

# FOXVALE PARK

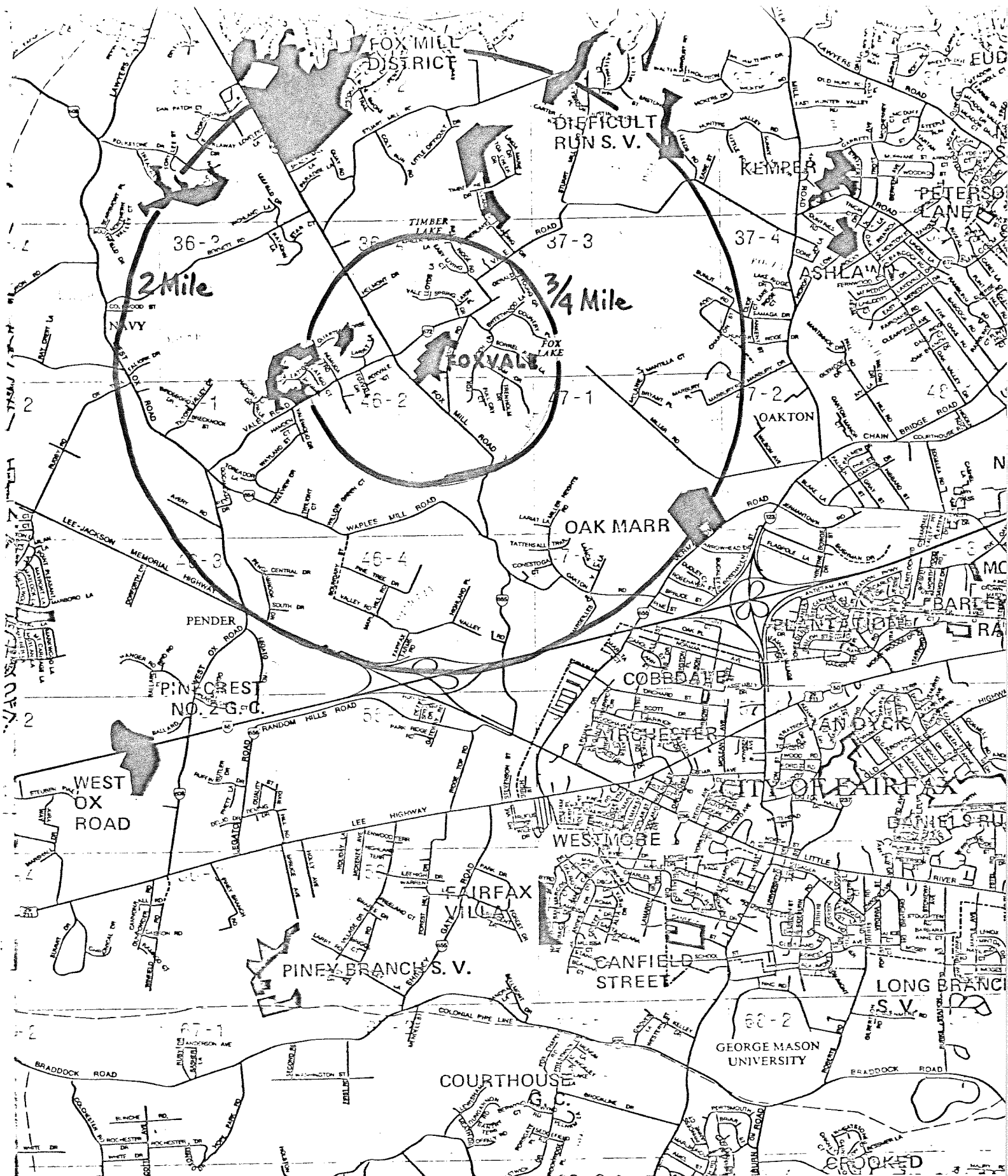
PRELIMINARY  
MASTER PLAN REPORT  
FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

MAY 1977

FOXVALE PARK

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# FOXVALE PARK

## REGIONAL MAP

Attachment I

SCALE: 1" = 4000'



## FOXVALE PARK

### I. LOCATION (See regional map, Attachment 1)

Foxvale Park is located northwest of Fairfax City in the middle of a triangle formed by Fox Mill, Hunt, and Vale Roads. It can be reached from Route 50 by traveling north on Waples Mill Road and Fox Mill Road to its intersection with Hunt or Vale Roads. (Tax Map 36-4)

### 2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AREA

Foxvale Park is approximately a 24+ acre site which is entirely wooded. At present, there is no development on the site and no vehicular accessibility to it. The area is rolling in nature, drainage is good to fair and the site is suitable for development.

