

December 7, 2010
Public Presentation

*Whitemarsh Park
Master Plan*

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of the room. Thank you.

Introductions & Guests

▶ City Staff

- Matt Reno, Project Manager, Department of Community Services (DCS)
- Sally Hein, Assistant Director, DCS
- Ed Hall, Parks & Grounds Superintendant, DCS
- Nick Spurgeon, Park Operations Manager, DCS
- Annette Esterheld, Arts Specialist, DCS
- Frank Stevens, Department of Planning
- Alan Forney, Department of Public Works

▶ City Committees

- Harlan Tucker, Community Recreation Committee (CRC)
- Leslie Wood-Mummert, Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

▶ Whitemarsh Park Master Plan Consultant

- Elisabeth Lardner, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC
- Jacob Clark, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC

Presentation Items

▶ **Whitemarsh Park Master Plan**

- Project Development Overview, Matt Reno
- Master Plan Development Presentation by Elisabeth Lardner of Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC

Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

- ▶ Location: Whitemarsh Park is located on the Southbound side of MD Rt. 3, between MD Rt. 450 and MD Rt. 50
 - The park is home to the Bowie Playhouse and Bowie SportFit
 - The park offers one (1) Football game field, one (1) Combination baseball/softball field, and two (2) practice fields, as well as several walking trails, a picnic pavilion, and campfire area
- ▶ Project Origination
 - Council directive during FY2010 budget preparation
 - ▶ Council allocated \$25,000 towards this project
 - Request for Proposal was released in December 2009
 - ▶ Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC was contracted in March 2010
- ▶ Project Timeline
 - Master Plan preparation began in May 2010 and is expected to be complete by December 31, 2010

Master Plan Project Development

- ▶ Who participated in the development of the Master Plan?
 - 1st- Identify the entities that could provide the City with the information necessary to understand the parks current level of use and its projected level of use thru 2015.
 - 2nd- Identify the specific individuals to represent these entities, and invite them to participate on a Steering Committee that would be established for this project.
 - ▶ Athletic Organizations (which currently use athletic fields at Whitemarsh Park)
 - Bowie Boys & Girls Club (BBGC)- Football, Lacrosse, Baseball
 - St. Pius X CYO Baseball
 - Grace Christian Baseball
 - Kickball League of Bowie
 - ▶ Other park users
 - Bowie Playhouse
 - Bowie SportFit
 - ▶ City Committees
 - Community Recreation Committee (CRC)
 - Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Master Plan Project Development (Continued)

- 3rd- The Whitemarsh Park Master Plan Steering Committee was established.
 - ▶ 16 individuals were asked to participate on the committee and help develop the master plan for Whitemarsh Park
 - City Staff: Sally Hein, Ed Hall, Nick Spurgeon, Annette Esterheld, Frank Stevens, Alan Forney, Matt Reno
 - City Committees: Harlan Tucker (CRC); Leslie Wood-Mummert (EAC)
 - BBGC: Gary Hahn (Lacrosse), Joe Bechtel (Baseball), Dwayne Gray (Football)
 - Bowie SportFit: Peter Cipolla
 - Kickball League of Bowie: Mark Vilee
 - St. Pius X CYO: Ray Smith (Baseball)
 - Grace Christian: Dan Servi (Baseball)
 - ▶ Due to the size of the Committee, meeting dates and times were adjusted to accommodate the majority
- ▶ Master Plan Development Updates
 - Throughout the development of the master plan, staff maintained a “Whitemarsh Park Master Plan” webpage on the City’s website to keep the public and steering committee members informed of progress and decisions pertaining to the development of the plan.

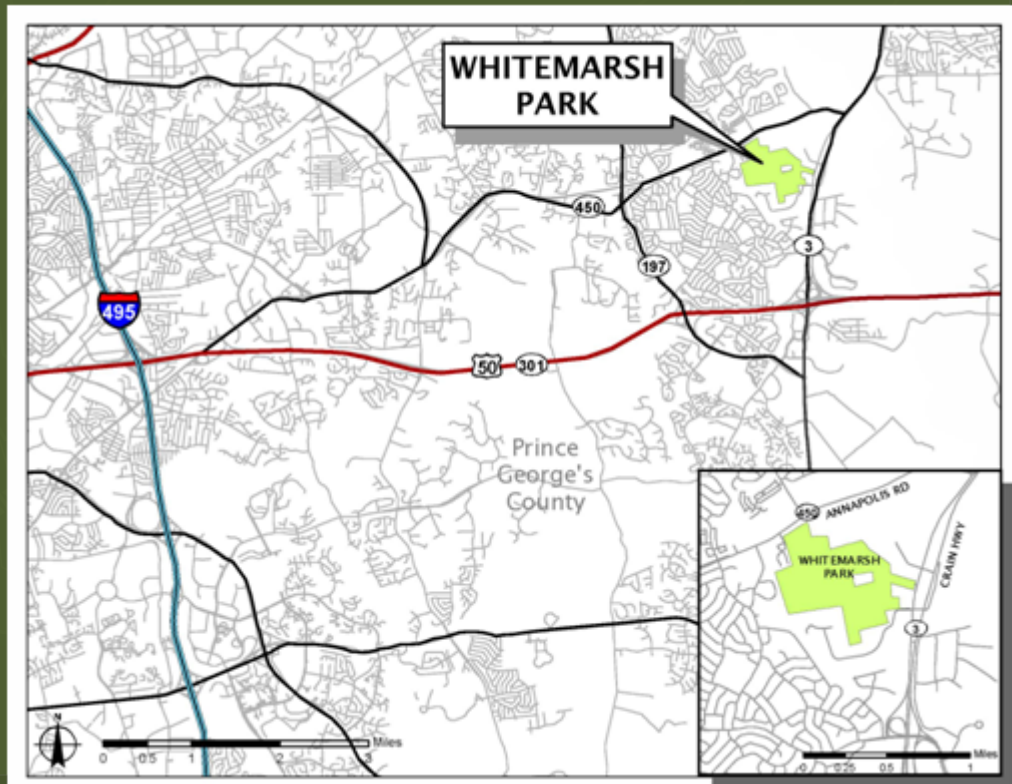
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Optimal Concept Time-line

