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Millersville Park Community Meeting



Millersville Elementary School
1601 Millersville Rd, Millersville, MD 21108, USA
November 16, 2023 - 6:00 – 8:00 pm



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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – DPW
- Opening Remarks – DPW
- Project Background – DRP
- Site Plan Presentation – WBCM
- Next Steps
- Questions

Project Background- Design Process

- **Project Description:** This is based on the approved County Budget. This project is for the design and construction of a park that would include natural turf multi-purpose fields, irrigation, field lighting, concession stand, bathrooms, utilities, stormwater management, trails, road improvements, and other park-related amenities.
- **Stakeholder Process-**
 - Every group should have representation - OMNA, The Friends of Millersville, Arden HOA, GORC, Arden Athletics, Crofton Athletics, two additional Community Members and the Recreation Advisory Board
 - The goal is to create a park that provides the MOST amenities for MOST of the people that will be used MOST of the time
 - Started in March, Concluded in October
 - Collaborative group to seek solutions and find compromise
 - This was iterative

Project Background- Topics Discussed

- Impacts on the Aquifer – This park will not draw a significant amount of water to deplete the groundwater. DRP provided information on how the fields are managed including the fertilizer guidelines.
- Tournaments – On average the Department has five (5) tournaments in community parks per year. This is not anticipated to be a tournament site.
- Bathroom/ Concession Stand Building – This is not included in the final design.
- SWM- Will be provided. The Department is open to discuss enhancements such as additional landscaping, exploring additional nitrogen pre-treatment removal for the dog park. WBCM will provide more information.
- Mix of Amenities in the Park – Arden Survey and Countywide Survey
- Number of Fields – Need enough to meet current needs for the surrounding community.
- Why not other locations? South Shore Park or Crownsville do not meet the immediate need. They have other planned uses
- Operating Model – Refer to the next slide
- Traffic - Park related traffic and community concerns

