Thank you for attending Detweiler Park Master Plan, Public Meeting #2.

The live presentation will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Please note this presentation is being recorded.

During the presentation feel free to type questions in the Q&A box. We will answer question during the Q&A portion of the presentation.

If you are listening by phone we ask that you keep your phone muted – we will provide instructions on how to ask questions during the Q&A session.



PUBLIC MEETING #2

PROCESS ANALYSIS / CONCEPT REVIEW 5.11.2020

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
 - Pete Simone
- Public FeedbackUpdate
 - Rob Gladfelter
- 3. Forestry
 Stewardship Plan
 - Sarah Leeper
- 4. Ecology Site Assessment
 - Mike McGraw
- 5. Building Assessment
- 6. Site Analysis
 - Rob Gladfelter

- 7. Concept
 - Sarah Leeper
- 8. Questions & Comments
 - Pete Simone
 - 9. Next Steps
 - Pete Simone



PROJECT CLIENT

County Commissioners:

- Jeff Haste
- Mike Pries
- George P. Hartwick, III



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http://www.detweilerpark.org



STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member		Organization
Sally	Zaino	Manada Conservancy Representative
Julie	Seeds	Middle Paxton Township Municipal
Joe	Sherrick	E. J. Stackpole Memorial Fish Nursery
Eric	Naguski	Conservation District Representative
Deb	Everly	Planning Commission Representative
Chris	Rebert	Naturalist
Amy	Young	Community Recreation Advocate
Paula	Zankel	Neighboring Property Owner
Justin	Goa	High School Student
Justin	Warren	School Board Member
Josh	First	Hunting Community
Gregg	Cook	Tourism Representative
Andy	Brought	Forester, DCNR
George	Connor	Economic Development Director
Carl	Dickson	Director, Dauphin Co. Parks and Recreation



PROJECT TEAM

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 Wildlife Biologist
- Jessie S. Buckner, Ecologist

Comprehensive Land Services

Patrick Fasano, Forester

Seiler + Drury Architecture

Doug Seiler, Architect

Patrick Stasio

Certified Recreational & Park Professional



PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

Simone Collins Landscape Architecture

As prime consultant for the project team, SC is responsible for overall facility design, public participation and coordination with the Committee, the County and project team

Applied Ecological Services

- Baseline habitat and wildlife analysis
- Meadow stewardship plan,
- Invasive species plan, and
- Waterways plan

Comprehensive Land Services

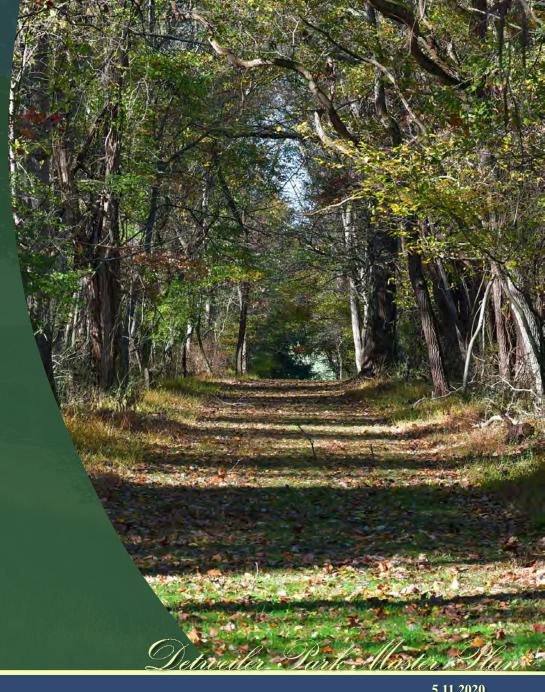
Forest Stewardship Plan

Seiler + Drury Architecture

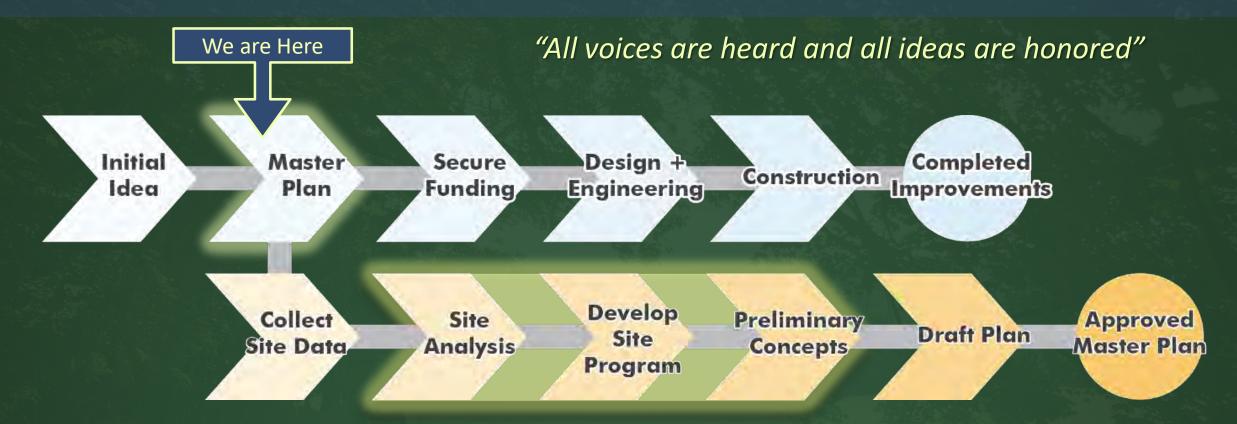
- Architectural assessment of the park's eight buildings and
- Historic Areas and Structures Review with PHMC.

Patrick Stasio

- Analyze and develop maintenance and operational strategies,
- Explored any potential revenue-producing concepts, and
- Assisted with the security analysis for the park.



