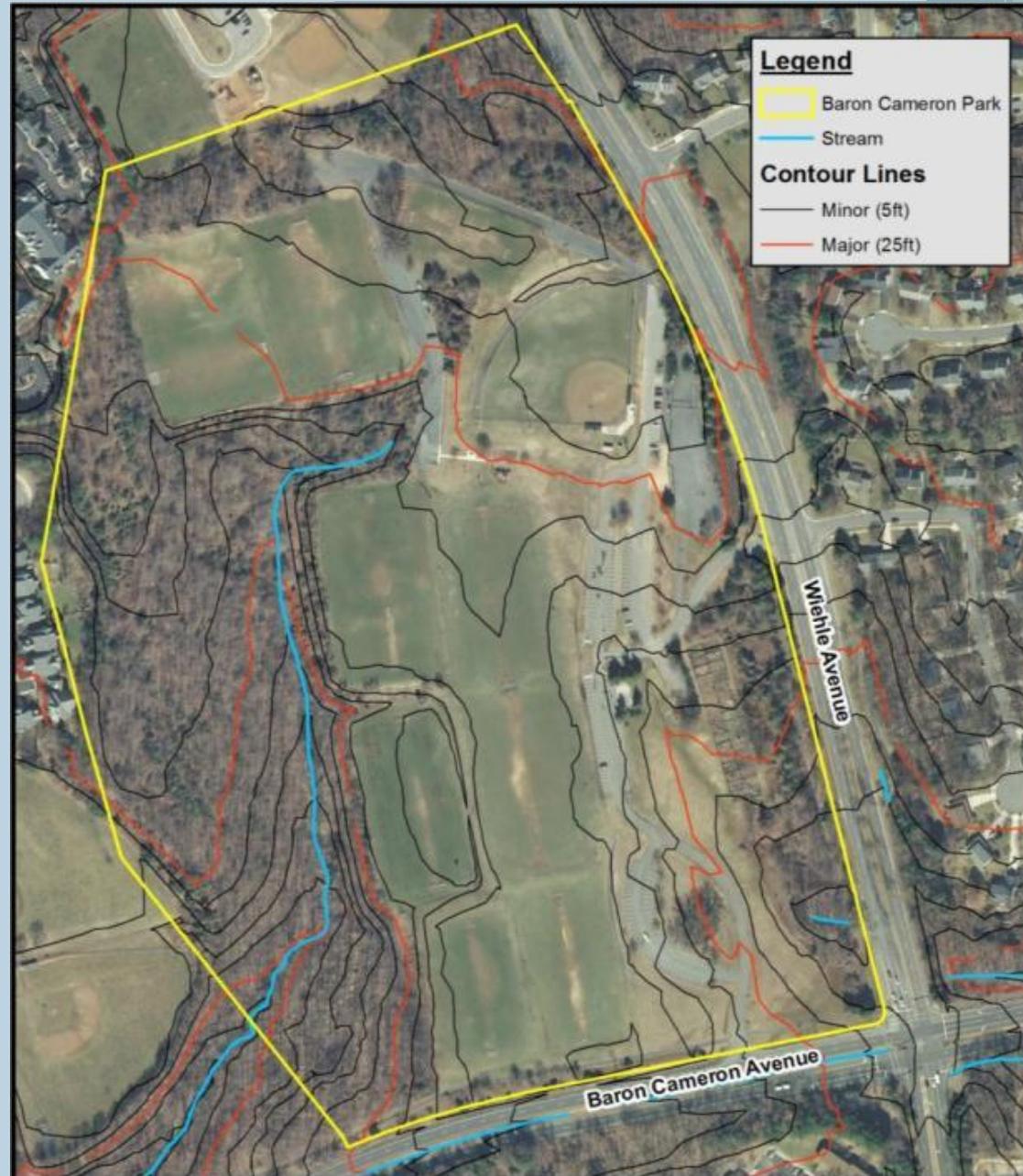
Existing Athletic Fields

- 9 rectangle fields
 - No standard size
 - On average, each field is scheduled for about 1,032 hours annually (2012 data)
 - Conditions vary
- 1 lighted diamond field
 - Scheduled for about 1,600 hours annually
 - Softball



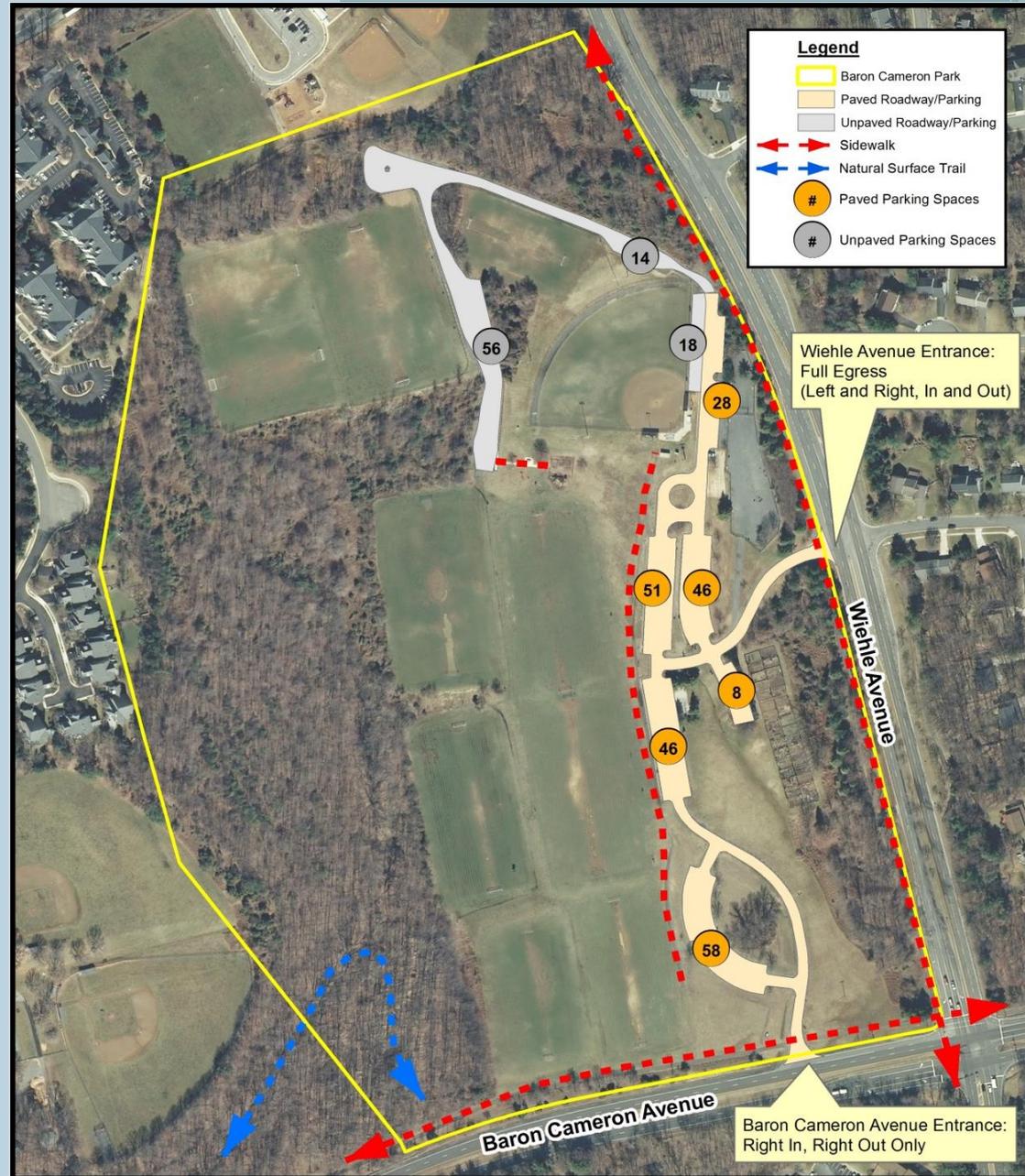
Existing Site Conditions

- Generally flat topography
- Wooded valley between Baron Cameron and Browns Chapel Parks
- Natural drainage creates stream channel in valley
- No rare, threatened or endangered natural resources
- No cultural resources



