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AGENDA

Westtown Township Board of Supervisors

Workshop Agenda

Westtown Township Municipal Building
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

Monday, May 20, 2024

Start time: 6:45 PM Workshop

- 1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Designation – 10 minutes**
- 2. Proposal for Patriot Grave Markers for Westtown’s Revolutionary War Militia Monument – 5 minutes**
- 3. Stream Name Change Recommendation – 10 minutes**
- 4. Westtown250 Activities – 10 minutes**
- 5. Public Comment on Workshop Items* - 10 minutes**

Tonight’s Workshop will be viewable on Zoom via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89939917814><https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89939917814>

Or by phone at: 646-558-8656

**The public comment period at the end of the Workshop will last approximately 10 minutes. The public will be asked to limit their remarks to two minutes each to allow others an opportunity to speak. To the extent that further public comment is required, speakers will be asked to save their remarks until the Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items portion of the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting.*

Memo

To: Westtown Board of Supervisors
From: Liudmila Carter, Township Manager
Date: May 17, 2024
Re: ARPA Fund Designation (due by end of December 2024)

The following projects are recommended for consideration to designate remaining ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds to by the end of this year. The funds must be spent (completed and invoiced) by December 31, 2026.

1. **Oakbourne Park Improvements** – The Township is completing Phase I of the Master Park Design Plan with major improvements to the Park’s Athletic Core. To build on momentum of this success and to address growing demand for adequate park facilities, below projects can be considered for Phase 2:
 - a. New pedestrian connection from the Park’s Mansion Core to Cope Tract across S. Concord Road and a new trail along S. Concord Road, and/or pedestrian connection to surrounding neighborhoods, for example, from Pleasant Grove neighborhood to the Park’s Athletic Core.
 - b. Redevelopment of all parking areas and repavement of driveway, installation of a permanent restroom facility, lighting and landscaping enhancements at the Mansion Core.
2. **Stormwater Management Projects** – The Township is working with Cedarville Engineering Group (CEG) on the permit renewal for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program compliance. Currently, Westtown is estimated to be roughly at 70% of its program’s goal. The next permitting cycle will include previously identified by CEG projects that are in need of funding:
 - a. Pleasant Grove Steam Restoration at the Township owned property will involve between 1450 - 1,600 linear foot sections of East Branch Chester Creek, which is expected to yield 7.49% reduction. The feasibility study was completed in 2018 by LandStudies, Inc. Estimated cost as is \$583,568.
 - b. Wild Goose Farms Basin (A and B) are located on the property owned by the Homeowners Association (HOA). Once retrofits are completed, they are expected to yield 0.59% reduction. Estimated cost for Basin A is \$208,728 and Basin B is \$155,175.

Proposed BMP			
2024 Probable Cost Estimates with Partial Grant Funding			
Project Status		Activites	Costs
Wild Goose Farms Basin A Retrofit	\$208,728	1. Survey, Design	\$33,982
Project not yet started.		2. Apply for Funding	\$5,377
		3. Construction	\$169,370
Wild Goose Farms Basin B Retrofit	\$155,175	1. Survey, Design, Permitting	\$33,982
Project not yet started.		2. Apply for Funding	\$5,377
		3. Construction	\$115,817
Pleasant Grove Stream Restoration	\$584,568	1. Survey, Design, Permitting	\$106,246
Feasibility Study completed in 2019.		2. Apply for Funding	\$5,377
		3. Construction	\$472,946
TOTALS:			\$948,472

Assumptions:





1. Construction costs in this schedule include Construction, Bid Administration, Grant Administration, Construction Administration, and As-Builts.
2. Survey, Design costs for basin retrofits include infiltration testing.
3. Costs based on 2022 costs incorporating a 3.9% CPI inflation rate for 2023 and a projected average 3.5% CPI inflation rate for 2024.

