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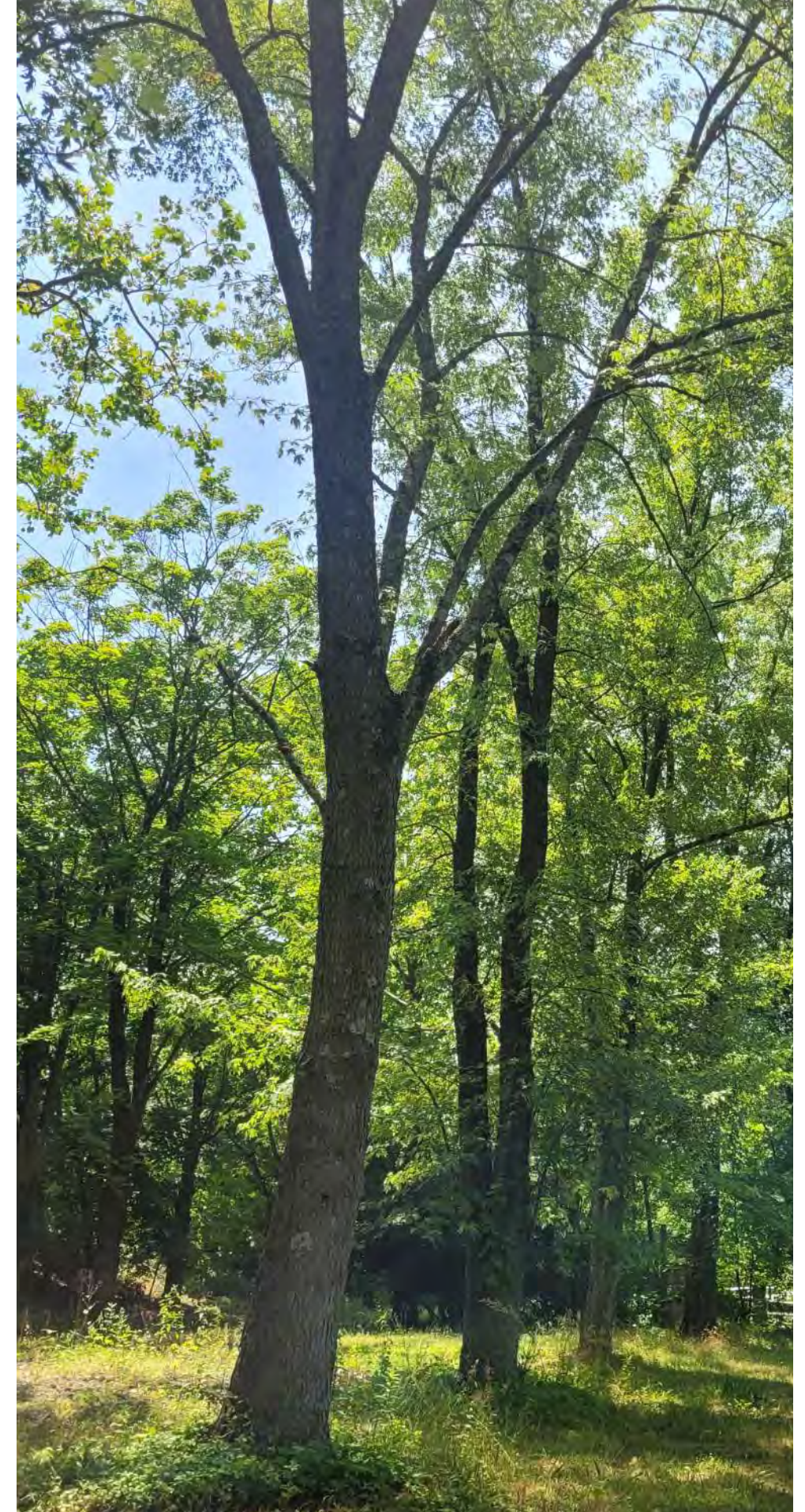




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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

In May 2024, Solebury Township commissioned SALT Design Studio (SALT) to develop a park master plan for three undeveloped parcels owned by the Township. This 13-acre property — dubbed “Solebury Green” — is now poised to become a central gathering space for the Solebury Township community. Based on the recommendations outlined in the *202 Property Advisory Committee Final Report* (January 2024), this new public park will celebrate the township’s culture, strengthen community connections, and provide spaces for both active and passive recreation.

SALT found inspiration through research of historic, physiographic, and demographic data, interviews with stakeholders, spending time at the site investigating physical conditions, and conversations with residents. The continuous feedback loop between SALT, Solebury Township, and the Advisory Committee was crucial to our findings and conclusions, as it informed each subsequent step of the planning process.

Feedback shared throughout the project consistently expressed support for protecting and preserving the natural environment, while creating a distinctive character that differentiates Solebury Green from other Township parks. There was an emphasis on ensuring the park’s connection to future bike trails, nearby commercial and residential spaces, and consideration of impact on traffic conditions on Route 202 and other surrounding roadways. Other priorities include showcasing local public art throughout the park, providing access to Aquetong Creek, offering educational opportunities for visitors, and designing spaces for both large gatherings and more intimate community connections. Within an environmentally sustainable framework, the end result for the Solebury Green Master Plan demonstrates sensitivity to context, is responsive to local desires, and promotes site improvements in harmony with Solebury Township’s natural resources.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Our team spent the first three months of the project closely investigating physical conditions, interviewing stakeholders, analyzing context and site-specific features, delving into the history and culture of Solebury Township, and researching relevant precedents. Three conceptual design options that explored different ways to organize desired programs throughout the site were prepared and presented to the public during a pop-up engagement event in August 2024. Attendees had the opportunity to review the three

concept options, discuss the park improvements with SALT and neighbors, and provide input on their preferences.

During the final phase of the project, SALT developed a consolidated and comprehensive Master Plan for the park based on collected public feedback and guidance from the Township and Advisory Committee. SALT, the Township and the Advisory Committee met biweekly to ensure Solebury’s voice and character were represented in the plan. Ultimately, the final Master Plan for Solebury Green utilized the 4 Guiding Principles outlined in the *202 Property Advisory Committee Final Report*: Inclusive Design, Smart/Sustainable Design, Solebury Culture, and Building Community.

“To create a space that embraces the principles of inclusivity, demonstrates multi-use design, celebrates Solebury’s cultural heritage, and creates opportunities for building community. These principles will be explored in partnership with the community and will use sustainable practices where practical and feasible.”

- 202 Property Advisory Committee Vision Statement

The Solebury Green Park Master Plan provides a framework to guide development of this new park for Solebury Township. The Master Plan offers a clear vision of the community’s needs and desires, alongside considerations for phasing and prioritization of development. Our team carefully considered how Solebury Green would complement the other parks within and around the township with respect to recreational amenities and programs. It’s important to note that while the Master Plan provides an illustrative design concept and recommendations for making physical improvements to the site, the Park Master Plan is not a construction document. The next steps involve further development of the design and details for construction, in collaboration with the Township, the Advisory Committee, community members and other relevant stakeholders.





2. SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS

BACKGROUND & METHODS

Located approximately 35 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Solebury Township is in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Township is approximately 27.2 square miles and is bounded by the Delaware River on its northern and eastern sides. The Solebury Green site is located along Route 202, a major thoroughfare through the Township, and adjacent to a large retail center within the most densely populated area of the Township.

Before the site's three parcels were purchased by the Township in 2020, this open space was previously utilized for a large flea market. Existing conditions of the site are comprised of an asphalt entrance drive off of Route 202 that connects to a crumbling asphalt parking lot. Beyond the lot, remnants of old pathways disintegrate into a large open meadow with mown trails, surrounded by a woodland on all sides. Aquetong Creek flows through the site on the south and west sides, surrounded by a 5.4-acre area of FEMA-designated floodplain. Flanking the current location of the site entrance, the site is abutted by an abandoned diner to the east and an active pizza shop to the west, with both frontages along Route 202. Shire Drive, a small gravel road, runs along the eastern-most portion of the park, and Reeder Road bounds the site on the west. Currently, the site is being used for passive activities, such as walking through the regularly-mown trails.

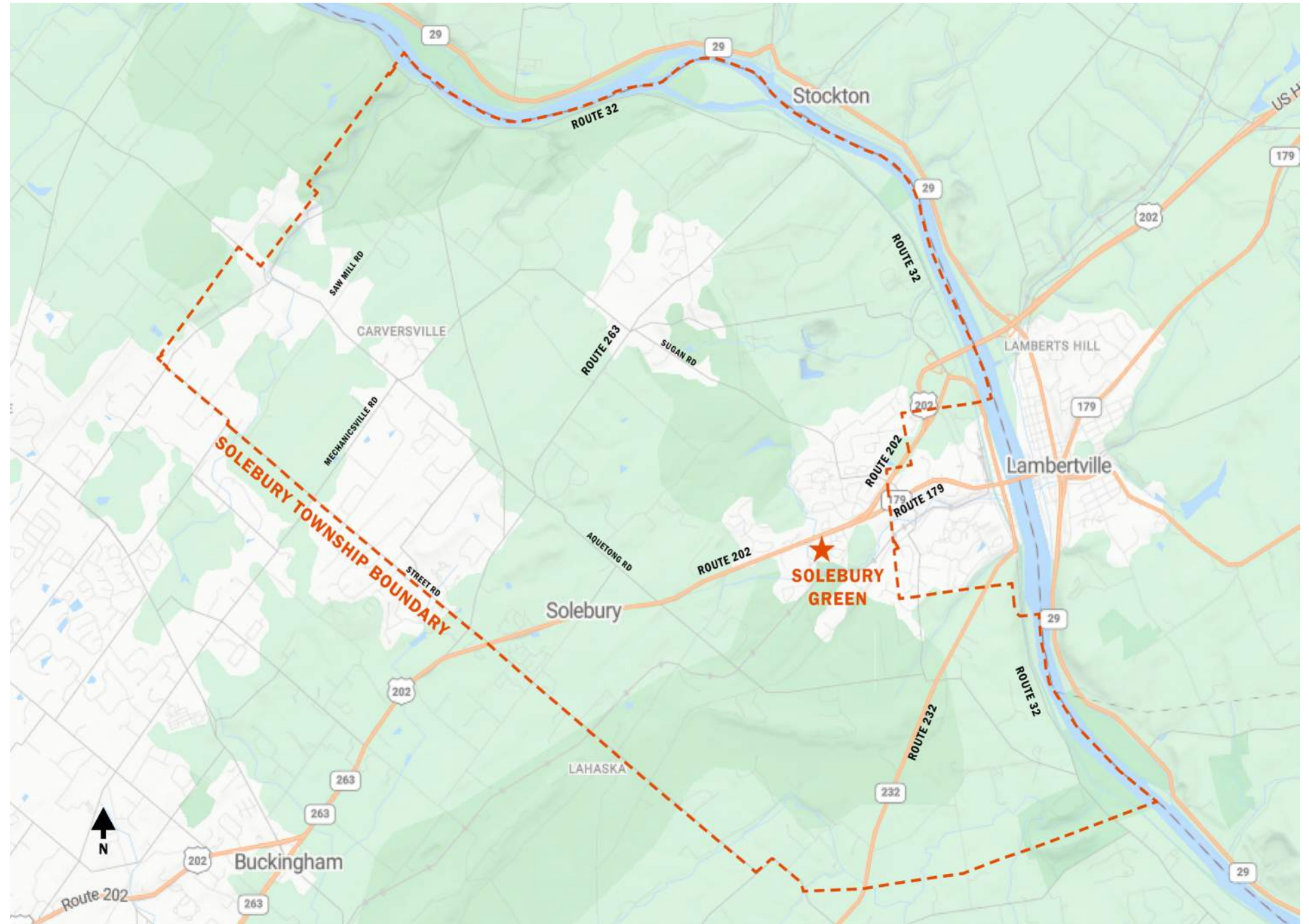
At the outset of the project, the Township provided SALT with a site survey for the park site (prepared July 18, 2023 by Wynn Associates, Inc., the Township Engineer). This site survey provided specific information about the FEMA floodplain delineation, a national wetlands inventory for Bucks County, USDA soil survey GIS data, and parcel boundaries. SALT used this survey as the basis for our site inventory & analysis and subsequent design process. Following a site visit on June 17, 2024, SALT conducted site analysis based on township-wide scale studies and an inventory of existing site conditions, including topography, viewsheds, floodplain & riparian corridor areas, vegetation, and noise. Graphic representations of these studies are shown on the following pages.

SITE OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

Based on our inventory & analysis, key site opportunities and constraints were identified to help guide concept development and ultimate design of the park master plan.

OPPORTUNITIES

- A variety of ecotypes are present on site, such as meadows, woodlands, and wetlands, which are characterized by specific vegetation, wildlife, and environmental conditions. This diversity on one site presents unique opportunities for education and visitor experiences.
- Location of the park site within the Township and to adjacent residential & commercial areas provides an opportunity for special community



Solebury Green Context Map

programming, as well as an opportunity for connections to township- and state-wide trail systems.

- The presence of Aquetong Creek in the park offers an opportunity for visitors to have direct connection to the water, and potential for educational and experiential moments that differ from other Township parks.

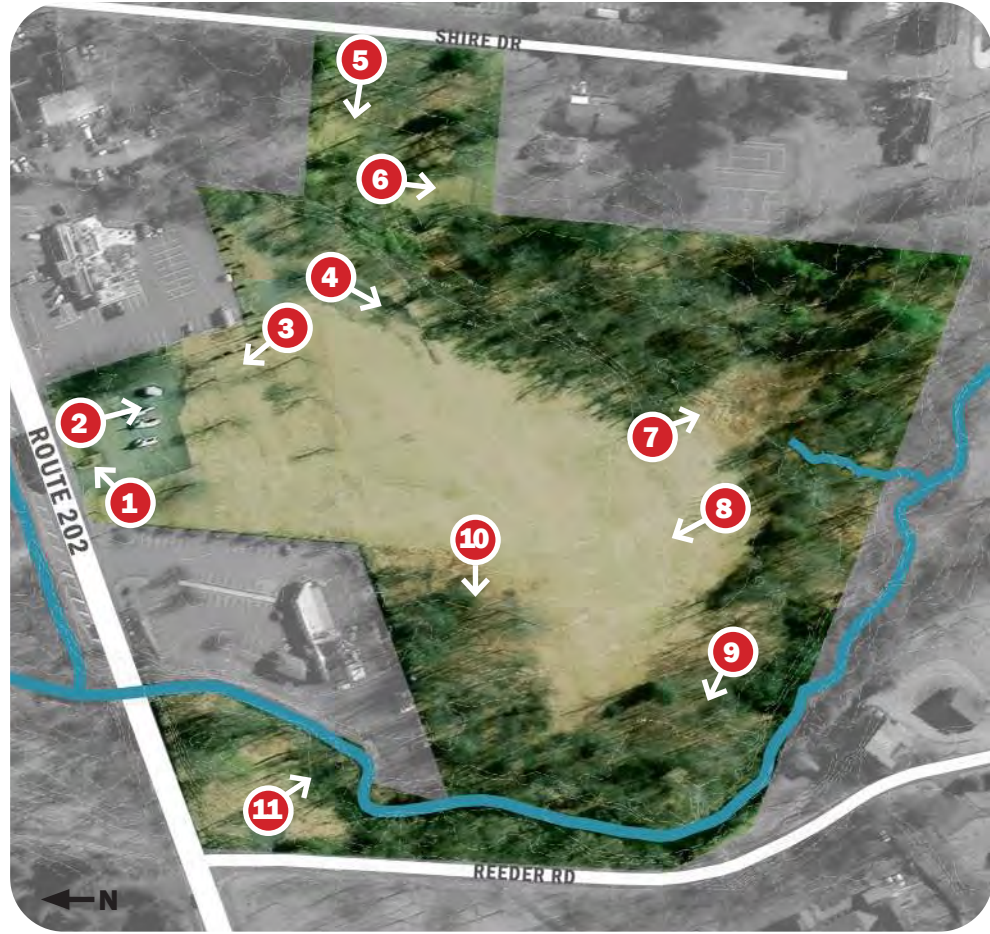
CONSTRAINTS

- The park site's adjacency to Route 202 could lead to potential traffic congestion for park visitors and passersby. The major thoroughfare

also creates a significant amount of noise pollution within the otherwise serene space.

- Steep slopes in some areas of the site present difficulties with accommodating ADA accessibility.
- FEMA floodplain areas, Aquetong Creek, and low areas on the south and west portions of the site currently make these areas unusable during and following storm events due to inundation.
- Aggressive and/or invasive species were observed in several areas around the site, such as bamboo & poison ivy.