MASTER PLAN PROCESS



Transparent Public Outreach Process:

- 4 Public Meetings
- 7 Study Committee Meetings
- 20 Key Person / Key Agency Interviews
- Web-based Public Opinion Survey

- Wiki Mapping Web-based
 Interactive Public Participation
- Total Public Access to the SC Team
 During the Master Plan Process



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Meeting	Purpose	Date
Committee Meeting 1	Kickoff Meeting / Brain Storming	Dec. 9, 2019
Public Meeting 1	Project Background/Brain Storming	Feb. 3, 2020
Committee Meeting 2	Review Public Meeting/Process Analysis	Feb. 17, 2020
Committee Meeting 3	Process Analysis/Initial Concepts	March 9, 2020
Committee Meeting 4	Concept Review	April 27, 2020
Public Meeting 2	Analysis and Concepts	May 11, 2020
Committee Meeting 5	Concept Refinement	June 22, 2020
Committee Meeting 6	Draft Plan Review	Sep. 14, 2020
Public Meeting 3	Draft Plan Presentation	Sep. 21, 2020
Committee Meeting 7	Review Draft Plan Comments/ Plan Refinements	Nov. 16, 2020
Public Meeting 4	Final Plan Presentation	Dec. 7, 2020



PUBLIC INPUT UPDATE

- Public Meeting One
- Survey Results
- Wiki Mapping
- **Key Person Interviews**



GOALS:

- Develop a Master Plan
- Improve public access
- Forest management Honor Detweiler plan
- Watershed enhancement
- Honor unique features

- Preserve spirit of natural environment
- 100-year restoration plan
- Legacy
- Zero waste



FACTS:

- 411-Acres
- Largest county park
- Range of experiences – fields • No County to woods
- Place to get "lost"
- Orange chairs grab attention
- Existing Fish **Hatchery: Current Programs**
- Existing trails
- Close to **Appalachian Trail** (AT)

- Primary access from DCCD
- DCCD Park Access **Temporary**
- **Controlled Hunts**
- Private Well and Septic
- 11 deer accidents on roads in past 6 months
- Horse trail at Ned **Smith Center has** issues
- Red squirrel population in pines

- Great Horn and **Eastern Screech** Owls
- 9 dragonfly species
- 21 different butterflies and moths
- Bird Migration Area
- Alanthus altissima on site
- Large vines most invasive
- Currently Haying Site
- Ilex opaca on site
- Headwaters on site
- Secret meadow



Concepts – Access:

- Alternative parking location
- ADA trail access
- •Improved stream access
- Peters Mountain Rd access point
- •Safe roadway access

Concepts – Trails:

- Running Trails
- Biking Trails
- Walking and hiking
- Children mountain bike trails
- Horseback riding

- Shared used /multiuse bike trails
- ADA trails
- Better access to level trails
- Connect to Appalachian Trail
- Develop sustainable trails
- Re-route steep slope trails
- Trail upkeep and maintenance
- Design to assist w/ stormwater management/erosion

- Use trail color to denote trail difficulty
- Wayfinding / trail blazing



Concepts – **Activities / Facilities**

- Restrooms
- Picnic areas
- Disc golf
- Archery range
- model plane fly area
- No active recreation
- Active sports fields
- Soccer fields
- Nature based play area
- Event / Festival space
- Peaceful "private" spaces
- "Public" area social

- Winter sports
- Cross country skiing
- Sledding
- RV camping
- Camping
- Group camping

Concepts – Habitat:

- Environmental **Assessment**
- Prioritize invasive removal and restoration
- Deer population control
- Maintain fish stocking
- Maintain large open

fields

- Box turtle sanctuary
- Butterfly meadow
- Apiary
- Native plan sanctuary
- Nesting Bird Habitat
- Permaculture / food forest
- Introduce Chestnuts, pawpaw, native fruits
- Plant Big trees
- Protect viewsheds
- Shade structure over trout hatchery



Concepts – Themes / Ideas:

- Variety of **Experiences**
- What am I going to see?
- What's the site's story?
- Keep natural
- Community resilience
- Limited or no light pollution
- Long term-add acreage to site
- Solar panels on buildings
- Use i-naturalists to

share data

- Consult people with disabilities
- Create "Cathedral Tunnel" in pines
- Create a Friends of a **Park**
- Wayfinding **Concepts – Programs**
- Environmental education
- School field trips
- Foster stewardship relationships with adjacent landowners
- Volunteer work groups

- Incorporate culture/ arts
- Native Fruits Harvest festival
- Badge earning opportunities Boy/Girl **Scouts**
- Donor trees and benches programs
- Star gazing
- Symphony Summer Concerts
- Spartan Run
- Tough Mudder Races
- Sports competition events



Partners:

- **Adjoining Private** Landowners
- Appalachian Audubon 10. Dauphin Middle Society
- **Appalachian Trail** Conservancy
- **Astronomical Society** of Harrisburg
- **Boy Scouts**
- **Business Community** (within geographic footprint – 30 miles)
- **Central Pennsylvania** Conservancy
- **Clarks Creek**

Watershed Association

- Colleges, Universities, 15. Dauphin County **School Districts**
 - **Paxton Fire Company**
- 11. Dauphin County **Anglers &** Conservationists
- 12. Dauphin County **Conservation District**
- 13. Dauphin County **Department of Community and Economic Development**
- 14. Dauphin County

Planning Commission

- Visitors Bureau: "Visit
 - Hershey Harrisburg"
- 16. Dauphin County **Woodland Owners** Assoc.
- 17. Dauphin-Middle **Paxton Historical** Society
- **18. DCNR**
- 19. DCNR Bureau of **Forestry**
- 20. Girl Scouts



Partners:

21. Harrisburg Area **Community College** (HACC) -

Nature and Art 30. PA Fish and Boat

Commission

22. Harrisburg Area Flying 31. PA Game Commission 40. State Police

Society 23. Harrisburg Symphony

24. Hershey Harrisburg

Sports & Events

Authority

25. Manada Conservancy 26. Master Gardener –

Penn State Extension

27. Middle Paxton **Township**

28. Middle Paxton

Township EMS

29. Ned Smith Center for

32. PA Interscholastic

Cycling League

33. Park Sponsors

34. PennDot

35. Pennsylvania Fish and

Boat Commission

36. Pennsylvania Game

Commission

37. SAMBA- Susquehanna

Area Mountain Bike

Association

38. Schools Halifax School

District

39. Schools Central

Dauphin School

District

41. Tri-County Regional

Planning Commission

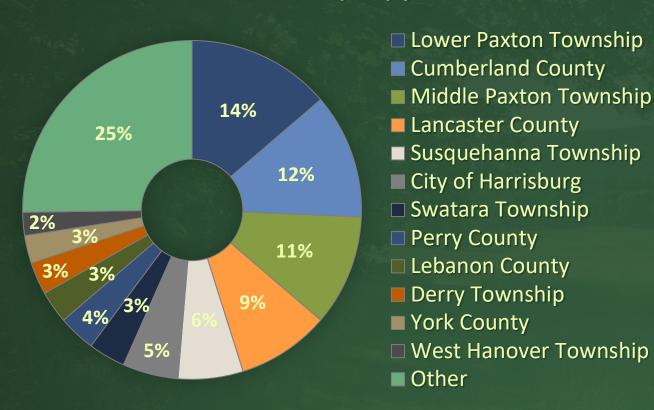
42. Trout Unlimited



SURVEY UPDATE

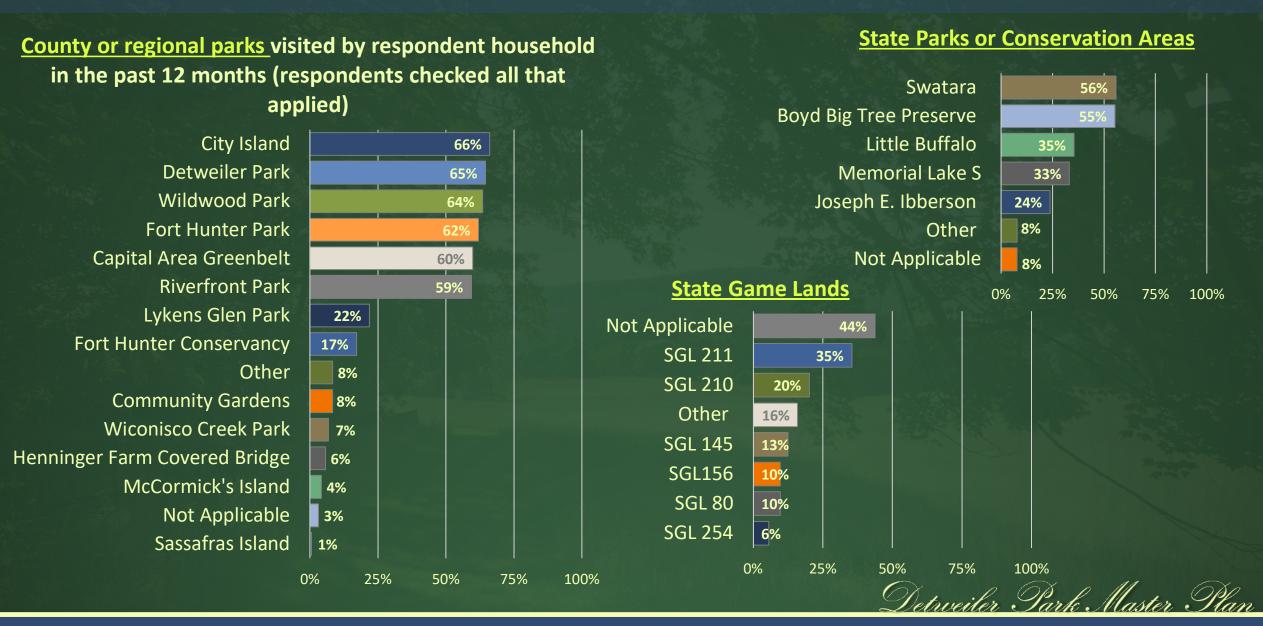
233 Respondents as of April 17th

What is the name of the municipality you live in?





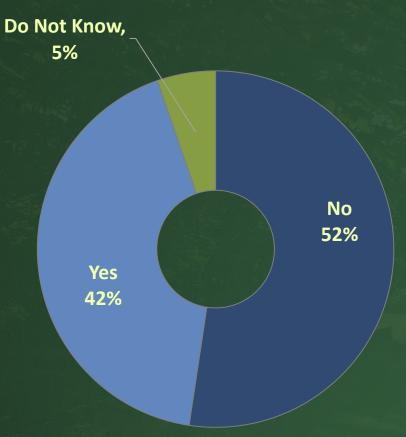
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SURVEY UPDATE

In the past 12 months, respondent households that have participated at any activities at Detweiler Park?

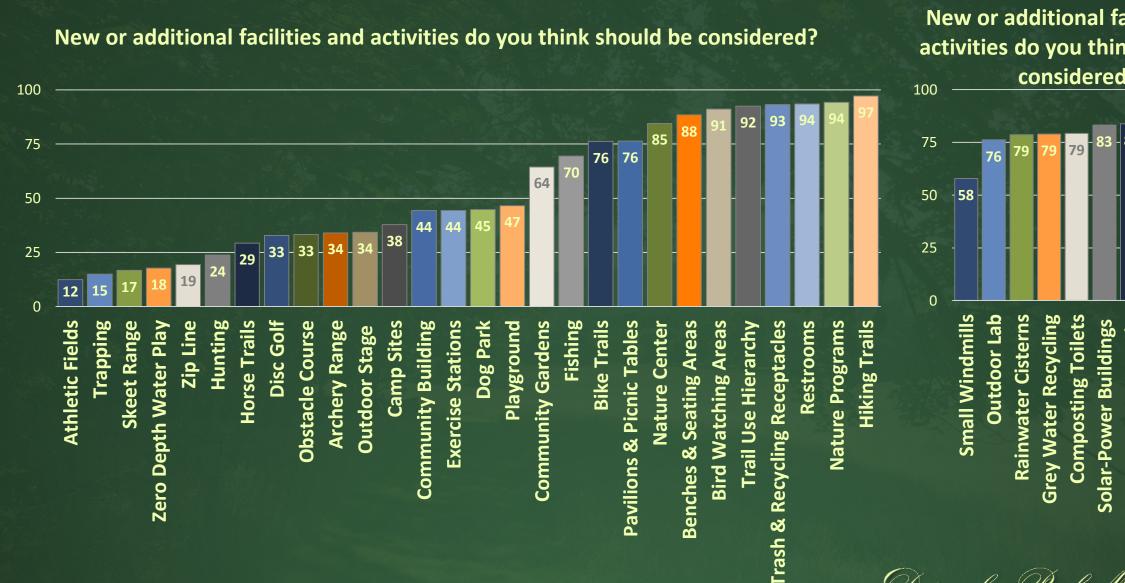


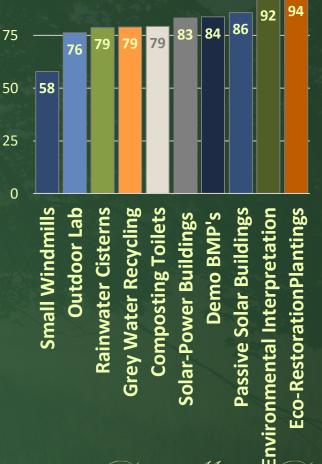
Primary activities that respondent households participated in at Detweiler Park



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SURVEY RESULTS





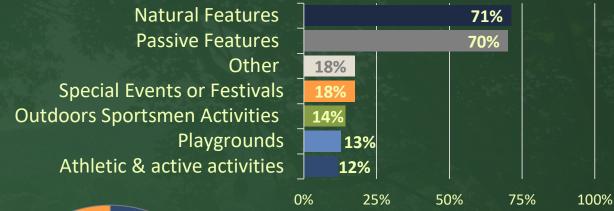
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SURVEY RESULTS

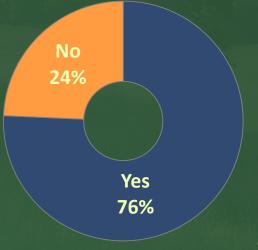
Importance of following amenities / facilities for a better and more comfortable experience at Detweiler Park



General character respondents would like to see at Detweiler Park (respondents checked all that applied)



Would like to see the wooded and meadow area in the park included as part of a passive recreation area with interpretive / educational opportunities.



