Franconia Park Master Plan Revision

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

April 1, 2014

Tonight's Agenda

Introductions:	**Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer, FCPA**
Remarks:	**Supervisor McKay, Lee District** **Ed Batten, Park Authority Board Member, Lee District**
Presentation:	**Andy Galusha, Project Manager, Park Planning Branch, FCPA**
Public Comment:	**Moderated by Judy Pedersen**

Park Authority Mission

Enhance Citizen's Quality of Life Through:

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

Fast Facts about FCPA

- 12 - Member Board
- 23,300+ Acres of Parkland
- 421 Parks
- Accredited
- 3-Time Gold Medal Winner

Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies
CAPRA
ACCREDITED

Park Master Plans in General

- **Written Report**
  - **Park Purpose & Classification**
  - **Existing Conditions & Constraints**
  - **Visitor Experience**
  - **Planned Park Uses and Facilities**
  - **Design Concerns**

Park Master Plans in General

- Written Report
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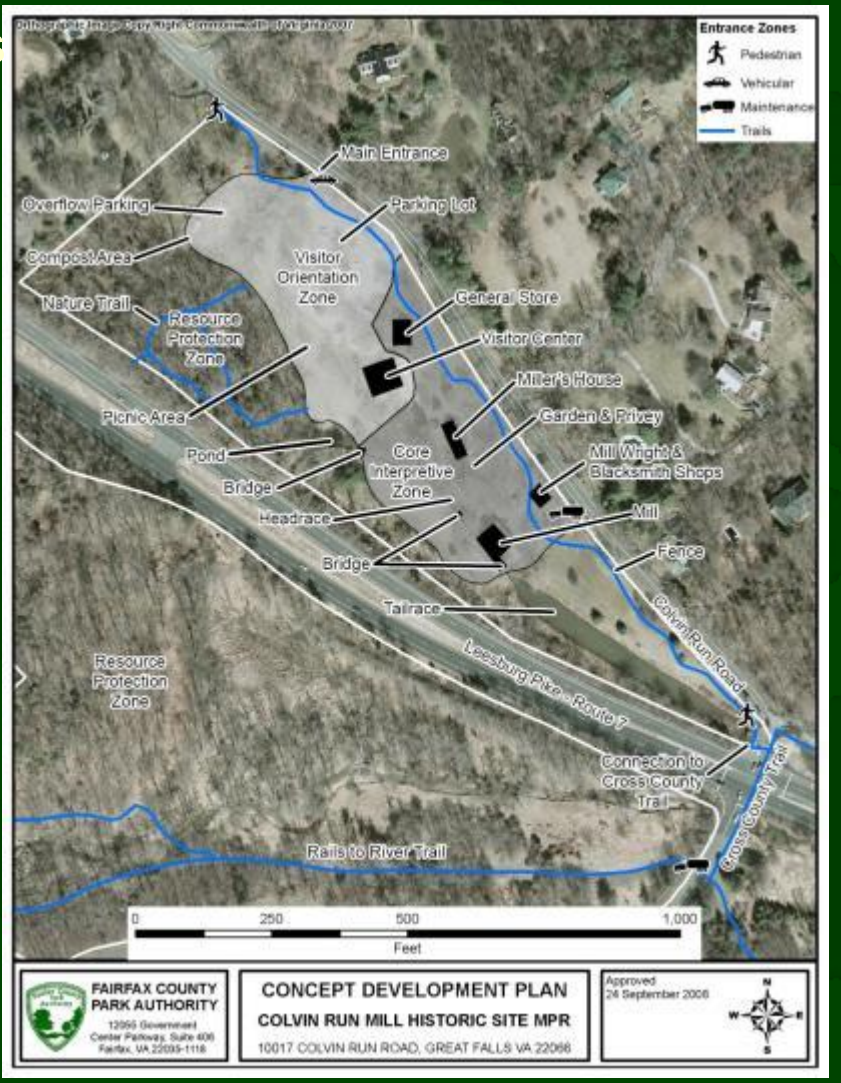
- Conceptual Development Plan (CDP)
  - Conceptual Site Layout
  - General Location of Facilities
  - General Location of Use Areas
  - Not Engineered Site Plan



Park Master Plan Time Line

Conduct Site Research

Public Info Meeting

July 2013

Develop Draft Master Plan

Present Draft MP to PAB

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Public Comment Meeting

April 1 2014

30-Day Public Comment Period

Draft MP Revisions

Summer 2014

PAB Approval

PUBLIC INPUT IS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Staff Resources

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

Park Classification System

- District Park

- Diverse experiences & activities
- Larger number of facilities
- Lighted facilities
- Longer hours & more users
- Visit of half day +
- 50 + Acres
- Serve 3 to 6 miles

Location of Franconia Park

- I-495
- I-95
- Franconia Road
- Thomas Drive
- Bowie Drive
- Willowfield Way

Nearby Parks

- Backlick Stream Valley
- Lee High
- Monticello Woods
- Trailside

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  - **Master Planned**
  - **Constructed**

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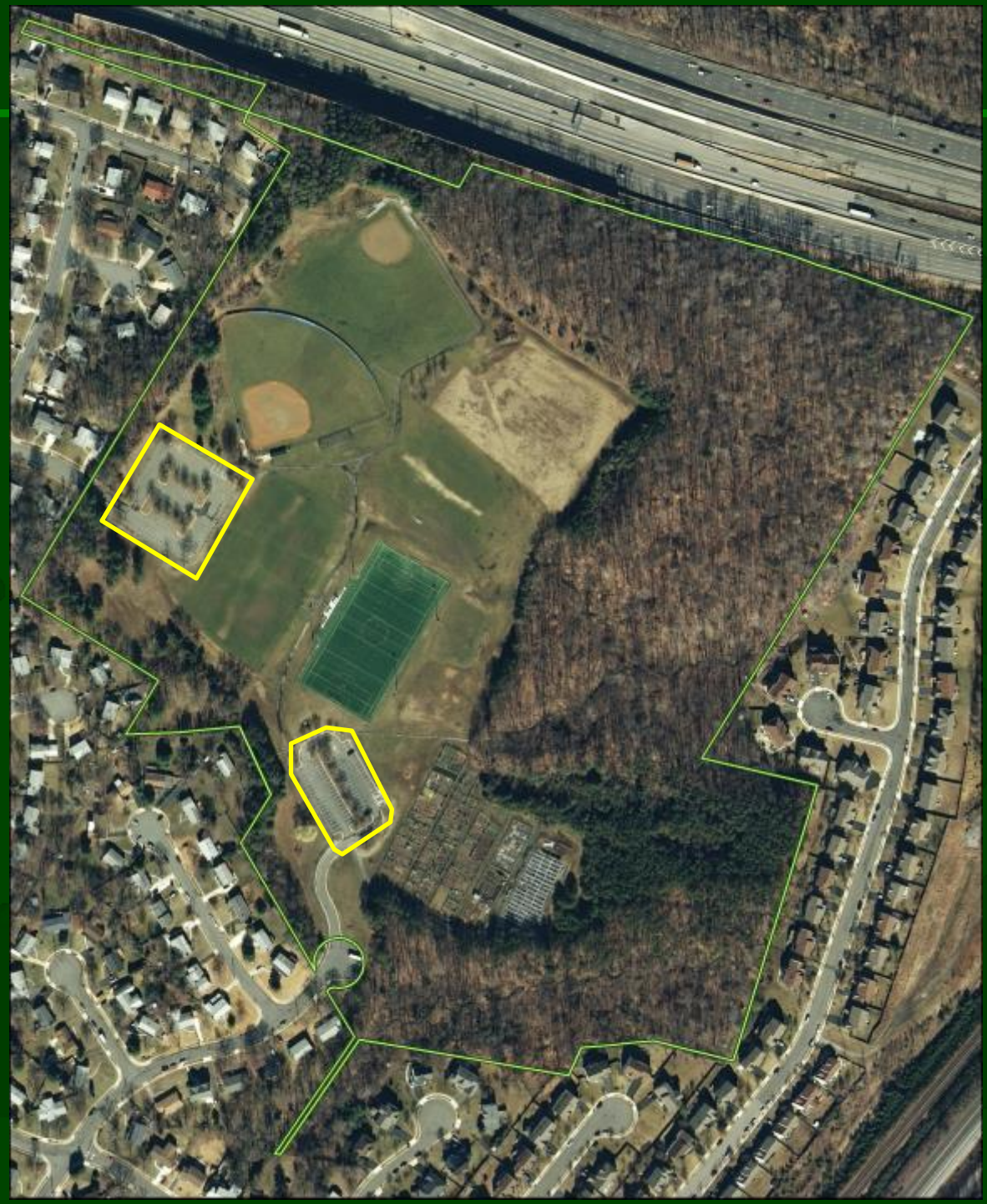

