

LOOKING FORWARD

GREEN SPRING GARDENS



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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS
- BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY
- COMMENT/QUESTION PERIOD

PARK AUTHORITY BOARD



- TWELVE-MEMBER BOARD
- APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
- INCLUDES A REPRESENTATIVE FOR EACH OF THE NINE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS PLUS THREE AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Award Winning Park System
Fully Accredited Agency
425 Parks
23,310 Acres

80% of County residents use parks;
16.7 million Park visitors each year
Park Needs are regularly assessed to guide decisions



Growing evidence of links between
good health and active lifestyle





THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan

PARK CLASSIFICATION

Park Classification System

Provides a general framework
Intended to guide open space and
public facilities planning

Park Authority System includes:

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

Park Classification provides an indication of:

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



THE PURPOSE OF A PARK MASTER PLAN IS TO:

- DEVELOP A SITE-SPECIFIC, LONG-RANGE VISION FOR THE PARK
- IDENTIFY RESOURCES WORTHY OF PROTECTION
- ASSESS SITE CONDITIONS AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS
- PROVIDE A GENERAL GUIDE FOR APPROPRIATE PARK USES
- ESTABLISH THE GENERAL LOCATION FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES

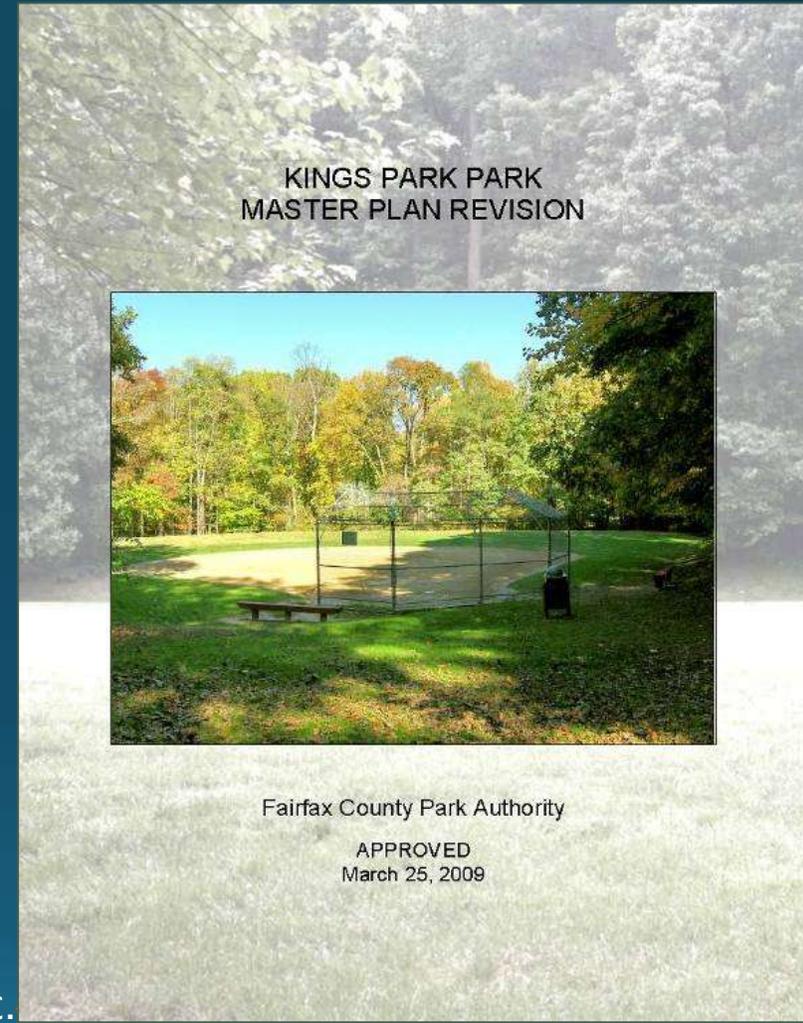
PARK MASTER PLAN COMPONENTS

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

The master plan consists of two key parts: a written report and a graphic.

The report helps document the history of the site and details the vision for the future, describing how those decisions were made.

