

Mount Vernon Woods Park Master Plan Revision



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

February 3, 2014

Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions:** Sandy Stallman, Manager
Park Planning Branch, FCPA
- Remarks:** Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor
Ed Batten, Park Authority Board
- Presentation:** Andi Dorlester, Senior Park Planner
Park Planning Branch, FCPA
- Discussion:** Moderated by Sandy Stallman



Park Authority Mission



Enhance Quality of Life through:

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



Fast Facts about the Park Authority



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



Master Plan Purpose

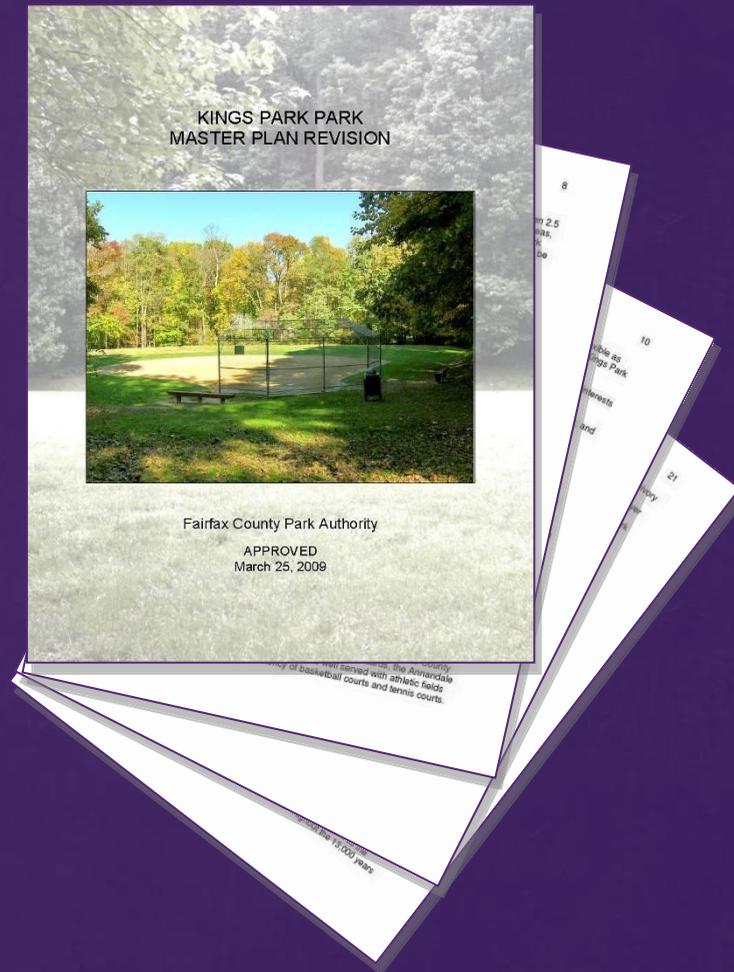
- 🏰 **Site-specific long range vision**
- 🏰 **General guide for appropriate park uses**
- 🏰 **General location of facilities**
- 🏰 **Identify resource protection areas**
- 🏰 **Assess site conditions and community concerns**



The Parts of a Master Plan

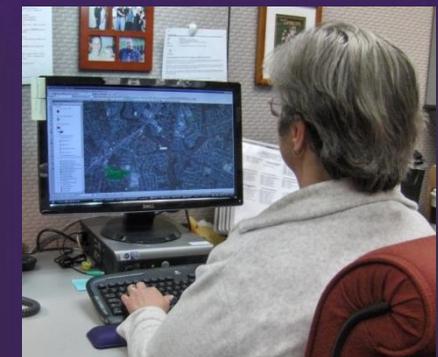
WRITTEN REPORT

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



Staff Resources

- 🛡️ **Planners**
- 🛡️ **Landscape Architects**
- 🛡️ **Archaeologists**
- 🛡️ **Natural Resource Specialists**
- 🛡️ **Urban Foresters**
- 🛡️ **Operations Specialists**
- 🛡️ **Recreation Specialists**
- 🛡️ **Neighborhood & Community Services Staff**



