

# Ruckstuhl Park Master Plan



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**July 30, 2014**

# Tonight's Agenda

**Introductions:** Sandy Stallman, Manager,  
Park Planning Branch, FCPA

**Remarks:** Ken Quincy, Park Authority Board Member,  
Providence District

**Presentation:** Andy Galusha, Planner,  
Park Planning Branch, FCPA

**Discussion Session:** Moderated by Sandy Stallman



# Park Authority Mission

Enhance Citizen's Quality of Life Through:

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



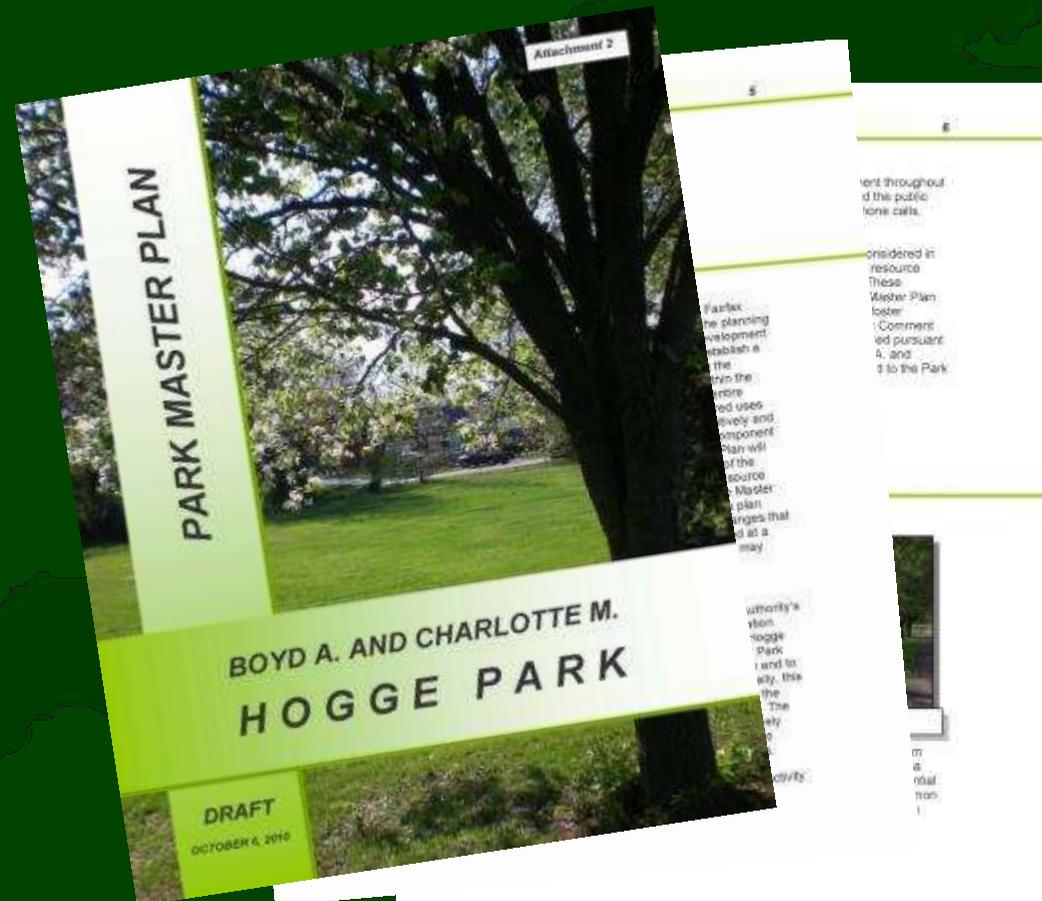