### 3. VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE (See Naturalist Report, Attachment 2)

The entire 24+ acres at Foxvale is wooded, consisting primarily of Oaks, Tulips, and Maples. These can be considered as a mature stand and therefore are valuable in respect to their age. The maples are particularly in abundance and worthy of protection. Wildlife is typical of a hardwood forest with numerous small game and birds throughout.

### 4. SOILS, SLOPES AND HYDROLOGY (See Attachment 3)

Soil types vary from poor to excellent on this moderately rolling 24 acre site. Approximately 1/3 of the site occupies a strip of soil across the center of the property which is listed as Glenville and Meadowville silt loams. These soils are poor for septic systems, roads, and construction in general. The remaining 2/3 of the site consists of Glenelg and Manor silt loams which can generally be considered good to excellent for construction purposes.

Slopes are generally not restrictive to development with less than 10% of the site with over 15% slopes. About 25% of the site has slopes over 10%.

There are no major streams in the park area. One drainage swale exists at the northern corner of the park on Hunt Road. Overall drainage is considered "well" with few problems noticeable.

5. UTILITIES

A 10' wide sanitary sewer easement extends along the southwest corner of the site. Also, a 5' wide strip along Fox Mill Road is dedicated to public street purposes. No other utilities are noted on the site. A 12" water transmission main runs adjacent to Fox Mill Road.

6. ADJACENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

There are no recreational facilities (school or parks) within 3/4 mile radius of the park. The closest facility is Navy Elementary School (2 miles) - 2 apparatus/basketball courts/2 soccer.

Future active recreational activities are feasible in Oak Marr and Fox Mill District Parks. Both are within a mile of the park site.

7. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION INPUT (See Attachment 4)

8. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Foxvale Park is located in Area II of the County Comprehensive Plan in the Fairfax Planning District (see page 11-11-53). It is located, more specifically, in the western side of the Fox Lake Community Planning Section (F4).

The Fox Lake Sector is a suburbanizing rural area. Most all development is single-family detached on one acre or larger lots. The population growth projected for this sector will create a need for conveniently located local-serving parks and development of recreation facilities on existing parks such as Foxvale which contains several sites suitable for active recreation.

The Comprehensive Plan recommends:

1. Develop the Foxvale and Oak Marr Parks.
2. Acquire additional parkland through dedication within areas of new development unless adequate private facilities are provided.

9. DEMOGRAPHICS (See Attachment 5)

Area II is the fastest growing urbanized area in the county. It consists primarily of Fairfax, McLean, and Vienna, with the majority of growth presently in the Fairfax and Vienna areas. The Fairfax Planning District had an increase in population from 6,000 in 1960 to 30,000 in 1975 and is rapidly on the incline in growth. In general, it has a high proportion of married couples and a high medium household size. The Fairfax Planning District had a medium family income of \$17,200, \$1500 higher than the county average.

10. ZONING (See Attachment 6)

All adjacent areas of the park are zoned single family residential (RE1), primarily one acre lots.

11. CITIZEN INPUT (See Attachment 7 and 8)

Approximately 180+ questionnaires were distributed throughout the Foxvale Park 3/4 mile radius. Of these, we received 42 responses or 23 percent. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of all questionnaires indicate no development whatsoever. The remaining 21% indicated minimal development, such as nature areas, trails, etc.

12. TRAILS

There are no county-wide trail proposals through Foxvale Park.

13. MASTER PLANNING

The Preliminary Master Plan has been developed to coincide with the citizens' requests for minimal development. Staff feels that since the area is suitable for trail development that this ought to be added to the Preliminary Master Plan. A hiking/bicycling trail will give access to the park for all citizens in the area while still maintaining the site in its natural state.

14. COST ESTIMATE/ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST

The estimated cost to complete the Preliminary Master Plan as proposed (based on June 1977 estimate is as follows:

A. Walkway, 6' wide, gravel, 4500 LF @ \$5.40/LF	\$24,300
B. Miscellaneous (signs, bridges, etc.)	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$26,300
CONTINGENCIES (10%)	2,630
	\$28,930

14. COST ESTIMATE/ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST (cont.)

The annual maintenance cost breakdown is: as follows:

A. Gravel walks 4500 LF @ \$292/1000 ft. \$1,314.00

15. FUNDING

Approximately \$50,000 has been allotted for development of Foxvale Park in FY 77.

