

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

October 16, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

**Solebury Township Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Kevin Morrissey, Vice-Chair, Robert McEwan, Noel Barrett, John S. Francis, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Jordan Yeager, Solicitor was also in attendance.

**I. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Audio recording device was then turned on.

**II. Approval of Bills Payable – October 11, 2018**

**Res. 2018-124 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the list of Bills Payable dated October 11, 2018, were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Approval of Minutes — September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting; September 18, 2018 DEP Meeting; and October 2, 2018 Budget Meeting**

**Res. 2018-125 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting; September 18, 2018 DEP Meeting; and October 2, 2018 Budget Meeting were unanimously approved.**

**IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments**

• Executive Session

The Board announced an executive session held on October 16, 2018, prior to the meeting, dealing with land preservation, possible litigation, and zoning.

• “Know Your Medicare Options” – Fee Seminar – Park & Recreation Board

Mr. Baum Baicker announced the free seminar “Know Your Medicare Options” hosted by Solebury Township Park & Recreation Board on October 22, 2018.

**V. Supervisors Comment**

- Mr. Baum Baicker commented about the Spelling Bee fundraiser hosted by the Free Library of New Hope Solebury scheduled for November 1, 2018.

**VI. Public Comment**

- Peter Gatto, resident, commented about the traffic study done on River Road in Lumberville. Mr. Gatto asked the Board and Township for help in getting answers from PennDOT and help to achieve the lowering of the speed limit on River Rd to 25 mph.
- Joseph Klicka, resident, expressed concern regarding the Septic system, Leech Field and renovations for 6186 Honey Hollow Road. Mr. Yeager and Mr. Carney are to meet with Mr. Klicka to go over actions taken by the Township to date and future actions.

## **VII. Presentations**

- **Simone Collins Presentation – Aquetong Spring Park Master Plan**

William Collins and Sarah Leeper delivered a Strategic Plan presentation (copy of which is attached) to the Board. The PowerPoint covered the: goals for the strategic plan; project background; task timeline; park concept; phase 1 priorities; recommendations; and a draft plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the grants received by Solebury Township, the work listed in phase 1, and the stream restoration. Mr. Carney addressed concerns regarding the stream restoration and request for proposal. The Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee asked that the focus for most of the grant money be spent on the stream restoration and for the work to start in 2019.

Barbara Zietchick, Resident, inquired about the 202 trail. Mr. Collins explained that the trail will sit back from the roadway, will be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible, be attractive and made of asphalt. A swale will be created to intercept water runoff to prevent erosion and then filter the water to prevent pollution in the stream.

## **VIII. Public Hearing – No public Hearing**

## **IX. Old Business – No Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

- **Land Preservation Committee – Property # 154 – Inclusion into the Program**

Property # 154 consists of two (2) parcels: a thirteen plus (13+) acres buildable vacant lot; and a three plus (3+) acres lot that includes the existing residence. The conservation easement is to include both lots and merge them together as one (1) lot. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 154 into the Land Preservation Program.

**Res. 2018-126 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 154 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program**

- **Land Preservation Committee – Property # 155 – Inclusion into the Program**

Property # 155 is covered by an existing conservation easement held by Land Trust of Bucks County and Solebury Township. The property owner has negotiated the purchase of two (2) lots located on either side of his driveway with Heritage Conservancy. The conservation easement is to be amended to include these two (2) lots. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 155 into the Land Preservation Program.

**Res. 2018-127 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 155 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program**

- **Higgins Zoning Hearing Board Application – Authorization for Solicitor to Attend**

The applicant in this matter is requesting a variance from multiple Zoning Ordinance requirements to permit the continued use of property 6126 Lower York Road, TMP # 41-022-021-001, as an antique store with exterior products, including: garden statuary; sculptures; and furniture. The Township has received complaints and concerns from residents regarding this property.

**Res. 2018-128 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board hearing to represent the Township regarding the Higgins Zoning Hearing Board application.**

**XI. Public Comment**

- Jim Searing, resident, commented about the proposed budget increase for 2019. Mr. Searing asked that the Board take a depth look into the areas of increase and to consider other alternatives.

