# Wilmer's Park - Brandywine, MD







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# Project Description

Wilmer's Park is a "80-acre parcel containing the ruins of a dance hall, motel, ranch house, covered stage, baseball and football fields. As a major stop on the Chitlin Circuit, Wilmer's Park opened its doors to African-American musicians, entertainers, athletes and fans from the early 1950s through the late 1960s. Arthur Wilmer used his experience and connections developed as the owner of a night club in Washington, D. C. to bring both popular acts and up-and-coming performers to rural Prince George's County; the bandstand at Wilmer's Park showcased everyone from Duke Ellington and Otis Redding to the Temptations, Patti La Belle, and a young Stevie Wonder. The former tobacco farm played an important role in exposing emerging musicians to local African Americans during a time of segregation." The park has been closed for a while and the purpose of this project is to transform Wilmer's Park for the residents of Brandywine or nearby communities.

For this project, students work in teams of three to design a master plan along with an individual detailed site plan. The design program for these plans came from the residents' comments from community engagement workshop, notes from Councilman Harrison's interview, important stakeholders, the field trip, and guest lectures. The master plan does not include all 80 acres of the park and often identifies a phasing plan for the entire project.



Students and reviewers at the final presentation



Students walking through Wilmer's Park





# Site Inventory

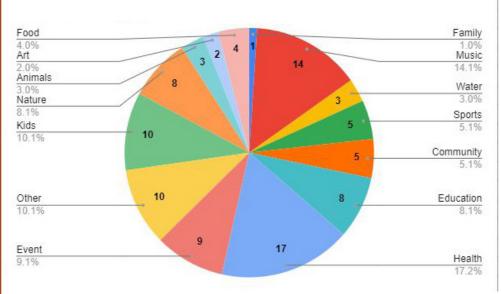
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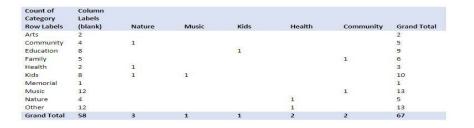


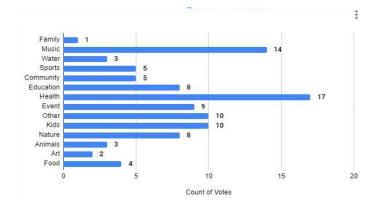


# WILMER'S PARK - BRANDYWINE, MD Community Wants

What the Community wants at Wilmer's Park







### **THOMAS ADAMS**



WILMER'S PARK Community Day

At the Wilmer's Park Reimaged Community Day, there was a booth that asked these questions: what is your vision for Wilmer's Park and what do you want in your park? The community wrote their answer down on post-it notes. The graphs are the results of those questions being answered.

The main ideas they envisioned at the park are music, kid friendly, and family orientated. While the items that they want in the park are healthy activities (walking trails, biking trails, etc.), Music event space, and activities for kids (sports, playground, etc.)

While the Park and Planning staff wanted to keep Wilmer's house and use it for a museum but were open to all other ideas.



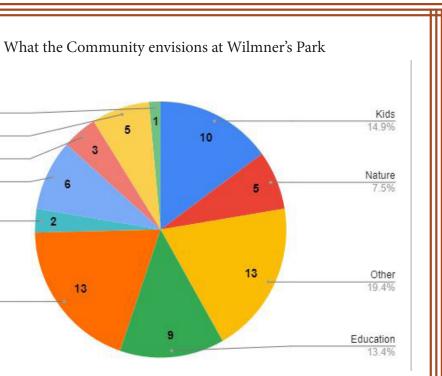
Animals	3
Art	2
Community	2
Education	7
Event	7
Family	1
Food	4
Health	15
Kids	4
Music	5
Nature	7
Other	10
Sports	3
Water	2
Grand Total	72



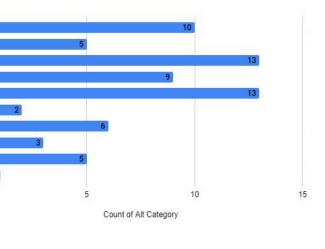








Nature	Music	Health	Food	Event	Education	Animals	Grand Total
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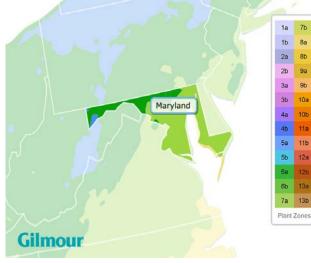
**BRYCE AKERS** 

# Potential Vegetation



Plants need to be able to sustain life in areas that are: \* Located in the 7a plant hardiness zone -Temp can drop to roughly 0° F to 5° F \* Soil type ranges from A, B, and D soil \*Potential direct sun light

\* Deer resistant



# There are plenty of plants that can survive in this conditions, but here are a few options:

### Perennials:





<sup>•</sup>Cat mint (Nepeta spp



\* Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)



\* Creeping Phlox (Phlox stolonifera)



\* Daylily (Hemerocallis sp.)



\* Lavender (Lavandula spp)



<sup>+</sup> Yarrow (Achillea millefolium)



White, Jason. "15 Full Sun Perennials for Hardiness Zone 7." All About Gardening, 2 Nov. 2022, https://www.allaboutgardening. com/zone-7-sun-perennials/.

### Trees:

\* River Birch (Betula nigra)



\*Weeping Willow (Salix babylonica)



\*Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra)



\*Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis)



\*Ylang Ylang Tree (Cananga odorata)



\*Natchez Crape Myrtle Tree (Lagerstroemia x 'Natchez')



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Shrubs: \* Pink Muhly Grass (Muhlenbergia capillaris)



\*Wintergreen Boxwood Shrub (Buxus sinica var. insularis 'Wintergreen')



\*Lynwood Gold Forsythia Shrub (Forsythia x intermedia)



\*Endless Summer® Hydrangea Shrub (Hydrangea macrophylla 'Balimer')



\*Common Purple Lilac (Syringa vulgaris)



\*Snowball Bush(Viburnum macrocephalum 'Sterile')



FastGrowingTrees.com, https://www.fast-growing-trees. com/collections/shop?type=product&q=all%2Bproducts#/\$253F\_1!filter:state\_cat:Shrubs\$2520\$2526\$2520Hedges/filter:search\_zones:7.

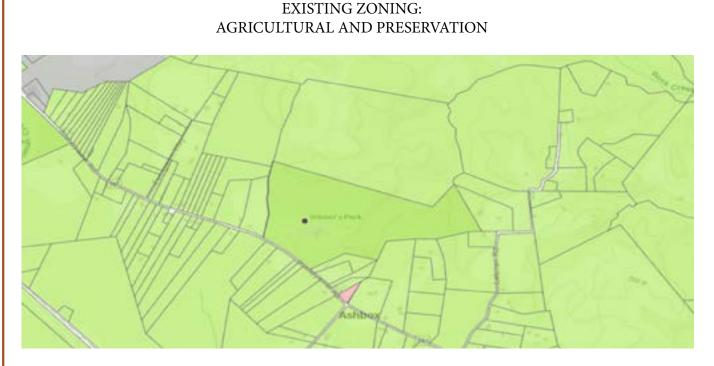






#### **EDENILSON CONTRERAS**

# Zoning



PRIOR ZONING: **OPEN-SPACE** 



AGRICULTURAL AND PRESERVATION ZONE (AG) PURPOSES: - PROVIDE FOR LOW DENSITY AND DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY AS INDICATED ON THE GENERAL PLAN, MASTER PLAN, OR SECTION PLAN.

- PROVIDE FOR AREAS WHICH ARE TO BE DEVOTED TO USES WHICH PRESERVE THE COUNTY'S ECOLOGICAL BALANCE AND HERITAGE.

THE USE OF 'AG ZONE' IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC USE AND CONSER-VATION OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, RESIDENTIAL ESTATES NONINTEN-SIVE RECREATIONAL USE AND SIMILAR USES. THE AG ZONES ENSURES THAT THE OPEN SPACES ARE DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

**OPEN SPACE (O-S) PURPOSES:** 

- PROVIDES FOR AREAS OF LOW-INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
- PROMOTES THE ECONOMIC USE AND CONSERVATION OF LAND FOR
- AGRICULTURE
- NATURAL RESOURCE USE
- LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL ESTATES
- NONINTENSIVE RECREATIONAL USE

Standard(1)	Single-Family Detached Dwelling	Other Uses
Density, max. (du/ac of net lot area)	0.20	No requirement
Net lot area, min. (ac)	5.00	5.00
📵 Lot width, min. (It)	300	300
Lot frontage (width) at front street line, min. (R)	240	240
Lot coverage, max. (% of net lot area)	5	25
📵 Front yard depth, min. (It)	50	50
📵 Side yard depth, min. (ft) (2)	20	20
🔕 Rear yard depth, min. (ft)	20	20
Principal structure height, max. (ft)	25	35
Accessory structure height, max. (ft) (3)	15	15

NOTES: du/ac = dwelling units per acre; sf = square feet; ft = feet

(1) See measurement rules and allowed exceptions in Section 27-2200, Measurement and Exceptions of Intensity and Dimensional Standards. (2) On corner lot, min. side yard depth alongside street = 50 ft. 0

(3) May be increased for certain purposes by approval of a special exception pursuant to Section 27-3604, Special Exception, and may be increased to forty (40) feet with approval of a Special Exception, if the building is used for agricultural purposes and is erected on property (used for agriculture) containing at least five (5) acres.





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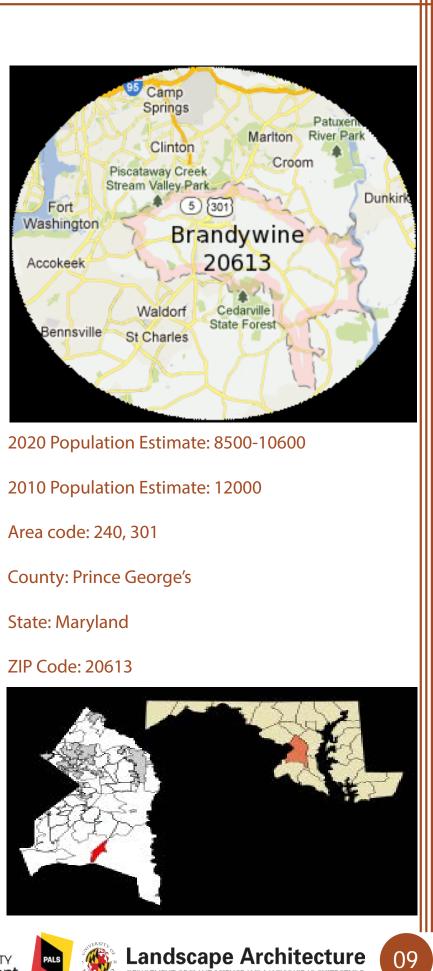