16. COST VS. BENEFITS

Although Foxvale Park is a public park, it is oriented primarily to serve the citizens of a 3/4 mile radius which numbers about 700. The total cost in this respect would be approximately \$41.40 per person. This does not take into consideration future generations of users. The figure \$41.40 is a relatively high figure but unavoidable in that it already represents the most minimal of development.

By retaining the natural state of the park, we will also be providing protection of the environment, habitats for small game and birds, and improving the mental and physical aspects of human life.

Fairfax County Park Authority

M E M O R A N D U M

To:.....Files..(Foxvale Park)..36-4..((14)) -A

Date:..6/11/77.....

From:..Paul Engman.....

Subject:..Masterplan.....

Foxvale Park is approximately 30 acres of upland forest located near the intersection of Foxmill and Vale Roads, Centreville Magisterial District. It is completely undeveloped at this time. It is bordered by single family houses. Only a very small western portion of the park lies within the floodplain.

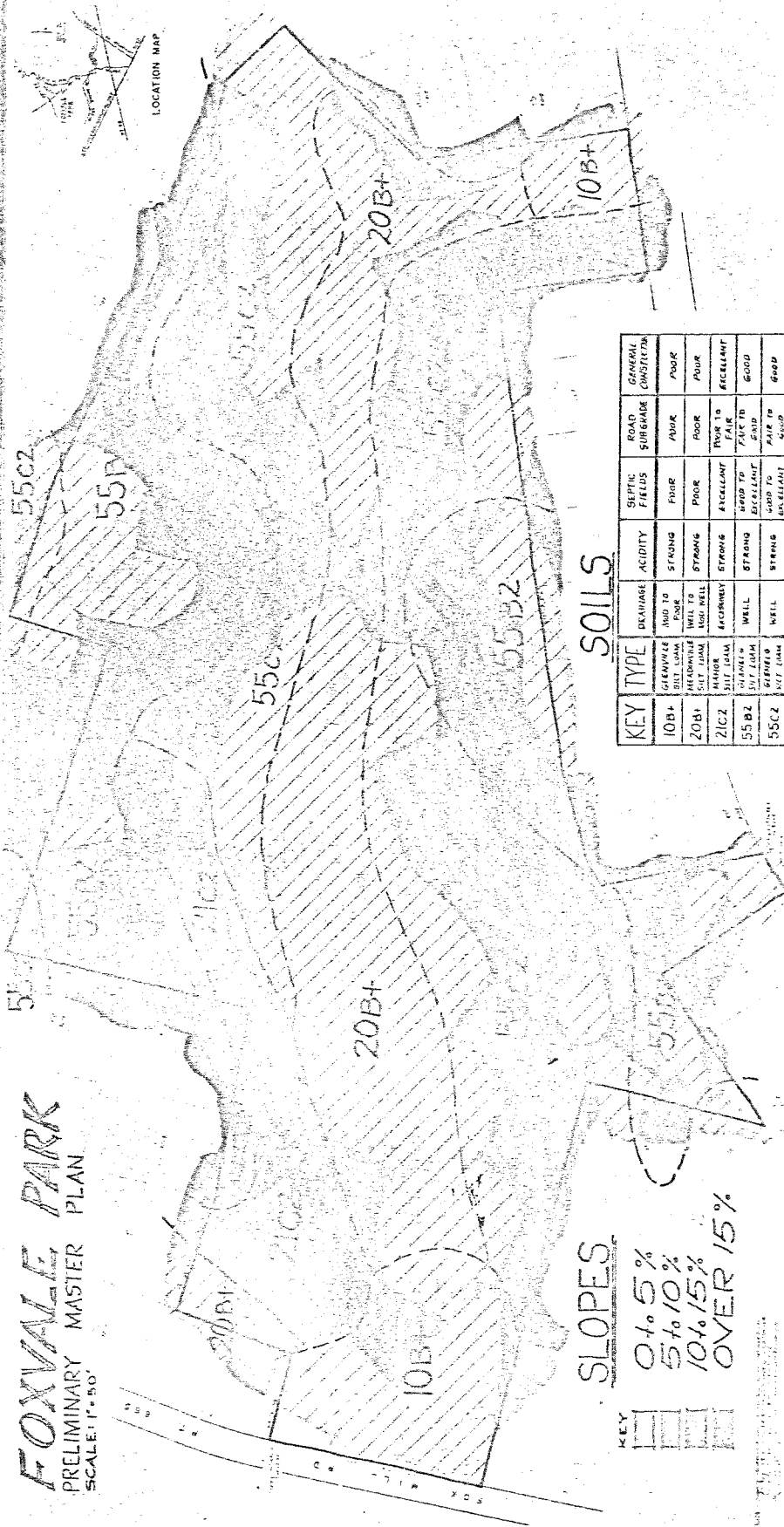
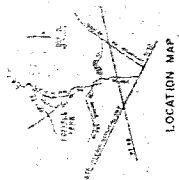
The entire park is wooded much with stands of young forest. A few large maple trees occur in the park and these should be preserved. The area is conducive to development and soils of the Glenelg-Manor Association produce no serious obstacles. Recreational opportunities in the area seem somewhat limited.

