



Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

MASTER PLAN REVISION
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
JUNE 28, 2016



Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Park Planning Process
- ECL Context and Park Background
- Open House/Information Stations



Park Authority Mission

Enhance citizens' quality of life through:

- Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship
- Quality Facilities and Services
- Recreational Opportunities



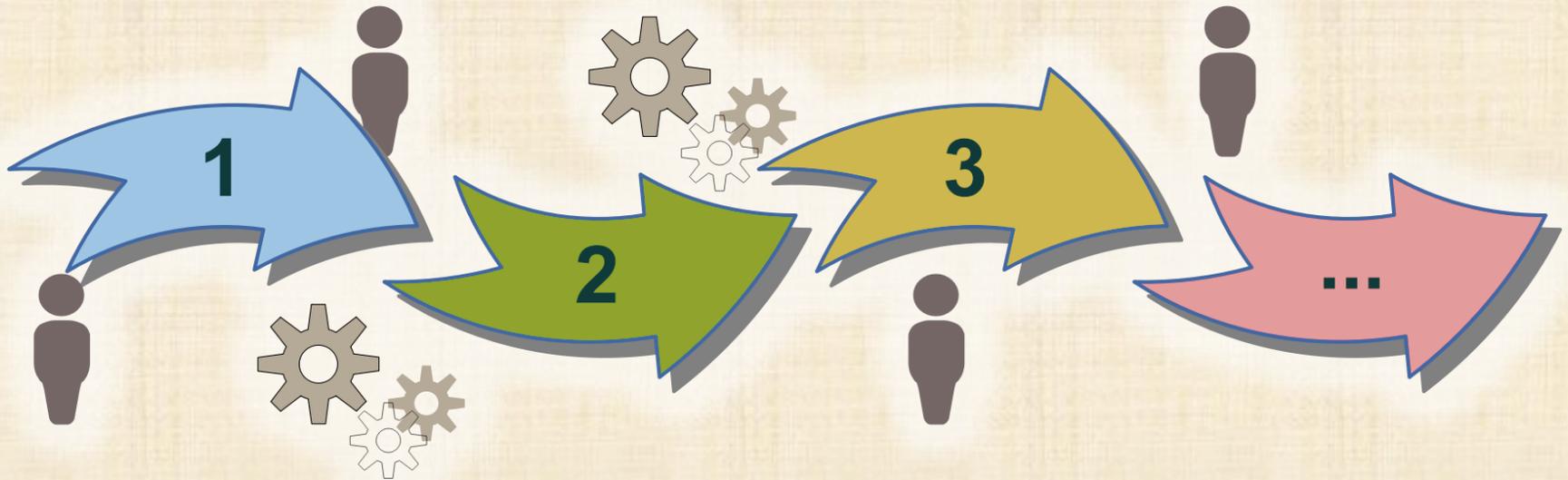
Park Authority

Park Authority Board

- 12-Member Board
- Appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- Includes a representative for each of the nine magisterial districts plus three at-large members



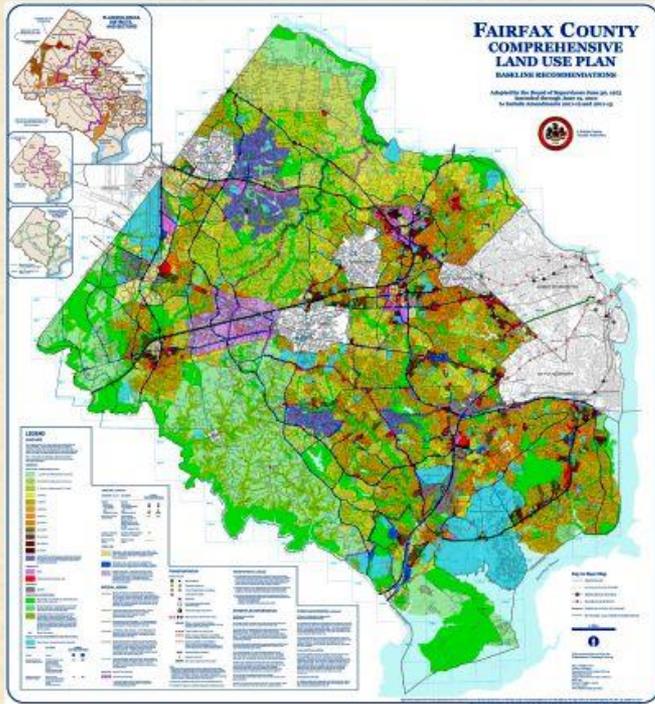
Master Planning Process



- What is a Park Master Plan?
- Outline of the Planning Process

Master Planning Process

The Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan



PARK CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

Provides a general framework intended to guide open space and park planning

PARK CLASSIFICATION INDICATES:

- Appropriate uses
- General park size range
- Typical facility types
- General park experience

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS:

- Local Parks
- District Parks
- Countywide Parks
- **Resource-Based Parks**

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Purpose and Objectives

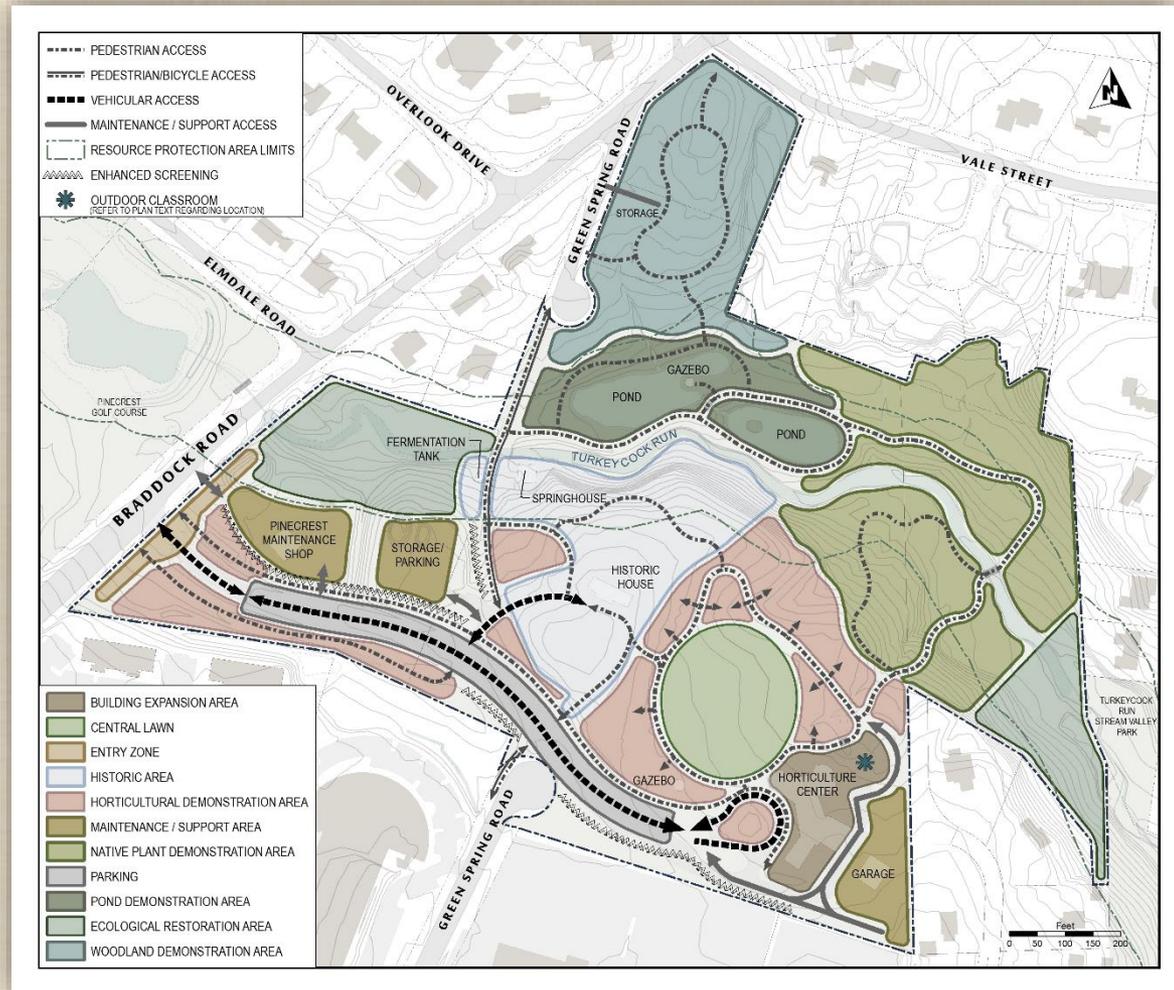
- **Create** a site specific, long range vision
- **Identify** resources worthy of protection
- **Assess** site conditions and community concerns
- **Provide** a general guide for appropriate park uses
- **Establish** the general locations for proposed uses



