

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 4, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

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 and Curt Genner, Township Engineer were 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 – August 16, 2018 and August 31, 2018

Res. 2018-106 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the list of Bills Payable dated August 16, 2018 and August 31, 2018, were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2018

Res. 2018-107 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the Minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- Appointment of Joel Weiner to the Land Preservation Committee

Res. 2018-108 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Joel Weiner, Solebury resident, without compensation, to the Land Preservation Committee for the term ending December 31, 2018.

- Appointment of William Jordan to the Solebury Township Planning Commission

Res. 2018-109 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to appoint William Jordan, Solebury resident, without compensation, to the Solebury Township Planning Commission for the term ending December 31, 2020.

- Resignation of Joe Pignitor from the Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Baum Baicker announced the Resignation of Joe Pignitor from the Zoning Hearing Board. The Supervisors thanked Joe Pignitor for his service.

Res. 2018-110 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the resignation of Joe Pignitor from the Zoning Hearing Board was unanimously accepted.

V. Supervisors Comment

- Mr. Morrissey announced the Board of Supervisor's annual public meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is scheduled for September 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Mr. Morrissey encouraged the community to attend and ask questions.

VI. Public Comment

- Frank Lawson, resident, commented about the non-resident sports fees. Mr. Lawson asked the Board of Supervisors to rescind the fees.
- Paul Cosdon, resident, commented and inquired about actions being taken to correct the Omnibus Ordinance regarding the Dog Daycare and Veterinary practices being allowed in residential areas with conditional use.
- Paul Cosdon, resident, commented about two Antique shops that constantly display antiques and autos in the front lawn of the property which is a violation of the Aquetong Village Commercial Zoning.
- Paul Cosdon, resident, commented about the sign ordinance and how it is continuously being violated.

VII. Presentations

Citation Presentation

State Representative Helen Tai presented Citations from PA House of Representatives to Solebury residents Madeleine and Kristen Mauer for sponsoring the construction of school # 155 in Guatemala.

Library Presentation

Ronald Cronise, Library Treasurer/Trustee, and Connie Hillman, Library Manager delivered a PowerPoint presentation (copy of which is attached) to the Board requesting additional funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 to commence as soon as possible for the Free Library of New Hope Solebury Library. The presentation discussed the recent growth of the library, its funding history and a comparison of the library funding to other Bucks County libraries.

Mr. Baum Baicker and Mr. Morrissey are to meet with Mr. Cronise to go over additional information.

Simone Collins Presentation – Aquetong Spring Park Master Plan

William Collins and Sarah Leeper delivered a Master Plan Progress presentation (copy of which is attached) to the Board. The presentation updated Solebury Township of the master plan progress and covered the overview. Some areas covered were: how to prevent erosion once the dying, diseased, non-native trees are removed; planting of new healthy trees that will self-seed; goals; trails; parking; and existing structures.

Frank Nassetta, resident, inquired about the timeline. The trail is to be completed in 2020

Barbara Zietchick, resident, commented that the community across the street is Senior Citizens who would like to enjoy the park. Ms. Zietchick asked that this be taken into consideration when designing the park. William Collins commented that the trail and other sites will be wheel chair accessible.

VIII. Old Business- No Old Business

IX. New Business

Residential, Healthcare, and Educational Uses Ordinance – Authorization to Send to the Solebury Township Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission

The proposed ordinance amends the Solebury Township Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance regarding certain residential, healthcare, and educational uses. The ordinance would eliminate the existing group home provisions and re-characterize and add new uses to address different types of healthcare and non-healthcare residential facility uses.

Res. 2018-111 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to send the Residential, Healthcare, and Educational Uses Ordinance to the Solebury Township Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Minimum Municipal Obligation Acknowledgement

The Administration informed the Board of the pension plans' anticipated financial obligations for 2019. This notification must be provided to the Board no later than the end of September.

Res. 2018-112 - Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge receipt of Solebury Township's 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Township Pension Plans as follows:

Uniform MMO:	\$228,402
Non Uniform – Defined Benefit:	\$21,074
Non Uniform – Cash Balance:	\$23,445

Speed Limit on Carversville Road Ordinance – Authorization to Advertise

The proposed ordinance amends the Solebury Township Code of Ordinances to extend the existing 25 mph speed limit zone on Carversville Rd from its current endpoint at Stovers Mill Road, an additional ¼ mile westward, to the Brendon Knoll/McNeal Road intersection.

Res. 2018-113 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to advertise the Speed Limit on Carversville Road Ordinance.

- X. Subdivisions/Land Developments – No subdivisions or land developments**
- XI. Public Comment – No additional public comment**
- XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary



THE FREE LIBRARY

OF NEW HOPE & SOLEBURY

Sharing knowledge, enriching lives.



DEMOGRAPHICS

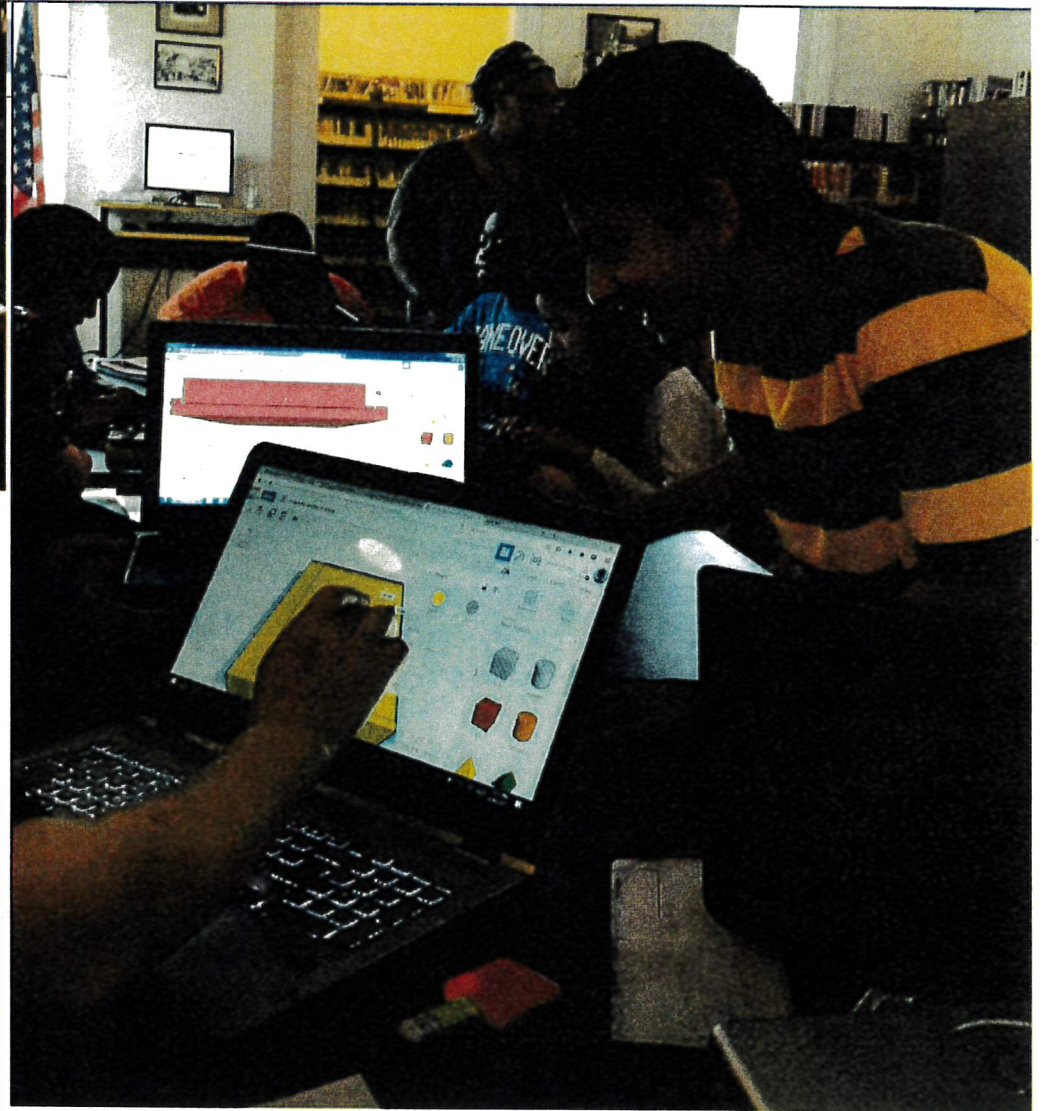
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Registered Users	4,734	3,814	24%
New Hope Users	1,370	1,144	20%
Solebury Users	3,364	2,670	26%
New Hope Users as a % of total	29%	30%	
Solebury Users as a % of total	71%	70%	
New Hope as a % of population	23%		
Solebury as a % of population	77%		
Annual Number of Visits	36,830	31,000	19%