**XII. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi  
Secretary





**Tuesday October 16, 2018**  
**Solebury Board of Supervisors Presentation**



# Presentation Items

Tuesday Oct 16, 2018

Solebury Board of Supervisor Presentation

1. Project Background
2. Task Timeline
3. Park Concept “Bubble Diagram”
4. Recommendation Matrix
5. Draft Plan



# Project Schedule

Meeting	Date & Time	Meeting Subject
Committee Meeting #1	7/30/2018	Kick-off Meeting
Committee Meeting #2	8/27/2018	Status Update
<u>Public Meeting #1</u>	9/4/2018	<u>Project Background / Public Input</u>
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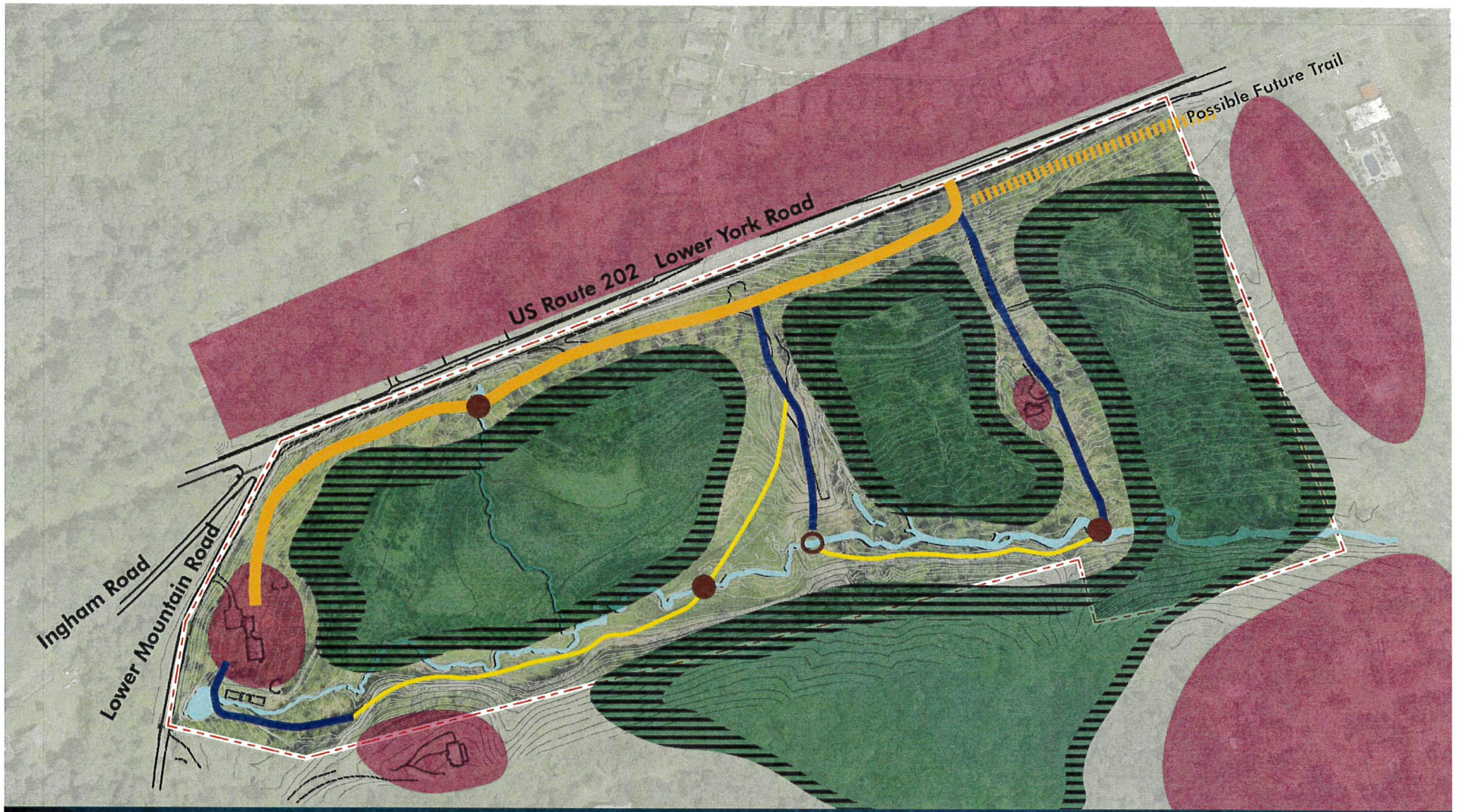
# Strategic Plan Goals