Athletic Seasons vs Traffic Impacts

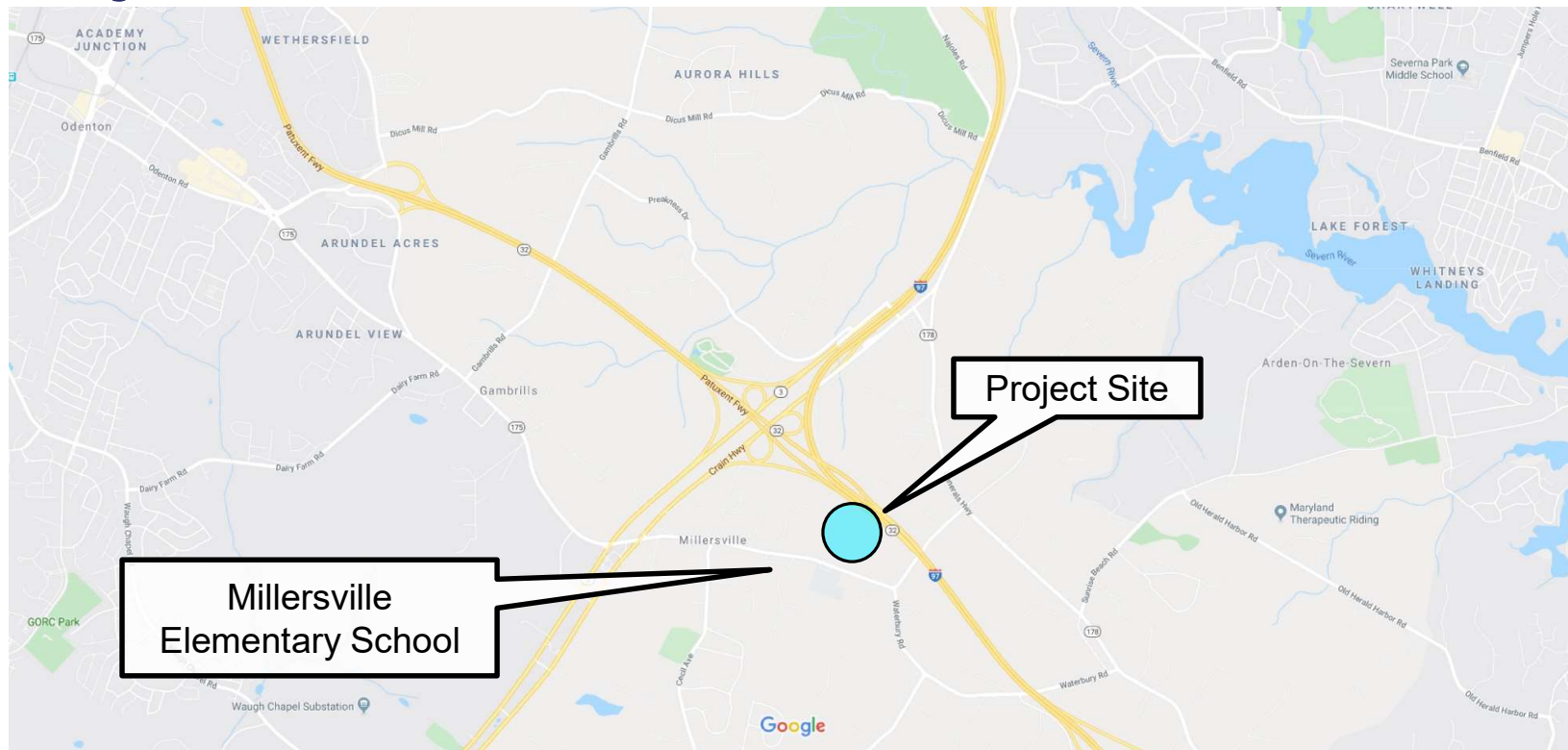
Athletic Seasons vs Traffic Impacts

Months	Field Us	Community use	M-F AM Traffic	M-F PM traffic	Sun	Sat
August 15th - November-15th	Fall sports	yes	Community use/ No impact to School or Commuter Traffic	Community use No impact to School Traffic , Practice starts at 5:00 pm	Community Use Games Church Traffic No commuter or school traffic	Community Use Games No Church commuter or school traffic
November 30th to March 1	No Activities on grass fields	yes	Community use/ No impact to School or Commuter Traffic	Community use/ No impact to School Traffic	Community use only	Community use only No Church commuter or school traffic
March 15- June 15th	Spring sports	yes	Community use/ No impact to School or Commuter Traffic	Community use No impact to School Traffic , Practice starts at 5:00 pm	Community Use Games Church Traffic No commuter or school traffic	Community Use Games No Church commuter or school traffic
June 15th - August 15th	Summer Camps/Open Play	yes	Community use Schools Closed Unless rented no sports	Community use Schools Closed Unless rented no sports	Community use Unless rented no sports No commuter or school traffic	Community use Unless rented no sports No Church commuter or school traffic