Existing Site Conditions

- Vehicular access from Baron Cameron and Wiehle Avenues
- 237 stripped parking spaces
- ~88 gravel parking spaces
- Sidewalks and a dirt path provide pedestrian access



Baron Cameron Park 2013 aerial composite

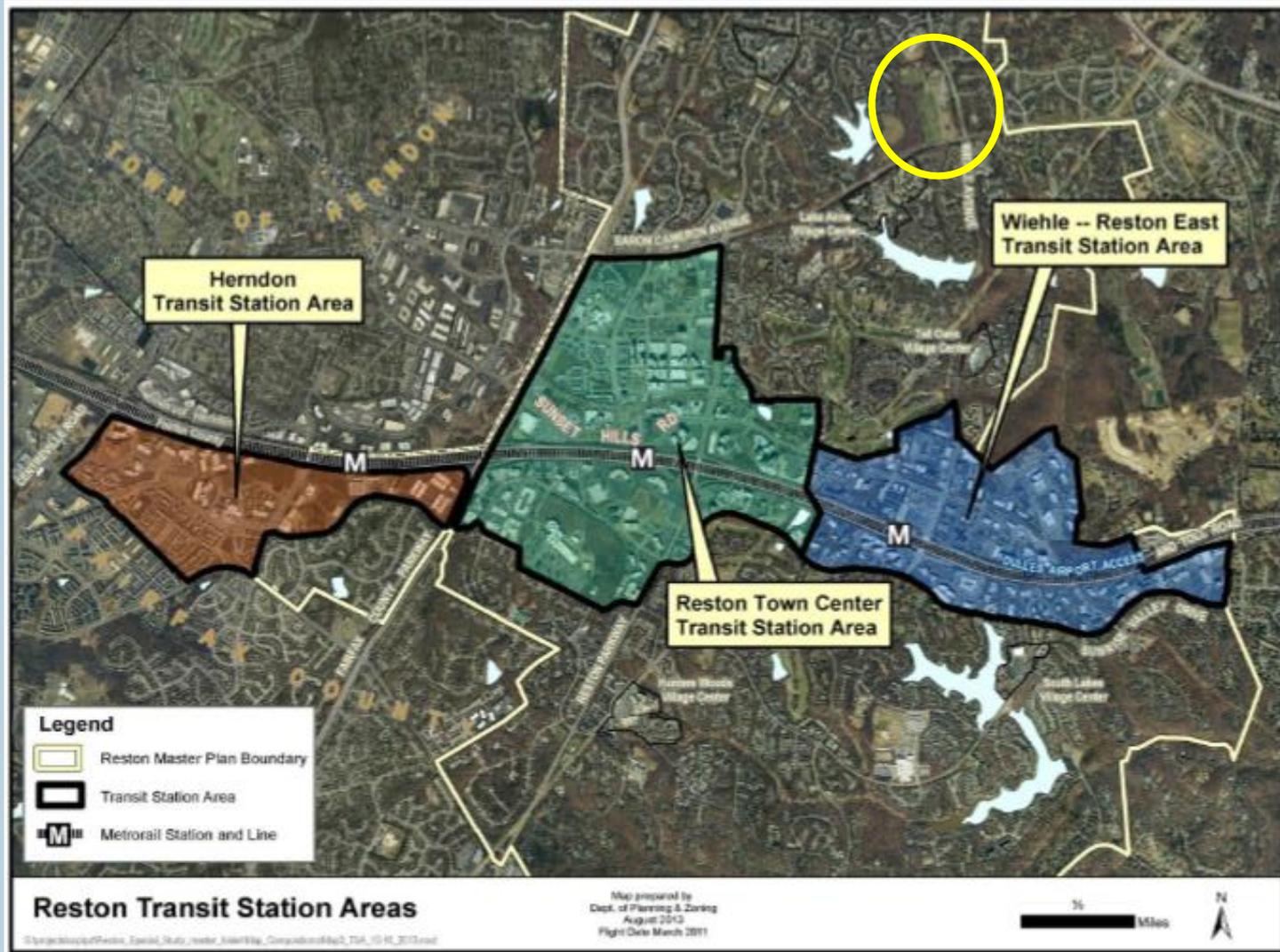


Great Parks, Great Communities Comprehensive Park Systems Plan



- The plan recommends several strategies to improve service levels and park conditions, such as:
 - Partner with other park providers to leverage facility capacity and use through shared allocations
 - Where appropriate, convert athletic fields to synthetic turf and add lights to increase playing capacity
 - Undertake athletic field improvements at Baron Cameron Park

Reston Transit Station Areas Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Approved 2/22/2014



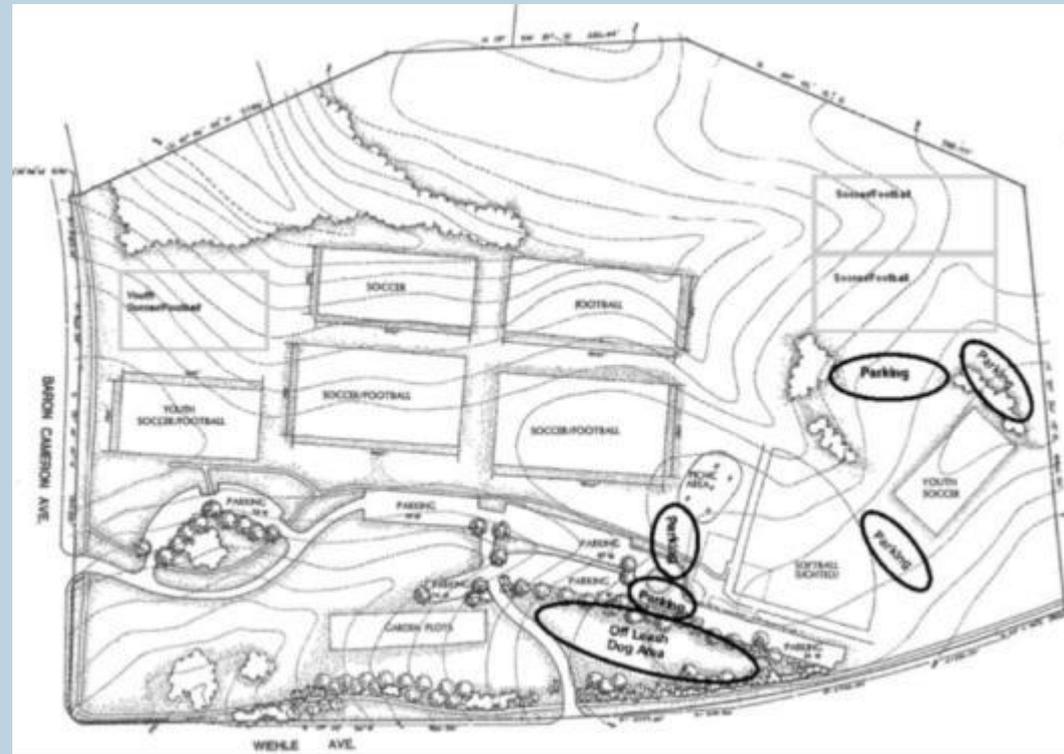
Reston Transit Station Areas Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Approved 2/22/2014 (continued)

Land Use	Existing (2010)	Planned (25-30 years)	Potential Net Increase
Residential Units	5,860	27,900	22,040
Office and Retail sq. ft.	~21 million	~31 million	~10 million
Hotel sq. ft.	~1 million	~3 million	~2 million

- Increased development potential generates the need for multiple park and recreational facilities, in particular 12 athletic fields
- Approved Plan identifies several strategies to meet this need:
 - Seek development contributions of land and/or facilities
 - Wait for planned schools that will include athletic fields
 - Enhance existing athletic fields to increase playing capacity

Master Plan Revision Process

- **Starting point was the existing Master Plan and examined:**
 - Input from the public
 - Potential for an indoor recreation center
 - Increase field capacities
 - Enhancements and/or improvements to non-field park facilities