CIRCULATION

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Circulation of Books, CDs, DVDs & Kindles	58,234	57,299	1.6%
Circulation of Children's Items	19,392	17,362	12%
eCirculation	8,020	6,210	29%



**PROGRAMMING AT THE FREE LIBRARY OF
NEW HOPE AND SOLEBURY**



PROGRAMMING

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Programs for Adults	66	49	35%
Programs for Young Adults	55	42	31%
Programs for Children	114	85	34%
Overall Attendance	4,086	3,012	36%



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Computer Usage	3,627	2,814	29%
Wireless Usage	3,536	2,234	58%
Reference Questions Answered	6,760	5,460	24%

OTHER SERVICES

- 3D Printer and Scanner
- Museum Passes
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Database Access
- Community Outreach





ANNUAL BUDGET

Has increased from \$252,000 in 2016, to \$264,000 in 2017 and to \$269,000 in the current year.

We have three salaried employees, two part-timers and a number of volunteers. No one receives health benefits.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Sources of Library Funding	2018		2017	
PA State	\$ 29,232	11%	\$28,715	11%
Solebury Township	\$100,000	37%	\$100,000	38%
New Hope Borough	\$ 32,644	12%	\$32,644	12%
Library Operations	\$ 9,000	3%	\$9,000	3%
Fundraising	\$ 98,500	37%	\$93,500	35%
Total Budget	\$269,376		\$263,859	



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Like all PA libraries the support we receive from the state is dependent on what we receive from the municipalities we serve.

In 2014, we asked both Solebury Township and New Hope Borough to get us to the point where the state contribution was maximized, a combined level of \$12.50 per capita.

New Hope Borough met our request but Solebury increased their funding by only half the requested amount.

We returned to Solebury in 2016 to ask for the remainder of their increase. Solebury did increase their contribution but again by half the new request.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**Which means we remain the
lowest-funded library in Bucks County.**



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Local Funding at Nearby Libraries	Pop.	Per Capita
Southampton	15,000	\$34.00
Feasterville	19,000	\$33.00
Northampton	40,000	\$29.00
Wrightstown	2,330	\$21.00
Morrisville	8,900	\$19.17
Warminster	30,000	\$15.50
New Hope-Solebury	11,200	\$11.84



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Local Funding at Nearby Libraries	Pop.	Per Capita	PC Income
Southampton	15,000	\$34.00	\$25,360
Feasterville	19,000	\$33.00	\$22,191
Northampton	40,000	\$29.00	\$33,028
Wrightstown	2,330	\$21.00	\$42,623
Morrisville	8,900	\$19.17	\$21,404
Warminster	30,000	\$15.50	\$22,285
New Hope-Solebury	11,200	\$11.84	\$51,200



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The real problem financially is the fundraising burden carried by the Library Board, one that is unlikely to be met in 2018 and beyond. For that reason we are asking for additional funding from both the Borough and Township as follows:

Additional Funding Required to Eliminate Fundraising	\$	%
From Solebury Township	\$70,000	70%
From New Hope Borough	\$30,000	30%



This increase would raise per capita funding to \$20.19 which is still in the lower half of local libraries.

Based only on items circulated and computer usage, the Library saved residents of New Hope and Solebury \$77.81 per capita in 2016, \$90.78 per capita in 2017 and an estimated \$100 per capita in 2018.



WILL THE LIBRARY STILL DO FUNDRAISING?

The answer is “Yes”, but only to increase the existing endowment.

An annual fundraising addition of \$50,000 to the endowment will, in about nine years, eliminate the \$100,000 increase we are asking for.

We need your help today to get to that point tomorrow!



Tuesday Sep 4, 2018
Solebury Board of Supervisor Presentation



Aquetong Spring Park Strategic Plan
Solebury Township

Presentation Items

Tuesday Sep 4, 2018

Solebury Board of Supervisor Presentation

1. Introductions
2. Strategic Plan Goals
3. Site Inventory and Analysis
4. Park Program Elements / Design Approach

Project Team

Princeton Hydro (PH)

- Stream and Riparian Restoration /
- Review park & trail work.

Simone Collins (SC) -

- Design of DCNR Park Improvements;
- Team coordination
- Review restoration and 202 trail work
- Stormwater Coordination

McMann & Assoc. (MA)

- 202 Trail PennDOT / Team Management

Robert Wynn & Assoc. (WA) -

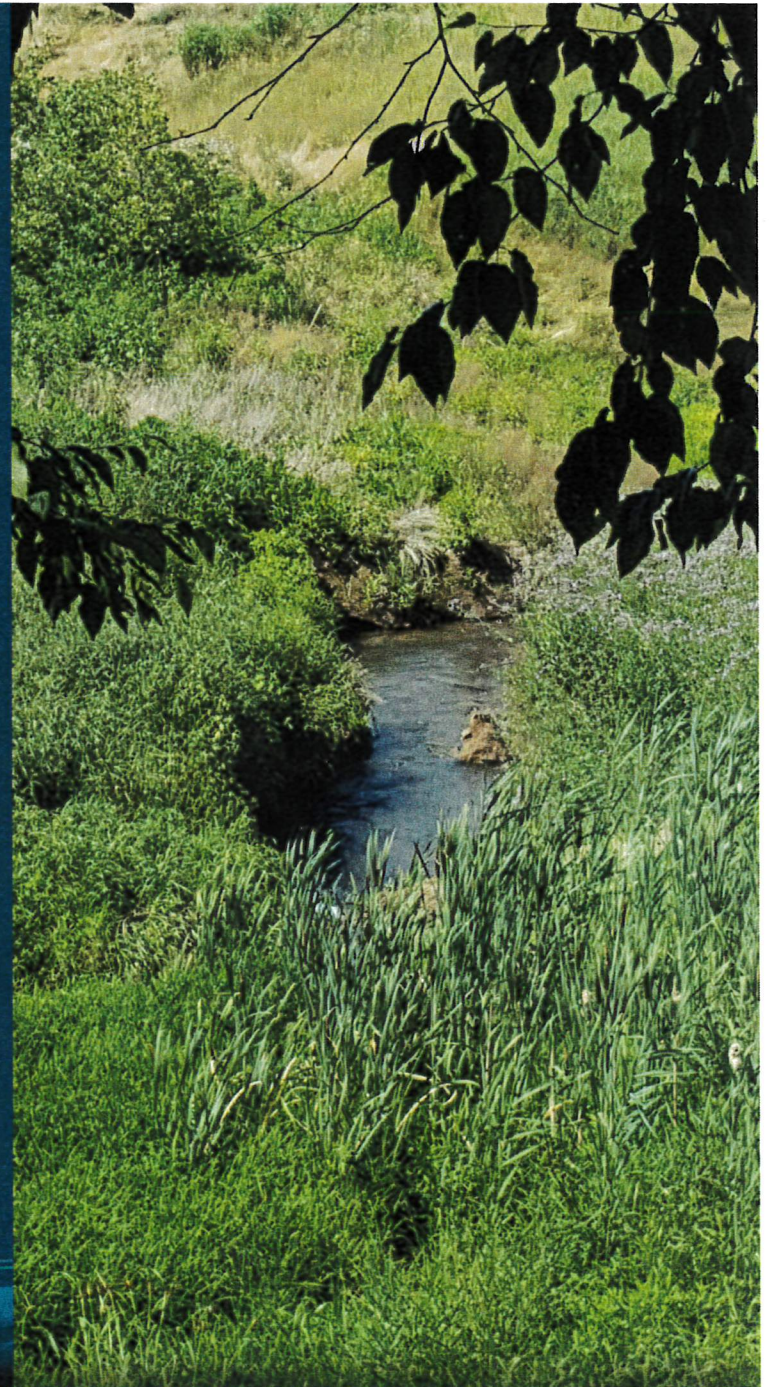
- Design 202 Trail
- Review on Park Improvements