Item	Fiscal Year							
	FY2011	FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015
	1/11-6/11	7/11-12/11	1/12-6/12	7/12-12/12	1/13-6/13	7/13-12/13	1/14-6/14	7/14-12/14
NRI		■						
Type 2 TCP		■						
HIA		■						
Turf Field D/E&P		■						
Turf Field Funding	■							
Turf Field Construction			■					
Master Planning	■							
Master Plan Implementation						■		

- ▶ Master Plan Presentation
 - Elisabeth Lardner, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC

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Context

- Challenging Access
- Surrounding Residential Neighborhoods

Park Today

- Active Sports Center
- Cultural Base with Playhouse
- Large Undeveloped Woodland Tract with Interpretive Trails
- Historic Site - William Plains House

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Why Master Plan Whitemarsh Park?

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- **Inadequate Parking and Access**
 - **Athletic Field Needs**
 - **Lack of Infrastructure**
 - **Extensive Natural Area**
 - **Development of Phased Capital Budget**

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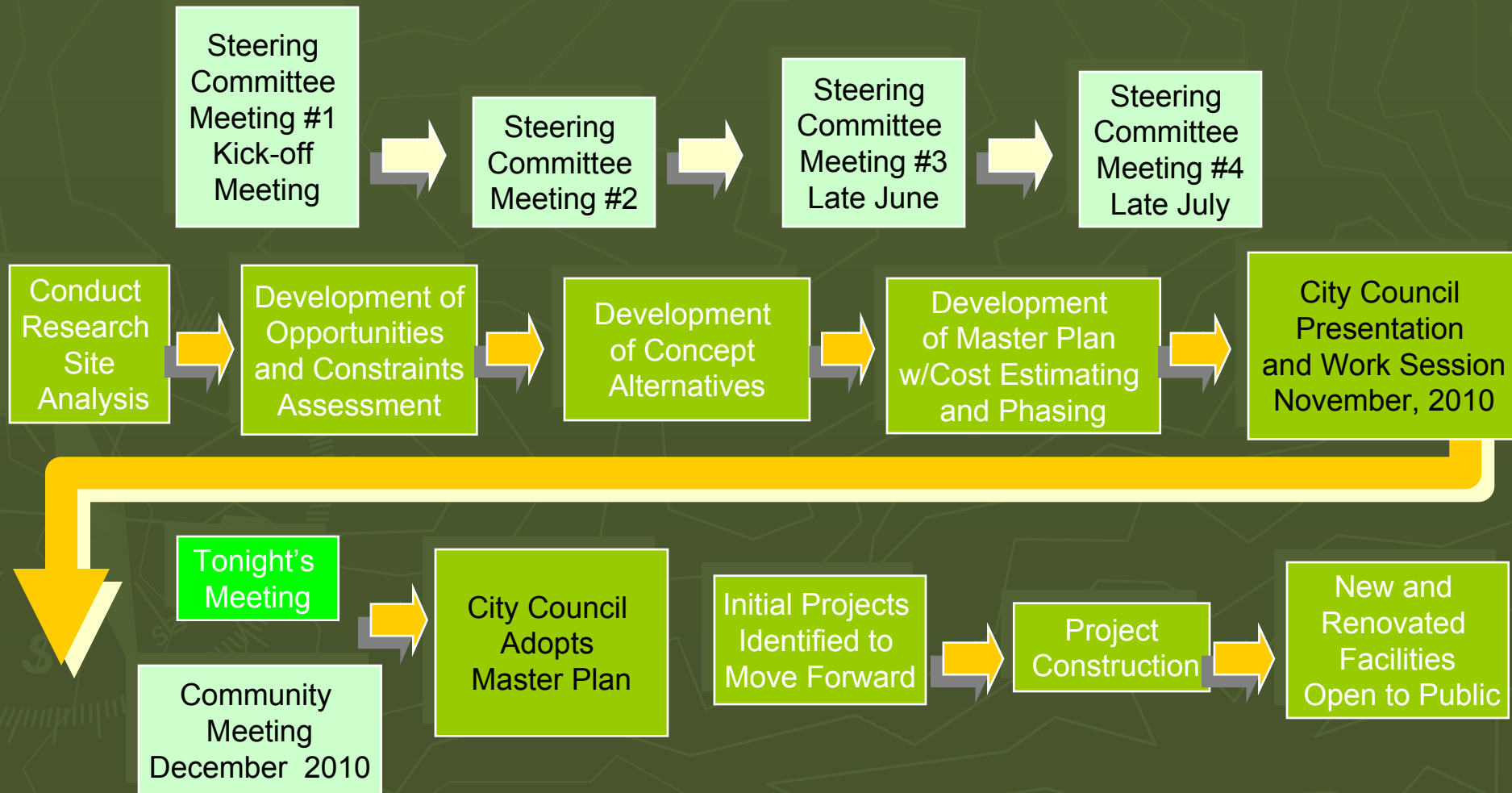
Master Plan: What is there today?



