

## Fellows Property Master Plan Draft – Comment Matrix

Category	Comments Received	Staff Assessment	Final Recommendation
I. Introduction and Background  A. Park Purpose (#4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for clarification and distinction of what activities are being considered, especially under the “active recreation” category as the draft plan suggests that these activities should be “limited.”</li> <li>• The focus should of the Park Purpose should be preserving and protecting natural resources and the environment</li> <li>• The design of the park of the park should be informed by current observable use of the area, which has included - informal athletic activities such as playing catch, people passing through the property while on walks, exercising their dogs.</li> </ul>		
I. Introduction and Background  B. Desired Future Visitor Experience (#1-3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If passive and active recreation activities are mentioned in #1 then #2 and #3 should have possible activities for each category of activity.</li> </ul>		

<p>B. Desired Future Visitor Experience (#5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs should be limited in use, close the ground, made of natural materials in neutral tones.</li> <li>• Innovative, low impact, low visual impact signage ideas to convey environmental information.</li> <li>• Address the question “How much is too much signage</li> <li>• Model the park sign after the Big Chimneys Park sign which incorporates the history of the park and also doubles as an art piece.</li> <li>• Answer the question of how environmental education or what aspect of environmental education will be prioritized in order to inform and limit sign use.</li> </ul>		
<p>D – Property Description</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include – “Four exceptional mature trees on the property are designated as City Specimen Trees and are labeled. “</li> </ul>		
<p>D – Property Description</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify what pieces of the existing storm water structures we intend to maintain and/or not maintain.</li> <li>• Clarify if the intent is to keep all three storm water structures mentioned – the foundation of</li> </ul>		

	the home, the well and an existing storm water structure.		
D – Property Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment to emphasize the significance of the canopied natural forest on the north side of the property as it contains a disproportionate share of the ecological and biological diversity, and wildlife habitat, of the entire property.</li> </ul>		
D – Property Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options for restoration of deforested area. The deforested portion separates the two areas, is not health for the property, and is not attractive. Would like to see more of an emphasis on this.</li> </ul>		
D – Property Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the forested corner of the park as a wildlife easement from one side of the neighborhood to the other.</li> <li>• There is a particular interest in leaving the lower end of the property in the current, forested state to help absorb storm water and provide a natural forested area for educational and other purposes. This may also be the best use of land that abuts residential property on Fellows Court and Timber Lane.</li> </ul>		

D – Property Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A significant portion of the “open and grass covered” part of the property is a strip approximately 30 feet wide. This area was deforested and cleared prior to the City acquiring the property, was never smoothed or graded, and grass was only planted after an erosion event. This grassy strip should undergo a process of ecological succession to return it to its original forest condition. Consideration should be given to enrichment planting of pollinator-friendly native plants. The current old forest portion covers only about 25 percent of the Fellows Property but supports far more than that fraction of the biodiversity, wildlife, ecological, and hydrological values of the property. If the now-deforested grassy strip were allowed to undergo natural forest regeneration, it is estimated that approximately one-third of the property would then be forested by natural forest.</li></ul>		
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E – Park Designation			
II – Description of the Conceptual Development Plan  A. New Elements			
1. Park Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA accessible curb cut at Fellows Court and Parker Avenue</li> <li>• Main access from Oak Street to be accessible to vehicles with grasscrete pavers</li> <li>• Access from all 3 sides of park</li> <li>• Combine 1 – Park Access and 6- Pathways</li> <li>• A concrete pathway is needed to allow for wheelchair access to a main section of the park.</li> </ul>		
2. Interpretative Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As an education venue for the community, signage could be presented in a locked display case that will allow multiple subjects to be displayed. Habitat Restoration and/or high school students involved in sustainability education may want to put together displays. We lose an opportunity if only</li> </ul>		

	static signage is used. Would like a rotating display		
2 . Interpretative Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small signage of plants used for healing and nutrition by native people of this area.</li> <li>• Opportunity to add signage or information about the historical nature of the property.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
3. Benches and Picnic Tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment – Benches and Benches and Picnic Tables can be combined into one item.</li> <li>• Comment that Picnic Shelter can be removed</li> <li>• A few benches placed within the park to relax.</li> </ul>		
4. Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways should be of natural stone, dust, dirt or something fitting to the area and natural park.</li> <li>• Any paving /hardscaping/ concrete / non-permeable surface should not be included, except curb areas if required by law. Biking is incompatible with the park</li> </ul>		