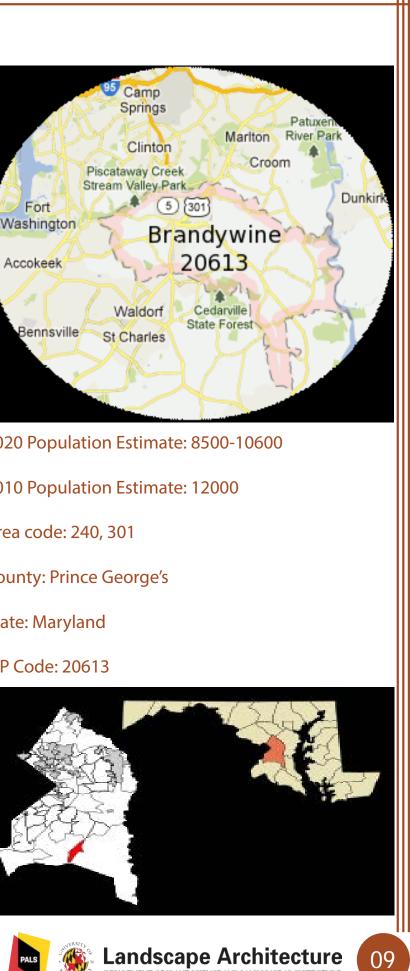
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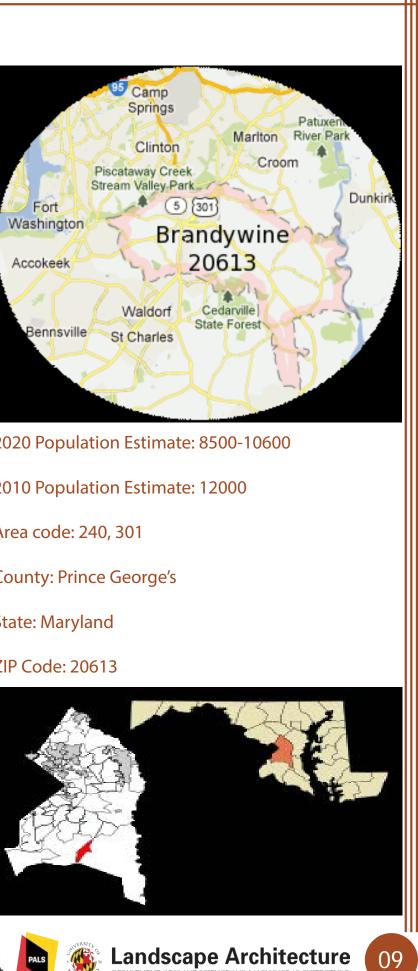
Brandywine is the area of the beginning of Prince George's County. Most of the first political meetings were conducted at St. Paul's Church, in Brandywine. William H. Early named the town of Brandywine as property he owned in the mid-19th century. It is thought to be named from the Battle of Brandywine in Pennsylvania. Brandywine was developed on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's Pope Creek (Southern Maryland) line in about 1873 and was the only town on the route that developed into a railroad town. Historically, Brandywine was the site of a bloody slave rebellion in 1739 and home to Francis Scott Key and John Wilkes Booth. Today, it remains a town that is slow, decidedly rural, and sandwiched between two suburbs: it lies within the outer suburban Washington D.C. area and is also a close suburb of Waldorf. The Village of Brandywine, once defined by the railroad and a vast expanse of tobacco plantations, is undergoing a transformation. Brandywine is well on its way to becoming a mega-suburb.







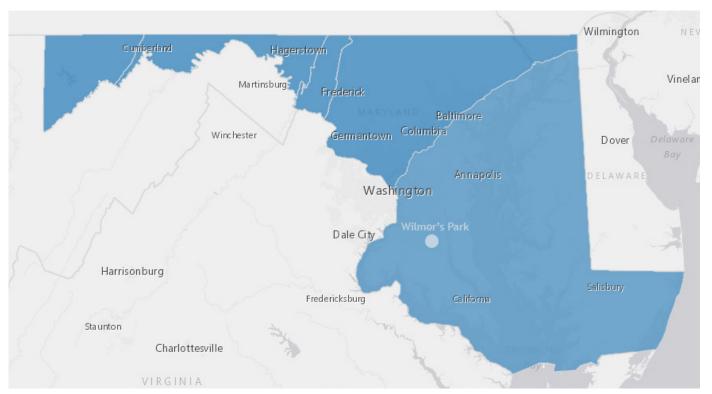




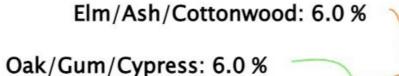


ABBY ERWIN

# Physiographic Region and Forest Cover Type



## Forest Types for PG County



### ATLANTIC COASTAL PLAIN

- West boundary is the eastern edge of the Fall Zone where easternmost contact with crystalline bedrock occurs; east boundary is sea level -- i.e., shorelines of the major estuaries and the Atlantic.
- Mostly unconsolidated sand, gravel, silt, and clay of both terrigenous and marine origin. Organic-rich in places, including lignitized wood; iron- and sili-ca-cemented in places.
- An eastward-thickening clastic wedge of gently southeast-dipping sediments overlying crystalline basement rocks. Flexures and faults buried beneath the sediment cover.
- A seaward sloping plain extending from Cape Cod to the southern tip of Florida. In Maryland, consists of a fairly flat to moderately rolling upland and an even flatter lowland.
- Source (https://data.imap.maryland.gov/datasets/96405b5a3e8846dcb0069727277e4ad0/explore?location=38.892810%2C-77.299774%2C8.00)





### Oak/Pine: 3.0 %

### Oak/Hickory: 85.0 %





### **CIERRA HARGROVE**

#### **Observations and Analysis**

- When on site, I noted the large amount of crickets in the grass areas •
- Because of a high deer population being located near a forest, plantings with deer resistance are preferred •

#### **Common Mammals**

<sub>III</sub>Fauna



White-tailed Deer



Eastern Grey Squirrel

### **Common Birds**



Red-tailed Hawk





American Bullfrog



Eastern Cottontail



White-footed Deermouse



Groundhog



**Common Starling** 

#### **Common Butterflies/Insects**



**Eastern Yellow** Swallowtail



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Monarch



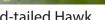




Grey Fox



Little Brown Bat

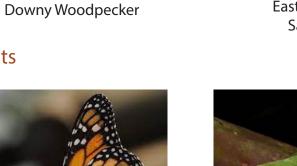








Eastern Redback Salamander



Katydid

### Common Reptiles/Amphibians



Eastern Copperhead





Eastern Box Turtle





Field Cricket







Wilmer's Park History 1897- TOBACCO FARM LOCATED IN IN BRANDYWINE, MD. THE PROPERTY WAS **OWNED BY THE GRIMES FAMILY (JOHN GRIMES)** 

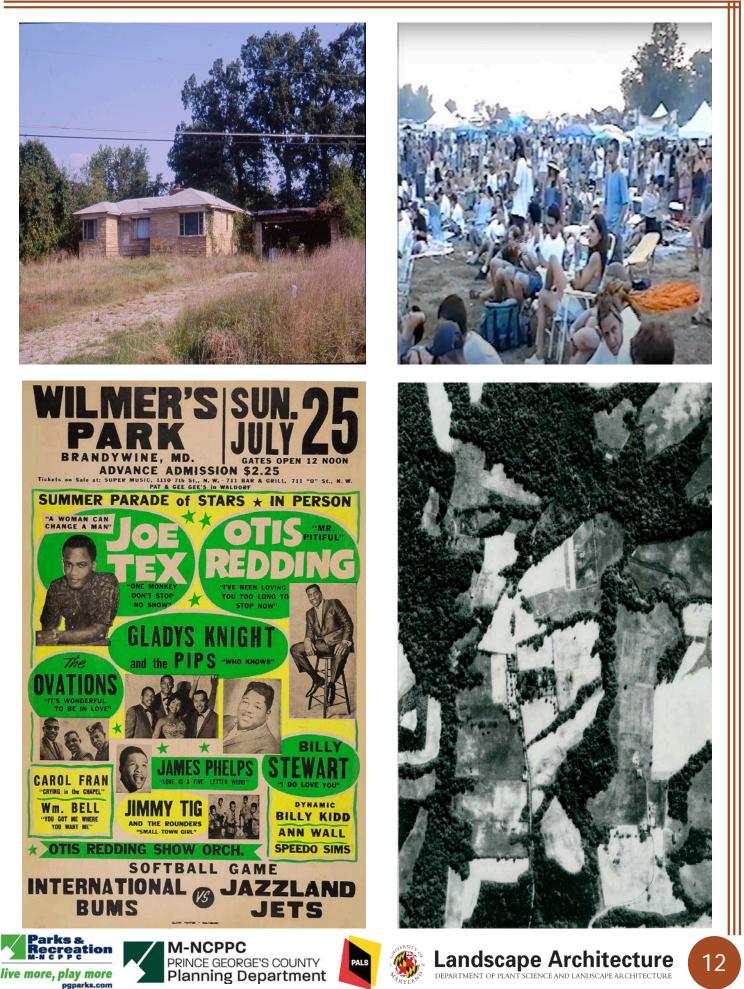
1947- THE TOBACCO FARM IS ACQUIRED BY AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN NAMED AR-THUR WILMER. THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED FOR \$6500, AND THIS ARE EVEN-TUALLY BECOMING KNOWN AS WILMER'S PARK. ONE OF THE FIRST USES OF THIS RECREATIONAL AREA WAS A BASEBALL FIELD FOR THE NEGRO LEAGUE. THERE WAS ALSO A BALLROOM THAT WAS BUILT, WHICH COULD HOLD AROUND 600 GUESTS.

19505~19605- SOCIAL PEAK OF WILMER'S PARK. MANY AFRICAN AMERICAN ART-ISTS WERE USING THIS VENUE TO PERFORM. THIS WAS DUE TO THE SEGREGATION OF RACE DURING THIS PERIOD, WHICH GAVE LIMITED OPTIONS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN **ARTISTS TO PERFORM.** 

1980S- DUE TO SHIFT IN MUSIC AND CULTURE, THE VENUE HAD TO ADJUST TO THE PERIOD AND STARTED ATTRACTING A DIFFERENT CROWD. THE VENUE BROUGHT ART-ISTS SUCH AS JERRY GARCIA AND METALLICA. THE VENUE EVEN HELD WOODSTOCK **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.** 

1990S- RAVES AND HEAVY METAL BANDS ENTERED THE MUSIC SCENE. BANDS SUCH AS ARSON, VIOLENT NIGHTS, NASTY HABITS, AND MANY MORE PERFORMED IN THIS VENUE. THE OWNER OF WILMER'S PARK, ARTHUR WILMER PASSES AWAY IN FEB. **1999. SINCE THEN, THE FAMILY OWNED THE PROPERTY** 

CURRENT- THE SITE IS COMPLETELY ABANDONED WITH MANY OF THE FORMER SITES (RESTAURANT, MOTEL, BASEBALL FIELD, WILMER'S HOUSE, OUTDOOR STAG-ES, ETC.] STILL STANDING, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE VERY DETERIORATED AND DAM-AGED. THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE ARTHUR WILMER FOUNDATION.



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MARC train & Commuter Buses

Maryland

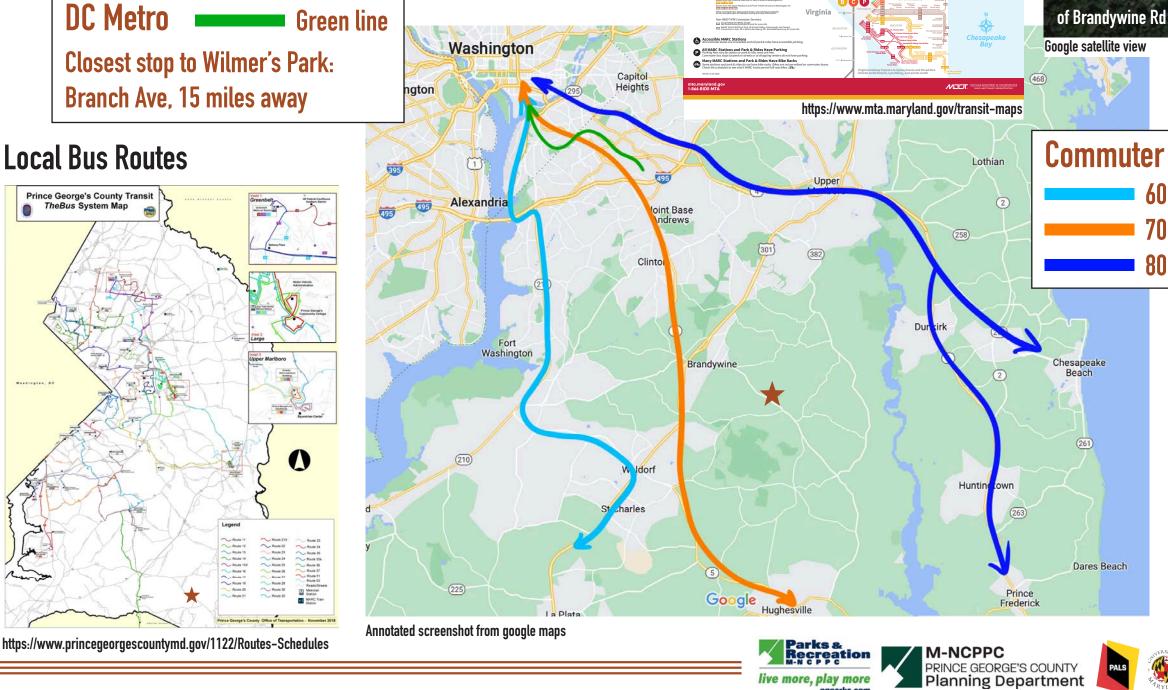
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# **Circulation and Transportation**

### **Traffic Context**

Brandywine Rd/Route 381 is a major throughway for those traveling to and from St. Mary's County and Waldorf, MD. It also connects to Route 5 which brings you to 495, a major highway that leads to D.C. and Alexandria.



