

Ridge Road Park

Virtual Public Comment Session
East Pikeland Township
October 1, 2020, 7pm

Park & Recreation in East Pikeland

- Regional and local comprehensive plans all agree that our region needs additional recreation facilities.
 - East Pikeland deficient in parkland
- In response, the Park & Recreation Board has been working to identify needed park and trail facilities and match them with available land.
- Current facilities: Kimberton Park & the French Creek Trail
 - Under development: Hidden River Park & Preserve & Ridge Road Park



History of the Ridge Road Property

- 2005: Kimberton Meadows developer agreed to dedicate parcels to the Township for future public park use.
- Maintained by Kimberton Meadows HOA
- 2019: The Township took dedication of the land with the intention of creating a public recreation space for area residents.



Property Selection

- Ideal for ball fields, walking paths, and/or dog park and community garden
- Other Factors:
 - Obtainable at no cost
 - Relatively flat parcels (little-no earth moving)
 - Located in an area lacking public recreation facilities
 - Close to two major transportation routes (724 and 23) and easily accessible from other areas of the Township
 - Less than a mile from a new apartment complex and subdivision with single family homes
 - New elementary school planned across the street + revitalization efforts for the 724 corridor



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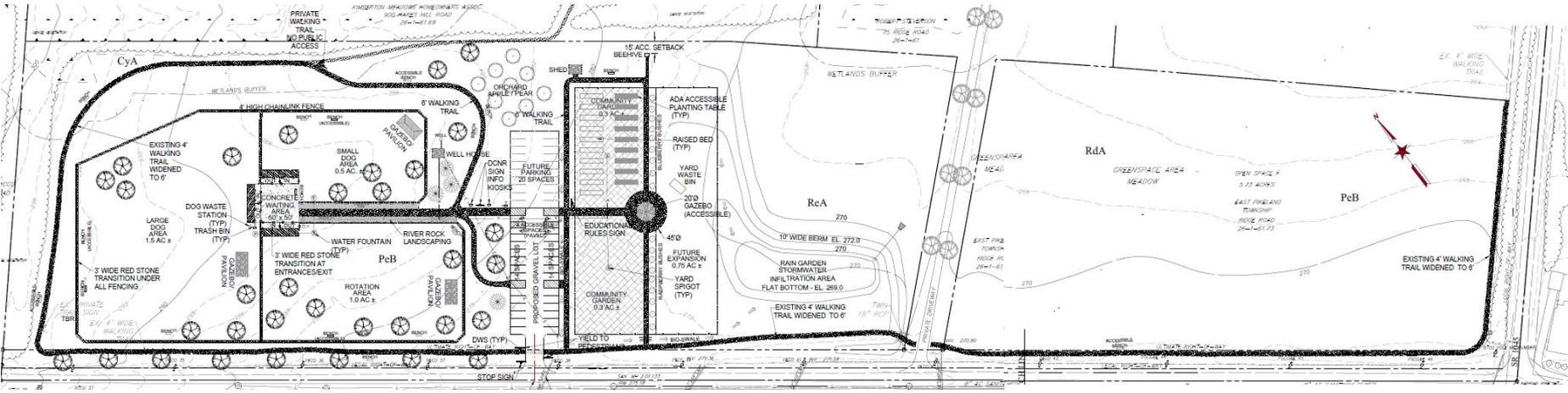