# Fast Facts about FCPA

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



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

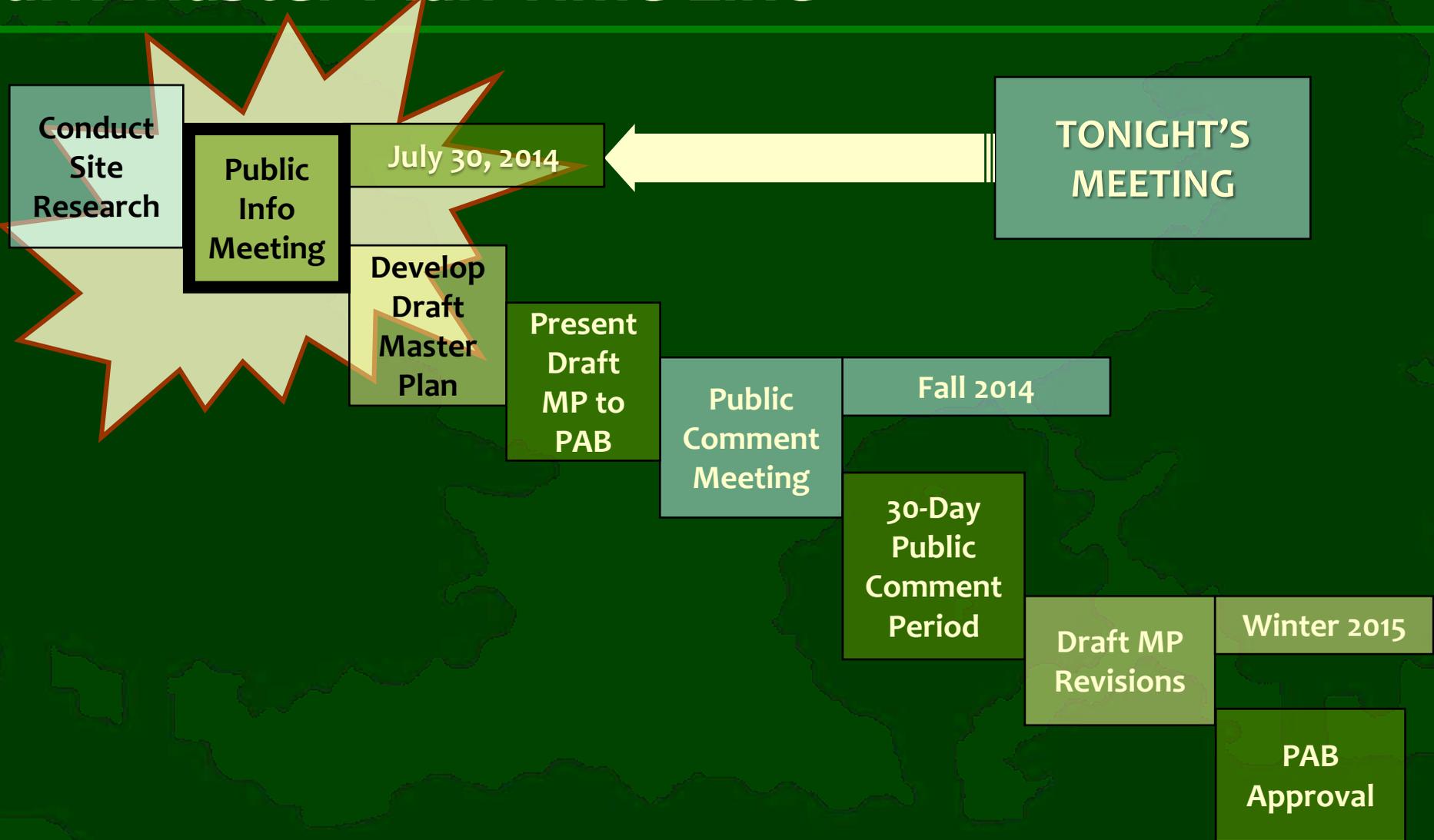


# Staff Resources

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



# Park Master Plan Time Line



← PUBLIC INPUT IS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS →

# Location of Ruckstuhl Park

- 🛡️ I-66
- 🛡️ Idylwood Road
- 🛡️ I-495
- 🛡️ Residential Community
- 🛡️ Tysons



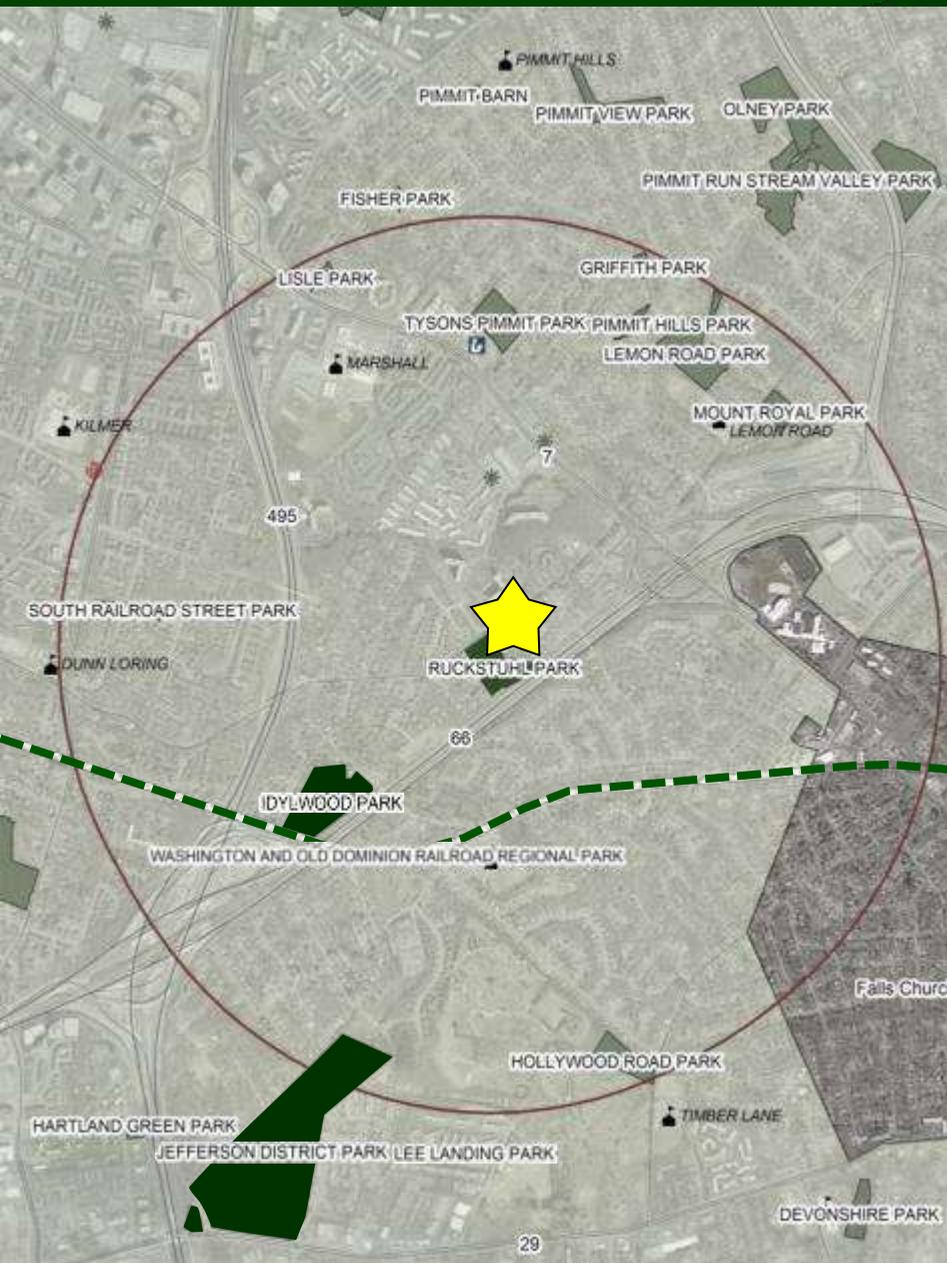