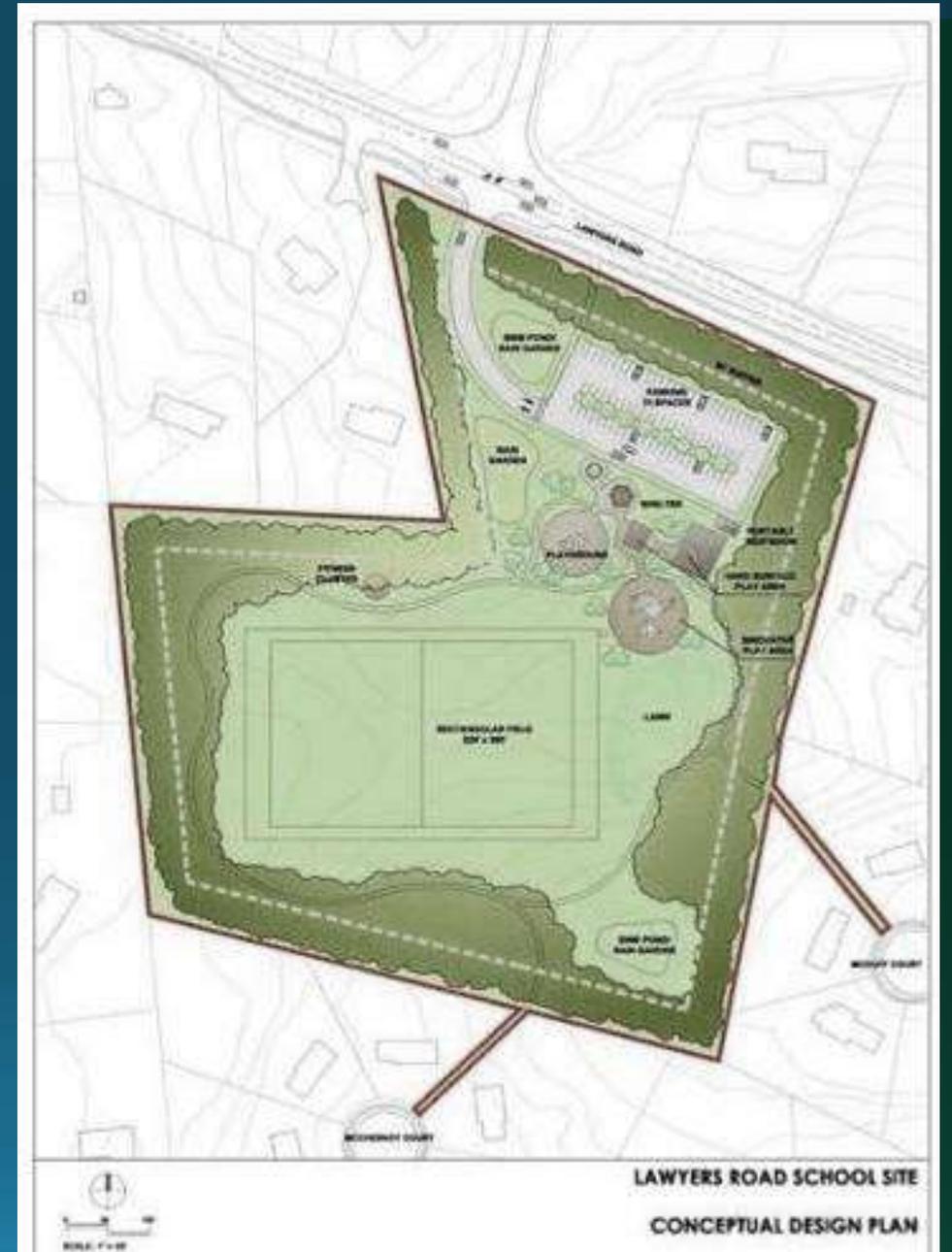


PARK MASTER PLAN COMPONENTS

GRAPHICS

- CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP)
- GRAPHICALLY SHOWS GENERAL LOCATION OF RECOMMENDED FACILITIES & USE AREAS
- CONCEPTUAL SITE DESIGN, NOT AN ENGINEERED SITE PLAN

The plan also includes a graphic, or Conceptual Development Plan. This plan graphically shows the general locations of the uses proposed.



PARK MASTER PLAN TEAM

- ARCHAEOLOGISTS
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
- PLANNERS
- NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS
- OPERATIONAL SPECIALISTS
- RECREATION SPECIALISTS
- PARK DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS
- SITE STAFF

The development of the master plan is guided by a host of park staff from a broad array of backgrounds to help assure a balanced perspective and range of expertise contributes to the development of the plan.

In the case of Green Spring, we also have the benefit of site staff involvement.



COMMUNITY INPUT



Public input plays a key role in the development of the master plan.

MASTER PLAN PROCESS & SCHEDULE



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- 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

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN WILL BE
POSTED ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE
FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT



MASTER PLAN PROCESS & SCHEDULE

PRESENT THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN
TO THE COMMUNITY
AT AN EVENING MEETING



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MASTER PLAN PROCESS & SCHEDULE

MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS FOLLOWING
THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOMED
THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS

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TEAM EVALUATION OF
ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS

REVISIONS MADE TO THE DRAFT
MASTER PLAN AS NECESSARY

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Please visit the project website:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/green-spring-gardens.htm>



- Legend**
- LANDSCAPE AREA
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GREEN SPRING GARDENS
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APPROVED MASTER PLAN AND EXISTING CONDITIONS
MASTER PLAN APPROVED DECEMBER 1, 1992

0 50 100 150 Feet

 SEPTEMBER 2012



THE ONLY THING CONSTANT IN LIFE . . . IS CHANGE

Many people will say that they love Green Spring just as it is. Don't change a thing!

But truly, the constancy of change is part of Green Spring's story.

A CHANGE IN



Green Spring
has seen
change in its
history,
ownership,
and usage.



HISTORY

A CHANGE IN



There has been growth and change
in the plant collections



COLLECTIONS

A CHANGE IN

There has been a change in identity.



IDENTITY

A CHANGE IN



There has been a change and expansion of the facilities available.



FACILITIES

A CHANGE IN

And there certainly has been tremendous growth in programming and services provided.