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Plan Components

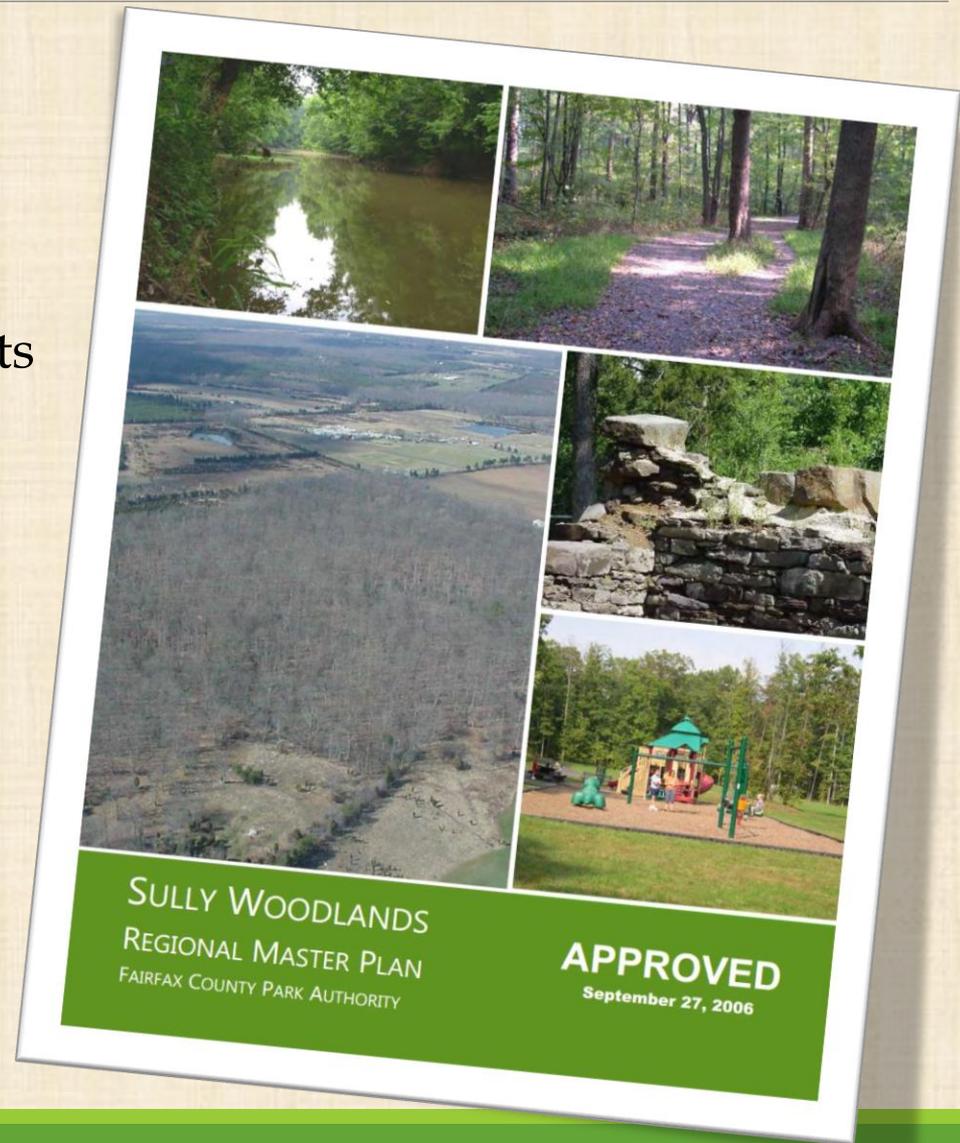
- **Graphics**
 - Conceptual Development Plan
 - Shows general location of recommended facilities and locations
 - Not engineering – conceptual only



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Plan Components

- **Written Report**
 - Park purpose and classification
 - Existing conditions and constraints
 - Desired Visitor Experience
 - Park Features
 - Development design concerns



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Multidisciplinary Planning Team



- Archaeologists
- Landscape Architects
- Planners
- Natural Resource Specialists
- Operational Specialists
- Recreation Specialists
- Transportation Specialists
- Park Development Specialists
- E.C. Lawrence Park Staff

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Multidisciplinary Planning Team

- **Ryan Stewart**, Senior Planner/Project Manager
- **John Shafer**, E.C. Lawrence Park Manager
- **Kiersten Conley**, Visitor Services and Operations Manager, E.C. Lawrence Park
- **Jim Dewing**, Natural Resource Manager, E.C. Lawrence Park
- **Troy Miller**, Area 4 Manager
- **Todd Brown**, Operations Manager
- **Liz Cronauer**, Trails Coordinator
- **Andy Galusha**, Planner/Landscape Architect
- **Eric Inman**, Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center
- **Kristen Sinclair**, Ecologist, RMD
- **Chris Sperling**, Archaeologist, RMD
- **Taylor Dixon**, Athletic Services/Neighborhood and Community Services
- **Tara Wiedeman**, VDOT
- **Sung Shin**, FCDOT
- **Leonard Wolfenstein**, FCDOT