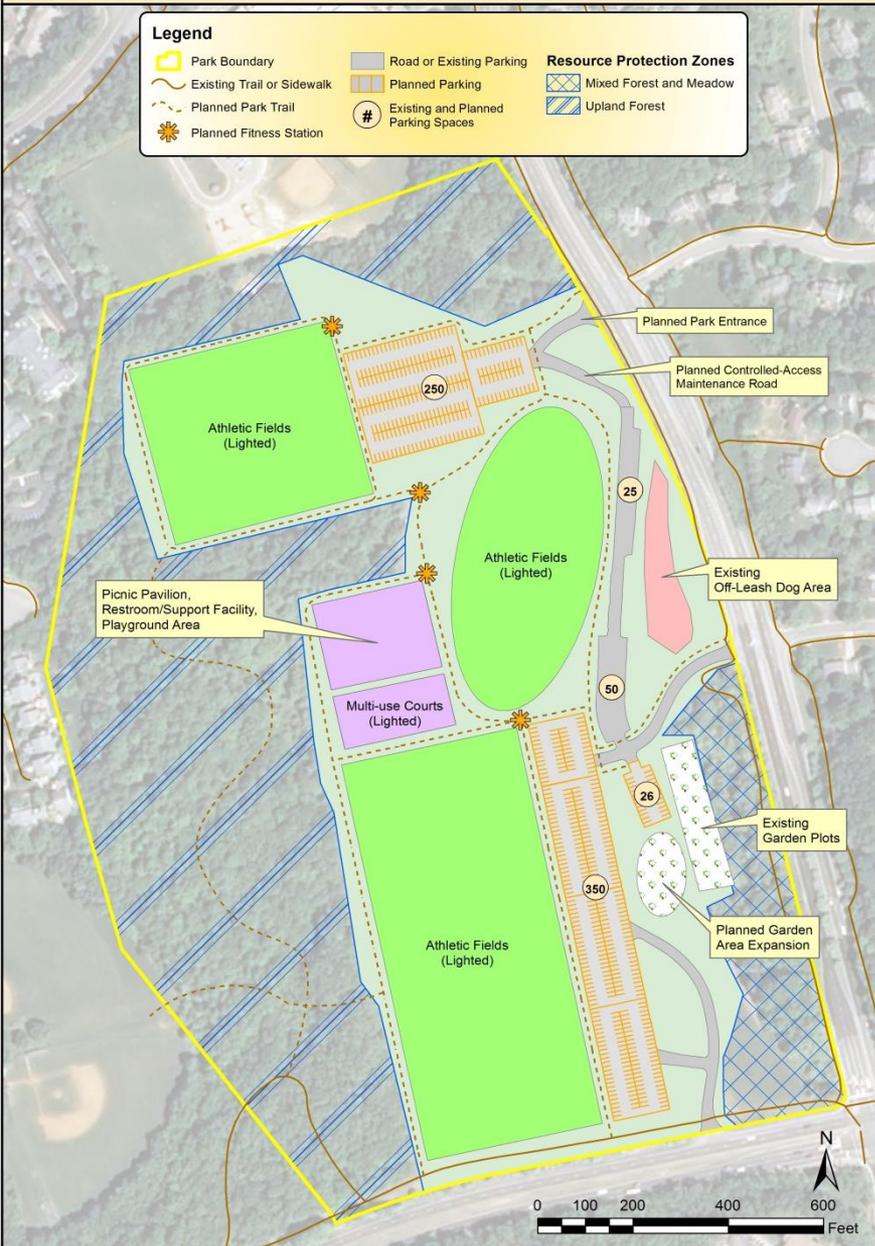


Master Plan Revision Process (continued)

- Generally, public input centered on four key topics
 - Indoor recreation center – pros and cons
 - Potential traffic impacts
 - Desire to preserve open space and the western forest stand
 - Off-leash dog area – pros and cons



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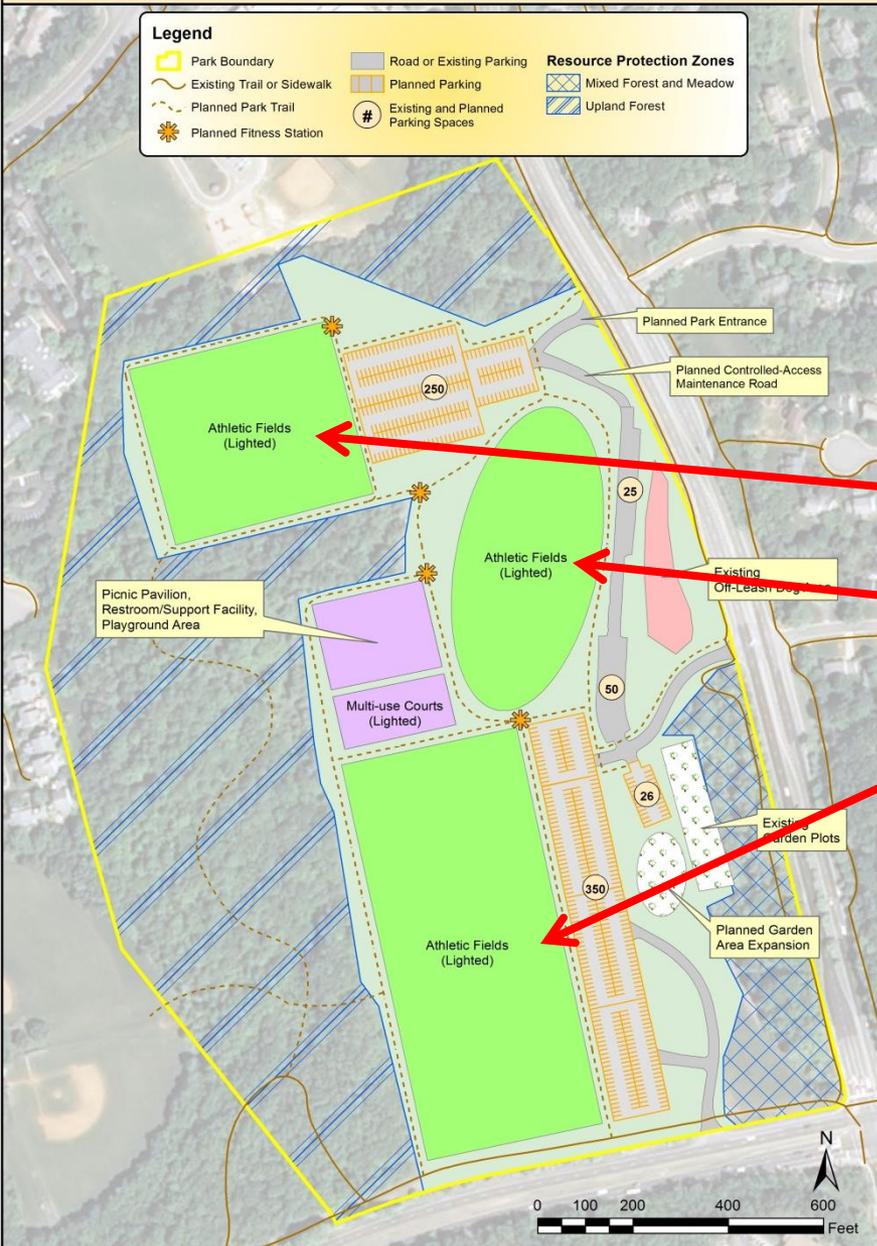


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Strives to...