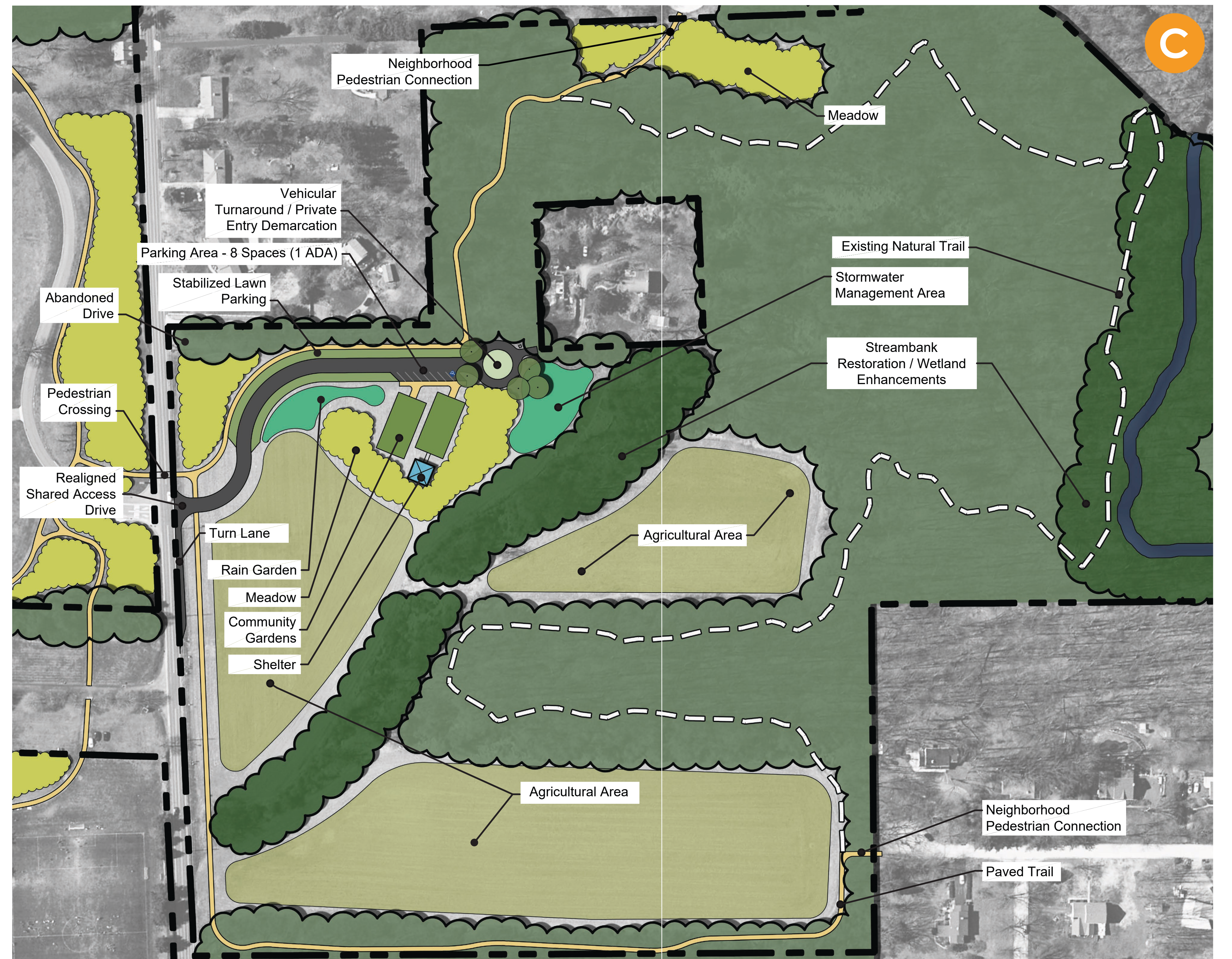