## Site-Scale Circulation

ATV/walking trail remains throughout site, some portions overgrown with vegetation

Only one vehicle entrance to the site off

**Bike Trails** There are no major bike trails surrounding the site.

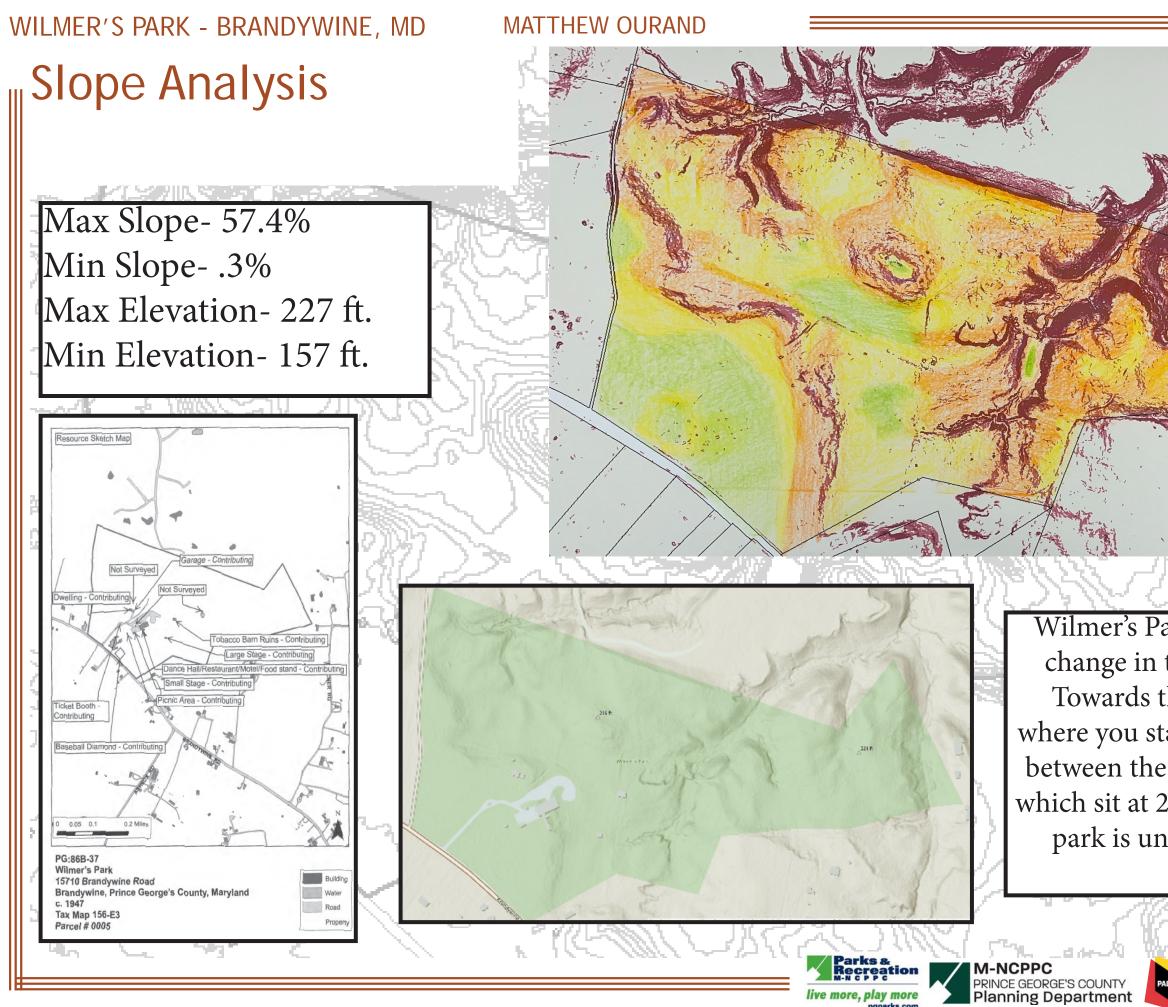
**Commuter Buses** 600 routes 700 routes 800 routes

## Wilmer's Park **Traffic History**

Historically, there was extremely bad traffic in the area surrounding Wilmer's Park when music festivals and performanaces were held. Brandywine Rd has two lanes with no street parking, yet cars would line the streets during popular events at Wilmer's Park, according to a community member.



Landscape Architecture



Wilmer's Park experiences little slope change in the active part of the site. Towards the East part of the site is where you start to see valleys and ridges between the two high points of the site which sit at 220 feet. The East side of the park is uncharted and unused due to its terrain.



Landscape Architecture

RACE

45-65

Mixed Race

4.4%

31.7%

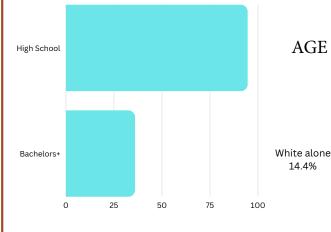
GABRIELLE SHELTON

# Demographics

## **BRANDYWINE**

2020 POPULATION: 8,990 2020 MEDIAN AGE: 42.4 2020 POVERTY RATE: 3.37% 2020 MEDIAN INCOME \$148,529 2020 MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE: \$397,800

#### **EDUCATION**

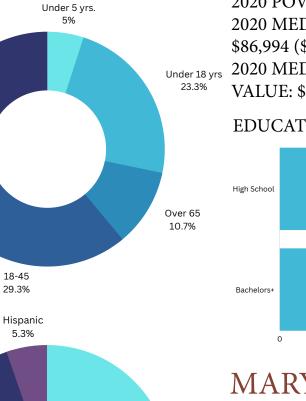


#### LANGUAGE SPOKEN OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME

7.6%

#### Citations

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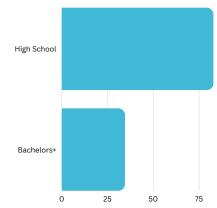


Black alone 73%

### **PG COUNTY**

2020 POPULATION: 910,551 2020 MEDIAN AGE: 37.5 2020 POVERTY RATE: 8.59% 2020 MEDIAN INCOME \$86,994 (\$38,502) 2020 MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE: \$319,600

#### **EDUCATION**



## 7.7% Over 65 18% 45-65 23.8% 18-45 32.6%

### MARYLAND

**EDUCATION** 

High School

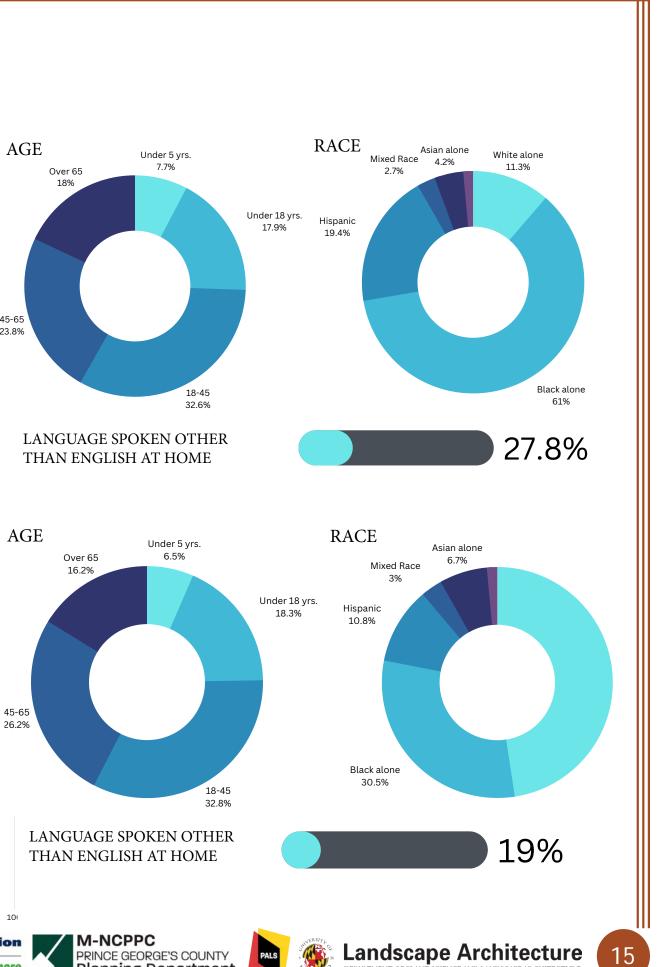
Bachelors+

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2020 POPULATION: 6.04M 2020 MEDIAN AGE: 38.8 2020 POVERTY RATE: 9.02% 2020 MEDIAN INCOME \$87,063 2020 MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE: \$325,400



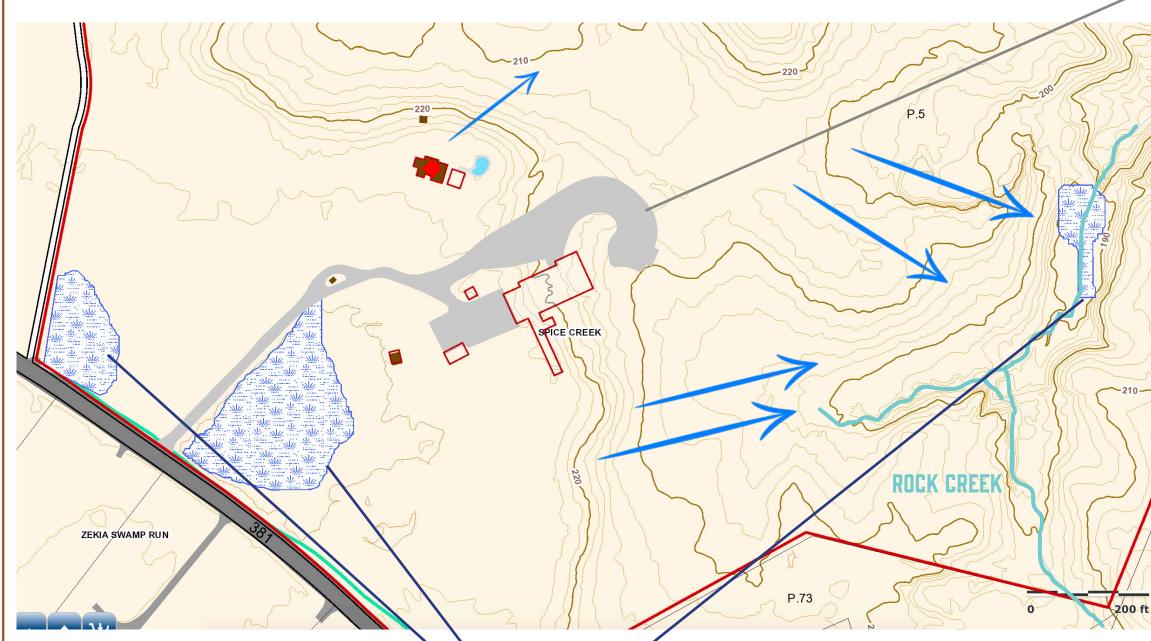


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EMMELINE STEUERNAGLE

# Hydrology



WATERSHEDS THE SITE IS PART OF MARYLAND'S LOW-ER PATUXENT WATERSHED AS WELL AS THE LOCAL SPICE CREEK WATERSHED. WETLAND AREAS WETLANDS MAY BE INUNDATED FOR PART OR ALL OF THE YEAR AND ARE NOT ADVISABLE TO BUILD ON, IN TERMS OF BOTH STRUCTURAL STA-BILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULA-TIONS.

#### WATER FEATURES

ROCK CREEK IS A STREAM THAT RUNS DOWN INTO THE OUTSKIRTS OF WILMER'S PARK AND THE NEIGHBORING EVERGREEN PARK. LOCAL RESIDENTS ALSO INFORMED US OF A SMALL POND ON SITE.