- Increase field playing capacities while improving field conditions
- Incorporate community-oriented features
- Provide better parking and traffic management
- Generally enhance the park experience for a District

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CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



PLAN ELEMENTS

Athletic Fields

- Upgrade athletic fields to full-service synthetic turf and lights
 - Northern end
 - Middle section
 - Southern end
- Full-service fields with synthetic turf and lights provide 2x the playing capacity than solely grass fields
 - Winter play
 - Newest lighting technology

Arrowbrook Centre



PLAN ELEMENTS

Athletic Fields (continued)

- What is a full-service field?
 - Lighted
 - Surface = synthetic turf
 - Size = typically 180 feet by 360 feet

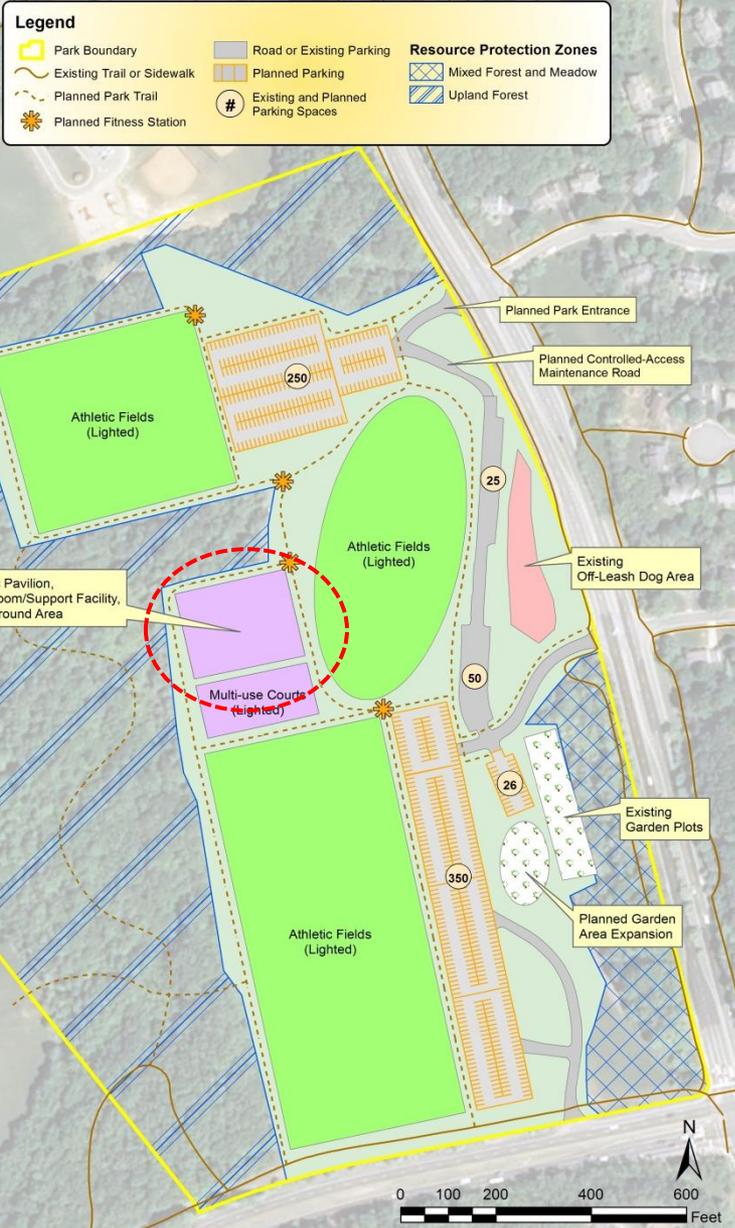
- Accommodate a wide range of activities and combination of uses, such as
 - 1 game being played end-to-end
 - vs.
 - 2+ games being played side-to-side

Newest Lighting Technology Features

- Full cut off with shields
- Addresses light trespass
- Web-based controls
(lights on when in use)



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Picnic Pavilion and Restroom/Support Facility

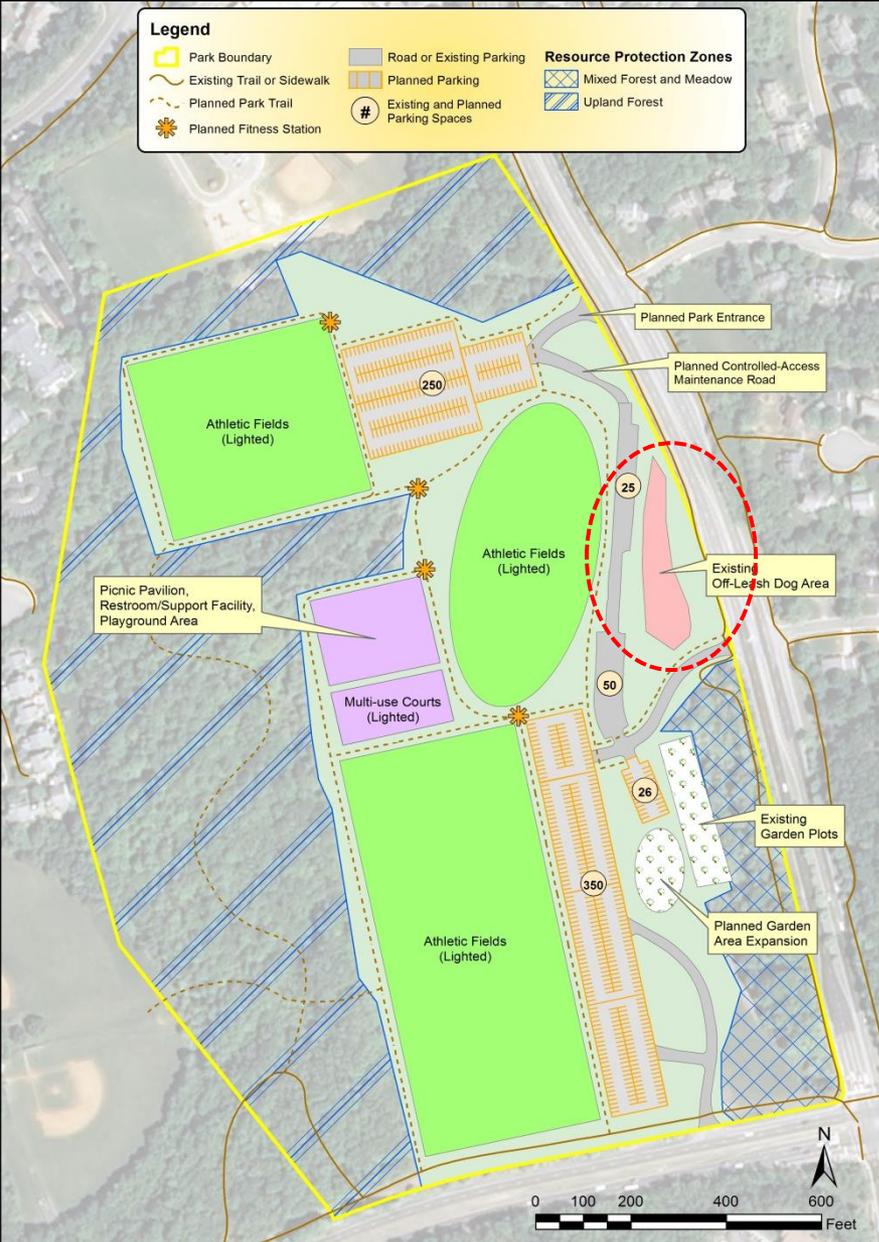
- Accommodate large groups
- Rentable
- Potential for storage space, concessions, etc.



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CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Legend

Park Boundary	Road or Existing Parking	Resource Protection Zones
Existing Trail or Sidewalk	Planned Parking	Mixed Forest and Meadow
Planned Park Trail	Existing and Planned Parking Spaces	Upland Forest
Planned Fitness Station		



