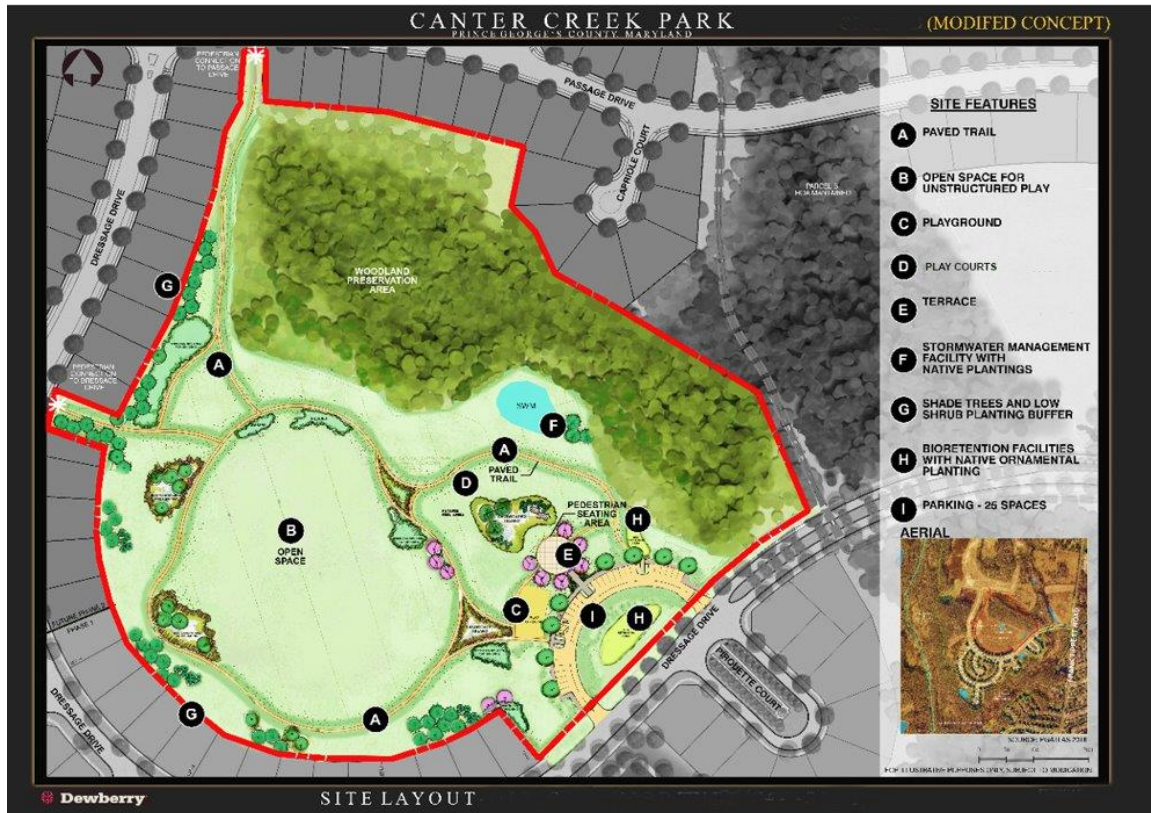


FREQUENTLY ASKED COMMUNITY QUESTIONS: Canter Creek Park



The following is a compilation of questions posed during community outreach and engagement for the development of Canter Creek Park. Questions and answers have been organized by topic. Answers have been provided by the project's development, construction, management, and maintenance teams, as well as representatives of the M-NCPPC Park Police. Further questions can be directed to:

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Park Features & Amenities

Q: What features and amenities will Canter Creek Park provide?

A: Canter Creek Park is a 25-acre parcel adjacent to Piscataway Creek Stream Valley Park, that will include 11 acres of Woodland Preservation Area. The park will be open from dawn to dusk, is not lighted, and will not have facilities for large, organized group activities. It will include the following recreational amenities:

- Terrace/Patio Area (tables & chairs; individual umbrella canopies)
- Playground
- Open Green Space
- Youth Play Courts (two back-to-back half courts; rims set at youth height/8 feet)
- Pedestrian Walking/Loop Trail
- Bike Racks
- Pet Waste Disposal Stations/Bag Dispensers
- 25-space Parking Lot

Q: What are the park hours?

A: Canter Creek Park will be open from dawn to dusk, and park hours and rules will be clearly indicated on signs in and around the park.

Q: What ages and abilities will the playground be designed to accommodate?

A: As with all M-NCPPC playgrounds, Canter Creek Park's playground will have a play space designed for ages 2-5 and a space designed for ages 5-12. The equipment accommodates all play abilities.

