



Millersville Park Site Development 3.12.26 Community Preconstruction Meeting Q & A

Q1: How will thermal pollution be controlled to protect Jazbez Branch? The stormwater will flow to Jazbez Br. is a cold water stream and a watershed of State and County concern.

A1: Ponding water is limited to minimize any thermal loading, and the distance to Jabez Branch is long and vegetated.

Q2: Why do you need to replant forest? Why remove in the first place?

A2: Some tree removal was necessary to provide proper grading and drainage. Forest requirements are spelled out in the Forest Conservation Plan, which can be found in the Construction Drawings posted on the DRP project website at this link:

<https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/capital-projects/millersville-park>

Q3: The expansion of Millersville Road . . . Will you be taking any property from the owners on the south side of Millersville Road?

A3: No property is to be acquired on the south side of Millersville Road.

Q4: Where does the water for the irrigation come from?

A4: A new well is being drilled for irrigation supply, replacing the existing wells.

Q5: Can you assure those of us who live on Arundel Station Road and we will have NO problems getting in our out during construction?

A5: There will be traffic control on Millersville Road during the entrance construction improvements, but the construction is not expected to affect access on Arundel Station Road.

Q6: We have witnessed a great amount of dirt and debris on the street/road at many construction sites. Will special attention be given to keep trucks from bringing out dirt onto (the) road?

A6: A Stabilized Construction Entrance will be installed at Millersville Road as part of the sediment and erosion control measures for the project. Any sediment that might get tracked out of the site is to be cleaned with mechanical sweepers.

Q7: I'm not sure I understood your answer about traffic

A7: Please refer to traffic-related questions within this document.

Q8: What happens if the traffic from Millersville Park overloads the road once open even with the improvements at Millersville Rd and Rt 3?

A8: Based on the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) results, operations along Millersville Road (east of MD 3) are expected to operate at a Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) Critical Lane Volume (CLV) Level of Service (LOS) of C or better. Adequate Road Facilities are expected to operate at LOS D or better. Both LOS grades are acceptable based on SHA standards. SHA is advancing improvements along MD 3 to improve traffic operations, safety, and non-motorized access. Anne Arundel County (through a separate project) is designing intersection upgrades at MD 3/Millersville Road to help reduce congestion at that intersection. Although not expected, conditions along Millersville Road will be monitored for issues during operation of the park and addressed as they occur.

Q9: Will there be any connection to the South Shore trail?

A9: Not at this time.

Q10: The concern here is that Arundel Station not be blocked and we cannot get out.

A10: Access to Arundel Station Road will be maintained at all times.

Q11: On an early slide showing stormwater management, you showed things called disconnect. Can you explain what that is please?

A11: Disconnection is a stormwater management practice used to address the sheet flow of sections of paving (the trail) over flat areas of grass/open space of at least 10' or the same length as the path of the water over pavement (whichever is longer) to encourage infiltration into the ground.

Q12: That "monitor in the future" is far less than reassuring.

A12: Thank you for the comment.

Q13: Will the lights directed downward? How far away will the lights be seen?

A13: The athletic field lighting is designed to be "no spill" LED fixtures that focuses the light onto the fields. There should be no illumination on adjacent properties.

Q14: There is a small hill in front of what I think the entrance to the park will be which does limit visibility. Will that be smoothed at as part of the road improvements?

A14: There will be some grading along Millersville Road on the east side of the park entrance to allow for visibility.

Q15: You mentioned additional work at the intersection of Rt 3 and Millersville Road. What exactly is being done?

A15: That is a separate project. That project anticipates adding a westbound through lane and bike lanes on Millersville Road and includes related traffic control, drainage, stormwater, and geometric upgrades to improve intersection safety and capacity.

Q16: How many pavilions are there near the playground?

A16: There is one pavilion next to the playground area. One pavilion near the pickleball courts and another one behind the formal playing fields.

Q17: How large is the playground? How large is the dog park?

A17: The playground area of 20,000 SF encompasses approximately 8,000 SF of equipment area, an 800 SF pavilion, and 11,500 SF of adjoining walk and grass play area. The playground area remains substantially unchanged from the SD presentation. Additionally, there is a 50,000 SF open play area adjacent to the playground area. The dog parks are approximately 83,000 SF across the three areas.