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Off-Leash Dog Area

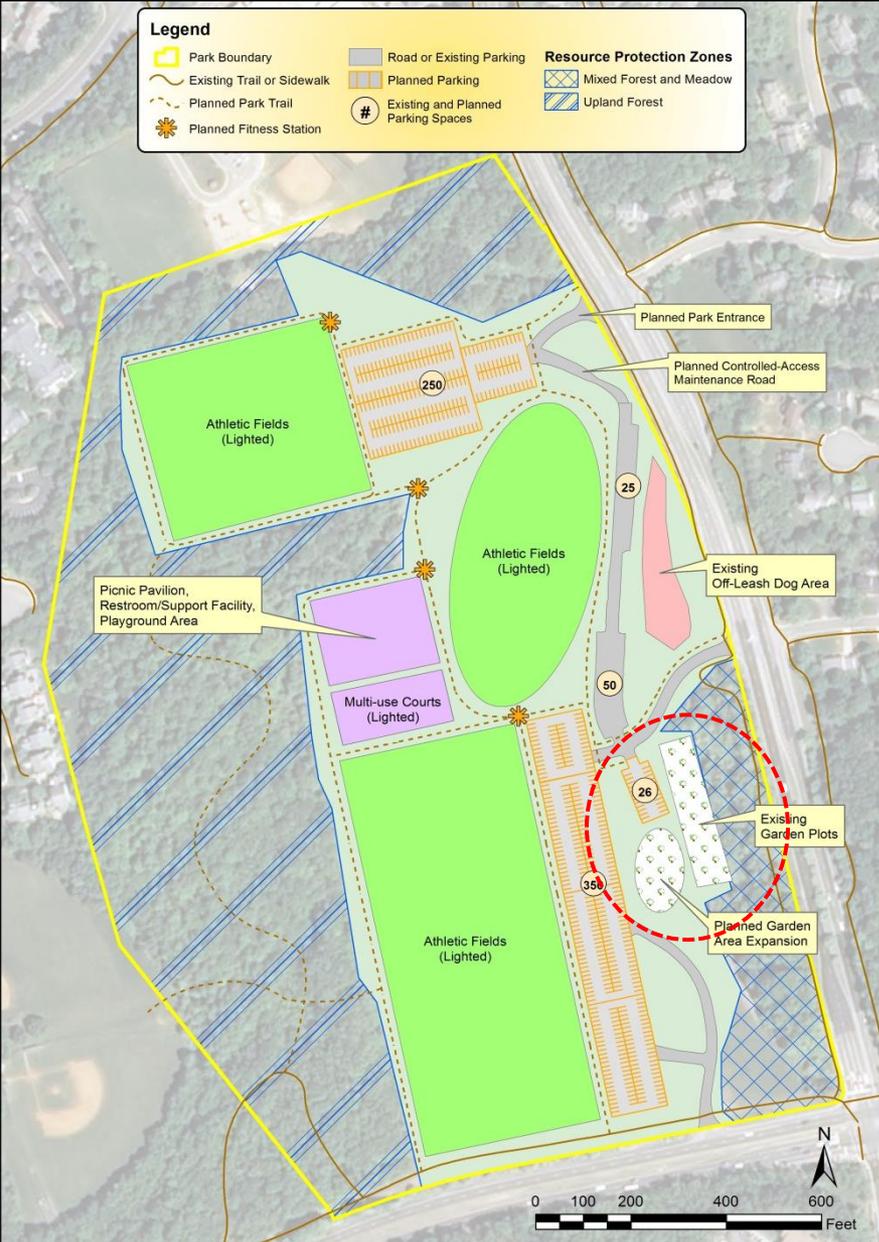
- Existing OLDA to remain, including separate small and large dog areas



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Community Garden Area

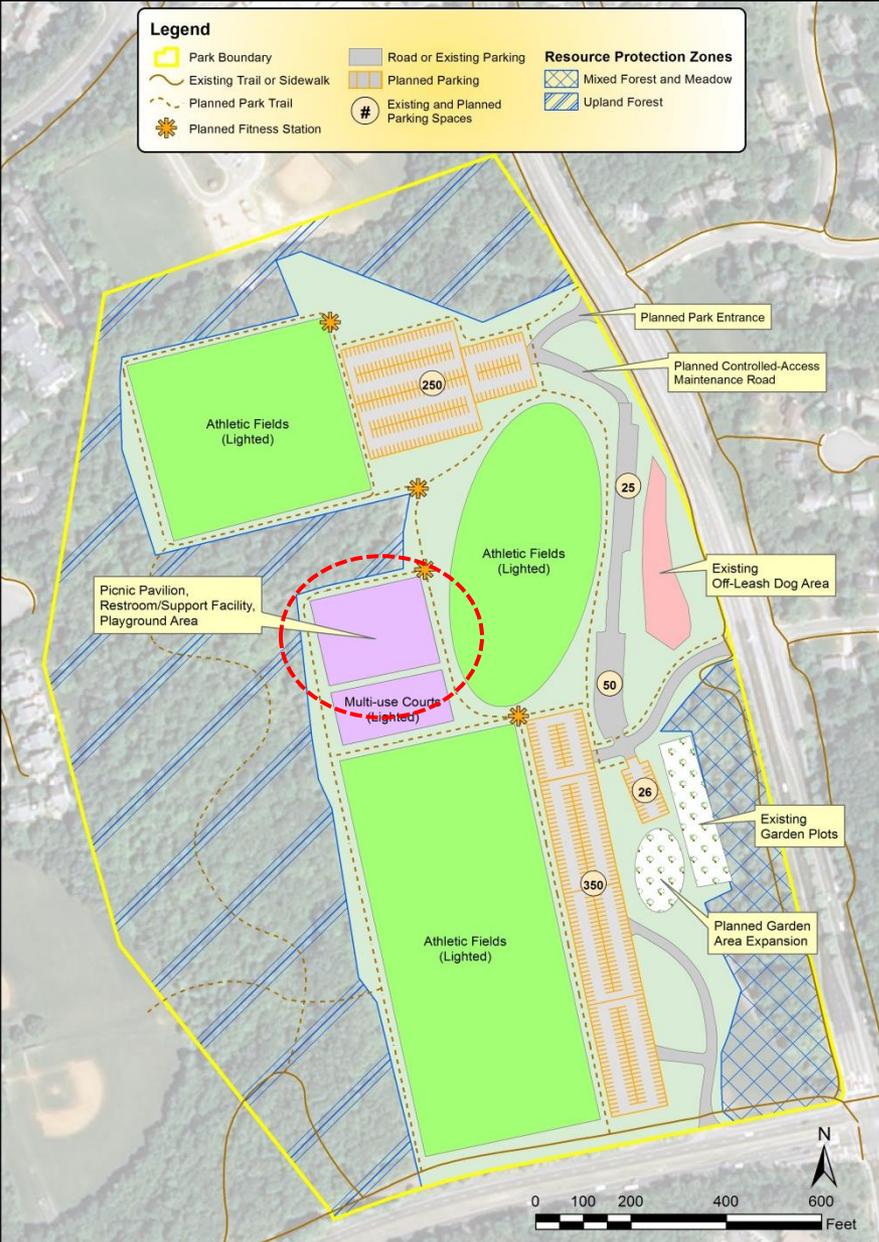
- Existing garden plots to remain with proposed expansion area



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Playground

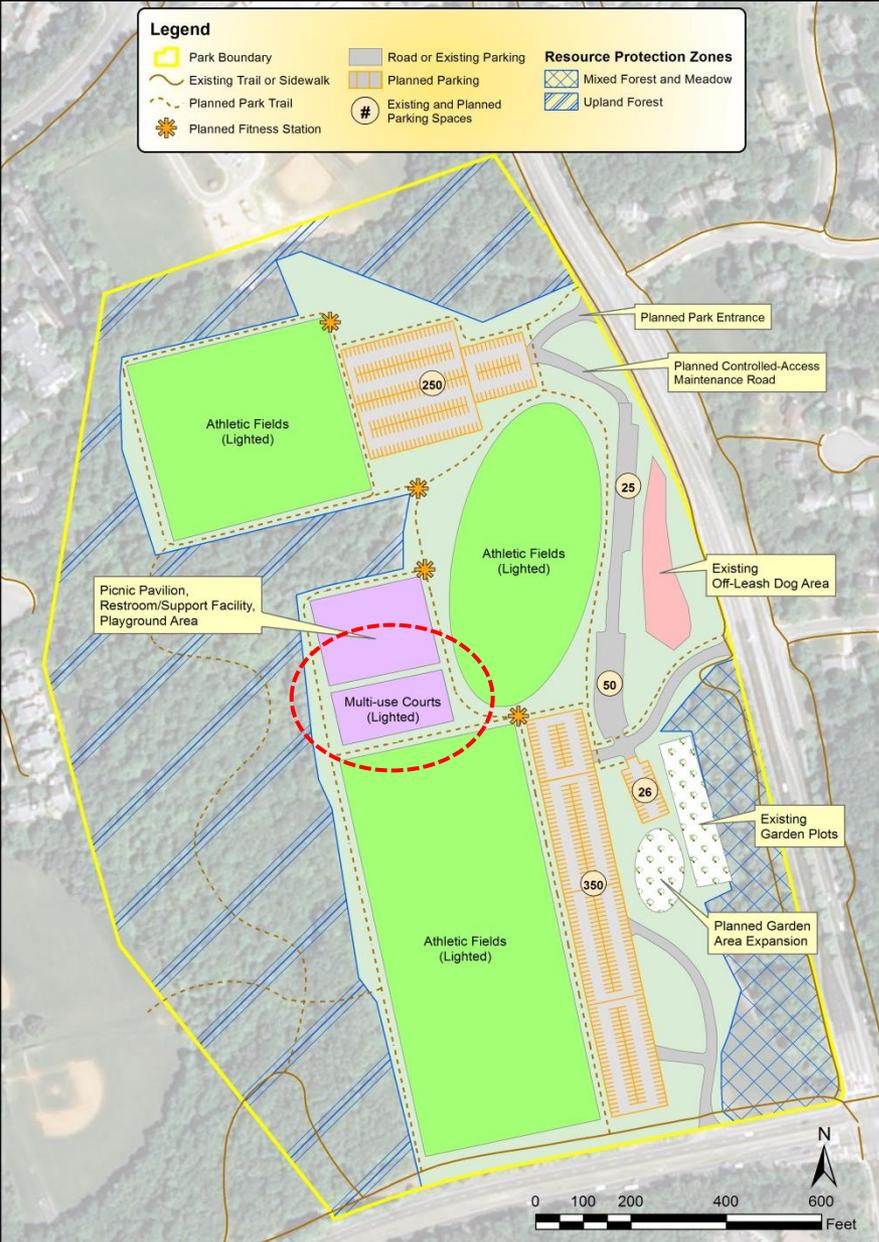
- Existing playground to remain, but may shift in location and configuration