**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE** REPRESENTS AREAS WHERE PAVING, GRAVEL OR PARKING LOTS USED TO EXIST

SEWAGE/WATER ACCESS AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE MAIN SEWAGE LINE RUNS UNDERNEATH THE MAIN ROAD (381) AND THERE IS ONLY ONE CONNECTION TO THE RESIDENCE ON SITE. NO OTHER INFRA-STRUCTURE EXITSTS. WE DID NOTE ONE WELL.

**DRAINAGE** HIGH POINT OF THE SITE IS THE SOUTHWEST CORNER, WHERE-AS LOW POINTS ARE TO THE NORTHEAST.

**OBSERVATIONS** There was no visible pooling of water or bad wet spots on the site.







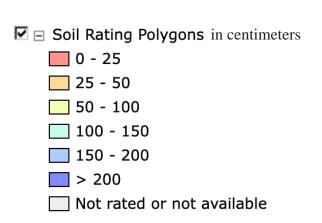


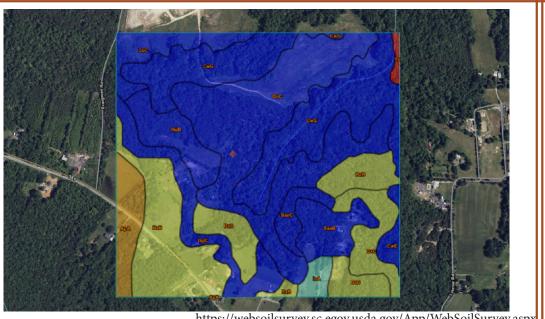
### **KENNEDY THOMAS-COGAR**

# **"Soil**



https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx





Four different hydrolic soil groups are found on the site (A,B,C,D)

#### GROUP A:

- Downer-Hamonton complex (DoC)
- Grosstown gravelly silt loam (GgC)
- Hoghole-Grosstown Complex (HgB)

soils have a high infiltration rate and low runoff. These soils consist of deep, well drained sands or gravelly sands and have a high rate of water transmission.

#### **GROUP B:**

- Sassafras sandy loam (SaaC)

soils have a moderate infiltration rate. This group consists chiefly of deep well drained soils with a moderately fine to moderately coarse texture and a moderate rate of water transmission.

#### **GROUP** C:

- Beltsville silt loam (BaB)
- Beltsville silt loam (BaC)
- Croom-Mar complex (CwG)

soils have a slow infiltration rate. This group consists of soils with a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or fine textured soils and a slow rate of water transmission.

#### **GROUP D**:

- Aquasco Silt loam (APA)

soils have a very slow infiltration rate and high runoff potential. This group is composed of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils with a high water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.







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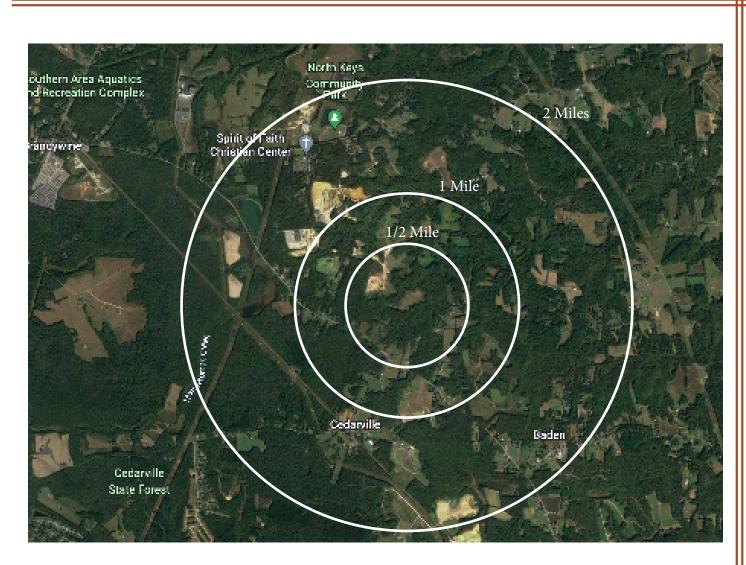
### CHARLOTTE YANG

## **"**Context

Wilmer's Park is an 80-acre parcel of land located in Brandywine, Maryland, in Prince George's County. It contains the ruins of a dance hall, motel, ranch house, covered stage, and baseball and football fields.

Brandywine, MD- Demographics Largest Ethnic Group: Black or African American (73.9%) Population Density: 538 people per square mile Average Household Income: \$146,891 Poverty Rate: 3.37%

	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> mile	1 mile	2 mile
Community Center	0	0	1
Farm	0	3	3
Restaurant	1	2	2
Religious/Church	0	2	7













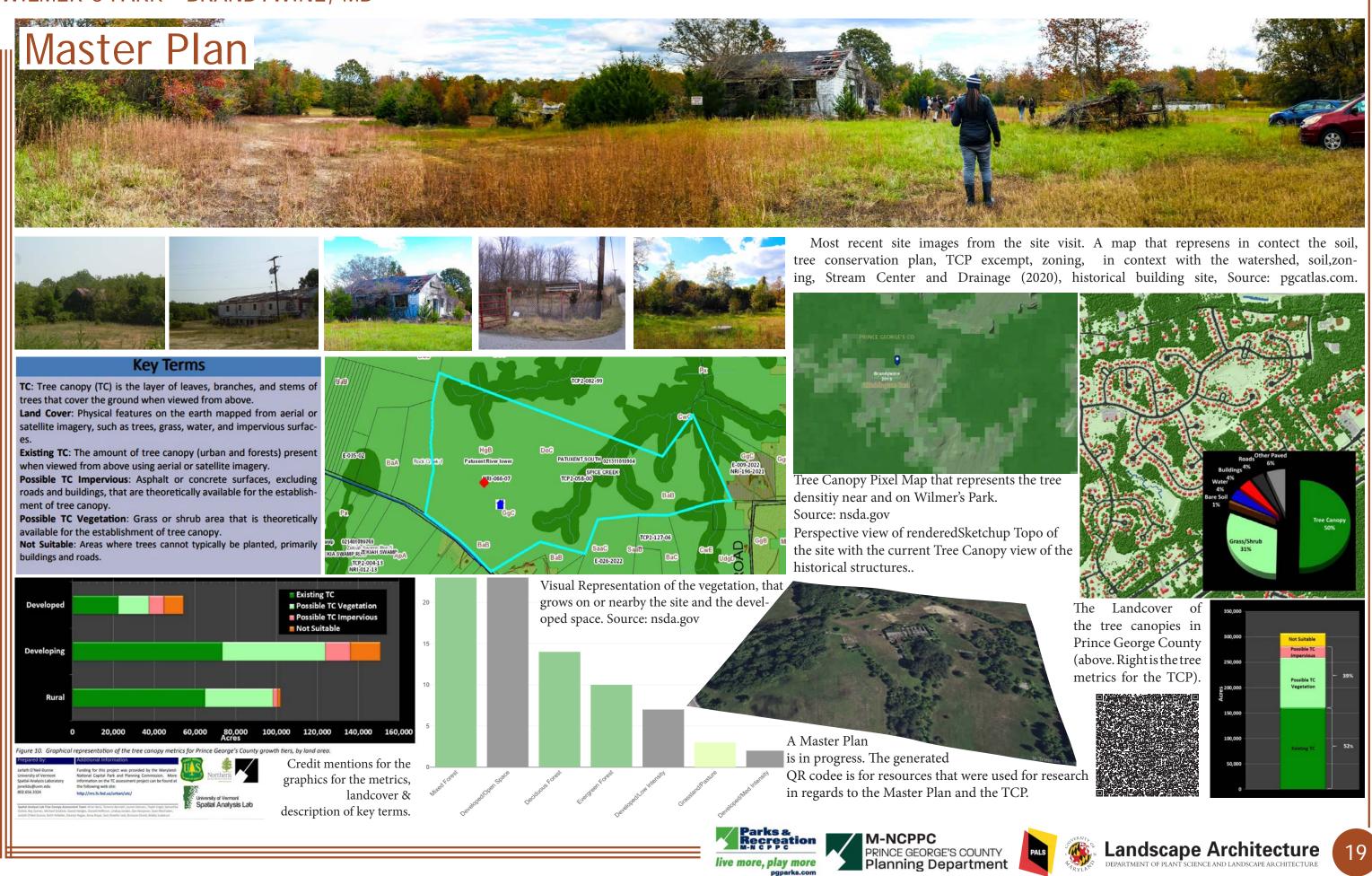






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**YASEMIN CAKIL** 



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- Annmarie Art and Sculpture Garden- Yasemin Cakil





#### **THOMAS ADAMS**

# West Point Foundry Preserve, Phase 1

Designer: Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects

Project Type: Nature preserve, Park/Open space

Location/Adress: 80 Kemble Avenue Cold Spring, New York 10516

Size: 87 acres

Budget: \$3,719,325

Completion Date: 2013



Challenges: Public access to the center of the park while saving, showing, and illuminating the industrial history

Limiting designs to area where there are concentrated historical and archaeological locations. Maintain the integrity of these locations by using a special technique to preserve the items at the as they are unearthed and this is to keep them in the best possible condition.





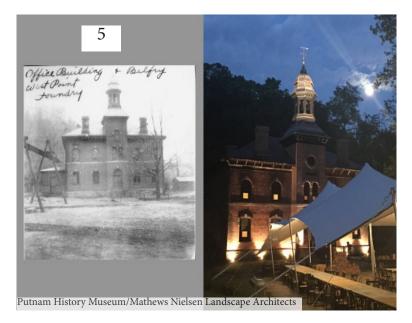
1) Reused bricks to make the logo of the name of

2) Another sign/Map of the park made with used brick for the site

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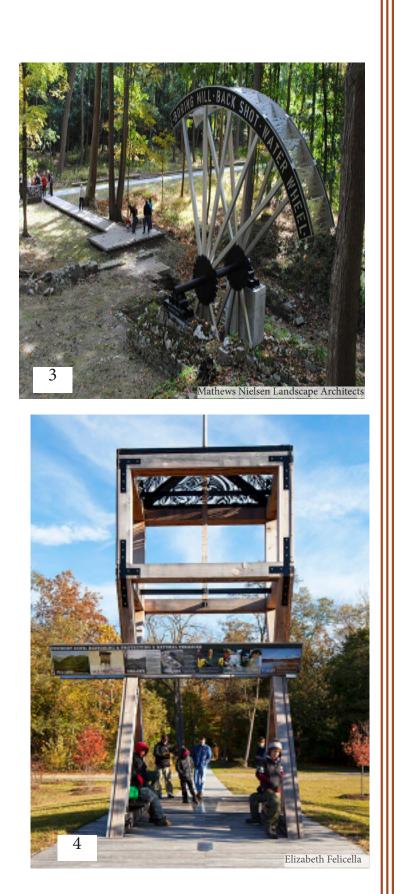
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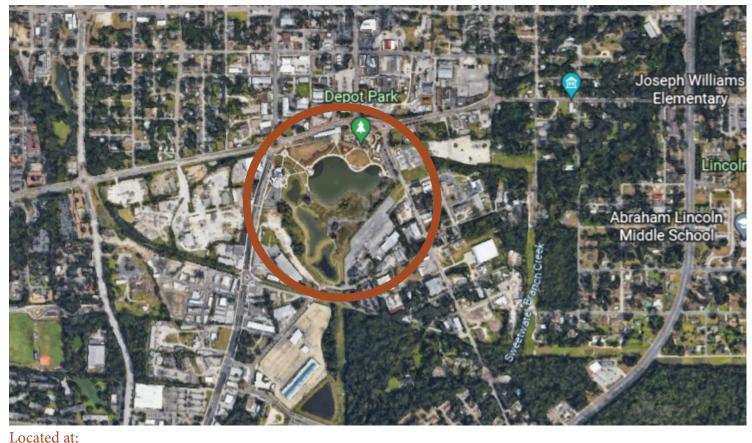








### WILMER'S PARK - BRANDYWINE, MD **BRYCE AKERS** Depot Park, Phases 1 and 2





Before



pollutents promenade and overlook" music shows

874 SE 4th St, Gainesville, Florida 32601







"Depot Park, Phases 1 & amp; 2." Landscape Performance Series, 22 Sept. 2022, https://www.landscapeperformance.org/case-study-briefs/depot-park-phases-1-2#/





Important Information:

- \* 32 Acres
- \* Budget was \$6.75 million (park) + \$30 million (remediation)
- \* Designer was JOLA, Inc.; CRJA-IBI Group (now IBI Placemaking)
- \* Was completed in 2016
- \* Main use is as a park/open space and stormwater management facility

After

\* This site is a outdoor park while also serving as a stormwater\management facility \* It was previously polluted with coal tar, arsenic and other

\* It now currently has a "one-acre playground, a splash pad, walking and biking paths, open green spaces, and a 20-ft-wide

\* It hosts community events, recreational spaces, and small





EDENILSON CONTRERAS

# Shelby Farms Park

SHELBY FARMS PARK IS ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN PARKS IN THE U.S AT 4.500 ACRES OF LAND. THIS PARK IS ABOUT FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF CEN-TRAL PARK, PROVIDING AN OPPURTUNITY TO CREATE A NATURE BASED HUB FOR RECREATION, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING.