Master Plan Process

Fall 2014

- Research/Site Analysis

February 2015

- Public Information Meeting

Spring 2015

- Develop Draft Master Plan

Late Spring 2015

- Public Comment Meeting

Spring/Summer 2015

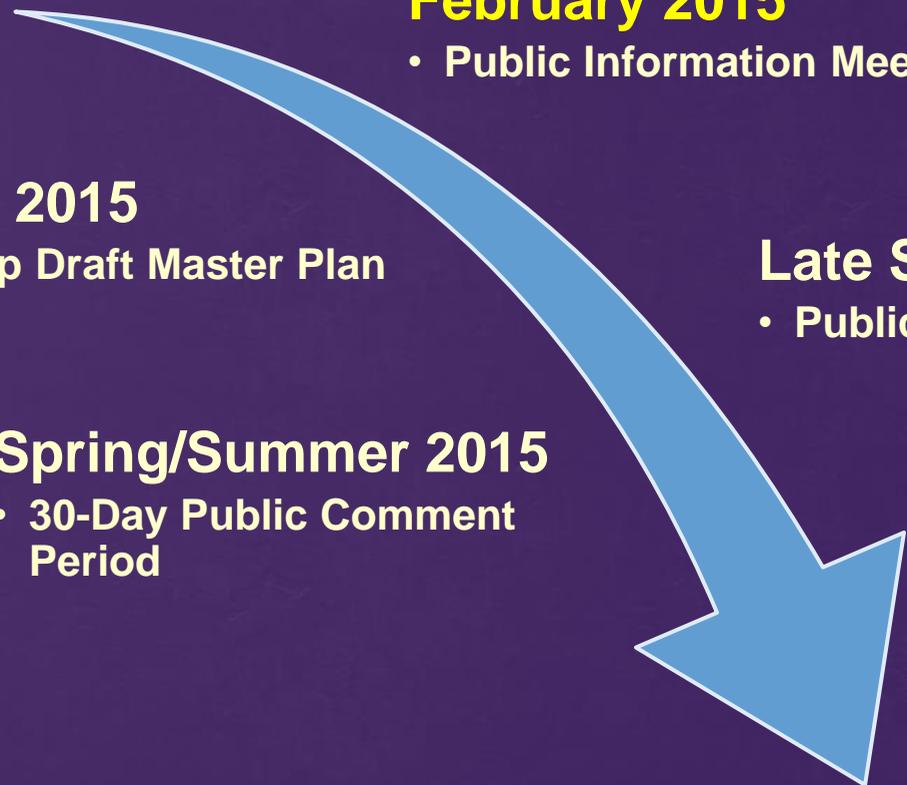
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Summer 2015