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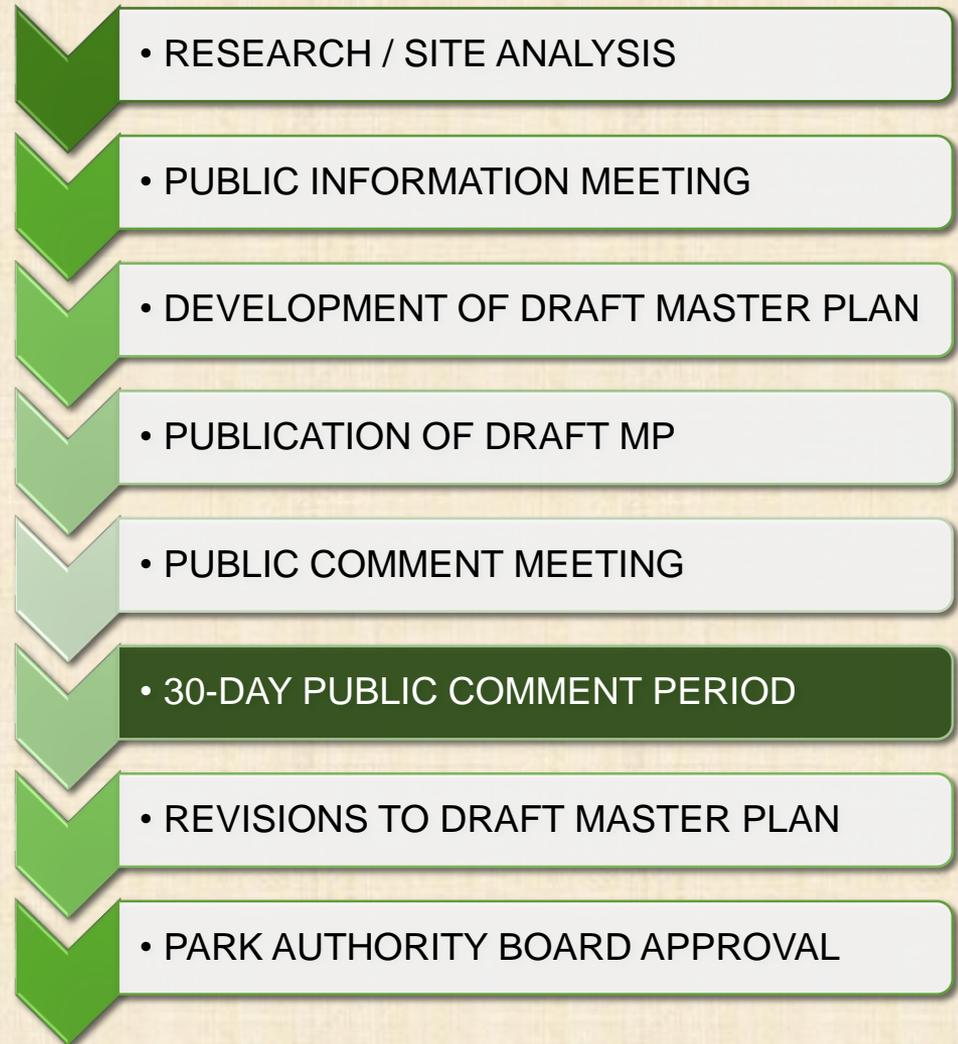
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PUBLIC COMMENT
IS ALWAYS
WELCOME
THROUGHOUT THE
PROCESS!



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AGENDA
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Eleanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan Revisions
June 28, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
Location: Sully Government Center Community Room

Introductions:
Sandy Stallman, Manager
Park Planning Branch, FCPA

Remarks:
Supervisor Smith, Sully District
Maggie Godbold, Park Authority Board Member,
Sully District

Presentation:
Ryan Stewart
Park Planning Branch, FCPA

Open House
Visit staffed information stations

Follow Updates on Project Status:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/ECLawrence.htm>

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS:
Via email: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov
12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Phone: 703-324-8662

Or enter comments below to leave us your thoughts tonight:

I'd like to see...

If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8663, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.

• RESEARCH / SITE ANALYSIS

• PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

• DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT MASTER PLAN

• PUBLICATION OF DRAFT MP

• PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

• 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

• REVISIONS TO DRAFT MASTER PLAN

• PARK AUTHORITY BOARD APPROVAL



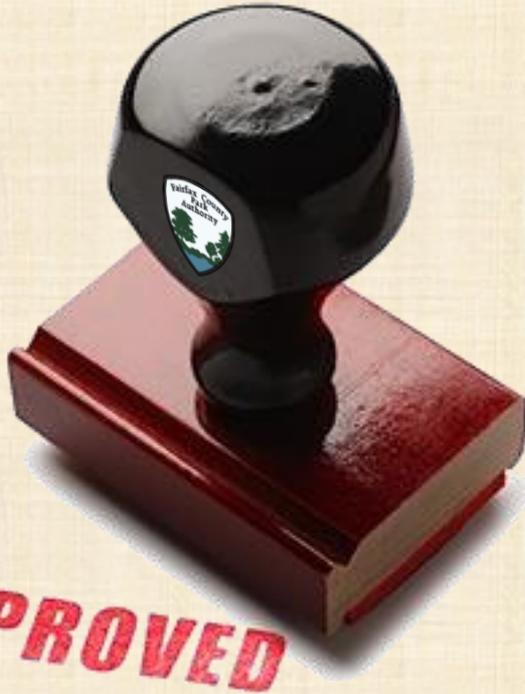
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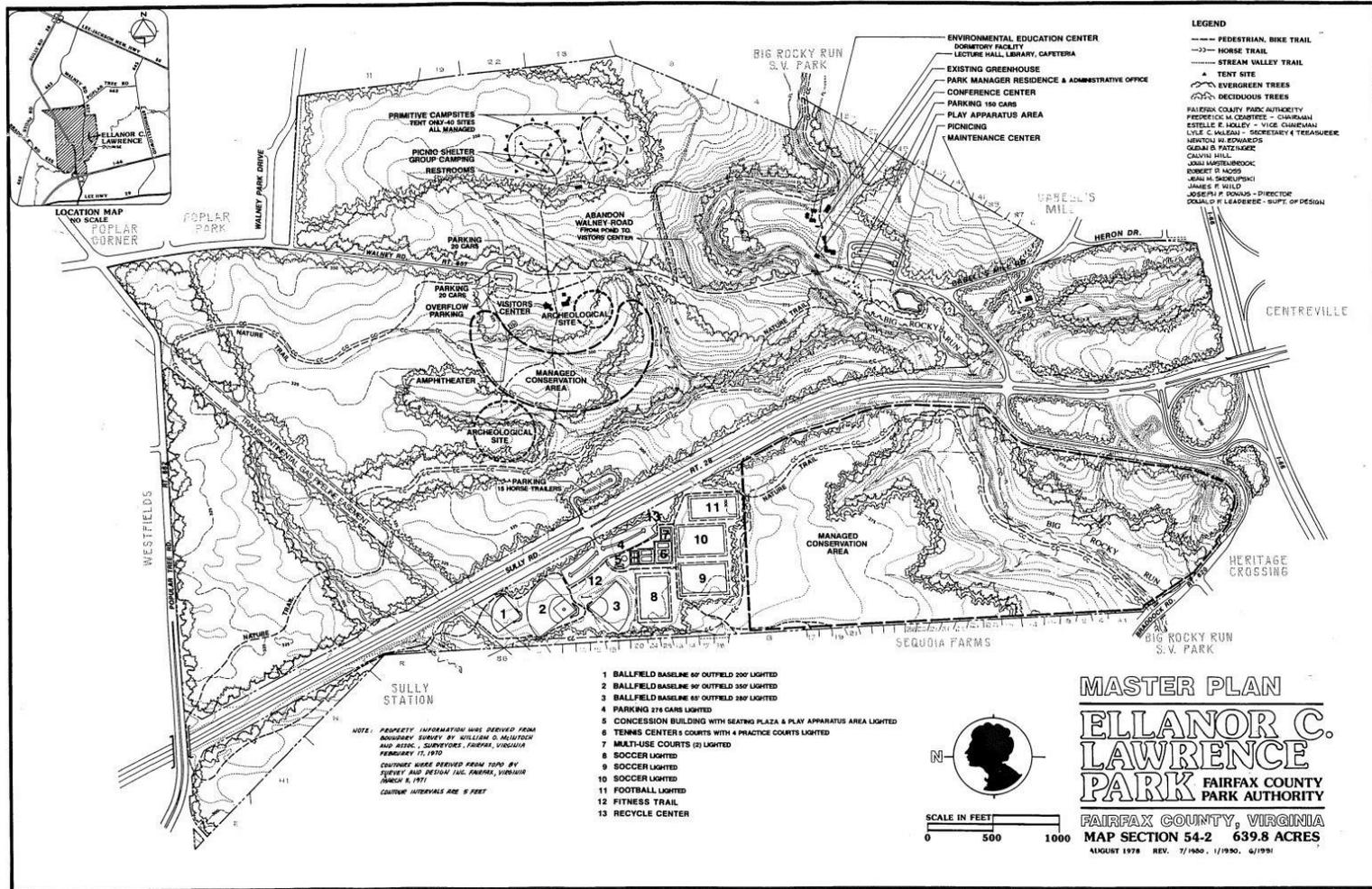
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1991 Park Master Plan



Why Revise the Park Master Plan?

