

To: Bowie City Council
From: David J. Deutsch
Date: November 4, 2010
Re: DRAFT Whitemarsh Park Master Plan Concept Presentation and Maryland –
National Capital Park & Planning Commission Green Branch Park Project Update

The following projects will be presented to Council during the November 8, 2010 Council Worksession. The presentation will include a PowerPoint presentation by City staff as well as the City's Consultant, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

The City's Consultant, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects PC, has prepared a DRAFT Whitemarsh Park Master Concept based on information obtained from the primary activity users of Whitemarsh Park, City staff, and City Committee representatives. There were four (4) Steering Committee meetings held since May, where activity input was obtained and discussed and the opportunities & constraints of the site were evaluated. This information was used to prepare the DRAFT Concept Plan. All Steering Committee members as well as the Community Recreation Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee were invited to attend the meeting.

Green Branch Park Update

Staff has obtained a project update, as of October, from the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission and will present a brief update on this project.

November 8 Council Worksession

Review and Updates on Whitemarsh
Park Master Plan & M-NCPPC Green
Branch Athletic Complex

Introductions & Guests

- ▶ Department of Community Services
 - *Sally Hein, Assistant Director*
 - *Matt Reno, Project Manager*
 - *Ed Hall, Parks & Grounds Superintendant*
 - *Nick Spurgeon, Park Operations Manager*
- ▶ Whitemarsh Park Master Plan Consultant
 - *Elisabeth Lardner, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC*

Topics

▶ **Whitemarsh Park Master Plan**

- *Introduction by Matt Reno*
- *Presentation by Elisabeth Lardner of Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC*

▶ **M-NCPPC Green Branch Athletic Complex Overview and Construction Status**

- *Presentation by Matt Reno*

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 (\$25,000)
 - Request for Proposal was released in December 2009
 - ▶ Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC was contracted in March 2010
 - ▶ Lardner/Klein was also utilized for the preparation of the Allen Pond Park Master Plan that was completed in May 2010.

Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

Optimal Concept Time-line

Item	Fiscal Year							
	FY2011	FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015
	7/10-6/11	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		■						
Phase I Cultural Res.		■						
Turf Field D/E&P		■						
Turf Field Funding	■							
Turf Field Construction			■					
Master Planning	*****Funded in FY2010 and prepared May thru November 2010*****							
Master Plan Implementation						To continue into future fiscal years		

► Overview of Master Plan Process and Status Update

- Elisabeth Lardner, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC

Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

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**

Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

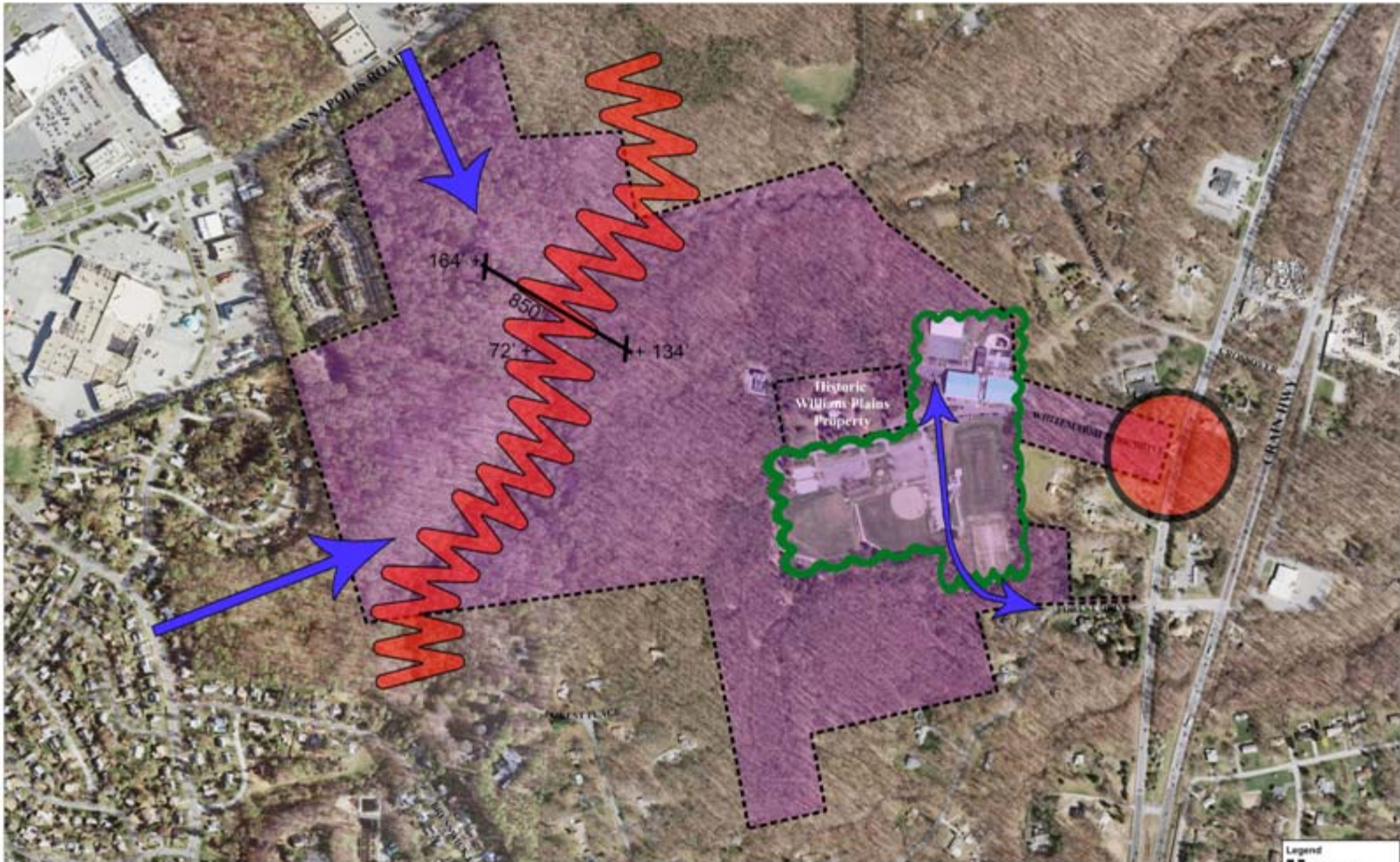
Master Plan: What is there today?