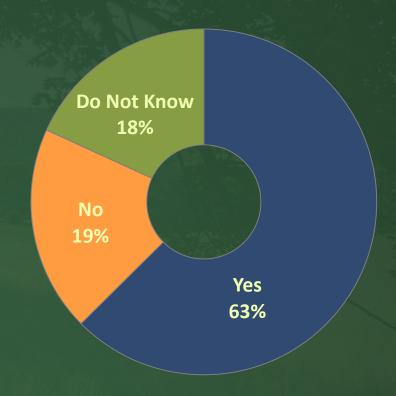
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SURVEY RESULTS

Importance to have peaceful quiet areas in Detweiler Park



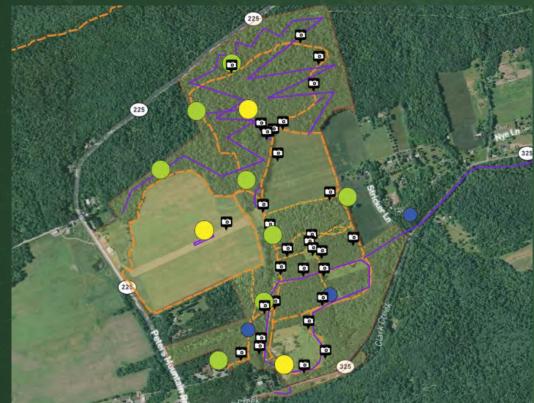
Respondents that feel the peaceful quiet setting of Detweiler Park can be preserved while providing for more activities, active or passive



Detweiler Park Master Plan

WIKI MAPPING

- Visits: last visited April 9th
- Comment / Suggestions: 54
- Shared Pictures: 32



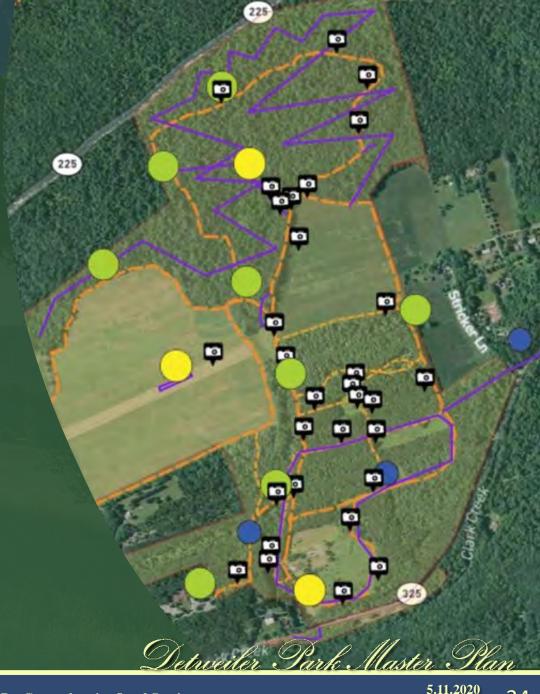
- Additional facts
- Points of interest
- Proposed activity /amenity
- Proposed trail



WIKI MAPPING

Key takeaways from Comments:

- Connection to Bailey's Grove east of the park
- Proposed area for model airplane club
- Favorite views
- Seasonable wet areas
- Possible parking areas
- Dog waste issues
- Aggressive neighbor dogs can make some feel uneasy walking on east side of park
- Areas of scenic beauty
- Many amazing photographs



KEY PERSON INTERVIEWS

- 20 Total Interviews
- Schedule and start interviews late spring and into summer
- Some interviews will take place after the Draft Plan presentation



- Field Work has been Completed
- Forest Stewardship Plan Components
- Management Areas
- **Initial Recommendations**



- Field Work
 - Dauphin County DCNR District Forester Andy Brought and Pat F. spent 4 full days in the field taking sample plots in the entire 294 acres of woodland.
- **Stewardship Plan Components:**
 - Ten year Management Plan
 - Recommendations for all 10 years of the plan, for all mgt. units.
 - Soil maps, descriptions of soils, and a
 - PNDI Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory report
 - Raw Data spread sheets for all of the plot data collected
 - An illustrative table shows the recommendations for each unit for each year
 - Full narrative of the plan, that describes what is present in all of the units, as well as management recommendations.



- There are 2 Stands of timber.
 - Stand 1 is 126 acres south of the central fields
 - Stand 2 is 168 acres north of the fields
 - Forest Total: 294 acres.
- There are 9 management units within the 2 stands
 - The plot samples will show the baseline data for the existing conditions of the woodlands.
 - This sample data will be extrapolated to show the stocking and conditions of all 9 management units.



Draft Recommendations:

- Reduce invasive species in all management units
- Develop a deer management program to reduce the current population.
- Invasive species dominance and excessive deer browsing has prevented any natural regeneration of the forest.
- Once these elements are addressed in the first 5 years, Silvicultural recommendations for all of the management units can be implemented.

Area Sizes

STAND 1: 126 AC

AREA 1: 5.80 AC

AREA 2: 8.02 AC

AREA 3: 19.97 AC

AREA 3a: 0.60 AC

AREA 5: 22.72 AC

AREA 6: 8.41 AC

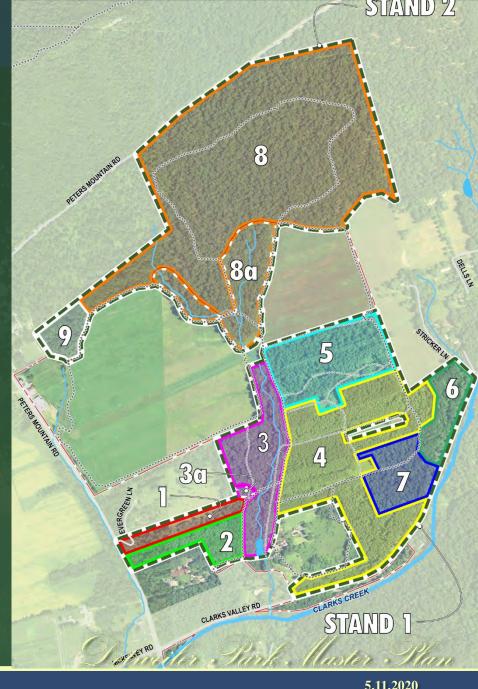
AREA 7: 11.44 AC

STAND 2: 168 AC

AREA 8: 144.65 AC

─ ○ AREA 8a: 17.66 AC

AREA 9: 5.22 AC



Next Steps

- Coordination with the ecological site assessment, so that there is consistency with the recommendations for both the forest, waterways, meadows, and the wildlife resources on the property.
- The plan is still in a draft phase. Once completed the plan will by submitted to DCNR District Forester Andy Brought for approval.