- Sully Woodlands Regional Plan Alignment
- Sully Woodlands Stewardship Center
- Community Demographic Shifts
- Transportation Projects
- Cultural Landscape Research
- Natural Resource Research
- Update the Trails Network
- Park Boundary Changes
- Park Programming Changes
- Other Changes Identified by the Community



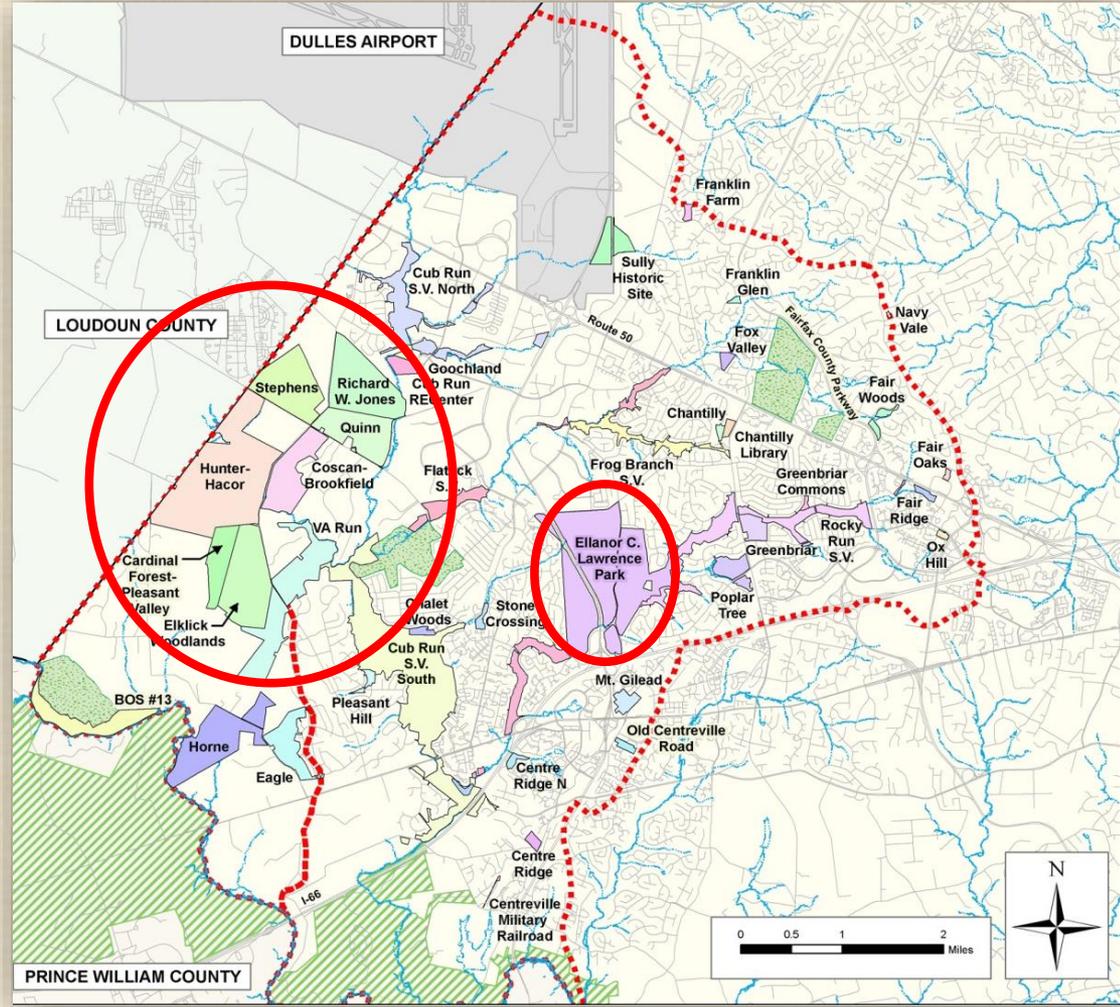
Sully Woodlands

A Watershed Approach

Coordinate with the Cub Run/Bull Run Watershed planning efforts

Develop a regional framework to assess park development in the watersheds and guide planning and development efforts based on resource protection and management

Develop a system of park areas connected by green space and trails to provide an integrated experience



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Regional Master Plan Objectives