TASK TIME LINE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>ASA COMMITTEE</b>						→		
<b>STREAM RESTORATION</b>								
DAM BREACH	█							
TREE RESTORATION PLANTING		█						
STREAM ASSESSMENT			█	█				
DCED GRANT AWARD			█					
RESTORATION DESIGN				█				
CD'S & BID STREAM RESTORATION					█			
CONSTRUCTION					█	█		
MANAGEMENT			█				→	
<b>PARK IMPROVEMENTS</b>								
DCNR GRANT AWARD		█						
MASTER PLAN				█				
CD'S & BID PARK IMPROVEMENTS					█			
CONSTRUCTION					█	█		
<b>202 MULTI-USE TRAIL</b>								
TA GRANT AWARD			█					
CD'S & BID PARK IMPROVEMENTS					█			
CONSTRUCTION							█	█
<b>FOREST RESTORATION</b>								
REPORT				█				
REMOVAL OF INFESTED TREES					█			
RESTORATION PLANTING					█	█		
MANAGEMENT							→	





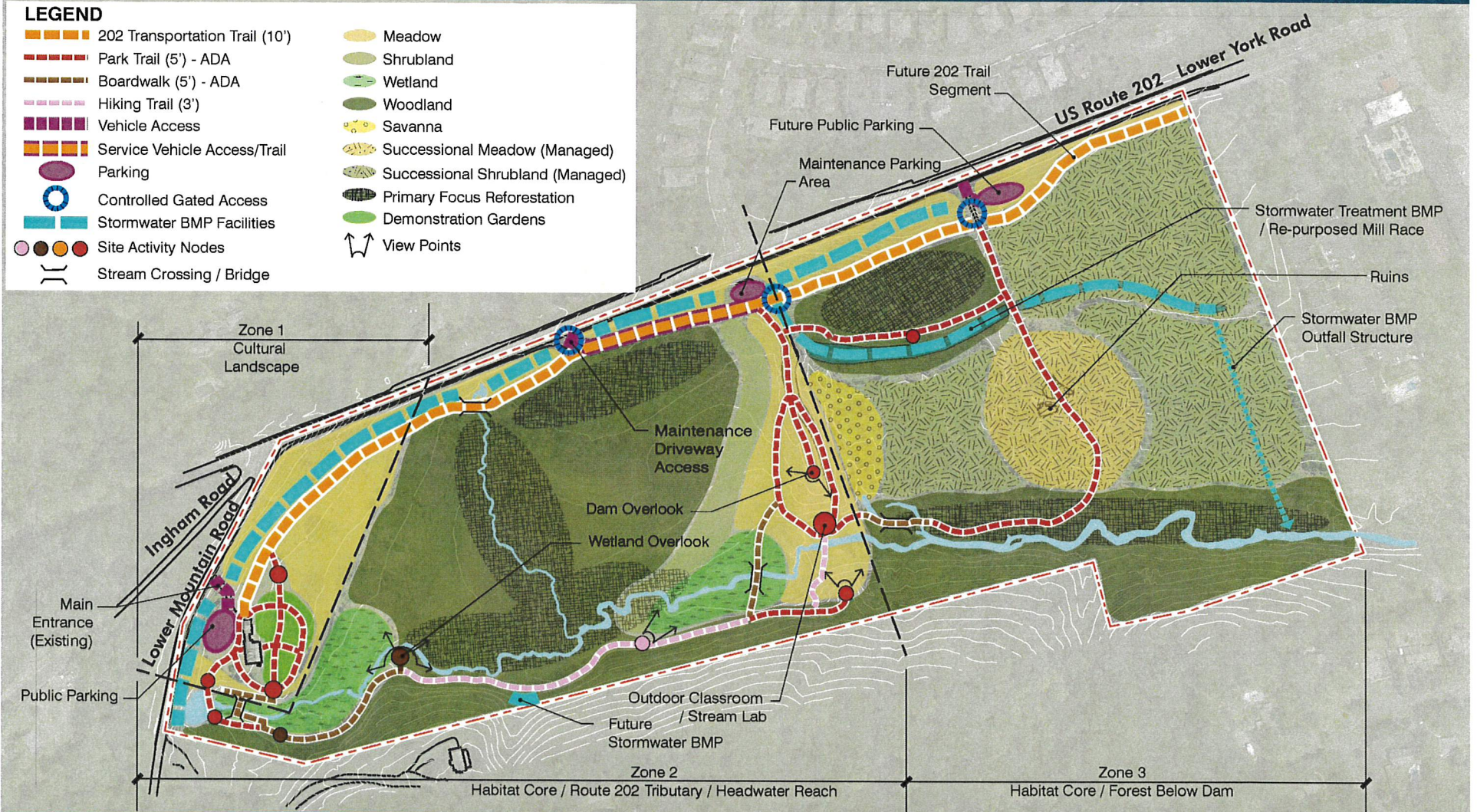
# Concept: Core Habitat Expansion

## Legend

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|  Core Areas      |  Route 202 Trail 10' ADA |
|  Edges           |  ADA Site Trail 5-8'     |
|  Disturbance     |  Hiking/SAE Trail 3-5'   |
|  Bridge Crossing |  Stepping Stone Crossing |