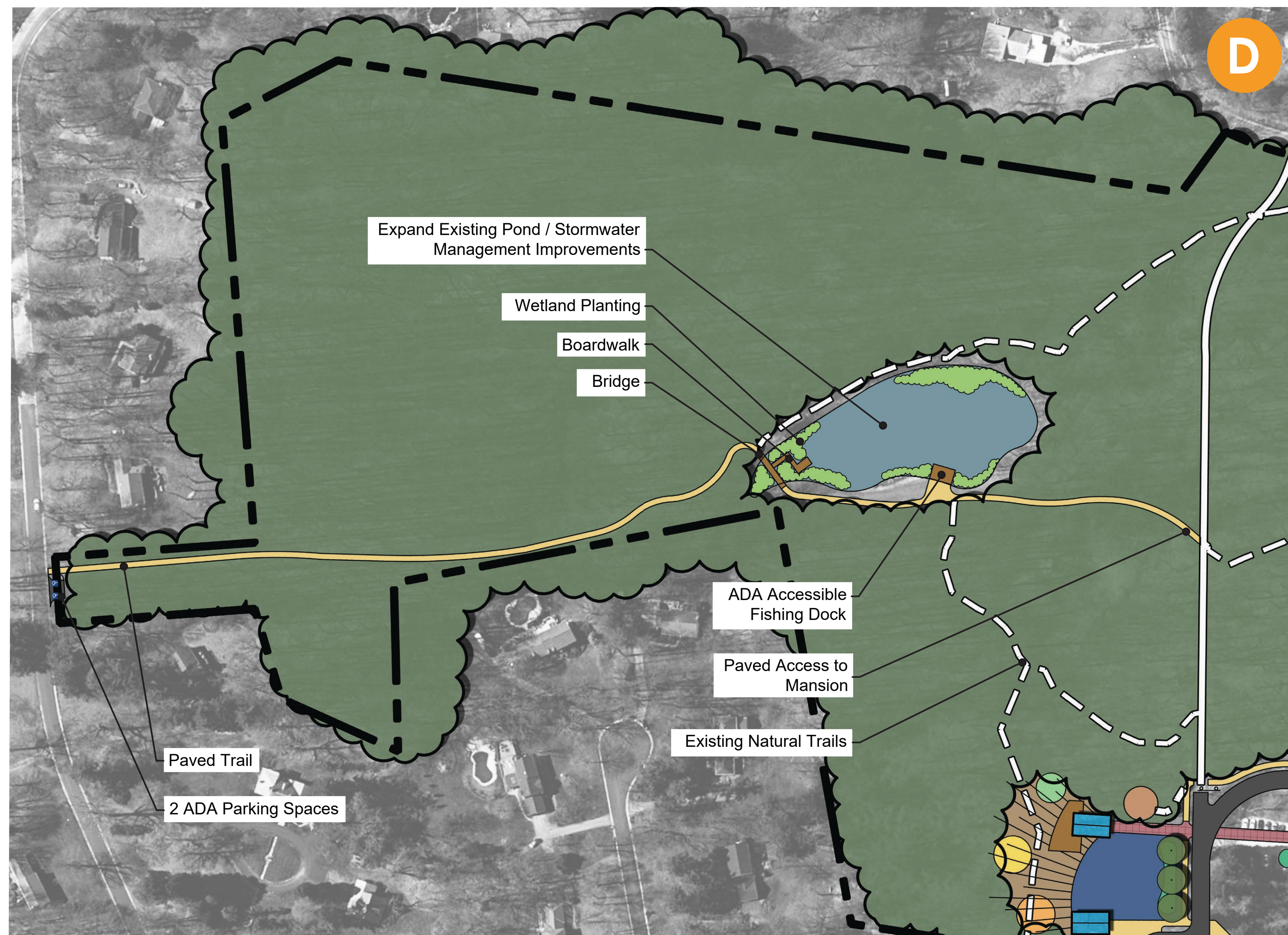
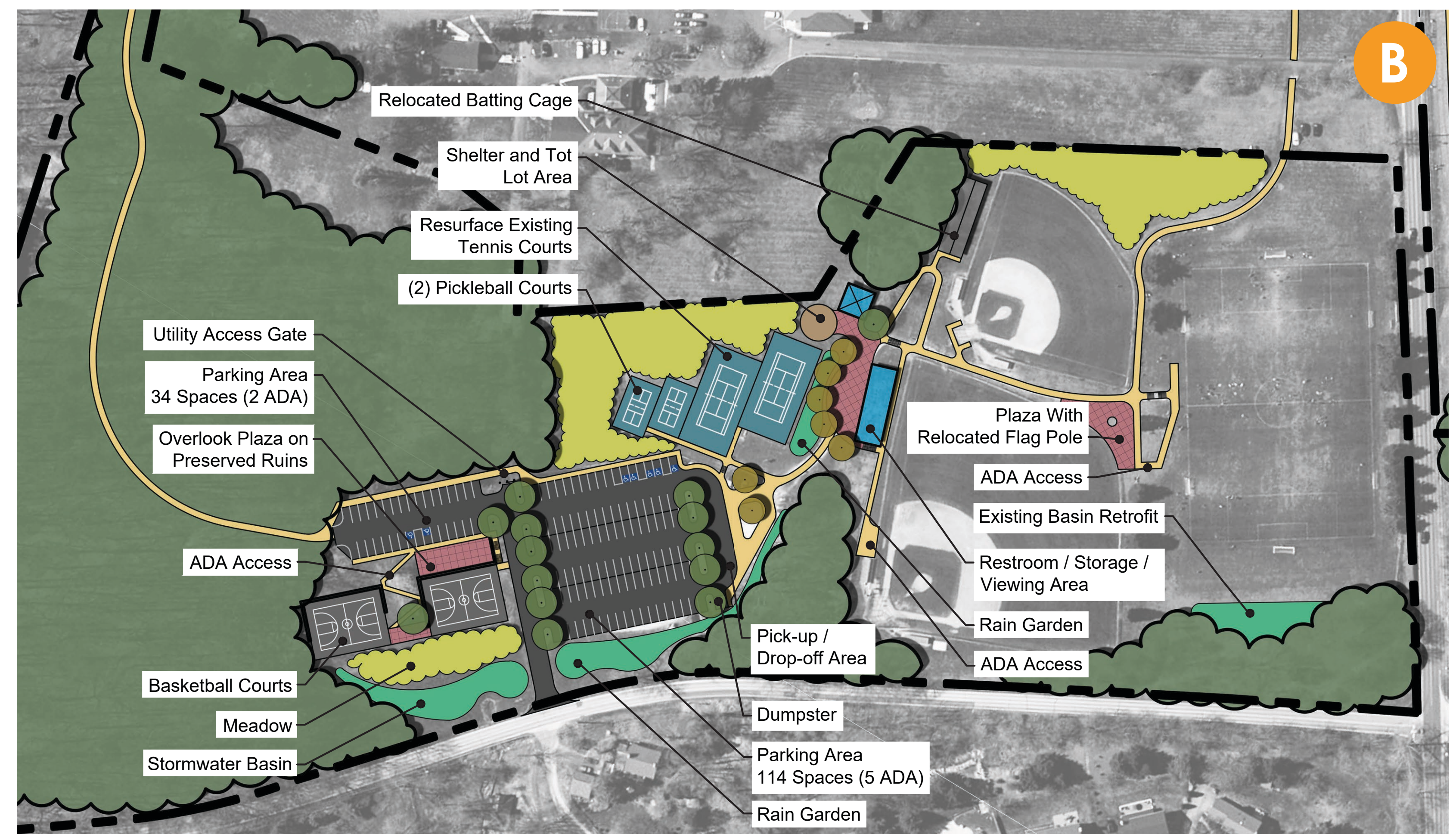