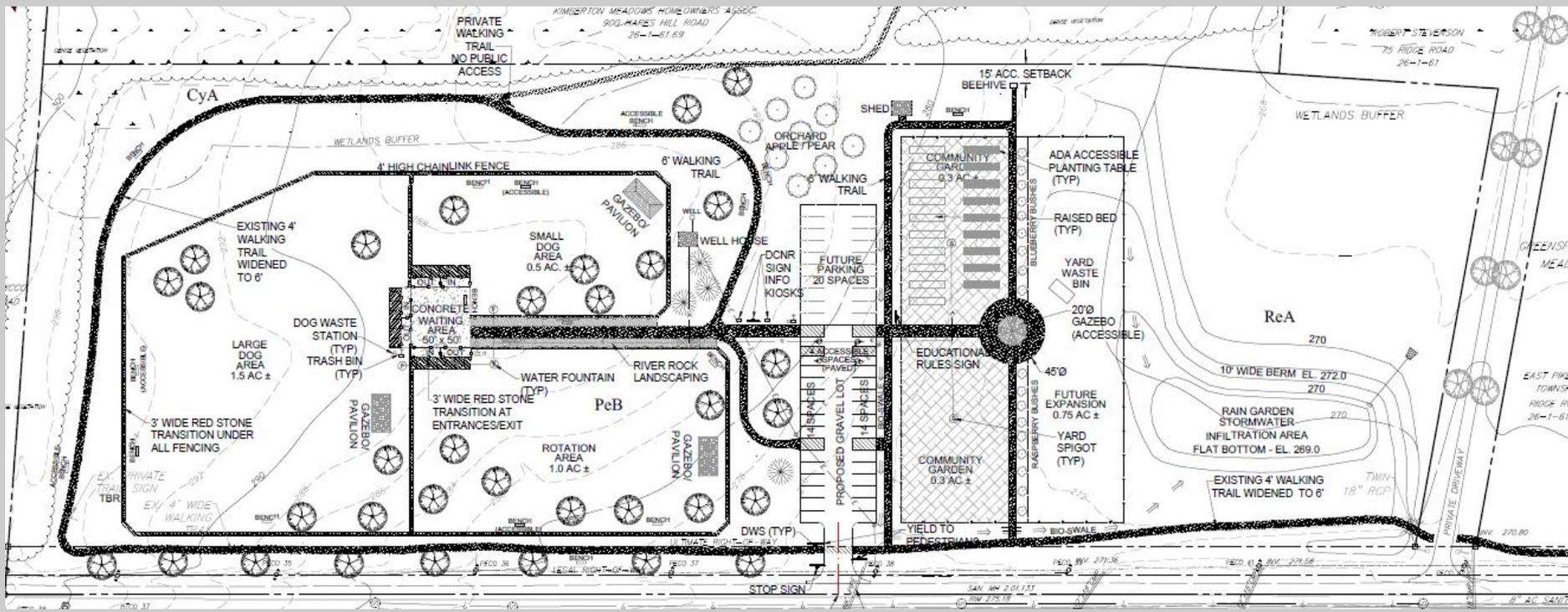
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