- Picnic Pavilions
- Bowie Playhouse
- Sport Fit
- Playground
- Athletic Fields
- Parking
- Interpretive Trails
- Campfire Circle
- Woodlands
- Historic House

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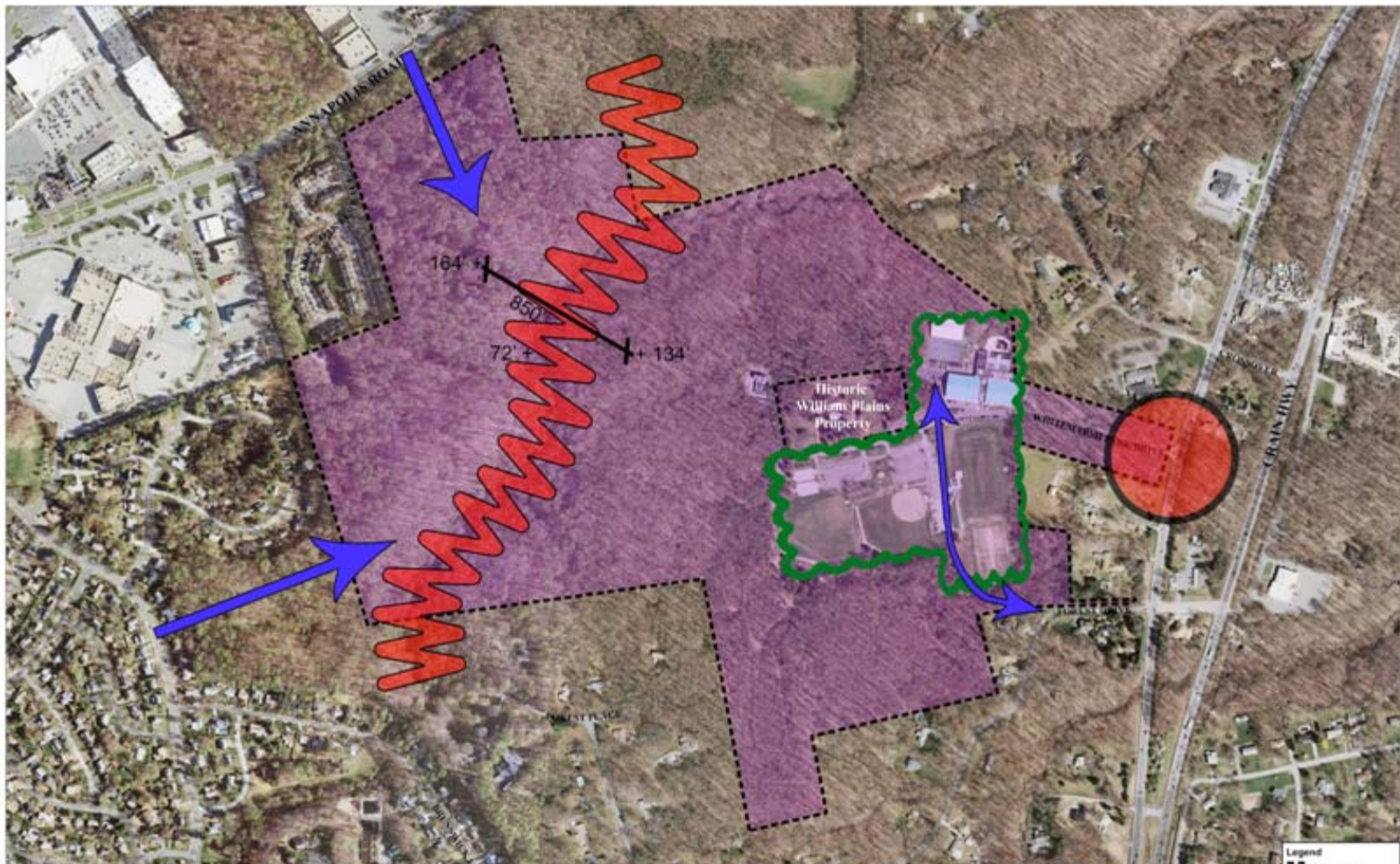
Project Process



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Master Plan: What did we have to work with?

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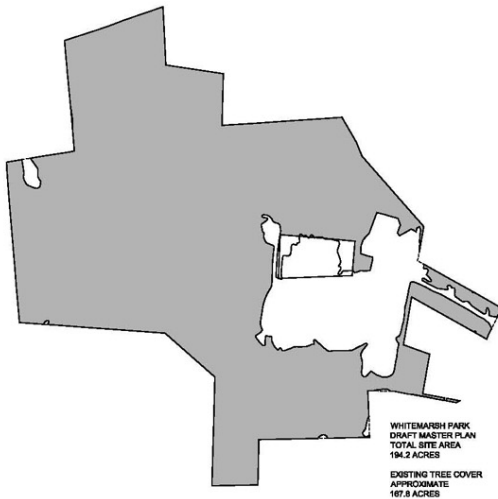
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Legend
MAP Boundary
Whitemarsh Park Boundary
Cultural Resources