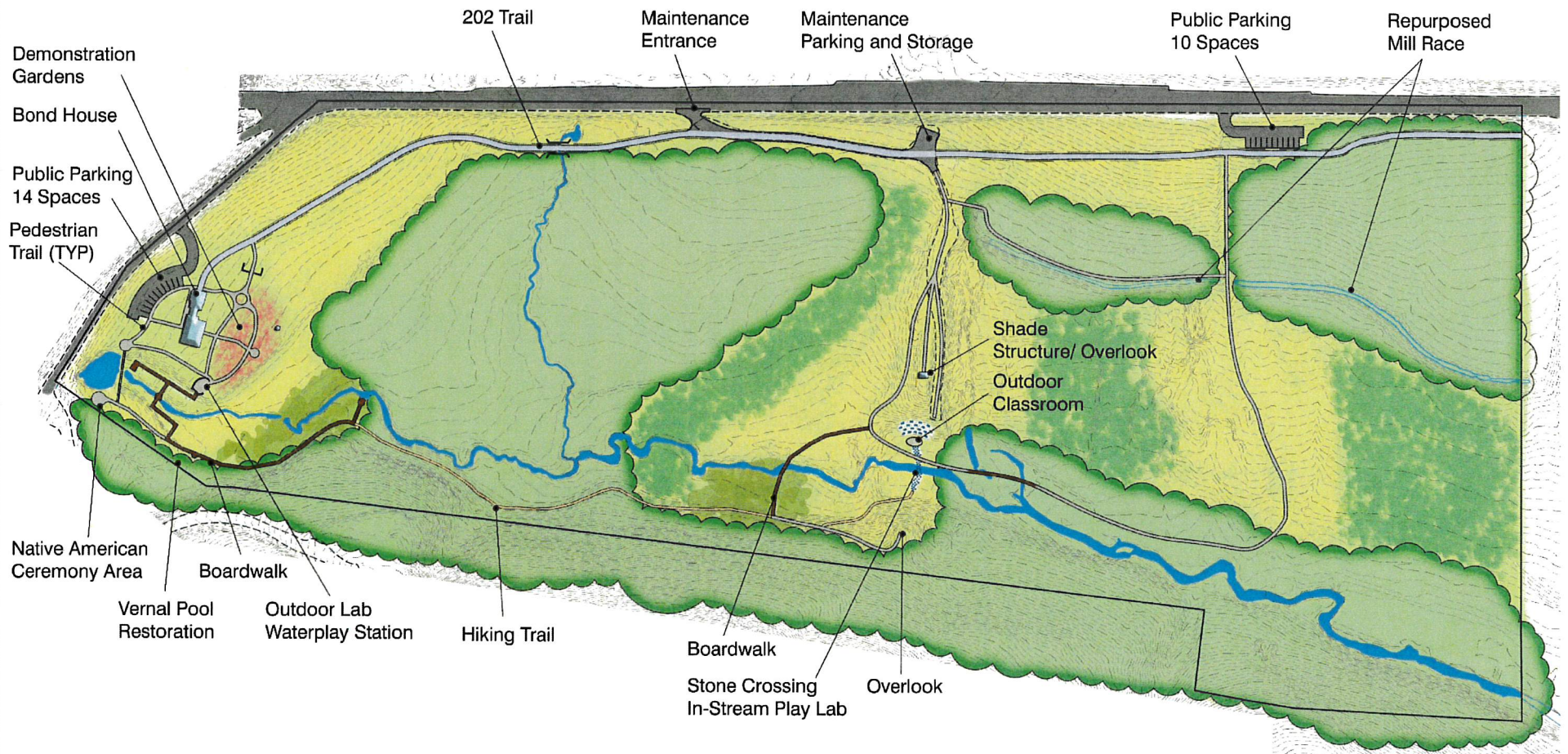


# Concept "Bubble" Diagram





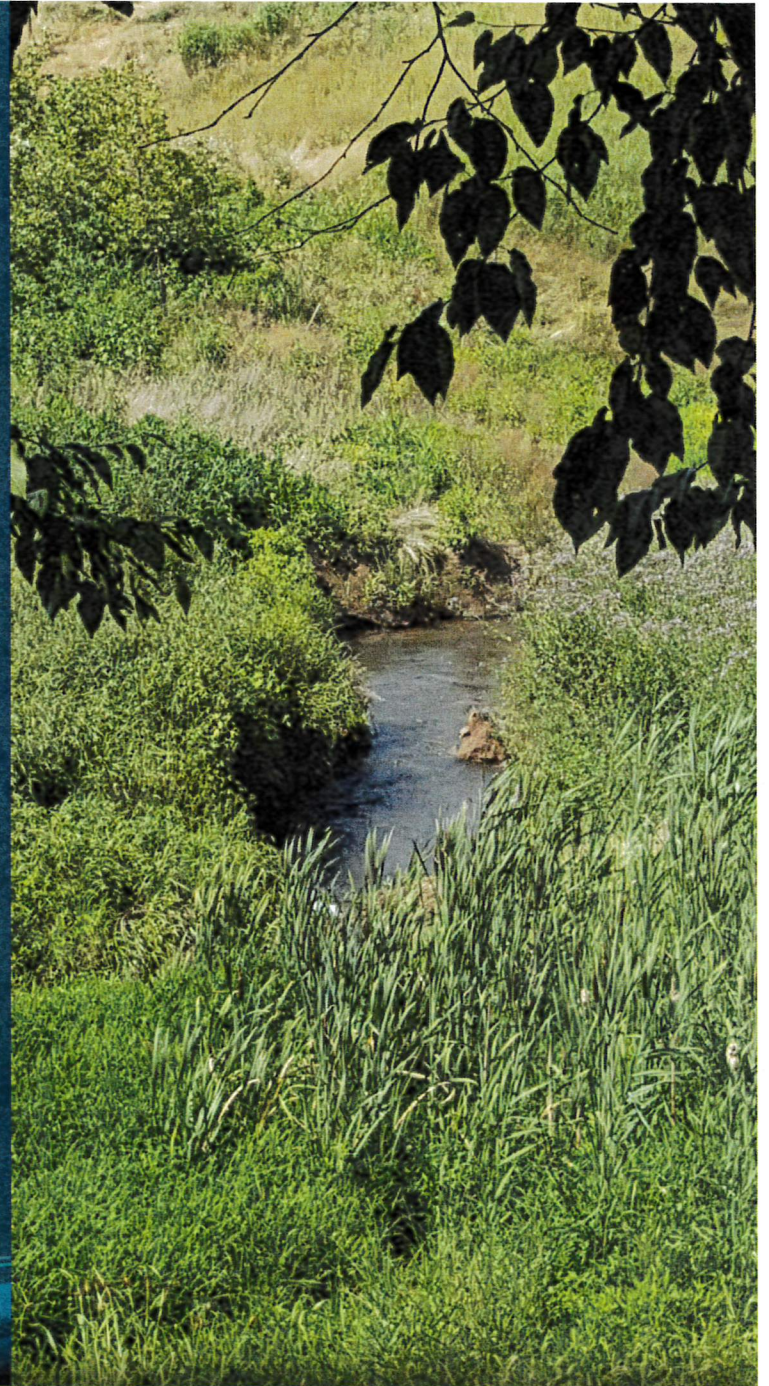
# Draft Plan





# Phase 1 Recommendations

