

Suburban Park Master Plan

In October 2018, Ferguson Township began a planning project to update the Master Plan for Suburban Park. Suburban Park is an existing 12-acre municipal park located in the Overlook Heights neighborhood. The Master Plan Update is guided by YSM Landscape Architects, park planning consultants working in collaboration with a Study Committee made up of residents and Township Staff. The park planning process includes public engagement to assure that the park design targets resident recreation needs and interests. Public engagement includes working with the Study Committee, conducting key person interviews, holding three public meetings, and soliciting input through an on-line citizen opinion survey.

The planning process completed to date includes: meeting with the Study Committee to set project goals, site analysis, outreach to key stakeholders and research, an initial public meeting to solicit input on how the park is currently use and new facility ideas. Conceptual alternative designs were developed and reviewed with the study committee and based on this input, the pre-final design was developed.

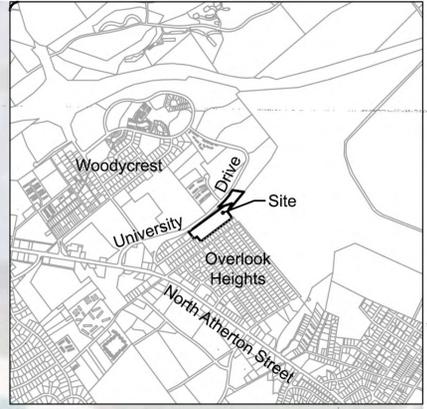
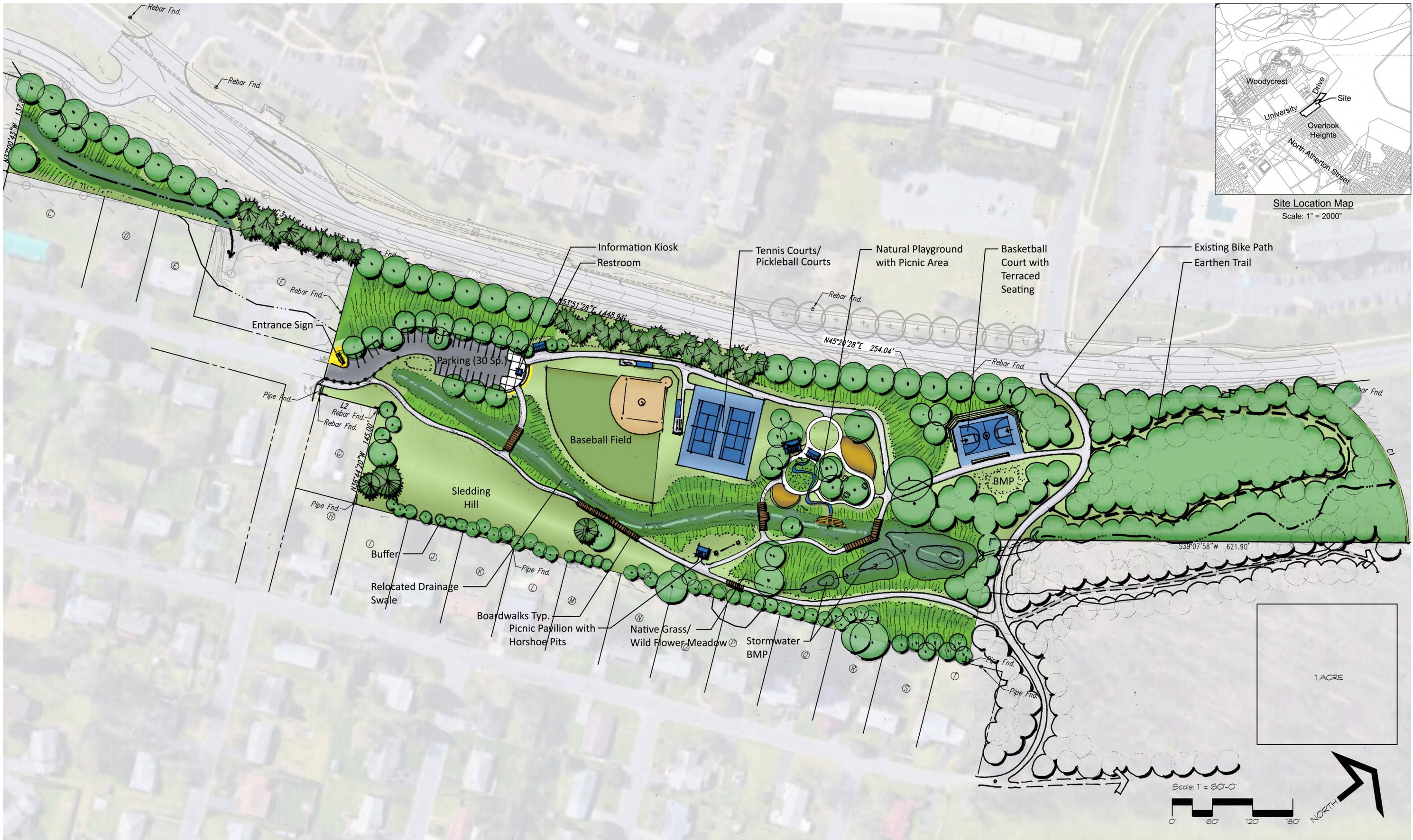
In addition to committee and public input, the park design is influenced by the limiting characteristics of the park site. A drainage swale and associated floodplain traverses the site. Approximately 30-percent of the park site is located within the 100-year floodplain. The drainage swale carries significant amount of stormwater runoff during storm events, flooding the park's low-lying areas. The park includes steep slopes that limit the development of recreation facilities. The southern boundary of the park is contiguous to residential backyards and privacy concerns must be addressed.