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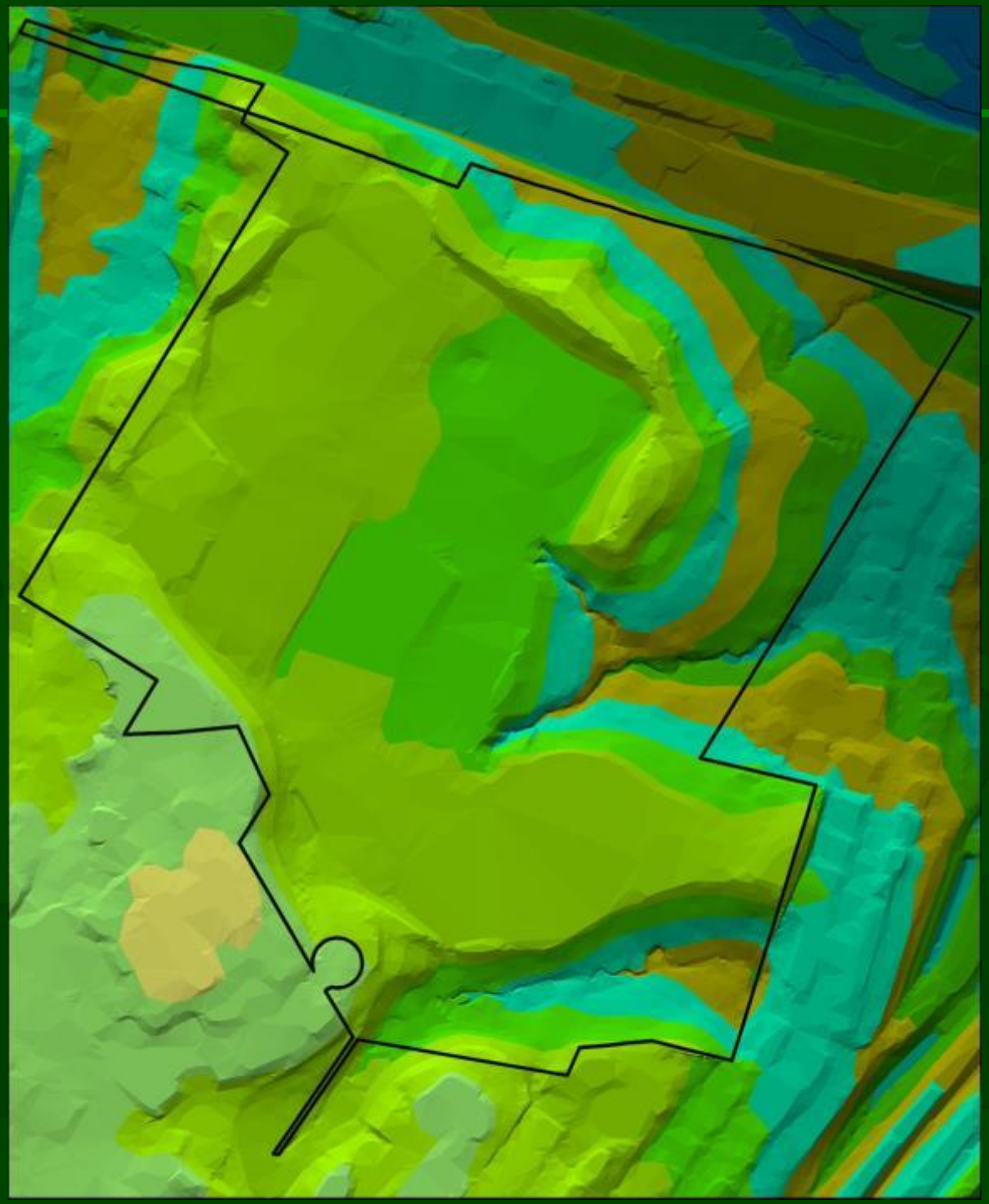

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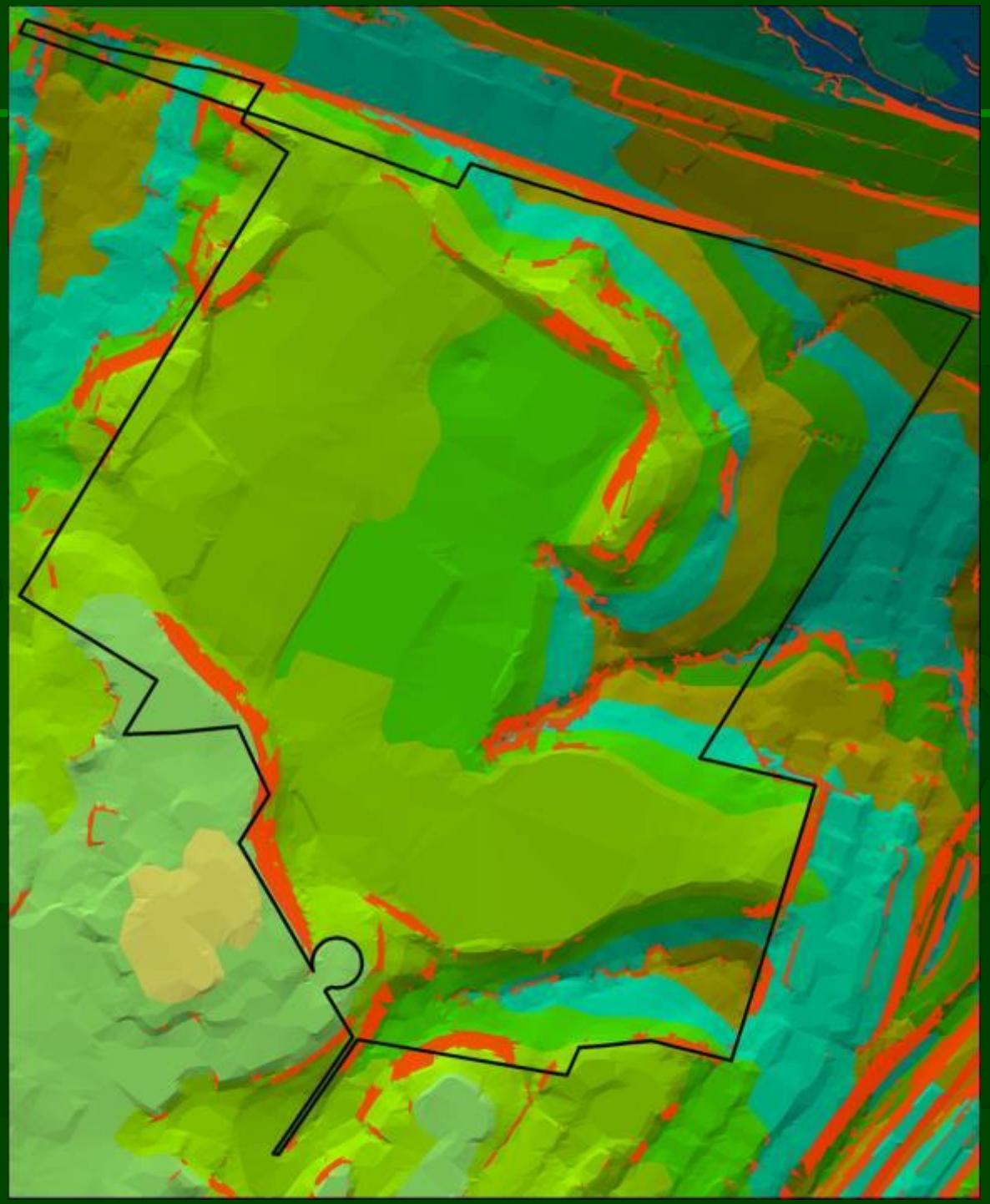

