

# CHARLES COUNTY RECREATION, PARKS, & TOURISM

PROJECT PLANNING VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE  
MEETING #1- SEPTEMBER 19, 2022





## CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPT. OF RECREATION, PARKS, & TOURISM



### DESIGN CONSULTANTS

- LA PLATA FARM PARK
- POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK

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- WALDORF PARK



COUNTY WIDE PARK PLANNING PROCESS

PARK PLANNING VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE

PARK MASTER PLANNING

LA PLATA FARM PARK

WALDORF PARK

POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK

QUALITIES OF GREAT PARKS

TASK FORCE ACTIVITY

NEXT STEPS



# COUNTY-WIDE PARK PLANNING



- PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES
- ACTIVE AND PASSIVE USES, LINEAR NETWORKS
- GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION
- DIVERSITY OF AMENITIES / PROGRAMS
- ATTENTIVE TO A SPECTRUM OF USERS AND THEIR PREFERENCES
- COUNTY IDENTITY AND VALUES; RESPONDS TO NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

## LAND PRESERVATION PARK AND RECREATION PLAN VISION STATEMENT:

CHARLES COUNTY IS A PLACE WHERE ALL PEOPLE THRIVE, AND BUSINESSES GROW AND PROSPER; WHERE THE PRESERVATION OF OUR HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT IS PARAMOUNT; WHERE GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ITS CITIZENS ARE PROVIDED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE; AND WHERE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS THE BEST IN THE NATION.

# PARK PLANNING TASK FORCE



- THREE MEETING COMMITMENT
- ADVISORY ROLE TO CONSIDER THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL RESIDENTS
- SHARE INFORMATION WITH NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT RESIDE IN CHARLES COUNTY AND INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE

CHARLES COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO AN  
INCLUSIVE PARK PLANNING PROCESS

“WE HAVE A PARK FOR YOU”

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## MEET THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS

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# PARK MASTER PLANNING PROCESS



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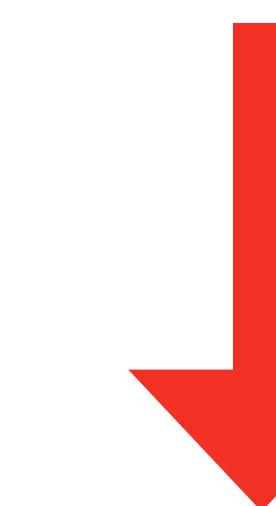


# SITE SPECIFIC PLANNING



## CONTEXT, INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT

- PHYSICAL CONDITIONS
- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & PROTECTIONS
- VIEWSHEDS
- EXISTING STRUCTURES & INFRASTRUCTURE
- TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS & ACCESS
- SOCIAL, HISTORIC & CULTURAL INFLUENCES

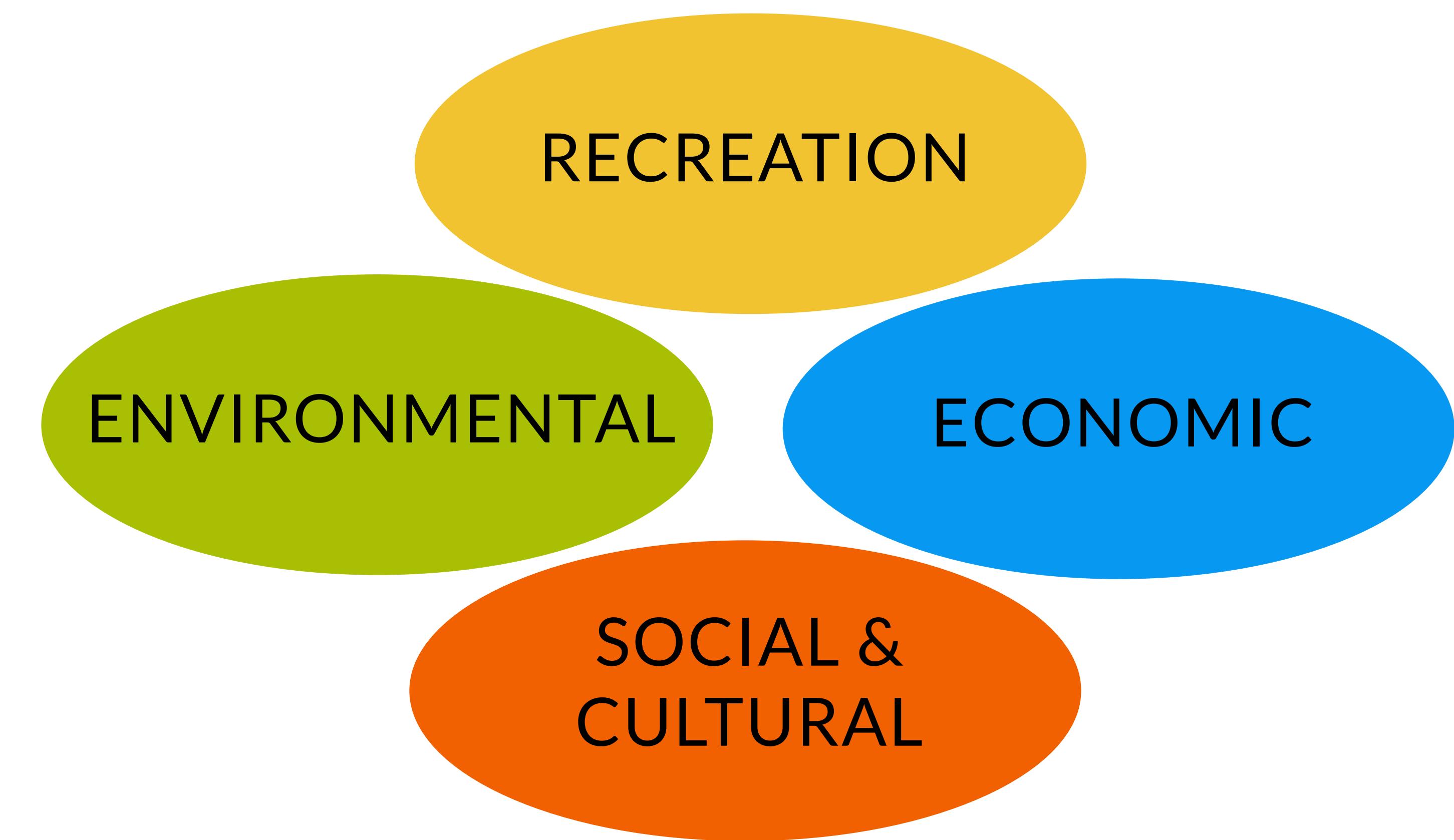


## OPPORTUNITIES + CHALLENGES

# VISION & THEMES



- ESTABLISH A VISION & THEME FOR EACH PARK
- ASSESS COMMUNITY VALUES, NEEDS, AND PRIORITIES
- DEFINE A SET OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT BECOMES A ROAD MAP FOR CONCEPT DESIGN AND THE PARK MASTER PLAN



# CONCEPT PLAN ITERATIVE PROCESS



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# CONCEPT PLAN ITERATIVE PROCESS