ECOLOGY SITE ASSESSMENT

- Field Work Completed to date
 - One Bird Survey
 - Spring Ephemeral (Botanical) Survey
 - Camera Trap Deployment (Feb 02 Apr 06)
- **Initial Observations**
- **Deliverable Products**
 - **Meadow Management**
 - **Invasive Species Management, and**
 - **Waterways Management**



ECOLOGY SITE ASSESSMENT

Individual Species Identified

Таха	# of Species	Non-Native
Mammals	13	1
Reptiles	3	0
Amphibians	6	0
Birds	69	2
Insects/Inverts	79	??
Plants	156	22
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ECOLOGY SITE ASSESSMENT

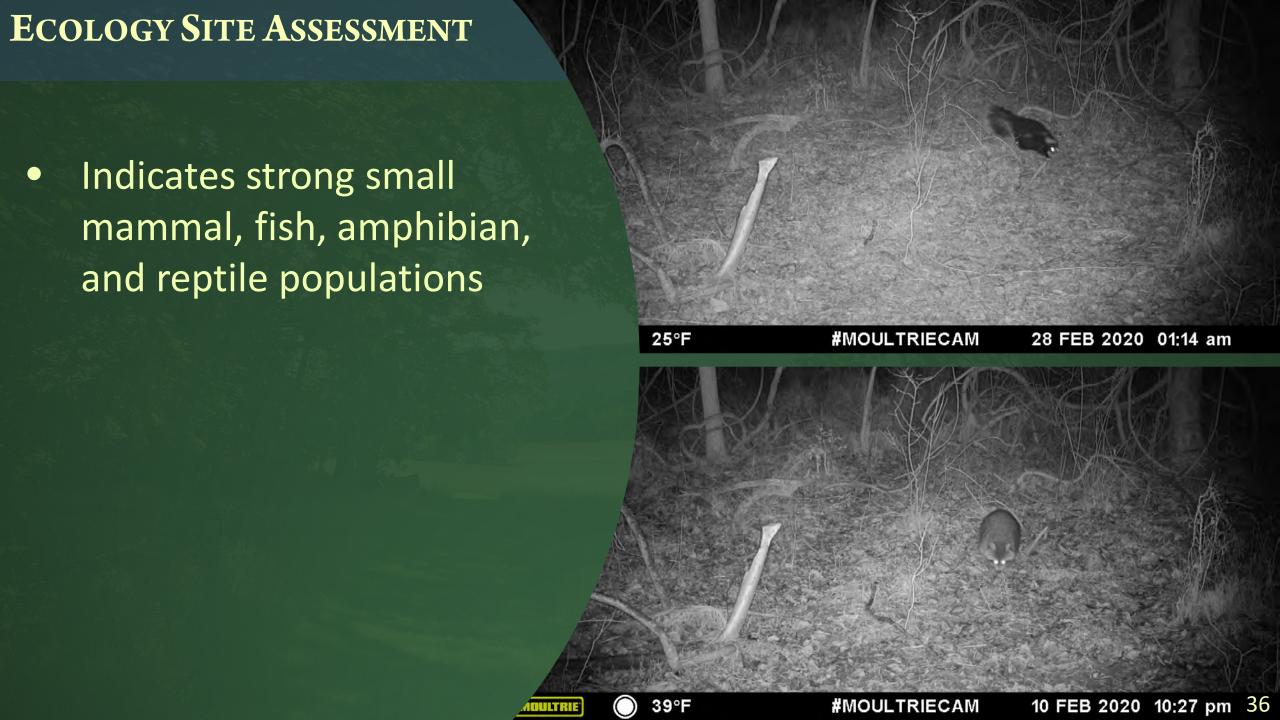
Camera Trap Data

Species	CE	WL	HW	Notes
White-tailed deer (doe)		6	15	Estimated (1000s of images)
White-tailed deer (buck)		0	3	Unique IDs from antler design
Coyote		2	1	Estimated (many pics)
Red fox	6	1	1	Estimated (many pics)
Striped skunk	3	1	3	The same of the sa
Raccoon		3	1	Estimated (many pics)
Virginia opossum	4	2	1	Estimated (many pics)
Rabbit	4	2	1	Estimated (many pics)
Mink	0	1	0	
House cat	1	0	1	Particular and the second
Domestic dog	1	0	0	
Human	4	1	0	
Unknown cat	0	0	1	possible bobcat
Unknown	3	2	2	
Northern cardinal	0	1	0	
Song sparrow	0	2	0	
Eastern bluebird	0	1	0	
Northern mockingbird	0	1	0	
Great blue heron	0	1	0	



ECOLOGY SITE ASSESSMENT **Coyotes Distributed** Throughout Site Likely only onsite deer pressure 16 MAR 2020 12:03 am 04 APR 2020 02:54 am 34 #MOULTRIECAM

ECOLOGY SITE ASSESSMENT Robust Mesocarnivore Population 51°F #MOULTRIECAM 01 MAR 2020 07:41 pm **03 FEB 2020 04:01 am** 35 #MOULTRIECAM





- Open wetland resource
 - Mink!
 - Invaded and simplified
 - Opportunity to enhance!



Reporting and Early Recommendations

- Invasive Species Plan
 - Using Standardized Management Units
 - Linked closely to restoration plantings, seeding, and phasing!
 - Deer Management CRITICAL
 - Enclosures
 - Hunting
 - State/Federal Support
 - Significant Effort which will require:
 - Phased execution (structure retention)
 - Timing matrix for species-specific approach
 - Most woody species work can occur in the winter with follow-up spot treatments
 - Targeted/just-in-time spraying and hand pulling of Mirostegium (Japanese Stilt Grass) will be key
 - FIRE?! (fantastic management technique)



Reporting and Early Recommendations

- Meadow Management Plan
 - Primary ecological drivers will be
 - Spatial Ecology and Critical nesting habitat for grassland birds (bird group in largest global decline currently)
 - Botanical diversity
 - Insect diversity
 - Soften edges and transitions to savanna and forested habitats with shrubs and tree plantings
 - No-till, seed drill native graminoids and wildflowers into existing meadow
 - Identify "hotspots" for planting plugs"
 - Can be a repeated volunteer effort every April and September