- Revise Master Plan

Fall 2015

**Park Authority
Board Approval**



Park Location



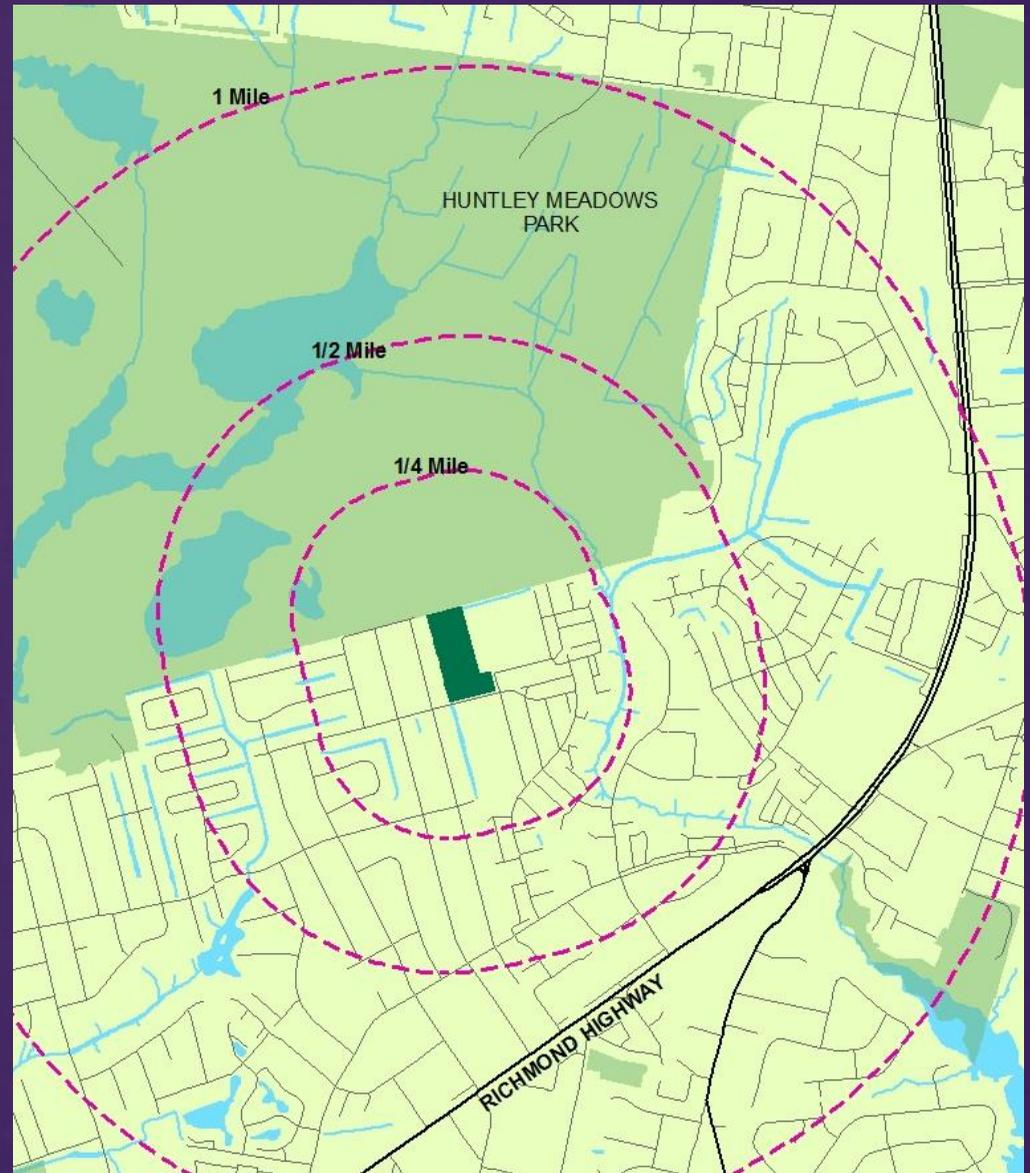
**Hybla Valley /
Mount Vernon area**



**Northwest of
Richmond Highway**



**Next to Huntley
Meadows Park**