Lotus

- 202 Trail Environmental and Cultural Clearance

Shultz Forest Management and Consulting

- Tree removal permitting & plan



Project Schedule

Meeting	Date & Time	Meeting Subject
Committee Meeting #1	7/30/2018	Kick-off Meeting
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Strategic Plan Goals



Strategic Plan Statement Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. Problem Statement
 - B. Site history (brief overview)
 - C. Previous Studies
 - D. Regional Context
 - E. Goal: Water Quality Protection
 - F. Site Inventory and Analysis
- II. Implementation
 - A. Site Program / Stakeholder input
 - B. Concept Plan
 - C. Funding
 - D. Timeline
 - E. Stewardship
 - F. Phasing

Historic Site Aerials - 1938

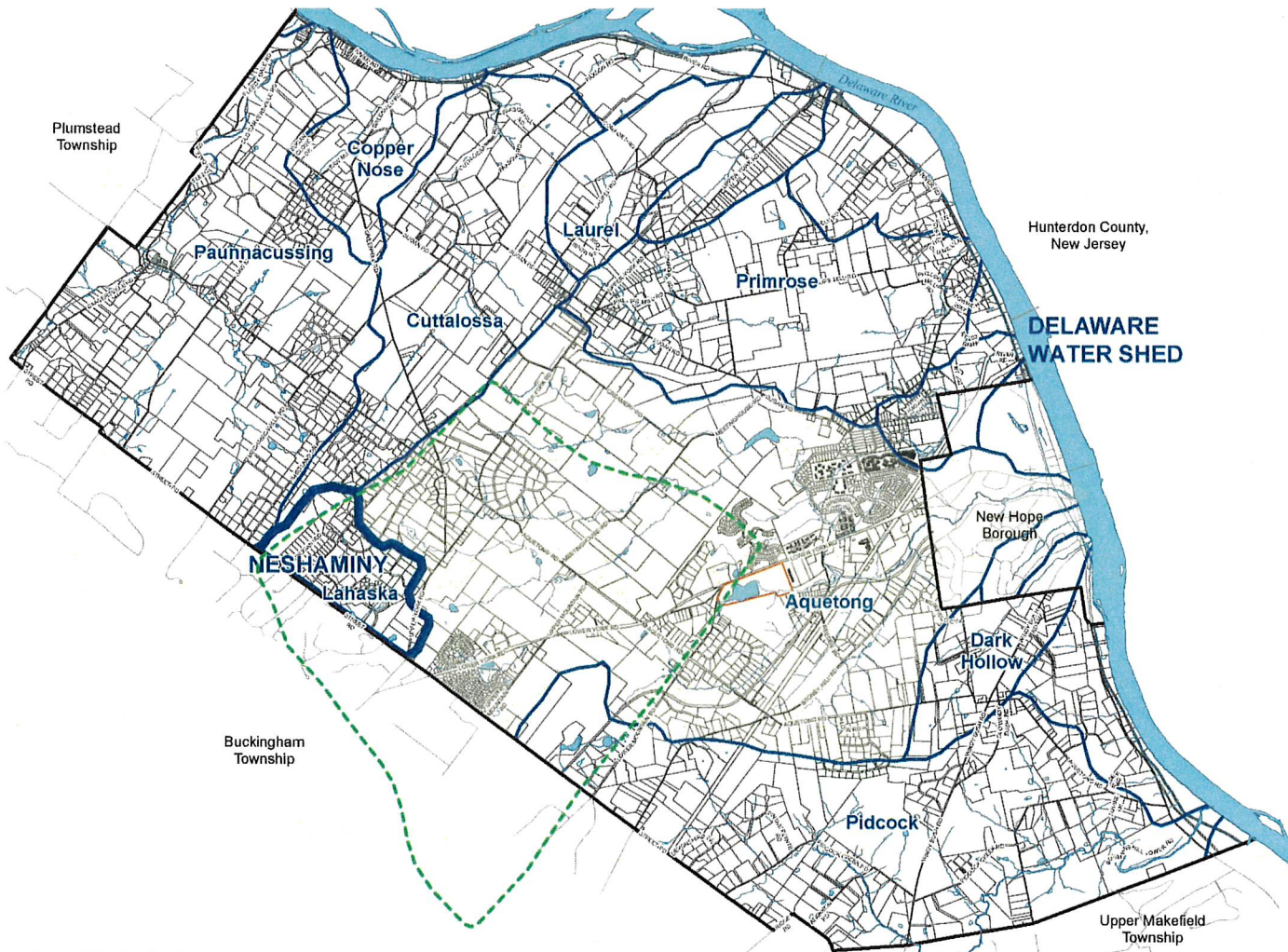


Historic Site Aerials - 1958








Historic Site Aerials - 1971

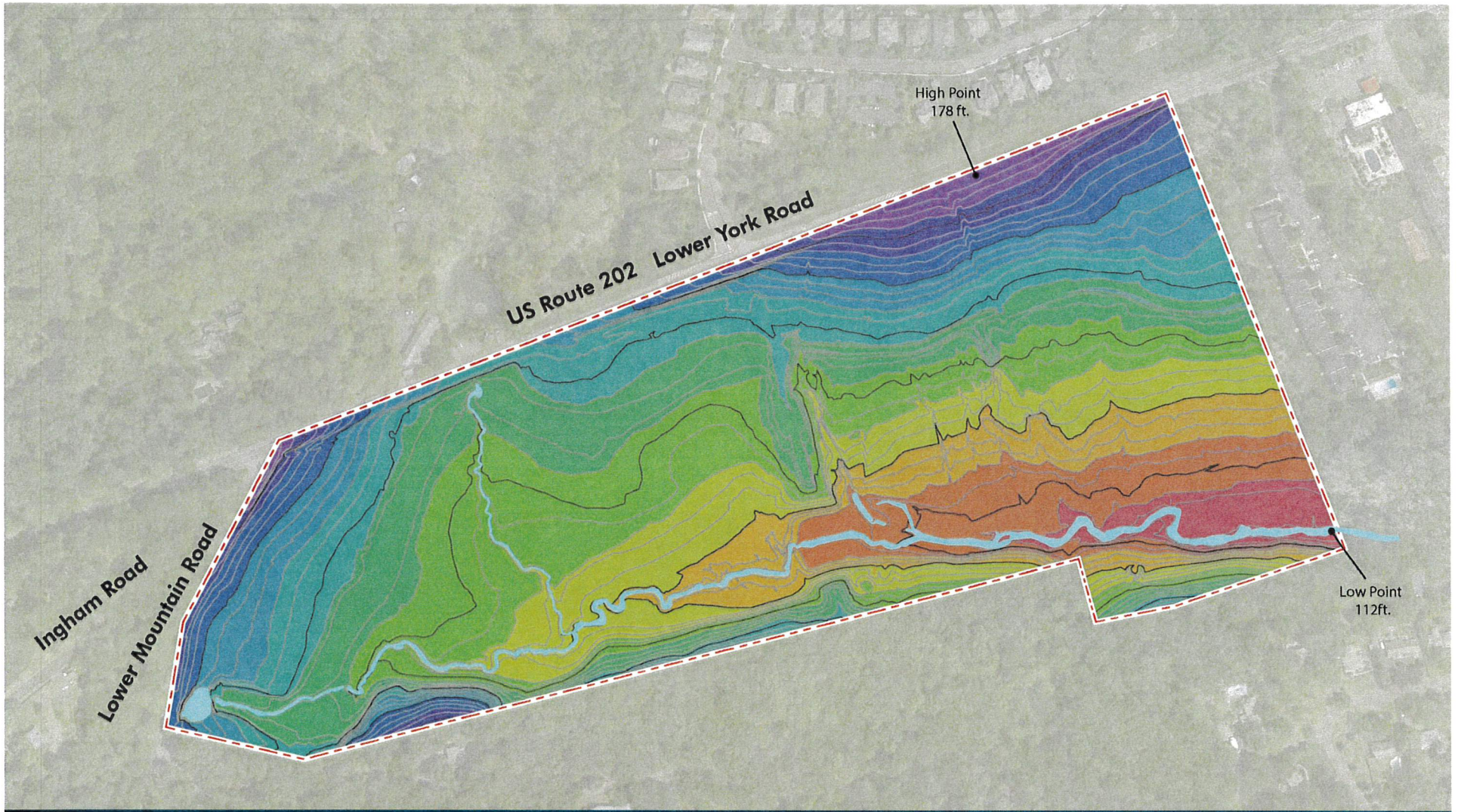




Analysis: Watershed Map

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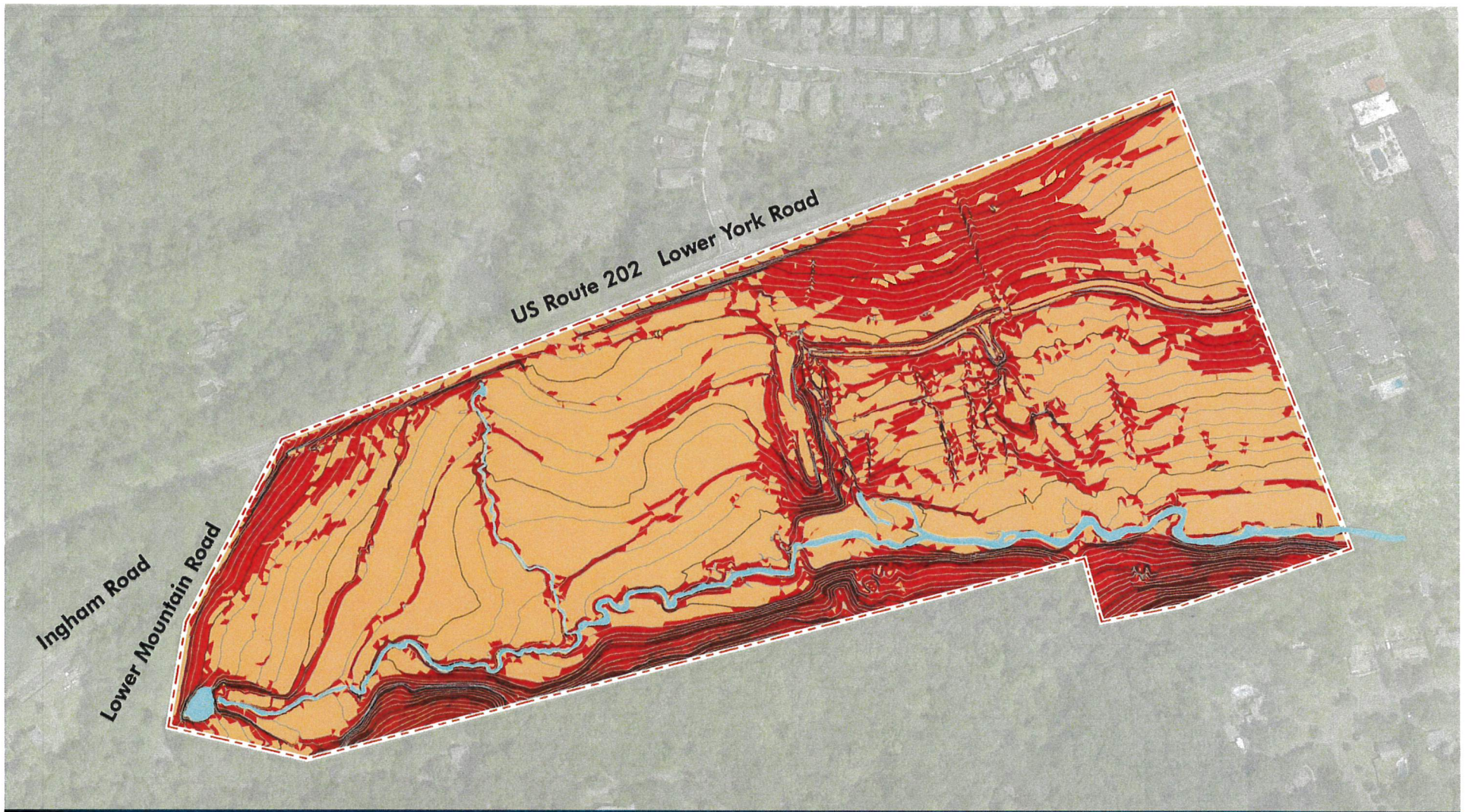
-  Aquetong Water Shed
-  Small Watershed
-  Major Watershed
-  Site Boundary
-  Site Recharge Area (approximate)



Analysis: Elevation Map

Legend - Feet Above Sea Level

112-118	136-142	160-166
118-124	142-148	166-172
124-130	148-154	172-178
130-136	154-160	



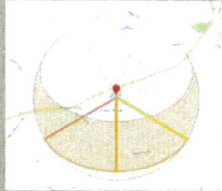
Analysis: Slope Map

Legend

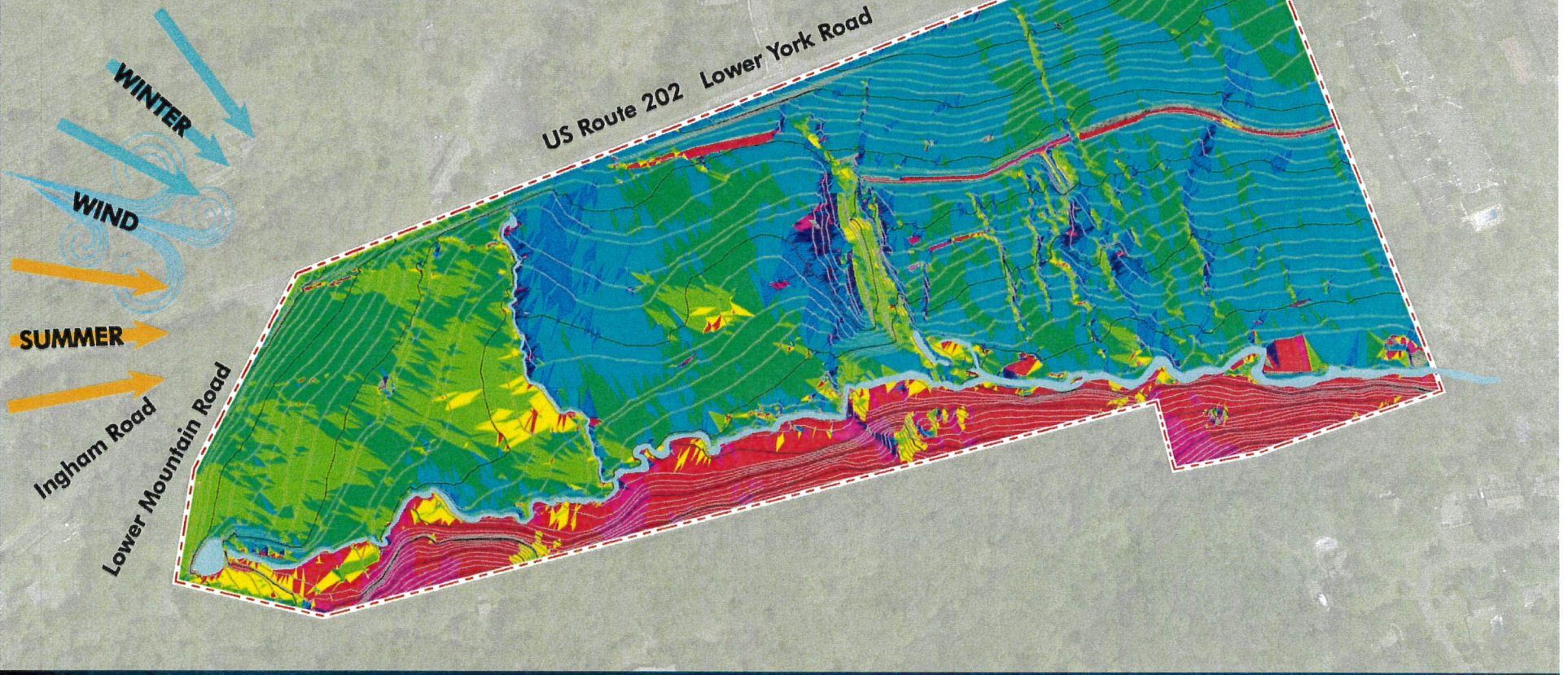
	0-8% Slope		15-25% Slope
	8-15% Slope		25%+ Slope