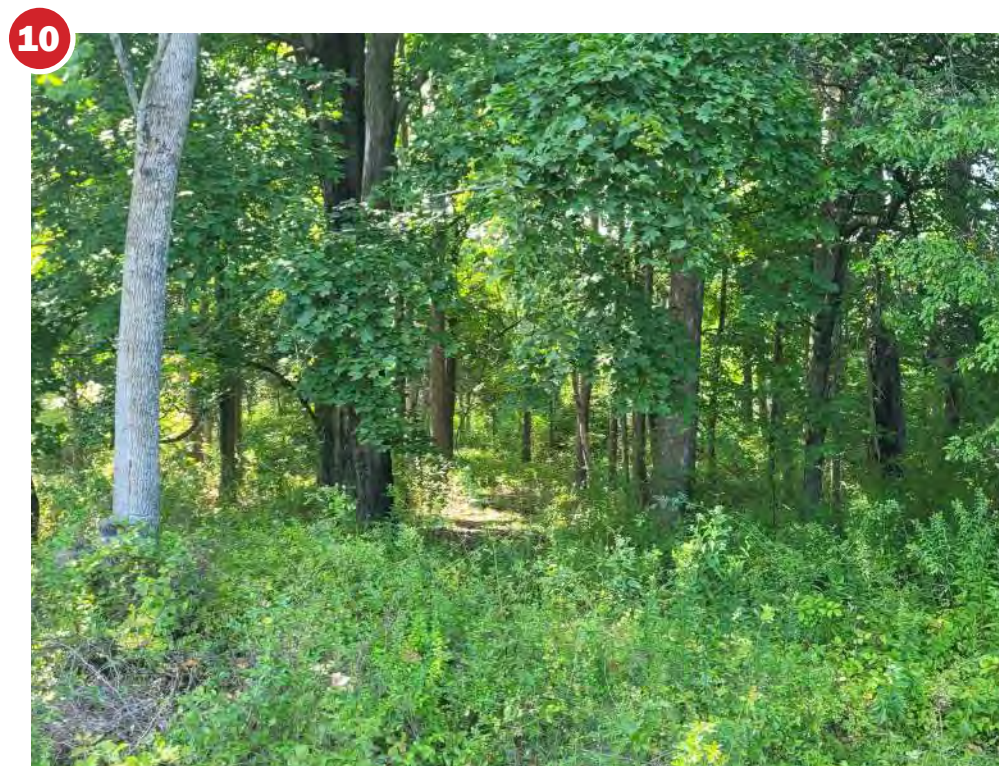
EXISTING CONDITIONS PHOTOGRAPHS



Photographs Key Plan



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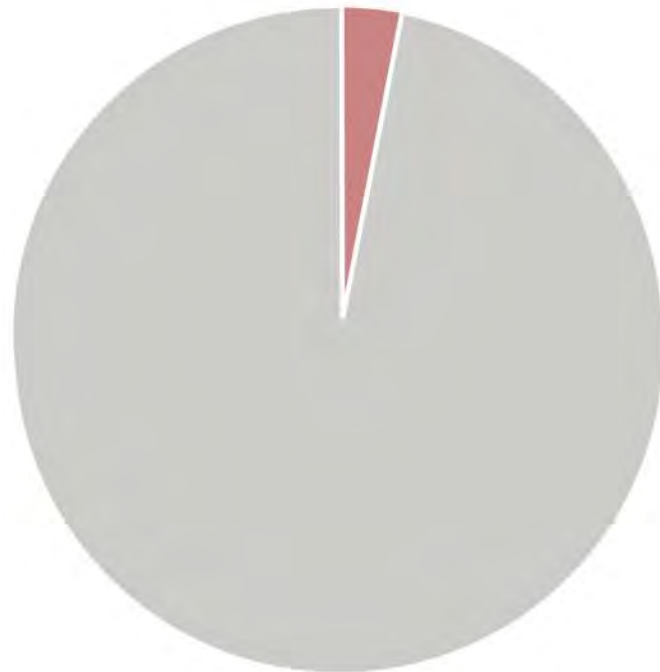


TOWNSHIP AGE DISTRIBUTION

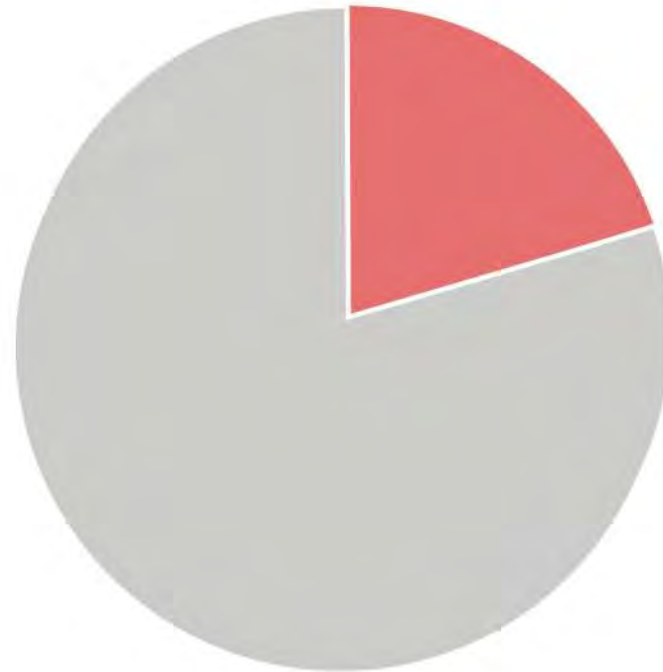
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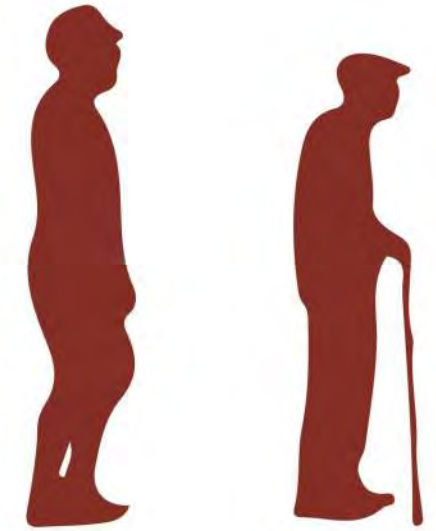
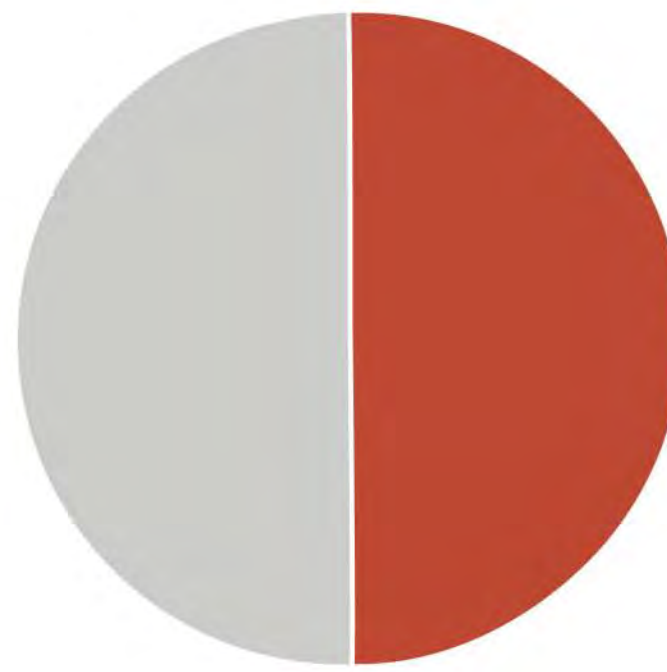
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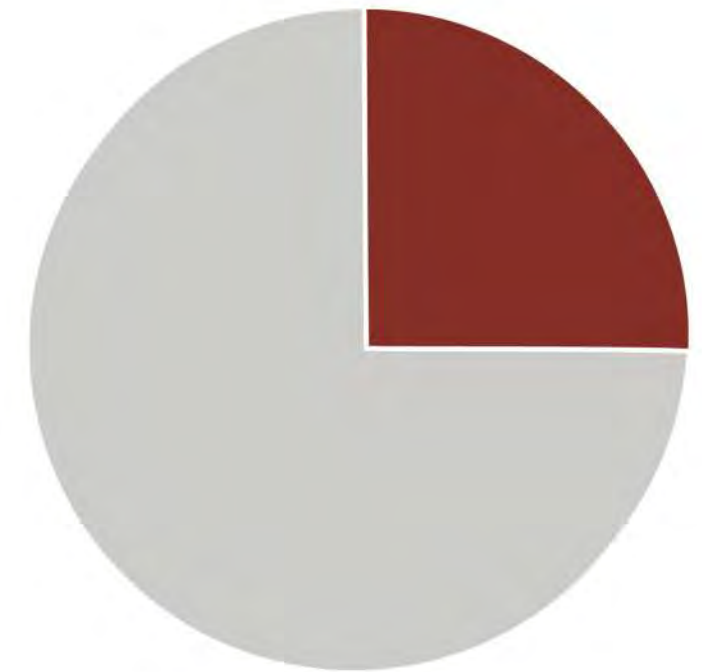
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BETWEEN AGE 18-65: 50.8%



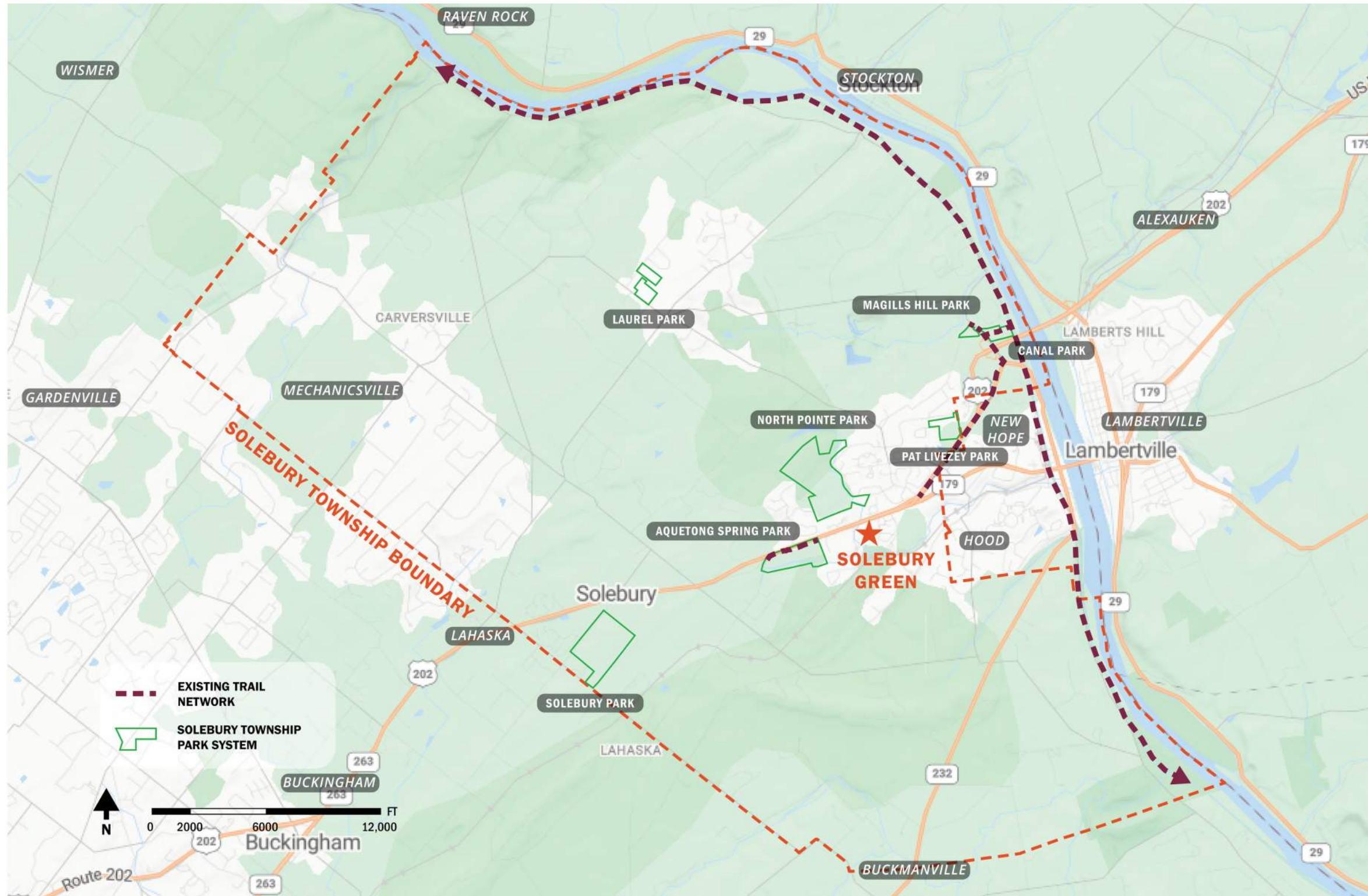
OVER AGE 65: 27.2%



TOWNSHIP PRIMARY LAND USES



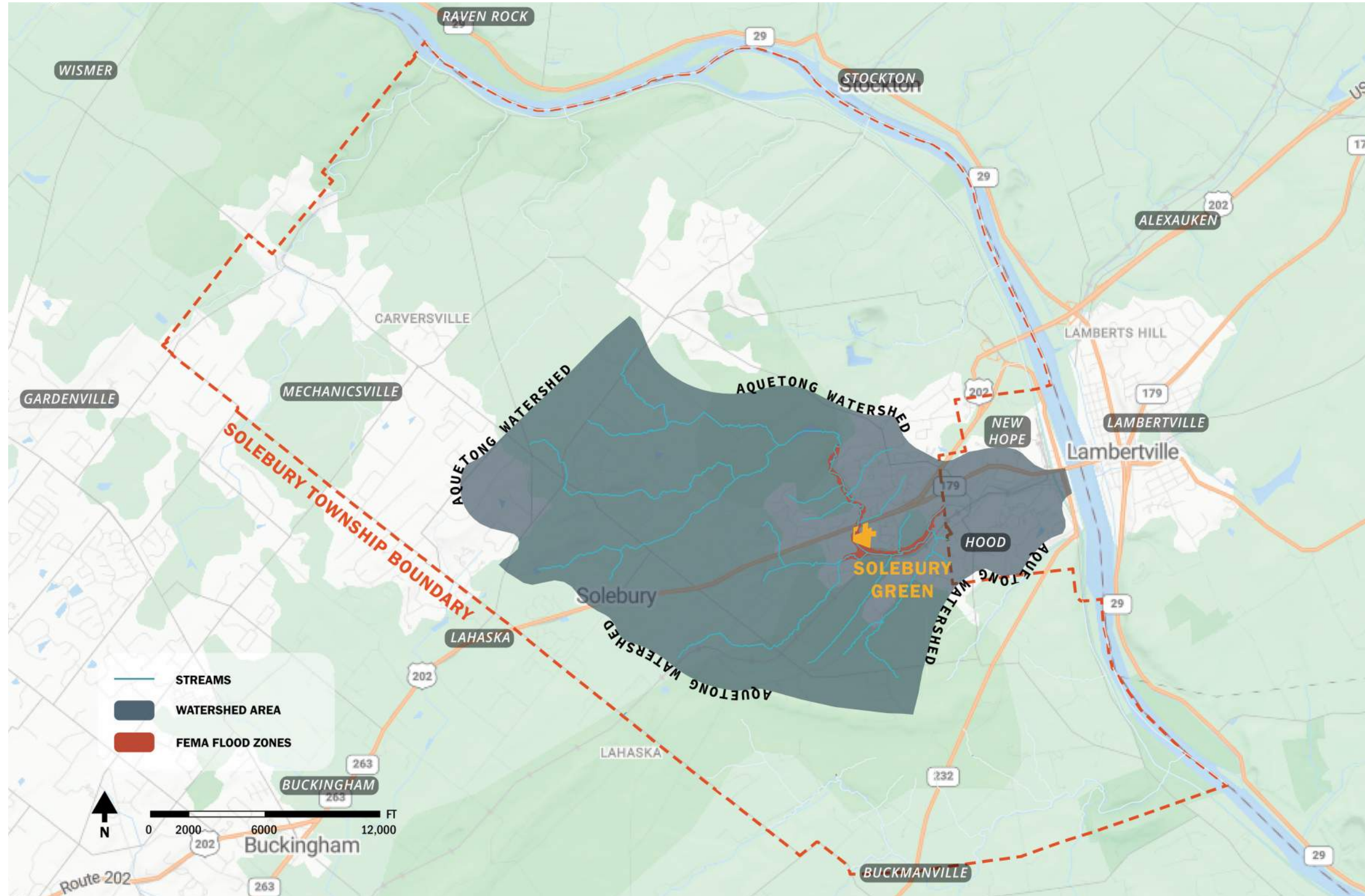
TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS



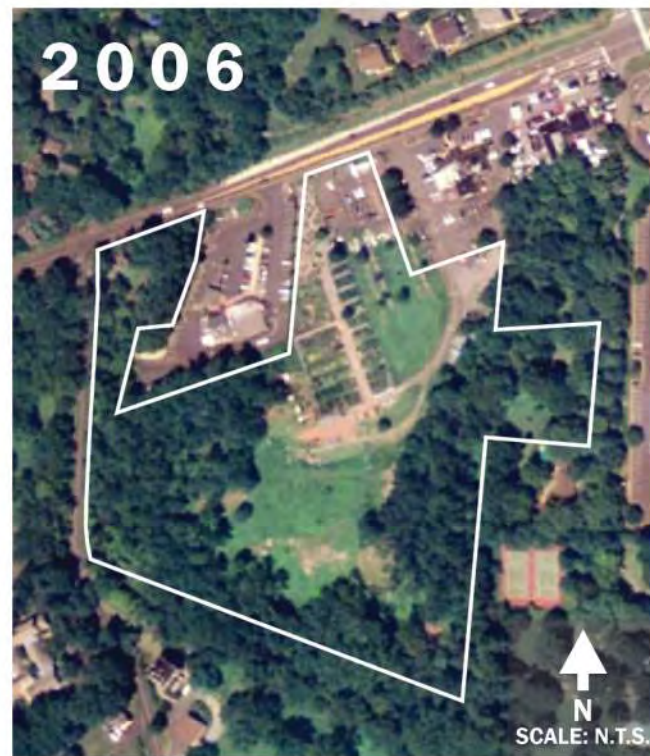
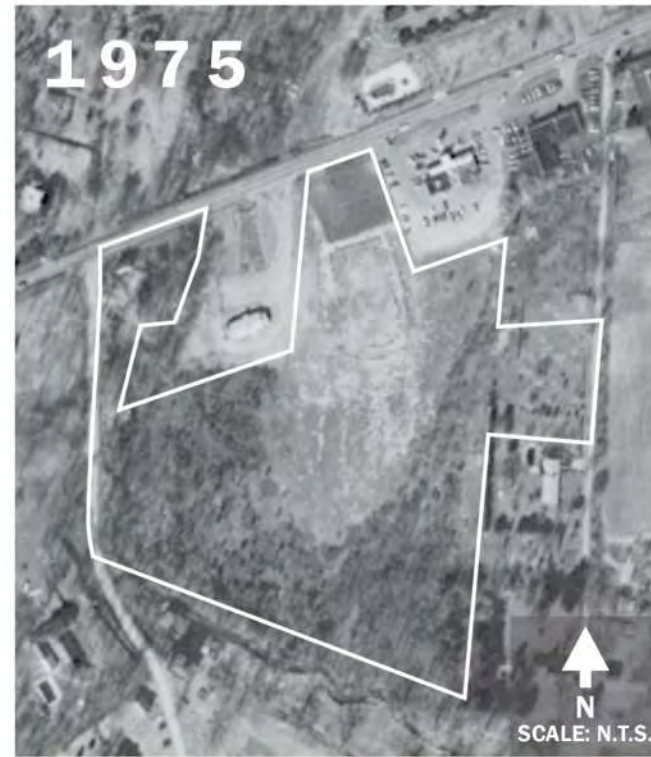
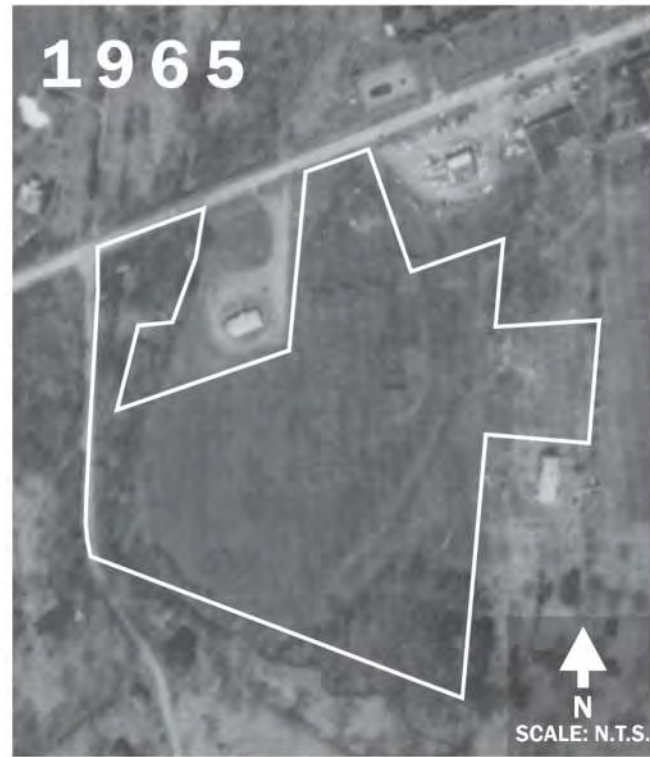
TOWNSHIP PARK AMENITIES