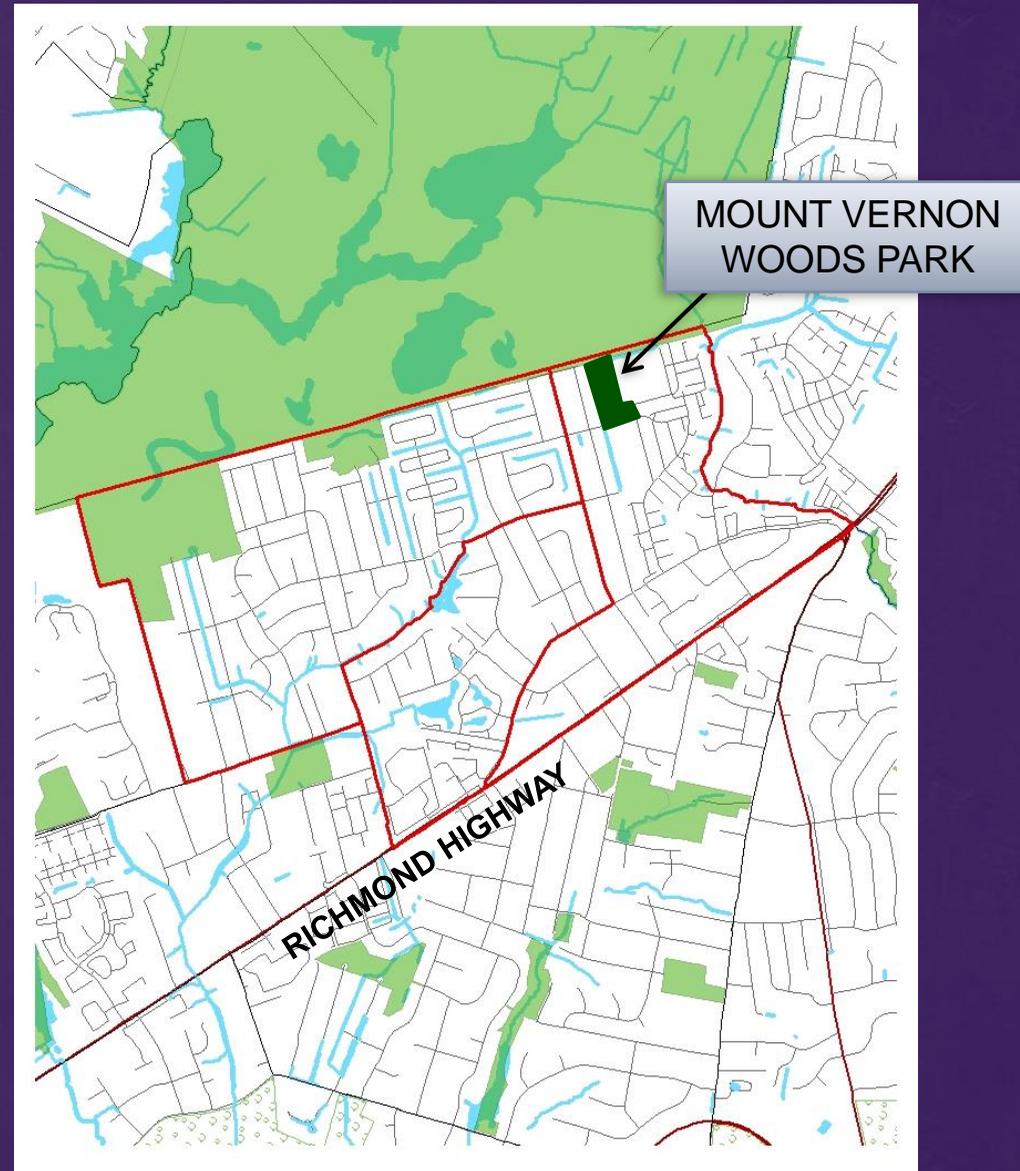
Nearby Population

 2010 Census Data

 3 Census Tracts

 About 15,000
people

 About 3,000 kids
ages 5-17



Nearby Parks



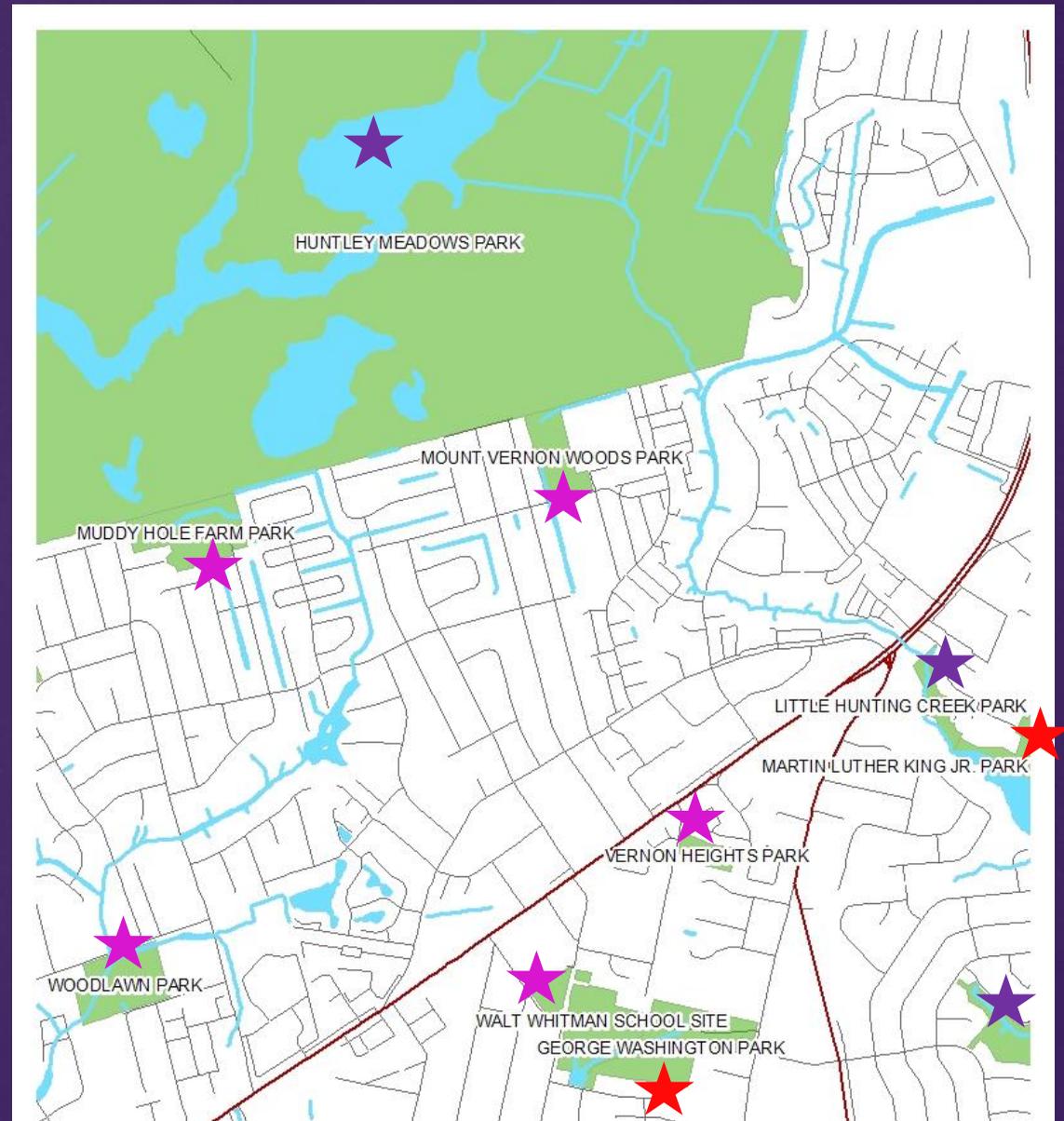
RESOURCE BASED: Huntley Meadows, Little Hunting Creek