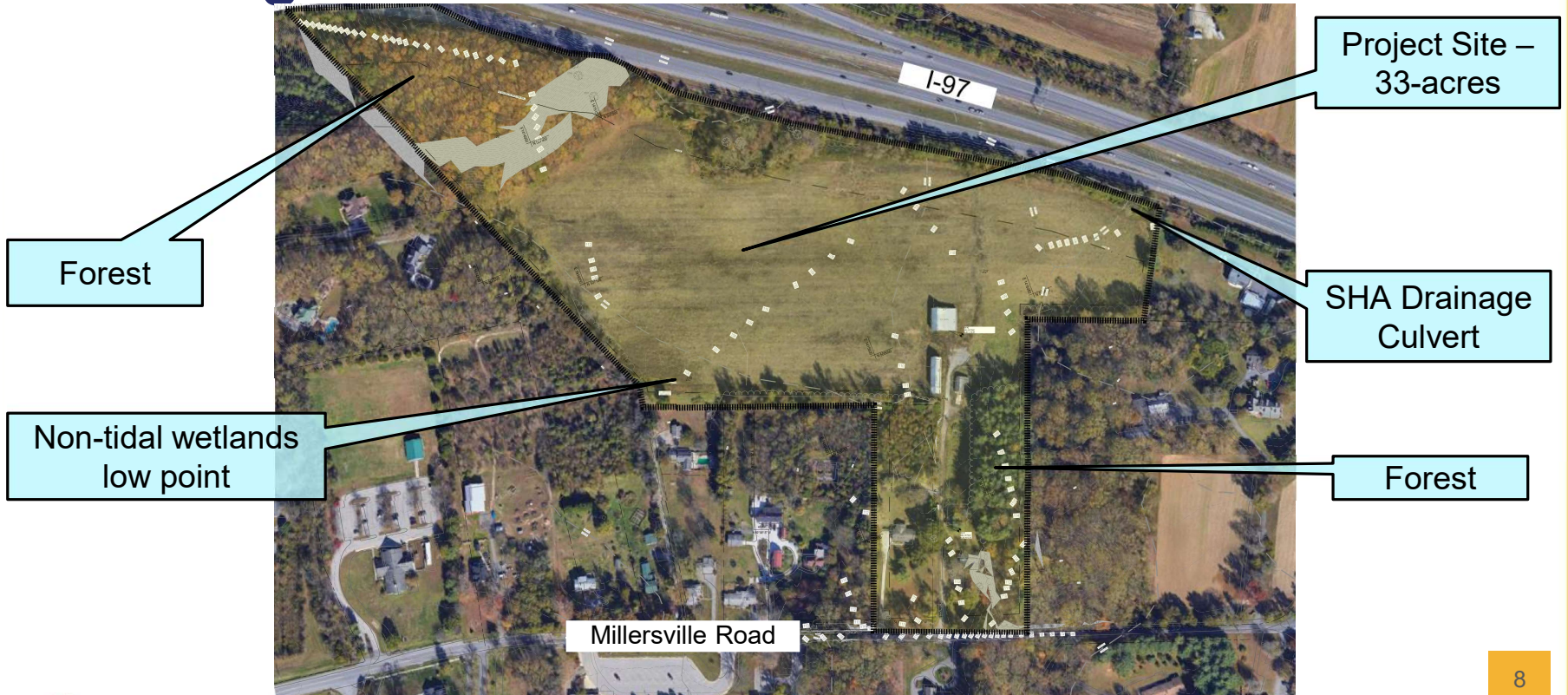
Project Background - Outcome of the Process

- Agreed that we had the correct mix of amenities.
- Agreed that the project met the project description.
- Final Stakeholder Votes:
 - 2 Fields - 2 for (OMNA and Friends of Millersville Park)
 - 3 Fields - 5 for (Both citizens-at-large, Arden HOA, Rec Advisory Board, GORC)
 - 4 Fields - 2 for (Arden Athletics and Crofton Athletics)
 - Based on these votes, **three fields is the majority.**
- **Design Outcome:**
 - Was for three fields with additional traffic improvements beyond what was needed to account for the Park's impact.
 - There is a finite amount of land and opportunity to complete these projects and the County needs to provide recreational amenities for all.
 - Overall survey feedback was supportive of a park at this location.

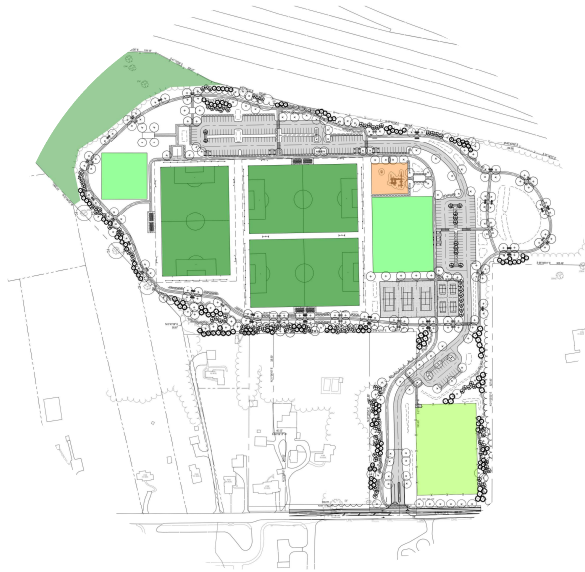
Project Location



Existing Conditions



Project Overall Program



Overall Site Plan

- 3 – 225'x360' Athletic Fields w/ irrigation, field lighting, & bleachers
- 2 – Open grass play areas
- Playground
- Dogpark
- Paved loop trail
- Landscape plantings & buffer screening
- Port-a-pot restroom area
- Parking Lots - 278 spaces
- Entrance Road

