

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

May 7, 2014

Crestwood ES, Springfield, VA



BROOKFIELD PARK

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

MEETING PURPOSE AND AGENDA

Meeting Purpose: Present proposal to build a bicycle “pump track” in Brookfield Park and hear input from the community

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Background Information
 - Presentation of “Pump Track” Proposal
 - Public Input
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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

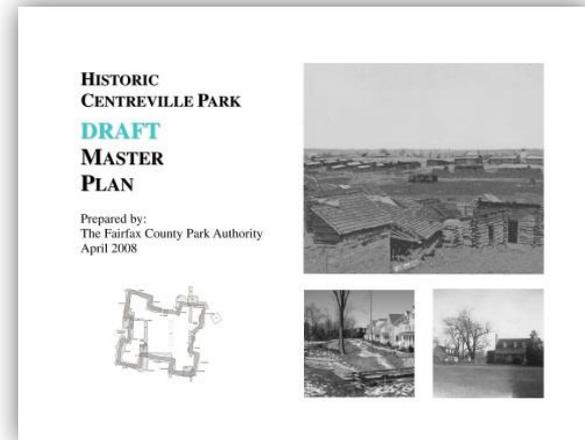
MASTER PLAN COMPONENTS

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 AMENDMENT PROCESS

FCPA reviews TYO Proposal

- 2nd Half 2013

Initiate Master Plan Amendment Process

- Early 2014

Public Comment Meeting

- May 7, 2014

Public Comment Period

- 30 days

Review Public Comment and FCPA Board Action

- Summer 2014

If approved, create a development, maintenance, and use agreement

- 2014

LOCATION OF SITE

- 7417 Floyd Avenue
Springfield
- Lee Supervisory
District
- 27-acre Local Park

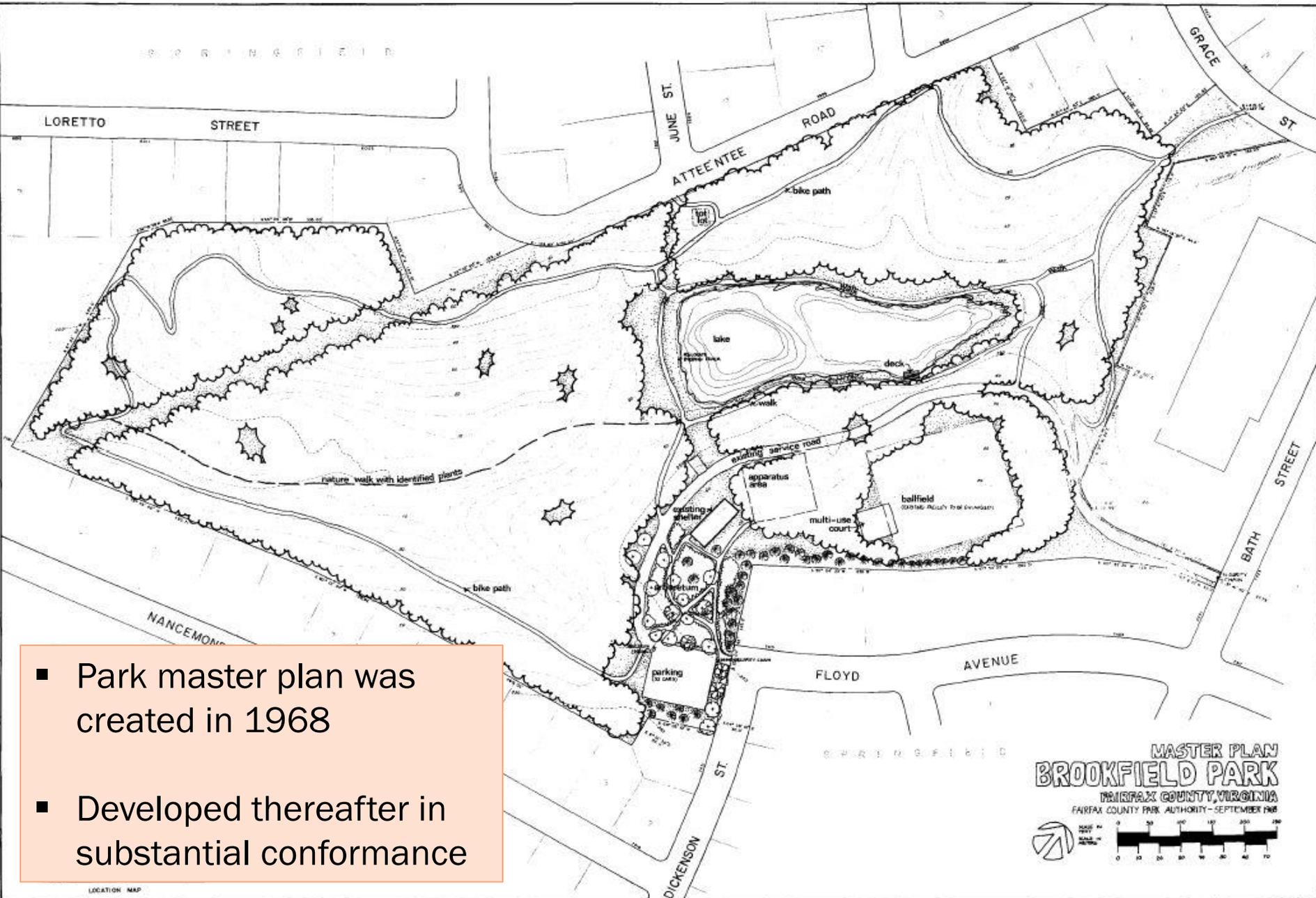


VICINITY OF SITE

- Established neighborhood
- Contiguous parkland of Accotink Stream Valley Park
- Nearby ES and church