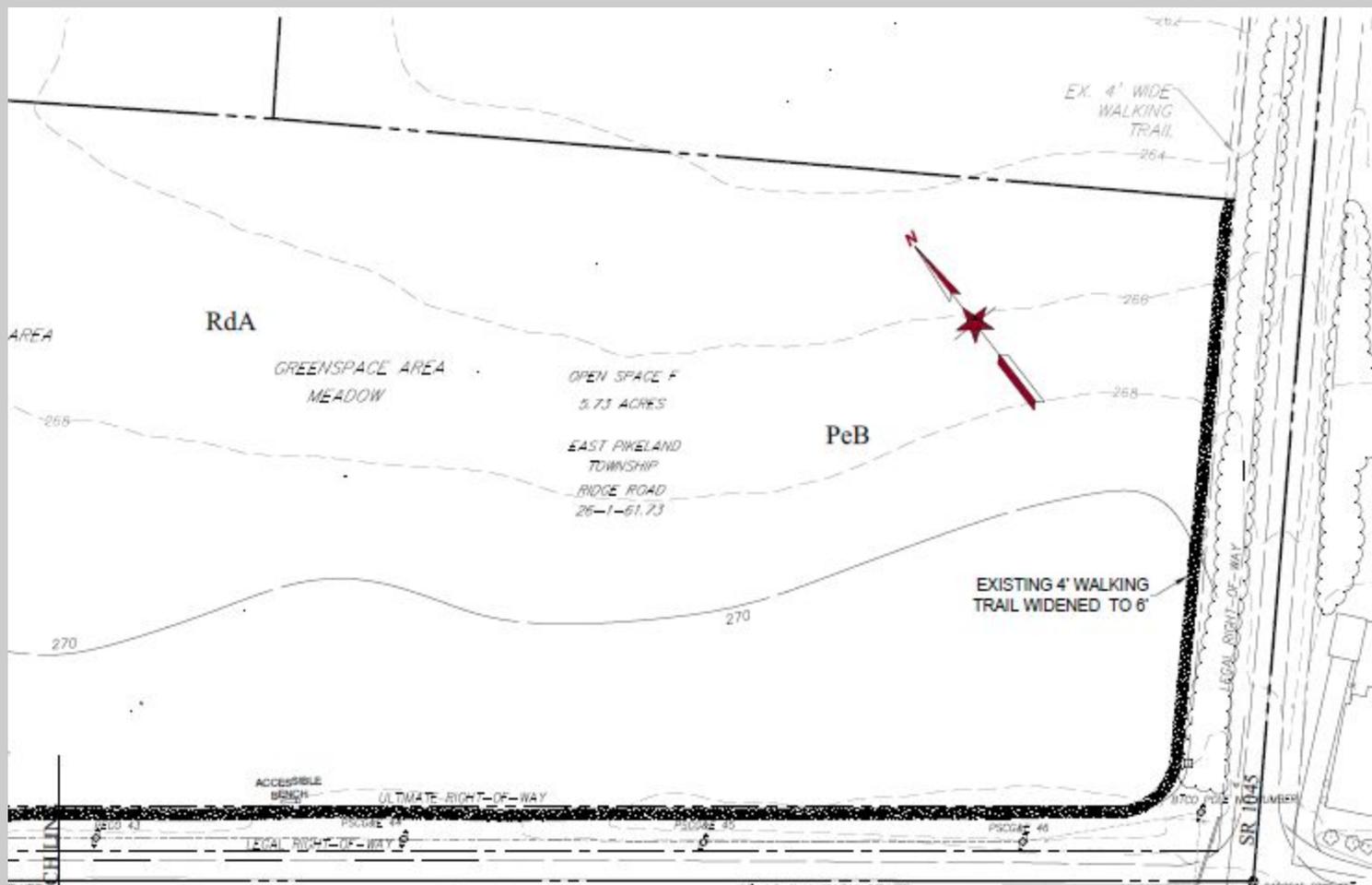