	AQUETONG SPRING PARK	CANAL PARK	LAUREL PARK	MAGILL'S HILL PARK	NORTH POINTE PARK	PAT LIVEZEY PARK	SOLEBURY PARK (IN PLANNING PHASE)	SOLEBURY GREEN
TRAILS								
WALKING	●	●	●		●	●	●	★
BICYCLING	●	●						★
RESTROOMS								
ADA RESTROOMS			●			●		★
PORTABLES		●						
PICNIC AREA								
TABLES & BENCHES	●		●	●		●		★
GRILLS						●		
PLAYGROUND			●			●		★
RECREATIONAL FEATURES								
MULTI-PURPOSE		●	●		●	●	●	
SPORTS FIELDS			●			●		
SPORTS COURTS			●				●	
SLEDDING HILLS				●				
SNACK STAND			●			●		
QUIET SPACE	●		●					★
ECOLOGICAL								
STREAMS	●							★
WATERFALLS	●							
OPEN FIELD	●	●		●	●		●	★
MEADOW	●							★
WOODLAND	●				●	●	●	★

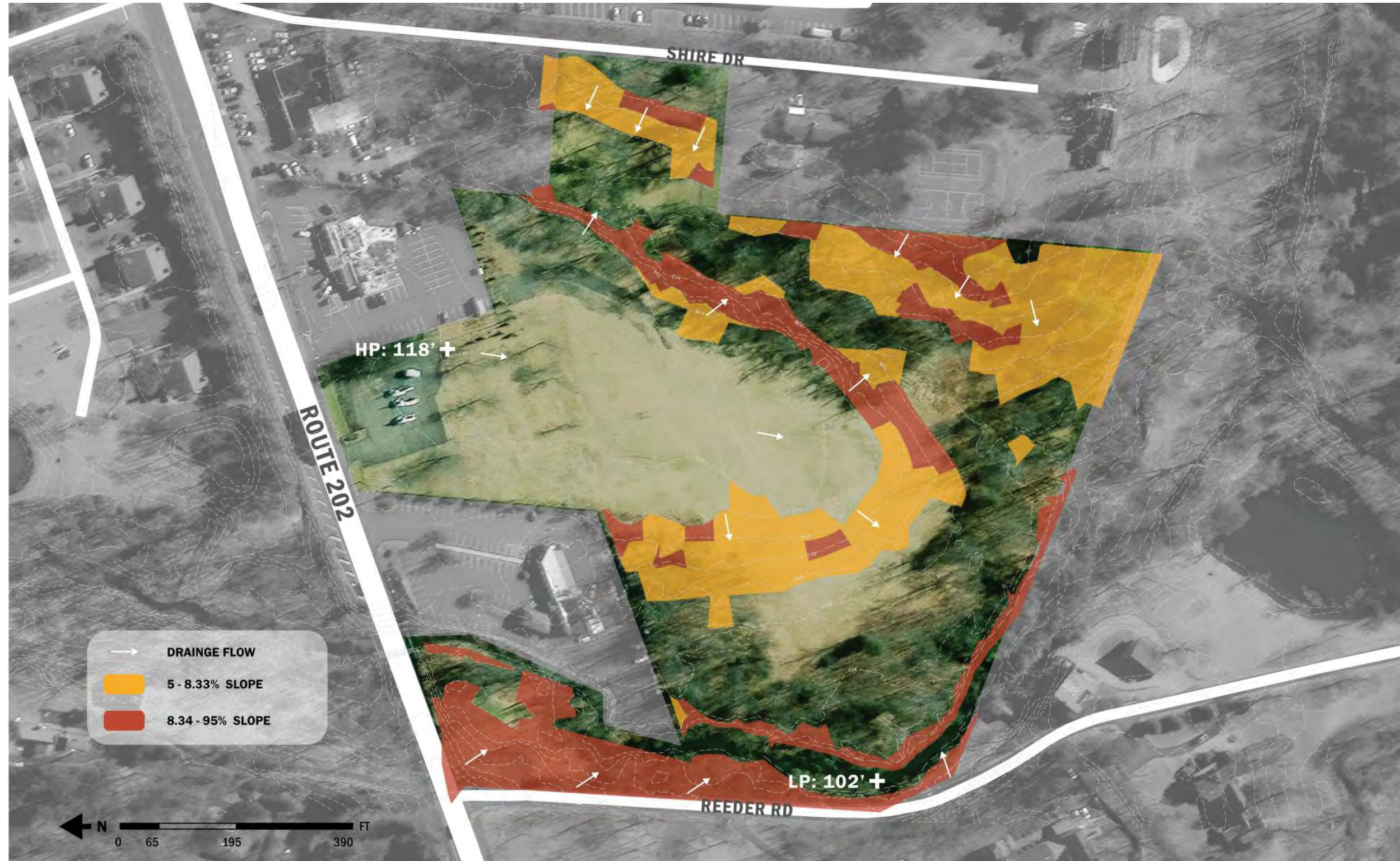
TOWNSHIP HYDROLOGIC CONTEXT



PARK EVOLUTION OF LAND USE



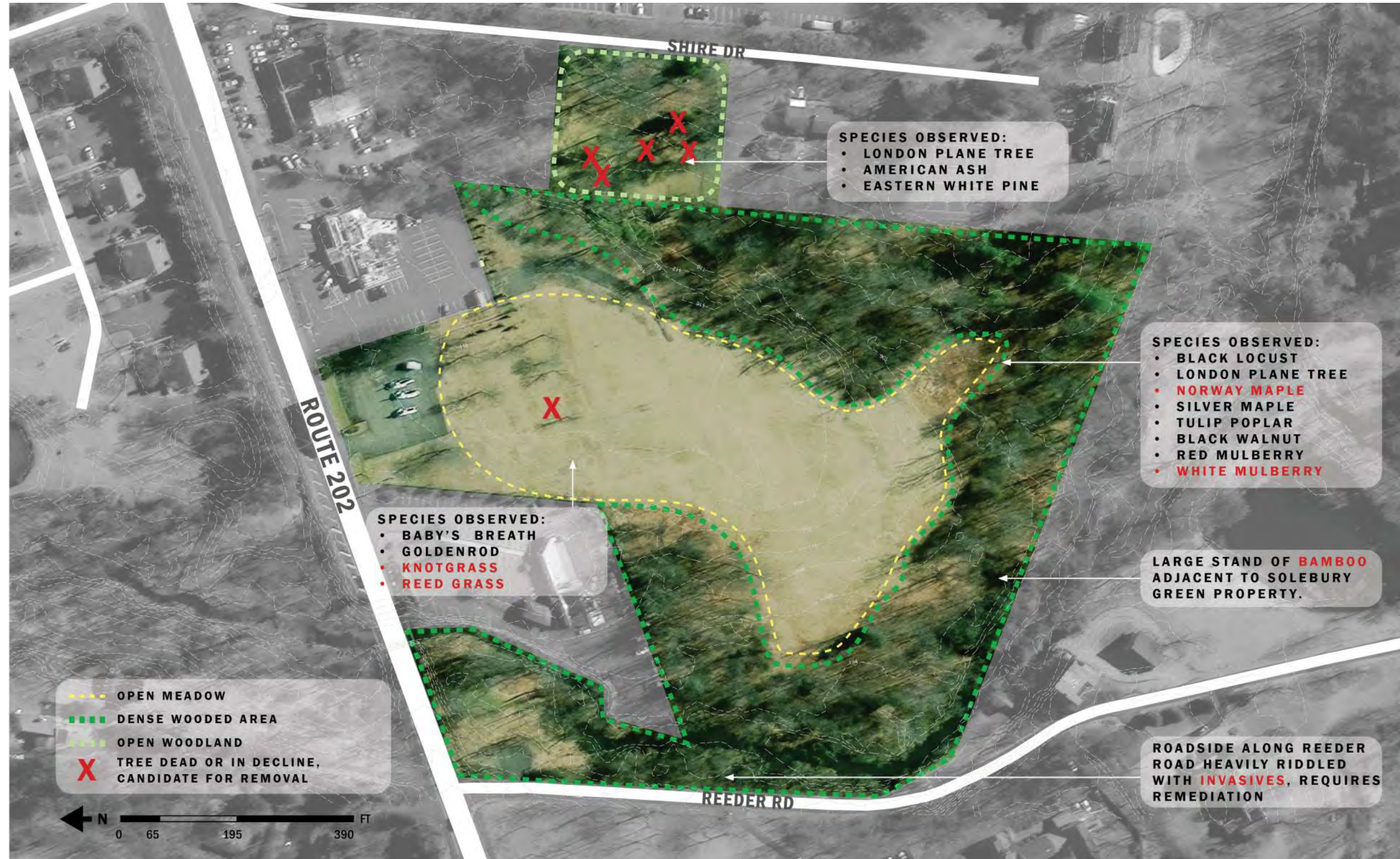
PARK TOPOGRAPHY & SLOPE ANALYSIS



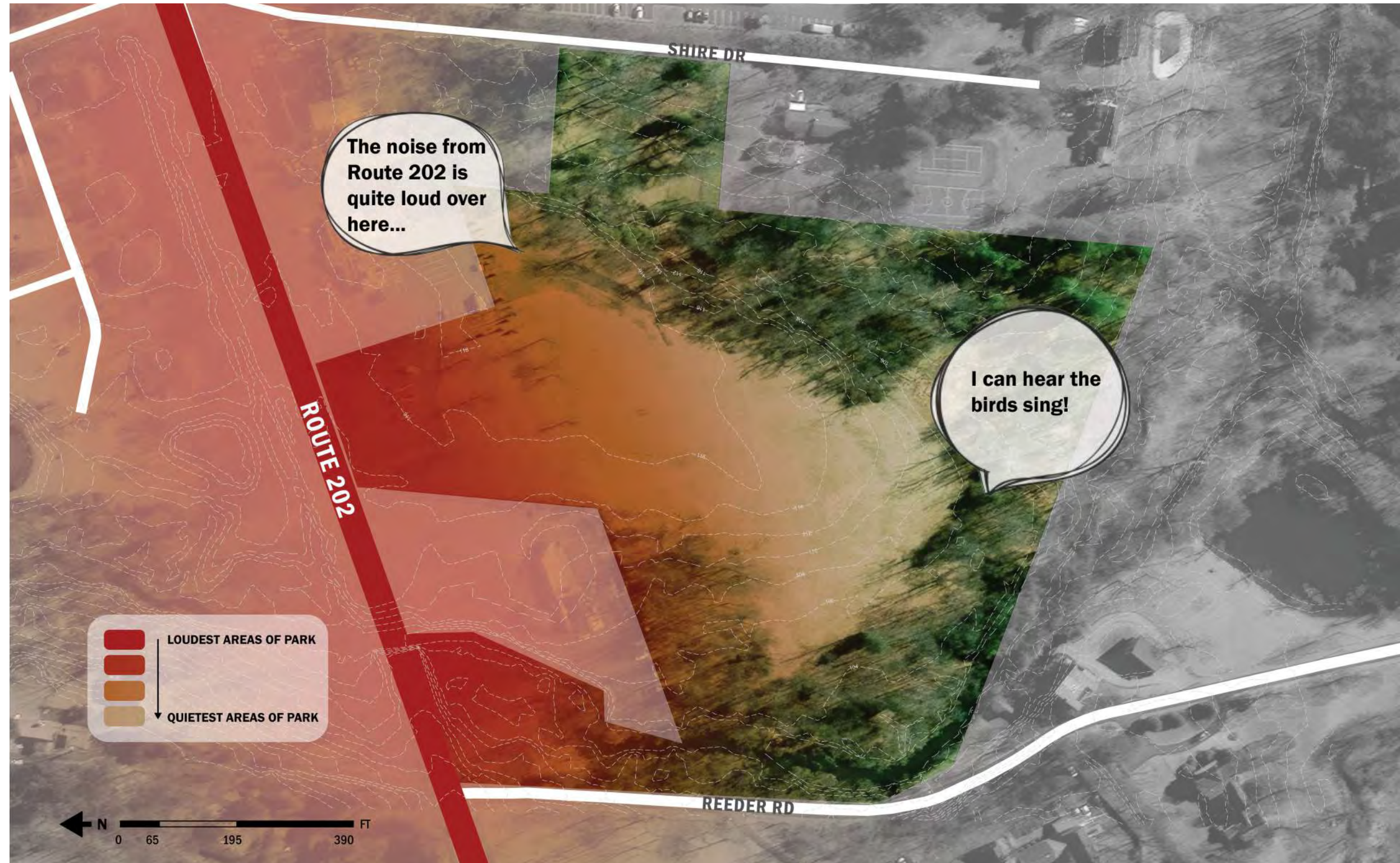
PARK VIEWSHEDS, FLOODPLAIN & RIPARIAN CORRIDOR



PARK VEGETATION INVENTORY



PARK NOISE STUDY





3. ENGAGEMENT

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Throughout the project, SALT used a suite of interactive engagement tools to elicit feedback, prompt meaningful discussion, and guide Solebury Township and key stakeholders in making thoughtful decisions about improvements for Solebury Green. The following activities were conducted throughout the course of the project to ensure a transparent and engaging master planning process.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Between July 8-19, 2024, SALT conducted 30-minute virtual stakeholder interviews with staff, board and committee members, and township engineers representing Solebury Township. The goal of these discussions was to gather insights and gain an understanding of individuals' viewpoints about the project and park property. Through a loose Q&A format, SALT posed questions addressing the general culture of Solebury Township, programming and facility needs, circulation patterns, natural features, and site engineering issues.

Aggregated interview comments were found to reflect common cultural themes of Solebury Township, with top words to describe Solebury as natural, rural/suburban, passive, multi-generational, historical and artistic. Overall, there was a general desire for park programming to include flexible open space to host large community gatherings, markets or pop-up events; age-inclusive passive recreation such as walking paths and quiet spaces for restful and contemplative moments; play areas that feature natural elements; representation of Solebury's rich history of art to be included throughout the park; and beautification of the park frontage with sound-buffering strategies for Route 202.

POP-UP ENGAGEMENT EVENT

On the evening of August 14, 2024, Solebury Township & SALT hosted a two-hour-long community engagement event at the HG Wood Fired Pizza & Family Restaurant, located adjacent to the proposed Solebury Green site. The event was an open invitation to the community to engage with SALT and the Township about the proposed concepts for Solebury Green. Through a casual open-house format, Solebury Township stakeholders and community members were invited to vocalize and write down programs, amenities, and other features that they liked or didn't like about the three initial Concept Plans, as well as their general needs and desires for Solebury Green. SALT brought 6 large-format boards to engage attendees and gather feedback, along with a voting exercise that encouraged attendees to use a ballot to rank the three Concept Plans. Ultimately, the

conclusion of the voting and feedback collected led to a hybridizing of the three Concept Plans to create the final Master Plan for Solebury Green.

TEEN SURVEY

For a two-week period in October 2024, Solebury Township conducted a digital survey, distributed to New Hope-Solebury High School. SALT, Solebury Township, and the Advisory Committee collaborated to develop the survey content in order to gather feedback specifically from teenagers regarding programming desired at Solebury Green for their age demographic. Data was collected and reviewed, and considerations for teen areas and activities were integrated into the final multi-generational design for Solebury Green.

TOUCHPOINT MEETINGS

Throughout the project, SALT, Solebury Township & the Advisory Committee met virtually to review project progress, discuss public feedback, and work through design ideas. These touchpoint meetings were held regularly, corresponding to timing of in-progress workproducts created by SALT, including site inventory & analysis diagrams and findings, summaries of stakeholder interviews & pop-up engagement event, 3 initial concept plans, draft master plan sketches and development, and draft perspective renderings.

Full summaries and further data from all engagement activities can be found in the Appendices.