It is recommended that the site be considered for a combination of active and passive recreational activities. These activities would be dependent upon the citizen surveys but I would recommend minimum impact development (multi-use, tennis courts, etc.) as compared to intensive use (ballfields, concessions, etc.).

CC: Aldridge  
Peckham  
District II files



# **FOXVALE PARK** PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN SCALE: 1" = 50'



## **SLOPES**



## **SOILS**

KEY	TYPE	DRAINAGE	ACIDITY	SEPTIC FIELDS	ROAD SURGRADE	GENERAL COMSTRTN
10B+	CLAYEY SILT LOAM	POOR	STRONG	POOR	POOR	POOR
20B+	HEADWATER SILT LOAM	WELL TO MOD. WELL	STRONG	POOR	POOR TO FAIR	POOR
55C2	MAJOR SILT LOAM	EXCELLENT	STRONG	EXCELLENT	FAIR TO GOOD	EXCELLENT
55B2	CLAYEY SILT LOAM	WELL	STRONG	EXCELLENT	FAIR TO GOOD	GOOD
55C1	CLAYEY SILT LOAM	WELL	STRONG	EXCELLENT	FAIR TO GOOD	GOOD

# FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph P. Downs, Director  
Fairfax Co. Park Authority

FROM: J. Larry Fones, Director  
Recreation and Community Services

FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Foxvale Parks - Master Plans

REFERENCE:

DATE May 16, 1977

The following comments are submitted for your consideration in master planning subject parks:

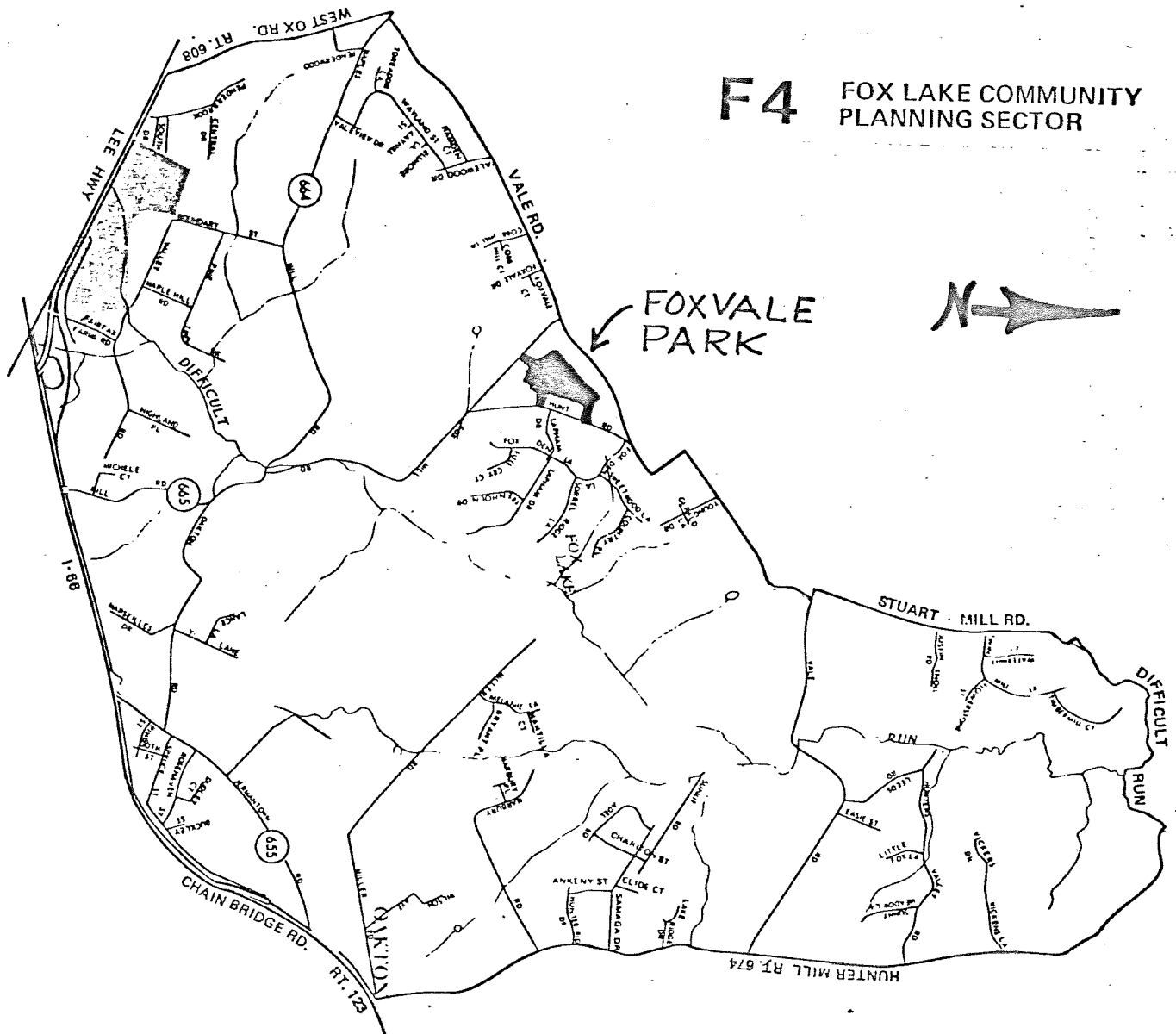
(1) Foxvale Park - Tax Map 36-4. This property would be ideally suited for development of most recreation improvements. There is a real need for development of athletic fields and courts due to the lack of such facilities in the Navy - Oakton - Reston area of the County, the communities this park will be designed to serve. The below listed facilities are suggested:

- a. Two (2) 60' softball/baseball fields
- b. Three (3) combination football/soccer fields
- c. Appropriate parking
- d. Four (4) tennis courts
- e. Apparatus area for elementary age children
- f. Picnic tables, seats and grills
- g. Multi purpose court for basketball and volleyball
- h. Footpaths

JLF:pws

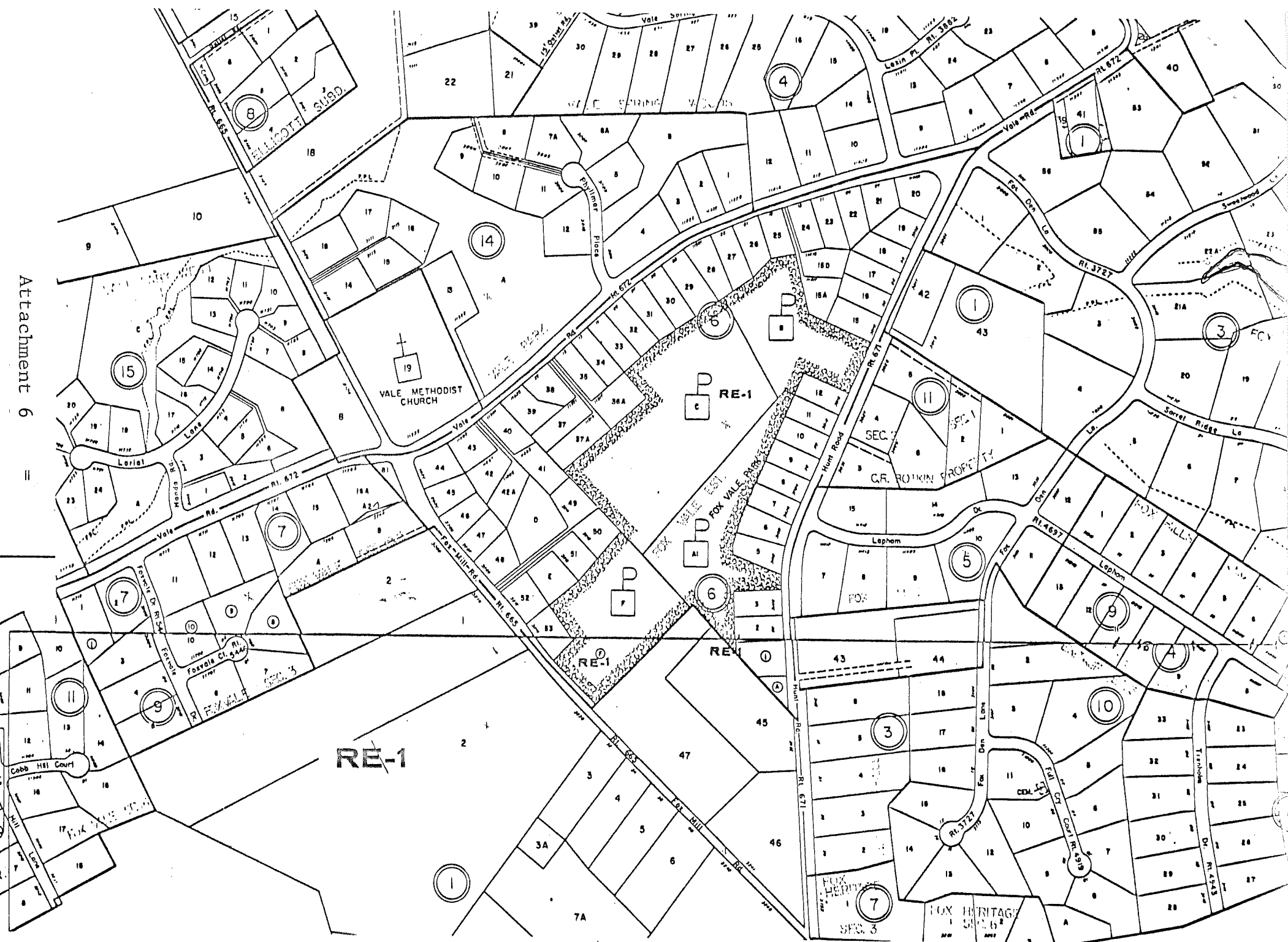
cc: William M. Peckham, Landscape Architect ✓  
Leonard Gunsior, Community School Activities Division