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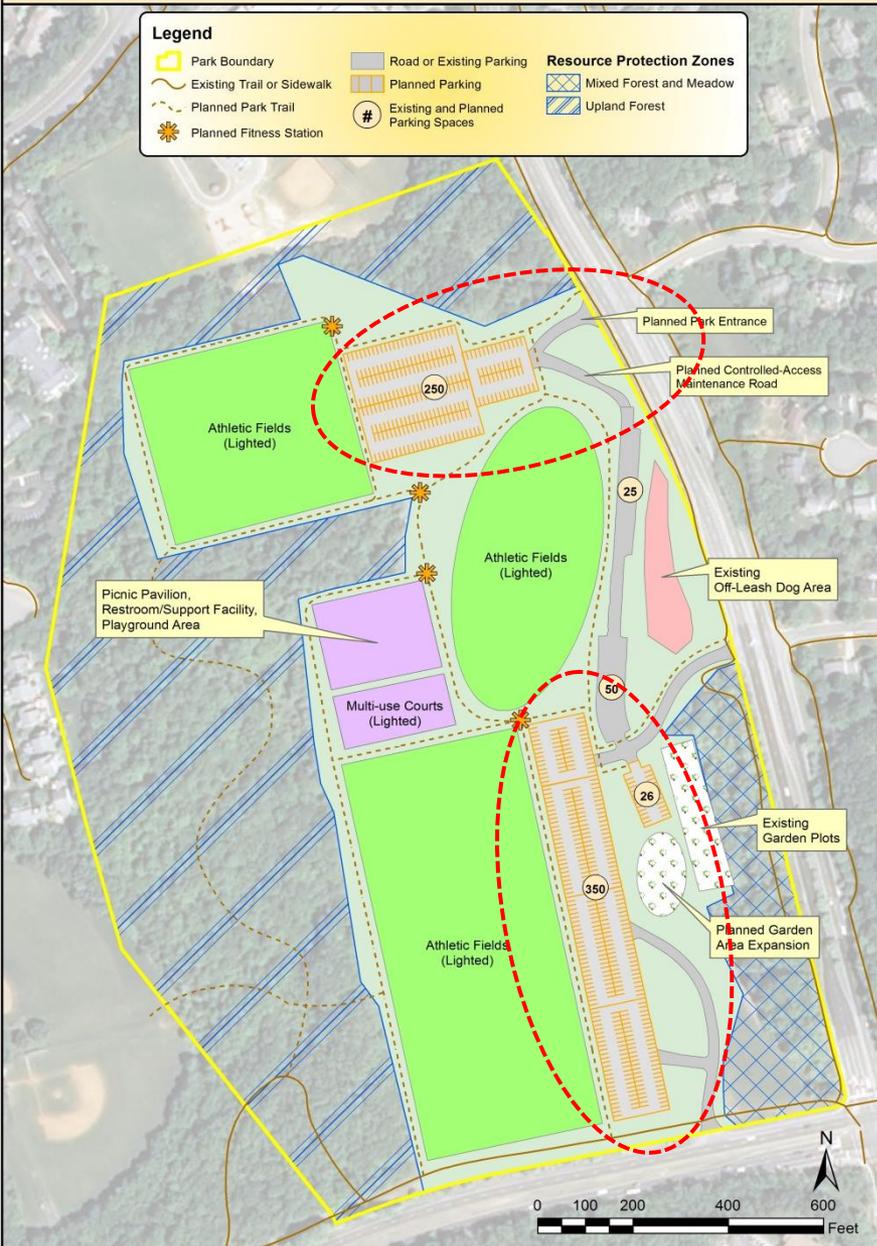
Lighted Multi-use Courts

- Establish complex of lighted courts near the proposed picnic pavilion and restroom/support facility



Nottoway Park

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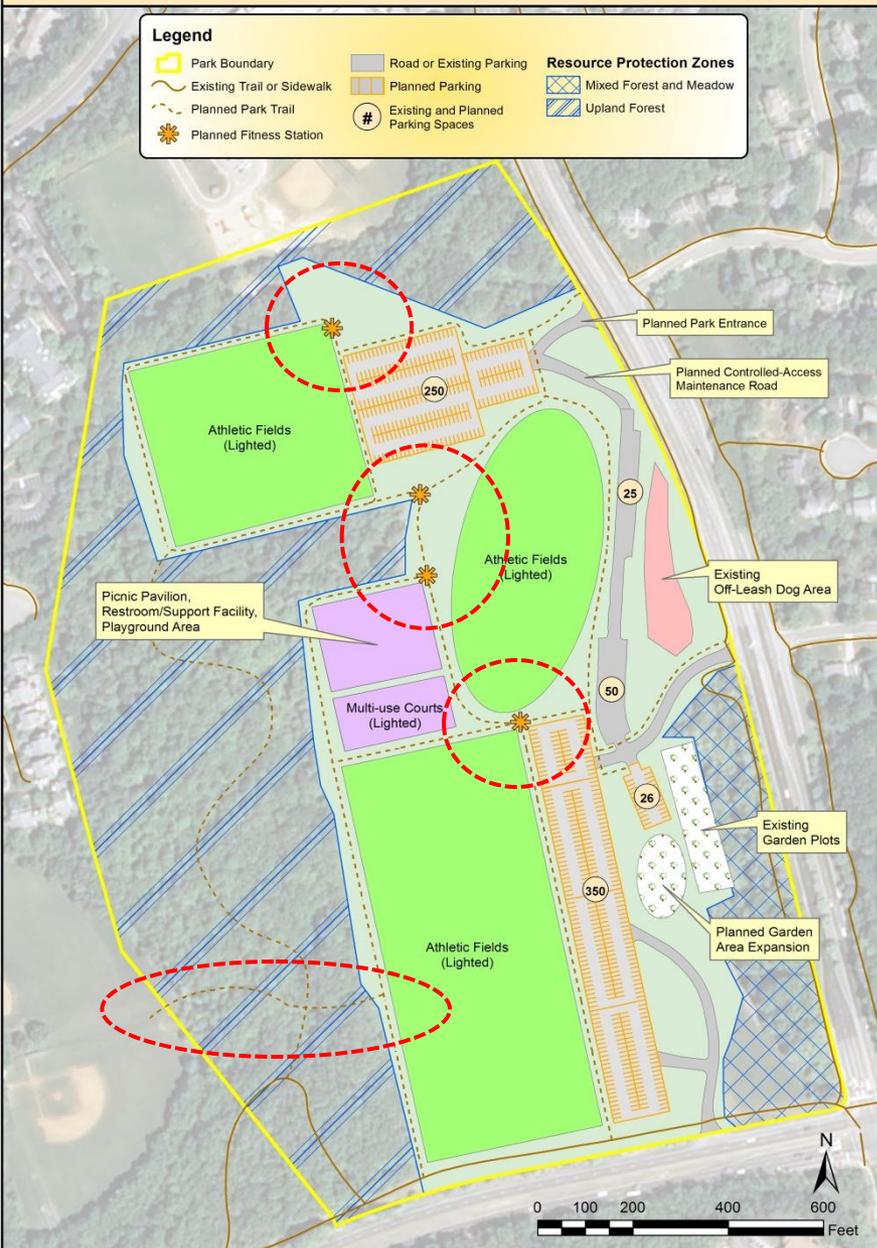