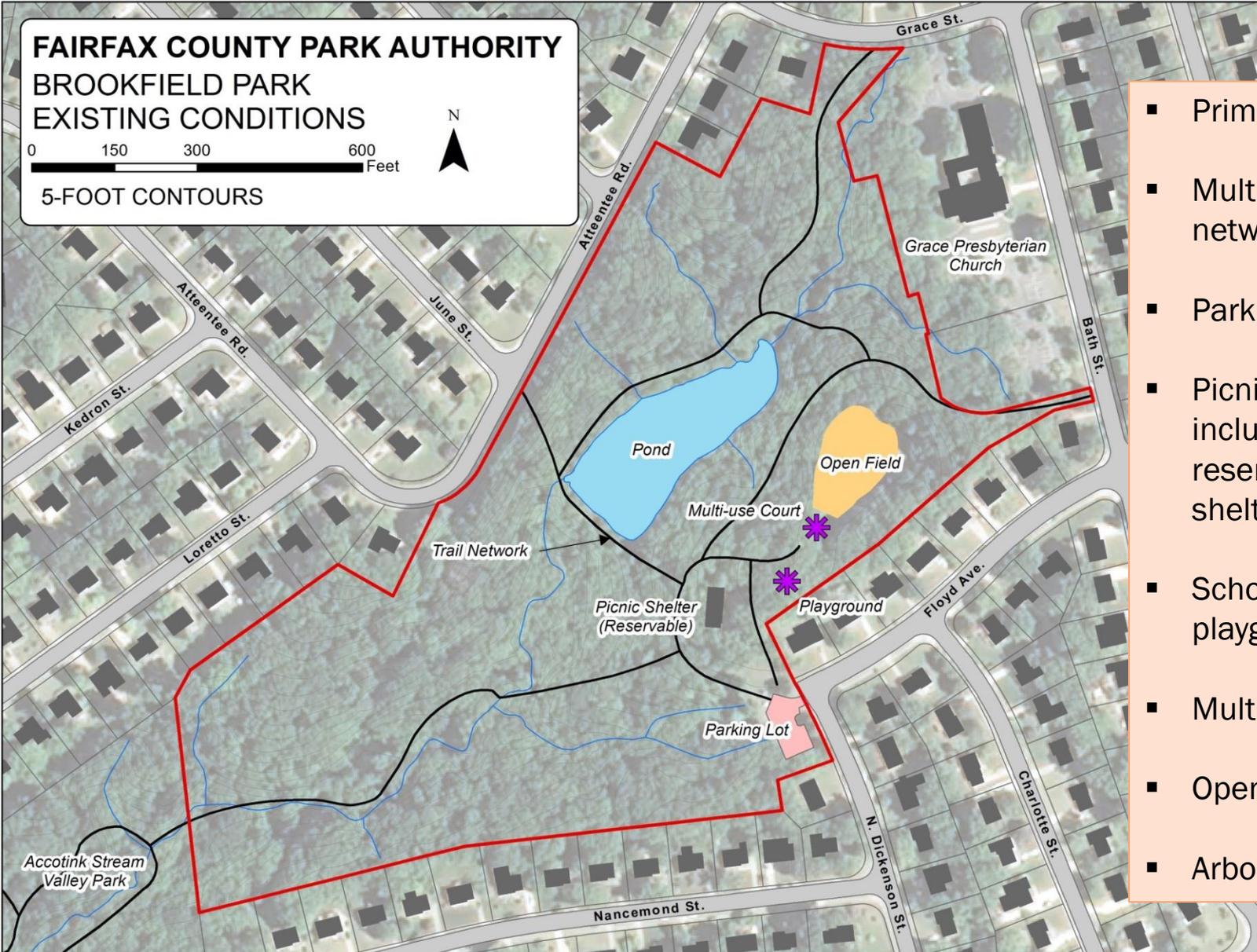


HISTORY OF SITE AND MASTER PLAN



- Park master plan was created in 1968
- Developed thereafter in substantial conformance

EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS



- Primarily forested
- Multi-use trail network
- Parking lot
- Picnic tables including a reservable picnic shelter
- School-age playground
- Multi-use court
- Open play field
- Arboretum

TRAILS FOR YOUTH PROPOSAL – PUMP TRACK

Who is Trails for Youth? (TYO)

- Children's Health non-profit that provides services to youth, including:
 - ✓ At-Risk Youth Nature Rides
 - ✓ Youth Mountain Bike Racing
 - ✓ Overnight Camping Trips
 - ✓ Various Classes and One-Day Events/Festivals (125 to 150 event days per year)
 - ✓ Bike Learning Instructions and Safety

 - Founded in 2002
 - Based in Springfield, Virginia and partners with local organizations and businesses

 - Nationally Recognized Youth Organization
 - ✓ First Virginia nonprofit listed in Catalog for Philanthropy
 - ✓ Numerous hero awards and media coverage
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TRAILS FOR YOUTH PROPOSAL – PUMP TRACK

What is a pump track?

- A continuous circuit of dirt rollers, berms, and jumps that loops back on itself
- Dirt construction or prefabricated materials (wood, metal, etc.)
- Broad range of sizes, designs, and intended audiences



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TRAILS FOR YOUTH PROPOSAL – PUMP TRACK

What are some benefits of a pump track?

- Good exercise
- Provides a safe environment for local youth to ride bicycles in a safe confined space
- Good learning environment for youth prior to using more advanced local mountain biking trails



PUMP TRACK – DC REGIONAL EXAMPLES

- South Germantown Recreational Park

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
(Montgomery County)