RICHARD JONES PARK

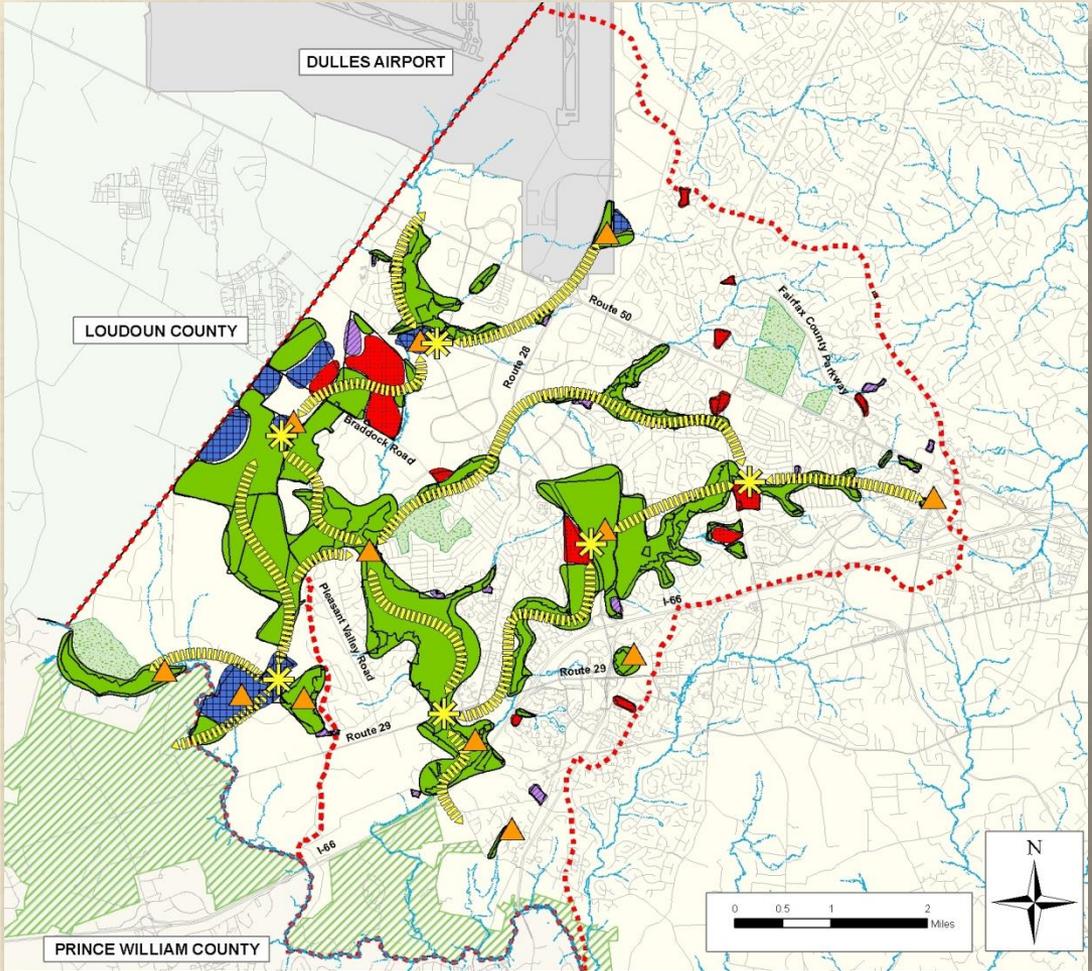


POPLAR FORD PARK

- **Stewardship**: protecting and managing resources, directing development to land with less sensitive resources
- **Recreation**: meeting the community need for diverse recreation opportunities
- **Interpretation & Education**: developing a comprehensive approach to resource interpretation
- **Connectivity**: Protecting wildlife and habitat corridors and providing pedestrian, vehicular, equestrian, and water access

Sully Woodlands

Regional Master Plan



LEGEND

- Project Boundary
- Major Roads
- Perennial Streams
- Region-wide Recreation Zone
- Community Serving Recreation Zone
- Resource Stewardship Zone
- Special Use Zone
- Point of Interest
- Gateways
- Connections



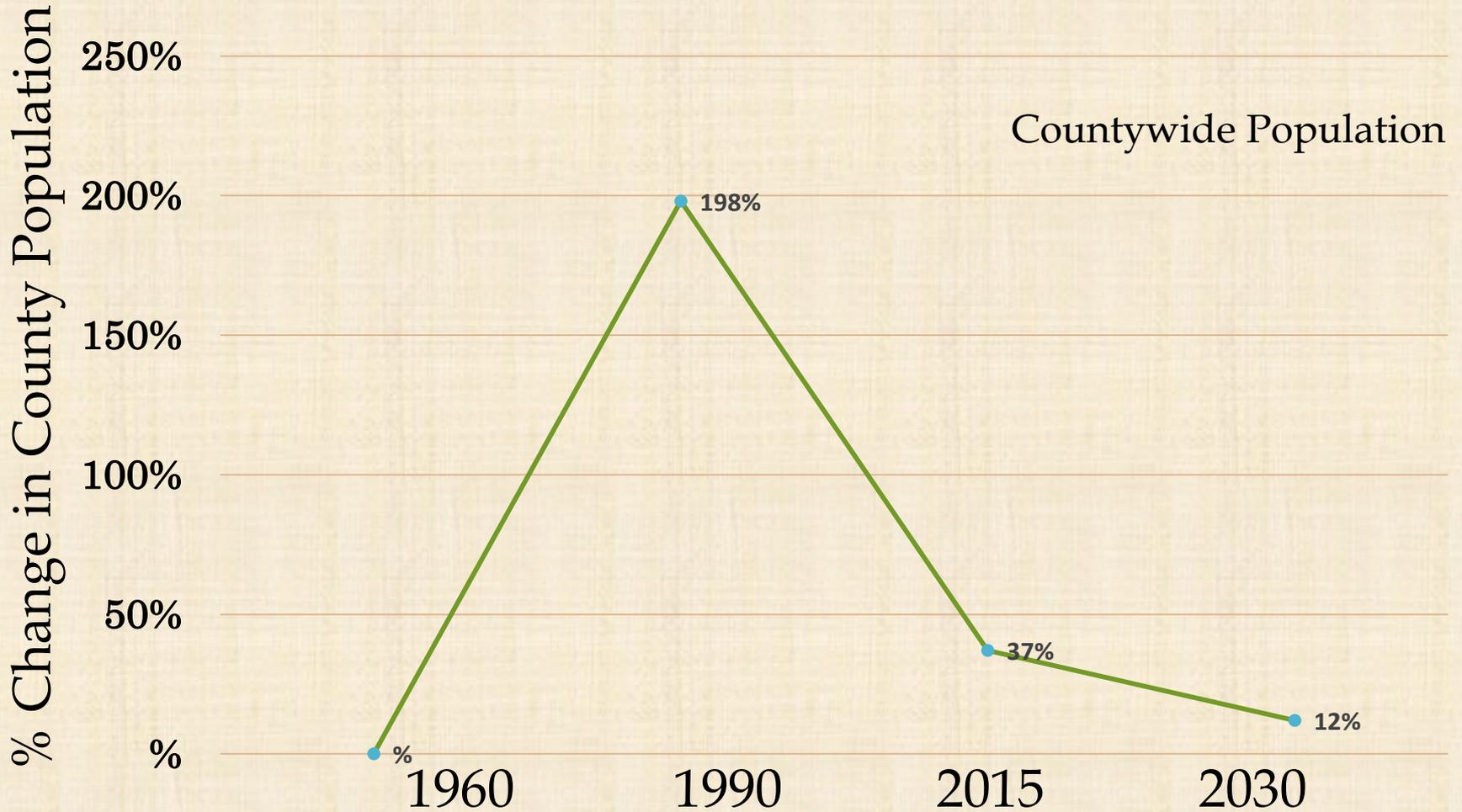
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Stewardship Education Center