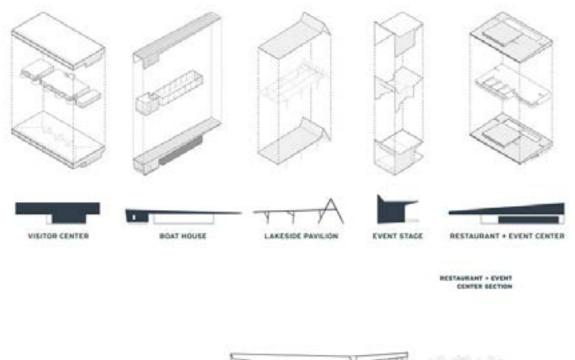
COMPLETED: PHASE 1 (HEART OF PARK) 2016

DESIGNED BY: JAMES CORNER FIELD OPERATIONS, BLACKWELL ARCHITECTS

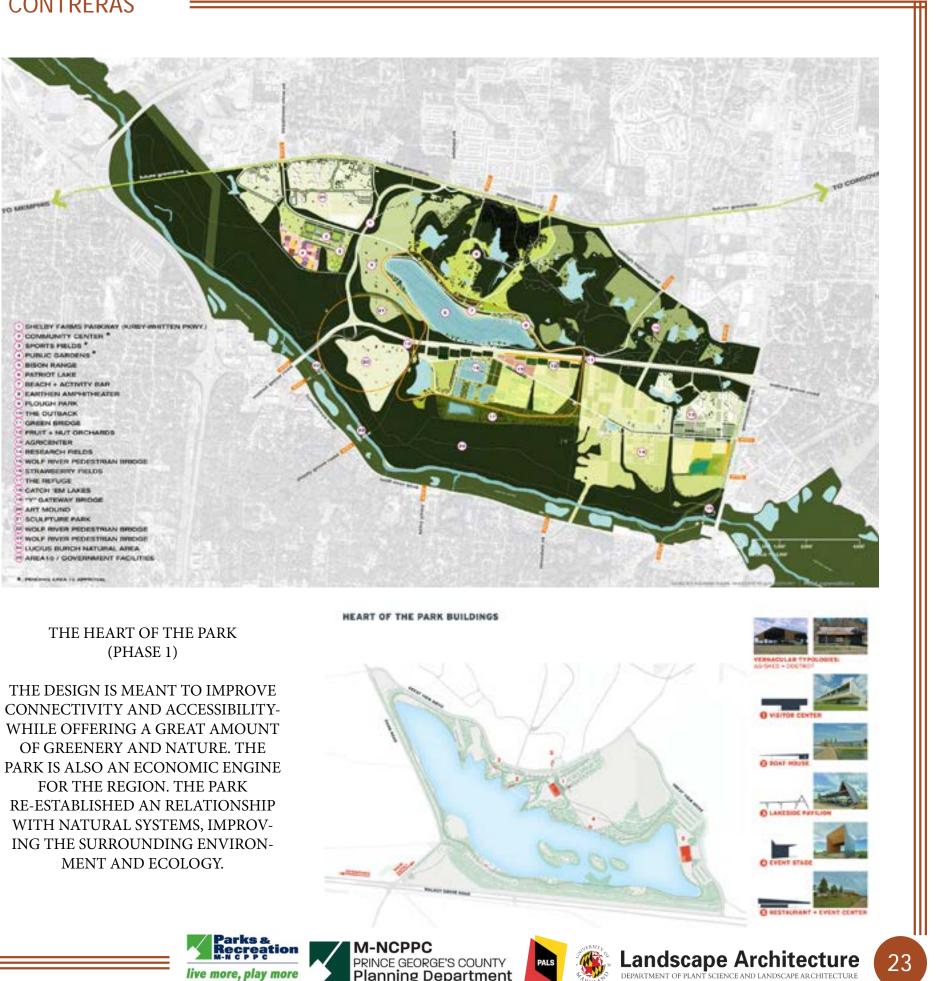
**BUILDINGS LOCAYED IN PHASE 1:** 

- VISITOR CENTER
- BOAT HOUSE
- LAKESIDE PAVILION
- EVENT STAGE
- RESTAURANT/EVENT CENTER

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PARK IS ALSO AN ECONOMIC ENGINE

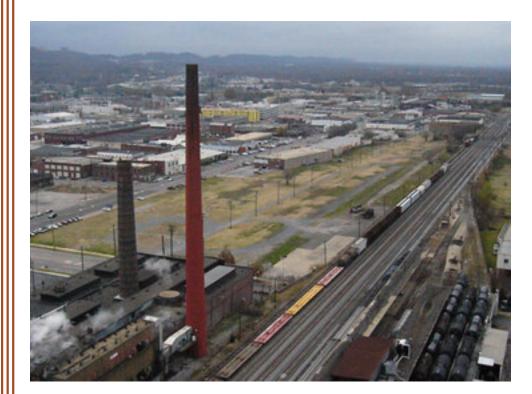


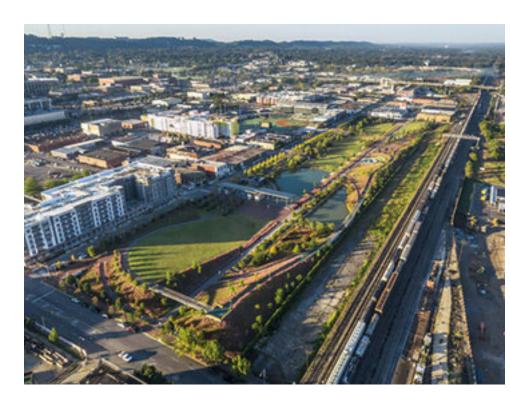


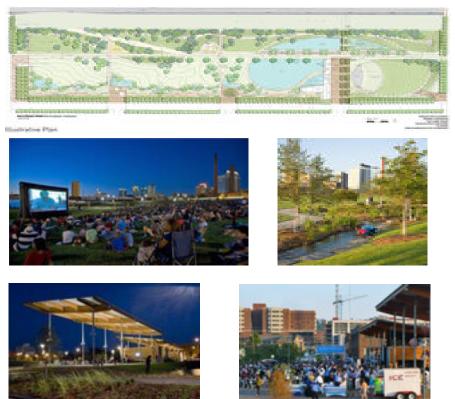


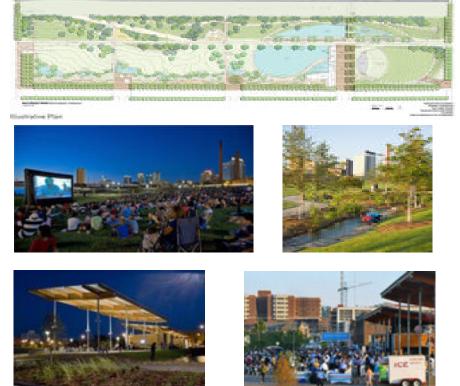
# Railroad Park

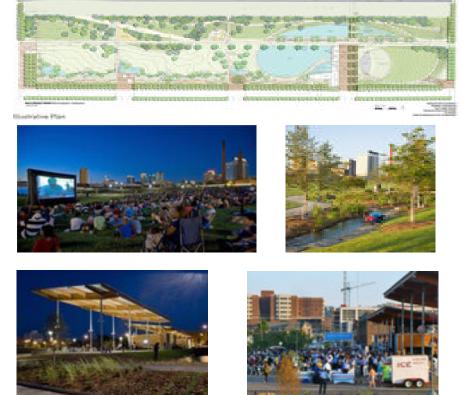
Previously, the site was filled with warehouses and a yard for rail and steel industry waste. To honor this, the park reclaimed materials from the site's industrial past and they used throughout the gathering spaces. Now, the Railroad Park links the northern and southern halves of Birmingham and celebrates the rail lines that bisect and define the city. Railroad Park's unique topography is organized around the elevated rail lines and that feature allows people to be physically level with the trains. This provides imagery that reconnects city residents to the historic force that built it. Railroad Park has broken down barriers in a city with a rep-utation for division and has become the most racially-integrated and heavily-used space in the city. Social studies reveal the space attracts around 600,000 people annually, has improved the perception of down-town Birmingham, serves as a place of exercise for the community, and influenced housing choices for new residents and businesses. Lastly, the park features railroad underpasses, an expansive "green corridor", pavil-ions, an outdoor theatre, a non-terraced amphitheater, and open plaza.











https://tlslandarch.com/portfolio\_page/railroad-park/

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### Address: 1600 1st Avenue Birmingham, Alabama 35233

Size: 19 acres

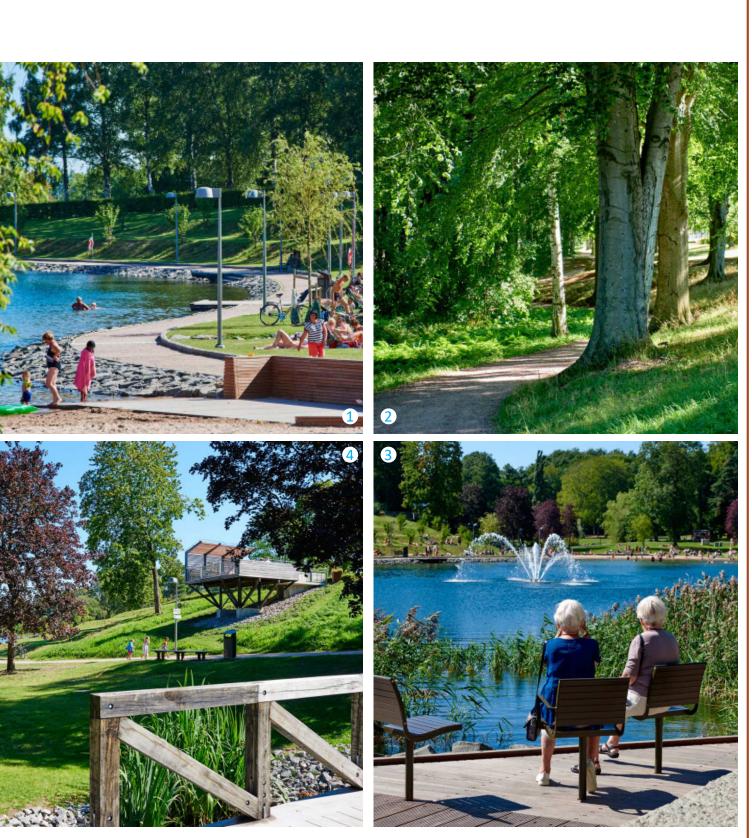
**Designers: Tom Leader Studio**, Macknally Land Design

**Estimated Annual Visitors:** 600,000



**ABBY ERWIN** 





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- Originally intended for high society, Destination in the mid 1800s, for spa water and cold baths
- 1960s and 70s, fell into decay
- 1973, pond closed down for bathing due to poor • water quality
- Park became desolate, gained a reputation for being an unsafe area
- 2011, city of Skövde took an initiative to restore the park and reinstall some of its old values, combined with new ones
- Began with establishing a design program, including dialogue with the citizens as well as active participation by the local politicians

- A 1km long beech hedge now encompasses the park, giving a border definition, marking the edge.
- Seven new entry spots have been built.
- A viewing platform sits right on the east rim, offering panoramic views of the central area.
- A sandy beach was designed with a curvy shore promenade as well as a fountain.
- The steep, west-facing slope was re-graded into a series of long sun terraces.
- Today the park attracts visitors to enjoy the beach, sit in the semi-shaded environs in the beech grove, or admire the beautiful plantings.