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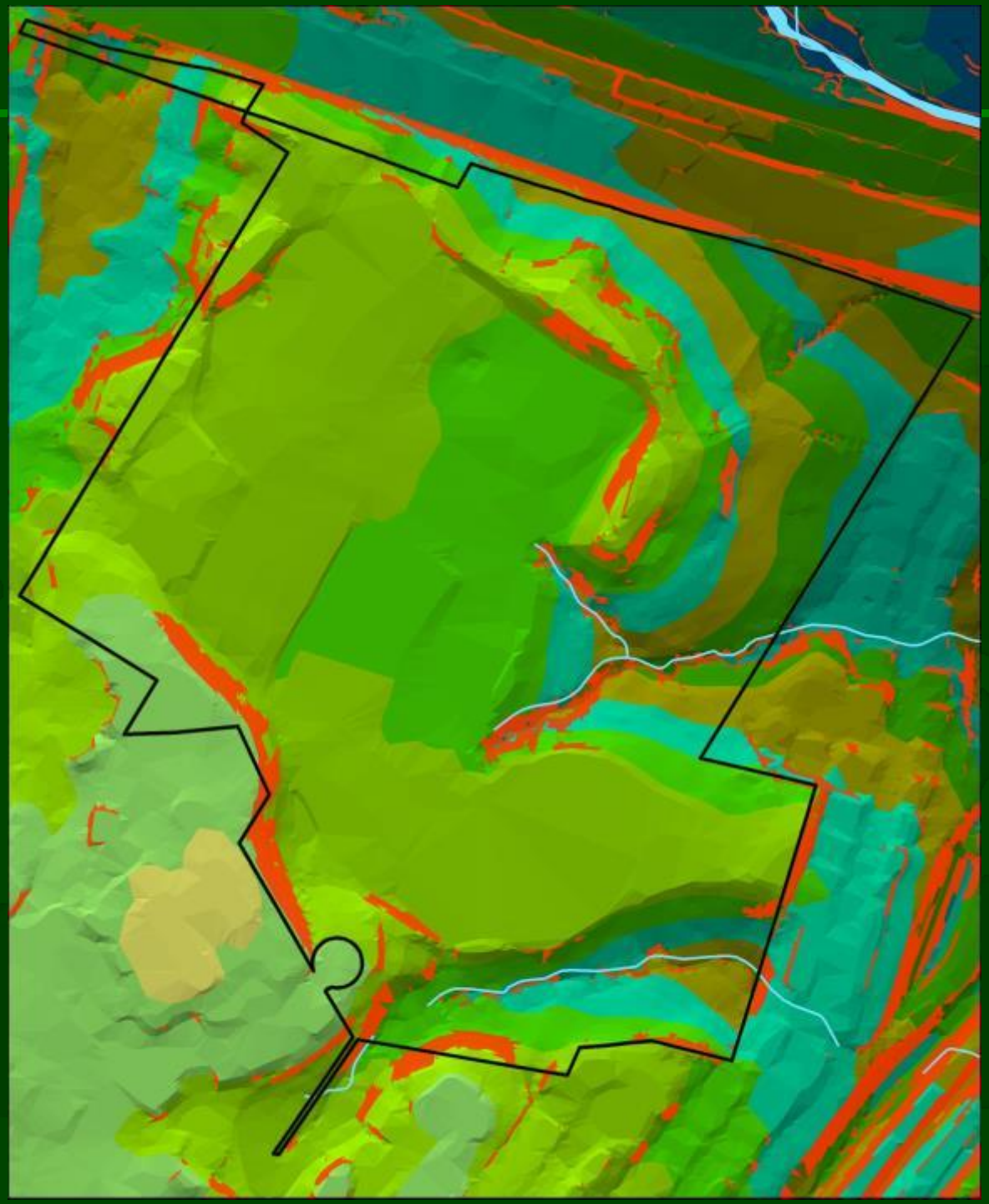

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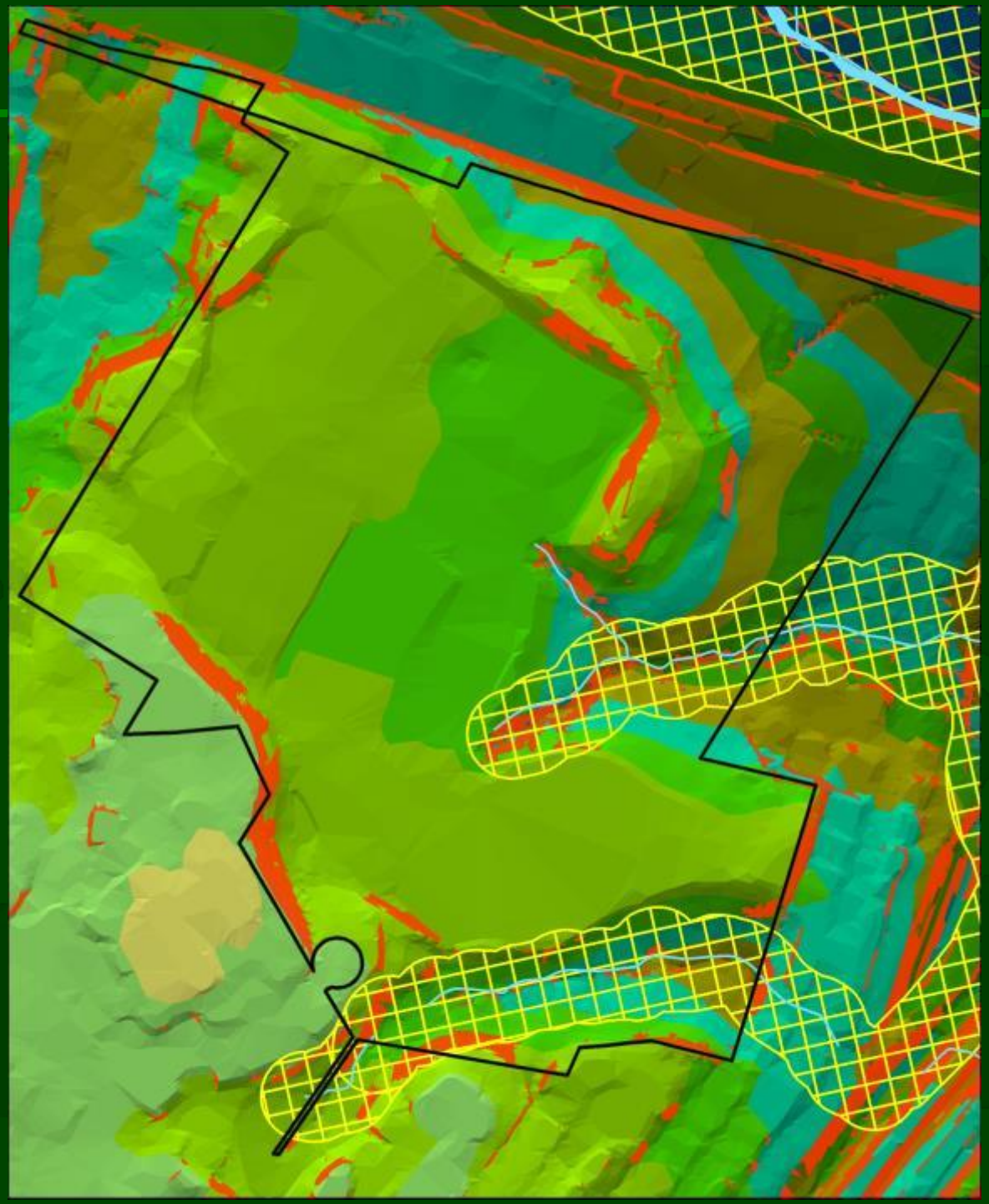