- ~ 5,000 square feet
- Volunteer driven and supported



PUMP TRACK – DC REGIONAL EXAMPLES

- Monocacy Village Park

City of Fredrick, MD

- ~4,000 square feet
- Volunteer driven and supported



PUMP TRACK – DC REGIONAL EXAMPLES

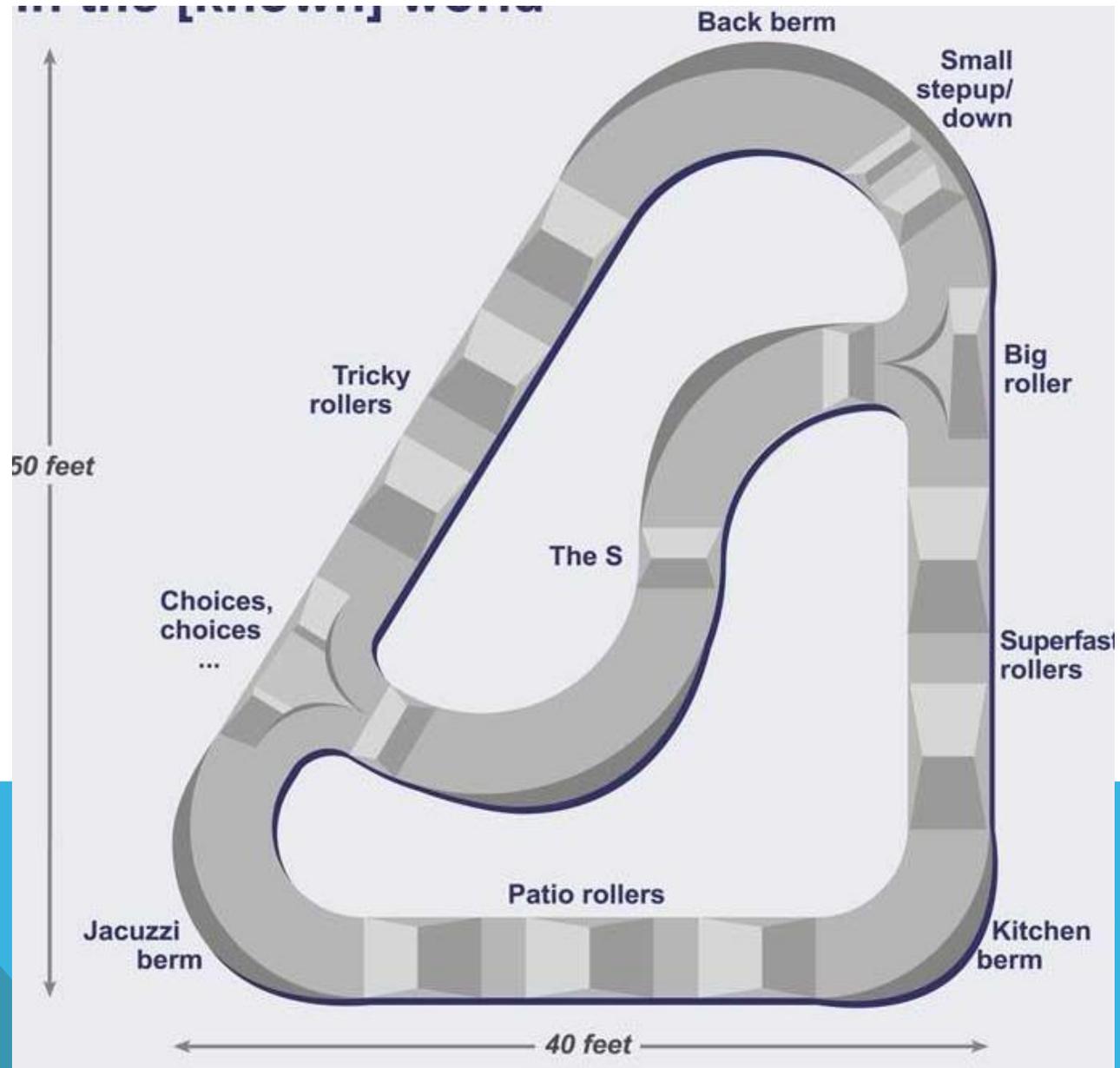
- Rockburn Skills Park
Elkridge, MD
(Howard County)
- ~5,000 square feet
- Volunteer driven and supported
- Pump track is one component of a larger bike complex



TRAILS FOR YOUTH PROPOSAL – PUMP TRACK

Trails for Youth Preferred Design

- ~2,000 square feet
- Neighborhood-scale
- Children oriented
- Dirt construction