Figure 10: Shuttlesworth Civil Rights Park Concept Master Plan

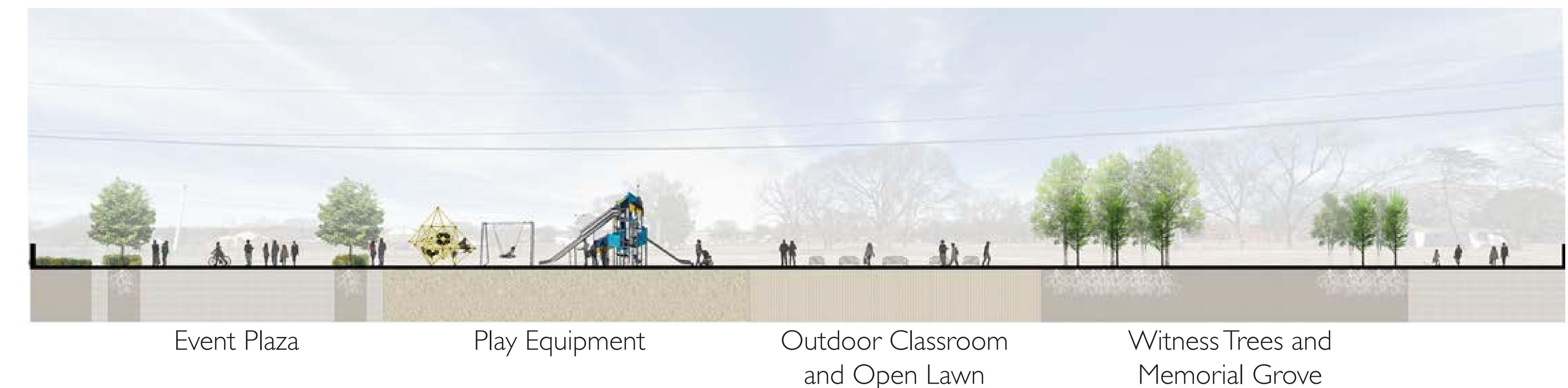


Figure 11: Section A - A

# CONCEPT PLAN ITERATIVE PROCESS

## POP-UP EVENTS



Birmingham Farmer's Market  
Photo credit: Beth Cunningham



Cinema in the Park  
Photo credit: Tom Leader Studio



Concerts & Performances  
Photo credit: Halvorson Design Partnership

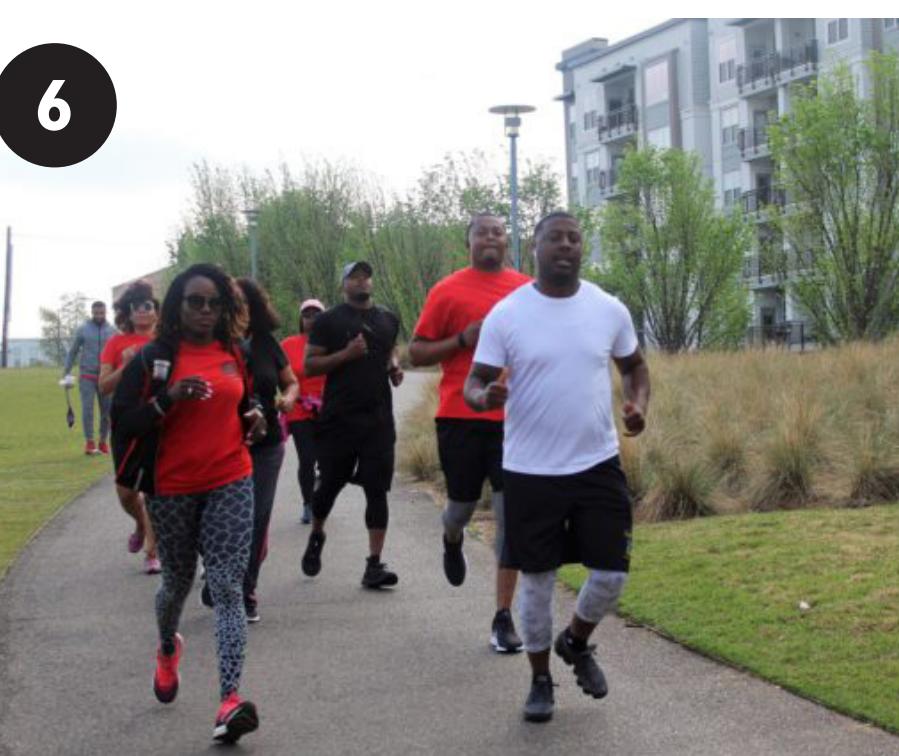
## PARK ACTIVITIES



Fitness Stations



Children's Play Equipment



Exercise Classes

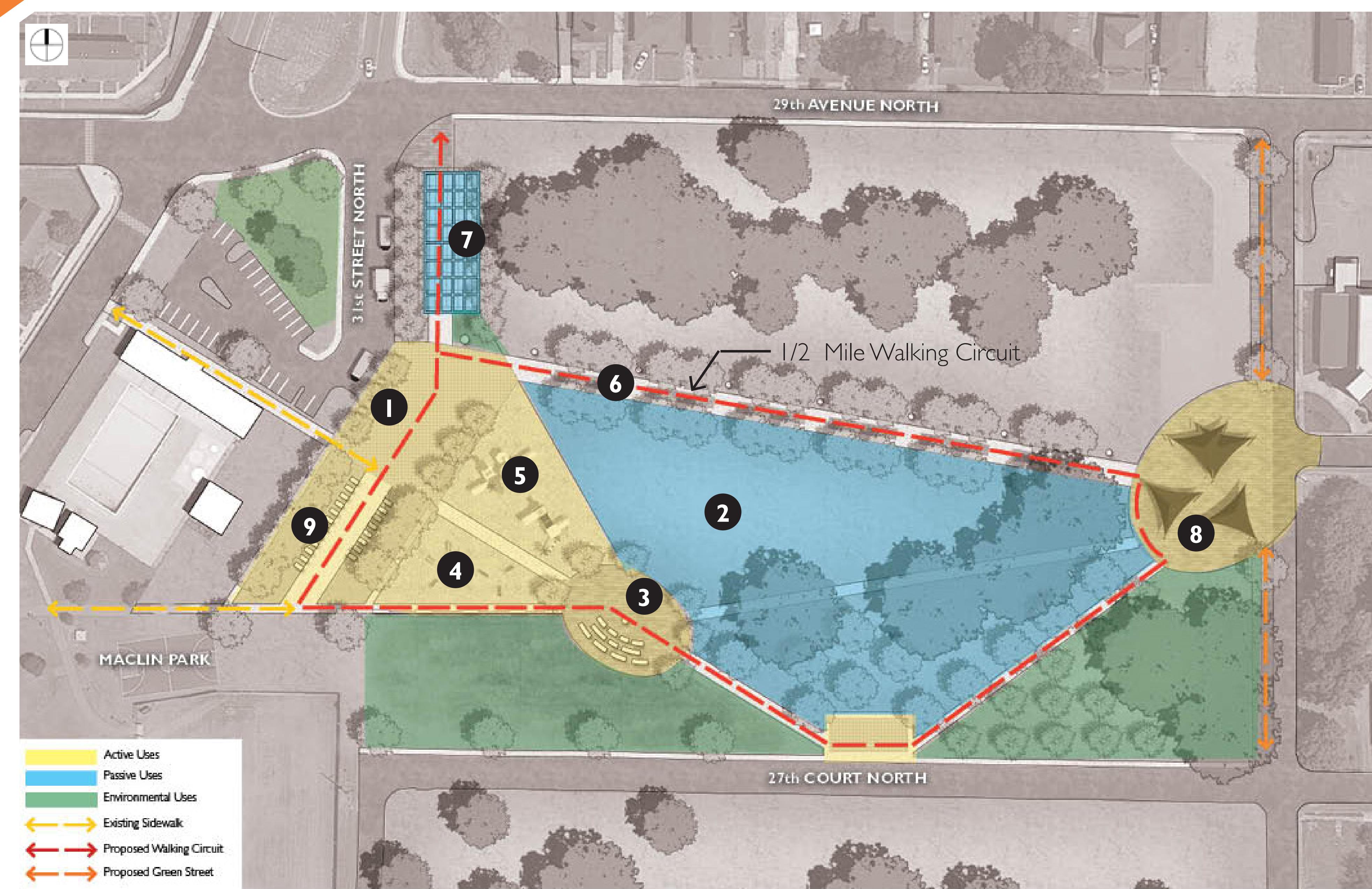


Figure 12: Activity Use Diagram

### Active Uses

- Walking
- Community Gardens
- Fitness Stations
- Children's Play Equipment
- Outdoor Classroom
- Concerts / Performances
- Pop-up Events / Farmers' Market / Exercise Classes

### Passive Uses

- Open Lawn / Free Play
- Outdoor Cinema
- Picnics
- Shaded Seating & Swing
- Art Installations
- Historic & Educational Signage

### Environmental Uses

- Memorial Tree Grove
- Bioretention Facilities
- Meadow Habitat

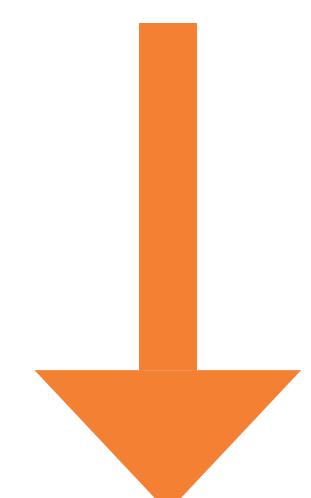
# PROJECT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES & THEMES



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## RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES



IDENTIFY GAPS IN RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

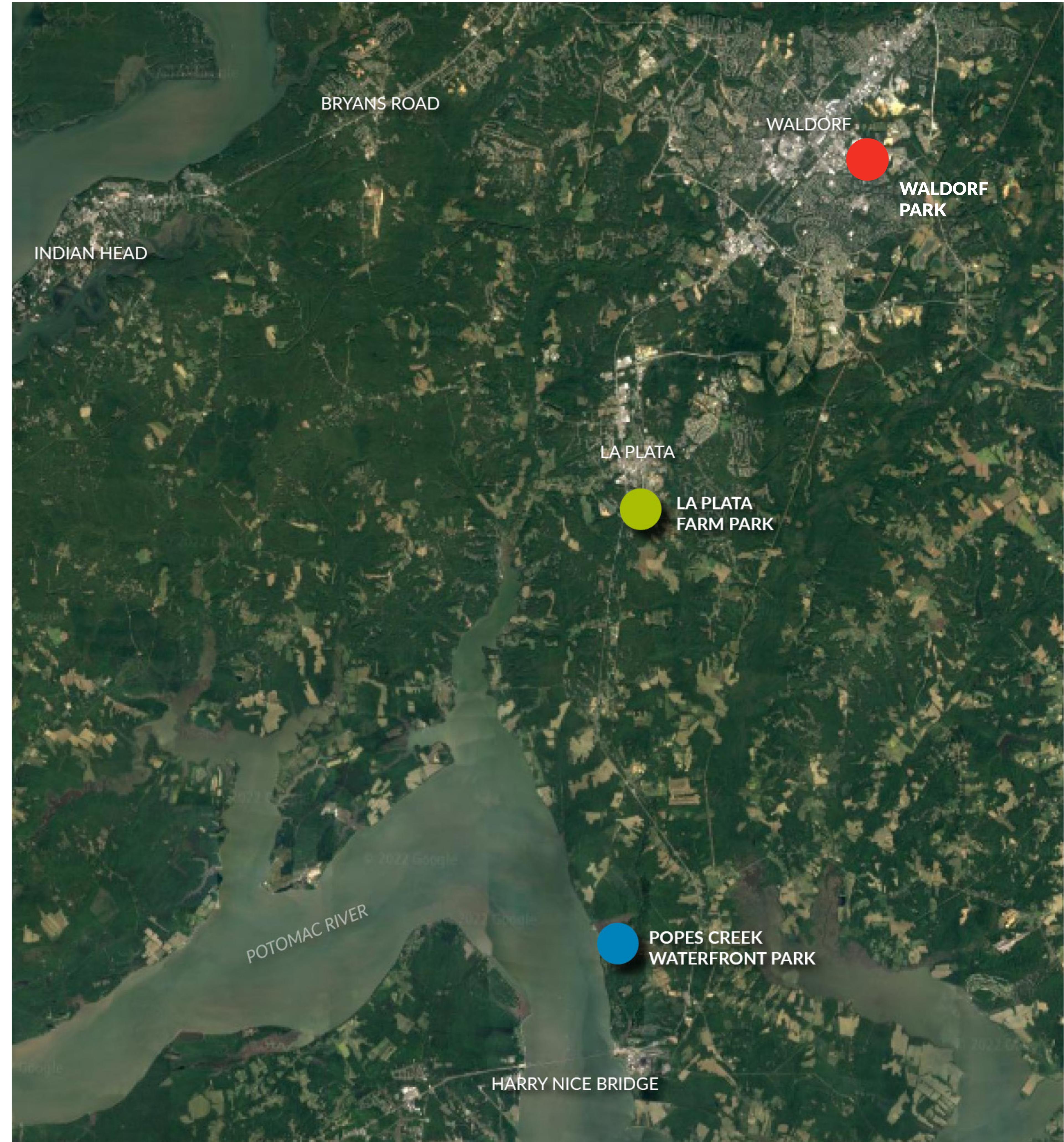
## SITE ANALYSIS



EVALUATE THE PHYSICAL CHARACTER AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES

## PRIORITY AMENITIES

DEVELOP A LIST OF PRIORITY RECREATION AND PROGRAMMING FOR EACH FUTURE PARK

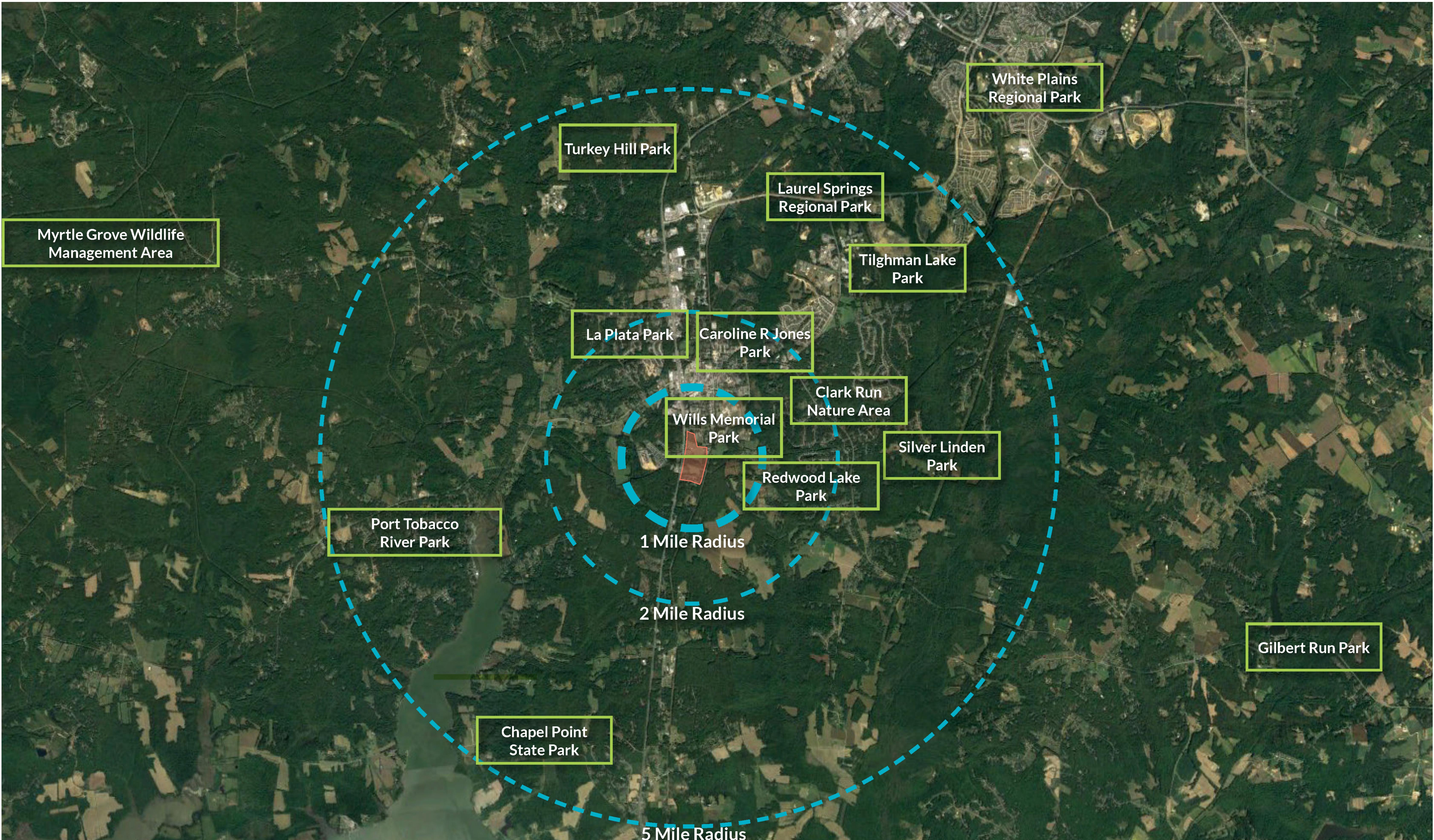


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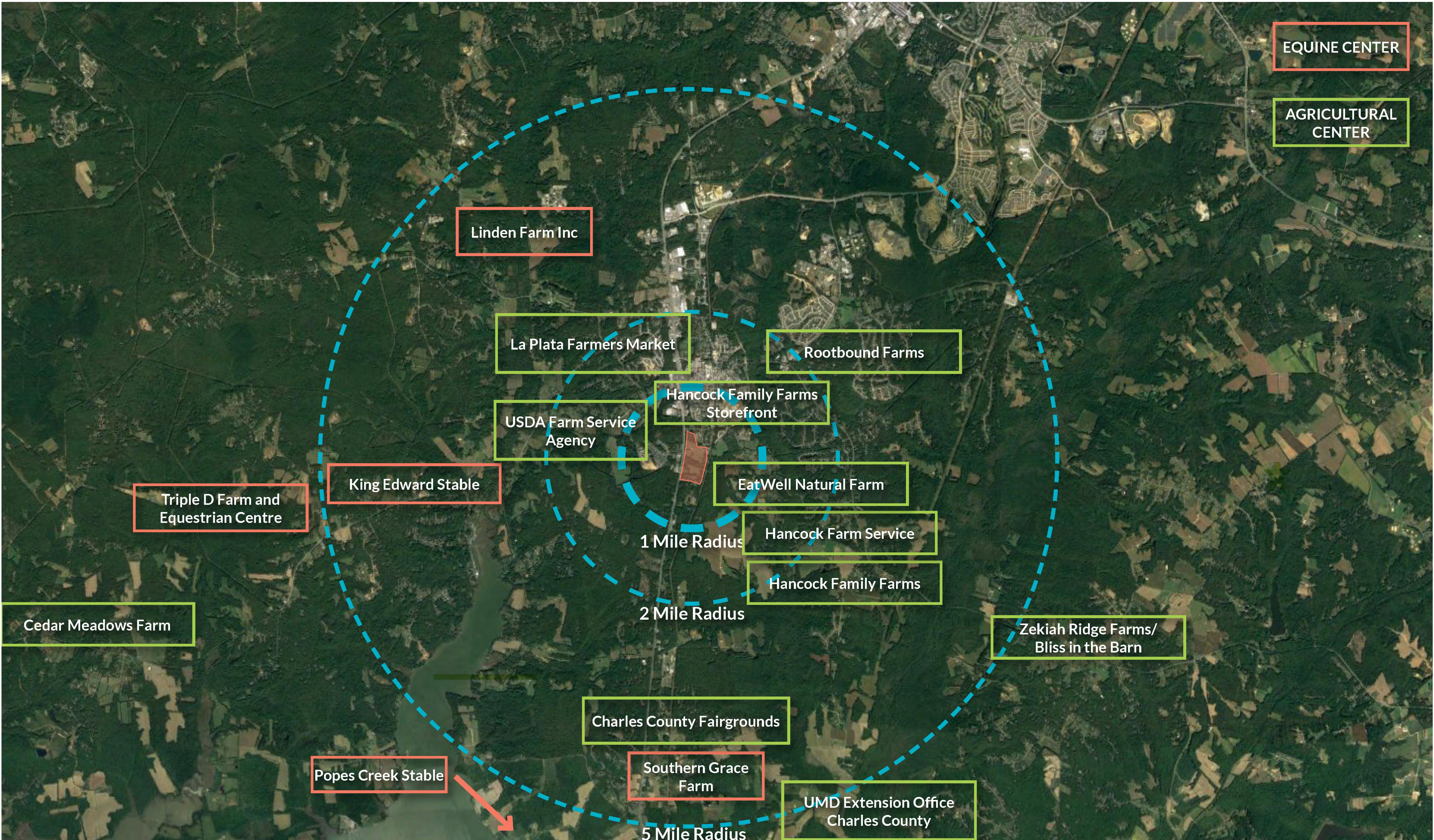
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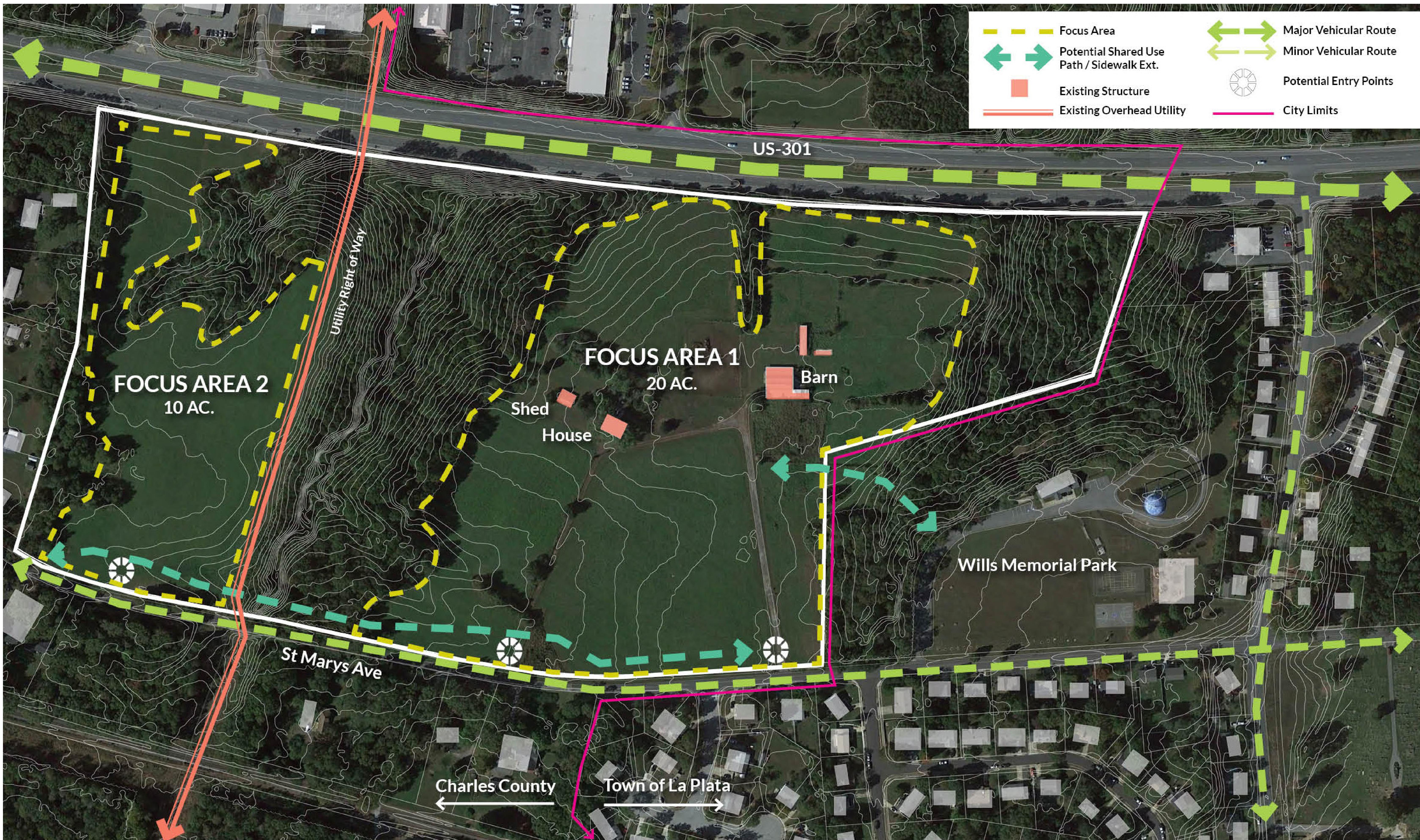
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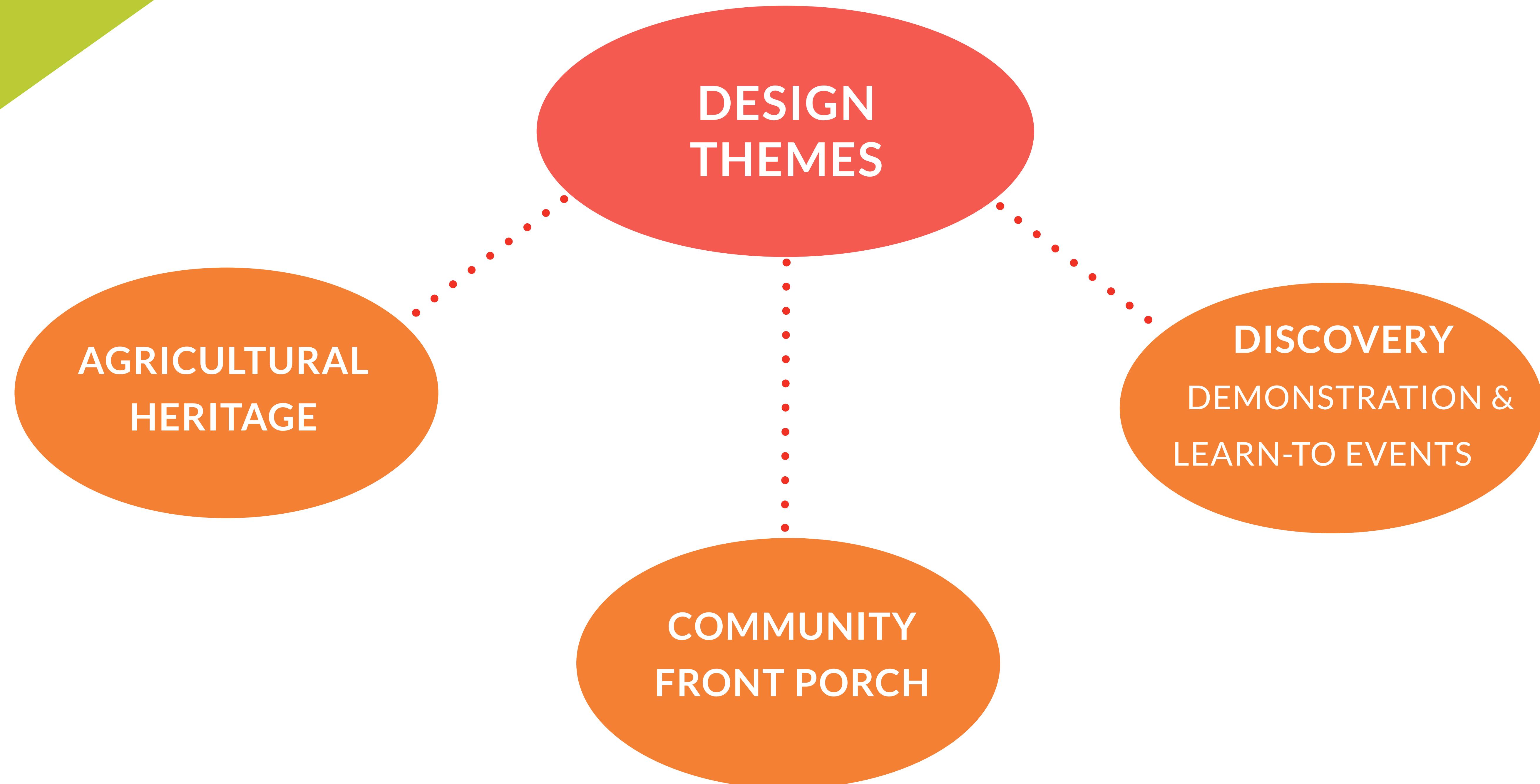