Q18: Is an extension of the South Shore Trail included in the work at the Millersville Rd-Route 3 intersection?

A18: Although that is a separate project, the County intersection improvement project includes the construction of the trail's shared-use path from MD 175 NB east to the South Shore Trail parking area. The SHA project for MD 3 Improvements does include providing a trail crossing of MD 3 to the west side of the intersection.

Q19: I missed it - where will the lights be located, generally?

A19: There are streetlights along the entrance and within the parking lots, and field lighting around the three multipurpose fields.

Q20: How many vehicles were tracked on Millersville Road during Rush hour on a weekday? Not the one done on a weekend.

A20: The TIA developed volumes along Millersville Road, between MD 3 and MD 178. The existing PM peak hour volumes along the highest volume segment (between MD 3 and Cecil Avenue) were 230 vehicles eastbound and 379 vehicles westbound.

Q21: I believe the playground was supposed to be increased to 20,000 SF? What happened?

A21: The playground equipment area has not changed in size. The playground area of 20,000 SF encompasses approximately 8,000 SF of equipment area, an 800 SF pavilion, and 11,500 SF of adjoining walk and grass play area. The playground area remains substantially unchanged from the SD presentation. Additionally, there is a 50,000 SF open play area adjacent to the playground area.

Q22: Will the parking lot lights be on 24 hours?

A22: No, the lights will be on a timer.

Q23: Will the parking lot lights be on a timer for on and off?

A23: Yes.

Q24: Tell us more about the portable toilets and ... the wash room area.

A24: There will be one ADA accessible portable toilet and one standard portable toilet located within a wooden enclosure. Each portable toilet will be equipped with hand-sanitizing stations.

Q25: Will there be a street light at the entrance to the park and Millersville Road?

A25: There is a streetlight near the entrance to the park.

Q26: What is the total cost for this project? Where is the budget?

A26: The total project budget is \$11.8 million. This comprehensive budget covers all phases of the project, including design, construction management and inspection, the construction contract, and contingency funds for each of these items. The budget for P567100 can be found at this link: <https://www.aacounty.org/budget/current-budget> under Capital Budget Areas - Recreation and Parks.

Q27: This was discussion during the stakeholder meeting.

A27: Incomplete question.

Q28: And there will be no lighting at the Park entrance on Millersville Road?

A28: There is a streetlight near the entrance to the park.

Q29: What are the hours of the park?

A29: Dusk till dawn.

Q30: So there will be 2 porta potties and 230 parking spaces?

A30: There are two portable toilets and 292 total spaces.

Q31: How will security be handled since there is no gate at the front?

A31: Park rangers along with Anne Arundel County Police will be patrolling.

Q32: Which sports will use the field? Baseball, football, lacrosse

A32: The new Millersville Park is designed as an active recreation facility that will accommodate various sports, primarily soccer, lacrosse, rugby, etc., on the multipurpose fields. The park will not include baseball fields.

Q33: Do rangers patrol at night?

A33: Yes.

Q34: Did you just say 2 port-a-potties for all the people?

A34: That is correct.

Q35: So a new well will be drilled to handle the water needs of the plants, people, and anything else?

A35: The well will be for irrigation only. There is no potable water for human consumption.

Q36: What is happening to the barn?

A36: The barn will be removed.

Q37: I believe that the playground was to be 20,000. I will look for the email. If it was to be 20,000 can the design be corrected?

A37: The playground has not changed in size. Please refer to previous answers.

Q38: How are they going to water all the new trees, shrubs, and perennials?

A38: There is a new well for irrigation.

Q39: Does the culvert under 97 send water eventually to Jabez, Sewell Spring, or Indian Creek?

A39: The culvert at I-97 eventually ends up at the Jabez Branch.

Q40: What is the county's replacement plan if we have a drought and trees/shrubs/etc. die?

A40: The contractor will be responsible during the construction and warranty period for replantings.

AACO will continue to monitor landscaping conditions during the operation of the park.

Q41: Please tell me again. What is the final size of the playground?

A41: The playground area of 20,000 SF encompasses approximately 8,000 SF of equipment area, an 800 SF pavilion, and 11,500 SF of adjoining walks and grass play area. The playground area remains substantially unchanged from the SD presentation.