# Park Classification System

- Local Park
- Diverse experiences & activities
- Casual & informal social gatherings
- Lighted facilities
- Active and/or passive recreation
- Visit of 2 hours/day
- 2.5 + Acres
- Serve 3 miles



# Nearby Parks

-  **Idylwood Park**
-  **W&OD**
-  **Jefferson District Park**



**LEGEND**

-  Fairfax County
-  Fairfax County Parks
-  Ruckstuhl Park
-  1 Mile Radius

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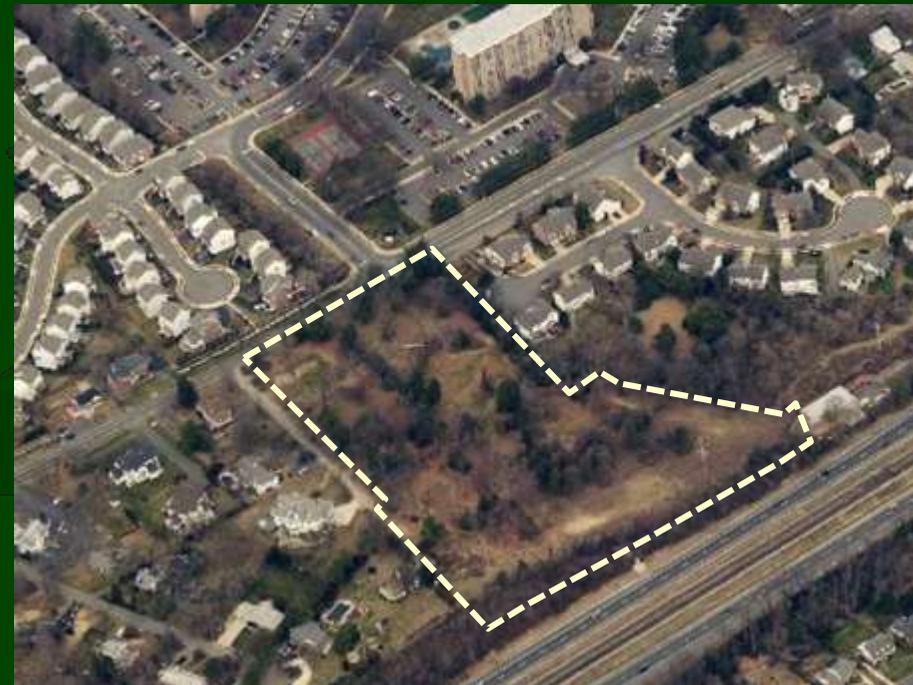
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## 2008- Present