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# LA PLATA FARM PARK



# LA PLATA FARM PARK - BIG IDEAS

FARM FIELD DAY -  
ANIMAL DEMONSTRATIONS



COMMUNITY PAVILION



BIKE TRAIL CIRCUIT &  
PUMP TRACK



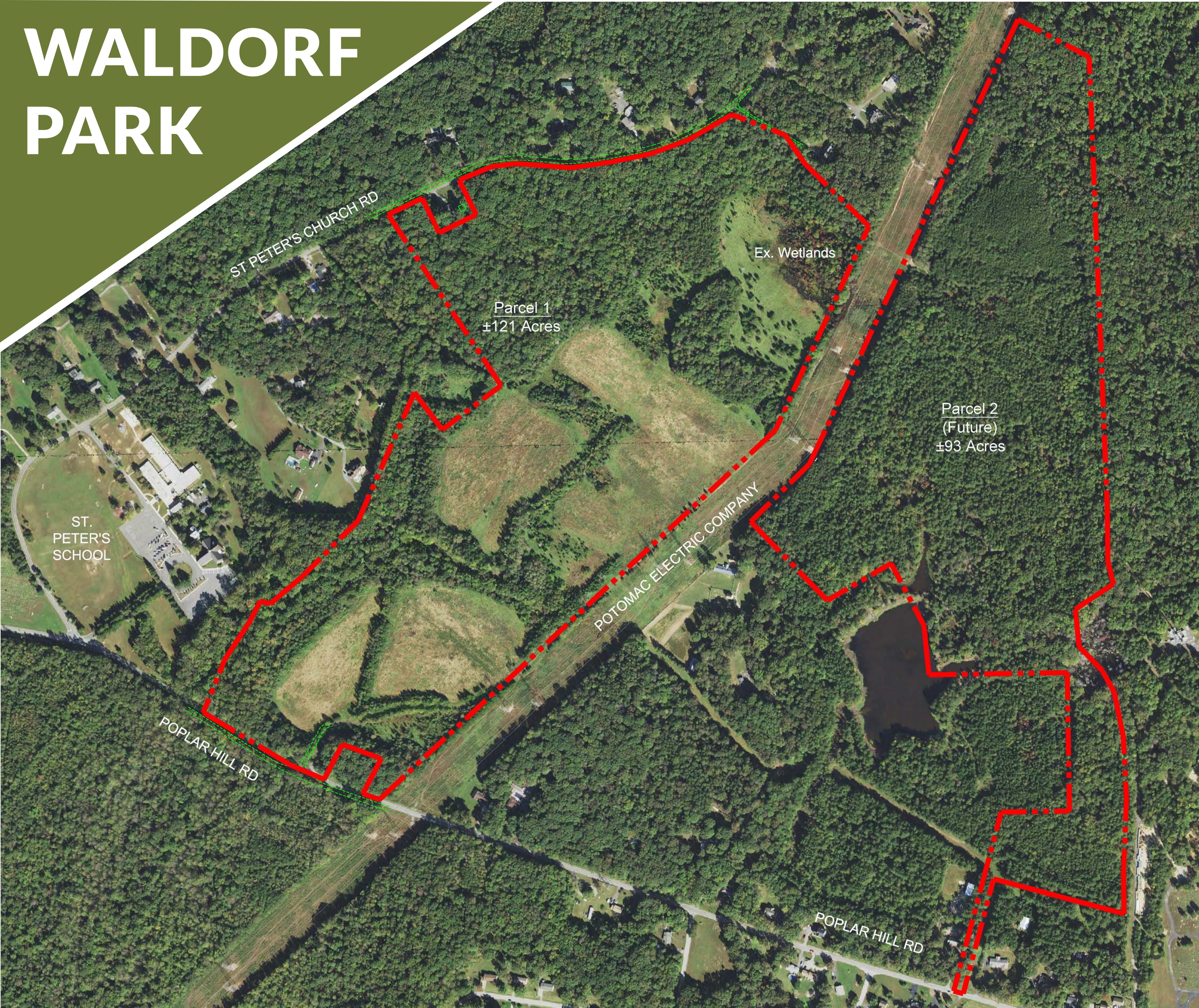
FARM THEMED SPLASHPAD



FARM THEMED PLAYGROUND

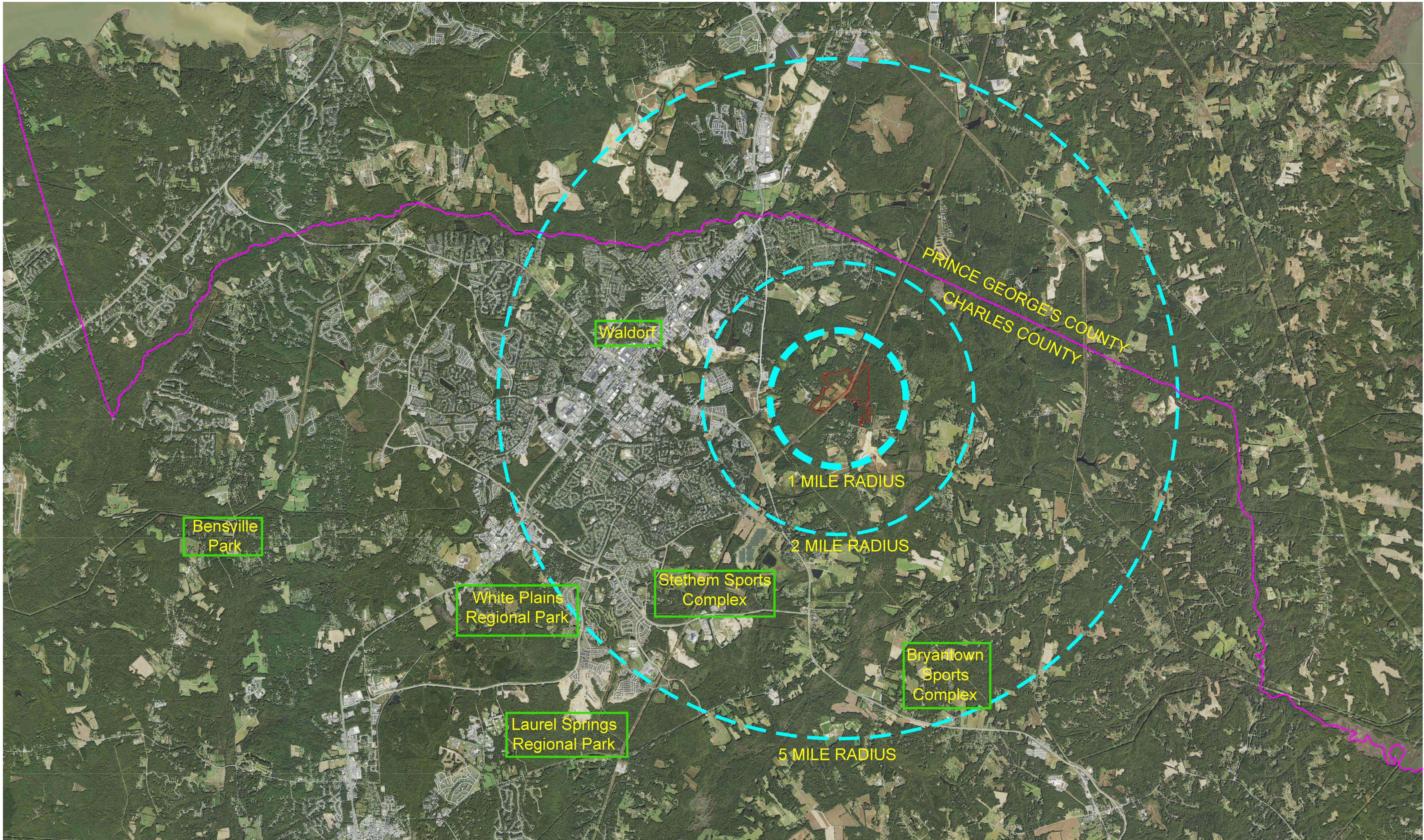


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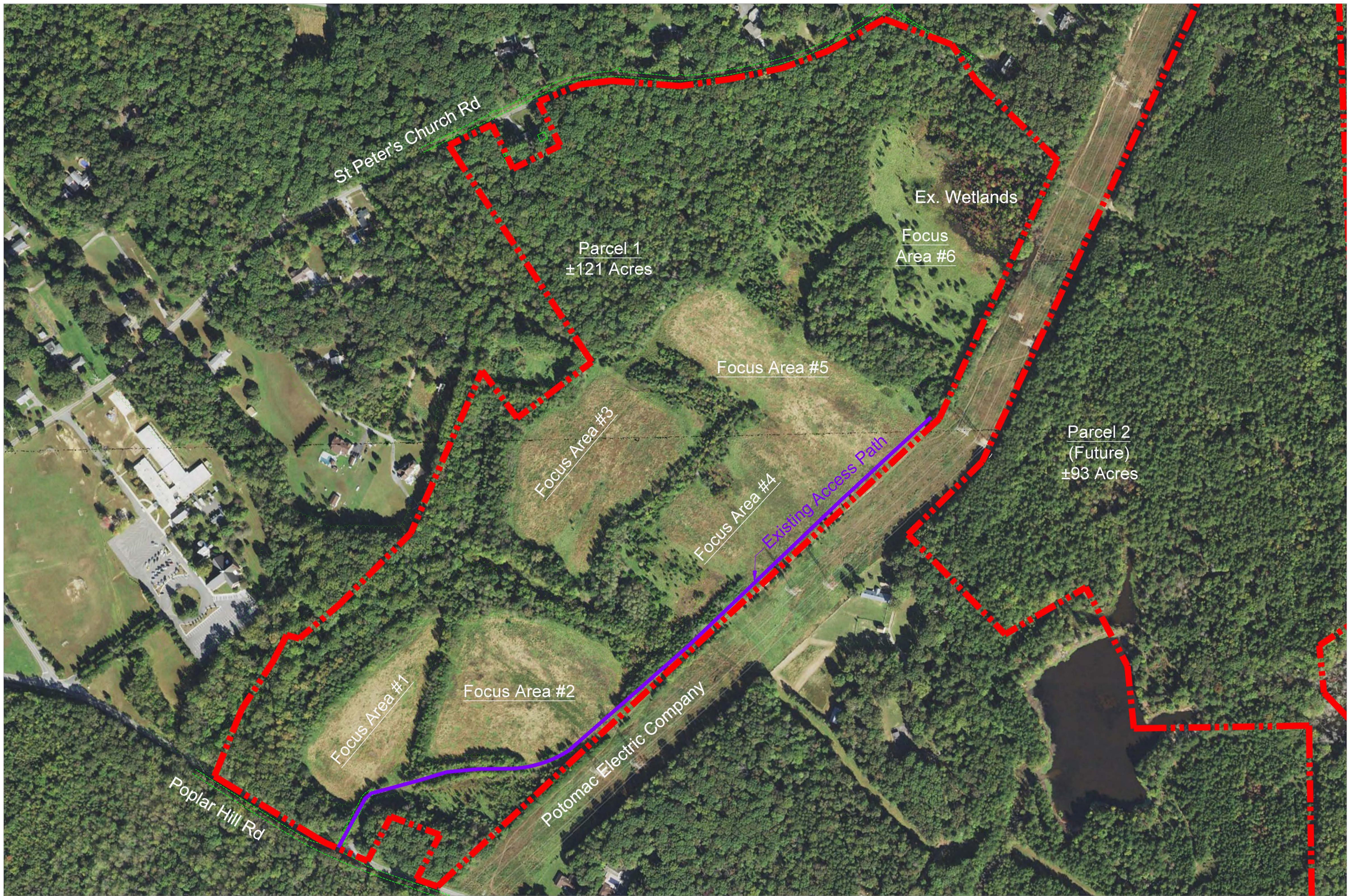
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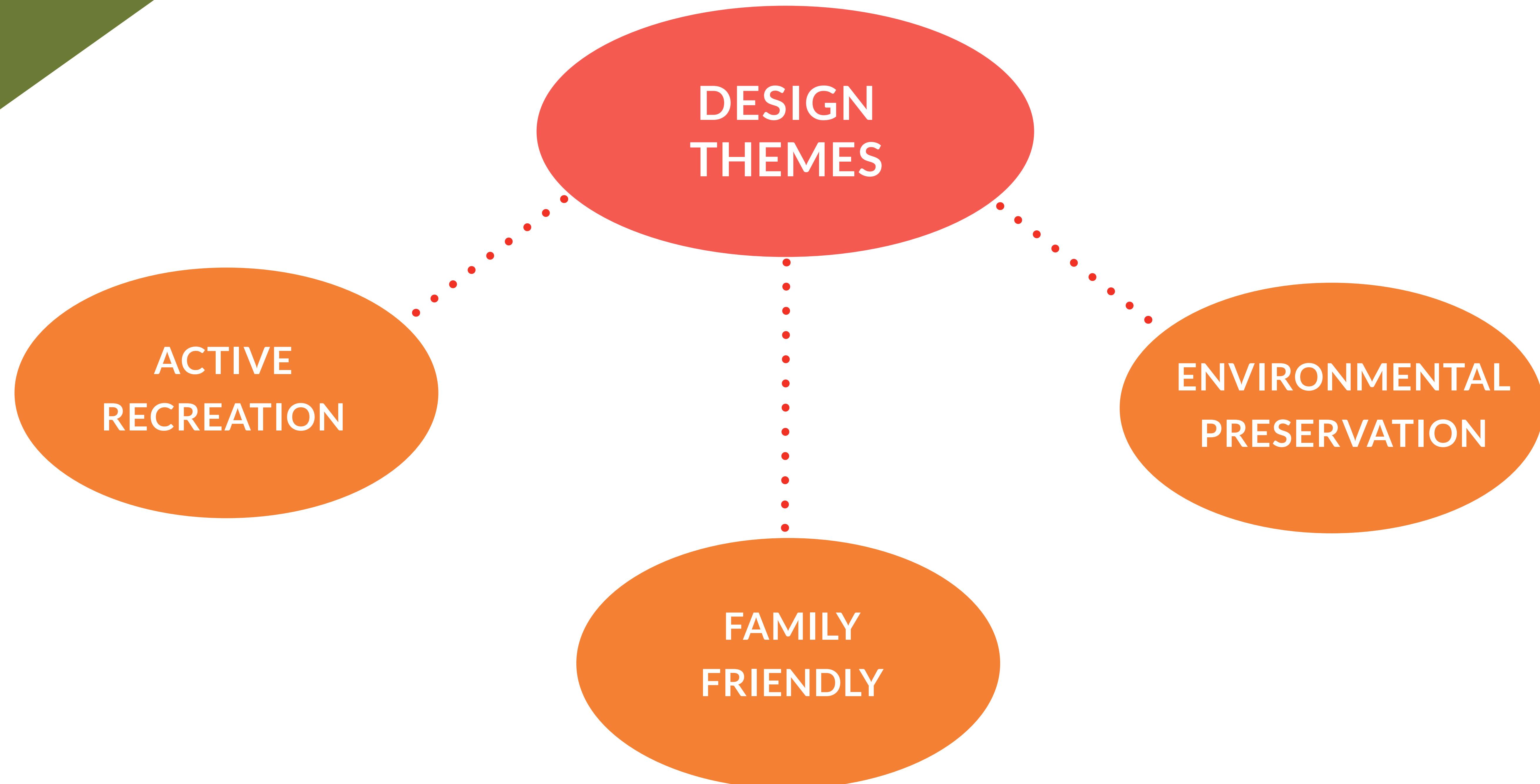




