



— *Making a difference, together* —

QUIET WATERS RETREAT

Master Plan Presentation

OCTOBER 8, 2025
6:00-7:00 PM



DPWandYOU.com

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Bruce Bruchey, DRP
- County Vision & Stakeholder Process - Bruce Bruchey, DRP
- Master Plan Presentation – Randy Hughes, GFT
- Next Steps – Randy Hughes, GFT
- Comments



Quiet Waters Retreat Overall Timeline

Quiet Waters Retreat Expansion Overall Timeline

- Purchase of the Retreat – October, 2019
- Lease approved by County Council – Bill 23-22 approved March 31, 2022
- Master Planning Process – 2024-2025
 - Stakeholder Advisory Group
 - Master Plan Development
 - Public Meeting
- Design and Permitting for Improvements- beginning Fall/Winter 2025



County Vision for Quiet Waters Retreat

- Accessible
- Passive recreational use
- Natural

“...give the residents of Anne Arundel County a place to enjoy a range of passive activities within a beautiful setting”

cover letter, Annapolis Neck Park Master Plan, July 22, 1988



DPW & YOU



GFT

4

Guided By Input From The Stakeholders



DPW & YOU



GFT

5

General Thoughts

Environmental Considerations

- Invasive Species Removal
- Protect Wildlife
- Solar Lighting
- Stormwater Treatment of Dog Park
- Pollinator Gardens

Recreation Opportunities

- Passive Recreation
- Modest Education Signage
- Passive Trails (undeveloped, ADA)
- Overlook/Views
- Water Access/Launch/Boathouse
- Functioning Water Access
- Interactive Art
- Fairy Garden
- Wildlife Viewing - Loden Pond/Old Boathouse

Amenities

- Port O Johns I
- Entrance from Forest Dr. (pedestrian)
- Cliff (Bunk Stabilization)
- Small Shelter / Overlook
- Benches
- Remove Chain Link Fencing
- Outdoor Classroom
- Controlled Access / Forest Hills – Electronic Gate
- Park Maintain Nursery (Educational)
- Safety Fencing (Cliff Side)
- Bluebird Boxes II
- Composting (Green Bathroom)





A large, dark red inverted triangle is centered on the slide. Inside the triangle, the text '53 Sticky Notes' is at the top, followed by a green downward arrow, then 'Organized into 3 Conceptual Ideas to Include 42 Amenities' with three small landscape images below it, followed by another green downward arrow, and finally 'Will Evolve into a Unified Concept - 1 Master Plan' at the bottom. Four yellow sticky notes are pinned to the top edge of the triangle.

53 Sticky Notes

**Organized into 3 Conceptual
Ideas to Include 42 Amenities**

**Will Evolve into a
Unified Concept -
*1 Master Plan***



DPW & YOU



GFT

7

General Site Environmental Features

CRITICAL AREA DESIGNATION LINE
THE SITE INCLUDES BOTH LDA AND RCA CRITICAL AREA DESIGNATIONS

CRITICAL AREA EXPANDED BUFFER
ENCOMPASSING STEEP SLOPES & PRIORITY FOREST AREA

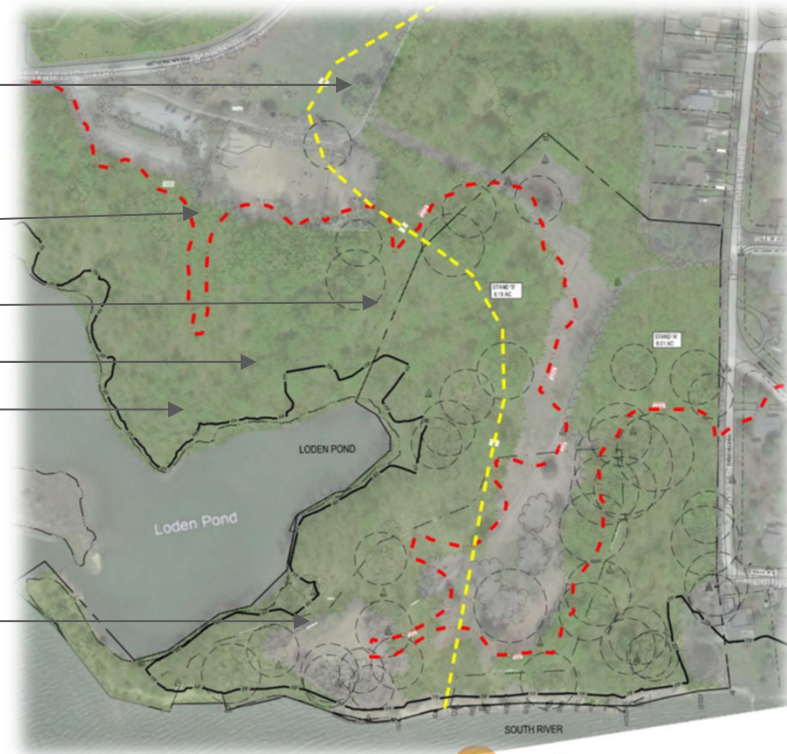
EXISTING SPECIMEN TREES (typ.)