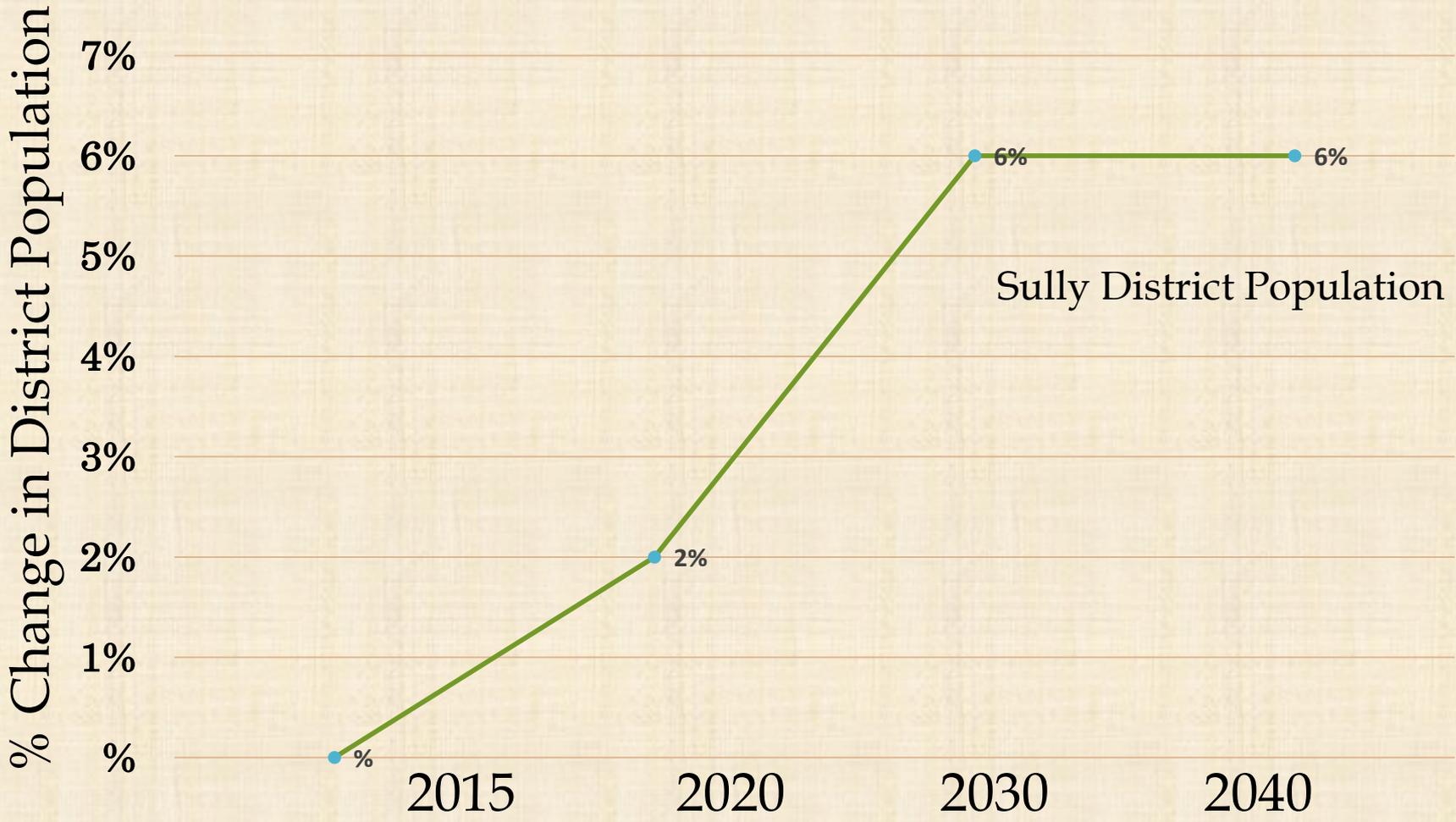
- A Regional Master Plan recommendation
- Site location study recommended ECL
- Partnership-driven
- 2008/2012 bond funding approved
- Parallel effort to master plan: currently seeking partnerships



Our Changing Community



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Demographic Analysis – Age Segments

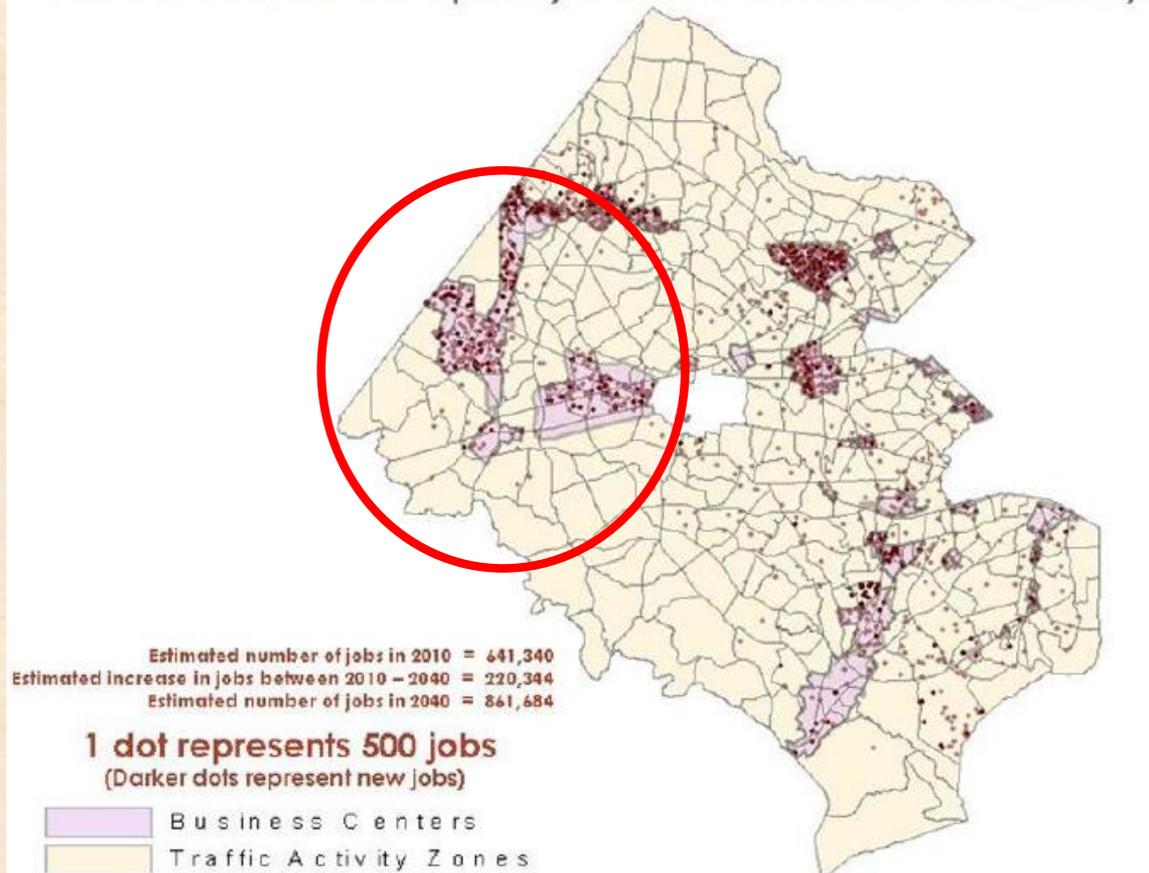
POPULATION BY AGE SEGMENT

■ <18 ■ 18-34 ■ 35-54 ■ 55+



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2010-2040 Employment in the County



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Transportation Projects

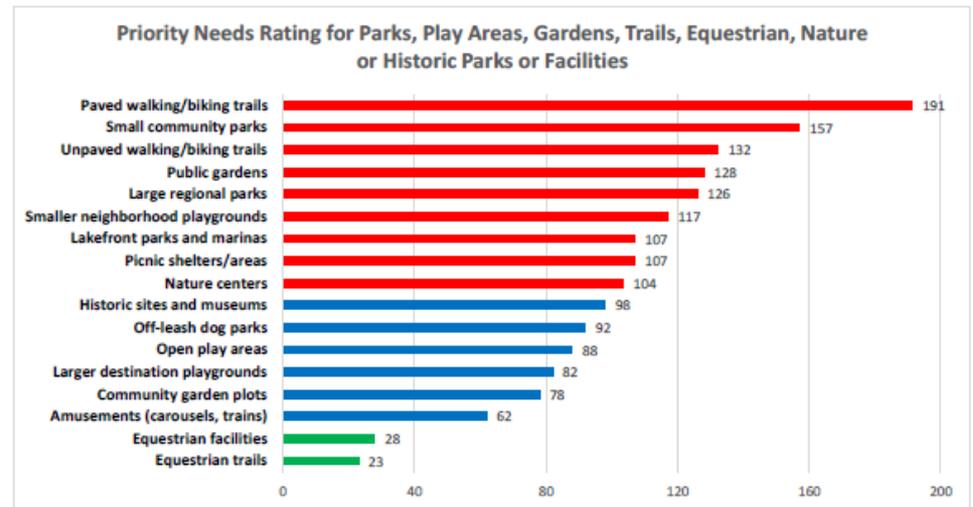


Our Changing Needs

- **2016 Needs Assessment**

- Park Usage at all time high – 87%
- Parks are valued more than in the past for quality of life
- Investment in existing park system favored
- 10 year Capital Improvement Framework estimated at over \$900M

1.8.1 PARK, PLAY AREAS, GARDENS, TRAILS, EQUESTRIAN, NATURE OR HISTORIC PARKS OR FACILITIES NEEDS ANALYSIS



Example Conclusions from 2016 Needs Assessment



Our Changing Park

1971: 639 acres

A Family Legacy: Lawrence Family dedicates land to FCPA as directed by Ellanor C. Lawrence's 1967 will.