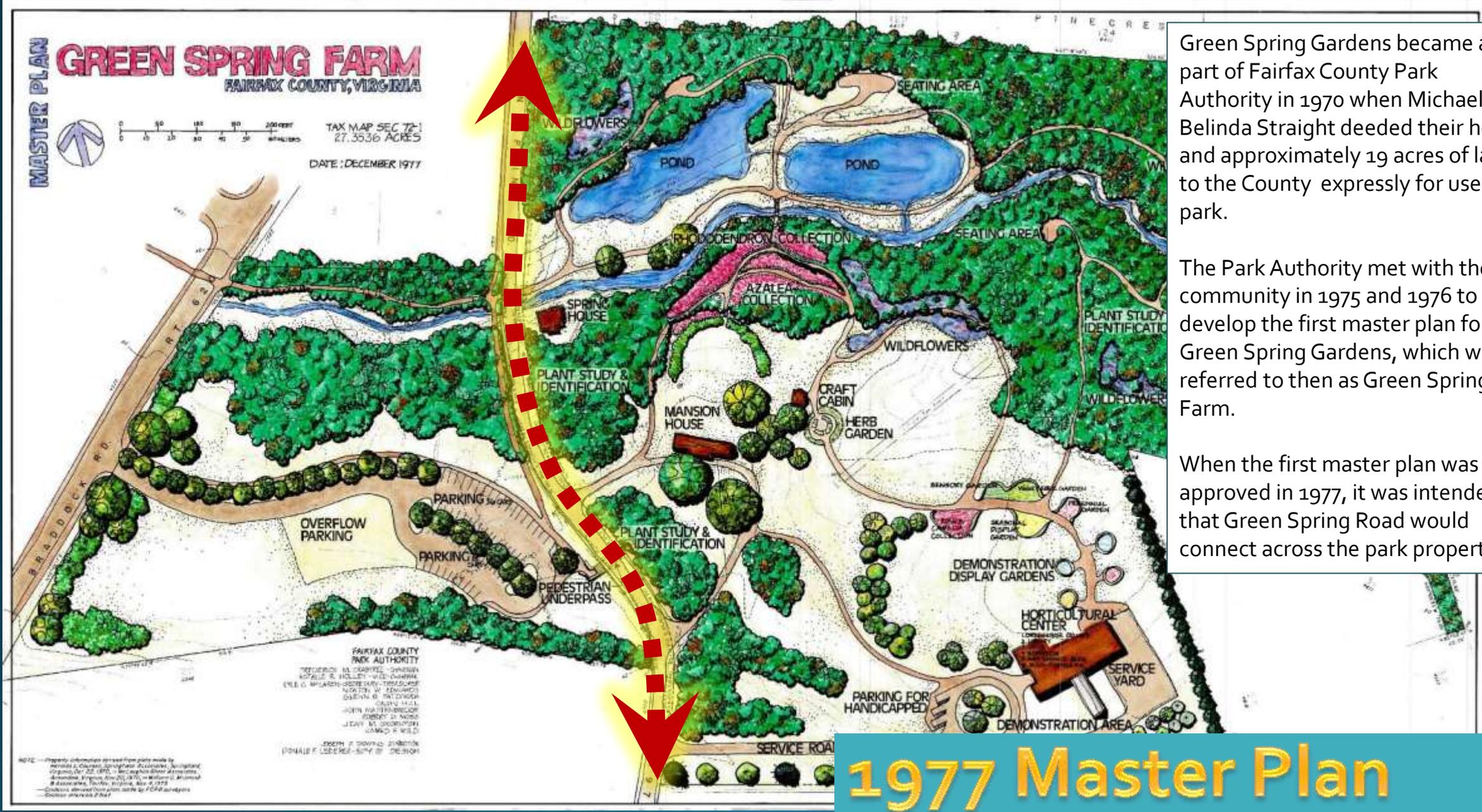


PROGRAMS



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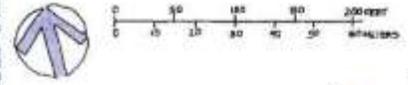
CHANGE IS INEVITABLE.
PROGRESS IS OPTIONAL.



MASTER PLAN

GREEN SPRING FARM

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA



TAX MAP SEC 72-1
27.3536 ACRES
DATE: DECEMBER 1977

NOTE: Property information derived from plans made by
Herbert A. Clouston, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1971;
Virginia, Dec. 22, 1970; 1/2" scale plan dated 11/19/70;
Fairfax County, Virginia, Nov. 20, 1970; William G. Adams
& Associates, Fairfax, Virginia, May 4, 1975.
Conditions shown on these plans are those of FCFA surveys.
Conditions otherwise as noted.

FAIRFAX COUNTY
PARK AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 1977
DESIGNED BY: CHARLES G. HARRIS
RODOLFO R. HOLLEY - W.C. CHAFFIN
EILEEN H. MORGAN - JOSEPH W. TROTT
MARTIN W. EDWARDS
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JOHN W. HARTSHORN
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JEAN M. SCORUM
GUYTON B. HILL
JOHN F. BROWN
DONALD F. LEBERER - SUYI CHEN

Green Spring Gardens became a part of Fairfax County Park Authority in 1970 when Michael and Belinda Straight deeded their home and approximately 19 acres of land to the County expressly for use as a park.

The Park Authority met with the community in 1975 and 1976 to develop the first master plan for Green Spring Gardens, which was referred to then as Green Spring Farm.

When the first master plan was approved in 1977, it was intended that Green Spring Road would connect across the park property.