SUMMER SOLTICE



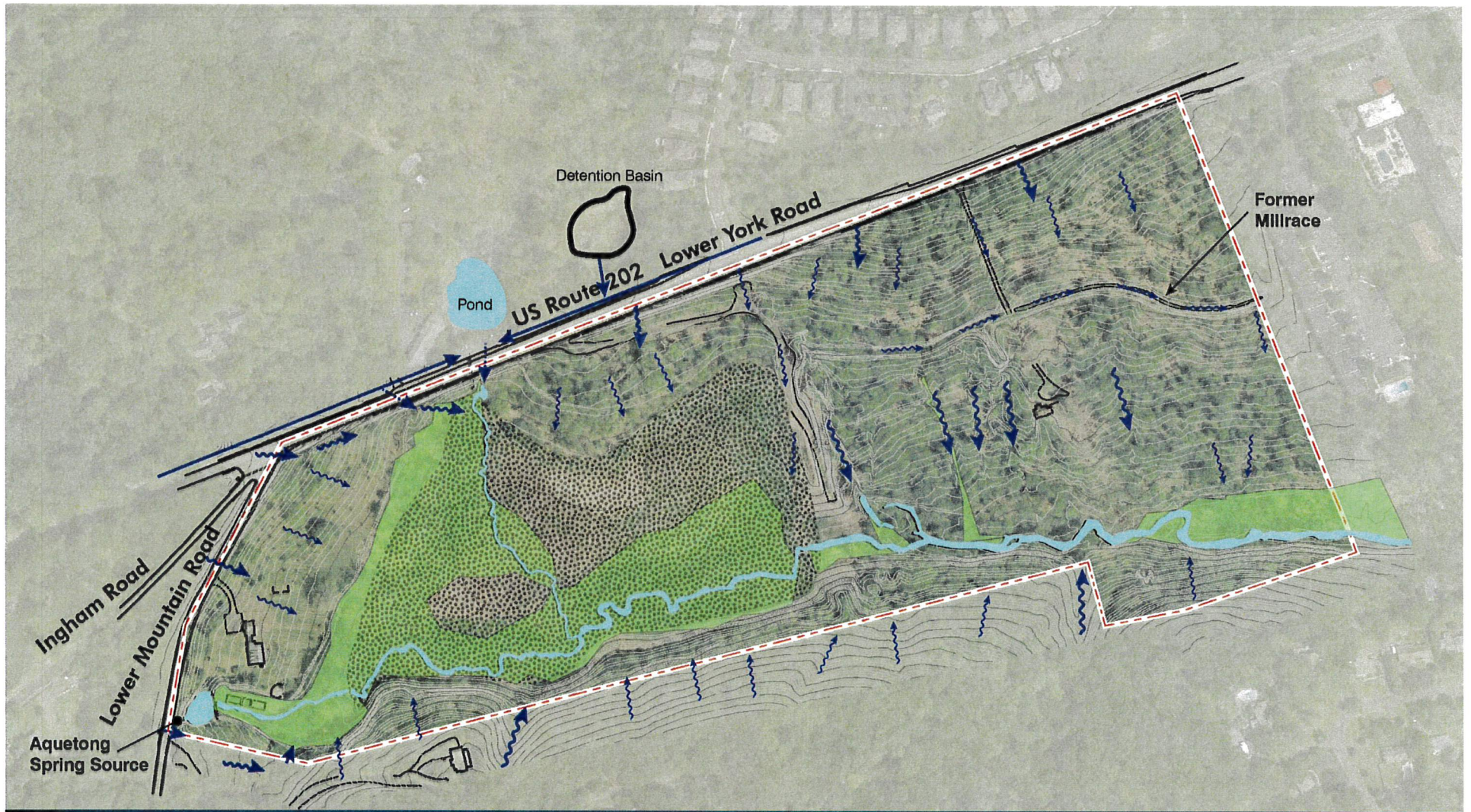
WINTER SOLTICE



Analysis: Climate / Slope Aspect Map







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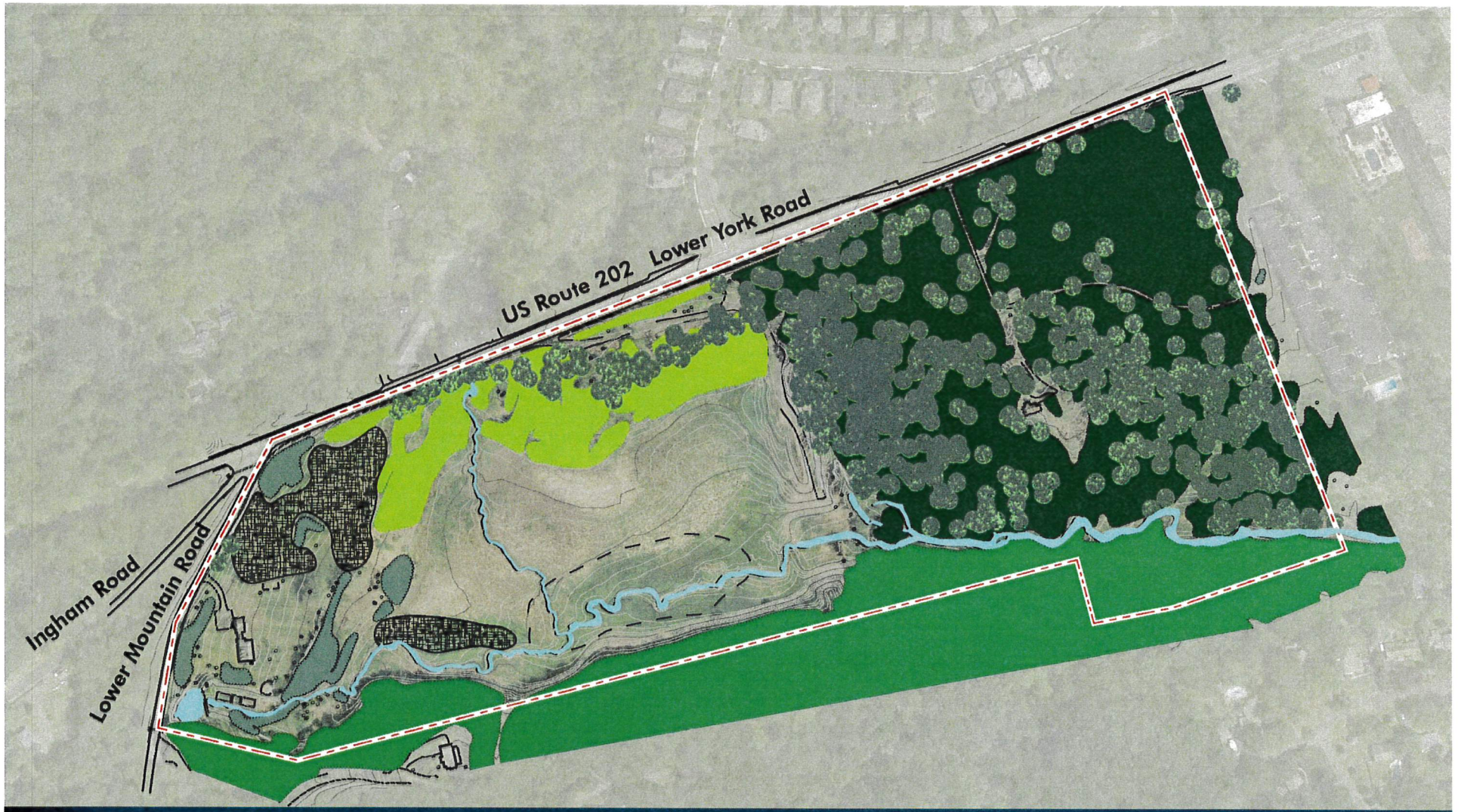