Q: Will the parking lot or other areas of the park be lighted?

A: No. Because the park hours are dawn to dusk and there are not permitted activities happening in the park, lighting is not required.

Q: How long is the loop trail?

A: The loop trail will be approximately 0.5 miles.

Q: Where are the entrances to the park?

A: The only vehicular entrance to the park is on Dressage Drive. There are two additional trail entrances that are located at Dressage and Passage Drives.

Q: Will there be fencing around the park?

A: There is no fencing planned to be installed around the perimeter of the park. There will be tree coverage provided to distinguish park property from private residences. There will be a chain link fence surrounding the park's interior stormwater management feature.

Q: Will there be a gate at the parking lot entrance?

A: No. There is no plan at this time to install a gate at the parking lot entrance or staff this type of feature.

Q: Will there be a horse trail in Canter Creek Park?

A: No. There are preliminary plan drawings for an equestrian trail in the vicinity of the park, but not on property owned/operated/managed by M-NCPPC.

Q: Will entrance to/use of the park be limited to members of any one community or neighborhood?

A: No. As a public park, there is equal and open access to the space and all its amenities to anyone who is willing to abide by the park rules and regulations.

Q: Will there be bathroom facilities?

A: No. Because the park will not have permitted, large gatherings or events, there will not be any bathroom facilities or comfort stations.

Q: Will there be a marked/lined football field or soccer pitch?

A: No.

Q: Will there be a pavilion for large gatherings?

A: No.

Q: Will there be a full-size basketball court suitable for adult games?

A: No.

Q: Will there be a pool?

A: No.

Q: Will there be a Community Center?

A: No.

Development Timeline

Q: What was the planning and budgeting process leading up to this point?

A: Below is a chronology of the planning and development of Canter Creek Park with major milestones highlighted:

Project Chronology



(Project Chronology, continued...)



Q: What is the remaining timeline for the park?

A: Currently, the project is in the construction phase. Voting on the design and color scheme of the playground equipment will conclude on July 3, 2023, and the equipment will be ordered shortly thereafter so that it's available in time for installation. In Spring 2024, once construction is substantially completed, M-NCPPC staff, including representatives from Park Police, will schedule and conduct a community walk-through to answer any remaining questions and discuss safety. Construction is scheduled to be complete by Summer 2024.

Q: When should we expect the next update on the project?

A: In the final year of the project, M-NCPPC will provide quarterly updates on the project website.

Park Safety & Security

Q: What safety measures will be in place for the park?

A: The Park Police Division ensures the safety of park patrons and facilities throughout Prince George's County through crime prevention initiatives, apprehension, enforcement of criminal and motor vehicle laws, and enforcement of park rules and regulations. In keeping with this mission, Canter Creek Park will be patrolled regularly and Park Police will respond promptly to any criminal activity within the park.

Q: Who should I contact if I observe instances of loitering in the park outside of the posted hours?

A: For all non-emergency safety and security issues related to the park, contact the Park Police Non-Emergency number – 301.459.9088

Q: Will there be speed bumps added to Dressage Drive to help control the flow and speed of increased traffic?

A: M-NCPPC does not own the roads that abut the park, so we do not have any plans to alter them in any way.

Q: Will security cameras be set up in the park parking lot or around the park?

A: No.

Park Maintenance

Q: What is the cleaning, maintenance, and trash pick-up schedule for the park??

A: The actual days/dates for Canter Creek Park maintenance will be determined once the park is completed and added into the maintenance rotation for the Southern Region Parks Division for Prince George's County. However, in general, the following hold true for all parks:

- Trash & Recycling Removal: 2x/week (in season); 1x/week (off season)
- Turf/Grass Maintenance: 1x/10-14 days
- Playground Inspections: 12x/year
- Playground Surfacing: 2x/month

Q: How will the trees and other landscaping be selected?

A: Trees, shrubbery, flowers, and other decorative or protective plantings will be selected to be appropriate for their location and intended purpose.

General Information

Q: How do individuals or community groups go about initiating a change to an existing M-NCPPC park?

A: There are a number of ways that ideas for new amenities at a park are generated – direct communication with an area planner; determination of shifting needs based on staff analysis of use and/or national standards; requests by elected officials; or testimony presented at annual budget hearings are some of the key channels for these kinds of proposals. Regardless of how the idea originates, each one is evaluated by M-NCPPC for feasibility and to develop cost projections. Smaller improvements can be approved and made using Departmental operating funding. Larger improvements are submitted for consideration in our Capital Improvement Program. Once they are vetted, Capital Budget requests are proposed for department leadership, Planning Board, and County Council approval.