1977 Master Plan

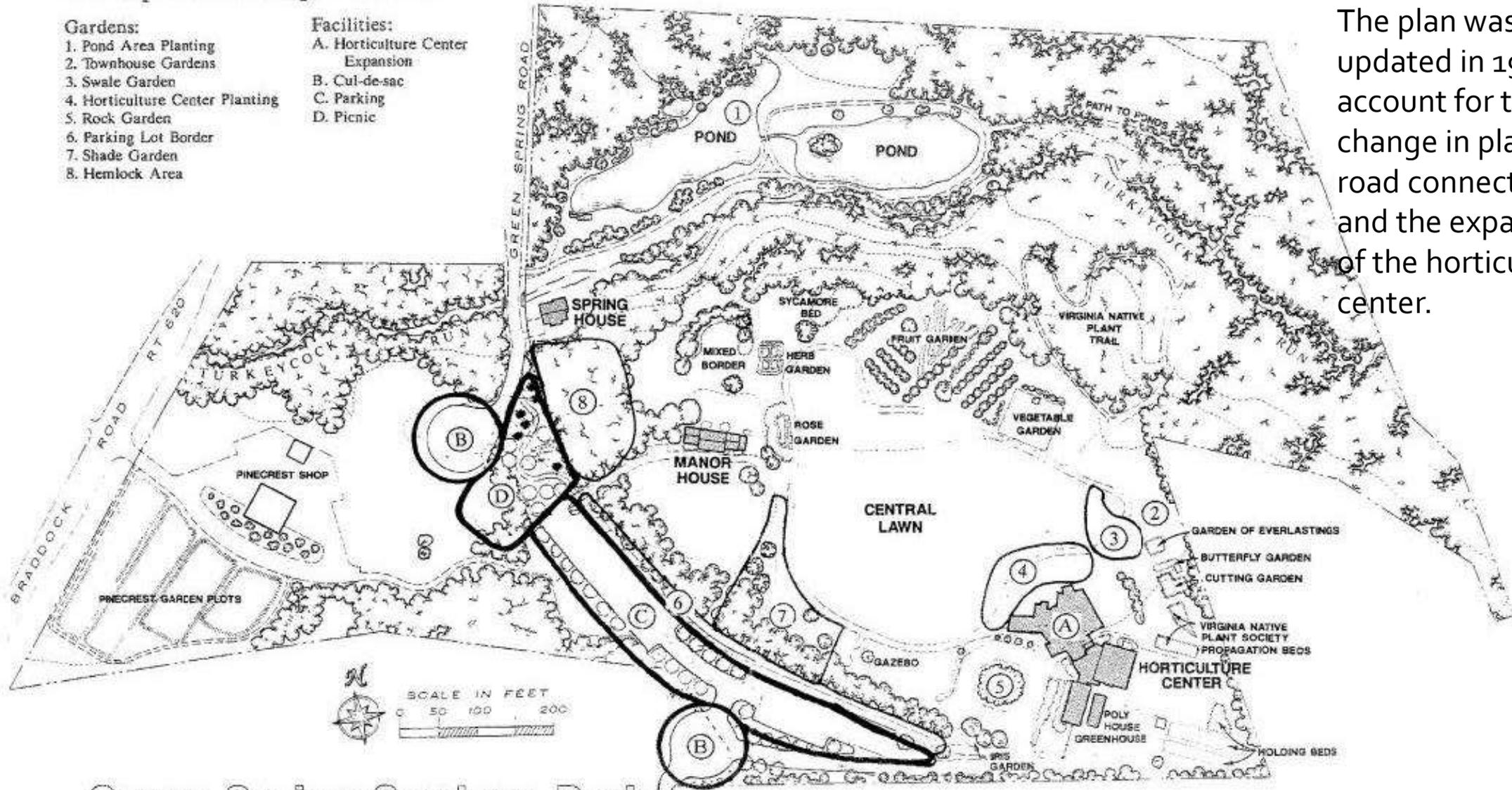
Conceptual Development Plan

Gardens:

1. Pond Area Planting
2. Townhouse Gardens
3. Swale Garden
4. Horticulture Center Planting
5. Rock Garden
6. Parking Lot Border
7. Shade Garden
8. Hemlock Area

Facilities:

- A. Horticulture Center Expansion
- B. Cul-de-sac
- C. Parking
- D. Picnic



The plan was updated in 1992 to account for the change in planned road connections and the expansion of the horticultural center.