Reporting and Early Recommendations

- Waterways Plan
 - Identify assets and ecological stressors for each drainage (help from stakeholders!)
 - Provide dam breach vs. Improvement scenarios
 - Develop conceptual restoration plans to:
 - Ensure connectivity for seasonal fish movements
 - Eliminate erosion and invasive plants
 - Locate and reduce/eliminate stormwater runoff from manmade infrastructure using natural solutions
 - Increase biodiversity
 - Protect and enhance seepage wetlands and high quality upper watershed resources



BUILDING ASSESSMENT

Site Buildings

- Stone Farm House & Garage –Peter's Mountain Road
 - **Good Condition**
 - Continue Use as Residential Rental Property;
 - Define limits of non park areas
- Barn -Peter's Mountain Road
 - Some repairs required;
 - Potential to serve as park storage & maintenance facility
- Hangar –Peter's Mountain Road
 - **Good Condition**
 - Currently rented for single use
 - Could this serve as a community indoor spas yoga, dance studio, or classroom



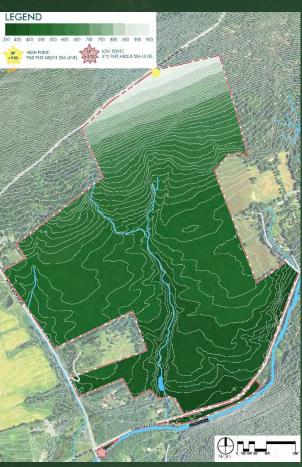
BUILDING ASSESSMENT

Site Buildings

- Detweiler House –Clarks Valley Road
 - **Good Condition**
 - Continue Use as Residential Rental Property;
 - Define limits of non park areas
- Pool House–Clarks Valley Road
 - **Good Condition**
 - Repurpose for Park Restrooms & Storage
- Stable-Clarks Valley Road
 - **Good Condition**
 - Park Maintenance Outpost
- Fish Hatchery–Clarks Valley Road
 - **Good Condition**
 - Upgrade Restrooms to be assessable



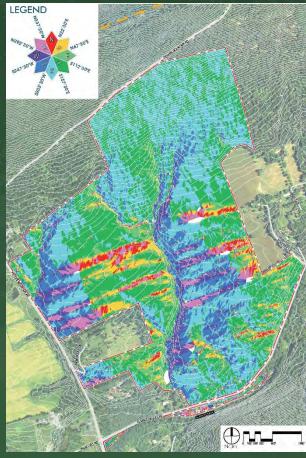
SITE ANALYSIS



Elevation Map



Slope Map



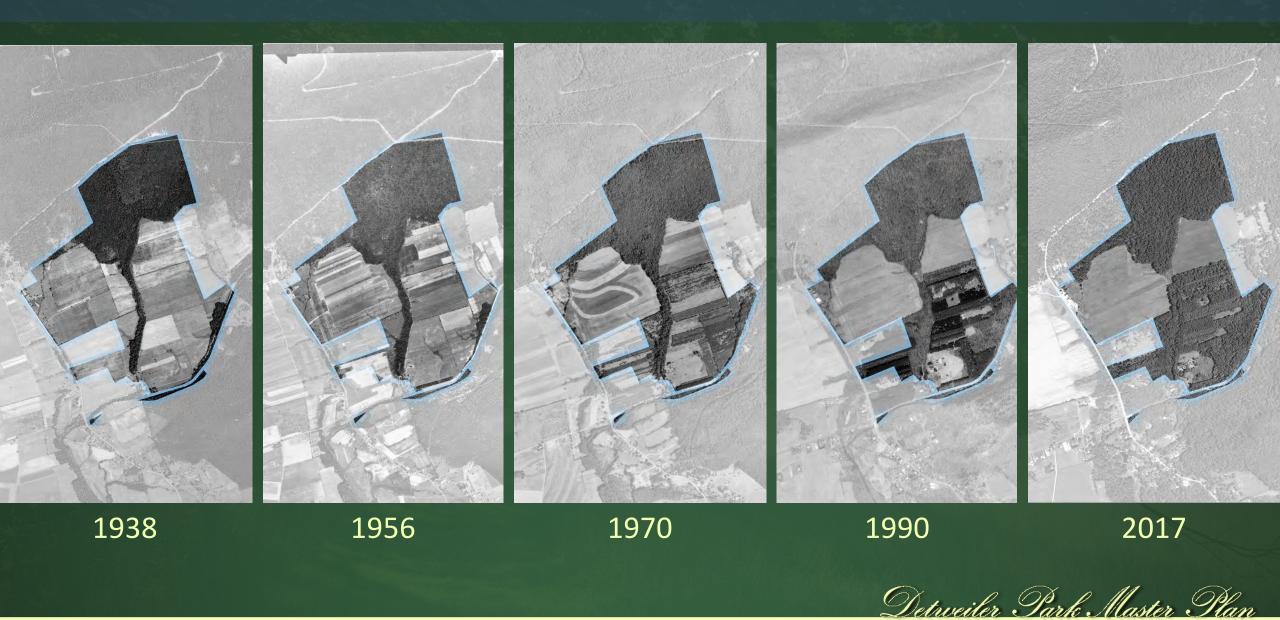
Slope Aspect Map



Hydrology Map

Detrveiler Park Master Plan

HISTORIC SITE AERIALS



COMPOSITE SITE ANALYSIS

Working map of key site constraints and opportunities:

- Steep Slopes
- Riparian Buffers
- Floodplain
- Wetlands
- Viewsheds

LEGEND

Site Boundary

Parcel Boundary

10' Contours

Roads

Buildings

Appalachian Trail

Stream

/// Floodplain

Wetland

- - Hydrological Draws

Dam

Slopes < 12%
Viewsheds
Riparian Buffer

Existing Trails

•••• Stackpole Trail

Frankie's Dogleg Loop

David's Field Loop

••• Meade's Mountain Loop

••• Airstrip Loop

... Secondary Trails



CONCEPT PLAN

- **Enhance Natural Systems**
- **Create Multiple Entrances**
- Improve Trails & Create Hierarchy
- **Provide Facilities**
 - Parking
 - Restrooms
 - **Pavilions**
- **Recreational Opportunities**
 - Walking, running, hiking
 - **Nature Studies**
 - Bike riding
 - Playgrounds
 - Disc Golf
 - Informal field sports
 - Permaculture
 - Cross County Skiing / Snowshoeing



Plan Areas

- Frankie's Dogleg Meadow
- Conservation District Area
- Pine Plantations
- 4 David's Meadow
- Meade's Mountain
- 6 Air Strip Meadow