	purpose. Pathways should be natural and unobtrusive.		
4. Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidate Pathways items into one category (Park Access, Pathways, Bike Path, Nature Trail, Equity and Accessibility)</li> <li>• These combined points can state that access should be from all 3 sides with at least 1 access point to be ADA accessible to reach the middle of the park.</li> </ul>		
4. Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to figure out what type of pathways are wanted, how ADA accessibility and storm water management will impact the location, type and purpose of pathways.</li> </ul>		
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	native plants, and ecological and hydrological processes.		
4. Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paved paths for bikes should be avoided.</li> </ul>		
4. Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at the woods adjacent to the Poplar Heights pool for ideas for natural landscaping for walking paths. These paths maintain the forested landscape while also making it usable for recreation. While the design may present ideas for how to integrate walking paths and seating areas in ways that enhance, rather than detract from, the natural landscape.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
5. Nature Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that the intended pathways are natural and this item could be combined with 6. Pathways.</li> <li>• Recommendation to combine Nature Trail, Bike Path and Pathways.</li> <li>• Address where the trail/pathway will go and what the purpose is under one line item.</li> </ul>		
6. Bike Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted Comment: "A bike path around the perimeter (which would have to be paved) would</li> </ul>		



	<p>damage the main forest area on the north side of the property, and contradicts the idea of protecting natural habitat and wildlife.”</p>		
6. Bike Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that if the entrance off of Oak Street was wheelchair accessible then there could be hardscape path that goes around the perimeter of what was once the Fellows home. There could also be small garden in the middle of this bike path. This would give young riders a place to ride and wouldn't take up as much of or detract from the natural park.</li> <li>• Comment to maintain a hardened trail along the perimeter.</li> </ul>		
6. Bike Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paved paths for bikes should be avoided. The paved path down Tripps Run from Oak Street, to the north of Oak Street Elementary School, provides nearby paved paths for safe practice by beginning bikers.</li> </ul>		
7. Urban Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational opportunity for Oak St. students</li> </ul>		
7. Urban Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “A clear plan and commitment needs to be established as to who</li> </ul>		

	<p>will plant, weed, water and support the agriculture on an ongoing basis for the future. This is the greatest challenge to such projects that often rely on volunteers who may come and go.”</p>		
<p>7. Urban Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment – How can we determine what can be urban agriculture without knowing what is possible due to space constraints?</li> <li>• Comment in response – we don’t want to set a goal that cannot be met or does not meet expectations.</li> <li>• Comment in response- Is there a way to know now what is possible without professionals advising what is possible?</li> <li>• Comment that this is an aspirational plan and should be phrased in way that communicates that this what we would like to do.</li> </ul>		
<p>7. Urban Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that there seem to be two concepts:</li> <li>• Concept 1 - A planting area possibly run by group like Grow a Row FC; individual garden plots get messy due to maintenance</li> </ul>		

	<p>and have fallen out of favor. Fellows Property may not even have the room to support this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept 2 – planting of edible trees/bushes. This can be combined with landscaping and the landscaping choices made and can be melded into the natural landscape of park.</li> <li>• Suggestion - Plant varieties that are good for pollinators, provide food sources for wildlife.</li> <li>• Suggestion - Allow for park visitors to pick edibles.</li> <li>• Suggestion - Organizational run community garden with yield being donated to a food bank.</li> <li>• Counter comments in response:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Comment to again emphasize the maintenance cost and time required for future maintenance and a set fund established for future maintenance.</li> <li>b. Comment that if a community garden is built a partnership will be required to maintain the garden.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>7. Urban Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question raised if urban agriculture is needed at this site.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that Berman Park may be a better fit for community gardens and urban agriculture.</li> </ul>		
<p>7. Urban Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While urban agriculture may be an appropriate use for part of the Fellows Property, the planning process should recognize that the wildlife values of the property might conflict with human food production. Deer fencing would be required and is not aesthetically pleasing, squirrel damage to crops is nearly impossible to prevent with trapping or other measures. Restoring nut-producing American chestnuts to the property is possible due to genetic breeding to produce blight resistant chestnut. American Chestnut Foundation provides these trees at no cost. Volunteers could be organized to assist with planting these trees.</li> </ul>		
<p>7. Urban Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands on Harvests, the parent organization of Grow a Row, will support a community or school garden of any type, as long as a portion of that garden is producing edibles that are being grown by</li> </ul>		