POP-UP ENGAGEMENT EVENT



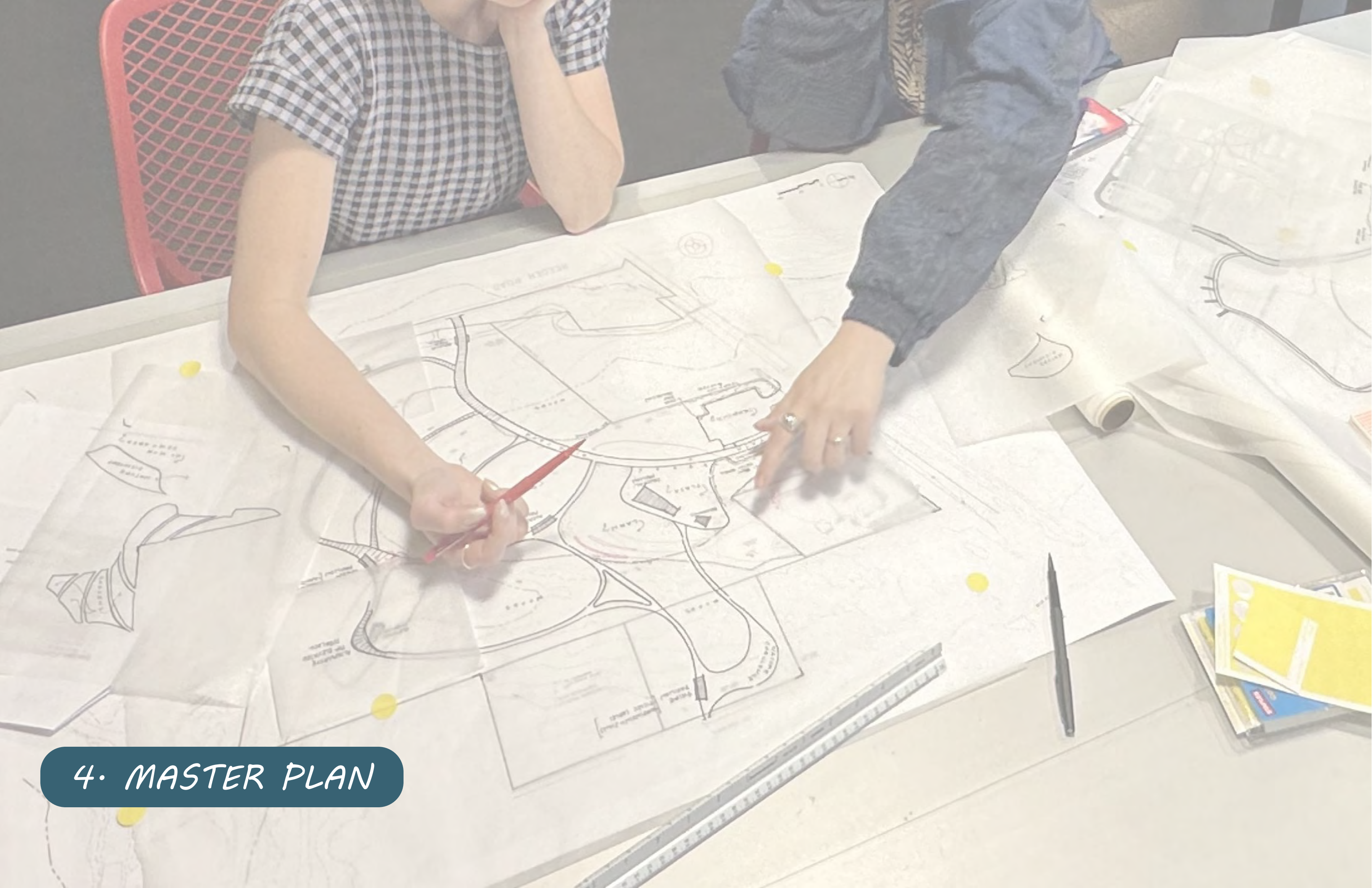
TEEN SURVEY



TOUCHPOINT MEETINGS

ENGAGEMENT EVENT PHOTOGRAPHS





4. MASTER PLAN

MASTER PLAN DESIGN PROCESS

The Solebury Green Master Plan establishes a forward-looking vision for the park, developed through an inclusive public process. This plan serves as a comprehensive guide for programmatic and physical site improvements, providing a detailed analysis to shape the park's long-term future. It addresses programming, facility updates, and maintenance strategies while positioning the Township to secure grants and funding for necessary renovations.

The design process followed the site inventory & analysis phase, and utilizing the identified site opportunities & constraints as the framework for site layout. Initially, SALT developed three concepts for organizing desired site programs and trail systems in different ways. Those initial Concepts – A, B and C – are shown with three distinct configurations for organizing the site. These Concepts were presented to the public during the Pop-Up Engagement Event and at the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors Meeting in August 2024. Based on feedback collected from the public, SALT identified the most and least desired elements featured in the concepts, and combined the strengths into one comprehensive park master plan.



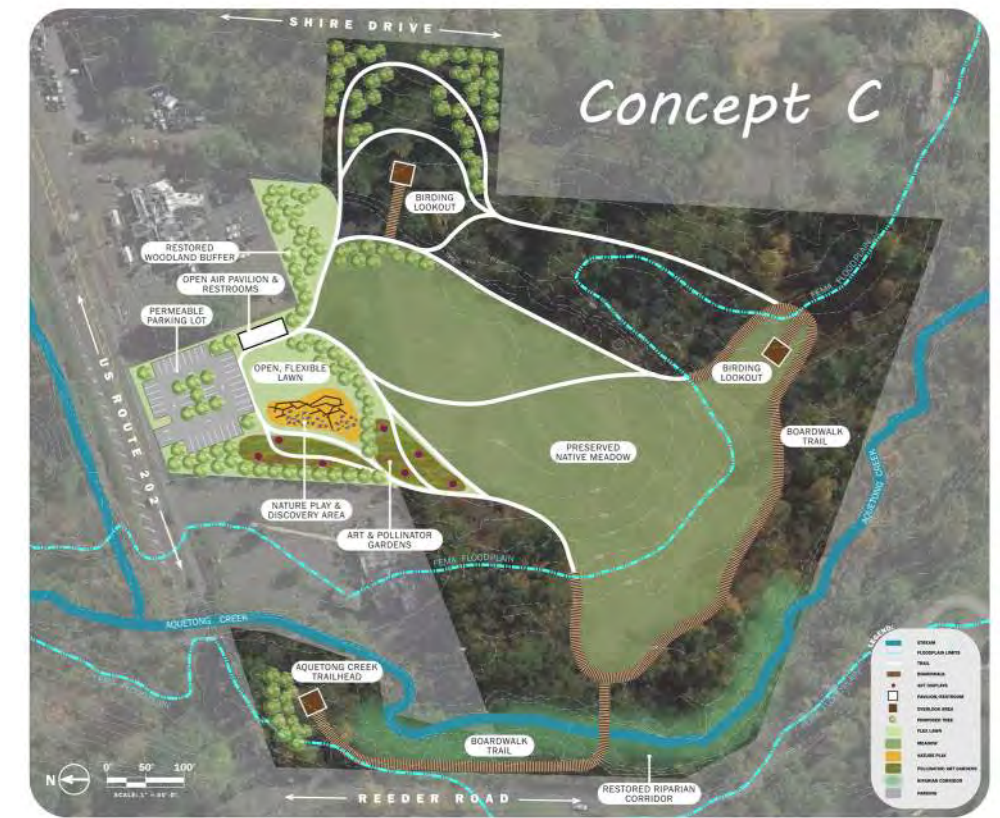
Concept A Highlights:

- Programmed areas are intentionally distributed throughout the property, encouraging visitors to explore the entire park and trail system.
- Activity zones are designed to create a variety of intimate spaces where smaller groups can gather, play, and connect with nature. The dispersal of amenities provides ecological diversity for park programming.
- Multiple trails offer visitors the freedom to choose their own routes, allowing them to create unique and varied experiences with each visit to the park.



Concept B Highlights:

- As you arrive at the park, the open-air pavilion serves as the primary gateway, framing the site & inviting exploration of what lies ahead.
- After passing through the pavilion, you're greeted with views of diverse landscapes, from designed art gardens and open native meadows to more shady, forest trails.
- This concept features orthogonal geometry to define an expansive area for nature play, a generous open lawn for events and festivals, and a pollinator garden that prominently showcases art from local artists.



Concept C Highlights:

- This concept focuses on 'rewilding' the park by concentrating amenities near the parking lot, ensuring that the more active park areas don't disrupt the natural, less programmed spaces.
- Planting buffers along property lines have been thickened to help reduce noise from Route 202.
- In the more secluded areas, birding lookouts offer visitors a peaceful spot to rest and observe the native meadows, woodlands, and wildlife within the park. The proposed Trailhead takes the visitor along the restored riparian corridor.

THE VISION THAT EMERGED FOR SOLEBURY GREEN

The vision for Solebury Green is based on the following key themes: accessibility & inclusivity, enhancement of existing natural features, intergenerational community spaces, art & beauty, and educational opportunities. These themes are woven throughout the proposed features and are described below. The proposed themes and features comprise a holistic approach to designing and planning for Solebury Green to create a distinctive identity within a sustainable framework.

PARK ENTRANCE & TRAILS

ENTRANCE & PARKING

The new entry drive, utilizing the existing vehicular access from Route 202, leads to a reconfigured parking lot with 33 spaces, including accessible and EV charging spots. A central plant bed will collect stormwater runoff while providing shade to parked cars. Native plants will surround the lot, offering shade, buffering adjacent properties, and enhancing the park entrance. Dark sky-compliant LED and solar pole lights will ensure nighttime security and support after-hours events.

MULTI-MODAL / BIKE TRAIL

Connecting to the future River to River Bike Trail along Route 202, a new multi-modal trail will bring cyclists and pedestrians from the Route 202 right-of-way at the northeast edge of the site into the park. The multi-modal trail wraps into the site and curves west into the preserved woodland. Upon reaching the floodplain, the trail will transition from a paved at-grade surface to an elevated boardwalk. A small bridge will span Aquetong Creek to connect cyclists and pedestrians to the future River to River Bike Trail at Reeder Road.

PARK TRAILS

Throughout Solebury Green, a series of accessible and code-compliant trails allow visitors to traverse the various existing ecological zones, such as preserved woodlands, a native meadow, and restored riparian corridor areas. Trails will be a porous paved surface material in some areas, and elevated boardwalks within the floodplain. Elevated boardwalk trails will:

- provide ADA-compliant walking surfaces throughout the park, as elevated trails can traverse the natural contours of the land;
- keep walking surfaces above wet soils during floods and periods of inundation;
- allow water to flow naturally beneath the trails, which preserves wetland hydrological patterns;
- reduce pollutants running off from pavements into wetland areas and Aquetong Creek, which will help maintain water quality;
- minimize soil disturbance, compaction, and erosion;
- reduce habitat fragmentation and trampling of vegetation; and
- maintain sensitive areas for future generations.

The boardwalk will widen at two locations, offering opportunities to overlook distinctive park features. In the southeast corner, an elevated platform with seating provides a viewshed of the native meadow. In the southwest corner,

an overlook offers intimate seating with views of Aquetong Creek and provides access for visitors to the water.

A mown grass path will cut through the native meadow, providing an opportunity to view wildlife and give flexibility in its route and alignment.

All together, the trails at Solebury Green will provide just under a mile of walking surfaces for cycling, running, or walking.

COMMUNITY GATHERING

CENTRAL HUB

At the park's center, a spacious gathering plaza will feature an open-air pavilion, a small restroom building, shade trees, and ample seating. Serving as a primary trailhead, the plaza provides a space for community connection and potential to host a variety of events, such as yoga classes, movie nights, concerts, markets, and private gatherings. Beyond the plaza, a southeast-facing lawn extends to the woodland edge, bordered by tiered seat walls that offer seating for both formal events and casual gatherings. The lawn also supports passive recreation, picnicking, and overflow for larger events.

TRANQUIL ENCLAVES

Two smaller gathering spaces are integrated into the park's trail system: the Meadow Pavilion, located at the intersection of the lawn and native meadow, and the Aquetong Pavilion, situated where the preserved woodland meets the meadow. Both spaces include expanded hardscapes with shade structures and seating. The Meadow Pavilion offers movable furniture, making it versatile for intimate gatherings, overflow from large events at the plaza or lawn, or smaller activities like outdoor yoga, birdwatching, or picnics. The Aquetong Pavilion incorporates trees within an expanded boardwalk area and features bench swings, providing a serene destination for teens, families, or individuals seeking quiet reflection.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING

To engage visitors of all ages, two destination play areas are planned on the park's east side. Near the gathering plaza and restrooms, a play space designed for children 5 years old and younger, incorporates themes from Solebury Township's culture, such as agricultural history, the influence of impressionist art, and the preservation of natural features.

Further east, a more adventurous playscape for older children and teens takes advantage of the site's natural slope. An embankment slide and perimeter rock scramble encourage exploration and physical activity. In the parcel extending toward Shire Drive, nontraditional play equipment—constructed from natural materials like wood, ropes, logs, stumps, and boulders—offers imaginative and challenging play opportunities.

Adjacent to the nature challenge area, hammocks are interspersed within a grove of mature shade trees, creating a unique and intimate space for relaxation and socializing suitable for visitors of all ages.

SOLEBURY CULTURE

LOCAL ARTWORK

Art will be woven into the fabric of Solebury Green, with exhibits by local artists and artisans thoughtfully placed throughout the park. Sculptures, installations, and interactive pieces will serve as visual anchors in gardens, gathering spaces, and along trails, while distinctive viewsheds framed by natural backdrops will provide striking settings for outdoor galleries. This integration of art will celebrate Solebury Township's rich artistic heritage, emphasizing its historical connection to creativity and beauty. By blending art into the landscape, the park will inspire reflection, engagement, and a deeper connection to the community's cultural identity.

AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE

Park elements, including artwork, play themes, and interpretive signage, will celebrate Solebury Township's rich agricultural heritage. Through thoughtful design gestures inspired by the township's farming legacy, these features will honor its agrarian roots while fostering a deeper appreciation for the community's shared history and traditions.

FEATURE GARDENS & DEMONSTRATION SPACES

To enrich the park's entrance, vibrant native gardens will frame the parking lot, gathering plaza, and multi-modal trail, creating a welcoming and visually appealing arrival experience. These gardens will feature a mix of native pollinator-friendly plantings, educational demonstration plots, and community-managed garden spaces. Meandering mown trails will weave through these areas, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and textures of the native plantings for a serene and sensory-rich experience. Designed for year-round interest, the gardens will not only enhance the park's beauty but also offer educational opportunities, inspiring visitors to implement sustainable landscaping practices in their own yards.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

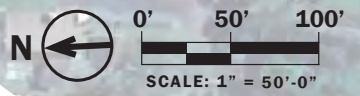
Environmental resilience is a key consideration in the design of Solebury Green. To preserve the site's natural features, the plan includes the protection of existing native habitats and the careful integration of native plant species throughout the park. Invasive species will be actively managed to inhibit spread and removed where feasible, allowing for the regeneration of native vegetation and improving biodiversity. A significant focus will be the restoration of the riparian corridor, which will help stabilize the streambanks, reduce erosion, and improve water quality of Aquetong Creek. These efforts are aimed at enhancing the park's ecological health while providing visitors with opportunities to connect with and learn about natural processes. Sustainable practices, such as stormwater management techniques, will be employed to further support the resilience of the park's ecosystems over time.

SOLEBURY GREEN PARK MASTER PLAN

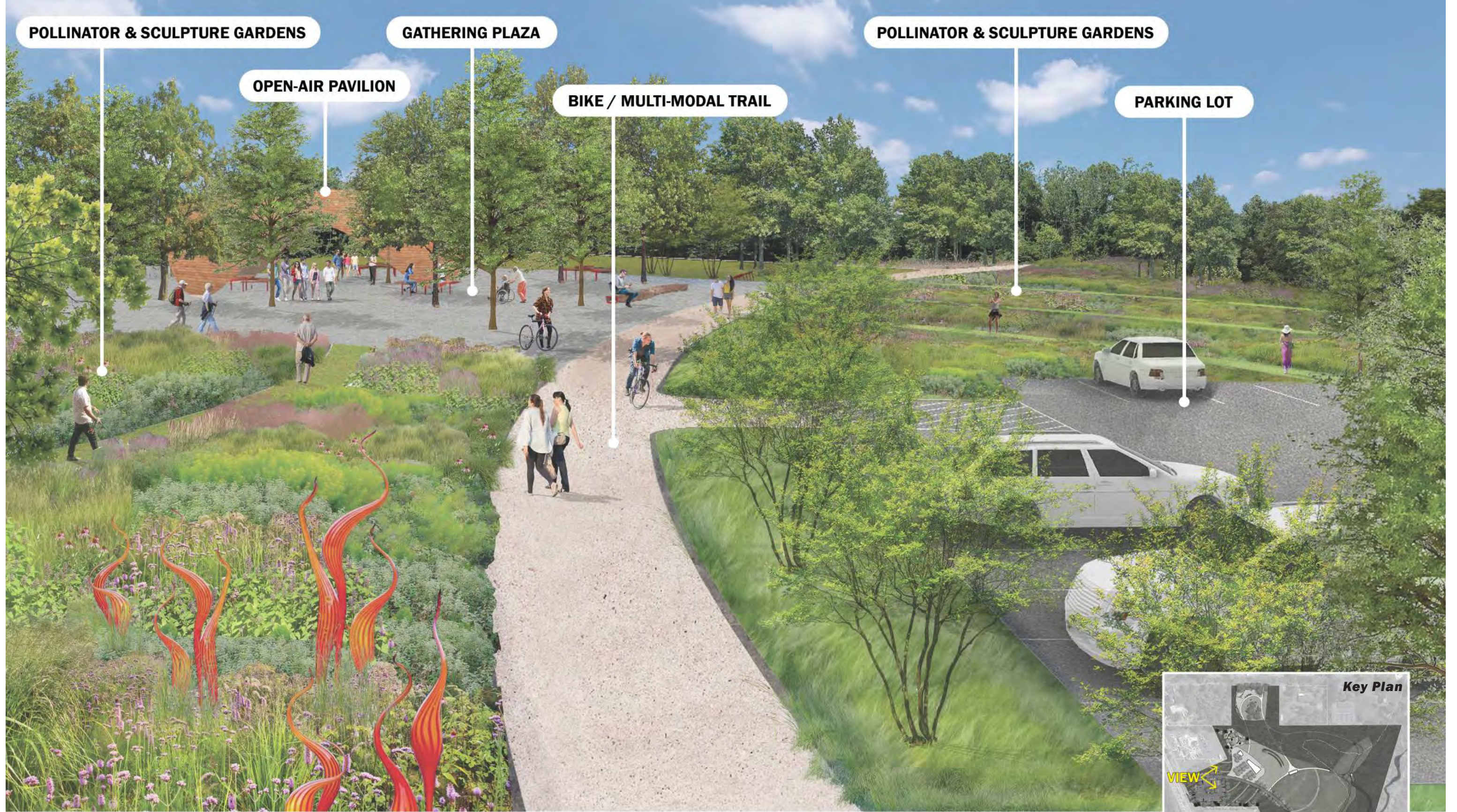


LEGEND:

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| 1 Park Entrance Sign | 11 Nature Challenge & Fitness Area (Ages 12-Adult) |
| 2 Parking Lot with 33 Spaces & EV Charging | 12 Hammock Grove |
| 3 Multi-Modal / Bike Trail | 13 Meadow Pavilion with Seating Area |
| 4 Pollinator & Sculpture Gardens | 14 Paved Trail |
| 5 Gathering Plaza with Shade Trees & Seating | 15 Boardwalk Trail |
| 6 Central Open-Air Pavilion | 16 Mown Trail through Meadow |
| 7 Restrooms | 17 Elevated Overlook with Seating |
| 8 Lawn for Flexible Programming & Events | 18 Aquetong Pavilion with Bench Swings |
| 9 Tiered Seat Walls in Lawn | 19 Creek Overlook with Seating |
| 10 Play Area for Young Children (Ages 10 & Under) | 20 Pedestrian Bridge over Creek |
| | ■ Potential Locations for Art Exhibits |



WIDENING OF RIGHT TURN LANE FROM REEDER ROAD



MULTI-MODAL TRAIL & ENTRANCE GARDENS

RELEVANT PRECEDENT IMAGERY



Boardwalk through Gardens



Parking Area Stormwater Management



Open-Air Pavilion



Trail through Gardens



Porous Parking Area with Planting



Sculptural Open-Air Pavilion



Mown Path through Meadow



Open-Air Pavilion & Plaza for Events



HAMMOCK GROVE

PAVED ACCESSIBLE TRAIL

NATURE CHALLENGE PLAY AREA

EMBANKMENT SLIDE & BOULDER SCRAMBLE



NATURE CHALLENGE AREA & HAMMOCK GROVE

RELEVANT PRECEDENT IMAGERY



Utilizing Topography as Play



Agricultural Themed Play



Nature Challenge Activities



Nature Challenge Activities



Sculptural Play



Sculptural Play



Outdoor Playful Learning



Hammock Grove



Natural Play Elements



WOODLAND SCULPTURE

BOARDWALK TRAIL THROUGH PRESERVED WOODLAND

CONTEMPLATIVE SEATING

AQUETONG CREEK ACCESS POINT



CREEK OVERLOOK & BOARDWALK TRAIL

RELEVANT PRECEDENT IMAGERY



Trail Bridge over Creek



Secluded Gathering Space



Elevated Trail through Woodland



Elevated Trail through Wetland



Park Artwork



Contemplative Seating at Water



Secluded Gathering Space



Educational & Interpretive Signage



Access to Creek

PHASING PLAN

1 ENTRANCE, TRAILS & PARKING

- New park entrance and parking area, including EV-charging stations, lighting, and signage.
- Installation of multi-modal trail through park with connections to proposed bike trail at Route 202 and Reeder Road.
- Installation of park trail system, including boardwalks and small gathering areas with small pavilions, seating, and signage.
- Invasive species remediation, meadow restoration, and riparian corridor resotation.

2 PAVILION, RESTROOMS & PLAZA

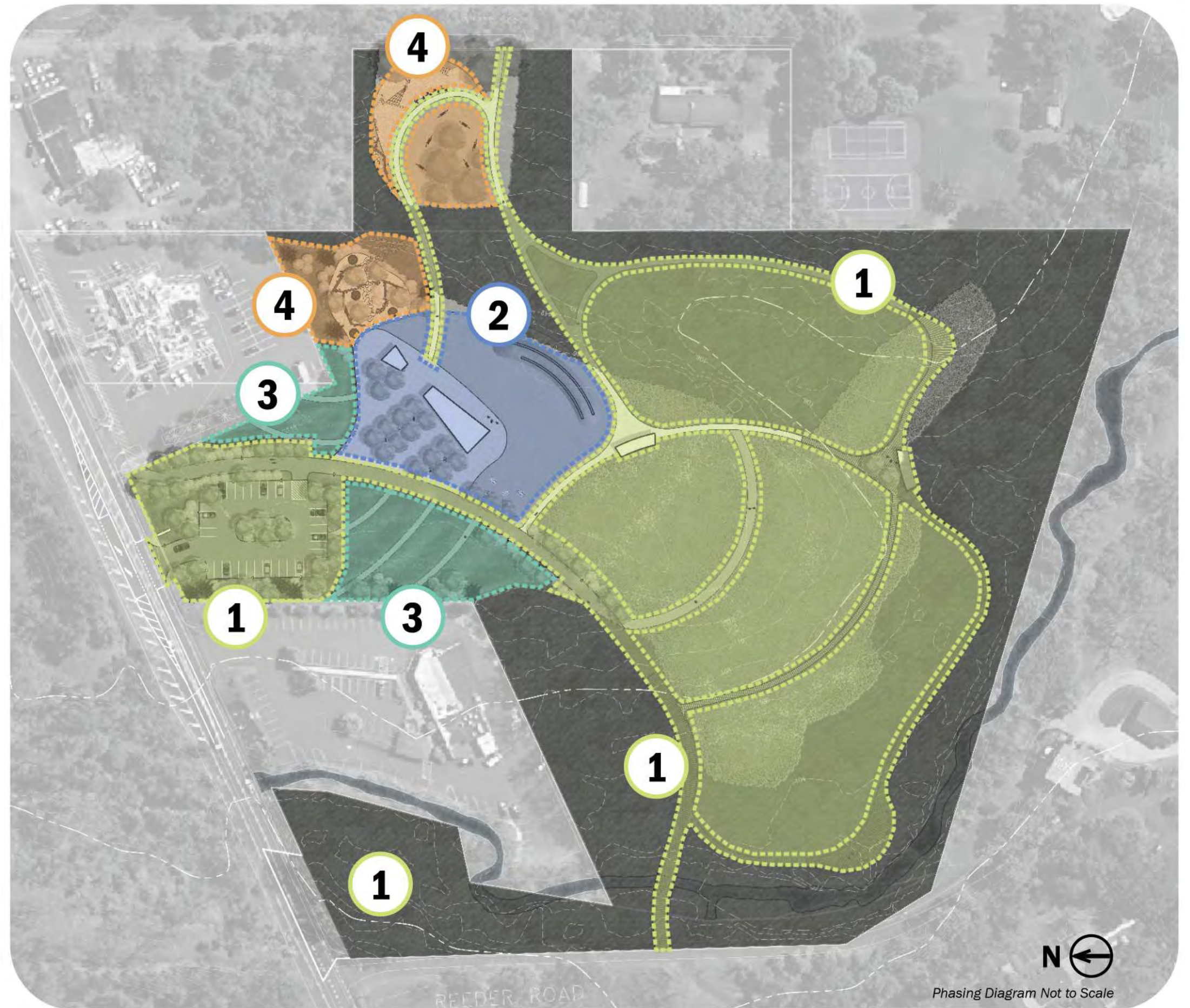
- Central plaza, including site furnishings & other amenities for flexible programming.
- Lawn with stepped stone seating.
- Large open-air pavilion.
- Restrooms building.

3 GARDENS & SCULPTURES

- Gardens at park entrance.
- Sculptures throughout park.

4 PLAY SPACES

- Play area for 0-5 (agricultural-themed play or nature discovery play).
- Play area for 5+, including Nature Challenge, embankment slide and rock scramble.
- Fixed hammocks.



Phasing Diagram Not to Scale

PARK OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

SALT worked with the Township & Advisory Committee to determine key priorities for development of Solebury Green. On page 8, the Phasing Plan outlines an approach in which four distinct break-out projects can be designed and constructed independent of one another as funding becomes available and strategic partnerships develop.

With broad support from the public for this Park Master Plan, the next step for the Township is acquisition of funding for design and implementation of future Improvements. It is important to note that as new park improvements are constructed, there will be increased demands on the Township for landscape management and maintenance. Teaching Township staff & residents about the ecological benefits and economic value of sustainable land development, stormwater management, and community green space will be instrumental to ensuring public support and promoting community stewardship of the park.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moving forward, it will be necessary for the Township to develop a management system and operational policies specific to Solebury Green. When starting from scratch, success is largely dependent on internal organization, realistic budgeting and persistence. To ensure this public investment pays dividends for future generations, SALT recommends that Solebury Township develop, establish and implement the following:

- Establish a framework for how physical infrastructure is maintained, and how programming and services are delivered. This system would codify the O&M Plan for the park as each phase is built.
- Develop Park Policies on resident and visitor use, revenue streams, community partnerships, risk management, gifts and donations, and naming of park facilities & elements.
- Park Staff & Employee Training Program — we recommend that additional staff eventually be hired to accommodate the increase in services and management. We also recommend implementing a Training Program to educate staff in park and natural resource management and that funding be devoted annually from the Operating Budget for this effort.
- Revenue generating programs and events to attract visitors from both inside and outside Solebury Township.

PARK MANAGEMENT

Currently, park maintenance activities in Solebury Township are limited and outsourced. Once Solebury Green is developed, an O&M Plan should

be formally adopted, especially if park maintenance activities remain under outside contracts. Another operational factor to consider is how to allocate budget and resources for park improvements that involve public water and sewer services, such as the operational costs associated with the park pavilions and restrooms. It is important to review and identify the best method to account for these operational and maintenance expenses.

In addition to ongoing and annual maintenance, parks require cyclical maintenance, which involves normal replacement of a capital item. Cyclical repairs are dependent on initial quality, use and weather. A budget benchmark to consider from the American Public Works Association recommends an annual allocation equal to +/-5% of development costs as a capital reserve account for cyclical repairs. This allocation should be revisited annually relative to inflation. Cyclical repair items include:

- Infrastructure: entrance drive, parking lot, multi-modal trail, paved & boardwalk trails, lights, utility lines for water, sewer and electric.
- Play Equipment
- Buildings & Site Furnishings: Pavilions, tables & chairs, benches, fencing, bike racks, trash/recycling receptacles.
- Equipment: mowers, trucks, and other large units.

PARK POLICIES

As the Township moves forward with park development and improvements, policies need to be in place regarding park operations and use. Policies should make operations easier and smoother by facilitating public awareness and support, and developing a common understanding of park operations across Township staff, community organizations, elected officials, and volunteer committees.

This is not an exhaustive list of what the Township will likely need, but to start, we recommend developing policies to address the following:

- Resident & Visitor Use: This typically involves park hours, general park rules for what may be brought in or carried out, limitations on certain types of vehicles, pet and pet waste disposal, scheduling (or renting space) for community events, noise and lighting levels.
- Revenue Policy: Develop a formal policy that specifies the Township's approach to revenue generation and fees for park and recreation services, programs, rentals and general usage.
- Gifts & Donations Policy: Establish a policy to accept and manage public and private gifts, bequests and donations to support Solebury Green programs. Consider benefits and requirements related to donations (installation, maintenance and/or replacement of item),

real value of gifts, and provisions for future use of gift or donation.

- Sponsorships & Advertising Policy: Establish a policy regarding revenues generated from paid advertising and sponsorships. If aligned with the Township's mission and does not detract from the park visitor experience, these revenue streams can help offset costs associated with park literature and brochures, educational programs and community events not typically funded through the Township's general budget.
- Naming Rights Policy: Naming Rights are a tool similar to a sponsorship or advertising, though often a naming right may be in perpetuity. A corporation, business, individual or other entity may purchase the right to name a facility, event or program. This type of naming generally allows the "buyer" to promote their family name, a product, or a service. If the Township wishes to pursue such a policy, we recommend that the public be invited into a dialogue about it, as naming rights can be controversial for the use of public space.

MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

The Township shall ensure that maintenance of materials, plants and furnishings are carried out in a uniform, consistent and environmentally sensitive manner. Routine scheduled maintenance is critical for public parks as it helps ensure a safe environment for park users, extends the lifespan of materials and reduces long-term costs for material replacements. The Township is strongly encouraged to implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for plant care, and to utilize maintenance and management practices that do not cause damage or impair the quality of the environment for the public. The Maintenance Guidelines may need to be updated from periodically to reflect current landscape management practices and advances in technologies.

A first step in implementing an O&M Plan is to create a system that standardizes individual tasks, and quantifies workload and costs for materials, supplies and equipment required to complete the tasks. Often referred to as workload/cost tracking, this information is vital for making decisions on whether to outsource or perform particular tasks in-house, and how to set fees or charges for rental of facilities. Tasks may include:

- Routine park tasks such as mowing, snow-removal, leaf composting, litter pick-up, vandalism repair.
- Set up and take down for special events.
- Natural resource management for riparian corridors, meadows, and woodland areas.

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APPENDIX A:
PROJECT MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT KICKOFF MEETING MINUTES SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARK MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Tuesday 6/1/2024, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio: Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu

Solebury Township: Christopher Garges, Dudley Rice, Annelise Dahlin, Rickie Yudin, Kevin Morrissey

The Solebury Township Park Master Plan Project Kickoff Meeting commenced with participant introductions and an icebreaker. Katrina Rogus explained Fireflies AI for transcription, outlined the project scope including site discovery, conceptual design, and the final master plan, and scheduled a site visit and stakeholder interviews. The team discussed the importance of reviewing the 202 committee's prior work for grant applications. Key dates for stakeholder interviews, community engagement, and presentations were scheduled, such as the Planning Commission meeting on August 26 and Board of Supervisors meetings on August 20 and November 7 or 19. Project goals emphasizing tangible outcomes and the integration of park developments with surrounding areas were highlighted.

INTRODUCTIONS & ICEBREAKER

Katrina provided an overview of the meeting agenda and presented the goals for the meeting.

1. Members from SALT's design team and Solebury Township introduced themselves, their respective roles, and shared something from their childhood that they still enjoyed today.
2. Katrina (SALT) explained to meeting participants that Fireflies AI was being used to help in transcribing the meeting.

PROJECT SCOPE & DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS

3. SALT described the overall scope of work for the project which included: site discovery, development of 3 concept designs, and a final master plan to be completed in late November.
4. SALT stated engagement will be ongoing throughout the project and would provide a more in-depth description of the engagement plan later in the meeting.
5. SALT confirmed their initial site visit would be conducted early the week of 6/17.
 - a. Dudley noted he would like to join SALT on their site visit. SALT will coordinate with Dudley on day and time of site visit.
 - i. **POST-MEETING NOTE:** SALT's site visit has been scheduled for Monday 6/17 at noon. SALT and Dudley have coordinated so that Dudley can join the SALT team on site.
6. Kevin discussed the importance of the 202 Committee's previous work/discussions and noted their last recorded meeting regarding the project site would be extremely useful to SALT. Solebury Township to provide SALT with meeting recording and minutes from previous meetings.

PROJECT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW & KEY DATES

7. SALT provided an overview of the project schedule and noted key dates when engagement would occur as well as when Solebury Township could expect Phase 1 and Phase 2 deliverables from SALT.
8. Solebury Township provided several dates of when key committees within the Township meet and requested SALT provide materials for review at each meeting.
9. SALT to attend and present at the following meetings:
 - a. Planning Commission: August 26th
 - b. Board of Supervisors: August 20th & November 7th or 19th
 - c. Parks and Recreation Board: October 24th

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT PLAN

10. SALT stated the most important engagement event for the project would be the Township's National Night Out, scheduled for August 6.
 - a. Solebury Township agreed this event would likely have the largest turnout of local residents who could provide valuable insight.
11. SALT stated they plan to schedule key stakeholder interviews for the end of June/Early July to aid in the production of three concept designs.
12. SALT reiterated that community engagement will be on going throughout the project.

PROJECT GOALS & CONTEXT

13. Kevin Morrissey stated the ultimate goal for the project is to produce tangible tools the Township can use to apply for further grant funding for the property.
14. Solebury Township stated that as concepts begin to be developed, they would like to see new elements brought to the property that do not currently exist within their park system.
15. Solebury Township provided an overview of nearby properties which are planning to be developed in the new future as well as additional trails which could potentially help to connect the nearby parks/properties.

NEXT STEPS

16. SALT provided an overview of immediate next steps for the project, beginning with a site visit next week followed by site inventory & analysis and Stakeholder Interviews.
17. SALT to update the Project Schedule to include meeting dates discussed during the meeting.
 - a. **POST-MEETING NOTE:** *Project Schedule has been updated and is included on the following page of these minutes.*

202 PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Thursday 9/5/2024, 11:00am – 1:00pm

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio: Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu (SALT)

Solebury Township: Christopher Garges, Dudley Rice, Annelise Dahlin (Township)

202 Property Advisory Committee: Kevin Morrissey, Nancy Stock-Allen, Robin Seiz, Rickie Yudin (Advisory Committee)

SALT Design Studio hosted a virtual workshop with Solebury Township staff and a select group of members from the 202 Property Advisory Committee. The workshop involved a presentation of SALT’s Site Inventory & Analysis and summaries of stakeholder feedback received, as well as a robust discussion about park concepts, program and priorities. Participants emphasized that the creation of inclusive and flexible spaces where community can come together should be considered the fundamental mission for this Park Master Plan.