The pre-final design, attached to this narrative, illustrates the best thoughts to date based on the site characteristics and existing facilities, community input received, and study committee recommendations. The pre-final design includes:

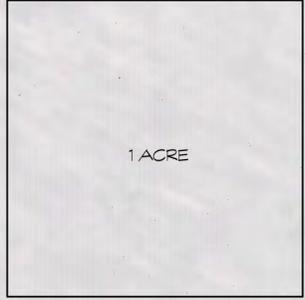
- Drainage enhancements to address stormwater runoff
- Improved youth baseball field
- Improved tennis/pickleball courts
- Basketball court
- Traditional and natural playground area
- Expanded picnic opportunity (picnic pavilions, horse shoe pits)
- Introduction of no-mow/low-mow meadow areas
- Expanded paved trails and trail loops
- Nature trails with boardwalks and stream crossings
- Restroom building
- Expanded parking
- Buffer plantings

The pre-final design will be presented to the general public at a meeting scheduled for January 17, 2019, at 6:00PM at the Quality Inn, located at 1274 North Atherton Street. The public meeting presentation will review the planning process, describe the pre-final design, and solicit comments and input from residents. Input received at the meeting will be reviewed with the study committee and incorporated into the final master plan update, as appropriate.

The next steps in the planning process will be finalizing the Suburban Park Master Plan Update design, completing a probable construction cost opinion for the improved park, discussing development phasing, and documenting the master plan in a narrative report. The final Suburban Park Master Plan Update will be presented at a future, advertised public meeting.



Site Location Map
Scale: 1" = 2000"



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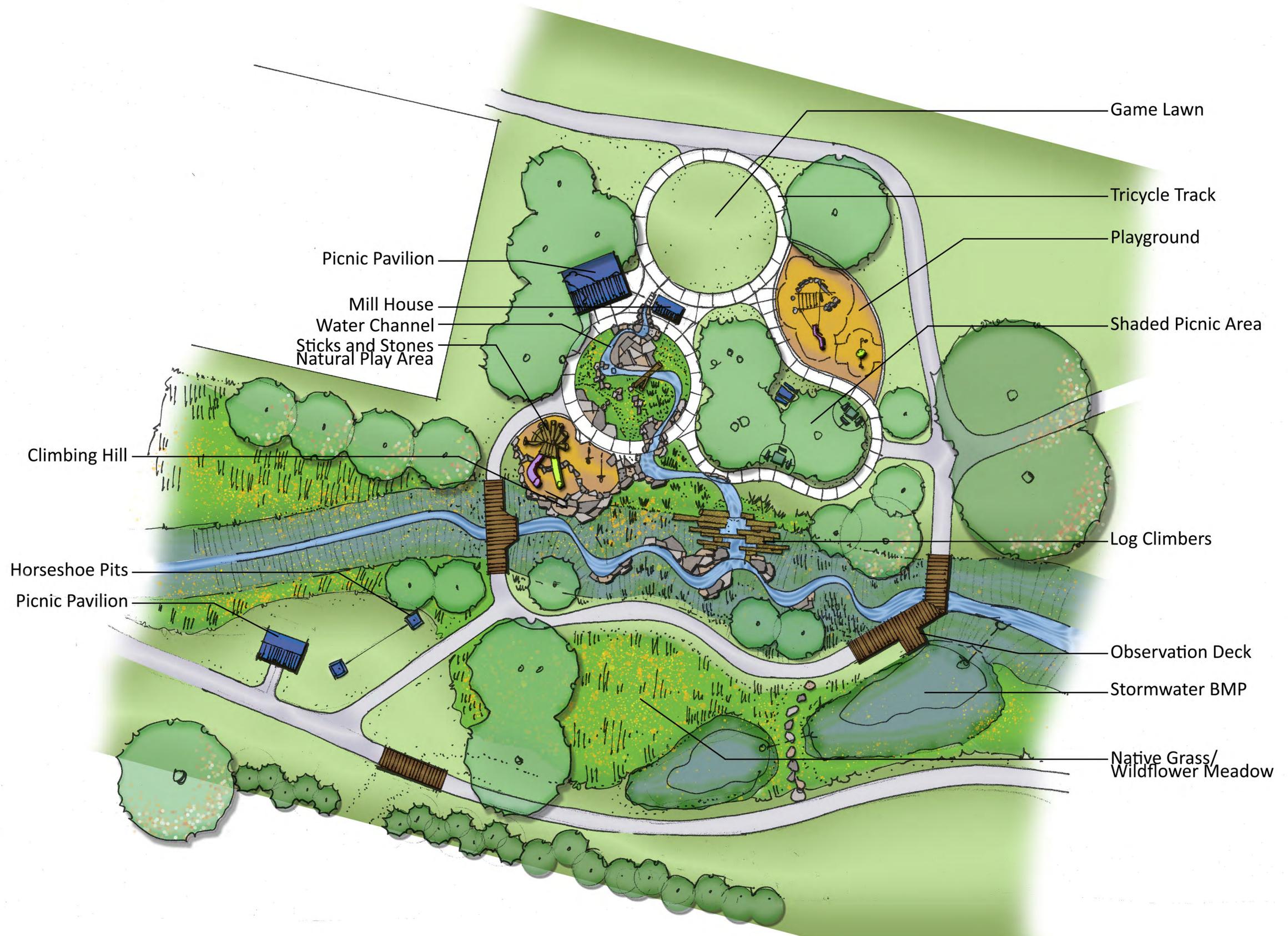
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