Existing walking path

Master Park Plan

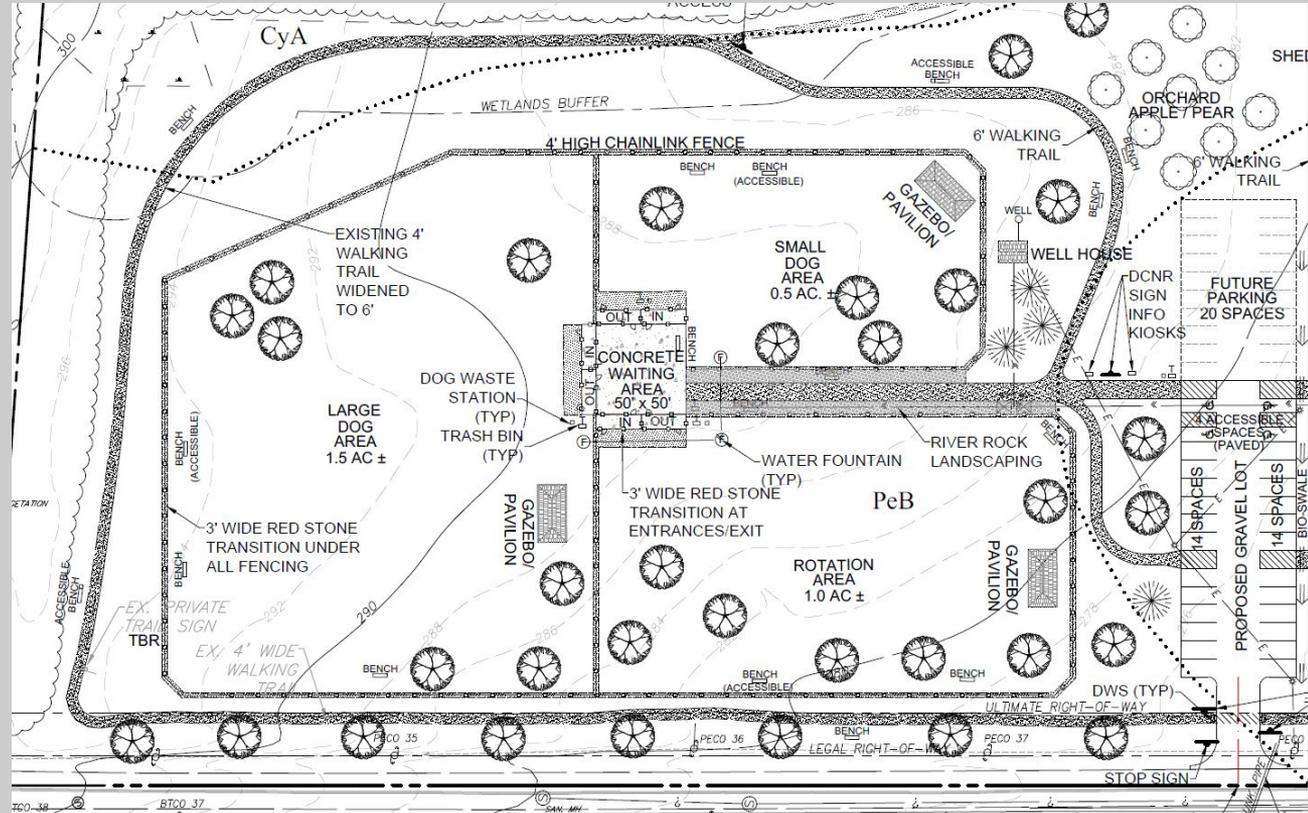






Dog Park

- 3 areas
 - Large Dog
 - Small Dog
 - Rotation
- Gazebo/pavilions
- Water fountains
- Benches
- Waiting area
- Enter/exit pens
- Fencing
- Shade trees



Dog Park Features



Penned entrances & exits with rock surrounding

Dog Park Features



Accessible water
fountains



Pavilions



Benches

Dog Park Features



Fencing

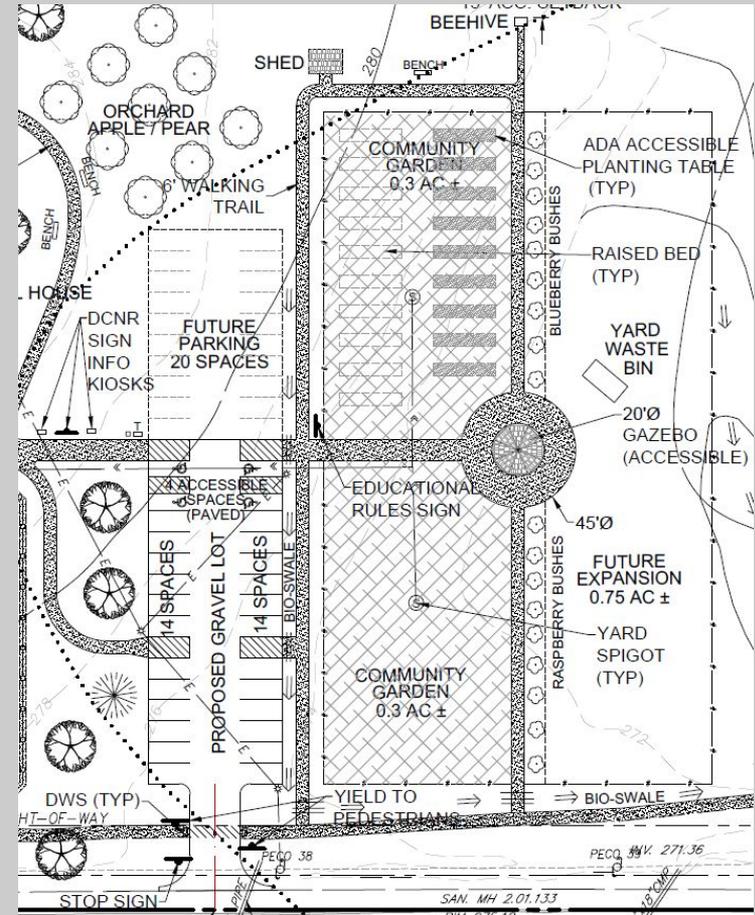


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Options



Community Garden & Orchard

- Community Garden
 - Raised beds + table top
 - Area for expansion
- Orchard + berry bushes
- Shed for communal tools/supplies
- Compost/yard waste area
- Beehives
- Benches
- Gazebo/pavilion
- Educational/informational signs
- Water spigots
- Fence