	<p>people or is being donated to people who need increased access to fresh food. HOH can provide mentorship and supplies to gardeners, hands-on workshops, workdays, time and effort toward the creation of any such garden.</p>		
7. Urban Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The urban agriculture focus should be on native plants rather than community gardening</li> </ul>		
7. Urban Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban agriculture should demonstrate native species, reforestation and the recovery of the canopied forest that was on the property.</li> </ul>		
7. Urban Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skeptical on the idea of urban agriculture as he does not see how it fits into the concept of having as natural an area as possible.</li> <li>• Concern over the limited available space for a community garden. A community garden may take up too much space and benefit too few people</li> </ul>		
8. Natural Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a natural play area due to the popularity of the natural play area in Cherry Hill Park.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment to keep the children’s play area as natural as possible, especially with a large, traditional playground across the street at Oak Street Elementary.</li> <li>• Natural play areas should be truly “natural.”</li> </ul>		
8. Natural Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An artificial play area with “mud table, tires, lumber, pots, pans, buckets, boulders,” is not natural and does not keep with the environmental and ecological education benefits of the Fellows Property. The naturalness of the area, the trees, bushes, and topography of the area itself should be considered the playground/play area, for natural games of hide and seek, tag, etcetera.</li> </ul>		
9. Equity and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
10. Resource Education Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine Resource Education Area, Nature Trail and Performance Area</li> <li>• Submitted Comment: “highly endorse the ideas for making the park a wildlife habitat with signage designating it as such</li> </ul>		

	<p>through the National Wildlife Federation. This will support the City’s certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat with the NWF.”</p>		
<p>10. Resource Education Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted comment: “Highly endorse the ideas for making the park a wildlife habitat with signage designating it as such through the National Wildlife Federation. This will support the City’s certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat with the NWF.”</li> </ul>		
<p>10. Resource Education Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment to look into the Master Plan for Howard E. Herman Stream Valley Park for the presence of an outdoor classroom element. If so, this prevents students from having to cross a busy street and could be a better location for a classroom element.</li> <li>Comment that this may not have been put in for budgetary reasons but may be a more viable option. Howard E. Herman is accessible through the pathway adjacent to the playground.</li> <li>Comment that this may not have happened due to adequate space when the purchase of a home to make room for this area did not</li> </ul>		

	<p>come fruition. Easement and pathway have been kept.</p>		
<p>10. Resource Education Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “small designated space” to be used by Recreation and Parks and FCCPS needs to be enriching enough to draw teachers out of their classrooms, large enough to occupy at least one class and easy to maintain. An interpretive trail would fit these parameters and be an asset to the community. The commenter has offered to help develop any educational or interpretive space in the park.</li> </ul>		
<p>10. Resource Education Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for clarification on item 9- Resource Education area with a strong preference for a completely natural area and not a paved/covered area.</li> </ul>		
<p>10. Resource Education Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquiry as to whether there has been any input from science teachers at Oak Street Elementary on how they would use this area as an outdoor classroom.</li> <li>Response from Danny Schlitt that Recreation and Parks has not engaged Oak Street Elementary administration yet.</li> </ul>		



	<p>This is something we plan to do in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<p>1. Lighting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment to not have lighting at all as it could promote the use of the park during non-operational hours.</li> <li>• Counter Comment that Public Safety will look into the Mater Plan and will evaluate the planned lighting as this is a safety concern for first responders.</li> <li>• Comment that some form of low lighting to allow for passersby to see activity in the park tends to deter gathering after hours, protect those using the path to travel between neighborhood streets even though the park closes are dark.</li> <li>• Comment that groups with likely gather to observe fireflies; lighting may impact the activity but be necessary for safety.</li> </ul>		
<p>11. Lighting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting should be minimized, both in and around the park, and should meet Dark Sky standards. The pathways should not be lighted at night citing disruption firefly mating behavior. Users should view</li> </ul>		

	firefly activity from the edges of the park.		
2. Storm Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment on the construction of rain gardens and their popularity in Lincoln Park.</li> <li>• Comment that rain gardens provide an education opportunity to incorporates educational signs within the area to inform visitors of the hydrology cycle.</li> <li>• Counter comment - Comment that rain gardens can be costly; the initial establishment, continued maintenance and improvements over the years should all be taken into consideration.</li> </ul>		
12. Storm Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that the goal is not to add so many storm water improvements to the property that it creates conflict with existing root structure or trees but instead the recommendation is made to use language that explicitly states that passive above ground systems take preference over any underground system that require cutting down of trees.</li> </ul>		