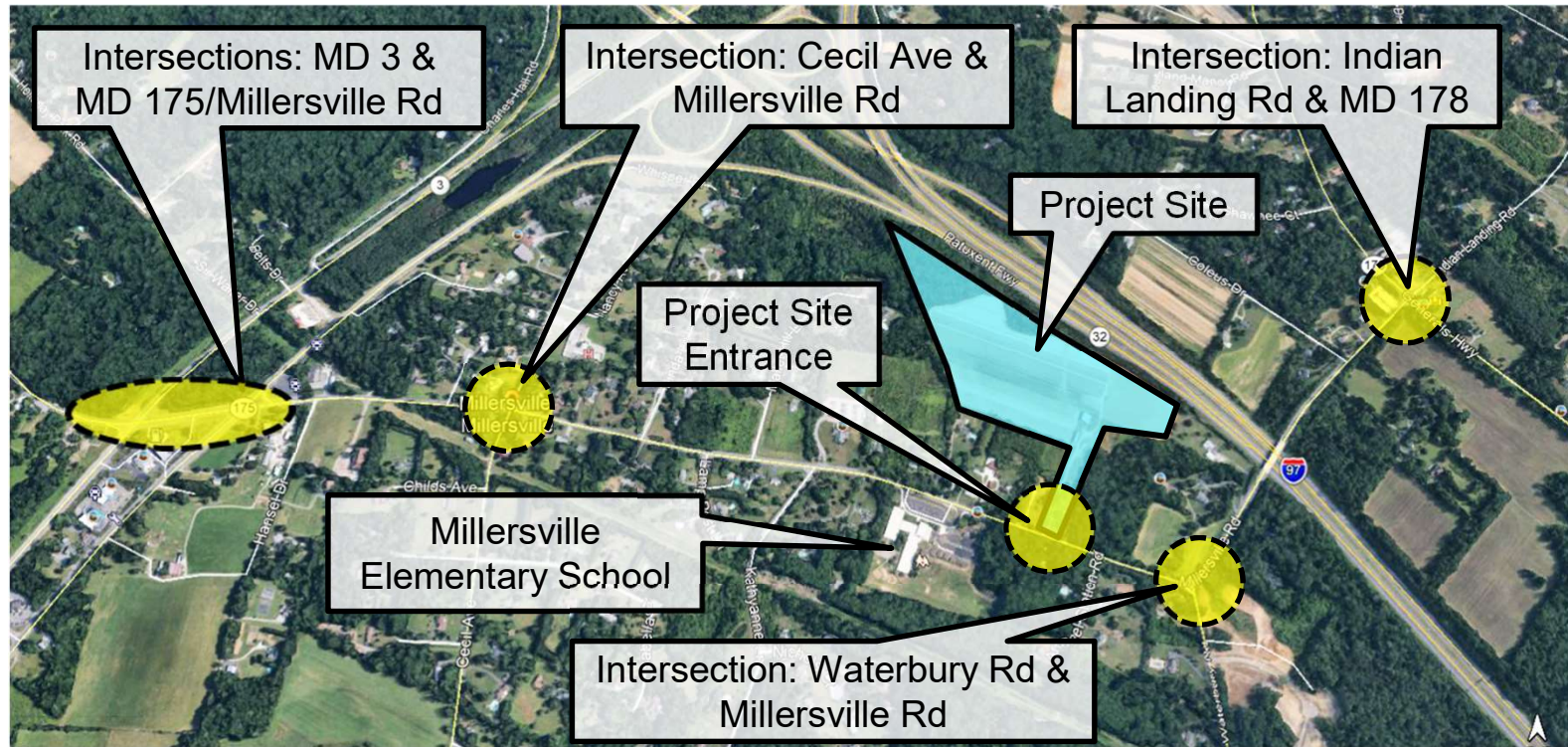
Site Layout



Highlights of the Final Park Design

- This a cohesive park that includes passive and active recreational areas.
- The forested area that is located in the northwest area of the park remains intact.
- There is a sidewalk connection at Millersville Rd that will allow you to walk into the park and immediately access the internal park trail.
- Stormwater Management that will address water quality has been included.
- Were the top 5 items from the Arden Survey included? -YES
 - ✓ Trails – Yes!
 - ✓ Natural Areas - the Forested Areas in the NW are preserved. Gardens and open grass spaces were provided.
 - ✓ Community gardens - Garden areas were provided. These were not community gardens. These are more like wildlife meadows
 - ✓ Playgrounds - Yes!
 - ✓ Picnic Tables and Pavilions - Yes

