Watkins Regional Park Master Park Development Plan

Stakeholder Group

Draft Plan and Phasing Diagrams

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Watkins Regional Park Should Support

- **Family Fun.** Activities, spaces, and features that support family togetherness and fun for a whole day in the park -- rain, shine or heat of summer.
- **Sense of Place.** Preservation of the landscape, stewardship and sustainability, incorporation of cultural landscape features and elements that express Prince Georges County character and identity, including its African-American heritage.
- **Community Connections.** Park facilities, activities and scheduled events that are predictable in schedule and regularly draw the community together.
- **Personal Health and Fitness.** Trails for running and walking, fitness and health programming.
- **Education and Environmental Learning.** Nature and environmental center, historic farm, wetland and nature trails, day camps, natural play, interpretation and environmental science, heritage farm land.
- **Habitat and Wildlife.** Protection and explanation of special features found within the Western Branch, intact mature forest, farmlands.

PLAY

**EXISTING**
- 10 Group Picnic Shelters
- 3 Restrooms
- 2 Basketball Half-Courts

**PROPOSED**
- Family Amusement
  - Carousel
  - Train Ride
  - Mini Golf
- Passive Lawn
- 2 Playgrounds
  - Wizard of Oz
  - Watkins Downs

Northern Section
- Maintenance and Administration
- Softball/Baseball/Football Fields
- Tennis Bubble and Courts
- Picnic Shelters
- Playgrounds
- Carousel, Train, Mini-Golf
- Camping
- Trails

Southern Section
- Chelsea Historic Manor
- Community Center
- Athletic Fields
- Leased Farm Fields
- Trails

Watkins Regional Park: PLAY, AGRICULTURE, NATURE, SPORTS

Western Branch Picnic Area

- 10 Group Picnic Shelters
- 2 Half-Court Basketball Courts
- 3 Restrooms
- 1 Watkins Downs Playground

Watkins Regional Park: PLAY, AGRICULTURE, NATURE, SPORTS
Western Branch Picnic Area

- Add Water Play and Play/Ropes Structure
- Remove 2 Group Picnic Shelters
- Relocate 2 Basketball Half-Courts

Chesapeake Children’s Park

- Wizard of Oz Playground
- 5 Group Picnic Shelters
- 3 Restrooms

Chesapeake Children’s Park

- Mini-Golf
- Carousel
- Train

Chesapeake Children’s Park

- Carousel Café
  - Ice Cream, Snacks, Affordable Lunch
  - Plaza with Family Entertainment (facing café)
  - Social Hub with Large Seating Area – Indoors and Outdoors (shaded)
  - Games Adults Can Also Enjoy – ping pong, bocce

Chesapeake Children’s Park

- Adult Fitness
  - Adjacent to Wizard of Oz (parents exercise while watching children)

Western Branch Picnic Area and Chesapeake Children’s Park

- 2 New Water Play Features
  - It is HOT in the Park in the Summer!
  - Not Just for Kids, but Misters to Cool Adults
PLAY Chesapeake Children's Park and Coville's Picnic Area

- 2 New Greens
  - Event-Ready (drainage, anchors for tents and shade, drive-on areas, power)
  - Festivals, Movies, Food and Wine Events
  - Offer Concerts and Performance Space
  - Outdoor Classes
  - Dancing/Yoga/Tai Chi/Exercise
  - Frisbee Playing
  - Reading, Day Dreaming and Play

PLAY Outdoor Pavilion

- Outdoor Pavilion
  - Accommodate Special Events Facility with Warming Kitchen for Programs and Revenue-Generation

PLAY Who is Served?

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AGRICULTURE EXISTING

- Leased Fields for beans and corn
- Historic Structures
  - Livestock Barn
  - Tobacco Barns
  - Houses
  - Garage
  - Pond

AGRICULTURE PROPOSED

- Relocated and Expanded
  - Facilities and Pasture
  - Better Education, Training, and Meeting Facilities
  - Expanded Farming and Gardening Show and Shared Spaces
  - Horse Back Riding and Lessons
  - Farm Animals and Programs

AGRICULTURE PROPOSED

- Chelsea Historic Site
  - Demonstration Farming
  - Antique Farm Equipment
  - Re-purpose Farm Lanes for Bike and Walking Use
  - Historic Interpretation of House and Landscape
AGRICULTURE

- Re-purpose Barns
- Farm Equipment
- Display Art and Lighting Installations
- Community Event Space
- Concerts
- Weddings
- Park Programs

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Nature Center/WEREC Facility Examples

- Aldo Leopold Legacy Center
- Como Knoll Nature Center

Southern Portion of the Park

- Getting Kids and Parents to Connect to Nature
- Immersive Outdoor Learning with Outdoor Classrooms
- Joint Programs Between WEREC/Nature Center and OMF
- Mentoring from Staff and Young Adults to Younger Children
**NATURE PROPOSED**

- Rental/Events Facility with a View Over the Fields
  - Regular Use as Beer Garden
  - Popup Restaurants
  - Weddings
  - Executive Retreats

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**NATURE/AG PROPOSED**

- Animal Care
- Nature Center Ambassadors
- OMF Ambassadors
- Citizen Science Projects
- Fire Ring

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**NATURE**

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**SPORTS EXISTING**

- Softball Fields
- Football Field
- Tennis Bubble
- Campground
- Athletic Fields
- Community Center

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**SPORTS PROPOSED**

- 5 Tournament Standard Softball Fields (300 foot foul lines)
- Replace Tennis Bubble
- Replace Restroom with New Concession/Restroom Facility
- Bicycle Rental/Share Program
- Replace Campground with 3 Group Picnic Shelters and New Green
**SPORTS**

**PROPOSED**
- Bike Skills Park
- Skate Park
- Disc Golf
- 2 Lighted Rectangular Fields
- Parking, Restroom
- New Trail Connections
- Indoor Pool/Multi-Generational Facility

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**SPORTS**

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