# F4 FOX LAKE COMMUNITY PLANNING SECTOR



F-4 FOX LAKE CPS

	EXISTING				ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL 1975 - 1990					
	AC.	DU'S	POP.	DU/AC.	AC.	C. & A. DU'S	ADD'L. DU'S	TOTAL DU'S	POP.	DU/AC.
Residential										
S. F.	1,135	930	3,385	0.8	1,188	686	300	986	3,589	0.8
T. H.					24	480		480	1,190	20.0
G. A.										
E. A.										
Commercial	3									
Industrial	2									
Parks & Rec.	102									
Other	121				52					
Vacant	4,037				2,773					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>4,779</b>	<b>0.4</b>



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ZONING MAP

SCALE: 1" = 500'

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY  
FOXVALE PARK QUESTIONNAIRE

The Fairfax County Park Authority is about to begin planning for the future development of Foxvale Park. The park is located northwest of Fairfax City, off Fox Mill Road or Hunt Road. The 24 acre park site is entirely wooded with single family residences bordering it on Fox Mill, Hunt and Vale Roads. (Tax Map 36-4). See location map on back.

As a potential user of this park, we are interested in your ideas on how it can be developed to provide the type of recreational experience you and your community desire.

If you are interested in assisting us in the planning process, please respond to the questions below and return this questionnaire to the Fairfax County Park Authority by May 13, 1977.

All suggestions will be considered in planning the park and a public hearing will be held before the final adoption of the master plan by the Park Authority.

1. Your name and address \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many persons in your family fall into the following age groups?

0-5 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ 6-12 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ 13-20 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ 21-50 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Over 50 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Should development be toward a passive nature with walkways, benches, grass areas, trees, and shrubs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Should there be no development whatsoever? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following facilities would be desirable in this park and be used by you and/or your family? (Please check all facilities, either yes or no.)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Tot Lot (pre-school)	_____	_____
Apparatus Area (ages 6-12)	_____	_____
Picnic Area	_____	_____
Shelter	_____	_____
Community Center	_____	_____
Non-Motorized Bicycle Trail	_____	_____
Hiking/Nature Trail	_____	_____
Natural Areas	_____	_____
Baseball	_____	_____
Softball	_____	_____
Little League Baseball	_____	_____
Soccer/Football	_____	_____
Handball	_____	_____
Multi-Use Court (Basketball & Volleyball)	_____	_____
Horseshoe & Shuffleboard Courts	_____	_____
Open Play Area	_____	_____
Parking	_____	_____

4. Which facilities would you like to see developed first? Include any that were not mentioned in the previous list.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have any other ideas or suggestions that we should consider in planning this park?