At the family's wishes, FPCA agreed to contest any future eminent domain proceedings



1971

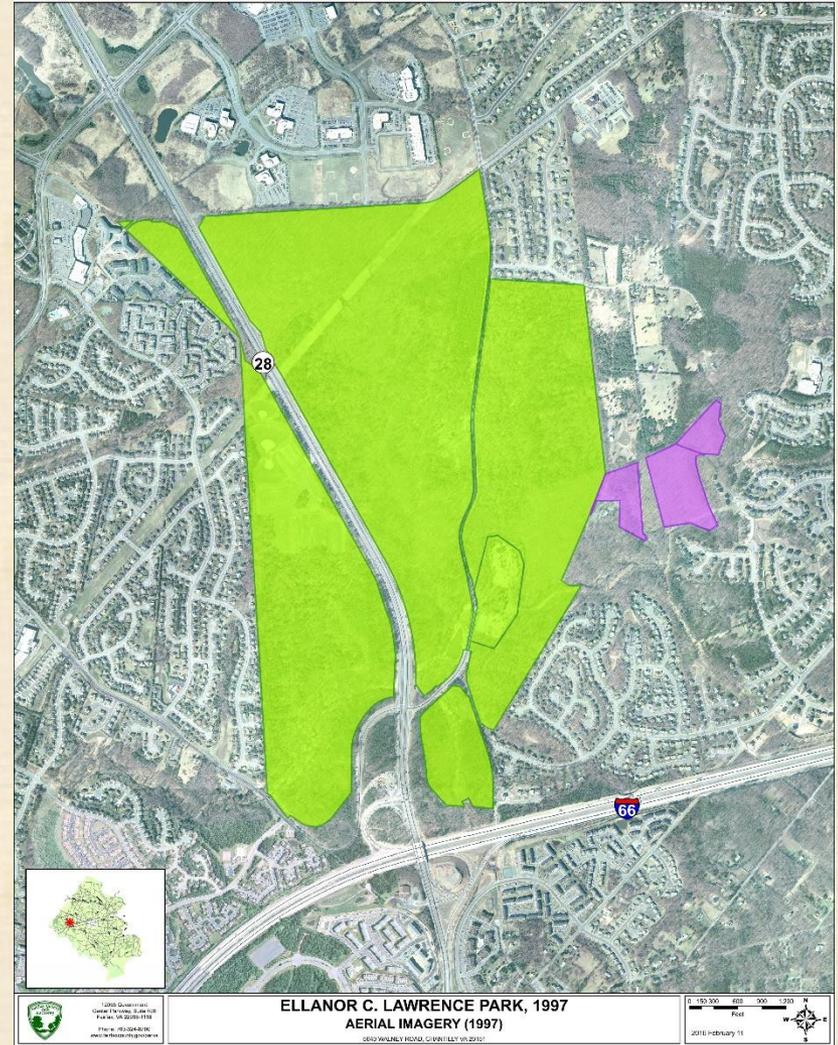
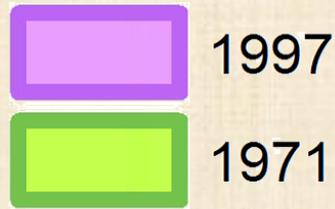


Our Changing Park

1971: 599.5 acres

1997: 25.3 acres

Land exchange with VDOT



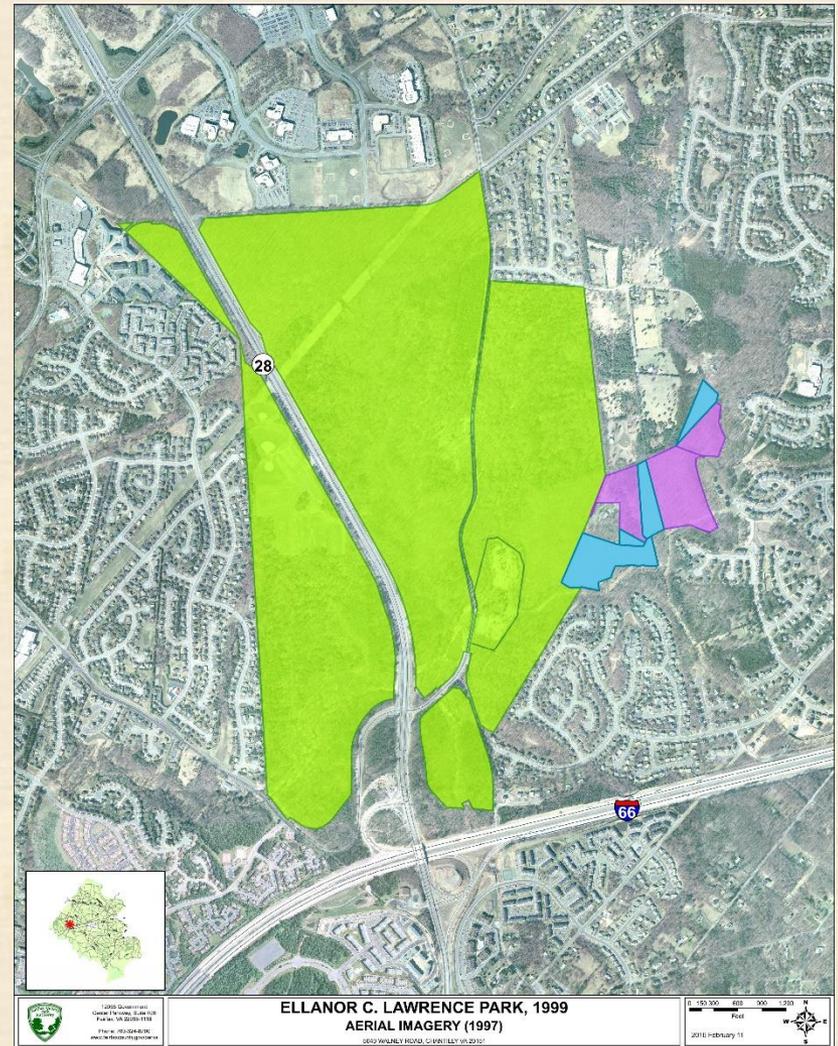
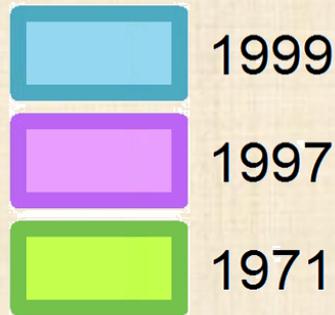
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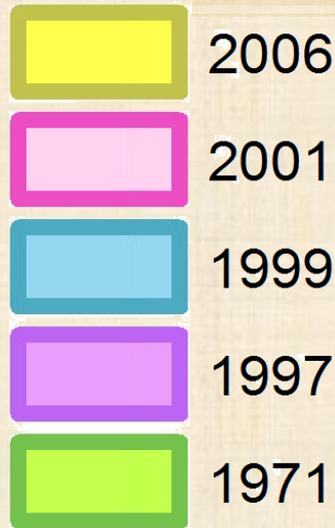
1997: 25.3 acres