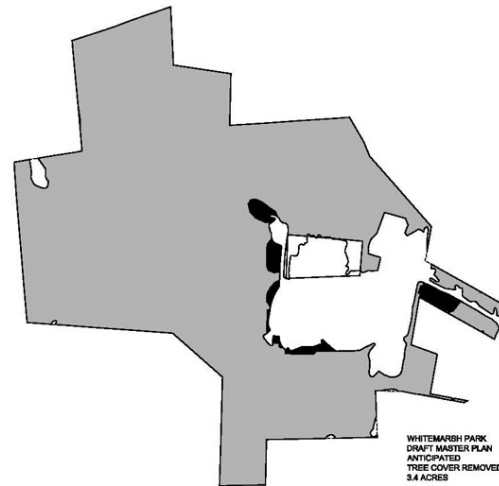
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Master Plan: Forest Cover

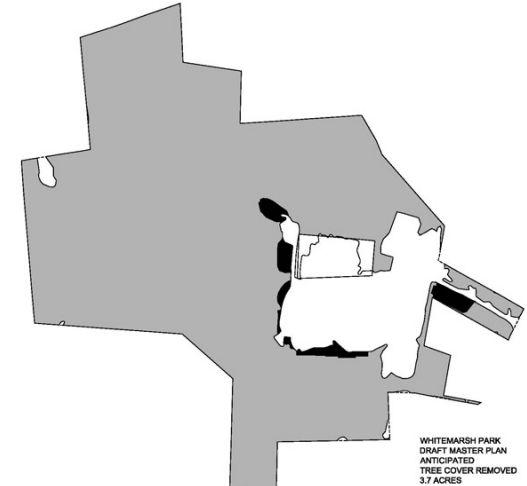
Program Elements	Concept A	Concept B	Council Work Session Concept	Working Concept
Natural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Cover impacted • Stream restoration • Avoidance of steep slopes for construction • FSD required before site plan acceptance 	4.3 acres	9.7 acres	3.4 acres	3.7 acres