Traffic



Traffic (Existing)



Millersville Road

- Multiple traffic studies conducted
- Updated TIA considered stakeholder comments from 2018 TIA
 - Summer and Fall
 - RenFest
 - Churches
 - Jehovah's Witness Assembly Hall
 - Background Development
- MD 3 operational deficiencies
- Millersville Road reserve capacity

Traffic (Future)

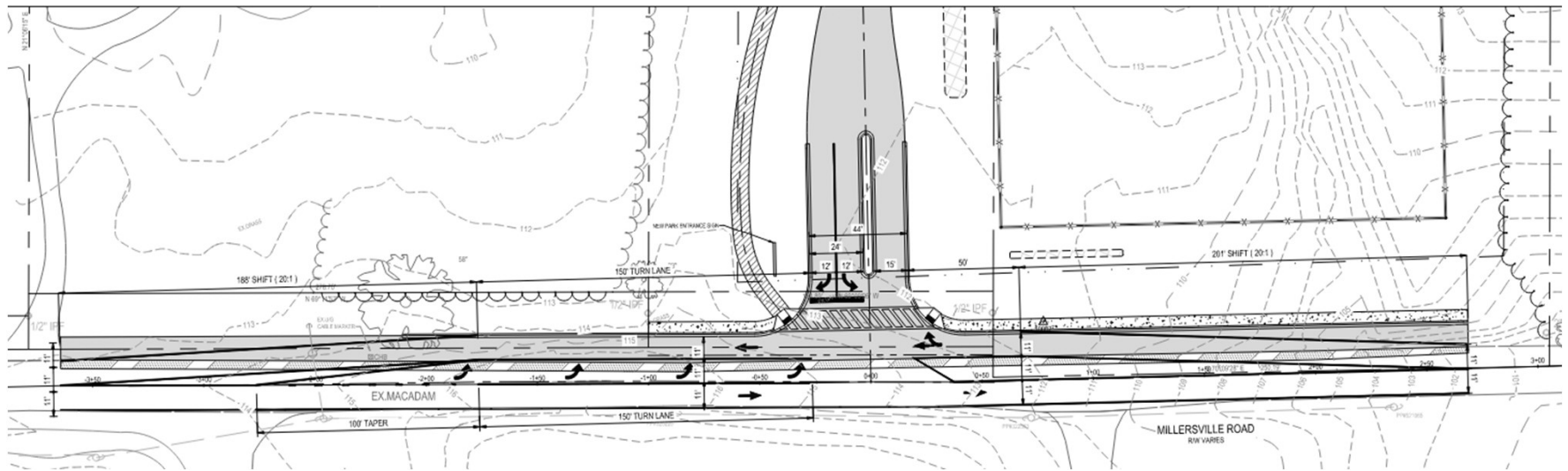


Millersville Road

- Background Development
- What impacts are evaluated?
- Site Generated Trips
 - Nominal compared to Background trips
 - ITE
 - County Data
- Fall trips control
- School and Site peak hours do not overlap
- No significant traffic impacts from site trips

Traffic (Improvements)

- Park Entrance



Traffic (Improvements)