- NVCT

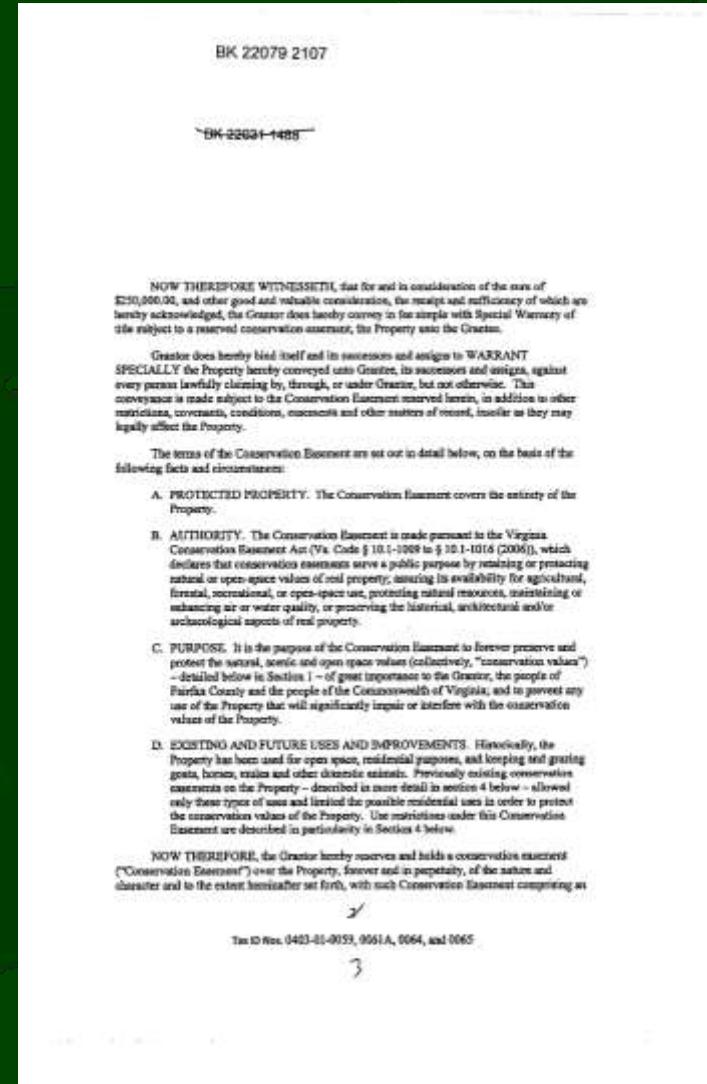
- Park Authority

- Demolition-2012



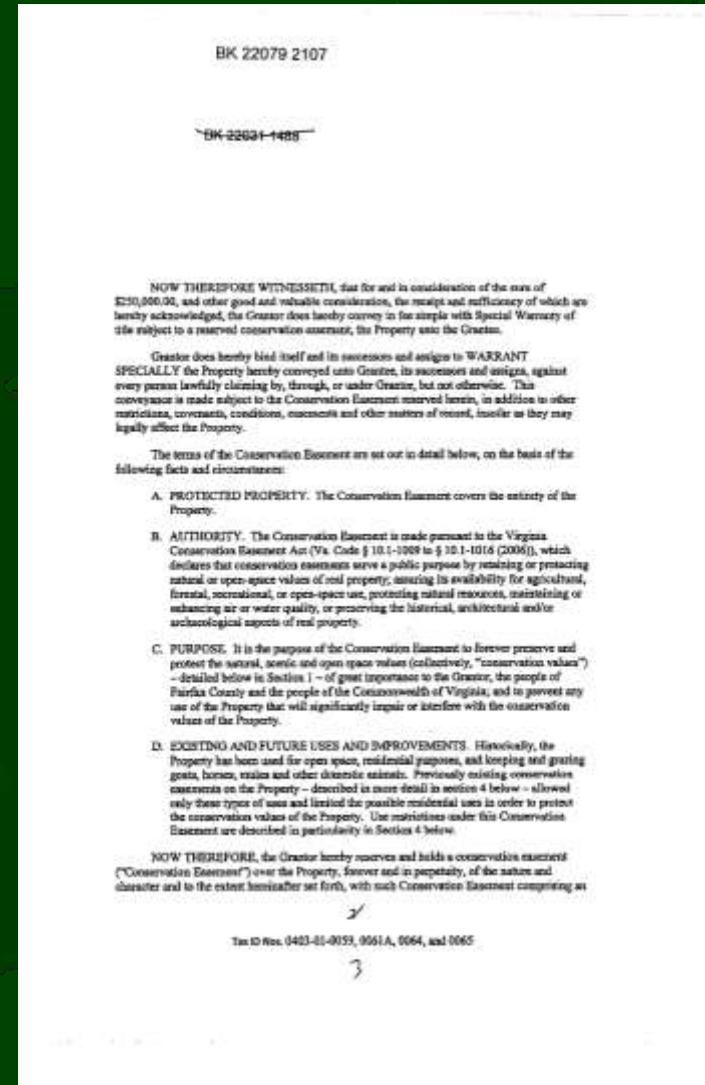
# Conservation Easement

- 🛡️ Purpose
  - 🛡️ Preserve natural, scenic values
- 🛡️ The entire site
- 🛡️ Public Outdoor Recreational Uses
  - 🛡️ Picnic areas
  - 🛡️ Benches
  - 🛡️ Interpretation
  - 🛡️ Trails
  - 🛡️ Community gardens