LOCAL PARKS: Mount Vernon Woods, Muddy Hole Farm, Woodlawn, Vernon Heights



DISTRICT PARKS: Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington Park & RECenter

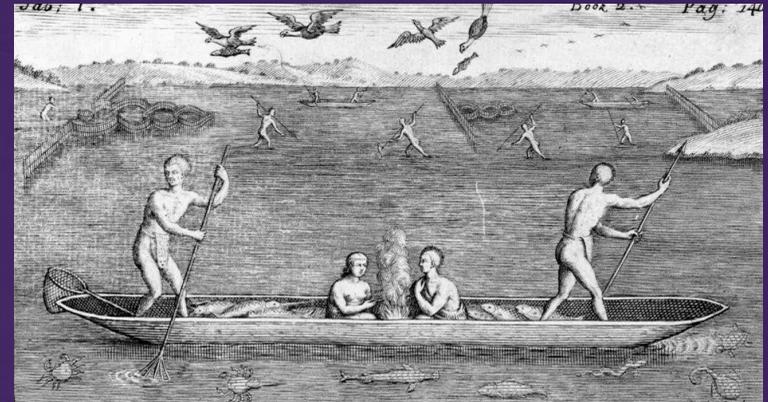


Aerial Photo



Site History

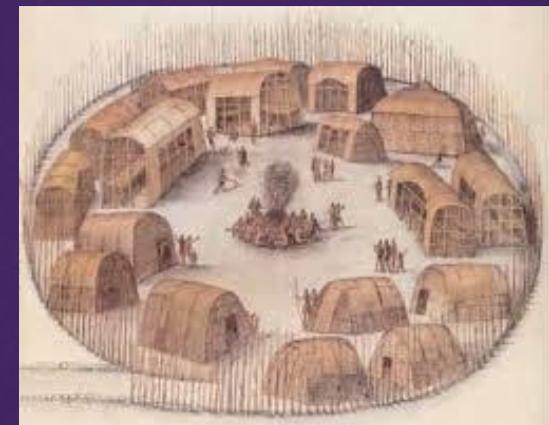
- Early History: Native American settlements
- 1700s: Muddy Hole Farm
- 1840: Land subdivided into smaller farms
- 1961: Parcel sold to the Park Authority