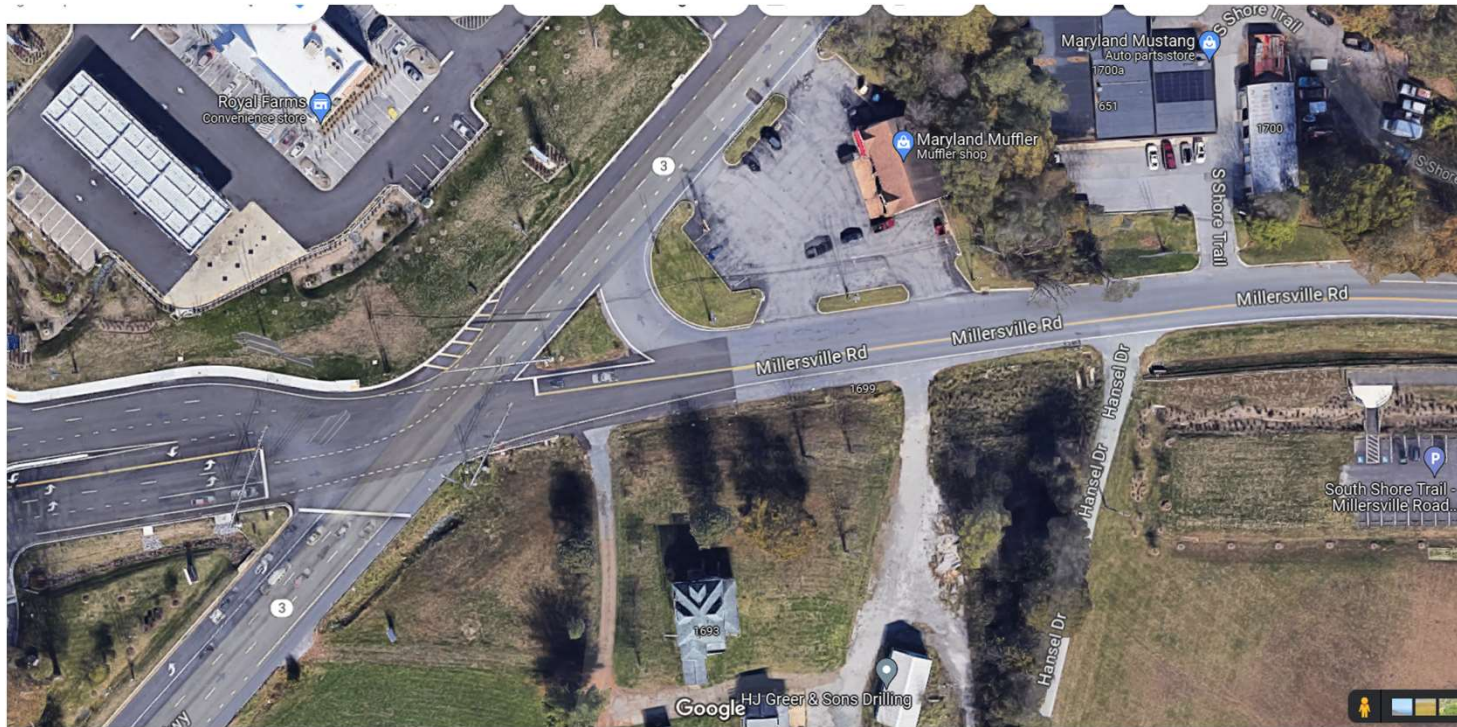
- Millersville Road/Waterbury Road



- Pavement Markings
- Rumble Strips
- Signing
- Vertical Delineators
- RPMs
- Lighting
- Trimming