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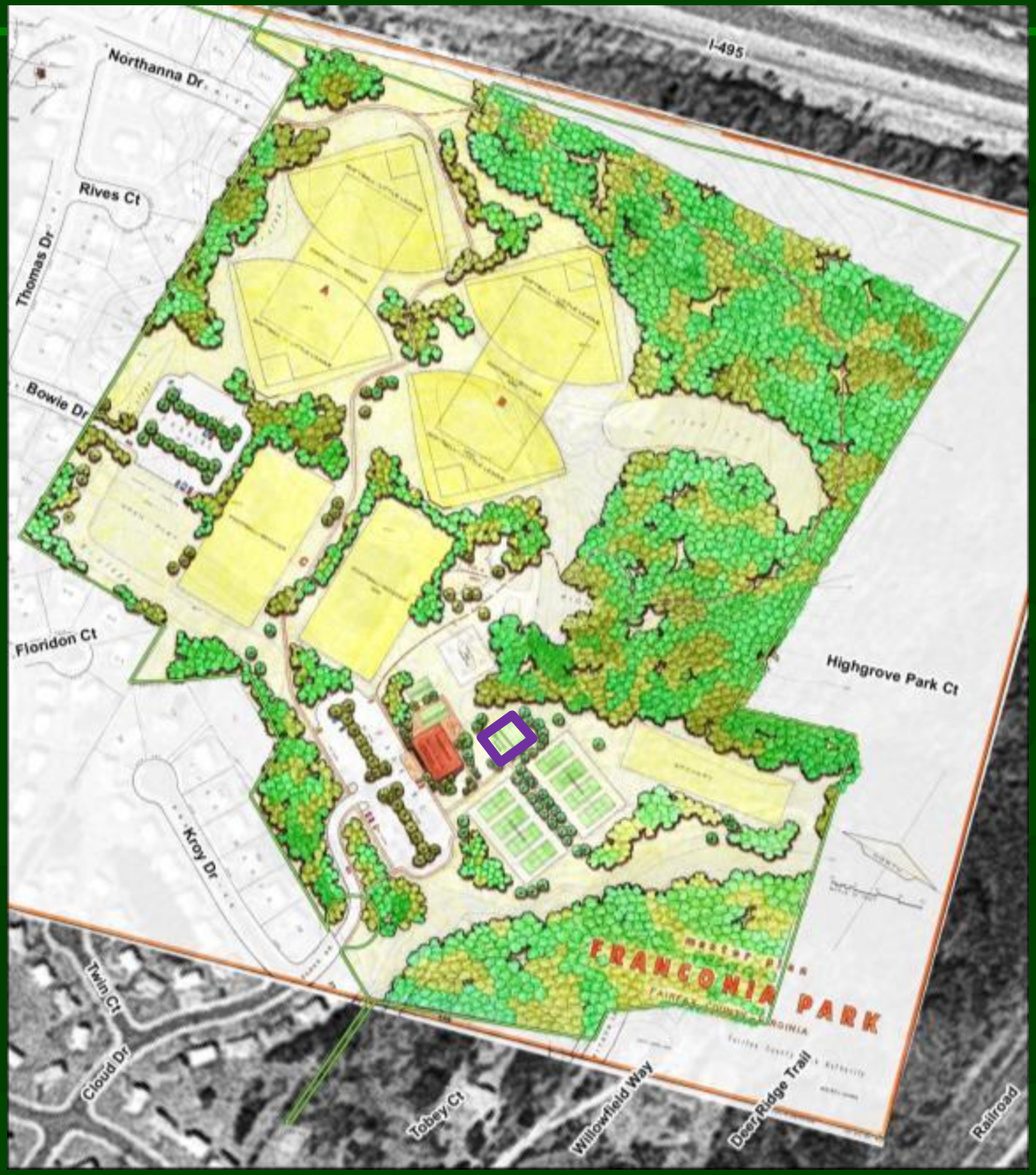

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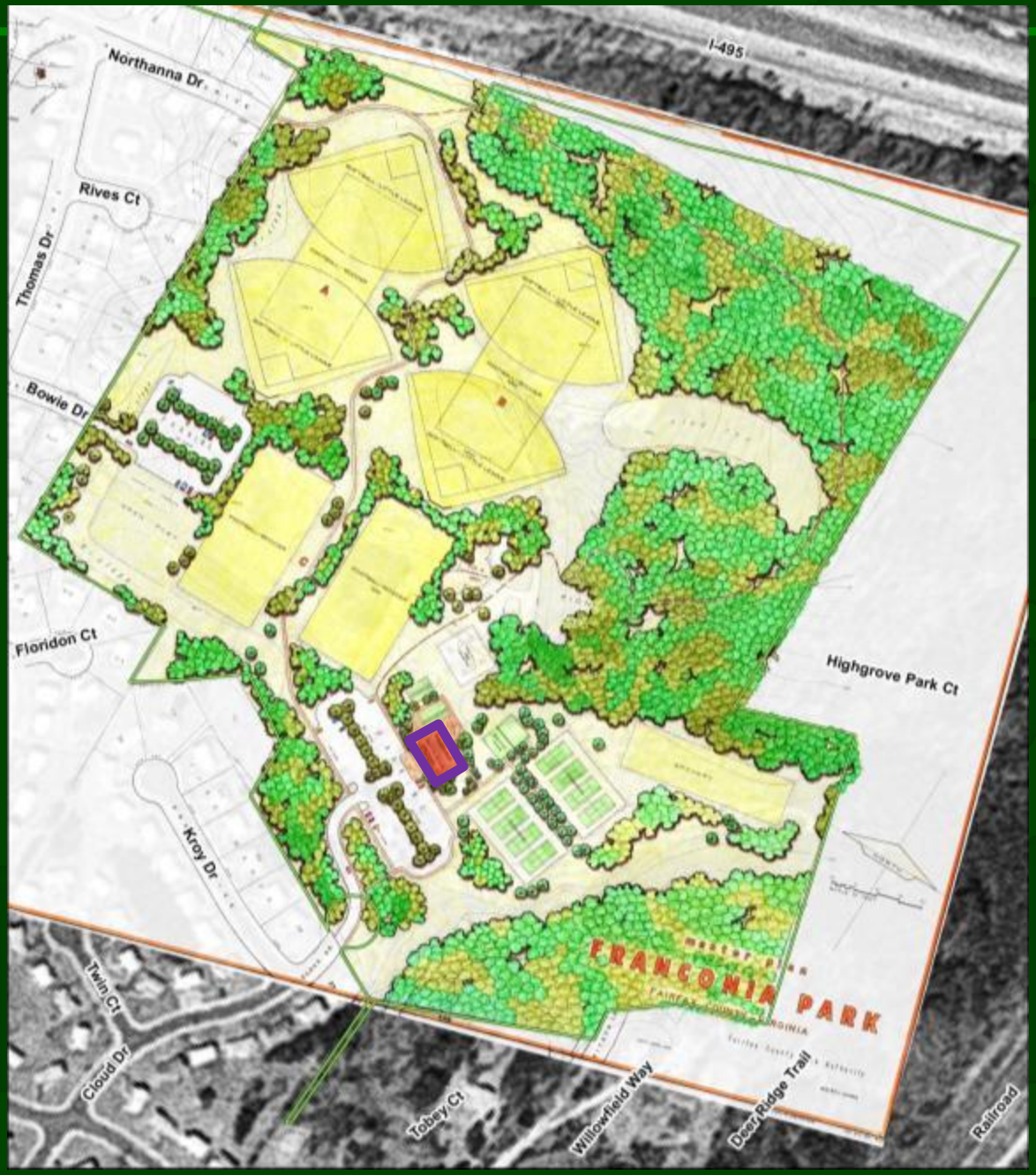