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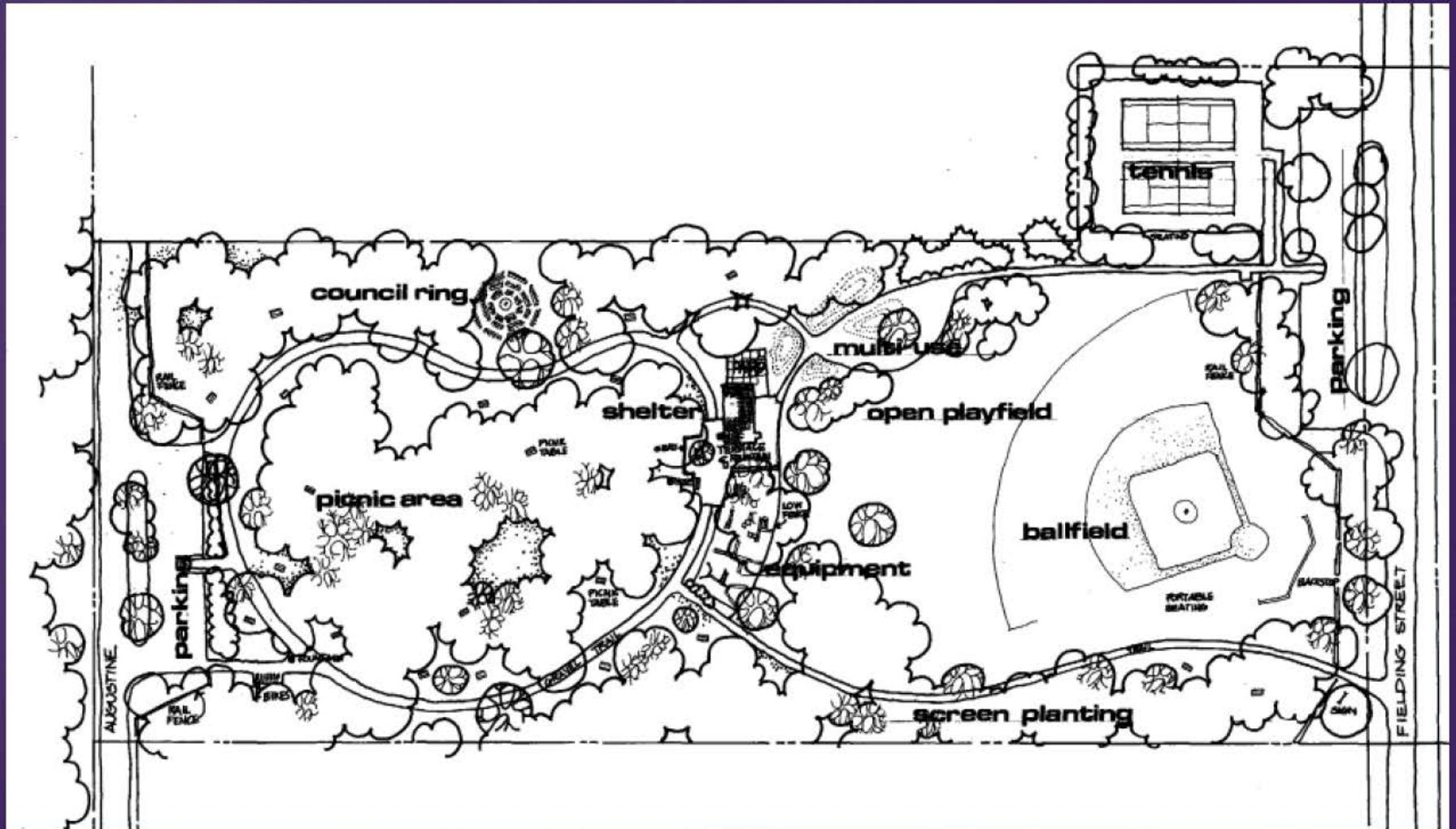