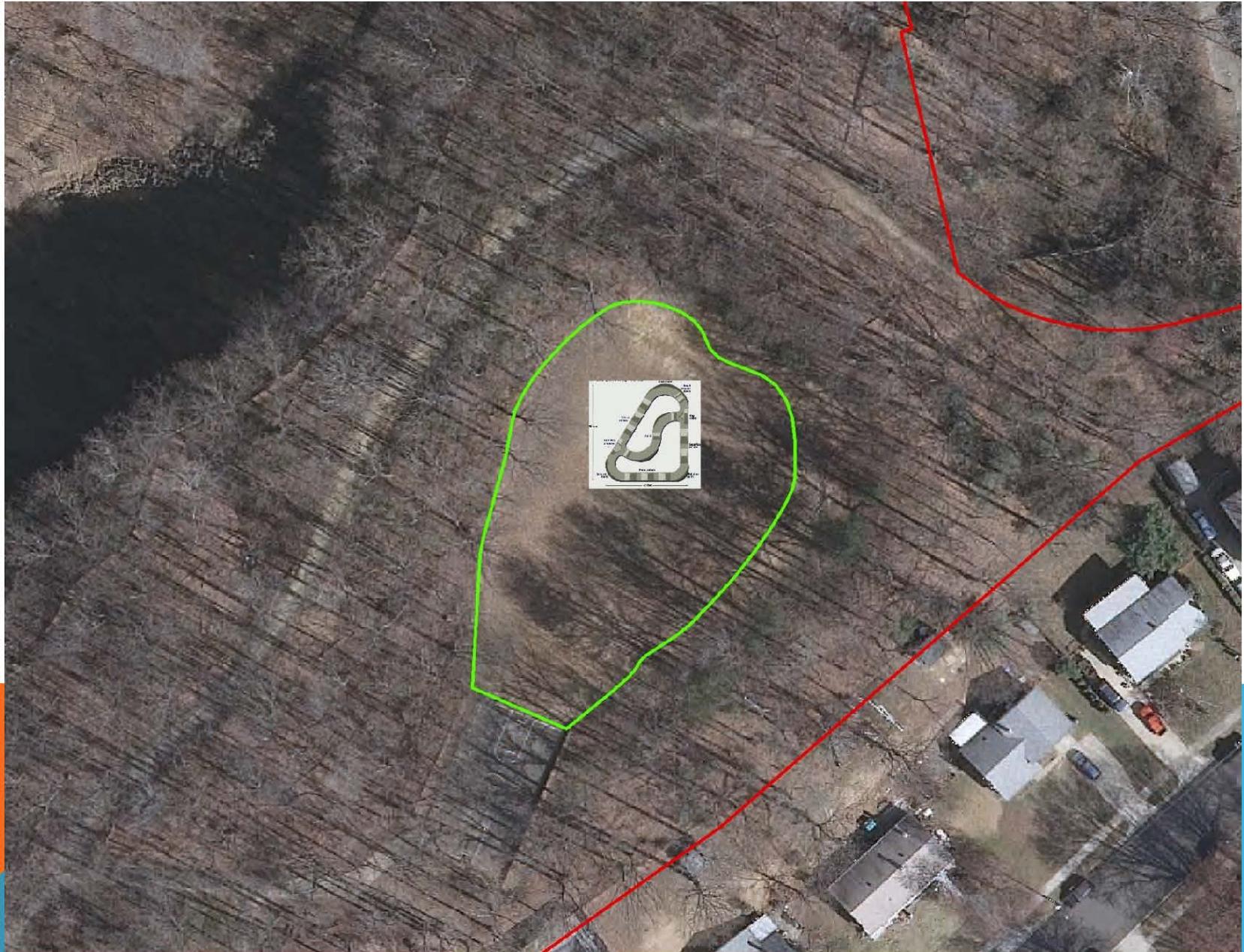


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Brookfield Park field
❖ ~21,000 square feet

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Why Brookfield Park?

- Local serving park in Springfield aligns with TYO headquarters and focus in the Springfield community
- Proposed field is an under utilized, already disturbed area
- Existing facilities in the park can help support events and classes