Meeting Agenda

11:00-11:10am – Review of SALT’s Planning Process & Schedule

11:10am-12:00pm – Presentation & Review of SALT’s Site Inventory & Analysis, and Summary of Engagement Activities/Results

- Previous 202 Property Advisory Study & Survey
- Feedback from Stakeholder Interviews
- Feedback from Pop-Up Engagement Event

-- Break --

12:05-12:45pm – Participatory Design Workshop

- Review of Sketch from Advisory Committee
- Mark-Up of Concepts

12:45-1:00pm – Next Steps for Phase 2

DESIGN PROCESS & ENGAGEMENT

- Sara provided an overview of SALT’s approach and design process for master planning a park of this scale, including expectations for the level of detail that Township and Advisory Committee should expect when reviewing master planning deliverables.
- It was noted that master planning drawings are high level plans that include programming and general site design. Detail elements (such as individual benches, bike racks, quantities of plants, paving patterns, etc.) typically found on Design Development or Construction Documentation Plans are not usually shown on Master Planning drawings for a site of this size.

- SALT discussed how the previous stakeholder survey conducted by the 202 Property Advisory Committee, along with community engagement and stakeholder interviews conducted thus far, influenced the Conceptual Designs SALT prepared for the Pop-Up Engagement Event.
- SALT stressed the importance of community engagement and how involvement from all stakeholders is essential to developing a successful park design. The Park Master Plan should reflect the communities' goals and enjoy broad support from the majority of Township residents.

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

- SALT presented a selection of Site Inventory & Analysis diagrams produced earlier in Phase 1, including demographics, land use, comparative analysis of Township parks & trails, an evaluation of the property's natural features (floodplain, riparian corridor, watersheds, viewsheds, vegetation and slope analysis) and extent of noise pollution from Rt 202.
- These diagrams were chosen to guide the workshop's conversations in relation to how the information played a role in shaping the three Conceptual Designs presented during the Pop-Up Engagement Event.
- Stakeholder Interviews conducted by SALT during Phase 1 were instrumental in our team's understanding of community desires and shaped the analysis efforts.
- Kevin complimented SALT's analysis work and requested that more frequent meetings be held between SALT and the Advisory Committee to provide a more regular feedback loop and to facilitate understanding of deliverables.

CONCEPT DESIGNS & GROUP DISCUSSION

- SALT provided a recap of the three Conceptual Designs brought to the Pop-Up event, and the primary way the concepts differ from one another.
- Since the Pop-Up, SALT added info to each plan showing locations for future bike trail and connections, and potential pedestrian connections to the Logan Square parking lot on adjacent private property.
- General discussion revolved around environmental impacts of development, ADA accessibility for trail design, and the integration of community spaces within the park concepts.
- The group discussed the impact adding parking along Reeder Road would have on the nearby creek on site. The Township Traffic Engineer alerted SALT to future renovations at the Reeder Road/Route 202 intersection which would impact any potential development in that portion of the site.
- The three Conceptual Designs did not include parking in this area due to complications of development in the floodplain and since future traffic safety improvements are being considered.
- Nancy raised a question on how much of the site needs to be designed with accessibility in mind.
 - Township staff referenced ADA Standards and how all new developments must meet these standards.
 - SALT explained how different trail materials have varying compliance with ADA Standards. Materials would be explored further in Phase 2 and in development of the final Park Master Plan.
- SALT discussed inclusion of boardwalks within floodplain areas and how this type of trail surface can be effective in meeting ADA code compliance, can have lower maintenance requirements, and have significant ecological benefits.

- SALT shared the concept sketch produced by Nancy, Robin, and Rickie on the screen for review by all attendees.
 - The group discussed the bike trail running through the middle of the site, how this may disrupt other trail circulation, and connection locations for the future Route 202 bike trail.
 - Advisory Group noted that the trail could be located anywhere in the park as long as the opportunity for connection to the future bike trail is present in the final Park Master Plan.
 - Nancy emphasized the importance of creating significant space for community gatherings, opportunities for smaller, intimate scaled spaces around the park, as well as tying program elements back into the cultural themes that are emblematic of Solebury Township.
- SALT and the Advisory Committee discussed the programming and location of play spaces on site and how these can be catered to various ages.
 - Preference for younger children’s (ages 1-10) play areas to be reasonably close to parking lot and restroom facilities, while teen and young adult areas can be located deeper into the site.
- SALT reviewed program options for the open lawn shown in the concepts, noting how the placement and scale of each open lawn can influence the overall experience and level of programming.
- Potential for public restroom facilities on site was discussed at length.
 - Township expressed concern regarding the required daily maintenance of portable facilities and emphasized that permanent plumbed public restrooms will need regular maintenance.
 - Dudley explained that at Laurel Park, a contractor comes in weekly to clean the restrooms. Outside of this service, it is up to local sports teams/leagues to maintain the bathrooms when using the nearby fields.
 - Consensus among attendees was that permanent bathrooms over port-a-potties would be preferred for this park for better accessibility.

NEXT STEPS

- SALT to compile and submit all Phase 1 deliverables to Township & Advisory Committee by 9/13.
- SALT to develop a revised schedule for phase 2 that includes more frequent touch points meetings with Township and Advisory Committee.
 - SALT to coordinate frequency of meetings with Chris and discuss cost and impact of additional meetings to overall project schedule.
- SALT will move forward into Phase 2 scope following the submission of Phase 1 deliverables.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE & TOWNSHIP TOUCHPOINT MEETING MINUTES SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Wednesday 10/02/2024, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio (SALT): Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu

Solebury Township: Christopher Garges, Dudley Rice, Annelise Dahlin

Advisory Committee: Kevin Morrissey, Nancy Stock-Allen, Rickie Yudin

ATTACHED:

Updated Project Schedule

Draft Master Plan Sketch, including Comments from Meeting Discussion

SALT hosted a virtual touchpoint meeting with Solebury Township staff and the Advisory Committee. The touchpoint meeting involved a brief discussion of the forthcoming teen survey prepared by the Township as well as an overview of the draft master plan sketch followed by a group discussion about more specific proposed elements.

Meeting Agenda

1:00-1:10pm – Discussion about Teen Survey (update from Annelise)

1:10-1:30pm – SALT Walkthrough of Draft Plan Sketch

1:30-1:50pm – Open Discussion about Draft Plan with Focused Conversations About:

- Location of Nature Discovery Area (0-5 target age range)
- Location of Fitness Stations
- Considerations & Opportunities for Reeder Road Parcel

1:50-2:00pm – Scheduling of Next Touchpoint Meeting & Discussion of Next Steps

TEEN SURVEY

- Annelise provided an overview of the survey including a brief discussion of the format and a few of the questions.
- Nancy stressed the importance of describing the park as a passive park.
- Annelise stated she will incorporate any feedback and recommendations sent by the end of the week.
- Annelise will connect with high school teachers at the end of this week to notify them of the survey and discuss distribution for the following week.
- Attendees discussed that the survey should be open for students to respond to for one week (week of 10/7).
- After the survey has closed, Annelise to share information with the group and SALT will incorporate feedback accordingly into the park master plan.

DRAFT PLAN SKETCH

- SALT presented an updated and refined plan sketch which consolidates the three concept plans initially shown to the community along with feedback from the Solebury Green Advisory Committee and feedback heard during the Community Pop-Up Event.
- Katrina walked through the plan, providing an overview of trails, flexible plaza and lawn spaces, play & gathering areas, and the design intent behind each specific programmed area.
- After describing the plan sketch, Katrina opened the floor to the group for a discussion about the plan.
 - Kevin noted that there could be a consideration to make the Reeder Road property a destination space with possible inclusion of sculptures or another gathering space.
 - Annelise discussed her work on the Townships flood response plans and the preference to not add any additional hardscape to the property along Reeder Road.
 - The group agreed that the Reeder Road property would be better served to function as a riparian buffer as opposed to a destination in the park given it's area within the floodplain and proximity to the rest of the park.
- Nancy emphasized the importance of incorporating art and agriculture themes and suggested adding art along the trails and references to agriculture in the play areas.
- Overall, the group stated they liked the direction the plan is heading.
- The group briefly discussed how components of the master plan could support future grant applications and funding for implementation.
 - SALT noted that part of the master plan project scope is to develop the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Cost Estimate and to develop a Phasing Plan in coordination with Township priorities, which will support grant applications for future documentation and construction of the park.
 - The Township & Advisory Committee agreed that the ROM Costs should not yet be shared with the public.
 - SALT suggested that the Township connect with Solebury's local DCNR liaison so that this project can be on their radar for upcoming funding opportunities.
 - Annelise stated she has been in discussions with local community groups and there is interest in helping with implementing small components of the park.

NEXT STEPS

- Annelise to update the teen survey based on feedback from the group and distribute by Monday afternoon.
- SALT to further develop the Solebury Green master plan and prepare a 3D model of the proposed park to support development of illustrative perspective renderings
- SALT to refine the ROM Costs based on the updated design.
- **The next Touchpoint Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at 10:30am.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE & TOWNSHIP TOUCHPOINT MEETING MINUTES SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Thursday 10/17/2024, 10:30-11:30am

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio (SALT): Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu

Solebury Township (Township): Christopher Garges, Dudley Rice

Advisory Committee (Committee): Nancy Stock-Allen, Rickie Yudin

ATTACHED:

In-Progress Master Plan with Suggested Perspective Views

Suggested 3D Perspective Views

In-Progress Rough Order of Magnitude (R.O.M.) Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Updated Project Schedule

SALT hosted a virtual touchpoint meeting with Solebury Township staff and the Advisory Committee. The touchpoint meeting involved an overview and discussion of potential perspective rendering views, draft Opinion of Probable Construction Costs, and development of a Phasing Plan based on Township & Committee priorities.

Meeting Agenda

10:30-10:45am – Review of Example Perspective Renderings

– Selection of Views for Perspective Renderings

10:45-11:05am – Review of Updated R.O.M. Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

– Discussion & Decision of Phasing Priorities

11:05-11:20am – Discussion about Teen Survey

(Annelise out sick, SALT will reconnect about the survey once she is back)

11:20-11:25am – Scheduling of Next Touchpoint Meeting & Discussion of Next Steps

PERSPECTIVE RENDERING VIEWS

- As part of SALT's scope of work, three (3) perspective renderings will be developed to support the park master plan and assist with acquiring funding.
- To help attendees understand the outcome of the perspective renderings, SALT shared a few examples of renderings previously completed for other similar master planning projects. The renderings shared showed different graphic styles and one showed an example of a perspective rendering with annotations.
- SALT shared the in-progress Solebury Green Master Plan, which has been refined and drafted in AutoCAD, with notes indicating locations and orientations for 6 suggested views for renderings, including:

- View #1: at Bike Path, looking south towards Plaza & Central Pavilion.
- View #2: at Trail between Lawn & Meadow, looking southeast towards Meadow Pavilion & Seat Walls in Lawn.
- View #3: at Mown Trail in Meadow, looking west.
- View #4: at Creek Overlook, looking southwest.
- View #5: at Nature Challenge Area, looking west towards Plaza & Central Pavilion.
- View #6: at Plaza, looking south towards Central Pavilion & Lawn.
- The group discussed adding an optional View #7: at the Elevated Overlooking, looking northwest towards the Meadow & Aquetong Pavilion.
- The group discussed the materials of the proposed site improvements that will be shown in the rendered plan and perspectives.
 - Rickie asked how the pavilion would be depicted. SALT discussed it would be shown as a open-air structure that can be used for a variety of community programmed events and flexible space for gatherings.
 - Nancy asked what material the plaza surface would be and stressed the importance of limiting impervious surfaces throughout the park to reinforce the intent of the original 202 Property Final Report.
 - SALT recommended that the plaza be a hard surface so that Solebury can use it as a primary event and gathering space at the park. SALT noted that specific materiality will be defined in future phases beyond the master plan but will recommend porous pavements throughout the park in the master plan.
- The group provided input on the perspective views they think would be most useful for achieving future funding. It was determined views #1, #4, and #5 would be the most useful perspectives to develop.
 - Since some committee members did not attend the meeting, the potential views will be shared with the rest of the group for additional input before renderings are developed.

R.O.M. COSTS & PHASING

- SALT provided an overview of the updated R.O.M. Opinion of Probable Construction Costs, highlighting new additions since further development of the master plan.
- Dudley requested a line item be added to include yearly maintenance costs associated with the proposed park design.
- SALT noted the cost estimate will continue to be revised as the master plan is further refined and completed. Updates will be continued to be shared with the Township & Committee.
- Nancy stated the cost was reasonable based on the program provided.
- The group discussed how elements can be implemented into the phasing strategy for the park.
 - This discussion will continue at the next touchpoint meeting once the Township & Committee can review the Costs in more detail and a draft Phasing Plan is prepared (by SALT).

NEXT STEPS

- SALT, the Township & the Committee to review results from the Teen Survey (prepared & distributed by Annelise). SALT to integrate feedback into the park master plan.
- SALT to provide materials to Rickie for the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on Thursday, October 24th. SALT will not attend, but Rickie will present information to the Board on behalf of the project.
- SALT to present to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 19th. Materials to be presented will be discussed during the next Touchpoint Meeting.
- SALT to further refine the Solebury Green Master Plan and prepare a rendered & annotated site plan & 3 perspective renderings. Draft renderings will be shared during the next touchpoint meeting.
- SALT to develop a Phasing Plan once priorities are determined by the Township & Committee.
- **The next Touchpoint Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4th at 1:30pm.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE & TOWNSHIP TOUCHPOINT MEETING MINUTES SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Monday 11/4/2024, 1:30-2:30pm

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio (SALT): Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu

Solebury Township (Township): Christopher Garges, Dudley Rice, Annelise Dahlin

Advisory Committee (Committee): Kevin Morrissey, Rickie Yudin, Nancy Stock-Allen

ATTACHED:

In-Progress Master Plan

Draft Phasing Plan

SALT hosted a virtual touchpoint meeting with Solebury Township staff and the Advisory Committee. The touchpoint meeting involved an overview and discussion of the teen survey, in-progress/draft Master Plan, draft Phasing Plan, & the in-progress/draft Perspective Renderings.

Meeting Agenda

1:30-1:40pm – Summary of Teen Survey & Discussion Results

1:40-1:50pm – Review & Discussion of In-Progress Master Plan

1:50-2:10pm – Review & Discussion of Phasing Plan & Priorities

2:10-2:20pm – Review of In-Progress Perspective Renderings

2:20-2:30pm – Discussion of Presentation Materials for Board of Supervisors Meeting on 11/19

– Discussion of Next Steps & Quick Schedule Review

– Discussion of Date & Time for Next (& Final) Touchpoint Meeting, Wednesday 11/20

TEEN SURVEY RESULTS

Annelise provided an overview of the results from the online survey distributed to high school students from October.

- In total, 86 responses were recorded with the bulk of these coming from 9th & 11th grade students. The majority of respondents live in “Zone 2” within the Township, which is the area closest to Solebury Green.
- Based on the survey results, the most popular type of hang-out spaces desired for Solebury Green include picnic areas / seating with tables, seating near Aquetong Creek, and hammocks.
- Based on the survey results, the most popular passive activities desired for Solebury Green include trails for walking, biking and running; access to Aquetong Creek, and playgrounds.
- Based on the survey results, the most desired type of organized community events to be held at Solebury Green in the future include pop-up flea markets including local food trucks, outdoor movie nights, and concerts or other music events.

- Based on the survey results, the most popular type of environmental features desired at Solebury Green include access to Aquetong Creek, a wildlife meadow, and living willow domes and structures to provide shade.
- A few individuals noted their desire for disc golf to be added to the park, however the Township & Committee agreed that Solebury Green is not the most appropriate park for this activity. Annelise noted that this program should be considered during the process for the Township's Comprehensive Plan for Parks, Recreation & Open Space.
- Overall, the survey results support the current design direction of the park and SALT will ensure to integrate the feedback into the final Master Plan and recommendations.

DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVIEW & DISCUSSION

- SALT presented the draft master plan to the committee, emphasizing that the plan is still in development.
 - The final master plan will be rendered to show proposed park elements and recommendations for the layout of proposed features.
 - After the planning process is completed, the next step will be moving into detailed design and acquiring funds for design documentation, permitting, and construction has been secured.
- Nancy stressed the importance of including art within the park, which is not currently shown in any specific locations on the draft master plan.
- Nancy questioned the need for an outdoor fitness area, as this was not included in previous surveys as a desired amenity, nor the recommendations of the 202 Property Advisory Committee Final Report.
 - Nancy suggested the location of the outdoor fitness area could instead be a location for artwork.
 - Attendees also discussed consolidating the outdoor fitness programming into the nature challenge playspace instead of having a designated space for it along the multi-modal trail.
- SALT asked the group their preference for one larger dedicated space within the park for art, or if smaller art installations dispersed at various locations throughout the park is more desired.
 - The group discussed options for providing opportunities for smaller sculptures in the Garden spaces on the north side of the park, as well as providing space for larger sculptures in the meadow.
 - Group emphasized importance of giving space for local artists to exhibit their work at Solebury Green.
- SALT will explore the best opportunities for including specific areas for artwork through the park and provide a sketch to the Township & Committee for review prior to finalizing the master plan.
- Nancy noted that the entrance sign for the park should be the Township standard park sign, rather than something sculptural and unique to Solebury Green.
- Nancy questioned the materiality of the bands running through the Gardens. Katrina noted that these are currently being shown as mown trails which will help to delineate various garden spaces and provide paths for maintenance. Nancy agreed that mown trails will be good here instead of another paved or impervious surface.

DRAFT PHASING PLAN REVIEW & DISCUSSION

- SALT presented the draft Phasing Plan, which was developed based on Committee feedback on the priorities for development of the park.
- The draft Phasing Plan presents 4 phases:
 - Phase 1: Entrance, Trails & Parking.
 - Phase 2: Gardens & Sculptures.
 - Phase 3: Pavilion, Restrooms & Plaza.
 - Phase 4: Play & Fitness Spaces.
- The group discussed and agreed that Phases 2 & 3 should be reversed due to construction logistics and priority of community programming for the park.