George Washington at Muddy Hole Farm



Tauxenent Village

1965 Master Plan



Existing Conditions

TOPOGRAPHY

🏡 Generally Flat

🏡 No steep areas

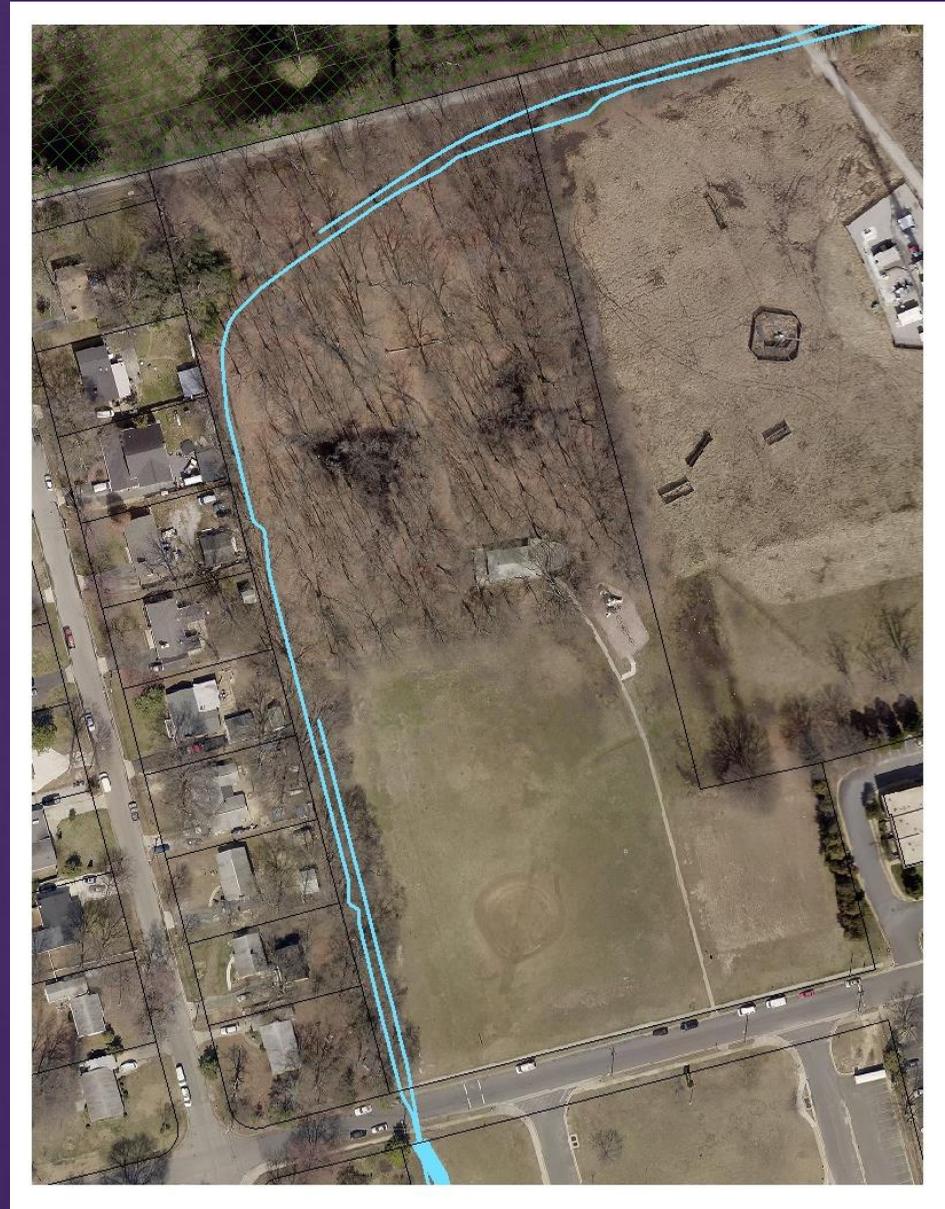


Existing Conditions

HYDROLOGY

🌿 Natural Drainage Swale

🌿 No Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area (RPA)



Park Classification System

LOCAL PARK

- Local-serving up to 3 miles
- Provides passive and active recreation facilities
- 2.5 to 50 acres
- Park visits last less than 2 hours



Existing Conditions

EXISTING FACILITIES

- 🏡 Playground
- 🏡 Picnic Pavilion
- 🏡 Open Play Areas
- 🏡 Sidewalk
- 🏡 Natural Trail