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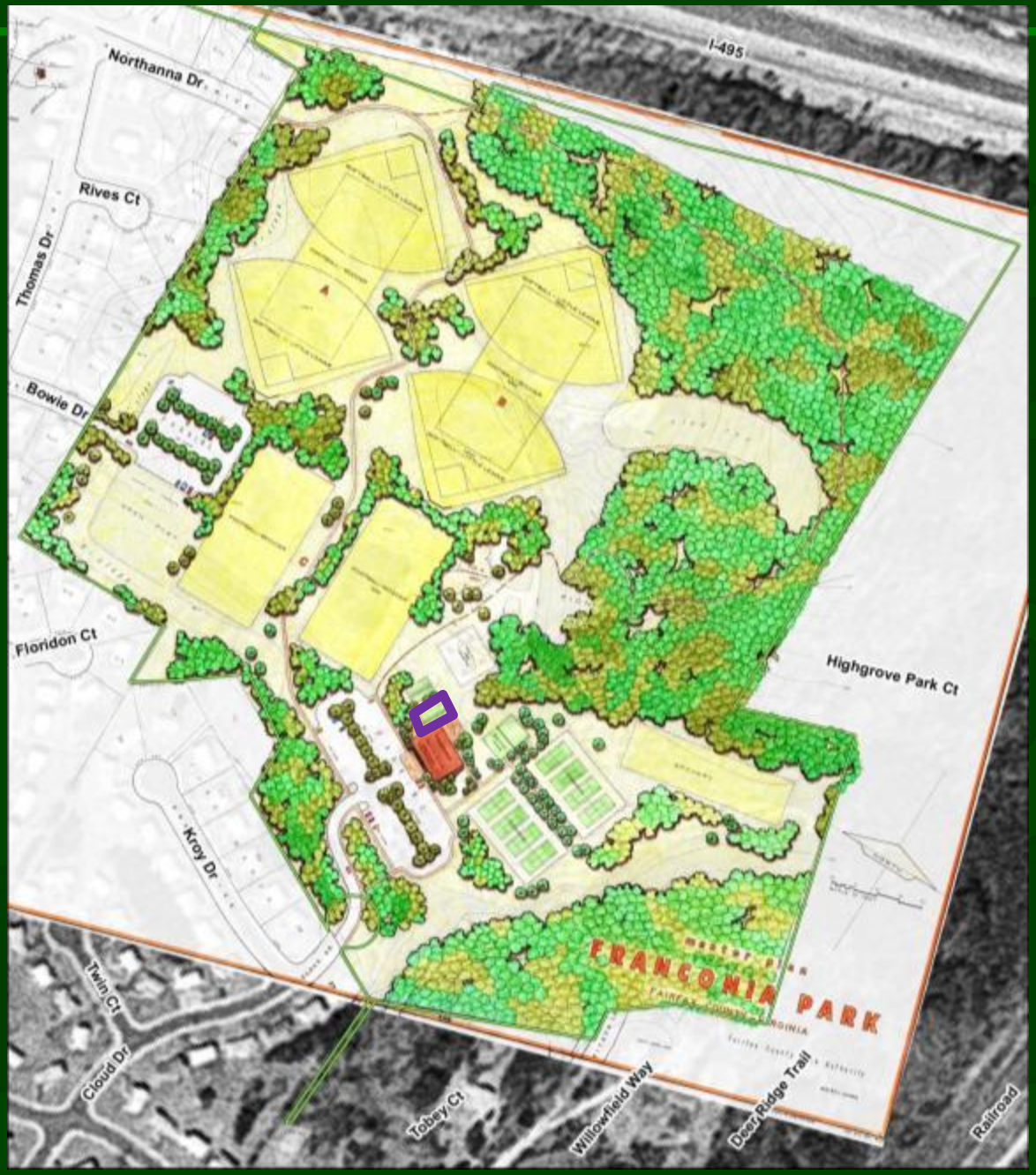

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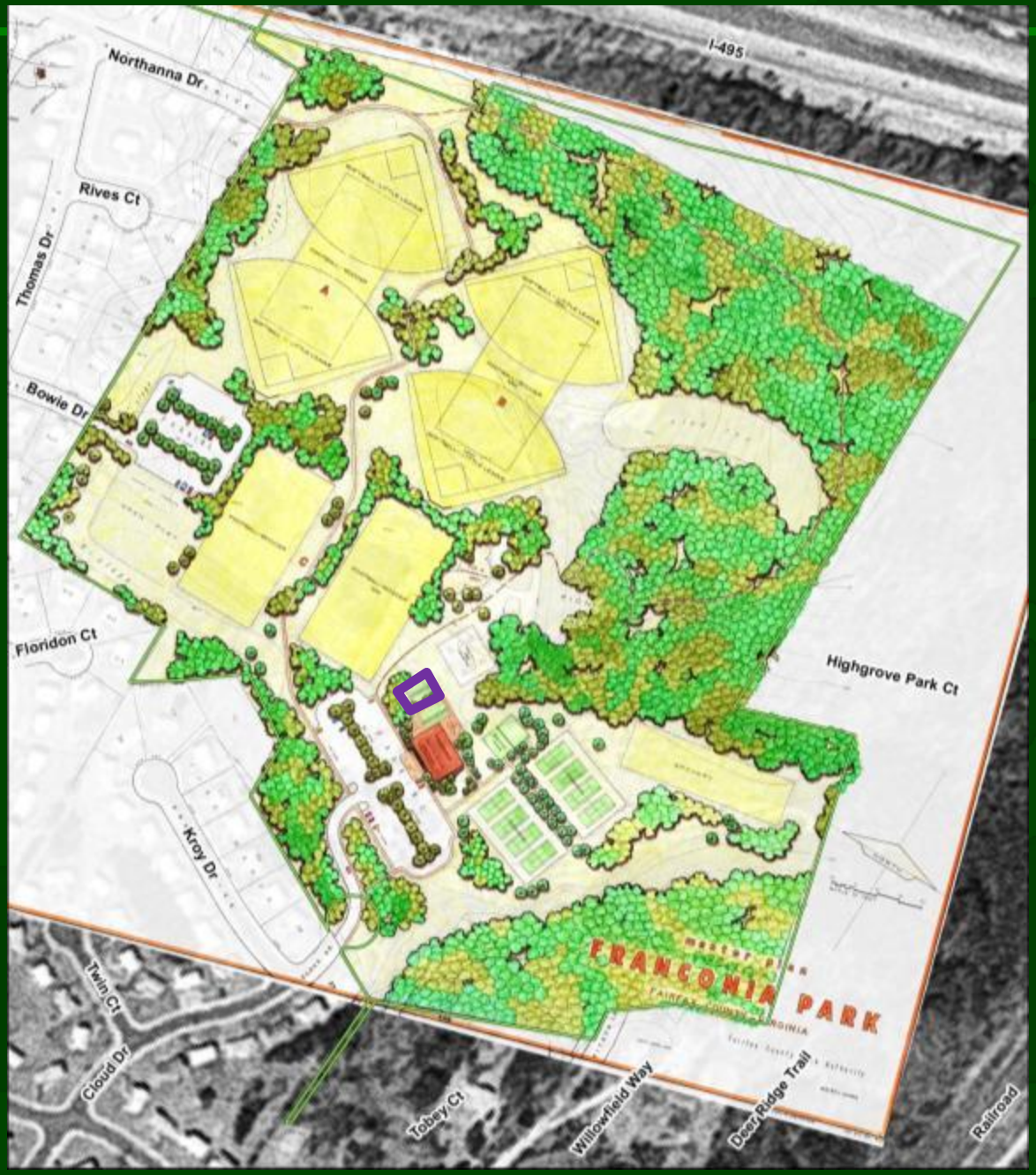

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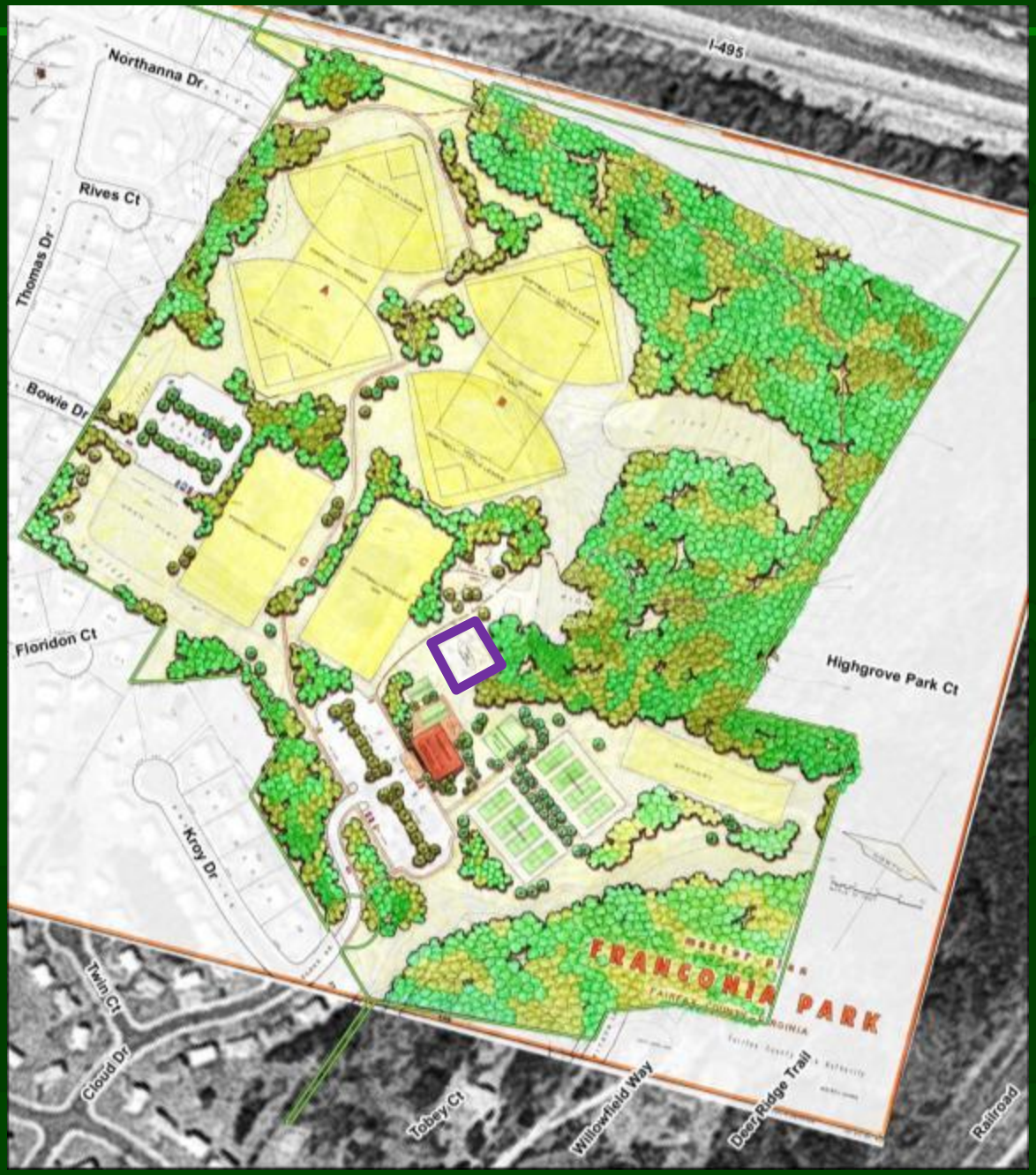