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# WALDORF PARK



# WALDORF PARK - BIG IDEAS

CONCESSION FACILITIES  
WITH RESTROOMS

BASKETBALL / TENNIS /  
PICKLEBALL COURTS

RENTABLE  
PAVILIONS

TURF FOOTBALL  
FIELDS

AGE SPECIFIC  
PLAYGROUNDS

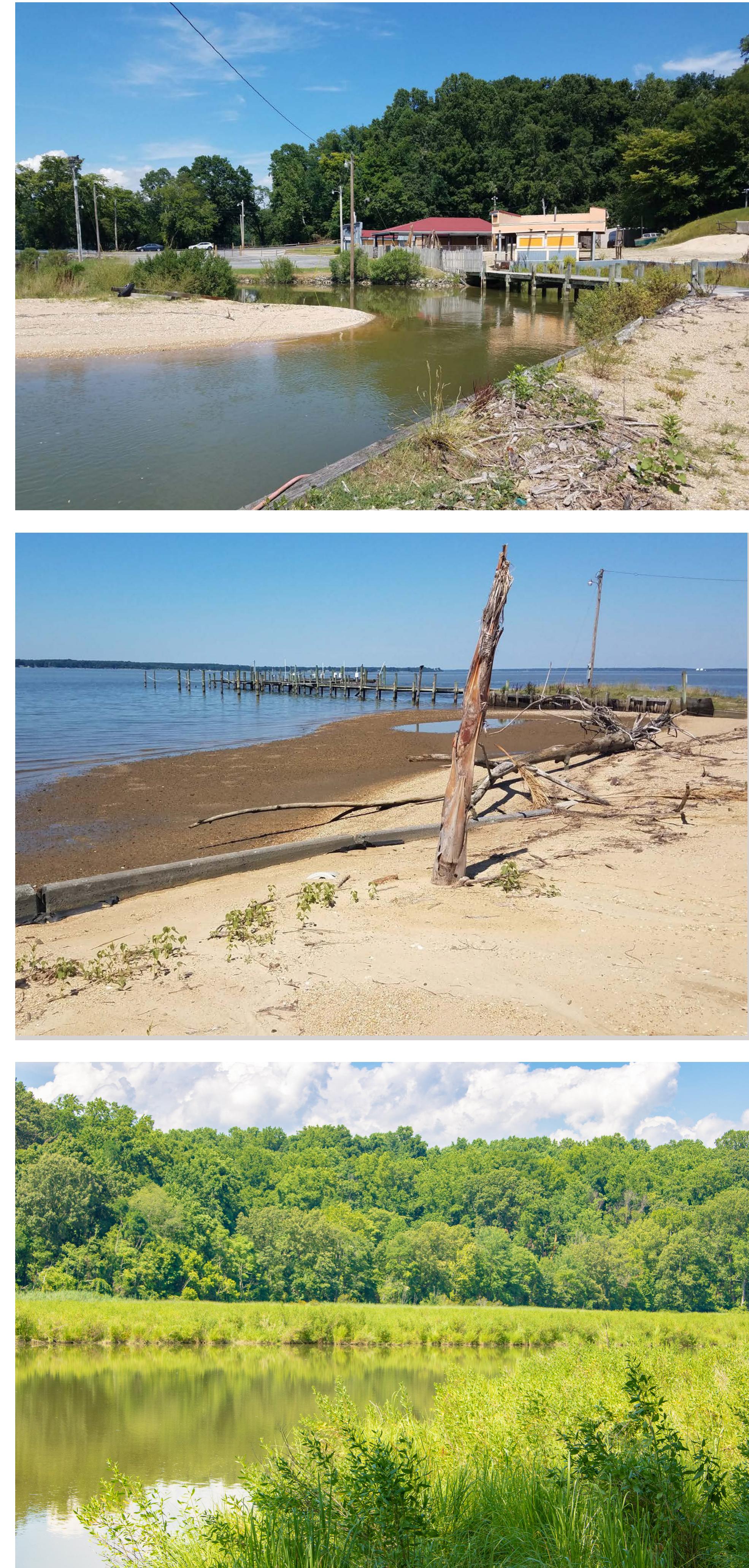