Master Planned but Unbuilt or Removed



Ball Field



Tennis Courts



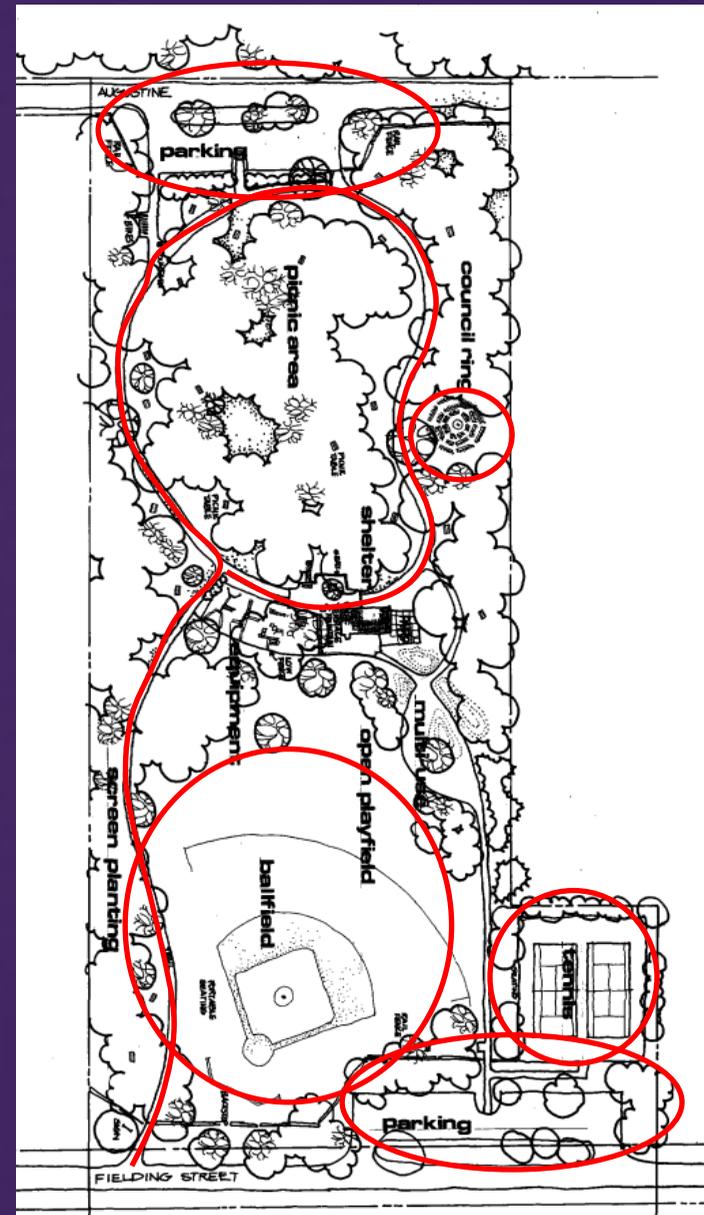
Parking Lots



Council Ring



Trail Loop



Help Plan YOUR Park

 **What changes to the park would you like to see?**

 **Uses**

 **Programs**

 **Facilities**

 **Improvements**

 **What should we consider?**

 **Issues**

 **Concerns**



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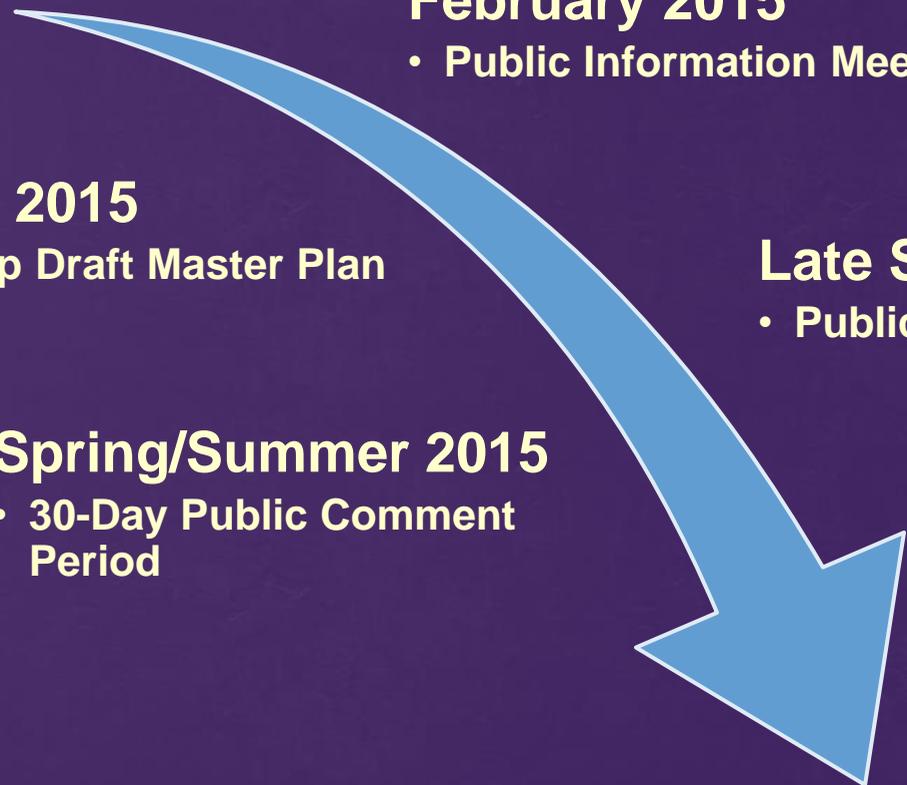
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