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

Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

Master Plan: What did we have to work with?



WHITEMARSH PARK

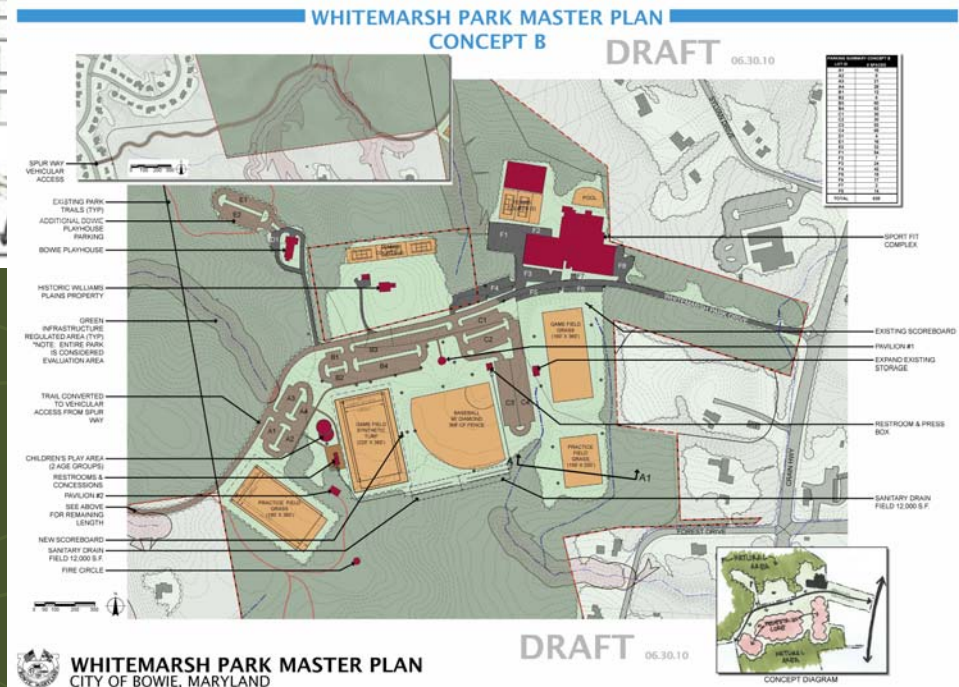
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Legend
MAP Boundary
Whitemarsh Park Boundary
Cultural Resources