CARLOS GONZALEZ

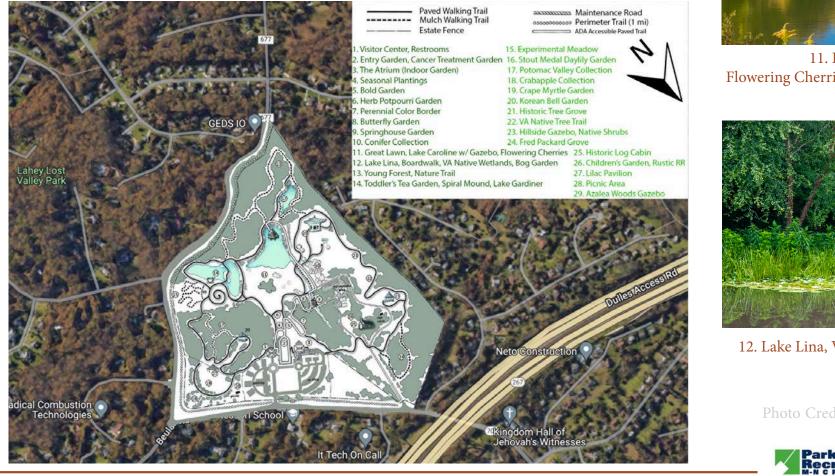
# Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

Location: Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia Size: 95 acres

- Designers: Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (1980) NOVA Parks / Korean American Cultural Committee (2007) Intreegue Designs (Master Plan, 2006. Children's Garden, 2008)
- Ownership: Original 74-acre farm purchased by Dr. Gardiner Means and Dr. Caroline Ware in 1935 Additional 21 acres already owned by NVRPA

The land was utilized as a farm, by Dr. Gardiner Means and Dr. Caroline Ware until the summer of 1980, when they donated it to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). Originally purchased as a large farm in the Virginia piedmont in 1935, by the 1980's the surrounding area was becoming more suburban, which eventually became Vienna, VA, and the owners believed that it could become a park for the incoming suburbanites.

It is now used as a healing garden, gathering space, event space, play area, learning center, ecological restoration, and cultural and historical landscape.





11. Lake Caroline with Gazebo Flowering Cherries in Spring (top). Fall Foliage (bottom)



12. Lake Lina, Virginia Native Wetlands, Bog Garden with Private Seating

Photo Credits and References: Google Maps, Intreegue Designs, Maddy Williams Photography, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, NOVA Parks, The Washington Post







3. Wedding at The Atrium



14. Toddler's Tea Garden



#### 20. Korean Bell Garden (Only One in the Western Hemisphere)

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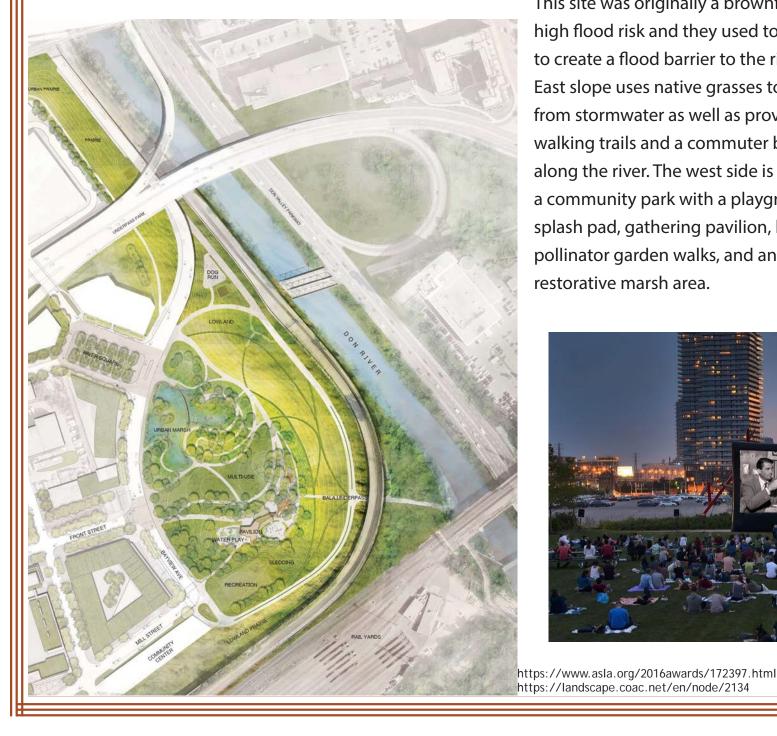
# Corktown Common

Location: West Don Lands, Toronto, Ontario

Size: 18 acres (9 facing the city, 9 facing the river)



#### Designer: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates



### **CIERRA HARGROVE**

### **Design Goals**

- Making a Neighborhood park from the backbone of a flood control infrastructure
- Program a park to be the centerpiece for the future West Don Lands Neighborhood
- Creating the structure for a biodiverse ecosystem that will thrive and self-sustain

#### Project

This site was originally a brownfield with a high flood risk and they used topography to create a flood barrier to the river. The East slope uses native grasses to protect from stormwater as well as provide walking trails and a commuter bike path along the river. The west side is used as a community park with a playground, splash pad, gathering pavilion, lawn space, pollinator garden walks, and an ecologically restorative marsh area.



Splash Pad



Outdoor Movie in Multi-Use Lawn Space





#### **Site Amenities**



Playground and Sand Pit



Sledding Hill



Nature Walk





# Military Park

LOCATION: NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

**OPENED: 2014** 

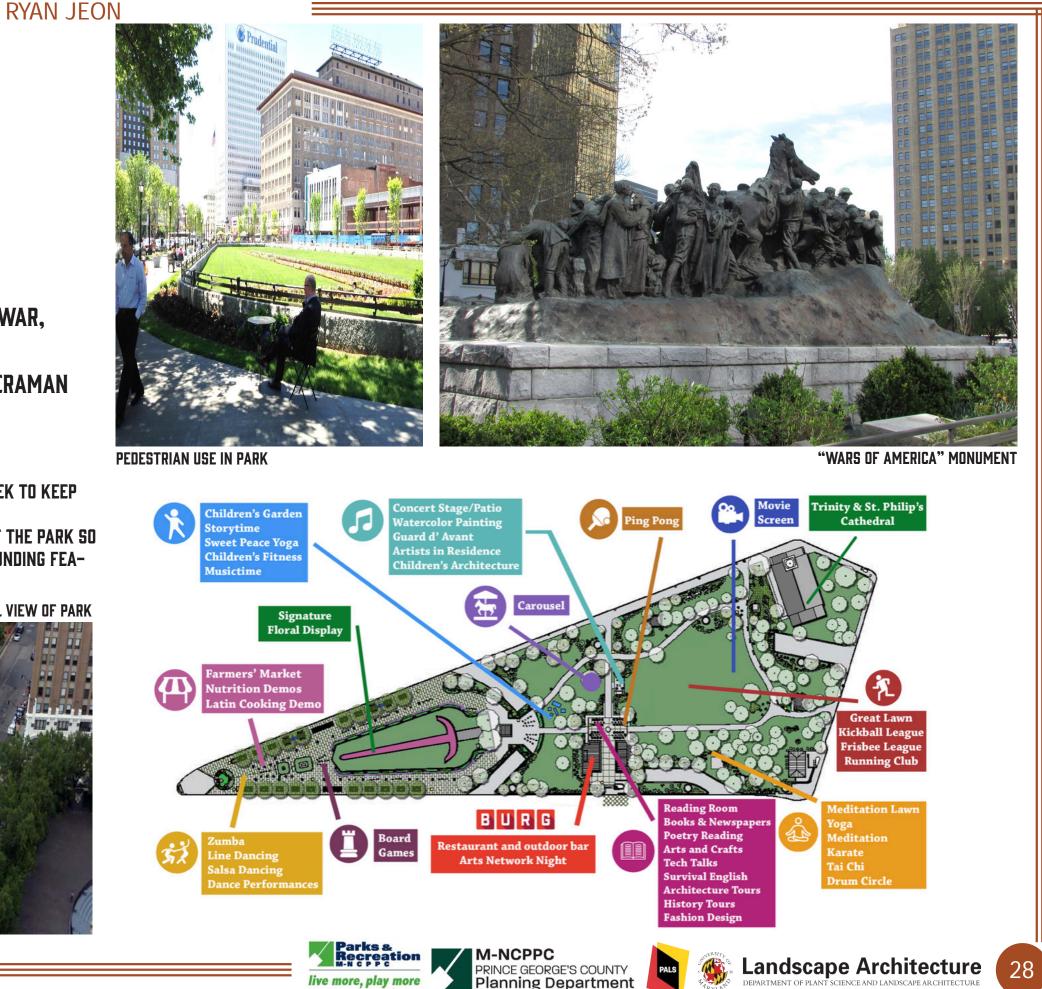
SIZE: 6-ACRE

**PREVIOUS USE: TRAINING DURING FRENCH & INDIAN WAR,** AMERICAN REVOLUTION **DESIGNER:** MILITARY PARK PARTNERSHIP, DAN BIEDERAMAN COST: \$3 MILLION

THIS PARK FEATURES A VARIETY OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO KEEP

THE AREA ACTIVE. THE ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE PARK SO THAT VISITORS CAN FULLY EXPERIENCE THE LANDSCAPE & SURROUNDING FEA-TURES.





MADISON MOHAN

# Louis Armstrong Park, New Orleans

- 1970s urban renewal project
- National Park Service property
- Treme neighborhood, edge of French Quarter
- 32 acres
- Designed by Robin Riley
- Named after Louis Armstrong (1901–1971)
- Designed to honor jazz and New Orleans' role in the jazz era- the birthplace of many influential jazz artists, including Louis Armstrong
- first New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival (1970)
- self-guided tours
- concerts/festivals/fairs/celebrations

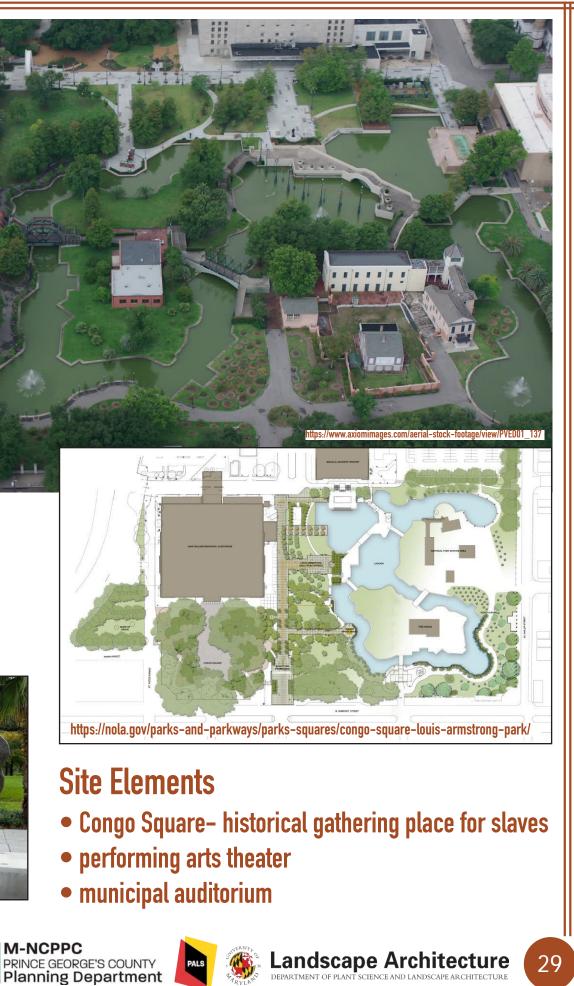


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# WILMER'S PARK - BRANDYWINE, MD MATTHEW OURAND



Granite Hill Campgrounds is located in Adams County Gettysburg, PA and sits on 150 acres of property and dates back to the early to 1700's. The land was acquired by David Stewart and been passed down to his descendants who is now Cyndie and Rich Winkelman. The Campgrounds attract large crowds during their notorious bluegrass festival held twice a year. The site is packed to capacity with campers and people from all around. The property is mainly used as a campground but offers plenty of other activities and sceneries.