DRAFT PERSPECTIVE RENDERINGS REVIEW

- SALT presented 3 draft Perspectives Renderings, which show the proposed views discussed during the previous Touchpoint Meeting.
- Rickie requested that the seating and pavilion structure shown in the renderings could be changed to more reflect the “non-traditional” aesthetic the Committee is envisioning for the park.
- Nancy asked what the approximate size/capacity of the pavilion structure was, with concern that what is currently being shown may be too large.
 - ***Post-Meeting Note:*** *the pavilion structure within the plaza is approximately 1,800 SF with a capacity of approximately 360 total people.*

PROJECT SCHEDULE REVIEW & UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

- SALT provided an overview of the current Project Schedule through the end of the project, highlighting upcoming meeting dates & milestones.
- SALT asked the group about what content is appropriate to present to the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 19th.
 - Kevin suggested presenting all materials shared during this Touchpoint Meeting (Master Plan, Perspective Renderings, Phase Plan), but not to show costs at this time.
 - Kevin stated the Township & Board of Supervisors require the presentation materials to review in advance of the public meetings, generally the Thursday or Friday before.
 - SALT will provide material to Catherine Cataldi on Thursday 11/14 for distribution to the Board of Supervisors.

NEXT STEPS

- SALT will update and refine the Master Plan, Phasing Plan & Perspective Renderings based on Committee & Township feedback.
- SALT will prepare materials for presentation to the Board of Supervisors Meeting on 11/19.
- SALT will begin to compile all project deliverables and written narrative into one final comprehensive Master Plan Report.
- **The next and final Touchpoint Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th at 11:00am.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE & TOWNSHIP TOUCHPOINT MEETING MINUTES SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Wednesday 11/20/2024, 11:00-11:30am

LOCATION: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio (SALT): Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu

Solebury Township (Township): Christopher Garges, Dudley Rice, Annelise Dahlin

Advisory Committee (Committee): Kevin Morrissey, Rickie Yudin

ATTACHED:

Draft Report Table of Contents, including notes from the meeting discussion.

Updated Project Schedule, including notes from the meeting discussion.

On Wednesday 11/20, SALT hosted the final virtual touchpoint meeting with Solebury Township staff and members of the Advisory Committee. The touchpoint meeting involved a discussion of feedback heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting on 11/19 as well as the next steps as the project nears completion.

Meeting Agenda

11:00-11:15am – Debrief of Board of Supervisors Presentation

– Feedback to be Noted in Report Narrative

11:15-11:30am – Overview of Final Deliverables & Date for Submission

– Review of Draft Report Table of Contents

11:30-11:45am – Discussion of Next Steps & Quick Schedule Review

– Scheduling & Coordination for Final Public Meeting

– Closeout Meeting to follow Final Public Meeting & Submission of Final Deliverables

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DEBRIEF

- Kevin opened the discussion by mentioning a comment from a Solebury resident in which they expressed their desire for pickleball courts at Solebury Green, and their willingness to fund these themselves.
 - Kevin further emphasized that based on feedback from previous community engagement, pickleball courts do not fit at Solebury Green.
 - Kevin asked to speak to Dudley following the meeting to determine if there is another suitable place in Solebury for the pickleball courts.
- SALT thanked Kevin for providing an overview of master planning and setting expectations prior to SALT's presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting.
- SALT noted the majority of comments received pertained to more specific comments that will be further developed once the project is ready to be documented for construction.

- Further comments pertained to incorporating sustainable practices and resiliency in the design. SALT will include recommendations and information about these topics in the Final Master Plan Report narrative so that these principles will be included once the project moves into design & engineering.
- Rickie asked for approximate attendance from the public at last night's Board of Supervisors meeting
 - Chris stated approximately 20-25 people were in attendance.
 - Kevin noted the video recordings of the Board of Supervisors meeting are generally viewed by over 100 community members so some comments may still trickle in.
- Chris stated he would like to share last night's presentation materials with the Solebury Police Department and Solebury Public Works to solicit feedback on any additional safety and maintenance concerns.

OVERVIEW OF FINAL DELIVERABLES & DRAFT REPORT TABLE OF CONTENTS

- SALT presented the draft Table of Contents of the Final Master Plan Report which outlines the general format and content to be included.
- Kevin and Chris asked that the opinion of probable construction cost to be provide separate from the Final Master Plan Report.
- Chris stated that the Township is targeting to submit for the spring round of DCNR grants for this project.
 - Chris asked SALT if they would be interested in submitting a proposal to provide support in grant writing for the project. SALT confirmed interest in working on this with the Township and continuing to assist in pushing this project forward.

NEXT STEPS & PROJECT CLOSEOUT

- SALT to provide the Final Master Plan Report to the Township and Advisory Committee on 12/5.
- The group discussed that instead of holding a separate Public Meeting to present the final plan, SALT should plan to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on 12/10 to obtain approval of the plan.
 - The group questioned if this was enough time between submission of the report on the 5th and presentation for approval on the 10th for the Supervisors to review the information.
 - The group agreed to move forward with this schedule unless anyone feels differently about the tight timeframe for review of the Final Master Plan Report. If more time is desired for reviewing the report, SALT confirmed their availability for the January meeting instead.
- SALT noted that the Project Closeout Meeting will be scheduled after the final deliverables are submitted and after the final Board of Supervisors Meeting.
 - The intent of the Project Closeout Meeting is to discuss the overall project, lessons learned, and potential next steps.

APPENDIX B:
**STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS
SUMMARY**



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS SUMMARY

SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

Between July 8-19, 2024, SALT conducted 30-minute virtual stakeholder interviews with staff, board & committee members, and township engineers representing Solebury Township. The goal of these discussions was to gather insights and gain an understanding of individuals' viewpoints about the project and park property. Through a loose Q&A format, SALT posed questions addressing the general culture of Solebury Township, programming and facility needs, circulation patterns, natural features, and site engineering issues.

Interviews included the following individuals:

- **Kevin Morrissey**, Township Supervisor – *interviewed on 7/8/2024*
- **Nancy Stock-Allen**, Chair of Solebury Green Committee; Member of Township Parks & Recreation Board – *interviewed on 7/9/2024*
- **Curt Genner, Jr.**, Township Engineer, Wynn Associates – *interviewed on 7/10/2024*
- **Mark Roth**, Township Traffic Engineer, Bowman Consulting Group – *interviewed on 7/10/2024*
- **Stephanie Butler**, Township Trails Engineer, Bowman Consulting Group – *interviewed on 7/10/2024*
- **Rickie Yudin**, Member of 202 Property Advisory Committee; Member of Township Parks & Recreation Board – *interviewed on 7/10/2024*
- **Catherine Cataldi**, Executive Admin Assistant – *interviewed on 7/11/2024*
- **Chris Garges**, Township Manager – *interviewed on 7/15/2024*
- **Dudley Rice**, CPRP, CPSI, Director of Parks & Recreation – *interviewed on 7/16/2024*
- **Dan Dupont**, Chair of Township Parks & Recreation Board – *interviewed on 7/18/2024*
- **Robin Seiz**, Member of 202 Property Advisory Committee – *interviewed on 7/18/2024*

The list below summarizes the questions and responses heard during each interview.

Overall Culture and Character of Solebury Township

- Top words to describe Solebury Township:
 - Natural
 - Rural / suburban
 - Passive
 - Multigenerational
 - Historical
 - Artistic
- Most residents currently enjoy passive outdoor activities such as walking and hiking, cycling, and nature observations. There were some mentions of boating, fishing, and hunting.
- Solebury Township is very mindful of the natural features of the region and is a proud leader in open space preservation.

- There is also a long history of artist communities that resided in this region that gave birth to the Pennsylvania Impressionist movement that is still active in the township.
- There is a desire amongst stakeholders to think toward the future, design of a multigenerational space that can serve the community for many generations.

Park Programming

- A general desire for a flexible open space that can host large community gatherings, markets, or pop-up events.
- Age-inclusive passive recreation, walking paths and quiet spaces for restful and contemplative moments were widely supported.
- Some stakeholders emphasized that this is not meant to be an active recreational area, as there are other parks in the Township that already support sports activities.
- Play areas that feature nature-play were desired.
- Stakeholders mention Solebury's rich history of art and a desire to include some form of art into the park.
- Some noted that Solebury Green sits at the center of the busiest, most commercial area of the township, so beautifying the park frontage and sound-buffering from the road should be considered.

Park Facilities and Amenities

- Fixed or portable bathroom facilities were generally desired.
 - Solebury Township is serviced by Bucks County Sewer & Water Authority.
- Stakeholders noted a need for a shade structure/pavilion and seating to gather under and sit.
- Some stakeholders strongly upheld the "carry-in/carry-out" trash policy that exists at most of the parks; however, some argue that not having trash bins can become problematic for large gathering events.
 - Preference for receptacles would be at/near parking lot. Not necessarily needed elsewhere around the park.
- A few stakeholders supported the need for water fountains, but they are not necessary.
- No stakeholder supported the need for lighting beyond the parking lot area.

Park Circulation & Surrounding Traffic

- Many expressed that the position of the current parking lot and exit into Route 202 has been problematic.
 - The Township Traffic Engineer noted that maintaining the park entrance and parking area in its existing location may require the restriping of Route 202 (heading south) to widen a central left turn lane into the site.
- There is some desire to turn the Reeder Road property into an entrance into the site.
 - The Township Traffic engineer noted that a separate Traffic Safety Planning proposes a widening of Reeder Road and signalization at the 202 intersection in the future. This would

impact future plans for the Reeder Road portion of the park site and should be considered when planning for park amenities in this area.

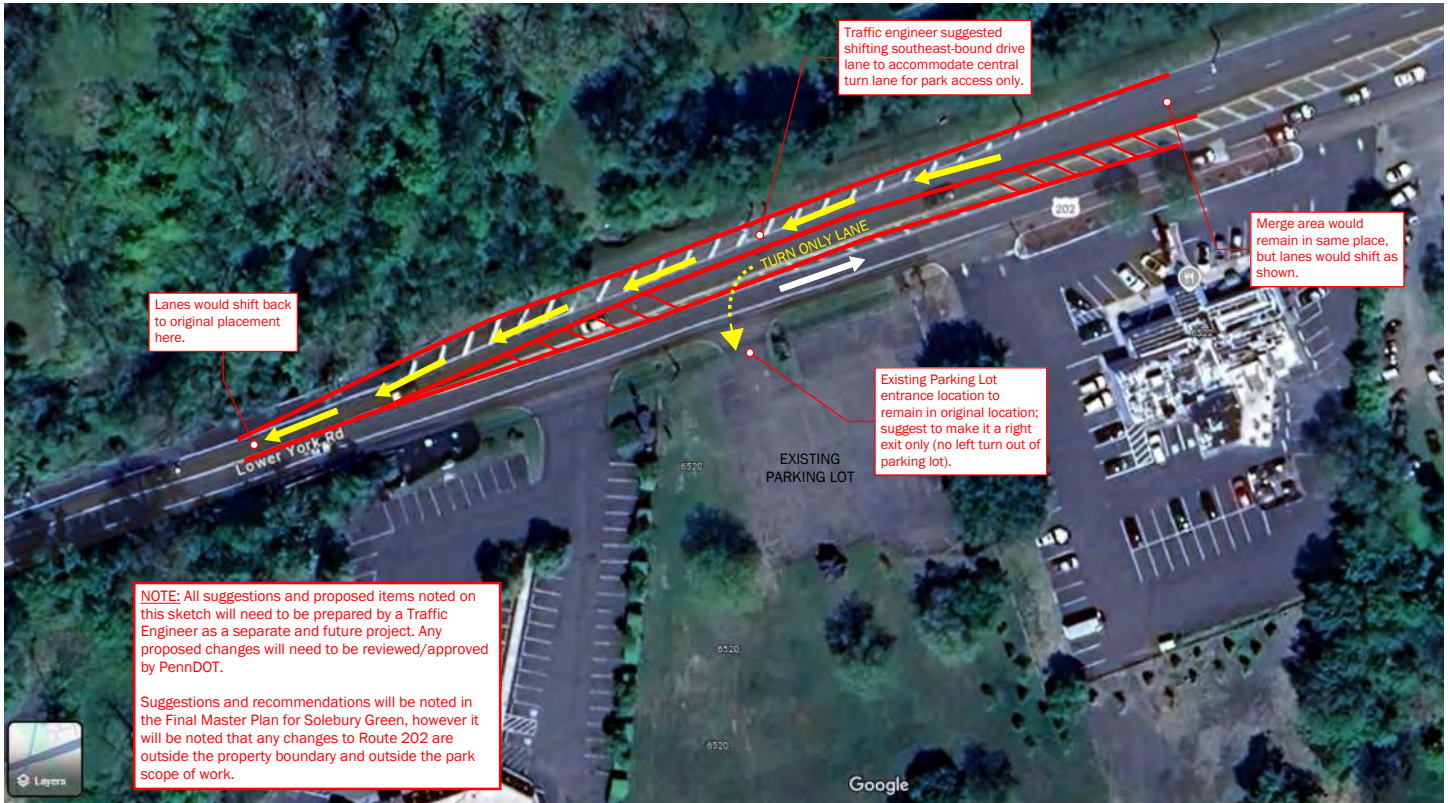
- There is some desire to utilize Shire Drive as a vehicular entrance to the park, as shown on the 202 Property Advisory Committee Final Report (December 2023).
 - Traffic engineers are exploring the idea of inserting a traffic signal at the intersection of Shire Drive and realigning the entry/exit from the car wash property to resolve the vehicular queue going northbound on Route 202.
 - This could potentially provide a connection to Solebury Green and allow a direct connection to/from Logan Square.
 - Stakeholders repeatedly mentioned the possibility of overflow parking at the Logan Square parking lot. Visitors would then need to traverse a large hill to access the site.
- Connection to the existing and future trail networks that connect with Aquetong Spring Park and other existing walking paths are desired.
 - It was noted that the trails developed for Aquetong Spring Park that hugs along the road were done in consideration to decrease disturbance to existing wetlands.

Natural/Ecological Features

- A general desire to preserve the existing natural habitats of the park as much as possible.
- Some stakeholders desired that a no-mow open meadow can be an educational demonstration for residents to replicate these landscapes in their own backyards.
- Desire to access the stream was expressed.
- Stream restoration and the impacts of upstream flow into Aquetong Springs were expressed.
- Some noted that there is a large bird watching community that frequents Aquetong Spring Park.
- The creek/floodplain will regularly flood during modest rain events.
- Questions arose about the water quality of the creek on site and if it was safe for visitors.

Park Maintenance

- There is consensus that if Township wants a space for large community gathering events, trash receptacles and permanent restrooms will be necessary with regular maintenance
- It was noted that much of the maintenance (mowing, weeding, etc.) around Solebury Township is currently contracted out to other companies.
- It has been noted that any new plantings proposed will require an increase in the Township's maintenance budget.



SKETCH DEPICTING PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO ROUTE 202 TRAFFIC PATTERNS

APPENDIX C:
ENGAGEMENT EVENT SUMMARY

POP-UP ENGAGEMENT EVENT SUMMARY SOLEBURY GREEN MASTER PLAN

SALT PROJECT NO.: 2413

DATE / TIME: Wednesday 8/14/2024, 5:00-7:00pm

LOCATION: Wood Fired Pizza & Family Restaurant, 6510 Lower York Road, New Hope PA 18938

ATTENDEES:

SALT Design Studio: Sara Pevaroff Schuh, Katrina Rogus, Ryan Herilla, Melanie Chu

Solebury Township: Dudley Rice, Annelise Dahlin

Roughly 50 community members

On August 14, 2024, Solebury Township & SALT hosted a two-hour-long community engagement event at the Wood Fired Pizza & Family Restaurant that is located adjacent to the proposed Solebury Green site. The event was an open invitation for SALT Design team to engage with members of the community to gather feedback about initial concepts for Solebury Green. Solebury Township (Dudley Rice) was the main organizer for the event.

Through a casual open house format, Solebury Township stakeholders and community members were invited to vocalize and write down programs, amenities, and other features that they liked or didn't like about the 3 initial concept plans, as well as their general needs and desires for Solebury Green.

SALT brought 6 large boards to engage attendees and gather feedback:

- **Where do You Live?**
 - A large map of Solebury Township and surrounding areas was shown, and attendees were encouraged to place a sticker where they lived so SALT could ascertain the location for feedback received.
- **Inspiration Images**
 - A large board of various inspiration images was shown that corresponded to various proposed program & park elements shown on Concepts A, B, and C so that attendees could visualize what the future park may look like.
- **Concept Plans A, B, & C**
 - Three large boards were laid on tables that shown three distinct ideas for how the future Solebury Green park could be arranged and various program elements. Though the Concepts showed mostly a similar array of programming based on the previous 202 Property Advisory Committee Final Report and Stakeholder Interviews (conducted July 2024), the variations showed differences in dispersed

programming, clustered programming, and utilizing an anchor building/pavilion as a frame and threshold for the park.

- Sticky notes were available for attendees to jot down questions, feedback, and notes about each Concept Plan and were encouraged to place the notes on the corresponding board. In some instances, SALT heard feedback and questions and wrote notes to add to the boards.
- **Voting Exercise**
 - Attendees were encouraged to use a “ballot” to rank the three Concept Plans using gold, silver, and bronze medals.
 - A ballot box was provided for attendees to place their filled in ballots for SALT to collect and review for general consensus.
- **What’s Your Vision?**
 - A large format board with space to write presented a question: “Tell us your vision! Take a marker and finish this sentence: At the Future Solebury Green park, I want to...”
 - Markers were provided so that attendees could fill in the blank.

Below are images of the final feedback of the boards with summaries of feedback heard and recorded throughout the evening’s event.