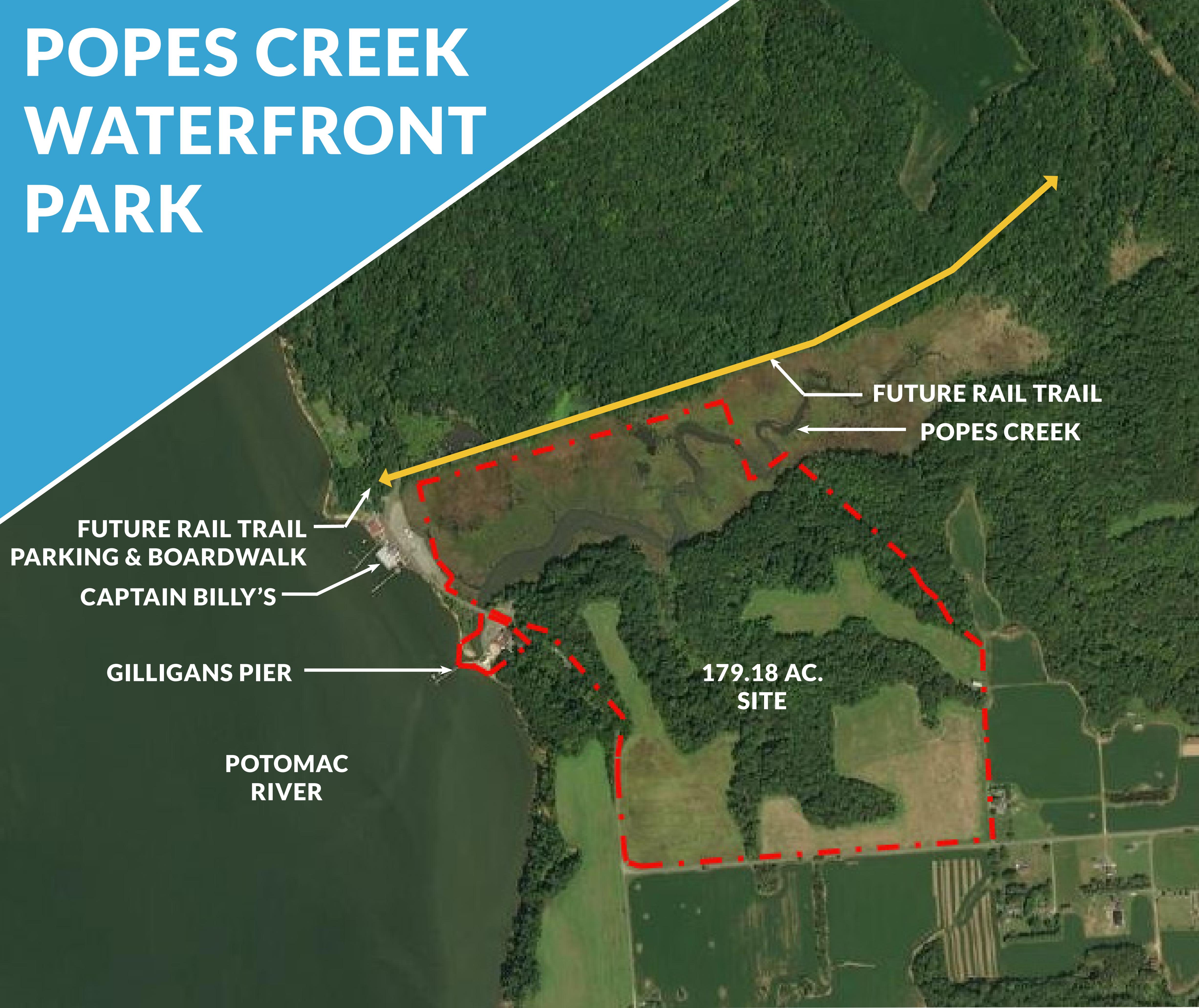
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CROSS-COUNTRY  
NATURE TRAILS

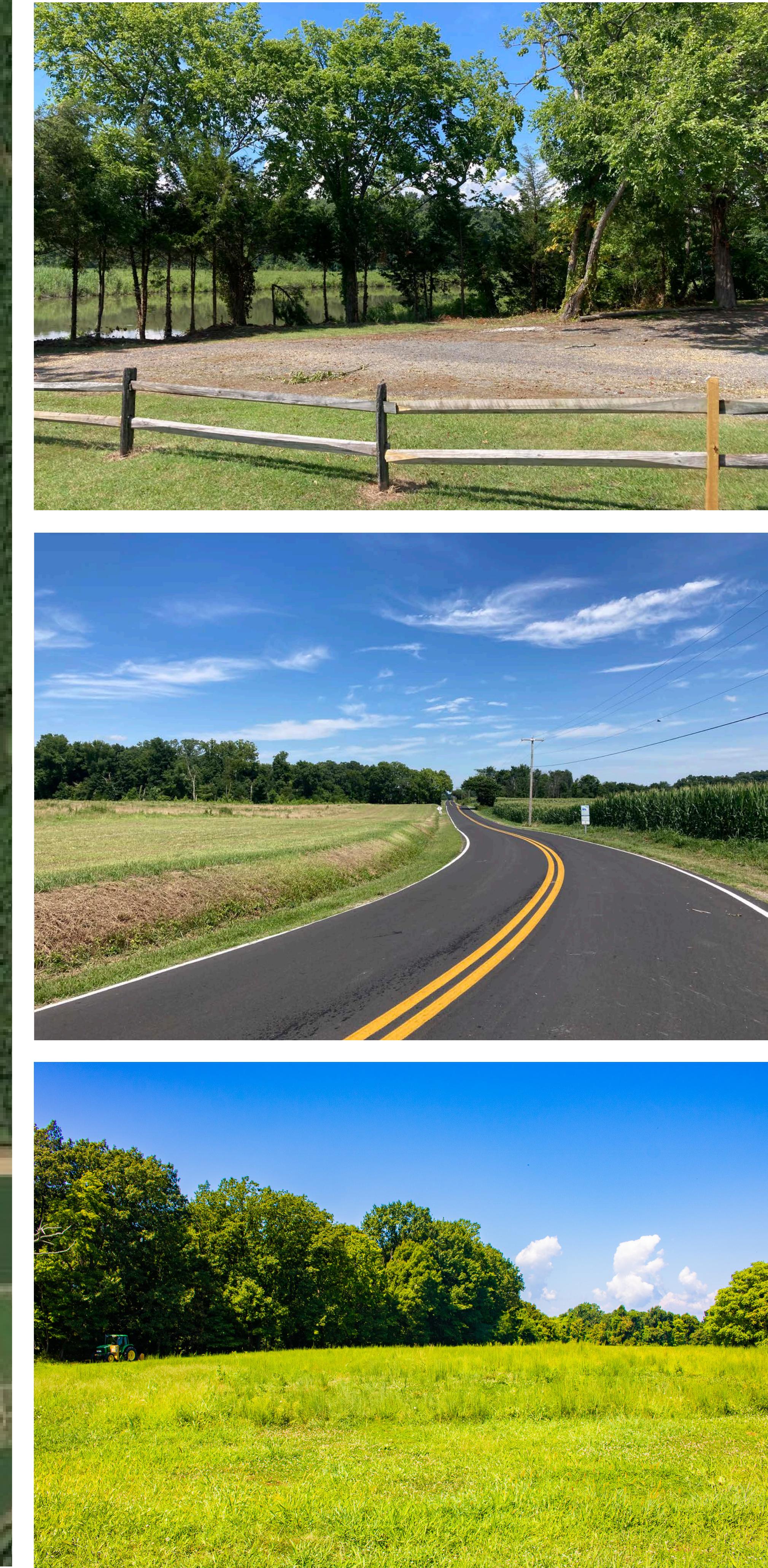
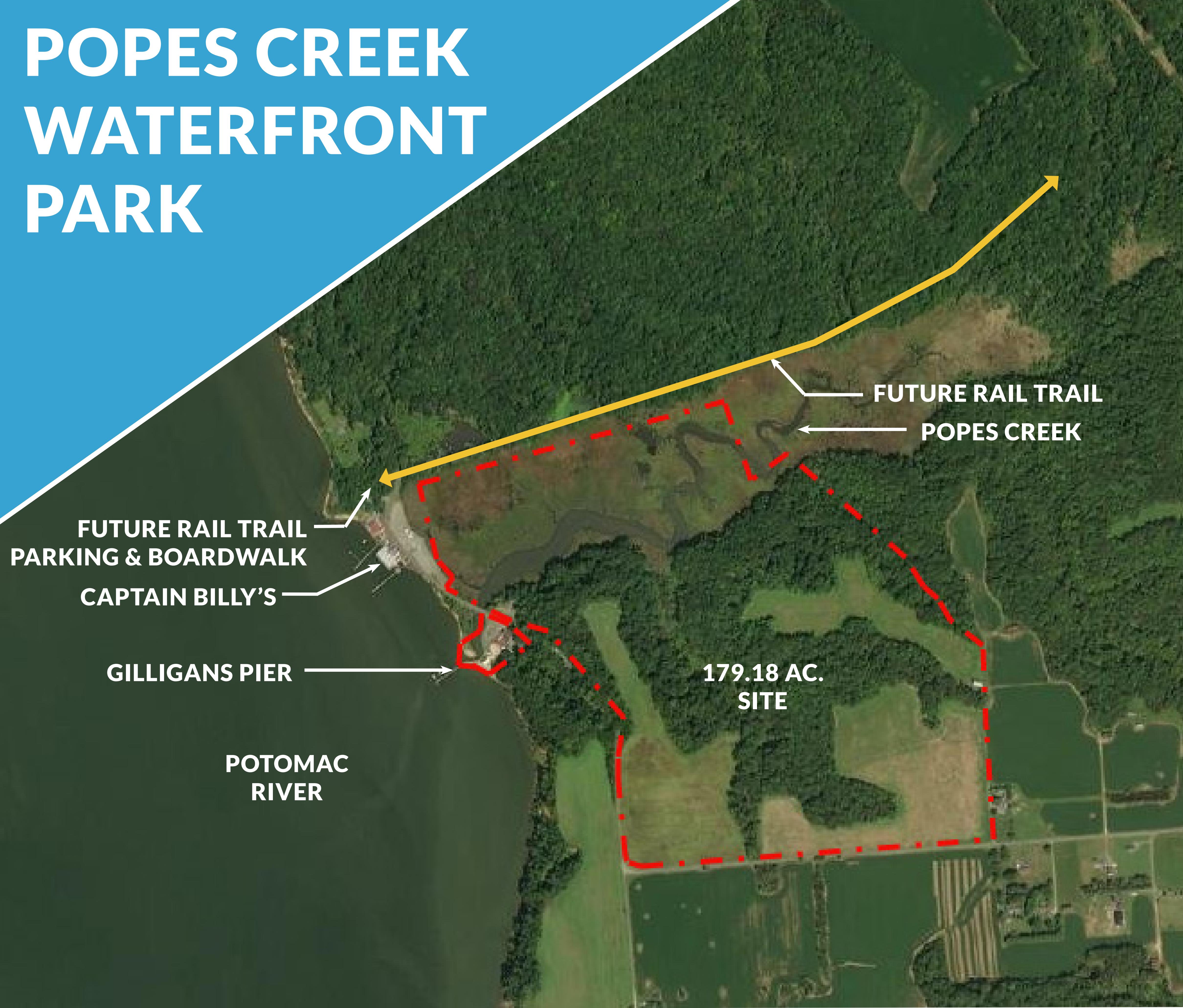
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WETLAND  
PRESERVATION