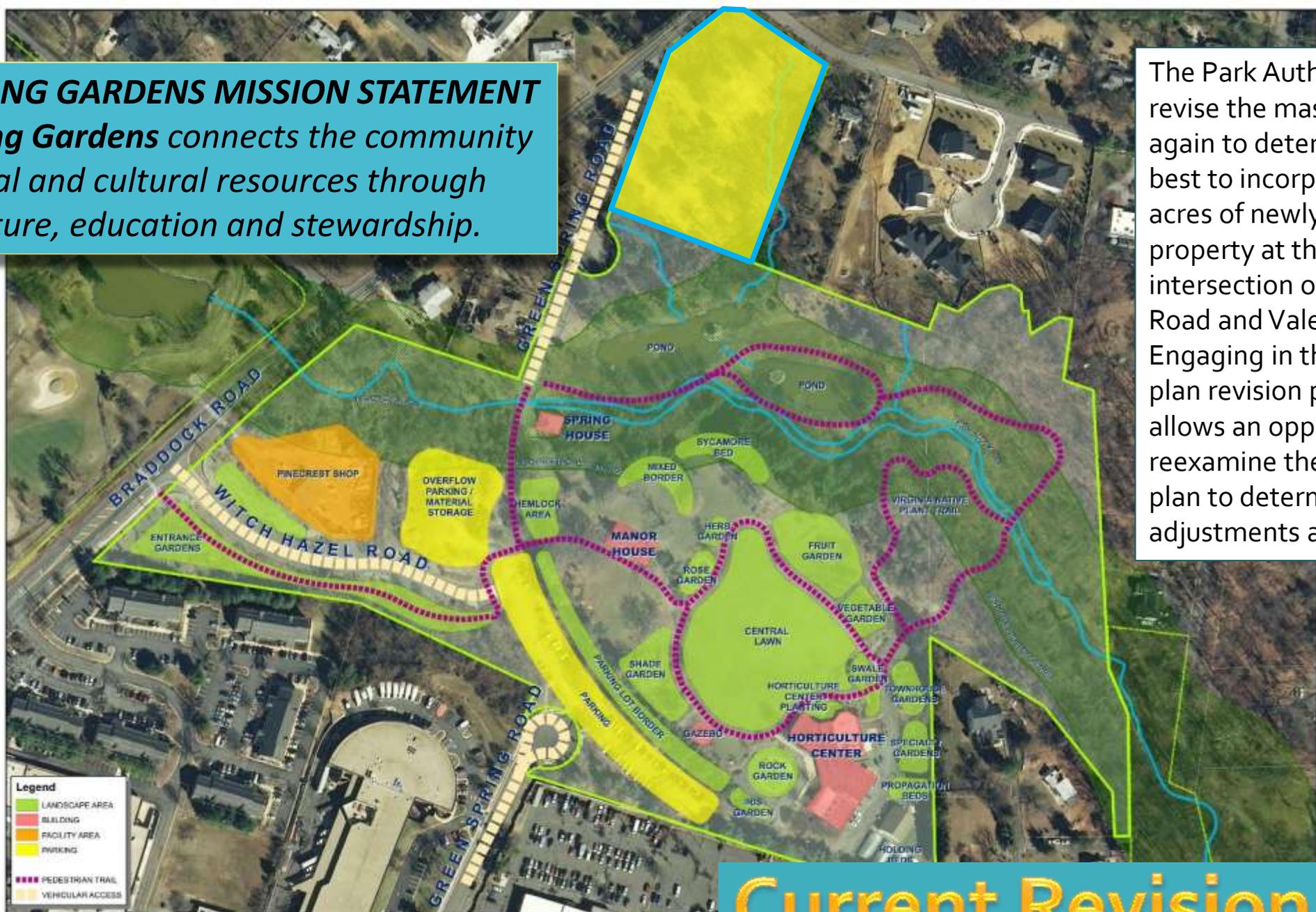
Green Spring Gardens Park

1992 Master Plan

GREEN SPRING GARDENS MISSION STATEMENT

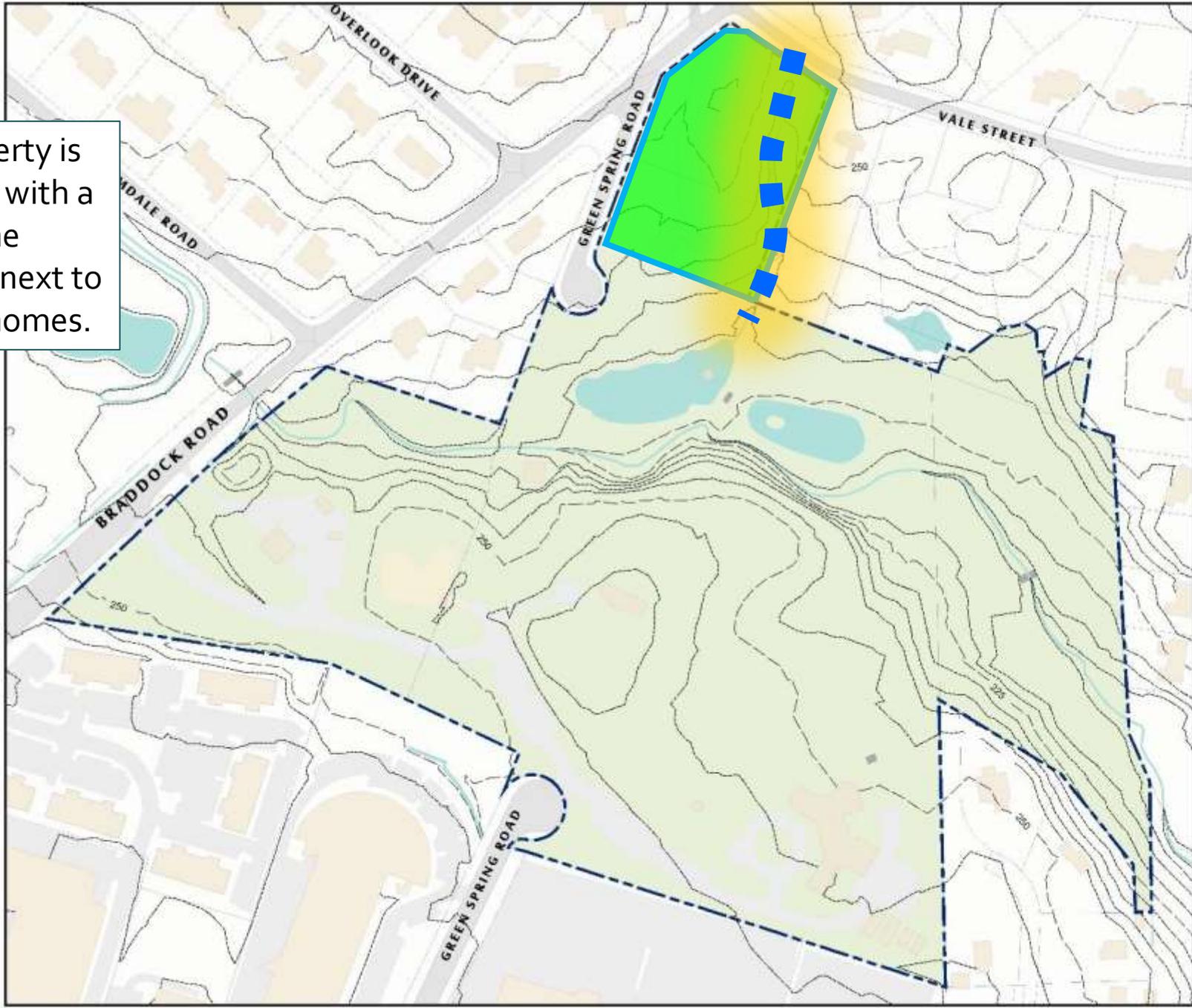
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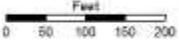
The Park Authority will revise the master plan again to determine how best to incorporate 2 ½ acres of newly acquired property at the intersection of Braddock Road and Vale Street. Engaging in the master plan revision process also allows an opportunity to reexamine the overall park plan to determine if any adjustments are needed.