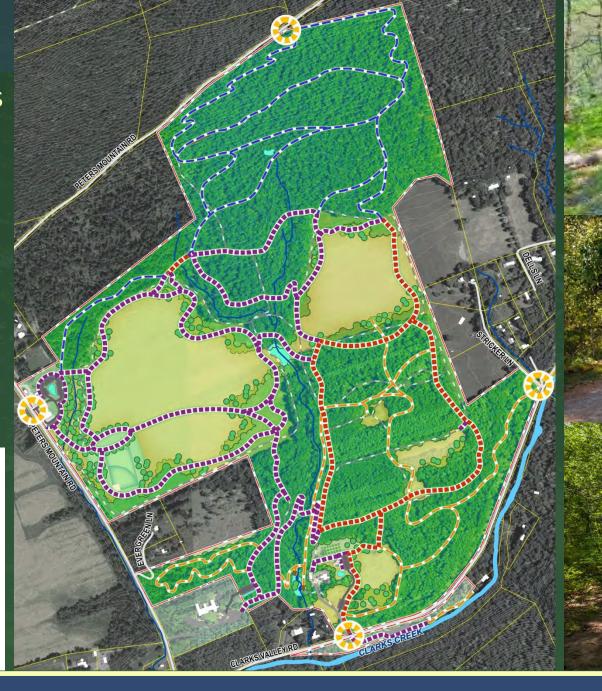
TRAIL HIERARCHY

- **Provide Accessible Routes**
- Create different experiences
- Address Trail Drainage & **Erosion**
- Provide 50' buffers along neighboring properties
- Connect to Regional **Recreation Amenities**

LEGEND

- Pedestrian Trail
- Pedestrian Hiking Trail
- Multi-Use Trail
- Hiking / Mt. Biking Trail
- **Existing Trail Locations**

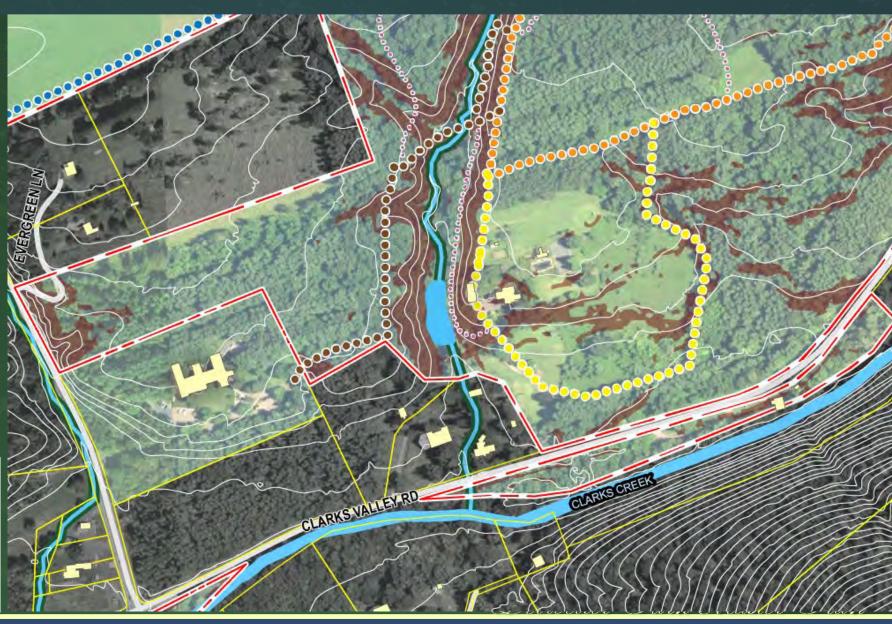




EXISTING CONDITIONS - FRANKIE'S DOGLEG MEADOW

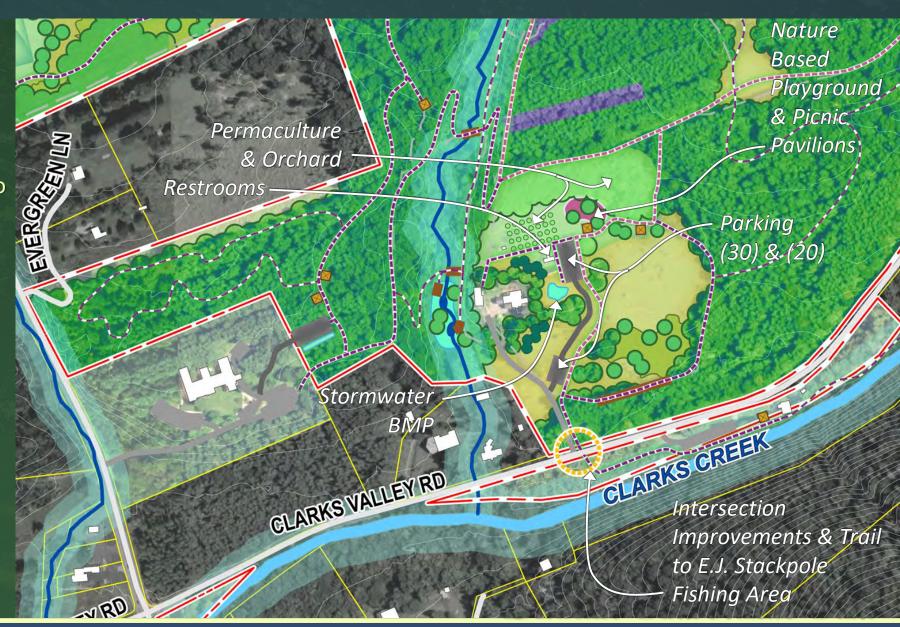
- No differentiation between homestead and public trails
- Meadow is robust and seedlings of white pine are self introducing.
- Southern portion of trail is seasonally inundated.





CONCEPT PLAN - FRANKIE'S DOGLEG MEADOW

- Improve Driveway entrance
 - Pedestrian crossing with rapid flashing beacon
 - Create a spilt in the entrance drive: to west in private and to east is public
 - Provide buffer planting for residence
- Create core activity area at former pool house:
 - Picnic Pavilions
 - Nature Base Play
 - Meadow Overlook
 - Orchard / Permaculture
- Convert former pool house into park restrooms



CONCEPT PLAN – FRANKIE'S DOGLEG MEADOW











CONCEPT PLAN - CONSERVATION DISTRICT ENTRANCE

- Create additional parking within park boundary.
- Provide Trail head Picnic **Pavilions**
- Improve trail alignments to reduce trail grades for better accessibility and to reduce stormwater runoff.
- Remove dam & convert pond to stream and wetland system: enhance water quality & habitat
- Create a 9-hole disc golf course



CONCEPT PLAN - CONSERVATION DISTRICT ENTRANCE











EXISTING CONDITIONS - PINE PLANTATIONS

- Forest severely compromised by invasive species
- Dominated by evergreens with some deciduous species to the north and east.
- Trail network intensive and lacks wayfinding