Existing Conditions



Work Session Concept



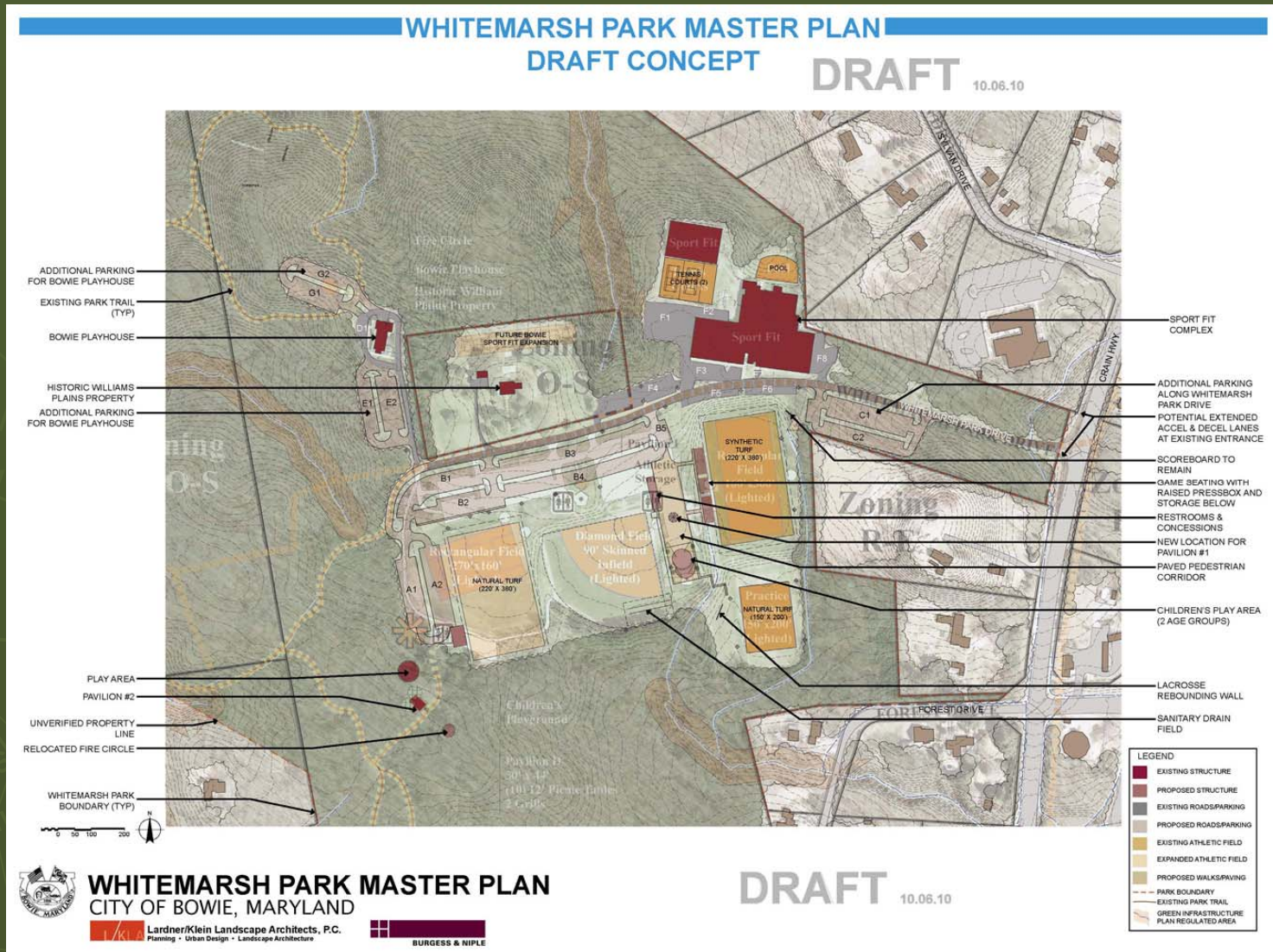
Working Concept

Program Elements	Existing Conditions	Concept A	Concept B	Council Work Session Concept	Working Concept
Storm water Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Storm water surface treated (no underground tanks) with wet swales, sheet flow and bio-retention within parking areas and adjacent to athletic fields •BMP's located adjacent to disturbed area(s) 		X	X	X	X
Cultural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No encroachment on the Williams Plains residence and 5+/- acres Archeological assessment likely 		X	X	X	X
Circulation and Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Additional vehicular access point – one Concept is from the south; one Concept is from the west •Pedestrian access points remain the same 	562	625	625	670	670
Restrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Alternatives both provide permanent restrooms on site – one a single, centrally located facility and the other two smaller separated facilities 	0	1- (8)	2 - (4)	1- (8)	1- (8)
Field Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All fields shown as lighted fields 	X	X	X	X	X
Picnic Pavilions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Two picnic pavilions shown in both concepts, one relocated in each concept 	2	2	2	2	2
Bowie Playhouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •50 Additional parking spaces located in closer proximity to Playhouse in Concept A; 48 additional spaces located in closer proximity in Concept B 	4 HC	54	52	102	102
Sport Fit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Additional parking adjacent to the facility is provided along entry drive in Concept A •Sport Fit proposed tennis courts shown in each Concept Alternative 	179			77	77

Program Elements	Existing Conditions	Concept A	Concept B	Work Session w/ City Council Concept	Working Concept
Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Playground separated into sub play areas, allowing age/equipment separation, while remaining adjacent to each other 	1	1 (adj to Game Field)	1 (west of new rectangular field)	2	2
Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Existing trails to remain 					
Campfire Circle	Near Playhouse	Near Playhouse	Relocate near western pavilion	Relocate near western pavilion	Relocate near western pavilion
Athletic Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2 full sized rectangular fields – 1 synthetic, 1 natural turf sized to accommodate Women’s Lacrosse and Football in both Concepts A and B •1/2 size practice field remains in Concept B •1 additional full-sized rectangular field provided in Concept B •1 triangle field shown in Concept B; replaced by two rectangular fields that could be unlined and used for multiple activities in Concept A – HOWEVER, the two rectangular fields consume the space of the one triangular field so is interchangeable 	1 natural turf game field; .5 + .5 natural turf practice fields; 1/2 bball court; 1 baseball field	1 synthetic turf game field; 1 natural turf game field; 2 natural turf practice fields; 2 bball courts	1 synthetic turf game field; 1 natural turf game field; 1.5 natural turf practice fields; baseball field remains	1 synthetic turf game field; 1 natural turf game field; open grass area	1 synthetic turf game field; 1 natural turf game field; open grass area expanded to accommodate 2 game fields
Concessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Centralized; shown in different locations in Concept A vs. B 	0	1	1	1	1
Press box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Located adjacent to centrally located restroom in Concept B; under bleachers in Concept A 	0	1	1	1	1
Scoreboard	1	2	2	1	1
Storage Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Storage for field items tied to press box under bleachers in Concept A; expansion of existing storage location in Concept B 	1	1	1	1	2

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Master Plan: Concept Alternates on Existing Conditions