Community Garden & Orchard Features



Raised Garden Beds



Tabletop Garden Beds
(ADA Access)

Community Garden & Orchard Features

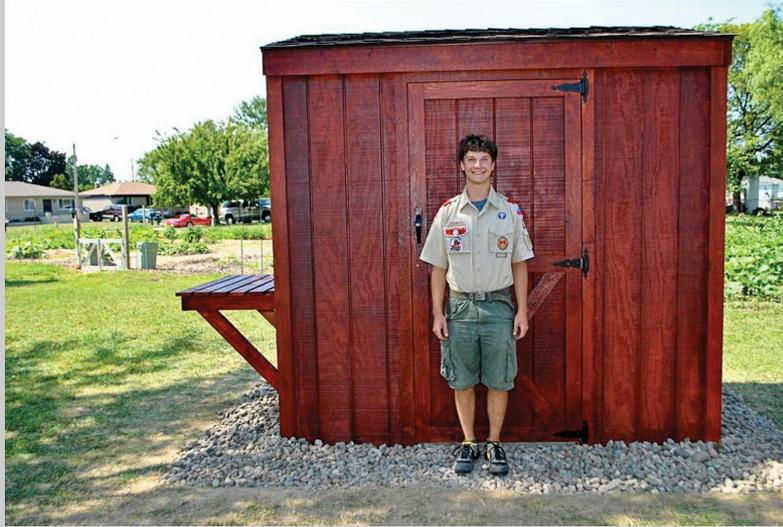


Apple & Pear Trees



Blueberry & Raspberry Bushes

Community Garden & Orchard Features

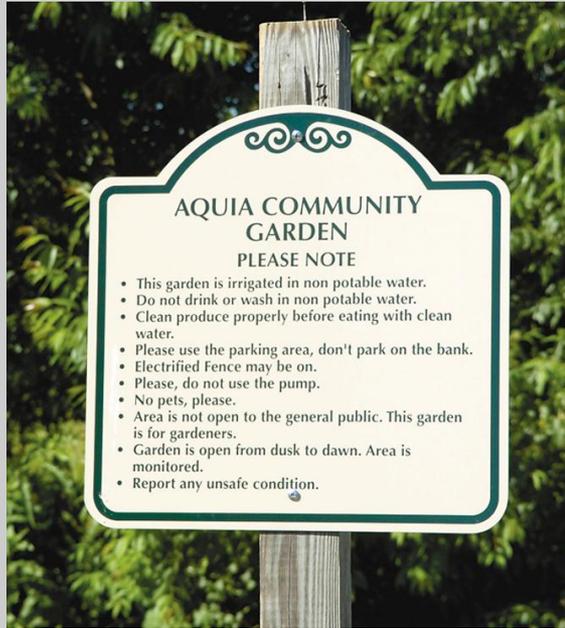


Shed



Pavilion

Community Garden & Orchard Features



Informational
Signage



Educational
Signage

Community Garden & Orchard Features



6' Fencing

Paved ADA Walking Path

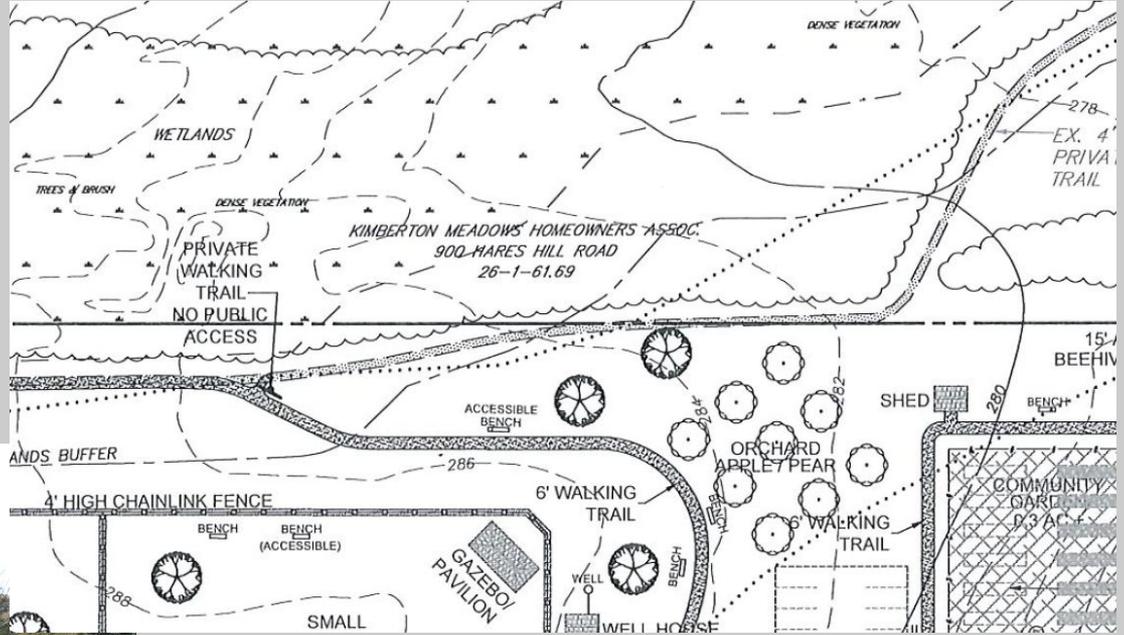


Paved



Natural

HOA Trail Separation



Natural Areas/Features



Educational
Interpretive Signs



Benches + Kiosk

Natural Areas/Features



Native Meadow



Habitat Creation

Project Benefits

- Recreation & Health
 - New opportunities for accessible, free outdoor recreation
- Environmental
 - 8+ acres restored to native grassland & green stormwater infrastructure = habitat
- Educational
 - Outdoor classroom space for school students as well as adults
- Economic
 - As reported in the Chester County Study of *Return on the Environment*, parks and open space can improve the local tax base, increase property values, attract new businesses, and help generate monetary revenue and economic activity for the region.
- Community
 - Creating community connections + increasing livability

Costs

- Dog Park = \$77,275
- Community Garden = \$59,225
- Landscape & Site Amenities = \$49,010
- Accessible Parking Area/Spaces & Walkways = \$150,500
- Rain Garden = \$1,200
- Bio-Swale = \$3,810
- Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Controls = \$5,280
