




**Watkins Regional Park
Master Park Development Plan
Stakeholder Group**

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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

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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.

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Watkins Regional Park: PLAY, AGRICULTURE, NATURE, SPORTS



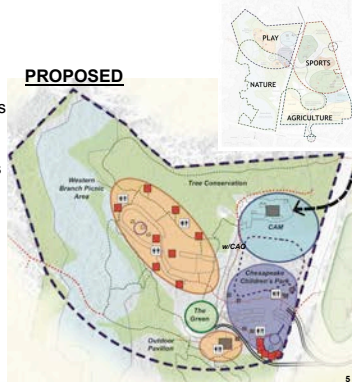
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PLAY

EXISTING

- 10 Group Picnic Shelters
- 3 Restrooms
- 2 Basketball Half-Courts
- Family Amusement
 - Carousel
 - Train Ride
 - Mini Golf
- Passive Lawn
- 2 Playgrounds
 - Wizard of Oz
 - Watkins Downs

PROPOSED



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PLAY

EXISTING

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

Western Branch Picnic Area




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PLAY

Western Branch Picnic Area

PROPOSED

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





PLAY

Chesapeake Children's Park

EXISTING

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




PLAY

Chesapeake Children's Park

EXISTING

- Mini-Golf
- Carousel
- Train






PLAY

Chesapeake Children's Park

PROPOSED

- 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





PLAY

Chesapeake Children's Park

PROPOSED

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




PLAY

Western Branch Picnic Area and Chesapeake Children's Park

PROPOSED

- 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

PROPOSED

- 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

PROPOSED

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




PLAY

Who is Served?

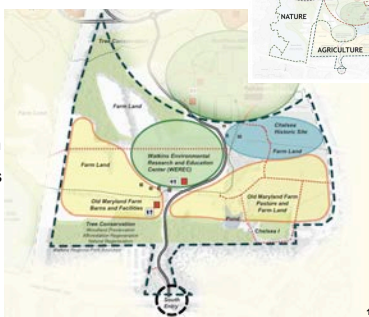
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	Young kids	Middle school	High school	Young adults	Adults	Seniors
Chesapeake Children's Park						
Carousel	x					
Expanded Train Ride	x					
Mini-Golf (Upgrade)	x	x			x	x
Wizard of Oz Playground	x					
Adult Fitness				x	x	x
Bike Share/Rental Program	x	x	x	x	x	x
Carousel Café	x	x	x	x	x	x
Games and Performance Plaza	x	x	x	x	x	x
Water Play and Misters	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gateway Pavilion (former Nature Center site)	x	x	x	x	x	x
The Green with Additional Green near Train						
Expanded Concerts and Festivals	x	x	x	x	x	x
Expanded Outdoor Classes	x	x	x	x	x	x
Expanded Casual Play	x	x	x	x	x	x
Western Branch Picnic Area						
8 Picnic Shelters	x	x	x	x	x	x
2 Half-Court Basketball Courts	x	x	x	x		
Watkins Downs Playground	x					
Ropes Course		x	x	x		
Splash Pad	x	x	x	x	x	
Casual Use Picnic Tables	x	x	x	x	x	x
Water Play and Misters	x	x	x	x	x	x

AGRICULTURE

EXISTING

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



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AGRICULTURE

Old Maryland Farm

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

Chelsea Historic Site

PROPOSED

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






AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED

Southern Portion of the Park

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

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AGRICULTURE

Who is Served?

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	Young kids	Middle school	High school	Young adults	Adults	Seniors
Woodland Nature Play Environment	X	X				
Old Maryland Farm	X	X			X	X
Catering/Event Facility / Beer Garden				X	X	X
Joint Teen Programs		X	X			
Chelsea Historic Site						
Historic Interpretation of House and Landscape	X	X	X	X	X	X
Re-purpose Barns	X	X	X	X	X	X
Demonstration Farming	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antique Farm Equipment	X	X	X	X	X	X
Re-purpose Farm Lanes for Bike and Walking Use	X	X	X	X	X	X

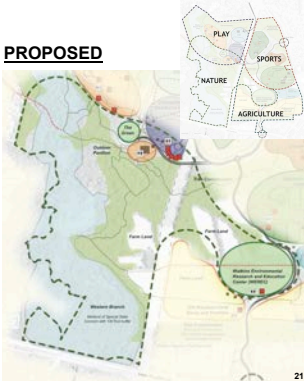
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NATURE

EXISTING

- Exhibit and Classroom Space
- Amphitheater
- Trails
- Woodlands and Wetlands

PROPOSED



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NATURE

Nature Center/ WEREC

PROPOSED

- Exhibit Space
- Classrooms/Multi-use Spaces
Some Shared with OMF for Meetings, Special Events, Training, Rentals
- Kitchen
- Wet/Dry Lab
- Craft/Birthday Camp
- Auditorium *Shared w/OMF*
- Gift Shop *Shared w/OMF*
- Animal Care
- Offices
- Laundry
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelters *Shared w/OMF*

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NATURE

PROPOSED

Nature Center/ WEREC Facility Examples




Knoch Knolls Nature Center

Aldo Leopold Legacy Center



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NATURE

Southern Portion of Park

PROPOSED

- 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

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NATURE

Southern Portion of Park

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

Southern Portion of Park

PROPOSED

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

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NATURE

Who is Served?

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	Young kids	Middle school	High school	Young adults	Adults	Seniors
Watkins Env. Research & Education Center						
Exhibit Space	X	X	X	X	X	X
Classrooms	X	X	X	X	X	X
Multi-use Spaces (for meetings, special events, training, rentals)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kitchen	X	X	X	X	X	X
Offices						
Wet/Dry Lab	X	X	X			
Craft/Birthday Camp	X	X				
Auditorium	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gift shop	X	X	X	X	X	X
Animal Care (cakes, raptors, etc.)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Catering/ Event Facility / Beer Garden				X	X	X
Joint Teen Programs		X	X			

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SPORTS

PROPOSED

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



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SPORTS

Northern Athletic Complex and Coville's Picnic Area

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




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SPORTS

Northern Athletic Complex

PROPOSED

- QuickStart Tennis
 - 10 and Under Tennis
 - Use Existing Facilities
- Pickle ball
 - 1 Tennis Court Converts to 4 Pickle ball Courts
- Teen Center





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SPORTS

Southern Athletic Complex

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

Who is Served?

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	Young kids	Middle school	High school	Young adults	Adults	Seniors
Athletic Complex & Park Welcome Center						
Replace Tennis Bubble (same location)			X	X	X	X
Upgrade Softball Fields for Tournament Use			X	X	X	X
Full Concession Stand	X	X	X	X	X	X
Teen Club Room		X	X			
Pickleball or QuickStart Tennis	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bike Skills Park	X	X	X	X		
Teen Club Room		X	X			
Basketball Courts	X	X	X	X	X	
Colville's Picnic Area						
Add 3 Large Capacity Picnic Shelters	X	X	X	X	X	X
Open Lawn for Play or Special Events	X	X	X	X	X	X

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