PLAN ELEMENTS

Vehicular Access, Parking, and Circulation

- Establish new park entrance off Wiehle Avenue
- Improve and increase overall number of parking spaces
 - ~325 existing spaces
 - 701 proposed spaces
- Provide framework for efficient internal circulation

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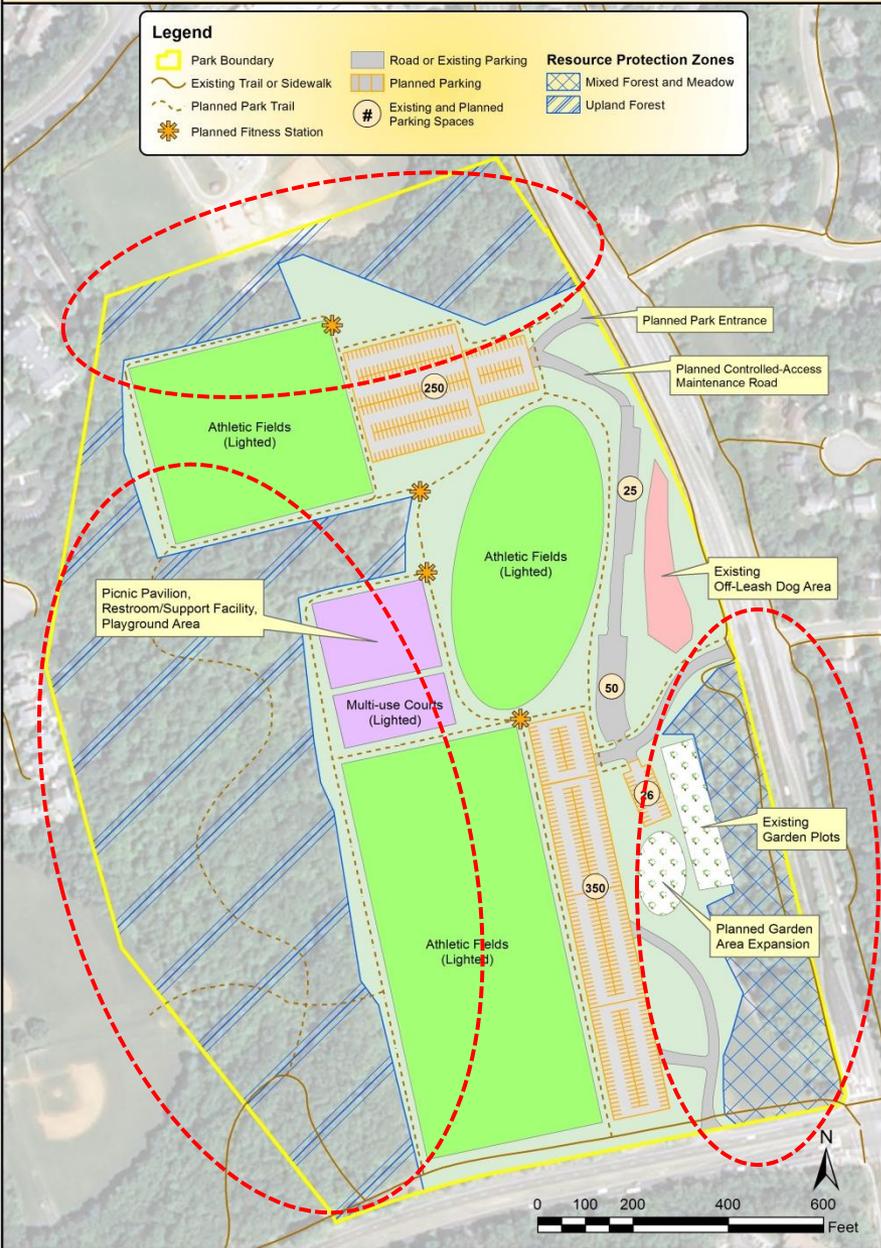
Trail Network, Pedestrian Access, and Fitness Stations

- Establish trail network that incorporates clusters of fitness stations
 - Fitness stations can accommodate wide range of ages and abilities



- Establish pedestrian connection to adjacent Reston Association Brown's Chapel Park

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PLAN ELEMENTS

Natural Resource Management

- Establish two Resource Protection Zones (RPZs)
 - Upland Forest
 - Mixed Forest and Meadow

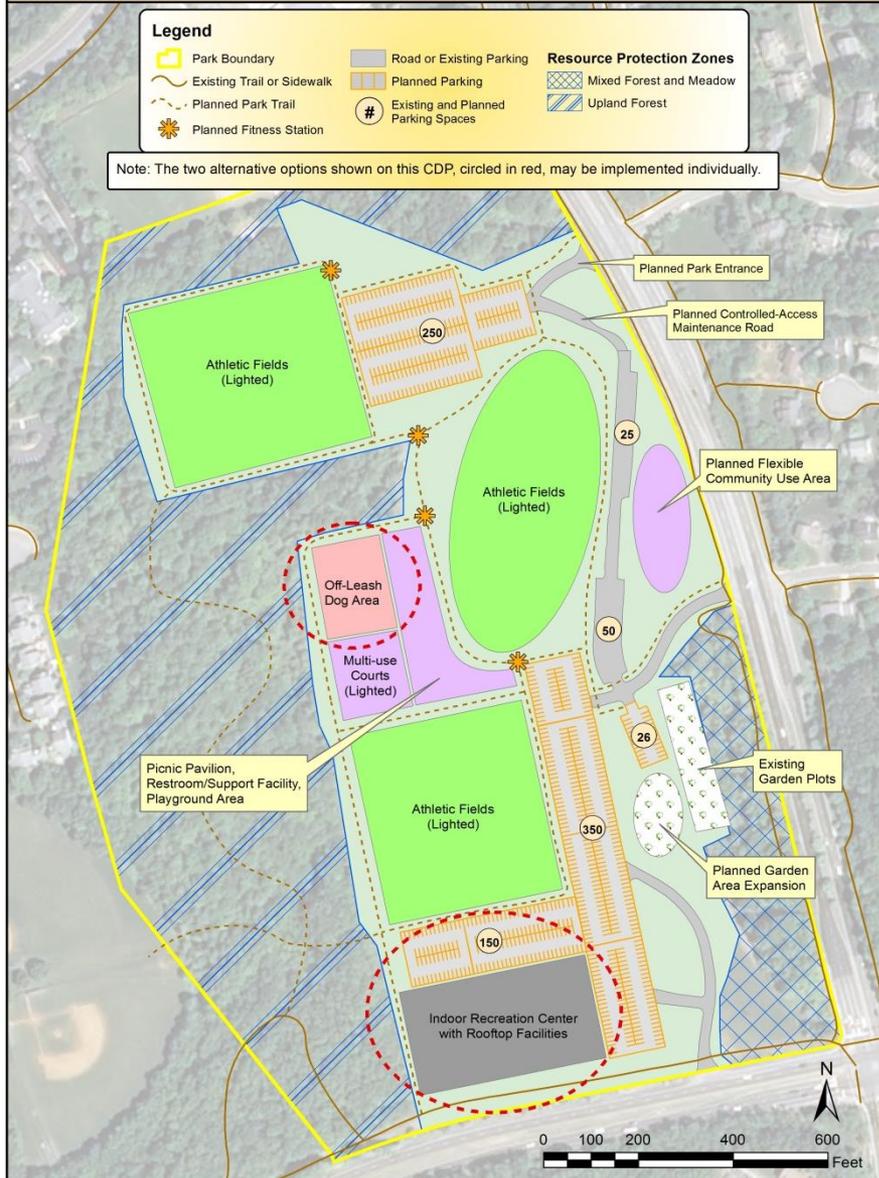
- Manage other natural resources for invasive species

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BARON CAMERON PARK **CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN** *alternative options*

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Note: The two alternative options shown on this CDP, circled in red, may be implemented individually.