Current Revision

The new property is gently sloping with a swale along the eastern edge, next to single family homes.



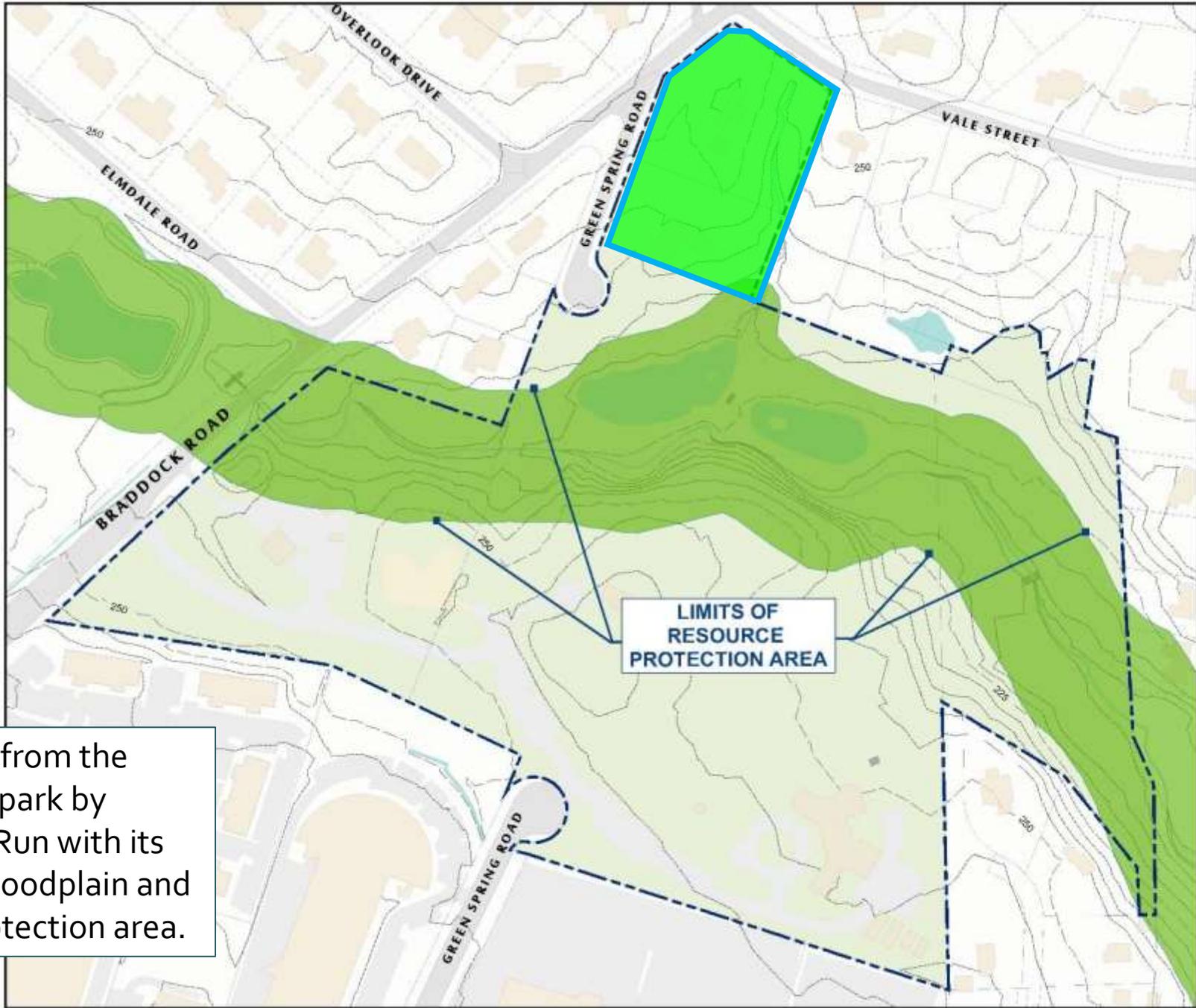

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GARDENS PARK**
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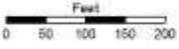
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But is offset from the heart of the park by Turkeycock Run with its associated floodplain and resource protection area.