Analysis: Hydrology Map








Legend

-  Wetland
-  Legacy Soils
-  Water Bodies
-  Stormwater Flow Pipe
-  Stormwater Flow Surface
-  Stormwater Flow Surface - Concentrated

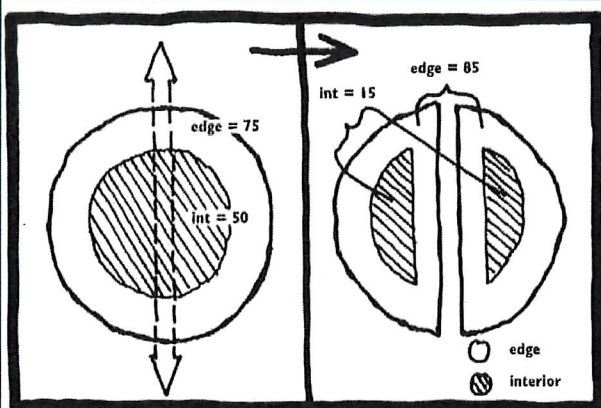


Analysis: Tree Canopy Map

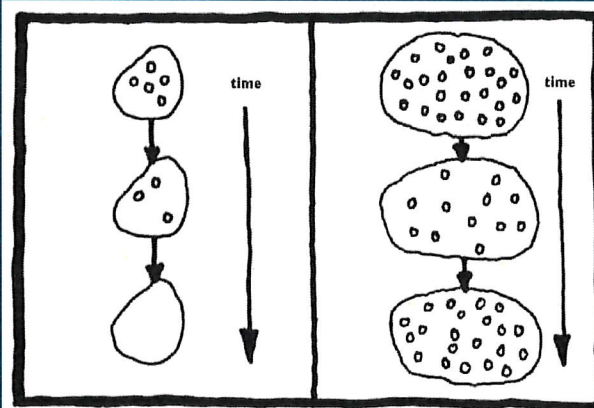
Legend

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|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|  | Ash, Walnut, Maple, Oak |  | New Tree Planting |
|  | Sycamore, Willow, Box Elder |  | Ash Trees Canopy Removal |
|  | Oak, Birch, Beech |  | New Tree Planting Unsurveyed |
|  | Other | | |