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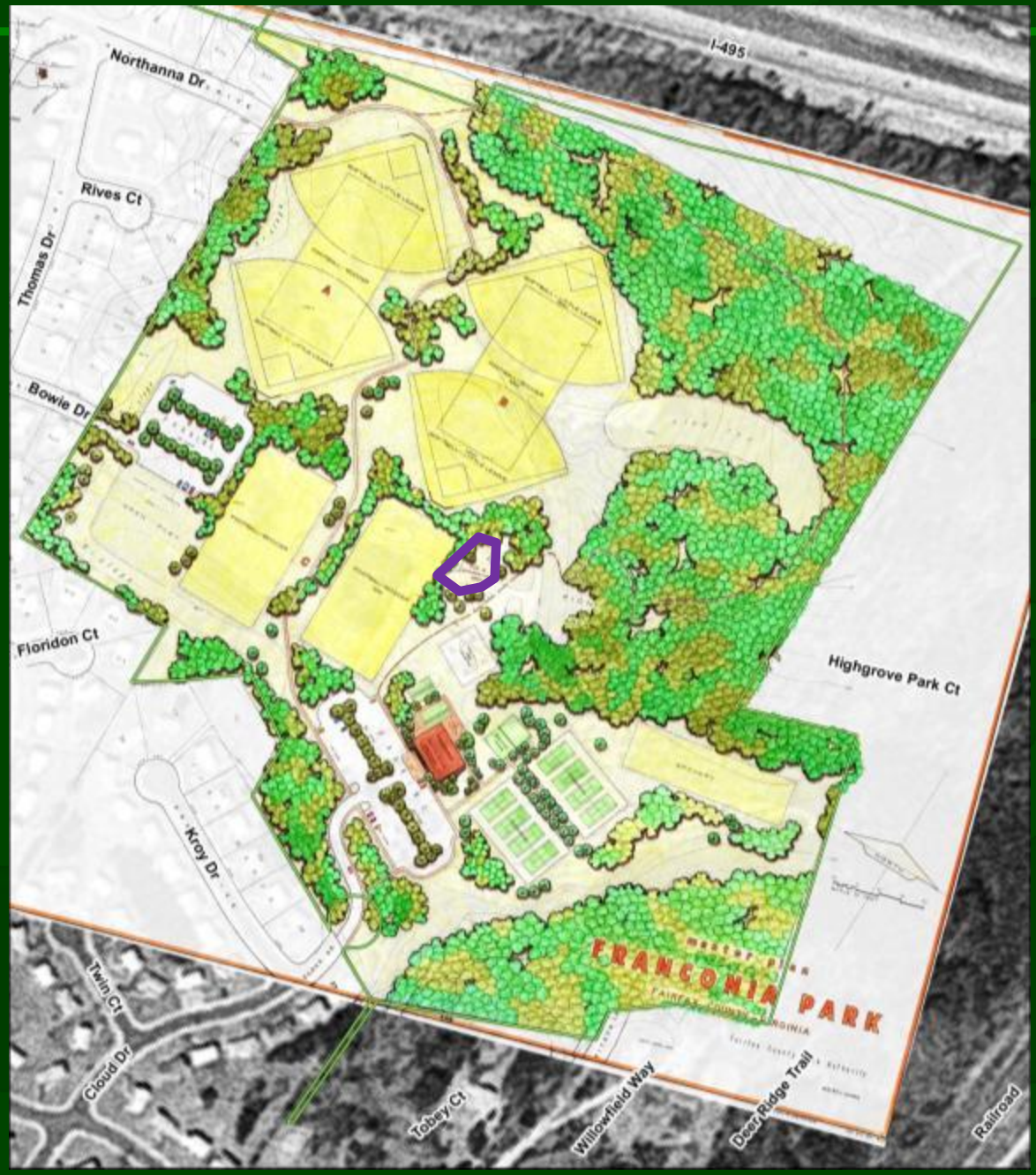

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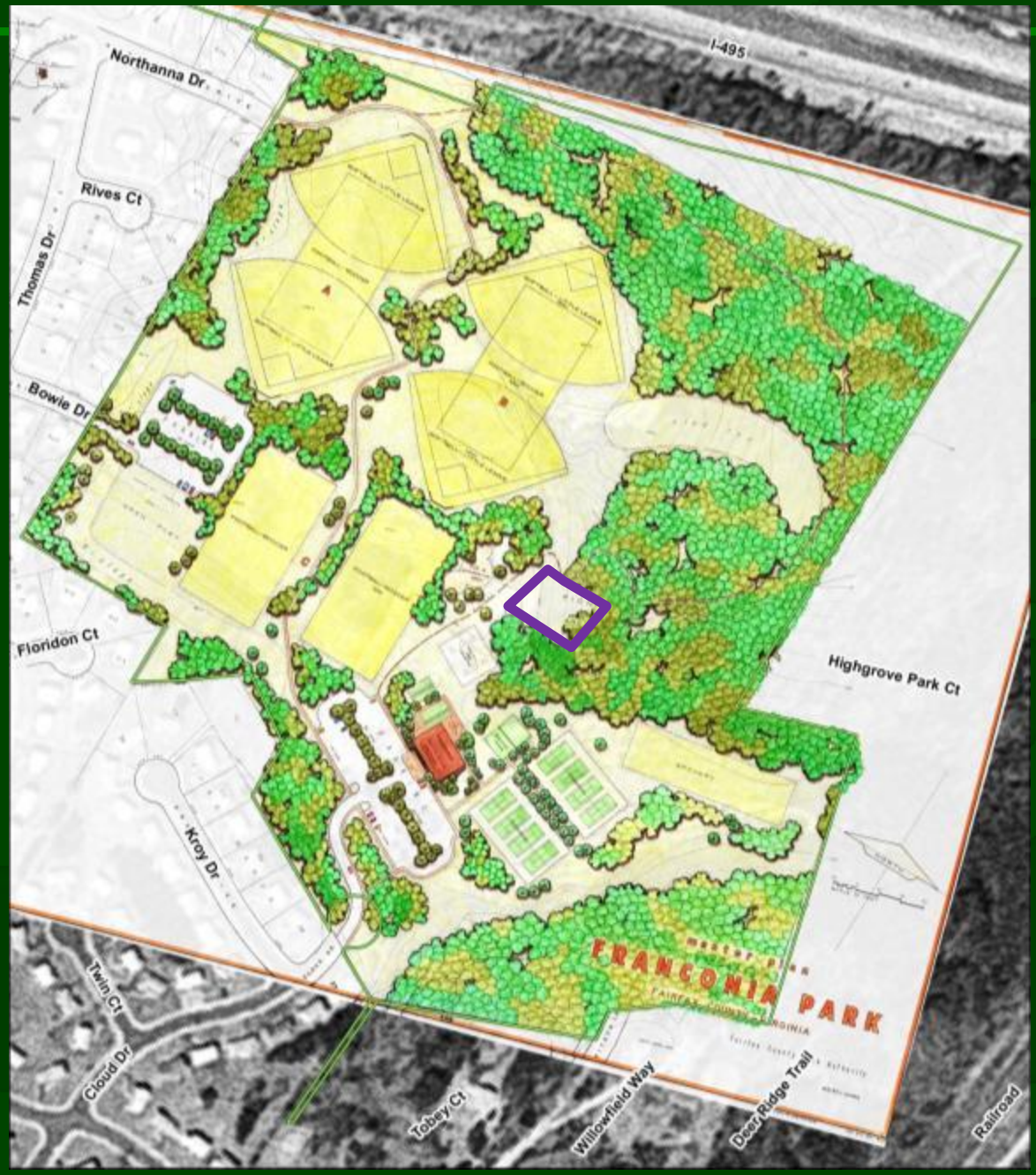