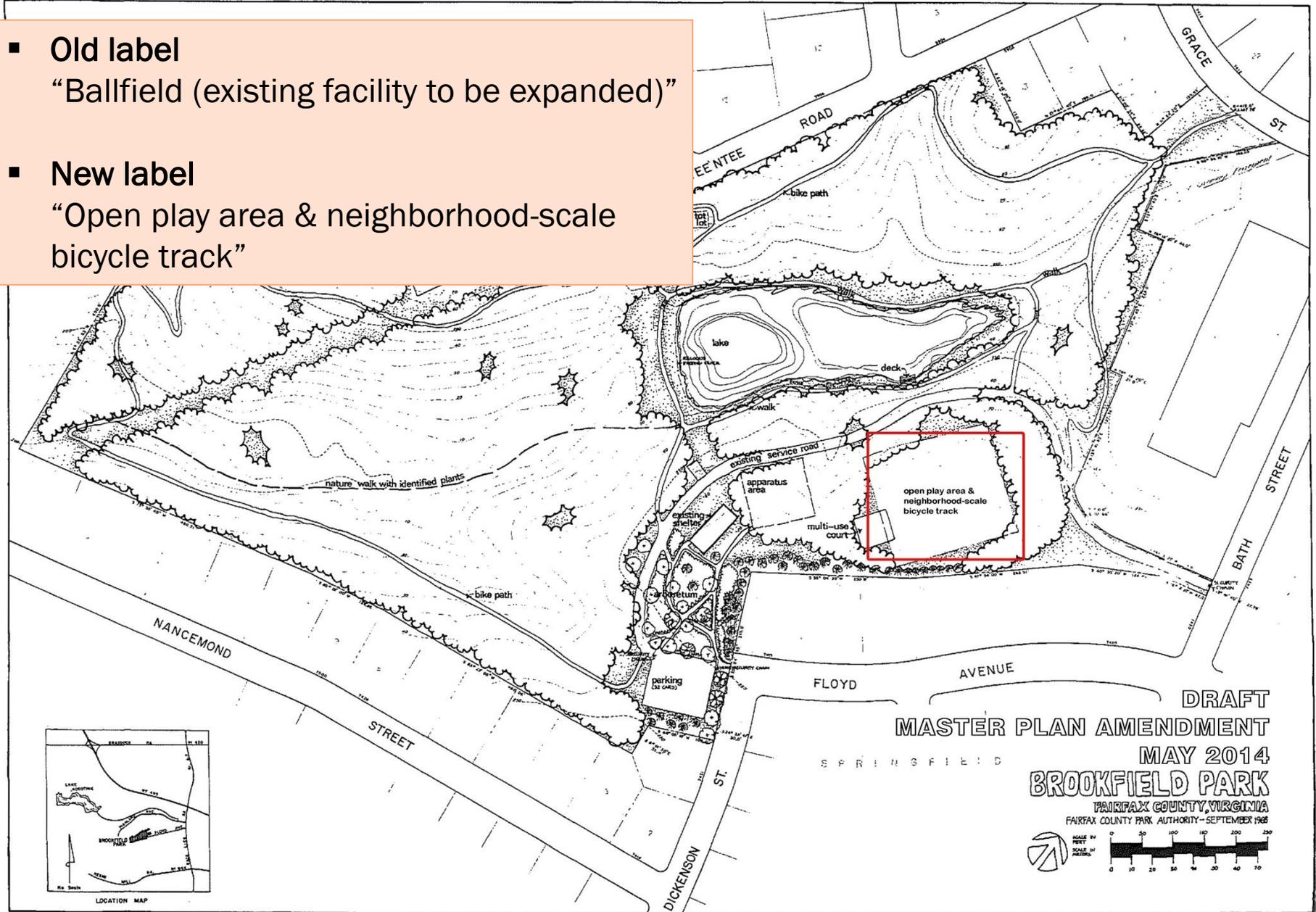
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Project Timeline

- Review public input following 30-day comment period
 - FCPA to decide to amend master plan and enter into a development, maintenance, and use agreement with TYO
 - If approved, FCPA and TYO will create an agreement based on adopted Park Policy, Maintenance Standards, and Resource Management Plans
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PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

- Old label
“Ballfield (existing facility to be expanded)”
- New label
“Open play area & neighborhood-scale bicycle track”



NEXT STEPS

❖ **May 7, 2014**

Public Comment Meeting followed by 30-day public comment period

❖ **June 2014**

Review comments

❖ **Summer 2014**

Park Authority Board action



BROOKFIELD PARK POND RESTORATION

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE: JULY 2014