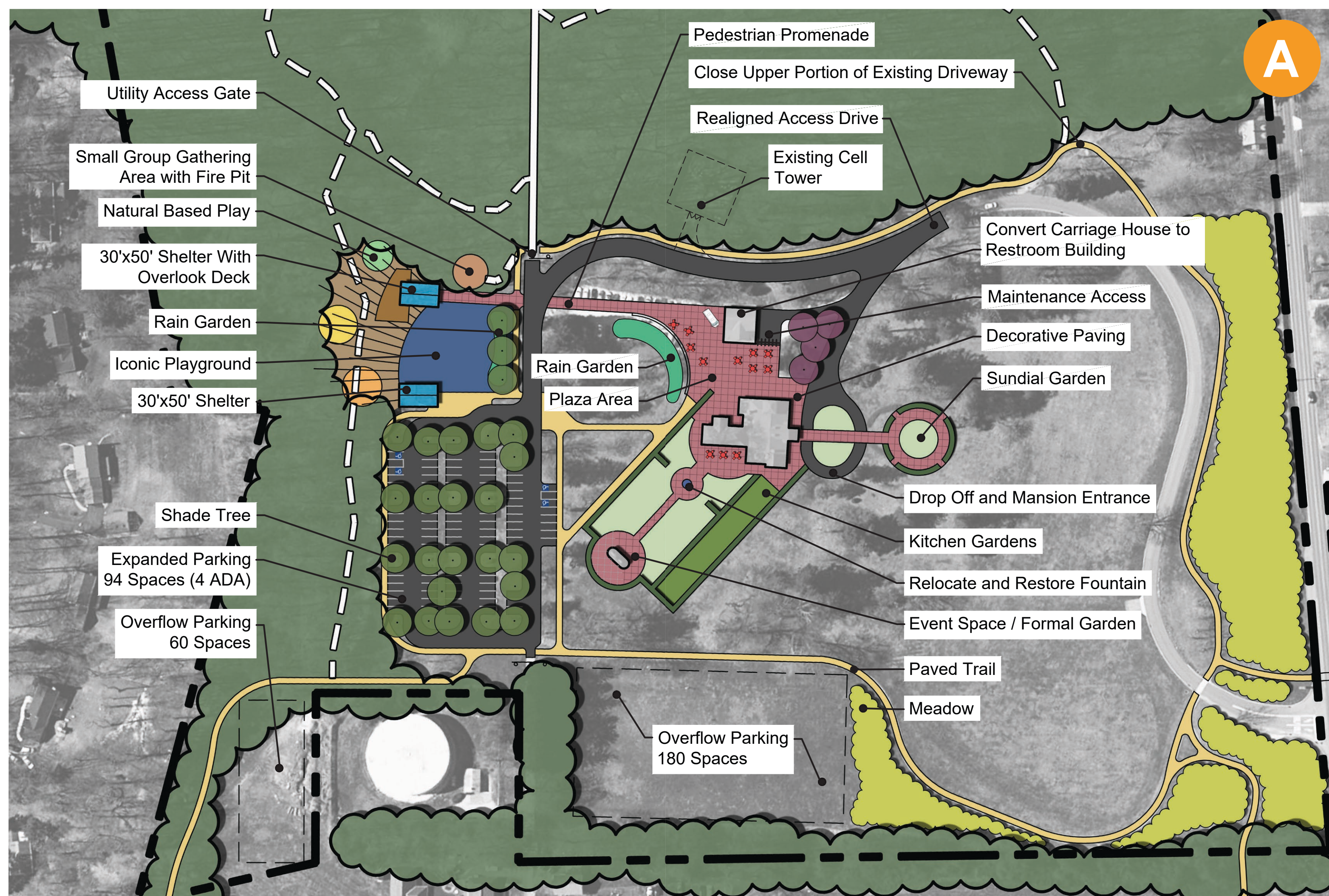