# Conservation Easement Restrictions

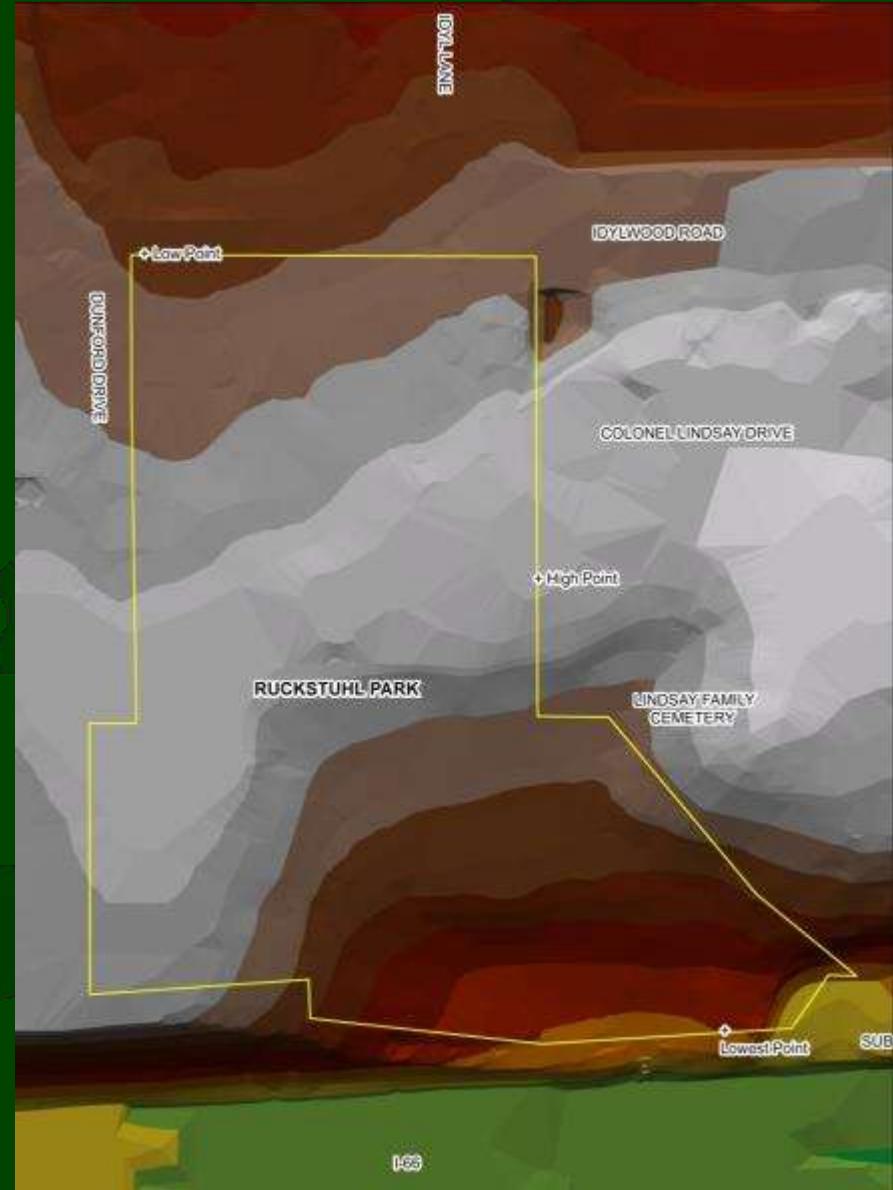
- 🛡️ Conservative Tree Removal For:
  - 🛡️ Tree & Environmental Health
  - 🛡️ Invasive species control
  - 🛡️ Disease/insect control
  - 🛡️ Safety concerns
  - 🛡️ Construction of park facilities
- 🛡️ No sports fields/facilities
- 🛡️ No structure, except for recreational use
- 🛡️ Lighting limited to public safety and security