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Address in the Master Plan Revision

- Park and Recreation Needs
- Expand Existing Features
  - Field Capacity
  - Garden Plots
  - Nursery
- Parking & Circulation
- Protect Natural Areas
- Permanent Restroom
- Support Facilities
- Add New Facilities
  - Dog Park
  - Playground
  - Trails
- Connectivity

Master Plan Revision

- Planned Features Removed
- Upgrade Retained Features
- New Features

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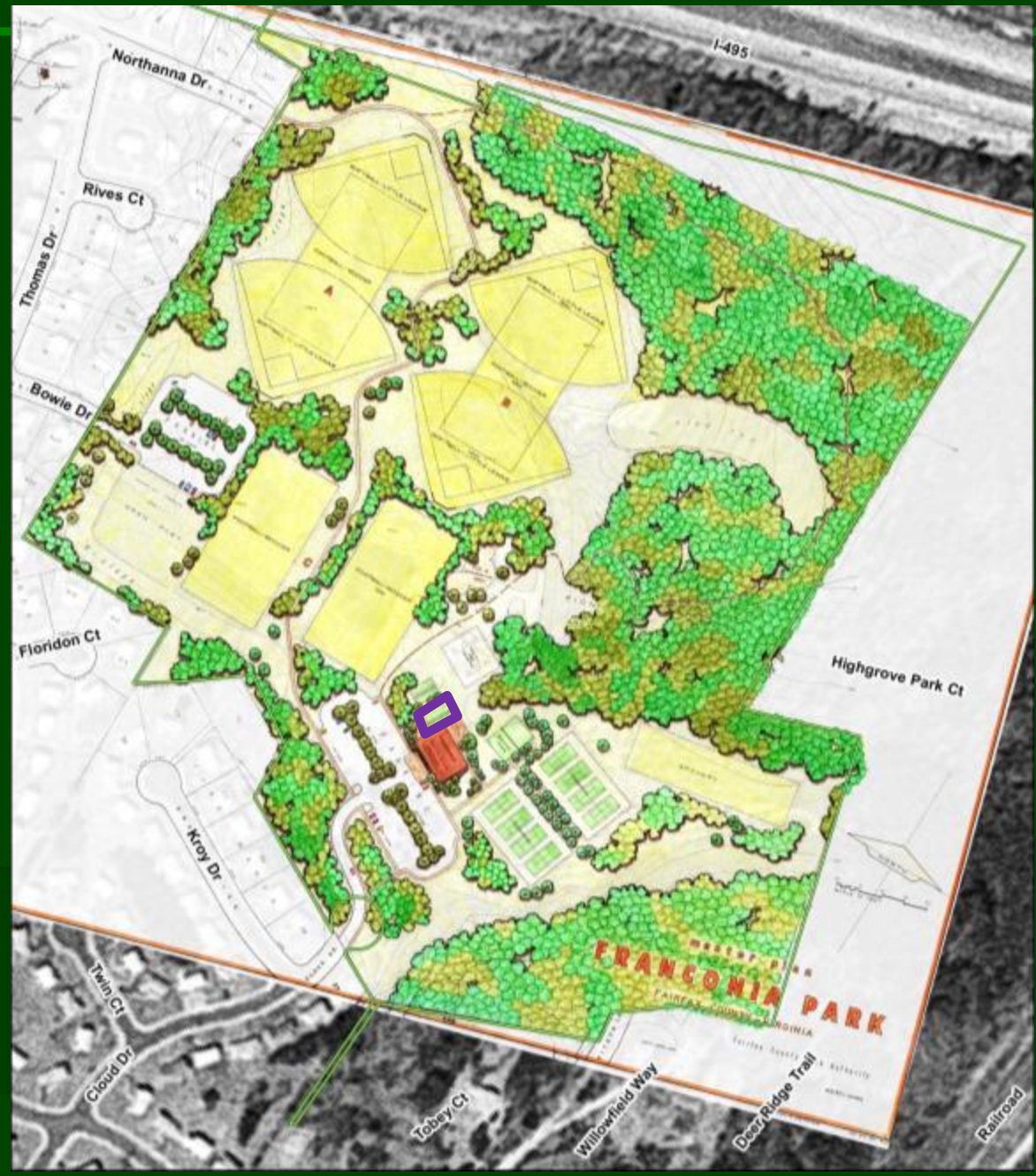

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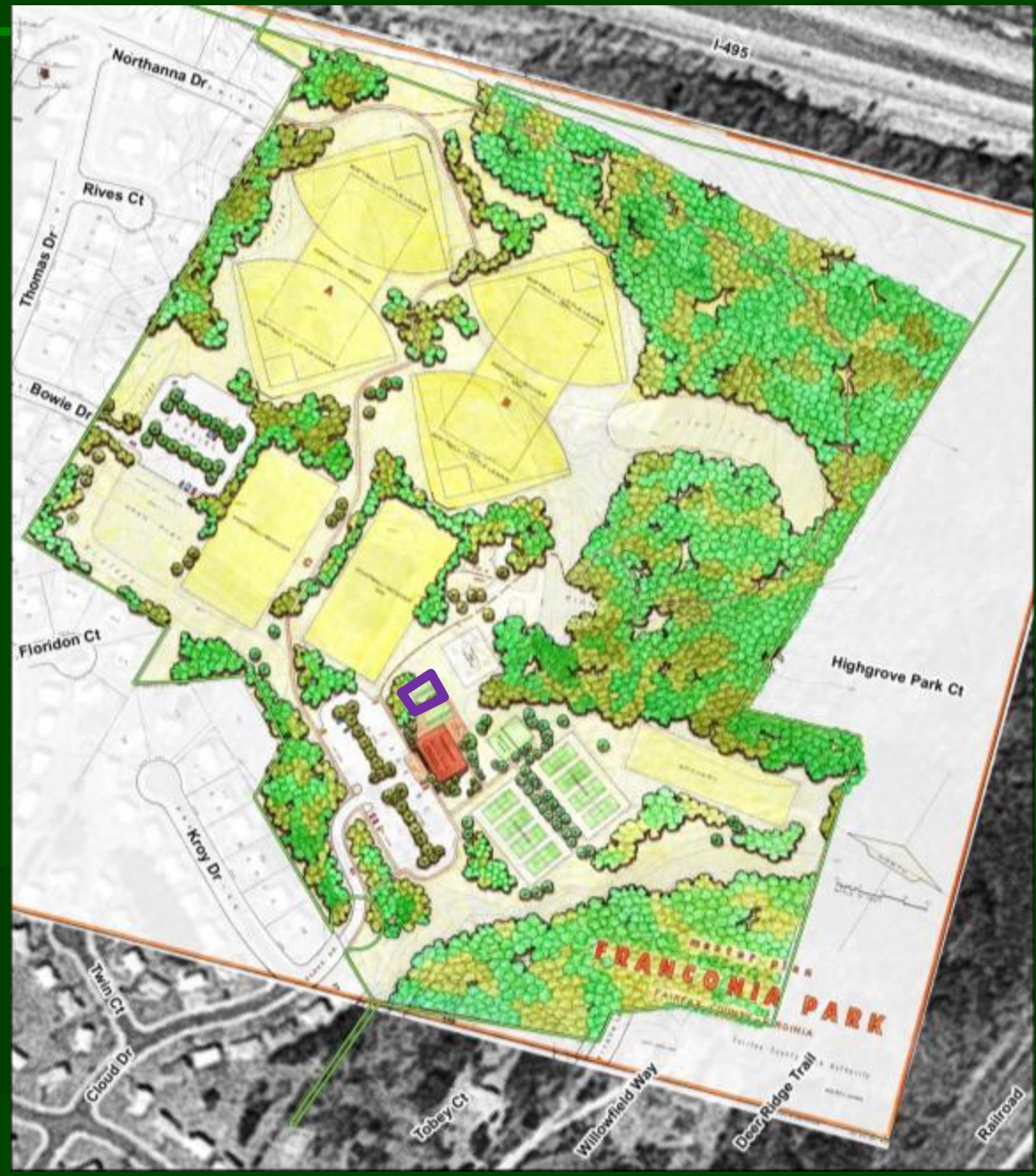