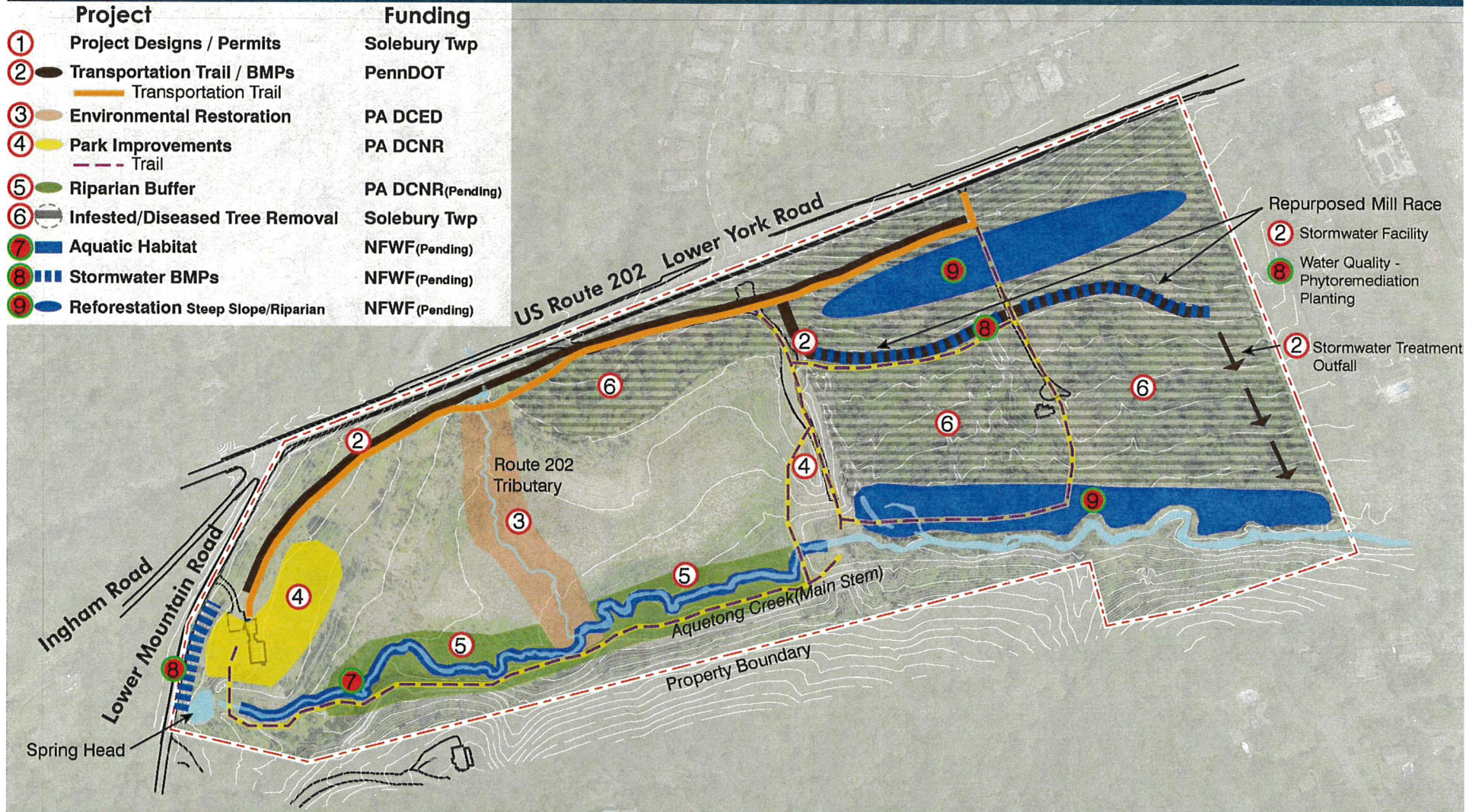
1. Design and Permitting
2. Route 202 Trail Segment-Phase 1 / Stormwater Management
3. Route 202 Tributary Riparian Restoration
4. Park User Access Improvements
5. Forestry Management Tree Removal
6. Riparian Buffers
7. Trout Habitat Improvements
8. Stormwater Management Elements
9. Reforestation