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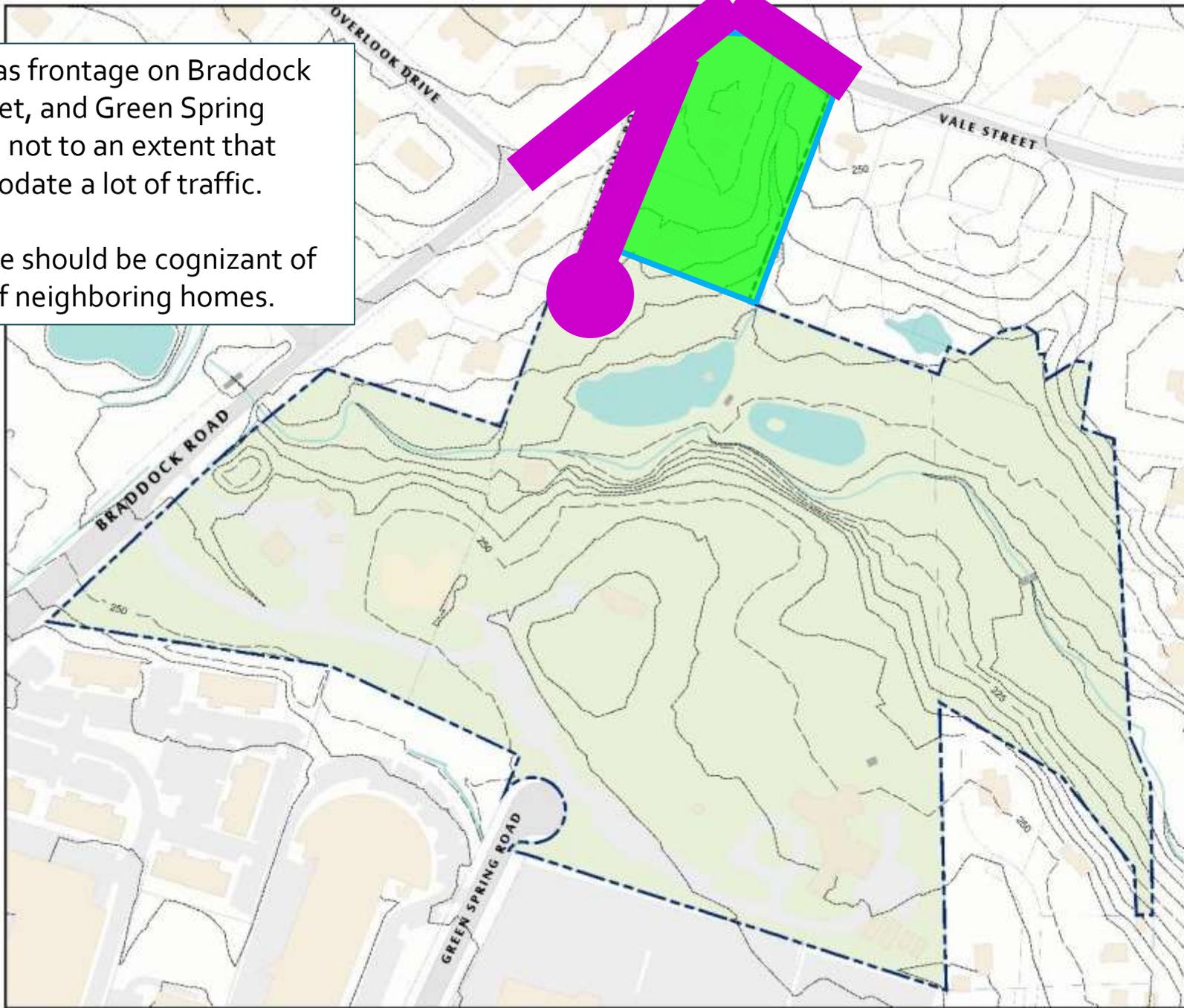
RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA
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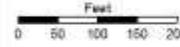


The property has frontage on Braddock Road, Vale Street, and Green Spring Road, however, not to an extent that would accommodate a lot of traffic.

Any planned use should be cognizant of the proximity of neighboring homes.



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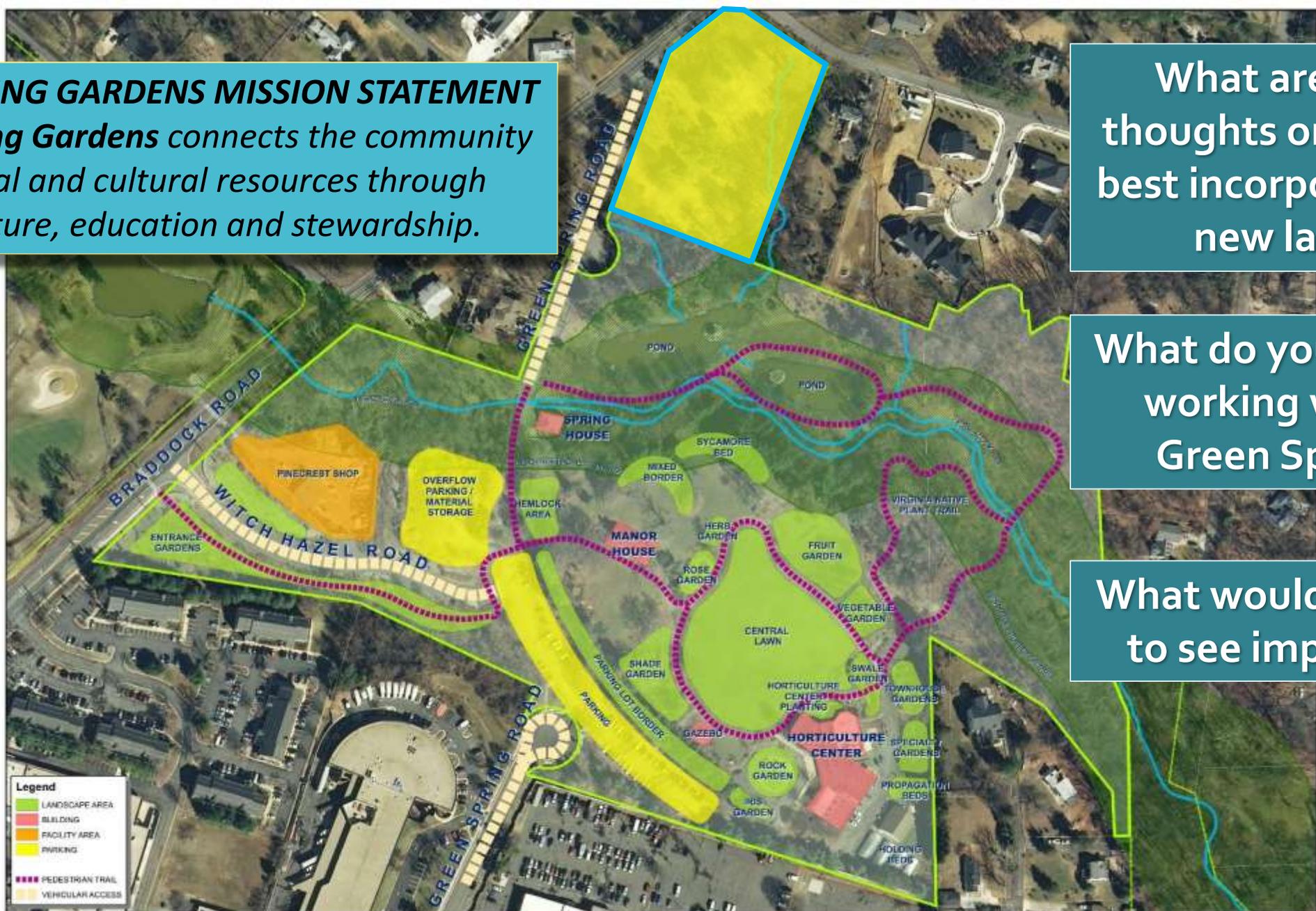
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Green Spring Gardens connects the community to natural and cultural resources through horticulture, education and stewardship.