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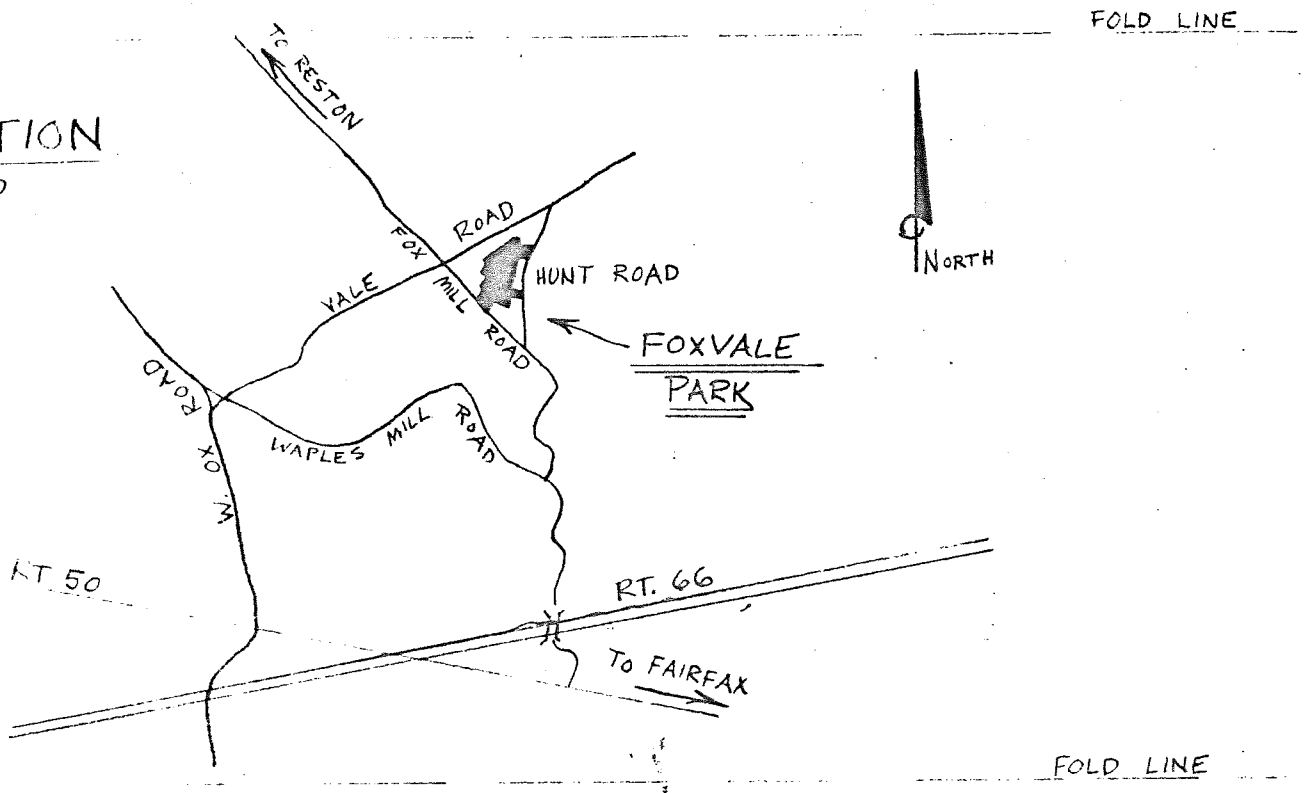
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The Fairfax County Park Authority would like to thank you for your time and cooperation.

LOCATION

MAP

NO SCALE



TO: Fairfax County Park Authority  
P.O. Box 236  
4030 Hummer Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

(WMP)



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FROM:

FOXVALE PARK  
QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

5-25-77

Questionnaires distributed: 180+  
Questionnaires returned: 42  
Percentage: 23%

I. Age Group Breakdown

<u>Age</u>	<u>No. (of 42 responses)</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
0-5	8	6%
6-12	26	17%
13-20	22	16%
21-50	70	50%
Over 50	15	11%
	<u>141</u>	<u>100%</u>

II. Facilities Receiving "Yes" Votes (more than two responses)

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Yes Votes (of 42)</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Natural Areas	16	38%
Hiking/Nature Trails	11	26%
Non-Motorized Bike Trail	8	19%
*Tennis Courts	7	17%
Open Play Fields	5	12%
Parking	4	9%
Multi-Use Court	4	9%
Tot Lot	3	7%
Apparatus Area	3	7%
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\*Not indicated on survey