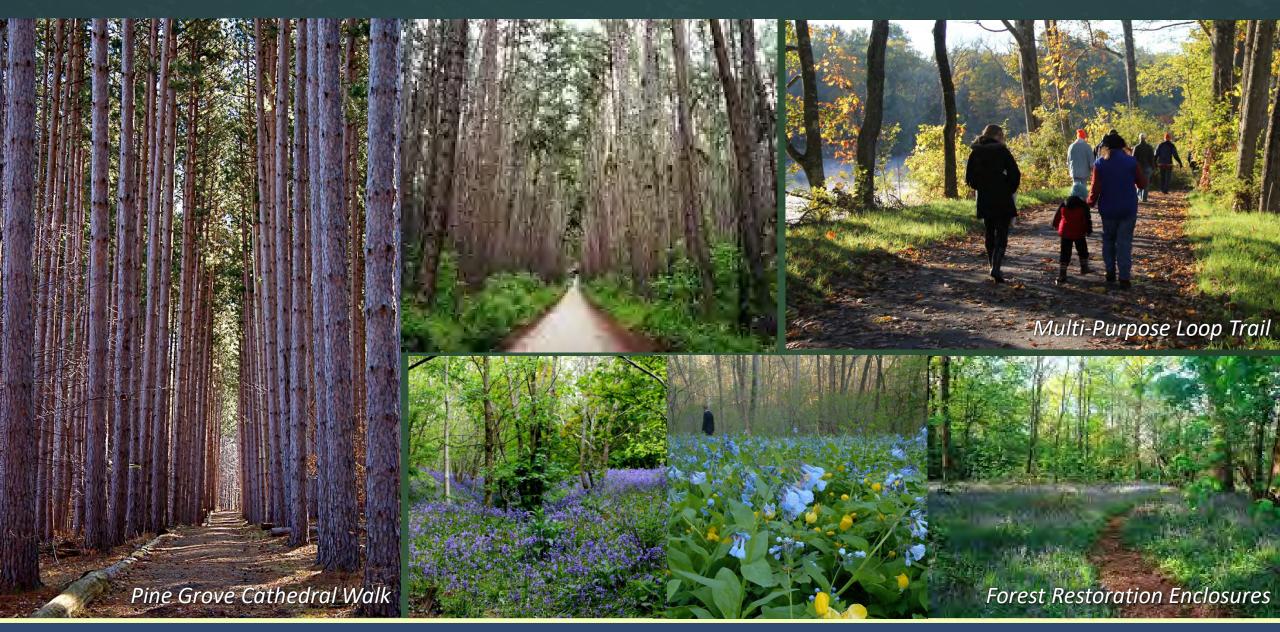


CONCEPT PLAN - PINE PLANTATIONS

- Focus on controlling invasives years 0-5
- Thin select areas of forest Canopy for ecological restoration
- Combine southern two forest openings / meadow areas into savanna meadow habitat
- Create enclosure areas for forest wildflower / ground floor restoration planting
- Trail Connection to Bailey's Grove / Crosswalk at Clarks Valley Road



CONCEPT PLAN - PINE PLANTATIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS - DAVID'S MEADOW

- Open field joins the two site wood lots
- Trail hugs perimeter
- No edge transition to forest
- Borrowed view into neighboring farm





CONCEPT PLAN - DAVID'S MEADOW

- Create transition habitat along forest edge
- Create pedestrian connection to airstrip meadow
- Meander trail system away from property lines and in and out of forest.



CONCEPT PLAN - DAVID'S MEADOW



EXISTING CONDITIONS - MEADE'S MOUNTAIN

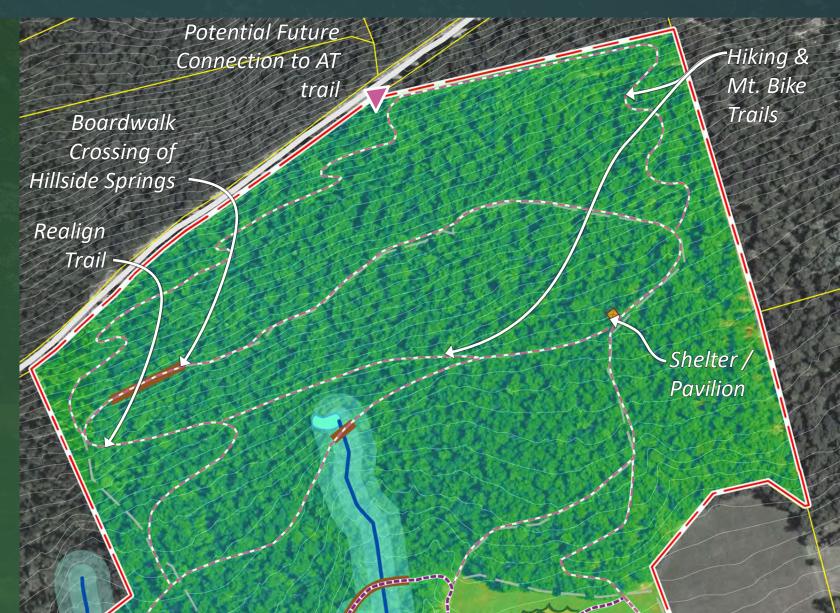
- Steep slopes limit accessibility
- Heavily browsed area
- Springs along northern hill

Site Trails: •••• Stackpole Trail Frankie's Dogleg Loop David's Field Loop Meade's Mountain Loop • • • Airstrip Loop Secondary Trails



CONCEPT PLAN - MEADE'S MOUNTAIN

- Realign main western trail with switch back to control stormwater
- Create a northern trail for future access to AT trail
- Create a southern trail for a moderate level hike.
- Provide boardwalk at springs.



EXISTING CONDITIONS - AIR STRIP MEADOW

- Airstrip Loop Trail Distance: 1.5 Miles
- Field Size: approx. 84 AC
- Former Airstrip
- **Existing Driveway Entrance**
- Area Buildings
 - Peter's Mountain House & Garage
 - Barn
 - Hanger





CONCEPT PLAN - AIR STRIP MEADOW

- Improve driveway entrance
- Focus parking behind farmstead
- Create a core habitat meadow
- Maintain Air Strip Viewshed



CONCEPT PLAN 1- AIR STRIP MEADOW















NEXT STEPS

Next Meeting:

- Public Meeting 3 –Sept 21st, 7 pm
- Take / Share the Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DetweilerPark
- Provide Feedback on WikiMap https://wikimapping.com/detweiler-park-master-plan.html

Continued Site Reconnaissance

Summer Inventories

Prepare Draft Plan & Recommendations Additional Questions & Comments please email:

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