# Phase 1 Priorities

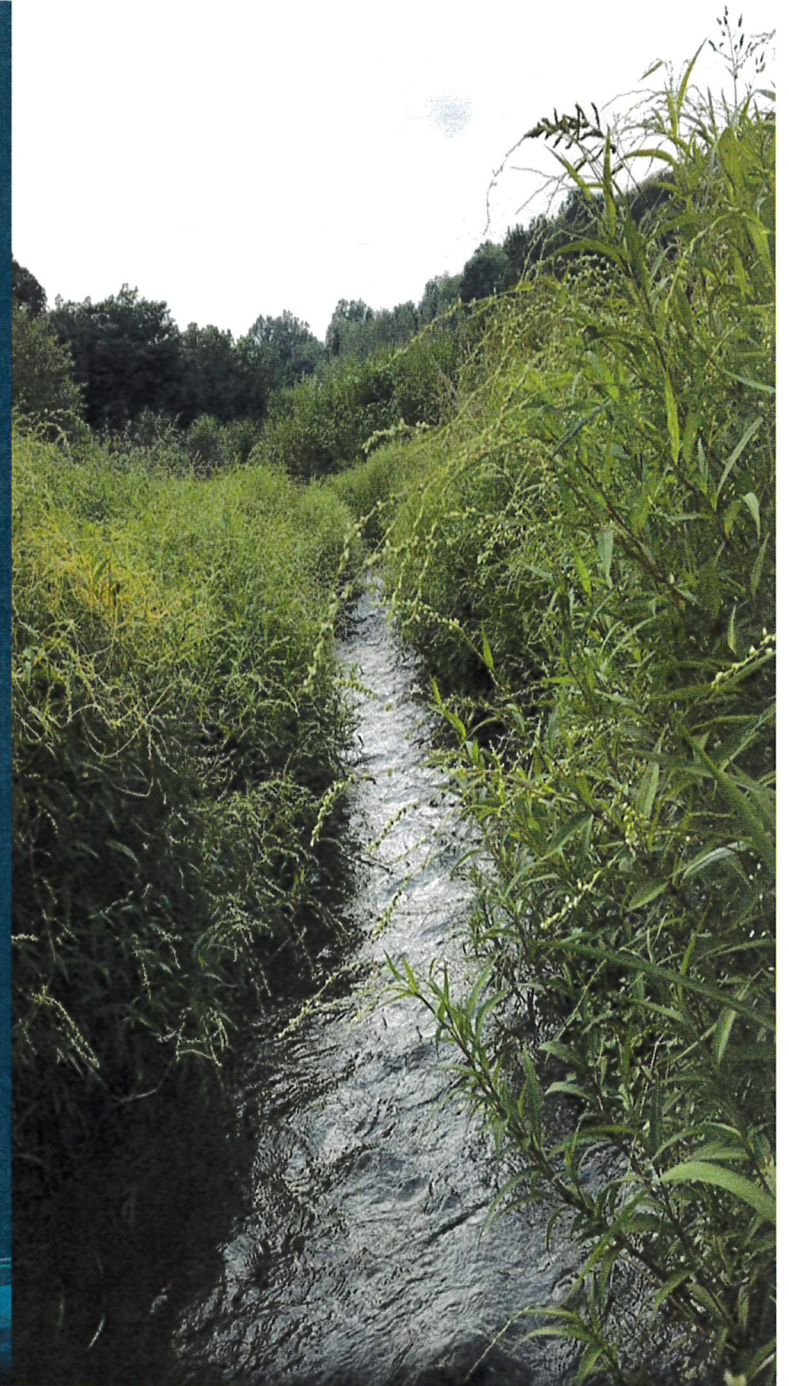
Project	Funding
① Project Designs / Permits	Solebury Twp
② Transportation Trail / BMPs	PennDOT
③ Environmental Restoration	PA DCED
④ Park Improvements	PA DCNR
⑤ Riparian Buffer	PA DCNR (Pending)
⑥ Infested/Diseased Tree Removal	Solebury Twp
⑦ Aquatic Habitat	NFWF (Pending)
⑧ Stormwater BMPs	NFWF (Pending)
⑨ Reforestation Steep Slope/Riparian	NFWF (Pending)





# Recommendations

10. Invasive Species Management
11. Vegetation Management
12. Core Habitat Restoration
13. Transportation Trail - Phase 2
14. Internal-walking Trails
15. Bond (Judy) House Re-use
16. Native American Ceremony/Program
17. In-stream Play Lab
18. Outdoor Classroom
19. Outdoor Lab / Water Play Station
20. Ingham House Trail Head
21. Environment/Industrial History
22. Restoration Education
23. Water System Education
24. Catch and Release Fishing Program





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## Next Steps:

Committee Review of draft  
Proceed with Construction Documents



# Draft Plan