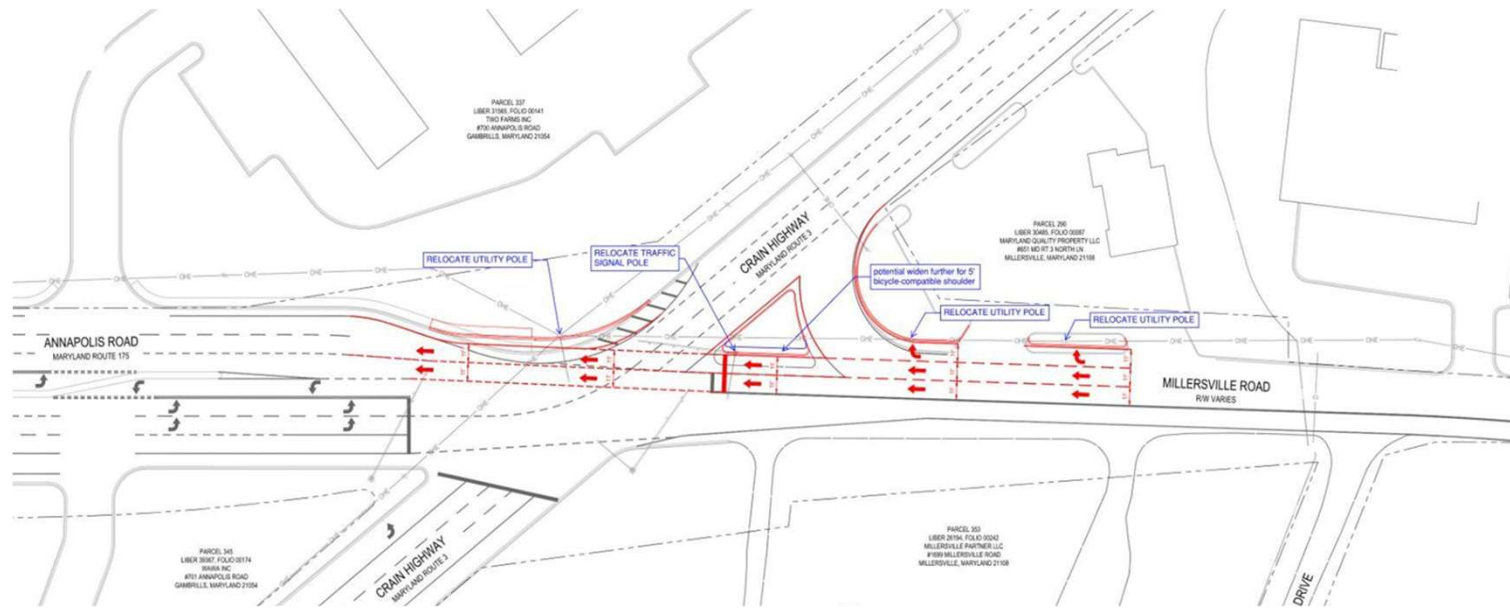
Traffic (Improvements)

- Millersville Road at MD 3



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Traffic (Improvements)