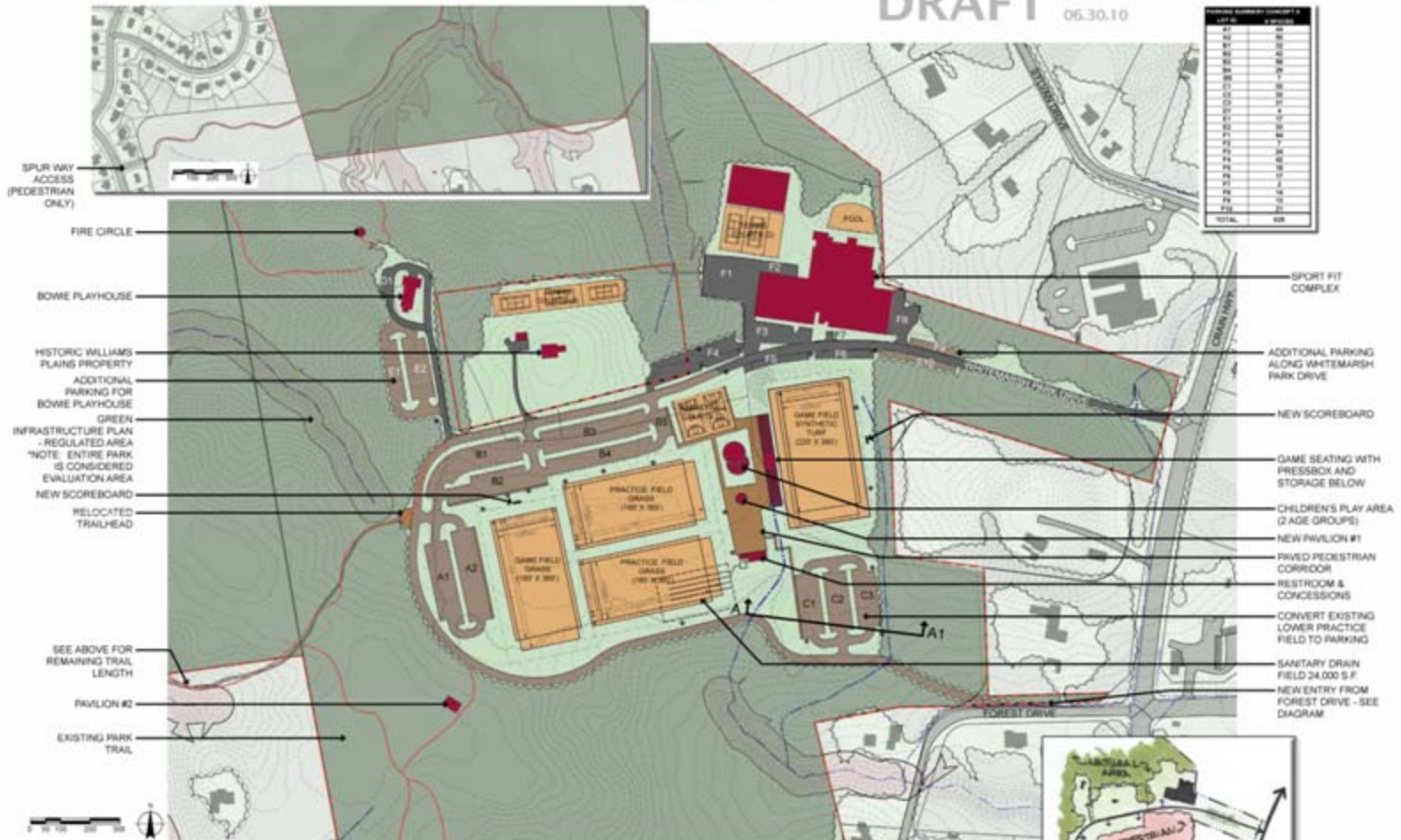


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Master Plan: Concept A

WHITEMARSH PARK MASTER PLAN CONCEPT A

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CONCEPT DIAGRAM



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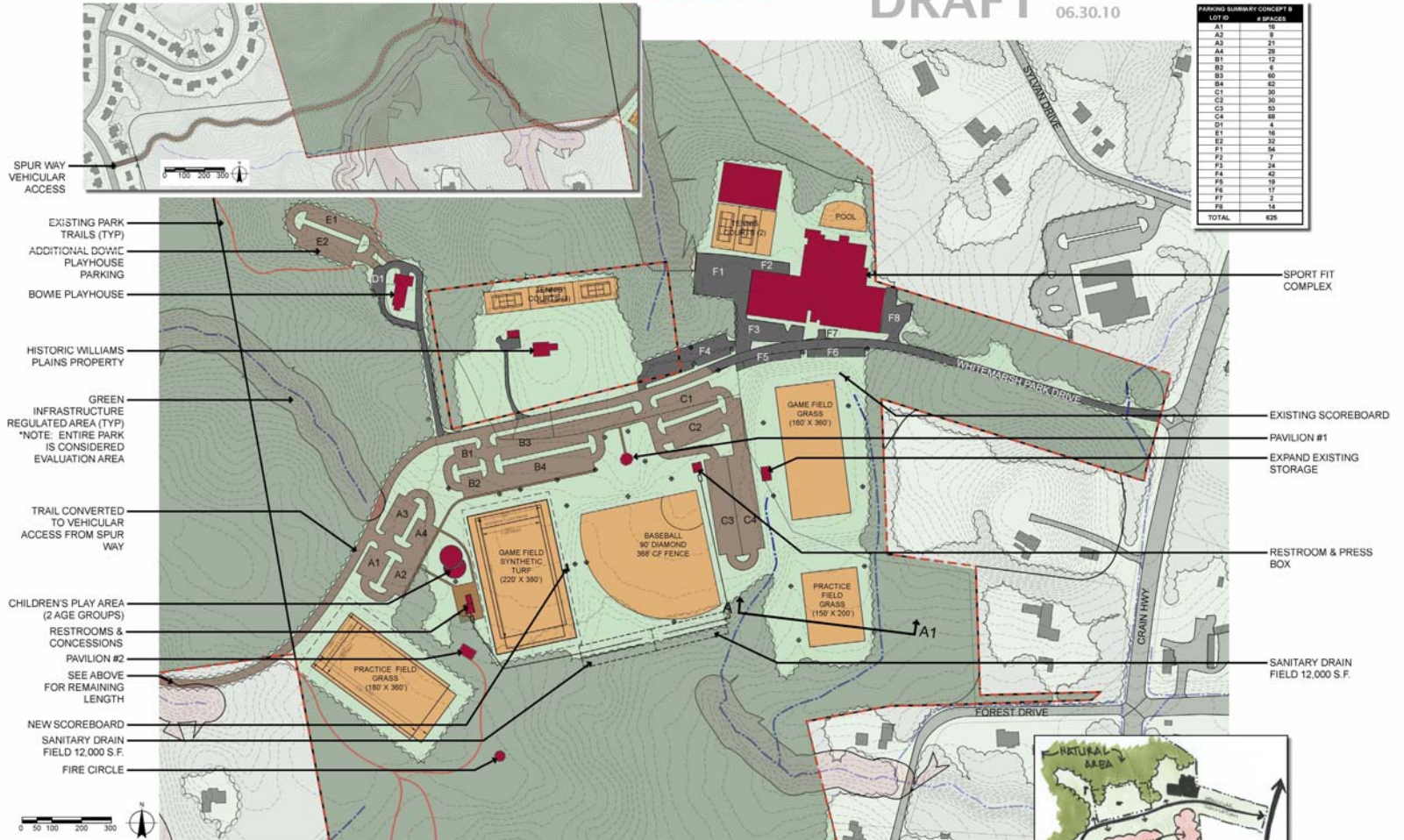
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CONCEPT B