<p>12. Storm Water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The stormwater infrastructure system added by the previous property owner are not required for the park and should be removed and not maintained. This will remove concerns that reforestation and tree roots associated with reforestation would damage the stormwater infrastructure. Forest cover provides its own stormwater control and compensates for and/or reduces the need for built stormwater infrastructure.</li> </ul>		
<p>12. Storm Water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater and runoff need to be a priority as it will impact neighboring properties. One of the primary stormwater culverts does not properly drain and needs to be lowered and graded, as it is the source of standing water.</li> </ul>		
<p>12. Storm Water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If stormwater is a concern, conservation landscaping should be used to mitigate stormwater. Habitat Restoration team will work toward better educating the community on the importance of using native plants and shrubs to help with stormwater mitigation as it is a</li> </ul>		

	<p>long term solution. If there is a way to incorporate this into the plan as an educational feature as well as a way to mitigate stormwater.</p>		
<p>II – Description of the Conceptual Development Plan B. Enhancements</p>			
<p>1. Trees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted Comment to add– “Contiguous mulch beds among trees and shrubs, particularly around mature and Specimen trees, will be used as much as possible to support healthy soil structure and protect tree root systems. Fallen leaves will be left as natural mulch to provide nutrients around trees, shrubs and plants and overwintering habitat for insects.”</li> </ul>		
<p>1. Trees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment that City Arborist Charles Prince requests trees be added along Parker Avenue to provide a tree canopy.</li> </ul>		
<p>1. Trees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestion to emphasize the increased maintenance cost of this park to the Forestry budget with regards to maintenance of trees and invasive plants. Comment that this should be</li> </ul>		

	emphasized for future budgetary concerns.		
1. Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that Habitat Restoration would like to put Fellows Property on the regular rotation of volunteer activities. This can be done in the interim before construction begins.</li> <li>• Fellows Property is ideal for volunteer events, especially for family volunteers as the work is kid-friendly.</li> </ul>		
1. Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly suggests City replant the grassy area with trees - native oaks, willows, and native cherry -, which are keystone species and have the most wildlife benefits. The large grassy area is not a natural part of the property and should not be treated as such. Planting more of these native species returns the property to its natural state, and replaces any of the mature trees that may get lost over the years due to disease or weather events.</li> </ul>		
1. Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining mature trees to protect firefly population.</li> </ul>		

<p>1. Trees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the natural and educational focus of the plan, would to see a plan to conserve as much as possible of the wood/trunk of downed trees to allow children to play on or learn about the process of decay. This would be an essential feature of the nature education focus of the park. While this touches on conservation/landscape management plan for the park, it could be a component of thinking through the children’s natural play area as well.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<p>2. Shrubs and Other Greenspace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<p>II – Description of the Conceptual Development Plan C. Open Space</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion that keeping a statement within the document regarding open space is important for public purposes.</li> <li>• Counter comment that be specific with the intent of open space otherwise people will create their own meaning.</li> <li>• Counter comment that this is not an enhancement as no additional Open Space is being created; is this more aligned with Park Themes?</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that this may be an opportunity to include information on preservation and the value of preservation on the wildlife/environment (i.e. canopy cover helps to control heat in the area, one oak tree can support 300 species of moths).</li> </ul>		
<p>Overall Comments and Suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment to address the anchor/big picture/big draw of Fellows Property.</li> <li>• Comment in Response - this seems to be leaning toward one or many forms of Urban Agriculture.</li> <li>• Comment - Is there one aspect that is more important? If so, how should it be addressed?</li> <li>• Comment in Response - this seems to be Natural Play area combined with Urban Agriculture and an educational setting/resource area/outdoor education area</li> <li>• Comment that 7. Urban Agriculture, 8. Natural Play Area and 12. Resource Education Area should be the guiding principles of the property.</li> <li>• Comment in Response - this seems to be what citizens envision for this park – an educational, family oriented park.</li> </ul>		

<p>Additional Comments and Suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stacey Evers from Grow a Row FC Co-Chair of the Urban Agriculture Workgroup of the Fairfax Food Council would like to be included in further planning.</li> <li>• Recommendation to use Jeremy Edwards inventory of Fellows Property which documents which trees were removed under his tenure. Amy Crumpton will be able to provide this document.</li> </ul>		
<p>Firefly Habitat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like to see an emphasis on preserving as much of the natural habitat of the fireflies as possible.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		