LEGEND

-  STREAMBANK RESTORATION
-  EXISTING TREES
-  MEADOW
-  BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT
-  PAVED TRAIL
-  EXISTING NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL
-  EXISTING UTILITY RD.
-  STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
-  AGRICULTURAL AREA
-  PROPERTY LINE
-  SHELTER / BUILDING
-  DECORATIVE PAVING

MASTER PLAN AREAS

-  MANSION CORE
-  ATHLETIC CORE
-  COPE TRACT
-  POND CORE



SAR Patriot Lugs Shown on Taylor Westtown Militia Monument



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The **Large Patriot Grave Marker** is a durable bronze marker made to stand up to the weather. It is a lug-style, **measuring 8 inches in diameter**, this durable bronze grave marker, lug-style, is made to stand up to the weather.

These are available for \$185 each.

Five markers plus shipping would cost \$927.50.

There could possibly be an additional cost to have a professional properly locate the marker on each stone and apply appropriate glue/cement.



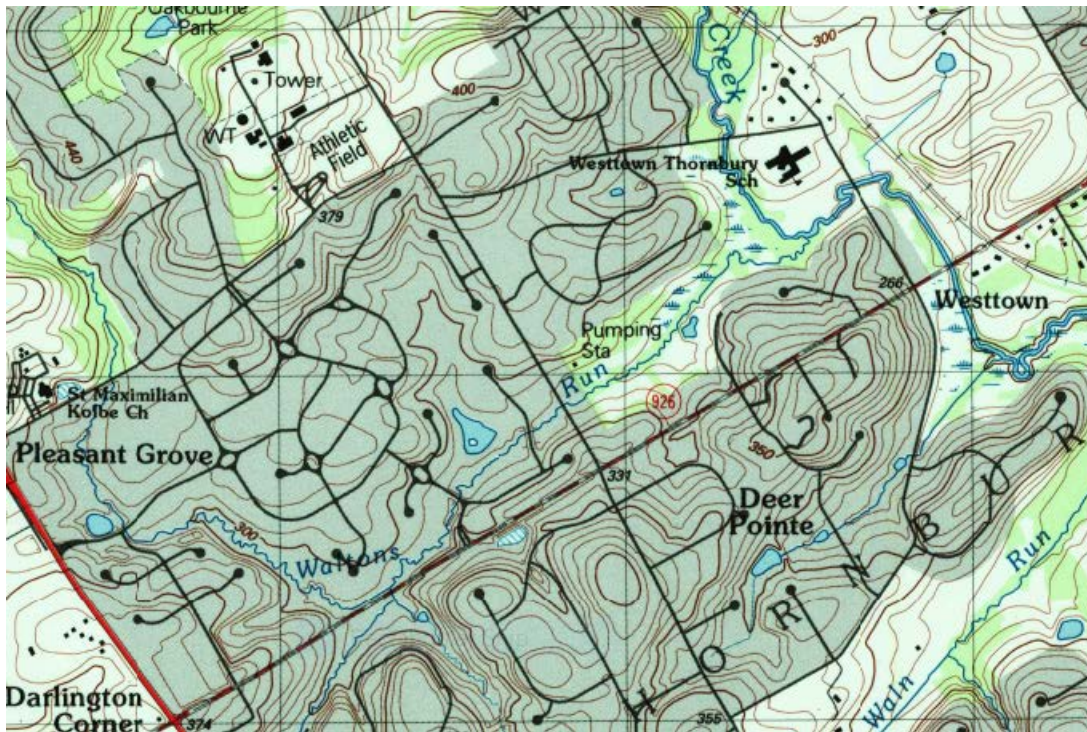
A picture of an actual SAR Patriot grave marker lug affixed to a granite Patriot gravestone is shown to the left.