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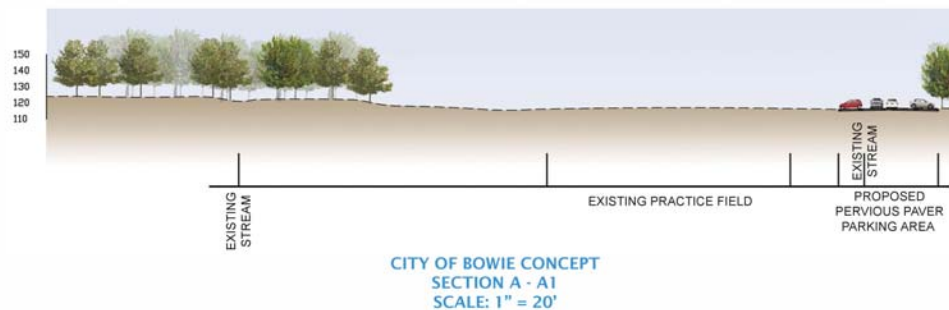
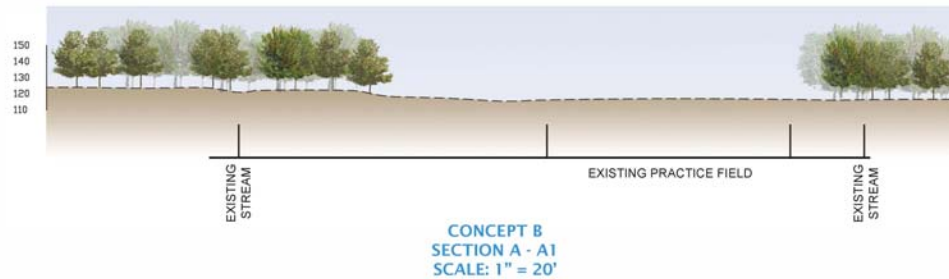
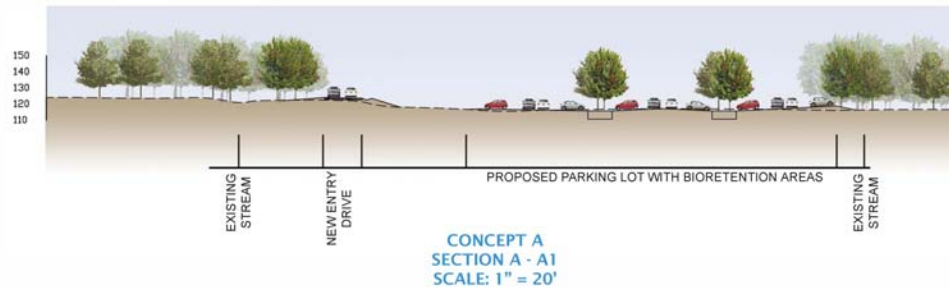
Master Plan: Concept Alternates

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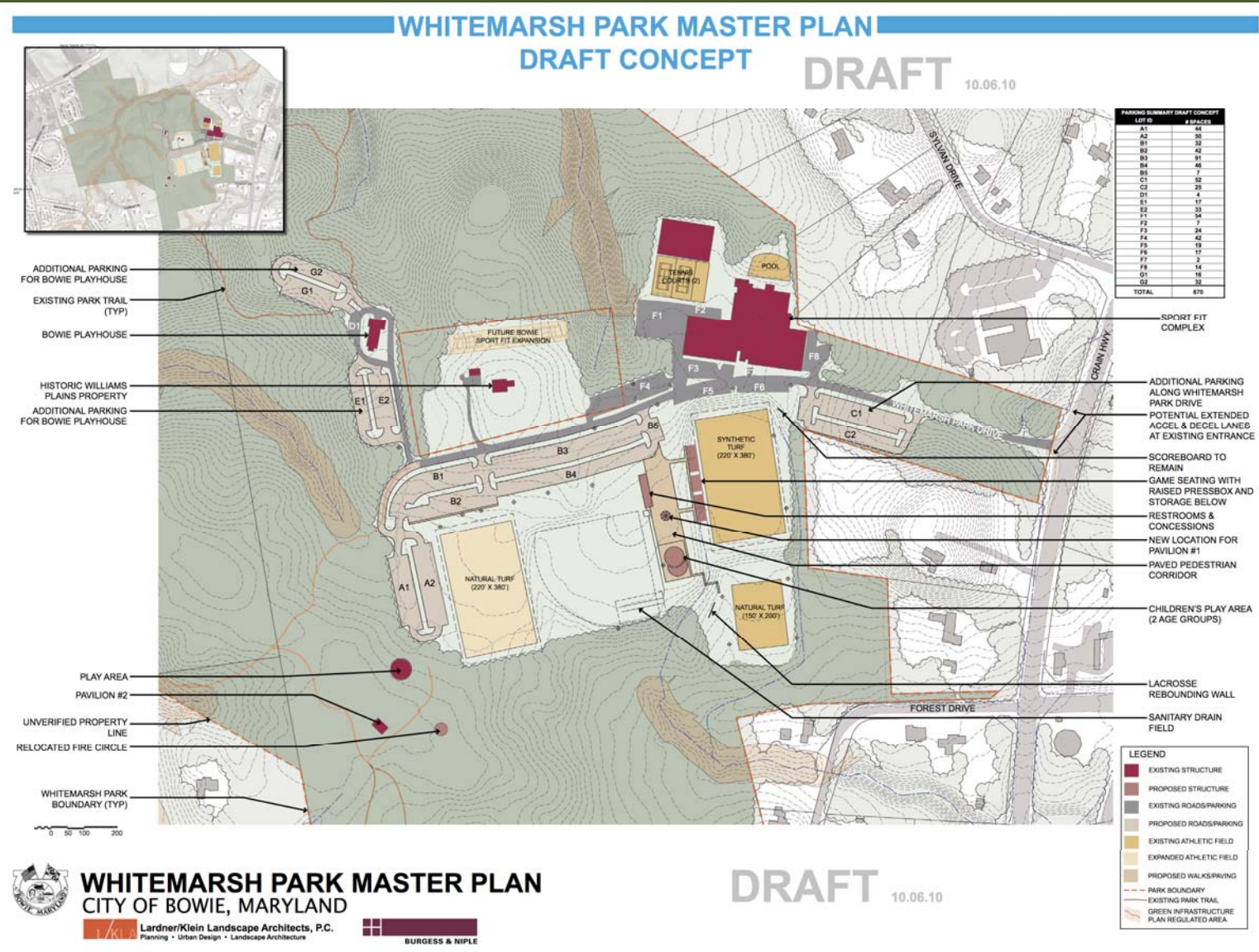
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Master Plan: Concept as Presented to City Council