"Granite Hill History." Granite Hill Camping Resort, https://www.granitehillcampingresort.com/



**GABRIELLE SHELTON** 

# Tyner Interpretive Center and Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

Designer - Conservation Design Forum Type - Nature preserve Former Land Use - Greenfield Completion Date - 2007 Location Classican Ulinaia (0026) Budget - \$1,512,815

Size

- 32 acres

Features

- Retains 100% of on-site stormwater runoff
- Increased ecological quality to 68.2 FQI
- Generates 16,649 kWh of solar power annually
- -Hosts year-round classes and special events





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EMMELINE STEUERNAGLE

# Lafayette Park



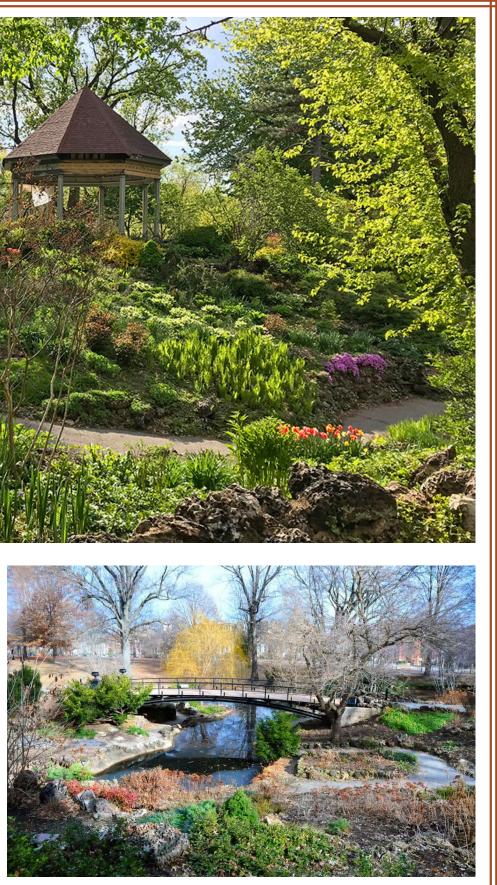
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#### **KERN PAVILLION ELIZABTH COOK PAVILLION** LAFAYETTE PARK PLAYGROUND VINTAGE BASEBALL FIELD

**30 ACRE PARK IN NESTLED IN URBAN ST. LOUIS. DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC** SQAURE IN 1836 AND AS A PUBLIC PARK IN 1851. INITIALLY DESIGNED BY MAXIMILIAN GOTTLIEB KERN AND LATER REVISED BY STUART M. KERTZ & ASSOCIATES (2001)







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## WILMER'S PARK - BRANDYWINE, MD **Buckler's Forest**

**KENNEDY THOMAS-COGAR** 



Buckler's Forest is a 250-acre site located in Crowthrone England. The site was once used for ground-breaking research into road safety until it was transformed into a re-naturalized community where both people and wildlife thrive.

The design stayed true to the site's roots by incorporating elements of its modern history – such as the old vehicle test tracks – as well as far more ancient heritage, like the historic forest rides dating back to when the area was part of the Royal Hunting Forest of Windsor, and even traces of much earlier Bronze-Age activity.

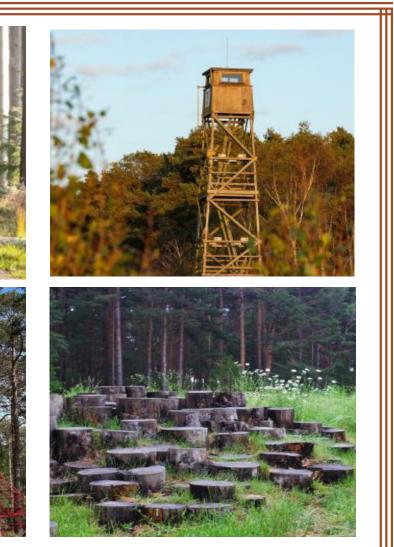
Historical details have been reclaimed and restored throughout the forest to become thoughtful new features. What was a man-made hill designed for testing handbrakes is now a quiet picnic spot nestled on the forest's edge. A banked curve where high-speed vehicles once soared has become a stepped amphitheater with stunning views. Old green electrical boxes, retained from the era of a transport laboratory, are now home to mini-museums, insect habitats, and shelters. And the old forest fire watch tower still stands as a tribute to the past – looking out over a rejuvenated landscape where both visitors and wildlife can now find tranquillity.

Overall I believe this case study will be useful for the Wilmer's Park project because of how the history of the site was incorporated into the redesign.

Landscape Architect: Macgregor Smith

https://landezine.com/bucklers-forest-crowthorne-by-macgregor-smith/





### CHARLOTTE YANG

# Forest Park

Location: Bad Lippspringe, Germany Year Built: 2017 Designer: SINAI Collaborators: EiSat GmbH, Ingenieurbüro, Berlin

This 30 acre park is a historical health resort park that was redesigned to introduce light, air, and space into an existing forest. The wide array of activities within the park redefines the historical health resort as a public recreational area usable for all and all year round. The park has two main axes that lead to the water basin at the center of the park. The ponds that were once not visible are now reintegrated as a central part of the landscape ensemble. The existing trees were thinned to provide softly







Central Water Basin





Redesigned Pond Area





Thinned Forest Walk







**YASEMIN CAKIL** 

# Annemarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center



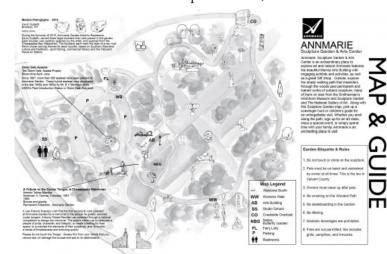
It features a butterfly garden and a ceramic mosaic gate. In 1991, the Koenig family donated this property to Calvert County with the intention that it be developed into a sculpture park. Named after Fran's wife, Mrs. Ann Marie Koenig, the Garden began to take shape over the next decade as six permanent works of art were installed.

The intend is for people and chil-

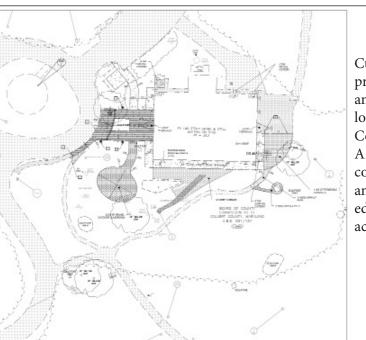




dren to come and visit and to enjoy nature and art together, as well as learning about wildlfe. It has pollinator plants there as well. It offers exhibtis, events and education and the building, which is in the shape of a boat, is used as a venue.

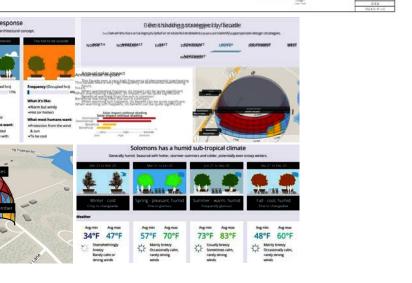


Francis Konig was an Architect, he moved from Chicago to Washington, D.C. and then to Calvert County. The garden was named afer his wife Annemarie. The garden is affiliated with the Smithsonian Museum and has sculpture and permanent loans from the National Gallery of Art and the Hirshhorn Museum.



Currently, the property is 30 acres and funded by locals of Calvert County, MD. A Masterplan was completed in 2019 and it is projected to add 20 more acres to the plan.









# ANNMARIE SCULPTURE



Ann Francis and Annmarie Koenig purchased 30 acres of land in Solomons, Maryland. After thirty-two years and many offers from developers, Fran began to see his investment as a unique opportunity to give something back to an area that he loved.



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## **Presentation Boards**

- Wilmer's Modern Dream- Thomas Adams, Bryce Akers, Matthew Ourand
- Wilmer's Harmony Park- Edenilson Contreras, Cierra Hargrove, Ryan Jeon
- Continuing the Legacy at Wilmer's Park- Isiah Dashiell, Madison Mohan, Kennedy Thomas-Cogar
- Walking with Wilmer- Abby Erwin, Carlos Gonzalez, Emmeline Steuernagle
- Wilmer's Euphony Park- Gabrielle Shelton, Charlotte Yang, Yasemin Cakil



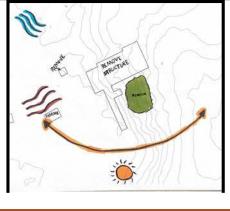


Wilmer's Modern Dream Goals: \* Community engagement Bryce Akers, Matthew Ourand, Tom Adams \* Live music entertainment \* Retain as much forest as possible \* Noise control Restraints: \* Rejuvenate \* Poor access \* Camping/Hiking/Biking/Equestrian trails Entertainment Area \* Space for family Family and Nature Celebration Center

BOARD 1 OF 7

#### Celebation center/ sculpture walk

Site analysis:



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Entertainment Area

\* Great history

#### Opportunities:

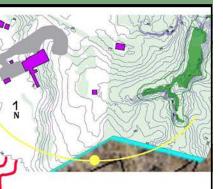
\* Strong community

\* Plenty of open space

\* Current landform



Family and Nature













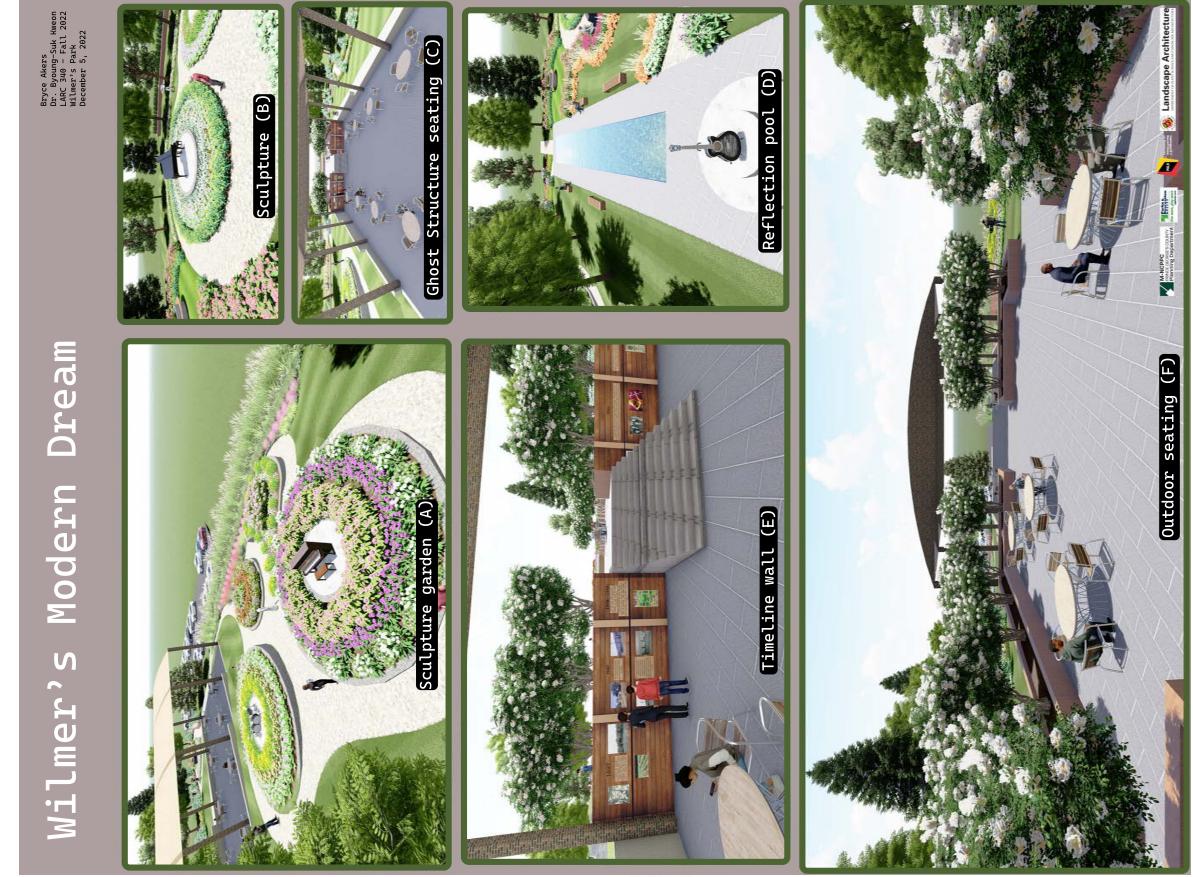
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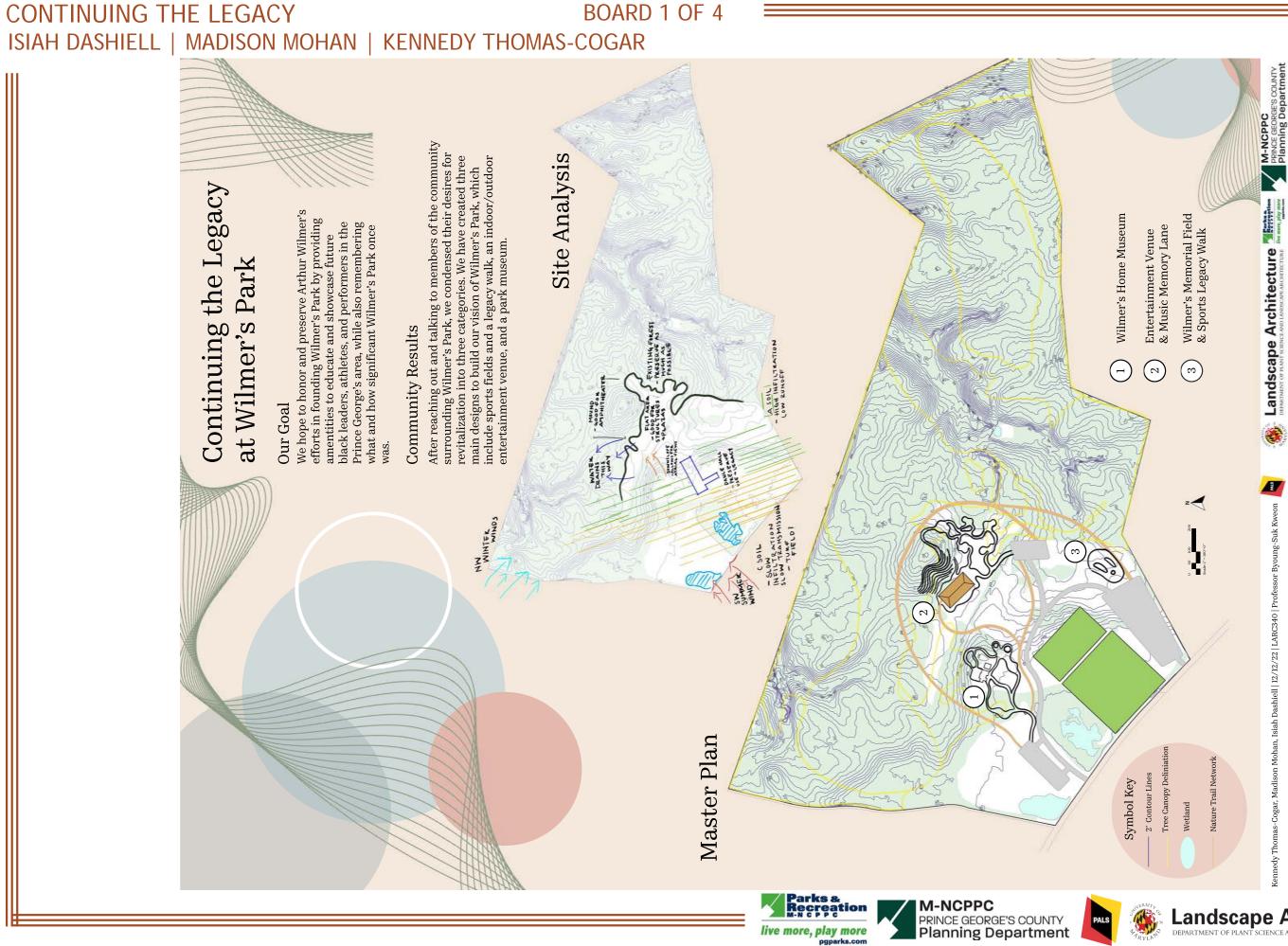
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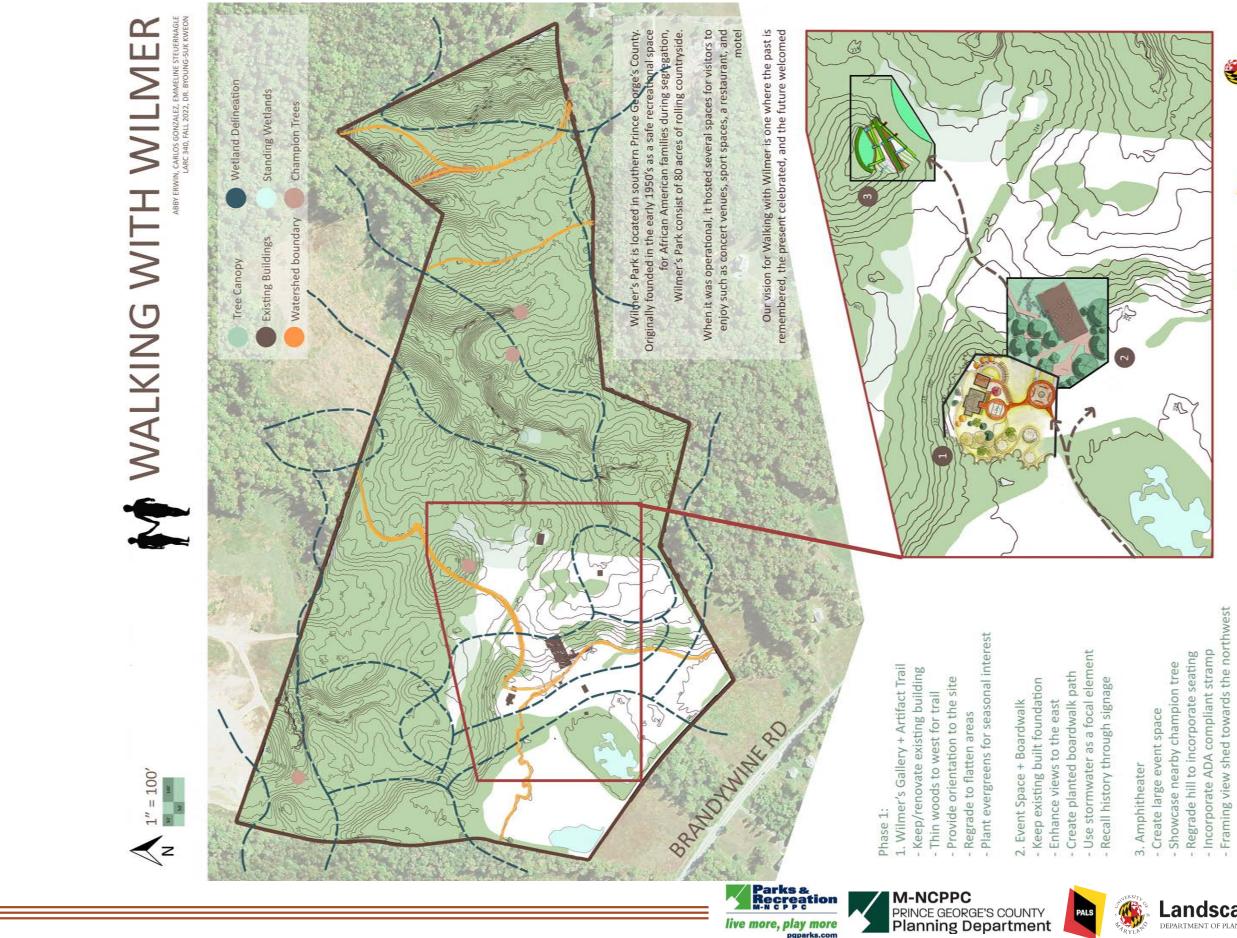
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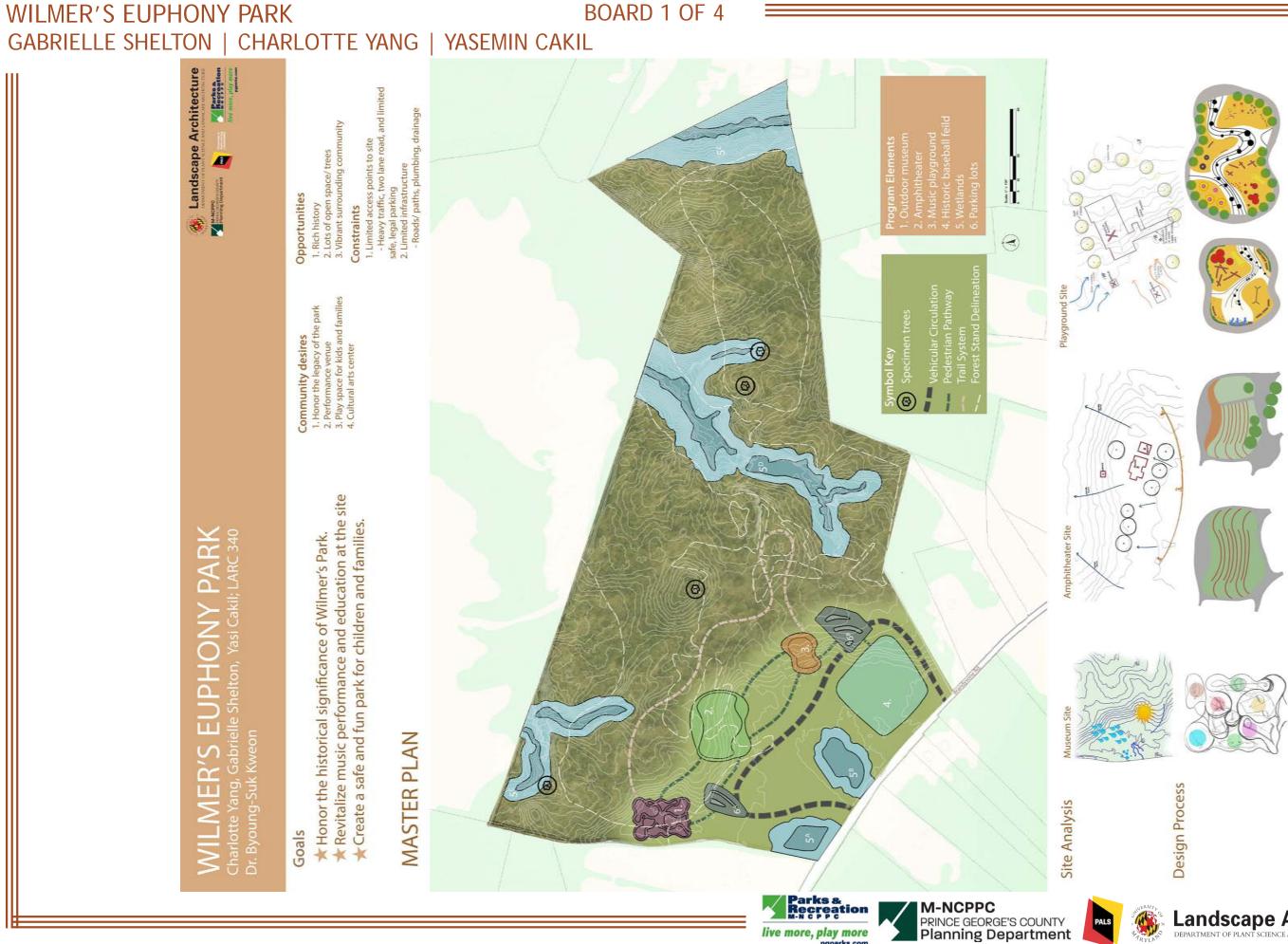












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