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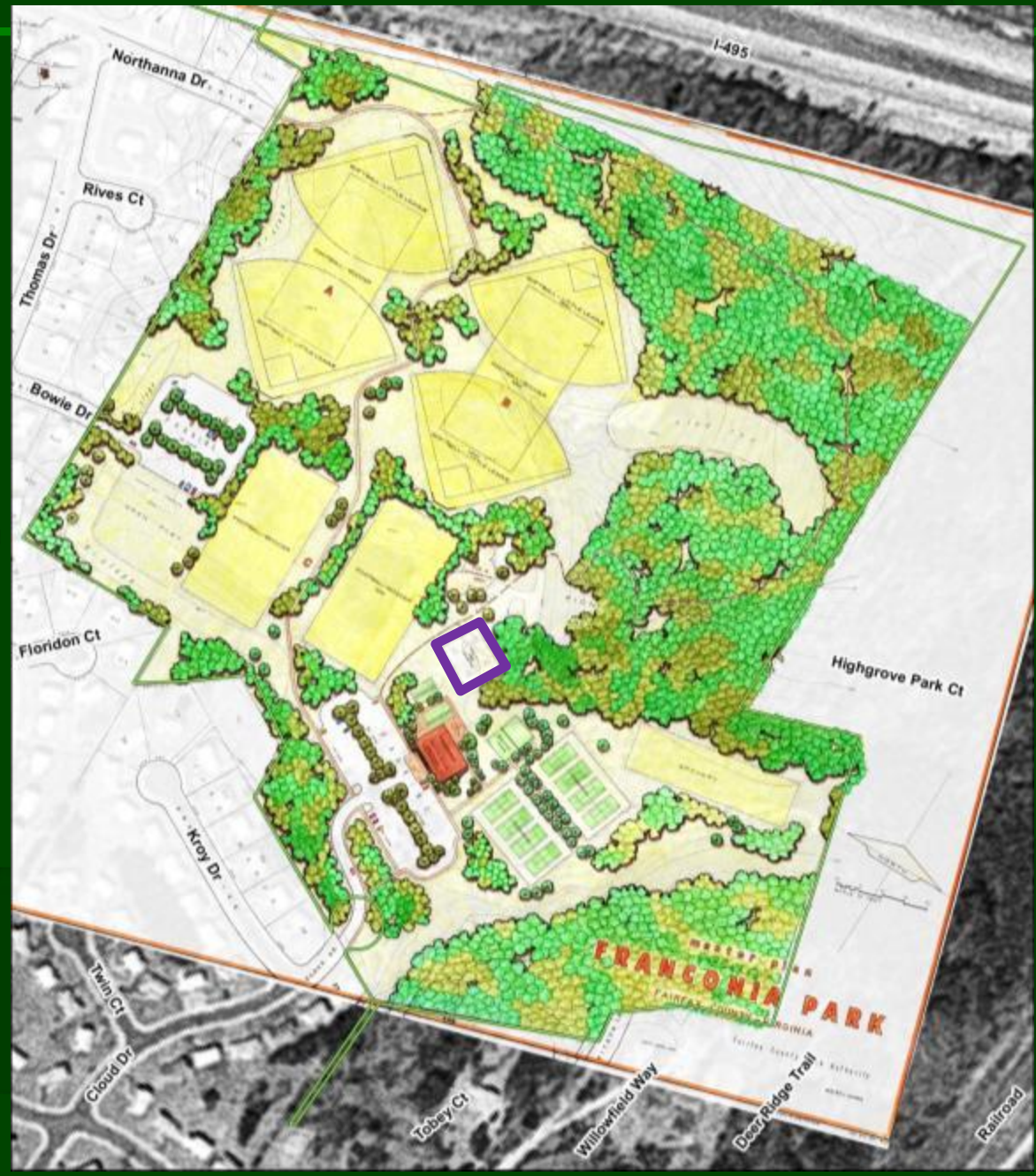

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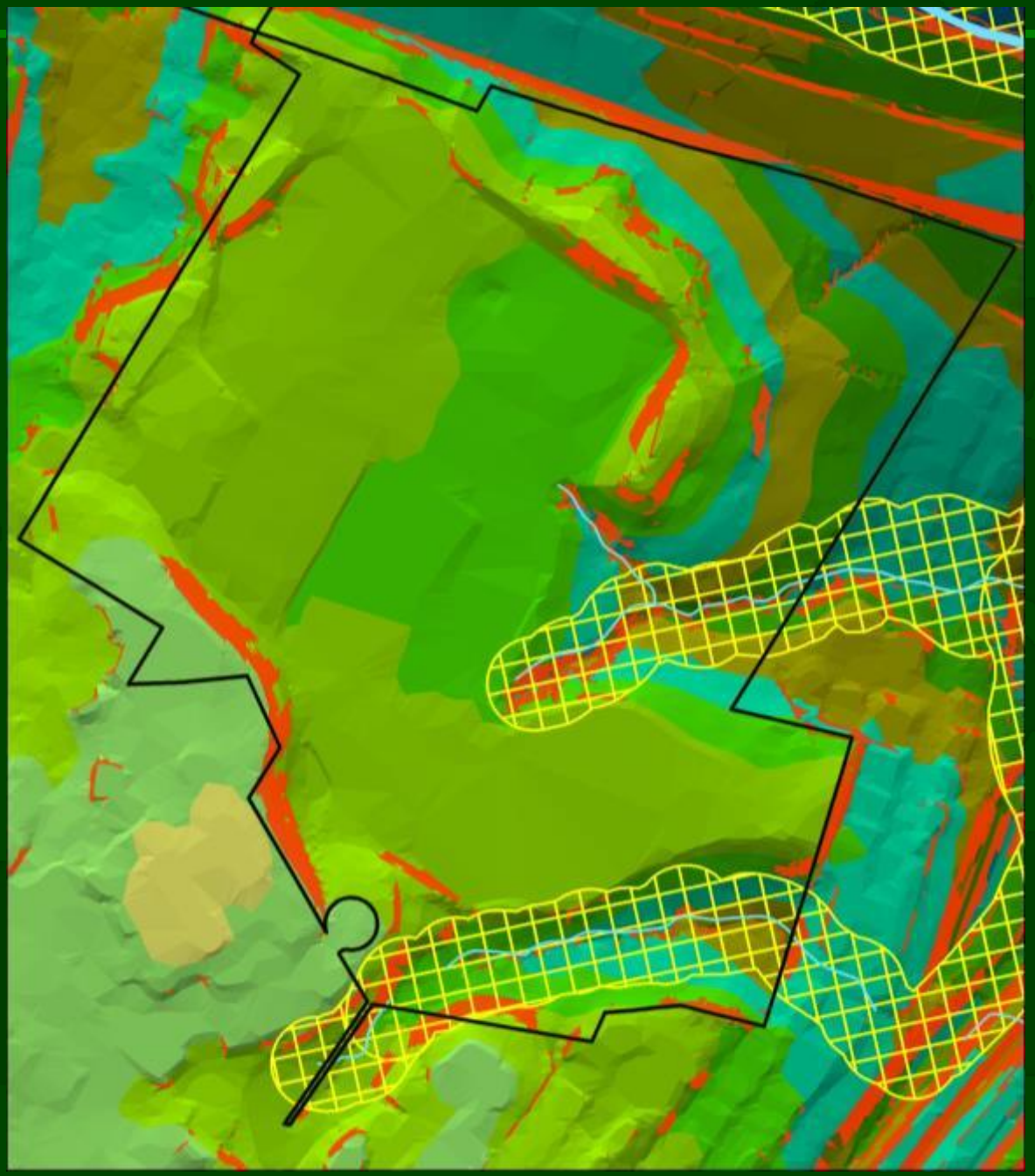

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- Full Cut Off Shields
- Web Based Controls

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Pedestrian Connectivity to Nearby Parks

- Franconia
- Monticello Woods
- Trailside
- Trail

Next Steps in Planning Process

- 30 Day Comment Period
- Revise Plan as needed
- Present to Park Authority Board For Action - Summer

Help Plan Your Park

Please visit our website:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/franconia.htm

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