## Other Suggested Items

Item	Comments Received	Staff Assessment	Final Recommendation
Nature Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest in building a small nature center with programming offered on weekends.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement that funds would need to be found to construct and staff this center. Even if a nature center cannot be funded, building such a center into the park plans would be important to preserve a location for one.</li> </ul>		
User Behavior Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that signs governing user behavior are needed immediately citing user behavior that can damage the area.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog on leash signs and dog waste pick-up should be placed at a few common entry points.</li> <li>• Area closed for ecological restoration signs are needed to prevent damage to the old forested area on the north side of the property where trails have developed.</li> </ul>		
User Behavior Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern raised over current activities in the park. Recently, a private citizen removing a felled tree with a chainsaw to create an area to play Frisbee with his dog. A citizen regularly uses the park to play fetch with an off leash dog. On one occasion, this startled a deer on the property that then jumped over a fence into a neighboring yard. Strong suggestion to place signs at the edge of the forested portion “Area under ecological restoration – please stay out.”</li> </ul>		
Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion of small fenced in area for a dog park.</li> </ul>		
Fellows Family Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquiry into what is being done to preserve the Fellows family history and</li> </ul>		

	share their story at this site.		
Retaining Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair and restore the low retaining wall that runs parallel to Oak Street rather than replace it with a more modern but likely less aesthetically pleasing structure such as a concrete wall.</li> </ul>		
Gazebo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options for community events with a gazebo area where the existing house foundation is located.</li> </ul>		
Unifying Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park plan lacks a unifying vision</li> </ul>		

Removed Items			
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II – Description of the Conceptual Development Plan A. New Elements			
Benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment – Benches and Benches and Picnic Tables can be combined into one item.</li> <li>• Comment that Picnic Shelter can be removed</li> </ul>		
Picnic Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that having a venue to hold large, potentially loud, gatherings goes against the general desired feel of the park</li> </ul>		

	<p>and doesn't closely align with the park purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that both Crossman and Cavalier, somewhat more natural parks, do not have shelters.</li> <li>• Comment that parking will be difficult and therefore Fellows Property may not be suited for a shelter. Reference to difficulty parking at Roberts Park for a shelter rental.</li> <li>• Comment that a shelter is not desirable at this location.</li> </ul>		
<p>Mount Bike Pump Track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted Comment: "A 'mountain biking pump track' is also something new, suggesting that the Advisory Board still has not given up on ideas of "active recreation," which I thought they had, based on citizen and neighbor input."</li> <li>• Comment that this a little more active than the intended park use and can be very damaging to the park. Reference made to damage caused to trees at Howard Herman when it became a popular mountain biking spot. Habitat Restoration worked on repairing some of the damage.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that size of the park cannot accommodate this feature.</li> </ul>		
Pond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that an artificial pond does not feel natural.</li> <li>• Comment that this a logistical challenge.</li> <li>• Comment that this a safety issue and would need to be fenced in.</li> </ul>		
Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that this is not needed at the intention of the park is to keep it as open and natural as possible.</li> </ul>		
Bike Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that this is not an item that has support from the Board.</li> <li>• Comment that the item can always be included should the community cite a need.</li> <li>○ Biking trails are not suitable for the park plan. Biking to the park is fine but there should be no additional paved paths to accommodate bikers.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
Performance Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted Comment: “An outdoor music-performance venue was also an idea that I thought had been dropped; it is incompatible with the other ‘natural’ goals for the park, which include ‘dark’ and ‘quiet’.”</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that something of this nature can be merged with the Resource Education Area.</li> </ul>		
Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that dog parks cannot be in areas where storm water needs to be taken into consideration as pollution becomes a concern.</li> <li>• Comment that a dog park is no longer a community need.</li> <li>• Keep the area as natural as possible. Utilize the natural feel and appeal instead of adding dog parks or playgrounds</li> </ul>		
Athletic Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that a dog park is no longer a community need.</li> <li>• Comment that the park is not large enough to accommodate an athletic field.</li> </ul>		
Invasive and Problematic Plant Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion to edit the description to read – “Invasive plants such as poison ivy (recommendation to strike “poison ivy”) and English ivy will be removed and replaced with appropriate plantings or grass. <u>Problematic plants such native poison ivy will be managed to ensure least exposure to the public.</u>”</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion to remove the term “invasive” and replace with a term that aligns with current NRPA Equity Language Guide</li> <li>• Support to return “Invasive and Problematic Plant Removal” to the draft. Without maintenance, a thick underbrush makes walking through the property difficult. Underbrush should be periodically thinned. If the Garden Club or school groups wanted to try to introduce more desirable species, those efforts should be encouraged and supported.</li> </ul>		
<p>Suggestion to Add : Certification as a Wildlife Habitat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion to add the description as follows: “The City, through the auspices of its Habitat Restoration Team, will seek to certify the new park as a wildlife habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. Berman, Cherry Hill, Crossman, Herman, Madison, and Lincoln parks are currently certified.”</li> <li>• Would like the property to receive a Wildlife Habitat Certification at some point. This item is listed as an item removed.</li> </ul>		