PLAN ELEMENTS *Alternative Options*

- **Plan includes two alternative facilities to provide flexibility**
 - Indoor recreation center
 - Relocated off-leash dog area
- **Facilities are NOT dependent on each other and can be implemented individually**

Next Steps

March 27, 2014

- Public Comment Meeting
- 30-day public comment period – ends April 27

Spring 2014

- Refinements to Draft Master Plan Revision

Summer 2014

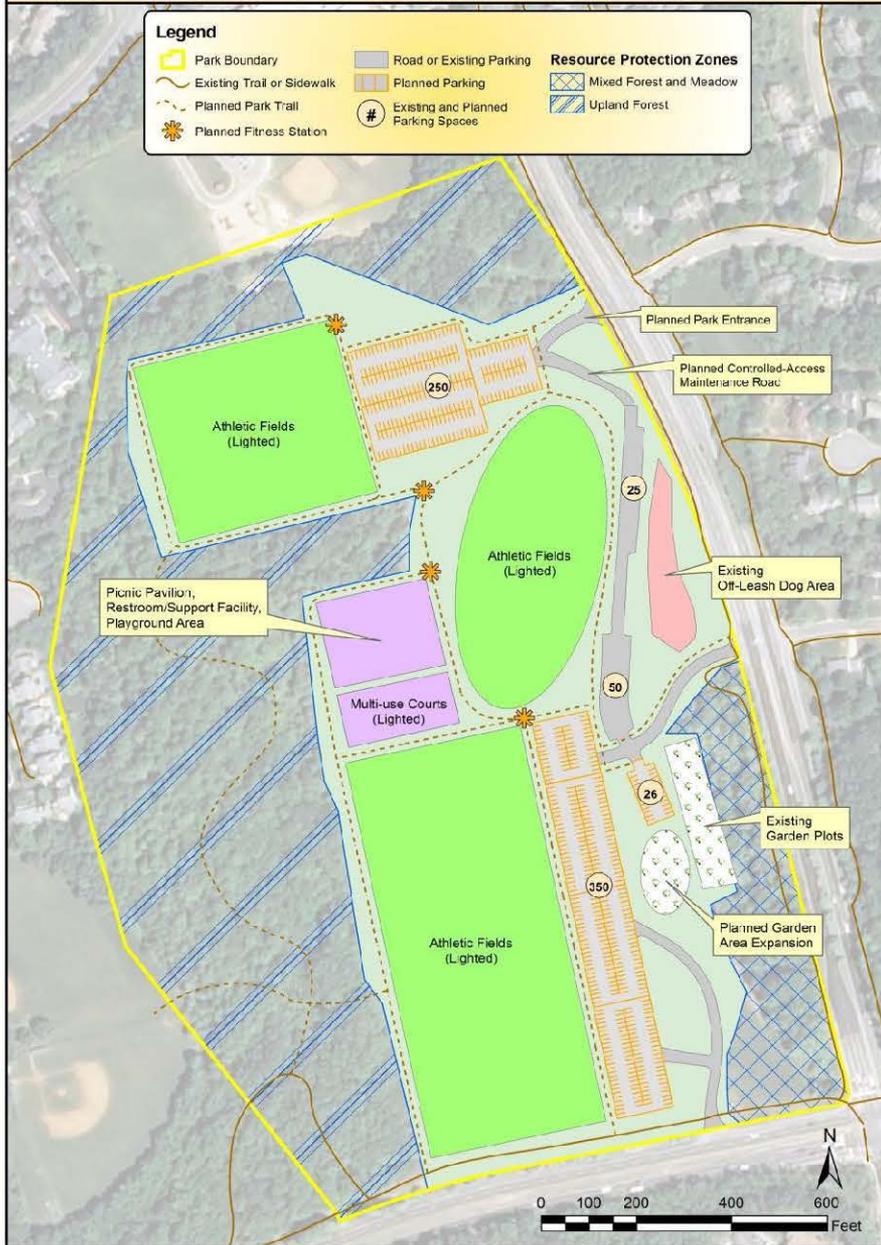
- Park Authority Board action

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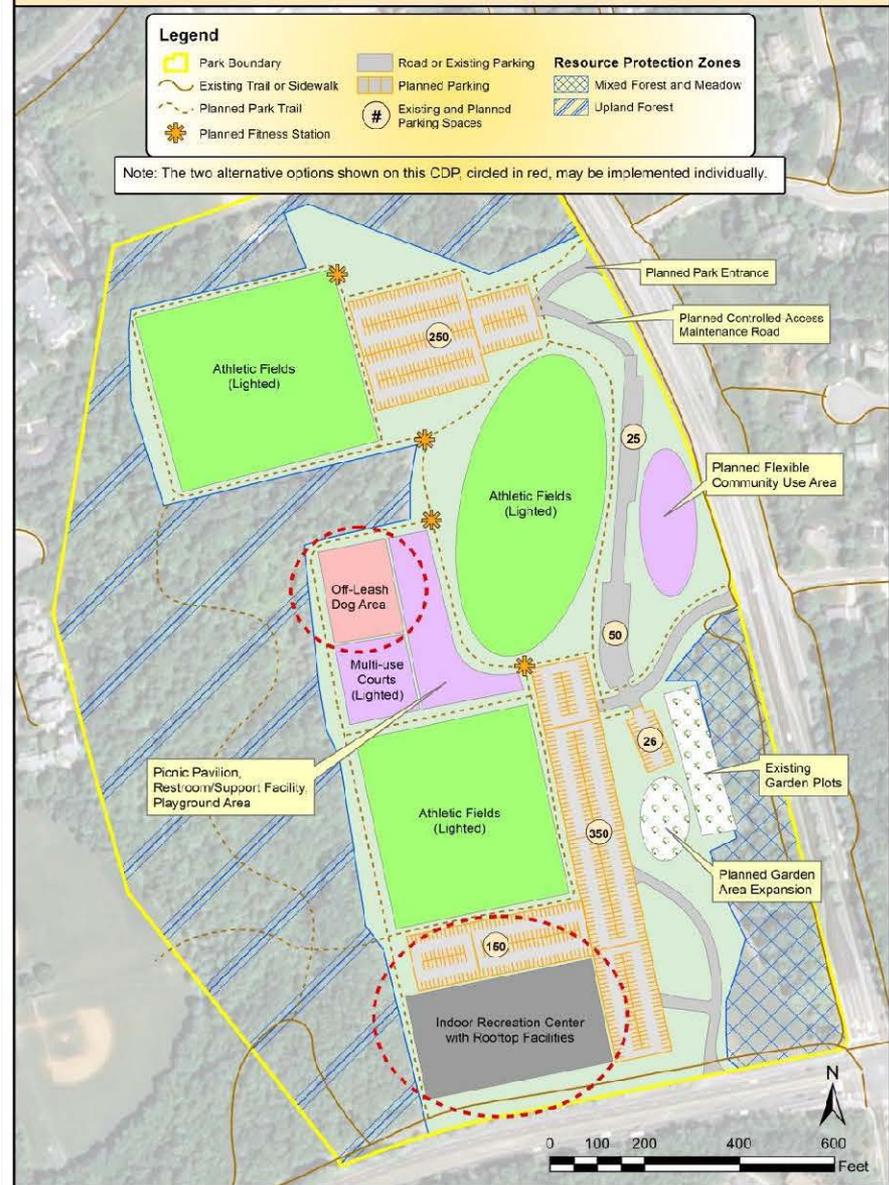
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BARON CAMERON PARK CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN alternative options

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Comments and Feedback

Master Plan Project Website:

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

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Or leave comment slip on agenda with us tonight!