Concept A – Dispersed Program:



Transcription of Comments on Concept A:

- Look at sculptures at New Hope School; sculptor near Stockton (also Harry Gordon sculpture at bank)
- Connection to pizza shop – pedestrian path; vehicular too?
- Playground; teen play area (maybe skate); rock circle seating area for teen hangout (near water/creek)
- Nature play closer to pizza shop
- Preference for community gardens within garden spaces
- Boardwalk should continue
- Flexibility in program + amenity
- Temporary art installations; not just a focus on one artist
- Sculptural seating by the water
- Maintenance \$ - keep it up

- Community programming or community wellness day
- I like the distributed play area

Summary of Comments on Concept A:

- Sculptures at New Hope School and Harry Gordon Sculpture could be good art pieces.
- Connect Park to pizza shop for pedestrians
 - vehicular connection would also be nice
- Incorporate a space for teens to play
- Like nature play closer to pizza shop
- Sculptural seating by the water
- Ensure enough money for maintenance
- Ensure enough space for community programming

Concept B – Building as Frame:



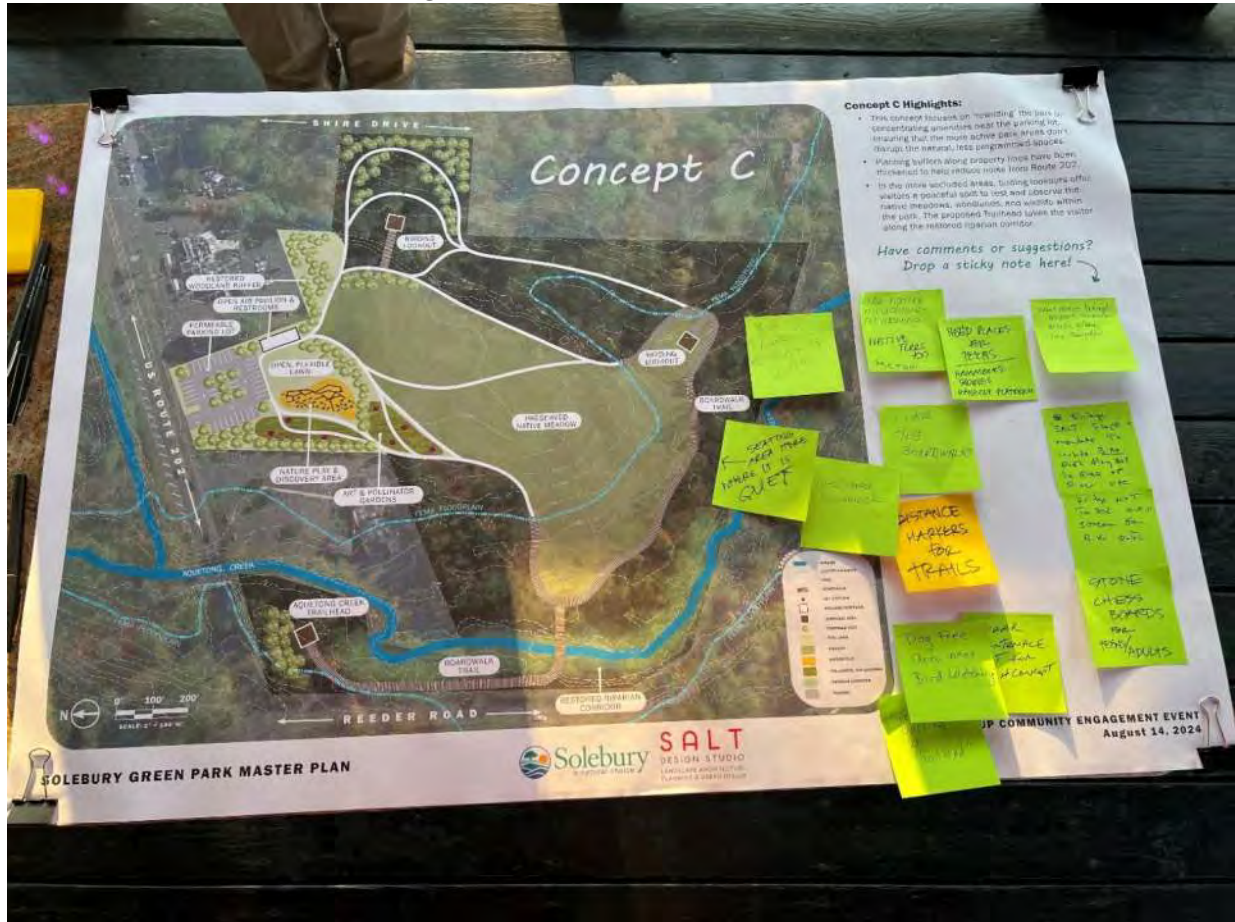
Transcription of Comments on Concept B:

- Don't need lots of lawn; no lawn (yeah, what he/she said)
- No-mow lawn 😊 yes!
- Fully accessible trails
- Open air amphitheater for music and movies
- One bigger play area is preferable
- Access to Giant for parking or access purposes
- More parking
- Trail from Shire Drive
- Bird blind near water; smaller lawn
- More parking; bigger boardwalk; keep bigger playground; need bird lookout
- Great, but would like birding lookouts

Summary of Comments on Concept B:

- Less Lawn, preference for no-mow lawn or more meadow
- Trails need to be fully accessible
- Preference for one big play area, as opposed to smaller pods
- Include birding lookouts
 - Bird Blind near the water
- Provide a trail connection along Shire Drive
- Add an open air amphitheater for movies/concerts

Concept C – Consolidated Program:



Transcription of Comments on Concept C:

- Like native meadows – no mowing; native trees too! Me too!
- Need places for teens; hammocks swings; hangout platform
- Want direct biking/towpath connector; access a long 202 corridor
- Bird lookout closer to water
- Seating area here (near the boardwalk trail) where it is quiet
- Teen area hammock
- I like this boardwalk
- Distance markers for trails
- Enlarge “SALT” scope + mandate to include bike path along 202 in front of diner, etc.; bridge next to 202 over stream for bike path
- Dog free area near bird watching
- 10 year maintenance cost for each concept

- Keep parking at “trailhead”

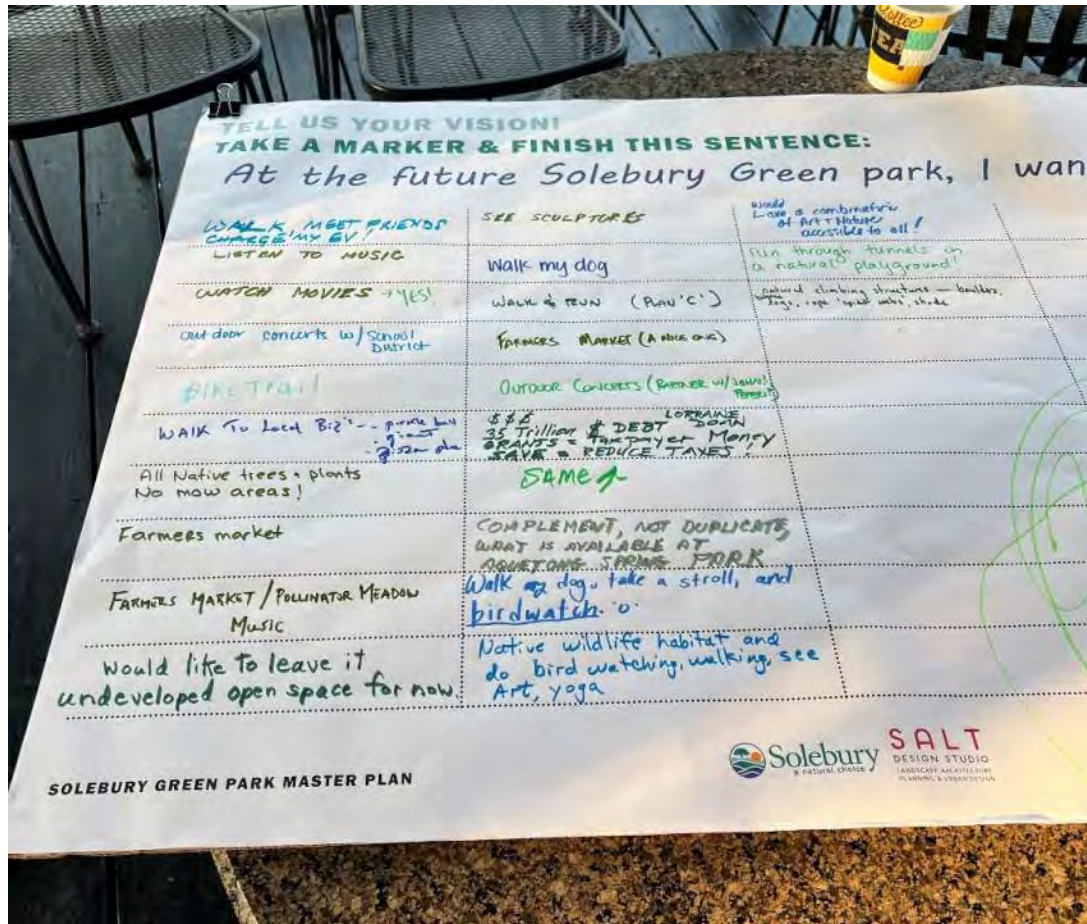
Comments on Concept C:

- Put a bird lookout closer to the water
- Add a teen area with hammocks, swings, “hangout platform”
- Emphasis on native plantings
- Add distance markers along trails
- Want a direct biking/access path to 202 trail
- Ensure dog free area near bird watching
- Center parking near “Trailhead”

Voting Exercise Results:

- There were 23 ballots collected. SALT understands that not everyone that attended the event filled in a ballot. 1 ballot was received with only a vote for Concept B.
- Concept A received the following results:
 - Gold medal = 9 votes
 - Silver medal = 4 votes
 - Bronze medal = 10 votes
- Concept B received the following results:
 - Gold medal = 7 votes
 - Silver medal = 6 votes
 - Bronze medal = 10 votes
- Concept C received the following results:
 - Gold medal = 7 votes
 - Silver medal = 13 votes
 - Bronze medal = 3 votes
- SALT used the following point system to rank the results: gold medal, 3 points; silver medal, 2 points; and bronze medal, 1 point, which ranked the Concepts as follows:
 - **Concept C = 50 points**
 - **Concept A = 45 points**
 - **Concept B = 43 points**

What's Your Vision? Board:



Transcription of Comments:

- Walk, meet friends, charge my EV!
- Listen to music
- Watch movies → yes!
- Outdoor concerts with school district
- Bike trail
- Walk to local biz's – pickleball; Giant; pizza place
- All native trees + plants. No mow areas!
- Farmer's market
- Farmer's market/pollinator meadow; music
- Would like to leave it undeveloped open space for now
- See sculptures

- Walk my dog
- Walk & run (Plan 'C')
- Farmer's market (a nice one)
- Outdoor concerts (partner with John? Peters?)
- \$\$\$ 35 trillion \$ debt; grants = taxpayer money; save = reduce taxes! (Lorraine Doan)
- ^ same
- Complement, not duplicate, what is available at Aquetong Spring Park
- Walk my dog, take a stroll, and birdwatch
- Native wildlife habitat, and do birdwatching, walking, see art, yoga
- Would love a combination of art + nature accessible to all!
- Run through tunnels in a natural playground
- Natural climbing structures – boulders, dogs, rope, 'spider webs', shade

Summary of Comments:

- Requests for more biking trails, walking trails, and places to walk their dogs
- Spaces available for community events (Farmer's Market, outdoor concerts, movie nights, yoga, etc.)
- Preference for naturalistic playgrounds
- Preserving and amplifying existing native habitats for wildlife
- Integrate local artists into the sculptural features

APPENDIX D:
TEEN SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

Summary of Solebury Green Teen Survey

Total responses: 86

1. What grade are you in?

- a. 6th – 0
- b. 7th – 0
- c. 8th – 1
- d. 9th – 23
- e. 10th – 3
- f. 11th – 56
- g. 12th – 3

2. Which zone of Solebury do you live in?

- a. Zone 1 (Plumstead to Upper York Rd) – 22 (25%)
- b. Zone 2 (Upper York to Stoney Hill) – 39 (45%)
- c. Zone 3 (Stoney Hill to Upper Makefield) – 5 (6%)
- d. New Hope (not in Solebury) – 20 (23%)

3. How often do you visit outdoor space?

- a. Everyday – 15 (17%)
- b. Weekly – 20 (23%)
- c. Monthly – 32 (22%)
- d. Rarely – 32 (37%)

4. What other parks do you use and why are you attracted to them?

- a. 76 responses
- b. Sports!!
- c. Walk/stroll!!
- d. Bike trails
- e. Any quiet place
- f. Any of the playgrounds!!, swings
- g. None!!!!!!!!!!!!/no parks nearby house
- h. Laurel park – sports fields!!!!!!!!, baseball fields, pickle ball!!!!, open green space!!, nice commodities, close by!!, biking
- i. Pat Livezey – sports fields, soccer, quiet, fun to walk around, decent park, pavilion, scenic, open green space
- j. Aquetong – water access!!!!, quiet walking trails!!!!, scenic!!!, open space!!, near house!!
- k. Hansell Park – water features,
- l. Delaware Canal Park – water access, walking!!!, scenic, access to town
- m. Tyler State Park – scenic, a lot to do & see, friends hang out there, disc golf
- n. NHS Playground/park – playground equipment!!, quiet on weekends, monkey bars
- o. Brownsburg Park – walking, playground

- p. Holicong Park – tennis courts!!!, walking paths!!, open green space, sports, nice basketball courts
 - q. Ralph Stover – dog walking trails
 - r. Tinicum Park – disc golf!!
 - s. Lenape Park (New Hope) – water feature, quiet, foliage
 - t. Cuttalossa – water access, quiet
 - u. Bulls Run – running trail
 - v. McGill’s Hill – running, sledding, friends hang out there, open green space
 - w. Burpee Park – quiet, peaceful, places to sit
 - x. Butler Elementary Park – pavilions, swing set, open green space to sit
 - y. Honey Hollow- scenic
 - z. Washington Crossing – nearby, biking into town
 - aa. North Pointe Park – used to go for the playground, easy to access, go less often now because equipment now for babies/small children & a lot smaller
- Most frequent:
 - Access to water/water features, sports fields/open green space, playground equipment, walking/biking paths, scenic, quiet, places to sit/pavilions, pickleball/tennis courts, disc golf

5. What type of hang out spaces would you like to see in the new park?

- a. Picnic areas/seating with tables – 59 (70%)
- b. Open fields – 45 (54%)
- c. Sheltered pavilion – 47 (56%)
- d. Small group/individual seating areas – 33 (39%)
- e. Hammocks – 52 (62%)
- f. Group swings – 45 (53%)
- g. Seating near/access to water features – 56 (67%)
- h. Chess/game tables – 28 (33.33%)
- i. Open space for frisbee/catch/(disc golf too?) – 44 (52%)
- j. Other:
 - i. Fountain/water access/waterfall
 - ii. Big playground
 - iii. Sports fields/open space
 - iv. Disc golf!!!
 - v. Less open space, more shade
 - vi. Lots of green
 - vii. Swimming pool/basketball court
 - viii. Access to town
 - ix. Spot to watch sunset

6. What passive activities would you like to have access to in the park?

- a. Trails to biking/walking/running - 58 (69%)
- b. Access to creek – 51 (60%)
- c. Playgrounds – 46 (55%)
- d. Informal gathering areas to hang out – 44 (52%)

- e. Climbing structures – 41 (48%)
- f. Outdoor fitness stations – 32 (38%)
- g. Nature exploration – 27 (32%)
- h. Gardening – 25 (30%)
- i. Pollinator/sculpture garden – 22 (26%)
- j. Sketching/drawing/painting area – 20 (23%)
- k. Outdoor chess tables – 16 (20%)
- l. Micro-libraries & reading in nature – 15 (17%)
- m. Outdoor classrooms – 8 (9%)
- n. Other:
 - i. Disc golf!!!
 - ii. Pickleball courts!!
 - iii. Fountain or water feature

7. What would motivate you to visit the park more often?

- a. Friends being there – 66 (80%)
- b. Easy access by foot or bike – 50 (60%)
- c. Availability of passive use equipment (bikes/balls/books) – 34 (41%)
- d. Organized events/activities – 31 (37%)
- e. Increased variety in available passive activities (not limited to biking/walking) – 21 (25%)
- f. Other:
 - i. Fountain/water feature
 - ii. Disc golf!!
 - iii. Pickleball courts

8. What types of organized community events would you like to see in the park?

- a. Pop-up flea markets, local food trucks, etc. – 57 (68%)
- b. Outdoor movie nights – 54 (64%)
- c. Concerts/music events – 52 (62%)
- d. Art fairs – 18 (21%)
- e. Environmental clean-up days – 13 (15%)
- f. Yoga/outdoor wellness events – 9 (11%)
- g. Community education events – 7 (8%)
- h. Other:
 - i. Fountain/water feature
 - ii. Disc golf!!
 - iii. School has access to use it for events
 - iv. Carnivals

9. Are there any specific environmental features you would like to see in the park?

- a. Access to creek – 62 (77%)
- b. Wildlife meadow – 42 (51%)
- c. Living willow domes and structures for shade – 39 (48%)
- d. Community garden – 28 (34%)

- e. Native pollinator garden – 22 (27%)
- f. Environmental education – 8 (10%)
- g. Other:
 - i. Fountain or water feature/waterfall!!!
 - ii. Disc golf

10. Which environmental education features would you enjoy in the park?

- a. Interactive nature trails with signs providing fun facts, questions, and information regarding local flora & fauna – 51 (69%)
- b. Nature scavenger hunt encouraging children to find specific plants, animals, or natural features around the park – 39 (53%)
- c. Discovery stations to explore animal tracks, plant identification, and ecosystems – 30 (41%)
- d. Disbursed educational signage (water cycle education, pollinator/butterfly signage near sculpture garden) – 26 (35%)
- e. Organized community environmental programs – 14 (19%)
- f. Other:
 - i. Signs with history of the area
 - ii. Skatepark – no
 - iii. Sports & athletic fields – no

11. How would you like to receive information about park activities?

- a. Social media & school announcements
- b. Signs outside fire station

12. Do you have any other suggestions or comments regarding areas and features in the park?

- a. Water feature/fountain!!
- b. Really big playground
- c. Disc golf!!!!
- d. Make park as natural as possible (native grass/clover fields, trees, plants, etc.)
- e. Easily accessible park!!
- f. Accessible via car and plenty of parking
- g. Make features coexist with environment
- h. Skatepark/pump track

Summary:

- The kids are very passionate about disc golf, is this something we could put in one of the open green spaces?
- Access to water features/creek, access should be near waterfall
- Interactive nature trails with educational signage/scavenger hunt
- Big playground, existing playgrounds don't meet needs of kids – not accessible, too small/for young children (Pat Livezey/North Pointe/Laurel)
- Pavilion with shade for outdoor events
- Designated seating/hanging out areas
- Trail connections to nearby parks, shopping, neighborhoods, and New Hope