# Existing Conditions



## Topography



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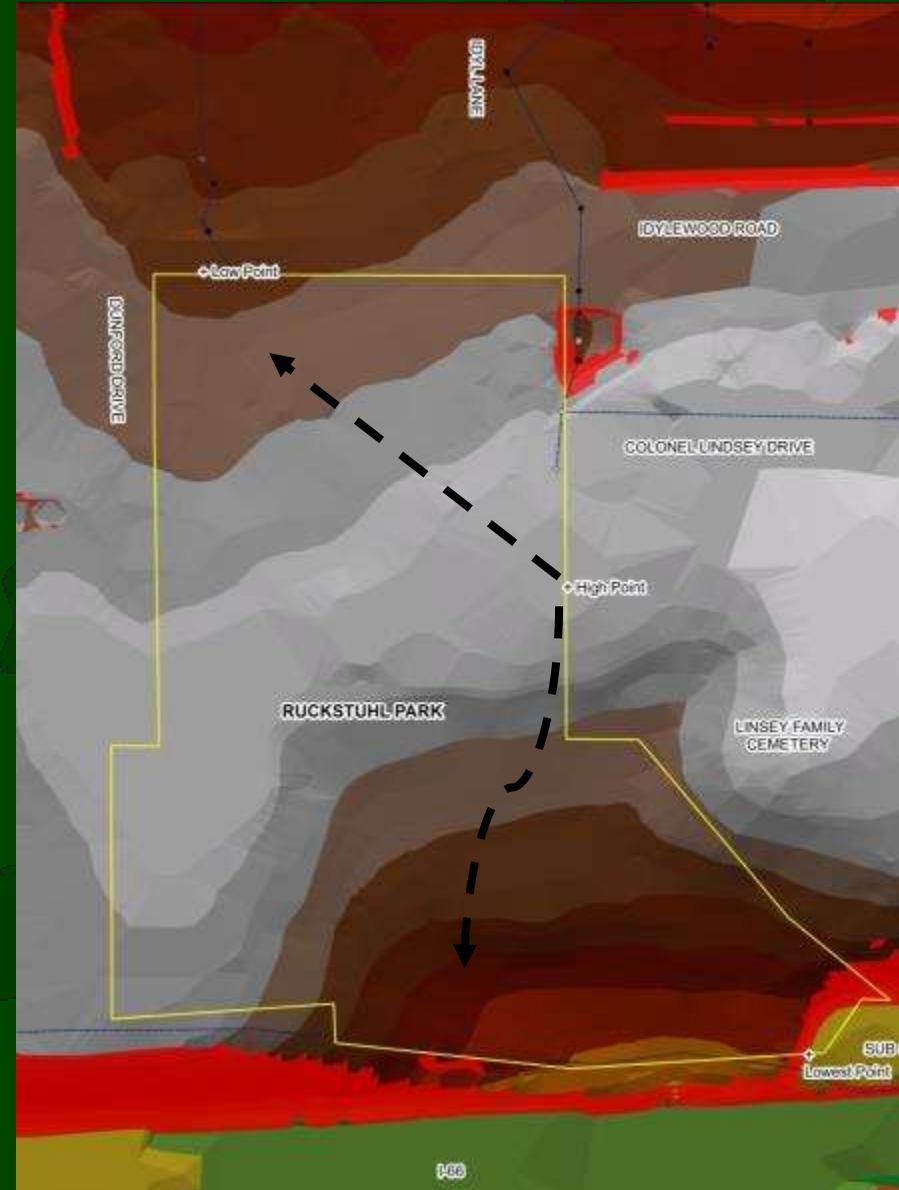
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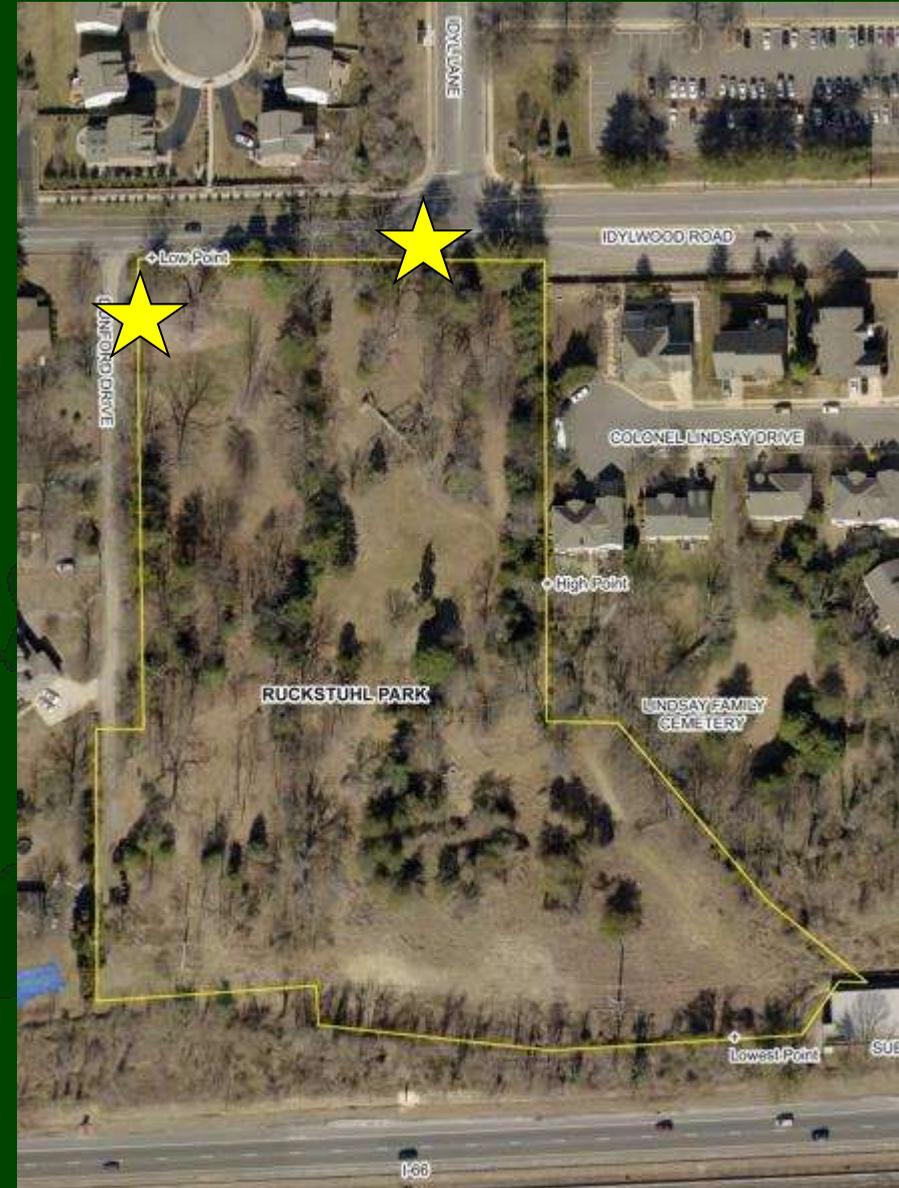
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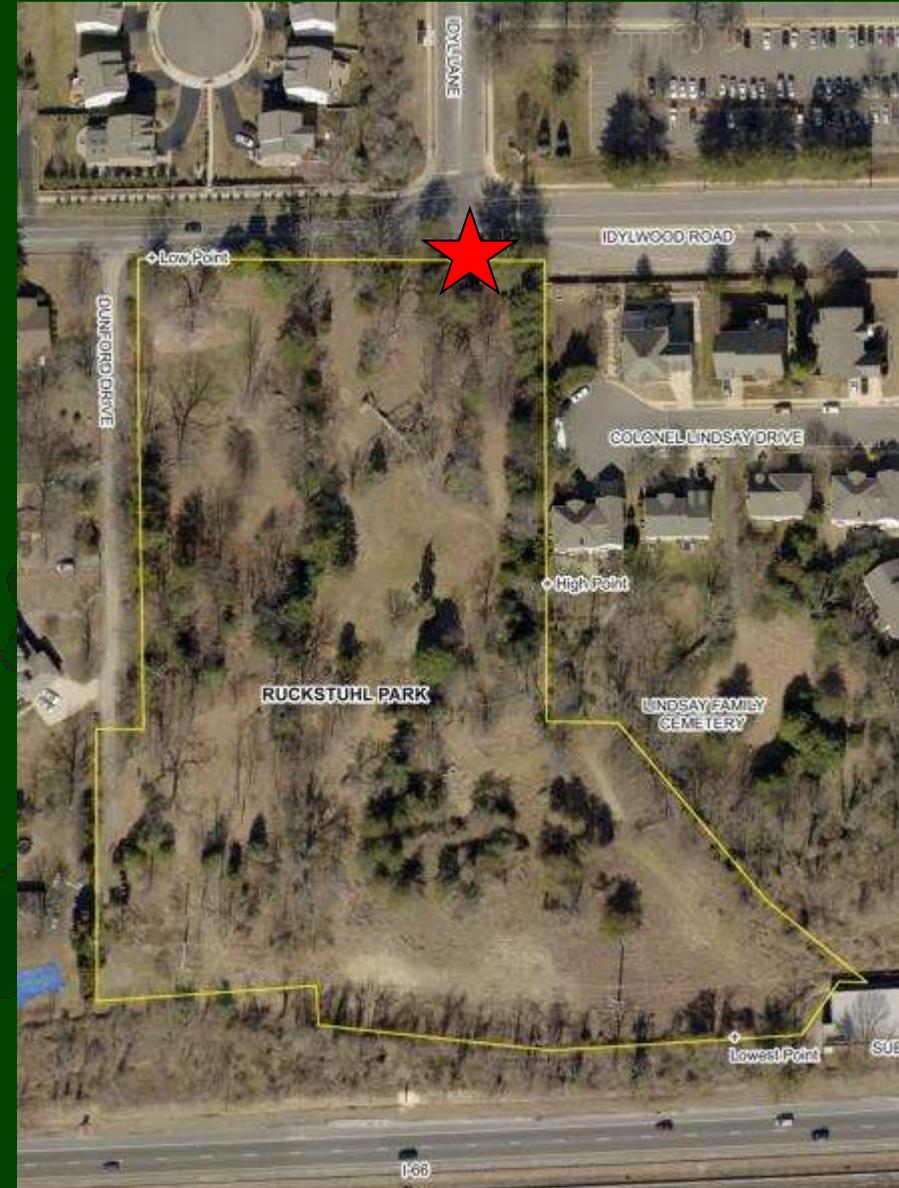
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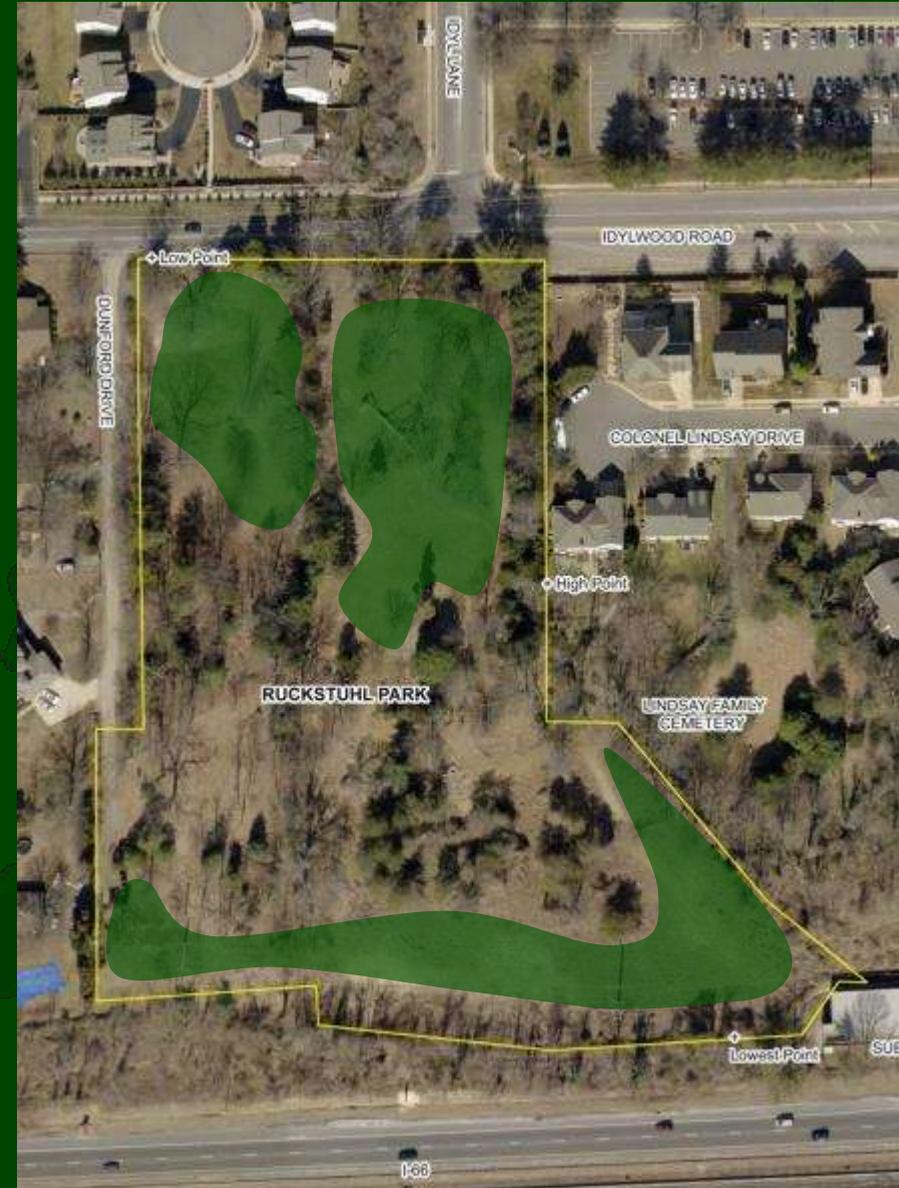