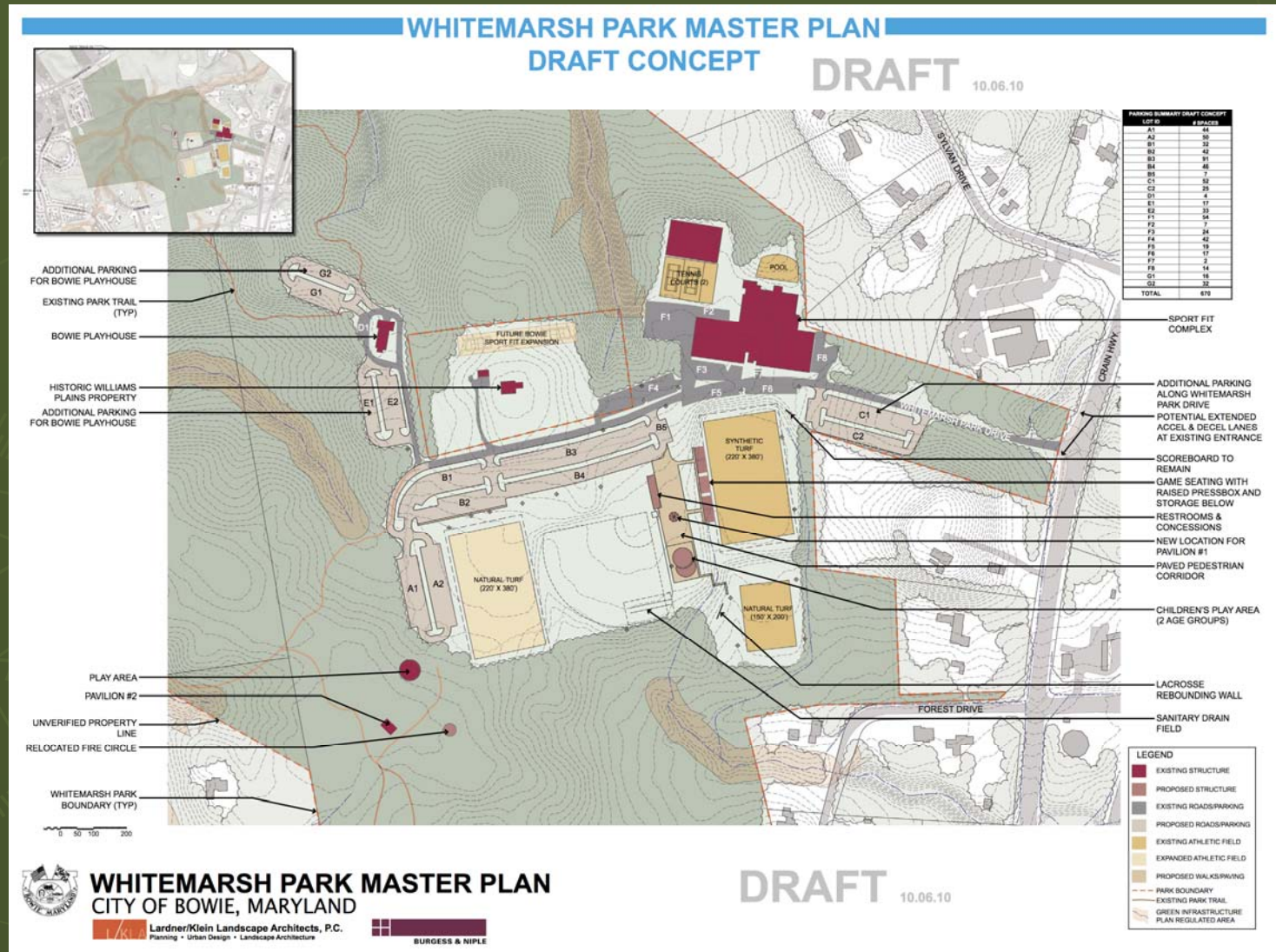
Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

Master Plan: Generated ideas



Whitemarsh Park Master Plan

Master Plan: Recommended Concept



M-NCPPC Green Branch Athletic Complex

► Location & Background

- This facility is located on the east side of MD Rt. 3, just south of the Bowie Baysox Stadium and is accessed via Mill Branch Road.
- The facility is designed to be a “regional” park that will serve Prince George’s County residents and visitors.
- It is staff’s understanding that M-NCPPC will retain responsibility for allocation of the fields at this facility.

M-NCPPC Green Branch Athletic Complex

The following information was obtained from the Maryland- National Capital Park & Planning Commission and is current as of November.

