



Quiet Waters Retreat Stakeholder Meeting #4

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 9:00am
Quiet Waters Park - Visitor Center Cafe
600 Quiet Waters Park Road Annapolis, Maryland 21403



Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is:

- Discuss the DRAFT Master Plan

Role of a Stakeholder Advisory Group

- Provide input during the decision-making process
- Help Rec & Parks define how to achieve its vision
- Provide insight and knowledge
- Be a champion for the project
- Collaborate, seek solutions, and compromise
- Consider the greater good
- Compile feedback from the community and present it to the group for consideration
- Work toward a common goal
- Synergize – the parts as a whole should result in a greater outcome than the individual parts



County Vision for Quiet Waters Retreat

- Accessible
- Passive recreational use
- Natural

“...give the residents of Anne Arundel County a place to enjoy a range of passive activities within a beautiful setting”

cover letter, Annapolis Neck Park Master Plan, July 22, 1988

Guided By Input From The Stakeholders

General Thoughts

Environmental Considerations

- Invasive Species Removal
- Protect Wildlife
- Solar Lighting
- Stormwater Treatment of Dog Park
- Pollinator Gardens

Recreation Opportunities

- Passive Recreation
- Modest Education Signage
- Passive Trails (undeveloped, ADA)
- Overlook/Views
- Water Access/Launch/Boathouse
- Functioning Water Access
- Interactive Art
- Fairy Garden
- Wildlife Viewing - Loden Pond/Old Boathouse

Amenities

- Port O Johns I
- Entrance from Forest Dr. (pedestrian)
- Cliff (Bunk Stabilization)
- Small Shelter / Overlook
- Benches
- Remove Chain Link Fencing
- Outdoor Classroom
- Controlled Access / Forest Hills – Electronic Gate
- Park Maintain Nursery (Educational)
- Safety Fencing (Cliff Side)
- Bluebird Boxes II
- Composting (Green Bathroom)



Board Sticky Notes #1

- Natural + Add Trails
- Interpretive Signage
- Controlled Access Via Substantial Fencing / Gate – Open/Closed as Part of Opening/Closing Procedures
- Electronic Access Gate
- ADA Accessible (Fully)
- Outdoor Classroom for Ranger Programs
- Native Wildflower Meadow
- Bathroom / Comfort Room
- Public Water Access
- Water Access / Soft Launch
- Invasive Species Removal
- Functioning Water Access (for Staff use Only – Nursery Plantings)
- Passive Park – Maintained Nursery of Native Plants + Educational Signage

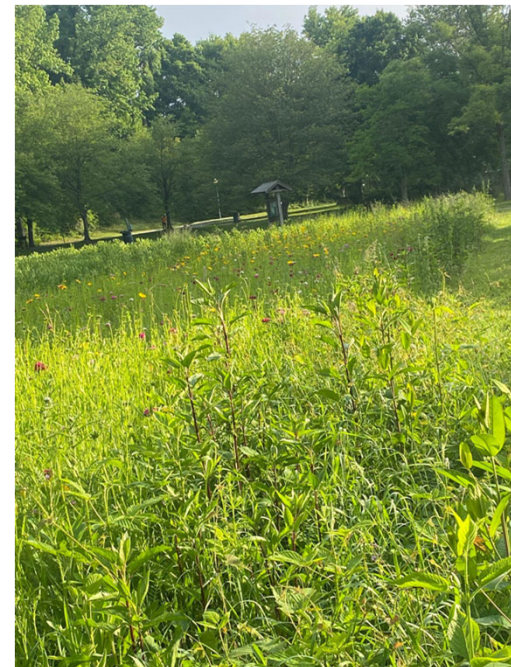


Board Sticky Notes #2

- Limited Infrastructure, Benches, Rustic Trails, Native Plants
- Continue Bamboo Removal
- Bathroom Showcasing Environmentally Friendly Design (Composting Toilets/Renewable Energy) with Signage
- Add Trail Connecting Amenities (Pervious with Signage for Education)
- Bluebird Boxes
- Kudzu / Invasive Vines Treatment
- Hiking/ Walking Trails
- Create Public water Access
- Fairy Garden Building Area (Signage, Children Gather Natural Items to Build)
- Safety Really Good Fence – Split Rail
- Benches for View
- Interactive Art (Ex. Found Material)
- Outdoor Classroom - Classroom / Ground

Board Sticky Notes #3

- Stormwater Treatment for Dog Park
- Remove Chain Link Fencing
- Remove Chain Link Fencing along Forest Hill and Clean-up Boundary
- Use Existing Roads and Paths for ADA Permeable Path
- Install Bluebird Boxes & Owl Boxes
- Floating Treatment Wetlands as Educational / Demonstration Project to Treat Nutrients from Dog Park
- Wildlife Viewing Platform Replaces Old Boathouse w/ Permeable Pavers Trail Down to the Platform w/ Benches and Picnic Area