III. Passive Development: Yes 8 No 14  
No development whatsoever: Yes 33 No 5

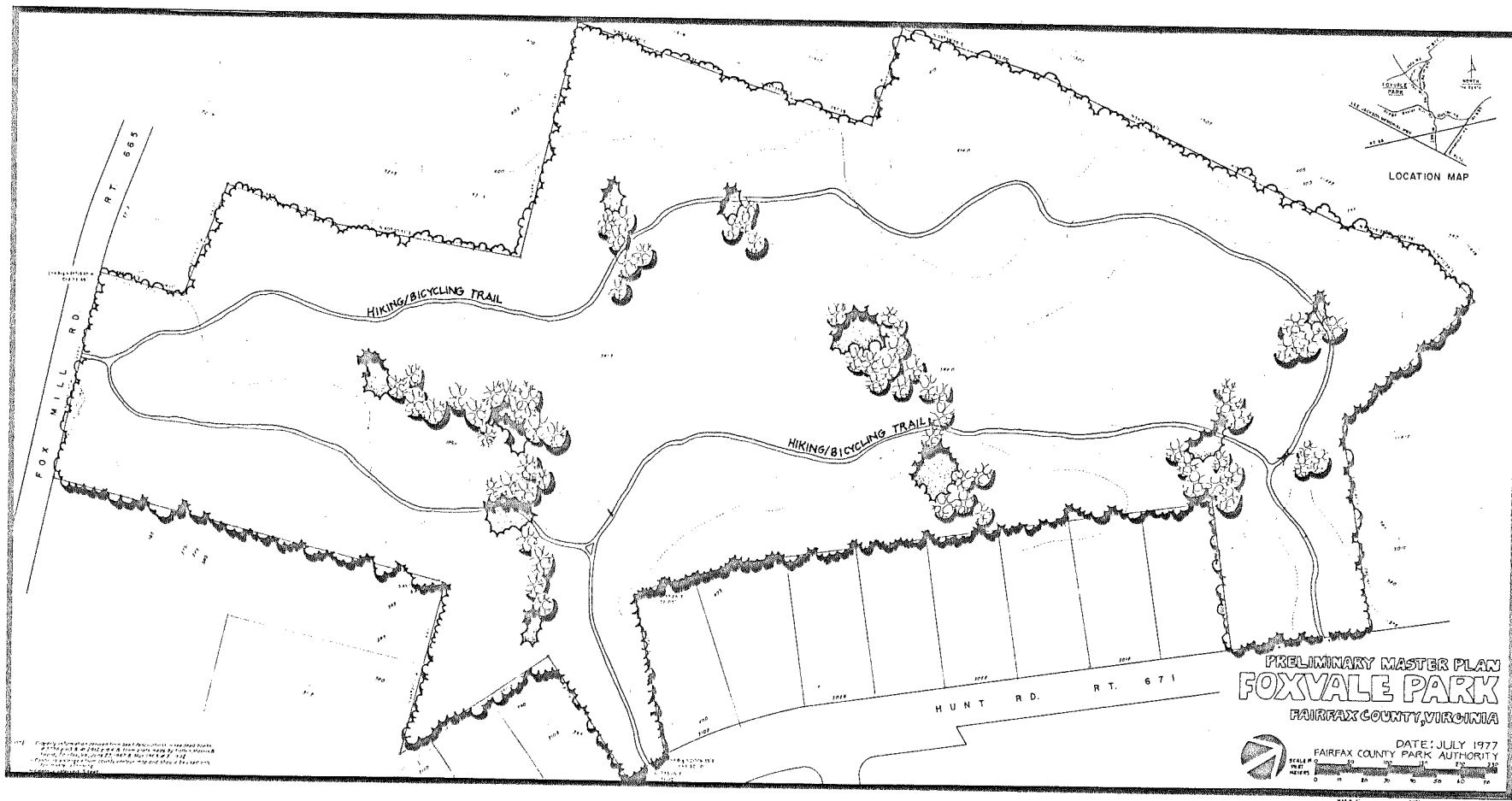
Note: 79% of all questionnaires indicate no development whatsoever.

IV. Observations and Recommenations:

With almost 80% of the community in favor of no development whatsoever, it appears that we should respect their wishes and leave the park as is.

It should be noted that tennis courts were mistakenly omitted from the list of facilities on the questionnaires. However, in this case, it appears that it would have little effect on the outcome.

Age group breakdown indicates a small amount of children in the area.





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SCALE: 1"=50'