EXISTING FORESTED AREA
STEEP SLOPES

100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN BUFFER

Note:

Information from mapped resources & field delineation



DPW & YOU

Anne Arundel
RECREATION AND PARKS
ENJOY • EXPLORE • RESTORE

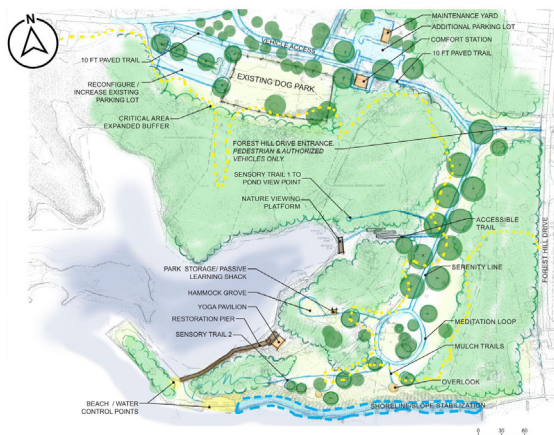
GFT

8

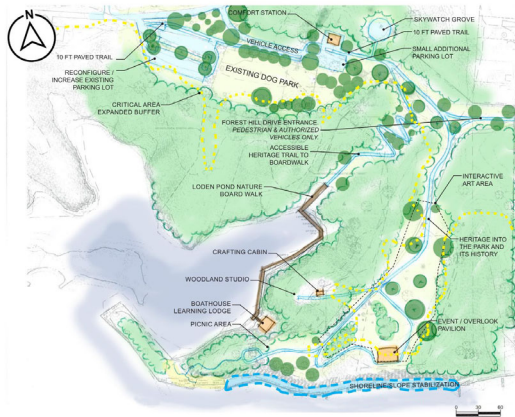
Master Plan Process

CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES OVERVIEW

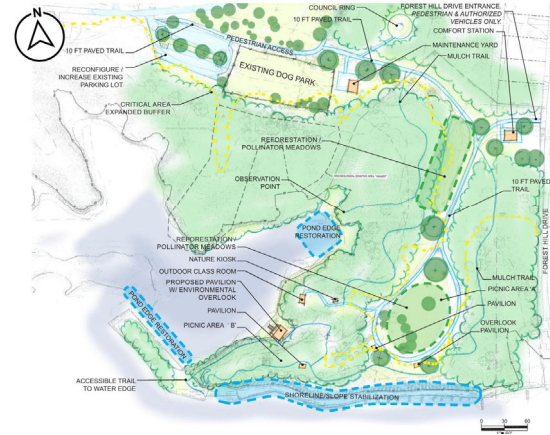
To explore how the Quiet Waters Retreat could best support County goals and community values, three conceptual design alternatives were developed. Each concept reflected a distinct theme, ranging from wellness and creativity to ecological restoration, while addressing site constraints such as steep slopes, specimen trees, and habitat sensitivity. These concepts were presented to the Stakeholder Advisory Group to generate feedback and guide the refinement of a final, blended plan that balances public access with ecological stewardship.



**CONCEPT A:
WELLNESS AND
MINDFULNESS**



**CONCEPT B:
ART AND CULTURE IN THE PARK**



**CONCEPT C:
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AND
HABITAT RESTORATION**



DPW & YOU



GFT

Project Overview

The Quiet Waters Retreat Master Plan offers a resilient and community-rooted vision for a passive park landscape one where people can move slowly, engage deeply with nature, and contribute to the long-term care of a site already rich in beauty and ecological value. Shaped by public voices and grounded in ecological restoration, the plan extends the legacy of Quiet Waters Park with humility, purpose, and a lasting commitment to stewardship.