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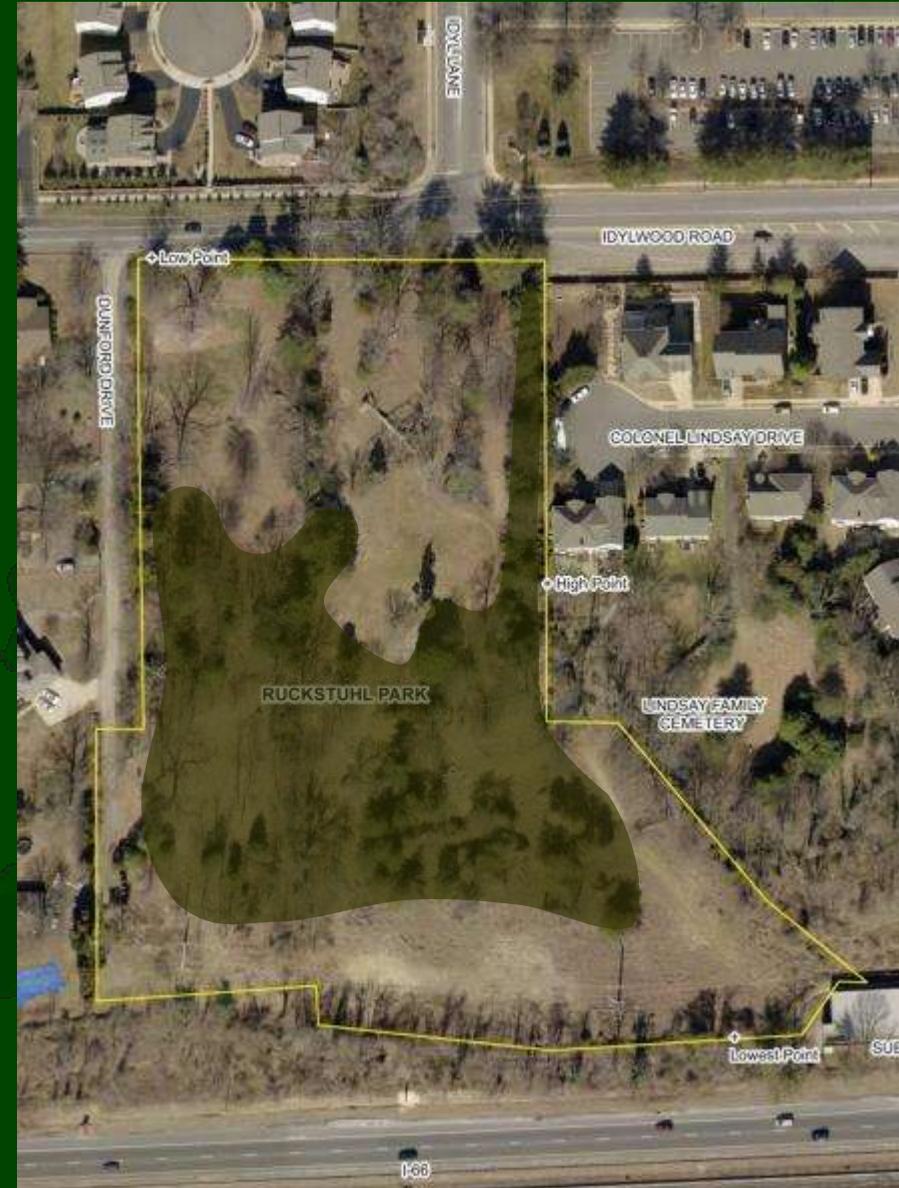
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# Master Plan to Address

- Community Needs
- Park Facilities & Uses
- Park Access
- Park Circulation
- Community Input



# Help Plan Your Park

## What would you like to see?

- Uses
- Programs
- Facilities
- Improvements

## What should we consider?

- Issues
- Concerns



# Next Steps in Planning Process

**Listen & Review Comments**

**Prepare Draft Master Plan**

**Present Draft To Public**

**30 Day Comment Period**

**Revise Plan as needed**

**Present to Park Authority Board For Action**



# Help Plan Your Park

Please visit our website:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/ruckstuhl.htm>

Please send comments to:

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