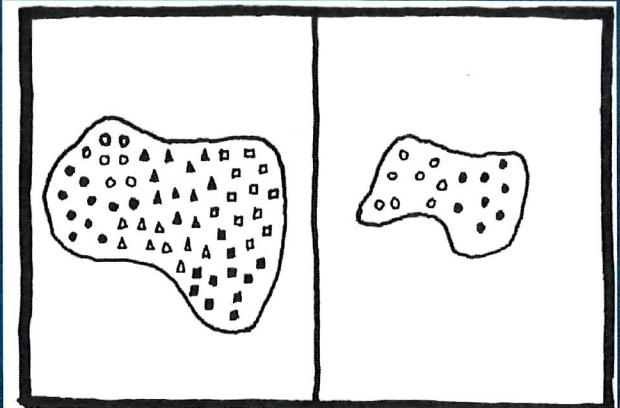
Core Habitat Principles



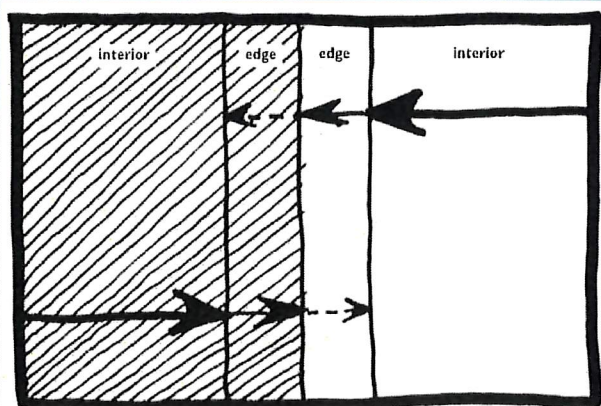
P1. Edge habitat and species



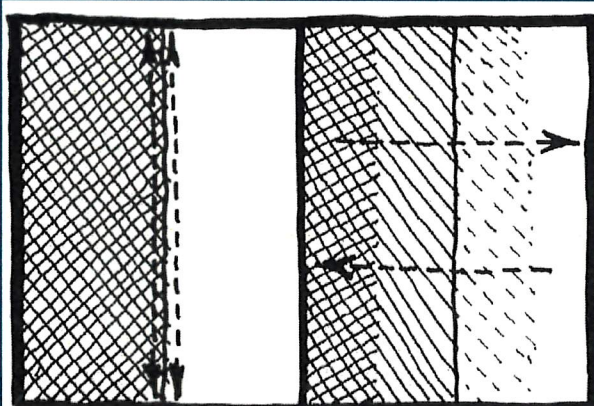
P3. Local extinction probability



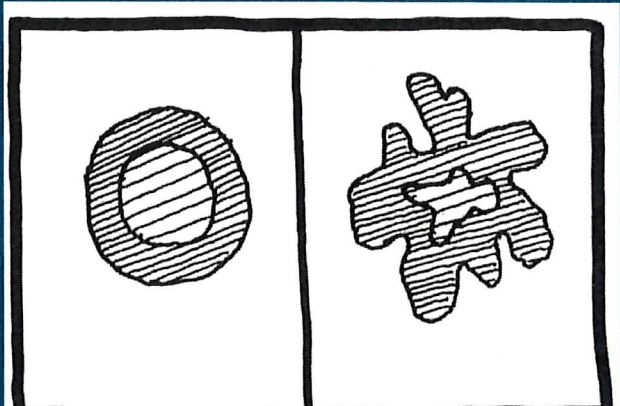
P5. Habitat diversity



E4. Edge as filter

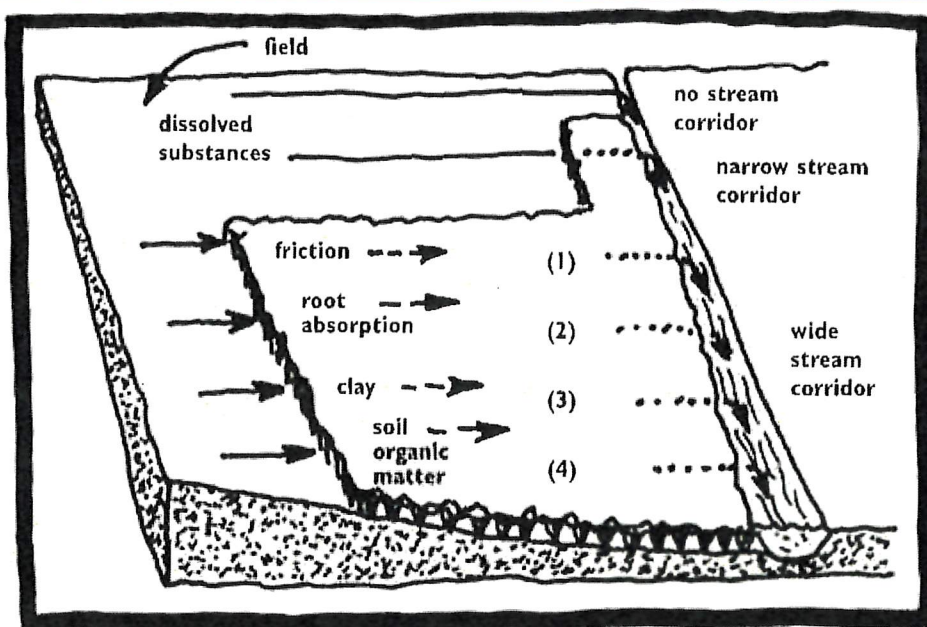


E5. Edge abruptness

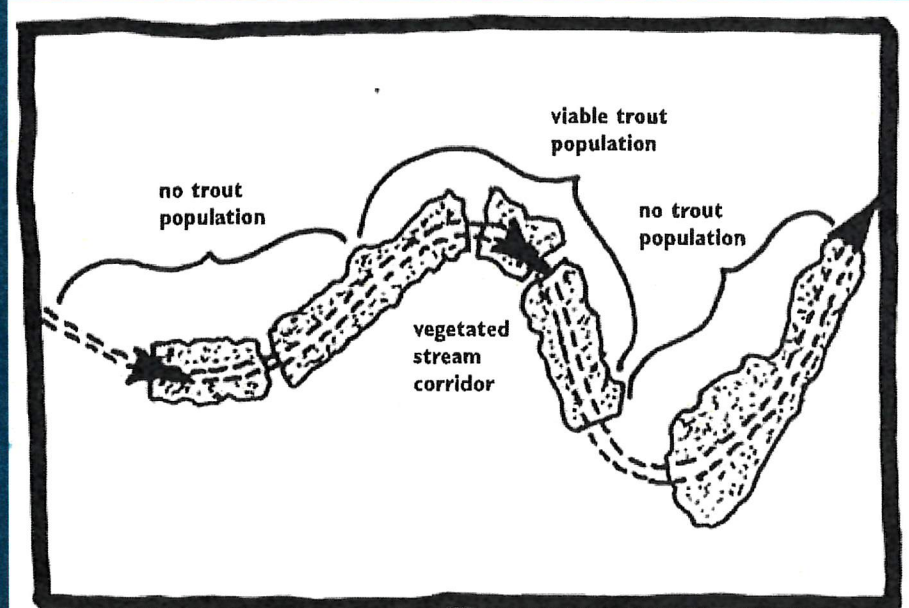


E11. Edge and interior species

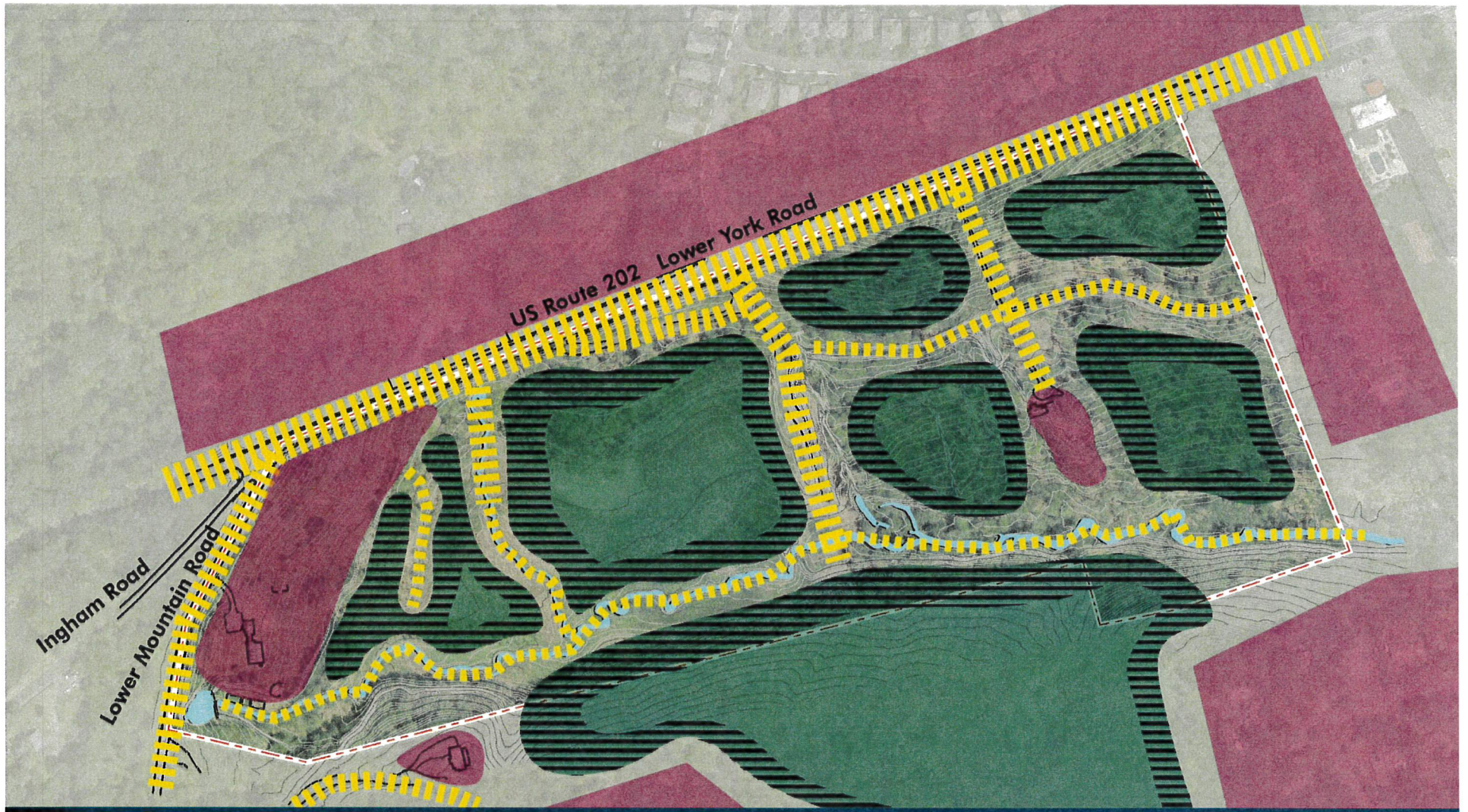
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C10. Stream corridor and dissolved substances