- Professional Services = \$10,000

Total = \$356,550



Timeline

- Dependent on grant funding
- 3 years to completion after breaking ground
 - Phase 1: Spring 2021-Spring 2022
 - Parking lot, utilities, stormwater facilities, grading, improvement of existing trail, planting native meadow
 - Phase 2: Fall 2021-Fall 2022
 - Construct dog park with fencing; create concrete welcome area and install other site amenities like pavilions, kosks, benches, and continue trail expansion; plant orchard and other landscaping
 - Phase 3: Fall 2022-Spring 2023
 - Installation of community garden with fencing; complete trail expansion; build tool shed and garden pavilion; install educational signage

Consider Getting Involved!

- Friends of the Dog Park
 - Fundraising, events, spreading the word, developing user rules, etc.
- Community Garden Steering Committee
 - Educational workshops, planting and clean up days, seasonal events, developing user rules, etc.
- Volunteer at tree/meadow planting events or clean up days



Next Steps

- Receiving comments & adjusting plan where possible
- Plan adoption
- Seeking additional funding (if necessary)
- Park naming
- Forming support committees



An aerial photograph of a golf course. A paved path curves along the left side of a large, grassy area. In the background, there are several houses and trees under a blue sky with white clouds. The text "Questions and Comments" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Questions and Comments

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Comments and questions accepted until October 9th