53 Sticky Notes



**Organized into 3 Conceptual
Ideas to Include 42 Amenities**



**Will Evolve into a
Unified Concept -
*1 Master Plan***



- LEGEND**
- ① SHELTER FOR PORTABLE TOILET
 - ② EXISTING DOG PARK
 - ③ MAINTENANCE/STORAGE BUILDING
 - ④ STORMWATER COLLECTION AREA
 - ⑤ PROPOSED PAVED TRAIL (ADA ACCESSIBLE)
 - ⑥ 4' MULCH TRAIL, TYP.
 - ⑦ COUNCIL RING
 - ⑧ LOOKOUT POINT
 - ⑨ NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION
 - ⑩ SOUTH RIVER OVERLOOK
 - ⑪ POLLINATOR MEADOWS
 - ⑫ PARKING LOT
 - ⑬ LODEN POND OVERLOOK PLATFORM
 - ⑭ COVERED RAIN SHELTER WITH BENCH
 - ⑮ EXISTING PAVED TRAIL
 - ⑯ PICNIC AREA WITH PICNIC TABLES
- LEGEND**
- Critical Area
 - Property Line
 - Shoreline Restoration
 - Split Rail Fence
 - Proposed Tree
 - Proposed Plantings
- 0' 20' 40' 80' NORTH

THIS PLAN IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MASTER PLAN

QUIET WATERS RETREAT

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TRAIL TYPOLOGY AND SECTIONS



10' ASPHALT PEDESTRIAN/VEHICLE TRAIL

This path is primarily intended for pedestrian use, with limited vehicle access for maintenance vehicles that need to reach the restrooms and storage building within the park.



8' ASPHALT PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

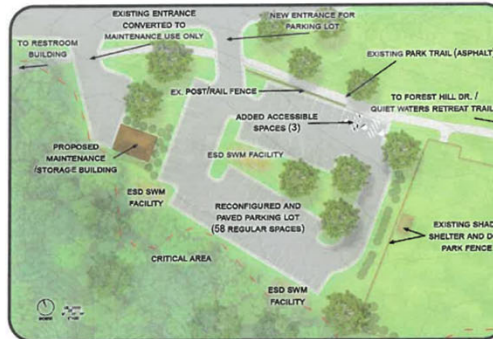
This path is designed for pedestrian use and provides access to all park amenities. It is ADA accessible.



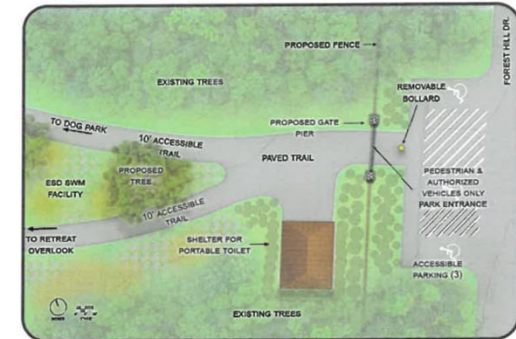
4' MULCH TRAIL

This path is intended for pedestrians and offers access to the smaller overlook areas. Due to steep slopes, most of these trails will not be ADA accessible.

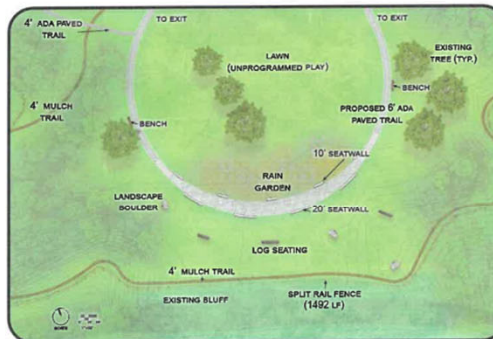
PLACES



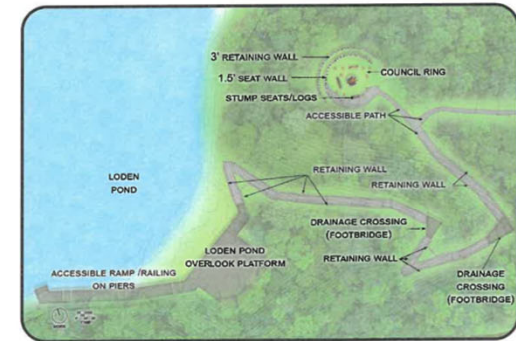
PARKING LOT AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING



COMFORT STATION /FOREST HILLS ENTRANCE



RETREAT ACCESSIBLE OVERLOOK



BOATHOUSE DECK AND RAMP TO DOCK

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CONCEPT BOARD

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Next Steps

PUBLIC PROCESS

- • Publish draft Master Plan based on the results of Stakeholder process
- • Present draft Master Plan at in-person Public Meeting
 - Mailing to neighbors within 300 ft of the park's boundary (OPZ guidelines)
 - Post notice on DRP website, social media, and weekly newsletter
 - CE's office and County Council members post the notice in their newsletters
 - Ask Stakeholders to publicize the meeting in their newsletters and social media
- • Public comment period (min. 30 days)
- • DRP review of public comments and input
- • Final Master Plan

Questions