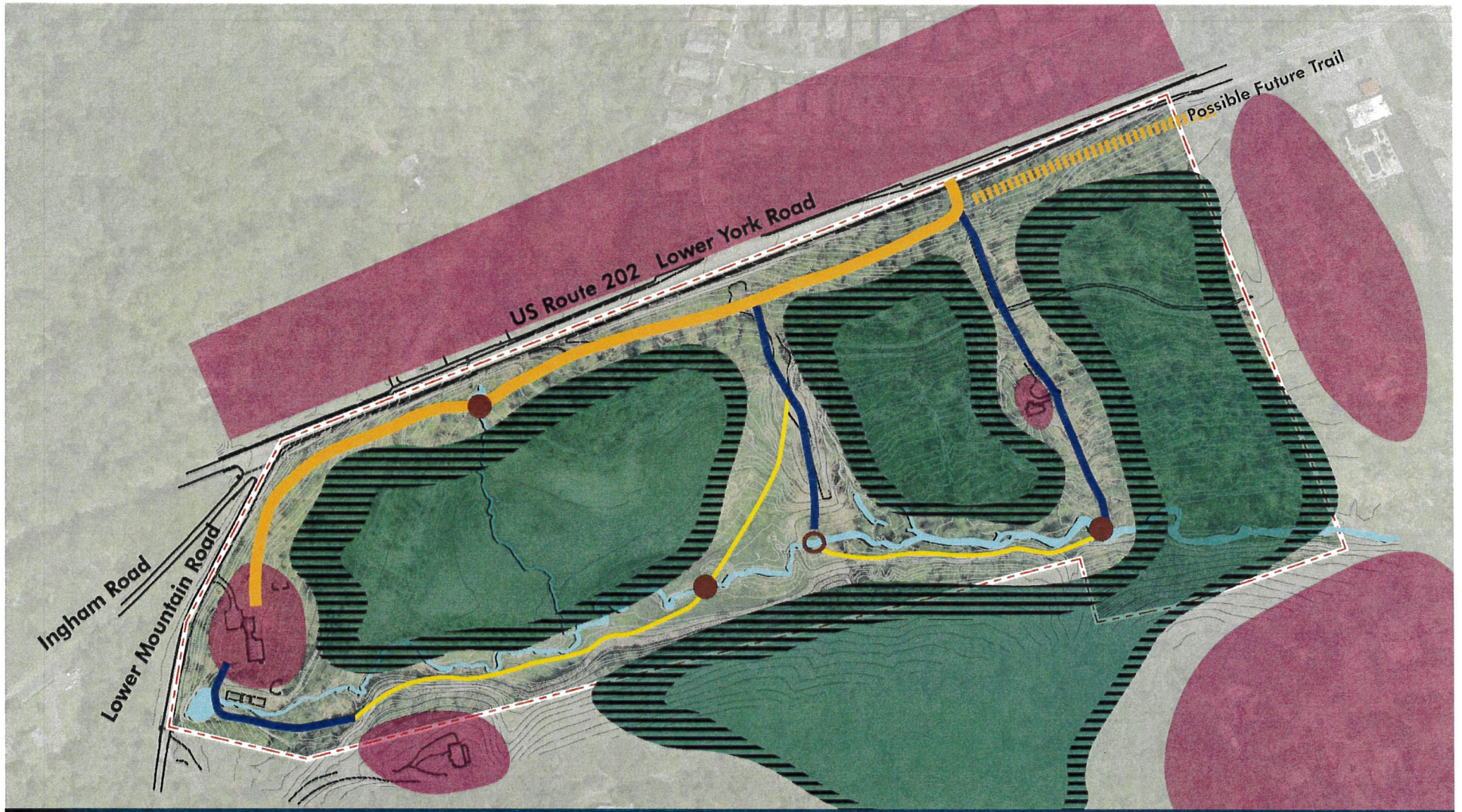
C13. Connectivity of a stream corridor



Analysis: Disturbance / Core Habitat Map

Legend

- Core Areas
- Edges
- Residential Disturbance
- Path Disturbance



Concept: Core Habitat Expansion

Legend

- | | |
|---|---|
|  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 Habitat

Vernal Pools / Wetlands



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Warm Season Meadow



Shrubland / Seasonal Forest



Cold Water Stream

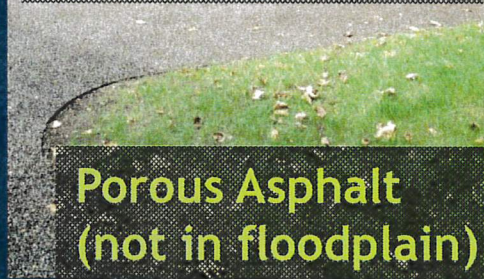


Trail Hierarchy / Surfaces

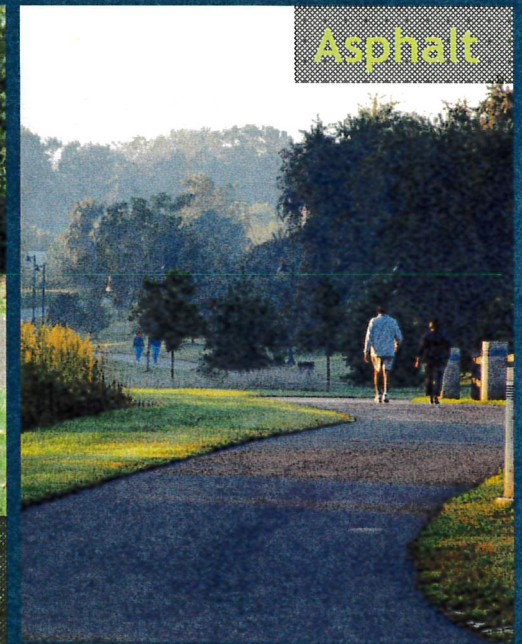
Hiking:
Signal Track Dirt Trail
Not Accessible
Medium Maintenance
Any Grade Slope



Transportation:
Asphalt
Accessible
Low to Medium
Maintenance
Any Grade Slope



Asphalt



**Porous Asphalt
(not in floodplain)**

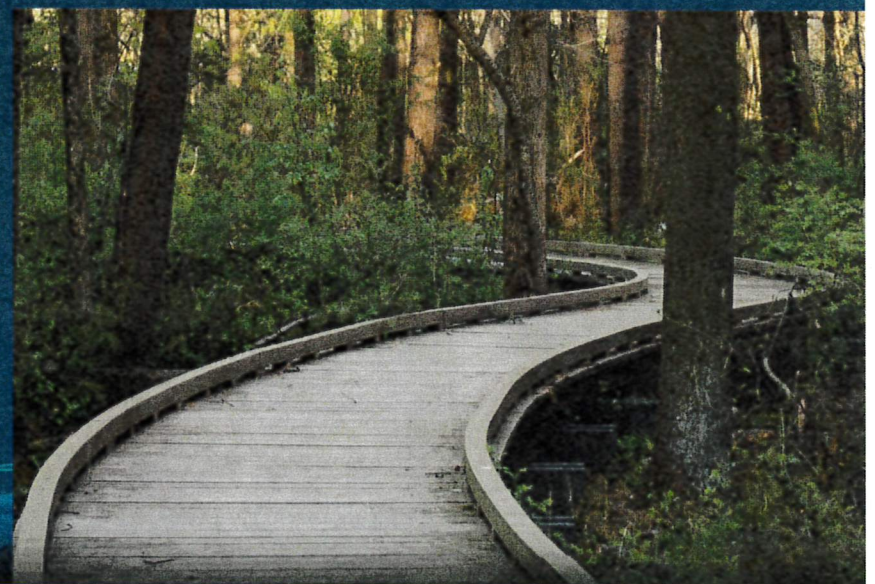
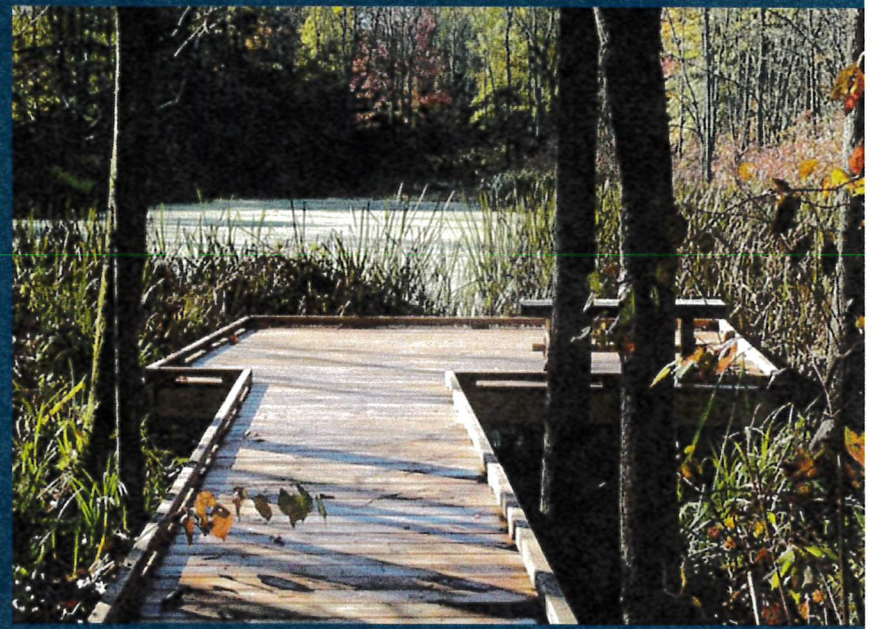
Site Access:
Mown Turf
Not Accessible
Medium Maintenance
Any Grade Slope



Multi Use:
Stone Dust
Accessible
Medium Maintenance
< 3% Grade Slope



Character Treatments - Structures



Site Amenities - Wildlife Boxes



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Next Steps:

Team Coordination
NFWF Grant
Draft Concept Plan