What are your thoughts on how to best incorporate the new land?

What do you think is working well at Green Spring?

What would you like to see improved?



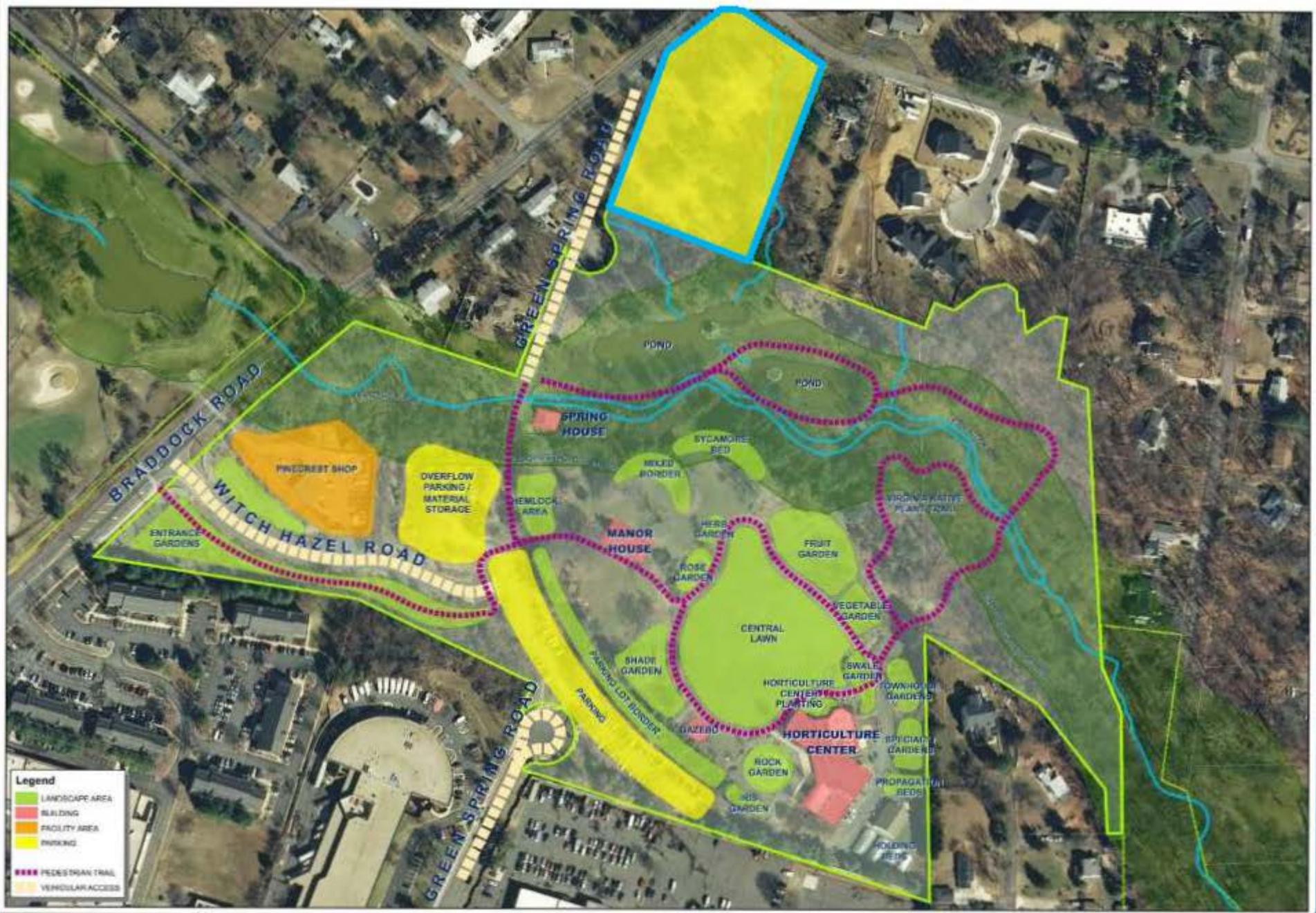
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