Caution

- Draft Concept does NOT allow for the expansion of current athletic activities or programming due to access and parking limitations

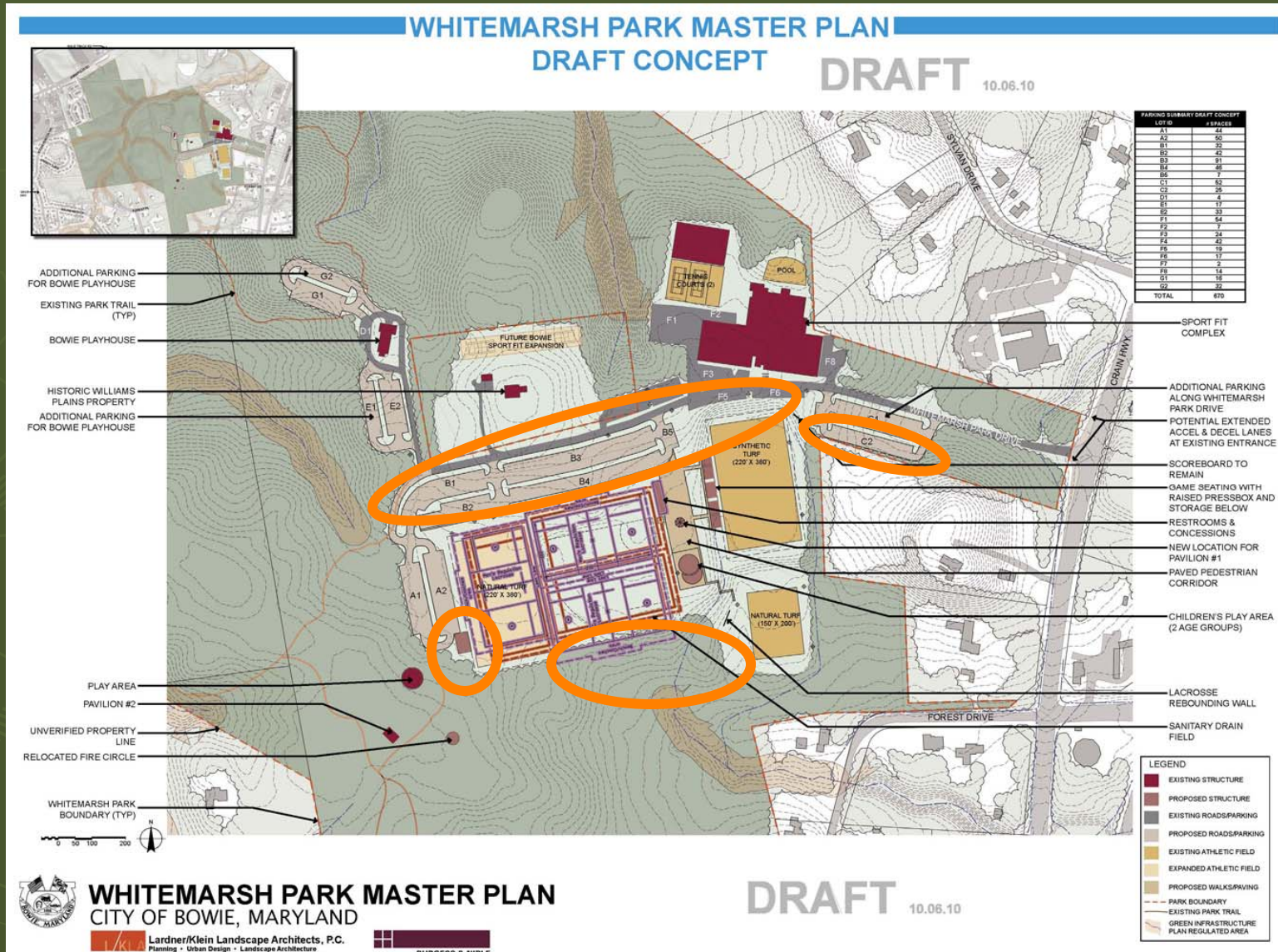


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Master Plan: Suggested Changes

Changes

- Storage Shed
- Slight expansion of athletic fields
- Trail connector between SportFit and existing network of trails
- Parking / Buffer



Questions

- ▶ This concludes our presentation. Staff and the City's Consultant would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time regarding the Whitemarsh Park Master Plan.



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Master Plan: Issues and Opportunities

Written Comments

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received by the
close-of-business on
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