Overall Site Plan - Schematic



- New Maintenance Yard and Maintenance Shed
- Improved Parking Lot at Existing Parking Lot Location
- Existing Dog Park
- Existing Asphalt Trail
- Existing Gated Asphalt Trail
- Proposed Trail – ADA-Compliant
- Mulch Hiking Trail
- Gathering Locations
- Gateways into Newport
- Viewshed Locations
- Proposed Mowed Meadow
- Proposed Pollinator Locations
- Proposed Reforestation
- Proposed Edgewater Improvements

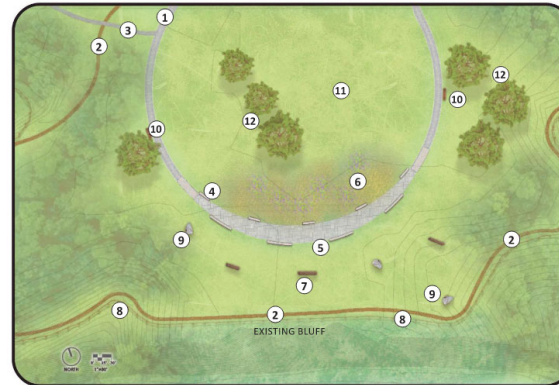


FOCAL POINTS



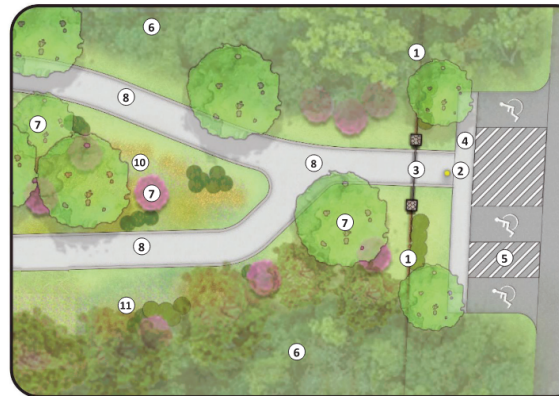
**PARKING LOT AND
MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

- ① NEW ENTRANCE FOR PARKING LOT
- ② EXISTING ENTRANCE (CONVERTED TO MAINTENANCE USE ONLY)
- ③ PROPOSED MAINTENANCE/STORAGE BUILDING
- ④ ESD SWM FACILITY
- ⑤ RECONFIGURED AND PAVED PARKING LOT (58 REGULAR SPACES)
- ⑥ ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE SPACES (3)
- ⑦ EXISTING POST/RAIL FENCE
- ⑧ CRITICAL AREA
- ⑨ EXISTING PARKING LOT



RETREAT ACCESSIBLE OVERLOOK

- ① 6' ADA PAVED TRAIL
- ② 4' MULCH TRAIL
- ③ 4' ADA PAVED TRAIL
- ④ 10' SEATWALL
- ⑤ 20' SEATWALL
- ⑥ RAIN GARDEN
- ⑦ LOG SEATING
- ⑧ SPLIT RAIL FENCE (±145 LF)
- ⑨ LANDSCAPE BOULDER
- ⑩ BENCH
- ⑪ LAWN (UNPROGRAMMED PLAY)
- ⑫ EXISTING TREE (TYP)



FOREST HILLS ENTRANCE

- ① PROPOSED FENCE
- ② REMOVABLE BOLLARD
- ③ PROPOSED GATE / PIER
- ④ PEDESTRIAN & AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ONLY PARK ENTRANCE
- ⑤ ACCESSIBLE PARKING
- ⑥ EXISTING TREES
- ⑦ PROPOSED TREES
- ⑧ 10' ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
- ⑨ PAVED TRAIL
- ⑩ ESD SWM FACILITY



DPW & YOU

Anne Arundel
RECREATION AND PARKS
ENJOY • EXPLORE • RESTORE

GFT

Next Steps

- Master Plan Development - current
- Schematic Design Phase – Winter 2025/26
- Public Meeting - Spring 2026
- Design Development Phase - Spring 2026
- Construction Documents & Permits – TBD
- Bidding – TBD
- Construction - TBD



Comments?

Follow Up:

For up to 4 weeks after tonight's meeting.

Send comments to:

Quiet-waters-park-planning@aacounty.org

Thank you!

Follow DPW



FACEBOOK

@annearundeldpw



YOUTUBE

Anne Arundel County DPW



INSTAGRAM

@annearundelcountypw



LINKEDIN

Anne Arundel County
Department of Public Works



TWITTER

@AACoDPW



DPW & YOU



Bureau of Utility Operations

24-Hour Emergency Water Service:
(410) 222-8400
Billing Inquiries: (410) 222-1144



Bureau of Waste Management Services

Bulk Trash Service / Curbside Collections: (410) 222-6100



Bureau of Engineering

General Inquiries: (410) 222-7500



Bureau of Highways

General Inquiries: (410) 222-7321
Snow Line: (410) 222-4040
Email: hwyscustomercare@aacounty.org



Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration

General Inquiries: (410) 222-4240

Customer Relations

General Inquiries: (410) 222-7582
Email: pwcust00@aacounty.org



DPW & YOU