- South Shore Trail



Forest Conservation

Existing forest to remain

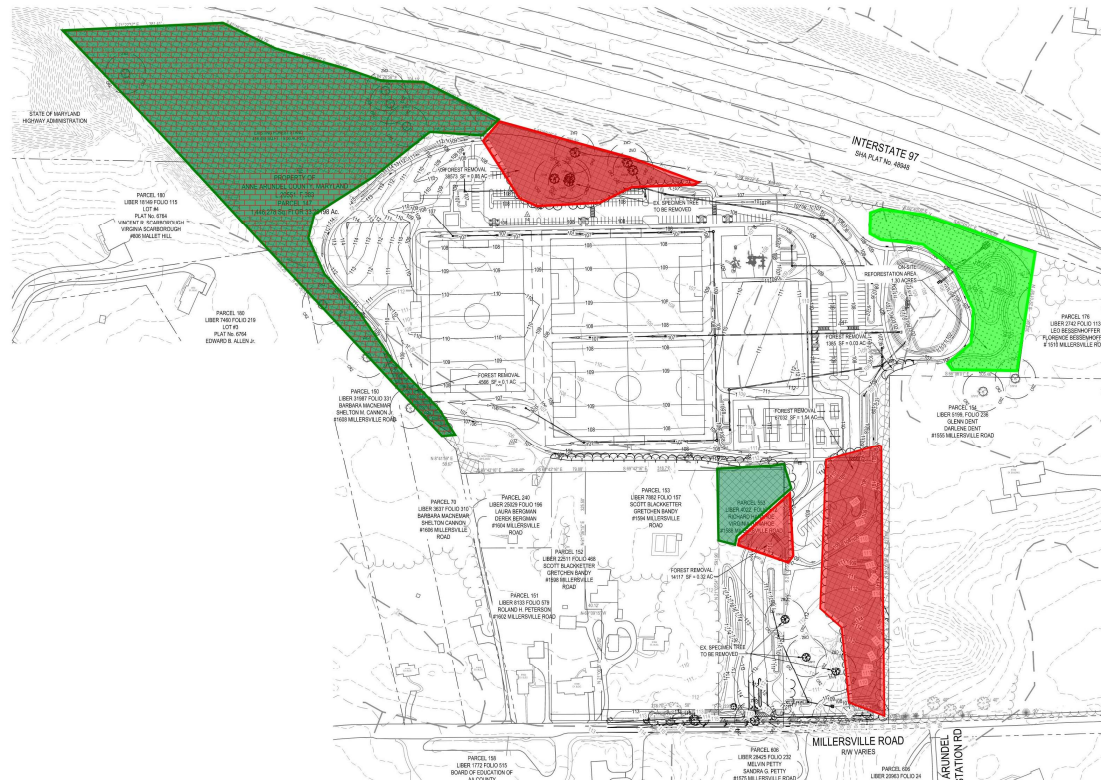
- 7.2-acres

Forest to be removed

- 2.9-acres

New forest planting

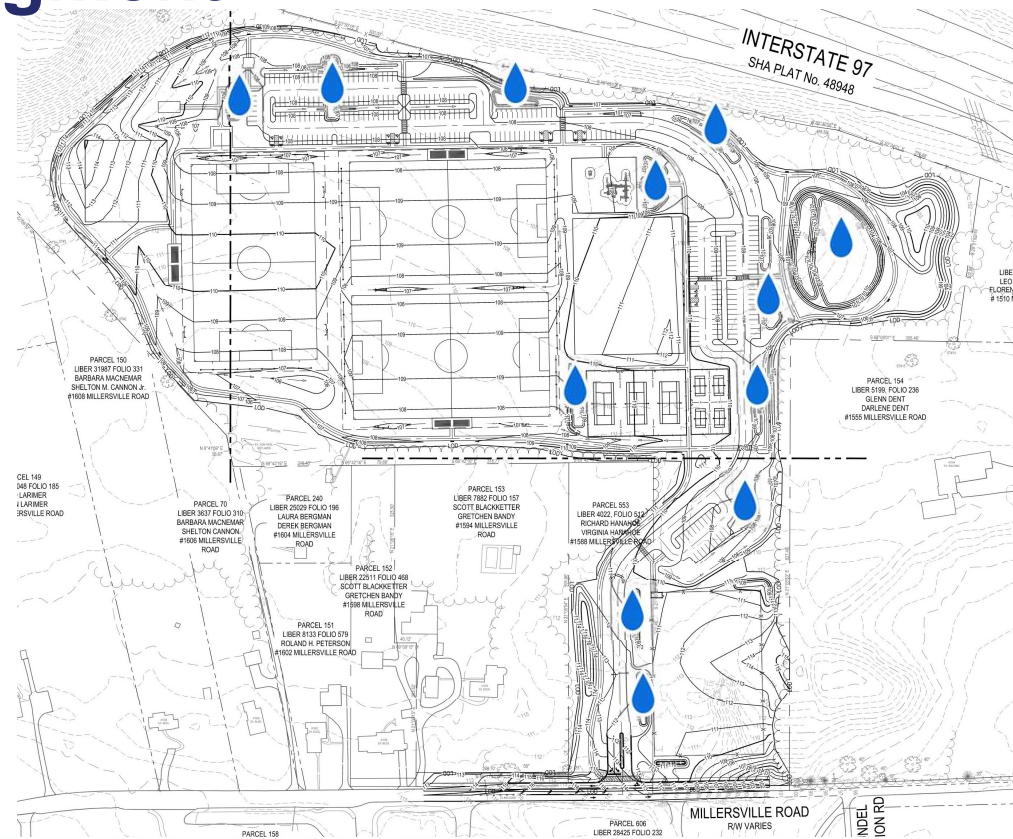
- 1.3 - acres



Stormwater Management

- Environmental Site Design (ESDv)
- Design will comply with County regulations for water quality (ESDv) and water quantity (10-yr)
- On-site conveyance storm drain system.
- Limits of Disturbance = 25.23-acres

 SWM Facility



Next Steps

- Design Development Phase completion
- Construction Documents and Permitting
- Bidding Phase
- Bid Award
- Pre-construction Public Meeting
- Construction Phase

Questions?

Questions may be submitted up until December 1, 2023 to the attention of;

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