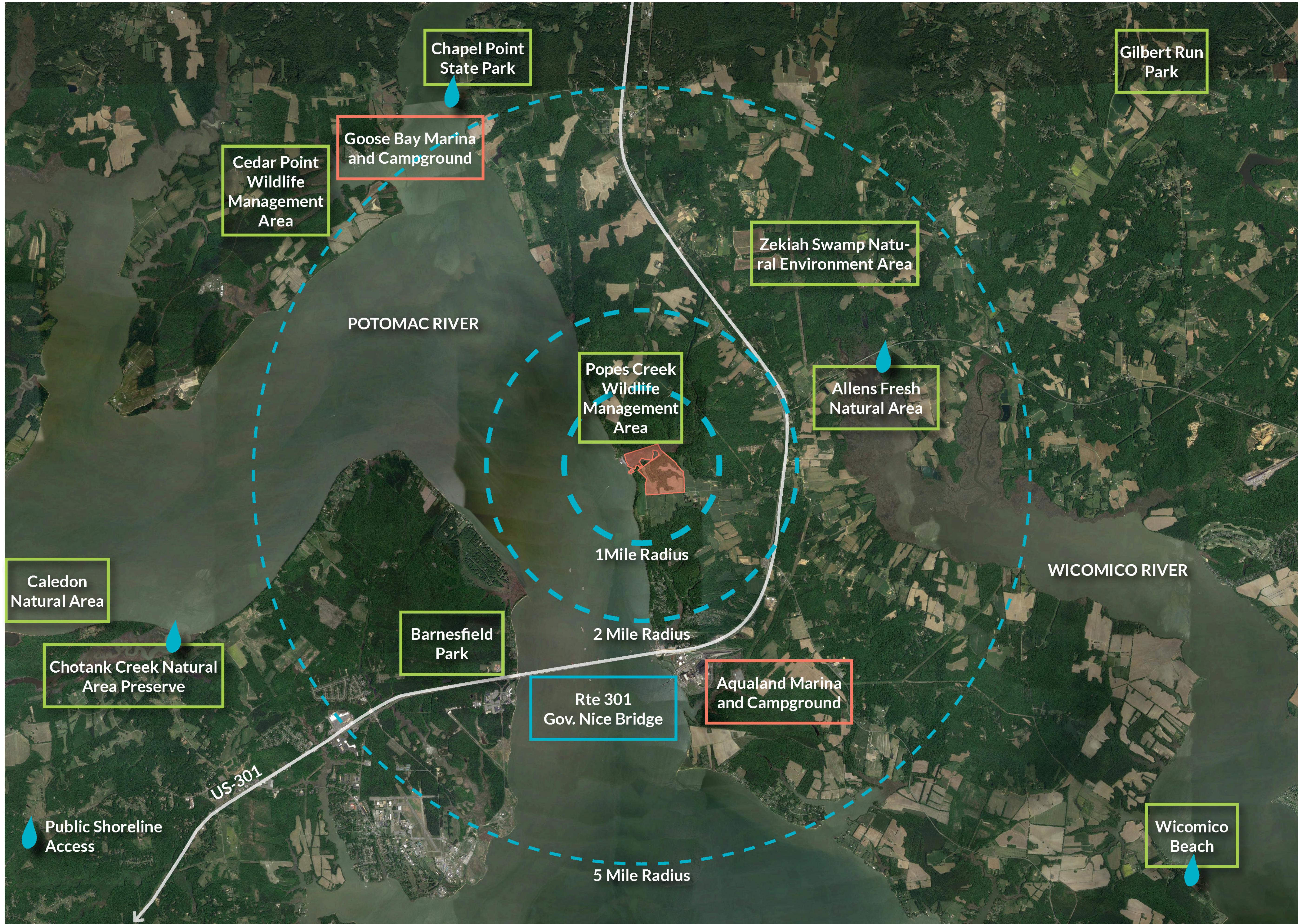
AMPLE  
PARKING

# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK



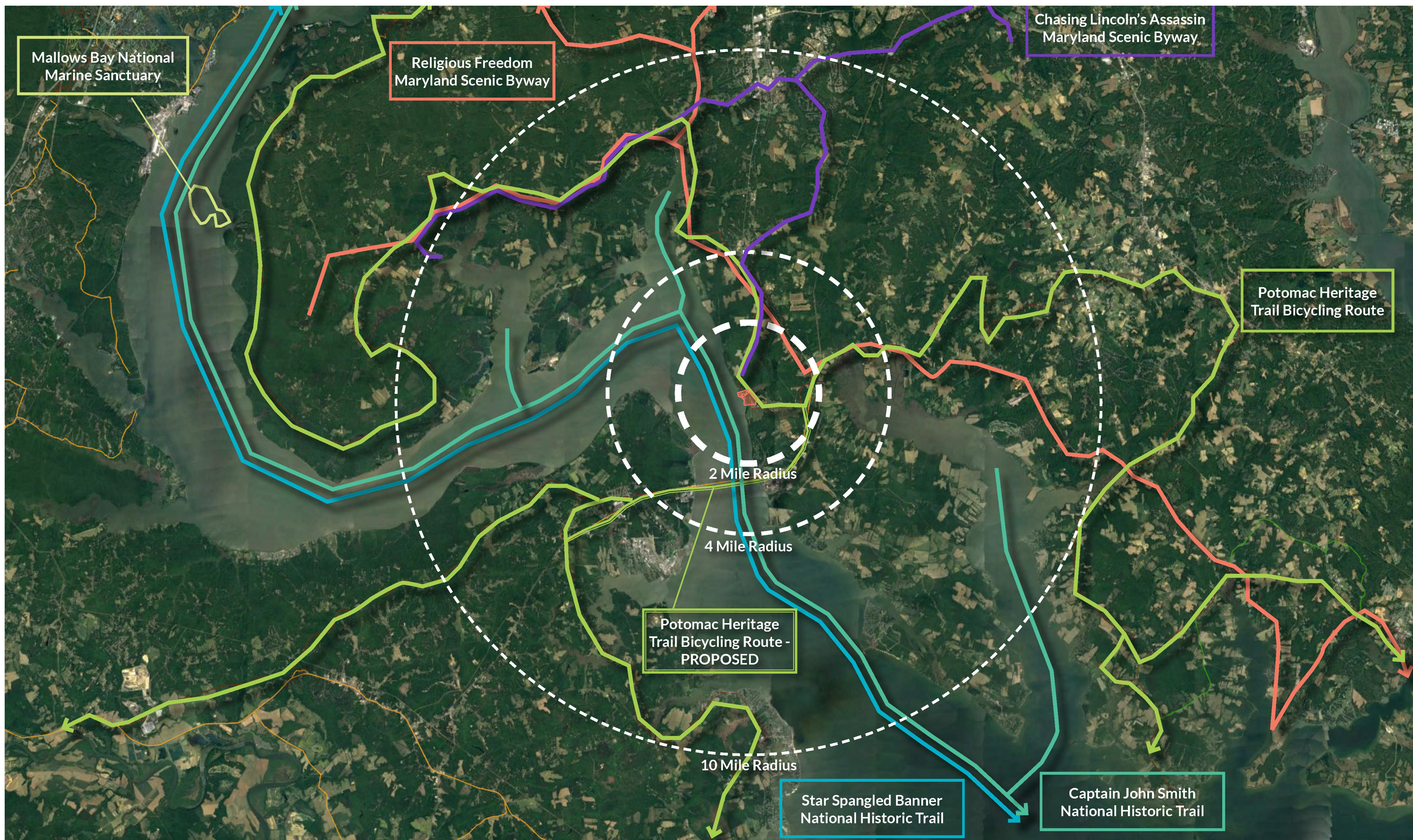
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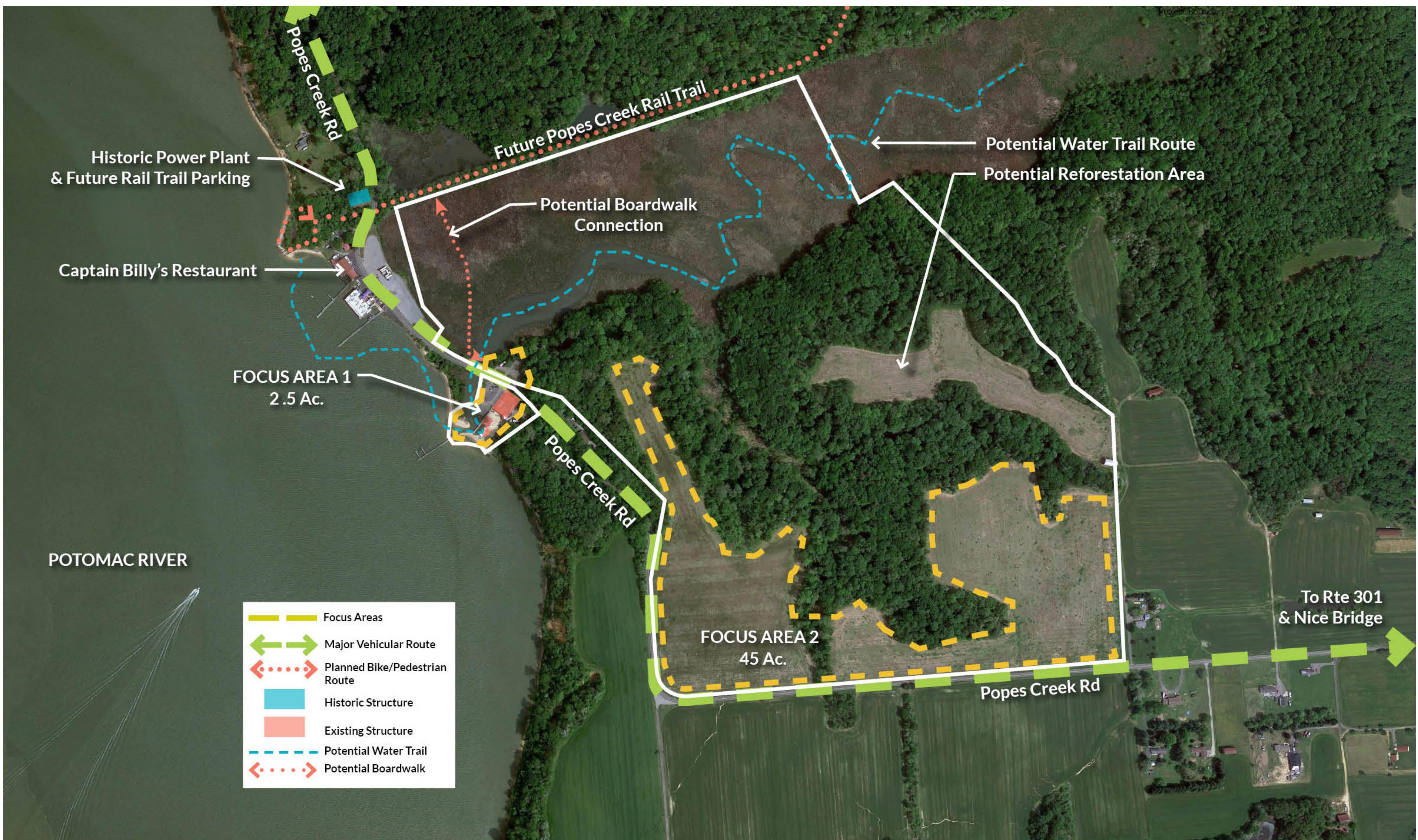
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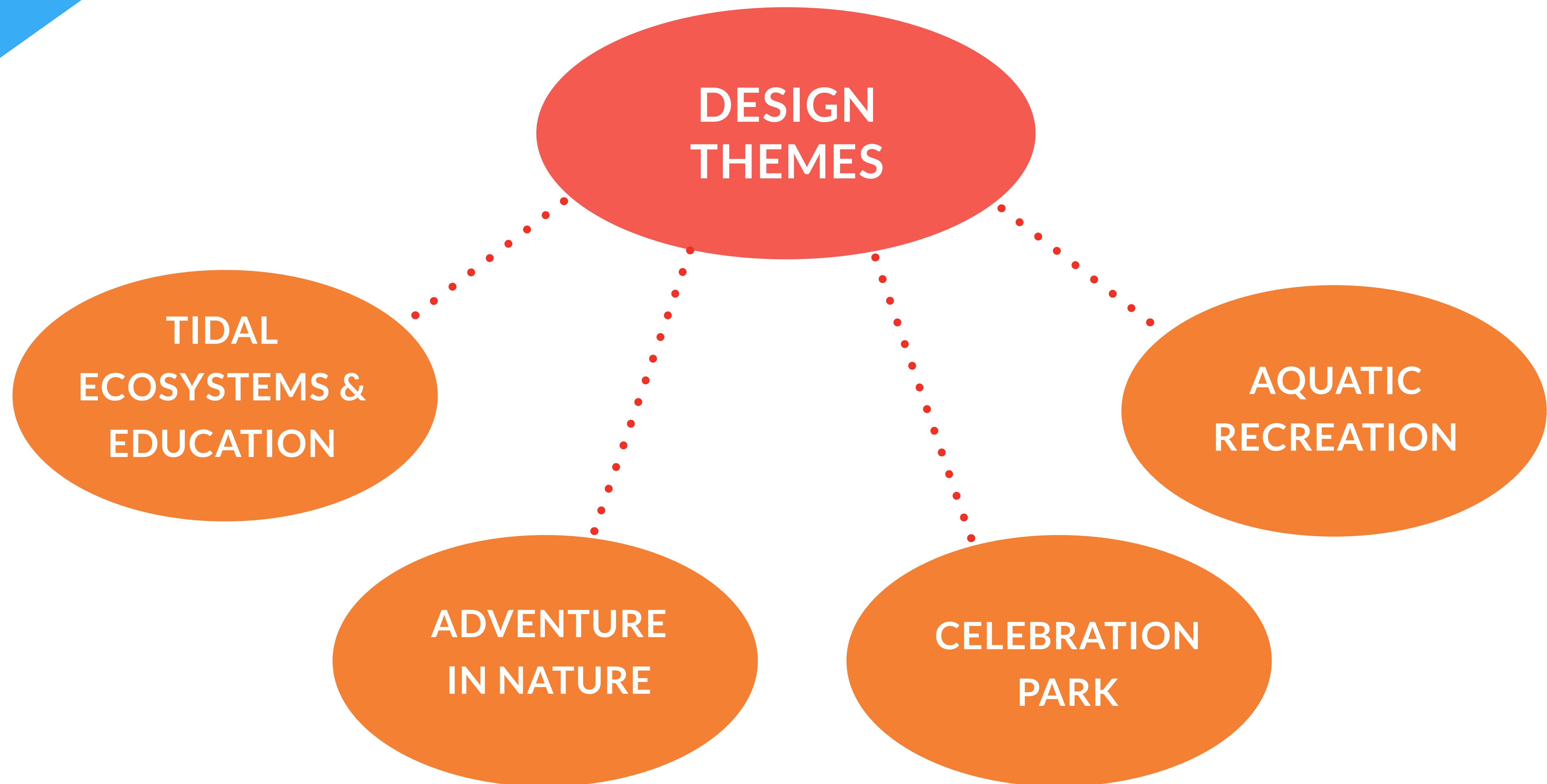




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# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK



# POPES CREEK WATERFRONT PARK - BIG IDEAS

TREE HOUSE/  
OBSERVATION TOWER



PUBLIC WATERFRONT



NATURE PLAY



EQUESTRIAN TRAIL /  
CAMPING



WATERFRONT STAGE & PAVILION



# QUALITIES OF GREAT PARKS



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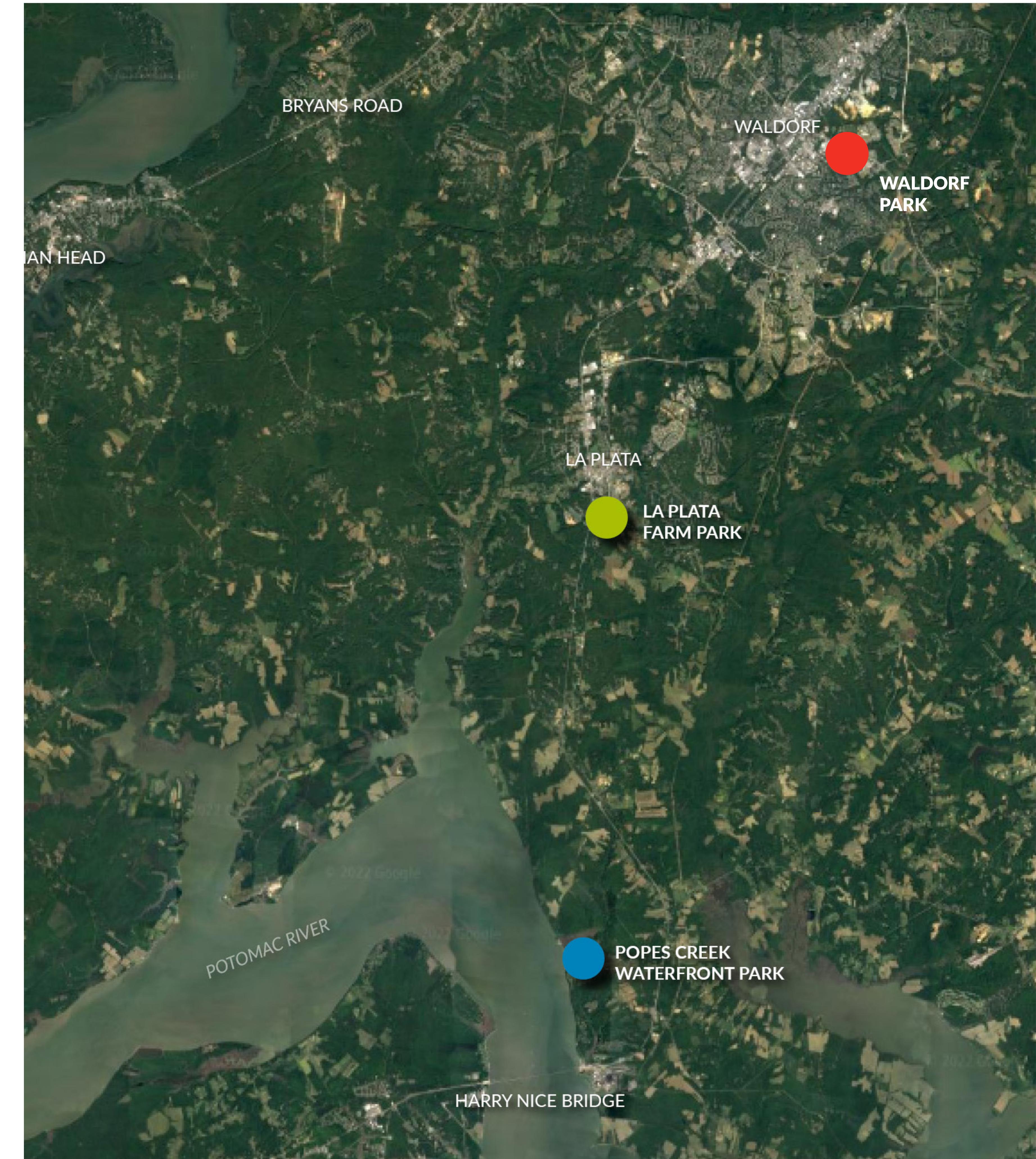
# QUALITIES OF GREAT PARKS



- SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL USERS
- POSITIVE, ENGAGING, AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES
- FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE
- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
- RELEVANT TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE
- MAINTAINABLE AND CARED FOR

# TASK FORCE ACTIVITY

PRIORITY  
RECREATION &  
PROGRAMMING??



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# NEXT STEPS



- COMPLETED PROGRESS:
  - INVENTORY, DATA COLLECTION, & SITE ANALYSIS
  - CONVENE TASK FORCE MEMBERS
  - TASK FORCE MEETING #1
- NEXT STEPS
  - REFINE VISION & THEMES
  - REFINE RECREATION & PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES LIST
  - IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROGRAMMING PARTNERS
  - CONCEPT DESIGN DEVELOPMENT TWO FOR EACH PARK
  - TASK FORCE MEETING #2 - NOV.
  - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT - TBD