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Re: Request to change the stream name from “Walton’s Run” to Taylor’s Run.”

Background: On approximately 4/12/2024, Westtown Twp. received a request from Chester County Water Resources Authority asking for input and clarification on the name of the Goose Creek tributary originating in Westtown Twp. and labeled “Walton’s Run” on many official maps, including the 1996 U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map for West Chester, PA. (See map below).

Recommendation: The Westtown Twp. Historical Commission recommends that Westtown Twp. ask the Chester County Water Resources Authority to seek a name change for this tributary to be called “Taylor’s Run” in recognition of the historical accomplishments of the Taylor family, for reasons set forth below.



1996 U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle- West Chester, PA

Taylor Family History in Westtown Twp.:

Philip and Ann Taylor purchased 200 acres in Westtown Twp. in 1719. They were the first settlers on the property where the subject tributary rises (currently the Pleasant Grove residential community). This land remained in the Taylor family for **145 years** until Stephen Taylor sold it to Isaac Cochran in 1864. Among the prominent Taylor family members, who owned the land, were Col. Thomas Taylor (1732-1789). He commanded the patriot’s 6th Battalion of the Chester County Militia in 1777, at the time of the Battle of Brandywine. His son, Titus Taylor (1755-1825), served in the 7th Battalion of the Chester

County Militia, later serving Chester County as its Treasurer. County Commissioner, and Sheriff. During the War of 1812, Capt. Titus Taylor raised a volunteer regiment, "American Grays," and served in the defense of Philadelphia. Another son, Capt. Thomas Taylor, Jr. (1757-1811) officered a company in the 7th Battalion, Chester County Militia. He also served as Westtown Township's Tax Collector, led a company of Light Dragoons during the Whiskey Rebellion, and served in the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1802. The Taylor's also established a burial ground on their property that served the needs of their family and the Westtown community.

Walton Family History in Westtown Twp.:

James Walton purchased acreage in Westtown and Thornbury Townships in 1819 from the estate of Jacob Yearsley (Deed book Q-3, pg.342). The subject tributary ran through this property on its course to Goose Creek. James Mercer and Titus Taylor were the administrators of Yearsley's estate. His son, Jacob Yearsley Walton sold this property to Caleb Cox in 1863 (Deed book U-6, pg.368), it passing out of the Walton family after 44 years.

Conclusion:

Due to their first and far longer possession of the land on which the tributary rises and courses, and the historical accomplishments of the Taylor family in comparison to those of the Walton family, the Taylors should be honored by having the subject tributary re-named "Taylor's Run."

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Oakbourne Mansion Possibilities

The mansion property possesses several unique elements of Westtown that may be recognized:

- The history of the structure and family behind it.
- Unique architectural aspects including style, materials, cost, and workmanship.
- Cultural mores of the period including medical.
- Lost elements of the Mansion – Fountain, Pump House, Bridges, Waterwheel.
- Rare water tower system.

Potential Projects:

- Interpretive signage describing mansion and property history.
- Separate weather-protected handout section (for 2026) holding handout brochure.
- Friends of Oakbourne for fundraising and renovation.
- Guided tour bus trips for local retirement homes.
- Tie-in tours and talks with other Westtown commissions (Parks/Rec, EAC).
- Projects with local schools. Essay and Art contests.
- Commission and art print to be offered for charity.