▶ Project Schedule (Phase I)

- Est. Construction Commencement- December 2010
- Est. Construction Completion- December 2011
- Est. First Day for Field Usage- Spring 2012

▶ Project Overview

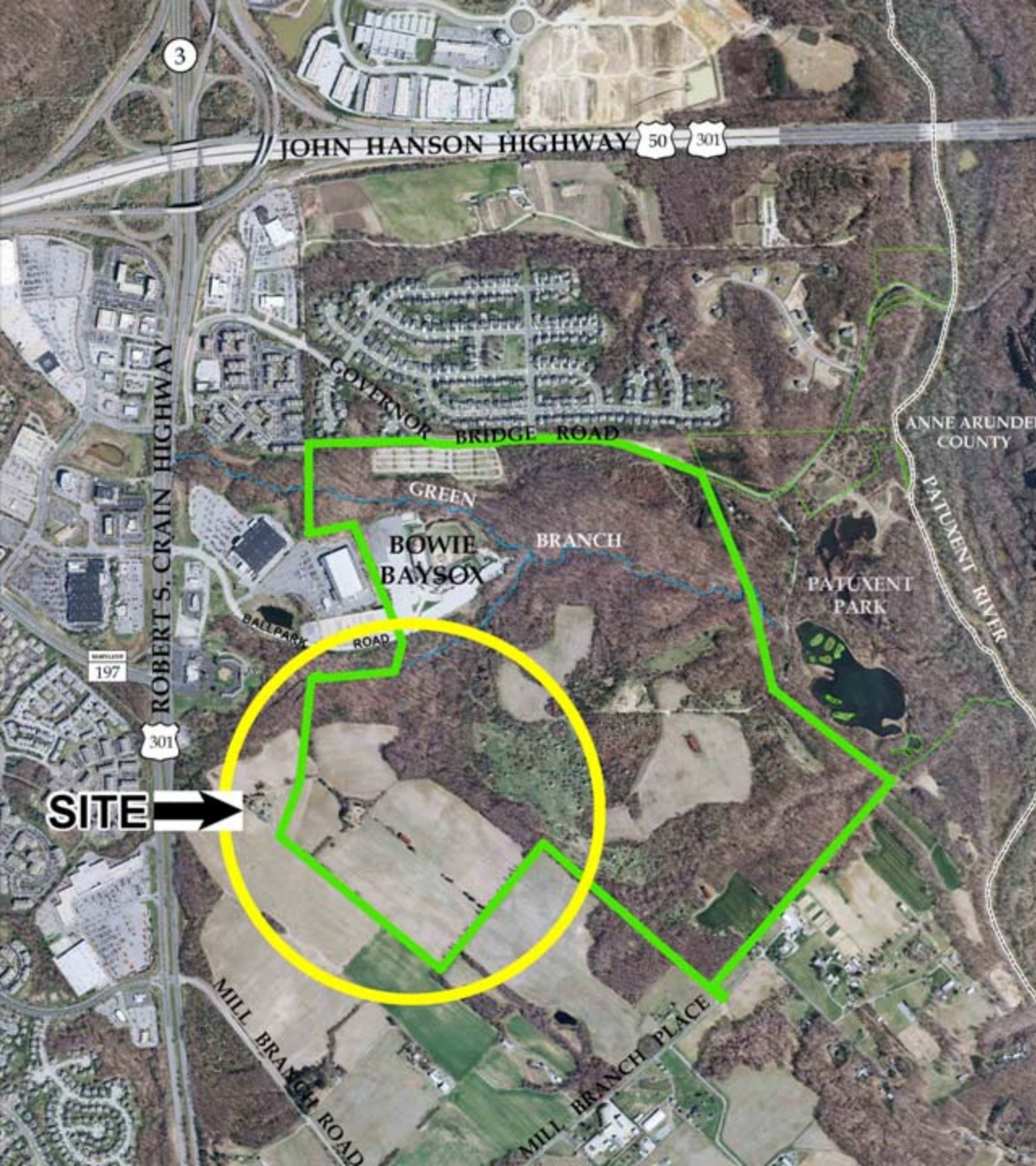
- Park will have: 3 Softball Fields*; 3 Multi-use Fields* (Soccer, Football, Lacrosse); an additional area for Youth Soccer, Concession & Restroom Facility, Multi-age Play Area, Picnic pavilions, and Loop Trail

*Fields will be irrigated, however Field lighting has not been funded.

Green Branch Athletic Complex

Phase I-
Identified by Yellow
Circle

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PHASE I

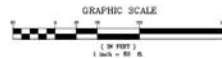


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Questions

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