1999: 18.2 acres

2001: 2.7 acres

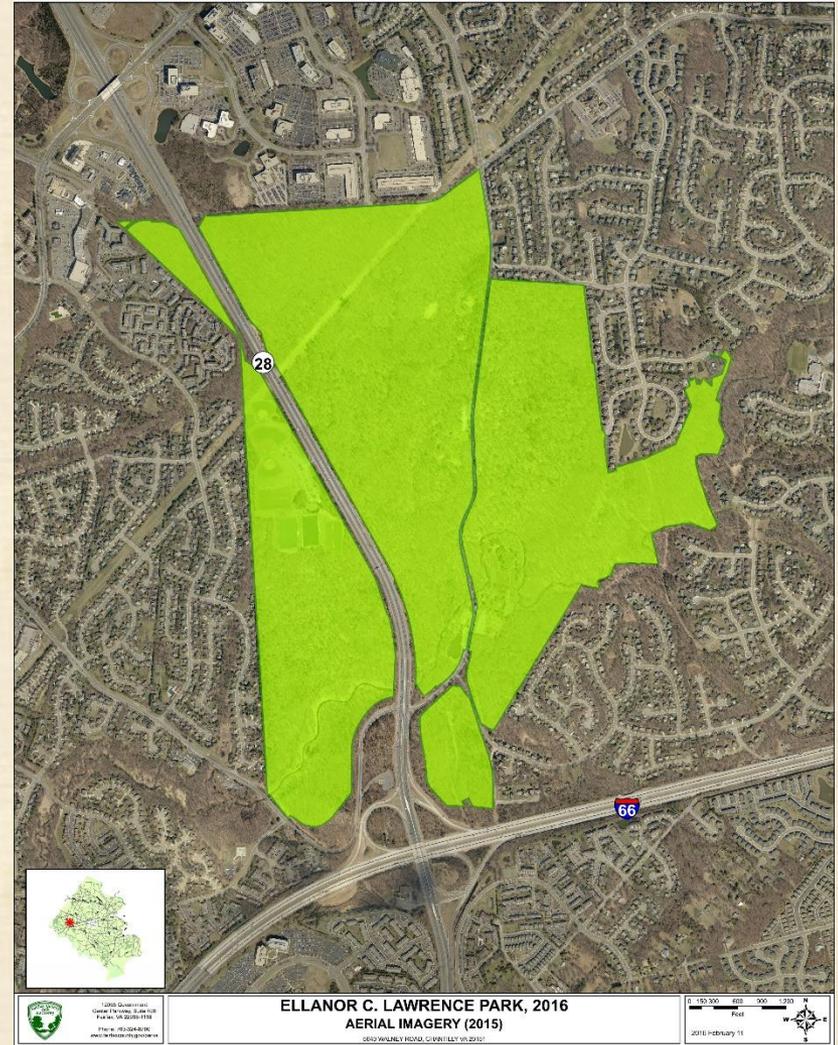
2006: 4.1 acres

FCPA purchase



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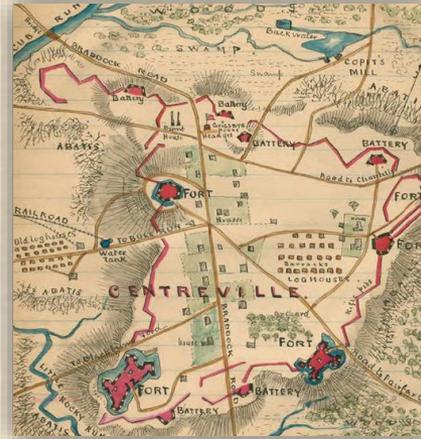
Today: 649.8 acres



The Park's Legacy

- Historical Significance, 1742-1973
- Three Families: Brown/Lewis, Machen, and Lawrence
- 18th-20th century agriculture at Walney and Middlegate/Cabell's Mill
- Civil War Impacts
- Education and Interpretation Today

Centreville, 1862



DWELLING HOUSE
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The Famous Walney Estate
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IMPROVEMENTS

The dwelling house is of stone, two stories, with basement and eight rooms, in a lawn comprising more than an acre, well-laded by large walnut and locust trees. The garden contains two acres, and the orchard six. There is a well and pump at the kitchen door and a splendid spring fifty yards distant. A gateway with solid stone pillars stands at the roadside thirty yards from the house. Across the road is a large three-story stone barn, the first floor of which is used as a stable. There are also a frame cow stable, a cornhouse, a henhouse, a smokehouse, a dairy, etc. There are three frame tenant-houses on the farm. The fencing is stone, wire and rail.

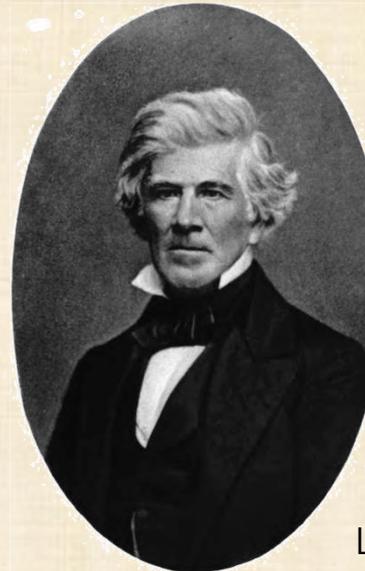
There is a thriving town located only 100 yards from the south end of the farm, about one mile from the main dwelling-house. There are stores, schools, two churches, a blacksmith shop and other conveniences. A rural free-delivery route passes the dwelling. Two State Highways pass within two miles of this property, and it is located within a distance of one and a half hours' drive from the city of Washington, D. C.

The price is \$50,000.00, on your own terms.

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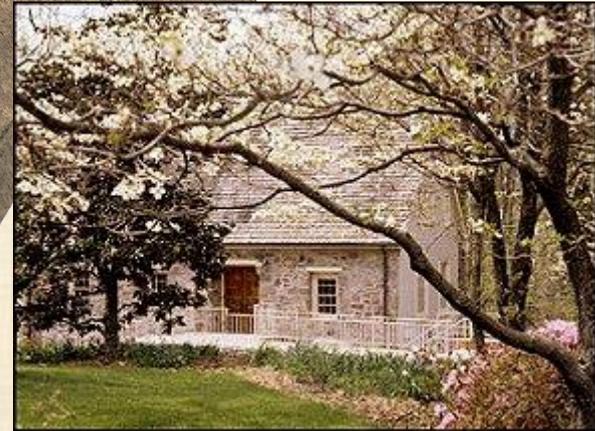
A black and white illustration of a two-story stone dwelling house with a prominent front porch supported by columns. The house has a gabled roof and a chimney on the left side. The illustration is framed within a rectangular border.

Walney, 1921



Lewis H. Machen, 1916

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Today



Schedule and Next Steps

Parallel Projects

Sully Woodlands
Stewardship Center
Partnership Outreach



Transportation
Improvements



Draft Master Plan Revision
expected in Spring 2017



Open House/Information Stations

- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Sully Woodlands Education Center
- Trails
- Recreation
- Programming
- Transportation

